

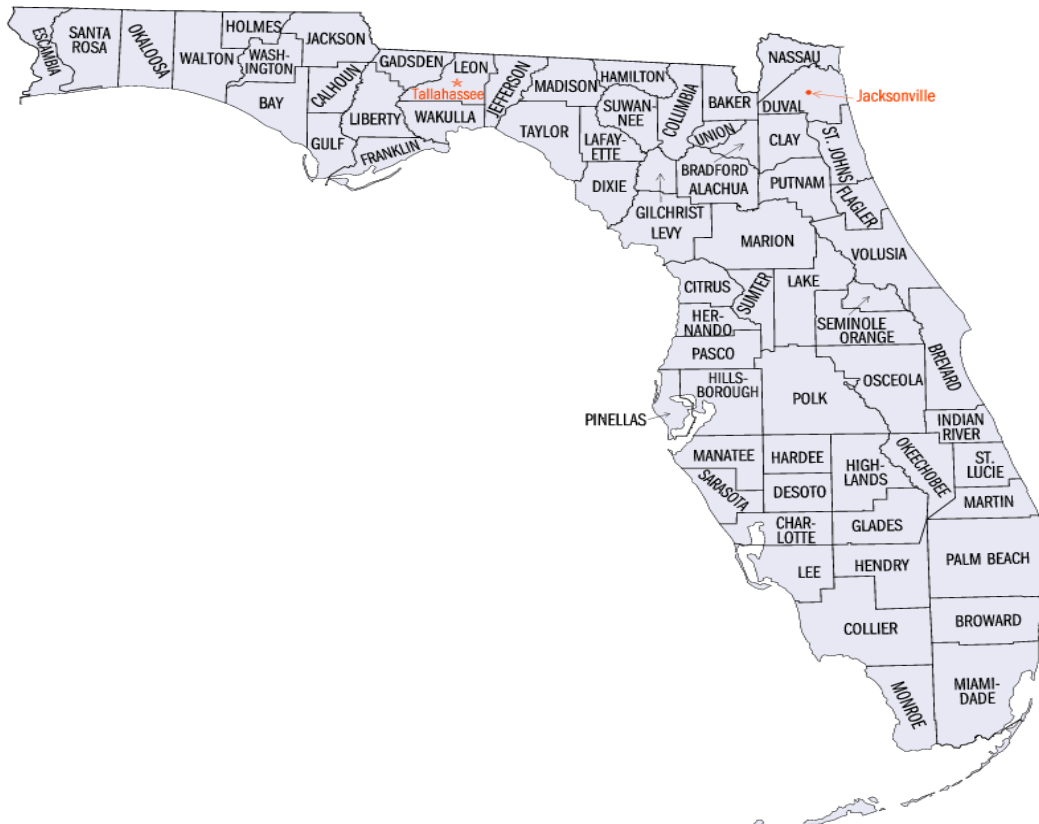
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Tallahassee, Florida

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking and enforcement.

Demographics

- Population (2006 American Community Survey): 154,062¹
- Race/Ethnicity (2006 American Community Survey): 57.3% white; 36.0% African American/black; 0.4% American Indian/Alaska Native; 3.1% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander; 1.3% other; 2.0% two or more races; 4.7% Hispanic/Latino origin (of any race)²
- Tallahassee is located in Leon County.³

Politics

- Mayor: John Marks⁴
- City Commission: Allan Katz; Andrew Gillum; Debbie Lightsey; Mark Mustian⁵
- City Manager: Anita Favors Thompson⁶
- Chief of Police: Dennis Michael Jones⁷
- Leon County Sheriff: Larry Campbell⁸

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- From January through June 2007, the Tallahassee Police Department reported 1 murder.⁹ During full year 2006, there were 10 homicides reported by the Tallahassee Police Department.¹⁰

Index Offenses Known to Police, Tallahassee, 2006-June 2007

Offense	Full Year 2006	Jan.-June 2007
Murder	10	1
Forcible rape	155	65
Robbery	452	214
Aggravated assault	998	552
Burglary	2,168	1,160
Larceny	4,935	2,489
Motor vehicle theft	606	290
Total index	9,324	4,751

- There were no reported arrests for murder made by the Tallahassee Police Department from January through June 2007.¹¹ During full year 2006, the Tallahassee Police Department reported 4 murder arrests.¹²

Arrests, Index Offenses, Tallahassee, 2006-June 2007

Offense	Full Year 2006	Jan.-June 2007
Murder	4	0
Forcible sex offense	39	13
Robbery	65	25

Aggravated assault	323	150
Burglary	183	65
Larceny	1,160	594
Motor vehicle theft	104	61

- From January through June 2007, there were 779 drug arrests reported by the Tallahassee Police Department.¹³ During full year 2006, the Tallahassee Police Department reported 1,829 drug arrests.¹⁴

Drug-/Alcohol-Related Arrests, Tallahassee, 2006-June 2007

Offense	Full Year 2006	Jan.-June 2007
Drug	1,829	779
DUI	572	184
Liquor laws	630	135

Drugs

- Cocaine¹⁵
Powder and crack cocaine continue to be observed in the Tallahassee area.
- Marijuana¹⁶
Marijuana is continually being encountered throughout the Tallahassee area.
- Methamphetamine¹⁷
The Tallahassee Police Department reports that a growing trend is the resurgence of methamphetamine manufactured in local clandestine laboratories.
- Club Drugs¹⁸
Ecstasy, GHB, LSD and Rohypnol are frequently seen in the Tallahassee college community and at local nightclubs.

Juveniles

- In 2006, 36.1% of Leon County high school students reported using marijuana at least once in their lifetime. Approximately 10.8% of Leon County middle school students surveyed in 2006 reported lifetime marijuana use.¹⁹

Students Reporting Lifetime Use of Selected Drugs, Leon County, 2004-2006

Drug Type	Middle School		High School	
	2004	2006	2004	2006
Marijuana	12.9%	10.8%	36.2%	36.1%
Inhalants	15.0	14.8	13.7	8.8
Ecstasy	1.2	2.0	4.0	3.7
Rohypnol	0.7	1.2	1.5	0.3
GHB	1.8	1.4	0.3	1.1
Ketamine	0.0	0.3	1.1	0.9
LSD/PCP	1.3	2.1	3.1	3.5
Halluc. mushrooms	3.0	2.3	7.0	8.6
Cocaine	1.9	2.6	4.4	6.1
Crack cocaine	1.8	2.1	1.6	0.9

Methamphetamine	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.1
Depressants	2.4	2.9	7.4	6.5
Heroin	1.3	0.8	1.0	0.9
Prescription pain relievers	5.0	5.8	9.0	12.5
Steroids	1.7	1.0	0.9	0.9
Prescription amphetamines	4.0	3.7	7.3	10.1
Any illicit drug	24.2	21.8	41.2	40.0

- Approximately 19% of Leon County high school students who were surveyed in 2006 reported using marijuana within the past 30 days.²⁰

Students Reporting Past 30 Day Use of Selected Drugs, Leon County, 2004-2006

Drug Type	Middle School		High School	
	2004	2006	2004	2006
Marijuana	6.5%	7.2%	17.7%	19.0%
Inhalants	5.8	7.2	3.4	1.5
Ecstasy	0.5	1.2	0.7	0.3
Rohypnol	0.4	0.9	0.4	0.3
GHB	1.5	0.8	0.0	0.3
Ketamine	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.7
LSD/PCP	0.3	1.0	0.5	0.6
Halluc. mushrooms	1.4	1.4	0.8	1.7
Cocaine	1.0	0.8	1.5	1.7
Crack cocaine	1.2	0.7	0.3	0.0
Methamphetamine	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.4
Depressants	0.6	1.2	2.5	2.1
Heroin	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.3
Prescription pain relievers	2.3	2.8	2.2	4.0
Steroids	0.8	0.7	0.2	0.5
Prescription amphetamines	1.6	2.0	1.2	3.0
Any illicit drug	12.2	13.5	21.2	20.6

- During 2006, the average (mean) age when Leon County middle school students first used marijuana was 12.4 years. Among Leon County high school students, the average age of first marijuana use was 14.2 years.²¹

Mean Age (in Years) of First Substance Use, Leon County, 2006

Substance	Middle School	High School	Total
More than a sip or two of alcohol	11.4	13.6	12.7
Drinking at least once a month	12.5	15.0	14.3
Cigarettes	11.5	13.3	12.4
Marijuana	12.4	14.2	13.6

- Approximately 13% of Leon County students surveyed in 2006 reported being drunk or high at school.²²

Percent of Students Reporting Drug-Related Behavior, Leon County, 2006

Behavior	Middle School	High School	Total
Sold drugs	3.0%	8.2%	5.8%
Drunk or high at school	7.8	19.3	13.0

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2006, there were 490 full-time law enforcement employees in Tallahassee (354 officers and 136 civilians).²³

Trafficking and Seizures

- During 2007, 217 marijuana plants were seized in Leon County as part of the Domestic Marijuana Eradication program.²⁴
- From FY 2004-2005, the Tallahassee Police Department Vice/Narcotics Unit seized \$1,110,166 worth of powder cocaine, \$1,979,439 worth of marijuana, \$61,980 worth of crack, and \$39,598 worth of designer drugs, steroids and methamphetamine.²⁵
- In 2006, the Leon County Sheriff's Office Vice Unit seized more than 8 million dollars worth of drugs, and more than one million dollars worth of assets related to drug cases.²⁶

Corrections

- During 2006, the average daily population at the Leon County Jail was 1,142.²⁷

Consequences of Use

- There were 18 deaths in the Tallahassee Medical Examiner District (MDE) during the first half of 2007 in which cocaine was found in the body of the deceased.²⁸ During full year 2006, there were 39 deaths in which cocaine was present.²⁹ Cocaine was present in 47 deaths during full year 2005.³⁰

Number of Drug-Related Deaths, Tallahassee MDE*, 2005-June 2007

Drug Involved	Full Year 2005	Full Year 2006	Jan.-June 2007
Alprazolam only	0	1	0
Alprazolam with other drug	16	14	7
Cocaine only	11	12	6
Cocaine with other drug	47	39	18
Diazepam only	0	0	0
Diazepam with other drug	6	4	3
Heroin only	0	0	0
Heroin with other drug	0	0	0
Hydrocodone only	2	1	0
Hydrocodone with other drug	10	11	10
Methadone only	2	1	1
Methadone with other drug	12	5	6

Morphine only	4	4	1
Morphine with other drug	16	19	6
Oxycodone only	1	0	0
Oxycodone with other drug	6	7	3
Propoxyphene only	3	0	0
Propoxyphene with other drug	9	3	5

* The Tallahassee MDE includes Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Taylor and Wakulla Counties

- There were 10 deaths in the Tallahassee MDE during the first half of 2007 in which cocaine was found at lethal levels in the body of the deceased.³¹ During full year 2006, there were 9 such deaths in which cocaine was present at lethal levels.³²

Drug-Related Deaths by Lethal/Non-Lethal Levels, Tallahassee MDE*, 2006-June 2007

Drug	Lethal Levels		Non-Lethal Levels	
	Full Year 2006	Jan.-June 2007	Full Year 2006	Jan.-June 2007
Alprazolam	5	2	10	5
Cocaine	9	10	42	14
Diazepam	2	0	2	3
Hydrocodone	3	3	9	7
Methadone	6	3	0	4
Morphine	4	1	19	6
Oxycodone	1	0	6	3
Propoxyphene	2	1	1	4

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Courts

- Drug Courts³³
As of April 16, 2007, there were 2 drug courts in Tallahassee that had been in existence for at least two years. There were no additional drug courts in existence or being planned in Tallahassee at that time.

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