

Trend: Initial claims for unemployment compensation in the Tallahassee MSA declined from 2011 to 2019 but reached an all-time high of 35,073 in 2020, with 65% occurring between April and July. In 2021, initial claims subsided to 11,763 (59% occurring in January). There were 2,068 claims in 2022 (down 82% from 2021), 1,983 claims in 2023 (down 4% from 2022), 1,940 claims in 2024 (down 2% from 2023), and 2,067 claims in 2025 (up 6.5% from 2024).

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
2010	11,853	—	16,688	—	1,144,823	—
2011	10,648	14%	14,750	5%	909,713	-21%
2012	8,908	-34%	12,121	-31%	764,167	-16%
2013	8,452	-5%	11,392	-6%	697,457	-9%
2014	8,196	-3%	10,597	-7%	595,498	-15%
2015	5,673	-31%	7,490	-29%	424,955	-29%
2016	4,520	-20%	5,988	-20%	360,497	-15%
2017	4,123	-9%	5,419	-10%	401,324	11%
2018	4,017	-3%	5,486	1%	320,652	-20%
2019	3,680	-8%	4,923	-10%	286,735	-11%
2020	28,545	676%	35,073	612%	2,772,379	867%
2021	9,000	-68%	11,763	-66%	552,170	-80%
2022	1,590	-82%	2,068	-82%	121,104	-78%
2023	1,476	-7%	1,983	-4%	133,345	10%
2024	1,517	3%	1,940	-2%	141,871	6%
2025	1,606	6%	2,067	7%	137,353	-3%

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

Source: Florida Dept. of Commerce, Workforce Statistics and Economic Research

