



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



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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, 2016 through June 30, 2020, and year-to-date September 30, 2020. 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). The Non-depository Division's residential mortgage section is accredited by the Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS) and the American Association of Residential Mortgage Regulators (AARMR).

<b>REGULATED ENTITIES</b>	<b>FYE 2016</b>	<b>FYE 2017</b>	<b>FYE 2018</b>	<b>FYE 2019</b>	<b>FYE 2020</b>	<b>YTD 9/30/20</b>
Banks	102	99	90	89	86	85
Holding Companies <sup>1</sup>	86	82	79	78	75	74
Trust Departments <sup>2</sup>	17	16	15	15	14	13
Thrifts	6	6	6	5	5	5
Credit Unions	39	36	35	32	31	31
Sale of Checks/Money Transmitters	84	84	94	112	119	120
Securities Registrations <sup>3</sup>	139,331	140,372	143,252	147,094	150,283	153,004
Licensed Lenders (Finance Companies)	1,786	1,694	1,668	1,623	1,579	1,580
Loan Brokers (Company and Individuals)	0	0	1	4	4	3
Residential Mortgage Lenders/Brokers	506	528	555	590	629	653
Residential Mortgage Originators	8,390	9,044	9,693	8,669	9,435	10,415
Notification Filers (Consumer Sales)	1,492	1,405	1,371	1,259	1,456	1,458
Credit Repair Services Organizations <sup>4</sup>						
Collection Agencies <sup>5</sup>						
Pawnbrokers <sup>6</sup>	207	183	170	164	168	168
Check Cashers <sup>6</sup>	1,142	1,102	1,041	968	847	854
Bond For Deed Escrow Agents <sup>6</sup>	10	10	11	11	11	10
Repossession Agencies/Qualifying Agents	13	13	15	15	13	13
Repossession Agents/Apprentices	109	108	103	100	94	91
Business and Industrial Dev. Companies (BIDCO)	9	8	9	8	6	5
Certified LA Capital Companies (CAPCO)	12	10	8	7	6	6
LA Community Development Financial Institutions	2	2	2	2	1	1
<b>Total Employees (Authorized Positions)</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>111</b>

<sup>1</sup>Includes one private trust holding company

<sup>2</sup>Includes one independent trust company

<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. Questions regarding this division should be directed to Chief Examiner Jonathan Finley at (225) 922-0637 or jfinley@ofi.la.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.la.gov.

**SECURITIES DIVISION** - This division registers securities offerings for sale to the public and registers broker-dealers, agents, and investment advisors. Working in close cooperation with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority 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 Scott Jolly at (225) 925-4170 or pjolly@ofi.la.gov.

**NON-DEPOSITORY DIVISION** – This division is responsible for the licensing, supervision, and regulation of 11 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 15,300 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 Michelle Jeanonne at (225) 922-2596 or ofila@ofi.la.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.

**Sale of Checks/Money Transmitters** -Those persons who engage in the business of selling checks and/or transmitting money as a service or for a fee.

**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.