

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

COURTS

Court operations funded for Fiscal Year 2002/2003 represent a broad range of services provided by the Judicial Branch of Leon County government. This includes services provided by the Second Judicial circuit of the State of Florida, the State Attorney, and the Public Defender. The County Constitutional Office of the Clerk of the Court also provides services in support of the Judicial Branch of government.

FUNDING

In Fiscal Year 2002/2003 a total of \$9,224,462 was allocated by the Board of County Commissioners in support of Judicial Branch and court related operations. This allocation represents almost 5% of the total Fiscal Year 2002/2003 budget.

HIGHLIGHTS

Key highlights of the Fiscal Year 2002/2003 operating budget, with respect to court related services include:

- ◆ Additional funding has been provided for one court reporter.
- ◆ Funding in support of cost containment strategies in the conflict attorney and other court obligations programs.
- ◆ Continued funding of future constitutionally mandated consolidated court system.
- ◆ Increased funding in support of various court/judicial programs to include: Teen Court and Mediation, Family Law Assistance, Family Visitation, and the Guardian Ad Litem program.
- ◆ Continued support of the Public Defender's Office and programs.
- ◆ Continued support of the State Attorney's Office.



The County Courthouse is located at 301 South Monroe Street.

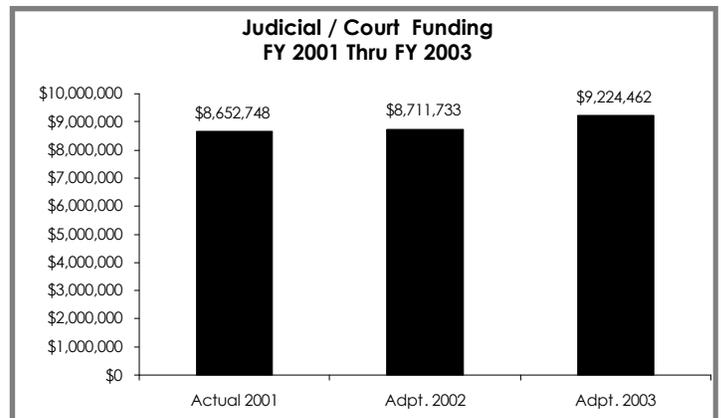


Figure 9: Judicial / Court funding for the past three fiscal years.

COUNTY FACT

In FY 2002, the second Judicial Circuit held almost 300 jury trials.