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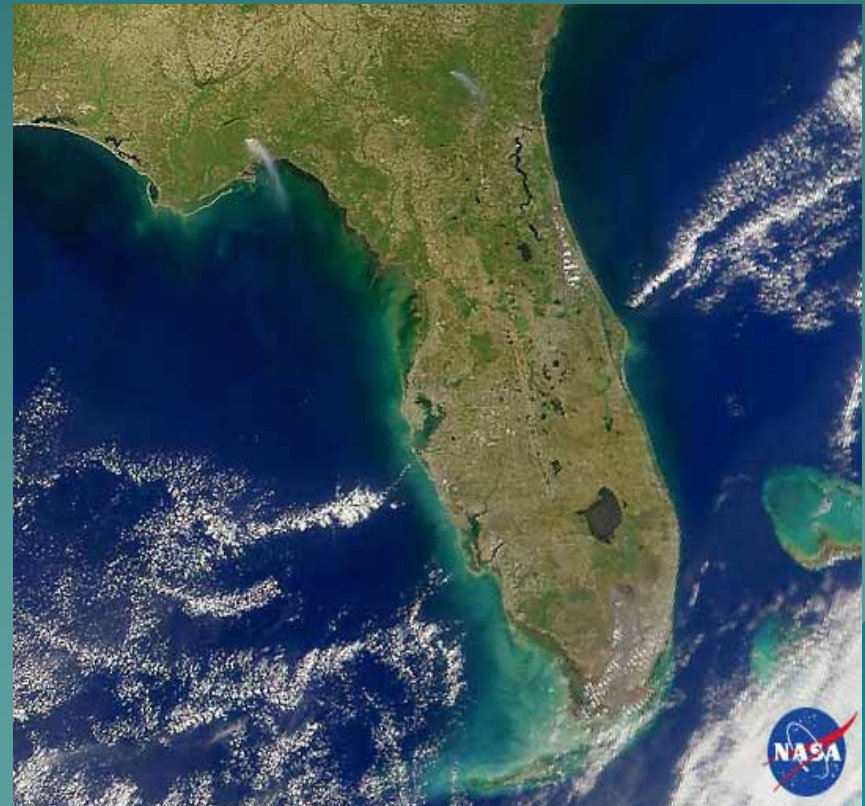
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- ◆ FDOT Mission Statement
 - The department will provide a safe transportation system that ensures the **mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity** and preserves the quality of our environment and communities.
- ◆ Permit Office Mission Statement
 - To Facilitate the Public's due access to FDOT right-of-way

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- ◆ DISTRICT FOUR PERMITTING GOALS:
 - ◆ Application of principles, laws, disciplines, and engineering to respond to the vehicular access rights of the public while maintaining and enhancing highway safety and capacity.
 - ◆ Applicants' acceptance and support for the criteria of access management.
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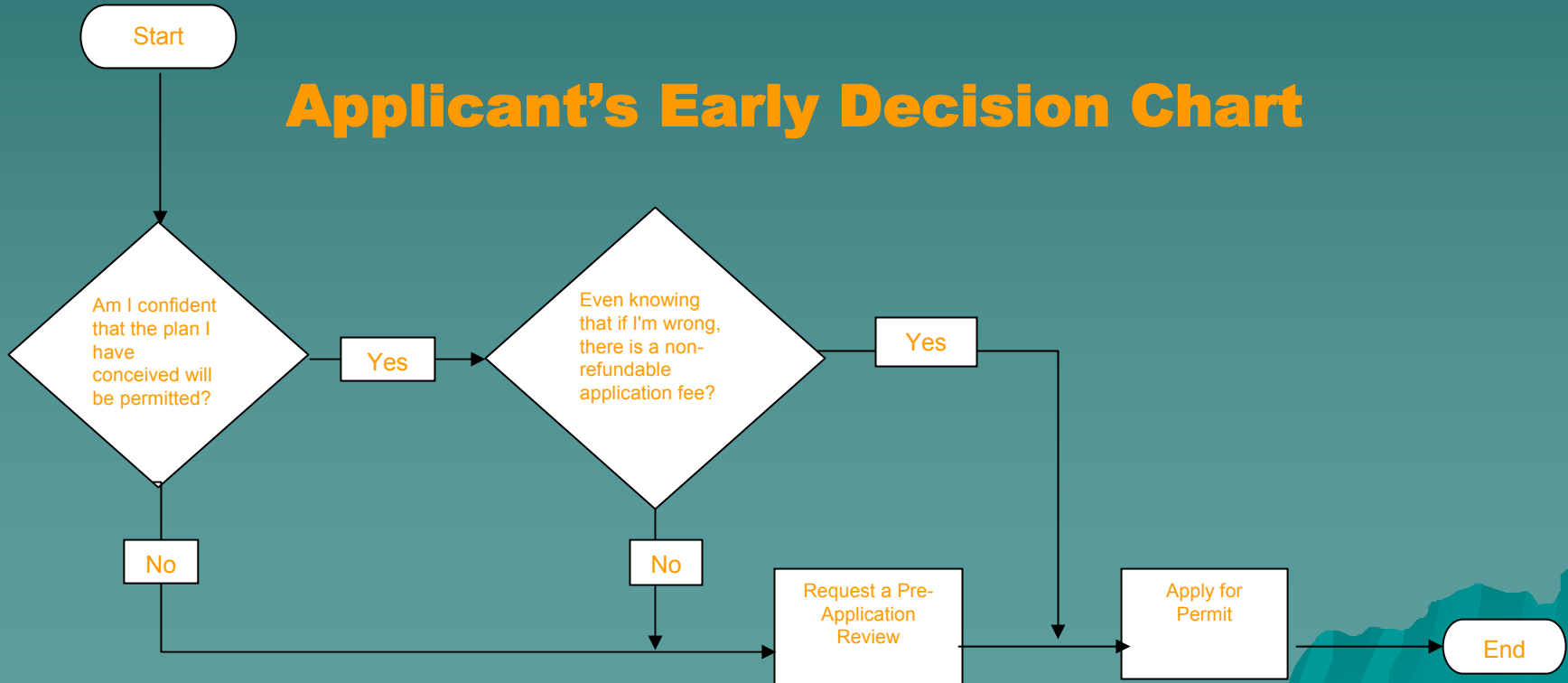
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- ◆ We, in the Fourth District have focused on the “pre-application” time period to realize these goals.
 - Pre-application Review Team
 - ◆ District Permits Engineer
 - ◆ An Assistant Permits Coordinator
 - ◆ District Access Management Coordinator
 - ◆ Other persons invited for their specific issue input
 - District Variance Committee
 - ◆ District Maintenance, Traffic, and Design Engineers

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Applicant's Early Decision Chart



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- ◆ Pre-application requests made by e-mail or fax.
 - Our Administrative Professional maintains the agenda in electronic format
 - Meetings are held on Thursdays
 - Each meeting is set for 25 minutes
 - Seven* sessions per Thursday is our target limit
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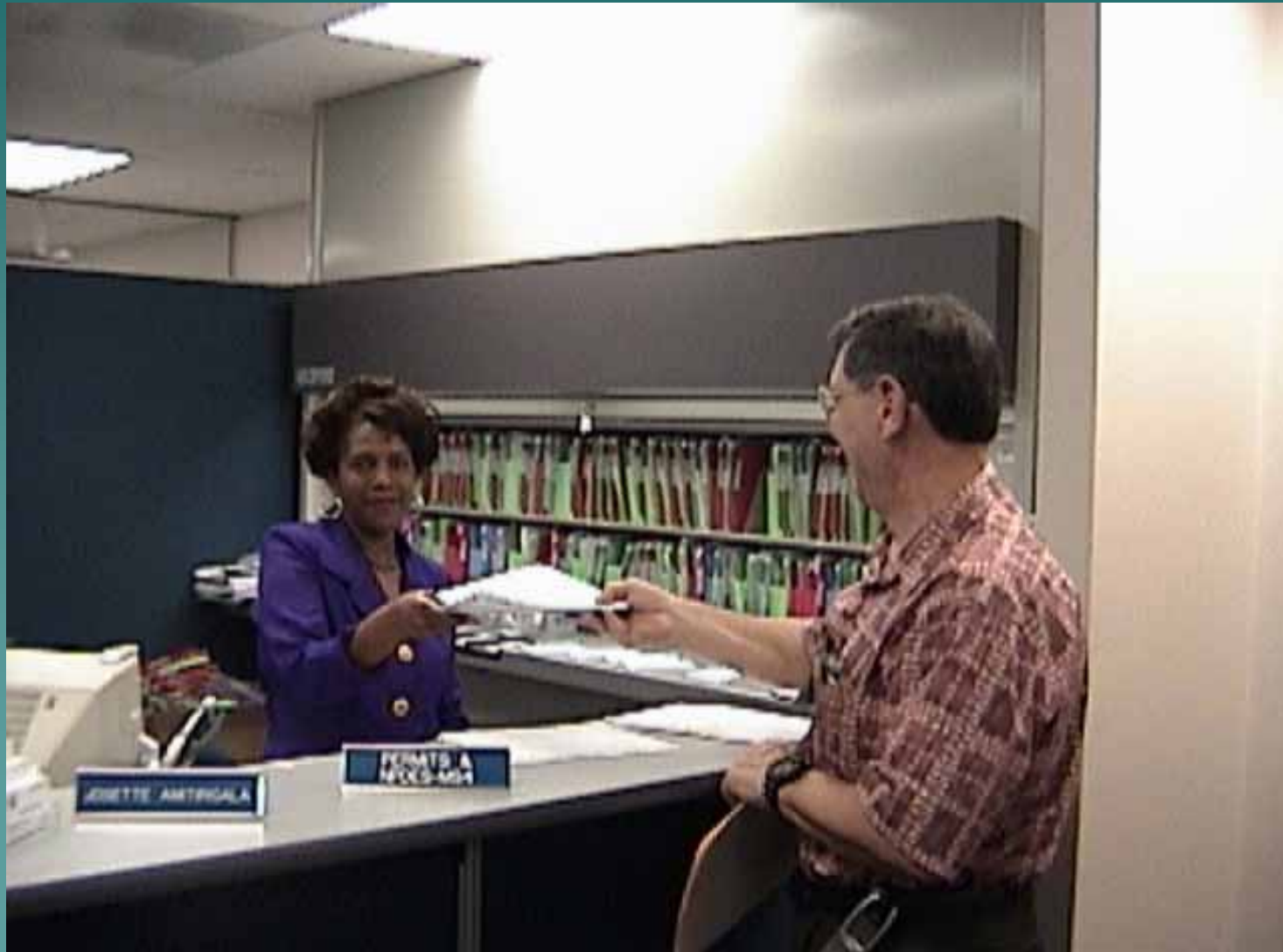
- ◆ In 2003 we held 180 pre-application reviews. During that same period we accepted 291 driveway (vehicular access connection (VAC)) permit requests for review.
 - Eliminating many hours of permit review and comment.
 - Reducing planning and design time and costs for applicants.
 - ◆ Permit application fees vary from \$50.00 to \$5000.00
 - ◆ No fee for Pre-application or Variance review
- ◆ In 2004, through June, we have held 99 reviews.

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- ◆ It is our intent to conclude with a signed letter to:
 - Approve as requested
 - Approve with comment or condition
 - Disapprove
 - Disapprove with comments of suggestion
 - Refer the issue to the District Variance Committee
- ◆ Approval means that we will review a permit request that is true to the approved concept.

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- ◆ Since 1996 we have entertained more than 1500 issues at pre-application sessions.
 - ◆ More particularly we have received more than 1500 responses from the applicants as to the quality of those sessions.
 - ◆ That's 625 hours or 15 weeks and 3 days spent in meetings.
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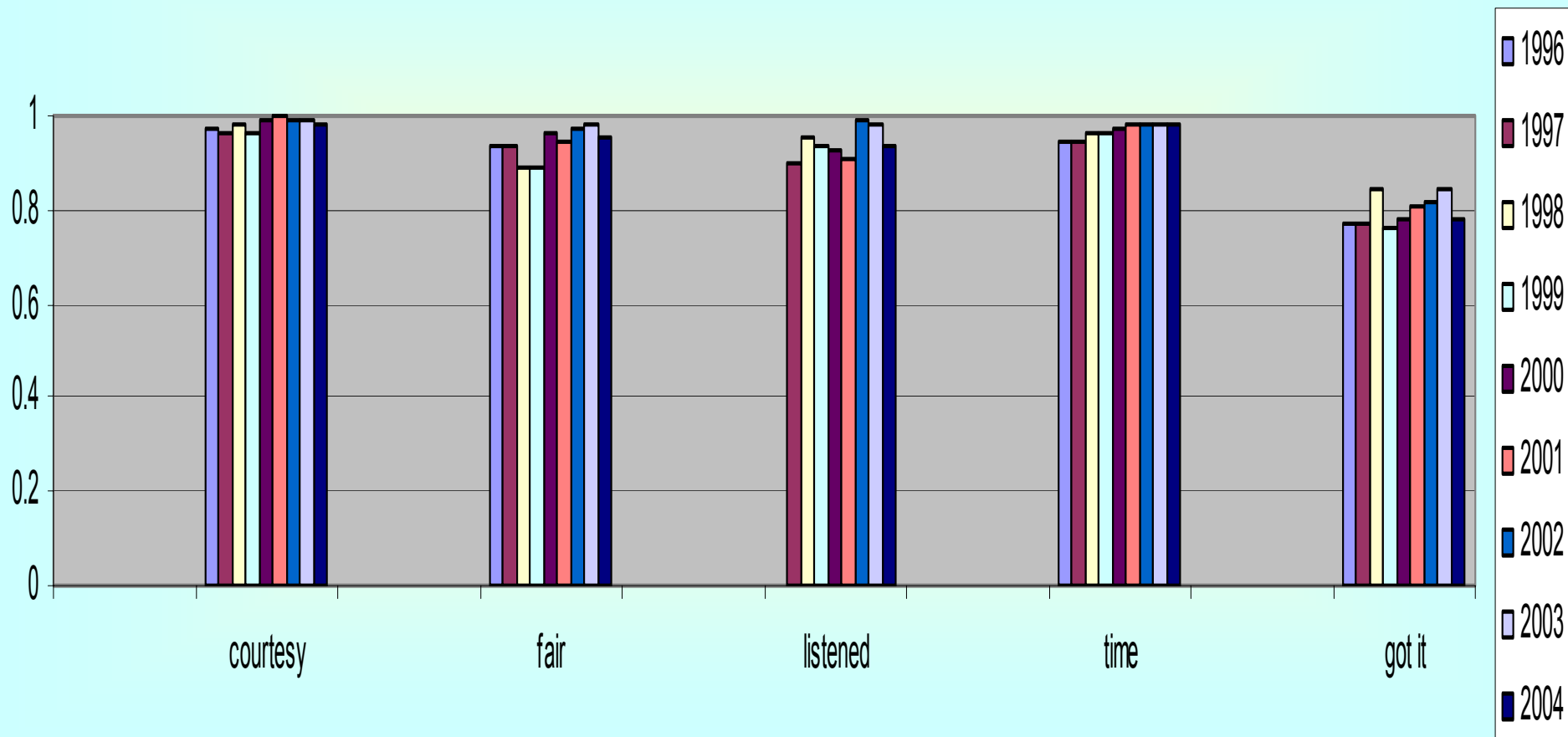
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- ◆ We ask for applicant responses to:
 - Our **courtesy** to them
 - The **fairness** of our decision
 - Our **listening** to their presentation
 - The length of **time** provided for the pre-application review
 - **Result** (their getting what they had requested)

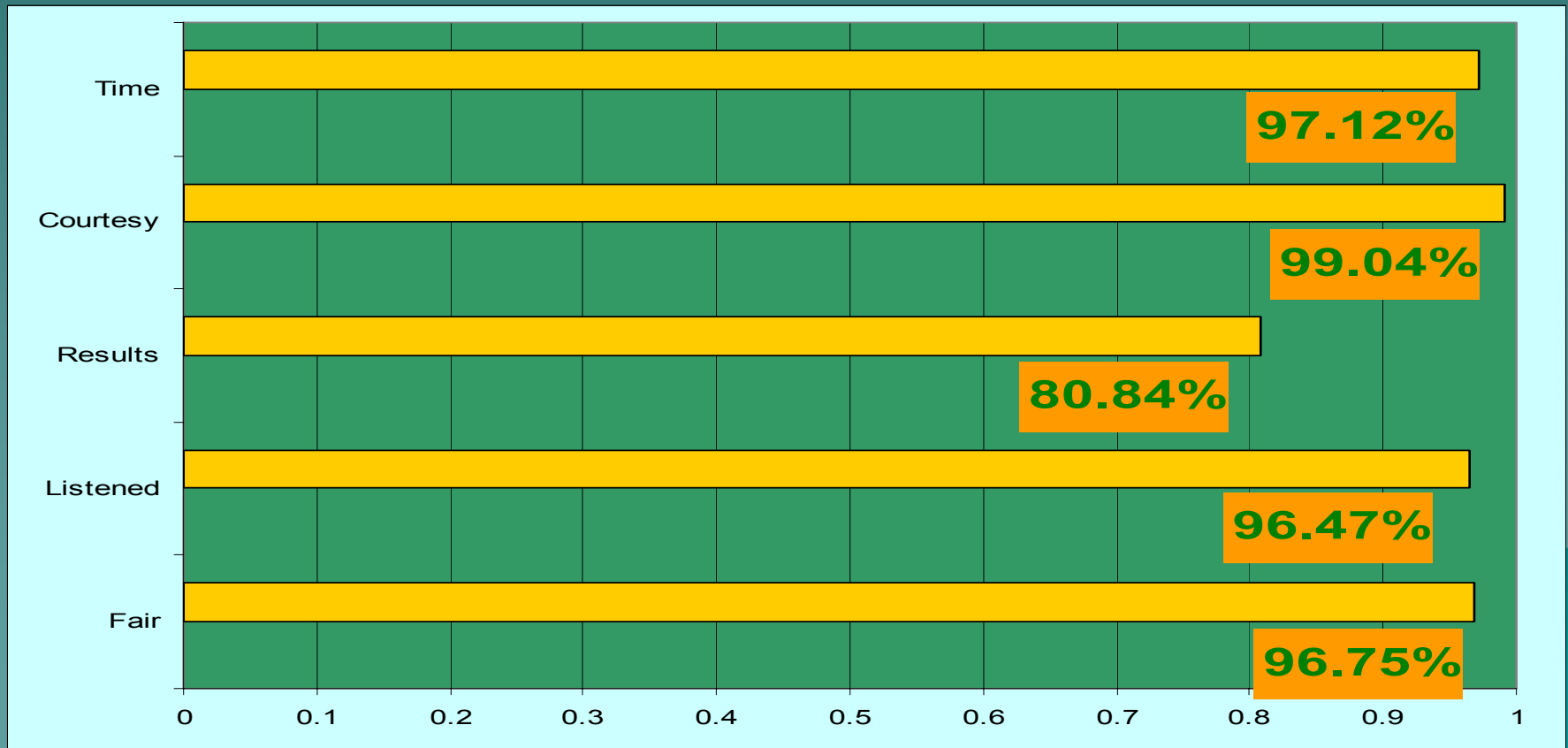
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Pre-Application Trends



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Survey Results for the 79 Reviews This Year

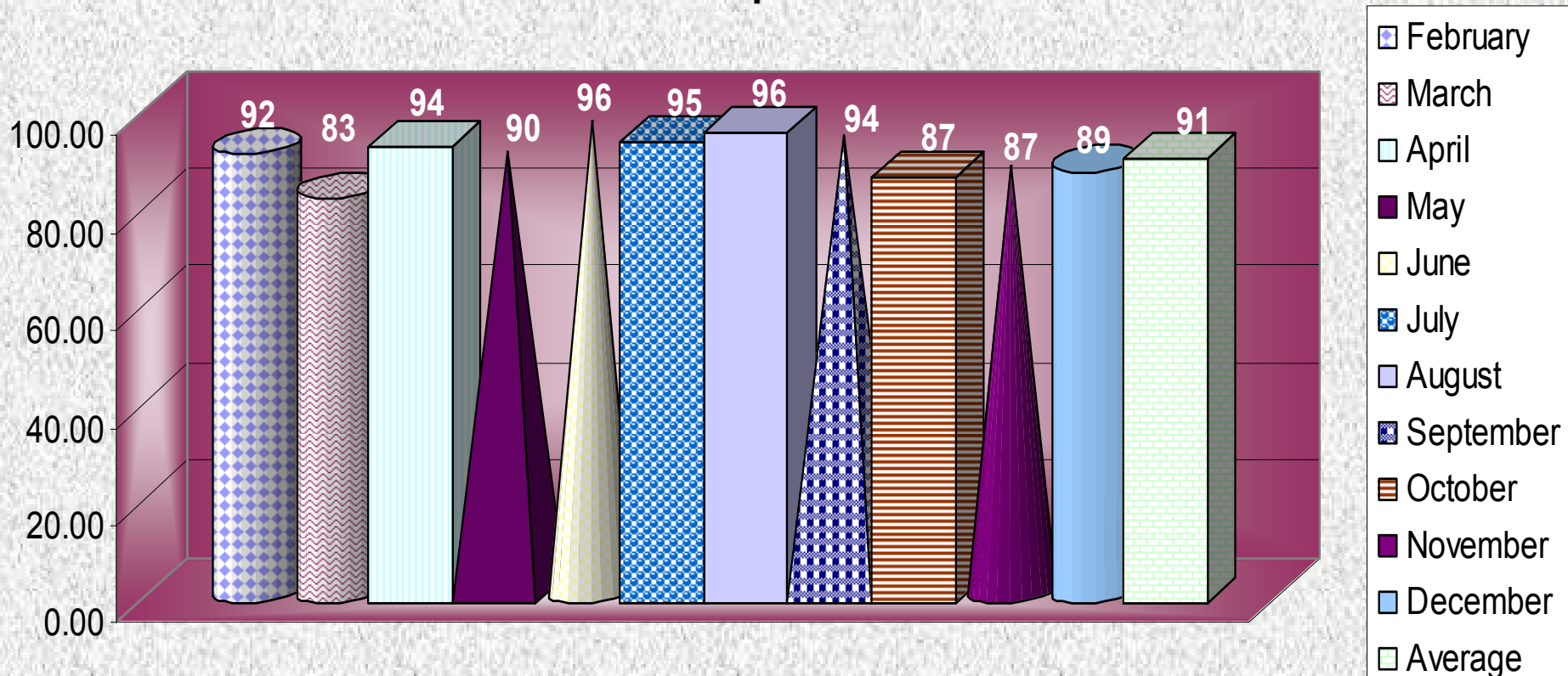


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Secret Survey, 2003

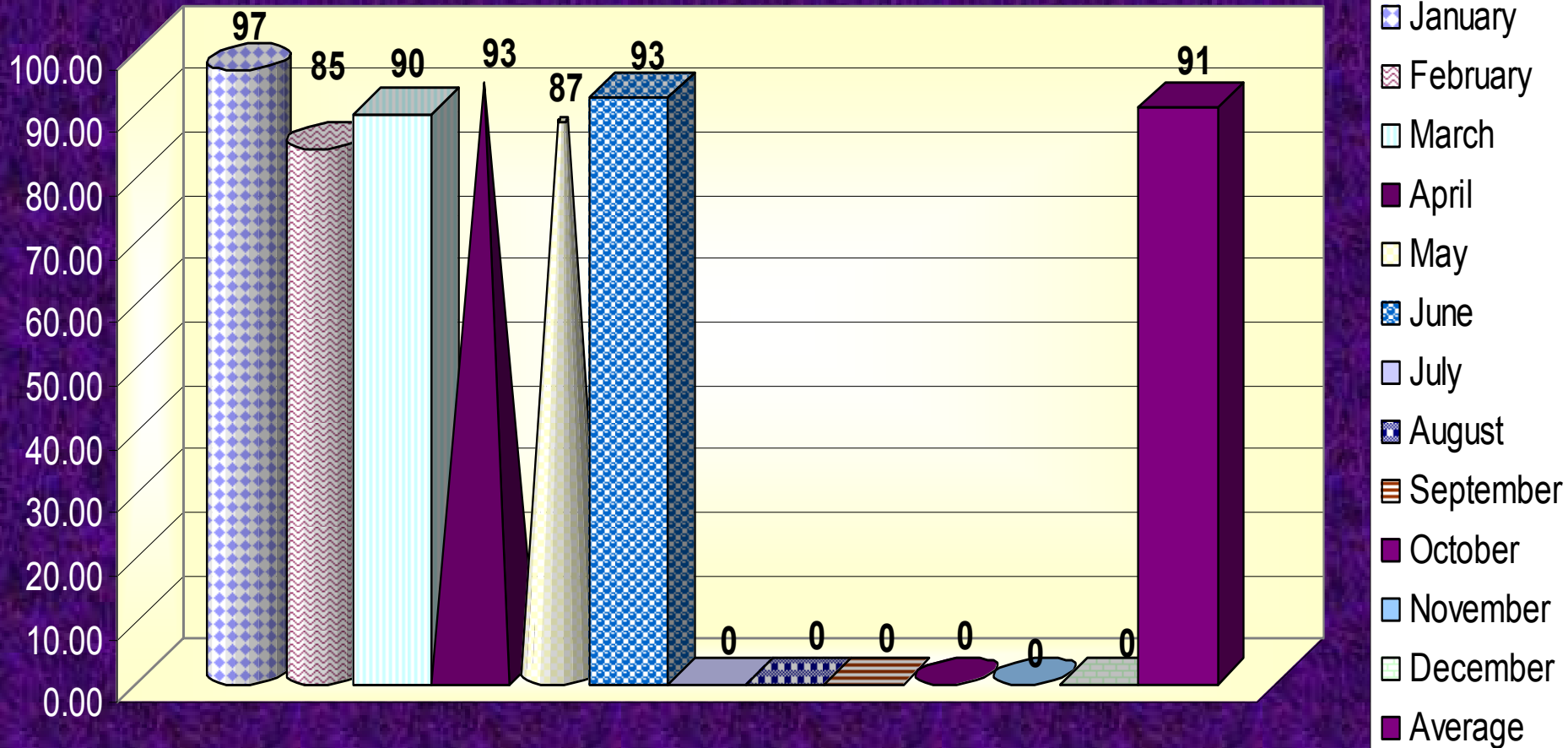
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Responses



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Secret Survey 2004-69 Responses



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- ◆ **If we refer the issues to the District Variance Committee;**
 - At the applicant's request, we add the issue to the Variance Committee agenda
 - We may advise the applicant on the likelihood of favorable review by the committee
 - We may offer suggestions as to how to present their case
- ◆ **Variance Committee functions similar to Pre-application Team**

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- ◆ We are confident that our pre-application format is a sound and portable model. Our confidence is bolstered by the positive comments by the applicants. Our success is greatly dependent upon:
 - Personnel in the reviews with experience, knowledge and a compulsion for good public service
 - A great Administrative Professional Assistant
 - Computers
 - Local Area Network
 - Information Technology
 - Professionalism in administration of the process
 - A measure of informality in discussing the issues
 - Focus (Meetings are only 25 minutes)

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with Florida *access* in
mind!

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Thank you!

Gene Collins



Thank you!

Grace Collins