

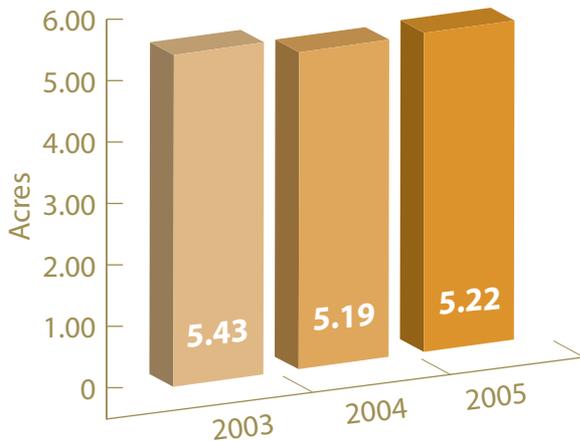
Recreation and Culture

Mission

To develop, promote and preserve outstanding cultural, recreational, library and natural experiences and opportunities for residents and visitors today and for future generations.

How We Rated

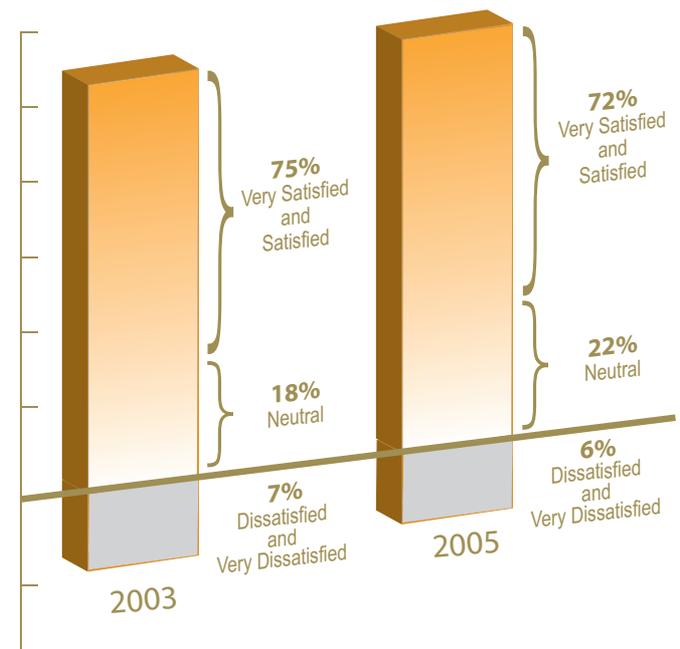
Park acres per 1,000 residents



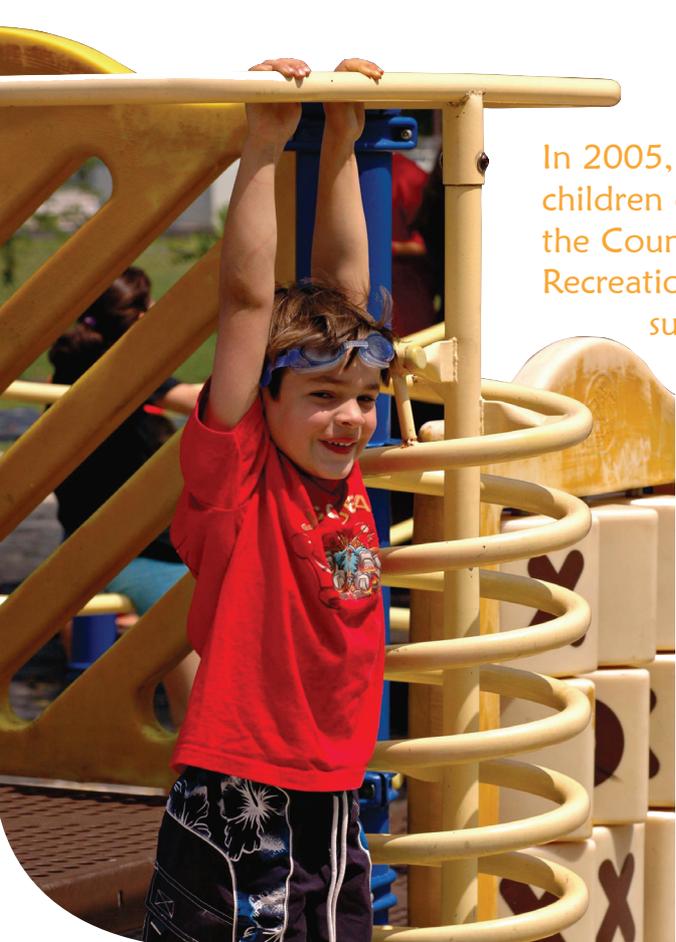
The purchase of park acreage is important to increasing green space throughout the community.

- Overall, the County's Park and Recreation system received a **59 percent** very satisfied/satisfied rating by those surveyed.
- **Fifty-four percent** of those surveyed said they were very satisfied/satisfied with the quality of cultural/theaters/museums/art centers.
- Scheduled to open in October 2006, the Performing Arts Center will dramatically increase cultural opportunities in South Florida.
- Attendance at Miami Metrozoo for 2005 was **488,974**; this was an increase of over **29,000** visitors or **six percent** from the previous year.

Satisfaction with library services in Miami-Dade County



The overall satisfaction level of the quality of library services remains high.



In 2005, more than **10,000** children enrolled in one of the County's Park and Recreation Department's summer camp programs, a **57 percent** increase since 2003.