

Report Highlights

Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance

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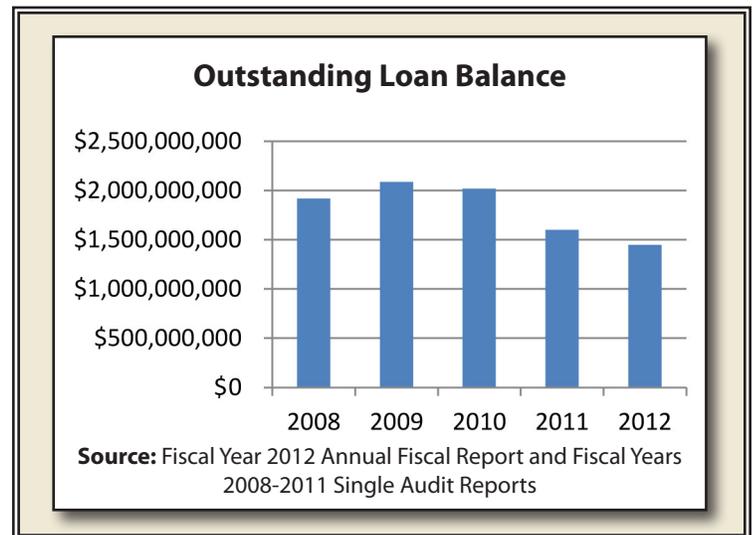
Why We Conducted This Audit

We conducted certain procedures at the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) to evaluate its accountability over public funds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

What We Found

We tested LOSFA's controls over financial reporting and compliance with laws and regulations relating to the Federal Family Education Loans (FFEL) program, as well as a limited review of controls over eligibility and disbursements for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS). We also performed analytical procedures, comparing the most current and prior year financial activity to look for unusual changes and scheduled the outstanding loan balances over the past five years for informational purposes. Our procedures disclosed the following:

- We found no significant control deficiencies or noncompliance for the FFEL program or TOPS that should be reported.
- We found no unexplained variances relating to our analytical procedures that should be reported.
- Effective July 1, 2010, no new student loans were made under the FFEL program. As a result, the outstanding loan balances guaranteed by LOSFA have decreased.



LOSFA guarantees student loans made by lenders and performs certain administrative and oversight functions under the FFEL program. These functions include helping borrowers avoid default (default prevention), processing and paying claims for defaulted loans made by lenders, and collecting payments from borrowers who have defaulted on their loans (collections).