



**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
**OFFICE OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**  
**BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**



September 30, 2009

The Louisiana Office of Financial Institutions (LOFI) is responsible for the supervision and regulation of various institutions and entities that provide financial services to the citizens of the State of Louisiana. LOFI is divided into four divisions and has six field offices, in addition to its main office, located throughout the State of Louisiana. Three of the divisions are based on the general types of institutions regulated and include the following: Depository Institutions Division, Securities Division, and Non-depository Division. The fourth division is the Executive Administration Division. The table below depicts the number of entities regulated by each division for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2004 through June 30, 2009, and year-to-date September 30, 2009. The Depository Institutions Division is accredited by the Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS) and the National Association of State Credit Union Supervisors (NASCUS), and a member of the American Council of State Savings Supervisors (ACSSS).

<b>REGULATED ENTITIES</b>	<b>FYE 2005</b>	<b>FYE 2006</b>	<b>FYE 2007</b>	<b>FYE 2008</b>	<b>FYE 2009</b>	<b>YTD 09/30/09</b>
Banks	122	125	125	122	121	121
Holding Companies <sup>1</sup>	91	93	95	100	100	99
Trust Departments <sup>2</sup>	21	21	22	22	22	22
Thrifts	10	9	9	8	7	7
Credit Unions	54	54	49	49	48	47
Sale of Checks/Money Transmitters	47	54	59	58	54	54
Securities (Registration and Licensing) <sup>3</sup>	97,574	85,925	94,926	100,725	98,391	100,632
Licensed Lenders (Finance Companies)	1,956	1,971	1,921	1,930	1,835	1,844
Loan Brokers (Company and Individuals)	25	23	19	20	0	0
Residential Mortgage Lenders/Brokers	811	788	850	704	500	499
Residential Mortgage Originators	6,156	5,426	4,495	3,824	2,694	2,801
Notification Filers (Consumer Sales)	2,295	2,310	2,083	1,961	1,913	1,952
Credit Repair Services Organizations <sup>4</sup>	2	4	1	0		
Collection Agencies <sup>5</sup>						
Pawnbrokers <sup>6</sup>	209	199	183	183	186	187
Check Cashers <sup>6</sup>	282	346	964	1,094	1,176	1,200
Bond For Deed Escrow Agents <sup>6</sup>	10	10	11	12	13	13
Repossession Agencies/Qualifying Agents	11	9	9	10	11	11
Repossession Agents/Apprentices	25	15	23	25	40	43
Business and Industrial Dev Companies (BIDCO)	12	13	13	13	12	12
Certified LA Capital Companies (CAPCO)	28	27	27	26	25	25
LA Community Development Financial Institutions		2	2	2	2	2
Total Employees (Authorized Positions)	134	134	129	127	122	115

<sup>1</sup>Includes two thrift holding companies

<sup>2</sup>Includes two independent trust companies

<sup>3</sup>Includes agents, broker dealers, investment advisors, public and private offering

<sup>4</sup>07/09/08 regulated by the Louisiana Attorney General

<sup>5</sup>Repealed 8/15/03

<sup>6</sup>Includes primary locations and branches

**DEPOSITORY DIVISION** – This division is responsible for the chartering, supervision, and regulation of federally-insured state-chartered depository institutions and certain affiliated/related entities. These institutions include banks, savings banks, savings and loan association, their respective holding companies, credit unions, and independent trust companies. In addition, this division is responsible for sale of checks and money transmitters, including persons who engage in the sale of checks, drafts, money orders, or other instruments for the transmission or payment of money. Questions regarding this division should be directed to Chief Examiner Sid Seymour at (225) 925-4675 or sseymour@ofi.louisiana.gov.

In addition, this division is responsible for licensing and regulating the Business and Industrial Development Companies (BIDCOs) and Certified Louisiana Capital Companies (CAPCOs). The BIDCO program promotes the formation of business and industrial development corporations to help meet the financing assistance and management needs of business firms in the State. The CAPCO program provides tax credits to companies who invest in CAPCOs, which in turn make equity investments in qualifying Louisiana businesses. Questions regarding both programs should be directed to Review Examiner Doug Buras at (225) 922-2595 or dburas@ofi.louisiana.gov.

**SECURITIES DIVISION** - This division registers securities offerings for sale to the public and licenses broker-dealers, agents, and investment advisors. Working in close cooperation with the National Association of Securities Dealers and the Securities and Exchange Commission, this section also investigates and originates enforcement actions dealing with unfair practices, complaints, and violations of law regarding a variety of securities activities. Questions regarding this division should be directed to Deputy Commissioner of Securities Rhonda Reeves at (225) 925-4512 or rreeves@ofi.louisiana.gov.

**NON-DEPOSITORY DIVISION** – This division is responsible for the licensing, supervision, and regulation of 10 programs. Prior to FY 90/91, the entities regulated included licensed lenders, notification filers, consumer loan brokers, and mortgage brokers and/or lenders. OFI was given responsibility in FY 92/93 for refund anticipation loan facilitators (repealed August 15, 1997), credit repair services, and self-help repossession agents. In FY 93/94, pawnbrokers, collection agencies (repealed August 15, 2003), and bond for deed escrow agencies were added. In FY 99/00, check cashers were added effective June 6, 2000. During FY 99/00, OFI began licensing residential mortgage lenders, brokers, and originators subject to the Residential Mortgage Lending Act. Over 8,000 entities are currently licensed by the Non-depository Division. Effective July 9, 2008, a new law provided that credit repair service organizations be regulated by the Louisiana Attorney General. Questions regarding this division should be directed to Chief Examiner Susan Jandle at (225) 925-1944 or ofila@ofi.louisiana.gov.

The following are brief descriptions of the types of entities supervised by this division:

**Licensed Lenders** – Persons engaging in the business of making consumer loans and financing insurance premiums (finance companies).

**Loan Brokers** – Persons who, for compensation or the expectation of compensation, obtain or offer to obtain a consumer loan or other loan subject to the Louisiana Consumer Credit Law from a third party for another person.

**Residential Mortgage Lenders/Brokers** – Persons who fund residential mortgage loans, or who, for compensation or the expectation of compensation, obtain or offer to obtain loans secured by mortgages on residential property located in Louisiana.

**Notification Filers** – Persons engaged in selling goods or services on credit and persons who take assignment of and undertake direct collection of payments from or enforcement of rights against debtors arising from these sales or loans.

**Self-Help Repossession Agents** – Persons who repossess automobiles by means other than judicial process or voluntary surrender by the debtor.

**Pawnbrokers** – Persons who lend money on a deposit or pledge or who take items into possession as security for money advanced.

**Check Cashers** – A person, unless otherwise exempt, who accepts compensation for cashing checks, drafts, money orders, or other commercial paper.

**Bond for Deed Escrow Agents** – Persons designated by the parties to a bond for deed transaction to distribute payments made by the buyer to the holder of a mortgage in the real property subject to the transaction.

**EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION DIVISION** – This division is primarily responsible for the overall management of the agency and provides direction to the other three divisions. The following support functions are included in this division: legal, fiscal, budget, human resources, and information systems.