

## 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 36.8% (behind Alachua County) and the smallest percentage aged 65 and older at 8.9% (of counties with a population greater than 20,000). The 55-64 age group has increased by more than three times the average annual percentage growth rate of 1.7% between 2000 and 2008 while the 80+ age group has increased at a rate more than twice the County average.

**Figure 1-4**  
**Leon County Population by Age and Gender (2008 Estimate)**

Age Group	Total Population	Percent of Population	Female	Percent of Population	Male	Percent of Population
0 to 4	15,795	5.7%	7,763	2.8%	8,032	2.9%
5 to 17	39,367	14.3%	19,221	7.0%	20,146	7.3%
18 to 34	101,144	36.8%	52,898	19.2%	48,246	17.6%
35 to 54	67,950	24.7%	35,693	13.0%	32,257	11.7%
55 to 64	26,295	9.6%	13,800	5.0%	12,495	4.5%
65 to 79	17,136	6.2%	9,355	3.4%	7,781	2.8%
80+	7,205	2.6%	4,631	1.7%	2,574	0.9%
Total	274,892		143,361	52.2%	131,531	47.8%

Source: University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, "Florida Population Studies, Bulletin 154", June 2009

**Figure 1-5**  
**Leon County Population Growth by Age Group (2000-2008)**

Age Group	2000 Population	2008 Population	Growth in Population 2000-2008	Percent Growth 2000-2008	Avg. Ann. Growth 2000-2008
0 to 4	13,727	15,795	2,068	14.0%	1.8%
5 to 17	37,280	39,367	2,087	5.4%	0.7%
18 to 34	86,609	101,144	14,535	15.5%	1.9%
35 to 54	65,284	67,950	2,666	4.0%	0.5%
55 to 64	16,661	26,295	9,634	45.6%	5.7%
65 to 79	14,600	17,136	2,536	16.0%	2.0%
80+	5,291	7,205	1,914	30.9%	3.9%
Total	239,452	274,892	35,440	13.8%	1.7%

Source: University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, "Florida Population Studies, Bulletin 154", June 2009