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Indicator 1: School Readiness

Indicator:

Percent of kindergartners entering public school who were ready to learn.

Analysis:

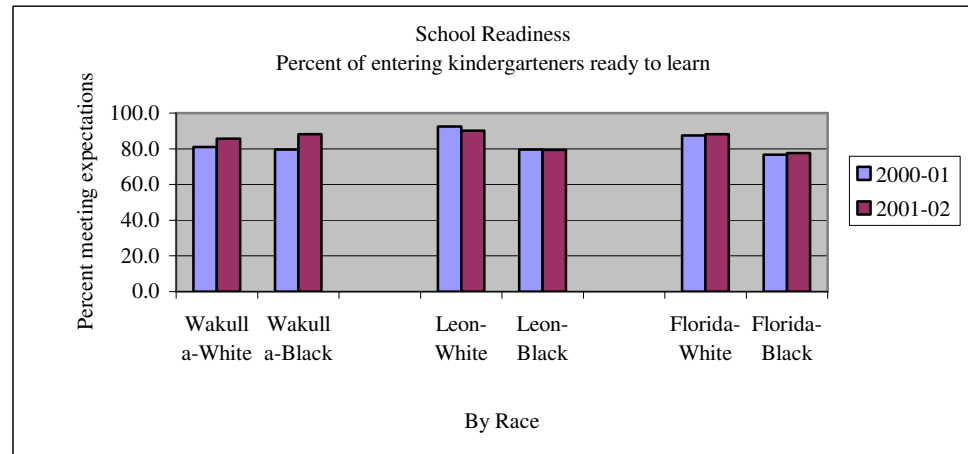
A large majority of kindergartners enter Wakulla County Public Schools ready to learn, although slightly lower than the state levels. The gap between White and Black children is less in Wakulla than in Leon and the state.

Data source:

Florida Department of Education
Education, Information and Accountability Services

Website:

http://info.doe.state.fl.us/school_reports/
<http://www.tandl.leon.k12.fl.us/programme/databook/http://www.myflorida.com/myflorida/government/governorinitiatives/>



	2000-01	2001-02
Wakulla-White	81.0	85.7
Wakulla-Black	79.5	88.2
Leon-White	92.4	90.2
Leon-Black	79.5	79.4
Florida-White	87.4	88.1
Florida-Black	76.7	77.6



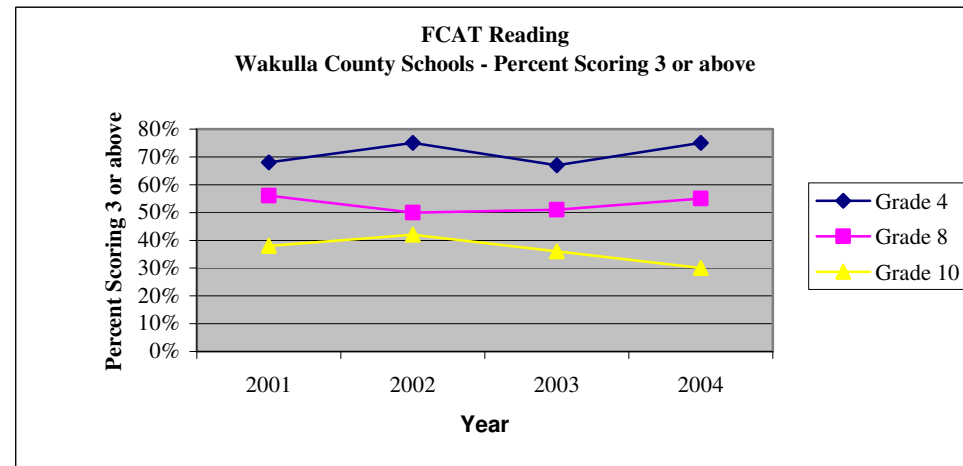
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Indicator 2: Reading

Indicator:

Percent of Wakulla County public school students scoring 3 and above in Reading on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT).

Analysis:

Reading performance on the FCAT has been improving in Wakulla County predominately at fourth grade level. Although test scores are lower for the other two grades, they continue to be at above state level. This year Wakulla County was one of the two state counties with the highest FCAT scores.



	2001	2002	2003	2004
Grade 4-Wakulla	68%	75%	67%	75%
Grade 4 - Florida	53%	55%	60%	70%
Grade 8-Wakulla	56%	50%	51%	55%
Grade 8 - Florida	43%	45%	49%	45%
Grade 10 - Wakulla	38%	42%	36%	30%
Grade 10-Florida	37%	36%	36%	34%

Data source:

Florida Department of Education
Assessment and Evaluation Services
(Results are shown for all curriculum students, including those in exceptional student education who are expected to pursue a standard high school diploma.)

Website:

www.firn.edu/doe/sas/fcat/



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Indicator 3: Mathematics

Indicator:

Percent of Wakulla County public school students who scored 3 and above in Mathematics on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT).

Analysis:

Mathematics performance on the FCAT has been consistently improving in Wakulla County at all grade levels, although fourth and tenth grades showed a slight decrease this year.

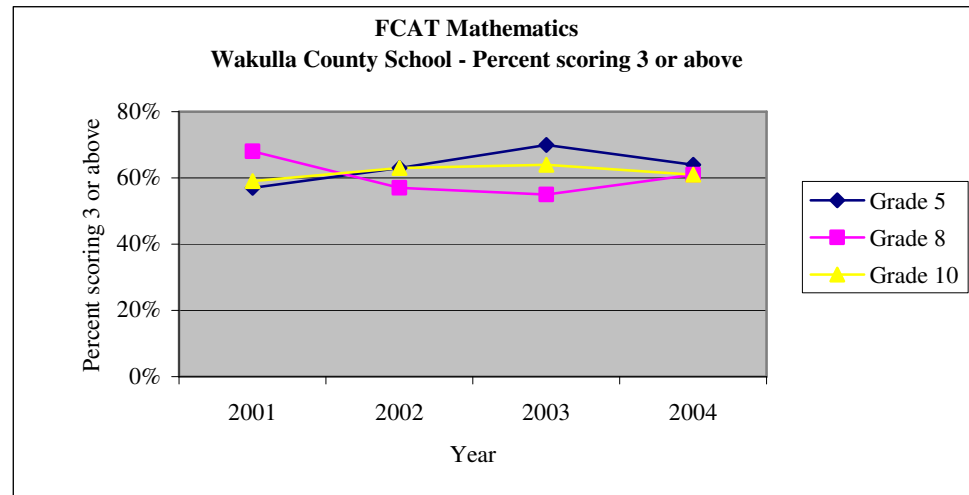
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	2001	2002	2003	2004
Grade 5	57%	63%	70%	64%
Grade 8	68%	57%	55%	61%
Grade 10	59%	63%	64%	61%

* Florida not shown on graph
Note: The FCAT is administered in spring of each year.



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Indicator 4: Writing

Indicator:

Percent of Wakulla County public school students scoring 3 and above in Writing on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT).

Analysis:

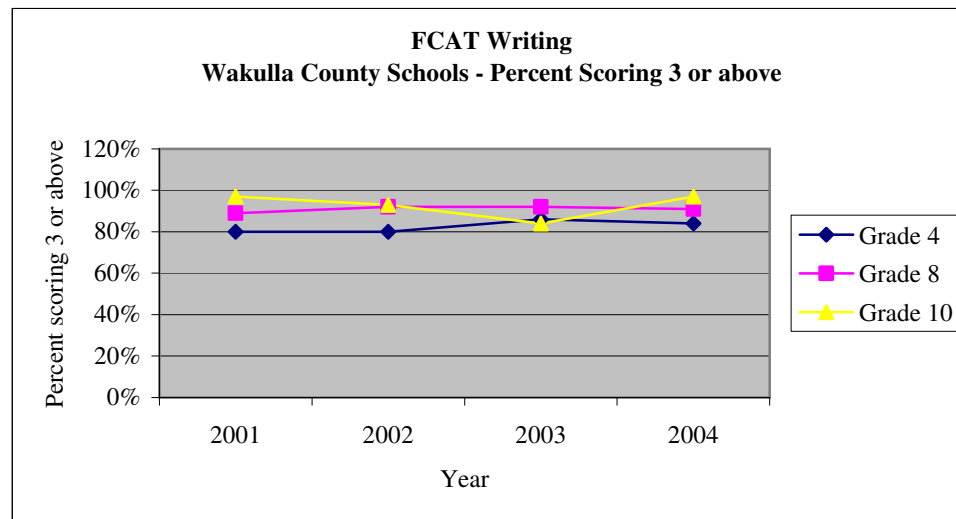
On the FCAT, a larger percentage of students score 3 or above in Writing than in Mathematics or Reading. Tenth grade particularly showed a significant improvement since last year.

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	2001	2002	2003	2004
Grade 4	80%	80%	86%	84%
Grade 8	89%	92%	92%	91%
Grade 10	97%	93%	84%	97%



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Indicator 5: Third Grade Retention

Indicator:

Percent of 3rd graders who were retained (not promoted to 4th grade).

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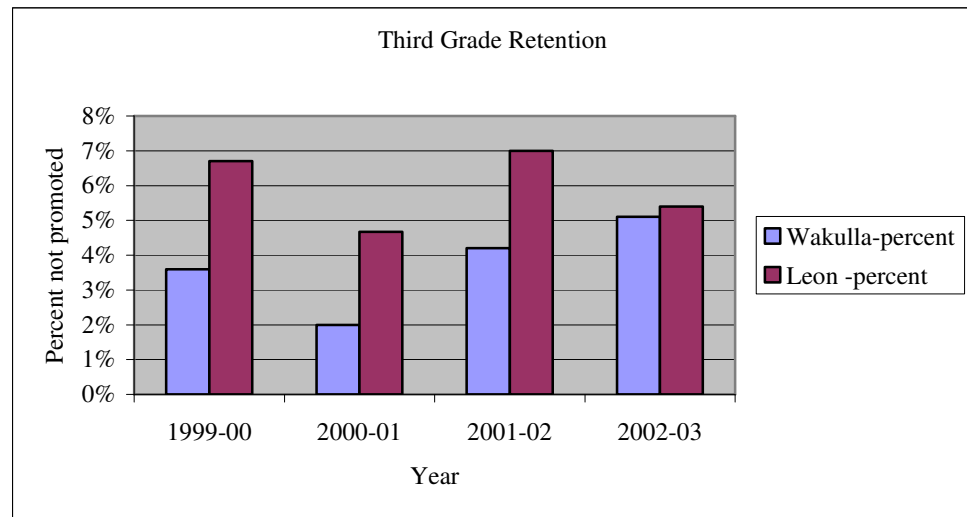
In Wakulla County public schools, the percentage of 3rd graders retained has remained stable since 1999 and is lower than that of Leon County.

Data source:

Florida Department of Education
Education, Information and Accountability Services

Websites:

<http://www.firn.edu/doe/doehome.htm>



	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Wakulla	12	6	10	14
Wakulla-percent	4%	2%	4%	5%
Leon	222	122	180	223
Leon -percent	9%	5%	8%	5%
Florida -percent*	3.3%	3.0%	3.3%	N/A

* Not shown on graph



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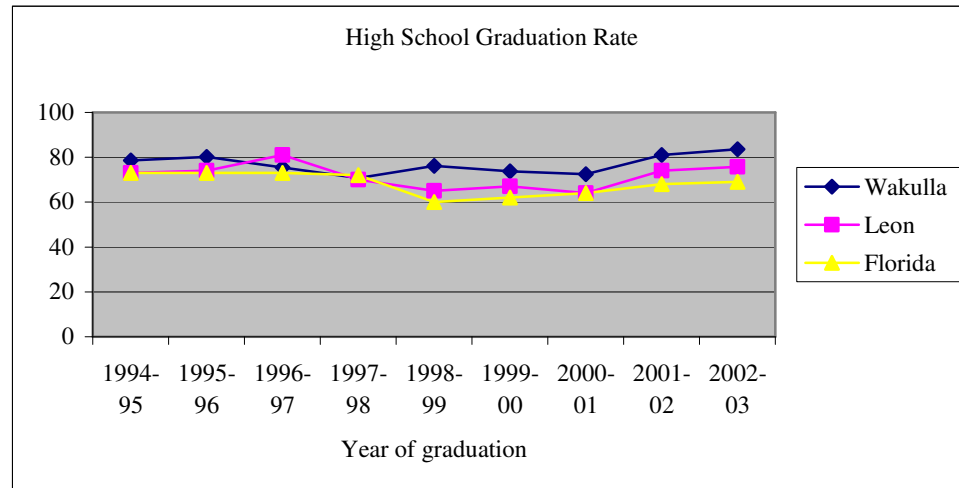
Indicator 6: High School Graduation Rate

Indicator:

Percent of first-time 9th graders in public schools who earned a standard high school diploma in four years.

Analysis:

Graduation rates in Wakulla County fluctuated since 1994. Between 2000 and 2001, graduate rates jumped 8% and have continued a slight increase. Contrary to Leon County and the State Wakulla's graduation rates show higher improvement rates.



Data source:

Florida Department of Education
Education Information and Accountability Services

Website link:

<http://www.firn.edu/doe/eias/eiaspubs/grad.htm>
<http://www.tandl.leon.k12.fl.us/programme/databook/>

	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Wakulla	79	80	76	71	76	74	73	81	84
Leon	73	74	81	70	65	67	64	74	76
Florida	73	73	73	72	60	62	64	68	69



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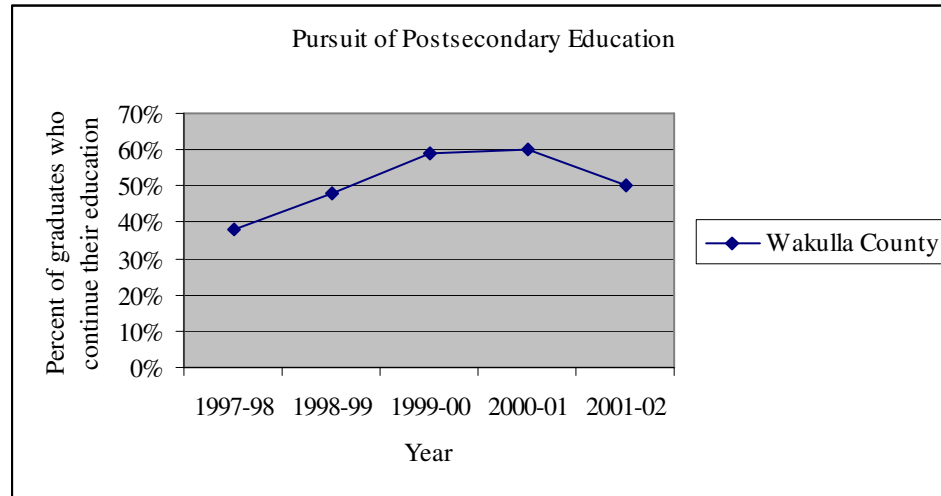
Indicator 7: Pursuit of Postsecondary Education

Indicator:

Percent of public high school graduates who entered community college or 4-year colleges and universities in Florida the fall after graduation.

Analysis:

Although the percentage of high school graduates pursuing a postsecondary education decreased by 10 percent since 2000-01, data result show a significant increase since 1997-98.



	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Wakulla County	38%	48%	59%	60%	50%

Data source:

Florida Department of Education
 Florida Education and Training Placement
 Information Program

Website Link:

<http://www.firn.edu/doe/weois/fetpip/high.htm>



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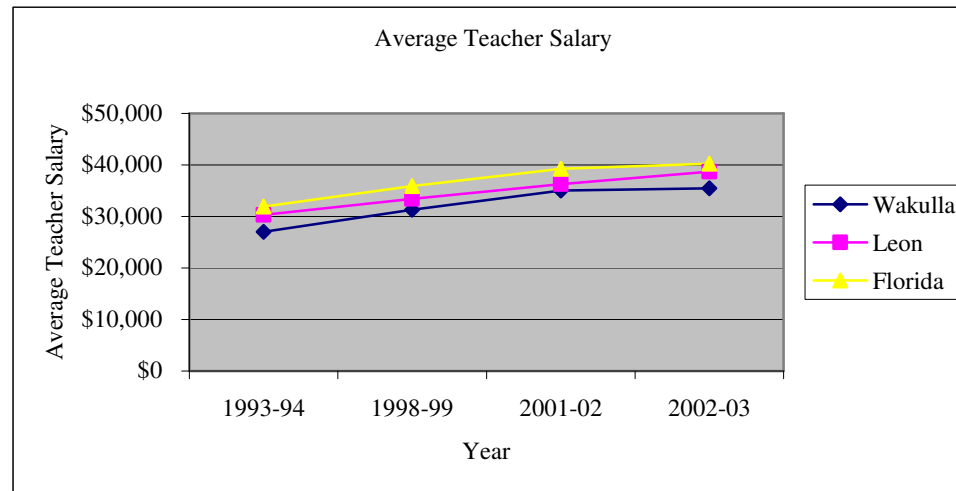
Indicator 8: Average Teacher Salary

Indicator:

Average teacher salary in grades K-12 in public schools.

Analysis:

Wakulla County is significantly behind Leon and state total on average teacher salary. However the pay gap has decreased, 2% for Leon and 3% for the entire state.



	1993-94	1998-99	2001-02	2002-03
Wakulla	\$27,027	\$31,286	\$35,045	\$35,473
Leon	\$30,334	\$33,418	\$36,269	\$38,719
Florida	\$31,935	\$35,916	\$39,275	\$40,275

Data source:

Florida Education Association and National Education Association

Websites:

- <http://www.leon.k12.fl.us/>
- <http://www.firn.edu/doe/doehome.htm>
- <http://www.feaweb.org/>



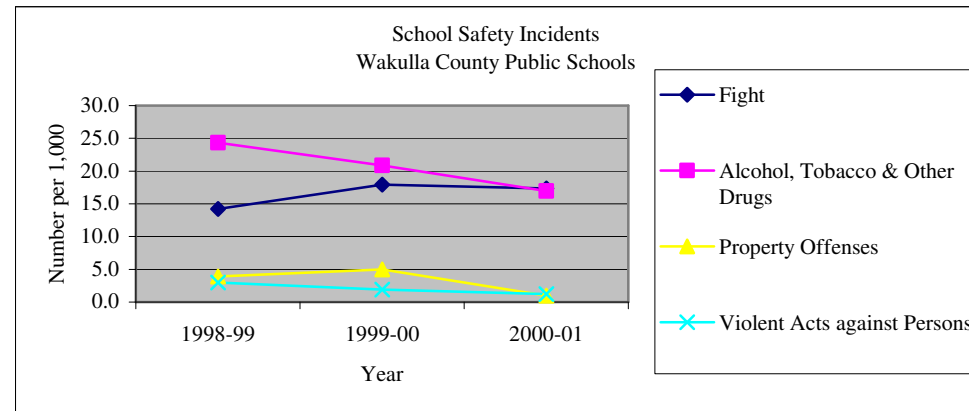
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Indicator 9: School Safety

Indicator:
Number of school safety incidents reported per 1,000 K-12 students in public schools.

Analysis:
Although total safety incidents have decreased in the last two years, fighting continues on the rise. However, alcohol, tobacco and other drug offense show the most improvement decreasing by 8 percent.

Data source:
Florida Department of Education
Bureau of Equity, Safety and School Support

Website:
http://www.firn.edu/doe/besss/sesir/sesir_home.htm



	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Fight	14.2	18.0	17.3
Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drugs	24.3	20.9	16.9
Harassment	1.9	2.7	4.1
Violent Acts against Persons	3.0	1.9	1.2
Disorderly Conduct	0.0	0.0	1.4
Weapon Possession	1.5	1.7	0.8
Property Offenses	3.9	5.0	1.0
Wakulla Total	49.0	50.5	43.6



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Indicator 10: Adult Educational Attainment

Indicator:

Percent of adults age 25 and older in Wakulla County who completed high school and postsecondary education.

Analysis:

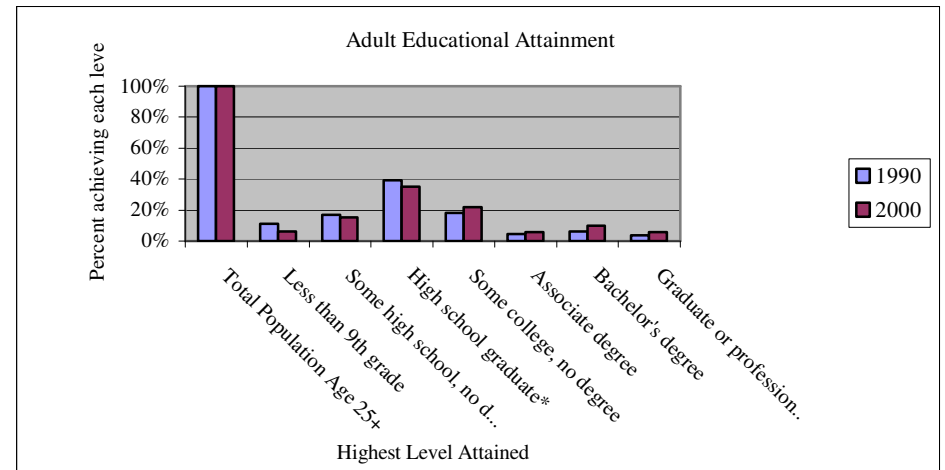
Over the last decade, the adult population in Wakulla County has increased postsecondary educational attainment. However, the percentage of adults that obtained degrees is lower than that of Leon County and the state. Wakulla, however, does surpass Leon and the state in number of adults attaining high school diplomas.

Source:

Source: Census 2000 analyzed by the Social Science Data Analysis Network (SSDAN).

Website link:

<http://factfinder.census.gov>



	<i>Wakulla</i>		<i>Leon</i>	<i>Florida</i>
	1990	2000	2000	2000
Total Population Age 25+	100%	100%	100%	100%
High school graduate*	39%	35%	19%	29%
Some college, no degree	18%	22%	20%	22%
Associate degree	4%	6%	8%	7%
Bachelor's degree	6%	10%	24%	14%
Graduate or professional degree	4%	6%	18%	8%



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Indicator 11: Public School Enrollment

Indicator:

Number of Pre-K through 12 grade students enrolled in the county.

Analysis:

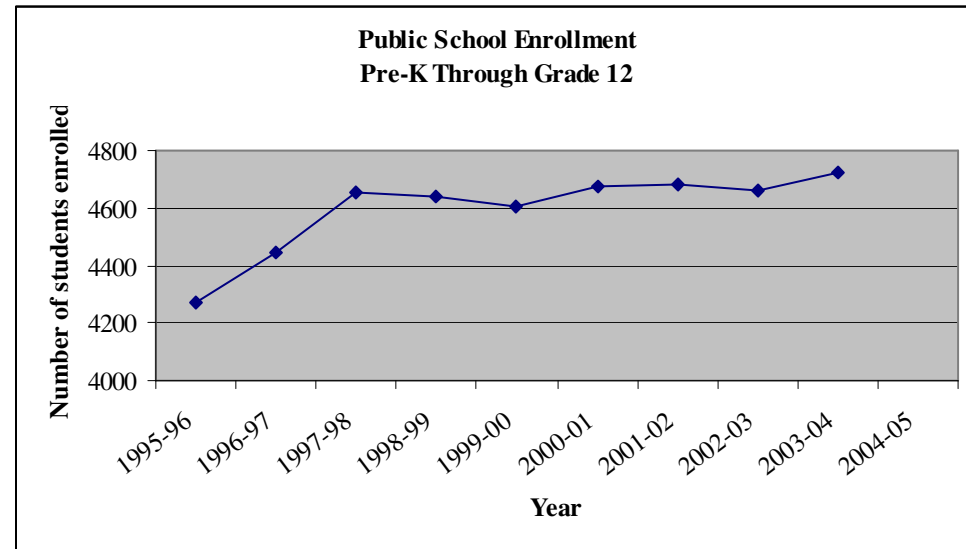
Wakulla County's school enrollment has remained stable increasing only 10.1 percent since 1995. This slight change in enrollment may be indicative of the characteristics of the total population. Although total population has increased by nearly 33 percent since 1995, population growth is predominant among the 44-64 years of age group, suggesting either no children, or children attending schools outside the county.

Data source

Florida Department of Education

Website link:

<http://firm.doe.fl.us>



1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
4270	4444	4651	4640	4608	4677	4680	4661	4726	4726