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LEON COUNTY STATISTICS

Population: **276,278**
34% unincorporated
66% within city limits

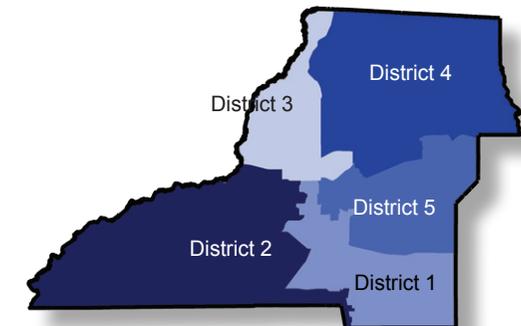
Area (Square Miles): **702**
 Established: **1824**
 Charter Date: **2002**
 County Seat: **Tallahassee**
 Median Household Income: **\$42,393**
 Districting: **5 Single Districts / 2 At-Large**
 Median Age: **29.6**

(Source: Florida Statistical Abstract 2011)

ABOUT LEON COUNTY

Leon County was named after the Spanish explorer, Juan Ponce de Leon. He was the first European to explore Florida in 1513 in search of the “Fountain of Youth” and named the state after the Spanish word for “flowery.”

Leon County is home to Florida’s capital, Tallahassee, which was established in 1824. Legislative and executive offices, the State House, and Senate chambers are located here. As a political subdivision of the state, the County is guided by an elected, seven-member Board of County Commissioners.



Five members of the Board are elected to serve specific commission districts and two members are elected at-large. Leon County is a Council-Manager form of government, and the County Administrator is appointed by the Board to oversee all functions, directives and policies. Florida Statutes, Chapter 125, establishes the powers and duties of the County Commission and the County Administrator. As of November 12, 2002, Leon County is governed by a Home Rule Charter.



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