



Adoption Petitions Annual Report

FFY 2023

(10-1-2022 to 9-30-23)

Pursuant to

ACT 6 (HB 37)- Louisiana 2021 Regular Session

Table of Contents

1.0	INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND	3
2.0	OVERVIEW OF DATA AND DEMOGRAPHICS	3

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 2023
10-1-22 TO 9-30-23**

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: 39 ORLEANS: 40 ST. BERNARD: 15 PLAQUEMINE: 04 OUT OF REGION: 03 OUT OF STATE: 25	YES: 72 NO: 54	ASIAN: 00 BLACK: 35 WHITE: 83 TWO or MORE RACES: 03 HISPANIC (of any race): 05 NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER: 00 AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE: 00	MALE: 64 FEMALE: 62	0-3: 86 4-8: 27 9-13: 10 14-17: 03	0-3: 22 4-8: 05 9-13: 02 14-17: 03 Unable to Determine: 94	PRIVATE: 19 INTRAFAMILY: 60 AGENCY: 17 FOREIGN: 00 DCFS: 30 TOTAL: 126

BATON ROUGE	EAST BATON ROUGE: 62 WEST BATON ROUGE: 08 E. FELICIANA: 10 W. FELICIANA: 03 IBERVILLE: 06 POINTE COUPEE: 05 OUT OF REGION: 16 OUT OF STATE: 16	YES: 47 NO: 79	ASIAN: 00 BLACK: 38 WHITE: 48 TWO or MORE RACES: 01 HISPANIC (of any race): 02 NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER: 00 AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE: 00 UNKNOWN/UNABLE TO DETERMINE: 37	MALE: 61 FEMALE: 65	0-3: 85 4-8: 30 9-13: 08 14-17: 01 Unable to Determine: 02	0-3: 37 4-8: 10 9-13: 03 14-17: 00 Unable to Determine: 76	PRIVATE: 13 INTRAFAMILY: 41 AGENCY: 29 FOREIGN: 00 DCFS: 43 TOTAL: 126
COVINGTON	ST. TAMMANY: 09 LIVINGSTON: 98 WASHINGTON: 42 TANGIPAHOA: 54 ST. HELENA: 01 OUT OF REGION: 100 OUT OF STATE: 01	YES: 161 NO: 144	ASIAN: 00 BLACK: 29 WHITE: 242 TWO or MORE RACES: 16 HISPANIC (of any race): 01 NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER: 00 AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE: 00 UNKNOWN/UNABLE TO DETERMINE: 17	MALE: 135 FEMALE: 170	0-3: 185 4-8: 79 9-13: 29 14-17: 11 Unable to Determine: 01	0-3: 114 4-8: 90 9-13: 62 14-17: 38 Unable to Determine: 01	PRIVATE: 21 INTRAFAMILY: 137 AGENCY: 05 FOREIGN: 00 DCFS: 142 TOTAL: 305
THIBODAUX	ASCENSION: 47 ASSUMPTION: 10 TERREBONNE: 38 LAFOURCHE: 36 ST. JAMES: 09 ST. CHARLES: 13 ST. JOHN: 04 OUT OF REGION: 02 OUT OF STATE: 05	YES: 115 NO: 49	ASIAN: 02 BLACK: 35 WHITE: 78 TWO or MORE RACES: 10 HISPANIC (of any race): 06 NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER: 00 AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE: 05 UNKNOWN/UNABLE TO DETERMINE: 28	MALE: 72 FEMALE: 92	0-3: 102 4-8: 37 9-13: 18 14-17: 03 Unable to Determine: 04	0-3: 38 4-8: 50 9-13: 29 14-17: 17 Unable to Determine: 30	PRIVATE: 09 INTRAFAMILY: 68 AGENCY: 13 FOREIGN: 00 DCFS: 74 TOTAL: 164
LAFAYETTE	EVANGELINE: 10 IBERIA: 19 ST. LANDRY: 21 LAFAYETTE: 77 ST. MARY: 20 VERMILLION: 20 ACADIA PARISH: 24 ST. MARTIN: 19 OUT OF REGION: 03 OUT OF STATE: 07	YES: 131 NO: 89	ASIAN: 03 BLACK: 48 WHITE: 145 TWO or MORE RACES: 22 HISPANIC (of any race): 01 NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER: 01 AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE: 00	MALE: 118 FEMALE: 102	0-3: 141 4-8: 49 9-13: 24 14-17: 06	0-3: 73 4-8: 45 9-13: 41 14-17: 22 Unable to Determine: 39	PRIVATE: 12 INTRAFAMILY: 93 AGENCY: 04 FOREIGN: 00 DCFS: 111 TOTAL: 220
LAKE CHARLES	CALCASIEU: 94 BEAUREGARD: 18 ALLEN: 17 JEFF DAIS: 21 OUT OF REGION: 03 OUT OF STATE: 02	YES: 94 NO: 61	ASIAN: 03 BLACK: 21 WHITE: 123 TWO or MORE RACES: 05 HISPANIC (of any race): 03 NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER: 00 AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE: 00	MALE: 94 FEMALE: 61	0-3: 92 4-8: 40 9-13: 22 14-17: 01	0-3: 49 4-8: 48 9-13: 39 14-17: 19	PRIVATE: 07 INTRAFAMILY: 80 AGENCY: 09 FOREIGN: 03 DCFS: 56 TOTAL: 155
ALEXANDRIA	RAPIDES: 72 AVOYELLES: 20 GRANT: 13 LASALLE: 03 CONCORDIA: 05 VERNON: 33 WINN: 02 CATAHOULA: 02 OUT OF REGION: 03	YES: 100 NO: 59	ASIAN: 00 BLACK: 35 WHITE: 120 TWO or MORE RACES: 04 HISPANIC (of any race): 00 NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER: 00 AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE: 00	MALE: 76 FEMALE: 83	0-3: 77 4-8: 49 9-13: 24 14-17: 06 Unable to Determine: 03	0-3: 41 4-8: 34 9-13: 27 14-17: 21 Unable to Determine: 36	PRIVATE: 07 INTRAFAMILY: 81 AGENCY: 02 FOREIGN: 00 DCFS: 69 TOTAL: 159

	OUT OF STATE: 06						
SHREVEPORT	BOSSIER: 52 WEBSTER: 06 CADDO: 26 SABINE: 04 JACKSON: 08 DESOTO: 15 RED RIVER: 01 CLAIBORNE: 07 BIENVILLE: 04 NATCHITOCHES: 06 OUT OF REGION: 01 OUT OF STATE: 00	YES: 83 NO: 47	ASIAN: 00 BLACK: 29 WHITE: 100 TWO or MORE RACES: 00 HISPANIC (of any race): 01 NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER: 00 AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE: 00	MALE: 58 FEMALE: 72	0-3: 56 4-8: 50 9-13: 19 14-17: 02 Unable to Determine: 03	0-3: 37 4-8: 32 9-13: 29 14-17: 20 Unable to Determine: 12	PRIVATE: 13 INTRAFAMILY: 84 AGENCY: 02 FOREIGN: 00 DCFS: 31 TOTAL: 130
MONROE	CALDWELL: 10 WEST CARROLL: 03 OUACHITA: 52 MOREHOUSE: 15 RICHLAND: 14 LINCOLN: 18 UNION: 10 MADISON: 05 FRANKLIN: 07 OUT OF REGION: 04 OUT OF STATE: 00	YES: 85 NO: 53	ASIAN: 01 BLACK: 41 WHITE: 96 TWO or MORE RACES: 00 HISPANIC (of any race): 00 NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER: 00 AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE: 00	MALE: 62 FEMALE: 76	0-3: 58 4-8: 41 9-13: 28 14-17: 11	0-3: 47 4-8: 31 9-13: 21 14-17: 09 Unable to Determine: 30	PRIVATE: 14 INTRAFAMILY: 61 AGENCY: 00 FOREIGN: 00 DCFS: 63 TOTAL: 138