

Trend: Initial claims for unemployment compensation declined for the sixth straight year in 2017.

Year	Leon County		Tallahassee MSA		State of Florida	
	Initial Unemployment Claims	Percent Change from Prior Year	Initial Unemployment Claims	Percent Change from Prior Year	Initial Unemployment Claims	Percent Change from Prior Year
2011	13,570	14.5%	17,555	5.2%	909,713	-20.5%
2012	8,908	-34.4%	12,121	-31.0%	764,167	-16.0%
2013	8,452	-5.1%	11,392	-6.0%	697,457	-8.7%
2014	8,196	-3.0%	10,597	-7.0%	595,498	-14.6%
2015	5,673	-30.8%	7,490	-29.3%	424,955	-28.6%
2016	4,520	-20.3%	5,988	-20.1%	360,497	-15.2%
2017	4,123	-8.8%	5,419	-9.5%	401,324	11.3%

Note: Local Area Unemployment Statistics are a count of people employed by place of residence (not place of employment).

Source: Florida Dept. of Economic Opportunity, Labor Market Information, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

