

2.1 Labor Force and Employment

Labor force and employment growth in both the City of Tallahassee and Leon County has been strong over the past two years. Leon County's labor force and total employed increased by nearly 7,000 people between 2005 and 2007, an annual increase of 2.5% per year. Local Area Unemployment Statistics are a count of people employed by place of residence (not place of employment).

**Figure 2-1
Labor Force (2001-2007)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Leon County	133,807	132,951	134,527	133,993	134,811	138,024	141,732
% Change From Previous		-0.6%	1.2%	-0.4%	0.6%	2.4%	2.7%
City of Tallahassee	82,608	82,225	83,136	82,749	85,257	87,600	89,985
% Change From Previous		-0.5%	1.1%	-0.5%	3.0%	2.7%	2.7%
Unincorporated Leon County	51,199	50,726	51,391	51,244	49,554	50,424	51,747
% Change From Previous		-0.9%	1.3%	-0.3%	-3.3%	1.8%	2.6%

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

**Figure 2-2
Employment (2001-2007)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Leon County	129,075	127,060	129,089	129,039	130,520	134,129	137,375
% Change From Previous		-1.6%	1.6%	0.0%	1.1%	2.8%	2.4%
City of Tallahassee	79,131	77,896	79,140	79,109	82,449	85,060	87,118
% Change From Previous		-1.6%	1.6%	0.0%	4.2%	3.2%	2.4%
Unincorporated Leon County	49,944	49,164	49,949	49,930	48,071	49,069	50,257
% Change From Previous		-1.6%	1.6%	0.0%	-3.7%	2.1%	2.4%

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