

1.6 Population Growth by Metropolitan Area

The population of the Tallahassee MSA (Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon and Wakulla Counties) was 363,438 in 2006, up 13.5% from 2000.

Figure 1-10
Population Growth in Florida Metropolitan Areas (2000-2006)

Metropolitan Area/County(ies)	2006 Population Estimate	2000 Census Population	Percent Change 2000- 2006
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Miami Beach (<i>Broward, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach</i>)	5,478,171	5,007,988	9.4%
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater (<i>Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas</i>)	2,693,888	2,396,013	12.4%
Orlando-Kissimmee (<i>Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole</i>)	2,032,877	1,644,563	23.6%
Jacksonville (<i>Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, St. Johns</i>)	1,314,619	1,122,750	17.1%
Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice (<i>Manatee, Sarasota</i>)	687,711	589,963	16.6%
Cape Coral-Fort Myers (<i>Lee</i>)	585,608	440,888	32.8%
Lakeland (<i>Polk</i>)	565,049	483,924	16.8%
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville (<i>Brevard</i>)	543,050	476,230	14.0%
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach (<i>Volusia</i>)	503,844	443,343	13.6%
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent (<i>Escambia, Santa Rosa</i>)	451,075	412,153	9.4%
Port St. Lucie-Fort Pierce (<i>Martin, St. Lucie</i>)	401,960	319,426	25.8%
Tallahassee (<i>Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Wakulla</i>)	363,438	320,304	13.5%
Naples-Marco Island (<i>Collier</i>)	326,658	251,377	29.9%
Ocala (<i>Marion</i>)	315,074	258,916	21.7%
Gainesville (<i>Alachua, Gilchrist</i>)	260,482	232,392	12.1%
Fort Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin (<i>Okaloosa</i>)	192,672	170,498	13.0%
Panama City-Lynn Haven (<i>Bay</i>)	165,515	148,217	11.7%
Punta Gorda (<i>Charlotte</i>)	160,315	141,627	13.2%
Sebastian-Vero Beach (<i>Indian River</i>)	135,262	112,947	19.8%

Sources: Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget; U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census; University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research