

Fiscal Year 2007/2008
Budget in Brief

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Leon County, Florida
Board of County Commissioners

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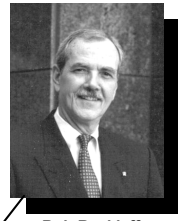
The mission of the Leon County Board of County Commissioners is to preserve and enhance the outstanding quality of life which has made our community a desirable place to live, work and raise our children. Through the provision of cost effective superior services, county government will ensure the promotion of orderly growth for the economic health and safety of its citizens.



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District 3



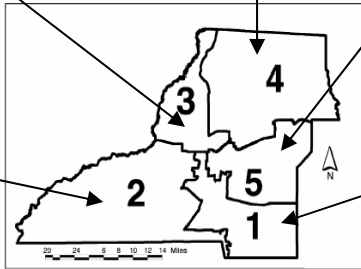
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October 1, 2007



Fellow Citizens,

The Leon County Board of County Commissioners is proud to present the Budget in Brief for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2007 and ending September 30, 2008. This document has been designed to communicate the basic budget information for the adopted FY 2008 annual operating and five-year capital improvement plan.

The adopted budget provides for a significant reduction in the property tax rate. The FY 2008 rate is 7.713 mills. This compares to last year's rate of 8.49 mills. The reduction reflects the countywide rate going from 7.99 to 7.213. The property tax rate reduction is the most significant in Leon County's recent history. Over the past two years, the total millage rate has decreased 1.447 mills or 16%.

Within the following pages of this document we have brought together those areas of the budget we feel are of the greatest interest to you. Included are pages outlining millage rate reduction impacts, major sources of revenue, major expenditures by service area, and statistical information regarding comparative data from other similar Florida counties.

We sincerely hope that you find this document and the information contained within interesting, informative and useful.

Sincerely,

P. A.

Parwez Alam
County Administrator

Leon County, Florida is approximately 702 square miles. It has a population of approximately 272,497, with 35% living in the unincorporated area of the County and 65% within the city limits. In November 2002, the County became a charter government, with the passage of a referendum by Leon County voters. A Home Rule Charter gives citizens the power to shape their government to meet their unique and changing needs through a local constitution.

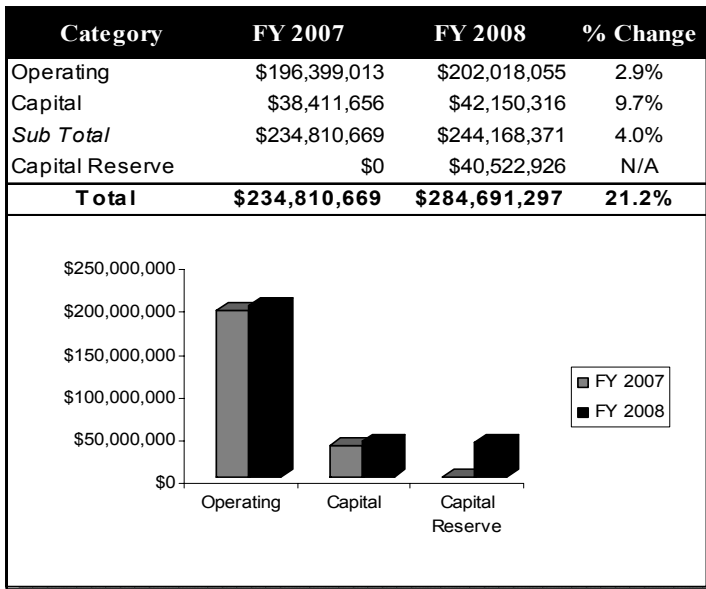
The Board of County Commissioners, whose function is to manage the affairs of the county, is made up of seven members: five elected to serve specific districts and two elected at-large. The County Administrator is appointed by the Board and is responsible for carrying out its directives and policies, as well as the management and supervision of all functions and personnel. The County Attorney, also appointed by the Board, is responsible for the representation of county government, the Board and all departments, divisions, regulatory boards and advisory boards in all legal matters relating to their official responsibilities.

Property Tax Reform - The development of the budget has been significantly influenced by the State of Florida's ongoing property tax reform efforts. Prior to the legislative efforts by the State of Florida, Leon County began implementing property tax relief in the past fiscal year.

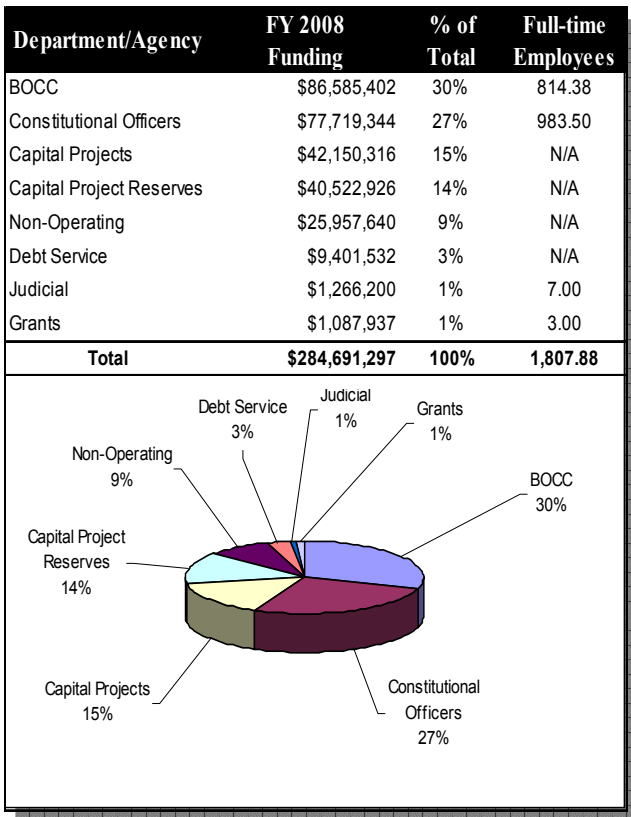
For the development of the budget, new legislation requires counties to levy a tax rate 3-9% below the rolled-back rate. The amount of the reduction is based upon the County's growth in per capita property taxes over the past five years. Due to past fiscal constraints, the County fell within the lowest tier of the statutory reduction. In future budget cycles, the County's tax rate will be capped based upon the increases in new construction and the per capita personal income growth rate.

Budget Summary - The total budget, excluding capital reserves, is \$244,168,371, which represents an increase of 4%. The operating budget of \$202,018,055 reflects an increase of 2.9%, and the capital budget of \$42,150,316 reflects an increase of 9.7%. Capital projects are those that have a minimum useful life of 10 years and a minimum cost of \$10,000. They may include buildings, recreational facilities, road and drainage structures, and large pieces of equipment. The budget also includes a large reserve of \$40,522,926 for capital projects.

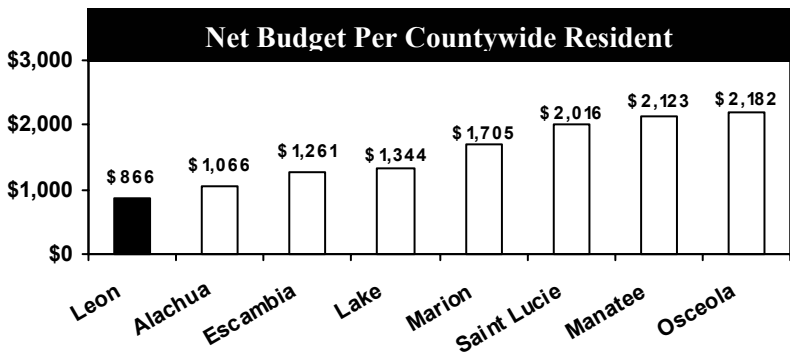
The following table provides a summary of the FY 2008 budget:



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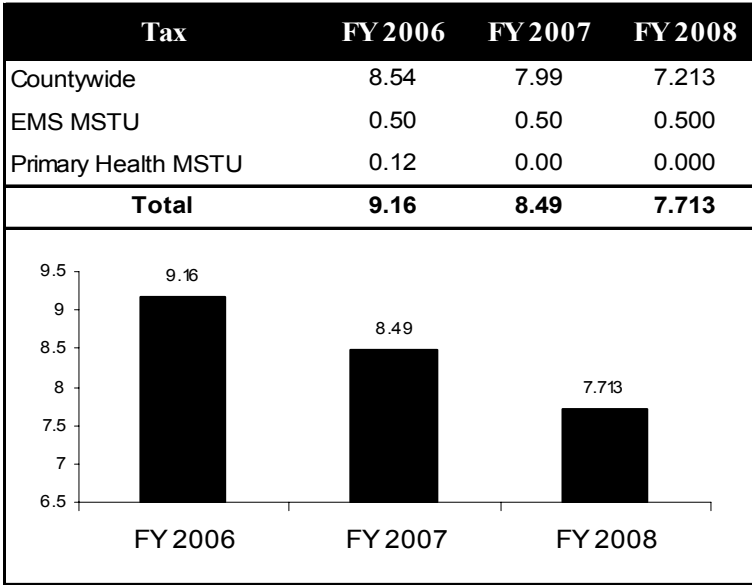


Compared to like-sized counties, Leon County has the lowest net budget per countywide resident for FY 2007.



The FY 2008 budget provides funding to continue high levels of service to the citizens of Leon County while reducing the total millage rate.

Property Tax Rates



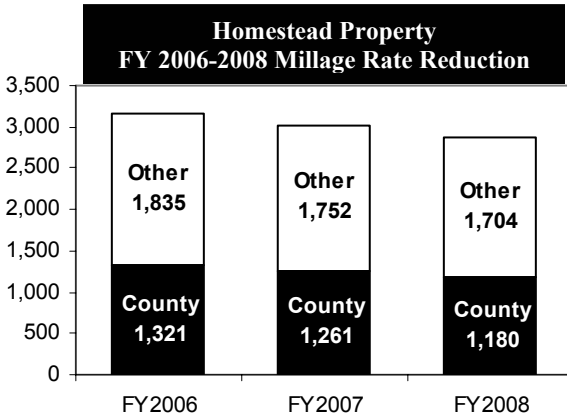
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Tax Payer Savings

Taxable Value	FY 2007	FY 2008	Total
\$150,000	\$101	\$117	\$217
\$200,000	\$134	\$155	\$289
\$250,000	\$168	\$194	\$362
\$300,000	\$201	\$233	\$434

Note: The taxable value takes into consideration a \$25,000 exemption.

The following chart shows an example of the aggregate effect of Leon County reducing the countywide millage rate over the past two years on a homestead with the valuation capped at 3% under the “Save Our Homes” constitutional amendment. In this example, county taxes have been reduced more than the aggregate of all other property taxes by \$10.

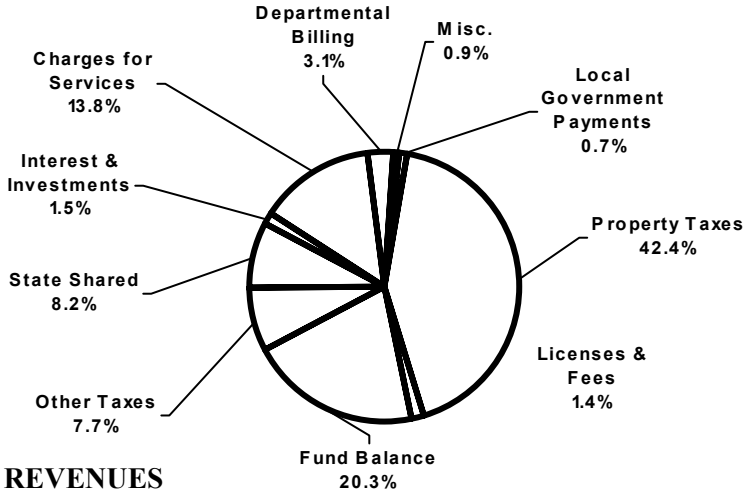


Based on a taxable value of \$178,000 with a 3% annual growth

The following table shows the service cost distribution of ad valorem taxes for a \$178,000 single family home with a \$25,000 exemption.

FY 2008 Services	Ad Valorem Tax (\$1,180 Bill)	Monthly Allocation	% of Ad Valorem
Sheriff - Law Enforcement	\$297.05	\$24.75	25.17%
Sheriff - Corrections	\$264.59	\$22.05	22.43%
Emergency Medical System	\$76.50	\$6.37	6.48%
Library Services	\$61.42	\$5.12	5.20%
Facilities Management	\$60.18	\$5.01	5.10%
Health & Human Services	\$53.22	\$4.43	4.51%
Tax Collector	\$48.43	\$4.04	4.10%
Management Information Services	\$46.78	\$3.90	3.96%
Property Appraiser	\$43.50	\$3.62	3.69%
Supervisor of Elections	\$35.97	\$3.00	3.05%
Other Criminal Justice (Probation, DJJ)	\$32.51	\$2.71	2.75%
Administration/Intergovernmental Affairs	\$22.55	\$1.88	1.91%
Community Redevelopment - Payment	\$20.76	\$1.73	1.76%
Veterans, Volunteer, Agricultural Co-op, Planning	\$17.29	\$1.44	1.47%
Line Item Agency Funding	\$14.52	\$1.21	1.23%
Clerk of the Circuit Court	\$13.38	\$1.12	1.13%
Budgeted Reserves	\$12.67	\$1.06	1.07%
Board of County Commissioners	\$12.54	\$1.05	1.06%
Risk Allocations	\$12.08	\$1.01	1.02%
Other Non-Operating/Communications	\$10.99	\$0.92	0.93%
Mosquito Control	\$8.11	\$0.68	0.69%
Support Services/Purchasing/MWSBE	\$7.59	\$0.63	0.64%
Court Administration/Other Court Programs	\$5.62	\$0.47	0.48%
State Attorney/Public Defender	\$1.83	\$0.15	0.15%
Total	\$1,180.08	\$98.34	100.00%

Where the \$284,691,297 comes from...



MAJOR REVENUES

(FY 2008 Revenue Estimates Projected in Millions)

AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES (\$113.9)

Ad Valorem property taxes are derived from all nonexempt real and personal property located within the county.

LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (\$3.8)

The Local Government Infrastructure Sales Tax (Local Option) is a 1-cent sales tax on all transactions up to \$5,000. Effective December 2004, the sales taxes are disbursed at 80% for Blueprint 2000, 10% County and 10% City. In prior years, according to the existing agreement with the City, the revenue is split 52.84% County and 47.16% City.

STATE REVENUE SHARING TAX (\$5.2)

The Florida Legislature repealed the intangible tax revenues which comprised the majority of the County's revenue sharing in 2002. The Legislature replaced the lost revenue with a 2.044% of sales tax collections (96.5% of revenue sharing comes from this source and 3.5% comes from cigarette tax collections) (Florida Statutes 210 and 212).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT 1/2 CENT SALES TAX (\$12.4)

The Local Government 1/2 Cent Sales Tax is based on 8.814 percent of net sales tax proceeds remitted by all sales tax dealers located within the county. Revenue is shared between County (56.6%) and City (43.4%) based on a statutory defined distribution formula.

9TH CENT GAS TAX (\$1.4)

Prior to FY 2002, the 9th Cent Gas Tax was a state imposed 1-cent tax on diesel and special fuel. The County now levies the tax locally on all fuel consumption.

STATE SHARED GAS TAX (\$4.1)

Tax derived from the County Fuel Tax and the Constitutional Gas Tax. These revenues are all restricted to transportation related expenditures.

LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX (\$3.7)

This is a locally imposed tax of 6 cents per gallon on every net gallon of motor and diesel fuel. Per the interlocal agreements, this revenue is shared 50/50 for the first 4 cents between the City and County and 60% City and 40% County for the remaining 2 cents.

LOCAL OPTION TOURIST TAX (\$3.5)

This is a locally imposed 4% tax levied on rentals and leases of less than six-month duration. A 1% option has been levied by the Board to pay for a performing arts center.

ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS FEES (\$2.3)

Environmental Permit/Development Review fees are revenues derived from development projects for compliance with stormwater, landscape, tree protection, site development, zoning, and subdivision regulations.

BUILDING PERMITS FEES (\$1.7)

Building Permit fees are revenues derived from developers of residential and commercial property. Revenues are intended to offset the cost of inspections assuring that development activity meets local, state and federal building code requirements.

LANDFILL AND TRANSFER STATION TIPPING FEES (\$9.3)

Tipping fees are revenues collected by the County for sorting, reclaiming and disposing of solid waste at the County landfill and transfer station.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS TAX (\$4.0)

This is a two-tiered tax, each with its own rate. The two taxes are the State Communications Services Tax (State Tax) and the Local Option Communications Services Tax (Local Option Tax). The County levies the local tax at a rate of 5.22%. The County has also eliminated its 5% cable franchise fee and certain right-of-way permit fees.

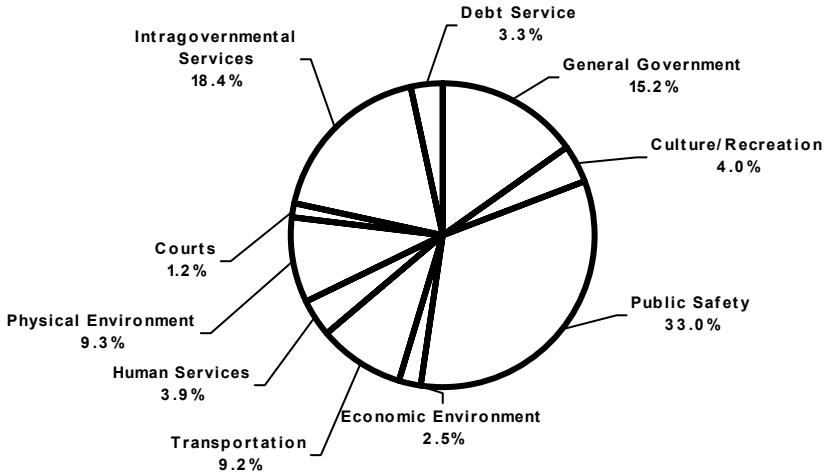
PUBLIC SERVICE TAX (\$5.2)

The Public Service Tax is based upon a 10% levy on gas, water, electric services and \$.04 per gallon on fuel oil.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MSTU and AMBULANCE FEES (\$14.2)

Funding for emergency medical services is provided by a .50 mil municipal service taxing unit (MSTU) property tax and ambulance transport fees. Estimates indicate that \$8.1 million will be generated from the MSTU and \$6.1 million from ambulance fees.

... and where the \$284,691,297 goes.



Public Safety – These services enhance the quality of life by ensuring the security of both persons and property. Funding supports Emergency Management Services, Sheriff’s Office, Medical Examiner, Building Inspection Division, etc.

Function	FY 2008 Budget	% of Public Safety	Budget Share	# of Employees
Law Enforcement	\$33,457,647	35.70%	11.75%	641.00
Fire Control	\$5,030,447	5.37%	1.77%	0.00
Detention/Correction	\$33,703,182	35.96%	11.84%	31.00
Protective Inspections	\$1,812,153	1.93%	0.64%	21.28
Emergency & Disaster Relief	\$2,123,711	2.27%	0.75%	2.00
Ambulance & Rescue	\$17,073,639	18.22%	6.00%	95.50
Medical Examiner	\$375,000	0.40%	0.13%	0.00
Other Public Safety	\$150,060	0.16%	0.05%	0.00
Total	\$93,725,839	100%	33%	790.78

Budget Highlights:

- \$4 million towards the construction of a hardened Emergency Medical Services building
- \$2 million in recurring revenue to fund the Joint Dispatch Center/Radio Communication project
- \$1.8 million for implementation of the final year of the salary parity study for sheriff deputies and correctional officers
- \$150,060 for organizations that provide driver education programs

Human Services – These services primarily include Health & Human Services, Mosquito Control, and Primary Uninsured Healthcare.

Function	FY 2008 Budget	% of Human Services	Budget Share	# of Employees
Health & Human Services	\$3,986,751	36.00%	1.40%	28.00
Mosquito Control	\$917,052	8.28%	0.32%	6.00
Primary Health Care	\$1,637,505	14.79%	0.58%	0.00
Medicaid/Indigent Burials	\$1,628,500	14.70%	0.57%	0.00
Other Human Services	\$2,724,633	24.60%	0.96%	4.00
Capital Improvement Projects	\$181,000	1.63%	0.06%	0.00
Total	\$11,075,441	100%	4%	38.00

Budget Highlights:

- \$1.3 million in general revenue to fund primary health care
- \$100,000 for continued support of the Public Safety Coordinating Council to make recommendations for alternative diversionary programs to reduce incarceration rates
- \$888,184 in human service line item funding to agencies including \$300,000 for the Tallahassee Memorial Trauma Center
- An additional \$65,000 for Community Health Safety Partnership (CHSP) for a total commitment of \$750,000

Culture and Recreation – This category represents a broad range of services provided by the County including Parks and Recreation and the Libraries.

Function	FY 2008 Budget	% of Culture & Recreation	Budget Share	# of Employees
Libraries	\$6,654,190	58.84%	2.34%	115.70
Parks & Recreation	\$3,923,557	34.70%	1.38%	25.00
Cultural Services	\$710,850	6.29%	0.25%	0.00
Special Events	\$20,000	0.18%	0.01%	0.00
Total	\$11,308,597	100%	4%	140.70

Budget Highlights:

- \$370,000 to maintain existing parks and greenways, including the replacement of worn playground equipment
- \$710,850 in cultural program grant dollars (\$526,780 from the Tourist Development Council and \$184,170 from general revenue)

Transportation – This program provided by the Engineering and Operations Divisions of Public Works offers services related to traffic safety and projects that promote the adequate flow of vehicles, travelers, and pedestrians.

Function	FY 2008 Budget	% of Transportation	Budget Share	# of Employees
Operating Budget	\$8,931,267	33.91%	3.14%	107.00
Capital Improvement Projects	\$17,408,226	66.09%	6.11%	0.00
Total	\$26,339,493	100%	9%	107.00

Budget Highlights:

- Elimination of the Tharpe Street widening project and reallocating \$24.8 million over several years for maintenance of the existing transportation network
- \$3 million for intersection and safety improvements and \$1.9 million for arterial and collector road resurfacing
- \$2 million towards the completion of improvements to Buck Lake Road
- \$1.2 million for sidewalks with \$700,000 utilized for Aenon Church Road
- \$1.6 million in transportation fund balance for the construction of heavy equipment storage complex at the Public Works Center

Environmental Services – These services allow the County to provide a quality living environment by controlling and utilizing elements of the natural surroundings. Divisions include Stormwater Maintenance, Cooperative Extension, Development Services, Geographic Information Systems, Environmental Compliance, and Water Quality.

Function	FY 2008 Budget	% of Environmental	Budget Share	# of Employees
Garbage/Solid Waste Control	\$11,352,835	42.93%	3.99%	47.00
Sewer/ Wastewater Services	\$237,280	0.90%	0.08%	0.00
Conservation/Resource Mgt.	\$5,554,586	21.00%	1.95%	60.90
Flood Control	\$6,984,850	26.41%	2.45%	46.00
Other Physical Environment	\$2,317,014	8.76%	0.81%	17.16
Total	\$26,446,565	100%	9%	171.06

Budget Highlights:

- \$1.2 million for flood mitigation in the Killlearn Acres subdivision
- \$50,000 to fund the Water Atlas project as recommended by the Water Management Policy Board

Economic Development – These are services designed to develop and improve the economic conditions of the community and its citizens. Divisions include Tourist Development (TDC), Economic Development Council (EDC), Veteran Services and Housing.

Function	FY 2008 Budget	% of Economic Development	Budget Share	# of Employees
Summer Youth Employment	\$73,943	1.03%	0.03%	0.00
TDC/EDC	\$3,803,305	53.16%	1.34%	3.00
Com. Redevelopment/Housing	\$3,277,748	45.81%	1.15%	9.00
Total	\$7,154,996	100%	3%	12.00

Budget Highlights:

- Continued funding of the Downtown and Southside/Frenchtown CRA
- \$136,895 for continued funding for the Small Business Enterprise program and the associated contract with Florida A&M University
- \$100,000 in Tourist Development funding to host regional sports events
- \$199,500 for the continued funding of the Economic Development Council

Courts – This includes services provided by the 2nd Judicial Circuit, State Attorney, Public Defender and the Clerk of Courts. On July 1, 2004, new legislation caused the County’s support role to change significantly making the State responsible for the majority of court related funding. The County is now obligated for expenses such as facilities, technology and security.

Function	FY 2008 Budget	% of Courts	Budget Share	# of Employees
Court Administration	\$267,813	7.70%	0.09%	3.00
State Attorney	\$104,640	3.01%	0.04%	0.00
Public Defender	\$123,034	3.54%	0.04%	0.00
Clerk of Circuit Courts (Article V)	\$344,220	9.90%	0.12%	0.00
Guardian Ad Litem	\$21,827	0.63%	0.01%	0.00
Other Court Related Programs ¹	\$2,616,289	75.23%	0.92%	4.00
Total	\$3,477,823	100%	1%	7.00

1. Other court related programs include two state mandates: Department of Juvenile Justice payment (\$1.95 million) and the Regional Conflict Counsel (\$300,000).

Budget Highlights:

- Increased the Juvenile Assessment payment to the State by \$437,800, to a total of \$1.95 million
- Continued funding of Teen Court, Law Library, and Guardian Ad Litem

General Government – This includes services provided by the legislative and administrative branches of the County. Additionally, funding is allocated in support of services provided by the Property Appraiser, Tax Collector, Supervisor of Elections, County Attorney, and the joint City/County Planning Department.

Function	FY 2008 Budget	% of General Government	Budget Share	# of Employees
Legislative	\$1,350,816	3.12%	0.47%	14.00
Executive	\$1,505,489	3.48%	0.53%	13.00
Property Appraiser	\$4,684,337	10.83%	1.65%	58.00
Tax Collector	\$5,417,790	12.53%	1.90%	86.00
Clerk Finance	\$1,503,145	3.48%	0.53%	182.50
Financial & Administrative	\$8,670,626	20.05%	3.05%	81.84
Legal Counsel	\$1,518,847	3.51%	0.53%	10.00
Comprehensive Planning	\$911,232	2.11%	0.32%	29.00
Other Services ¹	\$13,839,196	31.99%	4.86%	50.00
Supervisor of Elections	\$3,853,209	8.91%	1.35%	17.00
Total	\$43,254,687	100%	15%	541.34

1. Other governmental services include: Facilities Management and general capital projects such as the Courthouse and Courthouse Annex renovations.

Budget Highlights:

- \$15,458,481 million or 35.8% of General Government to support the Property Appraiser, Tax Collector, Clerk of Court, and Supervisor of Elections constitutional officers

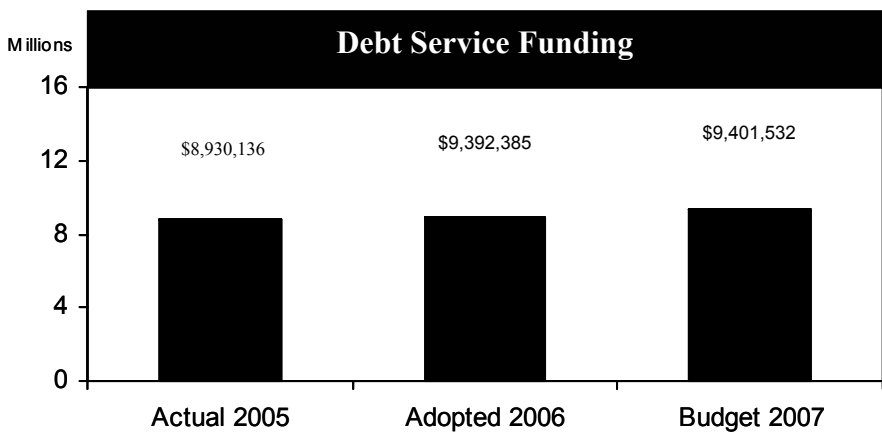
Intergovernmental and Non-Operating Expenses – Funding is provided for those activities for which costs do not apply solely to any specific county department’s function but are either applicable to the operation of county government as a whole, or are provided for the public good. The county employees responsible for the administration of these programs are represented in specific county administrator department budgets. Activities include fleet and risk management, countywide communication services, infrastructure, and reserves.

In FY 2008, a total of \$52,506,324 was allocated for intergovernmental/non-operating expenses. This is a significant increase over the prior fiscal year due to the Board budgeting \$40.5 million in reserves to fund capital projects for the next five to eight years. This budgeted reserve will pay for Leon County’s general capital needs for five years, and pay for maintaining the existing transportation network for the next five to eight years. This allocation represented approximately 18% of the FY 2008 budget.

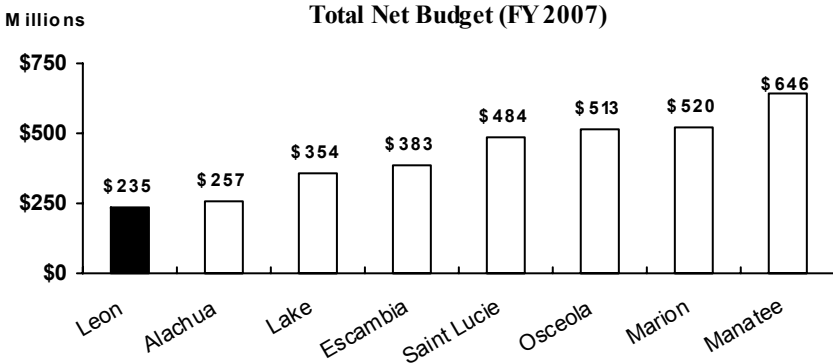
Function	FY2008 Budget	% of Intergov'n't & Non Operating	Budget Share
Fleet Management	\$2,712,904	5.17%	0.95%
Risk Management	\$5,366,303	10.22%	1.88%
Communications	\$749,998	1.43%	0.26%
Infrastructure	\$124,175	0.24%	0.04%
Reserves	\$43,552,944	82.95%	15.30%
Total	\$52,506,324	100%	18%

Debt Service – The various debt service funds account for debt service, including the accumulation of resources and payment of principal and interest associated with the existing bonds previously issued by the County.

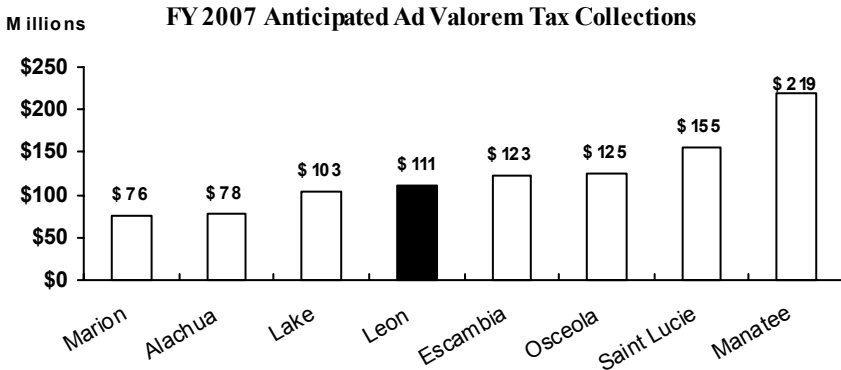
The County retired two debt service bonds during FY 2007. In FY 2008, a total of \$9,401,532 was allocated by the Board of County Commissioners for debt service expenses. This allocation represents approximately 3% of the total FY 2008 budget.



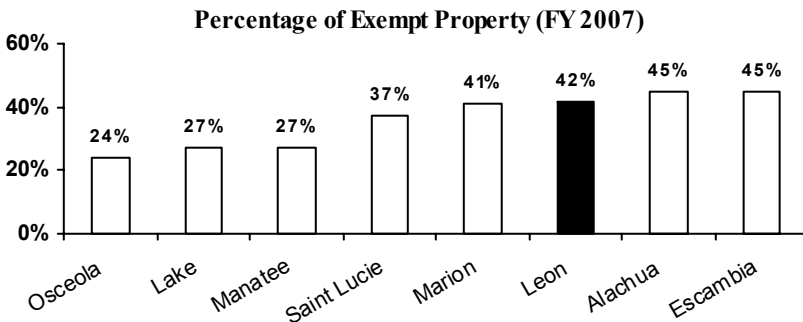
How We Compare



Compared to similar counties, Leon County has the lowest total net budget.



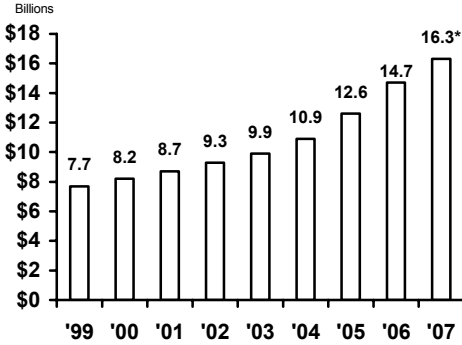
Among like-sized counties, Leon County collects a moderate amount of Ad Valorem taxes.



All property of the Nation and State which is used for governmental purposes is exempt from Ad Valorem taxation. Leon County hosts Florida's state government, two universities, one community college, and a large portion of the Apalachee National Forest, all of which are exempt from property taxation.

Community Economic Profile

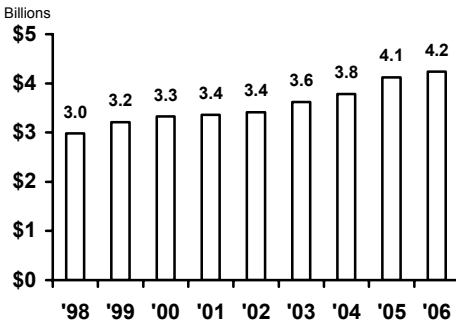
Annual Taxable Value



Source: Certification of Final Taxable Value, Forms DR-420 & DR-422
 * Certification of Taxable Value, Form DR-420

Taxable values have increased steadily over the past seven years. For 2007 the value of taxable property is \$16.3 billion. New development and land sales have helped to increase Leon County's taxable value.

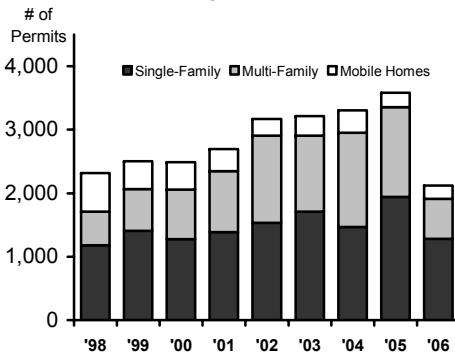
Taxable Retail Sales



Source: Florida Legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research

Taxable sales data are popularly used as one indicator of regional economic activity. The data is derived from sales tax returns filed monthly by retail establishments with the Florida Department of Revenue. Retail sales have experienced a steady increase since 2004.

Residential Building Permits

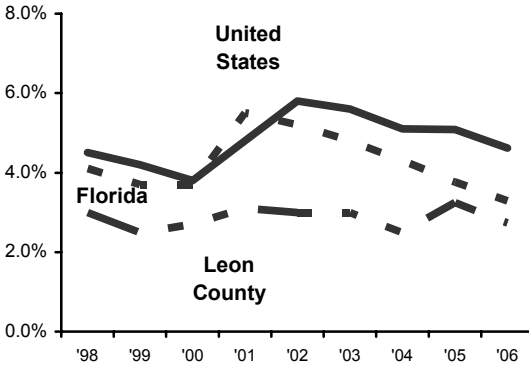


Source: Leon County Growth & Environmental Management and City of Tallahassee Building Inspection Division, and Tallahassee Leon County Planning Department.

Overall, residential building permits grew relatively steady from 2002 to 2005. However, in 2006, single-family permits decreased by 34.2%.

Multi-family homes and mobile home permits experienced a significant decrease of 48.7% over the past year.

Community Economic Profile



Source: Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, Labor Market Statistics; US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics; Tallahassee Leon County Planning Department

Unemployment Statistics - Unemployment rates are a traditional indicator of economic health. Leon County's unemployment rate has remained below the state and national averages for the past eight years. After increasing from 2000 to 2002, the unemployment rate has decreased from 2003 through 2006. In 2005, the unemployment rate dropped 16% from 3.25% to 2.73%.

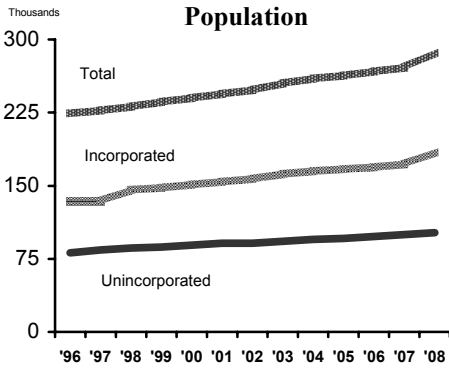
Employment by Industry, 1995 vs. 2005 - Over the past ten years, Leon County's major industries include Government, Retail Trade, Trade/Transportation and Utilities, and Education/Health Services. This is attributed to the support needed for the large government and higher education infrastructure located in the Tallahassee Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).

The most dramatic increase over the past decade has been both Professional and Business Services and Construction. Manufacturing is the only industry that has seen a decrease.

Industry	Employees 1996	% Labor Force	Employees 2006	% Labor Force	% Change
Government	59,700	34.8%	62,500	31.2%	4.7%
Professional and Business Services	14,000	8.2%	20,100	10.0%	43.6%
Retail Trade	17,000	9.9%	19,800	9.9%	16.5%
Financial Activities	6,000	3.5%	8,300	4.1%	38.3%
Information	3,500	2.0%	3,900	1.9%	11.4%
Education and Health Services	14,400	8.4%	17,300	8.6%	20.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	12,000	7.0%	16,000	8.0%	33.3%
Construction	6,800	4.0%	10,000	5.0%	47.1%
Wholesale	3,400	2.0%	3,700	1.8%	8.8%
Manufacturing	5,100	3.0%	4,400	2.2%	-13.7%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	22,200	13.0%	26,000	13.0%	17.1%
Other Services	7,300	4.3%	8,500	4.2%	16.4%
Total	171,400	100.0%	200,500	100.0%	17.0%

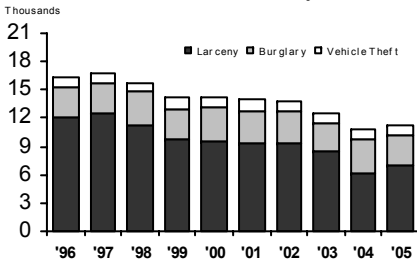
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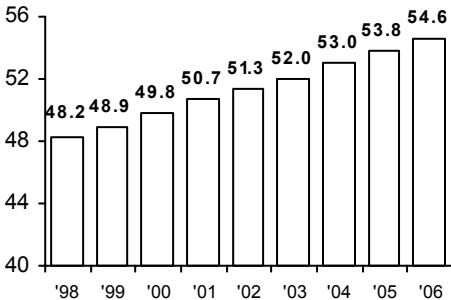
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Crimes Against Property in Leon County



Source: Florida Statistical Analysis Center, FDLE

Homestead Parcels



Leon County population, as of February 2006 was 272,497: 65% Incorporated and 35% Unincorporated. Average ratios over the past decade have remained steady at this 2/3 & 1/3 ratio. Total county population projections are moderate and are stable at 1.8%. The county and the incorporated area have grown steadily. Population estimates include higher education enrollment.

Generally, property crime in Leon County has continually decreased since 1995. Over the 10-year period, there has been an average of 6.72% decrease for Leon County. The greatest decline occurred from 2003 to 2004 at 13.44%.

Larceny in Leon County saw the greatest decline from 2003 to 2004 at 25.82%. Contrary to 2004, larceny increased by 11% in 2005.

Growth in homestead parcels remains steady at an average of 1.6% growth per year. From 2005 to 2006 there was a 1.4% increase, with an additional 743 homesteaded parcels.