

1.6 Population Growth by Metropolitan Area

The population of the Tallahassee MSA (Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon and Wakulla Counties) was 370,773 in 2008, up 15.8% from 2000.

Figure 1-10
Population Growth in Florida Metropolitan Areas (2000-2008)

Metropolitan Area/County(ies)	2008 Population Estimate	2000 Census Population	Percent Change 2000-2008
All Metropolitan Areas	17,683,968	14,973,519	18.1%
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach (<i>Broward, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach</i>)	5,530,437	5,007,988	10.4%
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater (<i>Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas</i>)	2,742,577	2,396,013	14.5%
Orlando-Kissimmee (<i>Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole</i>)	2,103,480	1,644,563	27.9%
Jacksonville (<i>Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, St. Johns</i>)	1,369,124	1,122,750	21.9%
Bradenton-Sarasota-Venice (<i>Manatee, Sarasota</i>)	711,307	589,963	20.6%
Cape Coral-Fort Myers (<i>Lee</i>)	623,725	440,888	41.5%
Lakeland (<i>Polk</i>)	585,733	483,924	21.0%
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville (<i>Brevard</i>)	556,213	476,230	16.8%
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach (<i>Volusia</i>)	510,750	443,343	15.2%
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent (<i>Escambia, Santa Rosa</i>)	457,616	412,153	11.0%
Port St. Lucie-Fort Pierce (<i>Martin, St. Lucie</i>)	420,453	319,426	31.6%
Tallahassee (<i>Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Wakulla</i>)	370,773	320,304	15.8%
Naples-Marco Island (<i>Collier</i>)	332,854	251,377	32.4%
Ocala (<i>Marion</i>)	329,418	258,916	27.2%
Gainesville (<i>Alachua, Gilchrist</i>)	269,644	232,392	16.0%
Fort Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin (<i>Okaloosa</i>)	197,597	170,498	15.9%
Panama City-Lynn Haven (<i>Bay</i>)	169,307	148,217	14.2%
Punta Gorda (<i>Charlotte</i>)	165,781	141,627	17.1%
Sebastian-Vero Beach (<i>Indian River</i>)	141,667	112,947	25.4%
Palm Coast (<i>Flagler</i>)	95,512	49,832	91.7%

Sources: Executive Office of the President, U.S. Office of Management and Budget MSA definitions (OMB Bulletin No. 08.01); U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census; University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research