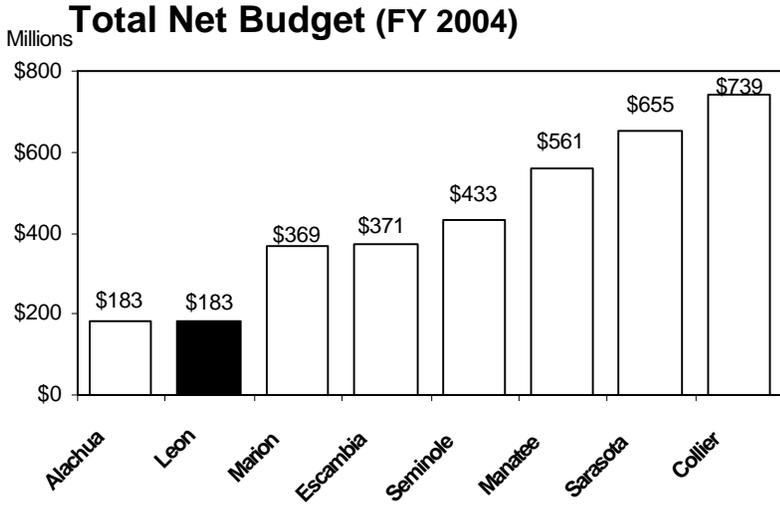


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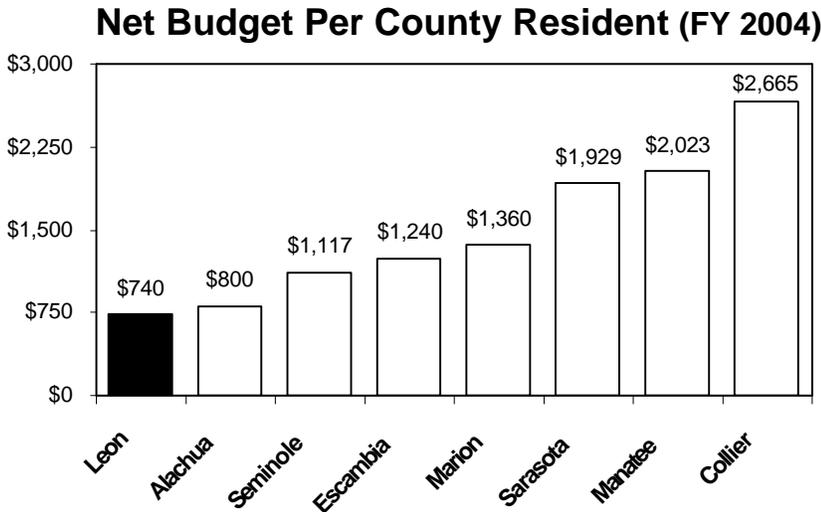
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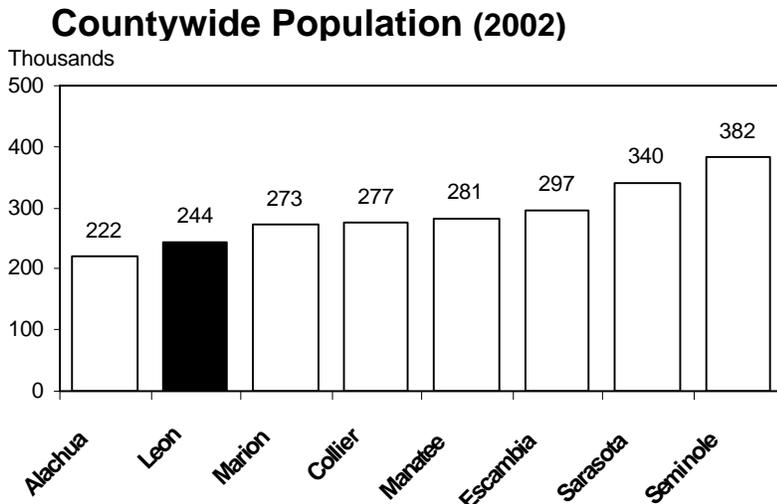
**Comparative Data for Like-Sized Counties**



Leon County ranks second lowest in operating budget among like-sized counties, with a net budget of 183.5 million. The next highest net budget is Marion County which is nearly double that of Leon County.



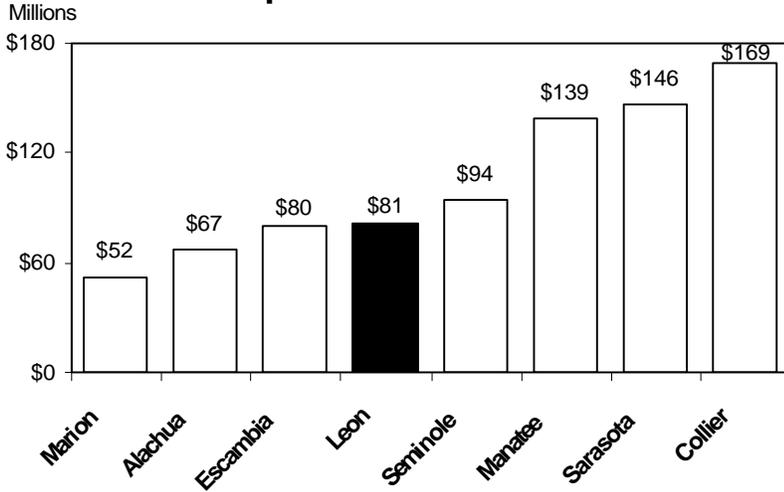
Leon County is the lowest for dollars spent per County resident.



In 2002 the U.S. Census estimated Leon County contained 243,995 residents, making it the 19<sup>th</sup> largest county in Florida.

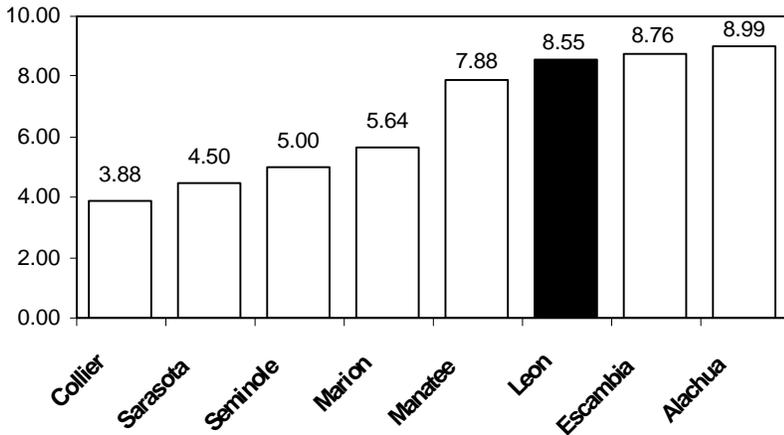
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**Total Anticipated Ad Valorem Tax Collections (FY 2004)**



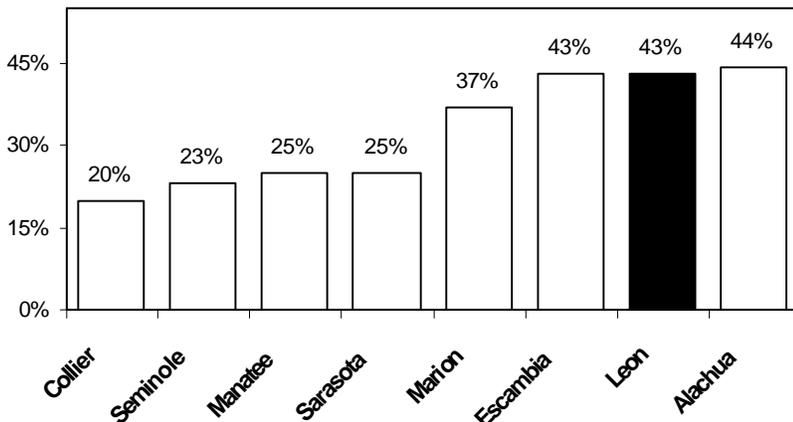
Among the like-sized Counties, Leon County collects moderate amount of Ad Valorem taxes.

**Total Countywide Millage Rates (FY 2004)**



Florida statute 200.071 limits the amount of ad valorem tax millage to no more than 10 mills. Leon County has consistently maintained or lowered the millage rate since FY 1993. This pattern will continue into FY 2005, resulting in a millage rate of 8.54.

**Percentage of Exempt Property (FY 2004)**

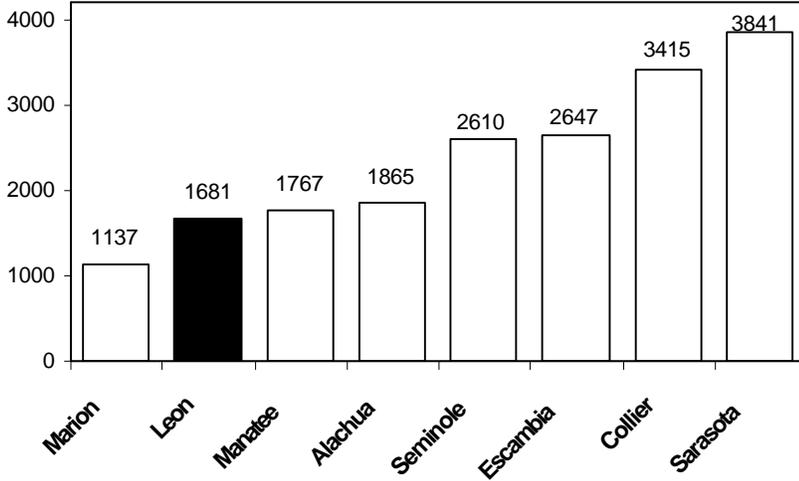


Florida Statute 196.199 states that all property of the Nation and State which is used for governmental purposes is exempt from ad valorem taxation.

Leon County has a relatively high level of exempt property. Leon County hosts Florida's state government as well as two universities and one community college. All of which are exempt from property taxation. Among like-sized counties, Leon County ranks the second highest in percent of property that is exempt from ad valorem taxation.

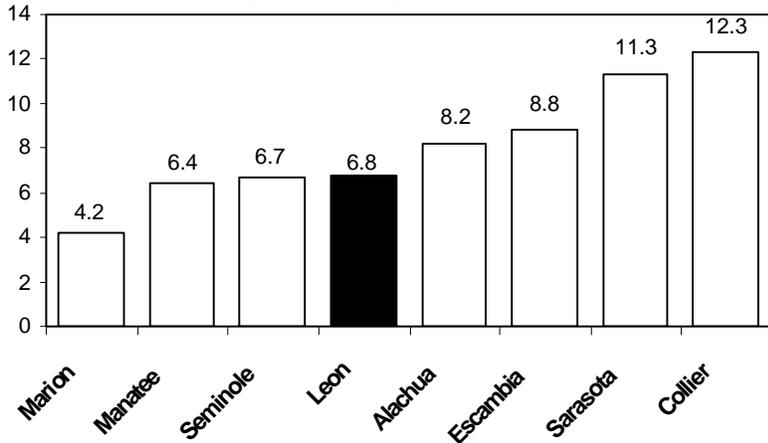
**Comparative Data for Like-Sized Counties**

**Total Number of County Employees (FY 2004)**



County employees consist of Board, Constitutional, and Judicial Offices. Leon County has one of the lowest number of county employees.

**Total County Employees Per 1,000 Residents (FY 2004)**



Leon County has a ratio of 6.8 employees for every thousand County residents. When compared to like-sized counties, Leon County is moderate.