

5.4 Public Safety

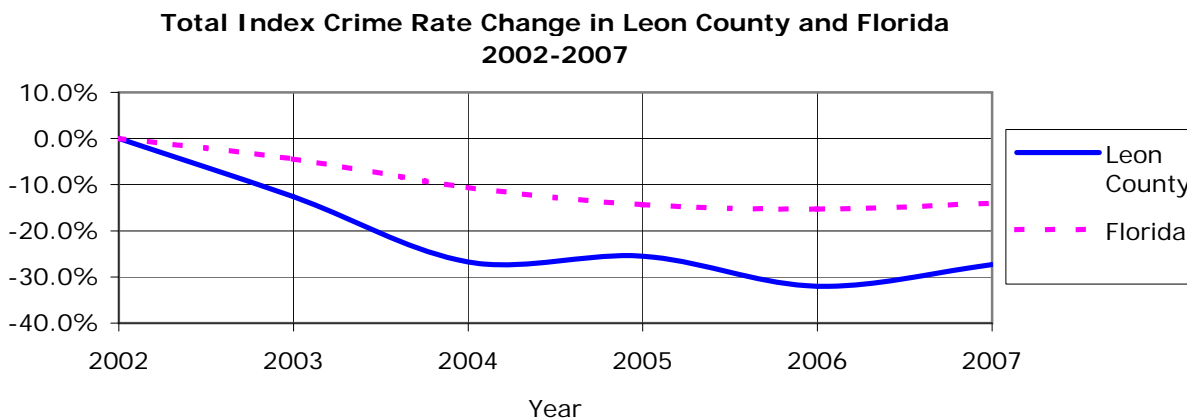
From 2002 to 2007, Leon County experienced a considerable annual decline in total index crimes (violent crimes and property crimes), down 5.5% annually compared with 2.8% for the state. The index rate (per 100,000 residents) for violent crimes in Leon County increased slightly in 2007 due to an increase in robberies (529 in 2006 vs. 654 in 2007) and property crime rates increased slightly primarily due to an increase in burglaries (3,076 in 2006 vs. 3,421 in 2007).

Figure 5-3
Leon County Crime Rates, Rate per 100,000 Residents (2002-2007)

Type of Crime	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Avg. Annual Rate Change (2002-2007)
Violent Crimes	846.2	736.6	756.4	781.6	776.5	815.7	-0.7%
Murder	3.6	3.1	4.9	4.1	3.7	1.8	-13.9%
Forcible Sex Offenses	109.3	108.8	114.4	103.3	101.7	102.6	-1.3%
Robbery	187.1	158.1	148.2	170.0	194.1	239.7	5.0%
Aggravated Assault	546.3	466.5	488.5	504.2	477.1	471.6	-2.9%
Property Crime	5,516.1	4,871.2	4,112.2	4,149.6	3,842.2	4,026.1	-6.3%
Burglary	1,367.1	1,228.2	1,368.3	1,248.6	1,128.8	1,253.6	-1.7%
Larceny	3,730.1	3,280.2	2,355.9	2,555.8	2,427.9	2,482.6	-8.1%
Motor Vehicle Theft	418.9	362.8	388.0	345.2	285.5	289.9	-7.4%
Index Rate (per 100,000)	6,362.3	5,607.8	4,868.6	4,931.2	4,618.8	4,841.8	-5.5%

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

Figure 5-4
Total Index Crime Rate Change in Leon County and Florida (2002-2007)



Note: Index Rate is per 100,000 population

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