



***Our
Safety***

Florida has the highest crime rate in the nation, coupled with an alarming increase in the number of youths committing violent crimes. Reducing crime in our communities while improving the criminal justice system can accomplish two major goals: people feel safer and offenders learn to contribute to society.

Personal safety is threatened at home, in the community and in the workplace. Our lives are touched by domestic violence, drug and alcohol addiction, as well as accidents on our highways, bikeways, and waterways. Workplace safety has become an increasing concern for employees and employers. Our experience with hurricanes has made us particularly sensitive to the need for emergency assistance, protection from and response to natural disasters.

CRITICAL BENCHMARKS



2.1 CRIME



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2.10 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



2.11 ADULT REPEAT OFFENDERS



Reducing crime

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CRIME

2.1.1 Crime rate

- a) Number of index crimes reported per 100,000 residents
- b) Broward County's rank in crime rate among the 67 counties in Florida (1st = county with highest crime rate)

2.1.2 Violent crime rate: Number of violent crimes reported per 100,000 residents

- a) Murder
- b) Forcible sex offenses
- c) Robbery
- d) Aggravated assault
- e) TOTAL

	TRENDS				GOALS	
	FL1994	1985	1990	1996	2000	2010
a) Number of index crimes reported per 100,000 residents	8,148	7,940	8,738	8,447		
b) Broward County's rank in crime rate among the 67 counties in Florida (1st = county with highest crime rate)		9th	not available	5th		
2.1.2 Violent crime rate: Number of violent crimes reported per 100,000 residents						
a) Murder	83	12	9.7	7.4		
b) Forcible sex offenses	96	not comparable	79	61		
c) Robbery	326	394	407	318		
d) Aggravated assault	706	400	510	491		
e) TOTAL	1,137	854	1,005	877		



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		TRENDS				GOALS	
2.1	CRIME CONTINUED	FL1994	1985	1990	1996	2000	2010
	2.1.3 Non-violent crime rate: Number of non-violent crimes reported per 100,000 residents						
	a) Burglary/breaking and entering	1,679	2,076	1,982	1,581		
	b) Larceny/theft	4,447	4,373	4,892	4,957		
	c) Motor vehicle theft	885	639	859	1,032		
	d) TOTAL	7,011	7,087	7,733	7,570		
2.2	CRIME VICTIMIZATION	FL	1985	1994	1997	2000	2010
	2.2.1 Violent crime victimization: By survey, percentage of households in which anyone had been the victim of a violent crime in the past 5 years	not available	not available	4.3%	3.7%		
2.3	PERCEPTION OF CRIME	FL1993	1990	1994	1997	2000	2010
	2.3.1 Perception of neighborhood crime: By survey, percentage of adults who believed that the problem of crime in their neighborhood was						
	a) getting better	5%	not available	not available	12%	15%	20%
	b) staying the same	46%	not available	not available	55%	60%	55%
	c) getting worse	49%	not available	not available	27%	20%	20%
	d) don't know / no answer	0%	not available	not available	6%	5%	5%



Reducing crime *continued*

2.4

ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

2.4.1 *Driving under the influence (DUI)*

- a) **Drinking and driving:** By survey, percentage of adults who, within the last month, drove a motor vehicle after having too much to drink
- b) **Riding with a drinking driver:** By survey, percentage of adults who, within the last month rode with a driver who had too much to drink
- c) **Alcohol-related traffic fatalities:** Number of people who died in traffic crashes that were alcohol related (per 100,000 county residents)
- d) **Alcohol and drug-related traffic crashes:** Percentage of traffic crashes that were alcohol or drug related

	TRENDS				GOALS	
	FL1993	1986	1994	1997	2000	2010
a)	3.2%	not available	3.5%	1.8%	1.5%	1.2%
b)	not available	not available	3.6%	3.5%	3.4%	3.2%
c)	not available	7.3	4.1	not available		
d)	not available	13%	9.2%	not available		
2.4.2 <i>Drug arrests:</i> Total number of drug arrests by law enforcement agencies per 100,000 residents age 18 and older	687	886	993	not available		

2.5

PERSONAL SAFETY

2.5.1 *Safety at home at night:* By survey, how safe adults feel at home at night

- a) Very safe
- b) Somewhat safe
- c) Not very safe

	FL1994	1990	1994	1997	2000	2010
a)	not available	not available	not available	68%	70%	75%
b)	not available	not available	not available	29%	28%	23%
c)	not available	not available	not available	3%	2%	2%



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2.5	PERSONAL SAFETY <small>CONTINUED</small>	TRENDS				GOALS	
		FL	1990	1994	1997	2000	2010
	2.5.2 Safety at night: By survey, how safe adults feel at night a) Very safe b) Somewhat safe c) Not very safe	not available not available not available	not available not available not available	not available not available not available	59% 34% 7%	60% 35% 5%	65% 33% 2%
	2.5.3 Safety near work: By survey, how safe adults feel in the neighborhood where they work a) Very safe b) Somewhat safe c) Not very safe	not available not available not available	not available not available not available	not available not available not available	52% 33% 14%	55% 35% 10%	65% 33% 2%
	2.5.4 Safety in the daytime: By survey, how safe adults feel in the daytime a) Very safe b) Somewhat safe c) Not very safe	not available not available not available	not available not available not available	not available not available not available	76% 23% 1.8%	80% 18% 2%	85% 13% 2%
2.6	JUVENILE ARRESTS	FL1995	1990	1993	1995	2000	2010
	2.6.1 Juvenile arrests for violent crimes a) Number of children taken into custody by police because they were suspected of committing a violent crime, including murder, forcible sex offenses, robbery, and aggravated assault (per 100,000 children ages 10-17)	840	828	706	684		



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2.6	JUVENILE ARRESTS <small>CONTINUED</small>	TRENDS				GOALS	
		FL1995	1990	1993	1995	2000	2010
	b) Percentage of juvenile arrests that involved violent crimes	19%	18%	14%	15%		
2.6.2	Juvenile arrests for non-violent crime						
	a) Number of children taken into custody by the police because they were suspected of committing a non-violent crime, including burglary/breaking and entering, larceny/theft, and motor vehicle theft (per 100,000 children ages 10-17)	3,525	3,883	4,308	4,017		
	b) Percentage of juvenile arrests that involved non-violent crimes	81%	82%	86%	85%		
2.6.3	Juvenile portion of all arrests: Percentage of total arrests involving children under age 18.	16%	14%	19%	20%		
2.7	JUVENILE DELINQUENTS	FL1995	1985	1991	1995	2000	2010
2.7.1	Juvenile delinquency: Number of juveniles under age 18 who were remanded for delinquency	not available	not available	7,253	8,907		
2.7.2	Juvenile commitments : Number of juveniles under age 18 who were adjudicated delinquent and placed in non-residential or residential commitment programs	not available	not available	556	336		



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		TRENDS				GOALS	
2.7	JUVENILE DELINQUENTS CONTINUED	FL	1985	1991	1995	2000	2010
	2.7.3 <i>Serious juvenile offenders</i> : Number of juveniles under age 18 referred for delinquency for a felony offense	not available	not available	3,348	4,352		
2.8	JUVENILES IN THE ADULT SYSTEM	FL1995	1994	1995	1996	2000	2010
	2.8.1 <i>Juveniles in the adult correctional system</i> : Number of juveniles admitted to state prisons (ages 10-17)	59	104	71	116		

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2.9	ABUSE AND NEGLECT	FL1995	1994	1995	1996	2000	2010
	2.9.1 <i>Child abuse and neglect</i> : Number of child abuse and neglect victims whose maltreatment was verified or found to have some evidence of occurrence (may be multiple counts for the same person per year)	74,910	4,095	4,320	3,983		



Preventing abuse and domestic violence *continued*

2.9	ABUSE AND NEGLECT <small>CONTINUED</small>	TRENDS				GOALS	
		FL1995	1994	1995	1996	2000	2010
2.9.2	Abuse and neglect of adults with disabilities: Number of disabled adults (ages 18-59) who were victims in reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation that were verified or found to have some evidence of occurrence (may be multiple counts for the same person per year)	2,047	213	207	196		
2.9.3	Elder abuse and neglect: Number of elderly people (age 60 and older) who were victims in reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation that were verified or found to have some evidence of occurrence (may be multiple counts for the same person per year)	8,537	1,075	968	965		
2.10	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	FL1996	1985	1992	1996	2000	2010
2.10.1	Domestic violence incidents: Number of domestic violence incidents reported to law enforcement per 100,000 residents	927	not available	668	599		
2.10.2	Domestic violence murders: Number of people murdered by a family or household member per 100,000 residents	1.3	not available	1.8	1.7		



Improving our criminal justice system

		TRENDS				GOALS	
2.11	ADULT REPEAT OFFENDERS	FL1992	1990	1992	1994	2000	2010
	<i>2.11.1 Adult repeat offenders:</i> Percentage of state prison releasees who committed a new crime within 2 years of their release	27%	40%	33%	21%		
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2.12	JUVENILE REPEAT OFFENDERS	FL1994	1985	1993	1994	2000	2010
	<i>2.12.1 Juvenile repeat offenders</i>						
	a) Diversion: Percentage of juveniles placed in diversion programs in lieu of going to court who, within one year of completion, had a subsequent adjudication or were sentenced as adults to state supervision or prison	13%	not available	not available	not available		
	b) Community control: Percentage of juveniles adjudicated delinquent and placed in community control who, within one year of completion, had a subsequent adjudication or were sentenced as adults to state supervision or prison	19%	not available	not available	not available		
	c) Commitment						
	1) Non-residential: Percentage of juveniles adjudicated delinquent and committed to a non-residential program who, within one year of completion, had a subsequent adjudication or were sentenced as adults to state supervision or prison	34%	not available	not available	not available		
	2) Residential: Percentage of juveniles adjudicated delinquent and committed to a residential program, who within one year of their release, had a subsequent adjudication or were sentenced as adults to state supervision or prison	44%	not available	not available	not available		



Improving our criminal justice system *continued*

		TRENDS				GOALS	
2.13	TIME SERVED	FL1995	1994	1995	1996	2000	2010
	2.13.1 <i>Length of sentence served</i> : Average percentage of sentence served by state prison inmates						
	a) Violent offenders	57%	48%	56%	64%		
	b) Non-violent offenders	49%	37%	48%	64%		
	c) Total offenders	51%	41%	51%	64%		
2.14	EDUCATION OF OFFENDERS	FL1995	1994	1996	1997	2000	2010
	2.14.1 <i>Literacy of adult offenders</i> : Of those tested, percentage of adult offenders who had basic skills at the ninth grade level or higher at time of last test	not available	not available	28%	29%		
	2.14.2 <i>Vocational training of releasees</i> : Percentage of state prison releasees who had a vocational certificate	18%	6.8%	9.3%	10%		
2.15	EX-OFFENDER EMPLOYMENT	FL	1985	1992	1994	2000	2010
	2.15.1 <i>Employment one year after release</i> : Percentage of ex-offenders released to Broward County holding a job or pursuing further education in Florida one year after release from state prisons	not available	not available	not available	26%		



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2.16 DISASTER PROTECTION

2.16.1 Evacuation time: Average estimated evacuation time (in hours) for people living in high hazard coastal areas of Broward County in the event of a hurricane

- a) Category 1-2
- b) Category 3
- c) Category 4-5

2.16.2 Shelter space: Number of shelter spaces available for residents of high hazard coastal areas of Broward County

- a) Category 1-2
- b) Category 3
- c) Category 4-5

2.16.3 Shelter space for people with special needs: Number of shelter spaces for people with disabilities or other special needs

- a) Category 1-2
- b) Category 3
- c) Category 4-5

	TRENDS				GOALS	
	FL	1985	1990	1997	2000	2010
not available	not available	not available	not available	21		
not available	not available	not available	not available	24		
not available	not available	not available	not available	24		
not available	not available	not available	not available	28,800		
not available	not available	not available	not available	50,400		
not available	not available	not available	not available	64,800		
not available	not available	not available	not available	1,200		
not available	not available	not available	not available	1,200		
not available	not available	not available	not available	1,200		



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		TRENDS				GOALS	
2.17	EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	FL1995	1985	1990	1997	2000	2010
	<i>2.17.1 Access to trauma centers</i>						
	Percentage of people who have access to a trauma center	61%	0%	0%	100%		
2.18	TRAFFIC CRASHES	FL1994	1986	1990	1995	2000	2010
	<i>2.18.1 Traffic crashes</i>						
	a) Number of traffic crashes per 100,000 residents	1,485	2,366	1,966	1,903		
	b) Broward County's ranking in the traffic crash rate among the 67 counties (1st=county with highest crash rate)		6th	5th	5th		
	<i>2.18.2 Deaths in traffic crashes</i>						
	a) Number of deaths in traffic crashes per 100,000 residents	20	16	16	15		
	b) Broward County's ranking in the traffic fatality rate among the 67 counties (1st =county with highest death rate)		62nd	62nd	59th		
	<i>2.18.3 Injuries in traffic crashes:</i> Number of people injured in traffic crashes per 100,000 residents	226	372	233	234		



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		TRENDS				GOALS	
2.19	HIGHWAY VIOLENCE	FL1995	1990	1994	1995	2000	2010
	<i>2.19.1 Highway violence:</i> Number of reported incidents of highway violence such as rock-throwings and assaults on vehicle passengers	1,328	not available	not available	not available		
2.20	BOATING ACCIDENTS	FL1994	1985	1990	1994	2000	2010
	<i>2.20.1 Boating accidents:</i> Number of recreational boating accidents per 100,000 boats registered	167	not available	not available	not available		
	<i>2.20.2 Boating deaths:</i> Number of people killed in recreational boating accidents per 100,000 boats registered	10	not available	not available	not available		
	<i>2.20.3 Boating injuries:</i> Number of people who needed more than simple first aid as a result of recreational boating accidents per 100,000 boats registered	99	not available	not available	not available		
2.21	INJURIES	FL1994	1985	1990	1996	2000	2010
	<i>2.21.1 Deaths from injuries:</i> Number of people per 100,000 residents who died from intentional or unintentional injuries	60	72	56	60		



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		TRENDS				GOALS	
2.21	INJURIES CONTINUED	FL1994	1985	1990	1994	2000	2010
	2.21.2 Deaths from firearms						
	a) Number of people who died from an injury inflicted by a handgun, shotgun or rifle (per 100,000 residents)	16	15	14	12		
	b) Percentage of injury deaths caused by firearms	26%	20%	26%	20%		
2.22	WORK-RELATED INJURIES	FL1993	1985	1990	1993	2000	2010
	2.22.1 Job-related injuries and illnesses: Number of work-related injuries and illnesses causing lost workdays or days of restricted activity per 100 full-time employees	3.5	not available	not available	not available		

