

2.1 Labor Force and Employment

Leon County's labor force increased by more than 12,000 between 2005 and 2008, growing 2.9% per year on average. Local Area Unemployment Statistics are a count of people employed by place of residence (not place of employment).

**Figure 2-1
Labor Force (2002-2008)**

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Leon County	132,951	134,027	133,381	134,811	138,029	141,732	147,017
% Change From Previous	-0.6%	0.8%	-0.5%	1.1%	2.4%	2.7%	3.7%
City of Tallahassee	82,225	82,829	82,369	85,257	87,603	89,985	93,323
% Change From Previous	-0.5%	0.7%	-0.6%	3.5%	2.8%	2.7%	3.7%
Unincorporated Leon County	50,726	51,198	51,012	49,554	50,426	51,747	53,694
% Change From Previous	-0.9%	0.9%	-0.4%	-2.9%	1.8%	2.6%	3.8%

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

**Figure 2-2
Employment (2002-2008)**

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Leon County	127,060	128,597	128,466	130,520	134,134	137,375	140,572
% Change From Previous	-1.6%	1.2%	-0.1%	1.6%	2.8%	2.4%	2.3%
City of Tallahassee	77,896	78,839	78,758	82,449	85,063	87,118	89,172
% Change From Previous	-1.6%	1.2%	-0.1%	4.7%	3.2%	2.4%	2.4%
Unincorporated Leon County	49,164	49,758	49,708	48,071	49,071	50,257	51,400
% Change From Previous	-1.6%	1.2%	-0.1%	-3.3%	2.1%	2.4%	2.3%

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