



RDMC DATA SHEET

SARG Data Category: 1. CONSEQUENCES
evidence of the problem

Title: Total Arrests and Substance Abuse

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Indicator:

The total number of all types of arrests in Leon County, all ages, and total arrests per 100,000 population; and the total number of drug/narcotic, liquor law violation and driving under the influence (DUI) arrests, all ages.

Commentary:

The total number of all types of arrests, all ages including juveniles, showed a marked decline over the period 1999 to 2003, and thereafter increased to a peak in 2008, ending in 2009 at 11,969 significantly above the 2003 low of 10,965. Following the 1999-2003 five-year decline total arrests per capita or 100,000 population have remained fairly steady at an average of 4,676. From 1999-2009 the total number of drug and liquor law violation arrests has also declined significantly while DUIs present a more constant arrest pattern. Drug and DUI arrests more or less follow the rising total arrest pattern from 2003 to 2006. However, drug, DUI and liquor law violation arrests all declined over the period 2006 to 2009 while total arrests stayed high. This may be an indication of a changing, unstable economy where adults and juveniles alike choose potential income-generating and/or other criminal activities (e.g. motor vehicle theft, robbery, stolen property; sexual or other assault) as opposed to those requiring personal expense (purchase of drugs, alcohol).

Source(s):

FL Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) , Uniform Crime Reports, http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/Content/getdoc/a324add7-5dd6-4201-9696-93bfd76bc36c/UCR-Home.aspx#Semi-Annual_Reports

Chart 1: Total Arrests and Arrests per 100,000

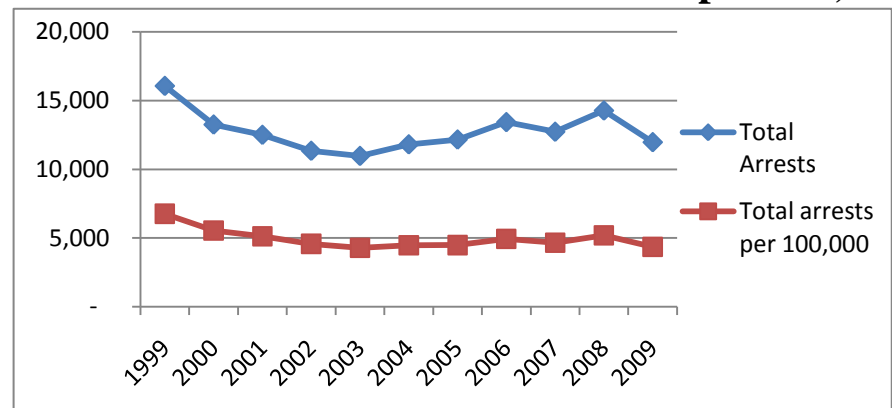


Chart 2: Drug, Liquor Law and DUI Arrests

