



Quality of Life Report

Tallahassee-Leon County, FL

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Indicator 1: Violent Crime Rate

Updated
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Indicator:

Number of violent crimes reported per 100,000 residents.

(Includes murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault.)

Analysis:

Leon County's violent crime rate increased slightly in 2004 after declining each of the previous four years. The gap between Leon County and Florida has narrowed considerably. However, Leon County and Florida's rate continues to be well above the nation's.

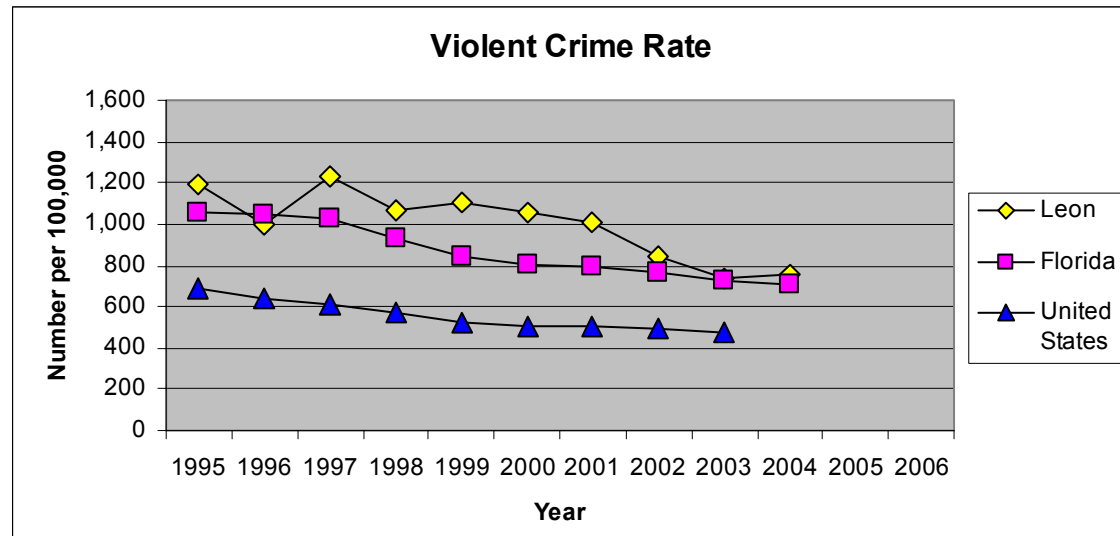
Data sources:

Florida Department of Law Enforcement,
 Florida Statistical Analysis Center

U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of
 Investigation, Uniform Crime Reports

Websites:

<http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/FSAC/>
<http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm>



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Leon County	998.1	1229.6	1066.3	1105.5	1054.5	1006.1	846.2	736.6	756.4
Florida	1050.2	1025	931.1	841.0	801.1	798.0	767.1	727.7	706.2
United States	636.5	611.3	567.5	523	506.5	504.4	494.6	475.0	*

*Not available until December 2005



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Indicator 2: Property Crime Rate

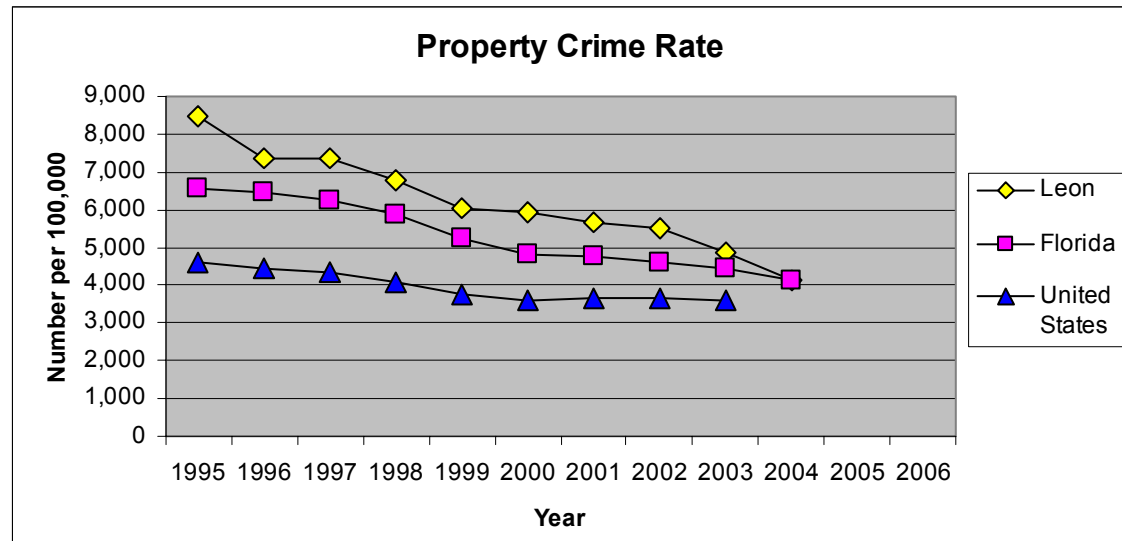
Indicator:

Number of property crimes reported per 100,000 residents.

(Includes burglary/breaking and entering, larceny/theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson.)

Analysis:

Leon County's property crime rate is much higher than the violent crime rate, but has been steadily declining since 1995. In 2004 Leon County's property crime rate was lower than the state's for the first time in ten years.



Data sources:

Florida Department of Law Enforcement,
Florida Statistical Analysis Center

U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of
Investigation, Uniform Crime Reports

Websites:

http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/FSAC/Crime_Trends/index.asp
<http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm>

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Leon County	7376.1	7345.6	6764.9	6034.4	5913.1	5687.8	5516.1	4871.2	4112.2
Florida	6441.2	6273.1	5902.7	5257.1	4803.2	4781.9	4631.3	4436.5	4149.1
United States	4450.1	4318.7	4051.8	3743.6	3618.3	3656.1	3624.1	3588.4	*

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Indicator 3: Youth Referred for Delinquency

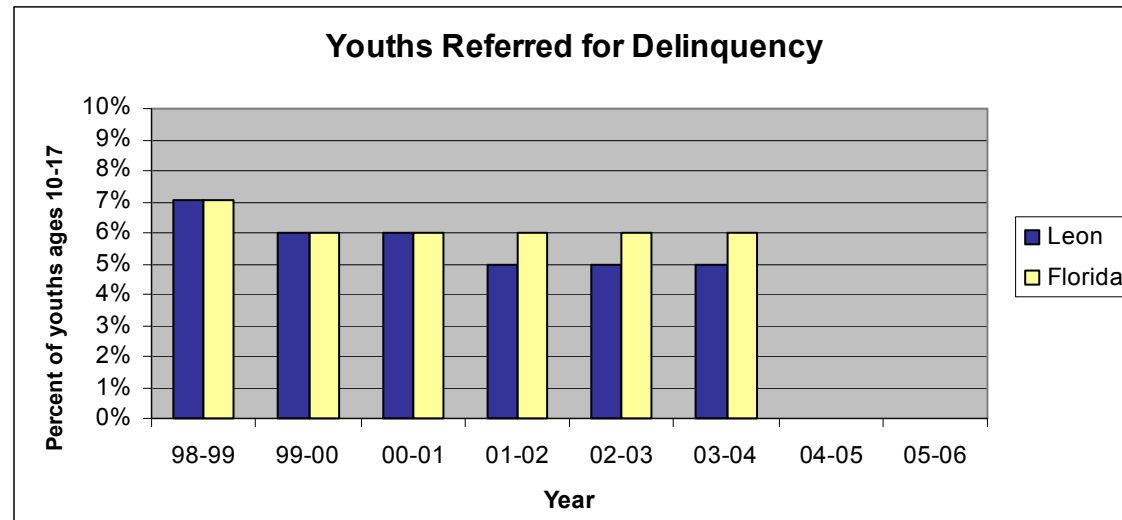
Updated
3/8/05

Indicator:

Percent of youths ages 10-17 who were referred to the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice for delinquency.

Analysis:

The percentage of youths referred for delinquent acts in Leon County has remained at 5% for three years. However, the last two years the total number of youths referred has increased. Since 2001-02, Leon County's rate of referral has been lower than the statewide rate.



Data source:

Florida Department of Juvenile Justice
Office of Research & Planning
Delinquency Profile 2003-04

Website:

<http://www.djj.state.fl.us/research/statsnresearch/index.shtml>

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Leon County	7%	6%	6%	5%	5%	5%
Florida	7%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%
Leon: Number of youths referred*	1,564	1,482	1,399	1,247	1,307	1,356
Leon: Population, ages 10-17*	22,556	22,980	23,266	23,774	24,210	24,917

*Not shown in graph.

Note: Data for all years have been updated by the Department of Juvenile Justice to reflect late data submittals and entries.



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Indicator 4: Youths Referred for Felonies and Misdemeanors

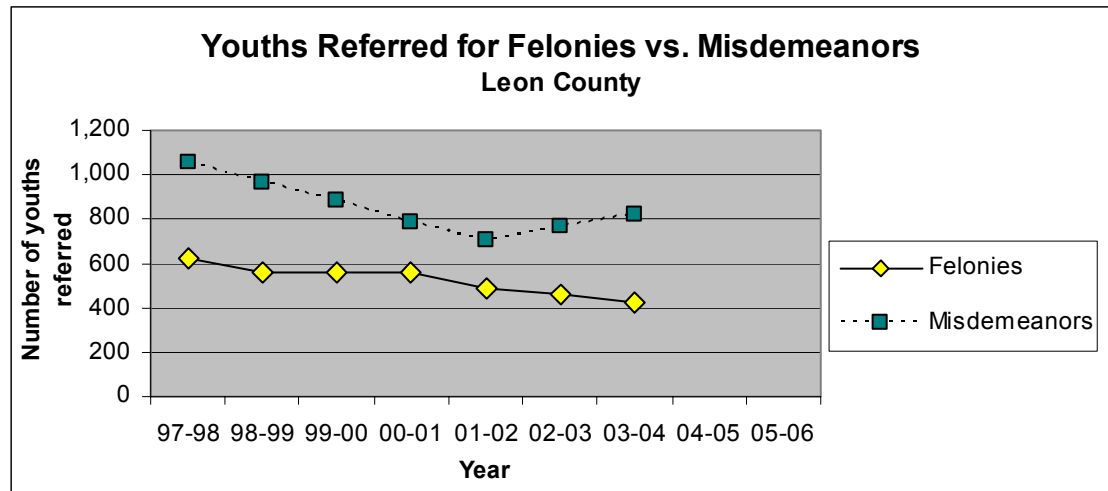
Updated
3/08/05

Indicator:

Number of youths in Leon County referred to the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice for felonies vs. misdemeanors.

Analysis:

In Leon County, a greater number of youths are referred for misdemeanors than felonies (generally more serious crimes). After a substantial decline, youth referrals for misdemeanors dropped substantially between 1997-98 and 2001-02, but have risen for two straight years. Referrals for felonies show a consistent decline since 1997-98.



Leon County	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Felonies	627	562	562	558	487	459	428
Burglary*	36%	31%	25%	28%	28%	30%	26%
Aggrav. assault/battery*	11%	18%	26%	23%	22%	22%	23%
Misdemeanors	1,060	963	886	786	703	770	820
Misdemeanor theft*	37%	31%	32%	33%	31%	30%	31%
Assault/battery*	21%	23%	22%	24%	25%	20%	22%

* Not shown on graph. The categories shown have the highest number of referrals.
Note: Data for all years have been updated by the Department of Juvenile Justice to reflect late data submittals and entries.

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Indicator 5: Traffic Crashes

Updated
4/13/05

Indicator:

Number of traffic crashes per 10,000 licensed drivers, by age group (15-19 and 20-24).

Analysis:

In Leon County and Florida, drivers ages 15-19 and 20-24 have higher traffic crash rates than any other age group. Crash rates for young drivers are consistently higher in Leon County than in Florida.

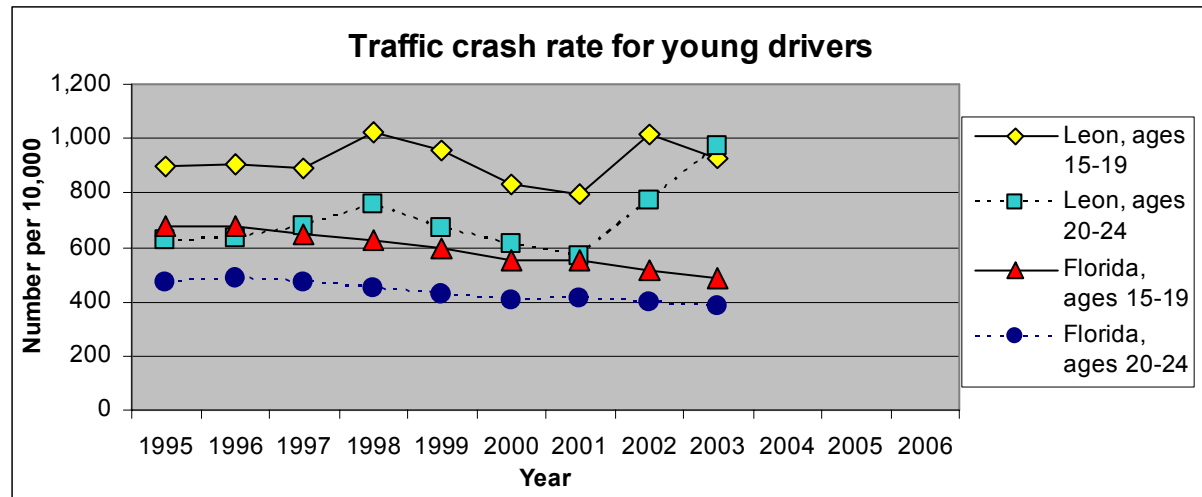
Rates for ages 15-19 decreased in 2003 in both Leon County and Florida. Rates for ages 20-24 increased in Leon County and declined statewide in 2003.

Data source:

Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Office of Management Research and Development, Statistics Section

Website:

http://www.hsmv.state.fl.us/reports/crash_facts.html



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Leon, ages 15-19	902.06	889.90	1,023.10	960.65	835.07	796.73	1,012.39	926.00
Leon, ages 20-24	630.55	674.07	755.84	667.19	608.20	563.69	769.70	969.39
Florida, ages 15-19	675.04	645.16	626.26	597.00	553.83	553.36	516.51	489.54
Florida, ages 20-24	488.03	470.92	452.37	425.30	404.80	412.40	395.56	382.13



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Indicator 6: Fatal Traffic Crashes

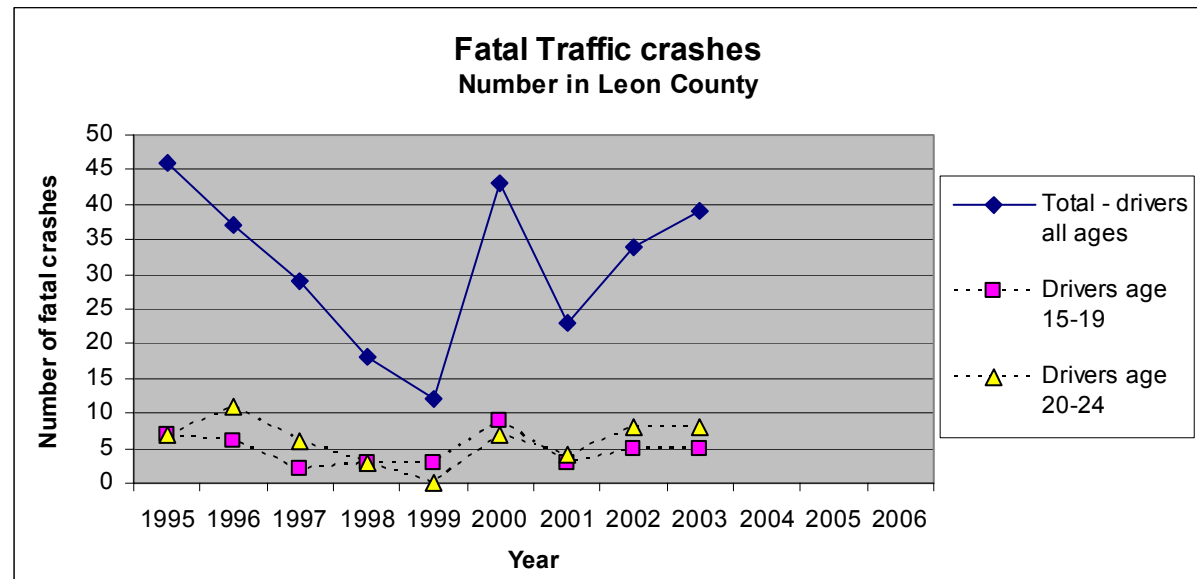
Indicator:

Number of drivers, by age, in traffic crashes in Leon County that resulted in fatalities.

Analysis:

In Leon County, the number of fatal traffic crashes declined in the 1990s, particularly for drivers of all ages and drivers age 20-24.

Since 1999, that positive trend had been disrupted by increasing numbers of fatal crashes for all three age groups shown. Since 1997, young drivers (ages 15-24) have accounted for between 25% and 38% of drivers in fatal traffic crashes each year.



Data source:

Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Office of Management Research and Development, Statistics Section

Website:

http://www.hsmv.state.fl.us/reports/crash_facts.html

Fatal crashes	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Drivers aged 15-19	6	2	3	3	9	3	5	5
Drivers aged 20-24	11	6	3	0	7	4	8	8
Total - drivers all ages	37	29	18	12	43	23	34	39
Percent - drivers age 15-24*	46%	28%	33%	25%	37%	30%	38%	33%

* Not shown in graph.



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Indicator 7: Drinking and Driving

Updated
4/14/05

Indicator:

Number of traffic crashes involving a drinking driver per 10,000 licensed drivers, by age group (15-19 and 20-24).

Analysis:

Drinking and driving is a serious problem in Leon County, particularly for the 20-24 age group. Leon County's rates of "drinking driver" crashes for both 15-19 and 20-24 year olds are significantly higher than state rates.

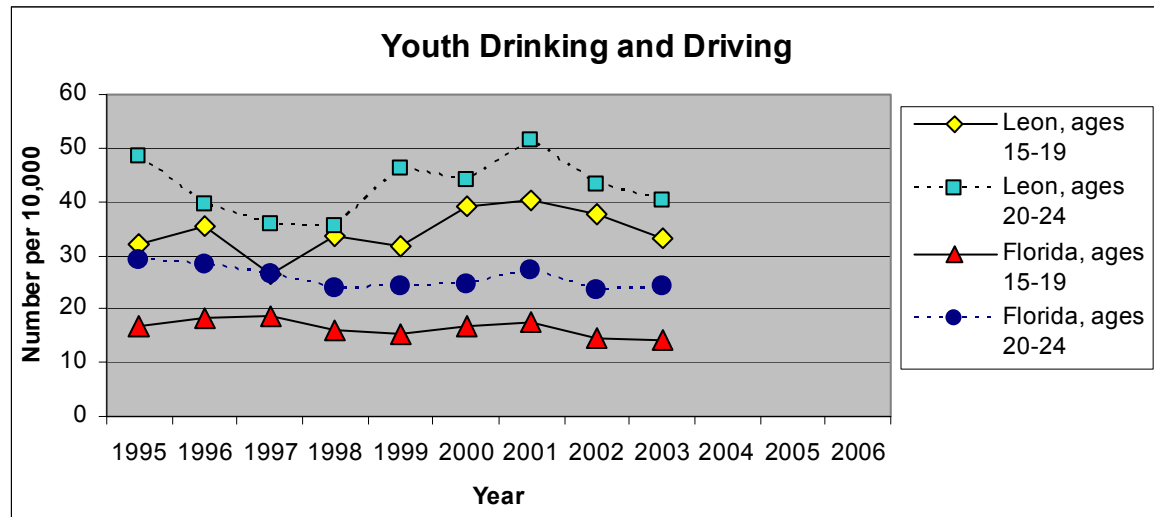
The rate has declined in Leon County for both 15-19 and 20-24 year olds for two straight years while the state rate decreased in 2002 and remained nearly the same in 2003.

Data source:

Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Office of Management Research and Development, Statistics Section

Website:

http://www.hsmv.state.fl.us/reports/crash_facts.html



Traffic crashes involving a drinking driver	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Leon, ages 15-19	26.50	33.37	31.65	39.13	40.08	37.74	33.13
Florida, ages 15-19	18.54	16.04	15.23	16.75	17.58	14.38	14.30
Leon, ages 20-24	35.84	35.30	46.03	43.94	51.28	43.35	40.24
Florida, ages 20-24	26.51	23.94	24.27	24.68	27.24	23.60	24.24
Percent of total fatalities alcohol-related							
Leon County – all ages*	30%	37%	31%	42%	32%	33%	33%
Florida – all ages*	33%	30%	32%	33%	33%	32%	34%

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Indicator 8: Perception of Neighborhood Safety

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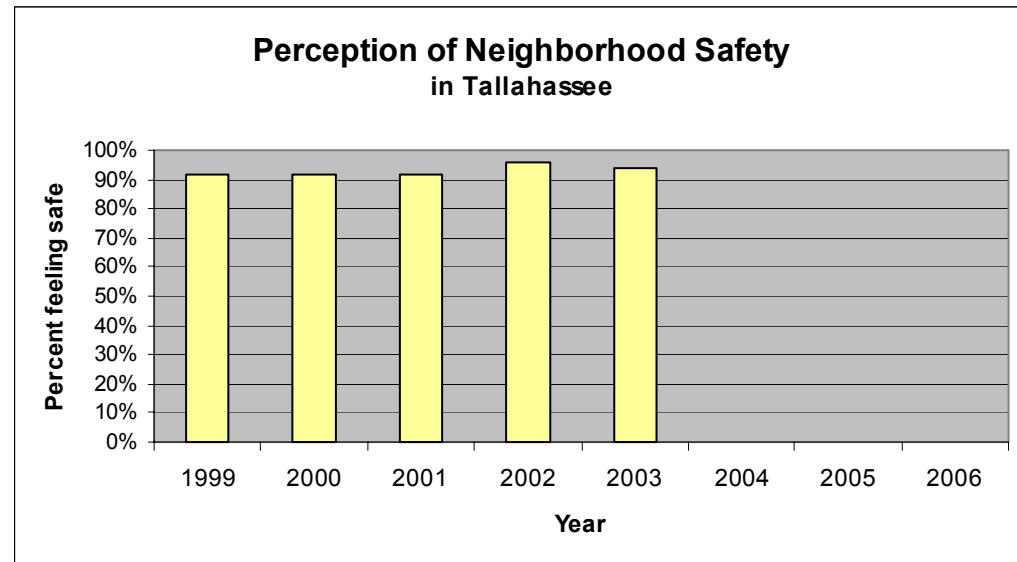
Indicator:

Percent of adult Tallahassee residents who report feeling safe in their neighborhood.

Analysis:

The vast majority of Tallahassee residents say they feel safe in the neighborhood where they live.

As of 2003, residents were less likely to feel safe if they lacked a high school diploma (91%), had an income under \$10,000 (89%) or lived in the following zip codes: 32311 (80%), 32305 (90%), 32310 (90%), or 32304(91%).



Data source:

City of Tallahassee
Office of Budget and Policy
Tallahassee Resident Opinion Survey, administered biennially after 2003.

Website:

<http://www.tal.gov.com>

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Percent of adults who say they feel safe in their neighborhood	92%	92%	92%	96%	94%

The next year of available data will be 2005.



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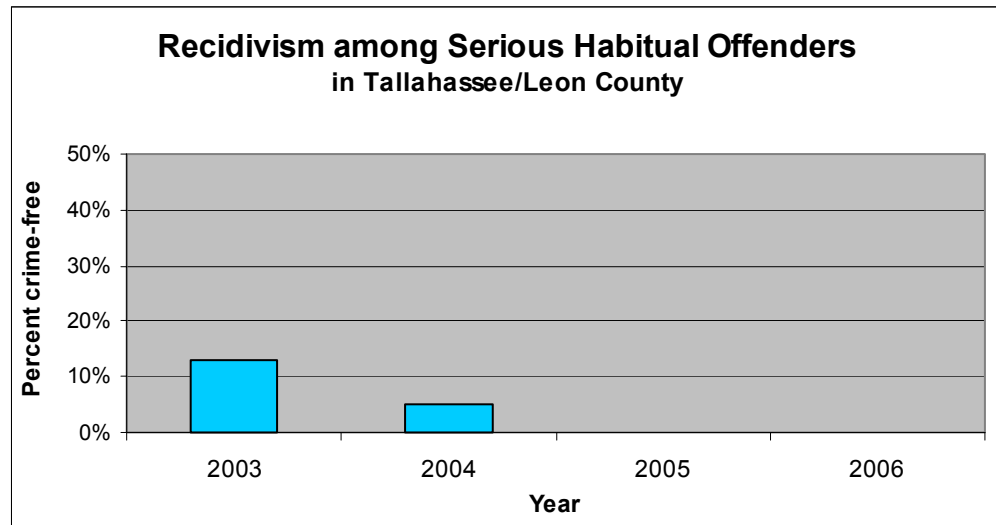
Indicator 9: Recidivism among Serious Habitual Offenders

Indicator:

Percent of serious habitual offenders (under age 18) who are crime-free one year after their arrest or release from a commitment facility.

Analysis:

In 2004, Tallahassee/Leon County had 37 youths under 18 who had a history of repeatedly committing serious crimes. Usually, these juveniles are in and out of the juvenile justice system with no improvement in their behavior. These serious habitual offenders account for a very small percentage of juvenile offenders, but they account for over one third of juvenile arrests. Currently, these youths are served by the Serious Habitual Offender Comprehensive Action Program, a multi-agency program focusing increased attention to these juveniles.



Tallahassee-Leon County	2003	2004
Number of serious habitual offenders (under age 18)	45	37
Number crime free after one year	6	2
Percent crime free after one year	13%	5%

Data source:

Tallahassee Police Department
Serious Habitual Offender Comprehensive Action Program

Website:

<http://www.tal.gov.com>