

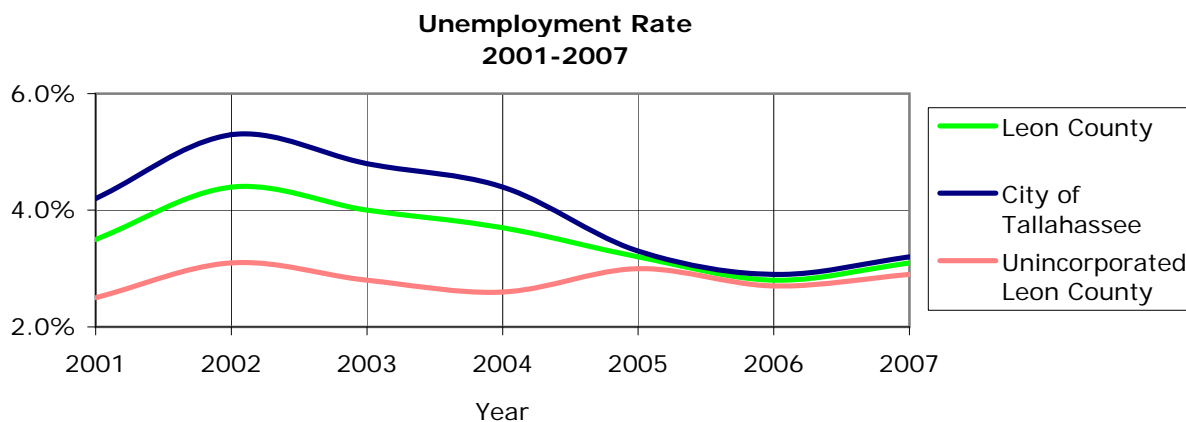
2.2 Unemployment

The unemployment rate in Leon County increased in 2007 after declining for four straight years. These place of residence figures indicate a slight increase in unemployment in 2007 for both the residents of the City of Tallahassee as well as the residents of Unincorporated Leon County. Initial claims for unemployment compensation increased 5.3% in 2007 in Leon County after decreasing 5.2% the previous year.

**Figure 2-3
Unemployment Rate (2001-2007)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Leon County	3.5%	4.4%	4.0%	3.7%	3.2%	2.8%	3.1%
City of Tallahassee	4.2%	5.3%	4.8%	4.4%	3.3%	2.9%	3.2%
Unincorporated Leon County	2.5%	3.1%	2.8%	2.6%	3.0%	2.7%	2.9%

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 (2001-2007)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Leon County	5,022	5,999	5,633	6,250	5,932	5,622	5,922
% Change from Previous		19.5%	-6.1%	11.0%	-5.1%	-5.2%	5.3%
Florida	547,418	585,764	557,845	658,516	542,845	493,164	638,291
% Change from Previous		7.0%	-4.8%	18.0%	-17.6%	-9.2%	29.4%

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