

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 1.7% per year, slightly lower than the rate observed in the decade of the 1990s.

**Figure 1-1
Population Estimates (1930-2008)**

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
2008	177,852	97,040	274,892

Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census (1930-2000); University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research (2008 estimate)

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

Year	City of Tallahassee	Unincorporated Leon County	Leon County
2010	178,500	97,300	275,800
2015	187,100	100,400	287,500
2020	197,300	104,200	301,500
2025	207,100	107,800	314,900
2030	216,200	111,100	327,300
2035	224,600	114,200	338,800

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 2010-2035 projections assuming continued annexations and share of population growth captured by the City between 1998 and 2008 will continue throughout the projected time horizon)