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## PREFACE

- The Department of Children and Families (DCF) reorganized its area offices into four regions in October, 2010. The new alignment of regions and area offices is presented in the following table.

DCF REGIONAL OFFICES	DCF AREA OFFICES
Western	Greenfield, Holyoke, Pittsfield, Springfield, Van Wart, Worcester East, Worcester West, South Central, North Central
Northern	Lowell, Framingham, Haverhill, Lawrence, Cambridge, Malden, Cape Ann, Lynn
Southern	Arlington, Coastal, Cape Cod, Plymouth, Fall River, New Bedford, Brockton, Taunton
Boston	Dimock Street, Hyde Park, Harbor, Park Street

- This report has been reorganized and incorporates the new regional configuration. Figures with bar graphs depicting quarterly trends contain only three bars for this quarter; additional bars will be added in successive quarters.

## I. CONSUMER AND CASE COUNTS

- At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2011, DCF had 21,999 open cases (1,810 adoption cases and 20,189 clinical cases) and 71,324 open consumers<sup>1</sup> (34,512 adults and 36,812 children). (**Table 1** on page 3)
- From the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2011, both case counts and consumer counts declined less than 1%. For the past three quarters, case and consumer counts have been stable (**Fig. 2** on page 4). This period of stability followed a decrease of 6% in consumers from June 2010 to September 2010 (**Appendix Table A1** on page 64). The consumer count has dropped significantly since a peak of 88,568 was reached at the end of June 2009 (**Fig. 1** on page 4, **Appendix Table A1**)
- Since 1992, the number of adult consumers has been gradually increasing and approaching the number of child consumers (**Fig. 1**). During this period, there has been a slow decline in the number of children less than 18 years old in placement (**Fig. 1**). The decreased number of children in placement has coincided with a rise in the number of children receiving services while remaining at home.

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<sup>1</sup> Total consumers include all individuals with an active case status on the last day of the quarter and who were in a case with a comprehensive assessment or a service plan. These selection criteria exclude consumers not in placement who have an active case status that is pending the outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

## A. Consumers in Placement

- There were 9,560 individuals in placement on the last day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2011. Included in this count are 7,957 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,603 young adults (18 to 23 years old). (**Table 1** on page 3)
- The placement population was distributed across DCF service regions as follows: 38% in the Western Region, 26% in the Southern Region, 24% in the Northern Region, and 12% in the Boston Region. (**Table 1**)
- From the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2011, the number of children in placement rose 1% statewide (**Appendix Table A1** on page 64, **Fig. 14** on page 24). Counts of children in placement have been stable for three quarters (**Fig. 14**).

## B. Children Not in Placement

- At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2011, there were 28,855 children less than 18 years old with an active case status who were not in placement (**Table 1**). From the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2011, counts of children not in placement decreased 1% statewide (**Fig. 15** on page 24, **Appendix Table A1**, all children minus children in placement). As with total consumers and children in placement, the count of children not in placement has been stable for three quarters (**Fig 15**).



**TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DCF REGION: FY'2011,  
End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**

Case Counts:	DCF Geographic Region				Adoption		Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>	Other <sup>(2)</sup>	
<b>Adoption</b>	669	373	435	164	166	3	<b>1,810</b>
<b>Clinical</b>	7,470	4,638	5,544	2,441	6	90	<b>20,189</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,139</b>	<b>5,011</b>	<b>5,979</b>	<b>2,605</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>21,999</b>
<b>Consumer Counts:</b>							
<b>Adults: <sup>(3)</sup></b>							
<b>In Placement: <sup>(4)</sup> Foster/Congregate Care <sup>(5)</sup></b>	432	448	397	228	---	48	<b>1,553</b>
<b>Other <sup>(6)</sup></b>	3	5	3	9	---	20	<b>40</b>
<b>On the Run</b>	2	3	5	---	---	---	<b>10</b>
<b>Total in Placement</b>	437	456	405	237	---	68	<b>1,603</b>
<b>Not in Placement</b>	12,781	7,133	9,307	3,680	---	8	<b>32,909</b>
<b>Total Adults</b>	13,218	7,589	9,712	3,917	---	76	<b>34,512</b>
.....							
<b>Children:</b>							
<b>In Placement: <sup>(4)</sup> Foster/Congregate Care <sup>(5)</sup></b>	2,915	1,637	1,911	833	279	21	<b>7,596</b>
<b>Other <sup>(6)</sup></b>	60	73	39	27	1	16	<b>216</b>
<b>On the Run</b>	53	37	37	18	---	---	<b>145</b>
<b>Total in Placement</b>	3,028	1,747	1,987	878	280	37	<b>7,957</b>
<b>Not in Placement</b>	11,742	6,302	7,520	3,272	17	2	<b>28,855</b>
<b>Total Children</b>	14,770	8,049	9,507	4,150	297	39	<b>36,812</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,988</b>	<b>15,638</b>	<b>19,219</b>	<b>8,067</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>71,324</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

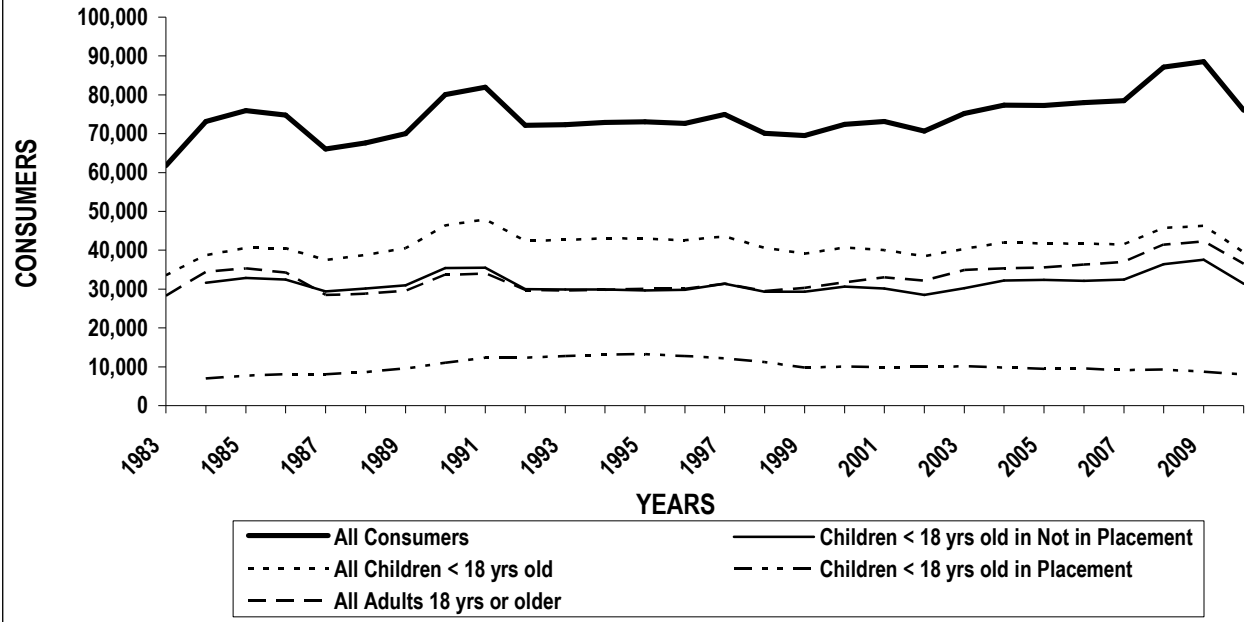
<sup>(3)</sup> Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

<sup>(4)</sup> Children and young adults in the care/custody of DCF. "Adults" in Foster/Residential Care are being transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and Developmental Services (DDS) or are supported by DCF until graduation from a full-time school or vocational training program (through age 23 for a Bachelor's Degree).

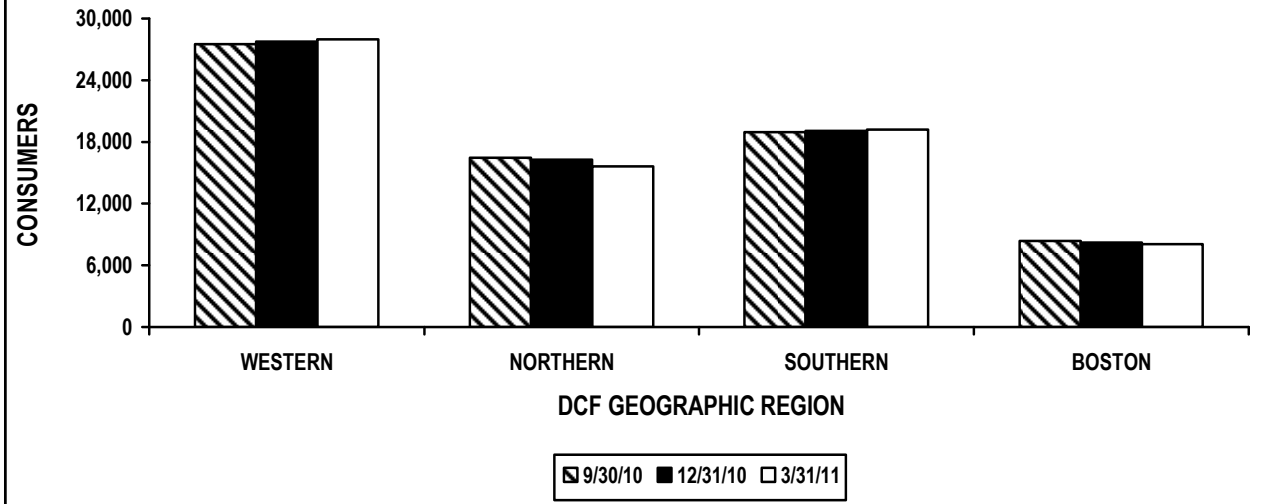
<sup>(5)</sup> See Tables 17A, 17B and 17C for a breakdown by type of placement.

<sup>(6)</sup> "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies.

**FIGURE 1. ANNUAL COUNTS OF DCF CONSUMERS:  
JUNE 1983 - JUNE 2010**



**FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2011, END OF 1ST QUARTER to FY'2011, END OF 3RD QUARTER)**



## II. CASE AND CONSUMER OPENINGS <sup>2</sup>

- All counts are unduplicated; if a case or a consumer had more than one opening in the quarter, only the first one was selected.
- During the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2011, there were 2,445 case openings (unduplicated) and 15,215 consumer openings (unduplicated). Case openings include both new cases and cases that reopened. Case members include consumers open for the first time and consumers who reopened. (**Tables 2A and 2B** on next page)
- From the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2011, case and consumer openings increased 1%. (**Fig. 4** on page 7)
- Eighty-five percent of case openings and 83% of consumer openings were due to supported abuse/neglect reports. (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 3% of case openings and 4% of consumer openings. (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- CHINS referrals accounted for 7% of case openings and 6% of consumer openings (**Tables 2A and 2B**). It should be noted that the CHINS consumer counts include the children subject to the CHINS petition, adult caretakers, and oftentimes non-CHINS siblings.
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in **Fig. 3** on page 7. Supported reports of child abuse/neglect accounted for 81-87% of the total intakes for each region. CHINS referrals ranged from 4-10% of the total intakes for each region. Voluntary requests ranged from 2-5% of the total intakes for each region. (**Table 2A**)
- At an area level, the proportion of case openings that were protective (supported report) ranged from 70% at Park Street to 98% in Worcester West (**Appendix Table A2** case openings, **Appendix Table A3** consumer openings on pages 65-66).
- Case openings (statewide) are lowest in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. The quarterly trend in case openings is similar to the pattern for reports of child abuse/neglect (**Figs. 4 and 7** on pages 7 and 12, respectively).

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<sup>2</sup> Case openings are counted when a case opens for services and has a comprehensive assessment or service plan. Cases open pending completion of an investigation or initial assessment are not included. Consumer openings are counted when a consumer opens in a case that is open for services.

**TABLE 2A. CASE OPENINGS<sup>(1)</sup> DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2011, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/11 - 3/31/11)**

DCF Geographic Region	Case Openings <sup>(1)</sup>										Total No.
	Protective <sup>(2)</sup>		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other <sup>(3)</sup>		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	806	87%	42	5%	21	2%	12	1%	46	5%	927
Northern	434	81%	23	4%	27	5%	20	4%	29	5%	533
Southern	569	82%	47	7%	34	5%	19	3%	29	4%	698
Boston	227	81%	28	10%	12	4%	7	3%	5	2%	279
Adoption Contracts <sup>(4)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	100%	3
Other <sup>(5)</sup>	---	---	---	---	5	100%	---	---	---	---	5
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2,036</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>2,445</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> An unduplicated count of case openings during the quarter.

<sup>(2)</sup> The outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

<sup>(4)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 2B. CONSUMER OPENINGS<sup>(1)</sup> DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2011, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/11 - 3/31/11)**

DCF Geographic Region	Consumer Openings <sup>(1)</sup>										Total No.
	Protective <sup>(2)</sup>		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other <sup>(3)</sup>		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	5,236	89%	312	5%	148	3%	126	2%	87	1%	5,909
Northern	2,876	85%	174	5%	125	4%	138	4%	62	2%	3,375
Southern	3,526	83%	363	9%	155	4%	137	3%	88	2%	4,269
Boston	1,344	82%	198	12%	35	2%	60	4%	12	1%	1,649
Adoption Contracts <sup>(4)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	100%	2
Other <sup>(5)</sup>	---	---	---	---	5	100%	---	---	---	---	5
Missing	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	6	100%	6
<b>Total:</b>	<b>12,982</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>15,215</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> An unduplicated count of case openings during the quarter.

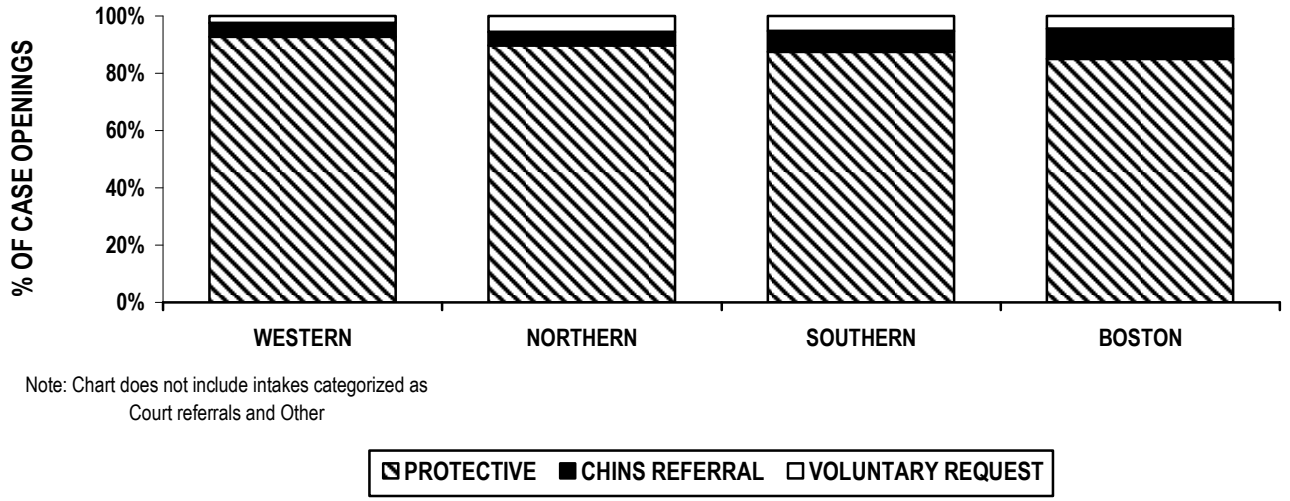
<sup>(2)</sup> The outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

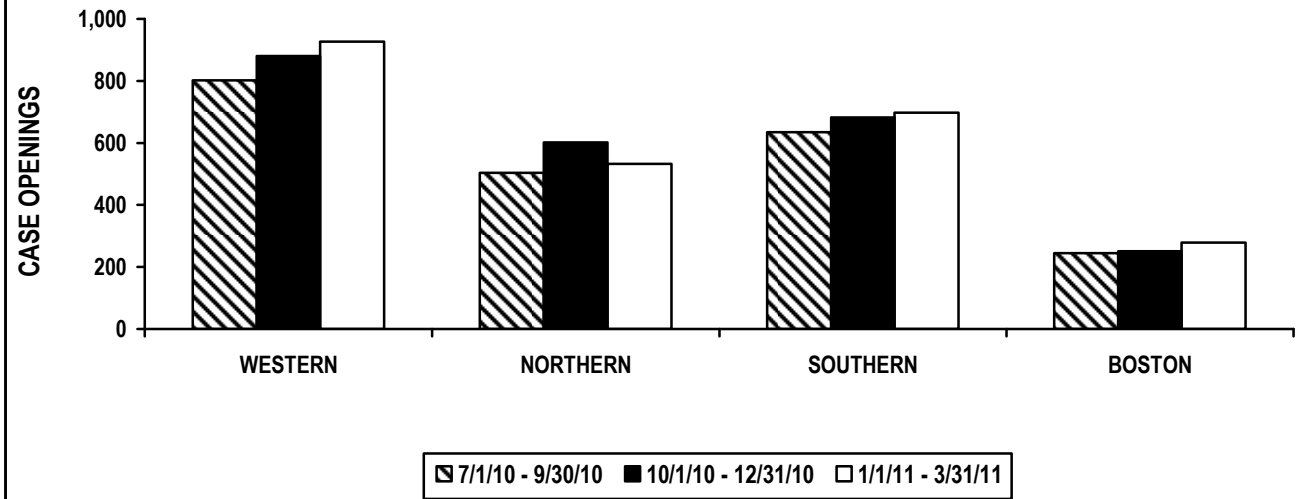
<sup>(4)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 3. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION  
FY'2011, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/101 - 3/31/11)**



**FIGURE 4. CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2011, 1ST QUARTER to FY'2011, 3RD QUARTER)**



### III. CHILD MALTREATMENT

In August 2009, DCF implemented a “Differential Response” process for handling reports of child maltreatment. The differential response allows reports to be screened-in for an investigation response or an initial assessment response. Not all reports of abuse or neglect require the same type of intervention. An initial assessment response provides an alternative to an investigation. DCF is able to engage families more quickly when the reported concern does not warrant a formal investigation of the allegation(s). The initial assessment response cannot be used for reports alleging sexual abuse, serious physical abuse, or serious neglect by a caretaker.

#### A. Reports

- Statewide, 20,140 reports were recorded during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY’2011. Thirty-five percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation and 23% were screened-in for initial assessment. Seven percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. (**Table 3** on page 10)
- Regionally, the proportion of reports screened-in for an investigation response ranged from 25% in the North to 36% in Boston. At the Judge Baker Children’s Center, 43% of the reports were screened-in for investigation. (**Table 3, Fig. 5** on page 11)
- The proportion of reports screened-in for an initial assessment response ranged from 23% in the South to 25% in each of the other regions. Judge Baker screened-in 17% of the reports for initial assessment. (**Table 3, Fig. 5**)
- The Worcester East and Fall River Areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (47-49%). Greenfield, Cape Ann, Haverhill, and Van Wart Areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (35-37%). (**Appendix Table A4** on page 67)
- Cape Ann, Arlington, and Framingham Areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (10-15%). Worcester East, Lowell, and Pittsfield Areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (11-16%). (**Appendix Table A4**)
- The DCF Regions screened-in 1-8% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 19% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children’s Center Hotline. (**Table 3**)
- Statewide, reports decreased less than 1% from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY’2011. Typically, report counts decline during the summer quarter (Q1) then rise during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). (**Fig. 7** on page 12)

## **B. Investigation and Initial Assessment Responses**

- During the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2011, 9,389 total responses (investigations and initial assessments) were completed (**Table 4** on next page)—a decline of 5% from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (**Fig. 8** on page 12).
- Investigations and initial assessments as a proportion of all responses for each region were: 58% and 42% (South); 56% and 44% (Boston); 56% and 44% (West); 50% and 50% (North), respectively. (**Fig. 6** on page 11, **Table 4**)

### **Initial Assessments**

- There were 3,691 initial assessments completed during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2011<sup>3</sup>. The assessment decision was “concern” for 46% of initial assessments and “low or no concern” for 54%. The assessment decisions are defined as “concerns of safety or risk that warrant DCF services” and “no concern or minimal risk of future abuse/neglect.” (**Table 4, Fig. 6**)
- Framingham, Van Wart, Cape Ann, Arlington, and Greenfield Areas had the highest proportion of responses which resulted in an initial assessment of concern (33-39%). (**Appendix Table A5** on page 68)
- Statewide, initial assessments increased 8% from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2011.

### **Investigations**

- The number of investigations conducted during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2011 was 5,698 (**Table 4**).<sup>3</sup> Of these investigations, 92 resulted from reports screened-in for initial assessment. This conversion from an initial assessment to an investigation occurred because during the initial assessment: (1) DCF received another child maltreatment report on a family; or (2) the DCF social worker filed a report on the family. In both cases, the filed reports met the criteria for an investigation response. Of the 92 above-mentioned investigations, allegations of maltreatment were supported for 55 and unsupported for 37.
- Fifty-nine percent of the investigations resulted in supported allegations of maltreatment. (**Table 4**)
- Regional support rates went from a low of 56% in Boston to a high of 62% in the West. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 74% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. (**Table 4**)
- Worcester East, Worcester West, Brockton, Lynn, and Lowell Areas had the highest proportion of responses that resulted in a supported investigation (43-51%). (**Appendix Table A5**)
- Statewide, investigations decreased 11% from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2011.

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<sup>3</sup> The number of investigations and initial assessments is lower than the number of reports screened for investigation or initial assessment. This occurs because an investigation or initial assessment may be associated to multiple reports on the same incident or reports received on separate but closely occurring incidents.

**TABLE 3. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2011, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/11 - 3/31/11)**

DCF Geographic Region	Screening Decision									Report Total	
	Screened-Out		Screened-In for Investigation				Screened-In for Initial Assessment				
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	S/I Total	No.	%	No.	%
Western	2,403	41%	1,850	31%	201	3%	2,051	1,478	25%	5,932	29%
Northern	1,809	50%	780	22%	108	3%	888	899	25%	3,596	18%
Southern	1,594	42%	1,163	31%	140	4%	1,303	856	23%	3,753	19%
Boston	594	39%	489	32%	62	4%	551	390	25%	1,535	8%
Judge Baker Children's Center	2,058	39%	1,287	24%	1,032	19%	2,319	922	17%	5,299	26%
Special Investigations	7	28%	18	72%	---	---	18	---	---	25	*
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,465</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>5,587</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>1,543</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>7,130</b>	<b>4,545</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>20,140</b>	<b>100%</b>

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

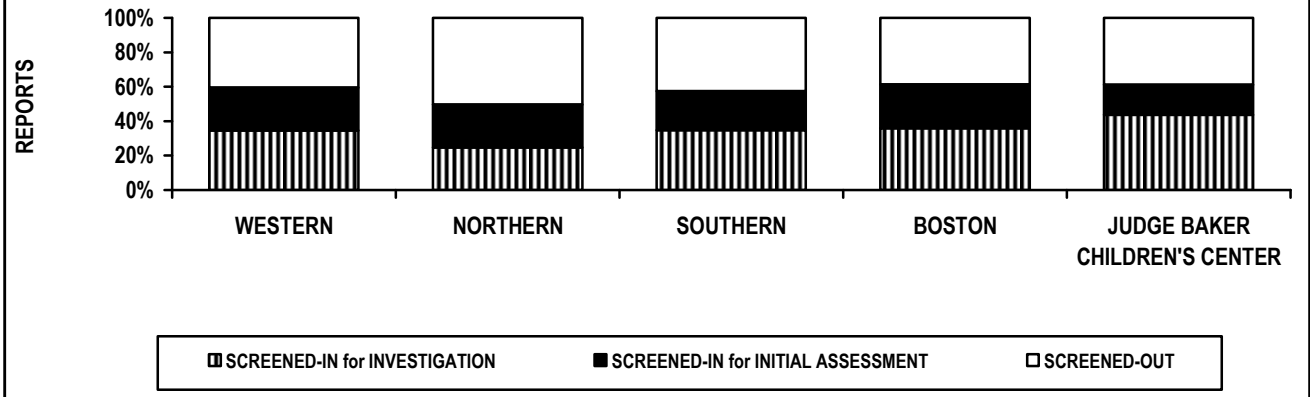
**TABLE 4. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION: FY'2011, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/11 - 3/31/11)**

DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision					Initial Assessment Decision				Response Total		
	Supported		Unsupported		Inv Total	Concern		Low/No Concern				IA Total
	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	1,102	62%	665	38%	1,767	681	49%	722	51%	1,403	3,170	34%
Northern	559	58%	408	42%	967	428	45%	521	55%	949	1,916	20%
Southern	776	60%	507	40%	1,283	405	44%	519	56%	924	2,207	24%
Boston	292	56%	232	44%	524	170	41%	245	59%	415	939	10%
Judge Baker Children's Center	603	74%	210	26%	813	---	---	---	---	---	813	9%
Special Investigations	49	14%	295	86%	344	---	---	---	---	---	344	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,381</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>2,317</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>5,698</b>	<b>1,684</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>2,007</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>3,691</b>	<b>9,389</b>	<b>100%</b>

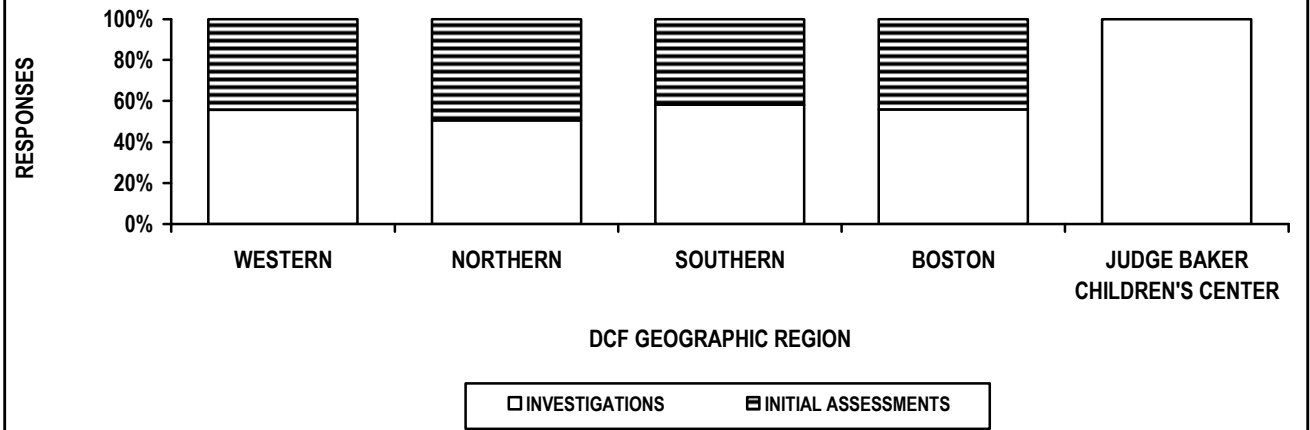
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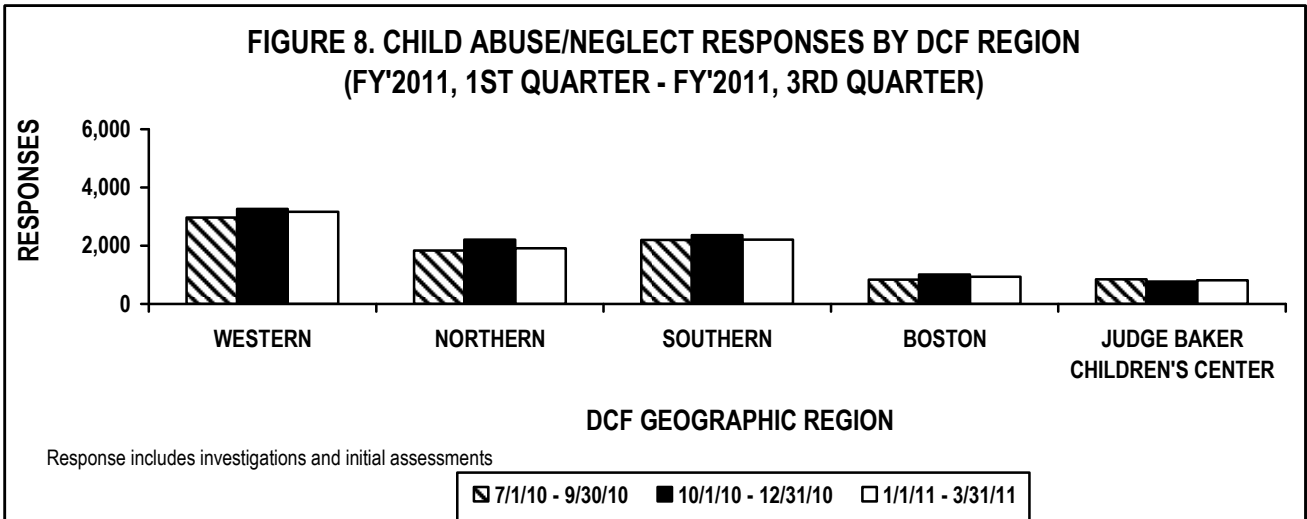
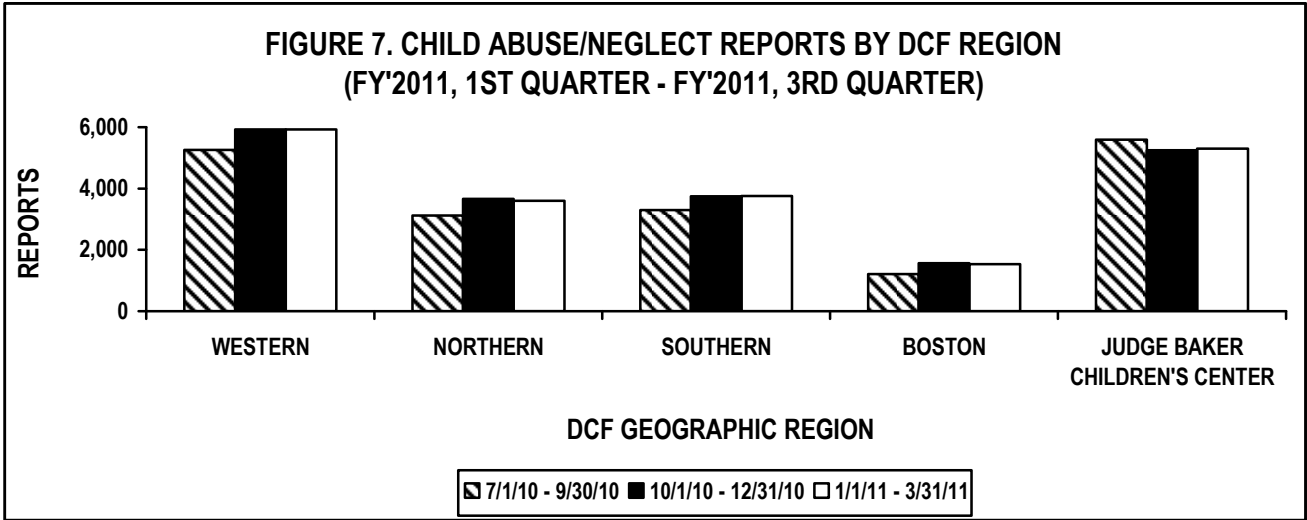


**FIGURE 5. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS  
(SCREENING DECISION BY DCF REGION)  
FY'2011, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/11 - 3/31/11)**



**FIGURE 6. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY TYPE AND DCF REGION  
FY'2011, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/11 - 3/31/11)**

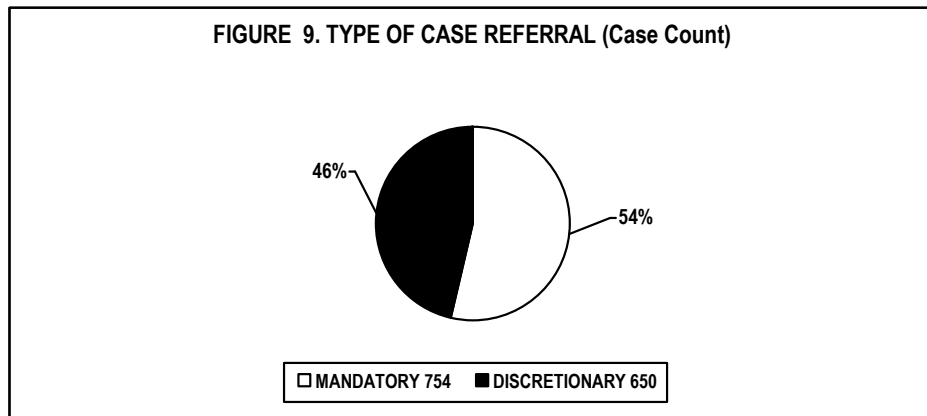




### C. District Attorney (DA) Referrals

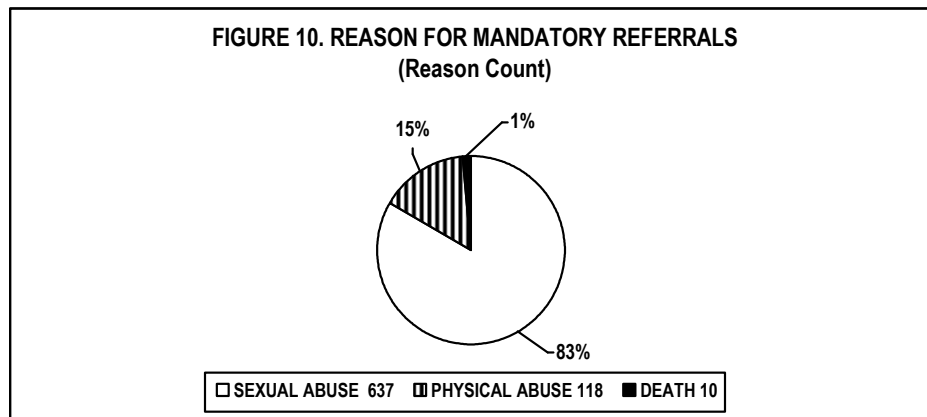
- During the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2011, 1,404 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (Fig. 9). Fifty-four percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals<sup>4</sup> and 46% were discretionary referrals<sup>5</sup> (Fig. 9). The annual proportion of mandatory referrals has risen the past four fiscal years (See Appendix Table A6 on page 69).

DA REFERRALS FY'2011, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/11 - 3/31/11)



- Sexual abuse accounted for 83% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2011 (Fig. 10, Table 5 on next page). Fifteen percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

DA REFERRALS FY'2011, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/11 - 3/31/11)



NOTE: A case referral may include more than one reason (more than one type of maltreatment).

<sup>4</sup> Mandatory referrals to District Attorneys (and local law enforcement authorities) are made following a DCF investigation that results in a supported report of severe child maltreatment (sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, or death). Mandatory referrals are also made when a maltreatment report is either screened-out or unsupported, on the basis that the alleged perpetrator did not meet the definition of caretaker, but the allegations match one of the aforementioned maltreatment categories.

<sup>5</sup> There are two categories of discretionary referrals: (1) DCF may immediately report cases of serious physical injury to the District Attorney; or (2) DCF may refer other matters involving possible criminal conduct (including but not limited to cases of abuse or neglect) to the District Attorney, regardless of whether the maltreatment report is supported or unsupported.

**TABLE 5. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: <sup>(1)</sup>  
FY'2011, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/11 - 3/31/11)**

Nature of Abuse	Reasons <sup>(1)</sup>	
	No.	%
<b>Sexual Abuse:</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>83%</b>
Sexual Assault	609	
Sexual Exploitation	28	
.....		
<b>Serious Physical Abuse:</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>15%</b>
.....		
<b>Death:</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1%</b>
.....		
<b>Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

- Sexual abuse as a proportion of all reasons for mandatory referrals has ranged from 78% to 83% over the past nine years (FY'2003 through FY'2011) (See **Appendix Table A7** on page 69).
- Not all DA referrals resulting from an allegation that a child's death was due to abuse or neglect lead to an ultimate finding that the death was in fact due to abuse or neglect. **DCF publishes an annual report of child fatalities that includes an analysis of child deaths due to abuse or neglect.**
- **Table 6** (on next page) displays a breakdown of case referrals by type and child's county of residence. In general, referral counts were highest for the most populous counties, Middlesex, Essex, Worcester, and Suffolk. Based on a comparison of county estimates<sup>6</sup> for children less than 18 years old, Norfolk County had a lower number of referrals than expected while Berkshire County had a higher number of referrals than expected.
- **Table 7** (on next page) shows mandatory case referral reasons and child's county of residence. Middlesex, Essex, Worcester, and Suffolk Counties accounted for 68% of the mandatory case referrals for sexual abuse (includes sexual assault and sexual exploitation). The same four counties accounted for 66% of the mandatory case referrals for serious physical abuse.

<sup>6</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, American Factfinder, 2010 Census Tables, (factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml)

**TABLE 6. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY: <sup>(1)</sup>**  
**FY'2011, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/11 - 3/31/11)**

County <sup>(2)</sup>	Case Referrals				Total No.	2010 Children Under 18 years
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Middlesex	119	42%	167	58%	286	320,439
Essex	116	47%	130	53%	246	172,089
Worcester	96	45%	116	55%	212	187,231
Suffolk	82	46%	98	54%	180	126,275
Berkshire	66	49%	68	51%	134	25,624
Hampden	42	46%	50	54%	92	109,885
Plymouth	44	59%	30	41%	74	119,475
Bristol	26	44%	33	56%	59	122,409
Norfolk	39	66%	20	34%	59	152,132
Franklin	2	8%	23	92%	25	14,068
Hampshire	3	25%	9	75%	12	26,766
Barnstable	8	80%	2	20%	10	37,249
Dukes	1	100%	---	---	1	3,173
Nantucket	---	---	1	100%	1	2,108
OUT OF STATE	6	46%	7	54%	13	---
<b>Total</b>	<b>650</b>		<b>754</b>		<b>1,404</b>	

<sup>(1)</sup> A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

<sup>(2)</sup> County where the child resides.

**TABLE 7. MANDATORY CASE REFERRAL REASONS BY COUNTY: <sup>(1)</sup>**  
**FY'2011, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/11 - 3/31/11)**

County <sup>(2)</sup>	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals <sup>(1)</sup>				Total No.
	Sexual Assault No.	Sexual Exploitation No.	Serious		
			Physical Abuse/Injury No.	Death No.	
Middlesex	146	12	12		170
Essex	90	3	38	1	132
Worcester	97	4	14	2	117
Suffolk	80	4	14	3	101
Berkshire	57	2	11	---	70
Hampden	40	1	9	---	50
Bristol	26	---	6	1	33
Plymouth	23	2	5	---	30
Franklin	21	---	2	---	23
Norfolk	11	---	7	2	20
Hampshire	9	---	---	---	9
Barnstable	2	---	---	---	2
Nantucket	---	---	---	1	1
Dukes	---	---	---	---	---
OUT OF STATE	7	---	---	---	7
<b>Total:</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>765</b>

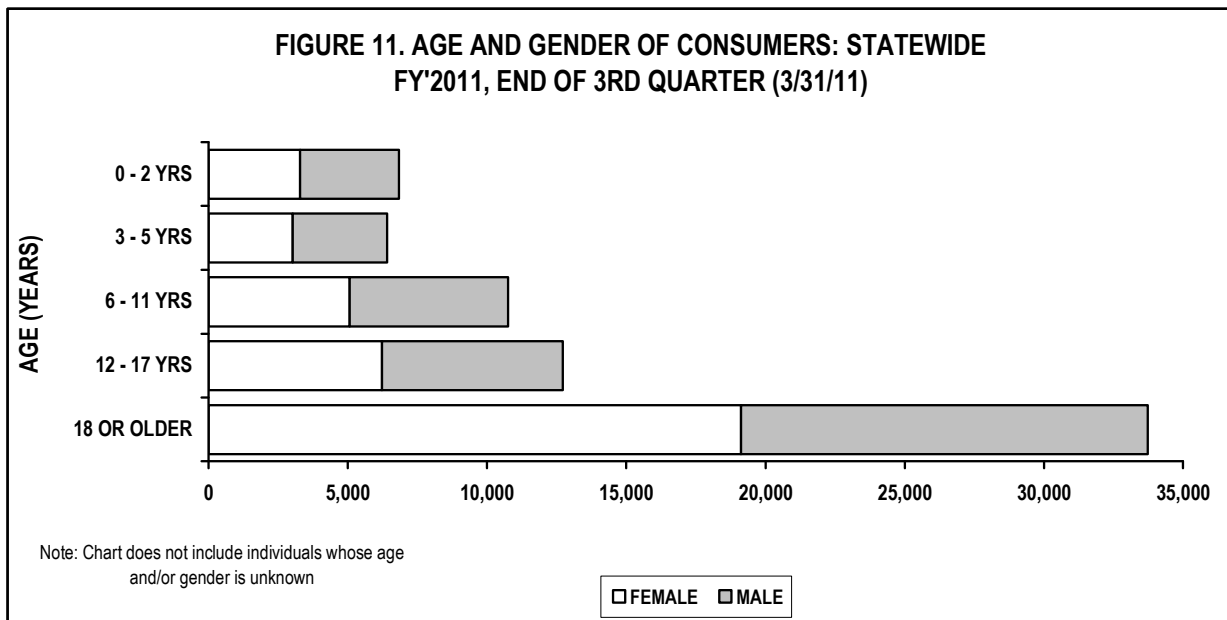
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## IV. CONSUMER DEMOGRAPHICS

### A. Age, Gender, and Race of All Consumers

- On the last day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2011, the consumer population included 36,812 (52%) children less than 18 years old and 34,512 (48%) adults 18 years or older (**Table 1** on page 3). Fifty-two percent of all consumers were identified as female, 48% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Thirty-five percent (12,736) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). (**Fig. 11**)
- Forty-eight percent of all children receiving DCF services were female. In contrast, 56% of all adults receiving services were female. (**Fig. 11**)



Age (Yrs)	Gender			Total
	Female	Male	Unspecified <sup>(1)</sup>	
0 - 2	3,288	3,550	32	6,870
3 - 5	3,015	3,392	15	6,422
6 - 11	5,070	5,686	20	10,776
12 - 17	6,231	6,485	20	12,736
18 or older	19,125	14,605	461	34,191
Unspecified <sup>(1)</sup>	47	163	119	329
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,776</b>	<b>33,881</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>71,324</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Unspecified includes 321 individuals with the role "Consumer Adult" and 8 individuals with the role "Consumer Child" whose ages were unknown and 667 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.

- The statewide caseload was comprised of 45% White, 25% Hispanic/Latino, 14% Black, 2% Asian, 2% Multi-Racial, and less than 1% for both Native American and Pacific Islander consumers. The category “Unable to Determine” was recorded for 3% of consumers. Race was not recorded (missing) for 9% of consumers. (Table 8, Figs. 12A and 12B on page 18.)
- The Boston Region’s caseload was comprised of 39% Black, 31% Hispanic/Latino, and 16% White consumers (3,145, 2,497, and 1,268 consumers, respectively). The proportion of Hispanic/Latino consumers was similar in 3 of the 4 regions (27-31%). Asians were most prominent in the North--5% of the caseload (730 consumers, mainly Cambodian). (Table 8, Figs. 12A and 12B)

**TABLE 8. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY’2011, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**

Race	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption				Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>		Other <sup>(2)</sup>			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
White	12,199	44%	7,212	46%	11,053	58%	1,268	16%	112	38%	4	3%	31,848	45%
Black	2,490	9%	1,547	10%	2,456	13%	3,145	39%	47	16%	37	32%	9,722	14%
Asian	123	0%	730	5%	200	1%	162	2%	4	1%	35	30%	1,254	2%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	8,717	31%	4,148	27%	2,530	13%	2,497	31%	95	32%	38	33%	18,025	25%
Native American	31	*	20	*	51	*	8	*	---	---	---	---	110	*
Other <sup>(4)</sup>	16	*	8	*	5	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	29	*
Multi-Racial	607	2%	370	2%	618	3%	102	1%	24	8%	---	---	1,721	2%
Unable to Determine	911	3%	472	3%	609	3%	312	4%	15	5%	1	1%	2,320	3%
Missing	2,894	10%	1,131	7%	1,697	9%	573	7%	---	---	---	---	6,295	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,988</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>15,638</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>19,219</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8,067</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>71,324</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

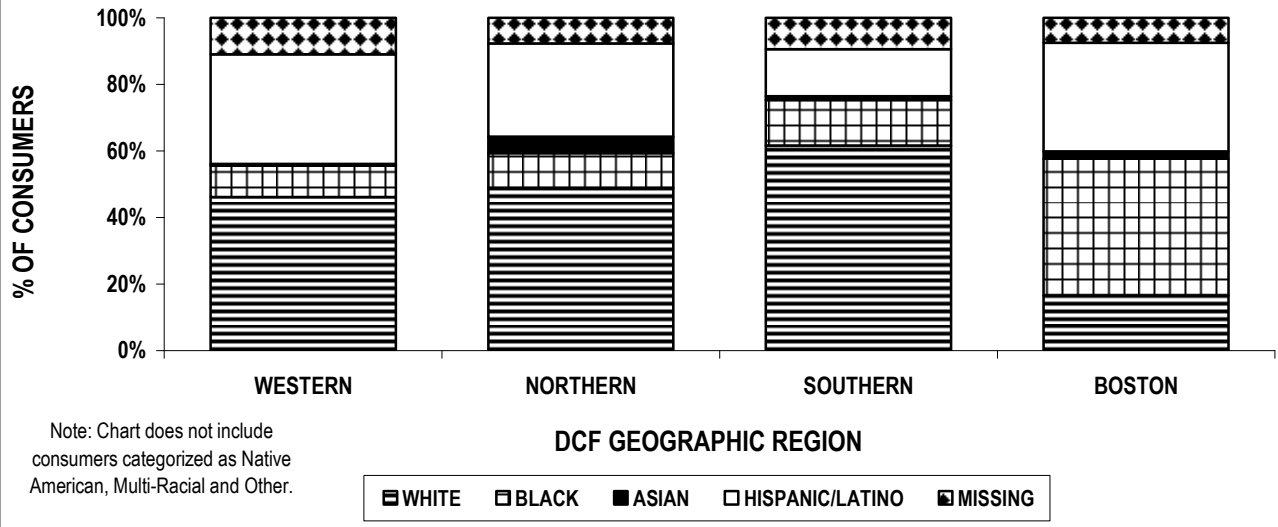
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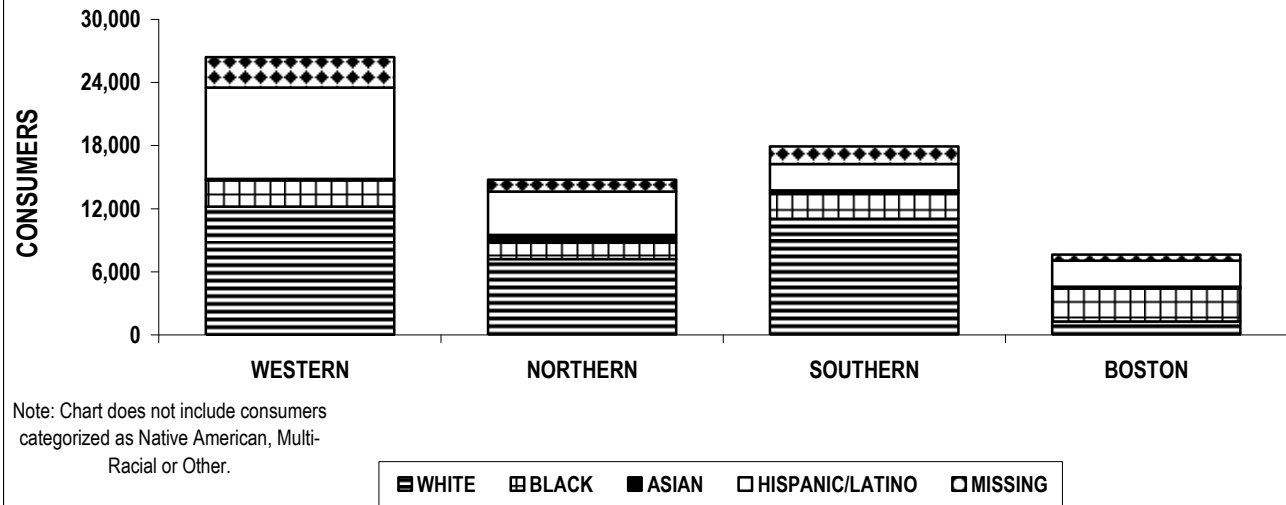
<sup>(3)</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes all races

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**FIGURE 12A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE  
FY'2011, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**



**FIGURE 12B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE  
FY'2011, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**





- A racial comparison of children receiving various services from DCF to children residing in Massachusetts<sup>7</sup> is displayed in **Table 9**. Black children and Hispanic children are over-represented at all stages in the DCF system. However, this comparison of statewide statistics does not take into consideration the significant differences in racial and ethnic composition among communities across the state.

**TABLE 9. RACIAL COMPARISON OF CHILDREN RECEIVING SERVICES FROM DCF TO ALL CHILDREN RESIDING IN MASSACHUSETTS (CENSUS 2010)**

Race	Children Less than 18 Years Old								
	State Census <sup>7</sup> 2010	DCF Not in Substitute Care 3/31/11	DCF All Substitute Care <sup>*</sup> 3/31/11	DCF Foster Care 3/31/11	DCF Congregate Care <sup>**</sup> 3/31/11	DCF All Care w/Goal of Adoption 3/31/11	DCF All Care w/Goal of Guardianship 3/31/11	DCF Adoptions Legalized FY'2010	DCF Guardianships Legalized FY'2010
White	67%	43%	46%	46%	48%	45%	50%	52%	57%
Hispanic <sup>***</sup>	15%	31%	27%	27%	25%	28%	24%	22%	19%
Black	7%	14%	16%	15%	19%	14%	15%	13%	16%
Asian	6%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	---	<1%	---	---	---	---
Multi-Racial	4%	4%	5%	5%	4%	7%	4%	7%	3%
Other/Unknown	1%	7%	4%	4%	2%	4%	4%	5%	2%
<b>TOTAL %</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>TOTAL #</b>	1,418,923	28,855	7,957	6,147	1,449	2,403	602	748	318

\*Substitute Care includes: foster care, congregative care, on the run from placement, and non-referral locations such as hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies where DCF retains custody of the child.

\*\* Congregative care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

\*\*\* Hispanic/Latino of any race.

- **Appendix Table A10** on page 72 displays the racial composition (and Hispanic origin) of children residing in the 13 largest cities in Massachusetts. There is a high minority representation in Brockton, Boston, Lawrence, and Springfield. Hispanic children are most prevalent in Lawrence, Springfield, and Lynn. The relatively higher proportion of “Other/Unknown” race in Lawrence, Springfield, and Lynn is most likely a reflection of the large Hispanic/Latino population—many do not identify with any race. The proportion of Asian children is highest in Quincy and Lowell.

<sup>7</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, Tables P1, P2, P3, and P4.

## B. Preferred Language of All Consumers

- The Western and Northern Regions had the highest numbers of Spanish-speaking consumers, 1,897 and 1,995 consumers, respectively (**Table 10**). Khmer (Cambodian) was the preferred language of 247 DCF consumers (<1% statewide). Khmer-speaking consumers were mainly concentrated in the North. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Portuguese (South), Haitian Creole (North), Cape Verdean Creole (South), Vietnamese (Boston), and Lao (North) (**Table 10**).

**TABLE 10. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2011, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**

Primary Language	DCF Geographic Region										Total			
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Adoption Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>				Other <sup>(2)</sup>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spanish	1,897	7%	995	6%	451	2%	809	10%	10	3%	30	26%	4,192	6%
Haitian Creole	7	*	115	1%	80	*	78	1%	---	---	1	1%	281	*
Portuguese	21	*	86	1%	138	1%	20	*	1	*	---	---	266	*
Khmer (Cambodian)	5	*	197	1%	31	*	14	*	---	---	---	---	247	*
Cape Verdean Creole	---	---	10	*	103	1%	59	1%	---	---	---	---	172	*
Vietnamese	24	*	17	*	6	*	30	*	---	---	---	---	77	*
Chinese	3	*	14	*	19	*	14	0%	---	---	1	1%	51	*
Lao	1	*	22	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	24	*
American Sign Lang.	10	*	13	*	6	*	2	*	---	---	---	---	31	*
Other	464	2%	212	1%	259	1%	110	1%	---	---	39	34%	1,084	2%
English\Unspecified	25,556	91%	13,957	89%	18,125	94%	6,931	86%	286	96%	44	38%	64,899	91%
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,988</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>15,638</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>19,219</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8,067</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>71,324</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

- From 1987 to 1997, there were substantial increases in consumers whose preferred languages were Khmer, Lao, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and Spanish. In the following decade (1997-2007), there were declines in consumers from all of these language groups. Although there was a decline in consumers with these preferred /primary languages, there was not a decline in DCF consumers from these ethnic groups. As with all immigrant groups, their children become fluent in English. The new immigrant communities continue to grow, but as time passes those who are only fluent in their native language make up a smaller proportion of their community. (See table on next page)
- Comparing DCF consumers by preferred language on June 2007 and March 2011, showed an increase in some language groups and a decrease in others (table below). The most significant changes were: declines in Vietnamese (-54%), Khmer (Cambodian) (-31%); and increases in Cape Verdean Creole (18%) and Haitian Creole (8%). The number of Laotian-speaking consumers rose from 20 to 24. During this period, the count of total consumers decreased 9%.

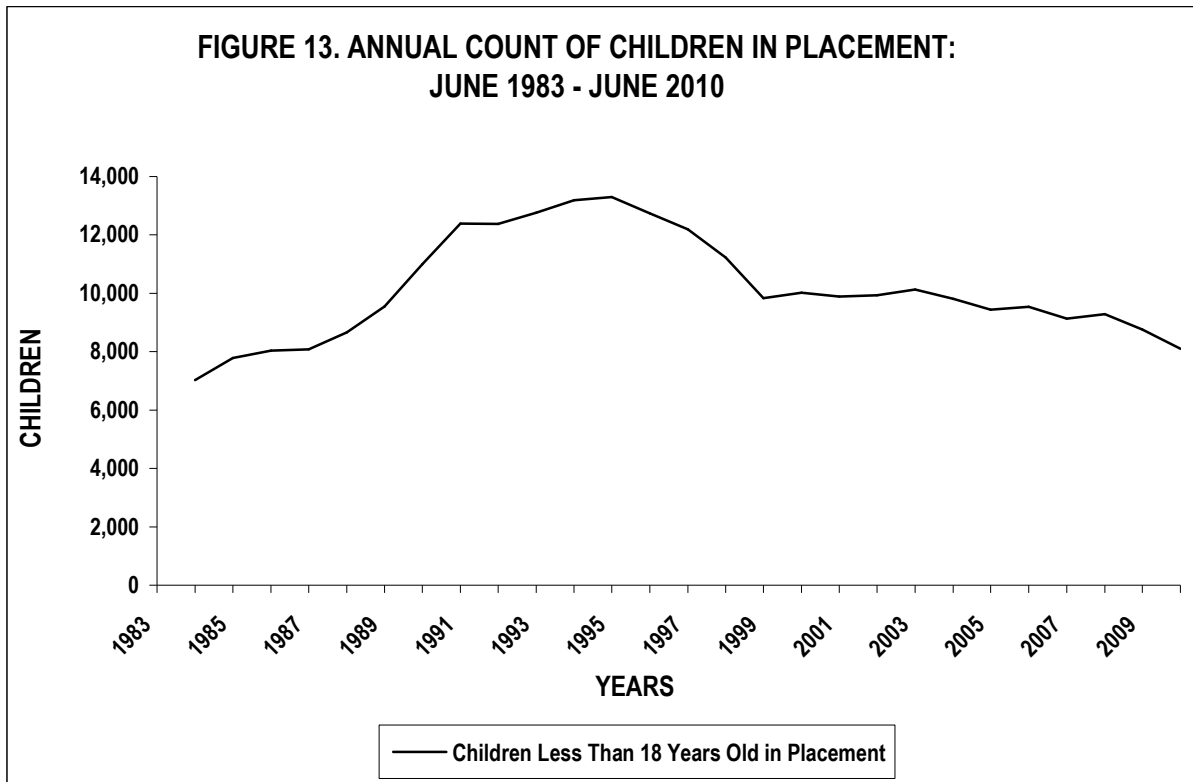
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Primary Language	Consumers Jul. 1987 No.	Consumers Jul. 1997 No.	Consumers Jun. 2007 No.	Consumers Mar. 2011 No.	1987-1997 Change %	1997-2007 Change %
English/Unspecified*	60,784	66,404	71,398	64,899	9%	8%
Spanish	3,664	6,334	4,516	4,192	73%	-29%
Khmer Cambodian	253	851	356	247	236%	-58%
Portuguese	530	380	303	266	-28%	-20%
Haitian Creole	175	360	260	281	106%	-28%
Cape Verdean Creole	174	247	146	172	42%	-41%
Vietnamese	146	273	167	77	87%	-39%
Chinese	71	61	54	51	-14%	-11%
American Sign Language	47	23	41	31	-51%	78%
Lao	30	74	20	24	147%	-73%
Other	213	310	1,459	1,084	46%	371%
<b>Total</b>	<b>66,087</b>	<b>75,317</b>	<b>78,720</b>	<b>71,324</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>5%</b>

\* When a primary language was unspecified, it was presumed to be English.

## V. PROFILE OF CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT<sup>8</sup>

- The number of children less than 18 years old in placement (7,957) increased 1% from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2011 (**Appendix Table A1** on page 64, **Fig. 14** on page 24). The highest number of children less than 18 years old in placement was recorded in 1995 (13,302 children). The placement population has been on a downward trend since 1995. (**Fig. 13, Appendix Table A1**)



- Statewide, 22% (or 7,957) of all children (less than 18 years old) with open cases were in placement. The regional statistics for children in placement as a proportion of all children receiving services were: 22% in the North, 21% in the South, 21% in Boston, and 21% in the West. (**Table 11** on next page)
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield, Fall River, Greenfield, and Lynn Area Offices had the highest proportions in placement. The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Van Wart, Springfield, Brockton, Harbor, Taunton/Attleboro, and Cambridge Area Offices. (**Table 11**)

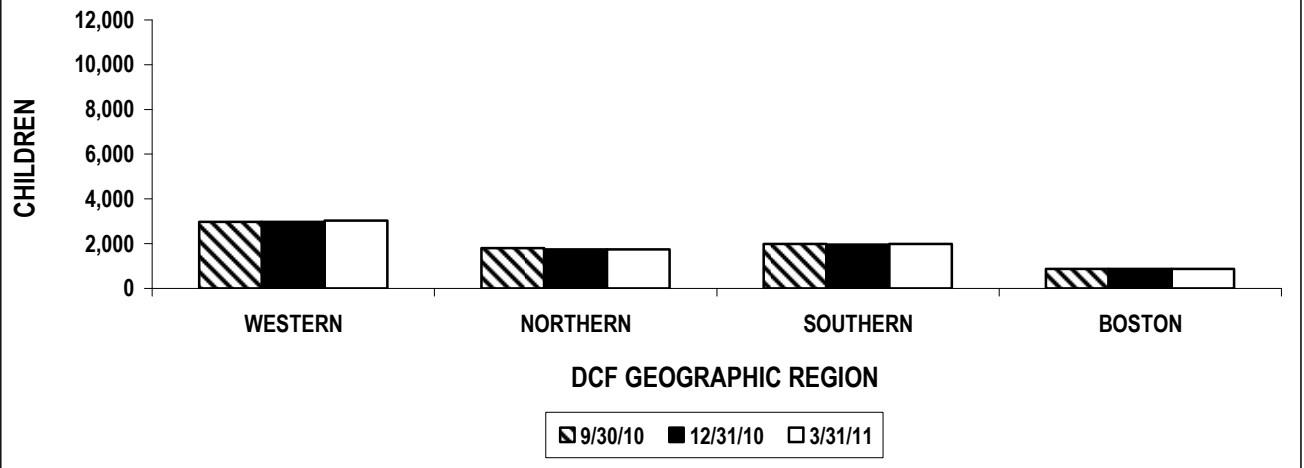
<sup>8</sup>Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 to 23 years old.

**TABLE 11. CHILD<sup>(1)</sup> CASELOAD BY DCF BY AREA OFFICE: FY'2011, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**

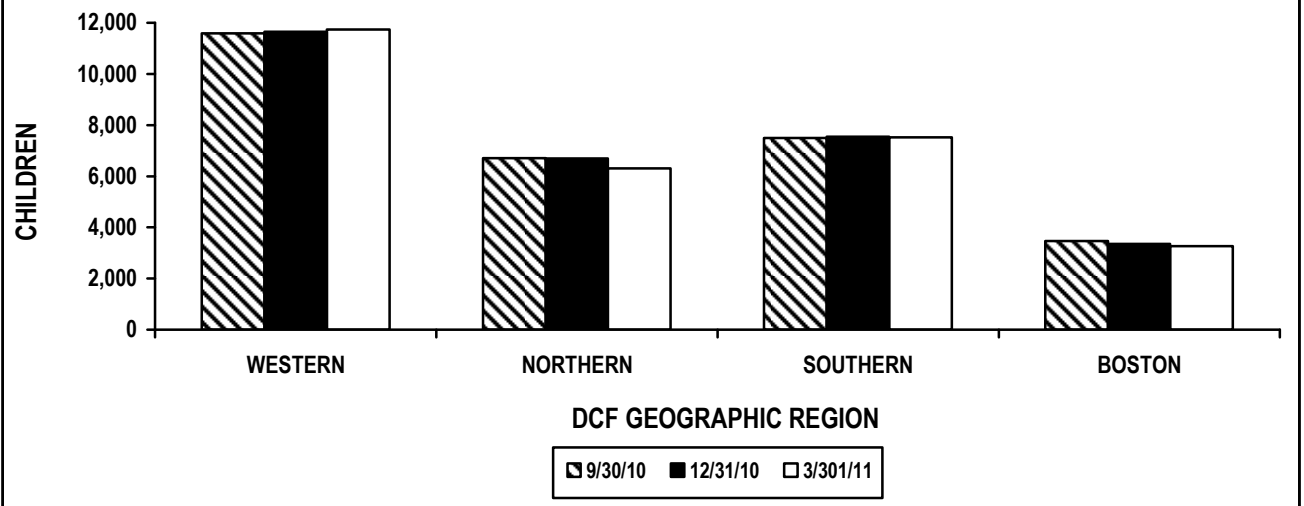
<b>DCF Region/Area</b>	<b>Not in Placement</b>	<b>In Placement</b>	<b>Total Child Caseload</b>	<b>% in Placement</b>
Greenfield	843	289	1,132	26%
Holyoke	1,213	346	1,559	22%
North Central	1,446	365	1,811	20%
Pittsfield	870	333	1,203	28%
Robert Van Wart	2,035	355	2,390	15%
South Central	871	248	1,119	22%
Springfield	2,003	428	2,431	18%
Worcester East	1,330	346	1,676	21%
Worcester West	1,111	312	1,423	22%
Contracted Agencies	20	6	26	23%
<b>Western</b>	<b>11,742</b>	<b>3,028</b>	<b>14,770</b>	<b>21%</b>
Cambridge	643	144	787	18%
Cape Ann	721	178	899	20%
Framingham	689	209	898	23%
Haverhill	607	166	773	21%
Lawrence	681	187	868	22%
Lowell	1,342	411	1,753	23%
Lynn	788	257	1,045	25%
Malden	827	193	1,020	19%
Contracted Agencies	4	2	6	33%
<b>Northern</b>	<b>6,302</b>	<b>1,747</b>	<b>8,049</b>	<b>22%</b>
Arlington	615	160	775	21%
Brockton	1,141	251	1,392	18%
Cape Cod	769	233	1,002	23%
Coastal	764	188	952	20%
Fall River	1,000	354	1,354	26%
New Bedford	1,497	376	1,873	20%
Plymouth	834	226	1,060	21%
Taunton/Attleboro	887	198	1,085	18%
Contracted Agencies	13	1	14	7%
<b>Southern</b>	<b>7,520</b>	<b>1,987</b>	<b>9,507</b>	<b>21%</b>
Dimock Street	680	204	884	23%
Harbor	1,008	221	1,229	18%
Hyde Park	661	194	855	23%
Park Street	922	254	1,176	22%
Contracted Agencies	1	5	6	83%
<b>Boston</b>	<b>3,272</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>4,150</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>17</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>94%</b>
<b>Other<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>2</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,855</b>	<b>7,957</b>	<b>36,812</b>	<b>22%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.<sup>(3)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 14. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION  
(FY'11, END OF 1ST QUARTER to FY'11, END OF 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 15. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2011, END OF 1ST QUARTER to FY'2011, END OF 3RD QUARTER)**



## A. Demographics of Consumers in Placement

### (Combined Counts from All Types of Placement)

- At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2011, the statewide placement population was comprised of 52% boys and 48% girls. Regionally, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state (**Table 12A, Fig. 16A** on next page). The proportions of male and female children in the placement population were similar to the general population.<sup>9</sup>
- Statewide, 46% of all consumers in placement were White, 17% were Black, 27% were Hispanic/Latino, 2% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 5% were multi-racial. Race had not been identified for 3% of the placement population. (**Table 12A, Fig. 16A**)
- The proportion of minority consumers in placement, as with the local population, was highest in the Boston Region. (**Table 12A**)

**TABLE 12A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: GENDER AND RACE BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE:  
FY'2011, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Gender:</b>														
Female	1,667	48%	1,070	49%	1,143	48%	560	50%	132	47%	36	34%	<b>4,608</b>	<b>48%</b>
Male	1,798	52%	1,133	51%	1,249	52%	555	50%	148	53%	69	66%	<b>4,952</b>	<b>52%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,465</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,203</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,392</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,560</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Race:</b>														
White	1,614	47%	1,054	48%	1,391	58%	195	17%	108	39%	---	---	<b>4,362</b>	<b>46%</b>
Black	412	12%	239	11%	399	17%	529	47%	45	16%	34	32%	<b>1,658</b>	<b>17%</b>
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	1,152	33%	640	29%	336	14%	304	27%	84	30%	36	34%	<b>2,552</b>	<b>27%</b>
Asian	22	1%	103	5%	15	1%	26	2%	4	1%	34	32%	<b>204</b>	<b>2%</b>
Native American	4	*	6	*	7	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	<b>17</b>	<b>*</b>
Other <sup>(4)</sup>	1	*	2	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	<b>3</b>	<b>*</b>
Multi-Racial	149	4%	91	4%	149	6%	25	2%	24	9%	---	---	<b>438</b>	<b>5%</b>
Unable to Determine	111	3%	68	3%	95	4%	36	3%	15	5%	1	1%	<b>326</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,465</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,203</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,392</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,560</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

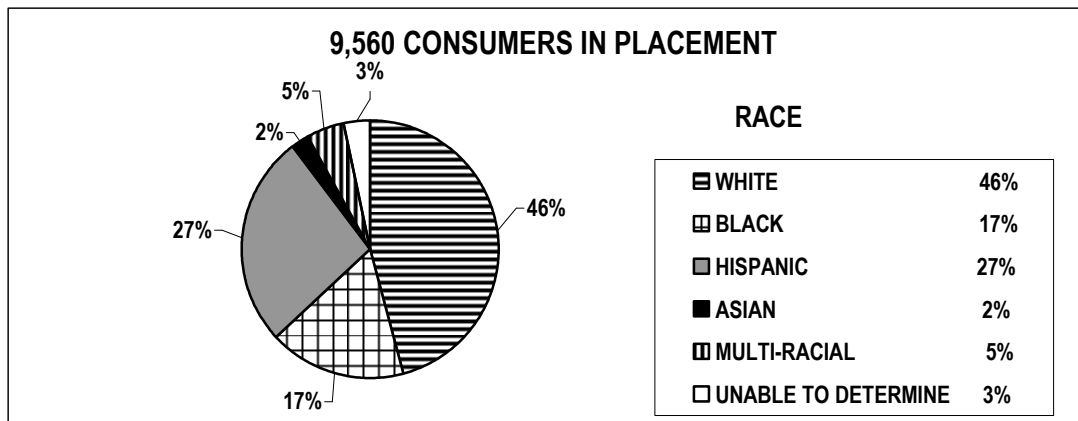
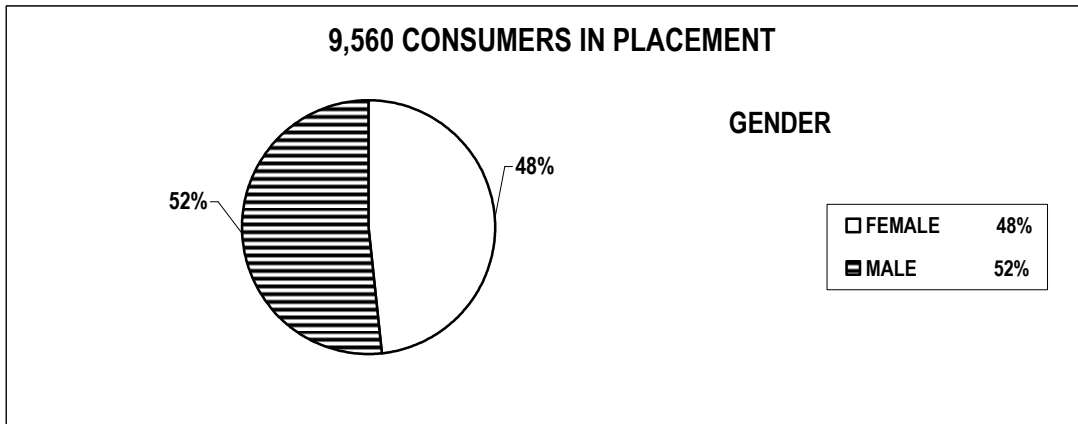
<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

<sup>(3)</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes all races

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

<sup>9</sup> Massachusetts Child Population 2010: 51% male (725,399) and 49% female (693,524). U.S. Census Bureau. Table DP-1. Profile of General Population and Housing Characteristics 2010, Demographic Profile Data Massachusetts (factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?src=bkmk)

**FIGURE 16A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY GENDER AND RACE  
STATEWIDE: FY'2011, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**



- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DCF Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 39% to 43%. (**Table 12B** on page 28)
- The number of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 237 in the Boston Region to 456 in the Northern Region. (**Table 12B**)



## B. Permanency Goals of Consumers in Placement and Time in Continuous Care

- The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were Family Reunification (33% of all consumers in placement), Adoption (25%), and Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement<sup>10</sup> (APPLA) (20%). The Northern and Boston Regions had the highest proportions of consumers in placement with a goal of APPLA. (**Table 12B** on next page, **Fig. 16B** on page 29)
- The remaining service plan goals were: Permanent Care with Kin<sup>11</sup> (8% of all consumers in placement), Guardianship (6%), and Stabilization of Family (5%).
- On 3/31/2011, 41% of the statewide placement population had a length of stay of more than 2 years,<sup>12</sup> 20% had been in continuous care between 1 and 2 years, and 39% for 1 year or less. (**Table 12B, Fig. 16B**)
- The North and Boston had the highest proportions of consumers in continuous care<sup>13</sup> for more than two years (44%). The West had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (43%). (**Table 12B**)
- Table 13 displays the race of consumers in placement by their length of time in continuous care. There was a tendency for a greater proportion of Black consumers to be in care for more than two years as compared to other races (50% for Black vs. 44% for Asian, 41% for Hispanic, 39% for White, 37% for Multi-Racial). (**Table 13** on next page)
- Thirty percent of Black consumers in placement had a goal of “Family Reunification,” compared to 34% for White and 32% for Hispanic consumers (**Table 14** on page 30). There was a greater proportion of Black consumers with a goal of “Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement” (APPLA) and a lower proportion with a goal of “Adoption” as compared to White and Hispanic consumers—27% Black vs. 18% White and 21% Hispanic for APPLA; 20% Black vs. 25% White and 26% Hispanic for adoption.

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<sup>10</sup> The APPLA goal is for youth 16 years or older to establish a lifelong permanent connection, as well as to obtain life skills training and a stable living environment that will support youth development into and through adulthood. This goal includes youths who will be transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health, Developmental Services, and Public Health upon turning 22 years old.

<sup>11</sup> The goal of permanent placement with kin is to provide children with a committed, nurturing, and lifelong relationship in a licensed kinship family setting.

<sup>12</sup> Length of stay in placement, as measured by a “point-in-time snapshot” of consumers residing in care, is not representative of all individuals who spend time in care during some specified period. It is biased because consumers in continuous long-term placement are over-represented in “snapshot” counts while many others who enter and leave placement quickly are not counted at all.

<sup>13</sup> Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child’s most recent home removal episode start date to the Quarter End Date (March 31, 2011).

**TABLE 12B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE  
BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE: FY'2011, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region										Total			
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Adoption Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>				Other <sup>(2)</sup>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Age Group:</b>														
( 0 - 2 yrs)	515	15%	278	13%	364	15%	142	13%	49	18%	---	---	1,348	14%
( 3 - 5 yrs)	443	13%	190	9%	277	12%	106	10%	63	23%	1	1%	1,080	11%
( 6 - 11 yrs)	681	20%	334	15%	422	18%	165	15%	118	42%	6	6%	1,726	18%
(12 - 17 yrs)	1,389	40%	945	43%	924	39%	465	42%	50	18%	30	29%	3,803	40%
18 or older	437	13%	456	21%	405	17%	237	21%	---	---	68	65%	1,603	17%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,465</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,203</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,392</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,560</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Service Plan Goals:</b>														
Family Reunification	1,197	35%	686	31%	864	36%	380	34%	---	---	1	1%	3,128	33%
Adoption	932	27%	477	22%	522	22%	212	19%	264	94%	---	---	2,407	25%
APPLA <sup>(3)</sup>	553	16%	543	25%	462	19%	277	25%	---	---	80	76%	1,915	20%
Permanent Care with Kin	238	7%	201	9%	225	9%	84	8%	---	---	19	18%	767	8%
Guardianship	231	7%	139	6%	154	6%	83	7%	10	4%	---	---	617	6%
Stabilization of Family	182	5%	94	4%	112	5%	47	4%	---	---	---	---	435	5%
Unspecified as of run-date	132	4%	63	3%	53	2%	32	3%	6	2%	5	5%	291	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,465</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,203</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,392</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,560</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Continuous Time in Care:</b>														
(.5 yr or less)	855	25%	494	22%	566	24%	248	22%	4	1%	17	16%	2,184	23%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	614	18%	319	14%	431	18%	152	14%	26	9%	18	17%	1,560	16%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	400	12%	220	10%	251	10%	136	12%	37	13%	6	6%	1,050	11%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	304	9%	199	9%	213	9%	93	8%	26	9%	13	12%	848	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	691	20%	443	20%	474	20%	254	23%	114	41%	34	32%	2,010	21%
> 4 yrs	601	17%	528	24%	457	19%	232	21%	73	26%	17	16%	1,908	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,465</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,203</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,392</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,560</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

<sup>(3)</sup> Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

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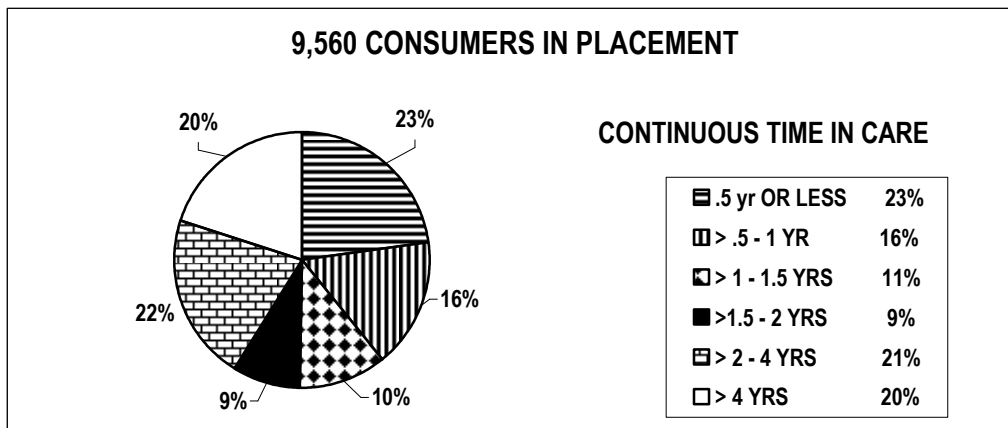
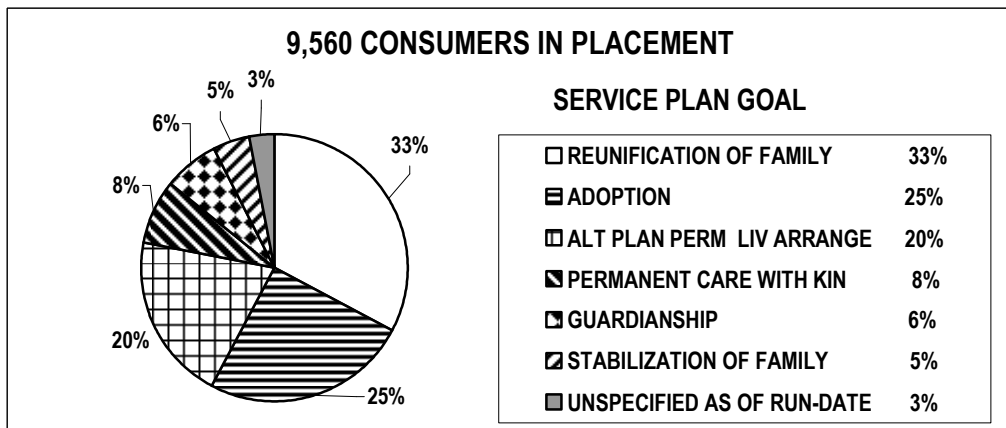
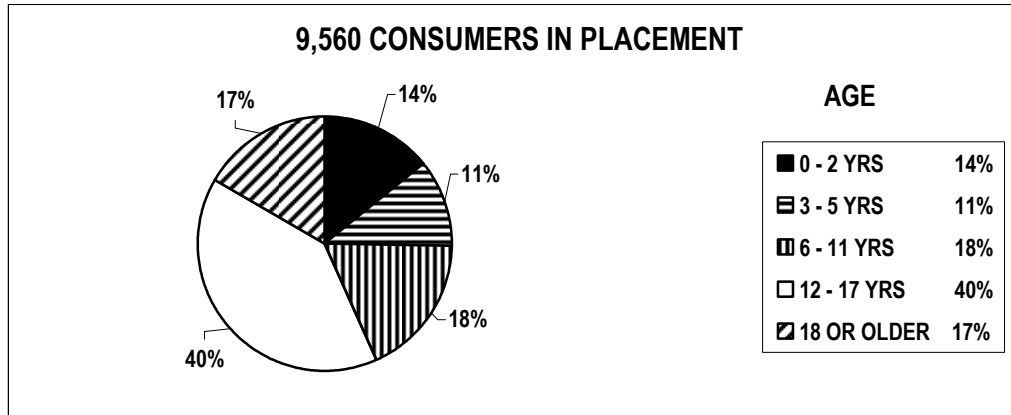
**TABLE 13. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:  
STATEWIDE FY'2011, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers												Total					
	White		Black		Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>		Asian		Native American		Other <sup>(2)</sup>				Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	1,035	24%	329	20%	592	23%	32	16%	6	35%	2	67%	102	23%	86	26%	2,184	23%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	740	17%	232	14%	409	16%	23	11%	5	29%	---	---	76	17%	75	23%	1,560	16%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	478	11%	141	9%	290	11%	34	17%	1	6%	---	---	61	14%	45	14%	1,050	11%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	398	9%	132	8%	219	9%	25	12%	2	12%	---	---	36	8%	36	11%	848	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	864	20%	414	25%	525	21%	61	30%	2	12%	---	---	98	22%	46	14%	2,010	21%
> 4 yrs	847	19%	410	25%	517	20%	29	14%	1	6%	1	33%	65	15%	38	12%	1,908	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,362</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,658</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,552</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,560</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes all races

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**FIGURE 16B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT  
STATEWIDE: FY'2011, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**



**TABLE 14. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:  
STATEWIDE FY'2011, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers														Total No. %			
	White		Black		Hispanic/ Latino <sup>(1)</sup>		Asian		Native American		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		Multi-Racial				Unable to Determine	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	1,475	34%	502	30%	810	32%	48	24%	7	41%	2	67%	155	35%	129	40%	3,128	33%
Adoption	1,091	25%	333	20%	673	26%	41	20%	4	24%	---	---	158	36%	107	33%	2,407	25%
APPLA <sup>(3)</sup>	796	18%	443	27%	529	21%	70	34%	1	6%	---	---	50	11%	26	8%	1,915	20%
Permanent Care with Kin	343	8%	171	10%	179	7%	24	12%	3	18%	---	---	20	5%	27	8%	767	8%
Guardianship	307	7%	96	6%	151	6%	11	5%	1	6%	---	---	27	6%	24	7%	617	6%
Stabilization of Family	211	5%	68	4%	124	5%	5	2%	1	6%	---	---	19	4%	7	2%	435	5%
Unspecified as of run-date	139	3%	45	3%	86	3%	5	2%	---	---	1	33%	9	2%	6	2%	291	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,362</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,658</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,552</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,560</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes all races

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

<sup>(3)</sup> Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 15. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:  
STATEWIDE FY'2011, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**

Service Plan Goal	Age Group of Consumers										Total No. %	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	618	20%	378	12%	593	19%	1,513	48%	26	1%	3,128	100%
Adoption	613	25%	587	24%	826	34%	377	16%	4	*	2,407	100%
APPLA <sup>(1)</sup>	---	---	---	---	1	*	553	29%	1,361	71%	1,915	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	1	*	4	1%	40	5%	605	79%	117	15%	767	100%
Guardianship	33	5%	61	10%	176	29%	332	54%	15	2%	617	100%
Stabilization of Family	26	6%	25	6%	53	12%	277	64%	54	12%	435	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	57	20%	25	9%	37	13%	146	50%	26	9%	291	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,348</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>1,080</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>1,726</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>3,803</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>1,603</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>9,560</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 16. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:  
STATEWIDE FY'2011, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**

Service Plan Goal	Continuous Time in Placement										Total No. %			
	(.5yr or less)		(> .5 - 1 yr)		(>1 - 1.5 yrs)		(>1.5 - 2 yrs)		(>2 - 4 yrs)				> 4 yrs	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	1,469	47%	939	30%	343	11%	151	5%	181	6%	45	1%	3,128	100%
Adoption	67	3%	301	13%	383	16%	359	15%	856	36%	441	18%	2,407	100%
APPLA <sup>(1)</sup>	102	5%	134	7%	137	7%	148	8%	528	28%	866	45%	1,915	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	16	2%	45	6%	50	7%	69	9%	202	26%	385	50%	767	100%
Guardianship	13	2%	83	13%	111	18%	98	16%	187	30%	125	20%	617	100%
Stabilization of Family	288	66%	43	10%	17	4%	15	3%	37	9%	35	8%	435	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	229	79%	15	5%	9	3%	8	3%	19	7%	11	4%	291	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,184</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>1,560</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>2,010</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>1,908</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>9,560</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

### C. Relationship of Age, Race, and Type of Placement to Time in Continuous Care

- At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2011 (“snapshot” on 3/31/11), the median time in continuous care was 1.2 years and the median<sup>14</sup> age was 11.4 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. (See table below)
- Over the past 19 years, the median age of children in care has ranged from 9.1 to 12.6 years while median time in placement has fluctuated between 1.1 and 1.6 years). (See table below)

<b>Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement</b>			
Date	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
7/93	9.3	1.6	12,577
7/94	9.1	1.4	12,977
7/95	9.2	1.3	13,056
7/96	9.7	1.4	12,643
7/97	10.2	1.4	11,957
9/98	10.2	1.5	10,503
6/99	10.8	1.3	9,834
6/00	11.4	1.3	10,025
6/01	11.5	1.2	9,889
6/02	11.8	1.3	9,932
6/03	12.1	1.3	10,127
6/04	12.3	1.4	9,815
6/05	12.5	1.3	9,439
6/06	12.6	1.2	9,543
6/07	12.6	1.2	9,132
6/08	12.0	1.1	9,287
6/09	11.4	1.2	8,755
6/10	11.5	1.2	8,097
9/10	11.3	1.3	7,917
12/10	11.2	1.2	7,847
3/11	11.4	1.2	7,957

**NOTE: Revised statistics**

<sup>14</sup> Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

- An age breakdown of children in placement by race<sup>15</sup> is presented in the following table. The median ages of Black and Asian children were greater than the median ages of Hispanic/Latino, White, Native American, Multi-Racial, and Unable to Determine. Median time in care for Black children was slightly longer than median time in care for other minority children and White children. On 3/31/11, 48% of children less than 18 years old in placement were adolescents. Please note that the statistics in the following table are for children less than 18 years old.

<b>Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement</b>			
<b>Race</b>	<b>Median Age (yrs)</b>	<b>Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>
White	11.4	1.1	3,676
Black	12.9	1.4	1,270
Hispanic/Latino	11.6	1.2	2,142
Asian	15.0	1.3	149
Native American	8.9	0.8	16
Pacific Islander	----	----	3
Multi-Racial	7.4	1.2	397
Unable to Determine	6.1	1.0	304
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>7,957</b>

<sup>15</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes children of any race.

- The table below displays the median age and continuous time in care for all children less than 18 years old in placement on 3/31/2011. These children may have been in different types of placement prior to this quarter end-date.
- Excluding Pre-Adoptive foster children, Unrestricted and Kinship foster children are the youngest and have spent the least amount of time in continuous care. Pre-Adoptive foster children have the lowest median age but a relatively longer length of stay—waiting for an adoptive family (adoption finalization).
- There are slightly longer length of stays for Kinship and Child Specific foster children.
- The 11 children in Independent Living have the highest median age but have spent a relatively shorter time in continuous care. Almost all of these children are between 17 and 18 years old and have had a break in continuous care prior to entering the independent living program. This analysis does not include children 18 years or older in the independent living program.
- Children in contracted Intensive Foster Care were older and had spent more time in continuous care compared to children in other types of foster care.
- Congregate care children were older and had spent more time in continuous placement than most foster children. Children in the different congregate care programs were similar in age but differed in their length of stay. The STARR program is a short-term residential placement service; this is reflected in the 0.1 year median length of stay.

<b>Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement</b>			
<b>Placement Type as of 3/31/2011</b>	<b>Median Age (yrs)</b>	<b>Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>
Foster Care:			
Unrestricted	5.8	0.8	1,928
Kinship	6.5	1.0	1,645
Child Specific	10.2	1.4	432
Pre-Adoptive	4.3	2.2	428
Independent Living	17.6	0.4	11
IFC (contracted)	14.0	1.8	1,703
Congregate Care:			
Group Home	15.7	1.4	630
Residential	15.3	2.6	464
STARR	15.2	0.1	355
On the Run & Non-Referral Locations	-----	-----	361
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>7,957</b>

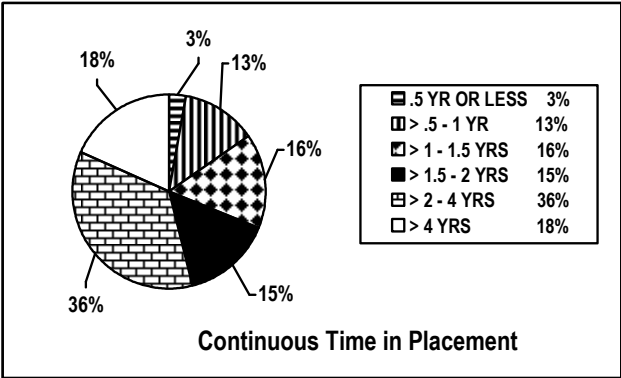
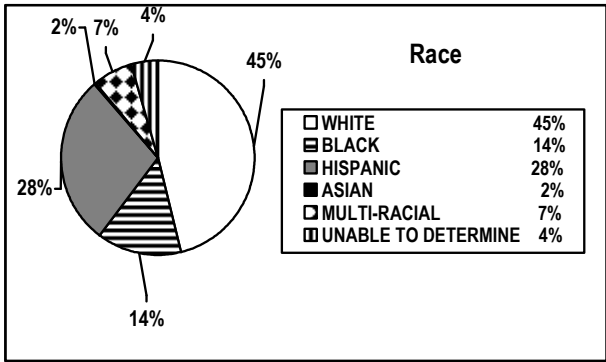
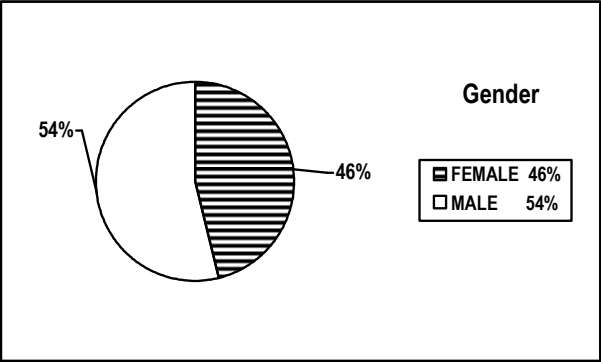
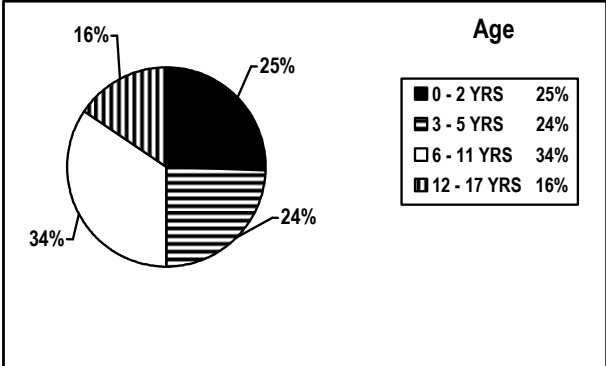
## D. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,407 consumers (includes 4 youths over 18 years old) in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,091 (45%) were White, 333 (14%) were Black, 673 (28%) were Hispanic/Latino, 41 (2%) were Asian, 4 (<1%) were Native American, and 158 (7%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 107 (4%) consumers. (**Tables 14 and 15** on page 30, **Fig. 17** on page 35)
- The age distribution of 2,407 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 25% age 0-2 years, 24% age 3-5 years, 34% age 6-11 years, and 16% age 12-17 years. (**Table 15** on page 30, **Fig. 17**)
- Fifty-four percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 46% were female. (**Fig. 17**)
- Fifty-four percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of adoption had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (**Table 16** on page 30, **Fig. 17**)
- Fifty-one percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of guardianship had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (**Table 16**)



**FIGURE 17. AGE, GENDER, RACE, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT OF CONSUMERS WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION  
FY'2011, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**

2,407 CONSUMERS WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION



- There has been a decline in the number of children<sup>16</sup> in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of “waiting” children fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In 2001, the group of “waiting” children dropped below 3,000. Over the years, changes in the number of children with a goal of adoption have often coincided with changes in the placement population. (See table below)
- Over the past 21 years, there have been relatively minor fluctuations in the proportion of “waiting” children—ranging from a high of 35% in 1994 to a low of 26% in 2006. For the past 4 quarters, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has been stable at 30-31%. (See table below)

### Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement

Date mo/yr	Children in Placement	Children in Placement with a Goal of Adoption	% of Children with a Goal of Adoption
7/91	12,397	3,541	29%
7/92	12,311	4,116	33%
7/93	12,577	4,244	34%
7/94	12,977	4,522	35%
7/95	13,056	4,352	33%
7/96	12,463	4,251	34%
7/97	11,957	3,673	31%
12/97	11,170	3,489	31%
9/98	10,503	3,393	32%
6/99	9,834	3,107	32%
6/00	10,025	3,175	32%
6/01	9,889	2,860	29%
6/02	9,932	2,837	29%
6/03	10,127	2,861	28%
6/04	9,815	2,763	28%
6/05	9,439	2,573	27%
6/06	9,543	2,452	26%
6/07	9,132	2,549	28%
6/08	9,287	2,494	27%
6/09	8,755	2,525	29%
6/10	8,097	2,478	31%
9/10	7,917	2,464	31%
12/10	7,847	2,466	31%
3/11	7,957	2,403	30%

**NOTES: Children are less than 18 years old**  
Revised statistics

<sup>16</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

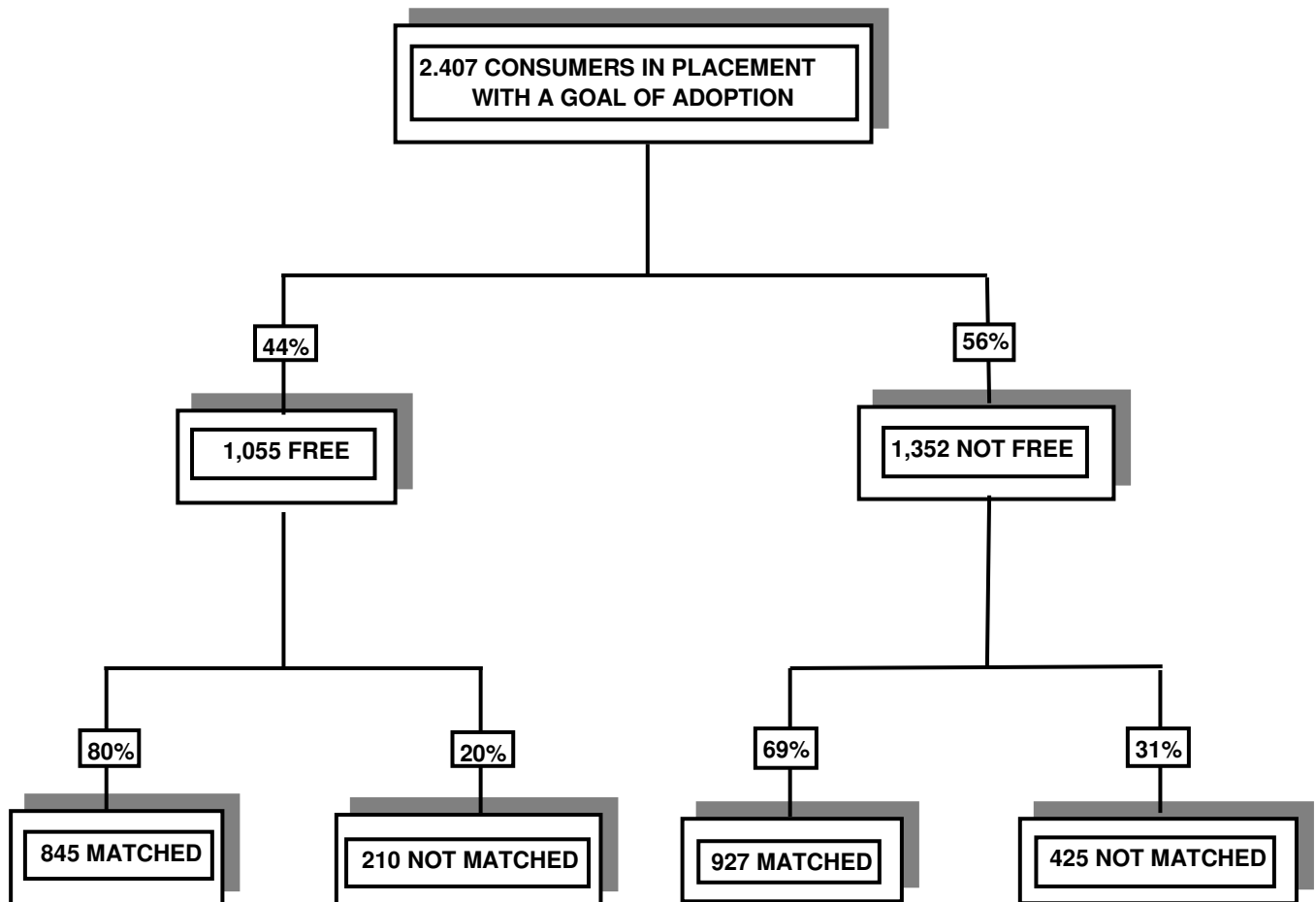
- Of the 2,407 “waiting” consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 44% were legally free for adoption. Eighty percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. (**Fig. 18** on next page)
- The adolescent age group had the highest proportion of children who were legally free for adoption (see table below). The larger proportion of adolescents legally free is a reflection of the difficulty in achieving adoptions for older children. The younger children who are legally free are being adopted while the adolescents who are legally free are “stuck” in placement. A separate analysis of children adopted in FY’2010 showed that the proportion of older children (12-17 years old) who were adopted accounted for only 8% of all adoptions. The amount of time from being legally freed to adoption is much longer for these older children.

Age Group (years)	Children in Placement 3/31/11		% Legally Free for Adoption
	Children with Goal of Adoption & Legally Free for Adoption	All Children with Goal of Adoption	
	No.	No.	%
0 – 2	245	613	40%
3 – 5	252	587	43%
6 – 11	371	826	45%
12 – 17	186	377	49%
<b>Total</b>	1,054	2,403	44%

Note: These children are less than 18 years old. Parental consent to adoption is not required once a child reaches 18 years of age.

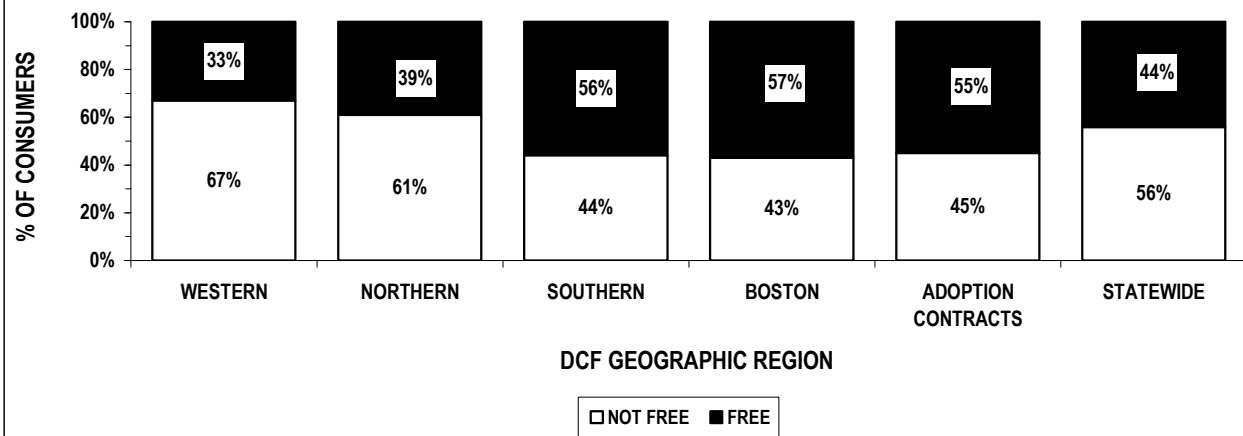
- Of those children with a goal of adoption who were not legally free for adoption (56%), 69% were matched to permanent families (**Fig. 18**).
- The Boston Region had the highest proportion (57%) of “waiting” children who were legally free for adoption. The proportion of legally free children ranged from 33% in the West to 57% in Boston (**Fig. 19** on page 39). On an area office basis, Lawrence (84%) and Plymouth (71%) had the highest proportions of legally free children (**Appendix Table A8** on page 70).
- The Southern and Western Regions had the highest proportions of “waiting” children who were matched to a permanent family (81% and 77%, respectively). The proportion of children matched to a permanent family ranged from 62% in Boston to 81% in the South (**Fig. 20** on page 39). Matching a child to an adoptive family can occur before, during, or after the legal proceedings to free a child for adoption. Areas with the highest proportions of children matched to a permanent family were Pittsfield (92%) and Taunton/Attleboro (90%) (**Appendix Table A9** on page 71).

**FIGURE 18. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION:  
 LEGAL STATUS AND MATCH STATUS  
 FY'2011, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**

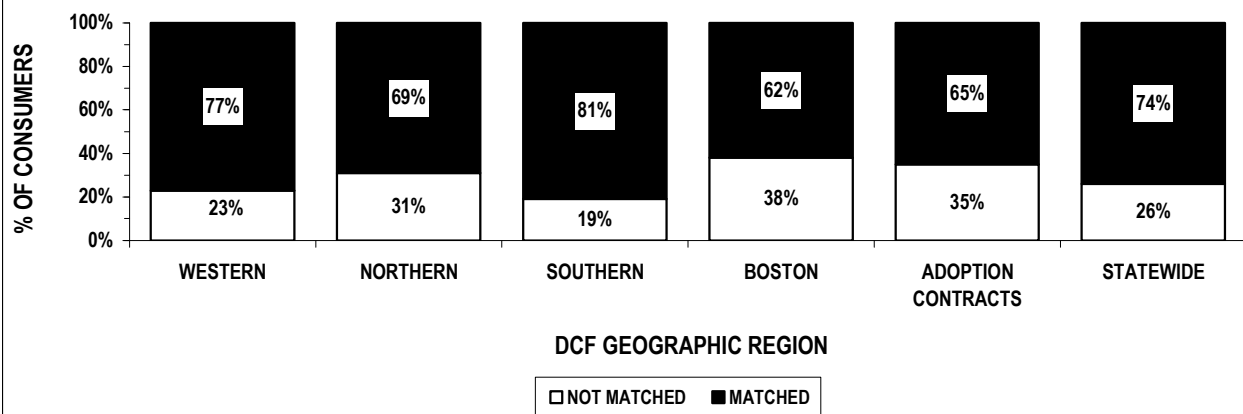


Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption  
 Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 19. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS  
FY'2011, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**

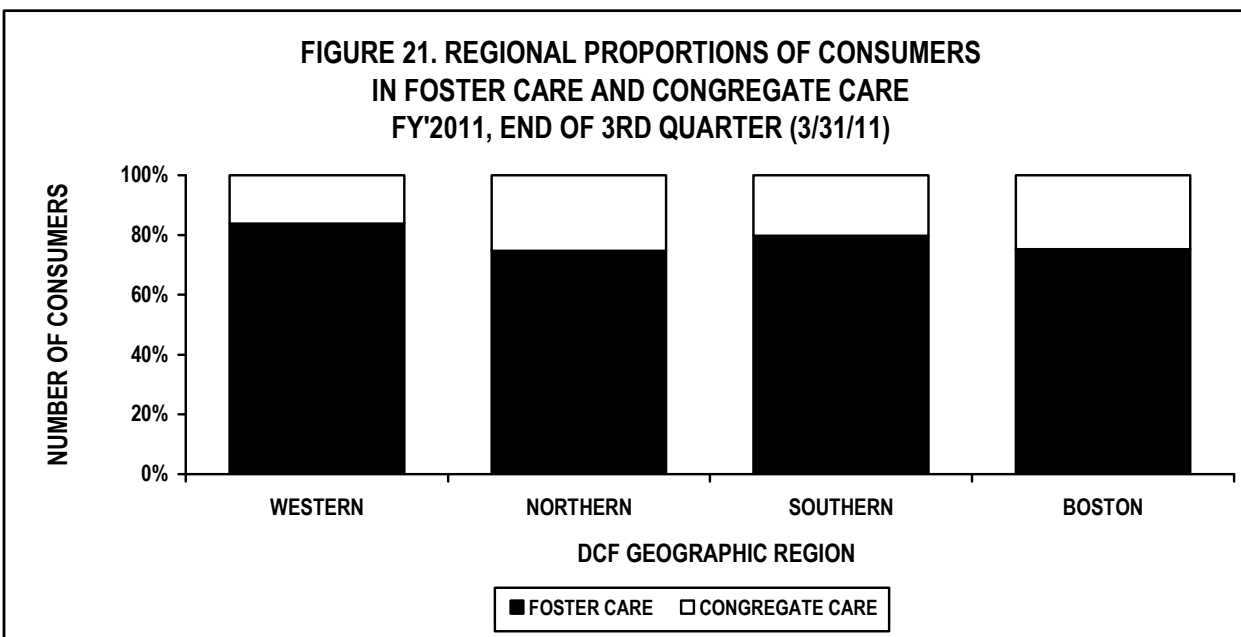


**FIGURE 20. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION AND WHETHER MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY  
FY'2011, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**



## E. Foster and Congregate Care

- There were 7,352 consumers in foster care and 1,797 consumers in congregate care<sup>17</sup> on the last day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2011. (Table 17A on page 42, Fig. 21)



- Adolescents (12-17 years) were the primary age group in foster care (29-32% range across regions) and congregate care (63% to 71% range across regions). (Table 17A)
- Adolescents were also the primary age group in “Other” placement locations<sup>18</sup> (81-86% regional range). (Table 17A)
- The foster care racial proportions ranged from: White—20% in Boston to 59% in the South; Black—11% in the North to 45% in Boston; and Hispanic/Latino—13% in the South to 33% in the West (Table 18A on page 45). The congregate care racial proportions by region were similar to those for foster care (Table 18A).
- The racial distribution of the foster care and congregate care populations by region and type of program/model are presented in Tables 18B and 18C (pages 46-47).

<sup>17</sup>Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

<sup>18</sup>“Other” includes locations like hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies, as well as children on the run from placement.

- There were 1,964 consumers in “Intensive” foster care<sup>19</sup> (IFC) and 5,388 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (38% of consumers), kinship (31%), child specific (9%), pre-adoptive (8%), and independent living (13%).<sup>20</sup> (**Table 17B** on page 43)
- A breakdown of the number of consumers in Departmental foster care by region is displayed in **Fig. 22B** on page 48.
- The proportions of consumers in different types of foster care are shown for each region in **Figure 22A** (page 48). Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West and South. The South also had the largest proportion of consumers in kinship homes. Consumers in child-specific homes were most evident in the West. The West and Boston had the highest proportions of consumers in pre-adoptive homes. Consumers in independent living were proportionally higher in the North and Boston as compared to the other regions. Boston had the largest proportion of consumers in intensive foster care. (**Fig. 22A**)
- The major congregate care programs were group homes (828 consumers), residential (614), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)<sup>21</sup> (355 consumers). (**Table 17C** on page 44)
- The proportions of consumers in different types of congregate care are shown for each region in **Figure 23A** (on page 49). The West had the highest proportion of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential placements was most significant in the Boston and Southern Regions. Children in STARR placements were more prevalent in the South. (**Fig. 23A, Table 17C**)
- Regional counts of consumers in group home, residential, and STARR programs are presented in **Fig. 23B** on page 49 and **Table 17C**.
- Consumers in the residential program were mostly situated in Residential schools.<sup>22</sup> (**Table 17C**)
- The primary models in the group home program were behavioral treatment residence (BTR) (377 consumers), group home (307), and independent living (144). (**Table 17C**)

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<sup>19</sup>Intensive Foster Care encompasses and expands upon services formerly known as “Contracted” Foster Care (Therapeutic, Diagnostic, Independent Living, Emergency Shelter, and Other models). IFC programs provide therapeutic services and supports in a family-based placement setting to children and youth for whom a traditional foster care environment is not sufficiently supportive, who are transitioning from a residential/group home level of care and require the intensity of services available through this program, or who are being discharged from a hospital setting.

<sup>20</sup> The Departmental foster care category of independent living represents payment of the foster care rate directly to youth to subsidize their room and board expenses.

<sup>21</sup> Services focused on supporting a rapid reintegration or transition to a next placement.

<sup>22</sup> Staff secure placement is for children who have not sufficiently internalized behavioral controls and require a more highly structured setting to help them manage their behavior. These facilities are licensed by the Department of Education. Special education services are provided according to the child’s Individual Education Plan (IEP).

**TABLE 17A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2011, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Age Group	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
<b>Western</b>		<b>2,806</b>		<b>541</b>		<b>118</b>		<b>3,465</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	514	18%	---	---	1	1%	515
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	436	16%	5	1%	2	2%	443
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	605	22%	68	13%	8	7%	681
	(12 - 17 yrs)	908	32%	379	70%	102	86%	1,389
	18 or older	343	12%	89	16%	5	4%	437
<b>Northern</b>		<b>1,559</b>		<b>526</b>		<b>118</b>		<b>2,203</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	277	18%	---	---	1	1%	278
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	181	12%	6	1%	3	3%	190
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	285	18%	38	7%	11	9%	334
	(12 - 17 yrs)	485	31%	365	69%	95	81%	945
	18 or older	331	21%	117	22%	8	7%	456
<b>Southern</b>		<b>1,843</b>		<b>465</b>		<b>84</b>		<b>2,392</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	362	20%	2	*	---	---	364
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	268	15%	5	1%	4	5%	277
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	372	20%	45	10%	5	6%	422
	(12 - 17 yrs)	527	29%	330	71%	67	80%	924
	18 or older	314	17%	83	18%	8	10%	405
<b>Boston</b>		<b>799</b>		<b>262</b>		<b>54</b>		<b>1,115</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	140	18%	2	1%	---	---	142
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	104	13%	1	*	1	2%	106
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	129	16%	36	14%	---	---	165
	(12 - 17 yrs)	257	32%	164	63%	44	81%	465
	18 or older	169	21%	59	23%	9	17%	237
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup></b>		<b>276</b>		<b>3</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>280</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	49	18%	---	---	---	---	49
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	62	22%	---	---	1	100%	63
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	116	42%	2	67%	---	---	118
	(12 - 17 yrs)	49	18%	1	33%	---	---	50
<b>Other <sup>(4)</sup></b>		<b>69</b>		<b>---</b>		<b>36</b>		<b>105</b>
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	1	3%	1
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	3	4%	---	---	3	8%	6
	(12 - 17 yrs)	18	26%	---	---	12	33%	30
	18 or older	48	70%	---	---	20	56%	68
<b>Total</b>		<b>7,352</b>		<b>1,797</b>		<b>411</b>		<b>9,560</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

<sup>(2)</sup> "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies, as well as consumers on the run from placement.

<sup>(3)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.



**TABLE 17B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2011, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Age Group	Foster Care							Foster Care Total
		Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
		Intensive Foster Care <sup>(2)</sup>	Other <sup>(3)</sup>	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
<b>Western</b>		<b>690</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>2,806</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	24	4	28	---	133	77	248	514
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	31	4	30	---	142	50	179	436
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	134	1	48	---	179	51	192	605
	(12 - 17 yrs)	415	23	82	5	162	13	208	908
	18 or older	86	9	22	178	14	1	33	343
<b>Northern</b>		<b>419</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>1,559</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	27	---	20	---	85	19	126	277
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	33	5	6	---	70	15	52	181
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	84	9	13	---	103	16	60	285
	(12 - 17 yrs)	224	10	37	1	92	9	112	485
	18 or older	51	12	11	216	14	---	27	331
<b>Southern</b>		<b>447</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>1,843</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	30	---	18	---	104	30	180	362
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	37	1	16	---	118	21	75	268
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	89	---	20	---	129	21	113	372
	(12 - 17 yrs)	234	1	40	4	105	4	139	527
	18 or older	57	7	25	166	21	---	38	314
<b>Boston</b>		<b>228</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>799</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	5	4	13	---	41	19	58	140
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	14	3	7	---	45	15	20	104
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	41	---	8	---	43	17	20	129
	(12 - 17 yrs)	129	7	15	1	44	3	58	257
	18 or older	39	---	5	103	2	---	20	169
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(4)</sup></b>		<b>77</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>276</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	4	2	2	---	11	9	21	49
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	9	1	7	---	15	9	21	62
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	35	---	11	---	22	25	23	116
	(12 - 17 yrs)	29	---	7	---	2	5	6	49
<b>Other <sup>(5)</sup></b>		<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>69</b>
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	1	---	---	---	2	3
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	3	---	---	---	15	18
	18 or older	---	---	---	26	---	---	22	48
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,861</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1,696</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>2,068</b>	<b>7,352</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

<sup>(2)</sup> IFC includes "Teen Parent Rate" model (21 consumers).

<sup>(3)</sup> Other includes "Sibling Rate" model (33 consumers).

<sup>(4)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 17C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2011, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Congregate Care					STARR <sup>(3)</sup>	Total
	Group Home			Residential			
	Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential <sup>(2)</sup>		
<b>Western</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>541</b>
( 3-5yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	4	5
( 6-11yrs)	13	11	---	26	---	18	68
(12-17yrs)	130	58	---	99	5	87	379
18 or older	11	35	17	24	2	---	89
<b>Northern</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>526</b>
( 3-5yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	6	6
( 6-11yrs)	16	3	---	16	1	2	38
(12-17yrs)	71	70	19	118	1	86	365
18 or older	7	15	59	34	2	---	117
<b>Southern</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>465</b>
( 0-2yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	2
( 3-5yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	4	5
( 6-11yrs)	13	3	---	14	---	15	45
(12-17yrs)	55	55	5	115	3	97	330
18 or older	1	16	15	50	1	---	83
<b>Boston</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>262</b>
( 0-2yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	2
( 3-5yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
( 6-11yrs)	19	6	---	8	---	3	36
(12-17yrs)	33	24	10	66	4	27	164
18 or older	7	9	19	23	1	---	59
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
( 6-11yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	1	2
(12-17yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>1,797</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

<sup>(2)</sup> "Old" taxonomy includes teen pregnancy/parenting group home (19), other (1).

<sup>(3)</sup> STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

<sup>(4)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

**TABLE 18A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2011, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Race	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
<b>Western</b>		<b>2,806</b>		<b>541</b>		<b>118</b>		<b>3,465</b>
	White	1,289	46%	281	52%	44	37%	1,614
	Black	341	12%	56	10%	15	13%	412
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	924	33%	173	32%	55	47%	1,152
	Asian	18	1%	4	1%	---	---	22
	Native American	4	*	---	---	---	---	4
	Other <sup>(4)</sup>	---	---	1	*	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	128	5%	19	4%	2	2%	149
	Unable to Determine	102	4%	7	1%	2	2%	111
<b>Northern</b>		<b>1,559</b>		<b>526</b>		<b>118</b>		<b>2,203</b>
	White	725	47%	272	52%	57	48%	1,054
	Black	169	11%	60	11%	10	8%	239
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	447	29%	154	29%	39	33%	640
	Asian	84	5%	12	2%	7	6%	103
	Native American	5	*	1	*	---	---	6
	Other <sup>(4)</sup>	---	---	2	*	---	---	2
	Multi-Racial	73	5%	17	3%	1	1%	91
	Unable to Determine	56	4%	8	2%	4	3%	68
<b>Southern</b>		<b>1,843</b>		<b>465</b>		<b>84</b>		<b>2,392</b>
	White	1,079	59%	269	58%	43	51%	1,391
	Black	295	16%	90	19%	14	17%	399
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	248	13%	68	15%	20	24%	336
	Asian	10	1%	3	1%	2	2%	15
	Native American	7	*	---	---	---	---	7
	Multi-Racial	125	7%	20	4%	4	5%	149
	Unable to Determine	79	4%	15	3%	1	1%	95
<b>Boston</b>		<b>799</b>		<b>262</b>		<b>54</b>		<b>1,115</b>
	White	156	20%	33	13%	6	11%	195
	Black	363	45%	142	54%	24	44%	529
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	212	27%	69	26%	23	43%	304
	Asian	19	2%	6	2%	1	2%	26
	Multi-Racial	21	3%	4	2%	---	---	25
	Unable to Determine	28	4%	8	3%	---	---	36
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(5)</sup></b>		<b>276</b>		<b>3</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>280</b>
	White	105	38%	2	67%	1	100%	108
	Black	45	16%	---	---	---	---	45
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	84	30%	---	---	---	---	84
	Asian	4	1%	---	---	---	---	4
	Multi-Racial	23	8%	1	33%	---	---	24
	Unable to Determine	15	5%	---	---	---	---	15
<b>Other <sup>(6)</sup></b>		<b>69</b>		<b>---</b>		<b>36</b>		<b>105</b>
	Black	27	39%	---	---	7	19%	34
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	13	19%	---	---	23	64%	36
	Asian	28	41%	---	---	6	17%	34
	Unable to Determine	1	1%	---	---	---	---	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>7,352</b>		<b>1,797</b>		<b>411</b>		<b>9,560</b>

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

<sup>(2)</sup> "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies, as well as consumers on the run from placement.

<sup>(3)</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes all races

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

<sup>(5)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(6)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 18B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2011, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Age Group	Foster Care							Foster Care Total
		Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
		Intensive Foster Care <sup>(2)</sup>	Other <sup>(3)</sup>	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
<b>Western</b>		<b>690</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>2,806</b>
	White	277	18	118	80	316	95	385	1,289
	Black	119	4	17	32	54	16	99	341
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(4)</sup>	254	16	56	58	196	70	274	924
	Asian	3	1	1	1	2	---	10	18
	Native American	---	---	1	1	1	---	1	4
	Multi-Racial	22	1	9	8	32	5	51	128
	Unable to Determine	15	1	8	3	29	6	40	102
<b>Northern</b>		<b>419</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>1,559</b>
	White	170	18	42	97	210	35	153	725
	Black	48	4	6	44	23	5	39	169
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(4)</sup>	135	12	21	62	89	11	117	447
	Asian	26	---	3	11	18	1	25	84
	Native American	2	---	---	---	2	---	1	5
	Multi-Racial	17	2	7	3	16	2	26	73
	Unable to Determine	21	---	8	---	6	5	16	56
<b>Southern</b>		<b>447</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>1,843</b>
	White	248	6	60	107	311	53	294	1,079
	Black	86	2	25	32	50	8	92	295
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(4)</sup>	70	1	15	20	57	4	81	248
	Asian	4	---	2	1	1	---	2	10
	Native American	3	---	1	---	3	---	---	7
	Multi-Racial	23	---	8	7	32	4	51	125
	Unable to Determine	13	---	8	3	23	7	25	79
<b>Boston</b>		<b>228</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>799</b>
	White	44	4	7	20	46	16	19	156
	Black	98	7	22	59	72	15	90	363
	Hispanic/Latino	63	3	14	19	40	18	55	212
	Asian	6	---	1	3	3	2	4	19
	Multi-Racial	11	---	2	---	4	1	3	21
	Unable to Determine	6	---	2	3	10	2	5	28
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(5)</sup></b>		<b>77</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>276</b>
	White	27	0	8	---	22	21	27	105
	Black	18	1	3	---	8	6	9	45
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(4)</sup>	19	2	12	---	16	10	25	84
	Asian	---	---	---	---	---	4	---	4
	Multi-Racial	7	---	1	---	4	6	5	23
	Unable to Determine	6	---	3	---	---	1	5	15
<b>Other <sup>(6)</sup></b>		<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>69</b>
	Black	---	---	2	11	---	---	14	27
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(4)</sup>	---	---	---	9	---	---	4	13
	Asian	---	---	2	5	---	---	21	28
	Unable to Determine	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,861</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1,696</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>2,068</b>	<b>7,352</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

<sup>(2)</sup> IFC includes "Teen Parent Rate" model (21 consumers).

<sup>(3)</sup> Other includes "Sibling Rate" model (33 consumers).

<sup>(4)</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes all races.

<sup>(5)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(6)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 18C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2011, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Congregate Care						STARR <sup>(3)</sup>	Total
	Group Home			Residential				
	Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential <sup>(2)</sup>			
<b>Western</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>541</b>	
White	78	60	4	84	2	53	281	
Black	16	8	5	18	---	9	56	
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(4)</sup>	50	31	7	42	5	38	173	
Asian	1	1		1	---	1	4	
Other <sup>(5)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	
Multi-Racial	8	3	1	2	---	5	19	
Unable to Determine	1	2		2	---	2	7	
<b>Northern</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>526</b>	
White	49	49	35	88	---	51	272	
Black	12	14	12	15	2	5	60	
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(4)</sup>	23	18	29	53	2	29	154	
Asian	3	1	1	4	---	3	12	
Native American	1	---	---	---	---	---	1	
Other <sup>(5)</sup>	1	---	---	1	---	---	2	
Multi-Racial	3	5	1	4	---	4	17	
Unable to Determine	2	1	---	3	---	2	8	
<b>Southern</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>465</b>	
White	39	50	7	108	2	63	269	
Black	17	15	6	30	---	22	90	
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(4)</sup>	7	5	5	26	2	23	68	
Asian	1	1	---	1	---	---	3	
Multi-Racial	5	3	1	7	---	4	20	
Unable to Determine	---	---	1	8	---	6	15	
<b>Boston</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>262</b>	
White	6	5	3	14	---	5	33	
Black	37	21	15	49	5	15	142	
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(4)</sup>	13	8	9	26	---	13	69	
Asian	---	3	---	3	---	---	6	
Multi-Racial	---	---	2	2	---	---	4	
Unable to Determine	3	2	---	3	---	---	8	
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(6)</sup></b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	
White	1	---	---	---	---	1	2	
Multi-Racial	---	1	---	---	---	---	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>1,797</b>	

<sup>(1)</sup> Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

<sup>(2)</sup> "Old" taxonomy includes teen pregnancy/parenting group home (19), other (1).

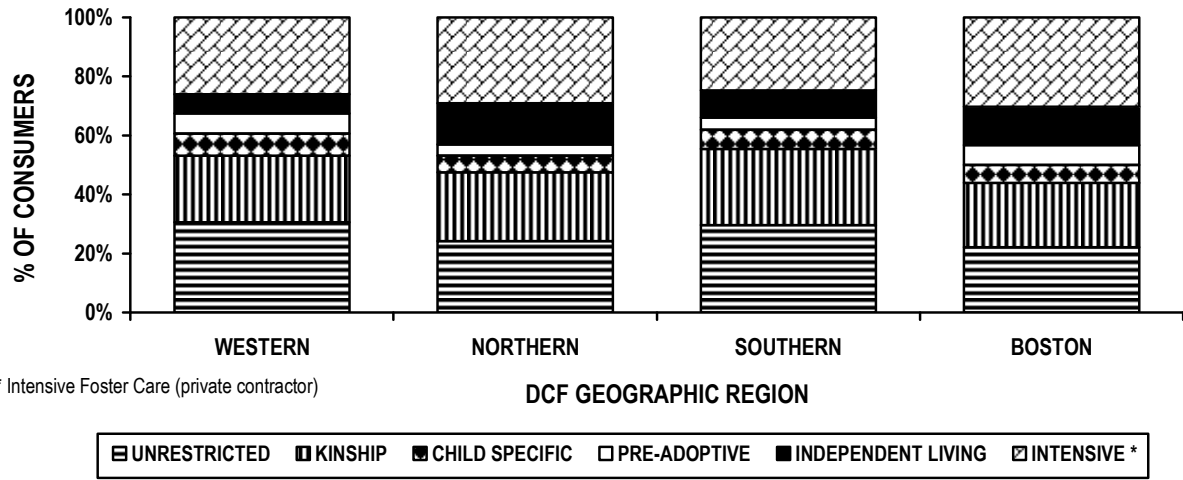
<sup>(3)</sup> STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

<sup>(4)</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes all races.

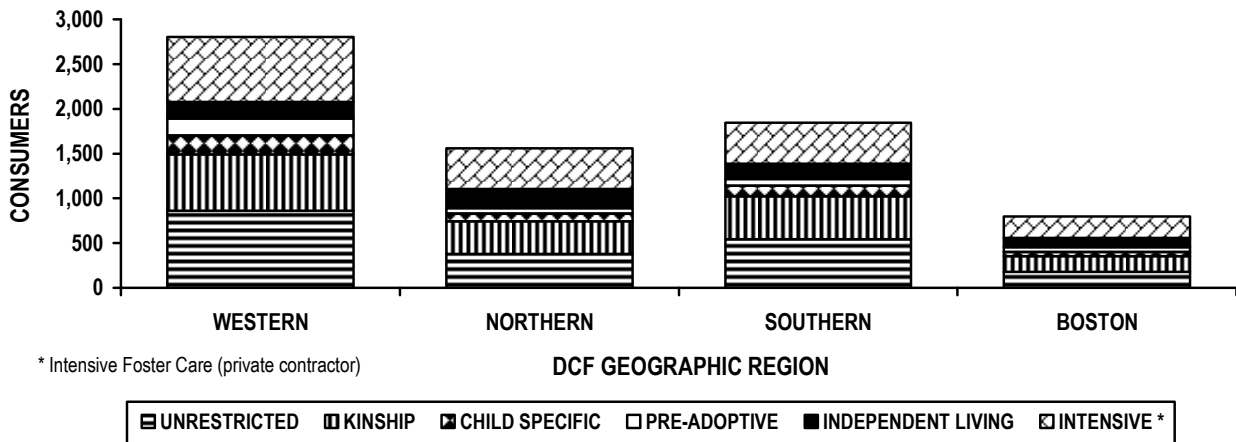
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<sup>(6)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

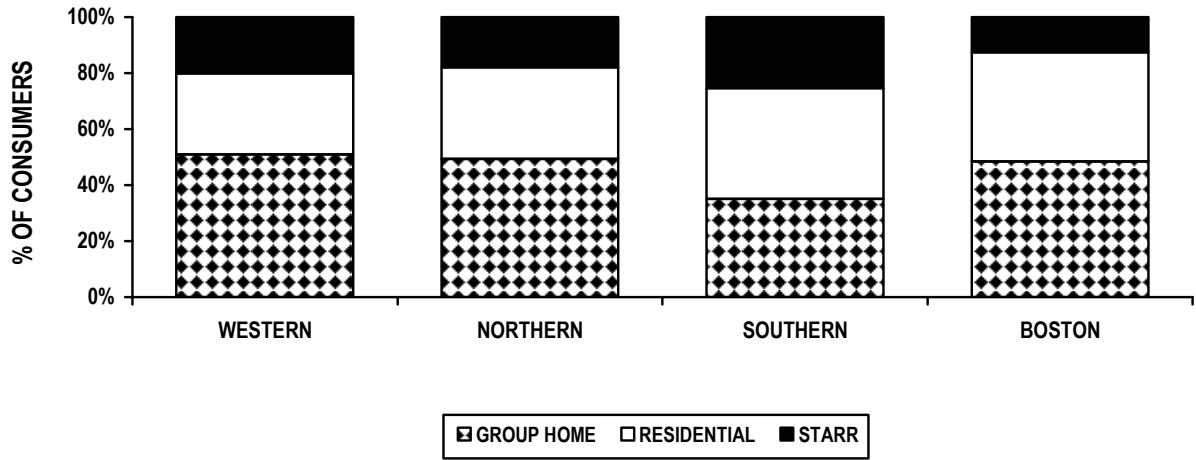
**FIGURE 22A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS  
IN FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2011, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**



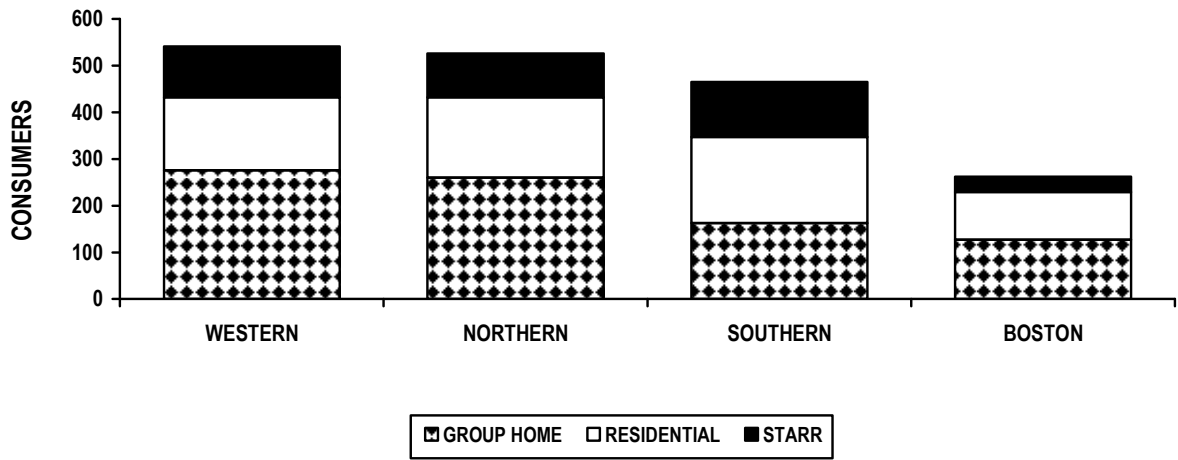
**FIGURE 22B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS  
IN FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2011, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**



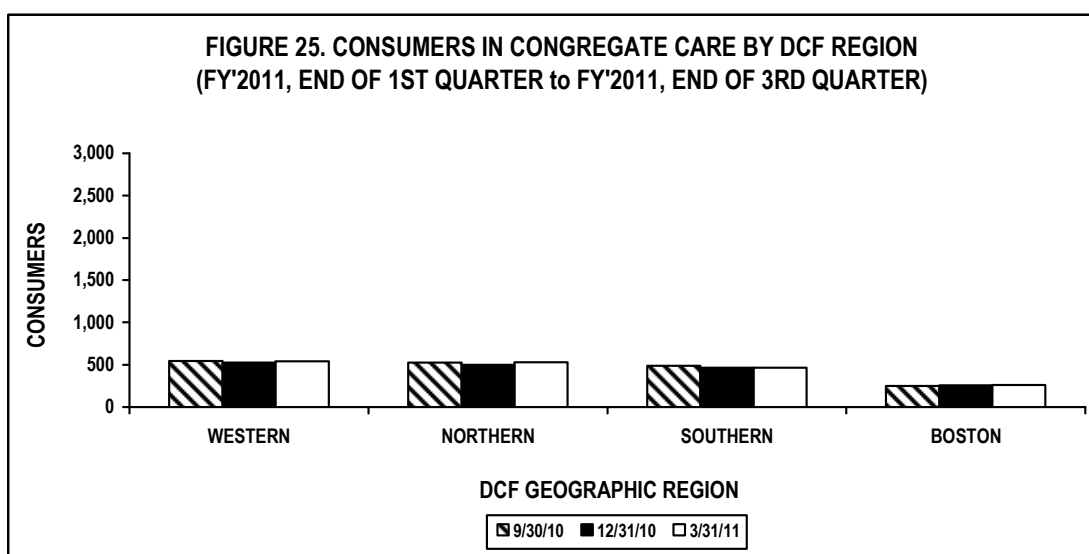
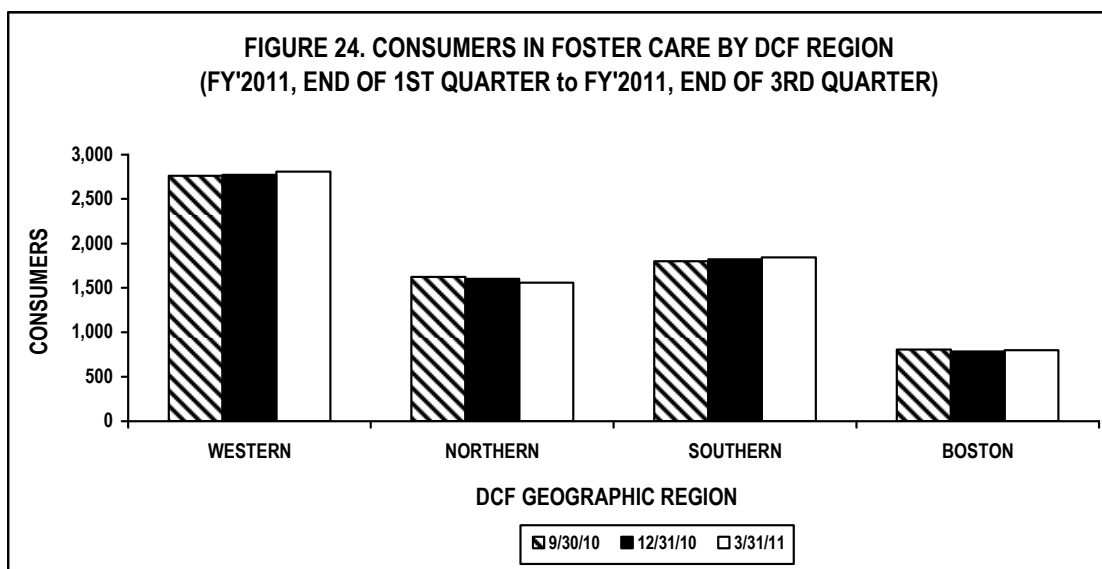
**FIGURE 23A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS  
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2011, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**



**FIGURE 23B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS  
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2011, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**



- From the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2011, there were increases of 1% and 3% in the foster and congregate care populations, respectively (Figs. 24 and 25).<sup>23</sup>
- Declines in statewide numbers of consumers in placement, foster care, and congregate care most often occur in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter over the past 4 years). Seasonal variation is not the only contributing factor. Counts of placement children have shown a steady decline since 1995 (Fig. 13 on page 22, Appendix Table 1 on page 64).
- In the past, statewide declines in quarterly counts of children not in placement and total consumers (adults and children) occurred predominantly in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. The declines in total consumers and children not in placement coincided with the pattern for investigations and initial assessments (combined counts).



<sup>23</sup> Both foster care and congregate care include young adults 18 years or older.



## F. Independent Living

Of the 7,352 consumers in foster care, 700 were in the Departmental foster care category of “Independent Living.” These children are in a school or vocational program and need financial support to transition to independent living. They receive foster care payments directly to pay for room and board expenses as long as they fully participate in an educational or vocational program, and meet with their social worker as arranged. Substitute care services (voluntary placement agreement) may be extended to the youth’s 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday if it is demonstrated that without DCF financial support the student will not complete a Bachelor’s program. On 3/31/2011, the ages of these children ranged from 15 to 23 years old.

Of the 1,797 consumers in congregate care, 144 were in the group home category of “Independent Living.” This placement location includes group homes as well as supervised or supported apartments designed for older adolescents who are developing the skills to live in the community in their own homes or apartments. On 3/31/2011, the ages of these children ranged from 15 to 22 years old.

- The Northern Region had the highest number of independent living children (217 in foster care and 78 in group homes). (See table below).
- Of the 700 youth in Departmental foster care, 98% were 18 years or older, 63% were female, 43% were White, 25% were Black, 24% were Hispanic/Latino, and 75% had spent more than two years in continuous substitute care. (See table on next page)

### Regional Distribution of Youth in the Independent Living Program

Departmental Foster Care		DCF Region	Group Home	
No.	%		No.	%
183	26%	Western	17	12%
217	31%	Northern	78	54%
170	24%	Southern	20	14%
104	15%	Boston	29	20%
26	4%	Central Office	---	---
700	100%	TOTAL	144	100%

Note: percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding-off

- Of the 144 youth in group homes, 76% were 18 years or older, 53% were female, 34% were White, 26% were Black, 35% were Hispanic/Latino, and 70% had spent more than two years in continuous substitute care. (See table on next page)

### Demographic Profile of Youth in the Independent Living Program

Departmental Foster Care			Group Home	
No.	%		No.	%
		<i>Age Group</i>		
11	2%	15-17 years	34	24%
689	98%	18 years or Older	110	76%
		<i>Gender</i>		
261	37%	Male	68	47%
439	63%	Female	76	53%
		<i>Race</i>		
304	43%	White	49	34%
178	25%	Black	38	26%
168	24%	Hispanic/Latino	50	35%
21	3%	Asian	1	1%
1	*	Native American	---	---
18	3%	Multi-Racial	5	3%
10	1%	Undetermined	1	1%
		<i>Continuous Time in Care</i>		
90	13%	1 year or less	22	15%
84	12%	>1 – 2 years	21	15%
195	28%	>2 – 4 years	26	18%
331	47%	>4 years	75	52%

\* = less than 1% after rounding-off

## G. Children in Kinship Placement<sup>24</sup>

It is the policy of DCF that all placements are made in accordance with permanency planning objectives. From the time a child is placed, a plan is developed for returning the child home, or, if that is not possible, for identifying an alternative permanent home. DCF always gives first consideration to placement with a relative or member of the child's extended family.

- Statewide, 21% of all children in placement were in kinship care. The Fall River (32%), North Central (29%), Taunton/Attleboro (27%), and Haverhill (27%) Area Offices had the highest proportions of placement children in kinship. **(Table 19A on next page)**
- Statewide, 24% of White, 15% of Black, and 18% of Hispanic/Latino children in placement were in kinship placements. **(Table 19B on page 55)**
- Of those area offices with more than 30 Hispanic children in placement, Greenfield (37%), Hyde Park (27%), Worcester East (26%), and Framingham (25%) had the largest proportions of Hispanic/Latino children in kinship care. **(Table 19B)**
- Of those area offices with more than 30 Black children in placement, Lynn (34%) and Fall River (29%) had the largest proportions of Black children in kinship care. **(Table 19B)**

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<sup>24</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

**TABLE 19A. CHILDREN <sup>(1)</sup> IN KINSHIP PLACEMENT AS A PROPORTION OF ALL CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT:  
FY'2011, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**

<b>DCF Region/Area</b>	<b>Kinship</b>	<b>Total Children in Placement</b>	<b>% in Kinship</b>
Greenfield	62	289	21%
Holyoke	70	346	20%
North Central	105	365	29%
Pittsfield	81	333	24%
Robert Van Wart	65	355	18%
South Central	48	248	19%
Springfield	57	428	13%
Worcester East	82	346	24%
Worcester West	46	312	15%
Contracted Agencies	---	6	---
<b>Western</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>3,028</b>	<b>20%</b>
Cambridge	26	144	18%
Cape Ann	27	178	15%
Framingham	49	209	23%
Haverhill	45	166	27%
Lawrence	27	187	14%
Lowell	94	411	23%
Lynn	58	257	23%
Malden	24	193	12%
Contracted Agencies	---	2	---
<b>Northern</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>1,747</b>	<b>20%</b>
Arlington	38	160	24%
Brockton	41	251	16%
Cape Cod	48	233	21%
Coastal	47	188	25%
Fall River	112	354	32%
New Bedford	64	376	17%
Plymouth	52	226	23%
Taunton/Attleboro	54	198	27%
Contracted Agencies	---	1	---
<b>Southern</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>1,987</b>	<b>23%</b>
Dimock Street	43	204	21%
Harbor	28	221	13%
Hyde Park	39	194	20%
Park Street	62	254	24%
Contracted Agencies	1	5	20%
<b>Boston</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(2)</sup></b>	50	280	18%
<b>Other <sup>(3)</sup></b>	---	37	---
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,645</b>	<b>7,957</b>	<b>21%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 19B. RACE OF CHILDREN <sup>(1)</sup> IN KINSHIP PLACEMENTS COMPARED TO ALL PLACEMENTS:  
FY'2011, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**

DCF Region/ Area Office	Children in Kinship			Total Children in Placement			% Kinship Placements		
	Race			Race			Race		
	White	Black	Hispanic <sup>(2)</sup>	White	Black	Hispanic <sup>(2)</sup>	White	Black	Hispanic <sup>(2)</sup>
Greenfield	40	2	15	216	11	41	19%	18%	37%
Holyoke	19	3	39	95	29	197	20%	10%	20%
North Central	64	4	24	202	25	105	32%	16%	23%
Pittsfield	57	6	8	228	21	38	25%	29%	21%
Robert Van Wart	31	6	22	173	31	116	18%	19%	19%
South Central	35	2	8	184	6	47	19%	33%	17%
Springfield	7	16	26	60	119	226	12%	13%	12%
Worcester East	34	10	34	131	52	132	26%	19%	26%
Worcester West	19	2	20	135	35	111	14%	6%	18%
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	---	1	3	---	---	---
<b>Western</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>1,424</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>1,016</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>19%</b>
Cambridge	13	2	9	57	29	37	23%	7%	24%
Cape Ann	19	1	6	141	9	20	13%	11%	30%
Framingham	28	3	14	107	24	56	26%	13%	25%
Haverhill	38	2	4	110	8	35	35%	25%	11%
Lawrence	6	---	20	49	3	128	12%	---	16%
Lowell	53	1	20	172	21	125	31%	5%	16%
Lynn	27	11	11	96	32	79	28%	34%	14%
Malden	18	3	1	112	39	22	16%	8%	5%
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	---	---
<b>Northern</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>17%</b>
Arlington	22	2	6	77	29	36	29%	7%	17%
Brockton	22	7	8	96	88	36	23%	8%	22%
Cape Cod	32	---	7	147	17	20	22%	---	35%
Coastal	34	5	2	127	28	9	27%	18%	22%
Fall River	70	16	11	189	55	64	37%	29%	17%
New Bedford	40	6	10	192	58	88	21%	10%	11%
Plymouth	34	2	9	165	22	15	21%	9%	60%
Taunton/Attleboro	46	5	1	148	20	18	31%	25%	6%
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---
<b>Southern</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1,141</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>19%</b>
Dimock Street	10	20	11	27	99	65	37%	20%	17%
Harbor	18	3	6	86	21	88	21%	14%	7%
Hyde Park	7	21	9	15	138	33	47%	15%	27%
Park Street	11	26	13	28	139	59	39%	19%	22%
Contracted Agencies	---	1	---	3	2	---	---	50%	---
<b>Boston</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>22</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Other <sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>3,676</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>2,142</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>18%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

<sup>(2)</sup> Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

<sup>(3)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

## VI. CONSUMERS ENTERING AND LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER

- During the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2011, 1,764 consumers entered placement and 1,791 consumers left placement. For individuals with multiple entries and exits during the quarter, only the first entry and last exit were selected. These counts of placement dynamics do not include consumers who changed placements during the quarter. (Table 20 on page 57, Table 21 on page 58)
- Compared to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2011, there was a 1% increase in consumers entering placement and a 6% decrease in consumers leaving placement during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2011.

### A. Entries to Placement

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2011, 63% were first-time entrants and 37% were re-entrants.<sup>25</sup> Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 60% in the North to 64% in each of the other regions. (Table 20, Fig. 26 on page 57)
- Across the state, 66% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 28% were placed in congregate care,<sup>26</sup> and 6% were placed in non-referral locations.<sup>27</sup>
- Regionally, the proportion of all entrants placed in foster care ranged from 55% in the North to 76% in the West. In contrast, the proportion of all entrants placed in congregate care ranged from 20% in the West to 37% in the North. (Table 20, Fig. 27 on page 58)
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Seventy-two percent of first-time entrants and 55% of re-entrants were placed in foster care. Conversely, 36% of re-entrants and 24% of first-time entrants were placed in congregate care. (Table 20)

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<sup>25</sup> Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

<sup>26</sup> Congregate Care includes group home, residential treatment, and short-term residential placement.

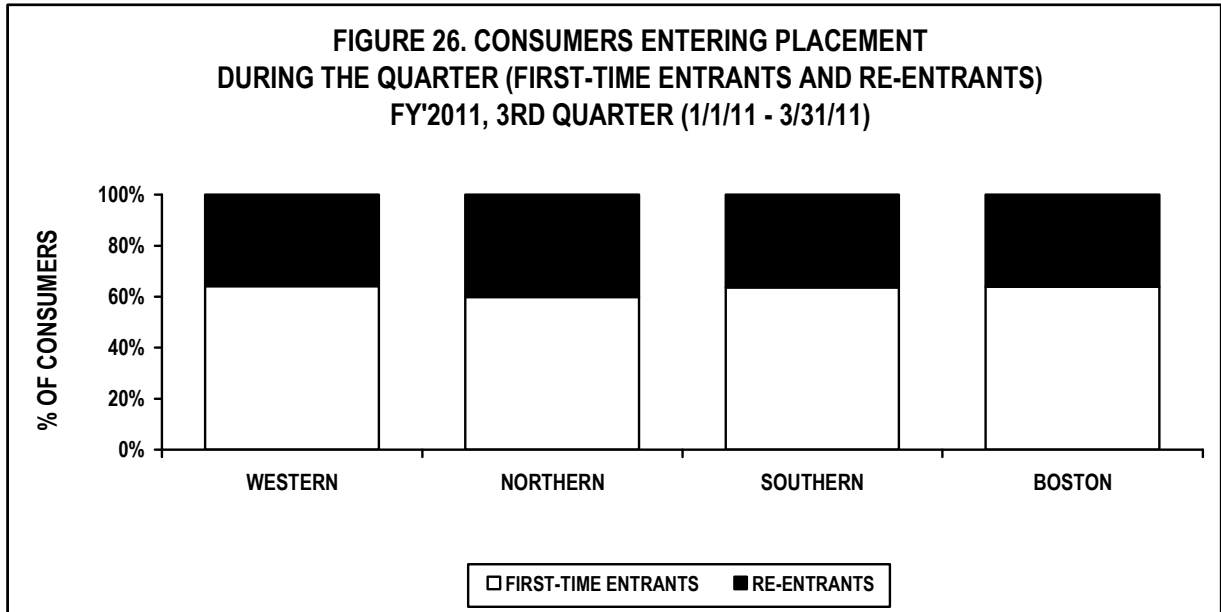
<sup>27</sup> Non-referral locations include hospitals, nursing homes, and placements supervised by other state agencies.

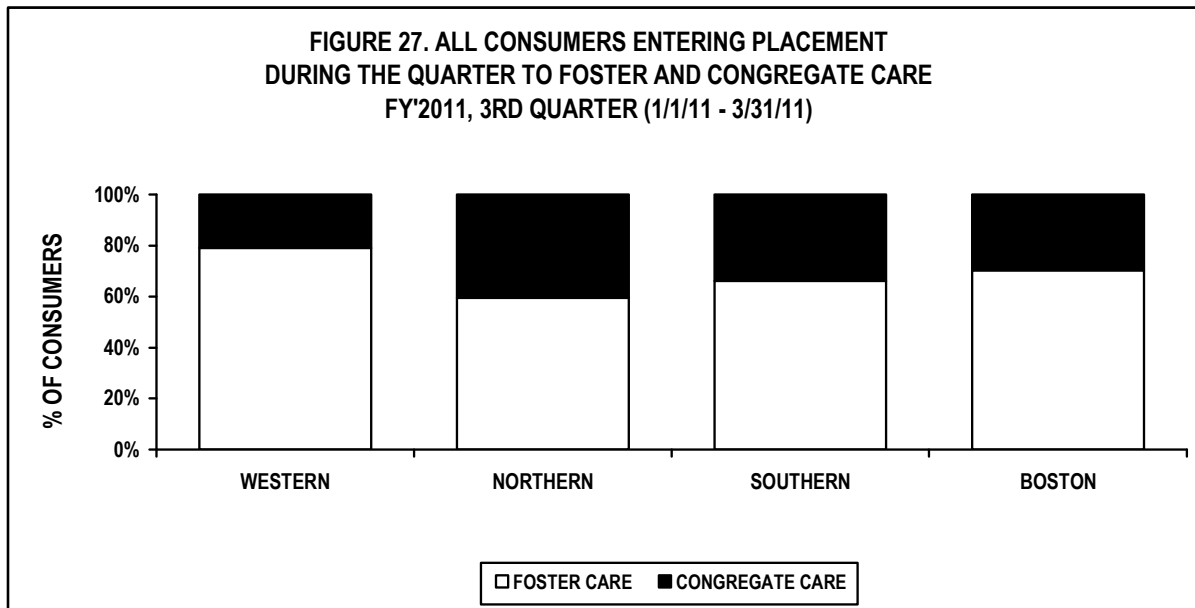
**TABLE 20. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2011, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/11 - 3/31/11)**

Entry Type: Placement Location Started	DCF Geographic Region					Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Other <sup>(1)</sup>	
<b>First-Time Entrants:</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1,112</b>
Foster Care	341	162	210	82	1	796
Congregate Care	71	89	80	27	---	267
Non-Referral Location <sup>(2)</sup>	10	15	7	8	9	49
<b>Re-Entrants:</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>652</b>
Foster Care	160	80	85	36	---	361
Congregate Care	62	76	70	23	---	232
Non-Referral Location <sup>(2)</sup>	14	22	14	7	2	59
<b>Total</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1,764</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes hospitals and other state agencies.





### B. Exits from Placement

- Statewide, 63% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 59% in the West to 69% in the South. **(Table 21)**
- Statewide, 9% of consumers leaving placement were adopted, 8% were emancipated, and 6% were granted guardianships. **(Table 21)**
- The proportion of consumers leaving placement who were adopted ranged from 8% in Boston to 11% in the West. The proportion emancipated ranged from 5% in the South to 12% in the North. The proportion granted guardianships ranged from 3% in the North to 9% in Boston. **(Table 21)**

**TABLE 21. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2011, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/11 - 3/31/11)**

Reason Placement Ended	DCF Geographic Region				Other <sup>(1)</sup>	Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston		
Child Returned Home	397	293	318	122	2	1,132
Consumer Adopted	71	41	42	16	---	170
Child 18 or Older	49	55	22	14	2	142
Guardianship	44	16	28	18	---	106
Custody to Other Individual	39	26	13	8	---	86
Custody to Other Agency	14	4	6	5	---	29
Child on the Run	5	2	---	---	---	7
Consumer Deceased	1	1	---	1	---	3
Unspecified	50	25	31	10	---	116
<b>Total</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1,791</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.



## VII. FOSTER HOME DEMOGRAPHICS<sup>28</sup>

- At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2011, there were 4,077 foster homes under the direct supervision of DCF. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes<sup>29</sup> as well as unrestricted homes.<sup>30</sup> There were 1,800 restricted and 2,277 unrestricted foster homes at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2011. Unrestricted foster homes were at their highest number in 1998 (4,146) while restricted homes peaked in 2004 (2,576). (**Table 22 and Fig. 28** on next page)
- At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'1998, 29% of all DCF foster homes were restricted homes. Restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes gradually reached a level of 52% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2004. Restricted homes remained at 52-53% until the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007. From the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2010, the proportion of restricted homes dropped from 51% to 47%. The proportion of restricted homes has been at 44-45% for the past six quarters. (**Fig. 28**)
- Statewide, 69% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were White and 63% were married. (**Table 22, Table 23** on page 61)
- Statewide, 58% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White and 50% were married. (**Tables 22 and 23**)
- Ten percent (419) of all foster homes were identified as Black (192 restricted and 227 unrestricted). (**Table 22**)
- Fifteen percent (605) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (251 restricted and 354 unrestricted). (**Table 22**)

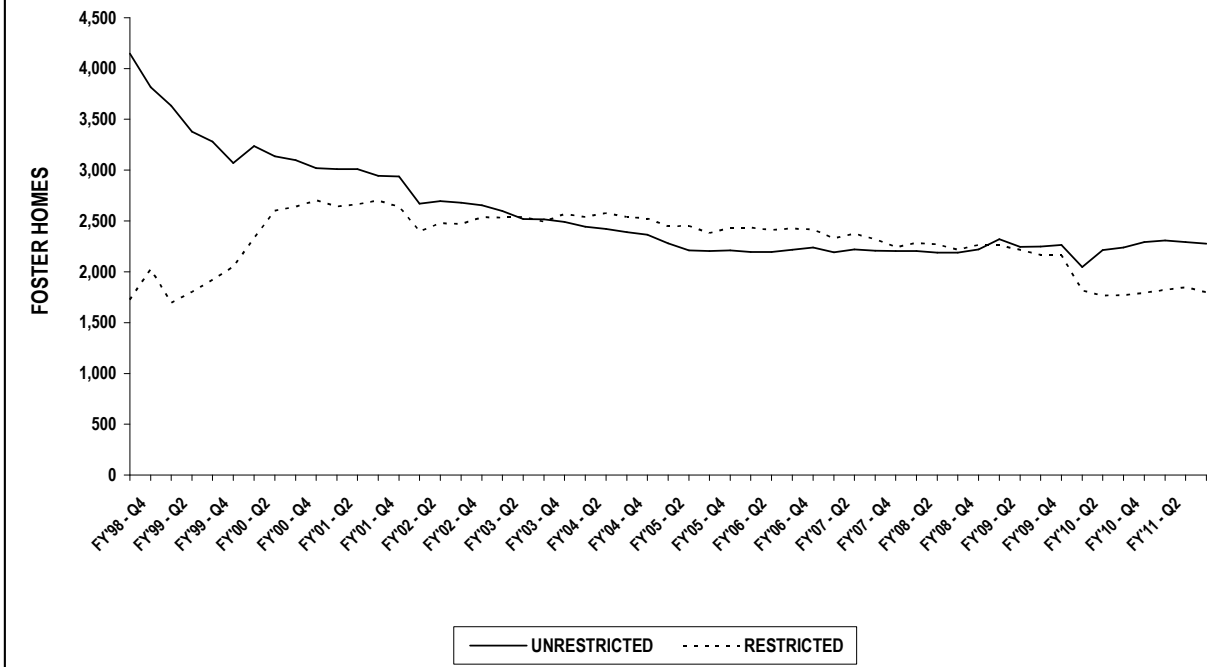
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<sup>28</sup> Foster homes provide formal, temporary out-of-home placement to children who are in the care and custody of DCF. Foster families may be related or unrelated to the child.

<sup>29</sup> Child-specific and kinship placements occur (1) when a court orders a child to be placed in a specific foster home; or (2) when a child requires placement and the child or his/her parent(s) has proposed another home in which the child can be placed; or (3) when DCF places a child with relatives or with a caregiver who is known to the child's family. Placements in kinship and child-specific homes are limited to specified children.

<sup>30</sup> Unrestricted placements are those where DCF places a child with a non-relative foster family. Unlike restricted homes (child specific and kinship), the unrestricted home is not limited to a particular child.

**FIGURE 28. RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FOSTER HOMES  
END OF 3RD QUARTER OF FY'1998 (3/31/98) TO END OF 3RD QUARTER OF FY'2011 (3/31/11)**



**TABLE 22. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2011, End of 3RD QUARTER (1/31/11)**

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region								Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		No.	%
<b>Restricted</b>	<b>660</b>		<b>398</b>		<b>591</b>		<b>151</b>		<b>1,800</b>	
White	350	53%	258	65%	403	68%	35	23%	1,046	58%
Black	41	6%	21	5%	50	8%	80	53%	192	11%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>	133	20%	60	15%	35	6%	23	15%	251	14%
Asian	3	*	12	3%	3	1%	---	---	18	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	2	*	---	---	2	*
Multi-Racial	7	1%	3	1%	1	*	1	1%	12	1%
Unable to Determine <sup>(3)</sup>	125	19%	43	11%	97	16%	12	8%	277	15%
Missing	1	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	2	*
<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>908</b>		<b>460</b>		<b>707</b>		<b>202</b>		<b>2,277</b>	
White	622	69%	325	71%	564	80%	64	32%	1,575	69%
Black	57	6%	28	6%	59	8%	83	41%	227	10%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>	184	20%	74	16%	51	7%	45	22%	354	16%
Asian	2	*	11	2%	2	*	2	1%	17	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	4	1%	---	---	4	24%
Other <sup>(2)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	1	*
Multi-Racial	5	1%	2	*	4	1%	1	*	12	1%
Unable to Determine <sup>(3)</sup>	37	4%	20	4%	22	3%	6	3%	85	4%
Missing	1	*	---	---	1	*	---	---	2	*
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,568</b>		<b>858</b>		<b>1,298</b>		<b>353</b>		<b>4,077</b>	

<sup>(1)</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes all races

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

<sup>(3)</sup> Unable to Determine is the category used when an individual does not know or declines to disclose his/her race.

**TABLE 23. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2011, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**

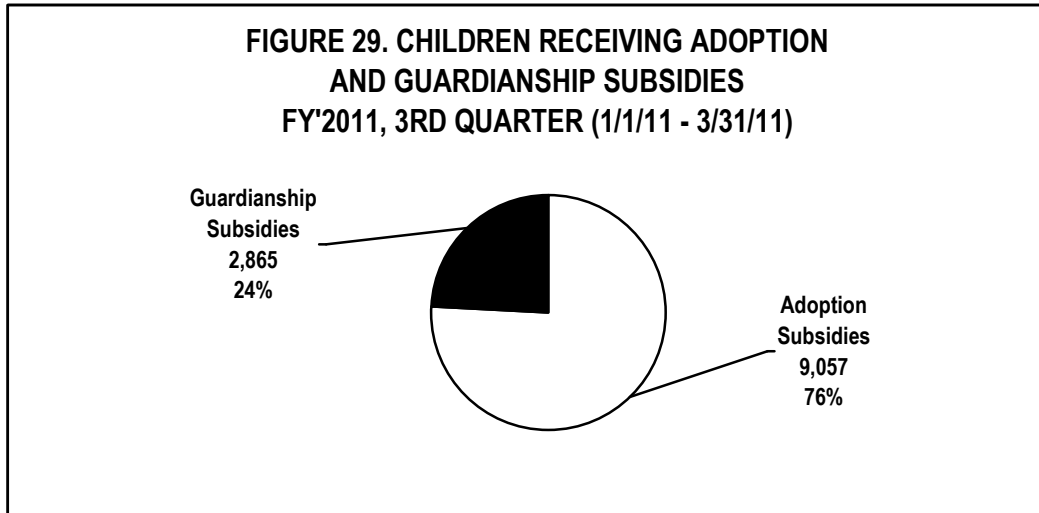
Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region								Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		No.	%
<b>Restricted</b>	<b>660</b>		<b>398</b>		<b>591</b>		<b>151</b>		<b>1,800</b>	
<b>Married</b>	338	51%	214	54%	321	54%	34	23%	<b>907</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Single</b>	215	33%	110	28%	169	29%	84	56%	<b>578</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>Divorced</b>	66	10%	34	9%	63	11%	14	9%	<b>177</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Widowed</b>	18	3%	22	6%	22	4%	12	8%	<b>74</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Separated</b>	22	3%	16	4%	14	2%	7	5%	<b>59</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Unspecified</b>	1	*	2	*	2	*	---	---	<b>5</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>908</b>		<b>460</b>		<b>707</b>		<b>202</b>		<b>2,277</b>	
<b>Married</b>	615	68%	270	59%	462	65%	78	39%	<b>1,425</b>	<b>63%</b>
<b>Single</b>	163	18%	110	24%	133	19%	80	40%	<b>486</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>Divorced</b>	93	10%	57	12%	79	11%	29	14%	<b>258</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Widowed</b>	18	2%	9	2%	20	3%	6	3%	<b>53</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Separated</b>	18	2%	10	2%	12	2%	8	4%	<b>48</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Unspecified</b>	1	*	4	*	1	*	1	*	<b>7</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,568</b>		<b>858</b>		<b>1,298</b>		<b>353</b>		<b>4,077</b>	

\* = less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

## VIII. ADOPTION AND GUARDIANSHIP SUBSIDIES

At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2011, the total number of children receiving adoption subsidies was 9,057 (**Fig. 29**). Guardianship subsidies totaled 2,865. These counts represent subsidies that had a payment during the quarter, i.e., the number with service referrals actively paying out.



From the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2011, adoption and guardianship subsidies both declined 1%. Typically, adoption and guardianship subsidies fluctuate from -1 to 1% (See table below).

<b>Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)</b>					
<b>Quarter</b>	<b>Adoption</b>			<b>Guardianship</b>	
	<b>No.</b>	<b>Quarterly Change</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Quarterly Change</b>	
FY'2007 1 <sup>st</sup>	9,713	---	2,970	---	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9,808	1%	2,937	-1%	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9,854	*	2,980	1%	
4 <sup>th</sup>	9,750	-1%	2,978	*	
FY'2008 1 <sup>st</sup>	9,727	*	2,964	*	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9,820	1%	2,971	*	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9,812	*	2,992	1%	
4 <sup>th</sup>	9,706	-1%	2,996	*	
FY'2009 1 <sup>st</sup>	9,665	*	3,005	*	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9,709	*	3,031	1%	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9,676	*	3,082	2%	
4 <sup>th</sup>	9,647	*	3,111	1%	
FY'2010 1 <sup>st</sup>	9,549	-1%	3,090	-1%	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9,604	1%	3,059	-1%	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9,518	-1%	3,032	-1%	
4 <sup>th</sup>	9,311	-2%	3,006	-1%	
FY'2011 1 <sup>st</sup>	9,191	-1%	2,934	-2%	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9,125	-1%	2,881	-2%	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9,057	-1%	2,865	-1%	

\* = less than 1% after rounding-off

## **IX. APPENDIX**

**TABLE A1. CONSUMER, CHILD, AND ADULT POPULATION TRENDS: 1983 - 2011**

	All	All	Children in	AI		All	All	Children in	All
Moth/Year	Consumers	Children	Placement	Adults	Moth/Year	Consumers	Children	Placement	Adults
		<18 yrs	<18 yrs	>18 yrs			<18 yrs	<18 yrs	>18 yrs
6/1983	61,786	33,516	NA	28,270	9/1998	68,331	38,507	10,503	29,824
6/1984	73,111	38,683	7,024	34,428	6/1999	69,494	39,144	9,834	30,350
6/1985	75,935	40,628	7,779	35,307	6/2000	72,423	40,691	10,025	31,732
6/1986	74,769	40,511	8,041	34,258	6/2001	73,116	40,069	9,889	33,047
6/1987	66,033	37,497	8,075	28,536	6/2002	70,688	38,442	9,932	32,246
6/1988	67,658	38,792	8,661	28,866	6/2003	75,247	30,341	10,127	34,906
6/1989	70,052	40,497	9,544	29,555	6/2004	77,368	42,023	9,815	35,345
6/1990	80,090	46,403	10,998	33,687	6/2005	77,305	41,773	9,439	35,572
6/1991	81,975	47,922	12,392	34,053	6/2006	78,014	41,690	9,543	36,324
6/1992	72,128	42,367	12,379	29,761	6/2007	78,535	41,550	9,132	36,985
6/1993	72,340	42,656	12,763	29,684	6/2008	87,176	45,730	9,287	41,446
6/1994	72,879	43,074	13,194	29,805	6/2009	88,568	46,288	8,755	42,280
6/1995	73,032	42,997	13,302	30,035	6/2010	76,003	39,479	8,097	36,524
6/1996	72,638	42,551	12,736	30,087	9/2010	71,691	37,179	7,917	34,512
6/1997	74,921	43,570	12,193	31,351	12/2010	71,703	37,112	7,847	34,591
1/1998	70,092	40,574	11,227	29,518	3/31/11	71,324	36,812	7,957	34,512

Note: revised counts

Source: ASSIST 6/1983 - 1/1998) and FamilyNet (9/1998 - 3/2011)

**TABLE A2. CASE OPENINGS DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE<sup>(1)</sup> TYPE AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2011, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/11 - 3/31/11)**

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Case Openings <sup>(1)</sup>										Total No.
	Protective <sup>(2)</sup>		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other <sup>(3)</sup>		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	50	75%	5	7%	---	---	---	---	12	18%	67
Holyoke	80	82%	4	4%	2	2%	2	2%	9	9%	97
North Central	109	89%	4	3%	7	6%	1	1%	1	1%	122
Pittsfield	69	87%	2	3%	3	4%	2	3%	3	4%	79
Robert Van Wart	122	91%	5	4%	---	---	---	---	7	5%	134
South Central	67	79%	9	11%	5	6%	---	---	4	5%	85
Springfield	125	92%	4	3%	---	---	1	1%	6	4%	136
Worcester East	100	83%	9	7%	4	3%	4	3%	4	3%	121
Worcester West	84	98%	---	---	---	---	2	2%	---	---	86
<b>Western</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>927</b>
Cambridge	56	86%	1	2%	3	5%	1	2%	4	6%	65
Cape Ann	47	77%	---	---	6	10%	7	11%	1	2%	61
Framingham	58	85%	4	6%	1	1%	4	6%	1	1%	68
Haverhill	30	71%	---	---	3	7%	3	7%	6	14%	42
Lawrence	36	73%	7	14%	3	6%	---	---	3	6%	49
Lowell	96	86%	9	8%	1	1%	---	---	5	5%	111
Lynn	55	76%	2	3%	6	8%	5	7%	4	6%	72
Malden	56	86%	---	---	4	6%	---	---	5	8%	65
<b>Northern</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>533</b>
Arlington	56	80%	3	4%	11	16%	---	---	---	---	70
Brockton	96	86%	8	7%	3	3%	1	1%	4	4%	112
Cape Cod	74	80%	6	7%	2	2%	7	8%	3	3%	92
Coastal	72	85%	7	8%	1	1%	---	---	5	6%	85
Fall River	53	72%	5	7%	5	7%	---	---	11	15%	74
New Bedford	79	88%	4	4%	4	4%	---	---	3	3%	90
Plymouth	62	79%	6	8%	6	8%	4	5%	---	---	78
Taunton/Attleboro	76	79%	8	8%	2	2%	7	7%	3	3%	96
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
<b>Southern</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>698</b>
Dimock Street	64	90%	4	6%	2	3%	---	---	1	1%	71
Harbor	69	85%	11	14%	---	---	---	---	1	1%	81
Hyde Park	44	79%	8	14%	2	4%	1	2%	1	2%	56
Park Street	50	70%	5	7%	8	11%	6	8%	2	3%	71
<b>Boston</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>279</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(4)</sup></b>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	100%	3
<b>Other <sup>(5)</sup></b>	---	---	---	---	5	100%	---	---	---	---	5
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2,036</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>2,445</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> An unduplicated count of case openings during the quarter.

<sup>(2)</sup> The outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

<sup>(4)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE A3. CONSUMER OPENINGS DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2011, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/11 - 3/31/11)**

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Consumer Openings <sup>(1)</sup>										Total No.
	Protective <sup>(2)</sup>		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other <sup>(3)</sup>		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	383	86%	33	7%	---	---	11	2%	17	4%	444
Holyoke	526	89%	14	2%	16	3%	14	2%	18	3%	588
North Central	614	86%	21	3%	52	7%	24	3%	3	*	714
Pittsfield	552	90%	19	3%	17	3%	17	3%	8	1%	613
Robert Van Wart	783	92%	53	6%	7	1%	---	---	12	1%	855
South Central	394	81%	48	10%	30	6%	7	1%	8	2%	487
Springfield	944	94%	37	4%	---	---	11	1%	9	1%	1,001
Worcester East	523	85%	43	7%	23	4%	20	3%	8	1%	617
Worcester West	517	89%	36	6%	3	1%	22	4%	4	1%	582
Contracted Agencies	---	---	8	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	8
<b>Western</b>	<b>5,236</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>5,909</b>
Cambridge	361	89%	12	3%	26	6%	2	0%	4	1%	405
Cape Ann	364	83%	6	1%	13	3%	53	12%	5	1%	441
Framingham	362	90%	18	4%	1	*	22	5%	1	*	404
Haverhill	265	85%	6	2%	12	4%	15	5%	12	4%	310
Lawrence	208	76%	45	16%	6	2%	3	1%	12	4%	274
Lowell	589	86%	75	11%	9	1%	2	*	9	1%	684
Lynn	347	84%	12	3%	22	5%	25	6%	6	1%	412
Malden	379	85%	---	---	36	8%	16	4%	13	3%	444
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
<b>Northern</b>	<b>2,876</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>3,375</b>
Arlington	295	78%	29	8%	55	15%	---	---	---	---	379
Brockton	684	87%	74	9%	16	2%	5	1%	4	1%	783
Cape Cod	390	81%	28	6%	10	2%	35	7%	19	4%	482
Coastal	329	82%	54	14%	9	2%	---	---	8	2%	400
Fall River	366	77%	50	11%	27	6%	8	2%	23	5%	474
New Bedford	659	91%	32	4%	20	3%	---	---	15	2%	726
Plymouth	406	82%	54	11%	9	2%	18	4%	10	2%	497
Taunton/Attleboro	393	75%	42	8%	8	2%	71	14%	9	2%	523
Contracted Agencies	4	80%	---	---	1	20%	---	---	---	---	5
<b>Southern</b>	<b>3,526</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>4,269</b>
Dimock Street	262	75%	74	21%	8	2%	2	1%	2	1%	348
Harbor	407	88%	50	11%	3	1%	1	*	1	*	462
Hyde Park	277	83%	36	11%	9	3%	5	2%	5	2%	332
Park Street	397	78%	38	8%	15	3%	52	10%	4	1%	506
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
<b>Boston</b>	<b>1,344</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1,649</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(4)</sup></b>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	100%	2
<b>Other <sup>(5)</sup></b>	---	---	---	---	5	100%	---	---	---	---	5
<b>Missing</b>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	6	100%	6
<b>Total:</b>	<b>12,982</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>15,215</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> An unduplicated count of case openings during the quarter.

<sup>(2)</sup> The outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

<sup>(4)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.



**TABLE A4. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2011, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/11 - 3/31/11)**

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Screening Decision								Total No.
	Screened-Out		Screened-In for Investigation				Screened-In for Initial Assessment		
			Non-Emergency		Emergency				
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	
Greenfield	241	45%	83	15%	16	3%	201	37%	541
Holyoke	266	39%	217	32%	33	5%	163	24%	679
North Central	263	41%	239	37%	17	3%	127	20%	646
Pittsfield	354	44%	302	37%	27	3%	128	16%	811
Robert Van Wart	300	40%	173	23%	10	1%	262	35%	745
South Central	333	50%	140	21%	13	2%	181	27%	667
Springfield	272	31%	295	34%	35	4%	265	31%	867
Worcester East	198	41%	217	45%	18	4%	53	11%	486
Worcester West	176	36%	184	38%	32	7%	98	20%	490
<b>Western</b>	<b>2,403</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>1,478</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>5,932</b>
Cambridge	110	37%	96	32%	5	2%	88	29%	299
Cape Ann	250	55%	28	6%	16	4%	162	36%	456
Framingham	327	66%	63	13%	8	2%	98	20%	496
Haverhill	199	47%	56	13%	15	4%	149	36%	419
Lawrence	253	48%	137	26%	1	*	131	25%	522
Lowell	302	48%	185	30%	52	8%	88	14%	627
Lynn	171	46%	125	33%	2	1%	77	21%	375
Malden	196	49%	90	22%	9	2%	106	26%	401
Solutions for Living (PAS NE)	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
<b>Northern</b>	<b>1,809</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>3,596</b>
Arlington	252	63%	30	8%	17	4%	101	25%	400
Brockton	199	38%	202	38%	15	3%	110	21%	526
Cape Cod	194	43%	132	29%	18	4%	109	24%	453
Coastal	235	49%	132	28%	8	2%	104	22%	479
Fall River	133	34%	171	43%	15	4%	78	20%	397
New Bedford	159	29%	208	38%	34	6%	150	27%	551
Plymouth	243	50%	131	27%	12	2%	104	21%	490
Taunton/Attleboro	179	39%	157	34%	21	5%	100	22%	457
<b>Southern</b>	<b>1,594</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>1,163</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>3,753</b>
Dimock Street	139	37%	157	41%	5	1%	79	21%	380
Harbor	162	43%	98	26%	12	3%	106	28%	378
Hyde Park	138	35%	113	28%	32	8%	115	29%	398
Park Street	155	41%	121	32%	13	3%	90	24%	379
<b>Boston</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>1,535</b>
Judge Baker Children's Center	2,058	39%	1,287	24%	1,032	19%	922	17%	5,299
Special Investigations	7	28%	18	72%	---	---	---	---	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,465</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>5,587</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>1,543</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>4,545</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>20,140</b>

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

\* = less than 1% after rounding-off

**TABLE A5. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION: FY'2011, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/11 - 3/31/11)**

DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Initial Assessment Decision				Total No.
	Supported		Unsupported		Concern		Low/No Concern		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	46	17%	38	14%	90	33%	98	36%	272
Holyoke	114	33%	79	23%	67	19%	89	26%	349
North Central	154	41%	98	26%	45	12%	77	21%	374
Pittsfield	134	37%	119	33%	38	10%	71	20%	362
Robert Van Wart	126	31%	53	13%	150	36%	84	20%	413
South Central	64	21%	57	19%	82	27%	99	33%	302
Springfield	181	35%	77	15%	135	26%	124	24%	517
Worcester East	133	51%	71	27%	24	9%	35	13%	263
Worcester West	150	47%	72	23%	50	16%	45	14%	317
CHD (PAS West)	---	---	1	100%	---	---	---	---	1
<b>Western</b>	<b>1,102</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>3,170</b>
Cambridge	73	37%	40	20%	43	22%	40	20%	196
Cape Ann	32	14%	16	7%	83	35%	103	44%	234
Framingham	49	26%	28	15%	75	39%	38	20%	190
Haverhill	39	17%	45	19%	51	22%	96	42%	231
Lawrence	53	22%	64	27%	31	13%	90	38%	238
Lowell	161	43%	103	28%	50	13%	58	16%	372
Lynn	93	44%	55	26%	29	14%	35	17%	212
Malden	59	24%	57	23%	66	27%	61	25%	243
<b>Northern</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>1,916</b>
Arlington	31	16%	15	8%	64	34%	79	42%	189
Brockton	160	45%	78	22%	52	15%	63	18%	353
Cape Cod	71	27%	71	27%	60	23%	58	22%	260
Coastal	77	30%	65	25%	40	16%	75	29%	257
Fall River	85	39%	53	24%	35	16%	46	21%	219
New Bedford	158	41%	89	23%	63	17%	71	19%	381
Plymouth	87	32%	67	25%	48	18%	70	26%	272
Taunton/Attleboro	107	39%	69	25%	43	16%	57	21%	276
<b>Southern</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>2,207</b>
Dimock Street	60	30%	50	25%	38	19%	49	25%	197
Harbor	83	33%	53	21%	43	17%	75	30%	254
Hyde Park	63	25%	76	30%	60	24%	53	21%	252
Park Street	86	36%	53	22%	29	12%	68	29%	236
<b>Boston</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>939</b>
Judge Baker Children's Center	603	74%	210	26%	---	---	---	---	813
Special Investigations	49	14%	295	86%	---	---	---	---	344
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,381</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>2,317</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>1,684</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>2,007</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>9,389</b>

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

**TABLE A6. MANDATORY AND DISCRETIONARY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: 2003 - 2011**

Time Period	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total No.
	No.	%	No.	%	
<b>FY'2003 Total</b>	<b>2,089</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>2,310</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>4,399</b>
<b>FY'2004 Total</b>	<b>2,101</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>2,399</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>4,500</b>
<b>FY'2005 Total</b>	<b>2,122</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>2,459</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>4,581</b>
<b>FY'2006 Total</b>	<b>2,077</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>2,666</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>4,743</b>
<b>FY'2007 Total</b>	<b>2,279</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>2,431</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>4,710</b>
<b>FY'2008 Total</b>	<b>2,561</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>2,652</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>5,213</b>
<b>FY'2009 Total</b>	<b>2,927</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>2,784</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>5,711</b>
FY'2010, Q1	649	53%	568	47%	1,217
FY'2010, Q2	727	54%	621	46%	1,348
FY'2010, Q3	787	56%	611	44%	1,398
FY'2010, Q4	870	54%	753	46%	1,623
<b>FY'2010 Total</b>	<b>3,033</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>2,553</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>5,586</b>
FY'2011, Q1	713	54%	603	46%	1,316
FY'2011, Q2	729	56%	583	44%	1,312
FY'2011, Q3	754	54%	650	46%	1,404

\* DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

**TABLE A7. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: 2003 - 2011**

Time Period	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		Death*		Total No.
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
<b>FY'2003 Total</b>	<b>1,688</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2,168</b>
<b>FY'2004 Total</b>	<b>1,713</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2,189</b>
<b>FY'2005 Total</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2,184</b>
<b>FY'2006 Total</b>	<b>1,782</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2,150</b>
<b>FY'2007 Total</b>	<b>1,935</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2,356</b>
<b>FY'2008 Total</b>	<b>2,049</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2,639</b>
<b>FY'2009 Total</b>	<b>2,413</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3,014</b>
FY'2010, Q1	541	81%	108	16%	15	2%	664
FY'2010, Q2	588	80%	137	19%	14	2%	739
FY'2010, Q3	639	79%	153	19%	12	1%	804
FY'2010, Q4	725	81%	161	18%	10	1%	896
<b>FY'2010 Total</b>	<b>2,493</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>3,103</b>
FY'2011, Q1	602	83%	110	15%	15	2%	727
FY'2011, Q2	621	83%	111	15%	13	2%	745
FY'2011, Q3	637	83%	118	15%	10	1%	765

\* Note: Not all DA referrals resulting from an allegation that a child's death was due to abuse or neglect lead to an ultimate finding that the death was in fact due to abuse or neglect. DCF publishes an annual report of child fatalities that includes an analysis of child deaths due to abuse or neglect.

**TABLE A8. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION  
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS BY DCF REGION AND AREA:  
FY'2011, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**

DCF Region/Area	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				Total No.
	Not Legally Free		Legally Free		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	53	80%	13	20%	66
Holyoke	77	66%	40	34%	117
North Central	70	70%	30	30%	100
Pittsfield	75	56%	59	44%	134
Robert Van Wart	76	67%	38	33%	114
South Central	59	68%	28	32%	87
Springfield	109	80%	27	20%	136
Worcester East	45	50%	45	50%	90
Worcester West	57	66%	30	34%	87
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	1
<b>Western</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>932</b>
Cambridge	12	48%	13	52%	25
Cape Ann	25	71%	10	29%	35
Framingham	18	43%	24	57%	42
Haverhill	48	91%	5	9%	53
Lawrence	11	16%	56	84%	67
Lowell	93	79%	25	21%	118
Lynn	59	60%	40	40%	99
Malden	24	63%	14	37%	38
<b>Northern</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>477</b>
Arlington	16	70%	7	30%	23
Brockton	20	32%	42	68%	62
Cape Cod	15	34%	29	66%	44
Coastal	25	47%	28	53%	53
Fall River	49	42%	68	58%	117
New Bedford	59	51%	56	49%	115
Plymouth	20	29%	49	71%	69
Taunton/Attleboro	25	64%	14	36%	39
<b>Southern</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>522</b>
Dimock Street	21	42%	29	58%	50
Harbor	33	51%	32	49%	65
Hyde Park	13	43%	17	57%	30
Park Street	25	37%	42	63%	67
<b>Boston</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>212</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>119</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>264</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,352</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>1,055</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>2,407</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

**TABLE A9. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION AND WHETHER  
MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY BY DCF REGION AND AREA:  
FY'2011, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/11)**

DCF Region/Area	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				Total No.
	Not Matched		Matched		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	8	12%	58	88%	66
Holyoke	18	15%	99	85%	117
North Central	24	24%	76	76%	100
Pittsfield	11	8%	123	92%	134
Robert Van Wart	16	14%	98	86%	114
South Central	23	26%	64	74%	87
Springfield	51	38%	85	63%	136
Worcester East	38	42%	52	58%	90
Worcester West	26	30%	61	70%	87
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	1
<b>Western</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>932</b>
Cambridge	5	20%	20	80%	25
Cape Ann	12	34%	23	66%	35
Framingham	5	12%	37	88%	42
Haverhill	19	36%	34	64%	53
Lawrence	21	31%	46	69%	67
Lowell	29	25%	89	75%	118
Lynn	44	44%	55	56%	99
Malden	11	29%	27	71%	38
<b>Northern</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>477</b>
Arlington	3	13%	20	87%	23
Brockton	14	23%	48	77%	62
Cape Cod	11	25%	33	75%	44
Coastal	13	25%	40	75%	53
Fall River	26	22%	91	78%	117
New Bedford	20	17%	95	83%	115
Plymouth	9	13%	60	87%	69
Taunton/Attleboro	4	10%	35	90%	39
<b>Southern</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>522</b>
Dimock Street	10	20%	40	80%	50
Harbor	37	57%	28	43%	65
Hyde Park	12	40%	18	60%	30
Park Street	21	31%	46	69%	67
<b>Boston</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>212</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>93</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>264</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>1,772</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>2,407</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

**TABLE A10. Census 2010: Children Less Than 18 Years Old Residing in the 13 Largest Cities in Massachusetts<sup>1</sup>**

Race	Massachusetts						New				Fall			
	Total	Boston	Worcester	Springfield	Lowell	Cambridge	Bedford	Brockton	Quincy	Lynn	River	Newton	Lawrence	Somerville
<b>White</b>	74%	34%	56%	38%	48%	50%	64%	32%	56%	44%	77%	76%	37%	58%
<b>Black</b>	8%	37%	16%	25%	9%	24%	8%	39%	7%	16%	6%	3%	7%	12%
<b>Asian</b>	6%	7%	7%	3%	24%	11%	1%	2%	30%	8%	4%	14%	2%	8%
<b>Native American</b>	*	1%	1%	1%	*	*	1%	*	*	1%	*	*	1%	1%
<b>Pacific Islander</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Multi-Racial</b>	5%	7%	8%	8%	7%	11%	10%	11%	5%	9%	7%	6%	7%	8%
<b>Other/Unknown</b>	7%	14%	12%	25%	11%	4%	15%	15%	2%	22%	6%	2%	44%	13%
<b>TOTAL %</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>TOTAL #</b>	1,418,923	103,710	39,942	41,328	25,260	12,028	22,063	24,127	15,303	22,484	19,069	18,416	22,182	9,134
<b>Hispanic Origin<sup>2</sup></b>														
<b>Yes</b>	15%	30%	34%	55%	27%	12%	28%	14%	5%	45%	15%	5%	84%	22%

NOTES: Order of cities in table is based on the total population of adults and children. The summation of relative percentages may not equal to 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>1</sup>Selection of cities was based on total population (adults and children).

<sup>2</sup>Children of any race who are Hispanic.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American FactFinder (factfinder2.census.gov), Decennial Census, Census 2010 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100% Data, Tables (P-12, P12A-H), Sex by Age