



# **Adoption Petitions Annual Report**

**FFY 2025**

**(10-1-2024 to 9-30-2025)**

**Pursuant to**

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

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

As required by the 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.

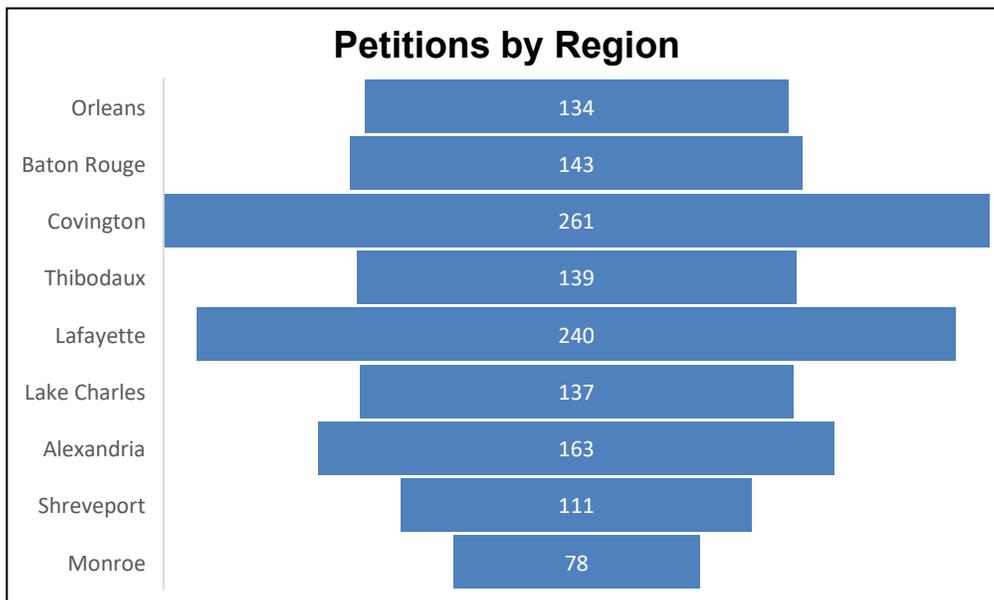
ACT 6 amended and reenacted Children's Code Articles 1213(A) and (B), 1233, and 1235 and enacted Children's Code Articles 1213(D), 1217.1, and 1239.1, relative to adoptions; to provide for post-placement functions for agency and private adoptions; to provide for visits prior to finalization; to provide 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

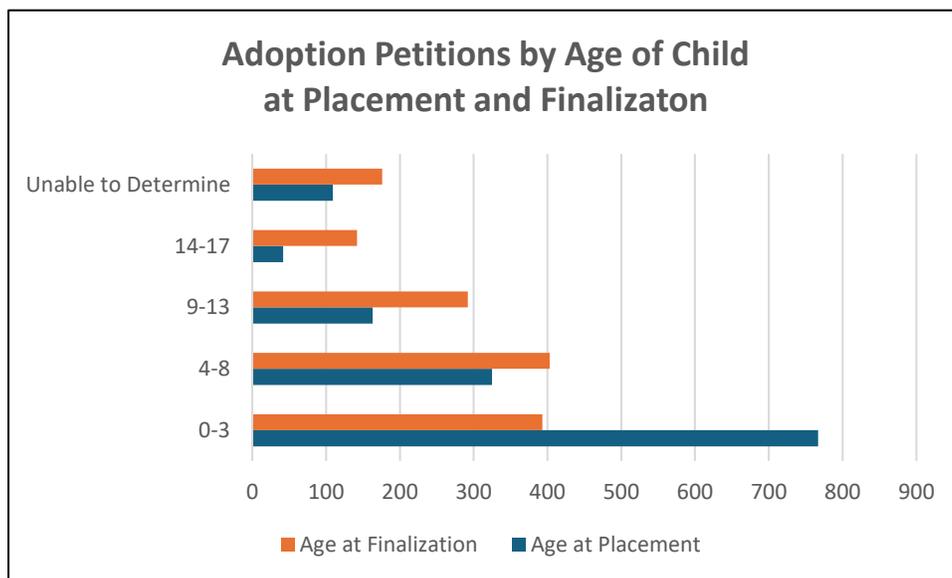
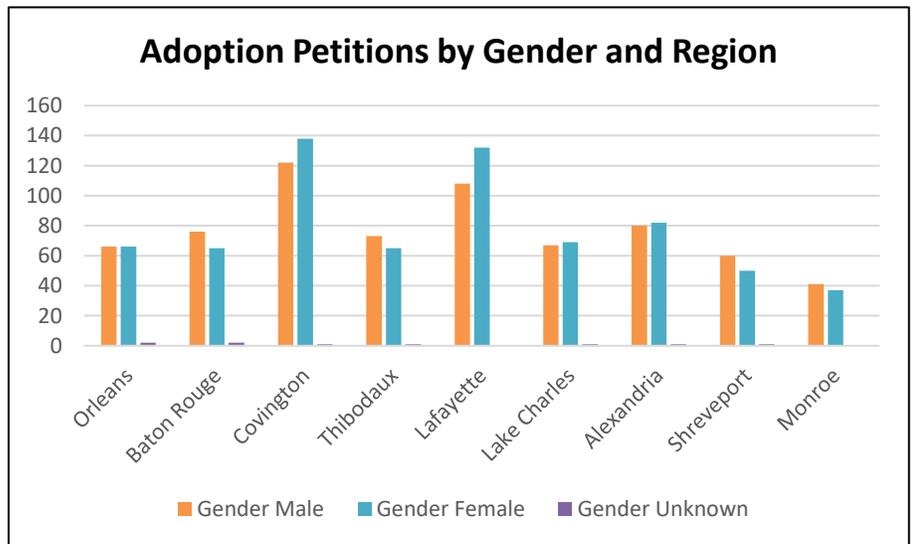
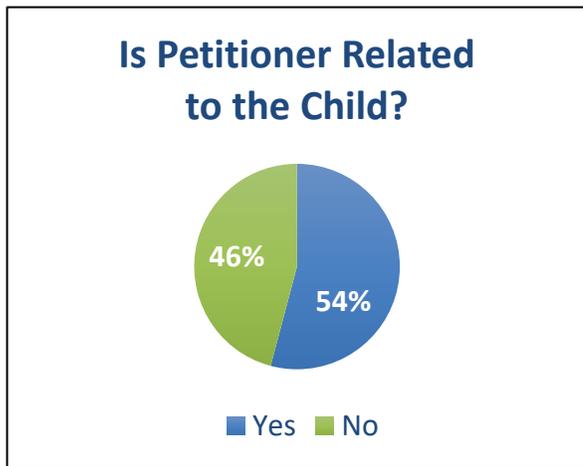
The Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services implemented policies and procedures in 2021 related to Act 6. In accordance with Children's Code Art. 1217.1 and 1239.1- Reporting requirement; statistical availability

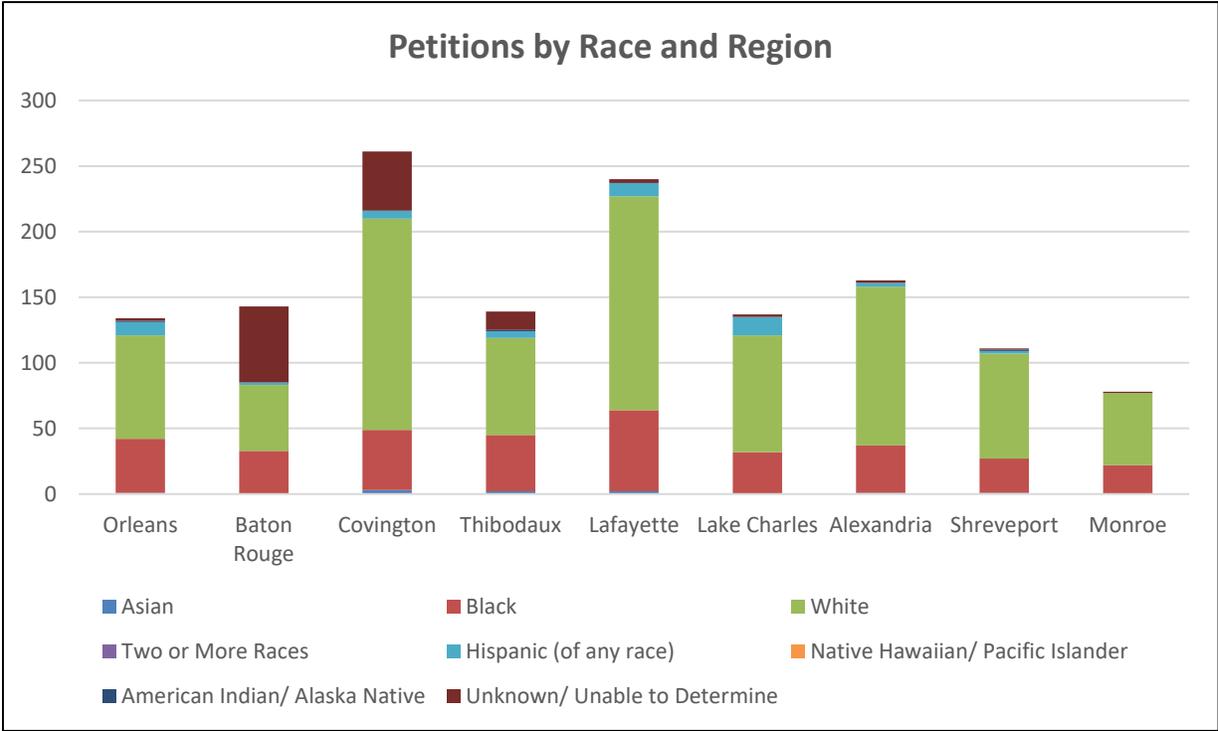
For each adopted child, the court shall ensure that the department receives all of the following information: (1) Whether either of the adopted parents are related to the child. (2) The age of the child at placement. (3) The age of the child at the time of finalization. (4) The gender of the child (5) 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.



Adoption Petitions by Type of Petition							
Region	Type of Petition						Total
	Private	Intrafamily	Agency	Inter-country	DCFS	Unknown/Missing	
Orleans	25	75	2	0	32	0	134
Baton Rouge	14	44	31	0	54	0	143
Covington	19	107	1	0	134	0	261
Thibodaux	4	76	0	0	59	0	139
Lafayette	6	99	2	0	133	0	240
Lake Charles	8	58	19	0	52	0	137
Alexandria	10	73	0	0	79	1	163
Shreveport	13	59	2	0	37	0	111
Monroe	6	32	0	0	40	0	78
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,406</b>





**Number of Adoption Petitions Received FFY 2025  
(10-1-24 TO 9-30-25)**

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: 60 Orleans: 49 St. Bernard: 05 Plaquemines: 02 Out of Region: 10 Out of State: 8	Yes: 85 No: 49	Asian: 01 Black: 41 White: 79 Two or more races: 00 Hispanic (of any race): 10 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 00 American Indian/Alaska native: 01 Unknown/Unable to Determine: 02	Male: 66 Female: 66 Unknown: 02	0-3: 81 4-8: 23 9-13: 22 14-17: 1 Unknown: 07	0-3: 54 4-8: 32 9-13: 19 14-17: 17 Unable to Determine: 12	Private: 25 Intrafamily: 75 Agency: 02 Intercountry: 0 DCFS: 32  Total: 134
Baton Rouge	East Baton Rouge: 80 West Baton Rouge: 04 East Feliciana: 1 West Feliciana: 05 Iberville: 11 Pointe Coupee: 03 Out of Region: 14 Out of State: 25	Yes: 58 No: 85	Asian: 00 Black: 33 White: 50 Two or more races: 00 Hispanic (of any race): 02 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 00 American Indian/Alaska native: 00 Unknown/Unable to Determine: 58	Male: 76 Female: 65 Unknown: 02	0-3: 99 4-8: 25 9-13: 10 14-17: 5 Unable to Determine: 04	0-3: 64 4-8: 35 9-13: 22 14-17: 11 Unable to Determine: 11	Private: 14 Intrafamily: 44 Agency: 31 Intercountry: 0 DCFS: 54  Total: 143
Covington	St. Tammany: 63 Livingston: 66 Washington: 32 Tangipahoa: 73 St. Helena: 01 Out of Region: 13 Out of State: 13	Yes: 107 No: 154	Asian: 03 Black: 46 White: 161 Two or more races: 00 Hispanic (of any race): 06 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 00 American Indian/Alaska native: 00 Unknown/Unable to Determine: 45	Male: 122 Female: 138 Unknown: 01	0-3: 137 4-8: 56 9-13: 33 14-17: 5 Unable to Determine: 30	0-3: 70 4-8: 80 9-13: 55 14-17: 21 Unable to Determine: 35	Private: 19 Intrafamily: 107 Agency: 01 Intercountry: 0 DCFS: 134  Total: 261
Thibodaux	Ascension: 39 Assumption: 04 Terrebonne: 35 Lafourche: 20 St. James: 03 St. Charles: 12 St. John: 11 Out of Region: 13 Out of State: 02	Yes: 97 No: 42	Asian: 02 Black: 43 White: 74 Two or more races: 00 Hispanic (of any race): 05 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 00 American Indian/Alaska native: 01 unknown/Unable to Determine: 14	Male: 73 Female: 65 Unknown: 01	0-3: 65 4-8: 39 9-13: 21 14-17: 7 Unable to Determine: 7	0-3: 39 4-8: 35 9-13: 30 14-17: 17 Unable to Determine: 18	Private: 04 Intrafamily: 76 Agency: 00 Intercountry: 0 DCFS: 59  Total: 139
Lafayette	Evangeline: 20 Iberia: 21 St. Landry: 38 Lafayette: 70 St. Mary: 8 Vermillion: 22 Acadia: 33 St. Martin: 16 Out of Region: 09 Out of State: 03	Yes: 128 No: 112	Asian: 02 Black: 62 White: 163 Two or more races: 00 Hispanic (of any race): 10 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 00 American Indian/Alaska native: 00 Unknown/Unable to Determine: 03	Male: 108 Female: 132	0-3: 121 4-8: 61 9-13: 32 14-17: 7 Unable to Determine: 19	0-3: 50 4-8: 79 9-13: 53 14-17: 30 Unable to Determine: 28	Private: 6 Intrafamily: 99 Agency: 02 Intercountry: 0 DCFS: 133  Total: 240

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
Lake charles	Calcasieu: 73 Beauregard: 20 Allen: 02 Jefferson Davis: 12 Cameron: 00 Out of Region: 19 Out of State: 11	Yes: 69 No: 68	Asian: 00 Black: 32 White: 89 Two or more races: 00 Hispanic (of any race): 14 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 00 American Indian/Alaska native: 00 Unknown/Unable to Determine: 02	Male: 67 Female: 69 Unknown: 01	0-3: 73 4-8: 36 9-13: 14 14-17: 3 Unable to Determine: 11	0-3: 41 4-8: 35 9-13: 31 14-17: 15 Unable to Determine: 15	Private: 8 Intrafamily: 58 Agency: 19 Intercountry: 0 DCFS: 52  Total: 137
Alexandria	Rapides: 64 Avoyelles: 14 Grant: 21 Lasalle: 03 Concordia: 05 Vernon: 34 Winn: 08 Catahoula: 01 Out of Region: 09 Out of State: 04	Yes: 115 No: 48	Asian: 01 Black: 36 White: 121 Two or more races: 00 Hispanic (of any race): 03 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 00 American Indian/Alaska native: 00 Unknown/Unable to Determine: 02	Male: 80 Female: 82 Unknown: 01	0-3: 75 4-8: 48 9-13: 17 14-17: 9 Unable to Determine: 14	0-3: 25 4-8: 59 9-13: 36 14-17: 17 Unable to Determine: 26	Private: 10 Intrafamily: 73 Agency: 00 Intercountry: 0 DCFS: 79 Unknown: 01  Total: 163
Shreveport	Bossier: 37 Webster: 07 Caddo: 25 Sabine: 02 Jackson: 07 Desoto: 07 Red River: 00 Claiborne: 05 Bienville: 04 Natchitoches: 05 Out of Region: 07 Out of State: 05	Yes: 63 No: 48	Asian: 01 Black: 26 White: 80 Two or more races: 00 Hispanic (of any race): 02 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 00 American Indian/Alaska native: 01 Unknown/Unable to Determine: 01	Male: 60 Female: 50 Unknown: 01	0-3: 56 4-8: 32 9-13: 9 14-17: 3 Unable to Determine: 11	0-3: 24 4-8: 25 9-13: 31 14-17: 11 Unable to Determine: 20	Private: 13 Intrafamily: 59 Agency: 02 Intercountry: 0 DCFS: 37  Total: 111
Monroe	Caldwell: 01 West Carroll: 04 East Carroll: 00 Ouachita: 30 Morehouse: 09 Richland: 04 Lincoln: 13 Union: 06 Madison: 00 Franklin: 04 Out of Region: 04 Out of State: 03	Yes: 39 No: 39	Asian: 00 Black: 22 White: 55 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: 41 Female: 37	0-3: 60 4-8: 05 9-13: 05 14-17: 02 Unable to Determine: 06	0-3: 26 4-8: 23 9-13: 15 14-17: 3 Unable to Determine: 11	Private: 06 Intrafamily: 32 Agency: 00 Intercountry: 0 DCFS: 40  Total: 78
Statewide	In State: 1,332 Out of State: 74	Yes: 761 No: 645	Asian: 10 Black: 341 White: 872 Two or more races: 00 Hispanic (of any race): 52 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 00 American Indian/Alaska native: 03 Unknown/Unable to Determine: 128	Male: 704 Female: 693 Unknown: 09	0-3: 767 4-8: 325 9-13: 163 14-17: 42 Unable to Determine: 109	0-3: 393 4-8: 403 9-13: 292 14-17: 142 Unable to Determine: 176	Private: 105 Intrafamily: 623 Agency: 57 Intercountry: 0 DCFS: 620 Missing: 01  Total: 1,406