



Quality of Life Report

Tallahassee-Leon County, FL

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Indicator 1: Children in Single Parent Families

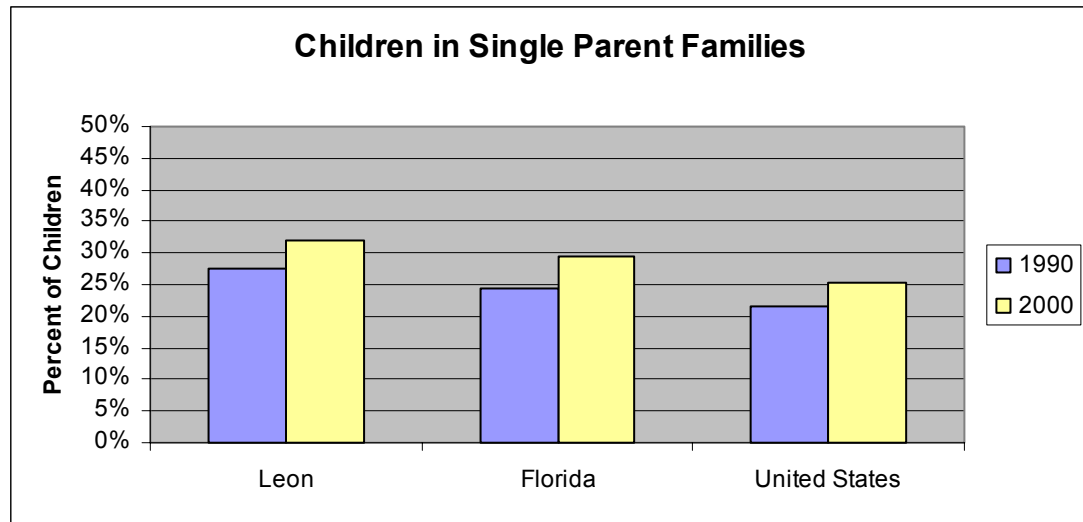
Indicator:

Percentage of children, under age 18, who live in single parent families (rather than in married couple families).

Analysis:

In 2000, nearly one in three children in Leon County lived in a single parent family – a higher percentage than in Florida or the United States.

The percent of children living in single parent families has increased over the past decade in Leon County, the state and the nation. Most of these families are headed by a single female.



Data source:

U.S. Decennial Census

Website:

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

Children in single parent families	1990	2000	Difference 1990 to 2000
Leon County	27.4%	32.0%	+4.6%
Florida	24.5%	29.4%	+4.9%
United States	21.5%	25.3%	+3.8%

The next year of available data will be provided by the American Community Survey in 2005.



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Indicator 2: Births to Unwed Mothers

Updated
11/04/06

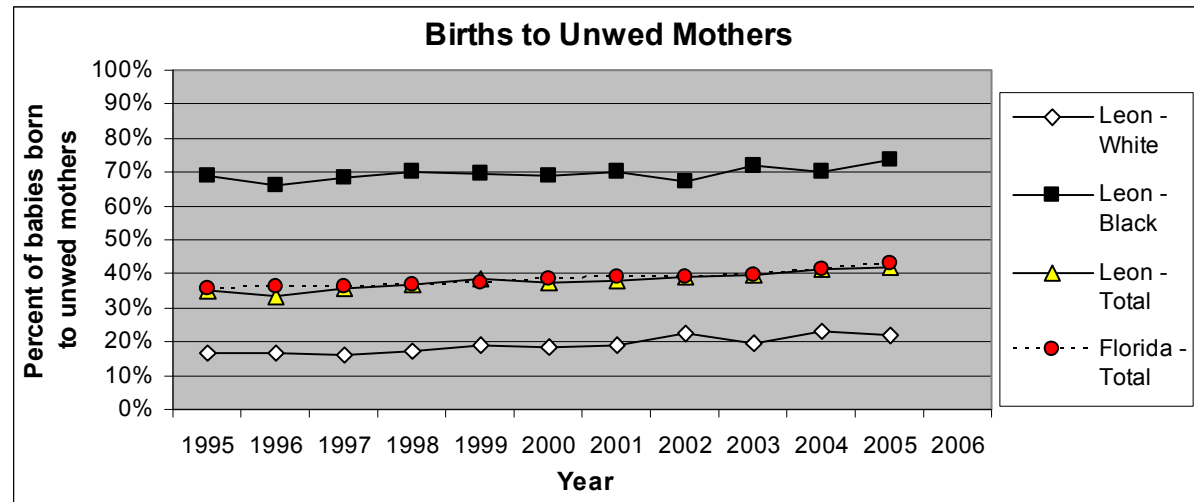
Indicator:

Percent of births to unwed mothers, by race.

Analysis:

The percentage of babies born to unwed mothers continues to slowly increase in Leon County. In Leon County in 2005, Black children were more than three times as likely to be born to unwed mothers as White children.

Overall, Leon County continues to mirror the state as a whole on this indicator. Just over two in five babies of all races are born to unwed mothers in Florida.



Data source:

Florida Department of Health, Florida Vital Statistics Annual Reports

Website:

<http://www.flpublichealth.com/VSBOOK/VSBOOK.asp>

Births to unwed mothers	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Leon - White	16%	17%	19%	18%	19%	22%	19%	23%	22%
Leon - Black	69%	70%	69%	69%	70%	67%	72%	70%	74%
Leon - Total - all races	36%	37%	38%	38%	38%	39%	40%	41%	42%
Florida - Total - all races	36%	37%	37%	38%	39%	39%	40%	41%	43%



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Indicator 3: Births to Teen Mothers

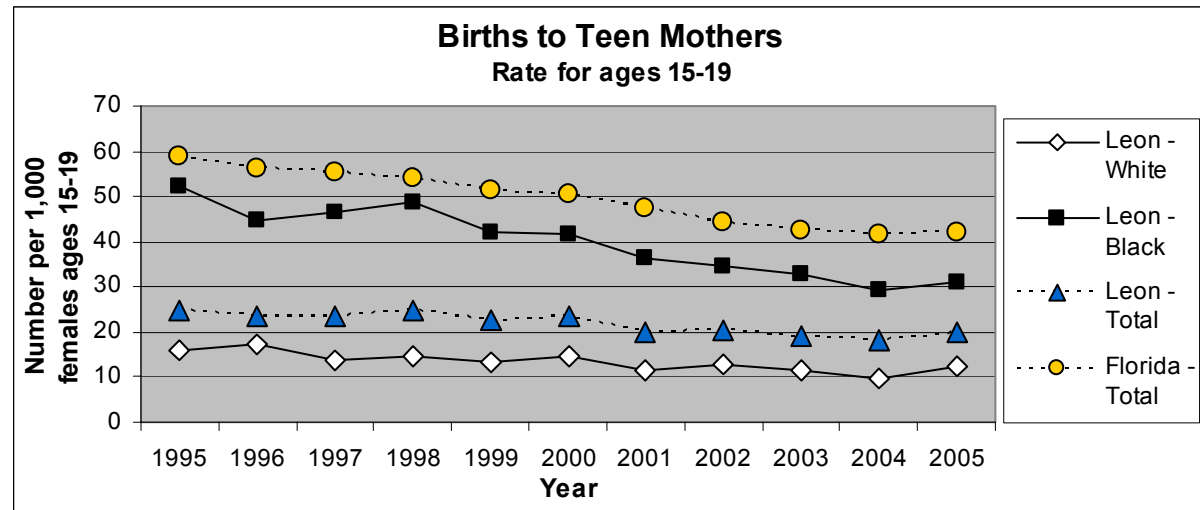
Updated
11/04/06

Indicator:

Number of teenage mothers, ages 15-19, who gave birth per 1,000 teenage girls ages 15-19.

Analysis:

Overall, the rate of births to teenage mothers has been declining in Leon County and in Florida. A significant racial disparity exists but the gap is closing somewhat, primarily because of the decline in the rate of births to black teenagers. The rate of births to teens in Leon County for all races is less than half the state rate.



Data source:

Florida Department of Health, Florida Vital Statistics Annual Reports

Website:

<http://www.flpublichealth.com/VSBOOK/VSBOOK.aspx>

Births to teen mothers	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Leon - White	13.9	14.4	13.2	14.5	11.5	13.0	11.6	9.9	12.5
Leon - Black	46.7	48.6	42.1	41.5	36.4	34.4	32.8	29.4	30.9
Leon - Total - all races	23.7	25.0	22.6	23.7	20.1	20.3	19.2	18.1	19.9
Florida - Total - all races	55.5	54.0	51.6	50.4	47.2	44.3	42.4	41.6	41.9



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Indicator 4: Children in Foster Care

Updated
02/20/06

Indicator:

Number of children under age 18 who are in foster care or residential group care under the custody of the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF).

Analysis:

In this region of Florida, the number of children in foster care and residential group care has increased over the past two years in District 2 but has remained stable for the State. Leon County saw an increase of 13 children in foster or residential group care between 2004 and 2005. District 2 includes 14 counties in North Florida, including Leon.

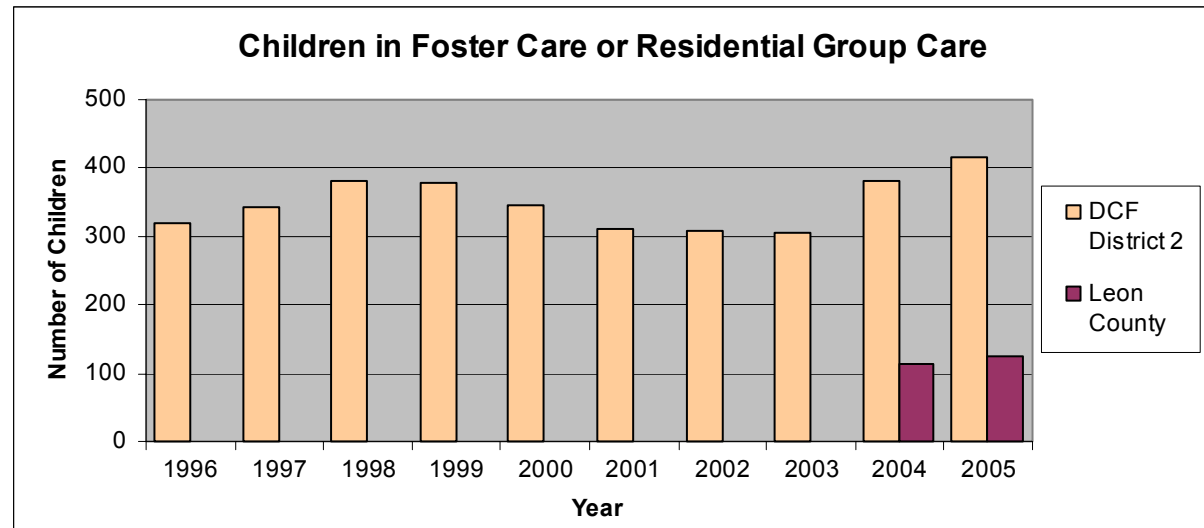
Data source:

Florida Department of Children and Families HomeSafenet

Note: Data by county became available in 2004

Website:

http://www.state.fl.us/cf_web



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
DCF District 2 - Number of children	321	342	380	378	345	311	309	304	380	417
Leon County - Number of children	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	113	126
Florida- Number of children*	8,941	8,950	9,875	10,430	10,885	10,657	11,285	11,476	11,342	11,137

*Not shown on graph



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Indicator 5: Child Abuse and Neglect

Updated
02/25/06

Indicator:

Number of child abuse and neglect victims (per 100,000 children under age 18) whose maltreatment was verified or found to have some evidence of occurrence.

Analysis:

The rate of child abuse and neglect in Leon County has remained at relatively the same level over the past few years.

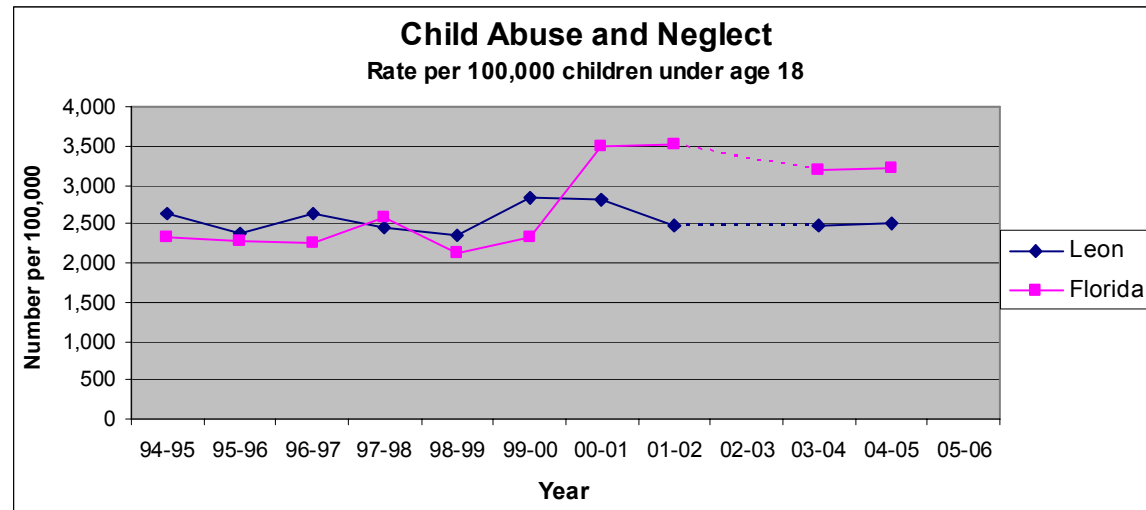
Leon County's rate was the same or higher than the statewide rate until 2000-01, when it dropped below the state rate. The unusually high rates for Florida in 2000-01 and 2001-02 most likely reflect a statewide initiative to investigate backlogged cases.

Data source:

Florida Department of Children and Families

Website:

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	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Leon - rate per 100,000	2,452	2,353	2,840	2,809	2,490	n/a	2,481	2,504
Florida - rate per 100,000	2,594	2,117	2,338	3,500	3,516	n/a	3,182	3,212
Leon - number of victims*	1,225	1,193	1,456	1,465	1,318	n/a	1,341	1,389

* Not shown on graph

Note: The same child may be counted more than once if involved in more than one incident. An unusually high rate in a single year is most likely due to a reduction of backlog (closure of a high number of reports from prior years), while an unusually low rate may be due to growth in backlog. 2002-2003 data are incomplete due to a new reporting system that was phased in across the state.



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Indicator 6: Child Care Affordability

Updated
11/17/06

Indicator:

Cost of child care in Leon County as a percentage of family income.

Analysis:

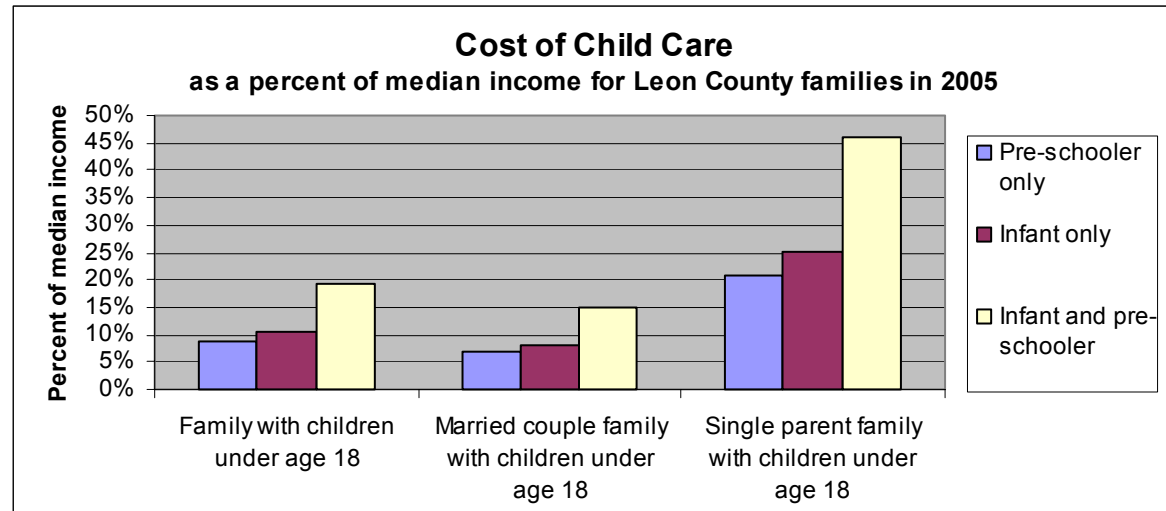
The average family with children pays a substantial portion of their income on child care – especially if they have more than one child in need of care. Single parent families are at a particular disadvantage because their median income is less than one-third of the income of married couples with children.

Data sources:

Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, Office of Early Learning
 Median income in Leon County by family type: U.S. Census 2000
 U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index (CPI) Program

Websites:

- <http://www.floridajobs.org/earlylearning/>
- <http://factfinder.census.gov>
- <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/home.htm>



Families with children under age 18	Median income in 2005*	Pre-schooler only (ages 3-4)	Infant only (less than one year old)	Infant and pre-schooler
All families with children	\$56,715	9%	11%	19%
Married couple families	\$73,876	7%	8%	15%
Single parent families headed by a female	\$23,907	21%	25%	46%
Cost per year in 2005 (48 weeks of care)		\$4,992	\$6,000	\$10,992

*Census 2000 data adjusted to 2005 dollars

Note: Rates for the weekly cost of child care was for child care centers at the market rate (calculated as the 75th percentile of all rates reported in each category).

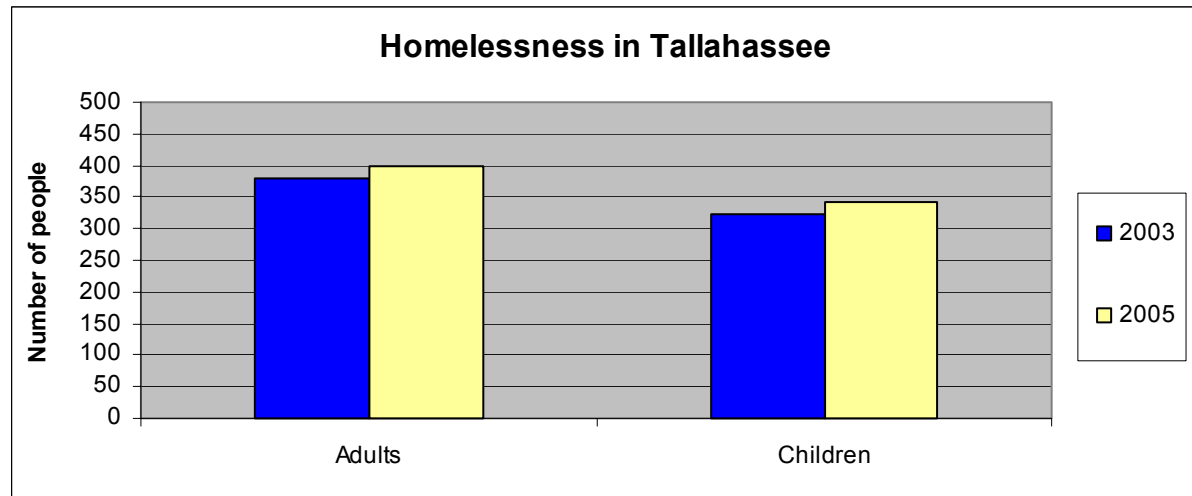


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Indicator 7: Homelessness

Updated
06/06/05

Indicator:
Number of homeless people in Tallahassee.

Analysis:
In 2005, a total of 739 people in Tallahassee reported having no regular place to stay or expected to be forced to leave their home within the next week without another place to go. Almost half (46%) of the city's homeless in both 2003 and 2005 were children, ages 0-18.



	2003	2005
Total homeless people	703	739
Adults	381	398
Children 0-18	322	341
Percent Children 0-18*	46%	46%

Data source:
Tallahassee Coalition for the Homeless

Website:
<http://www.tallahasseech.org/>

*Not shown on graph
Note: (1) Interviews conducted during a 15-hour period on January 24, 2005 at emergency shelters, congregate meal programs, day labor programs, social service agencies, public places and street and wooded locations frequented by homeless individuals, and (2) data from the Leon County School District's family survey and administrative records.