



The Tallahassee-Leon County  
21<sup>st</sup> Century Council  
*Quality of Life / Sustainability*  
**COMMUNITY INDICATOR**

**Quality of Life / Sustainability Segment:**  
ECONOMIC PROGRESS PROFITS PROSPERITY  
SOCIAL **PEOPLE**  
ENVIRONMENTAL PLANET PLACE  
*governance ethics justice spirituality peace*  
**Title: Low Birth Weight**

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**Indicator:**

Percent of full-term and premature babies who weighed less than 2,500 grams (5lbs., 9oz.) at birth.

**Commentary:**

The percentage of babies born with a low birth weight has traditionally been slightly higher in Leon County compared to Florida as a whole.

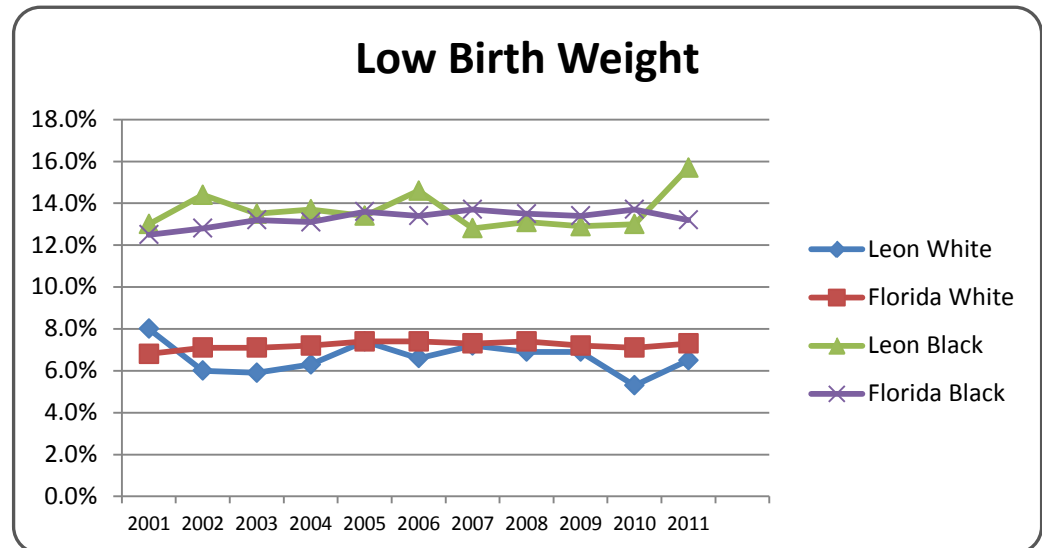
White Leon County babies have consistently stayed below the state average for low birth weight in the past 10 years, but Black babies are more than twice as likely to be born with low birth weight.

In 2006 and 2011, Black babies in Leon County spiked above the state percentage of low weight births.

**Source(s):**

Florida CHARTS

**Chart 1: Low Birth Weight – Leon vs. Florida**



**Chart 2: Low Birth Weight Gap Analysis**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Leon White	8.0%	6.0%	5.9%	6.3%	7.4%	6.6%	7.2%	6.9%	6.9%	5.3%	6.5%
FL White	6.8%	7.1%	7.1%	7.2%	7.4%	7.4%	7.3%	7.4%	7.2%	7.1%	7.3%
Leon Black	13.0%	14.4%	13.5%	13.7%	13.4%	14.6%	12.8%	13.1%	12.9%	13.0%	15.7%
FL Black	12.5%	12.8%	13.2%	13.1%	13.6%	13.4%	13.7%	13.5%	13.4%	13.7%	13.2%
Leon Total*	10.5%	10.2%	9.7%	10.0%	10.4%	10.6%	10.0%	10.0%	9.9%	9.2%	11.1%
FL Total*	9.7%	10.0%	10.2%	10.2%	10.5%	10.4%	10.5%	10.5%	10.3%	10.4%	10.3%

\*not shown on graph