

Welcome to Andosciaville

Andosciaville is a typical, small, south Florida town. After many years of economic growth and prosperity the town is going through a time of contracting economic resources. Changes in town demographics and reduction in growth have led to budget shortfalls. Since it is against the town charter for Andosciaville to operate on credit the town must find a way to balance its budget while at the same time meeting the needs of the citizenry.

Demographics

Andosciaville was originally a retirement town with a thriving downtown area. Most of the citizens were middle and upper middle class retirees with stable incomes. The town did attract a small working class to fill its service sector and an underclass of migrant workers to satisfy labor demand in the agricultural sector. Over the course of the last generation many of the retirees have...um...moved on to their greater reward. Many left their properties to their children and grandchildren. At the same time Andosciaville has become the destination for migrant labor from Mexico, Central America, Puerto Rico, The Dominican Republic and Haiti. The growth of a younger workforce on one end and a less educated work force on the other end along with a reduction of higher income earners, as well as a decline in property values, has led to a contracting tax base.

The median age of Andosciaville has changed from the mid forties to the low thirties. The fastest growing age demographic, even excluding migrant non-citizens, is between 15 and 25 years of age. The over fifty cohort represents a declining demographic.

Economy

The Andosciaville economy is influenced by many factors. The key source of income for Andosciaville is in the service sector (30%), over half of which is dedicated to the tourist industry. Historically, this has been a great source of income, but the contracting economy has grossly affected this area of the economy

The next largest sector of the economy is agricultural (25%). The agriculture sector is largely dominated by fruit and produce growers. Such production is very labor intensive attracting a large influx of low wage migrant laborers. A lack of housing has resulted in a rather large and expanding "tent barrio" development on the outskirts of the township.

Mining is the next largest sector (10%). Like many locations in south Florida, Andosciaville is surrounded by some lucrative phosphate and lime rock mines.

Fishing was a historically large part of the Andosciaville economy. In the last generation, however, environmental pressures from agriculture, mining and development, combined with overfishing have resulted in a sharp decline in the fishing sector (from 30% → <10%).

Construction was, just a few years ago, a major source of income for Andosciaville due to its rapidly expanding development and real estate. Today, however, construction has contracted to account for

only 15% of the economy. The construction industry also attracted a number of migrant laborers as well as working class Americans from the north. Today, many of those laborers are unemployed and looking for work in unrelated areas in which they do not possess the requisite skill sets.

Andosciaville has very little industrial income, accounting for less than 10% of the economy. Despite the low numbers, industry actually represents a growing sector of the Andosciaville economy.

Education

At one time the average citizen of Andosciaville was a college graduate professional or financially independent entrepreneur. Today the average citizen of Andosciaville has a high school diploma. Because Andosciaville was a retirement community very little was invested in educational infrastructure. Currently, the infrastructure is not keeping pace with the growth of school age children and family age men and women. Andosciaville schools have, since the advent of No Child Left Behind, scored lower than the national average on standardized tests. Much of this can be accounted for by the overrepresented numbers of ESL students in Andosciaville, as well as relatively low socio-economic status of the school population. Overcrowding and high student:teacher ratios account for the rest of the variance.

Crime

Crime has been historically low in Andosciaville, but in the last generation the town has experienced a crime wave in contra variance with the national decline in crime. Most significant is the increase in drug possession, dealing and transport, as well as property crimes. Violent crime has also increased significantly with low level violence increasing the most followed by sexual assault and homicide. Changing age demographics account for most of this variance followed by an overall reduction of socio-economic status. Gang rivalries have also appeared for the first time in the last ten years, especially along ethnic lines among migrant and post-migrant settlements.

Environment

Andosciaville has the typical south Florida environmental pressures. On the one hand, the environment attracted large numbers of people who immediately put pressure on the very environment that attracted them. Andosciaville is a Gulf community with declining mangrove habitats. The Andosciahatchee River, like all major water bodies in south Florida is impaired. Concentrations of phosphates, nitrates and salt water in the estuary have resulted in a decline in sea life and the proliferation of red tide *K. Brevis* blooms. The outskirts of Andosciaville are home to a number of endangered species including Florida panther, American black bear, wood storks, bald eagles, etc. Population growth, agricultural demand for land and use of pesticides and fertilizers and mining wastes account for the majority of the stressors on Andosciaville's environment. Research by the Florida EPA demonstrates that eco-tourism is one of the few growing sectors of the Andosciaville economy.

Religion

Andosciaville's primary religion has always been and remains Protestant Christian. Roman Catholicism has been expanding due to a large influx of immigrants from predominantly Roman Catholic regions like Mexico. Also expanding are smaller religious sects based on indigenous religions of migrant peoples such as Santa Ria. Religious strife has always been relatively mute in Andosciaville, but there are very strong movements for the recognition of Christianity in daily life such as prayer in schools and the display of the Ten Commandments in public areas like parks and courthouses.