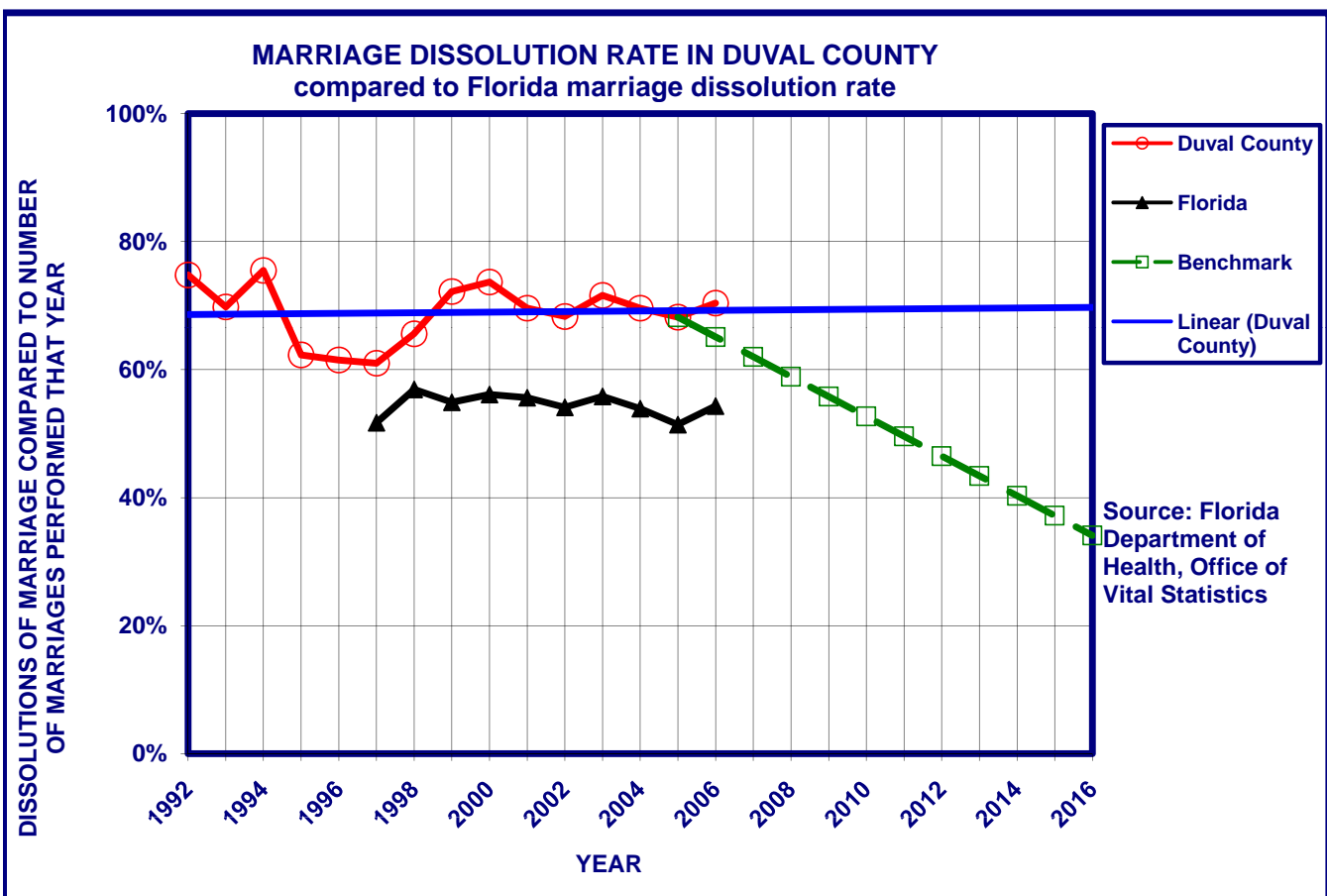


## 6. Family Stability

### b. Reduce the marriage dissolutions rate in Duval County by 50 percent by 2016.

Marriage dissolutions are another measure of family instability. This Key Benchmark indicator, which considers population growth and factors of in- and out-migration, compares the number of marriages dissolved by divorce or annulment each year to the number of marriages registered.

Duval County's 14-year rate of marriage dissolution is essentially flat, averaging almost seven divorces or annulments for every 10 marriages each year. The goal is to reduce Duval's rate to approximately 3.5 dissolutions for every 10 marriages.



Marriage Dissolution Rate:

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Duval County	61.0%	65.6%	72.2%	73.7%	69.6%	68.3%	71.6%	69.6%	68.2%	70.4%
Florida	51.7%	56.9%	54.9%	56.1%	55.6%	54.1%	55.8%	53.9%	51.4%	54.3%

Source: Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics