

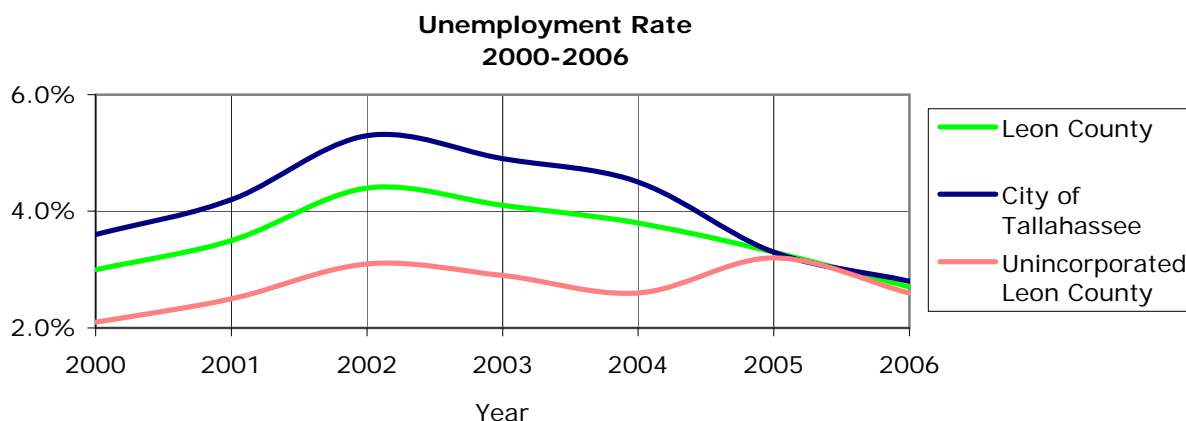
## 2.2 Unemployment

The unemployment rate in Leon County and the City of Tallahassee has declined for four straight years. These place of residence figures indicate a slight decrease in unemployment in 2006 for residents of unincorporated Leon County after a slight rise in 2005. Initial claims for unemployment compensation dropped 5.2% in 2006 in Leon County after decreasing 5.1% the previous year.

**Figure 2-3  
Unemployment Rate (2000-2006)**

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Leon County	3.0%	3.5%	4.4%	4.1%	3.8%	3.3%	2.7%
City of Tallahassee	3.6%	4.2%	5.3%	4.9%	4.5%	3.3%	2.8%
Unincorporated Leon County	2.1%	2.5%	3.1%	2.9%	2.6%	3.2%	2.6%

Source: Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, Labor Market Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics



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**Figure 2-4  
Initial Claims for Unemployment Compensation (2000-2006)**

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Leon County	3,954	5,022	5,999	5,633	6,250	5,932	5,622
% Change from Previous		27.0%	19.5%	-6.1%	11.0%	-5.1%	-5.2%
Florida	391,411	547,418	585,764	557,845	658,516	542,845	493,164
% Change from Previous		39.9%	7.0%	-4.8%	18.0%	-17.6%	-9.2%

Source: Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, Labor Market Statistics, Unemployment Compensation Files