



Recovery & Rebuilding And Redistricting

Annual Meeting & Legislative Wrap-Up

September 28, 2021

Via Zoom

**Louisiana
Partnership**
for children & families



Welcome

**Susan East Nelson
Executive Director**



Congressman Troy Carter



Congresswoman Julia Letlow

Called This Morning to Say She Could Not Make It



Annual Meeting
Call to Order: Ashley Shelton
Partnership Board Chair

**Annual Meeting
Elections of New Board
Members**



Stalanda Butcher (Monroe)

Stalanda Butcher is the Vice President of Head Start Services for the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities. Within this role, she oversees and supports the effective implementation of all areas of the Prime Time Head Start/Early Head Start operations in Ouachita, Lafayette, and Iberia Parishes to include program design and management systems, education and family services, and relationships with key funding sources and other state; federal; and community-based organizations.

Butcher holds a master's degree in secondary education and a master's degree in public health with a concentration in maternal child health/health education communication. She has resided in Ouachita Parish for more than 18 years, and her professional life has emphasized support for vulnerable children, adolescents, and families through multiple educational and health-focused programs. Butcher is experienced in establishing new programs. She assisted the Children's Coalition for Northeast Louisiana with the implementation of its Child Care Resource and Referral Agency in 2006 and assisted the St. Francis Medical Center with establishing and successfully operating its school-based health center for 10 years.

Balancing her professional and personal commitments, Butcher is also an associate minister at Faith Harvest Baptist Church, wife to Rev. Vincent Butcher, Sr., and mother to three children. Stalanda Butcher firmly believes that she has a personal responsibility to do all she can to make sure that children have the best possible start in life and a head start for future learning!



Raegan A. Carter (Baton Rouge)

Raegan A. Carter is the Director of Health Policy and Governmental Affairs. Raegan provides leadership to the LPCA public advocacy, policy initiatives and governmental affairs. Raegan develops and maintains relationships with appropriate federal agencies, state and local government and community organizations; and provides project and strategic support to community health center membership. She also serves as the Director for the LPCA Rural Communities Opioid Response (RCORP) federal grant funded through HRSA.

Raegan has over twenty years of experience in public health, public policy, advocacy and community engagement. Raegan has extensive experience working and collaborating with programs on the federal, state, and local levels, non-profit and community-based organizations and serves on multiple statewide coalitions and non-profit Board of Directors. She is appointed by Governor John Bel Edwards to serve on The Louisiana Women's Policy and Research Commission. Raegan serves as a Consultant for a National organization, Americans for NonSmokers Rights Foundation. She is also an adjunct professor at Southern University-Baton Rouge, Nelson Mandela College of Government and Social Sciences, School of Social Work. Raegan is a graduate of Southern University in Baton Rouge where she obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work. She is also a graduate of Tulane University where she obtained both a Master of Social Work degree and a Master of Public Health degree.



Danny Mintz (New Orleans)



Danny Mintz is director of safety net policy for Louisiana Budget Project, where he is responsible for monitoring state and federal safety net policy and for working with partners to pursue an advocacy agenda that ensures that all Louisianans have the resources they need to meet their basic needs. Prior to joining LBP, Danny directed the Food Studies program at Loyola University New Orleans.

Danny holds a Ph.D. in English Language and Literature from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and a B.A. in English from Carleton College in Northfield, MN. He also serves on the Food Access Working Group of the New Orleans Food Policy Advisory Committee and on the Board of Directors of Congregation Shir Chadash in Metairie, Louisiana.

Julio Galan (Lake Charles)

Julio Galan is the Executive Director of Family and Youth Counseling in Lake Charles. In existence for over 50 years, Family and Youth Counseling is the counseling and social services hub in Lake Charles. As part of his work at Family and Youth, Julio founded Children & Families Action Network (CFAN) which promotes mission-based advocacy to increase civic engagement, encourage community wide collaboration, and serve as a catalyst for system changes in public policy on behalf of children, families, and communities. CFAN is a resource to the children and family serving sector, community leaders, and local, state, and congressional officials. Julio has built a strong coalition of policymakers in Southwest Louisiana. He holds a Master of Education in Guidance and Counseling from Loyola University New Orleans and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of New Orleans.



Members Returning for Their 2nd Terms

Sandra Adams (Baton Rouge)

Child Advocate and Retired Director, LA Maternal Child Health Coalition

First Term Ends Originally Ended in 2020

Judy E. Day (Baton Rouge)

Child Advocate

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**Annual Meeting Closing by
Chair Ashley Shelton**



2021 Legislative Wrap-Up

Overview of the 2021 Legislative Session



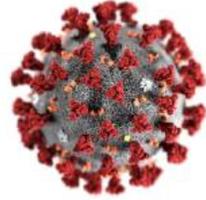
- Fiscal Session: Each legislator limited to 5 non-fiscal and/or non-local bills.
- 959 bills (712 House/247 Senate)
- 37 constitutional amendments, 706 resolutions and study requests
- First full session during Covid after the abbreviated sessions during 2020.
- Massive allocations of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA Funds)
- A bit of return to normalcy with in-person Children's Day at the Capitol and Early Education Day later in the Session.



ARPA Funds

We still did not see a prioritization of children outside of ARPA funds allocated directly to Education (LDE) which are not included in these funds.

COVID-19 Relief Funding



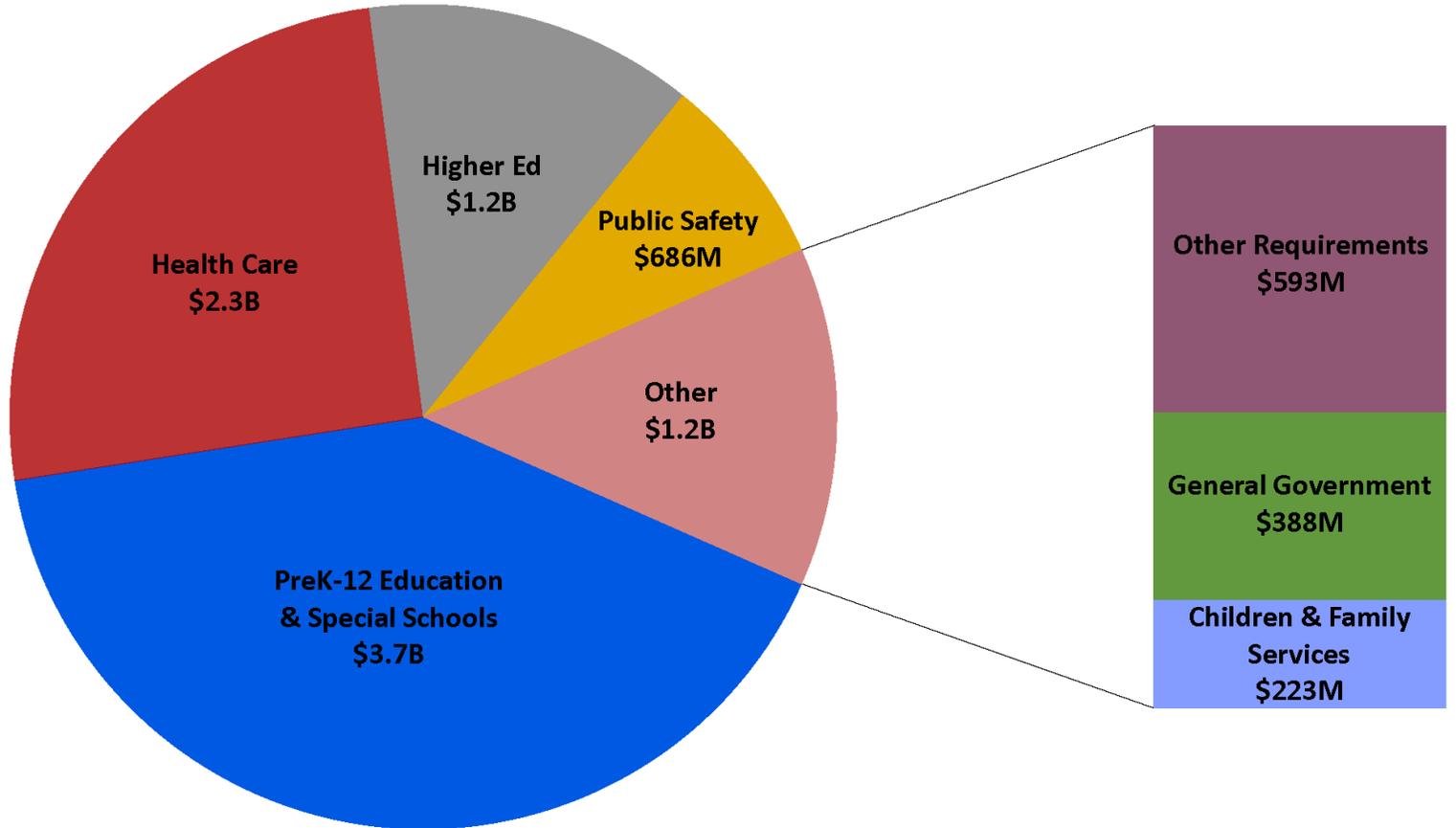
The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) allocated \$3.011 billion to Louisiana from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund. [HB 642](#) directs a portion of this funding to the Louisiana Rescue Plan Fund to be used for various state initiatives.

- **Infrastructure Projects (\$563M)** – Funding for capital outlay road and infrastructure projects
- **Unemployment Compensation Fund (\$490M)** – Replenishes the fund from a zero balance to prevent further borrowing from the federal government and repays previously borrowed money
- **Water Sector Program (\$300M)** – Grants for community water and sewer systems, repairs, and improvements necessitated by storm water
- **Louisiana Tourism Revival Program (\$77.5M)** – Support for state, local, and regional tourism to promote travel in Louisiana via in-state and out-of-state markets
- **Louisiana Port Relief Program (\$50M)** – Grants to ports for revenue losses and expenses related to COVID-19
- **Capital Outlay Relief Fund (\$35M)** – Funding for capital outlay projects
- **Southwest Louisiana Hurricane Recovery Fund (\$30M)** – Funding to repair structural damage in Southwest Louisiana resulting from the 2020 hurricane season
- **Legislative Capitol Technology Enhancement Fund (\$15M)** – Funding for enhancing technology in the state Capitol
- **Louisiana Loggers Relief Program (\$10M)** – Grants to eligible timber harvesting & hauling businesses effected by COVID-19
- **Louisiana Small Business & Nonprofit Assistance Program (\$10M)** – Grants to eligible small businesses and nonprofits that aid individuals impacted by COVID-19
- **Major Events Fund (\$10M)** – Funding for attracting, hosting, and incentivizing major regional and statewide events to be conducted in Louisiana
- **Health Care Employment Reinvestment Opportunity (H.E.R.O.) Fund (\$5M)** – Funding to expand the capacity for nursing education programs
- **Louisiana Save Our Screens Program (\$4.5M)** – Grants to eligible movie theaters impacted by COVID-19

Budget Picture

- The state funds are a small fraction of the larger children & family services budget representing years of budget and staff cuts.
- Some additional funds were added this year including some staff funding (still not the positions needed).
- Family First Prevention Services Act has still not received the state priority necessary to make bold implementation moves.

State General Fund – HB 1 (\$9.1B)



Big Wins



- **SB10:** Mandatory Kindergarten. Part of our Platform for Children, the minimum age for school in Louisiana is now 5 years old.
- **SB215:** Pregnant Workers Fairness Act. Landmark legislation for pregnant and lactating mothers to protect their families. We were presented with one of the pens that the Governor used to sign the legislation.
- **HR193/SR208:** Replacement for HB468 which died in Senate Finance. We were able to broker a deal (with the assistance of stakeholders) with LDH to ensure that they expand postpartum coverage on Medicaid to 12 months.
- **HCR103** requests that certain state agencies address maternal depression and anxiety and provide evidence-based preventive care, early identification, and treatment services.
- **SB151** Foster Youth's Bill of Rights. Provides statutory protections for children in the foster care system.

More Big Wins



- **HR190:** Provides for insurance coverage for midwives and doulas. We expressed our concerns about certified professional midwives, but we were told they have to pass an examination and that's why they were included.
- **HB452:** Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team within LDH to work in concert with existing maternal mortality review and aggregate data on the full picture of deaths in this space.
- **HB304:** Sharing data across early care programs so that we can have more transparency into how services are being delivered today.
- **HB678 Amendment:** Extends the EITC until December 31, 2030. A compromise after the move to make the EITC permanent failed.

Losses



- **Funding:** Did not get money for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health, or Implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act (though Sen. Barrow did get them an additional \$100K at the last minute that they could use for that).
- **HB218:** A bill to allow boxes to be installed on the exteriors of hospitals that operate 24-hours for the anonymous surrender of infants. The bill was signed by the Governor and is now law.
- **SR210:** A study resolution to look at all of the state's home visiting programs, discuss coordination of efforts, and explore the possibility of making it universally available to those who might want to utilize such programs was killed very quickly during Session.

Other Key Legislation That Passed



- **HB33** provides relative to time limitations for certain offenses against juveniles
- **HB37** provides for uniform post-placement functions associated with agency and private adoptions. Signed by Gov. Act 6
- **HB54** creates the crime of adoption deception.
- **HB55** removes requirement that protective orders be notarized.
- **HB70** provides for amendments to petitions in delinquency proceedings.
- **HB79** provides relative to treatment facilities for mental health patients.
- **HB125** makes DCFS an indispensable party in certain domestic matters.

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- **HB132** requires schools undergoing renovations to provide water bottling filling stations.
- **HB156** changes guidance counselor to school counselor
- **HB172** provides dental coverage for adults with developmental disabilities.
- **HB383** amends the definition of “caretaker” in laws pertaining to child in need of care.
- **HB424** provides tax incentives for fostering and adoption
- **HB680** establishes the Louisiana Youth Jobs Tax Credit Program
- **SB86** provides for cameras in special education classrooms
- **SB133** prioritization of health equity at LDH

Constitutional Amendments

Election: Saturday, November 13

Early Voting October 30 – November 6, Excluding Oct. 31



Amendment 1: Creates the State and Local Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Commission and authorizes the legislature to enact laws regarding the centralized electronic filing, remittance, and collection of sales and use taxes.

Amendment 2: Reduces the maximum rate of individual income tax and changes the deduction for federal income taxes paid from mandatory to permissive.

Amendment 3: Requires voter approval for levee district taxes.

Amendment 4: Allows the governor to avoid a deficit by reducing statutory dedications by up to 10% without Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget approval.

A Word About Amendment 2



Fails Louisiana's citizens in two fundamental ways:

- 1) Does not raise enough revenue to support people and communities by adequately funding the essential needs of our state, particularly for our children and families.
- 2) It is regressive, meaning that low-income households pay a higher percentage of their income in taxes than those at higher incomes.

For more information visit: <https://www.labudget.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2021-Tax-Swap-Brief-2.pdf>

Redistricting: <https://redist.legis.la.gov/>



- Happens every 10 years after the decennial Census
- Census 2020 was obviously difficult to conduct during a Pandemic
- Louisiana's population has changed, but not so much that our representation in Washington will change in number.

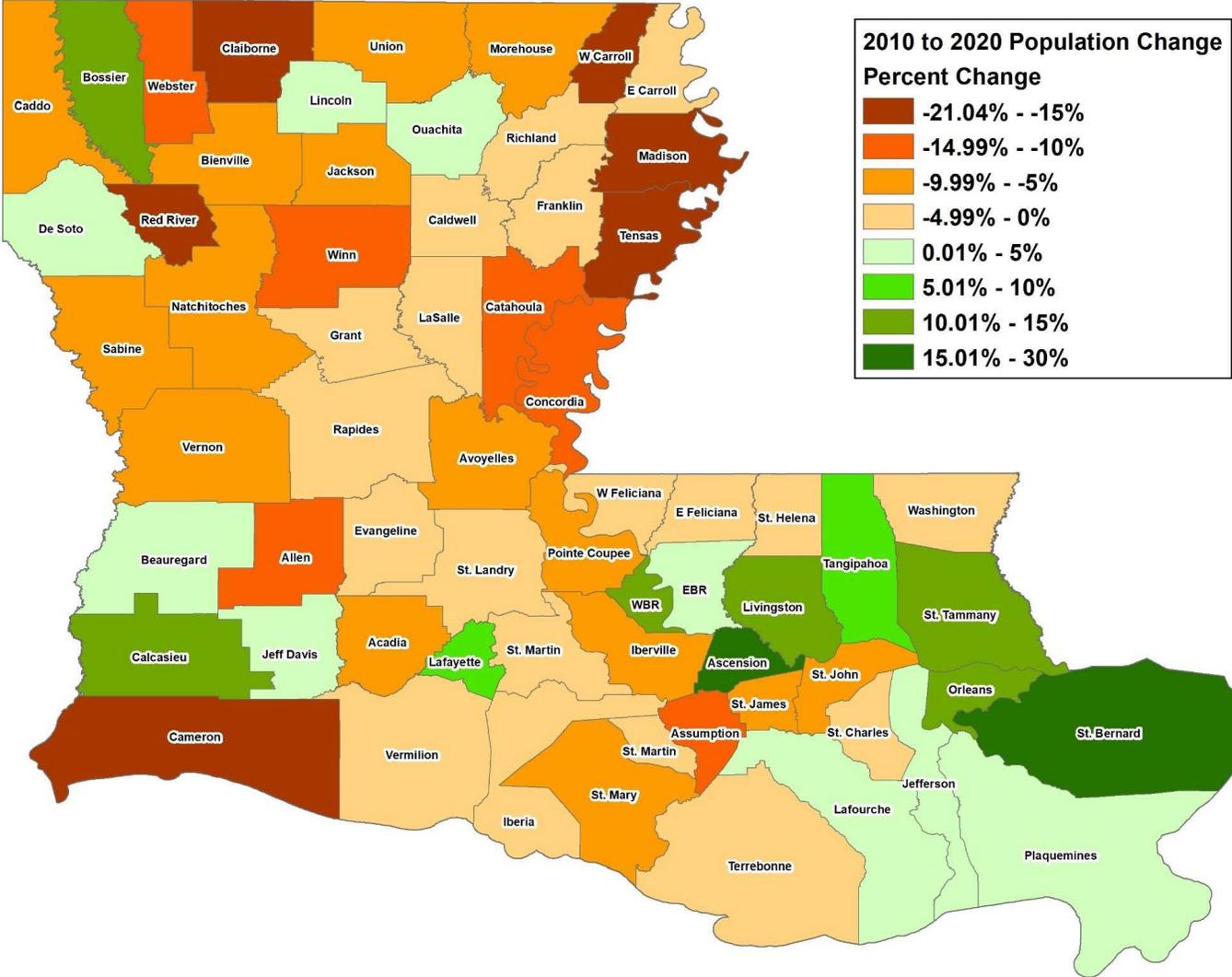
- Louisiana's Growth Rate: 2.74%
- United States Growth Rate: 7.35%
- Southern Region Growth Rate: 10.22%
(FL, NC, and TX all picked up Congressional Seats)

Population Changes

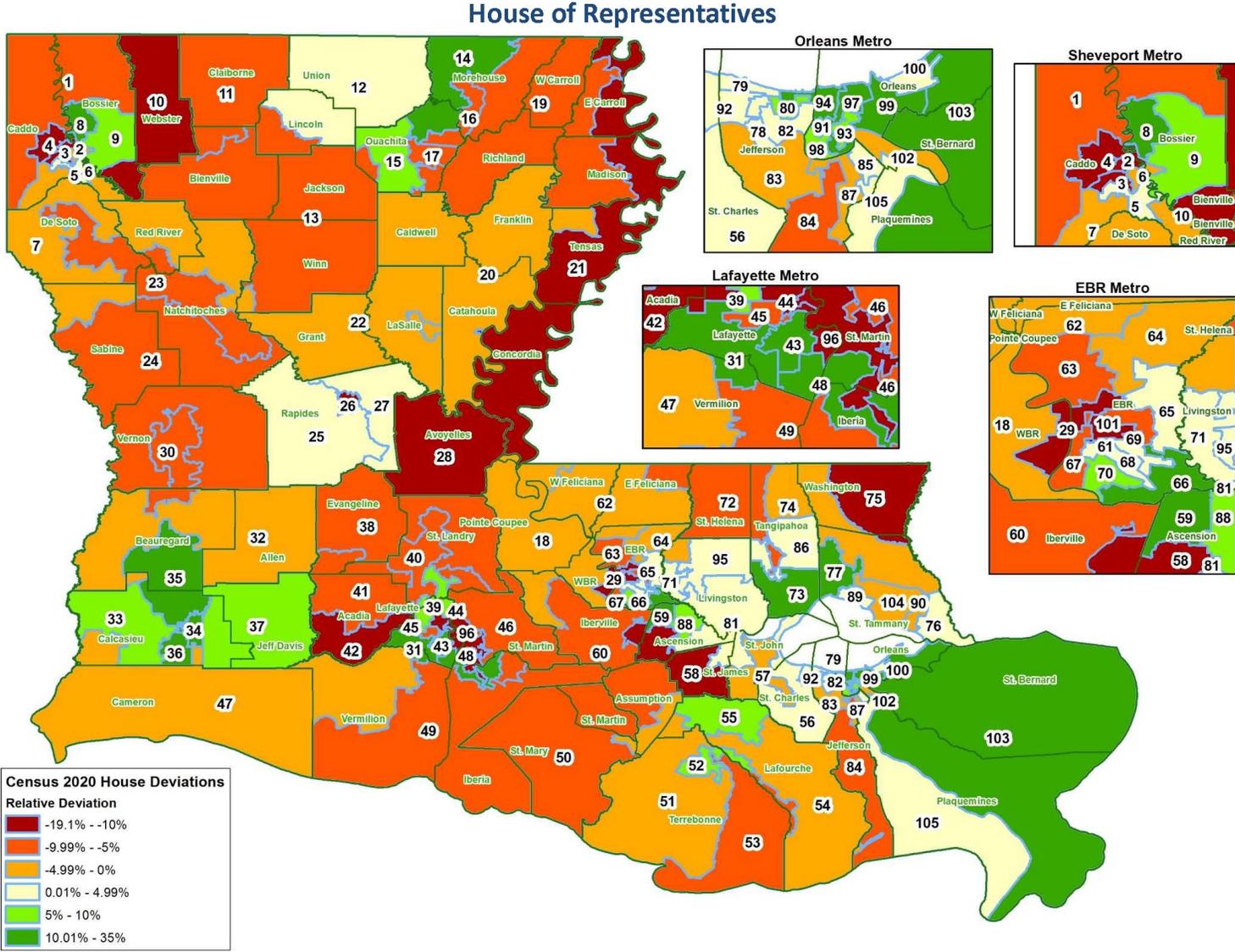


- From 2010 – 2020 Louisiana saw the White population decline by 178,540 or 6.30%
- In the same time span all other ethnic groups increased:
 - Black by 56,235 or 3.78%
 - Asian by 25,737 or 31.56%
 - Am Indian by 40,507 or 87.01%
 - Other by 180,447 or 219.55%
 - Hispanic by 129,990 or 67.51%

Population Change: Percent by Parish

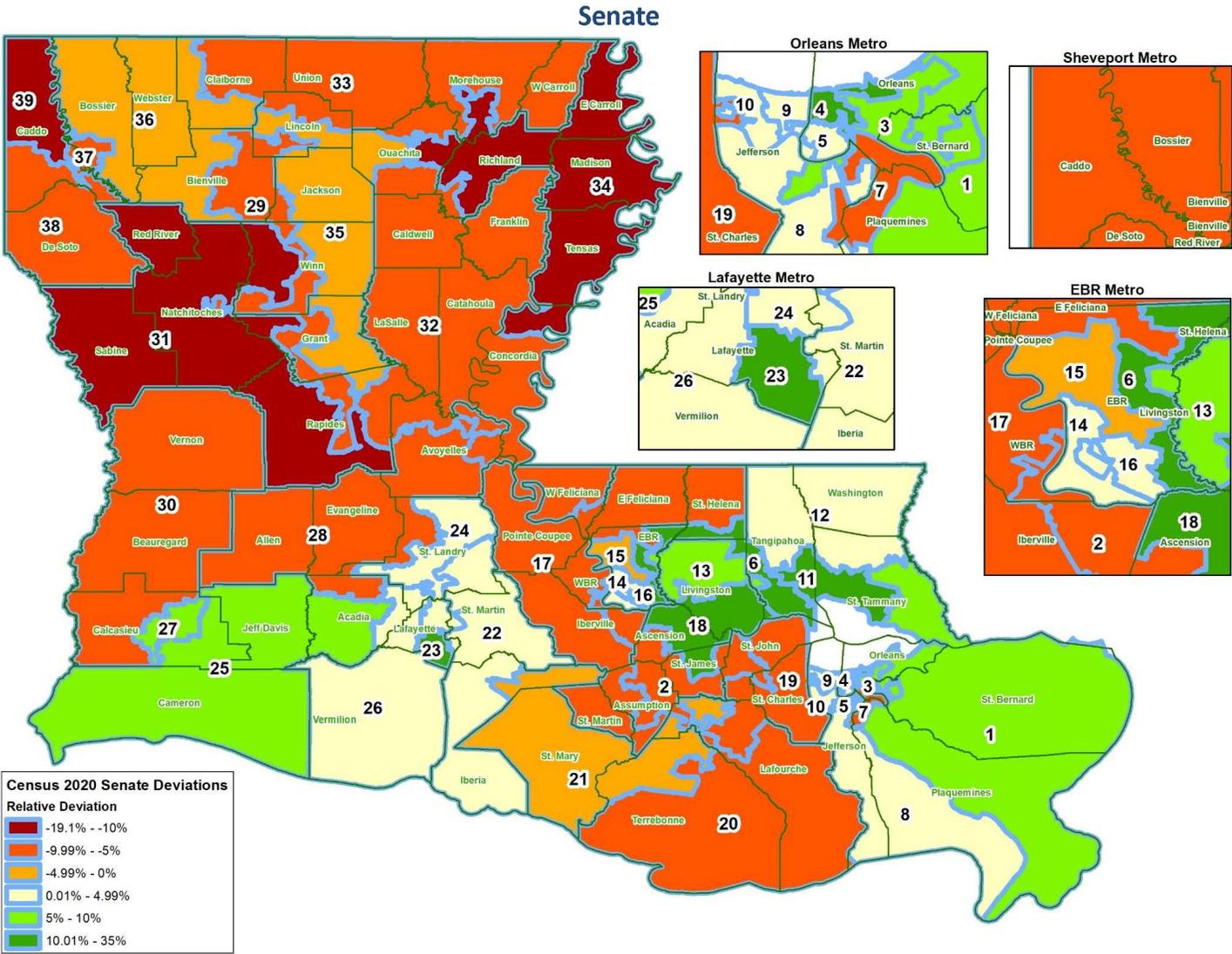


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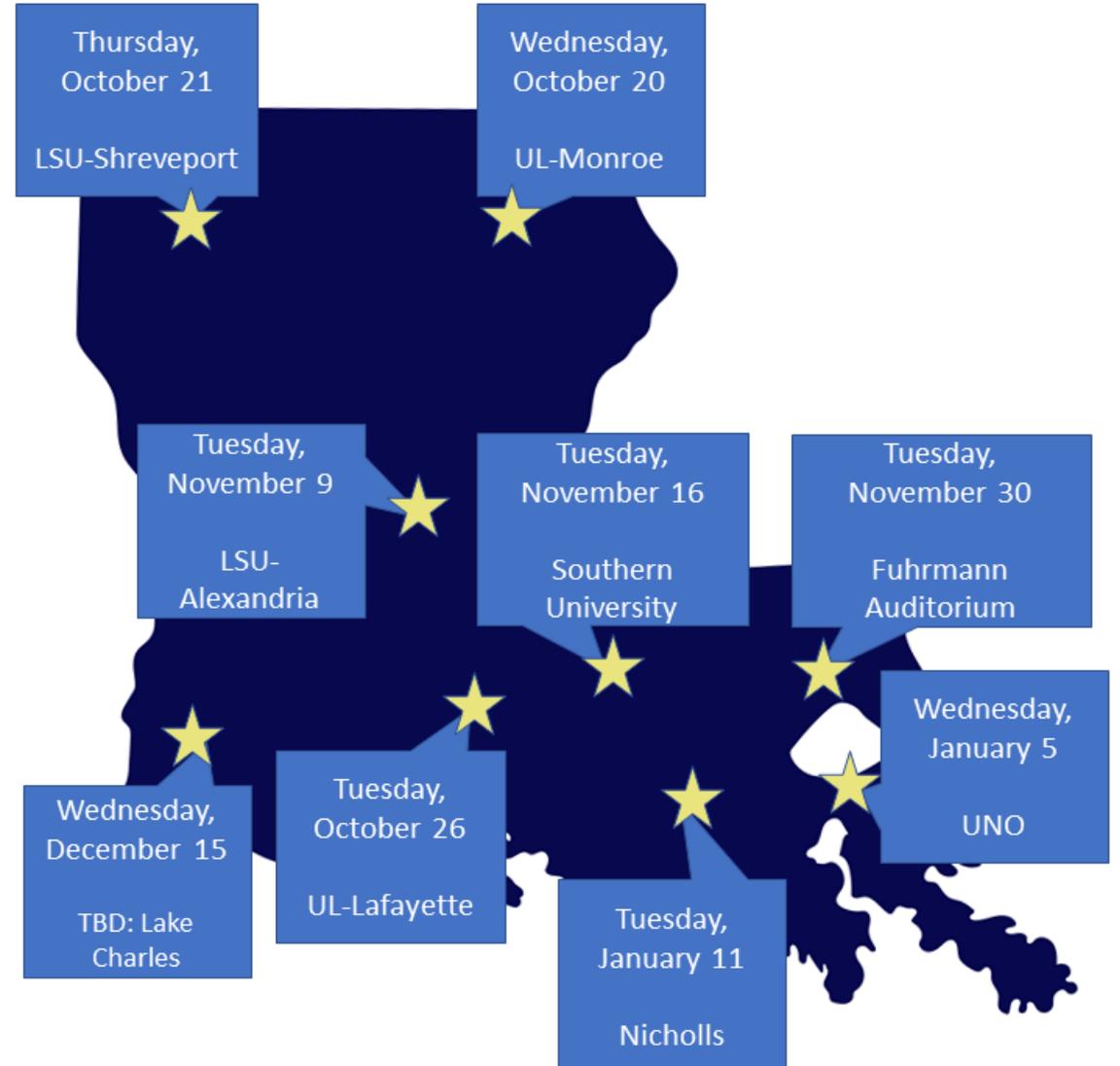
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So What Can You Do?

- Attend your local Redistricting Community Meeting
- Pay attention to model maps and commentary about maps

UPCOMING LOUISIANA REDISTRICTING COMMUNITY MEETINGS

ALL THESE SESSION ARE 5:30 – 8:30 PM



Thank You!



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