



Adoption Petitions Annual Report

FFY 2024

(10-1-2023 to 9-30-2024)

Pursuant to

**ACT 6 (HB 37)- Louisiana 2021 Regular
Session**

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1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

As required by Louisiana Children's Code, Article 1217.1 and 1239.1, the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is submitting this report to the public in accordance with the law.

ACT 6 amended and reenacted Children's Code Articles 1213(A) and (B), 1233, and 1235 and enacted Children's Code Articles 1213(D), 1217.1, and 1239.1, relative to adoptions; to provide for post-placement functions for agency and private adoptions; to provide for visits prior to finalization; to provide for assistance to the families and children; to provide for reporting and statistical requirements; to provide relative to a final decree of private adoption; and to provide for related matters.

2.0 OVERVIEW OF DATA AND DEMOGRAPHICS

The Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services implemented policies and procedures in 2021 related to Act 6. In accordance with Children's Code Art. 1217.1 and 1239.1- Reporting requirement; statistical availability

For each adopted child, the court shall ensure that the department receives all of the following information: (1) Whether either of the adopted parents are related to the child. (2) The age of the child at placement. (3) The age of the child at the time of finalization. (4) The gender of the child (5) The race of the child (6) The location of placement (7) Other non-identifying information the department requests in order to maintain statistical records of adoption finalizations.

The department shall release yearly statistics on adoptions and placements of children in Louisiana. These statistics shall be made available to the public.

**NUMBER OF ADOPTION PETITIONS RECEIVED FFY 2024
10-1-23 TO 9-30-24**

REGION	PARISH OF PETITIONER	IS PETITIONER RELATED TO CHILD	RACE/ETHNICITY OF CHILD	GENDER OF CHILD	AGE OF CHILD AT PLACEMENT	AGE OF CHILD AT FINALIZATION	TYPE OF PETITION
ORLEANS	JEFFERSON: 52 ORLEANS: 35 ST. BERNARD: 03 PLAQUEMINES: 03 OUT OF REGION: 09 OUT OF STATE: 17	YES: 53 NO: 66	ASIAN: 00 BLACK: 35 WHITE: 75 TWO or MORE RACES: 00 HISPANIC (of any race): 08 NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER: 00 AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE: 00 UNKNOWN/UNABLE TO DETERMINE: 01	MALE: 57 FEMALE: 60 UNKNOWN: 02	0-3: 50 4-8: 32 9-13: 26 14-17: 11	0-3: 50 4-8: 31 9-13: 27 14-17: 11 Unable to Determine: 00	PRIVATE: 20 INTRAFAMILY: 74 AGENCY: 04 INTERCOUNTRY: 0 DCFS: 21 TOTAL: 119

BATON ROUGE	EAST BATON ROUGE: 73 WEST BATON ROUGE: 08 EAST FELICIANA: 12 IBERVILLE: 05 POINTE COUPEE: 07 OUT OF REGION: 22 OUT OF STATE: 21	YES: 68 NO: 82	ASIAN: 00 BLACK: 40 WHITE: 25 TWO or MORE RACES: 00 HISPANIC (of any race): 02 NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER: 00 AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE: 00 UNKNOWN/UNABLE TO DETERMINE: 83	MALE: 76 FEMALE: 72 UNKNOWN: 02	0-3: 84 4-8: 34 9-13: 18 14-17: 13 Unable to Determine: 01	0-3: 81 4-8: 30 9-13: 15 14-17: 13 Unable to Determine: 11	PRIVATE: 12 INTRAFAMILY: 60 AGENCY: 34 INTERCOUNTRY: 0 DCFS: 44 TOTAL: 150
COVINGTON	ST. TAMMANY: 61 LIVINGSTON: 85 WASHINGTON: 31 TANGIPAHOA: 39 ST. HELENA: 00 OUT OF REGION: 08 OUT OF STATE: 15 UNKNOWN: 01	YES: 123 NO: 117	ASIAN: 02 BLACK: 33 WHITE: 110 TWO or MORE RACES: 00 HISPANIC (of any race): 06 NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER: 00 AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE: 00 UNKNOWN/UNABLE TO DETERMINE: 89	MALE: 124 FEMALE: 115 UNKNOWN: 01	0-3: 79 4-8: 66 9-13: 62 14-17: 33 Unable to Determine: 00	0-3: 74 4-8: 73 9-13: 60 14-17: 33 Unable to Determine: 00	PRIVATE: 27 INTRAFAMILY: 115 AGENCY: 00 INTERCOUNTRY: 0 DCFS: 98 TOTAL: 240
THIBODAU	ASCENSION: 45 ASSUMPTION: 06 TERREBONNE: 35 LAFOURCHE: 22 ST. JAMES: 06 ST. CHARLES: 07 ST. JOHN: 08 OUT OF STATE: 05 UNKNOWN: 01	YES: 80 NO: 55	ASIAN: 00 BLACK: 33 WHITE: 78 TWO or MORE RACES: 00 HISPANIC (of any race): 02 NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER: 00 AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE: 01 UNKNOWN/UNABLE TO DETERMINE: 21	MALE: 66 FEMALE: 68 UNKNOWN: 01	0-3: 58 4-8: 32 9-13: 28 14-17: 15 Unable to Determine: 02	0-3: 57 4-8: 27 9-13: 25 14-17: 16 Unable to Determine: 10	PRIVATE: 06 INTRAFAMILY: 60 AGENCY: 00 INTERCOUNTRY: 0 DCFS: 69 TOTAL: 135
LAFAYETTE	EVANGELINE: 09 IBERIA: 12 ST. LANDRY: 24 LAFAYETTE: 68 ST. MARY: 15 VERMILLION: 22 ACADIA PARISH: 33 ST. MARTIN: 14 OUT OF REGION: 02 OUT OF STATE: 05	YES: 111 NO: 93	ASIAN: 04 BLACK: 51 WHITE: 145 TWO or MORE RACES: 00 HISPANIC (of any race): 03 NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER: 00 AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE: 00 UNKNOWN/UNABLE TO DETERMINE: 01	MALE: 102 FEMALE: 102	0-3: 84 4-8: 52 9-13: 42 14-17: 26 Unable to Determine: 00	0-3: 82 4-8: 49 9-13: 36 14-17: 26 Unable to Determine: 11	PRIVATE: 10 INTRAFAMILY: 77 AGENCY: 00 INTERCOUNTRY: 0 DCFS: 117 TOTAL: 204
LAKE CHARLES	CALCASIEU: 95 BEAUREGARD: 24 ALLEN: 04 JEFF DAVIS: 09 CAMERON: 01 OUT OF REGION: 06 OUT OF STATE: 07	YES: 88 NO: 58	ASIAN: 01 BLACK: 22 WHITE: 112 TWO or MORE RACES: 00 HISPANIC (of any race): 08 NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER: 00 AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE: 01 UNKNOWN/UNABLE TO DETERMINE: 02	MALE: 78 FEMALE: 68	0-3: 54 4-8: 43 9-13: 35 14-17: 12 Unable to Determine: 02	0-3: 53 4-8: 49 9-13: 31 14-17: 13 Unable to Determine: 00	PRIVATE: 17 INTRAFAMILY: 67 AGENCY: 00 INTERCOUNTRY: 0 DCFS: 62 TOTAL: 146
ALEXANDRIA	RAPIDES: 50 AVOYELLES: 26 GRANT: 14 LASALLE: 03 CONCORDIA: 05 VERNON: 24 WINN: 04 CATAHOULA: 04 OUT OF REGION: 05 OUT OF STATE: 02	YES: 96 NO: 41	ASIAN: 05 BLACK: 30 WHITE: 93 TWO or MORE RACES: 00 HISPANIC (of any race): 03 NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER: 00 AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE: 01 UNKNOWN/UNABLE TO DETERMINE: 05	MALE: 69 FEMALE: 68	0-3: 47 4-8: 33 9-13: 40 14-17: 17 Unable to Determine: 00	0-3: 43 4-8: 31 9-13: 39 14-17: 14 Unable to Determine: 10	PRIVATE: 05 INTRAFAMILY: 66 AGENCY: 00 INTERCOUNTRY: 0 DCFS: 66 TOTAL: 137

SHREVEPORT	BOSSIER: 27 WEBSTER: 09 CADDO: 32 SABINE: 03 JACKSON: 04 DESOTO: 13 RED RIVER: 01 CLAIBORNE: 02 BIENVILLE: 03 NATCHITOCHE: 09 OUT OF REGION: 04 OUT OF STATE: 16	YES: 62 NO: 61	ASIAN: 00 BLACK: 29 WHITE: 85 TWO or MORE RACES: 00 HISPANIC (of any race): 03 NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER: 00 AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE: 02 UNKNOWN/UNABLE TO DETERMINE: 04	MALE: 60 FEMALE: 63	0-3: 56 4-8: 41 9-13: 16 14-17: 10 Unable to Determine: 00	0-3: 54 4-8: 43 9-13: 15 14-17: 11 Unable to Determine: 00	PRIVATE: 24 INTRAFAMILY: 56 AGENCY: 02 INTERCOUNTRY: 0 DCFS: 41 TOTAL: 123
MONROE	CALDWELL: 18 WEST CARROLL: 05 EAST CARROLL: 02 OUACHITA: 43 MOREHOUSE: 12 RICHLAND: 10 LINCOLN: 17 UNION: 03 MADISON: 02 FRANKLIN: 07 OUT OF REGION: 05 OUT OF STATE: 06	YES: 84 NO: 46	ASIAN: 02 BLACK: 31 WHITE: 96 TWO or MORE RACES: 00 HISPANIC (of any race): 00 NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER: 00 AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE: 00 UNKNOWN/UNABLE TO DETERMINE: 01	MALE: 63 FEMALE: 67	0-3: 38 4-8: 40 9-13: 32 14-17: 20 Unable to Determine: 00	0-3: 37 4-8: 40 9-13: 33 14-17: 19 Unable to Determine: 01	PRIVATE: 07 INTRAFAMILY: 71 AGENCY: 00 INTERCOUNTRY: 0 DCFS: 52 TOTAL: 130
STATEWIDE	IN STATE: 1,290 OUT OF STATE: 94	YES: 765 NO: 619	ASIAN: 14 BLACK: 304 WHITE: 819 TWO or MORE RACES: 00 HISPANIC (of any race): 35 NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER: 00 AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE: 05 UNKNOWN/UNABLE TO DETERMINE: 207	MALE: 695 FEMALE: 683 UNKNOWN: 06	0-3: 550 4-8: 373 9-13: 299 14-17: 157 Unable to Determine: 05	0-3: 531 4-8: 373 9-13: 281 14-17: 156 Unable to Determine: 43	PRIVATE: 128 INTRAFAMILY: 646 AGENCY: 40 INTERCOUNTRY: 0 DCFS: 570 TOTAL: 1,384