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Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Budget in Brief

Leon County, Florida
Board of County Commissioners

LEON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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 provisions of cost effective superior services, Leon County Government will ensure the promotion of orderly growth for the economic health and safety of its citizens.



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District Map



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Administrator's Message

October 1, 2008



Fellow Citizens,

The Leon County Board of County Commissioners is proud to present the Budget in Brief for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2008 and ending September 30, 2009. This document has been designed to communicate the basic budget information for the adopted FY 2009 annual operating and five-year capital improvement plan.

The adopted budget provides a reduction of \$17million or a 6.07% decrease from last fiscal year. This includes decreasing capital expenditures by 23.32% while holding operating increases to less than one percent. In addition, the combined ad valorem rate of 8.35 mills does not increase county property taxes on a \$254,000 home, while a median valued homesteaded property will see a decrease in county property taxes.

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 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 272,896, 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.

Budget Summary Property Tax Reform

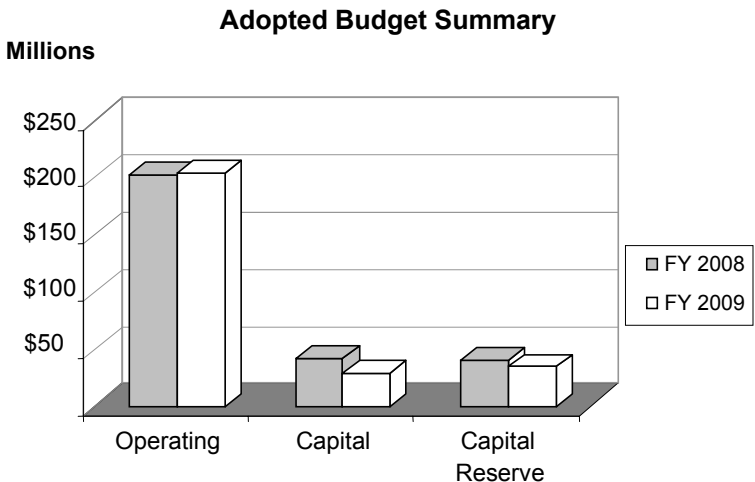
Amendment #1 (voter approved property tax reform) was passed in January, 2008. This Amendment, coupled with the decline in state shared sales tax and gas tax revenue, had a significant impact upon the development of the FY09 Adopted Budget.

Budget Summary

The total budget, excluding capital reserves, is \$233,182,518. This represents a decrease of 4.5% between FY 2008 and FY 2009. The operating budget of \$204,013,672 reflects an increase of .99%, and the capital budget of \$29,168,846 reflects a decrease of 30.8%. 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 \$34,228,129.

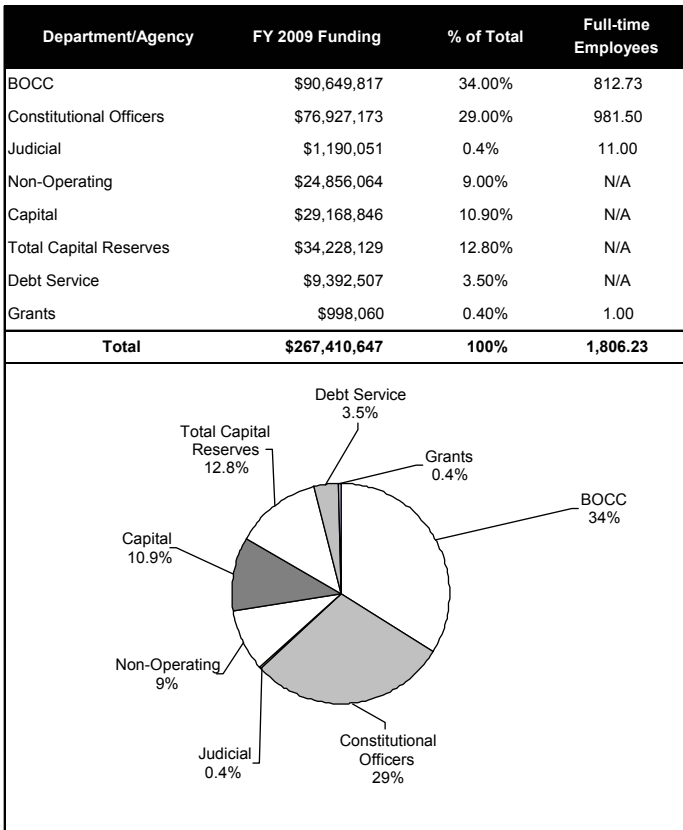
Budget	FY2008	FY2009	% Change
Operating	\$ 202,018,055	\$ 204,013,672	0.99%
Capital	\$ 42,150,316	\$ 29,168,846	-30.80%
Subtotal	\$ 244,168,371	\$ 233,182,518	-4.50%
Capital Reserve	\$ 40,522,926	\$ 34,228,129	-15.53%
Total	\$ 284,691,297	\$ 267,410,647	-6.07%

The following table also summarizes and compares the FY 2009 Adopted budget to the FY 2008 Adopted budget.



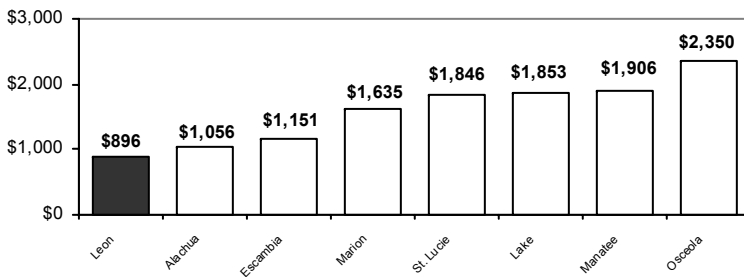
Budget by Program

Depicted organizationally, the FY 2009 budget reflects the following:



Compared to like-sized counties, Leon County has the lowest net budget per county resident for FY 2008.

Net Budget per Countywide Resident



Property Taxes

The combined millage rate for FY 2009 is 8.35 mills. The combined millage rate does not increase the property taxes on a \$254,000 valued home, and a median valued homesteaded property will not see a tax decrease.

The following table provides a summary of the impact of property taxes on a median valued home. As reflected, the property tax savings from FY 2006 to FY 2009 will be \$220 and a reduction of \$78 over the prior year. A homeowner with a median valued home has received a cumulative savings since FY 2006 of \$401.

Median Valued Home Property Taxes

	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09
Countywide	8.54	7.99	7.213	7.85
EMS	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500
Healthcare	0.12	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	9.16	8.49	7.713	8.35
Appraised Value	\$165,000	\$169,200	\$172,805	\$177,239
Taxable Value	\$140,000	\$144,200	\$147,805	\$127,239
Property Taxes	\$1,282	\$1,224	\$1,140	\$1,062
Annual Savings		\$58	\$84	\$78
Cumulative \$			\$201	\$401

FY 2009 Service Cost Distribution of Ad Valorem Taxes

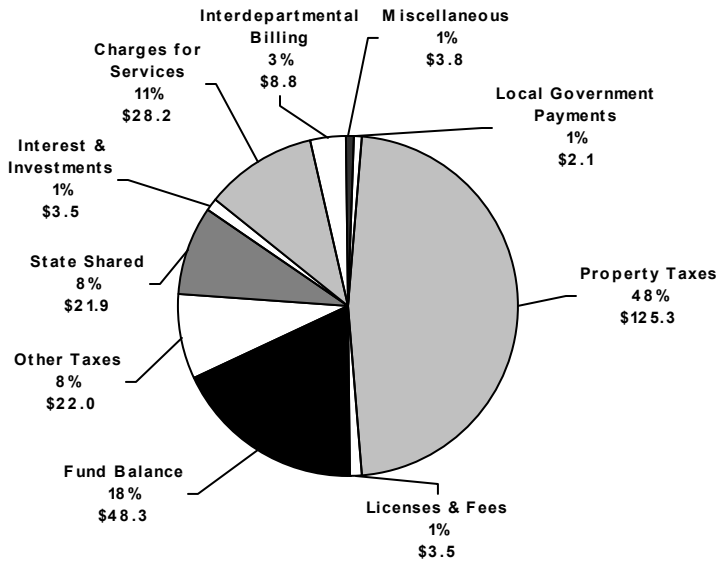
The following table shows the monthly costs for County Government services paid for with property tax revenue. The example depicts the FY09 taxable value of a median priced home priced (\$177,000) with a \$50,000 homestead exemption as specified in Amendment # 1.

Services	FY09 Ad Valorem Tax Bill \$1,060	FY09 Monthly Cost	FY09 Percent of Ad Valorem Taxes
Sheriff - Law Enforcement	\$ 250.16	\$ 20.85	22.77%
Sheriff - Corrections	234.83	19.57	21.37%
Capital Projects	52.09	4.34	10.00%
Emergency Medical Services	63.48	5.29	5.10%
Facilities Management	57.38	4.78	4.56%
Library Services	51.33	4.28	4.61%
Health & Human Services	49.88	4.16	4.54%
Tax Collector	38.73	3.23	3.53%
Property Appraiser	36.21	3.02	3.30%
Management Information Services	30.33	2.53	2.76%
Other Criminal Justice (Probation, DJJ)	26.07	2.17	2.37%
Supervisor of Elections	23.35	1.95	2.13%
Community Redevelopment - Payment	19.96	1.66	1.82%
Administrative Services (1)	18.96	1.58	1.73%
Other Non-Operating/Communications	16.20	1.35	0.80%
Veterans, Volunteer, Agricultural Co-op, Planning	15.76	1.31	1.43%
Board of County Commissioners	10.77	0.90	0.98%
Budgeted Reserves	10.50	0.88	0.89%
Risk Allocations	9.82	0.82	0.90%
Geographic Information Systems	8.24	0.69	0.75%
Clerk of the Court	7.85	0.65	0.72%
Line Item Agency Funding	7.33	0.61	0.67%
Mosquito Control	6.34	0.53	0.58%
Court Administration and Other Court Programs	5.48	0.46	0.69%
Support Services/Purchasing/MWSBE	5.11	0.43	0.65%
Sustainability	3.84	0.32	0.35%
Total	\$ 1,060.00	\$ 88.33	100.00%

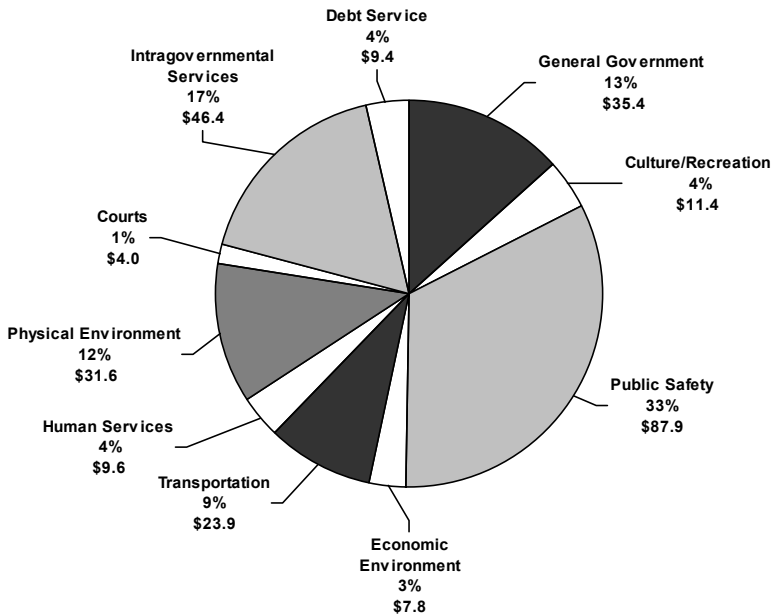
(1) Administrative Services include: County Administration, the County Attorney's Office, Intergovernmental Affairs, the Public Information Office, the Office of Management and Budget and Human Resources.

Revenues and Expenditures

Where the \$267,410,647 comes from...



...and where the \$267,410,647 goes.



MAJOR REVENUE OVERVIEW

(FY 2009 Revenue Estimates projected in Millions at 95%)

AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES (\$117.75) - Ad Valorem property taxes are derived from all nonexempt real and personal property located within the county.

LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (\$3.55) - A 1-cent Local Infrastructure Sales Tax levied 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.

STATE REVENUE SHARING TAX (\$4.52) - Revenue shared from a state trust fund derived from 2.9% of net cigarette collections and 2.044% of sales and use tax collections.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT 1/2 CENT SALES TAX (\$11.7) - 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%).

9TH CENT GAS TAX (\$1.22) - A local 1-cent per gallon tax on diesel and special fuel previously imposed by the State.

STATE SHARED GAS TAX (\$3.64) - Tax derived from the County Fuel Tax and the Constitutional Gas Tax, which are restricted to transportation-related expenditures.

LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX (\$3.17) - This is a locally-imposed tax of 6 cents per gallon on every net gallon of motor and diesel fuel shared with the City of Tallahassee by an inter-local agreement, 50/50 for the first 4 cents and 60% City and 40% County on the remaining 2 cents

LOCAL OPTION TOURIST TAX (\$3.43) - A locally imposed 4% tax levied on rentals and leases of less than six-month duration of which 1% is dedicated for a performing arts center.

ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS FEES (\$1.52) - Revenues derived from the review of development projects to ensure compliance with stormwater, landscape, tree protection, zoning, site development, and subdivision regulations.

BUILDING PERMITS FEES (\$1.67) - Revenues derived from developers of residential and commercial property. Revenues are intended to offset the cost of inspections ensuring development activity meets local, state and federal building code requirements.

SOLID WASTE FACILITY (\$9.71) - Revenues collected for sorting, reclaiming and disposing of solid waste at the solid waste facility and transfer station. *Note: Includes Non-Ad Valorem assessment of \$20/single family home.*

TELECOMMUNICATIONS TAX (\$3.91) - 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).

PUBLIC SERVICE TAX (\$5.4) - 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 (\$15.26) - 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.

Expenditures by Function

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 2009 Budget	% of Environmental	Budget Share	# of Employees
Garbage/Solid Waste Control	\$11,962,228	37.79%	4.47%	49.00
Sewer/Wastewater Services	\$237,280	0.75%	0.09%	0.00
Conservation/Resource Mgt.	\$5,235,424	16.54%	1.96%	60.90
Flood Control	\$11,796,660	37.27%	4.41%	66.00
Other Physical Environment	\$2,422,503	7.65%	0.91%	17.16
Total	\$31,654,095	100%	12%	193.06

Budget Highlights:

- \$3 million provided for stormwater quality improvements for retrofitting Lexington Pond located in the Lake Jackson drainage basin.
- The appropriation of \$1.7 million for stormwater improvements to Lafayette Street.
- \$600,000 for drainage improvements in the Killearn Lakes subdivision.
- Budgeting \$1 million for Blue Print 2000 water quality improvements.

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.

Function	FY 2009 Budget	% of General Government	Budget Share	# of Employees
Legislative	\$1,357,911	3.84%	0.51%	14.00
Executive	\$1,511,089	4.27%	0.57%	13.00
Property Appraiser	\$4,559,707	12.88%	1.71%	56.00
Tax Collector	\$5,095,010	14.39%	1.91%	86.00
Clerk Finance	\$1,542,915	4.36%	0.58%	182.50
Financial & Administrative	\$9,374,007	26.48%	3.51%	81.84
Legal Counsel	\$1,546,437	4.37%	0.58%	10.00
Comprehensive Planning	\$973,508	2.75%	0.36%	29.00
Other Services	\$6,524,021	18.43%	2.44%	39.00
Supervisor of Elections	\$2,917,983	8.24%	1.09%	17.00
Total	\$35,402,588	100%	13%	528.34

Budget Highlights

- \$14,115,615 million or 39.9% of General Government to support the Property Appraiser, Tax Collector, Clerk of Court, Supervisor of Elections, Constitutional Officers, and Judicial Officers.

Expenditures by Function

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

Function	FY 2009 Budget	% of Culture & Recreation	Budget Share	# of Employees
Libraries	\$6,487,159	56.94%	2.43%	115.70
Parks & Recreation	\$4,228,878	37.12%	1.58%	25.00
Cultural Services	\$654,500	5.75%	0.24%	0.00
Special Events	\$21,500	0.19%	0.01%	0.00
Total	\$11,392,037	100%	4%	140.70

Budget Highlights:

- Continued funding for playground improvements at County parks in the amount of, \$150,000.
- \$250,000 in funding for improvements to the Lake Henrietta portion of the Capital Cascades Greenway.
- Providing \$654,500 for the Council on Culture and Arts (COCA) for re-granting to cultural and art organizations from the Tourist Development Council.
- The appropriation of \$150,000 for improvements to Tower Road Park.

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 2009 Budget	% of Transportation	Budget Share	# of Employees
Operating Budget	\$9,028,475	37.74%	3.38%	105.00
Capital Improvement Projects	\$14,891,583	62.26%	5.57%	0.00
Total	\$23,920,058	100%	9%	105.00

Budget Highlights:

- Allocating \$3.2 million for arterial and collector road resurfacing.
- Providing \$5.1 million for transportation and related stormwater projects.
- Providing \$400,000 to construct a right hand turn land at the Talpeco/North Monroe street intersection.
- The allocation of \$750,000 towards safety enhancements on Bannerman Road.
- Appropriating \$800,000 for dirt road stabilization with open cold grade asphalt.
- Providing a savings of \$118,000 by eliminating one survey crew.

Expenditures by Function

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 2009 Budget	% of Public Safety	Budget Share	# of Employees
Law Enforcement	\$32,815,176	37.35%	12.27%	334.00
Fire Control	\$5,165,451	5.88%	1.93%	0.00
Detention/Correction	\$33,095,490	37.67%	12.38%	299.00
Protective Inspections	\$1,829,992	2.08%	0.68%	21.28
Emergency & Disaster Relief	\$152,328	0.17%	0.06%	2.00
Ambulance & Rescue	\$14,244,189	16.21%	5.33%	104.85
Medical Examiner	\$375,000	0.43%	0.14%	0.00
Other Public Safety	\$180,231	0.21%	0.07%	0.00
Total	\$87,857,857	100%	33%	761.13

Budget Highlights:

- Continued support for Law Enforcement and Corrections/Detention, which totals 75% of all public safety funding.
- An additional \$550,000 was appropriated toward the "sinking" fund to replace the correction facility roof.
- Allocated \$482,895 toward the Emergency Medical Services vehicle and equipment replacement program.

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

Function	FY 2009 Budget	% of Human Services	Budget Share	# of Employees
Health & Human Services	\$2,702,336	28.16%	1.01%	14.00
Mosquito Control	\$628,351	6.55%	0.23%	6.00
Primary Health Care	\$1,750,728	18.25%	0.65%	0.00
Medicaid/Indigent Burials	\$1,803,500	18.80%	0.67%	0.00
Other Human Services	\$2,300,331	23.97%	0.86%	8.00
Capital Improvement Projects	\$410,000	4.27%	0.15%	0.00
Total	\$9,595,246	100%	4%	28.00

Budget Highlights:

- \$1.7 million in general revenue to fund primary healthcare, a \$350,000 increase in general revenue funding over FY 2008.
- Providing an additional \$200,000 for required Medicaid payments.
- Maintaining funding to distribute to Community Human Services Partnership (CHSP) grant program in the amount of, \$750,000.
- \$682,000 in human service line item funding to agencies including \$300,000 for the Tallahassee Memorial Trauma Center.

Expenditure by Function

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 2009 Budget	% of Economic Development	Budget Share	# of Employees
Summer Youth Employment	\$73,943	0.95%	0.03%	0.00
TDC/EDC	\$4,026,616	51.89%	1.51%	3.00
Com. Redevelopment/Housing	\$3,658,816	47.15%	1.37%	8.00
Total	\$7,759,375	100%	3%	11.00

Budget Highlights:

- \$2.5 in continued funding for both the Downtown Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) and the Southside/Frenchtown (CRA).
- Providing \$300,000 in funding towards the construction of the Goodwood Museum Conference Center from the Tourist Development Fund.
- \$199,500 of continued funding for the Economic Development Council.
- Continued support and funding for Veterans Services including the military grant program.
- \$74,000 in continued funding for the Summer Youth Employment Program.

Courts – This includes services provided by the 2nd Judicial Circuit, State Attorney, Public Defender, and the Clerk of the 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 2009 Budget	% of Courts	Budget Share	# of Employees
Court Administration	\$373,763	9.37%	0.14%	3.00
State Attorney	\$107,812	2.70%	0.04%	0.00
Public Defender	\$201,541	5.05%	0.01%	0.00
Clerk of the Courts (Article V)	\$384,164	9.63%	0.14%	0.00
Guardian Ad Litem	\$21,836	0.55%	0.01%	0.00
Other Court Related Programs ¹	\$2,898,732	72.69%	1.08%	4.00
Total	\$3,987,848	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:

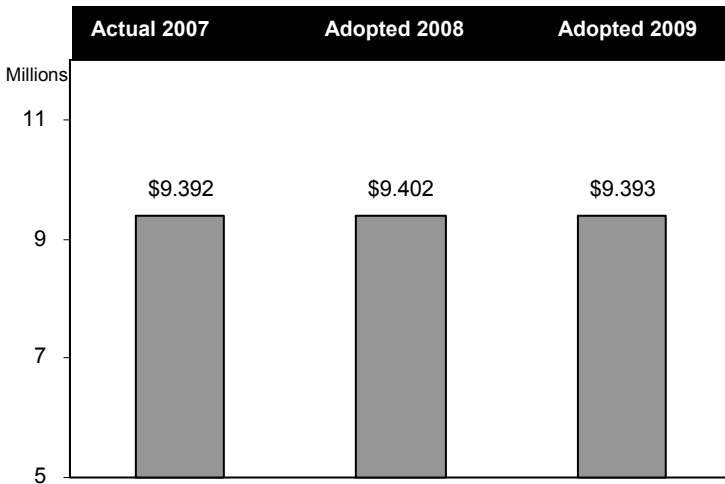
- Increased the Juvenile Assessment payment to the State by \$188,700 for a total budget of \$2.1 million.
- Continued funding of Teen Court, Law Library, and Guardian Ad Litem.

Expenditure by Function

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. There was a 12% decrease in the amount of funding allocated in FY 2008. The budgeted reserves will pay for Leon County's required and maintenance capital needs for five to eight years.

Function	FY 2009 Budget	% of Intergov'n't & Non Operating	Budget Share
Fleet Management	\$3,160,158	6.80%	1.11%
Risk Management	\$4,693,775	10.11%	1.65%
Communications	\$749,921	1.61%	0.26%
Infrastructure	\$90,000	0.19%	0.03%
Reserves	\$37,755,182	81.28%	13.26%
Total	\$46,449,036	100%	16%

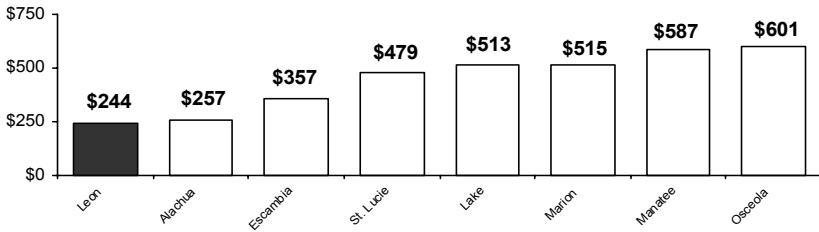
Debt Service – The County maintains level debt service payments. The County retired two debt service bonds during FY 2007. In FY 2008, a total of \$9,401,532 was allocated by the Board of County Commissioners for debt service expenses. The FY 2009 Adopted Budget includes an allocation of \$9,392,507, which represents approximately 4% of the total FY 2009 budget.



How We Compare

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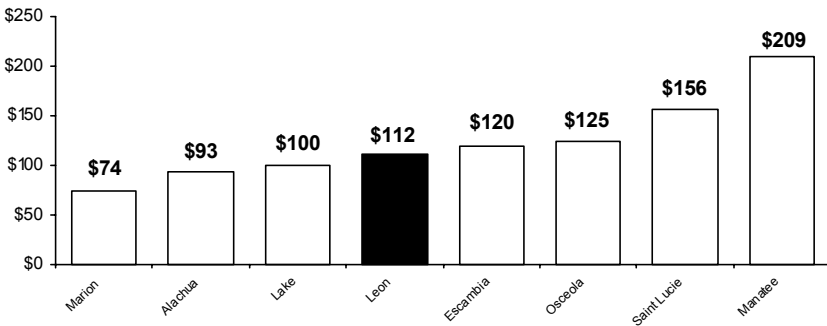
Total Net Budget (FY 2008)



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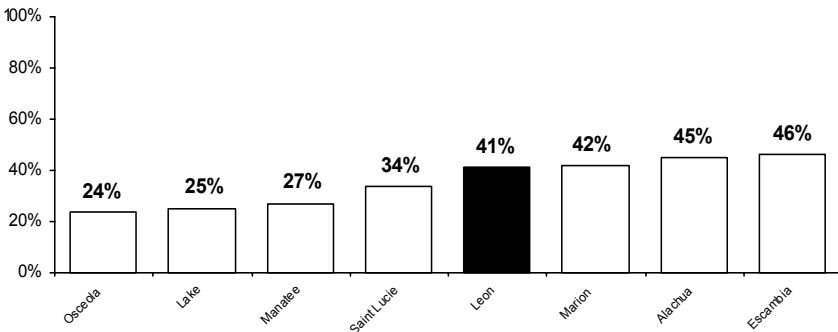
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Anticipated Ad Valorem Tax Collections (FY 2008)



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

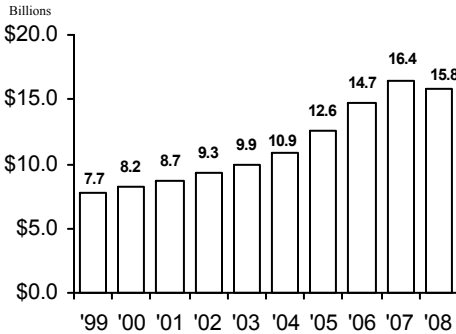
Percentage of Exempt Property (FY 2008)



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

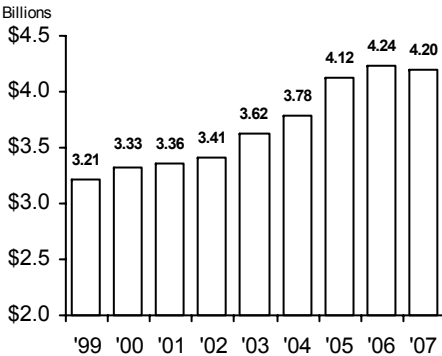
Taxable Value



Taxable values had increased steadily over the past eight years. For 2007, the value of taxable property was \$16.4 billion. New development and land sales have helped to increase Leon County's taxable value. However, due to the passage of Amendment 1 by referendum, the cumulative taxable values for Leon County decreased in 2008.

Source: Property Appraiser DR-422

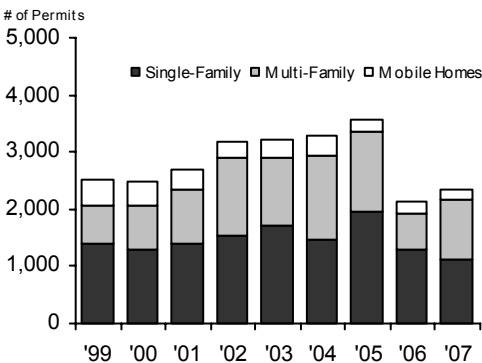
Taxable Retail Sales



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; however, between 2006 and 2007 taxable sales reported showed a slight decrease indicating the beginning of the current economic downturn.

Source: Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, Labor Market Statistics, US Department of Labor, and Bureau of Labor Statistics.

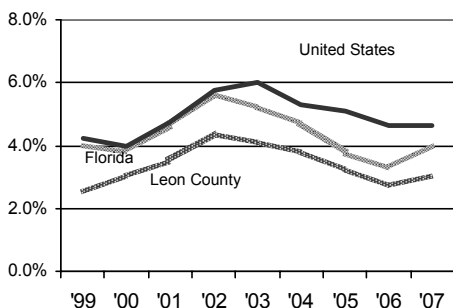
Residential Building Permits



Overall, Residential Building Permits grew relatively steady from 2002 to 2005. However, signaling the beginning of the downturn in the housing market, in 2007 single-family permits decreased by 13.1%. Multi-Family Homes and Mobile Home permits combined experienced a significant increase of 44.59% over the past year.

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

Unemployment Statistics



Source: Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, Labor Market Statistics; US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor 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 decreased from 2003 through 2006. In 2006, the unemployment rate dropped to 2.73% and increased to 3.1% in 2007.

Employment by Industry - 1997 vs. 2007

Over the past ten years, Leon County's major industries have included 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 in the Tallahassee Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).

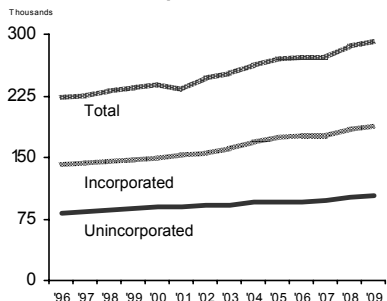
The most dramatic increase over the past decade has been both Professional and Business Services and Leisure and Hospitality. Manufacturing is the only industry that has seen a decrease. As a whole, these industries have seen a 15.9% increase in employment over the past decade, with 178,800 employees in 2007.

Industry	Employees 1997	% Labor Force	Employees 2007	% Labor Force	% Change
Government	60,000	38.9%	63,500	35.5%	5.8%
Professional and Business Services	14,400	9.3%	20,000	11.2%	38.9%
Retail Trade	17,500	11.3%	19,000	10.6%	8.6%
Financial Activities	6,300	4.1%	8,300	4.6%	31.7%
Information	3,800	2.5%	4,000	2.2%	5.3%
Education and Health Services	15,000	9.7%	17,900	10.0%	19.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	12,300	8.0%	16,900	9.5%	37.4%
Construction	7,000	4.5%	9,500	5.3%	35.7%
Wholesale	3,400	2.2%	3,900	2.2%	14.7%
Manufacturing	5,100	3.3%	4,600	2.6%	-9.8%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	1,900	1.2%	2,400	1.3%	26.3%
Other Services	7,600	4.9%	8,800	4.9%	15.8%
Total	154,300	100.0%	178,800	100.0%	15.9%

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

Community Economic Profile

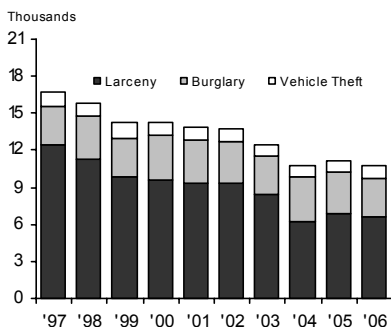
Population



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

Source: Florida Statistical Abstract 2007 – University of Florida Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR)

Crimes Against Property in Leon County

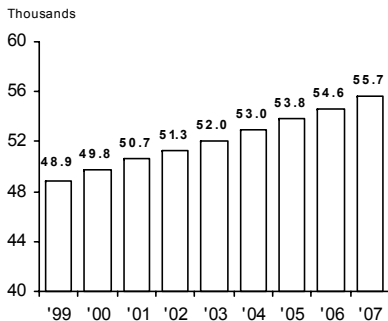


Generally, property crime in Leon County has decreased since 1996. Over a ten-year period, there has been an average of 6.79% decrease for Leon County. The greatest decline occurred from 2003 to 2004 at a rate of 15.58%.

Property crime decreased by 15.58% between 2003 and 2004; however, between 2005 and 2006, property crime decreased by 7.41% in Leon County.

Source: Florida Statistical Analysis Center, FDLE

Homestead Parcels



Growth in homestead parcels remains steady at an average rate of 1.76% per year. From 2006 to 2007, there was a 1.94% increase, with an additional 1,061 homesteaded parcels.

Source: Property Appraiser, Official Tax Roll Certification