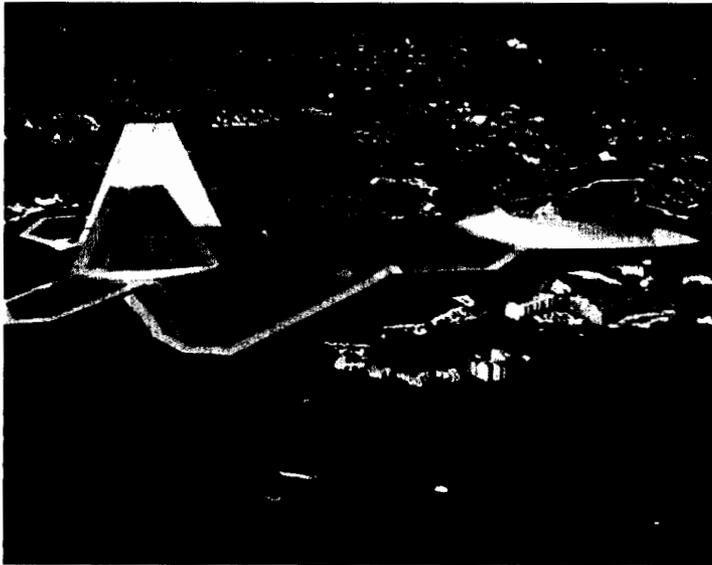


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Executive Summary

Bay County, Florida is a secret that is no longer very well hidden. Development in Bay County to include major resort and community housing projects, highway and bridge construction projects, new facilities at all levels of the educational system, deepening of the port facility, and the prospects for a new regional airport make clear what we've known all along, Bay County is a wonderful place in which to live, work, and play. Those of us who live in Bay County love it for a variety of reasons to include: its beauty, the lifestyle, access to the Gulf and our many streams, the rural nature of the County's interior, the friendliness of our neighbors, the respectfulness of our young people, pride in our community, the relatively low cost of living and tax burden, and many other reasons. One of the most important of those other reasons is the relationship the community has come to have with the military installations that are located here, Tyndall Air Force Base and the Naval Support Activity Panama City, formerly known as the Coastal Systems Station, and the military families that live among us. Panama City and Bay County is well known for its commitment to its military families and installations, a commitment that has been long standing and will not change.

This study was undertaken by a graduate research class in the corporate and public communications program at Florida State University Panama City in support of the Bay Defense Alliance. It seeks to provide a general description of the quality of life enjoyed by Bay County residents and to assess the current status of a number of infrastructure issue areas such as utilities, transportation, housing, etc. Where possible, its goal is to identify the County's ability to support growth that would come as a result of a business relocating to Bay County or the addition of new military missions which might result in the relocation of families to Bay County.

Bay County appreciates the difficulty the Department of Defense confronts in assessing its base structure and mission alignment. Our commitment is to continue to support the military missions of our bases and the military families that are part of our communities. We will be pleased to expand that support to other military families and other military missions in the same wholehearted way that has been our tradition.

The report provides substantial qualitative information that is descriptive in nature. This information deals mostly with quality of life issues. The following chart summarizes the information most relevant to the consideration of growth capacity and is offered as an overview of that portion of the report.

Questions as to the information contained in this report should be directed to Mr. Larry Dantzler, Chairman of the Bay Defense Alliance at (850) 769-5082.

**Executive Summary
Growth Capacity Indicators**

| Issue Area | Current Status | Capacity for Growth |
|------------------|---|--|
| Education System | <p>K-12 Schools enroll approximately 27,000 students and is rated #17 in the State based on mandated accountability testing.</p> <p>Gulf Coast Community College offers wide range of pre-collegiate, applied, and vocational programs.</p> <p>Florida State University branch campus offers upper-division and graduate programs. Upper division programs partner with Gulf Coast Community College and primarily include engineering, computer science, social sciences, education, and business.</p> | <p>Can support near-term (5 years) growth of an additional 2,000 to 2,500 students while planning and constructing new facilities.</p> <p>New or remodeled facilities continue to provide state-of-the-art educational facilities. No constraints seen in terms of growth.</p> <p>Aggressive building program in 2004-07 will position campus to handle eight to ten years of 10-12 percent annual growth.</p> |
| Healthcare | <p>Two major hospitals and other lesser medical facilities and a robust medical community representing most specialties provide more than adequate medical care.</p> | <p>Bay Medical Center completed a million dollar expansion in 2004 to include new emergency, medical-surgical facilities and a state-of-the-art cardiac care and surgery center. Gulf Coast Medical Center also expanded its capabilities in 2003-2004.</p> |
| Transportation | <p>Served by regional airport with direct service to hubs such as Atlanta, Cincinnati, Memphis, and Dallas/Ft. Worth, Interstate 10 is 35 minutes away.</p> | <p>New regional airport being planned for 2009; construction projects underway to four lane two major north-south highways to Interstate 10.</p> |
| Housing | <p>An adequate supply of available housing exists; overall vacancy rate in 2003 was 11.2 percent with rental vacancy being 16.2 percent. Dynamic growth is underway.</p> | <p>Significant number of new housing units, both rental and in the sales market. Since 2003, more than 40 housing projects exceeding 5,000 new homes have been</p> |

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| | | approved by five primary municipalities and the county at large. More than 1,000 rental units have been constructed or will be built in the next three years. |
| Utilities | <p>Electrical supply is plentiful and is among the lowest in cost in the Country.</p> <p>The water supply is abundant. Treatment capacity exceeds current use by 24 million gallons daily.</p> <p>Waste water treatment capacity exceeds current need by 3-3.5 million gallons daily (current use consumes 50 to 60 percent of capacity.)</p> | <p>Near term growth capacity exceeds current use by 30%, held in reserve to serve increased demand, while developing longer-term plans.</p> <p>Resources sufficient to support a population eight times the current population. Water treatment capacity in excess of current need would support more than sixty thousand additional residents.</p> <p>Water treatment excess capability sufficient to support twice the current population. Plant could be doubled yet again with additional construction.</p> |

Bay County, Florida Community Growth Capacity Analysis

Geography

Bay County is located in the Panhandle of northwest Florida on the Gulf of Mexico. Bays and inland lakes dot the area, which averages 13 feet above sea level. Of 861 square miles, 763 square miles of Bay County is land and 108 of it is water.¹ Panama City, the county seat, is located less than 100 miles from Tallahassee, the state capitol of Florida, and is within a 300-mile radius of Atlanta, GA, Jacksonville, FL, Orlando, FL, Birmingham, AL and New Orleans, LA. Historically dubbed “the world’s most beautiful beaches,” Panama City Beach boasts sugar-white sand and clear azure water.

History

The County of Bay was incorporated on July 1, 1913, having been carved out of portions of Washington and Calhoun counties by state legislators. Possessing a rich history of native peoples, as well as French and Spanish explorers, it was no less colorful during later centuries. During the Civil War, inland bays and swamps served as hiding places for blockade runners, while what is now St. Andrews State Park, served as a salt works.

By the late 1800’s land developers were touting Bay County as “St. Andrews – By the Sea,” where a new resident could own a 25 by 82 foot lot for \$1.25. Now in the 21st century, the clear, emerald waters and mild coastal climate continues to draw newcomers to Bay County, Florida.²

Climate

Bay County residents enjoy mild temperatures most of the year which is reflected the following data:³

¹ Source: www.co.bay.fl.us/index.html

² Womack, M. (1994). *Along the bay: A pictorial history of Bay County*. Norfolk, VA: Pictorial Heritage Publishing Co.

³ Source: www.co.bay.fl.us/index.html

| PANAMA CITY AVERAGE CLIMATE | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------|
| Spring Temperatures | High 80 | Low 64 |
| Summer Temperatures | High 87 | Low 74 |
| Winter Temperatures | High 75 | Low 58 |
| Fall Temperatures | High 68 | Low 51 |
| Average Yearly Rainfall | 67.21 inches | |

Residency Requirements

Newcomers must establish a dwelling place and demonstrate the intent to make Florida the place of permanent residence. There is no fixed waiting period for residency. A sworn statement declaring residency may be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Bay County for legal purposes. For purposes of post-secondary education, out-of-state tuition is waived for active duty military members who maintain residency in other states and their dependents.

Economic and Population Overview

The current unemployment rate in Bay County is 5.2 percent with a total population of 154,827 in 2004. Population density per square mile is 194 persons. Based on 2002 data, the cost of living in Bay County was comparable to that of Norfolk, Virginia, Jacksonville, Orlando and Ft. Walton Beach, and six percent less expensive than Bradenton and Tallahassee, Florida.⁴ (For more detail data on population see Appendix I-*Population of Bay County; Census 2000*)

The following figures summarize Bay County's economy⁵:

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Impact of Tyndall Air Force Base on Bay County | \$ 520,829,842 |
| Impact of Coastal Systems Station on Bay County | \$ 345,369,500 |
| Gross Sales | \$ 4,044,034,895 |
| Per Capita Personal Income | \$ 25,774 |
| Taxable Sales | \$ 2,311,766,851 |

⁴ Sperling's Best Places, www.bestplaces.net, where "comparable" differences were within +/- 1-1.5%.

⁵ Source: www888baysite.com, all data is for 2002.

Culture, Media, & the Arts

The beaches of Bay County are world famous, but the sophistication of the area surprises some visitors and many new residents. Panama City was recently named “Number 6” of the “100 Best Small Art Towns in America.”^{5a}

Major Cultural and Arts Organizations

Bay Arts Alliance – local arts agency organized to provide quality cultural events and programs to Bay County.

Northwest Florida Visual Arts Center- provides the perfect venue for national, local and traveling exhibitions, adult and children’s art classes, art appreciation lectures, seminars, and workshops.

Gulf Coast Community College Visual and Performing Arts Division- award winning program featuring visual arts, dance, music, and the theater.

Other Cultural and Arts Organizations

Dance

Bay Ballet
Conservatory of Ballet
Northwest Florida Ballet
Silk Road Dance Company

Libraries

Bay County Public Library
Lynn Haven Library
Panama City Beach Library
Parker Public Library
Springfield Public Library

Media

Newspapers

Daily--*The News Herald*
Weekly—*The Thrifty Nickel, The County Press*
Monthly—*The Advantage*

Radio Stations – 16 that include: Top 40, Christian, Country, Jazz, Oldies, News/Talk, Public Radio

Television stations – NBC, ABC, FOX, CBS, PBS

^{5a}John Villani; *The 100 Best Small Art Towns in America*, John Muir Publishers of Santa Fe. 1996.

Cable Television—Knology, Wireless One, and Comcast are the major cable providers for the Bay County area.

Museums

Bay County's Junior Museum
John Hargrove Motor Car Museum
Museum of Man in the Sea – Panama City Beach

Music

Bay Area Musicians Association
Bay Arts String Quartet
Gulf Jazz Society – created to preserve, encourage, and advance jazz
Gulftones Barbershop Quartet
Orchestra of St. Andrew Bay – created to start a tradition of symphonic music in the community.
Panama City Music Association - presents a series of classical and popular concerts

Theater

Kaleidoscope Theater – current productions include *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, *Amadeus*, and *The Murder Room*.
Marina Civic Center – municipal auditorium, current and future productions include: *Seussical the Musical*, *Lord of the Dance*, *The Sound of Music*, and *Kiss Me Kate*.
Martin Theater – current and future productions include: *The Importance of Being Ernest*, *The Foreigner*, *Noises Off*, and *Guys and Dolls*.

Writing

Emerald Coast Poets
Panama City Writers Association
Panhandle Writer's Guild

Education

Bay County offers quality education through a wide variety of schools from Pre-K through postsecondary education. Bay District Schools serves nearly 27,000 students each year, receiving high ratings from the Florida Department of Education in the last reported period. Students need not leave home for a quality post-secondary education with a partnership between Gulf Coast Community College and The Florida State University, a nationally recognized Research I university, with a campus located in the

heart of Bay County. In addition, Troy State University and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University both offer courses at their campuses located at Tyndall Air Force Base. Students can earn a variety of bachelor's, masters and specialist degrees in the Bay county community.

Bay District Schools

General

Bay District Schools serve the county's population of almost 150,000 with 37 schools to serve the 763 square mile area in the county. As the 26th largest school district in Florida, the district educates nearly 27,000 students each year. According to the 2002-03 Florida School Accountability Report released by the Florida Department of Education, the district is succeeding in its mission. The report gives a glowing testimony of continued improvement based on the statewide grading system.⁶ "Though Bay County fared well last year, this year is remarkable," stated Jimmy Maddux, executive director for curriculum and instructional services in a news release. The report indicated 23 'A' schools, five 'B' schools, and 2 'C' schools. Of these, 16 improved and none made a lower grade from the previous year's report. There were no schools in the district with a poor or failing grade. (See Appendix II *2002-2003 Bay County School Accountability Report*)

Special attention is paid by both the School District and military installations in regard to the special needs of transfer students and military dependents.

Student Body

The student population in Bay county is 80 percent Caucasian, 15 percent African American, two percent Asian/Pacific Islander and less than one percent each Hispanic, American Indian and multiracial. Average class size in Bay County is lower in comparison with the state average in K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 at 21.2, 23.4 and 24.7 respectively. Average expenditure per pupil totals \$4,335 (See Appendix III-*Florida Department of Education Florida Schools Indicator Report*).

Graduates

The graduation rate for Bay County is 70.3 percent, above the 67.9 percent state average. In addition, 59.3 percent of graduates of Bay County schools were found to be continuing their education one year after graduation, also higher than the 56.1 percent state average.

⁶ A letter grade, A through F, is assigned to each school in the state of Florida by the Florida Department of Education based on student performance on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test in reading, math, and writing. School grading criteria are also affected by a school's demonstration of improvement from one year to the next.

Faculty & Administration

The Bay County School Board employs approximately 1,740 instructional staff and 115 administrative staff. In addition, 1,378 support staff assists the faculty. The classroom teacher to student ratio is 1 teacher per 16.82 students, lower than the state average of 1 to 17.68. All classroom teachers hold a minimum bachelor's degree, and over 36 percent hold advanced degrees. On average, teachers in Bay County have 15.6 years of experience, in comparison with a 13-year state average.

In the 2002 election, Florida voters passed a class size amendment to the Constitution mandating reduced class sizes in the public schools. This lowers teacher-to-student ratios and has not been particularly burdensome to the Bay County School District because of its already favorable, low teacher-to-student ratios. Based on 2003 approved school capacities, the District is at 92 percent utilization. Accordingly, approximately an additional two-thousand students could be accommodated. Certainly, long-term growth will require additional constructions as the Bay County population grows.⁷

Facilities

Bay District schools include 22 elementary schools, seven middle schools, five senior high schools, four special purpose schools and one vocational-technical facility. While the age of school facilities varies, the district, through its ongoing building program, constructs and updates plant facilities as the community's growth patterns dictate. An aggressive program of renovations and new school construction was undertaken in the mid-nineties and continues as a result of a special sales tax decision by the voters of Bay County. Continuous improvements with sales tax funds will extend through the next ten years.

Transportation

The Bay County School District provides transportation for all students who live more than 2 miles from their assigned school based on where the student lives. Since Bay County schools offer parental choice in school assignment, transportation to chosen (vice assigned school) is not guaranteed.

Students with Disabilities

The state of Florida provides school choice programs to allow parents to choose the best educational setting—public or private—for a child with a disability. A parent of a special needs student who is dissatisfied with the student's current school may choose to transfer the student to another public school through the McKay Scholarships program.

After School Care

Bay District Schools operate an after-school care program. Additionally, certified day care facilities are plentiful. For example, twenty such facilities are available within ten miles of Tyndall AFB⁸.

⁷ School Board approved capacities for 2003, enrollment reports for 2003-2004, interviews with District staff.

⁸ Tyndall AFB Family Support Center Listing

Dual Enrollment

Bay County participates in Florida's dual enrollment program that allows high school students to simultaneously earn college or vocational credit toward a postsecondary diploma, certificate, or degree at a Florida public institution that will also count as credit toward a high school diploma. Each high school offers a rigorous pre-collegiate program.

Rutherford High School offers the highly recognized International Baccalaureate program. Arnold High School offers a Collegiate Academy that combines high standards and dual enrollment opportunities. Bay High School offers AICE (Advancement International Certificate of Education) a program in cooperation with Cambridge University and a number of magnet programs, and Mosley High School offers a highly acclaimed MAPS (Mosley Advanced Placement Students) program.

Accreditation

Bay County public schools are fully accredited by the Florida Department of Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Bay District Schools—The Future

Bay District Schools are preparing for the future now with building and renovation projects in the plans. 2004 will bring new food service and administration buildings for Parker Elementary School as well as new classrooms at Hutchison Beach, Patronis, and Tommy Smith Elementary Schools. In addition, major renovations are planned at Everitt Middle School in 2005, as well as a new food service building at Oakland Terrace Elementary School and new administration building at Southport Elementary School. Two special purpose schools are also under construction.

Virtual School

The Florida virtual school provides internet-based high school curriculum providing virtual education options for grades 7 through 12, as well as adults seeking GED alternatives. Courses are free to all Florida students and are available to public, private and home school students. Seventy-five courses are being offered in the 2003-04 school year, including honors courses and 11 Advanced Placement courses. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accredit the school and courses are NCAA approved. The program has been the recipient of numerous awards since its inception.

Non-Public Schools

Almost six percent of Bay County's students attended one of 11 non-public schools in the county. Among these schools are eight religious school and three non-religious schools.

Home Education

Home education has become an increasingly popular option for education in Florida. The number of children educated through home education has grown by over 10,000 since 1998. 603 students were educated in Bay County by home education in 2002-03. Complete details are available by calling 850-872-4333.

Higher Education

Gulf Coast Community College

Gulf Coast Community College (GCCC) serves Bay, Gulf and Franklin counties at its Panama City main campus as well as the Gulf/Franklin Center, North Bay Center and the Tyndall Education Center. It has consistently ranked academically in Florida's top ten Community Colleges.

The community college offers degree, university transfer and continuing education programs at an affordable price. More than 23,000 students are enrolled in a variety of degree programs as well as continuing education courses. GCCC offers 103 associate of arts, associate of science and associate of applied science degree programs as well as 22 certificate programs. The college is well known for its variety of health science program in addition to correctional officer, firefighting and dental assistant certificates. Associate degrees in business are also popular.

GCCC is constantly striving to meet the needs of the community through the academic programs it offers. GCCC implemented a Surgical Technician program to meet the growing demands for professionals in that field. The first Surgical Technician class graduated December 2003. Also, in response to a growing need for registered nurses, GCCC is in the process of recruiting its first class of students for a new LPN to RN program, which is set to begin February 2004.

GCCC and The Florida State University, Panama City Campus (FSU-PC), participate in Florida's 'Two Plus Two' program. Under this program, students can complete the first two years of coursework towards a Baccalaureate degree at GCCC, and then complete the degree with the last two years of coursework at FSU-PC.

Fees per credit hour at GCCC for in-state students were lower than the state mean for the last reported semester, Fall 2002. The 2003-04 matriculation fee is only \$55.75 per credit hour for in-state students.

GCCC-The Future

GCCC is preparing for the future with new technology, which was expanded recently when GCCC received funding from the state and completed several renovation projects, some of which included the installation of smart classrooms in the Language and Literature Building, the Rosenwald Classroom Building, the Business Building, the Social Sciences Building and the Natural Sciences Laboratory. These smart classrooms give the instructor the ability to access the Internet, VCR/DVD player and data

projector to project images and materials on a screen to enhance his/her classroom lecture. Importantly, GCCC maintains an office on Tyndall AFB and offers a number of classes on base.

The college is also preparing for growth with new facilities and renovations. Through state funding, GCCC has recently built a state-of-the-art Wellness Complex to house the athletic department, and is in the process of constructing a third floor to the Student Union West Building. This third-floor expansion will house the entire Mathematics Division and Development Studies Department.

In addition, the Community College recently acquired the Highway Patrol Building adjacent to its main campus. This building is being renovated to house the Workforce Training Center and Workforce Board staff.

The Florida State University

The Panama City Campus of The Florida State University (FSU-PC) provides students with a nationally recognized degree and an easily accessible campus. Students may choose from over 30 undergraduate and graduate degree programs taught by nationally recognized faculty made up of over 80 percent full-time professors, both resident and those commuting from Tallahassee to teach courses. New academic programs have been added at the rate of three per year for the past three years and this growth rate is expected to continue for the next several years. Small class sizes with an average student-faculty ratio of 25 to one provide students with the advantages of both a Research I university and the more personal attention associated with smaller, private and independent universities and small colleges. All classrooms are equipped with state-of-the-art "smart" technology.

To further accommodate to students, FSU-PC offers full-time, daytime, evening and weekend classes, in addition to interactive television and web-based learning. FSU-PC staffs an advising office on Tyndall AFB to serve military families, especially those enrolled at the Panama City Campus. Tuition rates for 2003-2004 are \$79.12 per credit hour for in-state undergraduate study, and \$184.97 per credit hour for in-state graduate study.

FSU/PC—The Future

FSU-PC continues to grow with resident faculty now numbering 34, up from 5 in 1997. An additional 50 faculty from the main campus in Tallahassee also teach courses at the Panama City campus each semester. Enrollment has grown steadily, with spring 2004 numbers representing a 44% increase over spring 2000 enrollment. New academic programs have been added at an average rate of three per year for the past four years. The university is also looking to the future with a master plan that includes new buildings, new landscaping, new parking, better access, and more, all to accommodate new growth.

Planning funds have been allocated for an additional four-story academic building to be located along North Bay to house faculty offices, classrooms, laboratory space to

support engineering programs, an Academic Resource Center, a multi-purpose community hall and administrative offices. Construction will likely begin in the spring of 2005. Planning money has also been received to build a Facilities and Maintenance building, with groundbreaking scheduled for the fall of 2004. These projects, valued in excess of \$27 million, will prepare FSU-PC for continued growth into the future.

Troy State University – Tyndall AFB

The Troy State University, Florida Region at Tyndall AFB currently offers undergraduate degree programs in management as well as graduate degree programs in counseling and psychology, human resources management and management. Present enrollment is approximately 150 students. Located on the base, the university site provides convenient education in the fields of business and counseling for military personnel.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University- Tyndall AFB

The Resident Center of ERAU at Tyndall Air Force Base offers degree programs in the Associate of Science and Bachelor of Science in Professional Aeronautics, a Bachelor of Science in Management of Technical Operations, and a Masters of Aeronautical Science with specialization in Aeronautics or Management. Also located on the base, ERAU provides convenient education in more technical fields for military personnel.

Healthcare

Local Hospitals

Bay Medical Center

Bay Medical Center (BMC) is not-for-profit, regional medical center. BMC opened in 1949 and now has 353 beds. Over 180 physicians in 28 fields of specialized medicine and a total personnel count that exceeds 1,900 serve patients and their families at BMC, as well as providing ambulance service in Bay County.

Bay Medical Center offers the following services:

- Outpatient diagnostic
- MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging)
- Sleep Disorders Laboratory
- Hyperbaric Medicine
- Computerized Tomography (C.T.) Scanner
- Cardiac Catheterization Lab
- Linear Accelerator
- Critical Care Services
- Lithotripsy
- Neurosurgery and Open Heart Surgery Programs

Bay Medical Center enjoys a special relationship with our military installations. TRICARE patients have the option of receiving fully subsidized care at Bay Medical or transferring to the Keesler AFB Medical Center in Biloxi, Mississippi. Special procedures are in place whereby military physicians are permitted to practice at Bay Medical, subject to the medical staff credential process.

Another innovative service offered by Bay Medical to military patients is SemperCare, a thirty-bed acute-care facility, which operates as a separate hospital within Bay Medical Center. This hospital within the hospital makes it possible to provide reimbursable long-term care without transferring patients to an outside location.

Gulf Coast Medical Center

Gulf Coast Medical Center (GCMC), a private enterprise hospital opened in 1975 as Gulf Coast Community Hospital. The hospital's medical team is comprised of nearly 200 doctors and more than 700 nurses, healthcare specialists and support staff. GCMC has 176 patient beds, full service medical/surgical, acute-care hospital. Services include:

- Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
- Neonatal Transport Team
- Cancer Program
- Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
- Wound Care Center
- 24-hour Emergency Room
- Acute Care
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Coronary Care
- Intensive Care
- Surgical Services

GCMC also has a National Chapter of Senior Friends and a Senior Rehabilitation Center on its campus and maintains a wide range of ancillary support, including:

- EKG/EEG
- Laboratory
- Pathology
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Respiratory Therapy
- General and Special Radiology
- Diagnostic Nuclear Medicine, and Ultrasound

Healthsouth Emerald Coast Rehabilitation Hospital

Healthsouth is a 40-bed, comprehensive medical rehabilitation hospital, providing inpatient and outpatient therapy to pediatrics, adolescents and adult populations. State-of-the-art equipment and facilities offer therapy seven days a week, including a therapeutic gym with private treatment areas, transitional living apartments, therapeutic pool, and an outdoor mobility area.

Tyndall Air Force Base Hospital

Tyndall AFB Hospital began services to active military, retirees, and dependents for all area service branches at its hospital unit in late 1960. The base hospital has 20 beds. Tyndall health services assist nearly 34,000 local military residents. Renovations are currently underway.

In addition, the 325th Medical Group at TAFB maintains the following services/clinics for active duty and retired personnel:

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| Family Practice | Pediatric |
| Physical Therapy | Optometry |
| Internal Medicine | Immunizations |
| 2 Pharmacies | Radiology |
| Laboratory | Dental (emergency access for retired personnel) |

Naval Support Activity—Panama City

The Navy base provides a fully staffed clinic as well as facilities for a Department of Veterans Affairs medical clinic for eligible personnel in the area.

Ambulance Service—Bay County

Bay Medical Center provides ambulance and EMS service Bay County for emergencies as well critical care and non-emergency transport. A staff of almost 70 trained EMS professionals services the main unit at the Medical Center, branch locations in Panama City Beach and Lynn Haven, as well as quick-response units in northern Bay County.

Local Physicians/Healthcare Providers

More than twenty chiropractic practices provide care to Bay County residents. Other state licensed healthcare practitioners are shown below:

State Licensed Health Practitioners

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| Physicians | 243 |
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| Optometrists | 19 |
| Registered Nurses | 2,080 |
| Dentists | 65 |
| Psychologists | 13 |
| Practical Nurses | 559 |

Regional Hospitals

A generous variety of healthcare options are available to Bay County residents, including allopathic, holistic, and chiropractic care.

The following tertiary/regional care facilities are available for residents of Bay County:

Sacred Heart, Pensacola, FL⁹

500 primary and specialty physicians practice at Sacred Heart, a 431 bed not-for-profit healthcare organization. Services include: a 24-hour Emergency Trauma Center, a Pediatric Trauma Referral Center, and centers specializing in women's health, cardiac care, cancer care, and the care of children. This acute care facility includes Sacred Heart Hospital, Sacred Heart Children's Hospital and Sacred Heart Women's Hospital. A new, 50-bed hospital in Walton County, east of Destin, opened in 2003.

Shands HealthCare, Gainesville, FL¹⁰

Shands HealthCare, affiliated with the University of Florida Health Science Center is made up of nine, not-for-profit hospitals, a network of more than 80 primary and specialty practices and a medical staff of more than 1,500 affiliated University of Florida faculty and community physicians. In addition, Shands has a workforce of more than 9,000 staff, nearly 2,000 of whom are nurses. Staff professionals cover virtually every medical specialty.

Tertiary care facilities at Shands are numerous. The Shands Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) provides special care to severely ill infants from throughout Florida and South Georgia. When emergencies arise in outlying areas, the ShandsCair helicopter is dispatched at the request of referring physicians for the rapid transport of their patients to Shands. As Florida's leading referral center for organ transplantation, Shands sets the pace in the procurement and transplantation of organs of all types. Programs include heart, liver, kidney, bone marrow, lung, cornea and bone transplant.

The UF College of Medicine physicians practicing at Shands at UF are consistently ranked among America's best by U.S. News and World Report. Shands at UF is a 570-bed tertiary care center with 142 intensive care beds. Shands at UF features four "Centers of Excellence," including:

- Cancer
- Cardiovascular medicine

⁹ Source: <http://www.sacred-heart-org/about.asp> Retrieved October 7, 2003

¹⁰ Source: <http://www.shands.org/about/overview.htm> Retrieved October 7, 2003

- Neurological services
- Transplantation

In addition to the above Florida regional centers, Emory University Hospital and the University of Alabama at Birmingham facilities are available as regional centers for the Bay County area.

Faith

Summary

Though predominantly Protestant Christian, Bay County offers a variety of religious affiliations in the community. Established congregations in the area are represented by the Christian, Jewish, and Islamic faiths, as well as Christian ministry to gays and lesbians.

Christianity

The following church denominations are located in the Bay County area:

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| A.M.E.—1 | Holiness—2 |
| African American Methodist | Interdenominational—5 |
| Episcopal—3 | Jehovah's Witnesses—5 |
| Anglican Catholic—1 | Latter Day Saints—2 |
| Assemblies of God—17 | Lutheran (ELCA & Missouri Synod)—6 |
| Baptist—29 | Methodist—13 |
| Baptist American Association—1 | Methodist, United—12 |
| Baptist, Free Will—1 | Nazarene—1 |
| Baptist, Independent—8 | Non-Denominational—9 |
| Baptist, Missionary—2 | Pentecostal—12 |
| Baptist, Southern—28 | Pentecostal Church of God—1 |
| Catholic—6 | Pentecostal Holiness—5 |
| Charismatic—6 | Presbyterian—5 |
| Church of Christ—9 | Presbyterian PCA—12 |
| Independent—3 | Primitive Baptist—1 |
| Missionary Alliance—2 | Seventh Day Adventist—3 |
| Christian Science—1 | Unitarian Universalist—1 |
| Church of God—6 | |

Episcopal—5
Full Gospel—4
Greek Orthodox—1

United Pentecostal—2
Unity—1
Wesleyan--1

Judaism

Bay County has a growing Jewish presence. The first Jewish synagogue for Bay County was dedicated in 2003 and currently has over 100 families attending. The following congregations are available to residents in the Bay County area. If no Bay County sources are available, the *closest* congregations to Bay County are listed:

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Reform Judaism | Panama City, FL Ft. Walton Beach, FL Tallahassee, FL |
| Conservative Orthodox | Pensacola, FL Jacksonville, FL |
| Chabad Lubavitch | Tallahassee, FL |

Islam

Bay County has a visible Islamic presence; one mosque serves the Bay County area.

Buddhism

No formal Buddhist temples exist in Bay County

Recreation

Bay County has several major recreational facilities, which added to the beautiful white sand beaches and emerald green waters, attract thousands of visitors every year.

Major Recreation Attractions

- Ebro Greyhound Park
- Emerald Falls
- Gulf World
- St. Andrews State Park
- Shipwreck Island
- Super Speed Fun Park
- Zoo World

Fishing

Fishing is one of the major recreations that make Bay County a tourist destination area. Anglers from all of the world flock to the gulf, bays, lakes, rivers, and creeks to take their shot at reeling in the catch of a lifetime. The primary fishing facilities are as follows:

- Three fishing piers that extend from the beach over the Gulf of Mexico.
- Four old bridges used as fishing piers.
- Fifteen marinas that have Bay and Gulf access.
- Twenty plus, tackle supply dealers.
- Forty-five plus, private charter deep sea fishing boats
- Six large-party deep sea fishing boats
- Four large saltwater bays.
- Deer Point Lake as the major freshwater facility, with dozens of smaller lakes.

Golf

Golf is a primary recreation for the entire state of Florida for people of all ages. Bay County has numerous residential communities built around golf courses. Bay County hosts PGA Tour qualifying championships annually. The Golf facilities include:

- Four Private Golf Clubs
- Eleven Public Courses
- One Par-3 course
- About 10 miniature golf locations.
- Three golf driving ranges.
- Four golf equipment and repair centers.

Hunting

Deer hunting is the primary sport for hunters in Bay County and surrounding counties. The hunting facilities are as follows:

- Six hunting guide services.
- Over five hunting preserves
- Dozens of private land lease opportunities.
- Ten plus, gun and hunting supplies dealers.
- Six local taxidermists.

Professional & Collegiate Sports

One of Bay County's primary qualities is being nestled on the Gulf of Mexico, away from the day-to-day hustle of the big city. Despite not having a population to support

major sporting events, Bay County has a unique geographical advantage—it is a hub to the following cities with Professional and College sports:

| Professional Teams | | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------|
| | NFL | NBA | MLB | NHL |
| New Orleans-300 miles | Saints | Hornets | | |
| Atlanta-325 miles | Falcons | Hawks | Braves | Thrashers |
| Orlando-260 miles | | Magic | | |
| Tampa-360 miles | Bucs | | Devil Rays | Lightning |
| Jacksonville-265 miles | Jaguars | | | |
| Regional College Teams | | | | |
| College | Team | City | Distance from Panama City | |
| The Florida State University | Seminoles | Tallahassee, FL | 100 miles | |
| Florida A&M University | Rattlers | Tallahassee, FL | 100 miles | |
| University of Florida | Gators | Gainesville, FL | 236 miles | |
| University of Miami | Hurricanes | Miami, FL | 555 miles | |
| University of Georgia | Bulldogs | Athens, GA | 359 miles | |
| Georgia Tech | Yellow Jackets | Atlanta, GA | 325 miles | |
| University of Tennessee | Volunteers | Knoxville, TN | 499 miles | |
| Auburn University | Tigers | Auburn, AL | 202 miles | |
| University of Alabama | Crimson Tide | Tuscaloosa, AL | 319 miles | |
| University of Central Florida | Golden Knights | Orlando, FL | 250 miles | |
| Louisiana State University | Tigers | Baton Rouge | 359 miles | |

Water Recreation:

With waterfront being one of Bay County's most alluring attributes, watercraft activity can be seen continuously throughout the warmer months. The water recreation facilities include:

- Dozens of Jet Ski, Catamaran, and Pontoon boat rentals
- Surfing and skim boarding

- Eight sightseeing and island cruises
- Numerous parasailing locations
- Nighttime dinner cruise
- Several Sea Plane and Helicopter rides over the Gulf
- Five SCUBA instruction services

Additional Recreation Facilities:

Along with the most popular attractions in Bay County, there is a host of other recreation attractions in the area. They include:

- Dozens of biking, walking, and nature trails
- Canoe and inner tube rentals
- Dozens of city parks and youth baseball fields
- Three major Softball multiplex facilities
- Three bowling centers
- State of the arts faux ice-skating rink
- Dozens of gymnastic, martial arts and health gyms
- Six Bingo centers

Major Events / Festivals

Every year Bay County is the host of major events that attract thousands of tourists annually. The most popular events are:

- Bay County Fair
- Festival of Nations
- Gulf Coast Billfish Tournament
- Gulf Coast Triathlon
- Indian Summer Seafood Festival
- Spring Break
- St. Andrews Bay 4th of July celebration
- Mardi Gras Celebrations in St. Andrews, Downtown, and Panama City Beach
- St. Andrews Pirate Festival
- St. Andrews Shrimp and Oyster Festival
- Tyndall Air Force Base Air Show

Taxes

Florida has no personal income tax or inheritance tax. There is a state corporate tax of 5.5 percent on net income with an exemption on the first \$5,000 of corporate profit. There is a retail sales tax of 6 percent. Real estate taxes combine city, county and school

district levies, plus special assessments. Florida's Homestead Exemption Act saves homeowners taxes on the first \$25,000 of assessed value. Property is assessed at approximately 100 percent of true market value.

The county tax rates are as follows:¹¹

| | |
|--|----------------|
| County | 5.6620 |
| School Board | 8.6690 |
| Water Management | 0.0500 |
| Mosquito Control | 0.1852 |
| Total | 14.5662 |
| Local option Ad Valorem (Property) Tax exemptions available? | Yes |
| Utility Service Tax/Rate | None |
| Discretionary Surtax | 1.0% |
| Local Option Gasoline Tax Per Gallon | \$0.01 |
| State | |
| Corporate Income Tax | 5.5% |
| Personal Income Tax | None |
| State Retail Sales Tax | 6% |
| Gasoline Tax/Gallon | \$0.125 |
| Intangible Tax | 0.1% |

In addition, the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program provides tax refunds to new employers for new jobs created and the rates increase for location of new businesses in rural county or and Enterprise Zone, as well as for those who pay very high wages (See Appendix IV - *Summary of Florida's Business Incentives*).

| Tax Rates Across the Country¹² | | |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Income Tax Rate | Sales Tax Rate |
| Florida | None | 6% |
| Georgia | 1-6% | 4% |
| California | 1-9.3% | 7.25% |
| Illinois | 3% | 6.25% + local |
| Oklahoma | 6-6.65% | 4.5% |
| New York | 4-6.85% | 4.25% + local |
| Colorado | 4.63% | 2.9% |

¹¹ Source: www.panamacity.org

¹² Source: www.bankrate.com

Transportation

Air Service

Panama City/Bay County International Airport provides commercial air service to the Bay County area. The 55,000 square foot facility is currently located within the city

limits of Panama City, though construction plans for a new international airport are in progress. The new airport will be over five times larger than the current facility and will be located in northern Bay County, allowing growth for commercial and industrial expansion alongside the new state-of-the-art facility.

Current Providers

- Northwest AirLink—service to Memphis
- USAir Express—service to Tampa/Orlando
- Delta & Atlantic Southeast Airlines—service to Atlanta
- Delta Comair—service to Cincinnati
- Delta Skywest—service to Dallas/Ft. Worth
- Sowell Aviation—charter flights, aircraft repair, fuel service, and flight training

Bus Service

Southern Greyhound provides interstate service, while several charter and tour services provide tour bus and group transportation solutions. The Baytown Trolley serves as the local public transportation system for the Panama City and Panama City Beach area.

Highway Access

- Interstate I-10—about 30 miles north of Panama City
- U.S. Highway 98 and 231
- State Roads 20, 22, 77 and 79

U.S. Highway 231 is four-laned to Interstate 10. Highways 77 and 79 are currently being widened to four lanes to Interstate 10 to accommodate growth and economic development.

Port Facility

Port Panama City provides 2500 linear feet of deep-water berth space and 600 linear feet of barge berthing space. Additional deep water berthing space is under construction. The port's controlling depth has been expanded recently to 50 feet so as to allow for larger ships.

Average time from the sea buoy from the pass into St. Andrew's Bay is less than one hour. Marginal rail tracks are adjacent to all deep-water berths. In addition, Port Panama City has heavy lift capabilities provided by a 75-ton gantry crane as well as 400,000 square feet of warehouse space and three acres of open storage area. Foreign Trade Zone #65 is located in Port Panama City.

Railroads

- Atlanta & St. Andrew Bay Railroad Company
- Bayline Railroad LLC

Highway Mileage

The intercity distances indicated are provided by the Florida Department of Transportation, Transportation Statistics Office. Mileages are determined via selected state, county, and city roads. Distances are computed along the shortest routing. The intercity distances indicated are also used for travel reimbursement purposes described in Florida Statue 112.061(7)(d)2.

From Panama City to:

| | | | |
|-------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
| Apalachicola | 58 miles | Hollywood | 544 miles |
| Boca Raton | 521 miles | Jacksonville | 261 miles |
| Bonifay | 48 miles | Kissimmee | 348 miles |
| Bradenton | 364 miles | Lakeland | 338 miles |
| Chipley | 47 miles | Marianna | 54 miles |
| Clearwater | 328 miles | Miami | 560 miles |
| Coral Gables | 560 miles | Ocala | 263 miles |
| Crestview | 82 miles | Orlando | 335 miles |
| Daytona Beach | 331 miles | Pensacola | 103 miles |
| Defuniak Springs | 63 miles | Santa Rosa Beach | 36 miles |
| Destin | 57 miles | St. Petersburg | 342 miles |
| Fort Lauderdale | 537 miles | Tallahassee | 98 miles |
| Fort Walton Beach | 63 miles | Tampa | 330 miles |
| Gainesville | 236 miles | West Palm Beach | 496 miles |

Public Safety

Bay County is comprised of several municipalities and is serviced by corresponding Police and Fire Departments for these communities. They are:

- Bay County Sheriff's Office
- Callaway Police Department
- Cedar Grove Police Department
- Lynn Haven Police Department
- Panama City Police Department
- Panama City Beach Police Department
- Parker Police Department
- Springfield Police Department
- Callaway Fire Department
- Cedar Fire Department
- Lynn Haven Fire Department
- Panama City Fire Department
- Panama City Beach Fire Department
- Parker Fire Department
- Springfield Fire and Rescue

Law Enforcement & Crime

The mission statement of the Panama City Police Department:¹³

“The mission of the Panama City Police Department, in partnership with the community, is to protect life and property; to understand and serve the needs of the city’s neighborhoods; and to improve the quality of life for all citizens by building capacities to maintain order, resolve problems, and apprehend criminals in a manner consistent with the law and reflective of shared community values.”

The Panama City Police Department and the Bay County Sheriffs Department work hard to make Panama City a safer place to live. From 2000 to 2003 robbery decreased by 52%, aggravated assault declined 13%, simple assault is down 17% (See Appendix V—*Crime in Bay County*). These reductions reflect a commitment by the police and sheriff’s departments to a pro-active stand on crime.¹⁴ Sheriff Guy Tunnell was recently appointed Commissioner of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, an indication of the high quality of law enforcement leadership in Bay County.

Comparison of Bay County and other areas are provided below. Importantly, as noted, crime rates are reported as per 100,000 of population.¹⁵

| Crime Rate Comparisons | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------|----------------|------------|---------------|
| Crimes per 100,000 of population | National Average | Panama City FL | Orlando FL | Tallahassee FL | Atlanta GA | Petersburg VA |
| Population | 114,967 | 42,167 | 190,702 | 143,775 | 422,266 | 35,427 |
| Violent Crimes | 506.1 | 728.1 | 2,058.7 | 1,268.6 | 2,743.1 | 1,052.9 |
| Property Crimes | 3,617.9 | 5,041.9 | 9,671.0 | 7,474.2 | 10,392.7 | 6,734.9 |
| Murder | 5.5 | 4.7 | 11.0 | 5.6 | 31.7 | 19.8 |
| Forcible Rape | 32.0 | 71.1 | 73.9 | 68.2 | 65.8 | 62.1 |
| Robbery | 144.9 | 177.9 | 547.5 | 294.2 | 1,023.5 | 386.7 |
| Agg. Assault | 323.6 | 474.3 | 1,426.3 | 900.7 | 1,622.0 | 584.3 |
| Larceny-Theft | 2,475.3 | 3,732.8 | 6,610.8 | 5,264.5 | 6,459.9 | 4,640.5 |
| Auto Theft | 414.2 | 222.9 | 1,265.3 | 521.0 | 1,740.8 | 821.4 |
| Burglary | 728.4 | 1,086.2 | 1,794.9 | 1,688.7 | 2,192.0 | 1,273.0 |

¹³ Source: <http://www.panamacitypolice.com>; Retrieved October 28, 2003.

¹⁴ Source: Bay County Economic Development Alliance; <http://www.1-88baysite.com>

¹⁵ Ibid.

Housing

Bay County is a dynamic and diverse place in which to live. Housing opportunities are just as varied and range from coastal and waterfront living to rural community settings.

The relaxed and inviting atmosphere of the communities allows residents the chance to choose a home that best fits their lifestyle. The average price for a house in the Bay County area is \$106,200.

Rental Market

In a 2003 Housing Market Analysis by the U.S. Naval Facilities Engineering Command, existing rental and sales markets were analyzed based on the 2000 census. The overall housing stock identified 66,338 housing units inclusive of rental and owner occupied housing in the defined "Housing Market Area" of Bay County. The overall vacancy rate in 2003 was estimated at 11.2 percent with the rental vacancy rate being 16.2%.¹⁶

Median rental costs were identified as follows:

- One-bedroom units, \$550/month; 20% of market
- Two-bedroom units, \$625/month; 45.1% of market
- Three-bedroom units, \$875/month; 28% of market
- Four or more bedroom units, \$1,100/month; 4% of market¹⁷

Sales Market

The median sales price of homes in the Bay County market area reported in the Naval Facilities Engineering Command study was \$122,100 in 2002, 23 percent lower than the national average of \$158,300 in 2002. The vacancy rate for units for sale was estimated at 2.0 percent.

Within the county, a variety of homes and apartments are available for both sale, lease, or rent. Apartments range in price, location and size and it is also possible to find a home either furnished or unfurnished. Homes and apartments that are available are usually in convenient locations, near schools, shopping, transportation, and close to military bases.

Growth in the housing market was not addressed in the Navy analysis. Since the 2003 report, no less than 40 new subdivisions with the estimated potential for 5,000 new homes have been approved in the municipalities of Parker, Callaway, Panama City, Panama City Beach, and Lynn Haven, as well as in the county at large. An additional 1,000 rental units have either been constructed or will be built in the next three years.¹⁸

¹⁶ Source: 2003 Housing Market Analysis, July 2003, Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City, the U.S. Naval Facilities Engineering Command

¹⁷ Note, studio units comprise 3.1% of market.

¹⁸ Interviews with municipal and county planning staffs, April 2004.

200 contractors are members of the Home Builders Association. Though many factors influence cost per square foot, the average cost for the median priced home is \$80--\$85 per square foot.

The new housing facilities addressed above do not include the metamorphosis, which is underway in the Panama City Beach resort market. More than 22 condominium projects are in various stages of development, representing more than 9,000 resort condominiums. These upscale developments will drive changes in the amenities available to this clientele, and permanent residents, for the next decade and more. Upscale shopping, entertainment and other amenities will increase in number and quality as the tourist demographic changes.

Utilities

Electricity

Local power is generated by the Smith Power Plant located on North Bay. Generating capacity is 890 megawatts and is the generating facility for Gulf Power Company. Gulf Power Company, a subsidiary of the Southern Company, is the main electricity provider for the Bay County area, servicing customers 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. Gulf Power residential electric rates are \$80.11/1000 KW hours of electricity, the lowest rate in the region (compared to FP&L, \$86.43; PEF, \$89.11, and Tampa Electric, \$99.01.)

Gulf Power's menu of electric service prices provides options, which enable military and industrial customers to select the plan best suited to their needs. Options include Time of Use pricing and an incentive rate (the Supplemental Energy option.) Typical, current prices for large volume, high load factor customers requiring first-quality service, average approximately 5.2 cents per kilowatt-hour. Gulf Power currently maintains a 30% reserve capability and is positioned to be able to meet near term growth, while planning longer term capability when the grow occurs.¹⁹

Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative is a member-owned electric co-operative whose customer base is 95% residential. It offers commercial and industrial customers an option called EC Commercial. EC (Electric Coop) Commercial allows participating coops to sponsor a competitive, easy to use equipment package to commercial accounts, both within and outside their service territories.

¹⁹ Source: <http://pcairport.bechtel.com/Documents.asp?act=get&file=2964>; Interview with Stan Sexton, Gulf Power management, April, 2004.

Gas

Several local gas companies provide residents with both natural and propane gas for residential and commercial use. Primary providers are West Florida Natural Gas Company and TECO Peoples Gas.

Water

Bay County is one of the few areas in the State, if not the nation, to have an abundant supply of clean, fresh water for potable water uses. With thoughts toward the future, the Bay County Commission constructed a low-level dam and spillway across North Bay at Deer Point in 1961. The lake that was formed is approximately 5,000 acres in size, with an average depth of five (5) feet. Deer Point Lake is charged by four spring-fed tributaries and provides a water supply that would support a use rate of 900 million gallons daily, enough to support an estimated population of one million people. Current usage averages about 26 million gallons per day or approximately 52 percent of the water treatment facility's capability.²⁰

The present waste water facilities for most of Bay County are at 50-60 % capacity. Bay County has a waste water equivalent residential unit of 280 gallons per day. Potable water use per residential unit is 330 gallons per day (not including irrigation). A total use of 3.5 to four million gallons per day is in current use. The county waste water treatment facility, located at Tyndall AFB, will allow for seven million gallons per day with an expansion capability of up to 14 million gallons per day as the population of Bay County continues to grow.²¹

The advanced waste water treatment system was constructed through a joint county – Tyndall AFB project, largely paid for by the county, in exchange for land on which to construct the facility which also serves the majority of Tyndall AFB's waste water needs as well.

Conclusion

With the beautiful Gulf of Mexico and inland bays as a backdrop, new residents to Bay County find all the fun and beauty of coastal life, all the advantages of a modest-sized city, and the convenience of a Northwest Florida location. With no state income tax, competitive cost-of-living, and abundant housing, the area competes easily with most municipalities in the Southeastern United States.

²⁰ Source: <http://pcairport.bechtel.com/Documents.asp?act=get&file=2964>, Staff Interview, April 16, 2004.

²¹ Source: Tim Matthews, Waste Water Division Manager, Military Point Waste Water Treatment Facility, December 2, 2003.

Appendix I-Population of Bay County; Census 2000

| | | |
|---|----------------|--------------|
| Total population | 148,217 | 100.0 |
| SEX AND AGE | | |
| Male | 73,406 | 49.5 |
| Female | 74,811 | 50.5 |
| Under 5 years | 8,979 | 6.1 |
| 5 to 9 years | 10,103 | 6.8 |
| 10 to 14 years | 10,331 | 7.0 |
| 15 to 19 years | 10,117 | 6.8 |
| 20 to 24 years | 8,955 | 6.0 |
| 25 to 34 years | 19,739 | 13.3 |
| 35 to 44 years | 24,998 | 16.9 |
| 45 to 54 years | 20,364 | 13.7 |
| 55 to 59 years | 7,895 | 5.3 |
| 60 to 64 years | 6,919 | 4.7 |
| 65 to 74 years | 11,742 | 7.9 |
| 75 to 84 years | 6,324 | 4.3 |
| 85 years and over | 1,751 | 1.2 |
| Median age (years) | 37.4 | (X) |
| 18 years and over | 112,575 | 76.0 |
| Male | 55,087 | 37.2 |
| Female | 57,488 | 38.8 |
| 21 years and over | 106,766 | 72.0 |
| 62 years and over | 23,869 | 16.1 |
| 65 years and over | 19,817 | 13.4 |
| Male | 8,674 | 5.9 |
| Female | 11,143 | 7.5 |
| RACE | | |
| One race | 145,348 | 98.1 |
| White | 124,761 | 84.2 |
| Black or African American | 15,772 | 10.6 |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 1,159 | 0.8 |
| Asian | 2,561 | 1.7 |
| Asian Indian | 227 | 0.2 |
| Chinese | 143 | 0.1 |
| Filipino | 602 | 0.4 |
| Japanese | 171 | 0.1 |
| Korean | 294 | 0.2 |
| Vietnamese | 775 | 0.5 |
| Other Asian ¹ | 349 | 0.2 |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | 115 | 0.1 |
| Native Hawaiian | 57 | 0.0 |
| Guamanian or Chamorro | 33 | 0.0 |
| Samoan | 8 | 0.0 |
| Other Pacific Islander ² | 17 | 0.0 |
| Some other race | 980 | 0.7 |
| Two or more races | 2,869 | 1.9 |
| Race alone or in combination with one or more other races ¹ | | |
| White | 127,243 | 85.8 |
| Black or African American | 16,536 | 11.2 |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 2,280 | 1.5 |
| Asian | 3,424 | 2.3 |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | 263 | 0.2 |

| | | |
|--|----------------|--------------|
| | 1,549 | 1.0 |
| Some other race | | |
| HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE | 148,217 | 100.0 |
| Total population | 3,591 | 2.4 |
| Hispanic or Latino (of any race) | 1,158 | 0.8 |
| Mexican | 1,017 | 0.7 |
| Puerto Rican | 407 | 0.3 |
| Cuban | 1,009 | 0.7 |
| Other Hispanic or Latino | 144,626 | 97.6 |
| Not Hispanic or Latino | 122,708 | 82.8 |
| White alone | | |
| RELATIONSHIP | 148,217 | 100.0 |
| Total population | 144,873 | 97.7 |
| In households | 59,597 | 40.2 |
| Householder | 30,968 | 20.9 |
| Spouse | 40,446 | 27.3 |
| Child | 31,921 | 21.5 |
| Own child under 18 years | 6,334 | 4.3 |
| Other relatives | 2,743 | 1.9 |
| Under 18 years | 7,528 | 5.1 |
| Nonrelatives | 3,336 | 2.3 |
| Unmarried partner | 3,344 | 2.3 |
| In group quarters | 2,440 | 1.6 |
| Institutionalized population | 904 | 0.6 |
| Noninstitutionalized population | | |
| | | |
| HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE | 59,597 | 100.0 |
| Total households | 40,480 | 67.9 |
| Family households (families) | 18,235 | 30.6 |
| With own children under 18 years | 30,968 | 52.0 |
| Married-couple family | 12,398 | 20.8 |
| With own children under 18 years | 7,152 | 12.0 |
| Female householder, no husband present | 4,490 | 7.5 |
| With own children under 18 years | 19,117 | 32.1 |
| Nonfamily households | 15,486 | 26.0 |
| Householder living alone | 5,261 | 8.8 |
| Householder 65 years and over | | |
| | 20,151 | 33.8 |
| Households with individuals under 18 years | 14,145 | 23.7 |
| Households with individuals 65 years and over | | |
| | 2.43 | (X) |
| Average household size | 2.92 | (X) |
| Average family size | | |
| | | |
| HOUSING OCCUPANCY | 78,435 | 100.0 |
| Total housing units | 59,597 | 76.0 |
| Occupied housing units | 18,838 | 24.0 |
| Vacant housing units | 8,810 | 11.2 |
| For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use | | |
| | 2.9 | (X) |
| Homeowner vacancy rate (percent) | 22.7 | (X) |
| Rental vacancy rate (percent) | | |
| | | |
| HOUSING TENURE | 59,597 | 100.0 |
| Occupied housing units | 40,887 | 68.6 |
| Owner-occupied housing units | 18,710 | 31.4 |
| Renter-occupied housing units | | |
| | 2.48 | (X) |
| Average household size of owner-occupied unit | 2.33 | (X) |
| Average household size of renter-occupied unit | | |

| | | |
|---|----------------|--------------|
| (X) Not applicable | | |
| 1 Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories. | | |
| 2 Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories. | | |
| 3 In combination with one or more other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race. | | |
| Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1, Matrices P1, P3, P4, P8, P9, P12, P13, P17, P18, P19, P20, P23, P27, P28, P33, PCT5, PCT8, PCT11, PCT15, H1, H3, H4, H5, H11, and H12. | | |
| MARITAL STATUS | | |
| Population 15 years and over | 118,677 | 100.0 |
| Never married | 25,036 | 21.1 |
| Now married, except separated | 67,536 | 56.9 |
| Separated | 2,567 | 2.2 |
| Widowed | 7,886 | 6.6 |
| Female | 6,357 | 5.4 |
| Divorced | 15,652 | 13.2 |
| Female | 8,788 | 7.4 |
| GRANDPARENTS AS CAREGIVERS | | |
| Grandparent living in household with one or more own grandchildren under 18 years | 2,770 | 100.0 |
| Grandparent responsible for grandchildren | 1,532 | 55.3 |
| VETERAN STATUS | | |
| Civilian population 18 years and over | 108,692 | 100.0 |
| Civilian veterans | 22,658 | 20.8 |
| DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION | | |
| Population 5 to 20 years | 31,978 | 100.0 |
| With a disability | 2,826 | 8.8 |
| Population 21 to 64 years | 81,919 | 100.0 |
| With a disability | 18,061 | 22.0 |
| Percent employed | 53.9 | (X) |
| No disability | 63,858 | 78.0 |
| Percent employed | 75.2 | (X) |
| Population 65 years and over | 19,001 | 100.0 |
| With a disability | 8,374 | 44.1 |
| RESIDENCE IN 1995 | | |
| Population 5 years and over | 139,213 | 100.0 |
| Same house in 1995 | 68,717 | 49.4 |
| Different house in the U.S. in 1995 | 67,750 | 48.7 |
| Same county | 36,951 | 26.5 |
| Different county | 30,799 | 22.1 |
| Same state | 8,668 | 6.2 |
| Different state | 22,131 | 15.9 |
| Elsewhere in 1995 | 2,746 | 2.0 |
| NATIVITY AND PLACE OF BIRTH | | |
| Total population | 148,217 | 100.0 |
| Native | 142,835 | 96.4 |
| Born in United States | 139,265 | 94.0 |
| State of residence | 61,077 | 41.2 |
| Different state | 78,188 | 52.8 |
| Born outside United States | 3,570 | 2.4 |
| Foreign born | 5,382 | 3.6 |
| Entered 1990 to March 2000 | 1,538 | 1.0 |
| Naturalized citizen | 2,885 | 1.9 |
| Not a citizen | 2,497 | 1.7 |

| REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN | | |
|---|----------------|--------------|
| Total (excluding born at sea) | 5,382 | 100.0 |
| Europe | 1,951 | 36.3 |
| Asia | 1,928 | 35.8 |
| Africa | 162 | 3.0 |
| Oceania | 32 | 0.6 |
| Latin America | 888 | 16.5 |
| Northern America | 421 | 7.8 |
| LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME | | |
| Population 5 years and over | 139,213 | 100.0 |
| English only | 130,288 | 93.6 |
| Language other than English | 8,925 | 6.4 |
| Speak English less than "very well" | 2,956 | 2.1 |
| Spanish | 3,542 | 2.5 |
| Speak English less than "very well" | 1,262 | 0.9 |
| Other Indo-European languages | 3,009 | 2.2 |
| Speak English less than "very well" | 702 | 0.5 |
| Asian and Pacific Island languages | 1,893 | 1.4 |
| Speak English less than "very well" | 878 | 0.6 |
| ANCESTRY (single or multiple) | | |
| Total population | 148,217 | 100.0 |
| <i>Total ancestries reported</i> | 135,797 | 91.6 |
| Arab | 408 | 0.3 |
| Czech ¹ | 410 | 0.3 |
| Danish | 448 | 0.3 |
| Dutch | 1,959 | 1.3 |
| English | 15,621 | 10.5 |
| French (except Basque) ¹ | 4,379 | 3.0 |
| French Canadian ¹ | 1,239 | 0.8 |
| German | 16,943 | 11.4 |
| Greek | 460 | 0.3 |
| Hungarian | 464 | 0.3 |
| Irish ¹ | 17,569 | 11.9 |
| Italian | 4,743 | 3.2 |
| Lithuanian | 149 | 0.1 |
| Norwegian | 1,006 | 0.7 |
| Polish | 2,268 | 1.5 |
| Portuguese | 280 | 0.2 |
| Russian | 321 | 0.2 |
| Scotch-Irish | 3,347 | 2.3 |
| Scottish | 3,305 | 2.2 |
| Slovak | 134 | 0.1 |
| Subsaharan African | 491 | 0.3 |
| Swedish | 1,206 | 0.8 |
| Swiss | 193 | 0.1 |
| Ukrainian | 132 | 0.1 |
| United States or American | 23,863 | 16.1 |
| Welsh | 928 | 0.6 |
| West Indian (excluding Hispanic groups) | 434 | 0.3 |
| Other ancestries | 33,097 | 22.3 |

(X) Not applicable.

¹ The data represent a combination of two ancestries shown separately in Summary File 3. Czech includes Czechoslovakian. French includes Alsatian. French Canadian includes Acadian/Cajun. Irish includes Celtic. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 3, Matrices P18, P19, P21, P22, P24, P36, P37, P39, P42, PCT8, PCT16, PCT17, and PCT19

Appendix II--Bay County 2002-2003 School Accountability Report

| School Name | % Meeting Standards in Reading | % Meeting Standards in Math | % Meeting Standards in Writing | % Meeting Standards in Reading | % Making Learning Gains in Math | % Making Learning Gains in Reading | % of Lowest 25% Making Learning Gains in Reading | 2003 Grade | 2002 Grade |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|------------|------------|
| HUTCHINSON BRANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 82 | 78 | 83 | 72 | 79 | 77 | A | A | A |
| GEAR GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 66 | 55 | 80 | 75 | 81 | 75 | A | D | A |
| GALAWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 77 | 69 | 75 | 71 | 69 | 67 | A | B | A |
| MIRIAM CHERY STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 85 | 84 | 80 | 79 | 72 | 79 | A | C | A |
| LUCILLE MOORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 71 | 60 | 82 | 71 | 73 | 71 | A | B | A |
| HILAND PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 77 | 66 | 80 | 78 | 75 | 70 | A | B | A |
| LYNN HAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 87 | 83 | 94 | 72 | 84 | 73 | A | A | A |
| MILYARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 66 | 56 | 86 | 68 | 58 | 68 | B | C | A |
| OAKLAND TERRACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 68 | 63 | 73 | 64 | 80 | 64 | A | B | A |
| PARKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 71 | 63 | 76 | 69 | 79 | 60 | A | B | A |
| SOUTHPORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 81 | 72 | 83 | 67 | 68 | 67 | A | A | A |
| SPRINGFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 73 | 55 | 69 | 73 | 72 | 73 | A | B | A |
| WALTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 74 | 65 | 73 | 84 | 87 | 89 | A | D | A |
| WEST BAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 75 | 67 | 61 | 63 | 76 | 63 | B | C | A |
| PATTERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 47 | 30 | 78 | 64 | 58 | 64 | C | C | A |
| NORTHSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 84 | 80 | 85 | 69 | 79 | 59 | A | A | A |
| LYNDAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 86 | 75 | 83 | 82 | 72 | 75 | A | A | A |
| SMITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 83 | 63 | 85 | 73 | 58 | 71 | A | C | A |
| PATTONS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 88 | 83 | 83 | 81 | 83 | 86 | A | A | A |
| MERRITT BROWN MIDDLE SCHOOL | 62 | 58 | 92 | 68 | 72 | 77 | A | B | A |
| EVERETT MIDDLE SCHOOL | 63 | 60 | 86 | 66 | 73 | 64 | A | A | A |
| JINKS MIDDLE SCHOOL | 68 | 62 | 87 | 69 | 75 | 74 | A | A | A |
| SURSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL | 74 | 68 | 90 | 67 | 76 | 69 | A | A | A |
| ROSEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL | 60 | 51 | 89 | 68 | 65 | 74 | B | B | A |
| MOVAT MIDDLE SCHOOL | 76 | 71 | 92 | 68 | 69 | 71 | A | A | A |
| BAY HIGH SCHOOL | 44 | 60 | 86 | 52 | 66 | 48 | C | C | A |
| RUTHERFORD HIGH SCHOOL | 47 | 68 | 89 | 57 | 73 | 63 | B | C | A |
| A. CRAWFORD MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL | 49 | 76 | 90 | 61 | 82 | 61 | A | C | A |
| J.R. ARNOJD HIGH SCHOOL | 49 | 70 | 84 | 57 | 71 | 58 | B | B | A |
| BOZEMAN LEARNING CENTER | 70 | 66 | 91 | 67 | 74 | 66 | A | B | A |
| BAY HAVEN CHARTER ACADEMY | 86 | 80 | 87 | 76 | 64 | 69 | N | | |

Taken from: http://schoolgrades.fdoe.org/0203/school_grades.cfm

Appendix III—Florida Department of Education Florida Schools Indicator Report

| District | Grade Level | Year | "Students Absent 21+ Days (%) - " | American College Test (ACT) - Percent of 12th Graders Tested | American College Test (ACT) - Composite Score | Average Class Size - K-5 | Average Class Size - Language Arts (Grades 9-12) | Average Class Size - Language Arts (Grades 6-8) | Dropout Rate - | Finance - Operating Costs (\$) - | Finance - Per Pupil Expenditures - Regular (\$) | Follow-up of Prior-Year Graduates - Continuing Education (%) | Follow-up of Prior-Year Graduates - Of Continuing Ed., % Employed | - All Employment Full and Part Time (%) | Follow-up of Prior-Year Graduates - Of Employed, Part-Time (%) | Graduation Rate - | Incidents of Crime and Violence - Total | Stability (%) - | Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) - Percent of 12th Graders Tested | Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) - Mean Score | Teachers - Advanced Degrees (%) - | Teachers - Average Years of Experience - |
|------------------|-------------|---------|-----------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|--|---|----------------|----------------------------------|---|--|---|---|--|-------------------|---|-----------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| Bay | Elem. | 2001-02 | 6.9 | | | 21 | | | 1.5 | 4862 | 4335 | | | | | | 407 | 92 | | | 30 | 15.6 |
| State Level Data | Elem. | 2001-02 | 6 | | | 24 | | | 3.2 | 5180 | 4378 | | | | | 68 | 27854 | 94 | | | 30 | 13 |
| Bay | Middle | 2001-02 | 9.9 | | | | | 23.4 | 1.5 | 4862 | 4335 | | | | | | 783 | 93 | | | 30 | 15.6 |
| State Level Data | Middle | 2001-02 | 11 | | | | | 24.6 | 3.2 | 5180 | 4378 | | | | | 68 | 54359 | 94 | | | 32 | 13 |
| Bay | High | 2001-02 | 11 | 36.2 | 21.1 | | | | 1.5 | 4862 | 4335 | 59.3 | 64.7 | 59.7 | 73.6 | 70 | 570 | 92 | 27.4 | 1030 | 39 | 15.6 |
| State Level Data | High | 2001-02 | 15 | 29.8 | 20.2 | | 25.1 | | 3.2 | 5180 | 4378 | 56.1 | 59.7 | 54 | 69.4 | 68 | 43959 | 92 | 43.2 | 991 | 38 | 13 |

Taken from: <http://info.doe.state.fl.us/fsir/index.cfm>

Appendix IV—Summary of Florida's Business Incentives

SUMMARY OF FLORIDA'S BUSINESS INCENTIVES

| | QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND PROGRAM (QTI) | QUICK RESPONSE TRAINING PROGRAM (QRT) | ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRANSPORTATION FUND |
|--|--|--|--|
| TYPE OF INCENTIVE | Tax Refund | Grant | Grant |
| AWARD MADE TO WHOM | Business | Training provider on behalf of business | Local government on behalf of business |
| WAGE REQUIREMENT | At least 115% of state, county or Metropolitan Statistical Area wage, whichever is lower, may be waived for rural or enterprise zone projects in special situations | Goal is 115% of county or state wage, whichever is lower, may be waived for rural or enterprise zone projects or special situations | No requirement but is a consideration |
| NUMBER OF JOBS REQUIRED | At least 10 new full-time equivalent jobs or, if an expansion, a 10% increase in employment. May be waived for rural and enterprise zone projects in special situations. | At least 10 new full-time equivalent jobs or, if an expansion, a 10% increase in employment or 100 new full-time jobs, whichever is less. | No minimum requirement for grant request of less than \$200K ; at least 100 full-time positions for grant request of \$200K-\$1Million; at least 200 full-time positions for grant request over \$1Million |
| AVAILABLE TO EXPANDING INDUSTRY | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| AVAILABLE TO NEW INDUSTRY | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| AVAILABLE TO RETAIN JOBS | No | Yes | Yes |
| AMOUNT OF AWARD | \$3K per job (\$6K in a rural county or enterprise zone.) Increased per job award for extremely high wages | Negotiated with local training provider to meet industry need | Up to \$2Million |
| PAYOUT SCHEDULE | Paid out over a minimum of four years | Reimbursement monthly to local training provider | Paid out to local governmental entity as needed for construction |
| SPECIFIED USE OF FUNDS | None | Direct training costs, instructor's wages, curriculum development, resource materials, training equipment (cannot be used for trainees' wages) | Design and engineering costs, construction costs of transportation project, traffic signals |
| LOCAL SUPPORT REQUIRED | Yes – 20% of total tax refund (businesses may exercise exemption in REDI counties) | Yes – local training provider serves as fiscal agent for grant funds; endorsement by local economic development organization | Yes – right of way |

Source: Bay County Economic Development Alliance, 2003

| CONTINUED | QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND PROGRAM (QTI) | QUICK RESPONSE TRAINING PROGRAM (QRT) | ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRANSPORTATION FUND |
|---|--|--|--|
| "BUT FOR" INCENTIVE | Yes | No | Yes |
| ELIGIBLE INDUSTRIES/ BUSINESSES / ACTIVITIES | <p>Corporate Headquarters, Manufacturing of Food, Apparel, Furniture, Paper, Lumber, Chemicals, Rubber, Metals, Stone, Clay & Glass, Industrial Machinery, Electronic & Transportation Equipment, Instruments, Security – Commodity Brokers, Insurance Carriers, R & D, Business Services, Printing/Publishing, Communications, Holding & Investment Offices, Motion Picture Sound Recording & Reproducing Studios, Wholesale Distribution, Non-Depository Credit Institutions</p> <p>Only businesses serving multi-state and/or international markets are eligible. Business must be able to locate in other states</p> | <p>Business must produce a good or service for markets outside the local area</p> | <p>Corporate Headquarters, Manufacturing of Food, Apparel, Furniture, Paper, Lumber, Chemicals, Rubber, Metals, Stone, Clay & Glass, Industrial Machinery, Electronic & Transportation Equipment, Instruments, Security – Commodity Brokers, Insurance Carriers, R & D, Business Services, Printing/Publishing, Communications, Holding & Investment Offices, Motion Picture Sound Recording & Reproducing Studios, Wholesale Distribution, Non-Depository Credit Institutions</p> <p>Only businesses serving multi-state and/or international markets are eligible. Business must be able to locate in other states</p> |
| INELIGIBLE INDUSTRIES/ BUSINESSES/ACTIVITIES | <p>Any retail activities; any electrical utility company; any phosphate or solid minerals severance, mining, or processing operation; any oil or gas exploration or production operation ; or, any firm subject to regulation by the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of DBPR</p> | <p>Any retail activities, training for existing employees, training that is available at the local level</p> | <p>Any retail activities, electrical utility company, distributors, hotels, convention centers (Some exceptions for Enterprise Zones, Distressed Areas and Rural Economic Development Initiative Counties)</p> |
| FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL: | (850) 488-6300 | (850) 922-8645 | (850) 488-6300 |

Appendix V— Crime in Bay County

2002 YEAR-END CRIME ARREST REPORT 3 YEAR COMPARISON

| CRIME ARRESTS | 2000 YTD ARRESTS | 2000 YTD JUV | 2000 YTD ADULT | 2001 YTD ARRESTS | 2001 YTD JUV | 2001 YTD ADULT | 2002 YTD ARRESTS | 2002 YTD JUV | 2002 YTD ADULT | 00-01% YTD % CHANGE | 01-02% YTD % CHANGE | 00-02% YTD % CHANGE |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Homicide | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 200% | -33% | 100% |
| Manslaughter | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Rape, Sodomy, Fondling | 30 | 9 | 21 | 19 | 2 | 17 | 26 | 0 | 26 | -37% | 37% | -13% |
| Robbery | 56 | 6 | 50 | 38 | 0 | 38 | 27 | 3 | 24 | -32% | -29% | -52% |
| Aggravated Assault | 128 | 15 | 113 | 89 | 10 | 79 | 111 | 4 | 107 | -30% | 25% | -13% |
| Aggravated Stalking | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Burglary | 80 | 24 | 56 | 75 | 22 | 53 | 80 | 21 | 59 | -6% | 7% | 0% |
| Theft/Larceny | 421 | 140 | 281 | 385 | 128 | 257 | 430 | 165 | 265 | -9% | 12% | 2% |
| Auto Theft | 36 | 16 | 20 | 37 | 16 | 21 | 37 | 16 | 21 | 3% | 0% | 3% |
| Kidnap/Abduction | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Arson | 6 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 4 | -33% | 100% | 33% |
| Simple Assault | 606 | 104 | 502 | 541 | 79 | 462 | 503 | 72 | 431 | -11% | -7% | -17% |
| Simple Stalking | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0% | -67% | -67% |
| Drugs/Narcotics/Equipment | 683 | 46 | 637 | 656 | 64 | 592 | 664 | 55 | 609 | -4% | 1% | -3% |
| Bribery | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Embezzlement | 33 | 0 | 33 | 32 | 2 | 30 | 28 | 2 | 26 | -3% | -13% | -15% |
| Fraud | 199 | 16 | 183 | 175 | 6 | 169 | 152 | 3 | 149 | -12% | -13% | -24% |
| Counterfeit/Forgery | 38 | 2 | 36 | 54 | 2 | 52 | 40 | 1 | 39 | 42% | -26% | 5% |
| Extortion/Blackmail | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Intimidation | 82 | 5 | 77 | 145 | 11 | 134 | 58 | 4 | 54 | 77% | -60% | -29% |
| Prostitution | 55 | 1 | 54 | 59 | 0 | 59 | 23 | 0 | 23 | 7% | -61% | -58% |
| Non-Force Sex, Obscenity | 20 | 2 | 18 | 16 | 2 | 14 | 5 | 0 | 5 | -20% | -69% | -75% |
| Buy/Receive/Poss Stolen Property | 5 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | -60% | 50% | -40% |
| DUI | 330 | 3 | 327 | 298 | 2 | 296 | 277 | 3 | 274 | -10% | -7% | -16% |
| Destruction/Damage/Vandalism | 78 | 30 | 48 | 81 | 22 | 59 | 80 | 29 | 51 | 4% | -1% | 3% |
| Gambling | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 100% | 200% | 300% |
| Weapons Violations | 25 | 4 | 21 | 25 | 4 | 21 | 37 | 6 | 31 | 0% | 48% | 48% |
| Liquor Law Violations | 88 | 10 | 78 | 99 | 4 | 95 | 113 | 5 | 108 | 13% | 14% | 28% |
| Misc (includes Fel & Mis Traffic) | 1,550 | 140 | 1,410 | 2,331 | 201 | 2,130 | 2,316 | 144 | 2,172 | 50% | -1% | 49% |
| TOTAL ARRESTS | 4,553 | 574 | 3,979 | 5,168 | 579 | 4,589 | 5,024 | 540 | 4,484 | 14% | -3% | 10% |

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2002 YEAR END
CRIME OFFENSE REPORT

3 YEAR COMPARISON

| UCR CRIME OFFENSE | 2000 YTD Offenses | 2000 YTD Clearances | 00-01% Offenses % Change | 00-01% Clearances % Change | 2001 YTD Offenses | 2001 YTD Clearances | 01-02% Offenses % Change | 01-02% Clearances % Change | 2002 YTD Offenses | 2002 YTD Clearances | 00-02% Offenses % Change | 00-02% Clearances % Change |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| BURGLARY TOTALS | 457 | 111 | -7% | 9% | 424 | 121 | 26% | 39% | 536 | 168 | 17% | 51% |
| <i>BURGLARY Forced Entry</i> | 274 | 66 | -3% | 14% | 265 | 75 | 44% | 57% | 381 | 118 | 39% | 79% |
| <i>BURGLARY Unlawful Entry</i> | 162 | 40 | -12% | 8% | 143 | 43 | -17% | 5% | 119 | 45 | -27% | 13% |
| <i>BURGLARY Attempted</i> | 21 | 5 | -24% | -40% | 16 | 3 | 125% | 67% | 36 | 5 | 71% | 0% |
| BURGLARY - Residence | 235 | 75 | 3% | -1% | 241 | 74 | 9% | 9% | 262 | 81 | 11% | 8% |
| <i>Burglary Residence Night</i> | 54 | 27 | 11% | -30% | 60 | 19 | 0% | 0% | 60 | 19 | 11% | -30% |
| <i>Burglary Residence Day</i> | 66 | 23 | 0% | 17% | 66 | 27 | 14% | 15% | 75 | 31 | 14% | 35% |
| <i>Burglary Residence Unknown</i> | 115 | 25 | 0% | 12% | 115 | 28 | 10% | 11% | 127 | 31 | 10% | 24% |
| BURGLARY Non Residence | 222 | 36 | -18% | 31% | 183 | 47 | 50% | 85% | 274 | 87 | 23% | 142% |
| <i>Burglary Non Residence Night</i> | 72 | 12 | -39% | 42% | 44 | 17 | -14% | -29% | 38 | 12 | -47% | 0% |
| <i>Burglary Non Residence Day</i> | 21 | 10 | -90% | -80% | 2 | 2 | 150% | 0% | 5 | 2 | -76% | -80% |
| <i>Burglary Non Residence Unk</i> | 129 | 14 | 6% | 100% | 137 | 28 | 69% | 161% | 231 | 73 | 79% | 421% |
| THEFT TOTALS | 1,573 | 454 | 6% | -1% | 1,668 | 450 | 26% | 32% | 2,107 | 596 | 34% | 31% |
| <i>Pocket Picking</i> | 9 | 1 | -89% | -100% | 1 | 0 | 0% | 0% | 1 | 0 | -89% | -100% |
| <i>Purse Snatching</i> | 9 | 5 | -44% | -60% | 5 | 2 | 40% | 0% | 7 | 2 | -22% | -60% |
| <i>Shoplifting</i> | 320 | 231 | -8% | -3% | 293 | 223 | 40% | 21% | 410 | 270 | 28% | 17% |
| <i>From Motor Vehicle</i> | 368 | 58 | 17% | -17% | 431 | 48 | 25% | 67% | 539 | 80 | 46% | 38% |
| <i>From Motor Vehicle Parts</i> | 164 | 13 | -21% | -77% | 129 | 3 | 13% | 367% | 146 | 14 | -11% | 8% |
| <i>Bicycle</i> | 111 | 12 | 14% | -17% | 126 | 10 | 21% | 80% | 153 | 18 | 38% | 50% |
| <i>From Building</i> | 171 | 44 | -37% | -59% | 108 | 18 | -45% | 11% | 59 | 20 | -65% | -55% |
| <i>From Coin Machines</i> | 7 | 1 | 0% | -100% | 7 | 0 | 71% | 0% | 12 | 0 | 71% | -100% |
| <i>All Others</i> | 414 | 89 | 37% | 64% | 568 | 146 | 37% | 32% | 780 | 192 | 88% | 116% |
| AUTO THEFT TOTAL | 94 | 63 | 31% | 27% | 123 | 80 | 13% | 25% | 139 | 100 | 48% | 59% |
| <i>Auto</i> | 63 | 47 | 38% | 26% | 87 | 59 | 7% | 5% | 93 | 62 | 48% | 32% |
| <i>Truck & Buses</i> | 27 | 15 | 7% | 27% | 29 | 19 | 41% | 84% | 41 | 35 | 52% | 133% |
| <i>Motorcycles</i> | 2 | 1 | 100% | 0% | 4 | 1 | -50% | 0% | 2 | 1 | 0% | 0% |
| <i>Other Vehicles</i> | 2 | 0 | 50% | 100% | 3 | 1 | 0% | 100% | 3 | 2 | 50% | 200% |
| TOTAL NON-VIOLENT | 2,124 | 628 | 4% | 4% | 2,215 | 651 | 26% | 33% | 2,782 | 864 | 31% | 38% |
| TOTAL OFFENSES | 2,431 | 870 | 3% | 2% | 2,503 | 890 | 24% | 26% | 3,107 | 1,121 | 28% | 29% |

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3 YEAR COMPARISON

| LCR CRIME OFFENSE | 2000 YTD Offenses | 2000 YTD Clearances | 00-01% Offenses % Change | 2001 YTD Offenses | 2001 YTD Clearances | 01-02% Offenses % Change | 2002 YTD Offenses | 2002 YTD Clearances | 01-02% Offenses % Change | 2002 YTD Offenses | 2002 YTD Clearances | 00-02% Offenses % Change | 00-02% Clearances % Change |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| HOMICIDE | 2 | 1 | 0% | 3 | 2 | 50% | 3 | 2 | -33% | 3 | 2 | 50% | 100% |
| Domestic Violence Related | 1 | 1 | 0% | 1 | 1 | 0% | 1 | 0 | -100% | 1 | 0 | 0% | -100% |
| MANSLAUGHTER | 0 | 0 | 100% | 1 | 1 | 100% | 0 | 0 | 100% | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0% |
| Domestic Violence Related | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0% |
| RAPE TOTALS | 46 | 41 | -7% | 43 | 39 | 28% | 55 | 48 | 23% | 55 | 48 | 20% | 17% |
| RAPE - FORCED | 29 | 25 | 10% | 32 | 30 | -13% | 28 | 25 | -17% | 28 | 25 | -3% | 0% |
| Domestic Violence Related | 2 | 4 | 0% | 2 | 2 | -100% | 0 | 0 | -100% | 0 | 0 | -100% | -100% |
| RAPE - FORCED ATTEMPTED | 1 | 1 | 0% | 1 | 1 | 400% | 5 | 2 | 100% | 5 | 2 | 400% | 100% |
| Domestic Violence Related | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0% | 1 | 1 | 100% | 1 | 1 | 100% | 100% |
| RAPE - SODOMY | 5 | 4 | -100% | 0 | 0 | 100% | 5 | 5 | 100% | 5 | 5 | 0% | 25% |
| Domestic Violence Related | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0 | 500% | 1 | 1 | 100% | 1 | 1 | 100% | 100% |
| FONDLING - FORCED | 11 | 11 | -9% | 10 | 8 | 70% | 17 | 16 | 100% | 17 | 16 | 55% | 45% |
| Domestic Violence Related | 2 | 2 | -100% | 0 | 0 | 100% | 1 | 1 | 100% | 1 | 1 | -50% | -50% |
| ROBBERY TOTALS | 75 | 52 | 24% | 93 | 69 | -3% | 90 | 60 | -13% | 90 | 60 | 20% | 15% |
| ROBBERY - Highway | 28 | 20 | 4% | 29 | 18 | -52% | 14 | 15 | -17% | 14 | 15 | -50% | -25% |
| ROBBERY - Commercial | 12 | 8 | 8% | 13 | 10 | -31% | 9 | 4 | -60% | 9 | 4 | -25% | -50% |
| ROBBERY - Gas Station | 6 | 4 | -100% | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0 | -100% | -100% |
| ROBBERY - Convenience | 10 | 5 | -10% | 9 | 6 | 67% | 15 | 9 | 50% | 15 | 9 | 50% | 80% |
| ROBBERY - Residence | 6 | 4 | 0% | 6 | 4 | -33% | 4 | 5 | 25% | 4 | 5 | -33% | 25% |
| ROBBERY - Bank | 3 | 3 | 33% | 4 | 4 | -100% | 0 | 0 | -100% | 0 | 0 | -100% | -100% |
| ROBBERY - Misc. | 10 | 8 | 220% | 32 | 27 | 50% | 48 | 27 | 380% | 48 | 27 | 380% | 238% |
| AGGRAVATED ASSAULT | 184 | 148 | -18% | 150 | 128 | 18% | 177 | 147 | 15% | 177 | 147 | -4% | -1% |
| Domestic Violence Related | 55 | 47 | -31% | 38 | 32 | -8% | 35 | 29 | -9% | 35 | 29 | -16% | -38% |
| AGGRAVATED STALKING | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0% |
| Domestic Violence Related | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0% |
| TOTAL VIOLENT | 307 | 242 | -6% | 288 | 239 | 13% | 325 | 257 | 8% | 325 | 257 | 6% | 6% |
| SIMPLE ASSAULT | 850 | 756 | -15% | 726 | 661 | 3% | 749 | 675 | 2% | 749 | 675 | -12% | -11% |
| Domestic Violence Related | 379 | 334 | -17% | 316 | 294 | -4% | 302 | 255 | -13% | 302 | 255 | -20% | -24% |

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2002 YEAR END
ACTIVITY REPORT
3 YEAR COMPARISON

| ACTIVITY SUMMARY | 2000 TOTALS | 2001 YTD TOTALS | 2002 YTD TOTALS | % CHANGE | % CHANGE | % CHANGE |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| CALLS FOR SERVICE | 37602 | 34804 | 40387 | -7% | 16% | 7% |
| UCR Crime Offense Reports | 2431 | 2,503 | 3,107 | | 24% | 28% |
| UCR Crime Offense Cleared | 870 | 890 | 1,121 | | 26% | 29% |
| Other Offense/Incident Reports | 6,587 | 8,179 | 8,458 | | 24% | 28% |
| TOTAL REPORTS | 9,018 | 10,682 | 11,562 | | 8% | 28% |
| TOTAL CLEARED | 6,399 | 7,793 | 8,414 | | 8% | 21% |
| Officers Assailed | 27 | 26 | 37 | | 42% | 37% |
| Arson | 9 | 9 | 11 | | 0% | 22% |
| TOTAL CRIME ARRESTS | 4,553 | 5,168 | 5,024 | | -3% | 10% |
| Juvenile Arrests | 574 | 579 | 540 | | -7% | -6% |
| Adult Arrests | 3,979 | 4,589 | 4,484 | | 15% | 13% |
| Property Stolen | \$1,768,058 | \$1,883,061 | \$2,587,150 | | 37% | 46% |
| Property Recovered | \$570,747 | \$704,570 | \$1,026,178 | | 46% | 80% |
| Traffic Accidents | 2,253 | 2,446 | 2,782 | | 9% | 23% |
| DUI Accidents | Data Not Available | Data Not Available | Data Not Available | | 0% | 0% |
| Traffic Fatalities | 4 | 2 | 7 | | -50% | 75% |
| TOTAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS | 8,394 | 10,594 | 11,700 | | 10% | 39% |
| DUI | 335 | 310 | 299 | | -4% | -11% |
| Felony & Misd Traffic Citations | 870 | 1,645 | 1,338 | | -19% | 54% |
| Civil Traffic Citations | 7,189 | 8,639 | 10,063 | | 16% | 40% |
| Parking Citations | 368 | 357 | 507 | | -3% | 38% |
| Warning Citations | 4,221 | 7,705 | 6,657 | | -14% | 54% |
| Field Interviews | 306 | 328 | 642 | | 7% | 110% |
| Vehicle Stop Data | 835 | 11,390 | 15,818 | | 1264% | 1797% |
| Code Enforcement Reports | Data Not Available | Data Not Available | Data Not Available | | 0% | 0% |
| Code Enforcement Reports | Data Not Available | Data Not Available | Data Not Available | | 0% | 0% |

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