



Quality of Life Report

Tallahassee-Leon County, FL

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Tallahassee-Leon County Florida



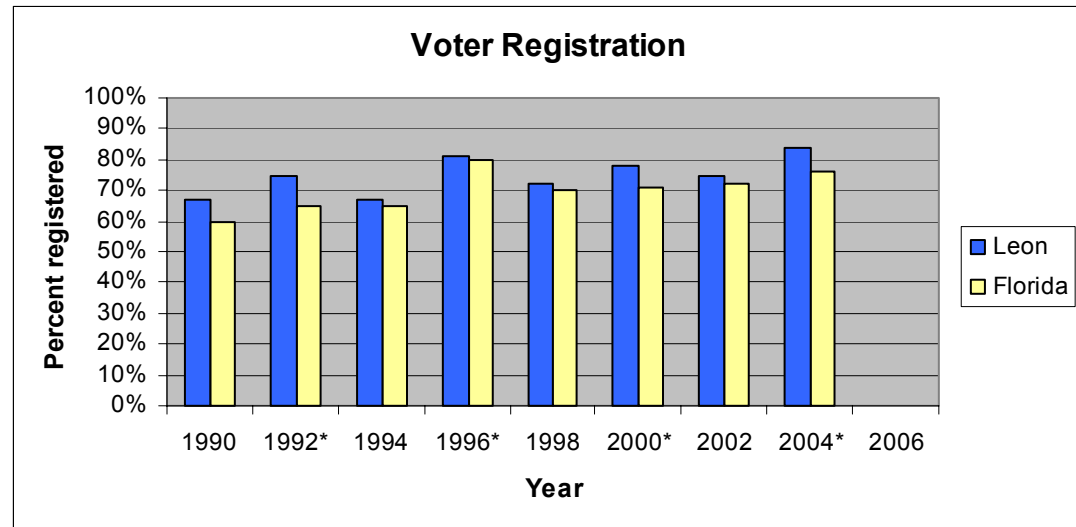
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Indicator 1: Voter Registration

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Indicator:
Percent of adults, age 18 and older, registered to vote.

Analysis:

In both Leon County and Florida, voter registration has generally been higher in Presidential election years than in Gubernatorial election years. Voter registration state and county-wide peaked in the 2004 Presidential election year. Overall, voter registration levels have been consistently higher in Leon County compared to the state.



Data source:

Leon County Supervisor of Elections Office
 Florida Department of State, Division of Elections

Websites:

<http://www.co.leon.fl.us/elect/homepage.htm>
<http://election.dos.state.fl.us/>

| Election year | 1990 | 1992* | 1994 | 1996* | 1998 | 2000* | 2002 | 2004* |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Leon County | 67% | 75% | 67% | 81% | 72% | 78% | 75% | 84% |
| Florida | 60% | 63% | 61% | 72% | 70% | 71% | 72% | 76% |

* Presidential election years.



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Indicator 2: Voter Turnout

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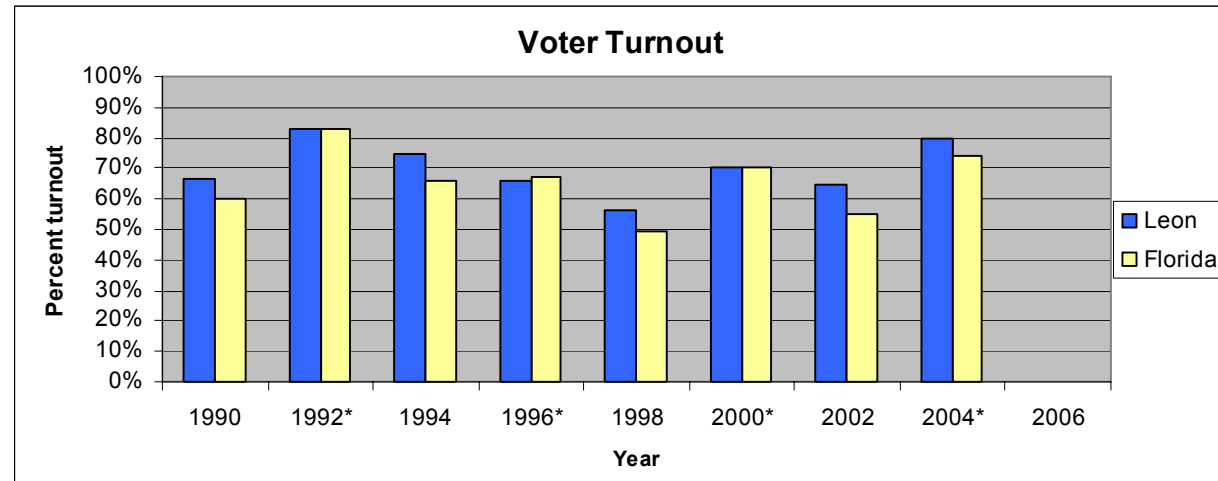
Indicator:
Percentage of registered voters who voted in general elections.

Analysis:
Generally, Leon County's voter turnout has been highest in Presidential elections and lowest in municipal elections. It is significantly higher than statewide turnout in Gubernatorial elections.

Leon County's voter turnout in the 2004 Presidential election was the highest turnout in a Presidential election since 1992.

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|----------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Presidential | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Leon County | | 83% | | | | 66% | | | 71% | | | | 80% |
| Florida | | 83% | | | | 67% | | | 70% | | | | 74% |
| Gubernatorial | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Leon County | 66% | | | 75% | | | | 56% | | | 65% | | |
| Florida | 60% | | | 66% | | | | 50% | | | 55% | | |
| Municipal** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tallahassee** | 29% | 25% | 27% | 31% | | 16% | 24% | 23% | 31% | | | 34% | |

* Presidential election years. **Not shown in graph. Data exclude primaries and run-offs.



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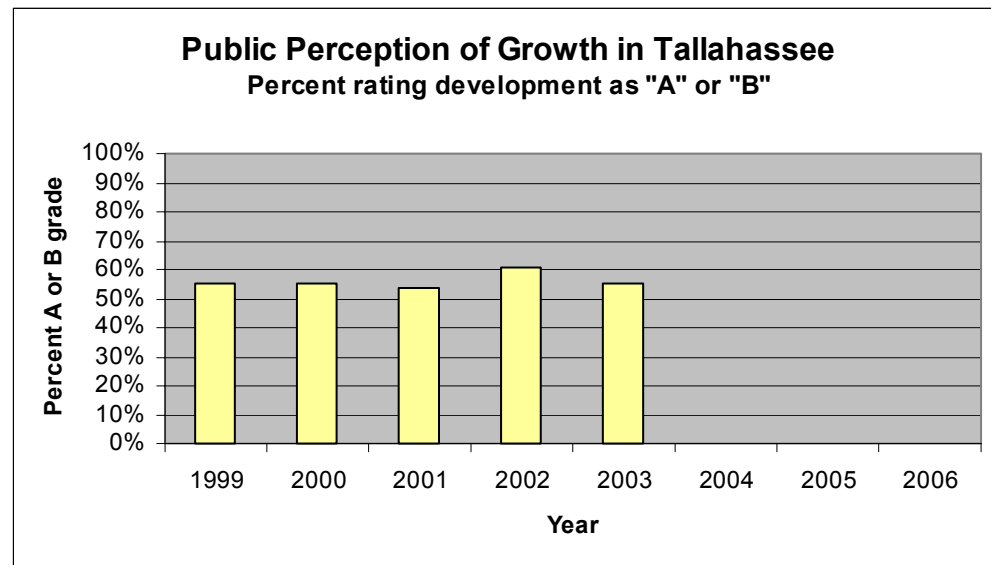
Indicator 3: Public Perception of Growth

Indicator:

Percent of Tallahassee residents who rated development in Tallahassee over the past several years as "A" or "B," on an A-F scale.

Analysis:

A slim majority of Tallahassee residents have rated development over the past several years as "A" or "B." Ratings of "A" and "B" increased to 61% in 2002, then dropped to former levels (55%) in 2003.



Data source:

City of Tallahassee
Office of Budget and Policy
Tallahassee Resident Opinion Survey

Website:

<http://www.talgov.com/>

| | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|
| Percent rating development as "A" or "B." | 55% | 55% | 54% | 61% | 55% |



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Indicator 4: Sprawl**

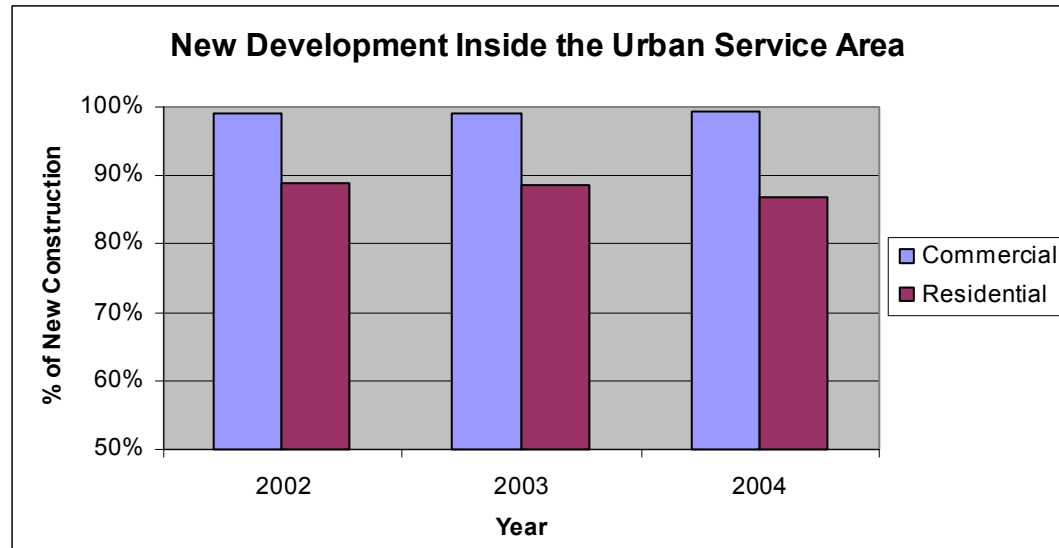
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Indicator:

The percentage of new construction permitted in Tallahassee-Leon County that was located inside the Urban Service Area (see definition below).

Analysis:

The vast majority of new commercial and residential development in Tallahassee-Leon County has occurred within the Urban Service Area. According to *The Tallahassee-Leon County 2010 Comprehensive Plan*, 90% of new residential growth is planned to occur inside the Urban Service Area through the year 2020. Currently, residential development is running slightly below that target.



| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Commercial | 99.1% | 99.2% | 99.5% |
| Residential | 89.0% | 88.7% | 86.8% |

Data source:

Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department

Website:

<http://talgov.com/planning/>

***Definition:** The Urban Service Area is a compact area surrounding Tallahassee in which urban infrastructure [e.g., sewer, water, roads, mass transit, solid waste, drainage, parks] is presently available or expected to be furnished within Tallahassee-Leon County's planning horizon – currently the year 2020. It consists of those areas which should be allowed to develop to urban levels of intensity either presently or over the period through 2020. (see *Tallahassee-Leon County 2010 Comprehensive Plan*, <http://talgov.com/planning/>).



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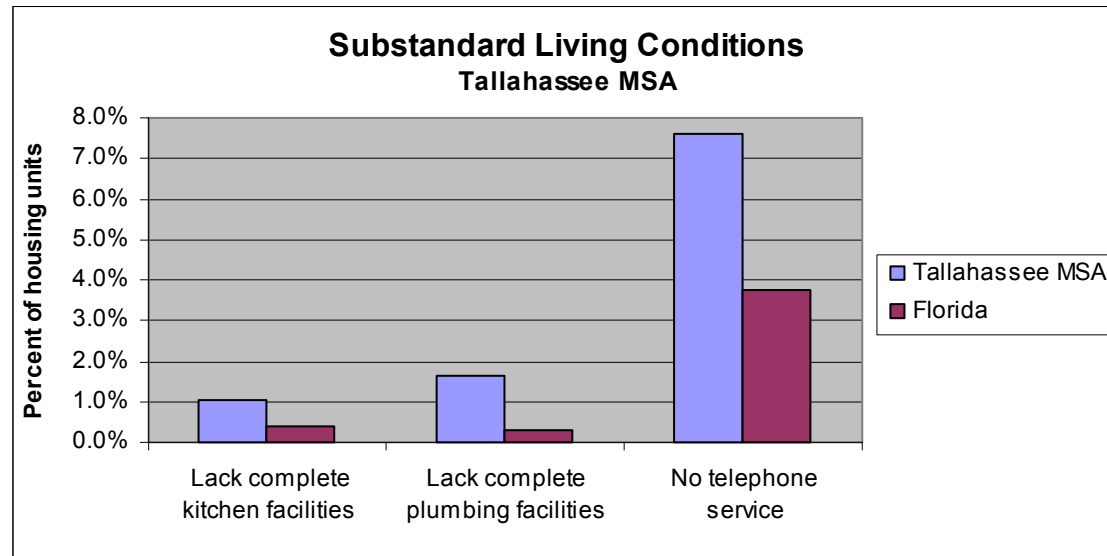
Indicator 5: Substandard Living Conditions

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Indicator: Percentage of occupied housing units that lacked (1) complete kitchen facilities, (2) complete plumbing facilities, (3) telephone service.

Analysis:

The percentage of occupied housing units in the Tallahassee MSA in 2003 with below standard living conditions was considerably higher than the state as a whole. The percentage of housing units that lacked complete kitchen and plumbing facilities and did not have telephone service was at least double the rate for the State of Florida.



Data source:

U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Website:

<http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>

| 2003 | Tallahassee MSA | Florida |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Lack complete kitchen facilities | 1.0% | 0.4% |
| Lack complete plumbing facilities | 1.6% | 0.3% |
| No telephone service | 7.6% | 3.7% |

Note: The American Community Survey is limited to household population and excludes the population living in institutions, college dormitories and other group quarters



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Indicator 6: Use of Public Transportation

Indicator:

Number of passenger trips on Taltran.

Analysis:

Use of public transportation, as measured by the total number of passenger trips, increased 23% from 1995 to 2004, slightly more than the growth in Leon County's population during that time period (19%).

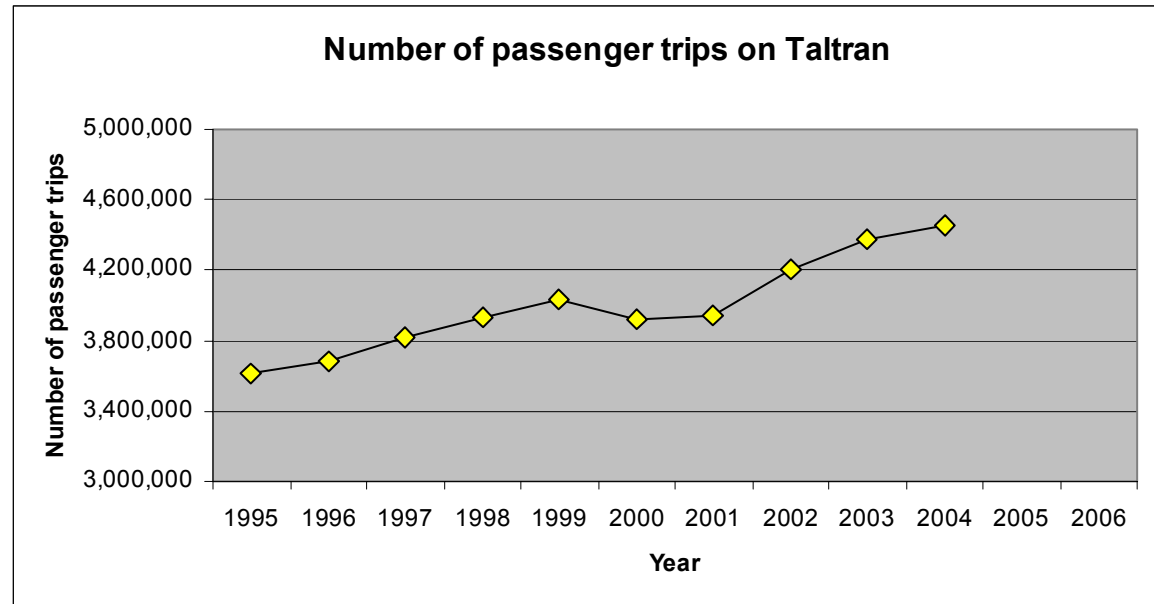
After a plateau from 1999 to 2001, use of public transportation has increased for three straight years (2002-2004), increasing by an average of 4.2% a year.

Data source:

Cit of Tallahassee, Taltran
(Data include city buses, trolleys, and campus buses.
Dial-a-ride for special needs residents is excluded.)

Website:

<http://www.talgov.com/>



| Leon County | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Number of passenger trips | 3,682,433 | 3,822,254 | 3,927,799 | 4,037,874 | 3,922,113 | 3,943,482 | 4,199,667 | 4,372,762 | 4,459,371 |



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Indicator 7: Transportation to Work

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Indicator:

Percent of workers age 16 and older who used various means of transportation to get to work.

Analysis:

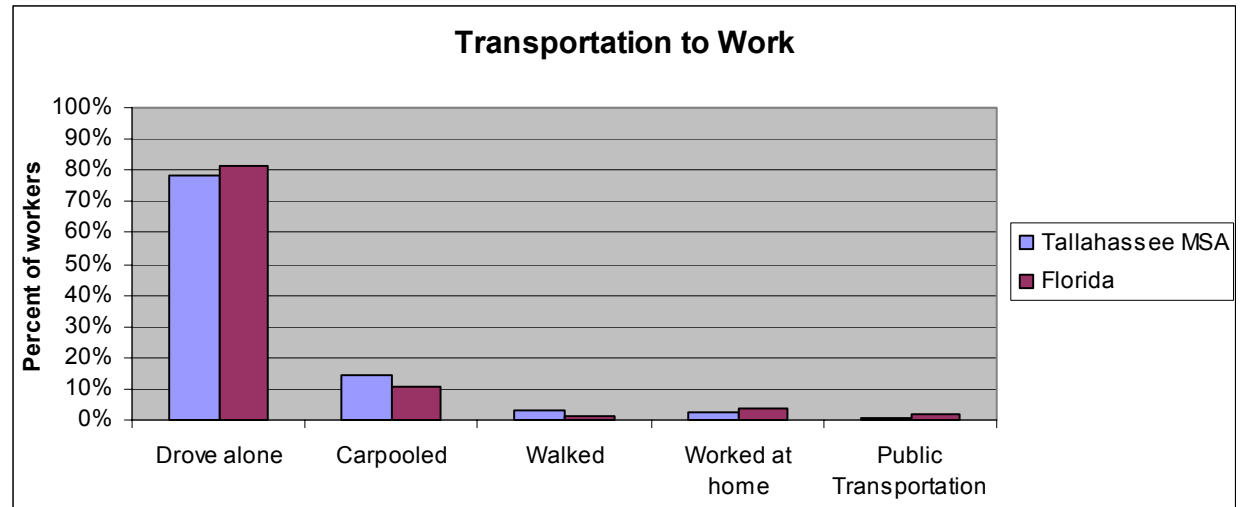
Over 92% of employees in the Tallahassee MSA depend on the automobile to get to work. The percentage of workers in Tallahassee who walked to work was considerably higher than for the state, while the percentage of workers in Tallahassee who used public transportation was considerably lower than the state.

Data source:

U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Website:

<http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>



| 2003 | Tallahassee MSA | Florida |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Drove alone | 78.5% | 81.3% |
| Carpooled | 14.1% | 10.7% |
| Walked | 3.2% | 1.3% |
| Worked at home | 2.3% | 3.4% |
| Public Transportation | 0.8% | 1.9% |

Note: The American Community Survey is limited to household population and excludes the population living in institutions, college dormitories and other group quarters



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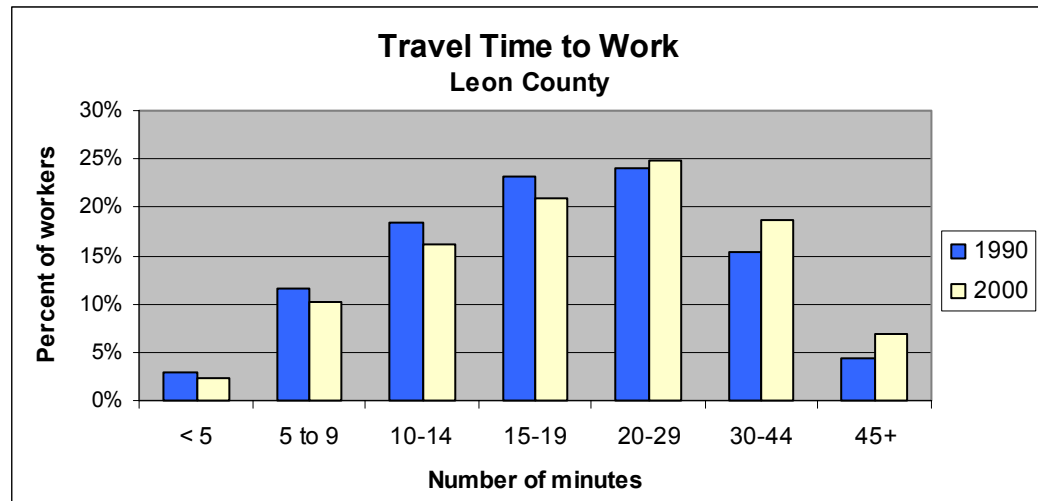
Indicator 8: Travel Time to Work

Indicator:

Percent of workers living in Leon County who reported various commute times.

Analysis:

From 1990 to 2000, there was an increase in the percentage of Leon County workers with commute times over 20 minutes. The increases were particularly notable for commute times of 30-44 and 45 or more minutes.



Data source:

U.S. Decennial Census

Website:

<http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/BasicFactsServlet>

| Leon County - minutes to work | <5 | 5-9 | 10-14 | 15-19 | 20-29 | 30-44 | 45+ |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| 1990 | 3% | 12% | 19% | 23% | 24% | 15% | 4% |
| 2000 | 2% | 10% | 16% | 21% | 25% | 19% | 7% |
| Difference* | -1% | -2% | -3% | -2% | 1% | 4% | 3% |

* Not shown on graph



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Indicator 9: Parks and Recreation Areas

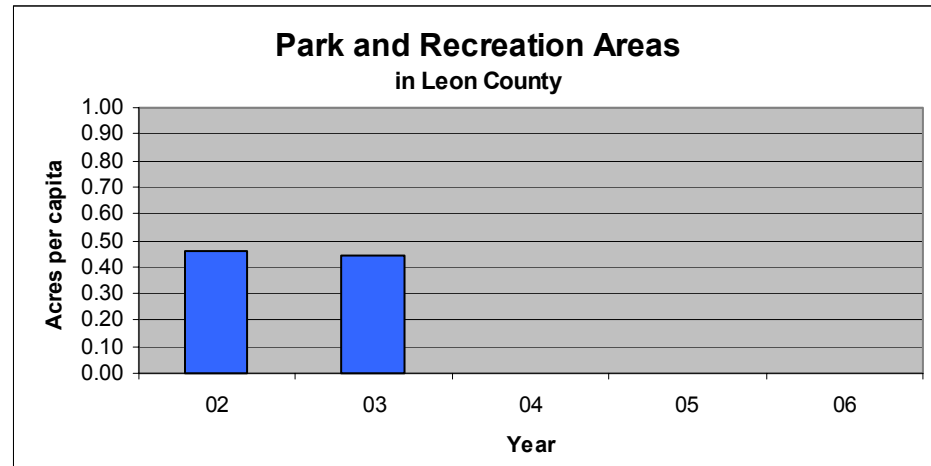
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Indicator:

Acres per capita of parks and recreation areas in Leon County.

Analysis:

As of 2003, Leon County residents had access to 112,556 acres of parks and recreation areas maintained by city, county, state and federal government. The number of acres per capita has remained about the same.



Data source:

City of Tallahassee and Leon County, Departments of Parks and Recreation
Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks (state and federal data)

Website:

http://talgov.com/citytlh/parks_recreation/index.html
<http://www.leoncofl.org/PARKS/recreation.asp>

| Areas maintained by: | 2002 | 2003 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| City of Tallahassee* | 3,950 | 3,575 |
| Leon County* | 2,185 | 2,286 |
| State of Florida* | 3,303 | 2,956 |
| Federal (Apalachicola National Forest)* | 103,739 | 103,739 |
| TOTAL* | 113,177 | 112,556 |
| Acres per capita | 0.46 | 0.44 |

* Not shown on graph

Parks and recreation areas include national forest, public parks, gardens, greenways, picnic facilities, campgrounds, boat landings, ballfields, tennis courts, basketball courts, multi-purpose fields, historical/archeological sites and wildlife management areas.



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Indicator 10: Traffic Congestion

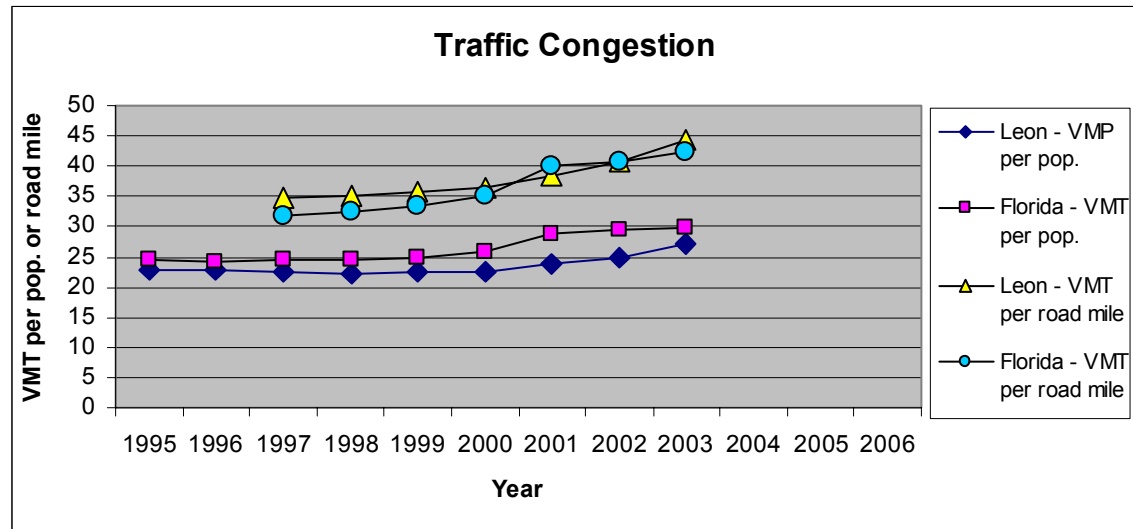
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Indicator:

Number of vehicle miles traveled per resident and number of vehicle miles traveled per centerline mile of public roads.

Analysis:

Since 1999, miles of travel per resident and per centerline mile of public road have steadily increased in Leon County and in Florida. This trend indicates that people on average are traveling more and that this demand is increasingly exceeding the capacity of our public roads.



| | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 |
|---|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Leon – VMT per pop. | 22.9 | 22.4 | 22.2 | 22.6 | 22.6 | 23.7 | 24.7 | 27.1 |
| Florida – VMT per pop. | 24.3 | 24.4 | 24.6 | 24.8 | 25.7 | 28.7 | 29.4 | 29.8 |
| Leon – VMT* per road mile | | 34.8 | 35.0 | 35.9 | 36.4 | 38.6 | 40.8 | 44.4 |
| Florida – VMT* per road mile | | 31.9 | 32.4 | 33.3 | 35.3 | 39.9 | 40.9 | 42.3 |
| Leon: Centerline miles* of public roads | | 1,455 | 1,471 | 1,486 | 1,491 | 1,501 | 1,505 | 1,558 |

*Centerline miles measure road length, regardless of the number of lanes. VMT is expressed in hundreds.

Data source:

Florida Department of Transportation
Transportation Statistics Office

Website:

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/statistics/>