

# Rentals on the rise

In single-family home neighborhoods throughout the West Central Florida area, the percentage of homes without a homestead exemption increased between 2003 and early 2008. Such properties are often rented. The changes were most dramatic in areas with more new construction. In 2003, 18.9 percent of West Central Florida area single-family homes were not homesteaded. By early 2008, 24.1 percent of single-family homes were not homesteaded, a 27.5 percent increase. Here's how specific neighborhoods changed from 2003 to early 2008:

