



Adoption Petitions Annual Report

FFY 2022

(10-1-21 to 9-30-22)

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 2022
10-1-21 TO 9-30-22**

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: 71 ORLEANS: 31 ST. BERNARD: 09 PLAQUEMINE: 01 OUT OF REGION: 05 OUT OF STATE: 19	YES: 60 NO: 76	ASIAN: 01 BLACK: 35 WHITE: 85 TWO or MORE RACES: 06 HISPANIC (of any race): 09 NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER: 00 AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE: 00	MALE: 71 FEMALE: 65	0-3: 83 4-8: 36 9-13: 15 14-17: 02	0-3: 63 4-8: 37 9-13: 21 14-17: 15	PRIVATE: 23 INTRAFAMILY: 45 AGENCY: 17 FOREIGN: 02 DCFS: 49 TOTAL: 136

BATON ROUGE	EAST BATON ROUGE: 106 WEST BATON ROUGE: 03 E. FELICIANA: 10 W. FELICIANA: 02 IBERVILLE: 12 POINTE COUPEE: 12 OUT OF REGION: 01 OUT OF STATE: 02	YES: 74 NO: 74	ASIAN: 00 BLACK: 55 WHITE: 82 TWO or MORE RACES: 06 HISPANIC (of any race): 04 NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER: 00 AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE: 01	MALE: 70 FEMALE: 78	0-3: 102 4-8: 31 9-13: 14 14-17: 01	0-3: 49 4-8: 27 9-13: 12 14-17: 02 UNABLE TO DETERMINE: 58	PRIVATE: 21 INTRAFAMILY: 69 AGENCY: 20 FOREIGN: 01 DCFS: 37 TOTAL: 148
COVINGTON	ST. TAMMANY: 123 LIVINGSTON: 113 WASHINGTON: 42 TANGIPAHOA: 65 ST. HELENA: 01 OUT OF REGION: 00 OUT OF STATE: 00	YES: 173 NO: 171	ASIAN: 01 BLACK: 29 WHITE: 269 TWO or MORE RACES: 22 HISPANIC (of any race): 01 NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER: 00 AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE: 00 UNABLE TO DETERMINE: 22	MALE: 161 FEMALE: 183	0-3: 196 4-8: 86 9-13: 44 14-17: 12 UNABLE TO DETERMINE: 6	0-3: 116 4-8: 107 9-13: 78 14-17: 39 UNABLE TO DETERMINE: 4	PRIVATE: 31 INTRAFAMILY: 147 AGENCY: 23 FOREIGN: 02 DCFS: 141 TOTAL: 344
THIBODAUX	ASCENSION: 42 ASSUMPTION: 01 TERREBONNE: 47 LAFOURCHE: 44 ST. JAMES: 06 ST. CHARLES: 10 ST. JOHN: 04 OUT OF REGION: 03 OUT OF STATE: 01	YES: 96 NO: 62	ASIAN: 00 BLACK: 35 WHITE: 107 TWO or MORE RACES: 7 HISPANIC (of any race): 07 NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER: 00 AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE: 02	MALE: 80 FEMALE: 78	0-3: 96 4-8: 30 9-13: 15 14-17: 05 UNABLE TO DETERMINE: 12	0-3: 70 4-8: 45 9-13: 25 14-17: 10 UNABLE TO DETERMINE: 8	PRIVATE: 8 INTRAFAMILY: 48 AGENCY: 8 FOREIGN: 00 DCFS: 94 TOTAL: 158
LAFAYETTE	EVANGELINE: 06 IBERIA: 26 ST. LANDRY: 37 LAFAYETTE: 63 ST. MARY: 20 VERMILLION: 22 ACADIA PARISH: 17 ST. MARTIN: 22 OUT OF REGION: 01 OUT OF STATE: 03	YES: 98 NO: 119	ASIAN: 01 BLACK: 55 WHITE: 157 TWO or MORE RACES: 03 HISPANIC (of any race): 00 NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER: 01 AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE: 00	MALE: 115 FEMALE: 102	0-3: 118 4-8: 57 9-13: 29 14-17: 13	0-3: 69 4-8: 62 9-13: 41 14-17: 44 UNABLE TO DETERMINE: 1	PRIVATE: 04 INTRAFAMILY: 95 AGENCY: 3 FOREIGN: 00 DCFS: 115 TOTAL: 217
LAKE CHARLES	CALCASIEU: 139 BEAUREGARD: 23 ALLEN: 06 JEFF DAIS: 11 OUT OF REGION: 04 OUT OF STATE: 00	YES: 119 NO: 64	ASIAN: 00 BLACK: 29 WHITE: 147 TWO or MORE RACES: 07 HISPANIC (of any race): 00 NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER: 00 AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE: 00	MALE: 86 FEMALE: 97	0-3: 105 4-8: 52 9-13: 23 14-17: 03	0-3: 110 4-8: 29 9-13: 32 14-17: 12	PRIVATE: 4 INTRAFAMILY: 103 AGENCY: 5 FOREIGN: 01 DCFS: 70 TOTAL: 183
ALEXANDRIA	RAPIDES: 85 AVOYELLES: 18 GRANT: 12 LASALLE: 11 CONCORDIA: 11 VERNON: 31 WINN: 09 CATAHOULA: 05 OUT OF REGION: 01 OUT OF STATE: 00	YES: 133 NO: 50	ASIAN: 02 BLACK: 69 WHITE: 100 TWO or MORE RACES: 12 HISPANIC (of any race): 00 NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER: 00 AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE: 00	MALE: 93 FEMALE: 90	0-3: 101 4-8: 52 9-13: 20 14-17: 09 UNABLE TO DETERMINE: 1	0-3: 54 4-8: 64 9-13: 35 14-17: 18 UNABLE TO DETERMINE: 12	PRIVATE: 10 INTRAFAMILY: 96 AGENCY: 3 FOREIGN: 0 DCFS: 74 TOTAL: 183

SHREVEPORT	BOSSIER: 40 WEBSTER: 12 CADDO: 43 SABINE: 08 JACKSON: 06 DESOTO: 14 RED RIVER: 02 CLAIBORNE: 02 BIENVILLE: 03 NATCHITOCHE: 07 OUT OF REGION: 00 OUT OF STATE: 01	YES: 65 NO: 73	ASIAN: 00 BLACK: 48 WHITE: 90 TWO or MORE RACES: 00 HISPANIC (of any race): 00 NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER: 00 AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE: 00	MALE: 67 FEMALE: 71	0-3: 64 4-8: 47 9-13: 23 14-17: 04	0-3: 50 4-8: 40 9-13: 28 14-17: 10 UNABLE TO DETERMINE: 10	PRIVATE: 15 INTRAFAMILY: 67 AGENCY: 3 FOREIGN: 00 DCFS: 53 TOTAL: 138
MONROE	CALDWELL: 10 WEST CARROLL: 04 OUACHITA: 55 MOREHOUSE: 11 RICHLAND: 12 LINCOLN: 16 UNION: 11 MADISON: 03 FRANKLIN: 09 OUT OF REGION: 02 OUT OF STATE: 00	YES: 47 NO: 86	ASIAN: 01 BLACK: 43 WHITE: 89 TWO or MORE RACES: 00 HISPANIC (of any race): 00 NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER: 00 AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE: 00	MALE: 60 FEMALE: 73	0-3: 50 4-8: 37 9-13: 20 14-17: 10 UNABLE TO DETERMINE: 16	0-3: 45 4-8: 31 9-13: 25 14-17: 12 UNABLE TO DETERMINE: 20	PRIVATE: 11 INTRAFAMILY: 53 AGENCY: 2 FOREIGN: 00 DCFS: 67 TOTAL: 133