

A group of cyclists is riding on a paved road that is lined with large, mature trees. The scene is bright and sunny, with dappled sunlight filtering through the leaves. The cyclists are wearing helmets and athletic gear. The road curves gently to the left in the distance.

Fiscal Year 2009 / 2010 Budget in Brief

**Leon County, Florida
Board of County Commissioners**

LEON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

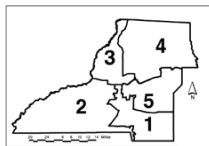
The mission of the Leon County Board of County Commissioners is to preserve and enhance the outstanding quality of life, which has made our community a desirable place to live, work, and raise our children. Through the provisions of cost effective superior services, Leon County Government will ensure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



(From left to right) District 1 Commissioner *Bill Proctor*, At-Large Commissioner *Cliff Thaeff*, At-Large Commissioner *Akin Akinyemi*, District 4 Commissioner **Chairman** *Bryan Desloge*, District 5 Commissioner **Vice-Chairman** *Bob Rackleff*, District 2 Commissioner *Jane G. Sauls*, and District 3 Commissioner *John Dailey*



Parwez Alam
County
Administrator



District Map



Herb Thiele
County Attorney

Administrator's Message

October 1, 2009



Fellow Citizens,

The Leon County Board of County Commissioners is proud to present the Budget in Brief for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2009 and ending September 30, 2010. This document has been designed to communicate the basic budget information for the adopted FY 2010 annual operating and five-year capital improvement plan.

The adopted budget provides a reduction of \$20.2 million or a 7.6% decrease from last fiscal year. This includes decreasing both operating and capital expenditures by 2.4% and 24.1% respectively. In addition, the combined ad valorem rate of 8.35 mills did not change from FY 2009 and resulted in lowering property taxes by \$8.8 million countywide.

Within the following pages of this document, we have brought together those areas of the budget which highlight 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 274,892, 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

The passage of the January 2008 Amendment 1, coupled by the decline in home values, state shared sales tax and gas tax revenues significantly impacted the development of the FY 2010 Adopted Budget. In addition, the economic recession negatively impacted property valuations by \$1 billion in Leon County. County, Constitutional, and Judicial staffs worked together to reduce expenditures while still maintaining the quality of services citizens deserve.

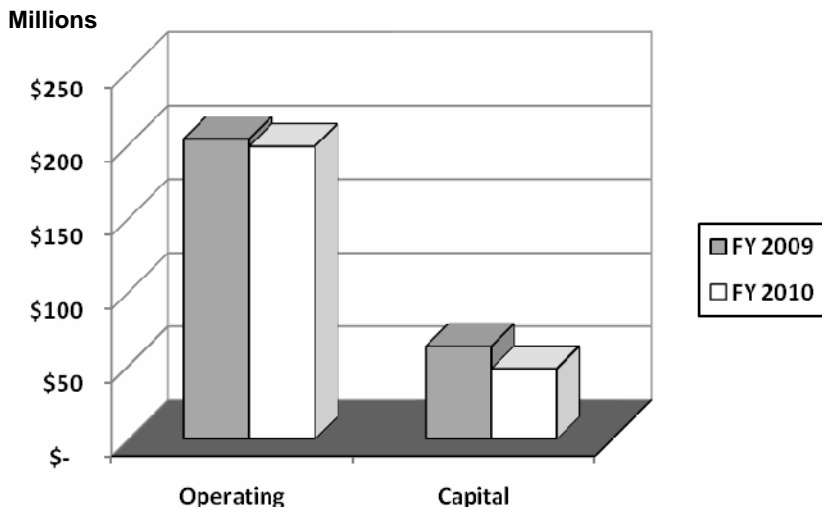
Budget Summary

The total FY 2010 budget is \$247,165,925. This represents a decrease of 7.6% between FY 2009 and FY 2010. The operating budget of \$199,052,851 reflects a decrease of 2.4% from FY 2009. In addition, the FY 2010 capital budget decreased 24.1% to \$48,113,074, down from the FY 2009 budget of \$63,396,975. 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.

Budget	FY2009	FY2010	% Change
Operating	\$ 204,013,672	\$ 199,052,851	-2.4%
Capital	\$ 63,396,975	\$ 48,113,074	-24.1%
Total	\$ 267,410,647	\$ 247,165,925	-7.6%

The following table also summarizes and compares the FY 2010 Adopted Budget to the FY 2009 Adopted Budget.

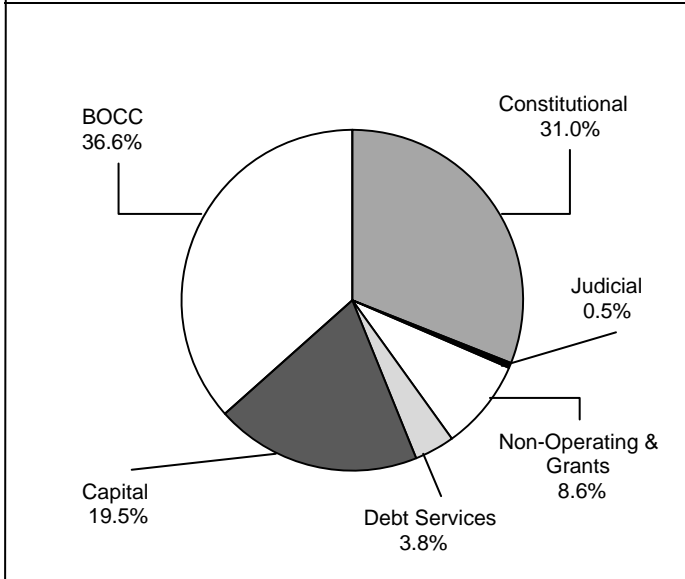
Adopted Budget Summary



Budget by Program

Depicted organizationally, the FY 2010 budget reflects the following:

Department/Agency	FY 2010 Funding	% of Total	Full-time Employees
BOCC	\$90,497,067	36.6%	773.73
Constitutional Officers	\$76,710,172	31.0%	963.00
Judicial	\$1,188,540	0.5%	10.50
Non-Operating	\$21,010,392	8.6%	N/A
Capital	\$20,813,980	8.4%	N/A
Total Capital Reserves	\$27,299,094	11.1%	N/A
Debt Service	\$9,391,043	3.8%	N/A
Grants	\$255,637	0.0%	1.00
Total	\$247,165,925	100%	1,748.23



Property Taxes

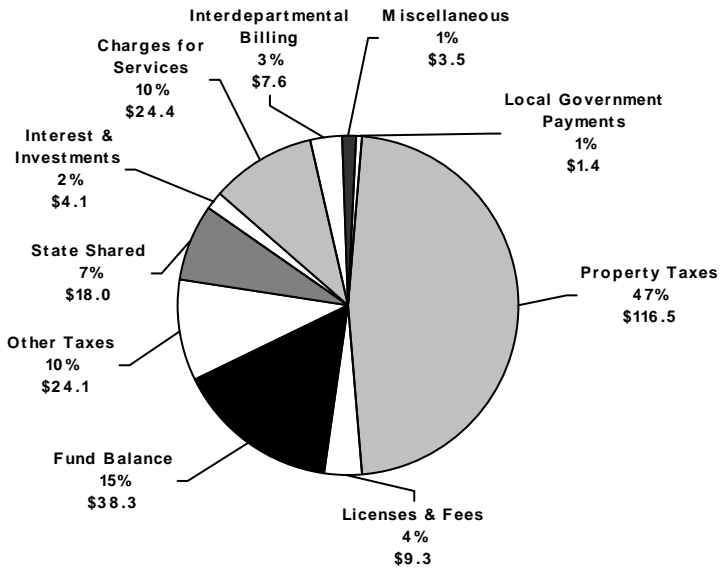
FY 2010 Service Cost Distribution of Ad Valorem Taxes

The following table shows the monthly costs for County Government services paid for with property tax revenue. The example depicts the FY10 taxable value of a median priced home priced (\$177,000) with a \$50,000 homestead exemption as specified in Amendment # 1.

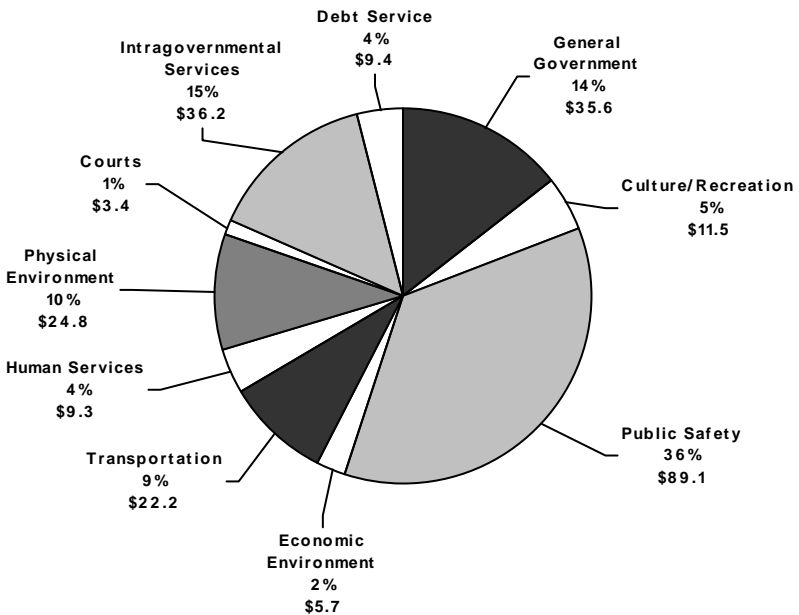
Services	FY09 Ad Valorem Tax Bill \$1,060	FY09 Monthly Cost	FY09 Percent of Ad Valorem Taxes
Sheriff - Law Enforcement	\$ 269.77	\$ 22.48	25.45%
Sheriff - Corrections	254.95	21.25	24.05%
Emergency Medical Services	63.48	5.29	5.99%
Library Services	56.88	4.74	5.37%
Facilities Management	54.80	4.57	5.17%
Tax Collector	39.61	3.30	3.74%
Property Appraiser	38.58	3.21	3.64%
Management Information Services	35.39	2.95	3.34%
Health & Human Services	34.97	2.91	3.30%
Supervisor of Elections	30.03	2.50	2.83%
Administrative Services	26.49	2.21	2.50%
Other Criminal Justice (Probation, DJJ)	25.75	2.15	2.43%
Veterans, Volunteer, Agricultural Co-op, Planning	18.43	1.54	1.74%
Community Redevelopment - Payment	15.88	1.32	1.50%
Capital Projects	15.58	1.30	1.47%
Board of County Commissioners	11.92	0.99	1.12%
Clerk of the Court	10.27	0.86	0.97%
Geographic Information Systems	9.40	0.78	0.88%
Court Administration and Other Court Programs	9.28	0.77	0.87%
Line Item Agency Funding	8.68	0.72	0.82%
Risk Allocations	7.64	0.64	0.72%
Other Non-Operating/Communications	7.50	0.63	0.71%
Budgeted Reserves	5.00	0.42	0.47%
Mosquito Control	4.56	0.38	0.43%
Purchasing/MWSBE	3.50	0.29	0.33%
Sustainability	1.66	0.14	0.16%
Total	\$ 1,060.00	\$ 88.34	100.00%

Revenues and Expenditures

Where the \$247,165,925 comes from...



...and where the \$247,165,925 goes.



MAJOR REVENUE OVERVIEW

(FY 2010 Revenue Estimates projected in Millions at 95%)

AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES (\$109.49) - Ad Valorem property taxes are derived from all nonexempt real and personal property located within the county. (Does not include MSTU)

LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (\$3.16) - 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 (\$3.88) – Revenue shared from a state trust fund derived from 3.5% of net cigarette collections and 2.044% of sales and use tax collections.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT 1/2 CENT SALES TAX (\$9.71) - 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 (\$1.24) - A local 1-cent per gallon tax on diesel and special fuel previously imposed by the State. Since FY02, the tax has been levied by the County.

STATE SHARED GAS TAX (\$3.50) - Tax derived from the County Fuel Tax and the Constitutional Gas Tax, which are restricted to transportation-related expenditures.

LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX (\$3.21) – A locally-imposed tax on every net gallon of motor and diesel fuel. Per inter-local agreements, this revenue is shared equally for the first 4 cents between the City and the County and 60% City, 40% County for the remaining 2 cents.

LOCAL OPTION TOURIST TAX (\$3.77) - A locally imposed 5% tax levied on rentals and leases of less than six-month duration. Includes a 1% option has been levied by the Board to pay for a performing arts center.

ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS FEES (\$1.11) - 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 (\$1.32) - 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 & TRANSFER STATION TIPPING FEES (\$8.67) - Revenues collected for sorting, reclaiming and disposing of solid waste at the solid waste facility and transfer station. *Note: Does not include the Non-Ad Valorem assessment of \$40/single family home.*

TELECOMMUNICATIONS TAX (\$4.62) - 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 (\$5.39) - 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 (\$14.65) - Funding for emergency medical services is provided by a .50 mil municipal service taxing unit (MSTU) property tax and ambulance transport fees.

FIRE SERVICES FEE (\$6.9) – A flat fee charged to single family homes and on a square footage basis to businesses in the unincorporated area to pay for fire services.

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 2010 Budget	% of Environmental	Budget Share	# of Employees
Garbage/Solid Waste Control	\$11,632,783	46.86%	4.71%	38.00
Sewer/Wastewater Services	\$237,280	0.96%	0.10%	0.00
Conservation/Resource Mgt.	\$4,551,033	18.33%	1.84%	53.07
Flood Control	\$6,072,900	24.46%	2.46%	42.00
Other Physical Environment	\$2,332,995	9.40%	0.94%	16.16
Total	\$24,826,991	100%	10%	149.23

Budget Highlights:

- The allocation of final \$2 million provided for stormwater quality improvements for retrofitting Lexington Pond located in the Lake Jackson drainage basin.
- The reduction of seven positions in the Growth and Environmental Management Department due to a decline in permitting activity and associated fee revenue support, caused by the recession, saving \$434,039.
- Initial cost savings of \$52,000 by bringing the water quality monitoring program in-house.

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 2010 Budget	% of General Government	Budget Share	# of Employees
Legislative	\$1,377,740	3.87%	0.56%	14.00
Executive	\$1,839,766	5.16%	0.74%	15.00
Property Appraiser	\$4,453,138	12.50%	1.80%	54.00
Tax Collector	\$4,801,872	13.48%	1.94%	86.00
Clerk Finance	\$1,630,613	4.58%	0.66%	169.00
Financial & Administrative	\$9,176,595	25.76%	3.71%	76.84
Legal Counsel	\$1,604,096	4.50%	0.65%	10.00
Comprehensive Planning	\$1,133,455	3.18%	0.46%	30.00
Other Services	\$6,127,554	17.20%	2.48%	39.00
Supervisor of Elections	\$3,481,986	9.77%	1.41%	17.00
Total	\$35,626,815	100%	14%	510.84

Budget Highlights

- \$14,367,609 million or 40.3% 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 2010 Budget	% of Culture & Recreation	Budget Share	# of Employees
Libraries	\$6,565,246	57.06%	2.66%	103.20
Parks & Recreation	\$4,263,612	37.06%	1.72%	25.00
Cultural Services	\$654,500	5.69%	0.26%	0.00
Special Events	\$22,000	0.19%	0.01%	0.00
Total	\$11,505,358	100%	5%	128.20

Budget Highlights:

- Continued funding for playground improvements at County parks in the amount of \$230,000.
- Allocated \$225,000 for improvements to the recreational facilities at Miccosukee Park, including a multi-use facility and an irrigation system.
- Provided \$654,500 for the Council on Culture and Arts (COCA) for re-granting to cultural and art organizations from the Tourist Development Council.
- Continued funding for greenway and trail improvements in the amount of \$90,000.

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 2010 Budget	% of Transportation	Budget Share	# of Employees
Operating Budget	\$12,510,344	56.25%	5.06%	116.00
Capital Improvement Projects	\$9,730,650	43.75%	3.94%	0.00
Total	\$22,240,994	100%	9%	116.00

Budget Highlights:

- Allocated \$3.2 million for arterial and collector road resurfacing.
- "Sunsetting" the Alternative Stabilization Program for a savings of \$211,896.
- Reduced capital funding for open graded cold mix asphalt in the amount of \$200,000 since roads surfaced with this material have now entered a maintenance phase.
- Increased appropriations by \$20,000 to the Transportation Disadvantaged Program.
- Eliminated a CAD Technician position for a cost savings of \$71,100.

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	\$32,542,486	36.53%	13.17%	345.00
Fire Control	\$6,853,747	7.69%	2.77%	0.00
Detention/Correction	\$32,728,339	36.74%	13.24%	324.00
Protective Inspections	\$1,704,916	1.91%	0.69%	19.11
Emergency & Disaster Relief	\$156,055	0.18%	0.06%	2.00
Ambulance & Rescue	\$14,424,587	16.19%	5.84%	106.35
Medical Examiner	\$375,000	0.42%	0.15%	0.00
Other Public Safety	\$291,856	0.33%	0.12%	0.00
Total	\$89,076,986	100%	36%	796.46

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.
- An additional \$1.3 million for enhanced fire services in the unincorporated area including an additional fire fighter at each unincorporated fire station location.

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	\$2,494,533	26.91%	1.01%	7.00
Mosquito Control	\$563,177	6.07%	0.23%	5.00
Primary Health Care	\$1,749,388	18.87%	0.71%	0.00
Medicaid/Indigent Burials	\$2,103,500	22.69%	0.85%	0.00
Other Human Services	\$2,315,372	24.97%	0.94%	5.00
Capital Improvement Projects	\$45,195	0.49%	0.02%	0.00
Total	\$9,271,165	100%	4%	17.00

Budget Highlights:

- Continued funding in the amount of \$1.7 million in general revenue for Primary Health Care.
- Providing an additional \$300,000 for required Medicaid payments.
- Maintaining funding to distribute to the Community Human Services Partnership (CHSP) grant program in the amount of \$750,000.
- \$611,000 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 2010 Budget	% of Economic Development	Budget Share	# of Employees
Summer Youth Employment	\$73,943	1.31%	0.03%	0.00
TDC/EDC	\$3,429,945	60.57%	1.39%	3.00
Com. Redevelopment/Housing	\$2,158,690	38.12%	0.87%	7.00
Total	\$5,662,578	100%	2%	10.00

Budget Highlights:

- A reduction in funding of \$680,000 for the Downtown Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) and the Southside/Frenchtown (CRA) due to declining property values.
- A reduction in grant funding for the State Housing Initiative Partnership Program in the amount of \$781,700.
- \$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 2010 Budget	% of Courts	Budget Share	# of Employees
Court Administration	\$193,740	5.69%	0.08%	3.00
State Attorney	\$136,431	4.01%	0.06%	0.00
Public Defender	\$155,475	4.57%	0.06%	0.00
Clerk of the Courts (Article V)	\$405,082	11.90%	0.16%	0.00
Guardian Ad Litem	\$20,651	0.61%	0.01%	0.00
Other Court Related Programs	\$2,492,095	73.22%	1.01%	7.50
Total	\$3,403,474	100%	1%	10.50

Budget Highlights:

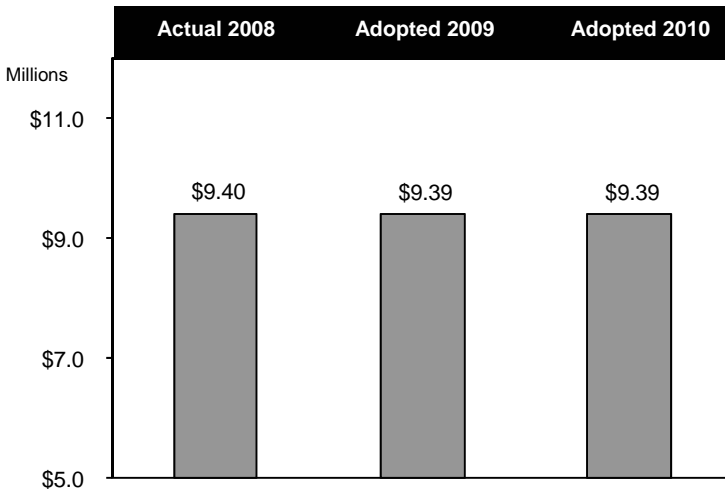
- A reduction in the Juvenile Assessment payment to the State by \$643,000 for a total budget of \$1.5 million.
- Continued funding in the amount of \$37,000 each to the State Attorney and the Public Defender offices to pay for first appearance attorneys to alleviate jail capacity.
- Continued funding of Teen Court, Law Library, and Guardian Ad Litem.

Expenditure by Function

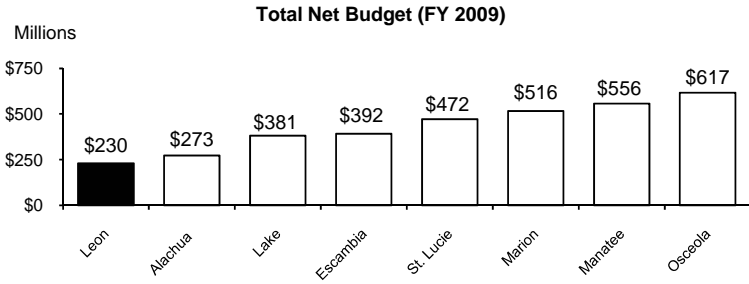
Intergovernmental and Non-Operating Expenses – Funding is provided for those activities for which costs do not apply solely to any specific county department's function but are either applicable to the operation of county government as a whole, or are provided for the public good. There was a 22% decrease in the amount of funding allocated in FY 2010. The budgeted reserves will pay for Leon County's required and maintenance capital needs for five to eight years.

Function	FY 2010 Budget	% of Intergov'n't & Non Operating	Budget Share	# of Employees
Fleet Management	\$2,944,802	8.14%	1.19%	10.00
Risk Management	\$3,864,000	10.69%	1.56%	0.00
Communications	\$651,695	1.80%	0.26%	0.00
Infrastructure	\$90,000	0.25%	0.04%	0.00
Reserves	\$28,610,024	79.12%	11.58%	0.00
Total	\$36,160,521	100%	15%	10

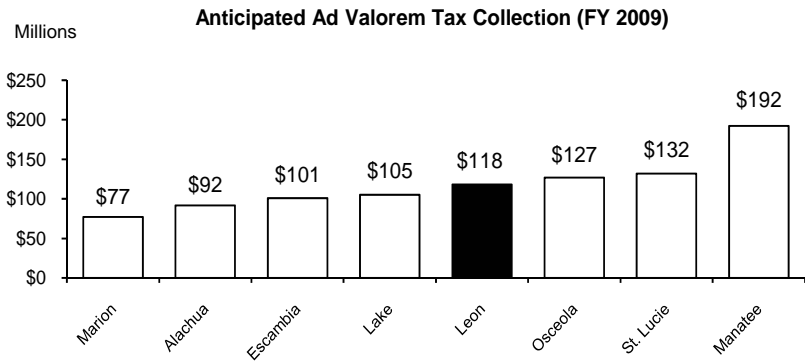
Debt Service – The County maintains level debt service payments. The County incurred \$9,400,486 in debt payments during FY 2008. In FY 2009, a total of \$9,392,507 was allocated by the Board of County Commissioners for debt service expenses. The FY 2010 Adopted Budget includes an allocation of \$9,391,043, which represents approximately 4% of the total FY 2010 budget.



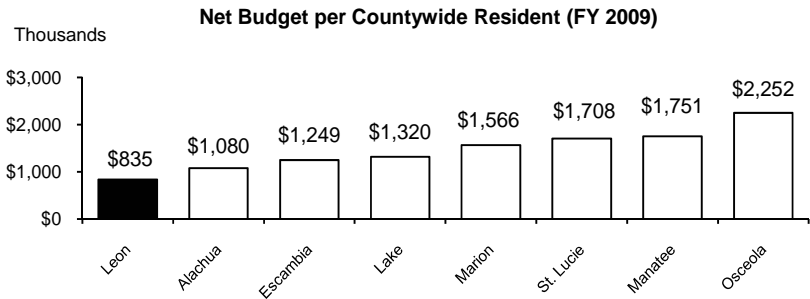
How We Compare



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



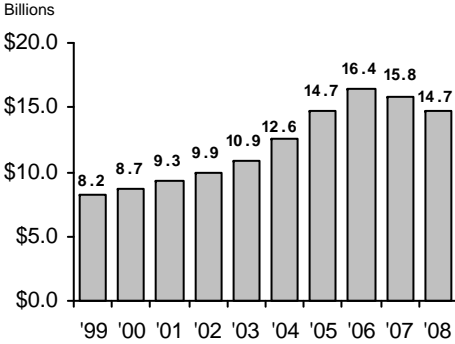
Among like-sized counties, Leon County collects a moderate amount of Ad-Valorem taxes.



Compared to like-sized counties, Leon County has the lowest net budget per county resident for FY 2009.

Community Economic Profile

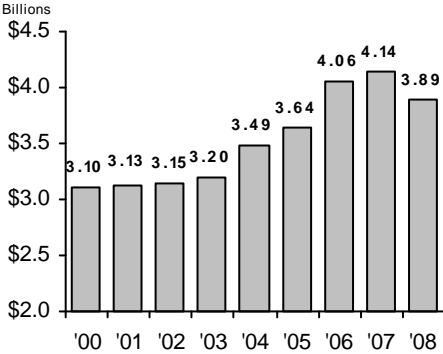
Taxable Value



Source: Property Appraiser DR-422

Taxable values increased steadily from 1998 to 2006; however, due to property tax reform in 2007, the value of taxable property fell to \$15.8 billion. The approximate \$1 billion decrease in valuation for 2008 is largely due to the current recession and a repressed housing market.

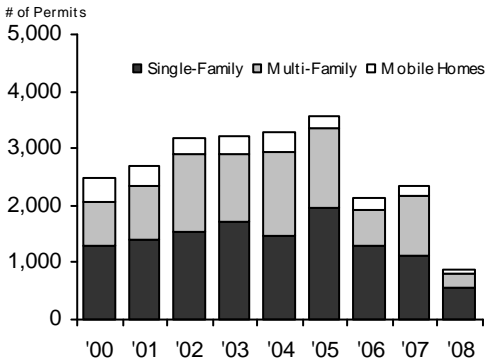
Taxable Retail Sales



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

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 2002; however, between 2006 and 2007 taxable sales moderated, indicating the beginning of the current economic downturn. In 2008 taxable sales declined by \$250 million or 6%.

Residential Building Permits

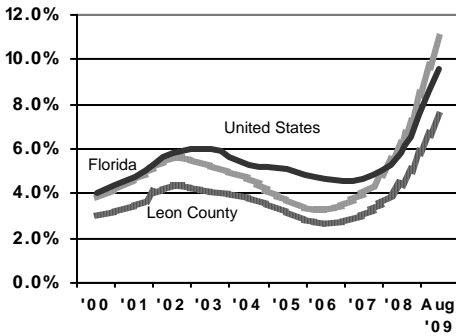


Source: Leon County Growth & Environmental Management, City of Tallahassee Building Inspection Division, and Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department.

Total Residential Building Permits grew relatively steady from 1999 to 2005. However, signaling the beginning of a housing crisis, 2006 experienced a dramatic decrease in overall permits. By 2008 single-family permits decreased by 72% while total Residential Building Permits fell by 76% from peak 2005 levels.

Community Economic Profile

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 ten years. After increasing from 2000 to 2002, the unemployment rate decreased through 2006. In 2008, a troubled economy caused unemployment to rise nationwide. The state of Florida experienced a 54% increase in unemployment from 2007 compared to Leon County's 42% increase.

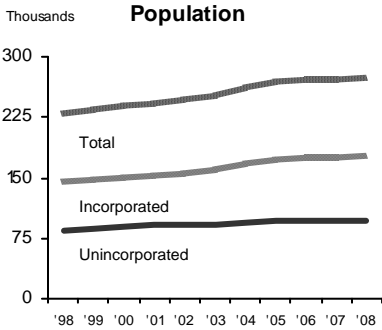
Employment by Industry - 1998 vs. 2008

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 14.5% increase in employment over the past twelve years, with 176,700 employees in 2008. Government showed the lowest growth.

Industry	Employees 1998	% Labor Force	Employees 2008	% Labor Force	% Change
Government	60,000	38.9%	63,400	35.5%	5.7%
Professional and Business Services	14,400	9.3%	19,600	11.2%	36.1%
Retail Trade	17,500	11.3%	18,400	10.6%	5.1%
Financial Activities	6,300	4.1%	8,000	4.6%	27.0%
Information	3,800	2.5%	3,800	2.2%	0.0%
Education and Health Services	15,000	9.7%	18,900	10.0%	26.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	12,300	8.0%	16,500	9.5%	34.1%
Construction	7,000	4.5%	8,600	5.3%	22.9%
Wholesale	3,400	2.2%	3,600	2.2%	5.9%
Manufacturing	5,100	3.3%	4,400	2.6%	-13.7%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	1,900	1.2%	2,100	1.3%	10.5%
Other Services	7,600	4.9%	9,400	4.9%	23.7%
Total	154,300	100.0%	176,700	100.0%	14.5%

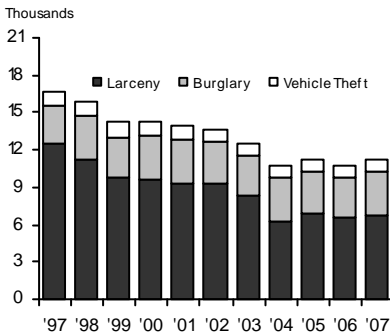
Source: Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, Labor Market Statistics; US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics



Source: Florida Statistical Abstract 2008 – University of Florida Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR)

The Florida Bureau of Economic and Business Research, [Florida Statistical Abstract](#), estimated the 2008 Leon County population at 274,892 residents; 65% incorporated and 35% unincorporated. The average ratio over the last decade has remained steady at 2/3 to 1/3. Total county population estimates have slowed to less than 1% annual growth since 2006. This trend is anticipated to continue over the next decade. Population estimates include higher education enrollment.

Crimes Against Property in Leon County

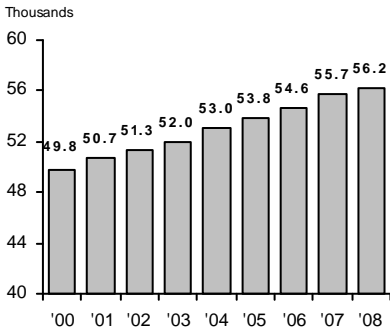


Source: Florida Statistical Analysis Center, FDLE

Generally, property crime in Leon County has decreased since 1998. Over a ten-year period there has been an average of 5.7% decrease for Leon County. The greatest decline occurred from 2003 to 2004 at 15.58%.

Leon County experienced an increase of 4.8% in property crimes in 2007. An increase in total burglaries was the main factor for the rise in property crimes.

Homestead Parcels



Source: Property Appraiser, Official Tax Roll Certification

Growth in homestead parcels remains steady at an average of 1.69% growth per year. From 2007 to 2008 there was a slight decrease from the long term average with a less than 1% increase, an additional 506 homesteaded parcels.

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