2025 State of Louisiana Report on the Use of Parental Leave

FOR EXECUTIVE BRANCH EMPLOYEES ONLY

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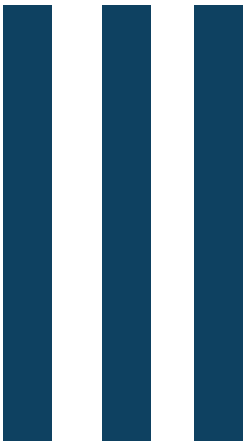
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WHAT IS PARENTAL LEAVE?

Parental leave provides the employee time to bond with a child following the birth of a child or placement of a child under the age of 18 with the employee for adoption or foster care. Parental leave also allows adoptive and foster parents to attend post-placement court proceedings and mandatory meetings related to the placement.

At its General Business meeting held on September 6, 2023, the State Civil Service Commission adopted Civil Service Rule 11.36, effective January 1, 2024. This rule allows a legal parent of a newborn or the adoptive or foster parent with whom a child under the age of 18 is placed to take up to six weeks (240) hours of paid parental leave to bond with a child with whom the employee has a new parental relationship and an active and ongoing role in parenting. Foster and adoptive parents may also use this leave to attend post-placement court proceedings or mandatory meetings related to adoption or foster placement.

In 2025, 595 classified state employees in the Executive Branch took advantage of the parental leave policy benefit. The vast majority of employees used the benefit for a birth, with a small percentage using the benefit for foster care or adoption.



2025 Usage:

97.14% for birth

2.01% for foster care

0.84% for adoption

Classified Employee Usage of Parental Leave by Agency

Department or Agency	Employee Count
Department of Health	165
Department of Corrections	97
Department of Transportation & Development	92
Department of Children & Family Services	43
Department of Public Safety	33
Department of Environmental Quality	22
Department of Wildlife & Fisheries	20
Division of Administration	19
Department of Agriculture & Forestry	19
Department of Revenue	15
Department of Juvenile Justice	13
Workforce Commission	10
Department of Conservation and Energy	10
Secretary of State	8
Department of Culture, Recreation, & Tourism	7
Department of Education/Special School District	6
Department of Veterans Affairs	4
State Civil Service	3
Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority	3
Office of Financial Institutions	2
La Commission on Law Enforcement	2
Department of Treasury	1
Department of Insurance	1
Louisiana Economic Development	1
Public Service Commission	1

*Note: The data above was gathered from the LaGov HCM system and is based only on classified employees at Executive Branch Departments.



Key Points

- 65 percent of employees used the full 240 hours available (387 employees)

- 94.6 percent of employees used FMLA and Parental Leave concurrently (563 employees)

- Only seven employees, or 0.8 percent, used Leave Without Pay immediately after exhausting the Parental Leave allotment

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