

5.4 Public Safety

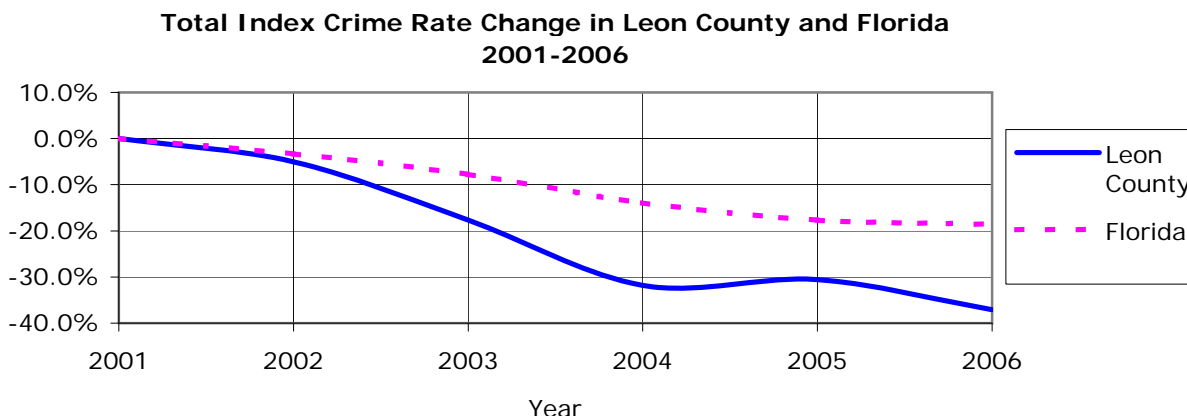
From 2001 to 2006, Leon County experienced a considerable annual decline in total index crimes (violent crimes and property crimes), down 7.4% annually compared with 3.7% for the state. The index rate for violent crimes in Leon County has dropped 5.2% per year on average since 2001 while property crimes have dropped 7.8% per year on average over the same period.

Figure 5-3
Leon County Crime Rates, Rate per 100,000 Residents (2001-2006)

Type of Crime	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Avg. Annual Rate Change (2001-2006)
Violent Crimes	1,006.1	846.2	736.6	756.4	781.6	776.5	-5.2%
Murder	2.9	3.6	3.1	4.9	4.1	3.7	4.9%
Forcible Sex Offenses	117.5	109.3	108.8	114.4	103.3	101.7	-2.9%
Robbery	222.4	187.1	158.1	148.2	170.0	194.1	-2.7%
Aggravated Assault	663.4	546.3	466.5	488.5	504.2	477.1	-6.6%
Property Crime	5,687.8	5,516.1	4,871.2	4,112.2	4,149.6	3,842.2	-7.8%
Burglary	1,429.9	1,367.1	1,228.2	1,368.3	1,248.6	1,128.8	-4.7%
Larceny	3,790.6	3,730.1	3,280.2	2,355.9	2,555.8	2,427.9	-8.9%
Motor Vehicle Theft	467.2	418.9	362.8	388.0	345.2	285.5	-9.9%
Index Rate (per 100,000)	6,693.9	6,362.3	5,607.8	4,868.6	4,931.2	4,618.8	-7.4%

Source: Florida Statistical Analysis Center, Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Figure 5-4
Total Index Crime Rate Change in Leon County and Florida (2001-2006)



Note: Index Rate is per 100,000 population

Source: Florida Statistical Analysis Center, Florida Department of Law Enforcement