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Indicator 1: Health Insurance

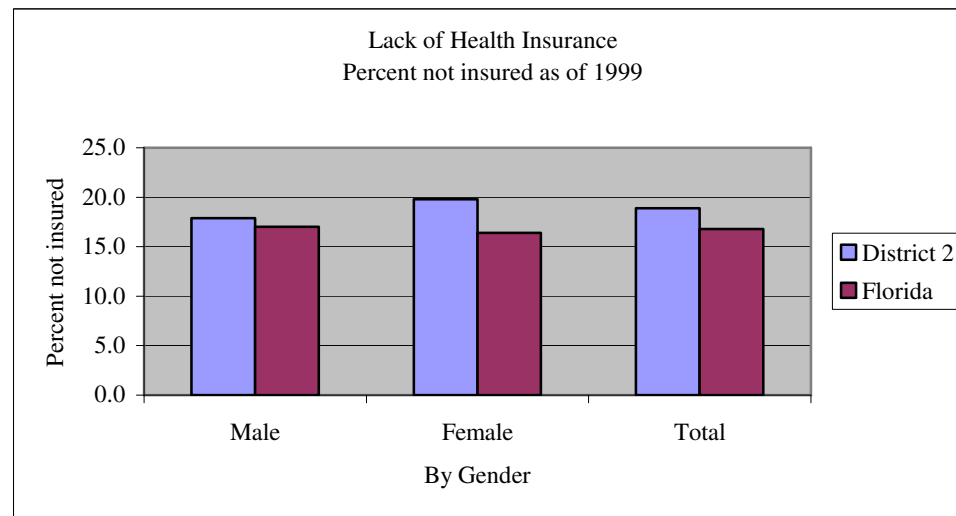
Indicator:
Percentage of children and non-elderly adults who do not have health insurance.

Analysis:
Approximately 18.9 percent of people under 65 years of age have no health insurance in the counties of District 2 *. This percentage is higher than the statewide average of 16.8 percent. Results also suggest that there are also more women than men without health insurance in the district.

Note: Wakulla is one of the 25 counties that make-up District 2.

Data source:
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration
Florida Health Insurance Study, 1999

Website:
<http://www.fdhc.state.fl.us/index.shtml>



Seniors (age 65+) are not shown because most are covered by Medicare

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
District 2	17.9	19.8	18.9
Florida	17.0	16.4	16.8



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Indicator 2: Infant Mortality

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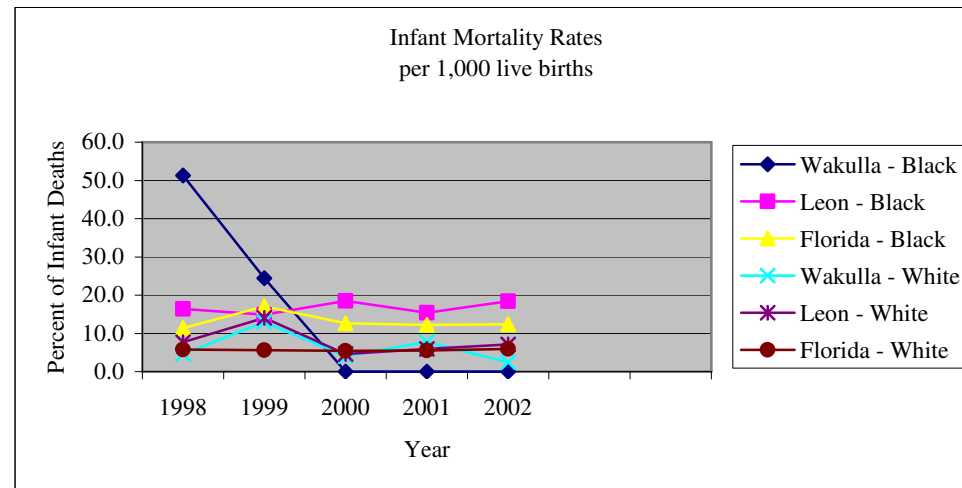
Number of infants, per 1,000 live births, who died before their first birthday – by race.

Analysis:

Infant mortality rates in Wakulla and Leon County are consistently higher than in Florida. 1998 and 1999 data purports significantly high infant deaths. In Wakulla, this trend as completely reversed as of 2000. Black infant mortality was virtually eliminated and White infant mortality decreased by two-thirds. State-wide however there continues to be a major disparity between Black and White infant mortality.

Data source:

Florida Department of Health
Public Health Indicators Data System
(PHIDS)



	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Wakulla - Black	51.3	24.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Leon - Black	16.4	14.9	18.5	15.4	18.4
Florida - Black	11.4	17.1	12.6	12.2	12.4
Wakulla - White	4.6	13.0	4.0	7.8	2.4
Leon - White	7.7	14.1	4.6	5.9	7.1
Florida - White	5.8	5.6	5.4	5.5	5.9

* Not shown on graph. The gap is the rate for Blacks minus the rate for Whites.

Websites:

<http://hpcppps.doh.state.fl.us/phids/Phids1.asp>
<http://www.co.leon.fl.us/lcphu/index.htm>



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Indicator 3: Low Birth Weight

Indicator:

Percent of full-term and premature babies who weighed less than 5 lbs., 9 oz. at birth.

Analysis:

The percentage of babies born with a low birth weight tends on the average to be higher in Wakulla and Leon County than in Florida.

Black babies are almost twice as likely to be born with a low birth weight than White babies in both Leon County and in Florida.

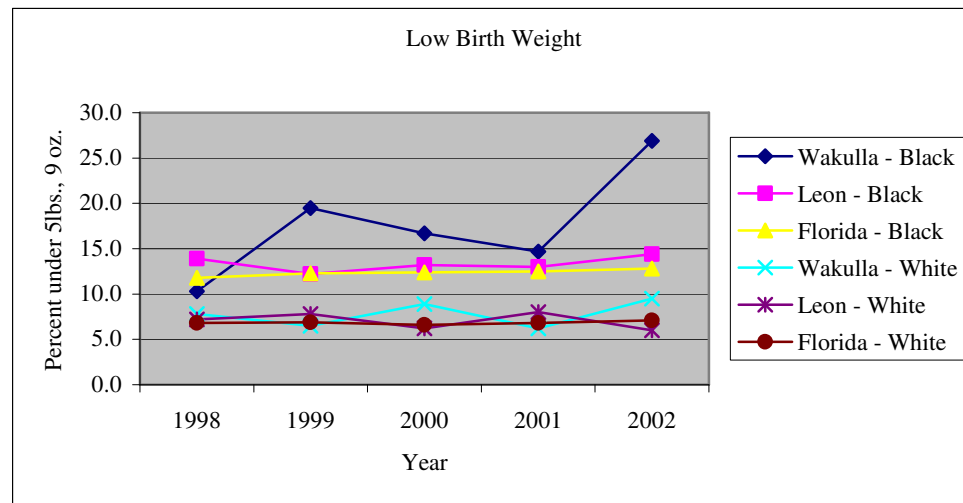
In 2002 the percent of babies with low birth weight almost doubled from the previous year.

Data source:

Florida Department of Health
Public Health Indicators Data System (PHIDS)

Websites:

<http://hpeapps.doh.state.fl.us/phids/Phids1.asp>
<http://www.co.leon.fl.us/lcphu/index.htm>



	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Wakulla - Black	10.3	19.5	16.7	14.7	26.9
Leon - Black	13.9	12.2	13.2	13.0	14.4
Florida - Black	11.8	12.3	12.4	12.5	12.8
Wakulla - White	7.8	6.5	8.9	6.2	9.5
Leon - White	7.2	7.8	6.2	8.0	6.0
Florida - White	6.8	6.9	6.6	6.8	7.1



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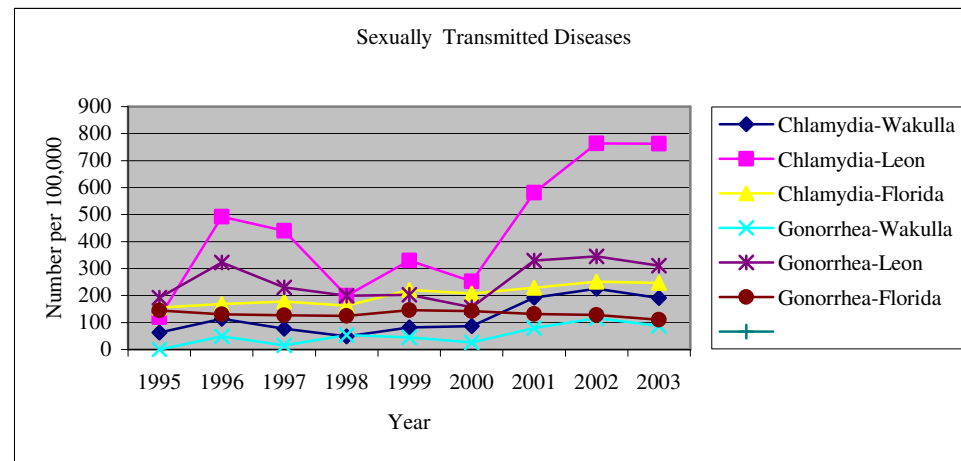
Indicator 4: Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Indicator:

Number of new cases of chlamydia and gonorrhea, per 100,000 .

Analysis:

Similar to Leon County and the rest of the State, rates of chlamydia in Wakulla have increased by 150 percent since 1995, however they are significantly less rates.



Data source:

Florida Department of Health
Public Health Indicators Data System (PHIDS)

Websites:

<http://hpeapps.doh.state.fl.us/phids/Phids1.asp>
<http://www.co.leon.fl.us/lcphu/index.htm>

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Chlamydia-Wakulla	63.14	114.24	77.25	48.1	82.11	86.47	191.52	224.94	190.92
Chlamydia-Leon	120.23	492.12	439.79	199.17	329.26	252.32	581.25	763.18	762.1
Chlamydia-Florida	154.99	168.67	178.44	162.96	220.32	207.7	229.27	251.75	246.92
Gonorrhea-Wakulla	0	48.96	15.45	52.92	45.62	25.94	79.11	116.48	87.51
Gonorrhea-Leon	191.54	322.88	230.22	199.16	203.23	156.3	330.16	345.26	310.6
Gonorrhea-Florida	144.92	130.5	127.09	124.62	145.39	141.71	131.2	127.79	110.54



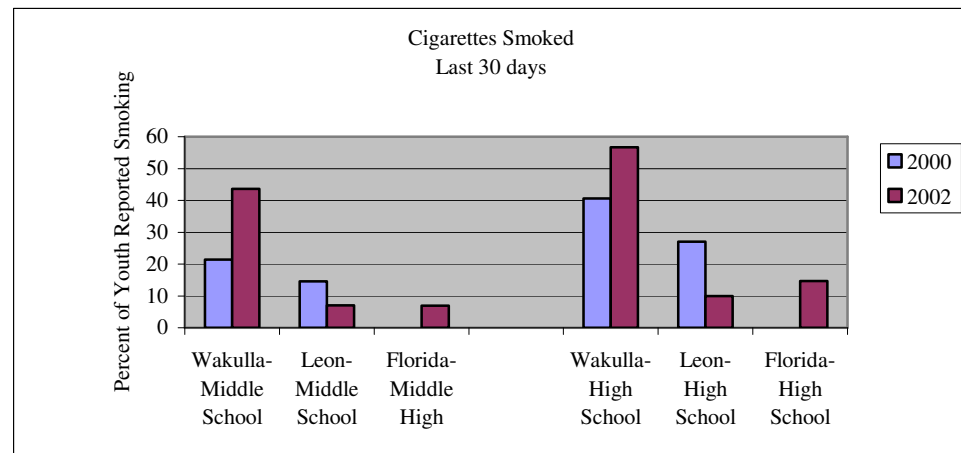
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Indicator 5: Youth Smoking

Indicator:
Percent of youth surveyed who reported smoking within the last 30 days.

Analysis:
 Cigarette smoking among youth in Wakulla is 6 times greater than in Leon County and in the State. These percentages doubled within the last two years. Smoking rates also double between High school students smoke double that of middle school students.

Data source:
 Florida Department of Health
Florida Youth Tobacco Surv

Website:
<http://www9.myflorida.com/tobacco/index.html>



	2000	2002
Wakulla-Middle School	21.4	43.6
Leon-Middle School	14.6	7.0
Florida-Middle High		6.9
Wakulla-High School	40.6	56.7
Leon-High School	27.0	9.9
Florida-High School		14.7



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Indicator 6: Youth Drinking

Indicator:

Percent of students who reported that they were current drinkers (one or more drinks in the last 30 days) and binge drinkers (5 or more drinks in one sitting in the last 2 weeks).

Analysis:

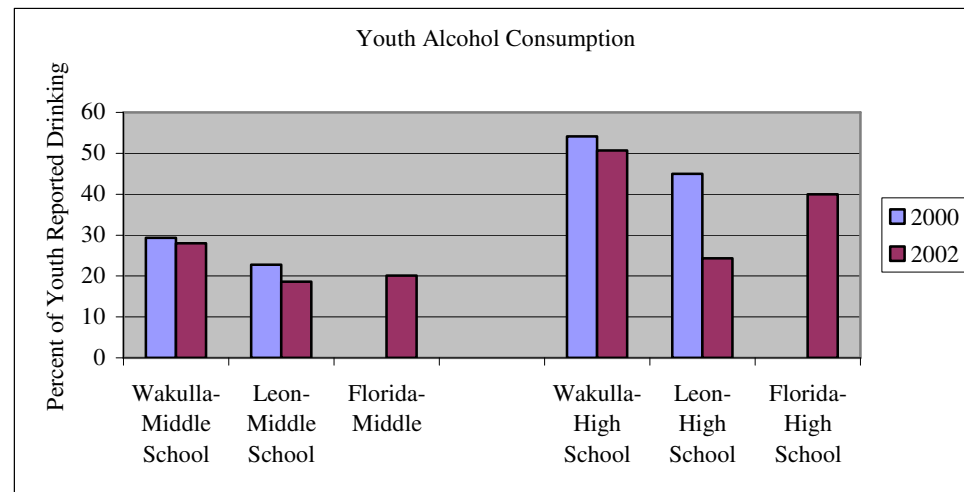
As of the Year 2002, underage alcohol consumption was a problem locally and statewide. In Wakulla County, 51% of high school students reported drinking alcohol in the last 30 days; Middle school students reported lower consumption, but still substantial drinking for that age group.

Data source:

Florida Department of Children and Families
 Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health
 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey, 2000
 (2002 data not available for grade 12 in Leon County)

Website:

http://www5.myflorida.com/cf_web/



	2000	2002
Wakulla-Middle School	29.3	28.0
Leon-Middle School	22.8	18.6
Florida-Middle		20.1
Wakulla-High School	54.1	50.7
Leon-High School	45.0	24.3
Florida-High School		40.0



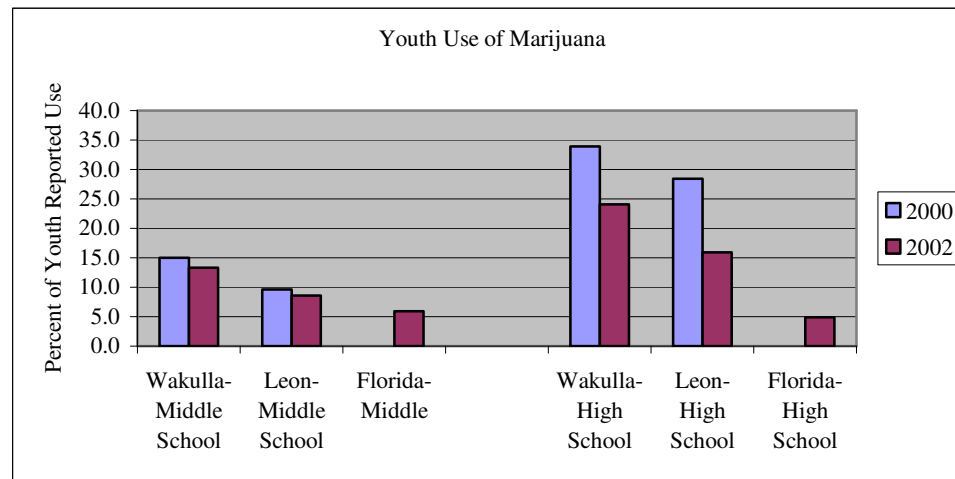
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Indicator 7: Youth Substance Abuse

Indicator:
Percent of students who reported that they used marijuana within the last 30 days.

Analysis:
 Alcohol use is much more common than drug use among high school and middle school students in Wakulla County and in Florida. Both are more common among high school students than middle school students.

In Wakulla County, marijuana is the drug most often used by high school students. Marijuana is most commonly used drug by middle school students. Drug use rates for both groups are above statewide averages.

Data source:
 Florida Department of Children and Families
 Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health
 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey, 2000
http://www5.myflorida.com/cf_web/



	2000	2002
Wakulla-Middle School	15.0	13.3
Leon-Middle School	9.6	8.6
Florida-Middle		5.9
Wakulla-High School	33.9	24.1
Leon-High School	28.4	15.9
Florida-High School		4.9



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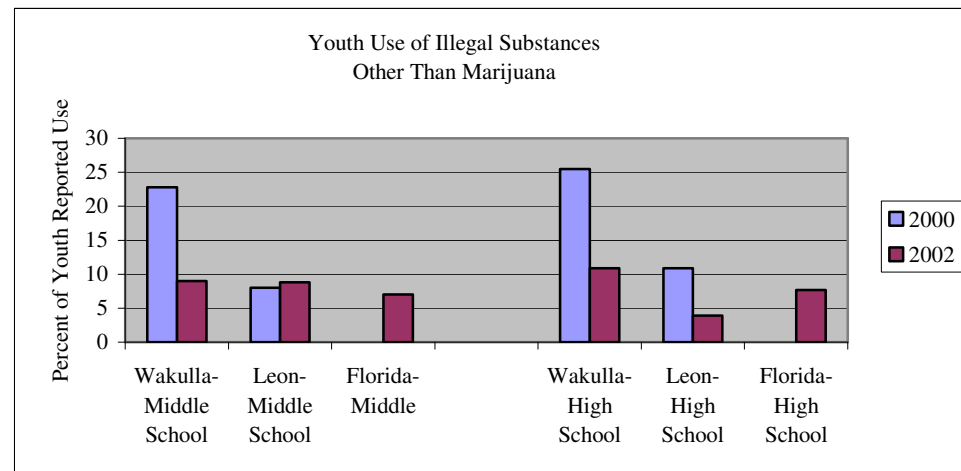
Indicator 8: Youth Other Illegal Substance Abuse

Indicator:

Percent of middle and high school students who reported using illegal substances other than marijuana.

Analysis:

In 2002, percentages of youth reporting use of illegal substances other than marijuana decreased by over 40 percent for middle school students and by over 50 percent for high school students. Alcohol and cigarette use outweigh all other substance use and abuse.



Data source:

Florida Department of Children and Families
Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health
Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey, 2002

Data not available for earlier years or for grade 12 in 2002.

Website:

http://www5.myflorida.com/cf_web/

	2000	2002
Wakulla-Middle School	22.8	9.0
Leon-Middle School	8.0	8.8
Florida-Middle		7.0
Wakulla-High School	25.5	10.9
Leon-High School	10.9	3.9
Florida-High School		7.7