

## 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)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>City of Tallahassee</b>	<b>Unincorporated Leon County</b>	<b>Leon County</b>
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)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>City of Tallahassee</b>	<b>Unincorporated Leon County</b>	<b>Leon County</b>
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)*