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Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
2005	30.3	31.2	31.7	32.8	33.2	33.6	33.9	34.3	35.0	35.4	35.6	36.1	33.6
2006	36.3	37.1	37.9	37.4	37.6	37.8	37.1	37.3	37.1	37.1	37.2	37.3	37.3
2007	37.0	36.9	36.9	37.0	36.8	37.0(p)							

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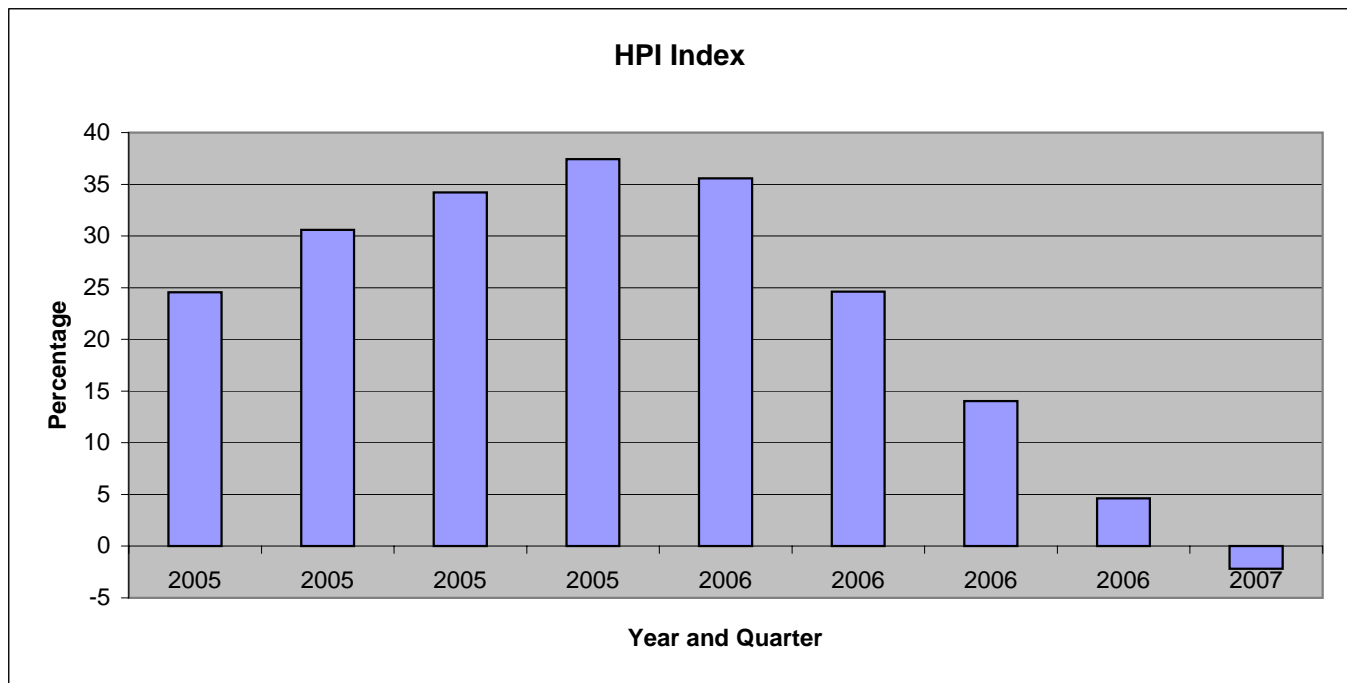
Number of foreclosure cases filed by month:

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Jan		191	162	92	482
Feb		150	137	105	558
Mar		170	137	129	717
Apr		117	109	103	721
May		103	102	152	867
Jun		156	82	176	968
Jul		111	100	178	
Aug		139	115	204	
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Oct	196	122	91	324	
Nov	144	123	81	324	
Dec	183	112	83	373	

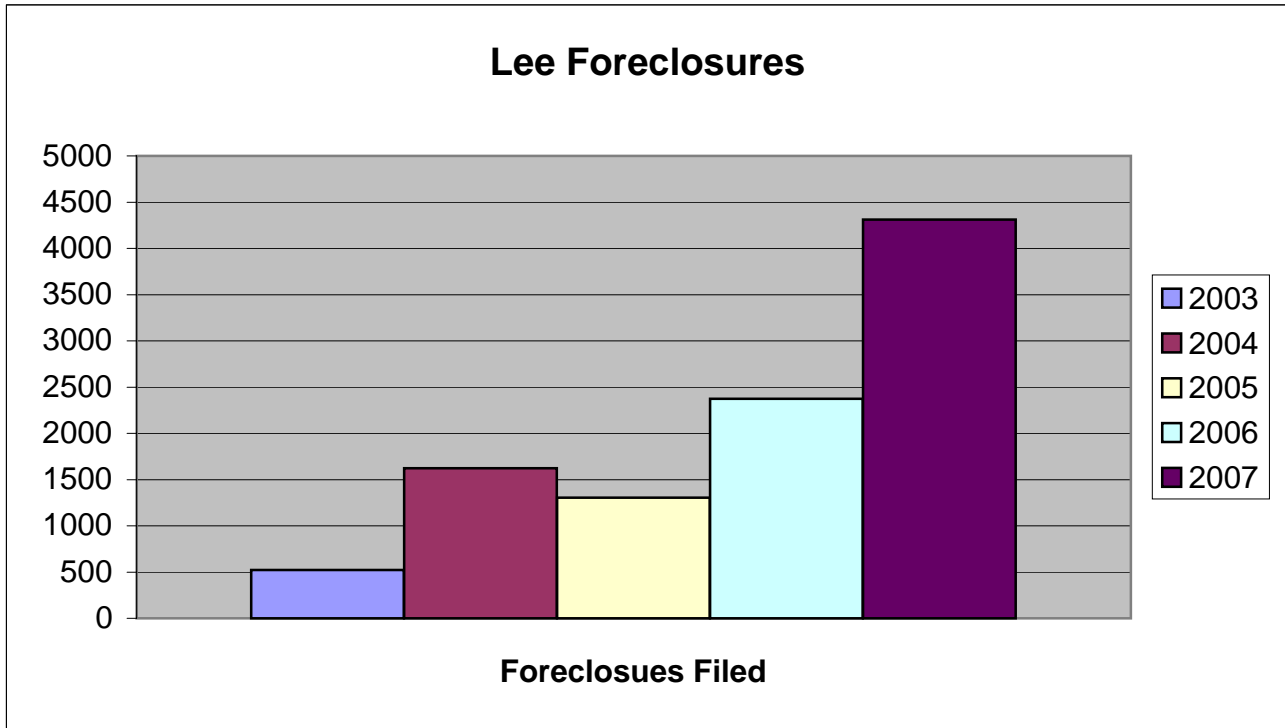
HPI Index by Year and Quarter

The HPI is a broad measure of the movement of single-family house prices. Because of the breadth of the sample, it provides more information than is available in other house price indexes. The HPI serves as a timely, accurate indicator of house price trends at various geographic levels. It also provides housing economists with an improved analytical tool that is useful for estimating changes in the rates of mortgage defaults, prepayments and housing affordability in specific geographic areas

2005	1	24.56
2005	2	30.58
2005	3	34.2
2005	4	37.42
2006	1	35.58
2006	2	24.61
2006	3	14.02
2006	4	4.63
2007	1	-2.17



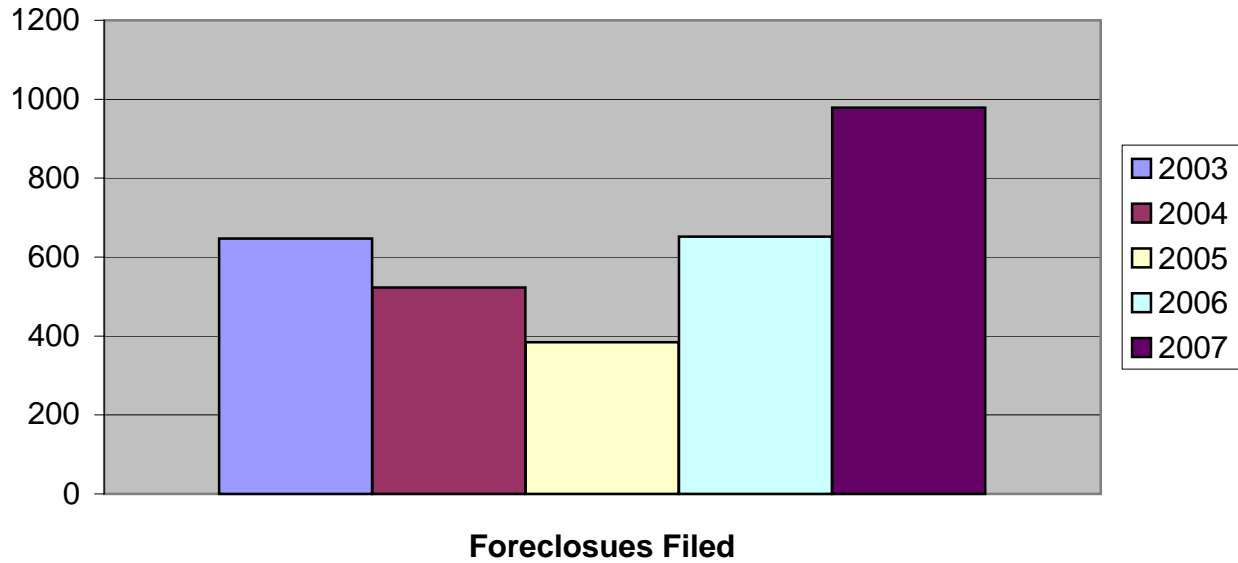
Foreclosures for Lee and Collier County
2003-June 2007



Lee County

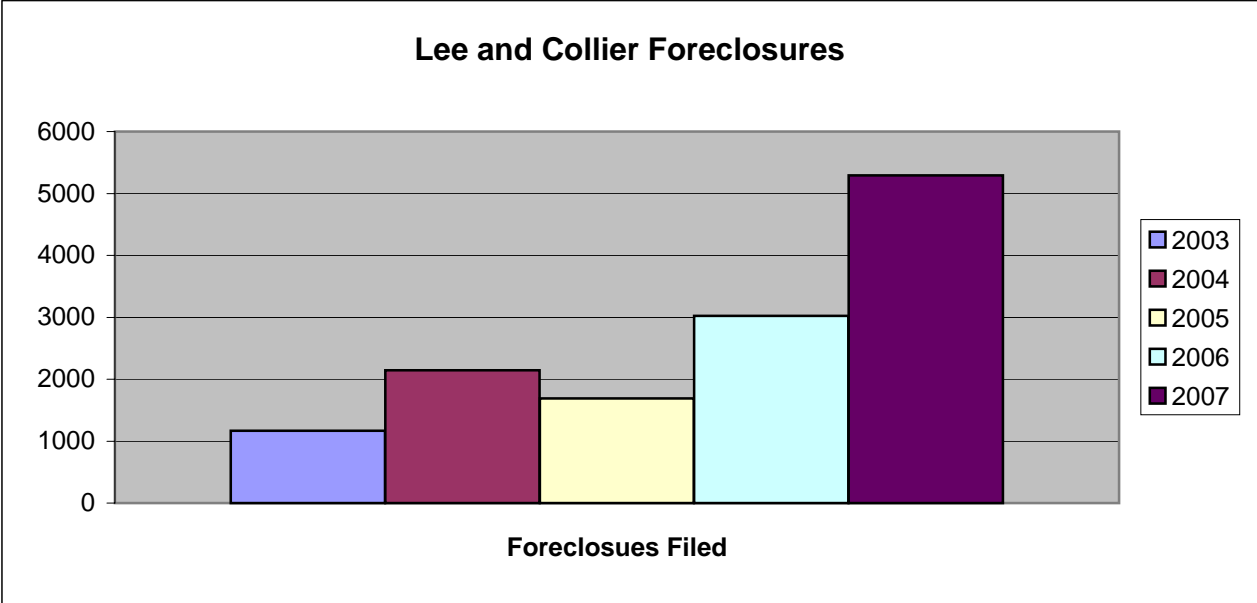
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August		139	115	204	
September		130	105	212	
October	196	122	91	324	
November	144	123	81	324	
December	183	112	83	373	
Total By Year	523	1624	1304	2372	4313

Collier Foreclosures



Collier County

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
January	64	64	41	19	133
February	64	46	40	19	140
March	43	46	44	38	175
April	59	44	27	21	184
May	51	47	35	36	197
June	50	42	37	46	150
July	57	39	33	52	
August	54	40	28	64	
September	62	47	23	57	
October	56	39	21	72	
November	37	29	21	86	
December	50	40	34	142	
Total By Year	647	523	384	652	979



Lee and Collier	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
	1170	2147	1688	3024	5292

Total By Year

Unemployment rate Fort Myers - Cape Coral

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
2005	3.8	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.3
2006	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.7	3.1	3.2	3.2
2007	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.4	4.2		

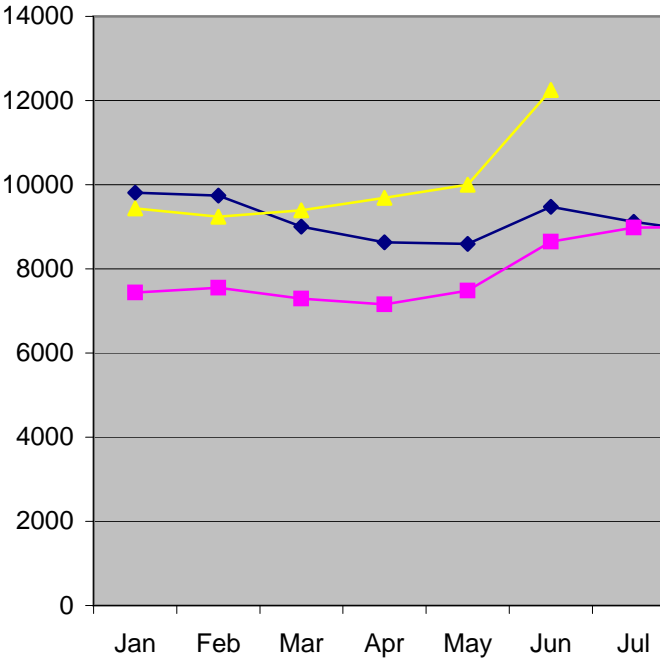
Unemployment in Fort Myers - Cape Coral

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
2005	9808	9741	9007	8629	8591	9474	9118	8847
2006	7437	7554	7296	7159	7481	8643	8979	8998
2007	9438	9236	9395	9686	10002	12250		

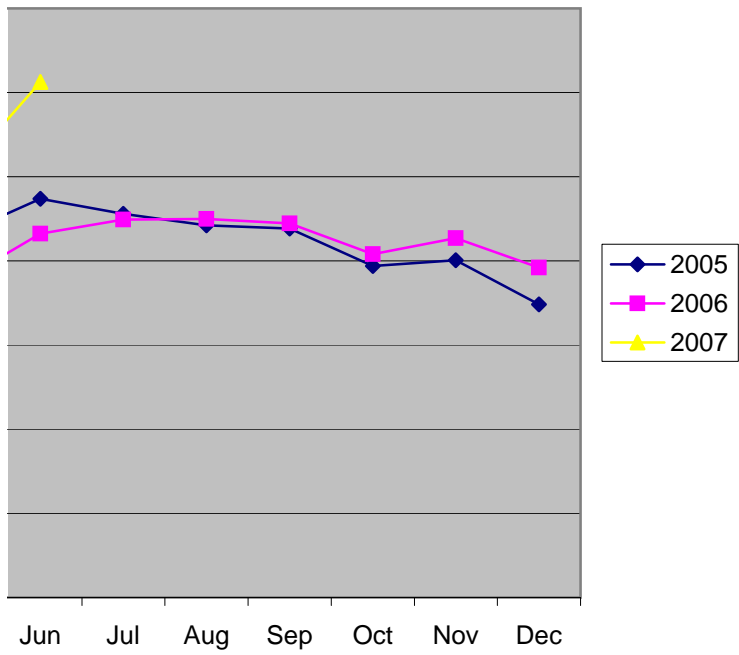
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
3.2	2.9	2.9	2.5	3.2
3.1	2.8	3	2.7	2.9

Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
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8891	8159	8539	7844	8082

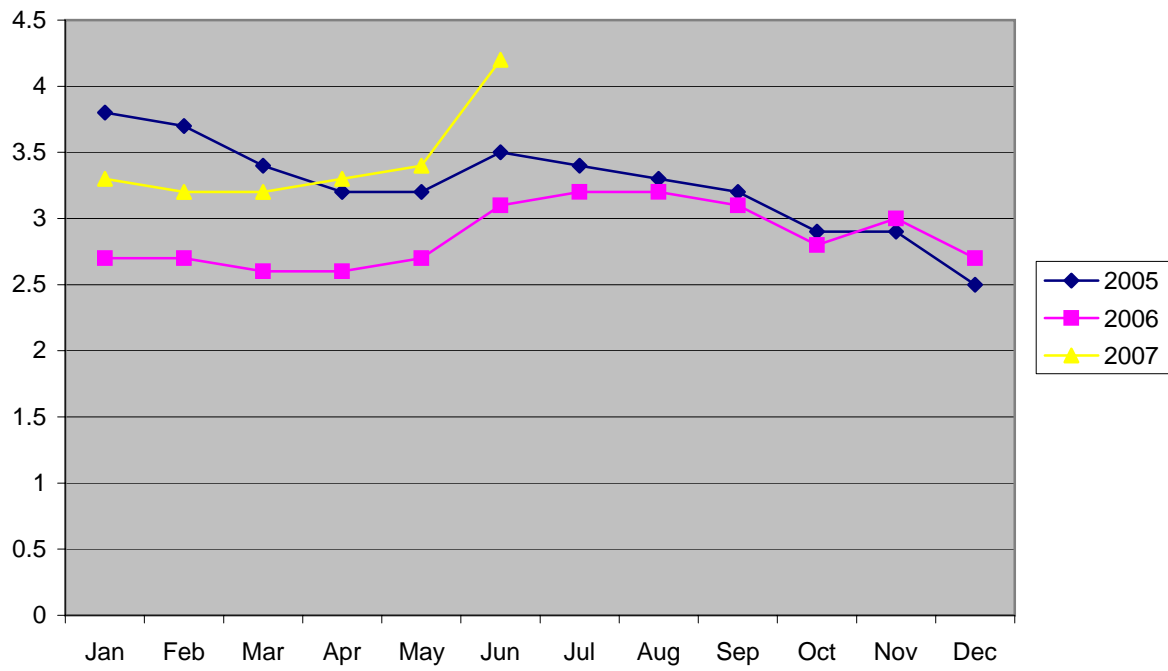
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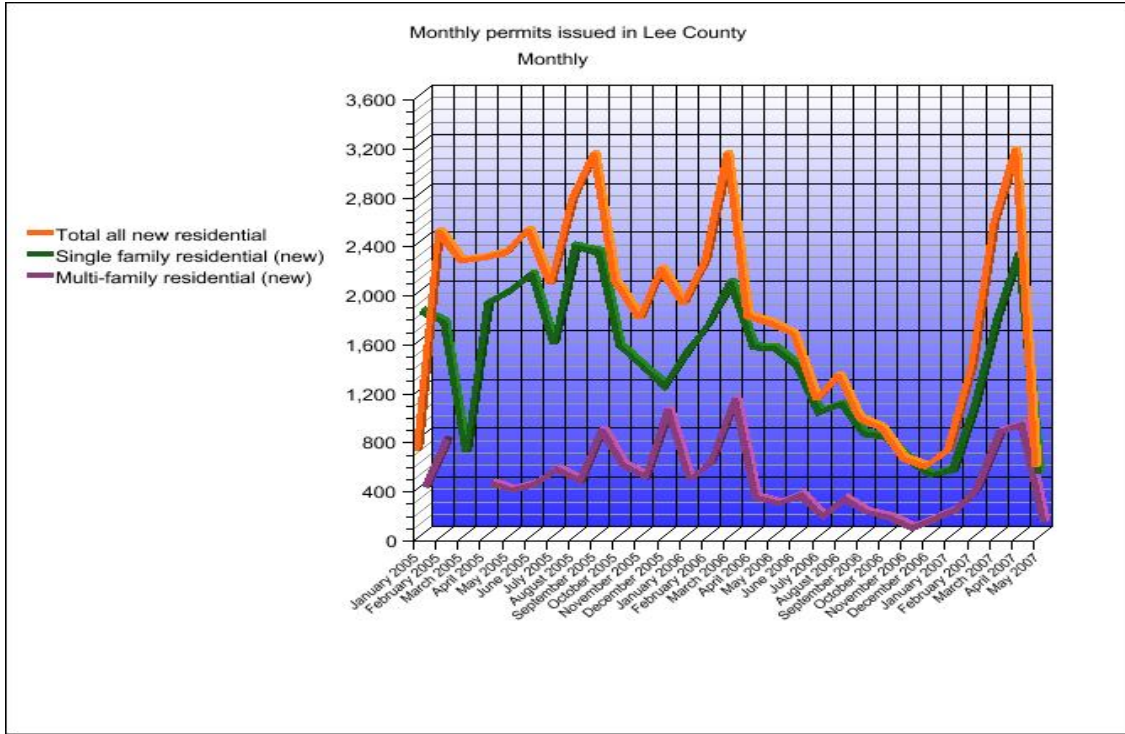


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unemployment rate Fort Myers Cape-Coral





The data shows permits from January 2005-May 2007 in Lee County. The data indicates the total permits have declined since 2005. On an average, the total construction cost has declined as well. As a result, this shows that new residential homes have declined within Lee County and it continues to decrease on a monthly basis. However, in the months of 2006-2007 the total number of permits fluctuates between the months. This shows that there was not a consistent flow of new residents within Lee County in this time period. It should be noted that because of new impact fees there was unusual activity in the number of permits several months ago.

Monthly Building Permits data in Lee County

Year	Period	Type	Issued	Construction Cost
2007	May	Total all new residential	573	\$134,229,000
2007	May	Single family residential (new)	495	N/A
2007	May	Multi-family residential (new)	78	N/A
2007	April	Total all new residential	3,154	\$626,036,000
2007	April	Single family residential (new)	2,286	N/A
2007	April	Multi-family residential (new)	868	N/A
2007	March	Total all new residential	2,561	\$506,112,000
2007	March	Single family residential (new)	1,759	N/A
2007	March	Multi-family residential (new)	802	N/A
2007	February	Total all new residential	1,389	\$277,163,000
2007	February	Single family residential (new)	1,057	N/A
2007	February	Multi-family residential (new)	332	N/A
2007	January	Total all new residential	705	\$141,820,000
2007	January	Single family residential (new)	533	N/A
2007	January	Multi-family residential (new)	172	N/A
2006	December	Total all new residential	582	\$135,126,000
2006	December	Single family residential (new)	488	N/A
2006	December	Multi-family residential (new)	94	N/A
2006	November	Total all new residential	654	\$131,472,000
2006	November	Single family residential (new)	618	N/A
2006	November	Multi-family residential (new)	36	N/A
2006	October	Total all new residential	908	\$193,607,000
2006	October	Single family residential (new)	800	N/A
2006	October	Multi-family residential (new)	108	N/A
2006	September	Total all new residential	977	\$227,726,000
2006	September	Single family residential (new)	829	N/A
2006	September	Multi-family residential (new)	148	N/A
2006	August	Total all new residential	1,317	\$283,440,000

2006	August	Single family residential (new)	1,071	N/A
2006	August	Multi-family residential (new)	246	N/A
2006	July	Total all new residential	1,137	\$257,832,000
2006	July	Single family residential (new)	1,013	N/A
2006	July	Multi-family residential (new)	124	N/A
2006	June	Total all new residential	1,667	\$364,633,000
2006	June	Single family residential (new)	1,369	N/A
2006	June	Multi-family residential (new)	298	N/A
2006	May	Total all new residential	1,751	\$362,973,000
2006	May	Single family residential (new)	1,523	N/A
2006	May	Multi-family residential (new)	228	N/A
2006	April	Total all new residential	1,817	\$399,576,000
2006	April	Single family residential (new)	1,539	N/A
2006	April	Multi-family residential (new)	278	N/A
2006	March	Total all new residential	3,118	\$522,802,000
2006	March	Single family residential (new)	2,054	N/A
2006	March	Multi-family residential (new)	1,064	N/A
2006	February	Total all new residential	2,266	\$403,355,000
2006	February	Single family residential (new)	1,707	N/A
2006	February	Multi-family residential (new)	559	N/A
2006	January	Total all new residential	1,929	\$334,540,000
2006	January	Single family residential (new)	1,490	N/A
2006	January	Multi-family residential (new)	439	N/A
2005	December	Total all new residential	2,189	\$472,023,000
2005	December	Single family residential (new)	1,215	N/A
2005	December	Multi-family residential (new)	974	N/A
2005	November	Total all new residential	1,800	\$304,179,000
2005	November	Single family residential (new)	1,370	N/A
2005	November	Multi-family residential (new)	430	N/A
2005	October	Total all new residential	2,105	\$369,493,000
2005	October	Single family residential (new)	1,560	N/A
2005	October	Multi-family residential (new)	545	N/A
2005	September	Total all new residential	3,120	\$496,037,000

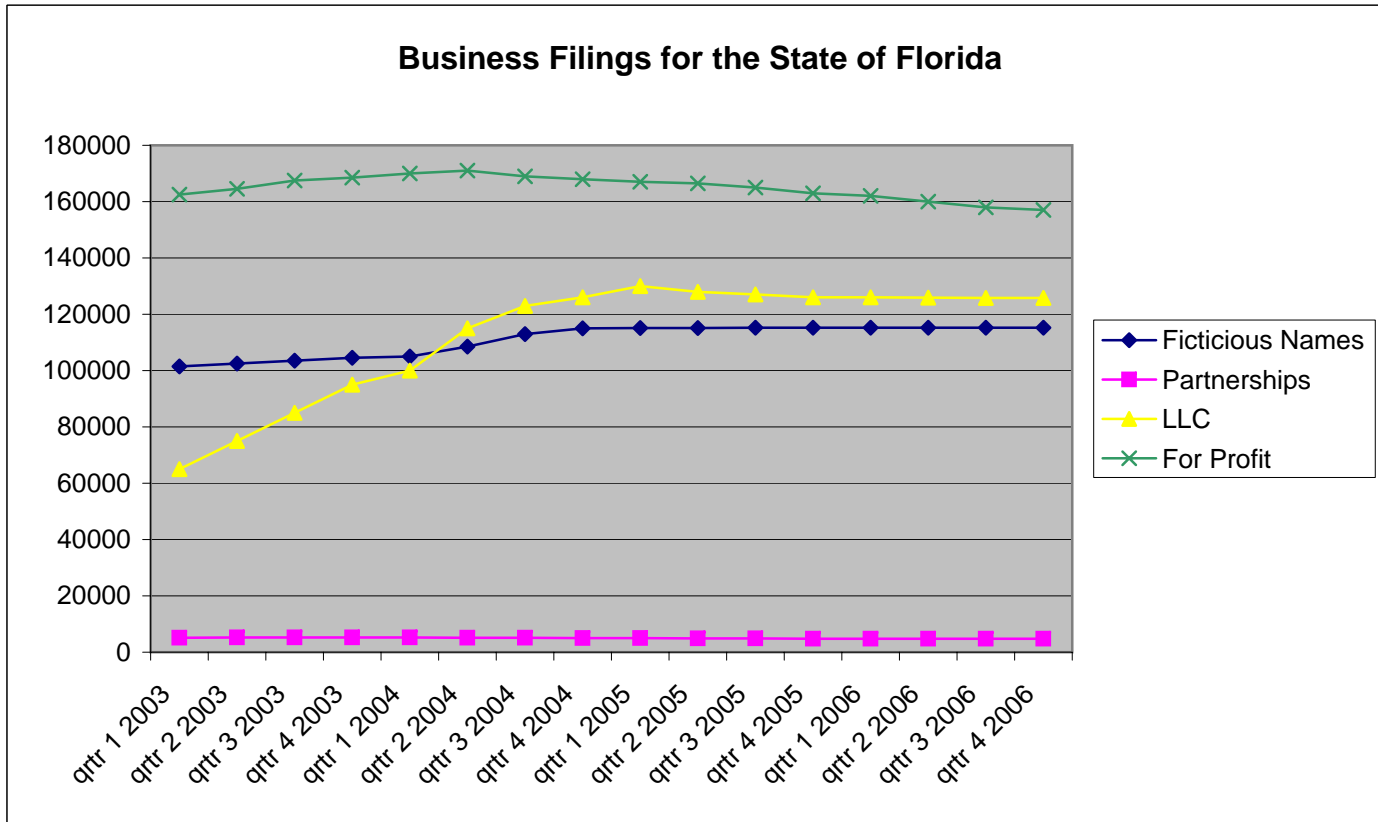
2005	September	Single family residential (new)	2,308	N/A
2005	September	Multi-family residential (new)	812	N/A
2005	August	Total all new residential	2,766	\$491,374,000
2005	August	Single family residential (new)	2,345	N/A
2005	August	Multi-family residential (new)	421	N/A
2005	July	Total all new residential	2,083	\$357,634,000
2005	July	Single family residential (new)	1,580	N/A
2005	July	Multi-family residential (new)	503	N/A
2005	June	Total all new residential	2,506	\$407,171,000
2005	June	Single family residential (new)	2,122	N/A
2005	June	Multi-family residential (new)	384	N/A
2005	May	Total all new residential	2,324	\$362,634,000
2005	May	Single family residential (new)	1,982	N/A
2005	May	Multi-family residential (new)	342	N/A
2005	April	Total all new residential	2,288	\$373,655,000
2005	April	Single family residential (new)	1,892	N/A
2005	April	Multi-family residential (new)	396	N/A
2005	March	Single family residential (new)	2,264	N/A
2005	March	Multi-family residential (new)	697	N/A
2005	February	Total all new residential	2,487	\$376,226,000
2005	February	Single family residential (new)	1,739	N/A
2005	February	Multi-family residential (new)	748	N/A
2005	January	Total all new residential	705	\$141,820,000
2005	January	Single family residential (new)	1,823	N/A
2005	January	Multi-family residential (new)	358	N/A

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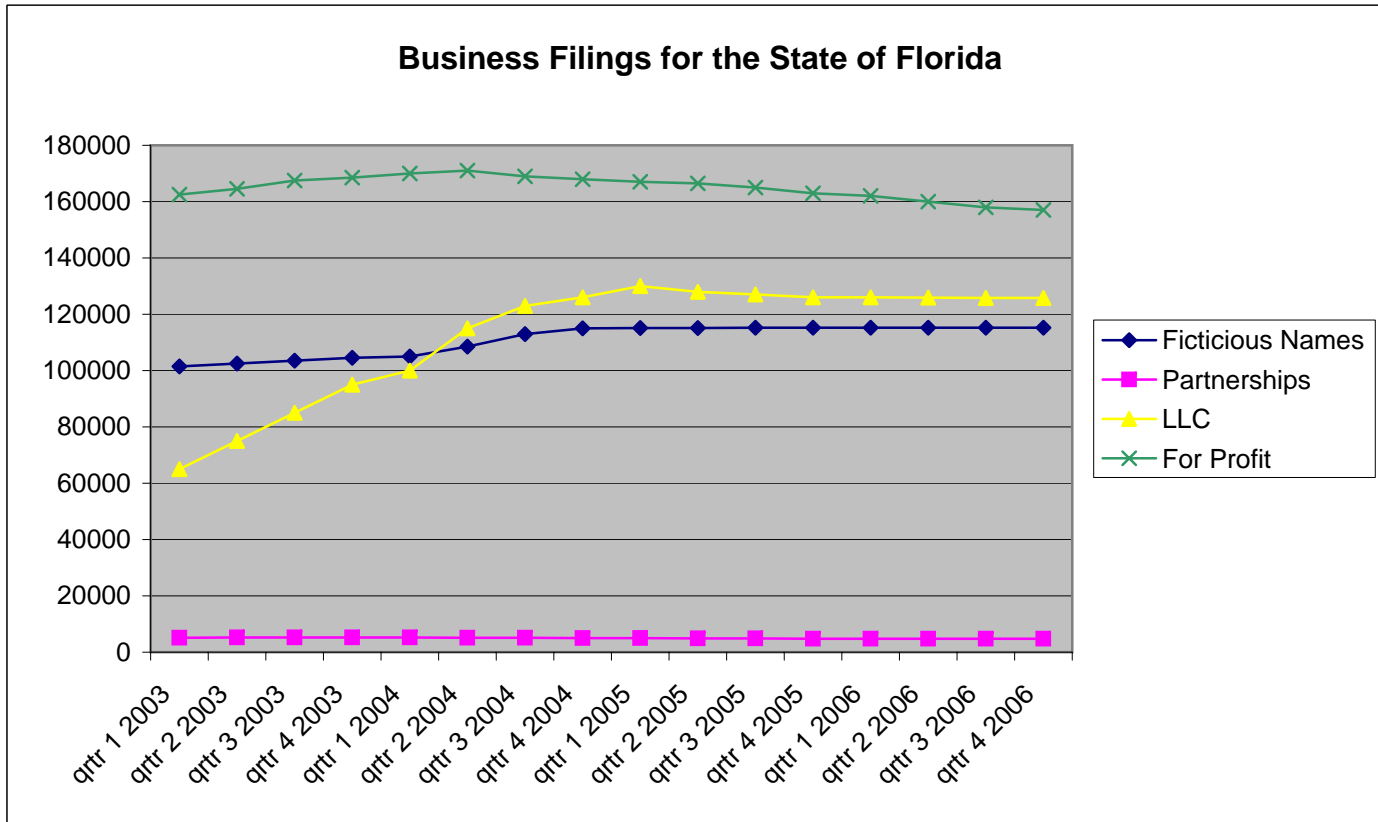
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Partnerships	5100	5200	5200	5200	5200	5150	5100	5050
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For Profit	167000	166500	165000	163000	162000	160000	158000	157000



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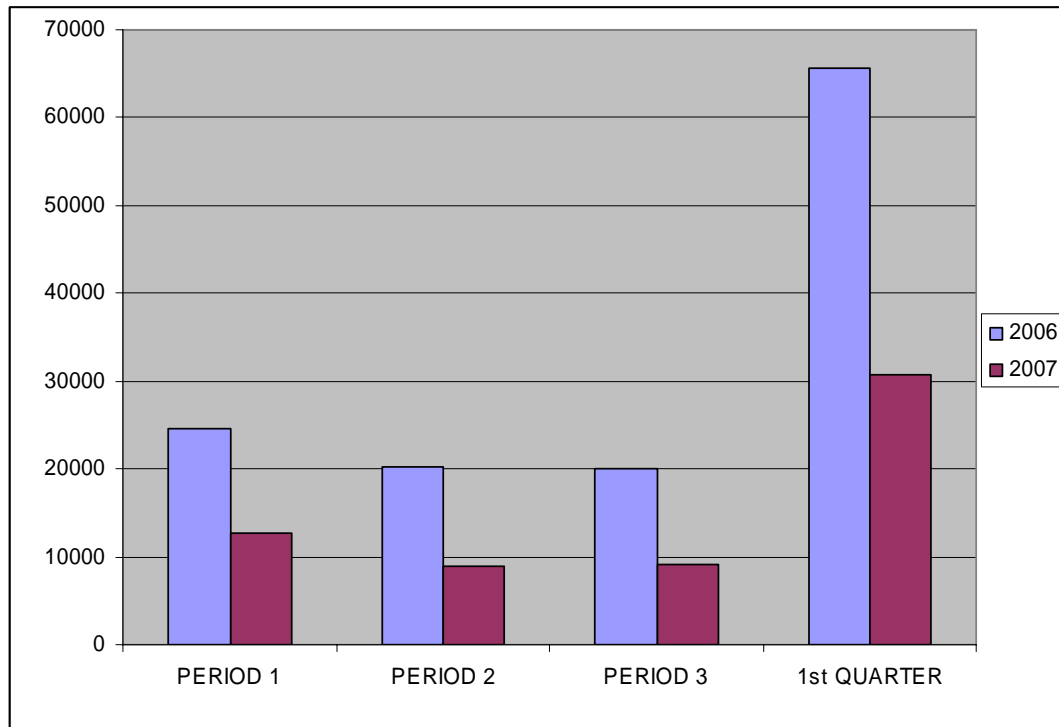
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Employment Ads

Dr. Ray Kest

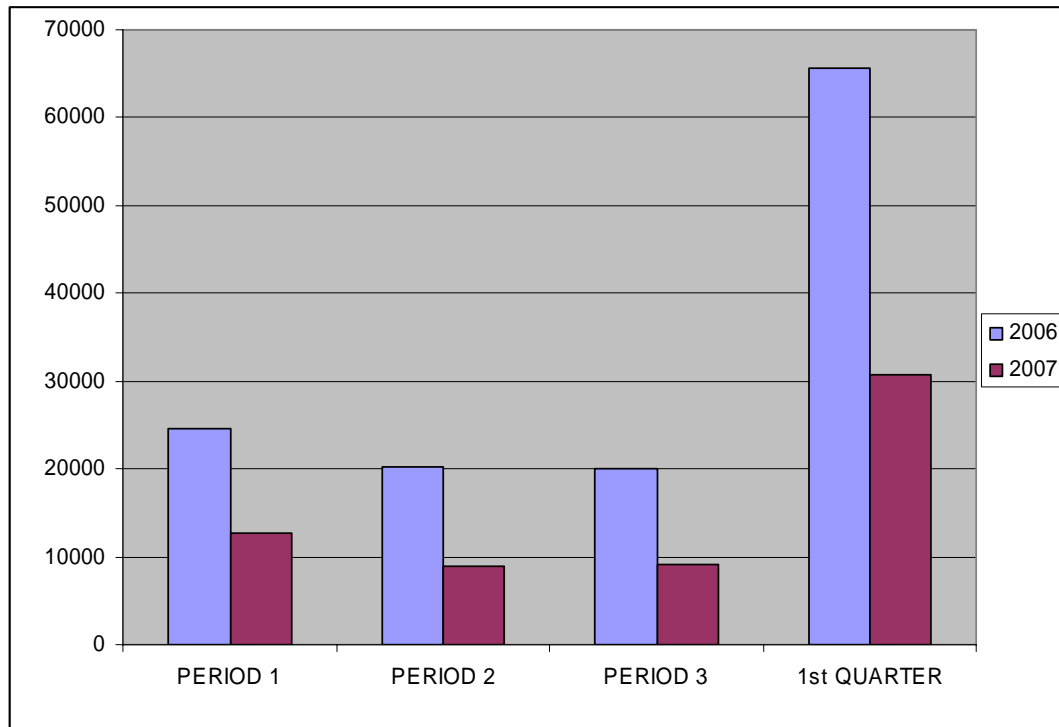


Data shows a comparison between the numbers of Employment Ads in the first quarter of 2006 and the first quarter of 2007. Analyzing this graphic, it is evident that the Employment Ads in this period fell significantly. To the numbers it was added 50% as an estimate of the effects of the web employment ads in the same period. Anyway, taking the subtotals, only 5 jobs had an increase in their percentage. Schools, Lessons and Instructions (38%), Engineering (15.8%), Child Care Available (20.8%) Adult Care Available (28.8%) and Situations Wanted (3.4%). All of this can reflect the increase of the unemployment rates in Lee County. Simply, fewer jobs available, less employment ads offered.

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Employment Ads

Dr. Ray Kest



Data shows a comparison between the numbers of Employment Ads in the first quarter of 2006 and the first quarter of 2007 from the Ft. Myers News Press. Analyzing this graph, it is evident that the employment ads in this period fell significantly. It was pointed out by the staff supplying this information that a factor in the significant drop in employment ads was the fact that other mediums such as the internet has contributed to the decline. In order to take this into account, a factor of 50% was added as to the 2007 numbers. Taking the subtotals, only 5 jobs had an increase in their percentage which was primarily school employment ads.

Francesco Serravalle

Unemployment Analysis

Dr Kest

August 1, 2007

Brief Analysis

The data collected regarding unemployment in Fort Myers and Cape Coral are very interesting. The data show unemployment rate and unemployment for the years that go from 2005 to 2007 for the months of January to December. It is important to note that there was an important decline of the unemployment rate between 2005 and 2006 especially in the months of January through July, while in the next months rates seem to be the same. However, the unemployment rate seems to have a declining path. In fact, the annual rate for the year 2005 is 3.2 against the 2.9 of the year of 2006. Surprising the beginning of the 2007 has unemployment rate bigger than 2006. What is the most amazing is that there is a dramatic increment in the month of June. In fact, the unemployment rate jumps from 3.4 for the month of May to 4.2 for the month of June. Expressing those percentages in number of people unemployed, we will have 10002 workers unemployed in the month of May against 12250 workers unemployed in the month of June. Those data are interesting for the purpose of the research, because if the economy is down it reflects on unemployment that tends to increase. In fact, comparing unemployment between 2006 and 2007, the year of 2007 shows higher unemployment rate than 2006. Also, the dramatic change between May and June suggest worse situation for the next months. It would be helpful to look at which industry is more struck by unemployment. Also, it is important to note that unemployment data are to be considered carefully because of companies that pay workers under table.



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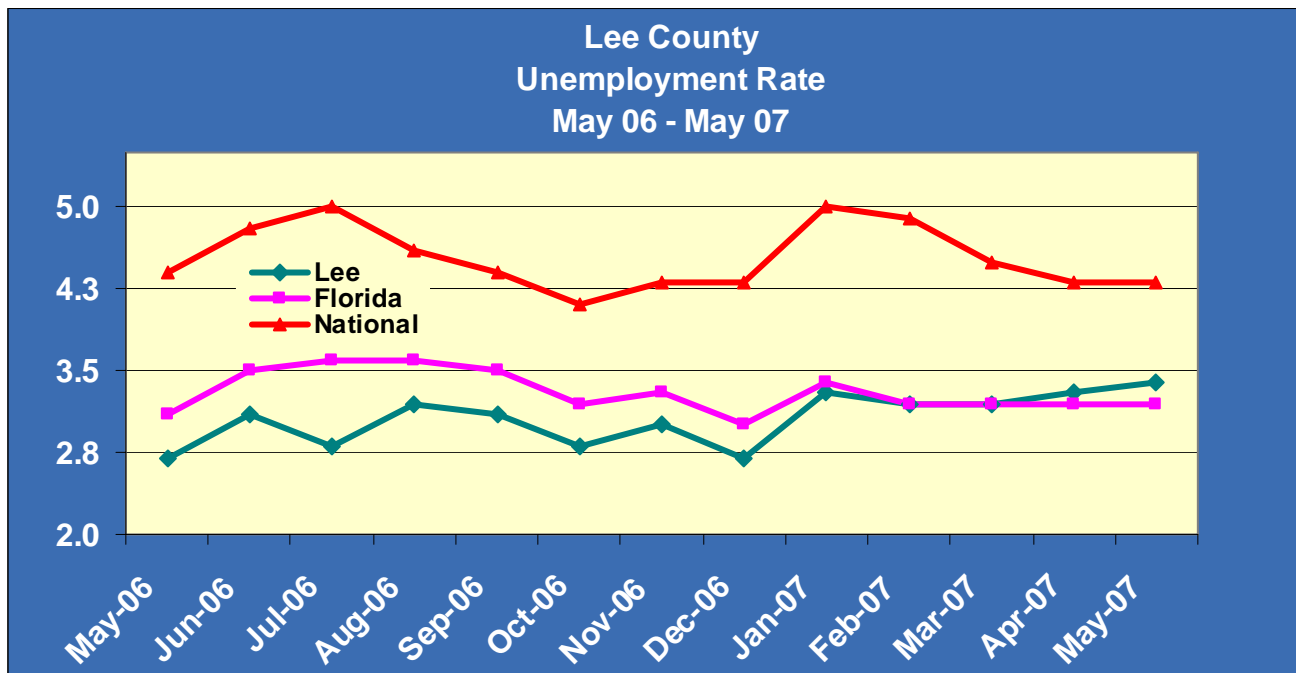
SUMMARY

UNEMPLOYMENT	May's preliminary unemployment rate ticked up slightly to 3.4%, putting Lee County 0.2% above the state rate (3.2%) and 0.9% below the national rate (4.3%).
EMPLOYMENT	Lee County employment grew 2.6% from May '06 to May '07. The Leisure & Hospitality and Professional & Business Services sectors grew the fastest (+6.7% and +5.7% respectively), while Information employment contracted 9.5%.
TOURISM	Tourism activity experienced a typical seasonal decline, dropping sharply from the peak month of April. Activity was down from the previous May as well, with fewer visitors (-3.9%) and lower tourist expenditures (-2.0%) than a year ago.
AIRPORT ACTIVITY	SWFIA displayed strong passenger and freight growth, serving 5.0% more passengers and handling 2.2% more cargo than in May of 2006.
BUILDING PERMIT ACTIVITY & VALUATION	May permitting activity declined across the board versus the previous month and as compared to May of 2006. Permit valuations increased from April of this year, with the exception being Multi Family/Duplex.
HOUSING SALES ACTIVITY	Single family existing home sales decreased 42.1% from May of last year, while the median home price decreased 1.7% to \$281,500. Sales of existing condo units fell 22.4% from May of '06, and the median price dropped 29.4%.
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	The CPI increased from 199.6 in April to 200.8 in May. Year-over-year, the CPI increased 2.7% (195.5 to 200.8).
TAXABLE SALES ACTIVITY	Taxable sales decreased 8.8% from the previous April, with Building Investment showing the largest decline (-31.5%). Consumer Non-durables spending registered the only increase, climbing 2.2%.

WORKFORCE – UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment Not seasonally adjusted					
	Change				
	Apr - 07	May - 07	May - 06	Apr 07/ May 07	May 06/ May 07
Lee	3.3%	3.4%	2.7%	+0.1%	+0.7%
Florida	3.2%	3.2%	3.1%	+0.0%	+0.1%
US	4.3%	4.3%	4.4%	+0.0%	- 0.1%

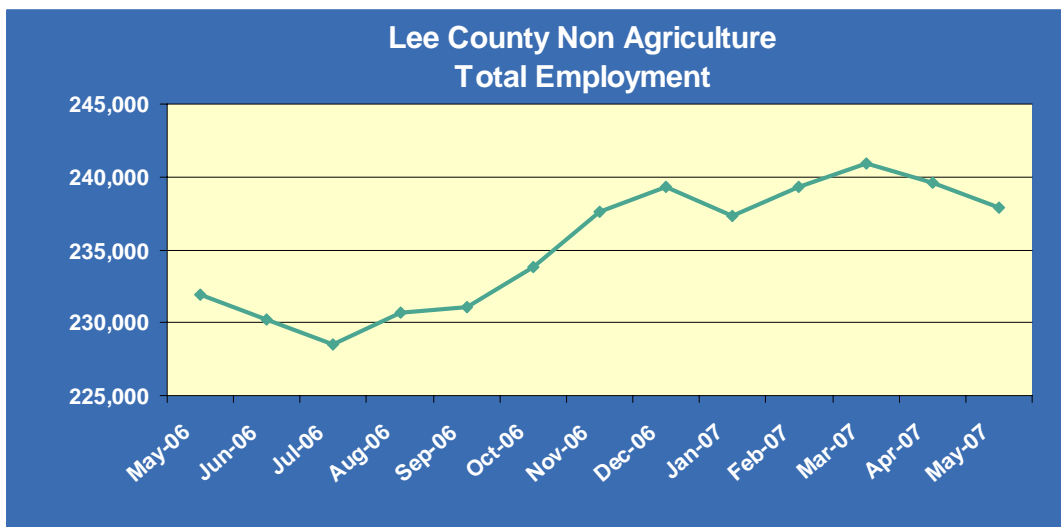
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WORKFORCE – EMPLOYMENT

Lee County Nonagricultural Employment Not seasonally adjusted					
				% Change	
	Apr - 07	May - 07	May - 06	Apr 07/ May 07	May 06/ May 07
Total	239,600	237,900	231,900	- 0.7%	+2.6%
Goods Producing	44,500	44,300	45,300	- 0.4%	- 2.2%
Natural Resources, Mining, Construction	37,000	36,800	37,600	- 0.5%	- 2.1%
Manufacturing	7,500	7,500	7,700	+0.0%	- 2.6%
Service Providing	195,100	193,600	186,600	- 0.8%	+3.8%
Wholesale Trade	7,400	7,400	7,100	+0.0%	+4.2%
Retail Trade	38,200	38,000	36,600	- 0.5%	+3.8%
Transportation, Warehousing, Utilities	4,800	4,700	4,600	- 2.1%	+2.2%
Information	3,900	3,800	4,200	- 2.6%	- 9.5%
Financial Activities	14,100	14,200	14,100	+0.7%	+0.7%
Professional & Business Services	29,700	29,700	28,100	+0.0%	+5.7%
Education & Health Services	21,700	21,700	21,200	+0.0%	+2.4%
Leisure & Hospitality Services	31,100	30,100	28,200	- 3.2%	+6.7%
Other Services	9,600	9,600	9,300	+0.0%	+3.2%

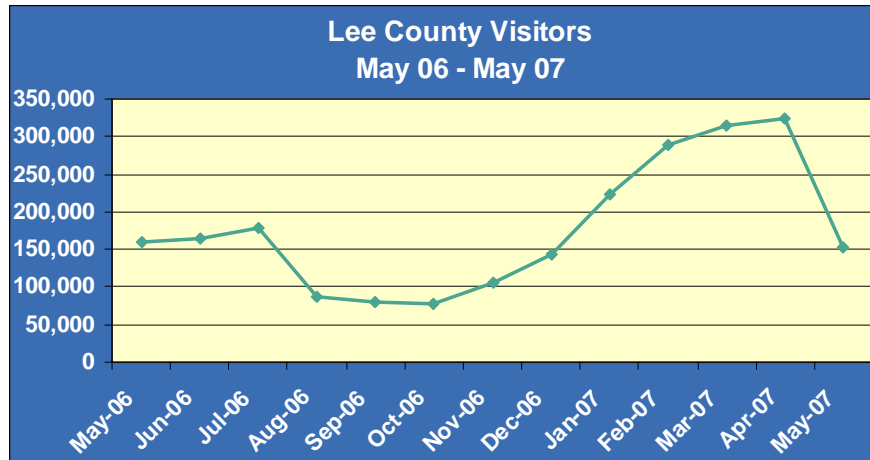
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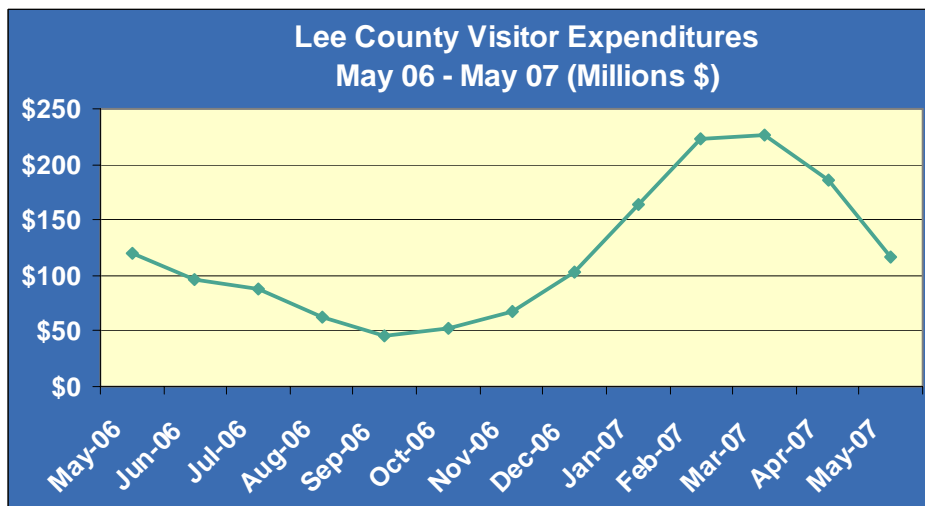
Lee County Visitors					
				% Change	
	Apr - 07	May - 06	May - 06	Apr 07/ May 07	May 06/ May 07
Lee	324,700	152,450	158,600	- 53.0%	- 3.9%

Source: Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau



Lee County Visitor Expenditures					
				% Change	
	Apr - 07	May - 07	May - 06	Apr 07/ May 07	May 06/ May 07
Lee	\$185,032,000	\$116,819,600	\$119,234,700	- 36.9%	- 2.0%

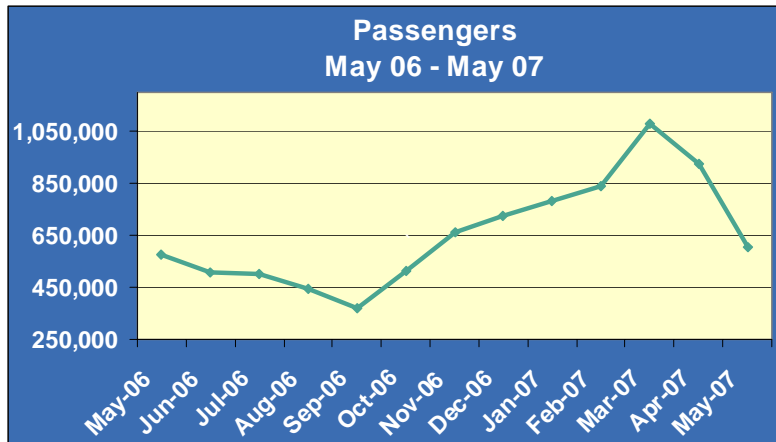
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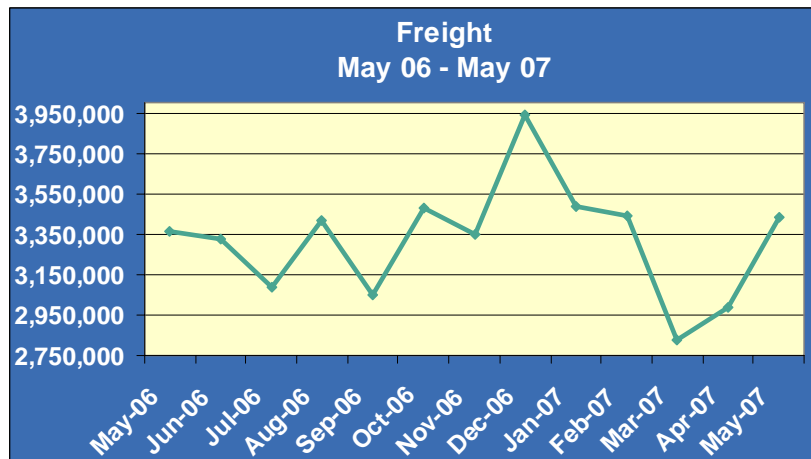
Southwest Florida International Airport Passengers					
				% Change	
	Apr - 07	May - 07	May - 06	Apr 07/ May 07	May 06/ May 07
Lee	924,919	603,870	574,963	- 34.7%	+5.0%

Source: Lee County Port Authority



Southwest Florida International Airport Freight					
				% Change	
	Apr - 07	May - 07	May - 06	Apr 07/ May 07	May 06/ May 07
Lee	2,988,879	3,434,832	3,362,334	+14.9%	+2.2%

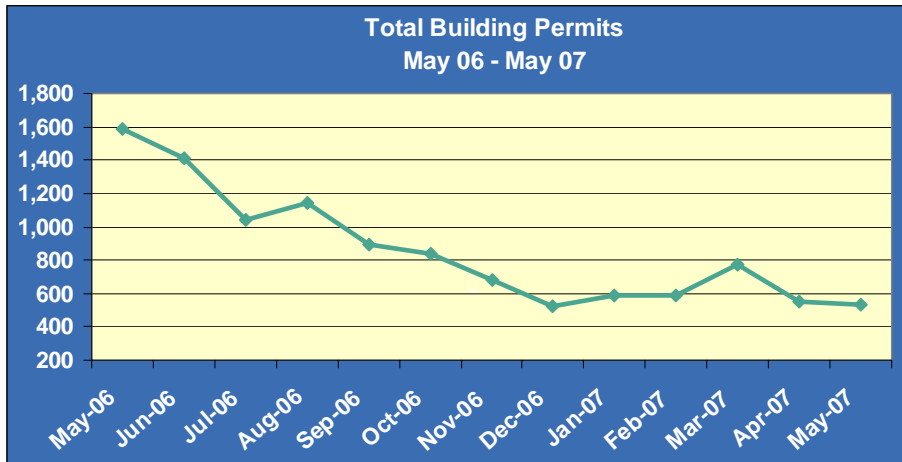
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BUILDING PERMITS – TOTALS

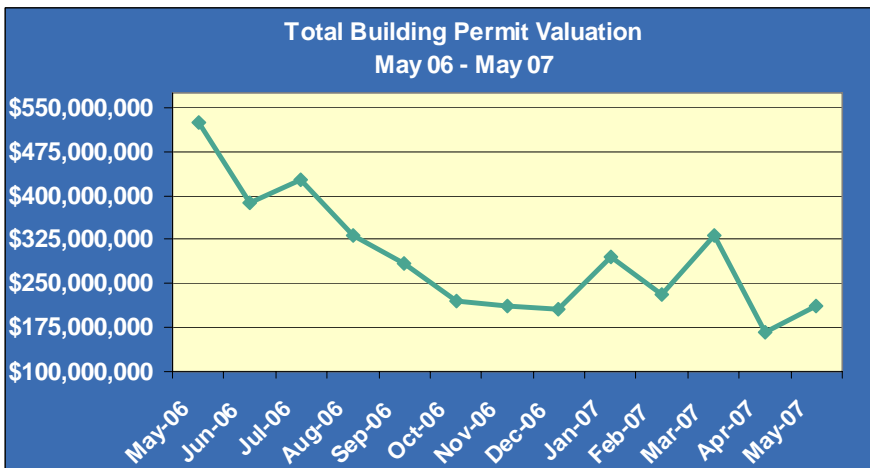
Lee County Total Building Permits					
				% Change	
	Apr - 07	May - 07	May - 06	Apr 07/ May 07	May 06/ May 07
Lee	551	536	1,584	- 2.7%	- 66.2%

Source: Lee County Government, City of Ft. Myers, City of Cape Coral



Lee County Total Building Permit Valuation					
				% Change	
	Apr - 07	May - 07	May - 06	Apr 07/ May 07	May 06/ May 07
Lee	\$168,086,732	\$213,021,804	\$525,405,856	+26.7%	- 59.5%

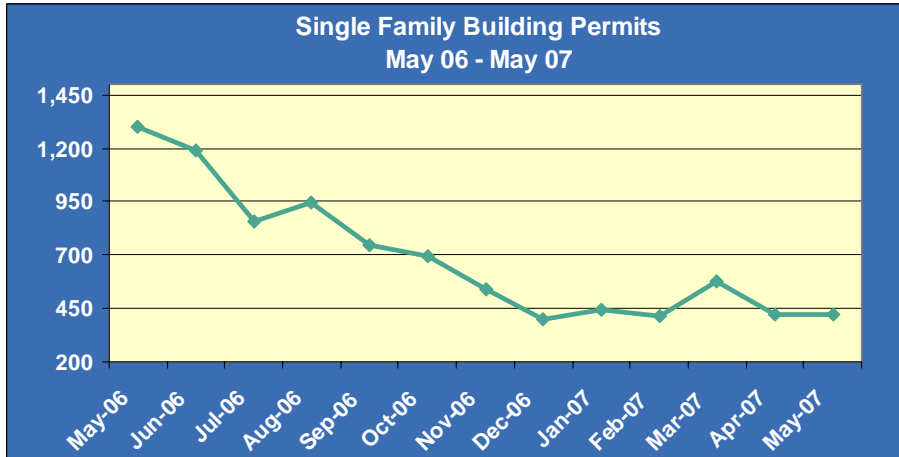
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BUILDING PERMIT ACTIVITY- SINGLE FAMILY

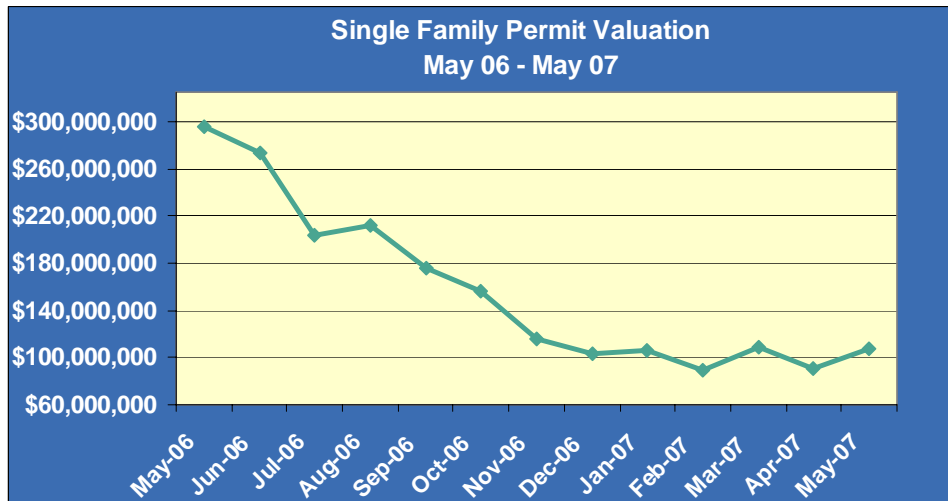
Lee County Single Family Total Permits					
				% Change	
	Apr - 07	May - 07	May - 06	Apr 07/ May 07	May 06/ May 07
Lee	419	424	1,303	+1.2%	- 67.5%

Source: Lee County Government, City of Ft. Myers, City of Cape Coral



Lee County Single Family Total Permit Valuation					
				% Change	
	Apr - 07	May - 07	May - 06	Apr 07/ May 07	May 06/ May 07
Lee	\$90,609,194	\$106,797,049	\$295,734,877	+17.9%	- 63.9%

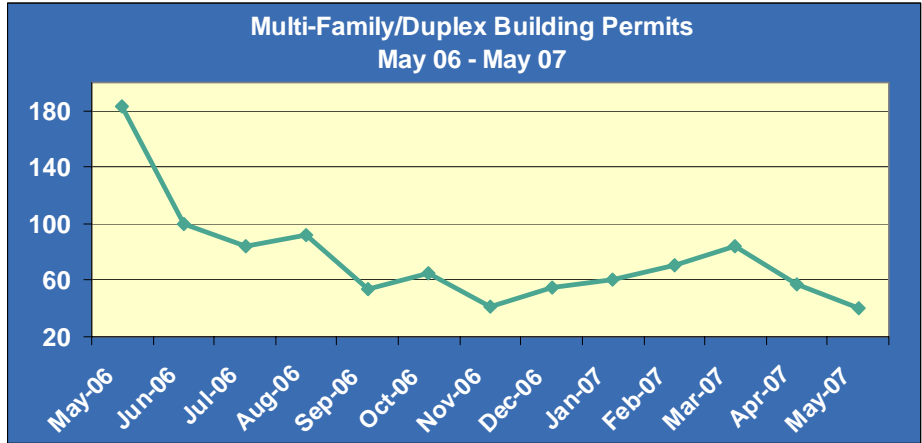
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BUILDING PERMIT ACTIVITY- MULTI- FAMILY

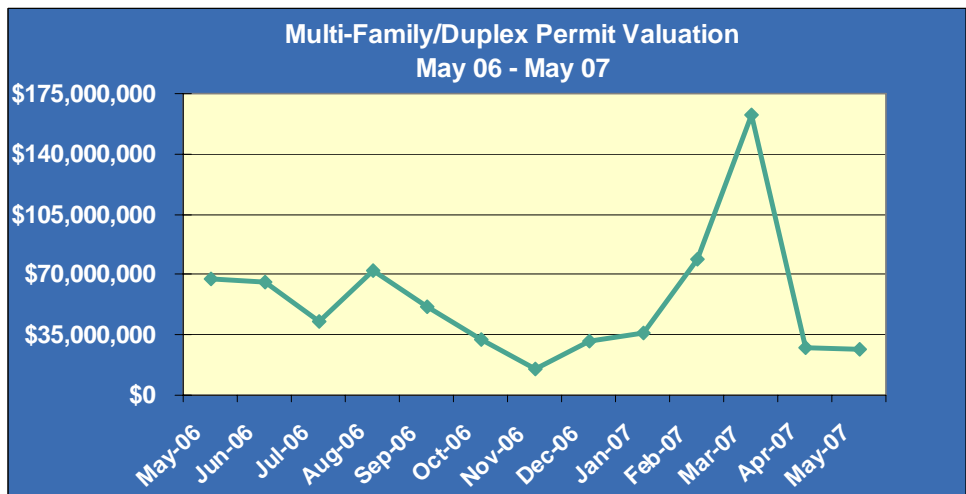
Lee County Multi-Family Total Permits					
				% Change	
	Apr - 07	May - 07	May - 06	Apr 07/ May 07	May 06/ May 07
Lee	57	40	183	- 29.8%	- 78.1%

Source: Lee County Government, City of Ft. Myers, City of Cape Coral



Lee County Multi-Family Total Permit Valuation					
				% Change	
	Apr - 07	May - 07	May - 06	Apr 07/ May 07	May 06/ May 07
Lee	\$27,821,120	\$27,081,796	\$67,888,880	- 2.7%	- 60.1%

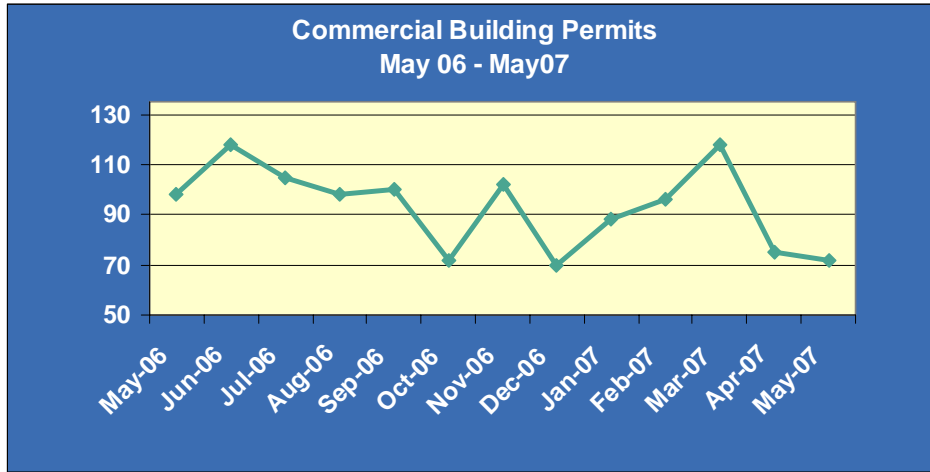
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BUILDING PERMIT ACTIVITY- COMMERCIAL

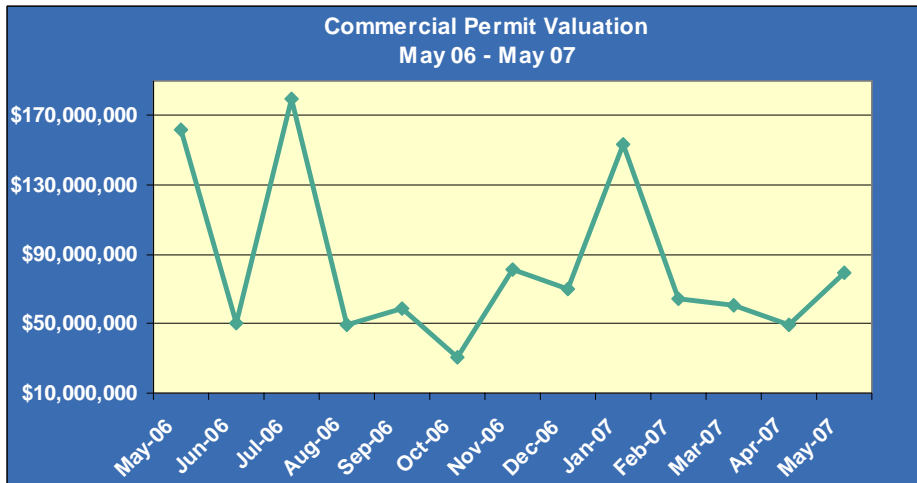
Lee County Commercial Total Permits					
				% Change	
	Apr - 07	May - 07	May - 06	Apr 07/ May 07	May 06/ May 07
Lee	75	72	98	- 4.0%	- 26.5%

Source: Lee County Government, City of Ft. Myers, City of Cape Coral



Lee County Commercial Total Permit Valuation					
				% Change	
	Apr - 07	May - 07	May - 06	Apr 07/ May 07	May 06/ May 07
Lee	\$49,656,418	\$72,142,959	\$161,782,099	+59.4%	- 51.1%

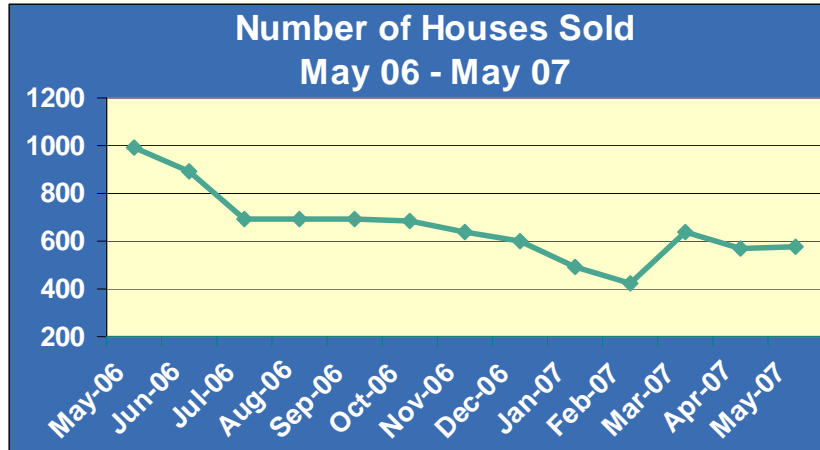
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EXISTING HOUSING SALES ACTIVITY – SINGLE FAMILY

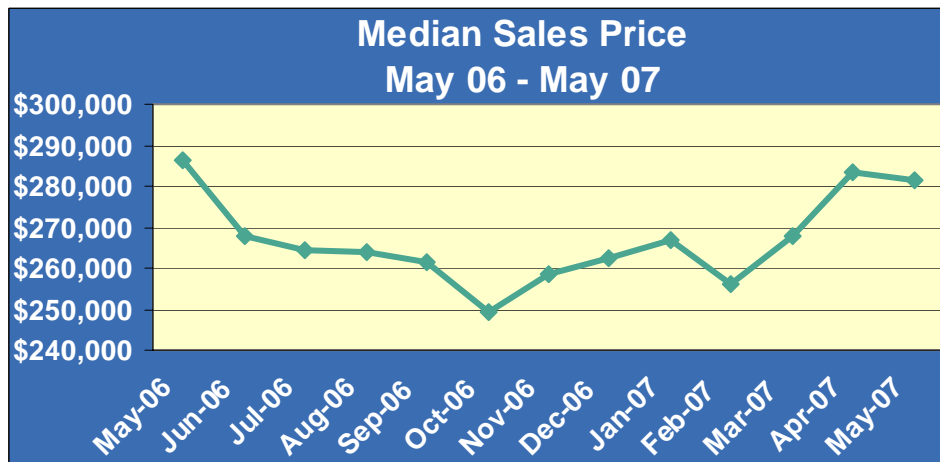
Lee County Single-Family, Existing Housing Total Sales					
				% Change	
	Apr - 07	May - 07	May - 06	Apr 07/ May 07	May 06/ May 07
Lee	573	575	993	+0.3%	- 42.1%

Source: Florida Association of Realtors.



Lee County Median Sales Price of Single-Family, Existing Houses					
				% Change	
	Apr - 07	May - 07	May - 06	Apr 07/ May 07	May 06/ May 07
Lee	\$283,200	\$281,500	\$286,500	- 0.6%	- 1.7%

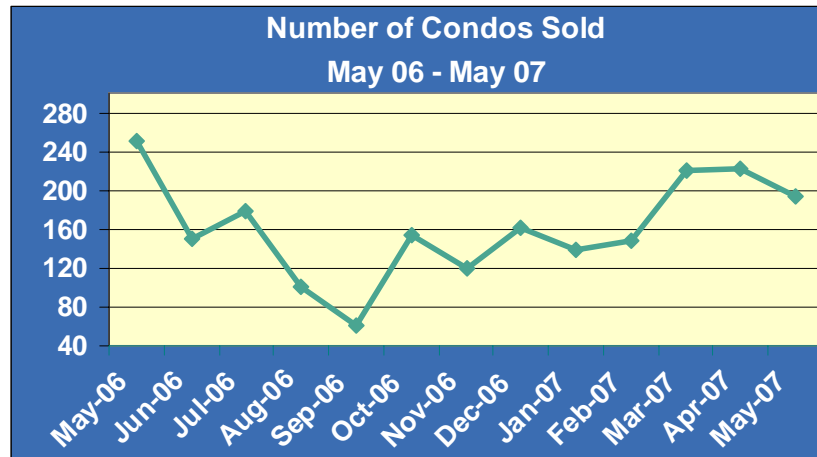
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EXISTING HOUSING SALES ACTIVITY – CONDOMINIUMS

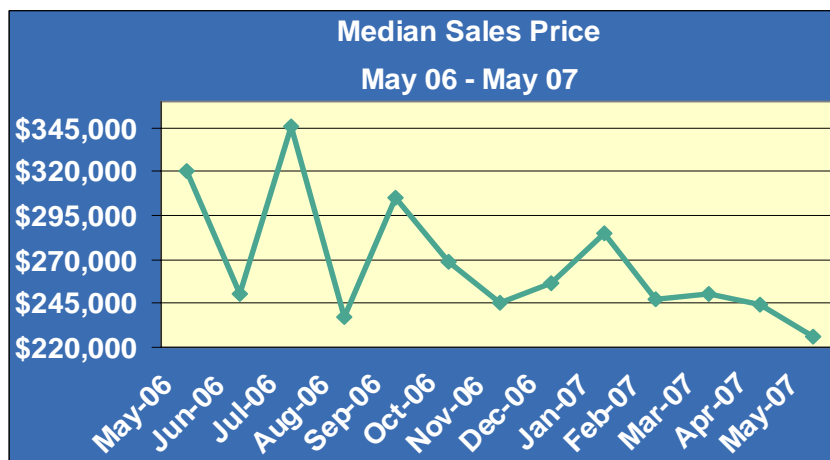
Lee County Condos, Existing Housing Total Sales					
				% Change	
	Apr - 07	May - 07	May - 06	Apr 07/ May 07	May 06/ May 07
Lee	223	194	250	- 13.0%	- 22.4%

Source: Florida Association of Realtors.



Lee County Median Sales Price of Condos, Existing Houses					
				% Change	
	Apr - 07	May - 07	May - 06	Apr 07/ May 06	May 06/ May 07
Lee	\$244,100	\$226,500	\$320,800	- 7.2%	- 29.4%

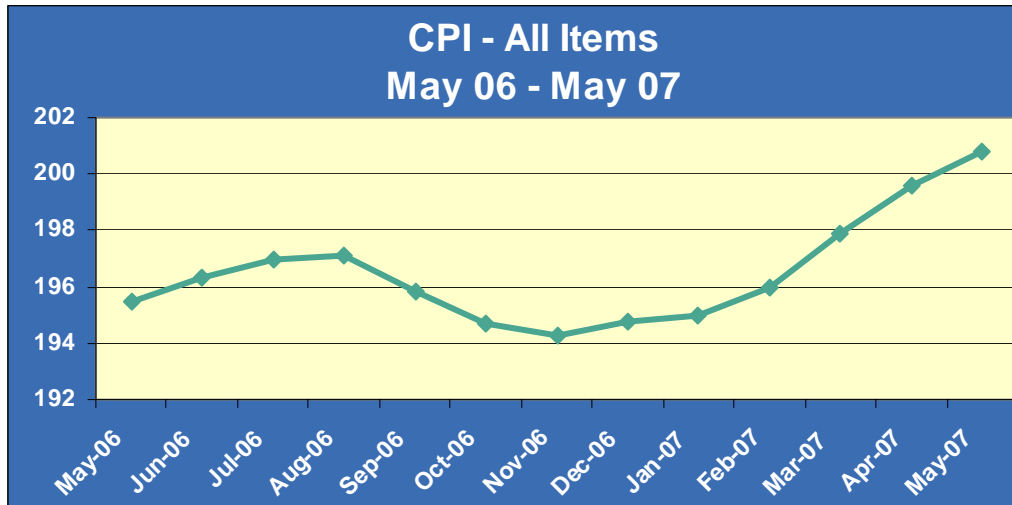
Source: Florida Association of Realtors.



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Consumer Price Index – C.P.I.			
	May - 06	May - 07	% Change May 06/ May 07
South Region United States	195.5	200.8	+2.7%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor



How To Use CPI

The CPI is the most widely used measure of inflation. Most of the specific CPI indexes have a 1982-84 reference base. That is, BLS sets the average index level (representing the average price level)--for the 36-month period covering the years 1982, 1983, and 1984--equal to 100. The Bureau measures changes in relation to that figure. An index of 110, for example, means there has been a 10-percent increase in price since the reference period; similarly an index of 90 means a 10-percent decrease. Movements of the index from one date to another can be expressed as changes in index points (simply, the difference between index levels), but it is more useful to express the movements as percent changes. This is because index points are affected by the level of the index in relation to its base period, while percent changes are not.

TAXABLE SALES ACTIVITY

Taxable Sales (\$Million)			
	Apr - 06	Apr - 07	% Change Apr 06 / Apr 07
Retail Index	324.3	324.1	- 0.2%
Autos & Accessories	\$209.7	\$187.1	- 10.8%
Building Investment	\$127.4	\$87.2	- 31.5%
Business Investment	\$200.2	\$177.1	- 11.5%
Consumer Durables	\$84.2	\$73.7	- 12.5%
Consumer Non-Durables	\$285.5	\$291.6	+2.2%
Tourism & Recreation	\$219.4	\$211.1	- 3.8%
Total	\$1,126.4	\$1,027.7	- 8.8%
<i>Source: Florida Department of Revenue</i>			

Autos & Accessories- The category of "automobiles and accessories" taxable sales includes the sale of new and used cars, repair shops, auto supply stores, and taxable sales at gasoline stations.

Consumer Durables- The category of "consumer durables" taxable sales includes the sale of appliances, furniture, home electronics, aircraft, boat dealers, hardware and decorating stores.

Tourism & Recreation- The category of "tourism and recreation" taxable sales includes hotels and motels, bar and restaurant sales, liquor stores, photo and art stores, gift shops, admissions, sporting goods, rentals, and jewelry stores.

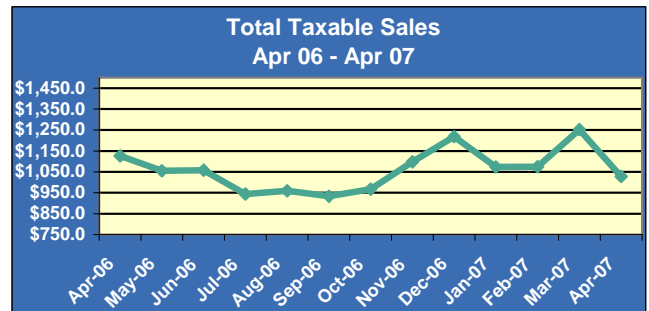
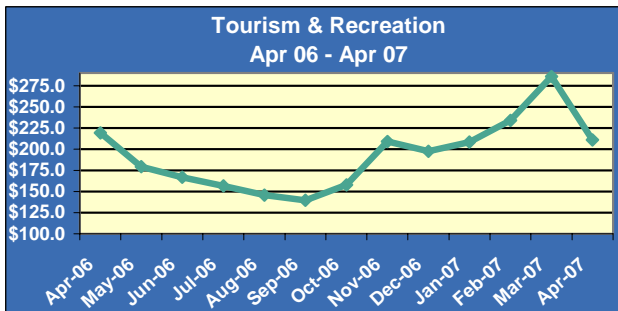
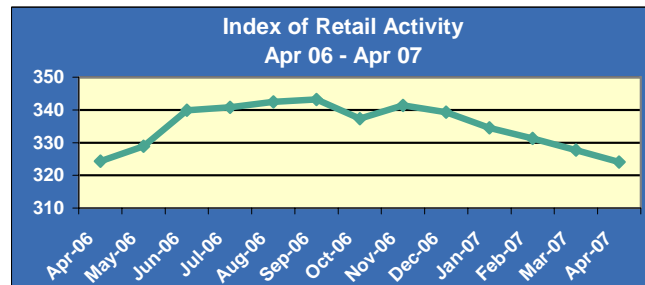
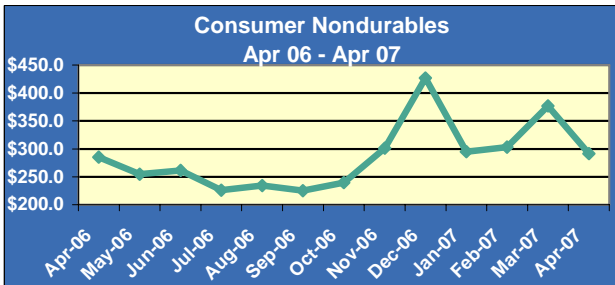
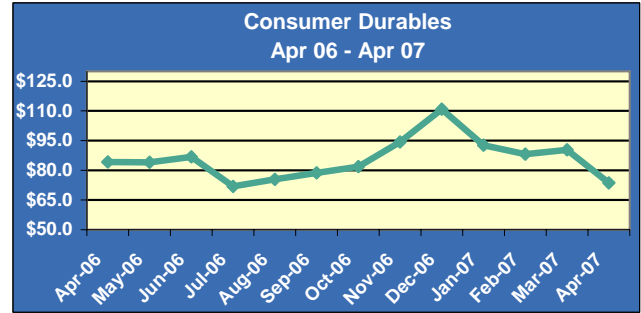
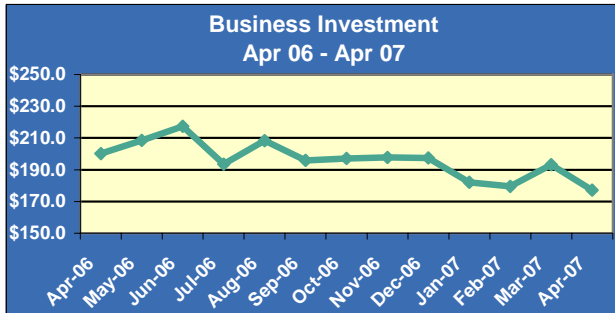
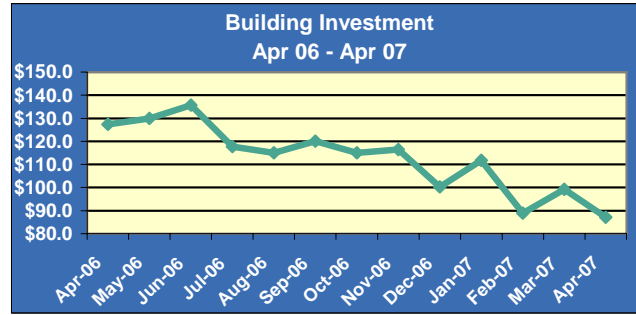
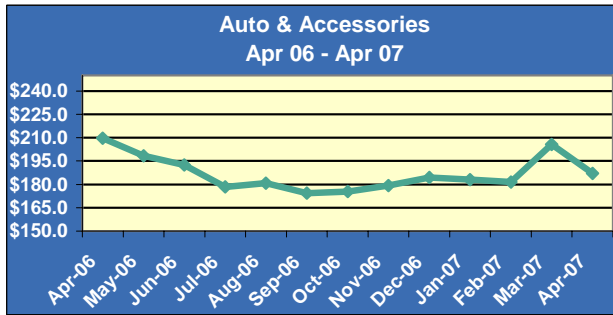
Consumer Nondurables- The category of "consumer nondurables" taxable sales includes food and convenience stores, department and clothing stores, drug stores, antique dealers, bookstores, florists, pet dealers and suppliers, social organizations, storage, communications firms, print shops, nurseries, vending machines, utilities, and any "kind" that doesn't fit into the other categories.

Building Investment- The category of "building investment" taxable sales includes sales by building contractors, heating and air conditioning contractors, insulation, well drilling, electrical contractors, interior decorating, paint and wallpaper shops, cabinet and woodworking shops, soil, lumber and building suppliers, and roofing contractors. Services provided by these businesses are not generally taxable.

Business Investment- The category of "business investment" taxable sales includes farm equipment, feed and seed suppliers, store and office equipment, computer shops, machine shops, industrial machinery, hotel and restaurant suppliers, transportation equipment, manufacturing and refining equipment, industrial suppliers, paper and packaging materials, medical and optical supplies, commercial rentals, and wholesale dealers. Transactions reported as subject to the "use" tax are also included here, regardless of the kind code of the business reporting the "use" tax.

Retail Index- The "index of retail activity" is designed to provide a measure of retail activity for an area and allow comparisons with other areas over time. The index is constructed by aggregating the categories of autos and accessories, other durables, tourism and recreation, and consumer non-durables. These categories represent the bulk of non-investment spending and are analogous to personal consumption. The sum of these four categories is seasonally adjusted and a four-month moving average is taken. The resulting data series is indexed such that the base period of December 1988 equals 100. Each MSA is measured against itself, that is, each MSA's index equals 100 in the base period and is calculated independently of activity in other MSAs. The index values can be directly read as percentages from the base period.

TAXABLE SALES ACTIVITY









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