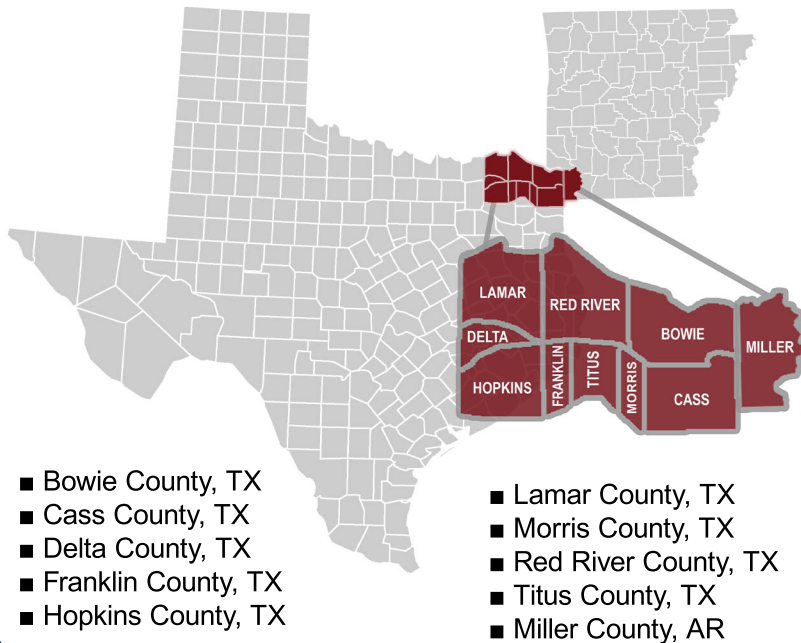


## BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

Established in 1969, The Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) is a voluntary association of local governments and a political subdivision of the State of Texas. Its primary mission is to improve the quality of life in the region through the coordination of resources and services. While it doesn't have the power to create laws or levy taxes, ATCOG plays a critical role in regional planning and development.

## THE ATCOG REGION



ATCOG acts as a bridge between local governments, state and federal agencies, and private organizations. By pooling resources, ATCOG helps its member communities tackle issues that require collaboration, like infrastructure planning, disaster readiness, and economic development.



**HOURS** Weekdays 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Closed for lunch from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
In-person visits are by appointment only.

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## IMPROVING LIVES

THROUGH

REGIONAL

COOPERATION





### The Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

helps seniors 60+ across nine northeast Texas counties access essential services. The agency coordinates meals, transportation, benefits counseling, and caregiver support, enabling seniors to maintain independence at home while connecting them with vital community resources.



### CRIMINAL JUSTICE

enhances regional safety through strategic planning, grant assistance, juvenile justice mental health services, and law enforcement training. We coordinate with, and are funded by, the Office of the Governor-Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division.



### 9-1-1

ATCOG provides the essential infrastructure for 9-1-1 emergency communications across ten counties. We manage GIS mapping, emergency response systems, and public education while ensuring reliable emergency response communication capabilities.



### ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM

ATCOG's Environmental Program manages funding for regional waste, water quality, Brownfields, and air quality initiatives through local partnerships. ATCOG also serves as the Planning Group Sponsor for the Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress Regional Flood Planning Group.



### The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

serves as a centralized hub connecting seniors and people with disabilities to healthcare and long-term care services. Through personalized counseling, we help navigate healthcare options, housing choices, and transportation while providing specialized caregiver assistance.



### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Designed to stimulate regional growth and create jobs, our Economic Development Program offers long-term, fixed-rate SBA 504 loans for commercial projects when traditional financing falls short. Since 1982, we've helped businesses in Texas and Miller County, Arkansas acquire essential assets. We also manage seven Revolving Loan Funds to help small businesses secure financing.



### REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), provides a strategy-driven plan for regional economic development. We assist local governments with grant writing and administration. We help cities and counties meet FEMA requirements with approval and adoption of hazard mitigation plans, and we improve energy efficiency through weatherization assistance in eligible counties.



### HOUSING PROGRAM

ATCOG administers the **Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)** program, providing rental assistance to eligible families and veterans through HUD funding. We work with private landlords to expand housing options. Our Family Self-Sufficiency program helps participants achieve financial freedom through training, support, and an escrow savings account.



### TRAX

connects rural residents across nine northeast Texas counties with vital transportation services. The system provides affordable, reservation-based rides making transportation accessible regionwide. TRAX operates Paris Metro in Paris, Texas.



### HOMELAND SECURITY

Homeland Security coordinates with state agencies to strengthen regional emergency preparedness. We help local governments access Homeland Security Grant Program funding for protection, mitigation, and recovery strategies aligned with federal goals.

