

## 5.4 Public Safety

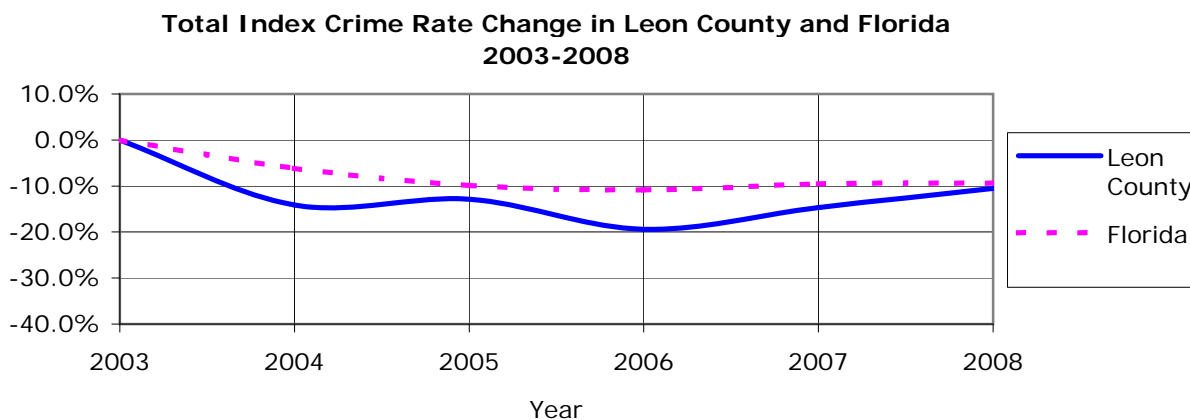
Between 2007 and 2008, Leon County experienced a 4.2% increase in the total crime index rate (rate per 100,000 population) compared to a 0.1% increase for the State of Florida. The index rate for violent crimes in Leon County increased 2.9% in 2008 over 2007 levels with an 11.9% increase in the number of robberies and a 20.0% decrease in the number of forcible sex offenses. Property crime rates increased 4.5% between 2007 and 2008 with the number of burglaries up 7.8% during the period and a 17.3% decrease in the number of motor vehicle thefts.

**Figure 5-3**  
**Leon County Crime Rates, Rate per 100,000 Residents (2003-2008)**

Type of Crime	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Avg. Annual Rate Change (2003-2008)
Violent Crimes	736.6	756.4	781.6	776.5	815.7	839.6	2.6%
Murder	3.1	4.9	4.1	3.7	1.8	5.1	10.0%
Forcible Sex Offenses	108.8	114.4	103.3	101.7	102.6	81.5	-5.8%
Robbery	158.1	148.2	170.0	194.1	239.7	266.3	10.4%
Aggravated Assault	466.5	488.5	504.2	477.1	471.6	486.7	0.8%
Property Crime	4,871.2	4,112.2	4,149.6	3,842.2	4,026.1	4,207.1	-2.9%
Burglary	1,228.2	1,368.3	1,248.6	1,128.8	1,253.6	1,341.6	1.8%
Larceny	3,280.2	2,355.9	2,555.8	2,427.9	2,482.6	2,627.6	-4.4%
Motor Vehicle Theft	362.8	388.0	345.2	285.5	289.9	237.9	-8.4%
Index Rate (per 100,000)	5,607.8	4,868.6	4,931.2	4,618.8	4,841.8	5,046.7	-2.1%

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

**Figure 5-4**  
**Total Index Crime Rate Change in Leon County and Florida (2003-2008)**



Note: Index Rate is per 100,000 population

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