



# **FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION MANAGEMENT REPORT**

House Concurrent Resolution 74

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## **INTRODUCTION**

At the direction of House Concurrent Resolution 74 passed by the 2003 Legislature, the Department of Children and Family Services publishes the annual Foster Care and Adoption Management Report. This report details activities in the areas of foster care and adoption in State Fiscal Year 2021 and compares the results to a five-year running average. Data are provided at the state and regional level and by age group, where appropriate and available.

The data used in this report are extracted from the Tracking, Information and Payment System of the department. Data are derived based on the date the event occurred to allow for consistency with historical review. As a result, these numbers may vary from numbers reported into the Louisiana Performance Accountability System (LaPAS) and other data reported by the DCFS.

**1a. Number of Children in State Custody as of Year End<sup>1</sup>**

<b>NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN DCFS CUSTODY ON JUNE 30, 2021</b>						
<b>Region</b>		<b>Infants Age 0 - 1</b>	<b>Young Children Ages 2 - 4</b>	<b>Older Children Ages 5 - 9</b>	<b>Pre-Teens/ Teens Ages 10 – 17</b>	<b>Totals</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	44	34	47	70	195
02	Baton Rouge	56	52	49	75	232
03	Covington	136	105	127	208	576
04	Thibodaux	88	106	93	143	430
05	Lafayette	112	110	94	148	464
06	Lake Charles	56	80	74	87	297
07	Alexandria	68	86	94	123	371
08	Shreveport	75	64	79	111	329
09	Monroe	85	88	93	117	383
99	Location Unknown	1	0	0	2	3
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>		<b>721</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>1,084</b>	<b>3,280</b>

**1b. Number of Children in State Custody as of Year End Previous Year**

<b>NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN DCFS CUSTODY ON JUNE 30, 2020</b>						
<b>REGION</b>		<b>INFANTS AGES 0-1</b>	<b>YOUNG CHILDREN AGES 2-4</b>	<b>OLDER CHILDREN AGES 5-9</b>	<b>PRE- TEENS/ TEENS AGES 10-17</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	46	40	43	77	206
02	Baton Rouge	46	42	58	84	230
03	Covington	110	154	150	271	685
04	Thibodaux	98	102	126	169	495
05	Lafayette	96	101	89	146	432
06	Lake Charles	70	95	84	118	367
07	Alexandria	79	101	83	132	395
08	Shreveport	86	83	110	119	398
09	Monroe	86	107	118	159	470
99	Location Unknown	1	1	0	1	3
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>		<b>718</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>1,276</b>	<b>3,681</b>

<sup>1</sup> Category "Location Unknown" may refer to cases where children are voluntarily placed in care by their parents or cases where the Court of jurisdiction for the case has not yet been entered.

1c. Five Year Average of Number of Children in State Custody as of Year End<sup>2</sup>

AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN DCFS CUSTODY ON LAST DAY OF SFY BY AGE GROUP SFY 2017 - 2021						
Region		Infants Age 0 - 1	Young Children Ages 2 - 4	Older Children Ages 5 - 9	Pre-Teens/ Teens Ages 10 – 17	Average of All Ages
01	Greater New Orleans	47	45	43	78	214
02	Baton Rouge	48	51	56	91	246
03	Covington	149	163	188	254	754
04	Thibodaux	96	121	135	170	522
05	Lafayette	100	120	122	166	507
06	Lake Charles	74	93	93	128	387
07	Alexandria	74	95	97	131	397
08	Shreveport	90	104	120	127	441
09	Monroe	95	108	127	159	489
99	Location Unknown	1	1	2	4	7
<b>STATE AVERAGE</b>		<b>774</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>1,306</b>	<b>3,963</b>

For Tables 1a, 1b, and 1c, the child's age is calculated as of the last day of the SFY. The Region location is determined by the parish location of the removal court.

<sup>2</sup> The presentation of the report suggests that there is a higher number of Pre-Teen/Teens entering custody. However, it should be noted that 8 ages are represented in that category (10-17).

**2a. Number of Children Taken into State Custody**

<b>NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING DCFS CUSTODY IN SFY 2021</b>						
<b>Region</b>		<b>Infants Age 0 - 1</b>	<b>Young Children Ages 2 - 4</b>	<b>Older Children Ages 5 - 9</b>	<b>Pre-Teens/ Teens Ages 10 - 17</b>	<b>Total</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	64	55	74	135	328
02	Baton Rouge	54	30	31	50	165
03	Covington	132	63	65	107	367
04	Thibodaux	69	47	48	68	232
05	Lafayette	98	70	65	100	333
06	Lake Charles	36	26	22	29	113
07	Alexandria	63	36	68	63	230
08	Shreveport	87	55	77	86	305
09	Monroe	71	37	45	34	187
99	Location Unknown	1	0	2	5	8
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>		<b>675</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>2,268</b>

**2b. Number of Children Taken into State Custody Previous Year**

<b>NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING DCFS CUSTODY IN SFY 2020</b>						
<b>Region</b>		<b>Infants Age 0 - 1</b>	<b>Young Children Ages 2 - 4</b>	<b>Older Children Ages 5 - 9</b>	<b>Pre-Teens/ Teens Ages 10 - 17</b>	<b>Total</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	78	41	48	122	289
02	Baton Rouge	47	31	46	60	184
03	Covington	94	76	96	156	422
04	Thibodaux	90	45	65	87	287
05	Lafayette	110	65	65	110	350
06	Lake Charles	55	36	38	31	160
07	Alexandria	80	59	54	78	271
08	Shreveport	98	74	98	98	368
09	Monroe	83	57	55	71	266
99	Location Unknown	4	0	1	2	7
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>		<b>739</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>2,604</b>

**2c. Five Year Average of Number of Children Taken into State Custody**

<b>AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING DCFS CUSTODY DURING SFY BY AGE GROUP SFY 2017 - 2021</b>						
<b>Region</b>		<b>Infants Age 0 - 1</b>	<b>Young Children Ages 2 - 4</b>	<b>Older Children Ages 5 - 9</b>	<b>Pre-Teens/ Teens Ages 10 – 17</b>	<b>Average of All Ages</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	80	54	61	121	316
02	Baton Rouge	62	37	49	71	219
03	Covington	141	96	119	162	518
04	Thibodaux	88	66	84	97	335
05	Lafayette	108	81	83	118	390
06	Lake Charles	66	47	47	59	219
07	Alexandria	72	52	67	74	264
08	Shreveport	124	102	134	126	487
09	Monroe	83	53	64	64	263
99	Location Unknown	5	2	3	6	16
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>		<b>830</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>3,028</b>

For Tables 2a, 2b and 2c, child's age is calculated as of the date of entry into DCFS custody. Region location is determined by the parish location of the removal court.

**3a. Number of Children Leaving State Custody**

<b>NUMBER OF CHILDREN EXITING DCFS CUSTODY IN SFY 2021</b>						
<b>Region</b>		<b>Infants Age 0 - 1</b>	<b>Young Children Ages 2 - 4</b>	<b>Older Children Ages 5 - 9</b>	<b>Pre-Teens/ Teens Ages 10 – 17</b>	<b>Total</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	45	68	79	147	339
02	Baton Rouge	20	31	43	71	165
03	Covington	57	127	104	188	476
04	Thibodaux	31	72	84	110	297
05	Lafayette	39	74	80	107	300
06	Lake Charles	11	56	50	66	183
07	Alexandria	33	69	67	85	254
08	Shreveport	66	83	110	116	375
09	Monroe	41	61	72	101	275
99	Location Unknown	1	1	2	4	8
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>		<b>344</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>2,672</b>

**3b. Number of Children Leaving State Custody Previous Year**

<b>NUMBER OF CHILDREN EXITING DCFS CUSTODY IN SFY 2020</b>						
<b>Region</b>		<b>Infants Age 0 - 1</b>	<b>Young Children Ages 2 - 4</b>	<b>Older Children Ages 5 - 9</b>	<b>Pre-Teens/ Teens Ages 10 – 17</b>	<b>Total</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	65	60	64	131	320
02	Baton Rouge	31	41	54	82	208
03	Covington	63	141	174	189	567
04	Thibodaux	33	90	110	134	367
05	Lafayette	48	95	103	153	399
06	Lake Charles	13	56	44	54	167
07	Alexandria	36	67	64	98	265
08	Shreveport	68	93	127	136	424
09	Monroe	36	67	51	92	246
99	Location Unknown	4	0	1	6	11
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>		<b>397</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>1,075</b>	<b>2,974</b>

**3c. Five Year Average of Number of Children Leaving State Custody**

<b>AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN EXITING DCFS CUSTODY DURING SFY BY AGE GROUP SFY 2017 - 2021</b>						
<b>Region</b>		<b>Infants Age 0 - 1</b>	<b>Young Children Ages 2 - 4</b>	<b>Older Children Ages 5 - 9</b>	<b>Pre-Teens/ Teens Ages 10 – 17</b>	<b>Average of All Ages</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	60	63	71	132	326
02	Baton Rouge	36	39	52	87	214
03	Covington	64	136	153	196	549
04	Thibodaux	37	83	102	125	347
05	Lafayette	61	104	106	141	412
06	Lake Charles	31	74	69	87	261
07	Alexandria	36	70	73	95	274
08	Shreveport	86	134	164	166	550
09	Monroe	41	84	86	103	313
99	Location Unknown	5	2	3	6	15
<b>STATE AVERAGE</b>		<b>456</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>1,139</b>	<b>3,262</b>

For Tables 3a, 3b and 3c, child's age is calculated as of the date of exit from DCFS custody. Region location is determined by the parish location of the removal court.

**4a. Number of Children Adopted Out of State Custody**

<b>NUMBER OF CHILDREN EXITING DCFS CUSTODY TO A FINALIZED ADOPTION IN SFY 2021</b>						
<b>Region</b>		<b>Infants Age 0 - 1</b>	<b>Young Children Ages 2 - 4</b>	<b>Older Children Ages 5 - 9</b>	<b>Pre-Teens/ Teens Ages 10 – 17</b>	<b>Total</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	6	26	22	7	61
02	Baton Rouge	2	7	7	5	21
03	Covington	24	83	41	34	182
04	Thibodaux	4	31	39	25	99
05	Lafayette	9	27	28	18	82
06	Lake Charles	4	38	25	15	82
07	Alexandria	5	22	6	7	40
08	Shreveport	14	20	16	11	61
09	Monroe	17	28	18	11	74
99	Location Unknown	0	1	0	0	1
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>		<b>85</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>703</b>

**4b. Number of Children Adopted Out of State Custody Previous Year**

<b>NUMBER OF CHILDREN EXITING DCFS CUSTODY TO A FINALIZED ADOPTION IN SFY 2020</b>						
<b>Region</b>		<b>Infants Age 0 - 1</b>	<b>Young Children Ages 2 - 4</b>	<b>Older Children Ages 5 - 9</b>	<b>Pre-Teens/ Teens Ages 10 – 17</b>	<b>Total</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	11	23	14	4	52
02	Baton Rouge	5	13	15	6	39
03	Covington	25	71	64	24	184
04	Thibodaux	5	56	42	28	131
05	Lafayette	6	38	34	27	105
06	Lake Charles	6	19	13	13	51
07	Alexandria	10	19	14	19	62
08	Shreveport	16	28	22	12	78
09	Monroe	22	40	25	28	115
99	Location Unknown	0	0	0	0	0
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>		<b>106</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>817</b>

**4c. Five Year Average of Number of Children Adopted Out of State Custody**

<b>AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN EXITING DCFS CUSTODY TO A FINALIZED ADOPTION BY REGION BY AGE GROUP FOR SFY 2017 - 2021</b>						
<b>Region</b>		<b>Infants Age 0 - 1</b>	<b>Young Children Ages 2 - 4</b>	<b>Older Children Ages 5 - 9</b>	<b>Pre-Teens/ Teens Ages 10 – 17</b>	<b>Total</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	11	21	16	7	55
02	Baton Rouge	4	11	10	5	29
03	Covington	21	72	55	29	176
04	Thibodaux	4	36	32	24	95
05	Lafayette	11	37	29	23	100
06	Lake Charles	12	35	24	16	88
07	Alexandria	11	28	21	16	76
08	Shreveport	11	29	24	12	76
09	Monroe	15	43	28	19	105
99	Location Unknown	0	1	0	0	1
<b>STATE AVERAGES</b>		<b>99</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>801</b>

For Tables 4a, 4b and 4c, child's age is calculated as of the date of exit from DCFS Custody. Region location is determined by the parish location of the removal court. The number of children exiting DCFS custody to a finalized adoption should parallel the number of children entering DCFS custody in each region.

**5a. Number of Children Reunited with Birth Family Out of State Custody**

<b>NUMBER OF CHILDREN EXITING DCFS CUSTODY TO REUNIFICATION WITH FAMILY IN SFY 2021</b>						
<b>Region</b>		<b>Infants Age 0-1</b>	<b>Young Children Age 2-4</b>	<b>Older Children Age 5-9</b>	<b>Pre- Teen/Teen Age 10-17</b>	<b>Total</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	22	28	32	79	161
02	Baton Rouge	7	15	26	39	87
03	Covington	20	26	42	68	156
04	Thibodaux	22	28	29	35	114
05	Lafayette	20	35	35	47	137
06	Lake Charles	6	14	21	23	64
07	Alexandria	21	32	33	41	127
08	Shreveport	22	31	46	34	133
09	Monroe	14	21	34	38	107
99	Location Unknown	1	0	0	1	2
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>		<b>155</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>1,088</b>

**5b. Number of Children Reunited with Birth Family Out of State Custody Previous Year**

<b>NUMBER OF CHILDREN EXITING DCFS CUSTODY TO REUNIFICATION WITH FAMILY IN SFY 2020</b>						
<b>Region</b>		<b>Infants Age 0-1</b>	<b>Young Children Age 2-4</b>	<b>Older Children Age 5-9</b>	<b>Pre- Teen/Teen Age 10-17</b>	<b>Total</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	32	28	35	71	166
02	Baton Rouge	21	22	35	37	115
03	Covington	29	41	78	84	232
04	Thibodaux	22	27	56	48	153
05	Lafayette	34	45	52	45	176
06	Lake Charles	6	31	26	21	84
07	Alexandria	21	34	28	44	127
08	Shreveport	30	37	53	57	177
09	Monroe	10	22	23	28	83
99	Location Unknown	2	0	1	3	6
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>		<b>207</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>1,319</b>

**5c. Five Year Average Number of Children Reunited with Birth Family Out of State Custody**

<b>AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN EXITING DCFS CUSTODY TO REUNIFICATION WITH FAMILY BY REGION BY AGE GROUP FOR SFY 2017-2021</b>						
<b>Region</b>		<b>Infants Age 0-1</b>	<b>Young Children Age 2-4</b>	<b>Older Children Age 5-9</b>	<b>Pre-Teen/Teen Age 10-17</b>	<b>Total</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	27	29	39	70	165
02	Baton Rouge	20	19	30	47	116
03	Covington	33	42	67	78	221
04	Thibodaux	26	39	57	55	177
05	Lafayette	35	50	57	54	196
06	Lake Charles	15	32	36	32	115
07	Alexandria	20	31	35	44	130
08	Shreveport	42	67	79	68	256
09	Monroe	21	33	46	42	142
99	Location Unknown	3	1	2	4	10
<b>STATE AVERAGES</b>		<b>242</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>1,527</b>

For Tables 5a, 5b and 5c, child's age is calculated as of the date of exit from DCFS custody. Region location is determined by the parish location of the removal court. The number of children reuniting with their birth family should parallel the number of children entering DCFS custody in each region.

**6a. Number of Children Leaving Foster Care Due to Age**

<b>NUMBER OF YOUTH EXITING FOSTER CARE DUE TO AGE IN SFY 2021</b>		
<b>REGION</b>		<b>NUMBER OF YOUTH</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	14
02	Baton Rouge	12
03	Covington	30
04	Thibodaux	19
05	Lafayette	15
06	Lake Charles	22
07	Alexandria	13
08	Shreveport	12
09	Monroe	15
99	Location Unknown	0
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>		<b>152</b>

**6b. Number of Children Leaving Foster Care Due to Age Previous Year**

<b>NUMBER OF YOUTH EXITING FOSTER CARE DUE TO AGE IN SFY 2020</b>		
<b>REGION</b>		<b>NUMBER OF YOUTH</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	11
02	Baton Rouge	19
03	Covington	22
04	Thibodaux	23
05	Lafayette	22
06	Lake Charles	18
07	Alexandria	13
08	Shreveport	18
09	Monroe	20
99	Location Unknown	1
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>		<b>167</b>

**6c. Five Year Average Number of Children Leaving Foster Care Due to Age**

<b>AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN EXITING FOSTER CARE DUE TO AGE FOR SFY 2017 - 2021</b>		
<b>REGION</b>		<b>AVERAGE NUMBER OF YOUTH</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	14
02	Baton Rouge	15
03	Covington	28
04	Thibodaux	16
05	Lafayette	18
06	Lake Charles	18
07	Alexandria	13
08	Shreveport	17
09	Monroe	19
99	Location Unknown	0
<b>STATE AVERAGE</b>		<b>158</b>

For Tables 6a, 6b and 6c, child's age is calculated as of the date of exit from DCFS custody when the child reaches the age of 18 while in foster care. Region location is determined by the parish location of the removal court. Youth exiting foster care on their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday may be exiting to independence, attending JobCorp, attending a college or university, returning to their birth family, or linking to a permanent connection.

**7a. Number of Cases in Which Parental Rights Were Terminated<sup>3</sup>**

<b>NUMBER OF CHILDREN FOR WHOM PARENTAL RIGHTS WERE TERMINATED DURING SFY 2021</b>						
<b>Region</b>		<b>Infants Age 0-1</b>	<b>Young Children Age 2-4</b>	<b>Older Children Age 5-9</b>	<b>Pre- Teen/Teen Age 10-17</b>	<b>Total</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	14	13	15	5	47
02	Baton Rouge	6	6	7	2	21
03	Covington	41	38	20	28	127
04	Thibodaux	2	23	33	20	78
05	Lafayette	16	23	22	21	82
06	Lake Charles	13	25	11	14	63
07	Alexandria	14	27	16	15	72
08	Shreveport	17	9	7	15	48
09	Monroe	12	26	13	13	64
99	Location Unknown	1	1	0	0	2
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>		<b>136</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>604</b>

**7b. Number of Cases in Which Parental Rights Were Terminated Previous Year**

<b>NUMBER OF CHILDREN FOR WHOM PARENTAL RIGHTS WERE TERMINATED DURING SFY 2020</b>						
<b>Region</b>		<b>Infants Age 0-1</b>	<b>Young Children Age 2-4</b>	<b>Older Children Age 5-9</b>	<b>Pre- Teen/Teen Age 10-17</b>	<b>Total</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	13	14	12	9	48
02	Baton Rouge	11	8	8	1	28
03	Covington	41	42	31	18	132
04	Thibodaux	17	28	24	17	86
05	Lafayette	13	24	22	16	75
06	Lake Charles	21	22	19	11	73
07	Alexandria	6	18	12	10	46
08	Shreveport	27	24	18	18	87
09	Monroe	28	21	10	6	65
99	Location Unknown	0	0	0	0	0
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>		<b>177</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>640</b>

<sup>3</sup> This variable is measured by the number of children made available for adoption through any combination of surrenders, terminations of parental rights, and/or death of all parents. A determination was made based on case information that the child was legally available for adoption. While this normally involved a mother and father, there are a significant number of cases with multiple fathers (legal, biological and putative).

**7c. Five Year Average of Number of Children in Which Parental Rights Were Terminated**

<b>AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN FOR WHOM PARENTAL RIGHTS WERE TERMINATED DURING SFY FOR SFY 2017 - 2021</b>						
<b>Region</b>		<b>Infants Age 0-1</b>	<b>Young Children Age 2-4</b>	<b>Older Children Age 5-9</b>	<b>Pre-Teen/Teen Age 10-17</b>	<b>Total</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	16	16	13	9	55
02	Baton Rouge	8	10	8	4	30
03	Covington	47	52	44	27	170
04	Thibodaux	15	29	36	24	103
05	Lafayette	21	31	28	25	105
06	Lake Charles	23	27	21	18	89
07	Alexandria	15	27	19	18	80
08	Shreveport	18	23	22	14	76
09	Monroe	25	35	27	21	108
99	Location Unknown	0	0	0	0	1
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>		<b>188</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>817</b>

For Tables 7a, 7b and 7c, child's age is calculated as of the date the child was freed for adoption. Region location is determined by the parish location of the removal court.

**8a. Number of Cases in Which Termination of Rights Was by Court Action<sup>4</sup>**

<b>NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A COURT ORDERED TPR IN SFY 2021</b>						
<b>Region</b>		<b>Infants Age 0-1</b>	<b>Young Children Age 2-4</b>	<b>Older Children Age 5-9</b>	<b>Pre-Teen/Teen Age 10-17</b>	<b>Total</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	16	14	16	3	49
02	Baton Rouge	3	2	5	0	10
03	Covington	33	28	20	20	101
04	Thibodaux	1	24	22	11	58
05	Lafayette	14	24	18	9	65
06	Lake Charles	14	22	11	9	56
07	Alexandria	11	18	8	8	45
08	Shreveport	11	4	3	3	21
09	Monroe	10	24	14	6	54
99	Location Unknown	1	1	0	0	2
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>		<b>114</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>461</b>

<sup>4</sup> This variable measures the number of unduplicated children in which parental rights of at least two parents are terminated by court action.

**8b. Number of Cases in Which Termination of Rights Was by Court Action Previous Year**

<b>NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A COURT ORDERED TPR IN SFY 2020</b>						
<b>Region</b>		<b>Infants Age 0-1</b>	<b>Young Children Age 2-4</b>	<b>Older Children Age 5-9</b>	<b>Pre-Teen/Teen Age 10-17</b>	<b>Total</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	9	13	11	7	40
02	Baton Rouge	5	4	7	1	17
03	Covington	28	33	20	10	91
04	Thibodaux	17	24	22	14	77
05	Lafayette	12	20	18	11	61
06	Lake Charles	20	21	18	9	68
07	Alexandria	4	14	9	8	35
08	Shreveport	19	16	11	6	52
09	Monroe	23	17	4	3	47
99	Location Unknown	0	0	0	0	0
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>		<b>137</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>488</b>

**8c. Five Year Average of Number of Cases in Which Termination of Rights Was by Court Action**

<b>AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A COURT ORDERED TPR FOR SFY 2017 - 2021</b>						
<b>Region</b>		<b>Infants Age 0-1</b>	<b>Young Children Age 2-4</b>	<b>Older Children Age 5-9</b>	<b>Pre-Teen/Teen Age 10-17</b>	<b>Total</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	13	14	12	6	45
02	Baton Rouge	4	6	5	2	17
03	Covington	32	37	33	17	119
04	Thibodaux	10	23	24	13	70
05	Lafayette	19	27	24	19	89
06	Lake Charles	23	26	19	15	83
07	Alexandria	13	23	16	13	65
08	Shreveport	16	19	19	7	61
09	Monroe	21	30	24	15	90
99	Location Unknown	0	0	0	0	1
<b>STATE AVERAGES</b>		<b>151</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>639</b>

For Tables 8a, 8b and 8c, child's age is calculated as of the date the child was freed for adoption. Region location is determined by the parish location of the removal court.

**9a. Number of Cases in Which DCFS Sought Termination of Rights by Court Action<sup>5</sup>**

NUMBER OF TPR PETITIONS FILED SFY 2021		
REGION		TOTAL
01	Greater New Orleans	24
02	Baton Rouge	45
03	Covington	86
04	Thibodaux	22
05	Lafayette	74
06	Lake Charles	49
07	Alexandria	45
08	Shreveport	44
09	Monroe	27
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>		<b>416</b>

**9b. Number of Cases in Which DCFS Sought Termination of Rights by Court Action Previous Year**

NUMBER OF TPR PETITIONS FILED SFY 2020		
REGION		TOTAL
01	Greater New Orleans	40
02	Baton Rouge	50
03	Covington	102
04	Thibodaux	17
05	Lafayette	42
06	Lake Charles	69
07	Alexandria	34
08	Shreveport	64
09	Monroe	40
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>		<b>458</b>

<sup>5</sup> This measure is not captured in the TIPS computer system. The measure is derived from a manual count by the Bureau of General Counsel of the number of petitions filed seeking termination of parental rights. The number of petitions filed is not a count of children or families

**9c. Five Year Average of Number of Cases in Which DCFS Sought Termination of Rights by Court Action**

<b>AVERAGE NUMBER OF TPR PETITIONS FILED FOR SFY 2017 - 2021</b>		
<b>REGION</b>		<b>5-YEAR AVERAGE</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	30
02	Baton Rouge	38
03	Covington	88
04	Thibodaux	36
05	Lafayette	66
06	Lake Charles	70
07	Alexandria	56
08	Shreveport	44
09	Monroe	58
<b>STATE AVERAGE</b>		<b>486</b>

**10. Number of Cases in Which the Child has been in State Custody for Longer than Seventeen Months Where DCFS has not Sought Termination of Rights by Court Action**

Data is not available for this measure. The Child Welfare data system does not capture information on the decision to not seek Termination of Rights. The system can be used to determine the number of children who have been in care longer than seventeen months and who do not have a completed Termination of Rights but there are no data elements that provide the ability to distinguish between cases in which court action is in progress, court action was sought and denied, or court action was not sought at all.

**11. Number of Cases in Which Adoption is Not a Part of the Plan for the Child**

<b>NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE ON JUNE 30, 2021 BY GOAL</b>						
<b>Region</b>		<b>Adoption</b>	<b>Alternative Permanent Living Arrangement</b>	<b>Guardianship</b>	<b>Return to Home of Birth Family</b>	<b>Total All Goals</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	41	5	0	149	195
02	Baton Rouge	40	3	3	186	232
03	Covington	148	21	11	396	576
04	Thibodaux	162	11	2	255	430
05	Lafayette	160	12	1	291	464
06	Lake Charles	160	9	0	128	297
07	Alexandria	122	10	9	230	371
08	Shreveport	38	0	2	289	329
09	Monroe	110	12	4	257	383
99	Location Unknown	1	0	0	2	3
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>		<b>982</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2,183</b>	<b>3,280</b>

The Child Welfare data system captures one Goal and the field is replaced when the Goal changes without maintaining a history of Goals for the child. In addition, most children in Foster Care have a concurrent goal. The concurrent goal is not captured in the data system. Therefore, data on whether adoption is or was a goal during a point in time in the history of the case is not available. The table above illustrates the children in Foster Care on June 30, 2021 and the goal as it is currently or was at the time of case closure, if the case closed between June 30, 2021 and date of extraction, July 21, 2021.

**12a. Number of Children Available for Adoption and Waiting Placement**

<b>NUMBER OF CHILDREN AVAILABLE FOR PLACEMENT AND NOT IN AN ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT ON JUNE 30, 2021</b>						
<b>Region</b>		<b>Infants Age 0-1</b>	<b>Young Children Age 2-4</b>	<b>Older Children Age 5-9</b>	<b>Pre-Teen/Teen Age 10-17</b>	<b>Total</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	0	2	6	9	17
02	Baton Rouge	1	2	2	5	10
03	Covington	5	5	6	18	34
04	Thibodaux	1	5	13	31	50
05	Lafayette	3	2	5	32	42
06	Lake Charles	3	8	6	22	39
07	Alexandria	1	3	3	24	31
08	Shreveport	1	1	3	12	17
09	Monroe	1	6	4	31	42
99	Missing	1	0	0	0	1
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>283</b>

**12b. Number of Children Available for Adoption and Waiting Placement Previous Year**

<b>NUMBER OF CHILDREN AVAILABLE FOR PLACEMENT AND NOT IN AN ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT ON JUNE 30, 2020</b>						
<b>Region</b>		<b>Infants Age 0-1</b>	<b>Young Children Age 2-4</b>	<b>Older Children Age 5-9</b>	<b>Pre-Teen/Teen Age 10-17</b>	<b>Total</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	0	1	3	13	17
02	Baton Rouge	2	1	4	7	14
03	Covington	7	11	6	20	44
04	Thibodaux	2	9	19	20	50
05	Lafayette	1	4	7	30	42
06	Lake Charles	3	13	8	28	52
07	Alexandria	1	1	2	19	23
08	Shreveport	6	5	7	12	30
09	Monroe	8	10	11	29	58
99	Missing	0	0	0	0	0
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>330</b>

**12c. Five Year Average of Number of Children Available for Adoption and Waiting Placement**

<b>AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION AND NOT IN AN ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT BY REGION BY AGE GROUP ON LAST DAY OF SFY 2017 - 2021</b>						
<b>Region</b>		<b>Infants Age 0-1</b>	<b>Young Children Age 2-4</b>	<b>Older Children Age 5-9</b>	<b>Pre-Teen/Teen Age 10-17</b>	<b>Total</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	2	3	4	12	22
02	Baton Rouge	2	3	4	12	20
03	Covington	12	19	19	27	77
04	Thibodaux	4	13	18	33	69
05	Lafayette	3	10	15	36	64
06	Lake Charles	4	11	12	30	56
07	Alexandria	2	2	4	22	30
08	Shreveport	3	7	8	11	28
09	Monroe	4	12	12	30	58
99	Location Unknown	0	0	0	0	0
<b>STATE AVERAGE</b>		<b>37</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>425</b>

For Tables 12a, 12b and 12c, child's age is calculated as of the last day of the SFY (June 30<sup>th</sup>). Some children included in the above calculations may have an identified adoptive family but an adoption agreement has not been completed. A placement is not considered an adoptive placement for reporting purposes until an agreement to adopt has been finalized. Region location is determined by the parish location of the removal court.

13a. Average Number of Months in State Custody for All Children Who Left Custody during the Year

AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY IN MONTHS FOR CHILDREN EXITING FOSTER CARE DURING SFY 2021						
Region		Infants Age 0-1	Young Children Age 2-4	Older Children Age 5-9	Pre-Teen/Teen Age 10-17	Total
01	Greater New Orleans	4.47	13.59	10.92	8.73	9.65
02	Baton Rouge	8.55	15.35	15.93	17.38	15.55
03	Covington	12.25	21.89	21.68	20.40	20.10
04	Thibodaux	7.19	17.11	21.14	24.58	19.98
05	Lafayette	8.92	17.51	19.44	18.94	17.42
06	Lake Charles	12.82	23.70	27.38	36.45	28.65
07	Alexandria	7.09	21.14	16.21	20.51	17.80
08	Shreveport	9.02	16.06	14.16	17.40	14.68
09	Monroe	12.07	24.08	25.79	24.75	22.99
99	Location Unknown	0.00	26.00	0.00	1.50	4.00
<b>STATE AVERAGES</b>		<b>9.03</b>	<b>19.19</b>	<b>18.82</b>	<b>19.86</b>	<b>18.03</b>

13b. Average Number of Months in State Custody for All Children Who Left Custody during the Year - Previous Year

AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY IN MONTHS FOR CHILDREN EXITING FOSTER CARE DURING SFY 2020						
Region		Infants Age 0-1	Young Children Age 2-4	Older Children Age 5-9	Pre-Teen/Teen Age 10-17	Total
01	Greater New Orleans	4.08	9.35	8.40	10.68	8.56
02	Baton Rouge	4.25	10.45	11.15	13.83	10.77
03	Covington	9.86	18.15	16.55	18.49	16.86
04	Thibodaux	6.15	16.91	14.64	18.73	15.75
05	Lafayette	7.08	15.85	16.14	17.83	15.22
06	Lake Charles	10.87	16.94	16.17	22.09	17.60
07	Alexandria	9.70	18.77	18.16	18.88	17.46
08	Shreveport	6.21	11.58	10.51	12.76	10.79
09	Monroe	10.39	20.16	19.87	22.89	19.69
99	Location Unknown	1.92	4.81	5.52	5.07	4.23
<b>STATE AVERAGES</b>		<b>7.2</b>	<b>15.53</b>	<b>14.52</b>	<b>16.93</b>	<b>14.52</b>

**13c. Five Year Average of the Number of Months in State Custody for All Children Who Left Custody during the Year (SFY 2017-2021)**

<b>AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY IN MONTHS FOR CHILDREN EXITING FOSTER CARE SFY 2017-2021</b>						
<b>Region</b>		<b>Infants Age 0-1</b>	<b>Young Children Age 2-4</b>	<b>Older Children Age 5-9</b>	<b>Pre- Teen/Teen Age 10-17</b>	<b>Total</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	4.14	10.62	8.90	9.50	8.60
02	Baton Rouge	5.02	13.29	13.32	16.43	13.15
03	Covington	10.48	18.92	17.69	18.81	17.56
04	Thibodaux	6.85	18.17	17.14	20.54	17.52
05	Lafayette	7.12	15.91	16.35	18.36	15.57
06	Lake Charles	11.15	18.55	18.23	25.00	19.72
07	Alexandria	9.30	19.53	17.69	20.18	17.90
08	Shreveport	6.81	12.58	11.52	13.48	11.64
09	Monroe	11.64	21.42	21.86	24.67	21.33
99	Location Unknown	2.08	8.33	3.78	7.33	5.47
<b>STATE AVERAGES</b>		<b>7.75</b>	<b>16.67</b>	<b>15.74</b>	<b>17.94</b>	<b>15.62</b>

For Tables 13a, 13b and 13c, child's age is calculated as of the date of exit from Foster Care. Region location is determined by the parish location of the removal court.

**14a. New Foster Homes Opened<sup>6</sup>**

<b>NUMBER OF NEW FOSTER HOMES CERTIFIED BY DCFS IN SFY 2021</b>		
<b>REGION</b>		<b>NEW HOMES</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	47
02	Baton Rouge	44
03	Covington	97
04	Thibodaux	58
05	Lafayette	92
06	Lake Charles	34
07	Alexandria	48
08	Shreveport	55
09	Monroe	75
99	Location Unknown	0
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>		<b>550</b>

**14b. New Foster Homes Opened Previous Year**

<b>NUMBER OF NEW FOSTER HOMES CERTIFIED BY DCFS IN SFY 2020</b>		
<b>REGION</b>		<b>NEW HOMES</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	51
02	Baton Rouge	59
03	Covington	123
04	Thibodaux	90
05	Lafayette	100
06	Lake Charles	54
07	Alexandria	77
08	Shreveport	56
09	Monroe	82
99	Location Unknown	2
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>		<b>694</b>

<sup>6</sup> The number of new certified foster homes is not reflective of the interest in becoming a foster parent. However, having fewer Home Development staff to perform recruitment and certification activities results in the lower number of newly certified homes.

**14c. Five Year Average of New Foster Homes Opened**

<b>AVERAGE ANNUAL NUMBER OF NEW FOSTER HOMES CERTIFIED BY DCFS SFY 2017-2021</b>		
<b>REGION</b>		<b>5 YR AVG</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	47
02	Baton Rouge	45
03	Covington	96
04	Thibodaux	69
05	Lafayette	79
06	Lake Charles	44
07	Alexandria	60
08	Shreveport	56
09	Monroe	60
99	Location Unknown	0
<b>STATE AVERAGE</b>		<b>555</b>

Foster Homes are included in the annual count of new foster homes if they have an initial certification completed during the SFY. Families that leave the program and return within 2 years are not required to complete all initial certification criteria and are not included in this measure.

**15a. Foster Care Homes Housing More Than Four Children in State Custody<sup>7</sup>**

<b>NUMBER OF CHILDREN PLACED IN FOSTER HOMES WITH 5 OR MORE FOSTER CHILDREN AND NUMBER HOMES WITH 5 OR MORE FOSTER CHILDREN ON JUNE 30, 2021</b>							
<b>Region</b>		<b>Infants Age 0-1</b>	<b>Young Children Age 2-4</b>	<b>Older Children Age 5-9</b>	<b>Pre-Teen/Teen Age 10-17</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Number of Homes</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	0	0	0	0	0	0
02	Baton Rouge	0	0	1	9	10	2
03	Covington	3	3	3	2	11	2
04	Thibodaux	0	0	1	0	1	0
05	Lafayette	1	3	4	8	16	3
06	Lake Charles	0	0	0	1	1	0
07	Alexandria	0	2	1	2	5	1
08	Shreveport	0	1	5	0	6	1
09	Monroe	1	4	7	9	21	4
99	Location Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>13</b>

**15b. Foster Care Homes Housing More Than Four Children in State Custody Previous Year**

<b>NUMBER OF CHILDREN PLACED IN FOSTER HOMES WITH 5 OR MORE FOSTER CHILDREN AND NUMBER HOMES WITH 5 OR MORE FOSTER CHILDREN ON JUNE 30, 2020</b>							
<b>Region</b>		<b>Infants Age 0-1</b>	<b>Young Children Age 2-4</b>	<b>Older Children Age 5-9</b>	<b>Pre-Teen/Teen Age 10-17</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Number of Homes</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	0	2	1	1	4	0
02	Baton Rouge	4	3	7	9	23	2
03	Covington	1	5	11	5	22	7
04	Thibodaux	0	0	1	5	6	5
05	Lafayette	3	5	8	6	22	4
06	Lake Charles	0	0	0	0	0	0
07	Alexandria	0	2	4	5	11	3
08	Shreveport	1	1	5	8	15	7
09	Monroe	1	6	5	2	14	2
99	Location Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>30</b>

<sup>7</sup> Policy allows for foster families to care for up to 5 children in their home at a given time.

**15c. Five Year Average of Foster Care Homes Housing More Than Four Children in State Custody**

<b>AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN PLACED IN FOSTER HOMES WITH MORE THAN 4 CHILDREN AND AVERAGE NUMBER OF HOMES WITH MORE THAN 4 FOSTER CHILDREN ON JUNE 30TH SFY 2017-2021</b>							
<b>Region</b>		<b>Infants Age 0-1</b>	<b>Young Children Age 2-4</b>	<b>Older Children Age 5-9</b>	<b>Pre-Teen/Teen Age 10-17</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Number of Homes</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	0	0	0	0	1	0
02	Baton Rouge	1	1	4	8	14	3
03	Covington	2	5	11	9	28	5
04	Thibodaux	1	1	5	3	11	2
05	Lafayette	3	4	6	9	22	4
06	Lake Charles	0	0	0	0	0	0
07	Alexandria	0	2	5	12	19	3
08	Shreveport	1	5	9	10	26	5
09	Monroe	1	3	5	7	16	3
99	Location Unknown	0	0	0	1	1	0
<b>STATE AVERAGES</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>25</b>

For Tables 15a, 15b and 15c, child's age as well as the number of children placed in a foster home is calculated as of June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. Region location for children is determined by the parish location of the removal court. Region location for foster homes is based on the region of the Home Development Unit managing them.

**16a. Number of Children Housed in Hospitals or Institutions<sup>8</sup>**

<b>NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN CONGREGATE CARE SETTINGS ON JUNE 30, 2021</b>						
<b>Region</b>		<b>Infants Age 0-1</b>	<b>Young Children Age 2-4</b>	<b>Older Children Age 5-9</b>	<b>Pre-Teen/Teen Age 10-17</b>	<b>Total</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	0	0	0	13	13
02	Baton Rouge	0	0	0	5	5
03	Covington	0	0	0	34	34
04	Thibodaux	2	0	0	28	30
05	Lafayette	1	0	0	25	26
06	Lake Charles	0	1	0	12	13
07	Alexandria	0	0	0	18	18
08	Shreveport	0	0	2	8	10
09	Monroe	0	0	0	12	12
99	Location Unknown	0	0	0	2	2
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>163</b>

<sup>8</sup> Louisiana has one of the lowest percentages of youth placed in a congregate care setting.

**16b. Number of Children Housed in Hospitals or Institutions Previous Year**

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN CONGREGATE CARE SETTINGS ON JUNE 30, 2020						
Region		Infants Age 0-1	Young Children Age 2-4	Older Children Age 5-9	Pre-Teen/Teen Age 10-17	Total
01	Greater New Orleans	0	0	1	19	20
02	Baton Rouge	0	0	1	6	7
03	Covington	0	0	0	36	36
04	Thibodaux	2	0	0	26	28
05	Lafayette	2	0	0	15	17
06	Lake Charles	0	1	1	14	16
07	Alexandria	1	0	0	22	23
08	Shreveport	0	0	1	11	12
09	Monroe	0	0	3	10	13
99	Location Unknown	0	0	0	1	1
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>173</b>

**16c. Five Year Average of Number of Children Housed in Hospitals or Institutions**

AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN PLACED IN CONGREGATE CARE SETTINGS ON JUNE 30TH OF SFY 2017-2021						
Region		Infants Age 0-1	Young Children Age 2-4	Older Children Age 5-9	Pre-Teen/Teen Age 10-17	Average All Ages
01	Greater New Orleans	1	0	0	18	19
02	Baton Rouge	1	0	0	10	12
03	Covington	1	0	1	37	39
04	Thibodaux	1	0	0	36	37
05	Lafayette	1	0	0	26	27
06	Lake Charles	0	1	0	21	23
07	Alexandria	1	0	0	22	24
08	Shreveport	0	1	1	11	13
09	Monroe	0	0	2	19	21
99	Location Unknown	0	0	0	1	1
<b>STATE AVERAGES</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>215</b>

For Tables 16a, 16b and 16c, child's age is calculated as of June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. Region location for children is determined by the parish location of the removal court. Placement setting is based on June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. Congregate Care Settings include Residential Treatment Facilities, Group Homes, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities, Psychiatric Hospitals, Medical Hospitals, Supervised Independent Living Facilities, Detention Centers, Emergency Shelter Facilities, Job Corp, Youth Challenge programs, and Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities. Some congregate care placements are short term and may represent a temporary absence from the child's foster home.

17a. New Foster and Adoptive Homes Opened<sup>9</sup>

NUMBER OF NEW FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE HOMES CERTIFIED BY DCFS IN SFY 2021			
REGION		FOSTER HOMES	ADOPTIVE HOMES
01	Greater New Orleans	47	20
02	Baton Rouge	44	27
03	Covington	97	86
04	Thibodaux	58	54
05	Lafayette	92	76
06	Lake Charles	34	30
07	Alexandria	48	36
08	Shreveport	55	3
09	Monroe	75	54
99	Location Unknown	0	0
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>		<b>550</b>	<b>386</b>

17b. New Foster and Adoptive Homes Opened Previous Year

NUMBER OF NEW FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE HOMES CERTIFIED BY DCFS IN SFY 2020			
REGION		FOSTER HOMES	ADOPTIVE HOMES
01	Greater New Orleans	51	15
02	Baton Rouge	59	49
03	Covington	123	107
04	Thibodaux	90	82
05	Lafayette	100	83
06	Lake Charles	54	49
07	Alexandria	77	57
08	Shreveport	56	2
09	Monroe	82	38
99	Location Unknown	2	1
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>		<b>694</b>	<b>483</b>

<sup>9</sup> Most foster homes are dually certified as adoptive homes. Dually certified homes are counted in both Foster and Adoptive Homes measures.

**17c. Five Year Average of New Foster and Adoptive Homes Opened**

<b>AVERAGE ANNUAL NUMBER OF NEW FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE HOMES CERTIFIED BY DCFS SFY 2017-2021</b>			
<b>REGION</b>		<b>FOSTER HOMES</b>	<b>ADOPTIVE HOMES</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	47	42
02	Baton Rouge	45	45
03	Covington	96	115
04	Thibodaux	69	82
05	Lafayette	79	89
06	Lake Charles	44	60
07	Alexandria	60	45
08	Shreveport	56	24
09	Monroe	60	72
99	Location Unknown	0	1
<b>STATE AVERAGES</b>		<b>555</b>	<b>575</b>

**18. Average Number of Cases Assigned to Each Foster Care Case Manager<sup>10</sup>**

<b>Average Number of Cases Assigned to Foster Care Workers</b>				
<b>Region</b>		<b>Foster Care Staff</b>	<b>Foster Care Cases</b>	<b>Average Caseload</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	26	195	7.50
02	Baton Rouge	18	232	12.89
03	Covington	67	576	8.60
04	Thibodaux	38	430	11.32
05	Lafayette	43	464	10.79
06	Lake Charles	20	297	14.85
07	Alexandria	33	371	11.24
08	Shreveport	39	329	8.44
09	Monroe	36	383	10.64
99	Location Unknown	0	3	0.00
<b>State Totals/Average</b>		<b>320</b>	<b>3,280</b>	<b>10.25</b>

Table 18 reflects the number of children in foster care and not available for adoption on June 30, 2021. Location is organized by removal court region. These children may be placed in another region and assigned to workers in another region.

Average caseload numbers do not accurately reflect caseload amounts. For the first six months, new workers have a lower caseload than veteran workers, which lowers the average. The caseload standard for workers that have completed basic training is 10; however, the caseload range can extend up to 25 cases.

<sup>10</sup> The Council on Accreditation Foster Care caseload standard recommends no more than 15 children in foster care or kinship care, and no more than 8 children in treatment foster care.

**19. Average Number of Cases Assigned to Each Adoption Case Manager<sup>11</sup>**

<b>Average Number of Cases Assigned to Adoption Workers</b>				
<b>Region</b>		<b>Adoption Staff</b>	<b>Adoption Cases</b>	<b>Average Caseload</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	5	26	5.20
02	Baton Rouge	2	17	8.50
03	Covington	8	63	7.88
04	Thibodaux	4	70	17.50
05	Lafayette	6	56	9.33
06	Lake Charles	5	60	12.00
07	Alexandria	8	53	6.63
08	Shreveport	4	30	7.50
09	Monroe	4	54	13.50
99	Location Unknown	0	1	0
<b>State Totals/Average</b>		<b>46</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>9.35</b>

Table 19 reflects the number of children in foster care and available for adoption on June 30, 2021. Location is organized by removal court region. These children may be placed in another region and assigned to workers in another region.

<sup>11</sup> The Council on Accreditation Adoption caseload standard recommends caseloads that should not exceed 15 children.

**20a. Number of Children Entering Foster Care by Reason for Entering Foster Care<sup>12</sup>**

NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING FOSTER CARE BY PRIMARY ENTRY REASON FOR SFY 2021 <sup>13</sup>							
Region		Primary Foster Care Entry Reason	Infants Age 0-1	Young Children Age 2-4	Older Children Age 5-9	Pre-Teen/Teen Age 10-17	Total
01	Greater New Orleans	Neglect	63	54	69	126	312
		Physical Abuse	1	1	5	6	13
		Sexual Abuse	0	0	0	3	3
<b>Greater New Orleans Region Totals</b>			<b>64</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>328</b>
02	Baton Rouge	Neglect	51	28	27	41	147
		Physical Abuse	3	2	4	4	13
		Sexual Abuse	0	0	0	4	4
		Surrender by Parent	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Baton Rouge Region Totals</b>			<b>54</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>165</b>
03	Covington	FINS	2	0	1	2	5
		Neglect	125	59	61	93	338
		Physical Abuse	4	4	2	9	19
		Safe Haven Relinquishment	1	0	0	0	1
		Sexual Abuse	0	0	1	3	4
<b>Covington Region Totals</b>			<b>132</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>367</b>
04	Thibodaux	FINS	0	0	0	1	1
		Neglect	67	45	40	57	209
		Physical Abuse	2	1	2	1	6
		Sexual Abuse	0	1	6	9	16
<b>Thibodaux Region Totals</b>			<b>69</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>232</b>
05	Lafayette	Neglect	92	67	62	84	305
		Physical Abuse	4	1	0	3	8
		Safe Haven Relinquishment	1	0	0	0	1
		Sexual Abuse	0	1	3	13	17
		Voluntary Placement	1	1	0	0	2
<b>Lafayette Region Totals</b>			<b>98</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>333</b>
06	Lake Charles	Neglect	34	25	22	28	109
		Physical Abuse	2	1	0	0	3
		Sexual Abuse	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Lake Charles Region Totals</b>			<b>36</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>113</b>
07	Alexandria	Neglect	62	35	66	57	220
		Physical Abuse	1	0	1	2	4
		Sexual Abuse	0	1	1	4	6
<b>Alexandria Region Totals</b>			<b>63</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>230</b>
08	Shreveport	Neglect	80	50	71	72	273
		Physical Abuse	4	5	4	7	20
		Safe Haven Relinquishment	3	0	0	0	3

<sup>12</sup> These charts provide the primary reason a child enters foster care. Some children experience multiple foster care entries in the reporting period. Each foster care entry and the primary reason for the entry are counted. Entry Reasons have been combined into the major child abuse and Neglect categories.

<sup>13</sup> Neglect reflects the highest number of entries as this allegation includes the most factors involved in a report.

		Sexual Abuse	0	0	2	7	9
<b>Shreveport Region Totals</b>			<b>87</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>305</b>
09	Monroe	Neglect	64	37	45	32	178
		Physical Abuse	7	0	0	1	8
		Sexual Abuse	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Monroe Region Totals</b>			<b>83</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>45</b>
99	Location Unknown	Neglect	0	0	2	5	7
		Voluntary Placement	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Location Unknown Totals</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>
	<b>Statewide</b>	FINS	2	0	1	3	6
		Neglect	638	400	465	595	2,098
		Physical Abuse	28	15	18	33	94
		Safe Haven Relinquishment	5	0	0	0	5
		Sexual Abuse	0	3	13	45	61
		Surrender by Parent	0	0	0	1	1
		Voluntary Placement	2	1	0	0	3
<b>State Totals</b>			<b>675</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>2,268</b>

**20b. Number of Children Entering Foster Care by Reason for Entering Foster Care Previous Year**

<b>NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING FOSTER CARE BY PRIMARY ENTRY REASON FOR SFY 2020</b>							
<b>Region</b>		<b>Primary Foster Care Entry Reason</b>	<b>Infants Age 0-1</b>	<b>Young Children Age 2-4</b>	<b>Older Children Age 5-9</b>	<b>Pre-Teen/Teen Age 10-17</b>	<b>Total</b>
01	Greater New Orleans	Neglect	75	38	46	116	275
		Physical Abuse	3	2	0	5	10
		Sexual Abuse	0	1	2	1	4
<b>Greater New Orleans Region Totals</b>			<b>78</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>289</b>
02	Baton Rouge	Neglect	41	28	42	47	158
		Physical Abuse	5	3	4	6	18
		Sexual Abuse	1	0	0	7	8
<b>Baton Rouge Region Totals</b>			<b>47</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>184</b>
03	Covington	FINS	0	0	1	3	4
		Neglect	92	71	81	132	376
		Physical Abuse	2	4	13	14	33
		Sexual Abuse	0	1	1	7	9
<b>Covington Region Totals</b>			<b>94</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>422</b>
04	Thibodaux	Neglect	86	40	52	73	251
		Physical Abuse	4	5	12	11	32
		Sexual Abuse	0	0	1	3	4
<b>Thibodaux Region Totals</b>			<b>90</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>287</b>
05	Lafayette	Neglect	104	62	60	98	324
		Physical Abuse	5	1	2	11	19
		Safe Haven Relinquishment	1	0	0	0	1
		Sexual Abuse	0	1	1	0	2

		Surrender by Parent	0	1	0	0	1
		Voluntary Placement	0	0	2	1	3
<b>Lafayette Region Totals</b>			<b>110</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>350</b>
06	Lake Charles	Neglect	53	32	36	24	145
		Physical Abuse	2	4	2	5	13
		Sexual Abuse	0	0	0	2	2
<b>Lake Charles Region Totals</b>			<b>55</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>160</b>
07	Alexandria	Neglect	73	55	49	67	244
		Physical Abuse	7	2	5	8	22
		Sexual Abuse	0	2	0	3	5
<b>Alexandria Region Totals</b>			<b>80</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>271</b>
08	Shreveport	Emotional Maltreatment	1	0	0	1	2
		Neglect	86	58	79	76	299
		Physical Abuse	9	14	13	13	49
		Sexual Abuse	2	2	6	7	17
		Surrender by Parent	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Shreveport Region Totals</b>			<b>98</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>368</b>
09	Monroe	Neglect	70	47	47	60	224
		Physical Abuse	13	10	8	11	42
<b>Monroe Region Totals</b>			<b>83</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>266</b>
99	Location Unknown	Neglect	4	0	0	0	4
		Physical Abuse	0	0	1	2	3
<b>Location Unknown Totals</b>			<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>
	<b>Statewide</b>	Emotional Maltreatment	1	0	0	1	2
		FINS	0	0	1	3	4
		Neglect	684	431	492	693	2,300
		Physical Abuse	50	45	60	86	241
		Safe Haven Relinquishment	1	0	0	0	1
		Sexual Abuse	3	7	11	30	51
		Surrender by Parent	0	1	0	1	2
		Voluntary Placement/ Adoption	0	0	2	1	3
<b>State Totals</b>			<b>739</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>2,604</b>

**20c. Five Year Average of Number of Children Entering Foster Care by Reason for Entering Foster Care**

AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING FOSTER CARE BY PRIMARY ENTRY REASON FOR SFY 2017-2021							
	Region		Infants Age 0-1	Young Children Age 2-4	Older Children Age 5-9	Pre-Teen/ Teen Age 10-17	Average All Ages
01	Greater New Orleans	Emotional Maltreatment	0	0	0	1	1
		Neglect	75	51	55	106	288
		Physical Abuse	4	3	5	9	21
		Safe Haven Relinquishment	1	0	0	0	1
		Sexual Abuse	0	0	1	3	4
	<b>Greater New Orleans Region Totals</b>		<b>80</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>315</b>
02	Baton Rouge	FINS	0	0	0	3	3
		Neglect	56	33	41	55	184
		Physical Abuse	5	4	6	7	23
		Safe Haven Relinquishment	1	0	0	0	1
		Sexual Abuse	0	0	1	5	7
		Surrender by Parent	0	0	0	0	1
	<b>Baton Rouge Region Totals</b>		<b>62</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>218</b>
03	Covington	FINS	0	0	1	3	4
		Neglect	134	89	104	142	469
		Physical Abuse	6	6	11	9	32
		Sexual Abuse	0	1	4	8	13
	<b>Covington Region Totals</b>		<b>141</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>518</b>
04	Thibodaux	FINS	0	0	0	1	1
		Neglect	84	61	76	84	306
		Physical Abuse	4	4	5	8	21
		Sexual Abuse	0	1	2	4	7
	<b>Thibodaux Region Totals</b>		<b>88</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>335</b>
05	Lafayette	Neglect	104	78	79	106	367
		Physical Abuse	3	1	2	5	12
		Safe Haven Relinquishment	1	0	0	0	1
		Sexual Abuse	0	1	2	5	9
		Voluntary Placement	0	0	0	0	1
		Voluntary Placement/Adoption	0	0	0	0	1
	<b>Lafayette Region Totals</b>		<b>108</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>390</b>
06	Lake Charles	Neglect	64	44	44	52	204
		Physical Abuse	2	3	2	3	9
		Sexual Abuse	0	0	1	3	4
	<b>Lake Charles Region Totals</b>		<b>66</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>219</b>
07	Alexandria	Neglect	68	50	62	67	247
		Physical Abuse	3	2	3	4	11
		Sexual Abuse	0	1	1	3	5

	<b>Alexandria Region Totals</b>		<b>72</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>264</b>
08	Shreveport	Emotional Maltreatment	1	0	0	1	1
		FINS	0	0	0	0	1
		Neglect	110	86	113	101	409
		Physical Abuse	12	13	17	15	57
		Safe Haven Relinquishment	1	0	0	0	1
		Sexual Abuse	1	3	5	9	19
	<b>Shreveport Region Totals</b>		<b>124</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>489</b>
09	Monroe	Neglect	73	45	56	54	229
		Physical Abuse	9	7	8	7	31
		Sexual Abuse	0	0	0	2	3
		Surrender by Parent	0	0	0	0	1
	<b>Monroe Region Totals</b>		<b>83</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>264</b>
99	Location Unknown	Neglect	4	2	3	6	15
		Physical Abuse	0	0	0	0	1
		Voluntary Placement	1	0	0	0	1
		Voluntary Placement/ Adoption	0	0	0	0	1
	<b>Location Unknown Totals</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17</b>
	Statewide	Emotional Maltreatment	1	0	0	2	3
		FINS	1	0	1	7	9
		Neglect	772	539	632	774	2,718
		Physical Abuse	49	42	59	67	217
		Safe Haven Relinquishment	4	0	0	0	4
		Sexual Abuse	2	8	18	43	70
		Surrender by Parent	0	1	0	1	2
		Voluntary Placement	1	0	0	1	3
		Voluntary Placement/ Adoption	0	0	1	1	2
	<b>State Totals</b>		<b>830</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>3,029</b>

For Tables 20a, 20b and 20c, child's age is calculated as of date of entry into Foster Care. Region is determined by the parish location of the removal court. Primary Foster Care entry reasons for court ordered entries reflect the action or inaction on the part of the parent that contributed to an unsafe environment for the child. There are four categories of abuse/Neglect associated with court ordered placement into DCFS custody. These are Emotional Maltreatment, Neglect, Physical Abuse and Sexual Abuse. Several types of abuse or Neglect fall under each of these categories. Some children enter DCFS custody by a voluntary plan made by the parent. Voluntary Foster Care entry may occur when a parent experiences a crisis, such as parental hospitalization when no one else is available to the parent to care for the child. A child may also enter DCFS custody by voluntary placement when the parent intends to surrender the child for adoption or the parents complete a surrender of the child for adoption. For Table 20c, counts and totals are rounded to the nearest whole number.

## **Activities to Recruit New Foster and Adoptive Homes**

- DCFS Management Team and Staff develop partnerships with faith-based and private community partners statewide to assist with recruiting prospective foster/adoptive families.
- Utilization of and agency collaboration with AdoptUSKids (a service of the Children’s Bureau and the Adoption Exchange Association) and America’s Kids Belong (AKB) “I Belong Project” to: photo-list and video children who are without an identified adoptive family; recruit families nationwide that express interest in becoming a certified foster/adoptive parent; and introduce certified adoptive families from other states to Louisiana’s children who are awaiting a permanent family.
- Utilization of DCFS Facebook, DCFS intranet, television, radio appearances/interviews, in local media markets throughout the state to recruit and promote foster/adoptive parenting.
- Display and distribution of recruitment materials to the general public at conferences, public forums, community events, etc.
- Involvement of staff and foster/adoptive parents in speaking at community meetings and church events to increase public awareness of the need for foster/adoptive families.
- Develop and implement regional recruitment plans annually to address overall agency placement needs at the local level.
- Conduct an Annual Statewide Centralized Adoption Exchange as well as quarterly Regional Adoption Exchange meetings involving DCFS adoption and home development staff and community members. Information is shared regarding foster children awaiting adoptive placement, especially older youth and special needs children, with resource families willing to adopt our children with challenging behaviors. These exchange meetings also provide a forum for ideas and innovation in the areas of general, targeted and child specific recruitment.
- Utilization of a statewide Heart Gallery through a partnership with Healing Place Church (Empower 225) and local churches. This promotes the use of professional photos, videos and strength-based profiles of children awaiting an adoptive family.
- Pre-Service training for foster parents includes an adoption session that prepares foster parents on the journey through adoption and Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI), a therapeutic model that trains caregivers to provide effective support and treatment for at-risk children.

## **Activities to Improve the Rate of Placement in Adoptive Homes**

- Ongoing public/private agency and faith-based partnerships to enhance and provide ongoing support for recruitment of foster/adoptive families for DCFS children available for adoption.
- Provide interested certified adoptive families with information on available pre- and post- adoption services.

- Ongoing cooperative effort and involvement with Louisiana Supreme Court's Court Improvement Project. This effort is aimed at identifying and overcoming barriers within the court system that may hinder the achievement of child permanency in a timely manner, to include the permanency option of foster care adoption.
- Use of purchase of service agreements with private child placing agencies within Louisiana and in other states in an effort to overcome geographic barriers and to expedite adoptive placements, services, and adoption finalizations across geographical boundaries.
- Plan, coordinate and host Louisiana's adoption reception at the Governor's mansion to publicly honor and acknowledge those families who have adopted a foster child or children during the previous federal fiscal year. The celebration is held annually in November and in conjunction with many regionally based recruitment activities in recognition of National Adoption Awareness Month. Salient among these is the release to local media statewide of the Governor's proclamation declaring November as Adoption Awareness Month in Louisiana and local coverage of smaller regional events held statewide in celebration and promotion of foster care adoption.
- Maintain DCFS website, which includes adoption related links and features, on a rotating basis, foster children available for adoption and in need of permanent placement.
- DCFS partnership with Adoption Exchange Association (AEA) offers national network supports for families throughout foster care to the adoption process. Specifically focuses on serving teenagers, large sibling groups and children with special needs.
- Utilization of the Wendy's Wonderful Kids Child Specific Recruitment Model. DCFS was awarded a grant through the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption for 8 recruiters. The model's child specific approach is to assist with recruitment for older youth, children with special needs and large sibling groups without identified adoptive resources. A ninth Recruiter was awarded to Louisiana to assist with Child Specific recruitment efforts for youth enrolled in the Extended Foster Care Program, ages 18-21.
- Through a contract with Louisiana Methodist Children's Home, DCFS receives assistance with completing child specific relative home studies, statewide.
- The National Adoption Competency Mental Health Training Initiative ("NTI") established by the Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, US Department of Health and Human Services; to enhance the adoption competency skills of child welfare professionals. Louisiana plans to launch this training in the fall of 2019, focusing on all adoption staff, subsidy/petition workers, adoption supervisors and managers.

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APPENDIX:  
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