
Section 1

Demographics

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1.1 Population Estimates and Projections

Population growth in Leon County has been relatively stable over the last few decades (45,608 in the 1970's, 43,838 in the 1980's and 46,959 in the 1990's). Since 2000, population growth has averaged approximately 1.9% per year, slightly lower than the rate observed in the decade of the 1990s.

**Figure 1-1
Population Estimates (1930-2007)**

Year	City of Tallahassee	Unincorporated Leon County	Leon County
1930	10,700	12,776	23,476
1940	16,240	15,406	31,646
1950	27,237	24,353	51,590
1960	48,174	26,051	74,225
1970	71,897	31,150	103,047
1980	81,548	67,107	148,655
1990	124,773	67,720	192,493
2000	150,624	88,828	239,452
2007	176,429	96,467	272,896

Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census (1930-2000); University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research (2007 estimate)

**Figure 1-2
Population Projections (2010-2035)**

Year	City of Tallahassee	Unincorporated Leon County	Leon County
2010	180,500	98,700	279,200
2015	192,100	105,200	297,300
2020	201,800	110,600	312,400
2025	211,200	115,900	327,100
2030	220,000	120,800	340,800
2035	227,900	125,300	353,200

Sources: University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research (2010-2035 Leon County projections); Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department (City of Tallahassee and Unincorporated Leon County 2007-2035 projections assuming continued annexations and share of population growth captured by the City between 1990 and 2007 will continue throughout the projected time horizon)

1.2 Population Estimates by Census Tract

By estimated percentage annual growth in population by census tract, CT 26.01 increased more than 9% per year between 2000 and 2007. Four other census tracts grew 3% or more annually. By estimated total population growth, thirteen census tracts added more than 1,000 net new residents.

Figure 1-3
Population Estimates by Census Tract, Percent Growth (2000-2007)

Census Tract*	Total Population 2000 Census	Estimated Pop. Growth 2000-2007	Total Pop. 2007 Estimate	Est. Annual Growth by Census Tract 2000-2007
26.01	2,998	2,873	5,871	9.6%
18.02	3,466	1,185	4,651	4.2%
25.04	7,517	2,534	10,051	4.2%
24.07	7,228	2,106	9,334	3.7%
16.01	4,022	1,054	5,076	3.3%
24.05	10,090	2,279	12,369	2.9%
25.06	6,664	1,478	8,142	2.9%
21.02	7,557	1,663	9,220	2.8%
25.05	4,719	1,013	5,732	2.8%
18.01	3,643	781	4,424	2.8%
12	1,030	216	1,246	2.7%
20.02	7,912	1,636	9,548	2.7%
23.04	2,494	506	3,000	2.6%
10.02	1,752	324	2,076	2.4%
25.02	9,654	1,610	11,264	2.2%
22.03	7,594	1,200	8,794	2.1%
13	2,591	352	2,943	1.8%
11.02	2,070	276	2,346	1.8%
21.01	3,847	469	4,316	1.6%
10.01	2,324	278	2,602	1.6%
23.03	3,291	387	3,678	1.6%
6	2,900	336	3,236	1.6%
26.02	7,425	844	8,269	1.5%
4	2,940	333	3,273	1.5%
15	4,041	453	4,494	1.5%
5	4,569	508	5,077	1.5%
27	9,409	1,010	10,419	1.5%
22.01	5,220	515	5,735	1.3%
11.01	2,885	272	3,157	1.3%
24.03	2,737	239	2,976	1.2%
20.01	7,392	610	8,002	1.1%
3.03	3,275	266	3,541	1.1%
9.01	6,849	483	7,332	1.0%
23.02	3,409	232	3,641	0.9%
14	6,870	467	7,337	0.9%
16.02	3,064	203	3,267	0.9%
2	3,811	240	4,051	0.9%
17	7,104	438	7,542	0.9%
19	7,070	387	7,457	0.8%
24.10	5,583	287	5,870	0.7%
22.04	7,172	317	7,489	0.6%
24.08	7,600	284	7,884	0.5%
24.09	8,573	219	8,792	0.4%
8	2,937	60	2,997	0.3%
9.02	8,261	163	8,424	0.3%
3.01	1,526	17	1,543	0.2%
7	1,968	20	1,988	0.1%
3.02	2,399	23	2,422	0.1%

Note: TLCPD's estimation methodology was used to estimate the population growth by census tract

* A map of the 2000 Census tracts for Leon County can be found at:

http://www.talgov.com/planning/pdf/support/BW_2kcensusmapsmall_urban.pdf

Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census; University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research; Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department
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1.3 Age and Gender

Leon County has the second highest percentage of population between the ages of 18 and 34 in the state at 37.2% (behind Alachua County) and the second smallest percentage aged 65 and older at 8.4% (behind Union County). The 55-64 age group has increased by more than three times the average annual percentage growth rate of 2.2% between 2000 and 2007 while the 80+ age group has increased at a rate nearly twice the County average.

Figure 1-4
Leon County Population by Age and Gender (2007 Estimate)

Age Group	Total Population	Percent of Population	Female	Percent of Population	Male	Percent of Population
0 to 4	15,432	5.7%	7,584	2.8%	7,848	2.9%
5 to 17	39,584	14.5%	19,333	7.1%	20,251	7.4%
18 to 34	101,558	37.2%	53,218	19.5%	48,340	17.7%
35 to 54	68,083	24.9%	35,851	13.1%	32,232	11.8%
55 to 64	25,072	9.2%	13,120	4.8%	11,952	4.4%
65 to 79	16,423	6.0%	9,024	3.3%	7,399	2.7%
80+	6,744	2.5%	4,392	1.6%	2,352	0.9%
Total	272,896		142,522	52.2%	130,374	47.8%

Source: University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, "Florida Population Studies, Bulletin 151", July 2008

Figure 1-5
Leon County Population Growth by Age Group (2000-2007)

Age Group	2000 Population	2007 Population	Growth in Population 2000-2007	Percent Growth 2000-2007	Avg. Ann. Growth 2000-2007
0 to 4	13,727	15,432	1,705	11.7%	2.0%
5 to 17	37,280	39,584	2,304	6.0%	1.0%
18 to 34	86,609	101,558	14,949	15.9%	2.7%
35 to 54	65,284	68,083	2,799	4.2%	0.7%
55 to 64	16,661	25,072	8,411	40.9%	6.8%
65 to 79	14,600	16,423	1,823	11.8%	2.0%
80+	5,291	6,744	1,453	24.3%	4.0%
Total	239,452	272,896	33,444	13.1%	2.2%

Source: University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, "Florida Population Studies, Bulletin 151", July 2008

1.4 Race and Ethnicity

By race and ethnicity, Leon County's population includes 59.8% non-Hispanic white, 32.7% non-Hispanic black, 4.6% of Hispanic origin and 2.9% of "other" races and ethnicities.

Figure 1-6
Leon County Population by Age, Race and Ethnicity (2007 Estimate)

Age Group	All Races	Non-Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Other	Hispanic Origin
		White	Black		
0 to 4	15,432	7,882	6,329	567	654
5 to 17	39,584	20,714	15,937	1,425	1,508
18 to 34	101,558	54,189	36,951	3,304	7,114
35 to 54	68,083	44,196	19,669	1,759	2,459
55 to 64	25,072	18,562	5,547	496	467
65 to 79	16,423	12,310	3,550	317	246
80+	6,744	5,423	1,142	102	77
Total	272,896	163,276	89,125	7,970	12,525

Note: "Hispanic" is an ethnic classification rather than a racial category, people can be identified both by Hispanic origin and race.

Source: University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, "Florida Population Studies, Bulletin 151", July 2008

Figure 1-7
Leon County Pop. by Percentage, Race & Ethnicity (2007 Estimate)

Age Group	Non-Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Other	Hispanic Origin
	White	Black		
0 to 4	51.1%	41.0%	3.7%	4.2%
5 to 17	52.3%	40.3%	3.6%	3.8%
18 to 34	53.4%	36.4%	3.3%	7.0%
35 to 54	64.9%	28.9%	2.6%	3.6%
55 to 64	74.0%	22.1%	2.0%	1.9%
65 to 79	75.0%	21.6%	1.9%	1.5%
80+	80.4%	16.9%	1.5%	1.1%
Total	59.8%	32.7%	2.9%	4.6%

Note: "Hispanic" is an ethnic classification rather than a racial category, people can be identified both by Hispanic origin and race.

Source: University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, "Florida Population Studies, Bulletin 151", July 2008

1.5 Components of Population Change

The components of population change in Leon County since the 2000 Census is estimated to have remained quite similar in comparison with the 1990-2000 time period. The percentage of Leon County's population growth associated with net migration is estimated to be 67.6% since 2000, nearly identical to the actual rate of 67.1% between 1990 and 2000.

Figure 1-8
Components of Population Change (2000-2007)

	Leon County	State of Florida
Total Population Change (2000-2007)	33,444	2,697,543
Net Natural Increase	10,823	336,010
Net Migration	22,621	2,361,533
Percent due to Natural Increase	32.4%	12.5%
Percent due to Net Migration	67.6%	87.5%

Source: University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, "Florida Estimates of Population, 2007"

Figure 1-9
Components of Population Change (1990-2000)

	Leon County	State of Florida
Total Population Change (1990-2000)	46,959	3,044,307
Net Natural Increase	15,457	448,216
Net Migration	31,502	2,596,091
Percent due to Natural Increase	32.9%	14.7%
Percent due to Net Migration	67.1%	85.3%

Source: University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, "Population: Census Summary, 2000"

1.6 Population Growth by Metropolitan Area

The population of the Tallahassee MSA (Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon and Wakulla Counties) was 366,205 in 2007, up 14.3% from 2000.

Figure 1-10
Population Growth in Florida Metropolitan Areas (2000-2007)

Metropolitan Area/County(ies)	2007 Population Estimate	2000 Census Population	Percent Change 2000- 2007
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Miami Beach (<i>Broward, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach</i>)	5,523,032	5,007,988	10.3%
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater (<i>Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas</i>)	2,733,678	2,396,013	14.1%
Orlando-Kissimmee (<i>Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole</i>)	2,083,923	1,644,563	26.7%
Jacksonville (<i>Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, St. Johns</i>)	1,351,368	1,122,750	20.4%
Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice (<i>Manatee, Sarasota</i>)	703,351	589,963	19.2%
Cape Coral-Fort Myers (<i>Lee</i>)	615,741	440,888	39.7%
Lakeland (<i>Polk</i>)	581,058	483,924	20.1%
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville (<i>Brevard</i>)	552,109	476,230	15.9%
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach (<i>Volusia</i>)	508,014	443,343	14.6%
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent (<i>Escambia, Santa Rosa</i>)	453,919	412,153	10.1%
Port St. Lucie-Fort Pierce (<i>Martin, St. Lucie</i>)	415,698	319,426	30.1%
Tallahassee (<i>Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Wakulla</i>)	366,205	320,304	14.3%
Naples-Marco Island (<i>Collier</i>)	333,858	251,377	32.8%
Ocala (<i>Marion</i>)	325,023	258,916	25.5%
Gainesville (<i>Alachua, Gilchrist</i>)	264,667	232,392	13.9%
Fort Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin (<i>Okaloosa</i>)	196,540	170,498	15.3%
Panama City-Lynn Haven (<i>Bay</i>)	167,631	148,217	13.1%
Punta Gorda (<i>Charlotte</i>)	164,584	141,627	16.2%
Sebastian-Vero Beach (<i>Indian River</i>)	139,757	112,947	23.7%
Palm Coast (<i>Flagler</i>)	93,568	49,832	87.8%

Sources: Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget; U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, December 18, 2006 MSA definitions; University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research

1.7 Household Characteristics

The average household size has been decreasing slowly in Leon County, from 2.43 persons per household in 1990 to an estimated 2.32 persons per household in 2007. In Leon County, the percentage of family households is higher in the unincorporated areas while the percentage of non-family households and one-person households is highest in the City of Tallahassee.

Figure 1-11
Number of Households and Average Household Size
(1990, 2000 and 2007)

	Estimate April 1, 2007		Census April 1, 2000		Census April 1, 1990	
	Households	Average Household Size	Households	Average Household Size	Households	Average Household Size
Leon County	111,125	2.32	96,521	2.34	74,828	2.43
Florida	7,443,963	2.45	6,338,075	2.46	5,134,869	2.46

Source: University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, "Florida Population Studies, Bulletin 149", February 2008

Figure 1-12
Households by Type (2000)

	Families	Living Alone	Other Non-Families
Leon County	56%	30%	14%
City of Tallahassee	47%	35%	18%
Unincorporated Area	75%	20%	5%
Florida	66%	27%	7%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census of Population and Housing, Summary File 3

1.8 Educational Attainment

The level of educational attainment in Leon County increased between 1990 and 2000. In 2000, 10.9% of the population 25 years and over had not received a high school diploma, down from 15.1% in 2000. Also, in 2000, 41.7% of the population 25 years and over in Leon County had attained a bachelor's degree or higher compared with 37.1% in 1990. The 2006 American Community Survey estimates this percentage has decreased slightly to 40.2% as of 2006 and the percent of the population 25 years and over that did not receive a high school diploma is up slightly to 11.4%.

Figure 1-13
Educational Attainment in Leon County, Population 25 years and over (2006)

	1990	Percent	2000	Percent	2006	Percent
Less than 9th grade	6,046	5.5%	4,218	3.1%	4,251	2.9%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	10,622	9.6%	10,749	7.8%	12,443	8.5%
H.S. graduate (inc. equivalency)	23,793	21.6%	25,963	18.9%	28,995	19.8%
Some college, no degree	20,414	18.5%	27,956	20.3%	29,898	20.4%
Associate's degree	8,457	7.7%	11,255	8.2%	12,049	8.2%
Bachelor's degree	23,675	21.5%	33,040	24.0%	33,639	23.0%
Graduate or professional degree	17,180	15.6%	24,356	17.7%	25,151	17.2%
Total	110,187		137,537		146,426	

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1990, 2000, American Community Survey, 2006

Figure 1-14
Educational Attainment, Population 25 years and over (2000)

	Leon County		State of Florida		United States	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Less than 9th grade	4,218	3.1%	739,222	6.7%	13,755,477	7.5%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	10,749	7.8%	1,480,726	13.4%	21,960,148	12.1%
H.S. graduate (inc. equivalency)	25,963	18.9%	3,165,748	28.7%	52,168,981	28.6%
Some college, no degree	27,956	20.3%	2,403,135	21.8%	38,351,595	21.0%
Associate degree	11,255	8.2%	773,486	7.0%	11,512,833	6.3%
Bachelor's degree	33,040	24.0%	1,573,121	14.3%	28,317,792	15.5%
Graduate or professional degree	24,356	17.7%	889,207	8.1%	16,144,813	8.9%
Total	137,537		11,024,645		182,211,639	

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 2000