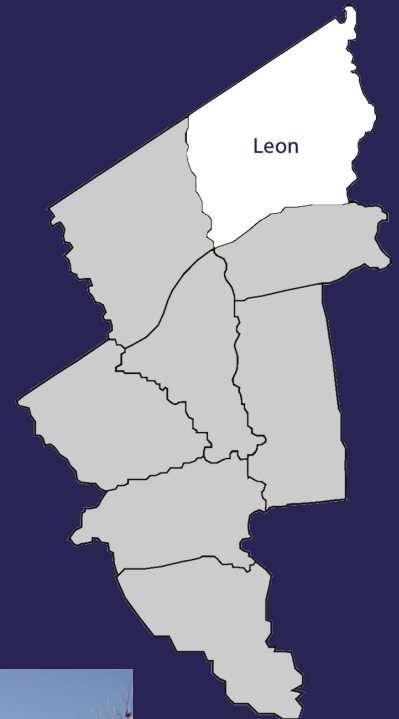


# LEON COUNTY

## Community Description

Leon County was described by residents as a rural community with helpful people that is generally safe and peaceful. However, there is a divide amongst those that have been in the community for multiple generations versus new comers to the community, creating some tension. It is an attractive place for retirees especially with low crime rates. Leon County is generally supportive of local businesses, particularly those that support local farmers and the community. The recession in the oil and gas industry has added to a lack of jobs. Faith based organizations have a large presence as well in the community.



## Community Issues

Top concerns expressed in Leon County Community Discussion Groups were:

- Lack of entertainment for youth and younger adults
- No local hospital or local family physician
- No assisted living facility or nursing home
- Lack of public transportation
- Lack of job opportunities
- Lack of communication of local services
- Lack of communication from city officials on decision making



Leon County, in terms of mortality, had leading concerns which included cancer deaths (207.9 per 100,000), motor vehicle deaths (52.6 per 100,000), and unintentional injuries (29.1 per 100,000). The main concern in terms of morbidity was that of gonorrhea which affects 59.1 people per 100,000 in the county. The main concerns in regard to health care access and quality were primary care access, common in rural areas, and a disproportionate amount of uninsured people (28.7%). The leading unhealthy behavior was teen births (63.6 per 1,000 females age 15-19), social factors consisted of single parent households, which account for 41.3% of Leon County households. No physical environment concerns were of alarming concern in comparison to similar counties.

