



Quality of Life Report

Tallahassee-Leon County, FL

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Indicator 1: Violent Crime Rate

Updated
07/12/06

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 both 2004 and 2005 after declining each year between 1999 and 2003. The gap between Leon County and Florida has narrowed since the mid 1990's. However, Leon County and Florida's rate continues to be well above that of the nation.

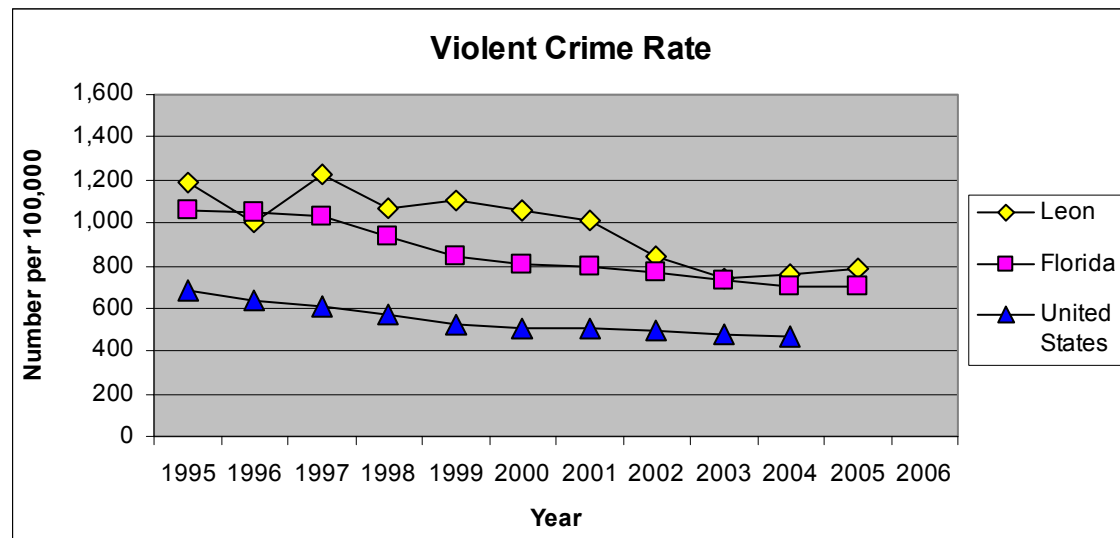
Data sources:

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>



	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Leon County	1229.6	1066.3	1105.5	1054.5	1006.1	846.2	736.6	756.4	781.6
Florida	1025.0	931.1	841.0	801.1	798.0	767.1	727.7	706.2	702.2
United States	611.3	567.5	523.0	506.5	504.4	494.4	475.8	465.5	*

*Not available until December 2006



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Indicator 2: Property Crime Rate

Updated
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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 steadily declined between 1995 and 2004 and increased a negligible amount in 2005. In 2004 Leon County's property crime rate was lower than the state's for the first time in ten years.

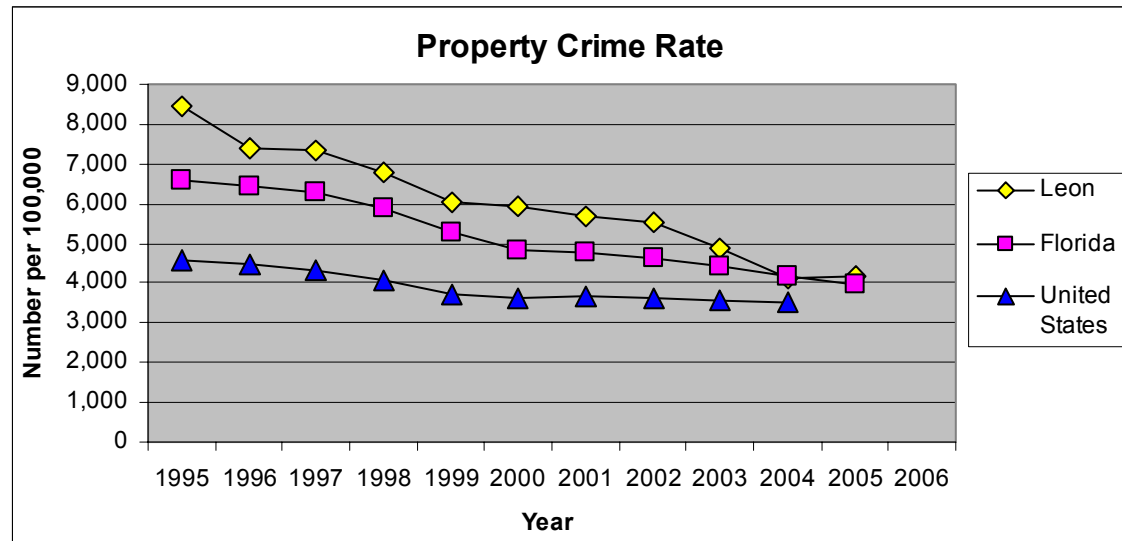
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	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Leon County	7345.6	6764.9	6034.4	5913.1	5687.8	5516.1	4871.2	4112.2	4149.6
Florida	6273.1	5902.7	5257.1	4803.2	4781.9	4631.3	4436.5	4149.1	3974.9
United States	4318.7	4051.8	3743.6	3618.3	3658.1	3624.1	3588.4	3517.1	*

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Indicator 3: Youth Referred for Delinquency

Updated
11/04/06

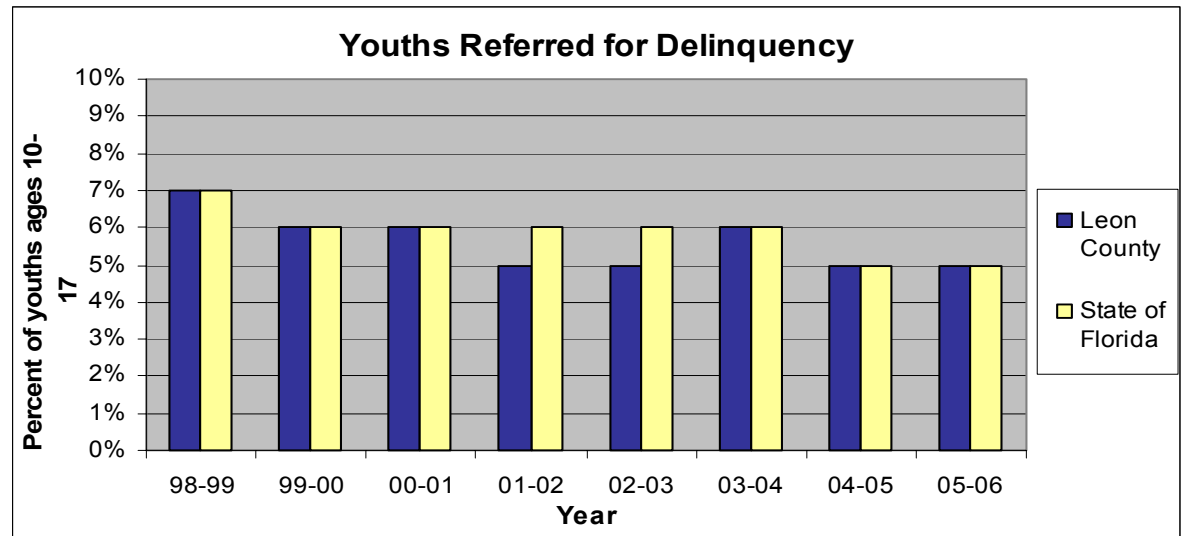
Indicator:

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 remained at 5% in 2005-06.

Leon County's rate of youth referrals has been identical to the State average over the past three years after being below the State average for the two years prior to that.



Data source:

Florida Department of Juvenile Justice
Office of Research & Planning
Delinquency Profile 2005-06

Website:

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

	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Leon County	6%	6%	5%	5%	6%	5%	5%
Florida	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	5%	5%
Leon: Number of youths referred*	1,482	1,409	1,256	1,319	1,379	1,340	1,226
Leon: Population, ages 10-17*	22,980	23,247	23,802	24,046	24,360	25,050	25,065

*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

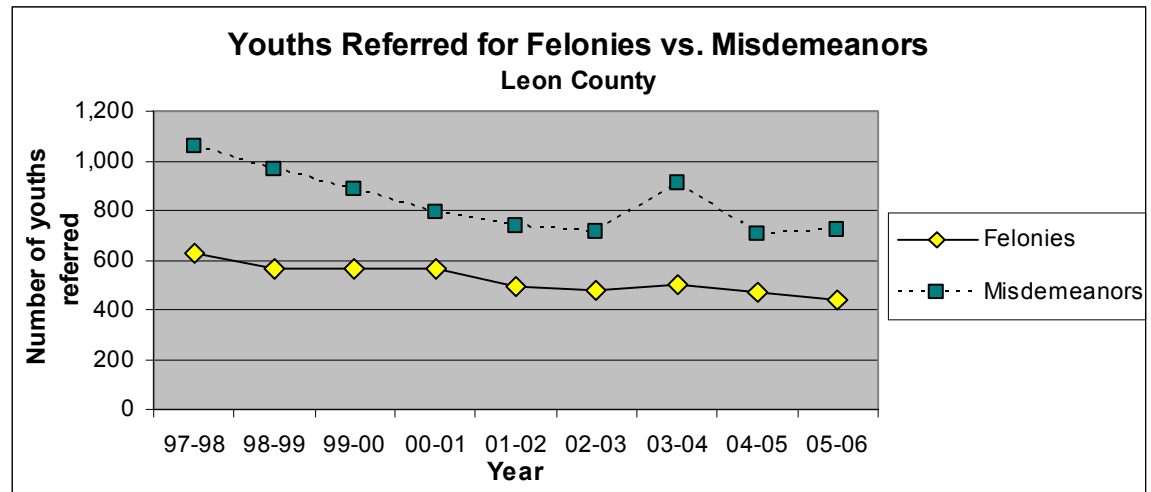
Updated
11/04/06

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). Youth referrals for both misdemeanors and felonies have remained at similar levels in four of the past five years with 2003-04 experiencing the most felonies and misdemeanors in a year during the period.



Leon County	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Felonies	562	564	498	479	500	473	441
Burglary*	25%	27%	25%	31%	28%	30%	19%
Aggrav. assault/battery*	26%	24%	21%	22%	24%	25%	26%
Misdemeanors	886	790	737	716	912	703	724
Misdemeanor theft*	32%	33%	31%	31%	30%	26%	30%
Assault/battery*	22%	24%	26%	19%	22%	25%	19%

* 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

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 11/26/06

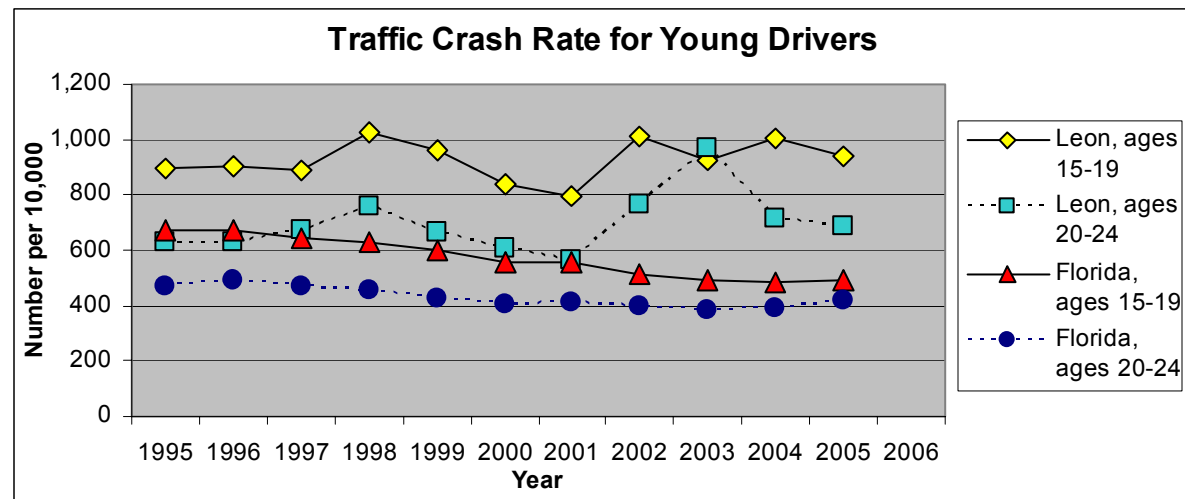
Indicator:

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.

In 2005, traffic crash rates for age groups 15-19 and 20-24 decreased somewhat in Leon County when compared to 2004 while increasing at a marginal rate in Florida.



	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Leon, ages 15-19	889.90	1,023.10	960.65	835.07	796.73	1,012.39	926.00	1,001.50	937.00
Leon, ages 20-24	674.07	755.84	667.19	608.20	563.69	769.70	969.39	713.60	685.00
Florida, ages 15-19	645.16	626.26	597.00	553.83	553.36	516.51	489.54	485.03	488.97
Florida, ages 20-24	470.92	452.37	425.30	404.80	412.40	395.56	382.13	392.86	417.16

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



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Indicator 6: Fatal Traffic Crashes

Updated
11/26/06

Indicator:

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

Analysis:

In Leon County, the number of drivers in fatal traffic crashes increased sharply in 2005, resulting in the most drivers in fatal crashes in a single year in more than a decade.

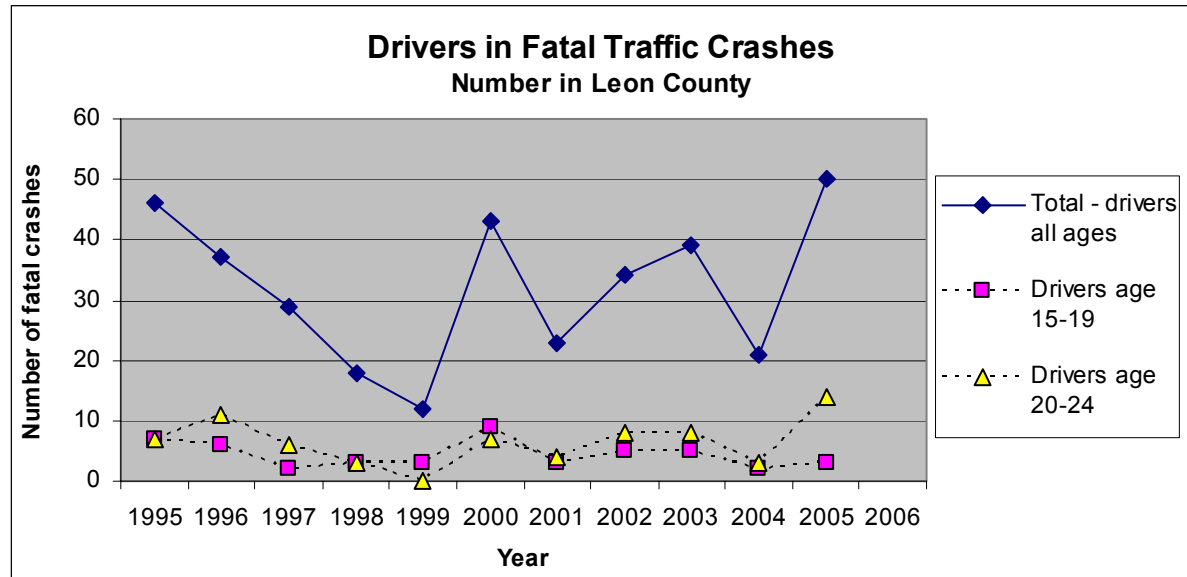
Young drivers (age 15-24) accounted for 34% (seventeen out of fifty) of drivers in fatal crashes in 2005.

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	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Drivers aged 15-19	2	3	3	9	3	5	5	2	3
Drivers aged 20-24	6	3	0	7	4	8	8	3	14
Total - drivers all ages	29	18	12	43	23	34	39	21	50
Percent - drivers age 15-24*	28%	33%	25%	37%	30%	38%	33%	24%	34%

* Not shown in graph.



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Indicator 7: Drinking and Driving

Updated
11/26/06

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 the rates for the State.

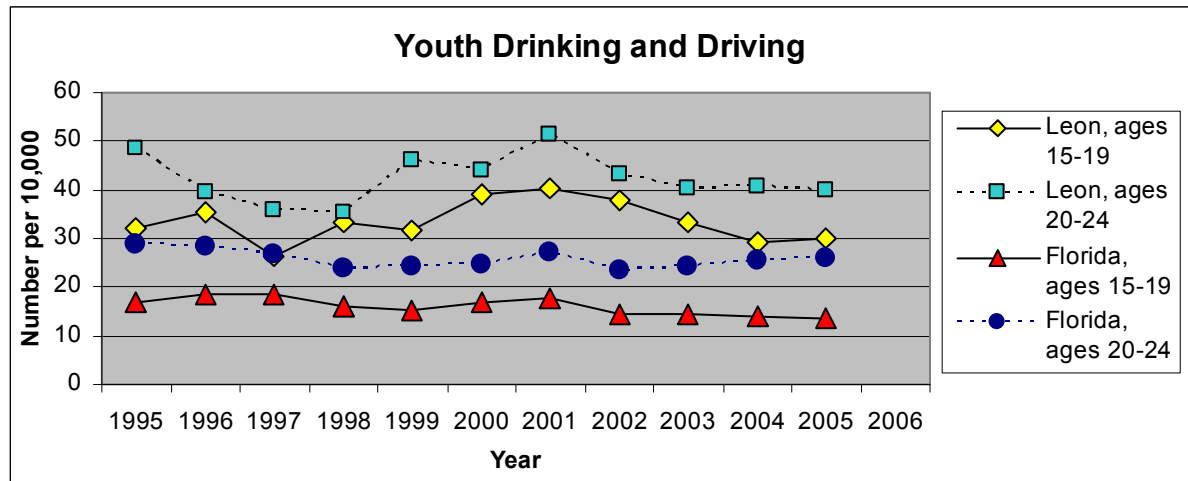
The percent of total fatalities alcohol-related in Leon County for all ages reached 50% in 2005 with 21 deaths from alcohol-related traffic crashes.

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	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Leon, ages 15-19	31.65	39.13	40.08	37.74	33.13	29.00	30.00
Florida, ages 15-19	15.23	16.75	17.58	14.38	14.30	13.79	13.57
Leon, ages 20-24	46.03	43.94	51.28	43.35	40.24	40.50	40.00
Florida, ages 20-24	24.27	24.68	27.24	23.60	24.24	25.32	25.95
Percent of total fatalities alcohol-related							
Leon County – all ages*	31%	42%	32%	33%	33%	47%	50%
Florida – all ages*	32%	33%	33%	32%	34%	34%	35%

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Indicator 8: Perception of Neighborhood Safety

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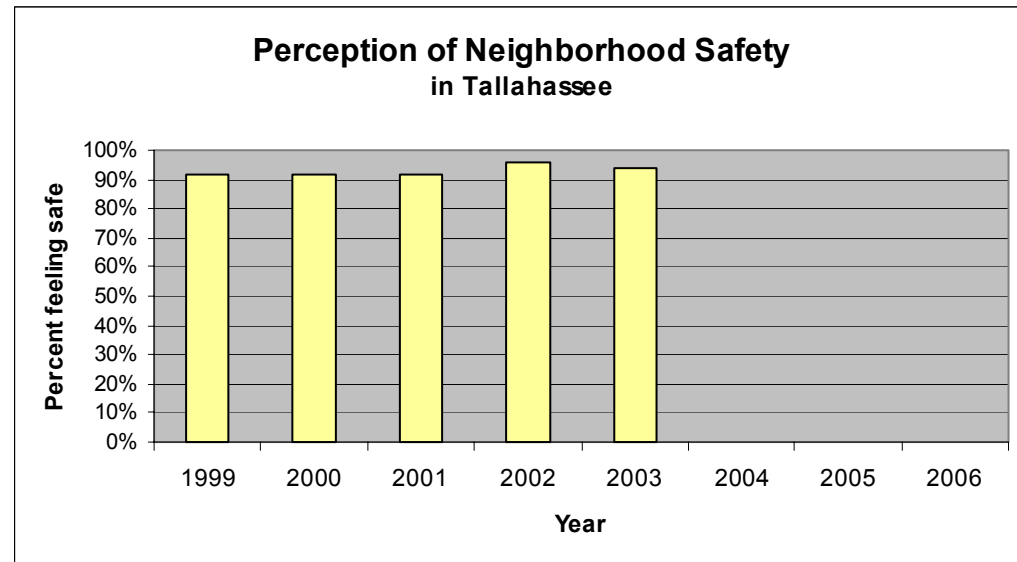
Indicator:

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

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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:

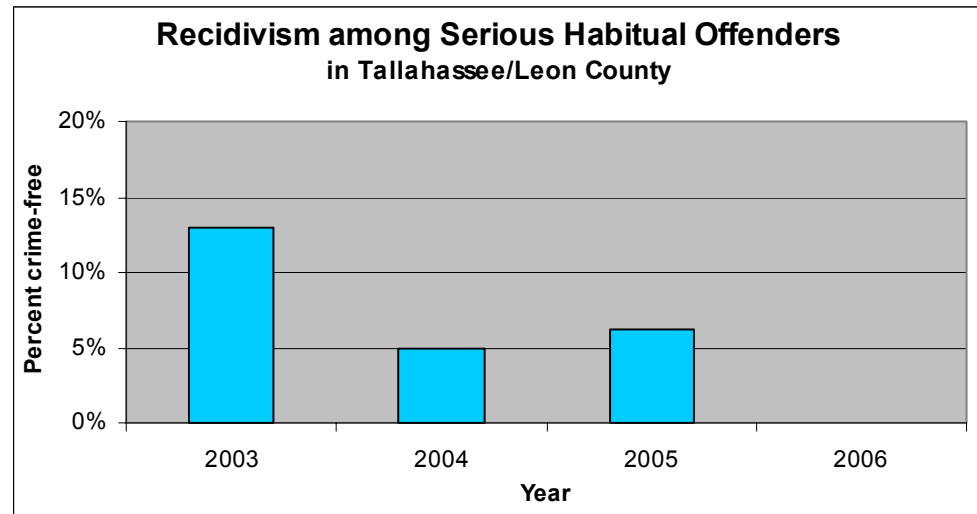
In 2005, Tallahassee/Leon County had 48 youths under 18 who had a history of repeatedly committing serious crimes. Usually, these juveniles are in and out of the juvenile justice system with no improvement in their behavior. These serious habitual offenders account for a very small percentage of juvenile offenders, but they typically 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.

Data source:

Tallahassee Police Department
Serious Habitual Offender Comprehensive Action Program

Website:

<http://www.talgov.com>



Tallahassee-Leon County	2003	2004	2005
Number of serious habitual offenders (under age 18)	45	37	48
Number crime free after one year	6	2	3
Percent crime free after one year	13%	5%	6%