

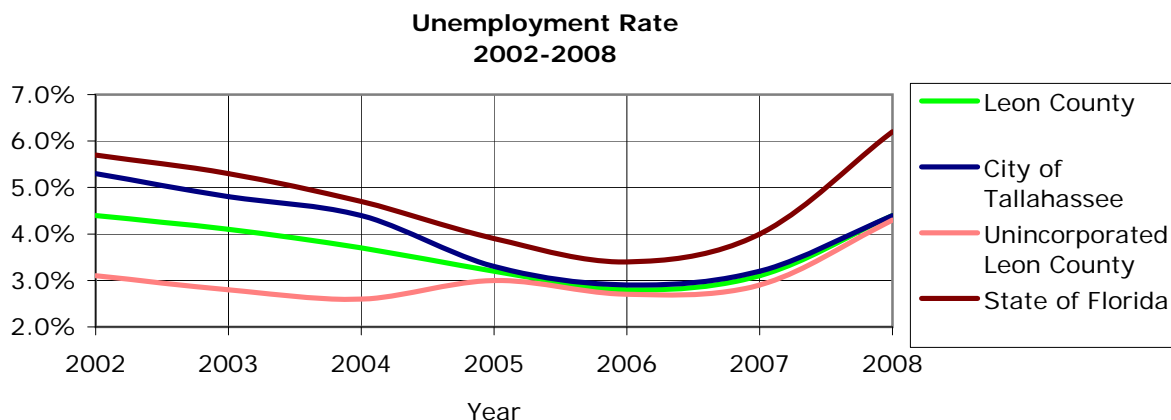
2.2 Unemployment

The unemployment rate in Leon County increased in 2008 for the second straight year. These place of residence figures indicate an increase in unemployment in 2008 for both the residents of the City of Tallahassee as well as the residents of Unincorporated Leon County. Initial claims for unemployment compensation increased a staggering 54.8% in 2008 in Leon County and 60.1% for the State.

**Figure 2-3
Unemployment Rate (2002-2008)**

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Leon County	4.4%	4.1%	3.7%	3.2%	2.8%	3.1%	4.4%
City of Tallahassee	5.3%	4.8%	4.4%	3.3%	2.9%	3.2%	4.4%
Unincorporated Leon County	3.1%	2.8%	2.6%	3.0%	2.7%	2.9%	4.3%
State of Florida	5.7%	5.3%	4.7%	3.9%	3.4%	4.0%	6.2%

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 (2002-2008)**

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Leon County	5,999	5,633	6,250	5,932	5,622	5,922	9,168
% Change from Previous	19.5%	-6.1%	11.0%	-5.1%	-5.2%	5.3%	54.8%
Florida	585,764	557,845	658,516	542,845	493,164	638,291	1,022,216
% Change from Previous	7.0%	-4.8%	18.0%	-17.6%	-9.2%	29.4%	60.1%

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