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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

I. CONSUMER AND CASE COUNTS

- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2011, DCF had 22,148 open cases (1,807 adoption cases and 20,341 clinical cases) and 72,088 open consumers¹ (34,926 adults and 37,162 children). (**Table 1** on page 3)
- From the 3rd Quarter to the 4th Quarter of FY'2011, both case counts and consumer counts increased 1%. For the past four 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 66). 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**)
- From 1992 to 2009, the number of adult consumers gradually increased and approached the number of child consumers (**Fig. 1**). During this period, there was a slow decline in the number of children less than 18 years old in placement (**Fig. 1**). The decline in children in placement continued through 2009 – 2011 along with decreases in other DCF annual counts (all consumers, all children, adults 18 or older, and children receiving services while at home) (**Fig. 1, Appendix Table A1**).

¹ 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 9,443 individuals in placement on the last day of the 4th Quarter of FY'2011. Included in this count are 7,841 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,602 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 3rd Quarter to the 4th Quarter of FY'2011, the number of children in placement declined 1% statewide (**Appendix Table A1** on page 66, **Fig. 14** on page 26). Counts of children in placement have been stable for four quarters (**Fig. 14**).

B. Children Not in Placement

- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2011, there were 29,321 children less than 18 years old with an active case status who were not in placement (**Table 1**). From the 3rd Quarter to the 4th Quarter of FY'2011, counts of children not in placement increased 2% statewide (**Fig. 15** on page 26, **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 four quarters (**Fig 15**).
- In the past, statewide declines in quarterly counts of children not in placement and total consumers (adults and children) occurred predominantly in the 1st quarter. The declines in total consumers and children not in placement coincided with the pattern for investigations and initial assessments (combined counts).

**TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DCF REGION: FY'2011,
End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)**

Case Counts:	DCF Geographic Region				Adoption		Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
Adoption	670	353	452	172	157	3	1,807
Clinical	7,587	4,627	5,514	2,504	8	101	20,341
Total	8,257	4,980	5,966	2,676	165	104	22,148
Consumer Counts:							
Adults: ⁽³⁾							
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	420	459	391	224	---	50	1,544
Other ⁽⁶⁾	6	4	3	8	---	22	43
On the Run	5	3	4	2	---	1	15
Total in Placement	431	466	398	234	---	73	1,602
Not in Placement	12,995	7,197	9,340	3,781	---	11	33,324
Total Adults	13,426	7,663	9,738	4,015	---	84	34,926
Children:							
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	2,864	1,609	1,905	819	280	22	7,499
Other ⁽⁶⁾	64	48	36	29	---	20	197
On the Run	56	41	25	23	---	---	145
Total in Placement	2,984	1,698	1,966	871	280	42	7,841
Not in Placement	11,946	6,316	7,618	3,431	7	3	29,321
Total Children	14,930	8,014	9,584	4,302	287	45	37,162
Total	28,356	15,677	19,322	8,317	287	129	72,088

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

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

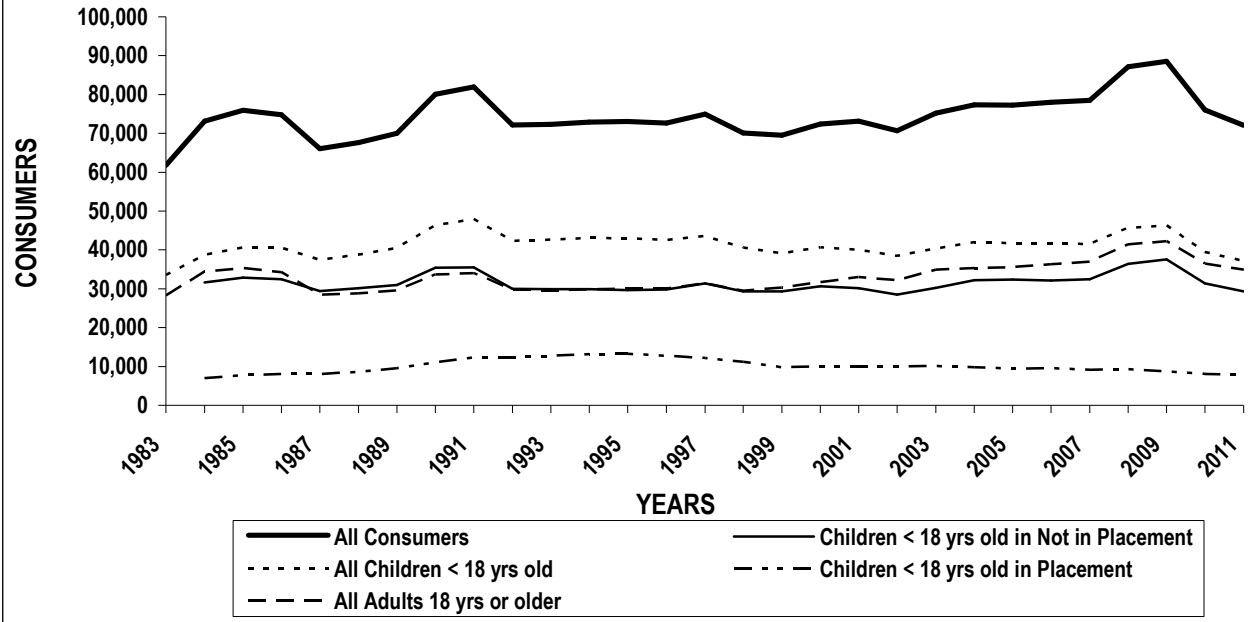
⁽³⁾ Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

⁽⁴⁾ 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).

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

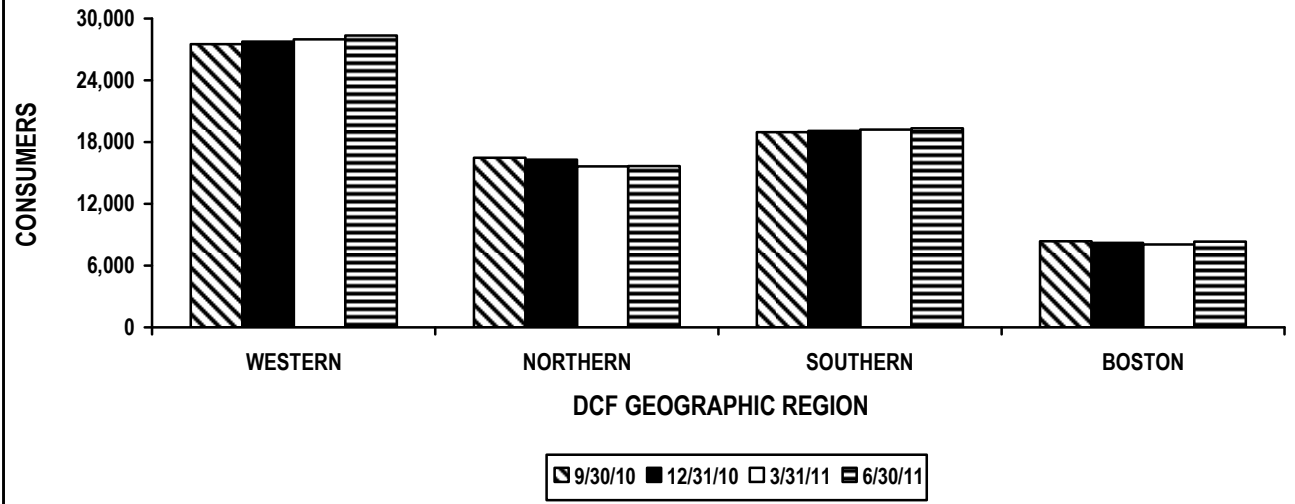
⁽⁶⁾ "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies.

**FIGURE 1. ANNUAL COUNTS OF DCF CONSUMERS:
JUNE 1983 - JUNE 2011**



— All Consumers
 - - - All Children < 18 yrs old
 - - - All Adults 18 yrs or older
 - - - Children < 18 yrs old in Not in Placement
 - - - Children < 18 yrs old in Placement

**FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2011, END OF 1ST QUARTER to FY'2011, END OF 4TH QUARTER)**



▨ 9/30/10 ■ 12/31/10 □ 3/31/11 ▩ 6/30/11

II. CASE AND CONSUMER OPENINGS ²

- 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 4th Quarter of FY'2011, there were 2,464 case openings (unduplicated) and 16,192 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 3rd Quarter to the 4th Quarter of FY'2011, case openings increased 1% and consumer openings increased 6%. (**Fig. 4** on page 7)
- Eighty-one percent of case openings and 86% of consumer openings were due to supported abuse/neglect reports. (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 4% of case openings and 3% of consumer openings. (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- CHINS referrals accounted for 7% of case openings and 7% 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 76-84% of the total intakes for each region. CHINS referrals ranged from 5-11% of the total intakes for each region. Voluntary requests ranged from 4-5% 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 61% in Lawrence to 94% in Worcester West (**Appendix Table A2** case openings, **Appendix Table A3** consumer openings on pages 67-68).
- Case openings (statewide) are lowest in the 1st 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).

² 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⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2011, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/11 - 6/30/11)**

DCF Geographic Region	Case Openings ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Protective ⁽²⁾		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other ⁽³⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	756	84%	48	5%	34	4%	8	1%	51	6%	897
Northern	428	76%	44	8%	28	5%	24	4%	37	7%	561
Southern	558	82%	58	9%	25	4%	19	3%	21	3%	681
Boston	258	82%	34	11%	13	4%	5	2%	5	2%	315
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	100%	2
Other ⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	---	8	100%	---	---	---	---	8
Total:	2,000	81%	184	7%	108	4%	56	2%	116	5%	2,464

⁽¹⁾ An unduplicated count of case openings during the quarter.

⁽²⁾ The outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

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

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

⁽⁵⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 2B. CONSUMER OPENINGS⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2011, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/11 - 6/30/11)**

DCF Geographic Region	Case Openings ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Protective ⁽²⁾		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other ⁽³⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	5,381	88%	345	6%	198	3%	78	1%	115	2%	6,117
Northern	3,142	84%	255	7%	118	3%	154	4%	54	1%	3,723
Southern	3,658	84%	363	8%	121	3%	131	3%	67	2%	4,340
Boston	1,702	85%	197	10%	69	3%	33	2%	3	*	2,004
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	100%	3
Other ⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	---	3	100%	---	---	---	---	3
Missing	2	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
Total:	13,885	86%	1,160	7%	509	3%	396	2%	242	1%	16,192

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ An unduplicated count of case openings during the quarter.

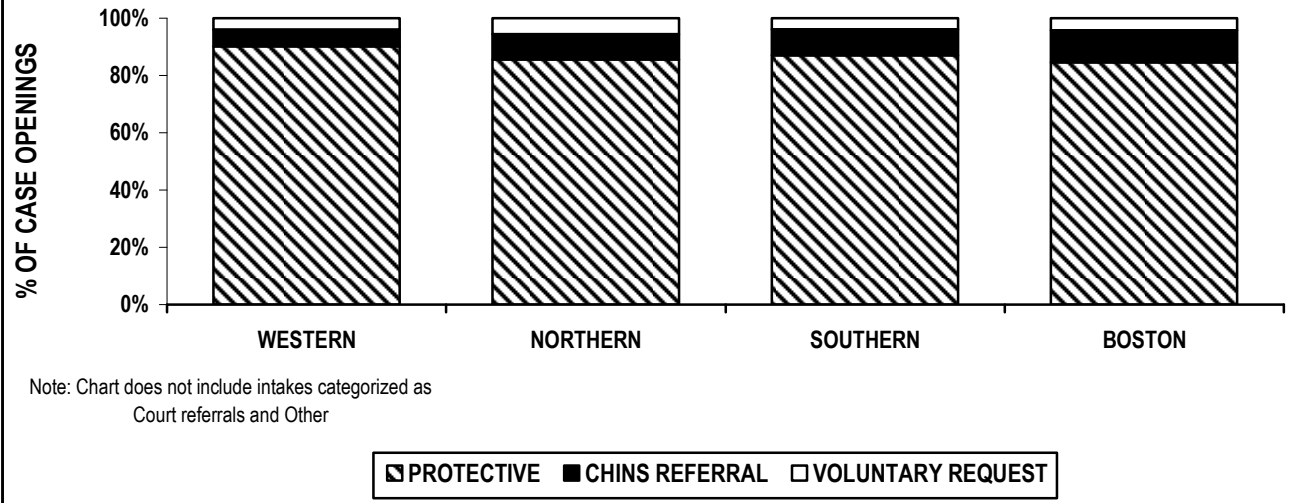
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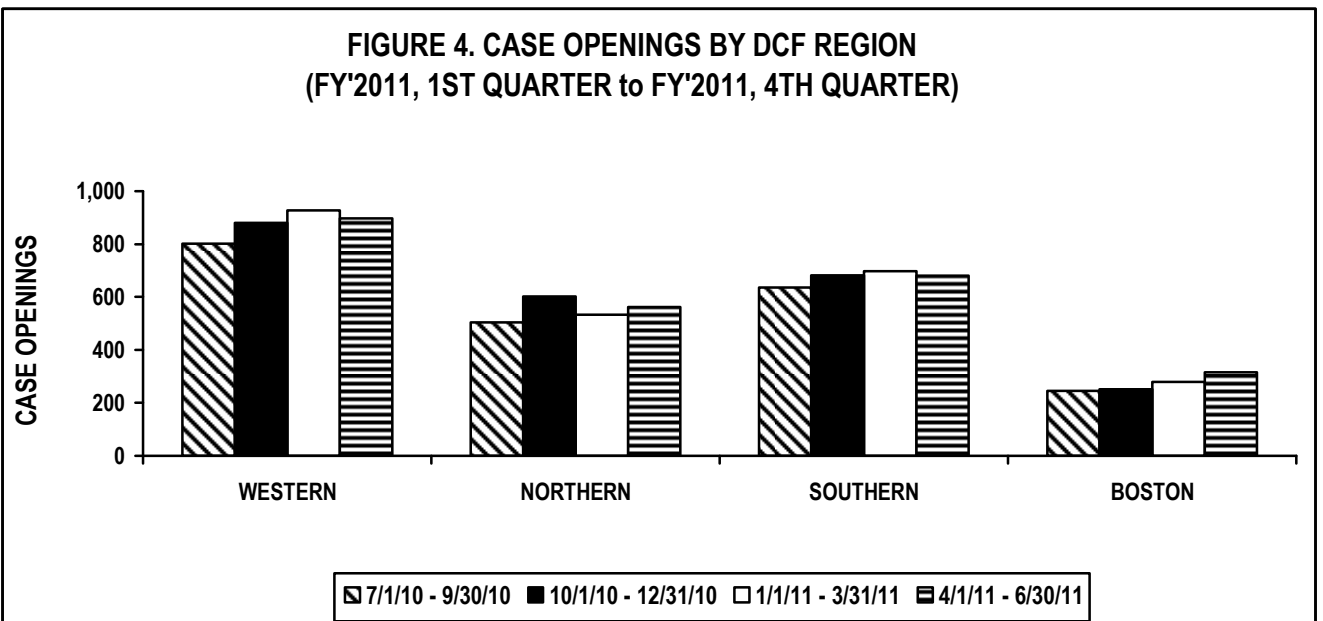
⁽⁴⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽⁵⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 3. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION
FY'2011, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/101 - 6/30/11)**



**FIGURE 4. CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2011, 1ST QUARTER to FY'2011, 4TH 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 is not intended to be used for reports alleging sexual abuse, serious physical abuse, or serious neglect by a caretaker.

A. Reports

- Statewide, 21,609 reports were recorded during the 4th Quarter of FY’2011. Thirty-three percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation and 22% 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 23% in the North to 40% in Boston. At the Judge Baker Children’s Center, 42% 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 21% in Boston to 26% in the North. Judge Baker screened-in 17% of the reports for initial assessment. **(Table 3, Fig. 5)**
- The Dimock Street, Worcester East, and Worcester West Areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (46-51%). Cape Ann and Lawrence Areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (34-37%). **(Appendix Table A4 on page 69)**
- Cape Ann, Arlington, and Framingham Areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (9-14%). Dimock Street, Worcester East, and Lowell Areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (14%). **(Appendix Table A4)**
- The DCF Regions screened-in 3-4% 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 increased 7% from the 3rd Quarter to the 4th 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 4th Quarter of FY'2011, 10,392 total responses (investigations and initial assessments) were completed (**Table 4** on next page)—an increase of 11% from the 3rd Quarter (**Fig. 8** on page 12).
- Investigations and initial assessments as a proportion of all responses for each region were: 50% and 50% (South); 63% and 37% (Boston); 57% and 43% (West); 45% and 55% (North), respectively. (**Fig. 6** on page 11, **Table 4**)

Initial Assessments

- There were 4,293 initial assessments completed during the 4th Quarter of FY'2011³. The assessment decision was “concern” for 45% of initial assessments and “low or no concern” for 55%. 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, Greenfield, and Van Wart Areas had the highest proportion of responses which resulted in an initial assessment of concern (33-39%). (**Appendix Table A5** on page 70)
- Statewide, initial assessments increased 16% from the 3rd Quarter to the 4th Quarter of FY'2011.

Investigations

- The number of investigations conducted during the 4th Quarter of FY'2011 was 6,099 (**Table 4**).³ Of these investigations, 102 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 102 above-mentioned investigations, allegations of maltreatment were supported for 66 and unsupported for 36.
- Sixty percent of the investigations resulted in supported allegations of maltreatment. (**Table 4**)
- Regional support rates went from a low of 59% in the North to a high of 63% in the South. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 68% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. (**Table 4**)
- Worcester East, Worcester West, and Dimock Street Areas had the highest proportion of responses that resulted in a supported investigation (43-51%). (**Appendix Table A5**)
- Statewide, investigations increased 7% from the 3rd Quarter to the 4th Quarter of FY'2011.

³ 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, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/11 - 6/30/11)

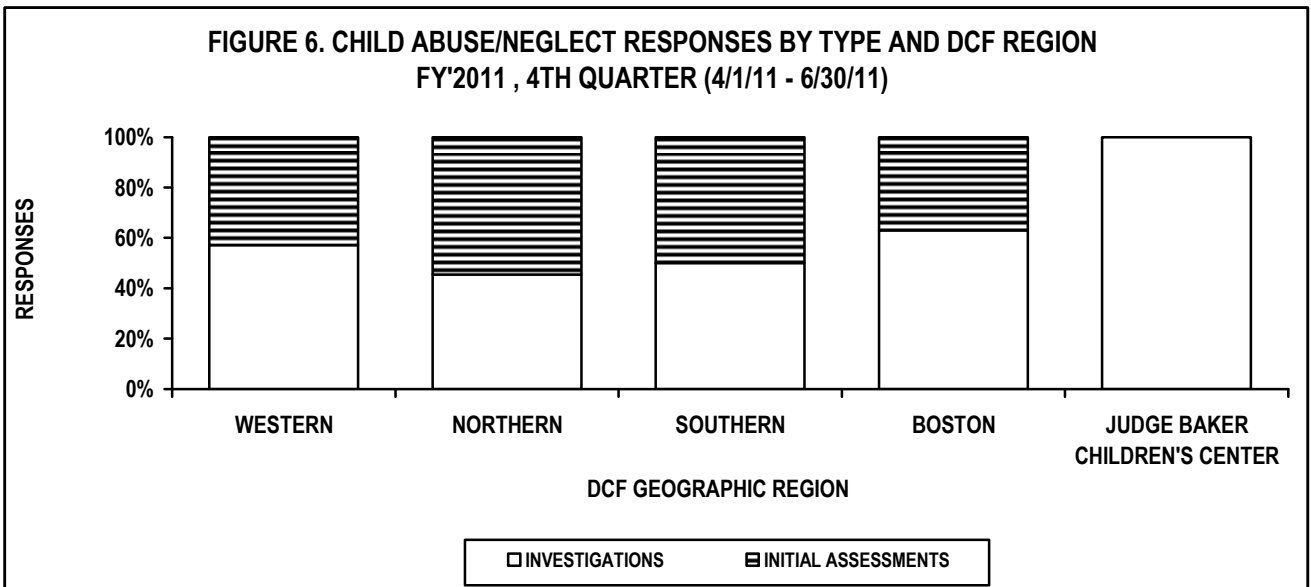
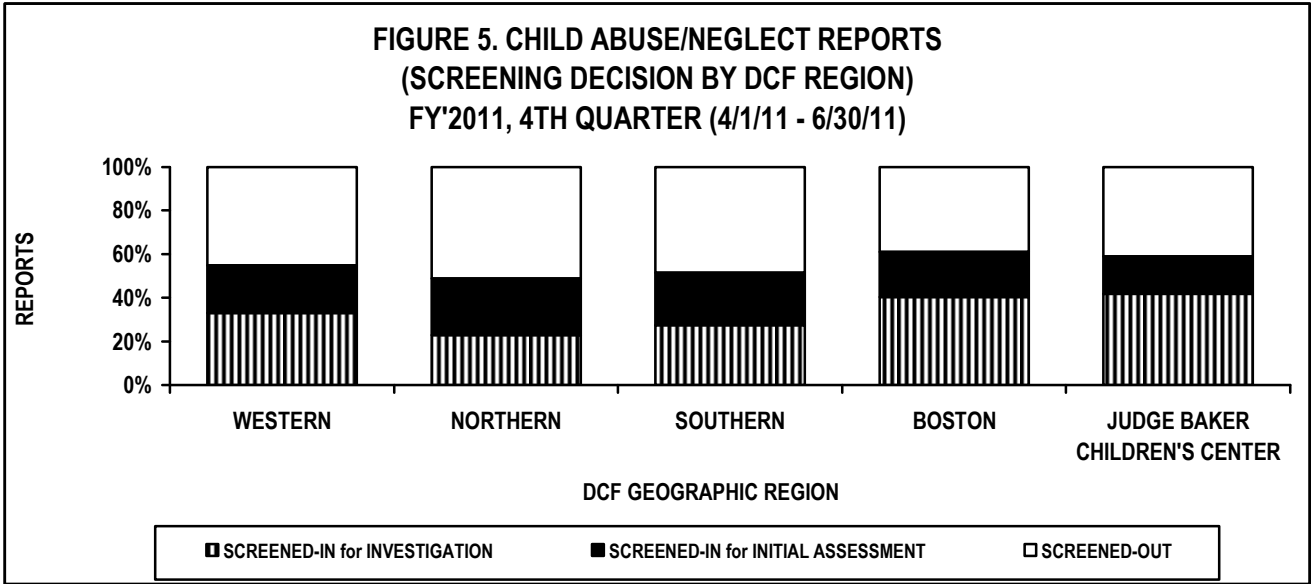
DCF Geographic Region	Screening Decision									Report Total	
	Screened-Out		Screened-In for Investigation				Screened-In for Initial Assessment				
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	S/I Total	No.	%	No.	%
Western	2,793	45%	1,857	30%	191	3%	2,048	1,353	22%	6,194	29%
Northern	1,962	51%	779	20%	100	3%	879	996	26%	3,837	18%
Southern	1,976	48%	1,008	25%	110	3%	1,118	982	24%	4,076	19%
Boston	638	39%	591	36%	68	4%	659	338	21%	1,635	8%
Judge Baker Children's Center	2,400	41%	1,335	23%	1,111	19%	2,446	1,001	17%	5,847	27%
Special Investigations	6	30%	14	70%	---	---	14	---	---	20	*
Total	9,775	45%	5,584	26%	1,580	7%	7,164	4,670	22%	21,609	100%

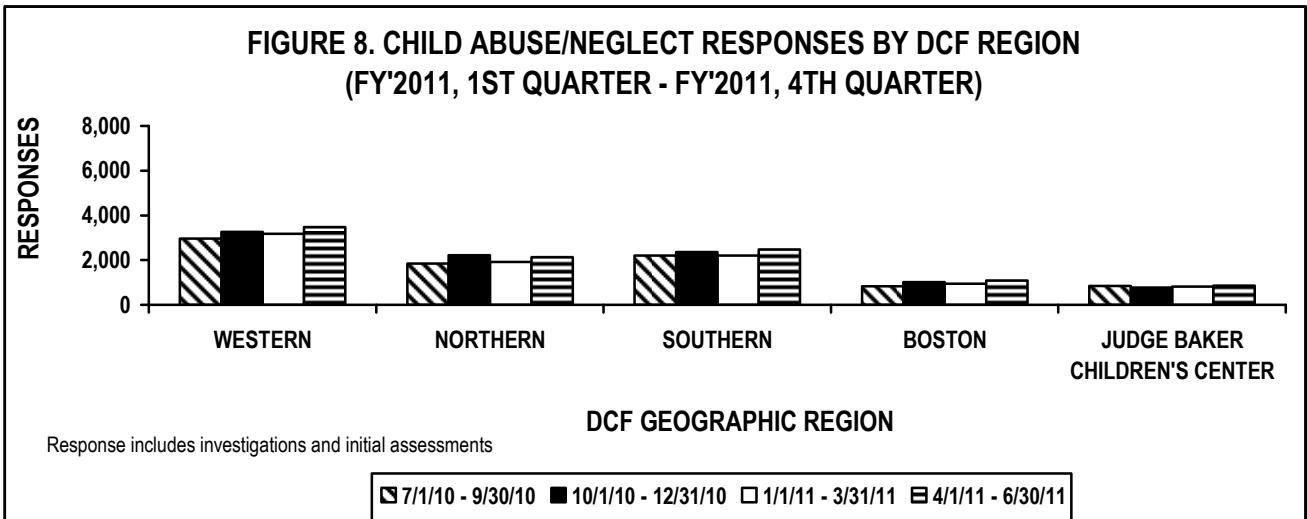
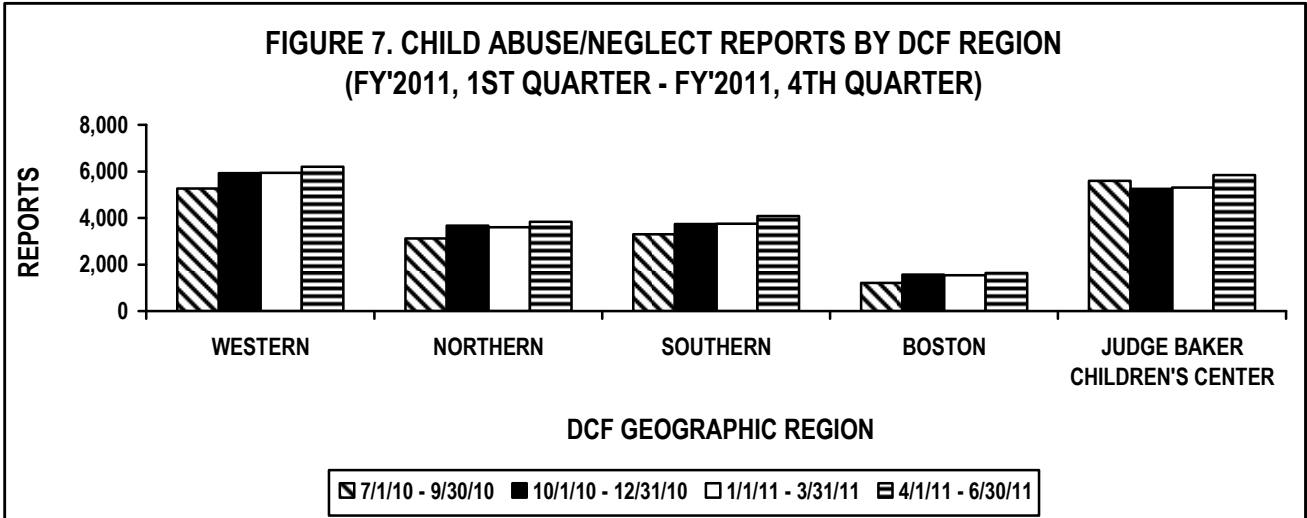
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

TABLE 4. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION: FY'2011, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/11 - 6/30/11)

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	1,230	62%	755	38%	1,985	679	46%	809	54%	1,488	3,473	33%
Northern	575	59%	396	41%	971	507	44%	657	56%	1,164	2,135	21%
Southern	775	63%	464	37%	1,239	549	44%	688	56%	1,237	2,476	24%
Boston	424	62%	261	38%	685	182	45%	222	55%	404	1,089	10%
Judge Baker Children's Center	586	68%	271	32%	857	---	---	---	---	---	857	8%
Special Investigations	61	17%	301	83%	362	---	---	---	---	---	362	3%
Total	3,651	60%	2,448	40%	6,099	1,917	45%	2,376	55%	4,293	10,392	100%

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

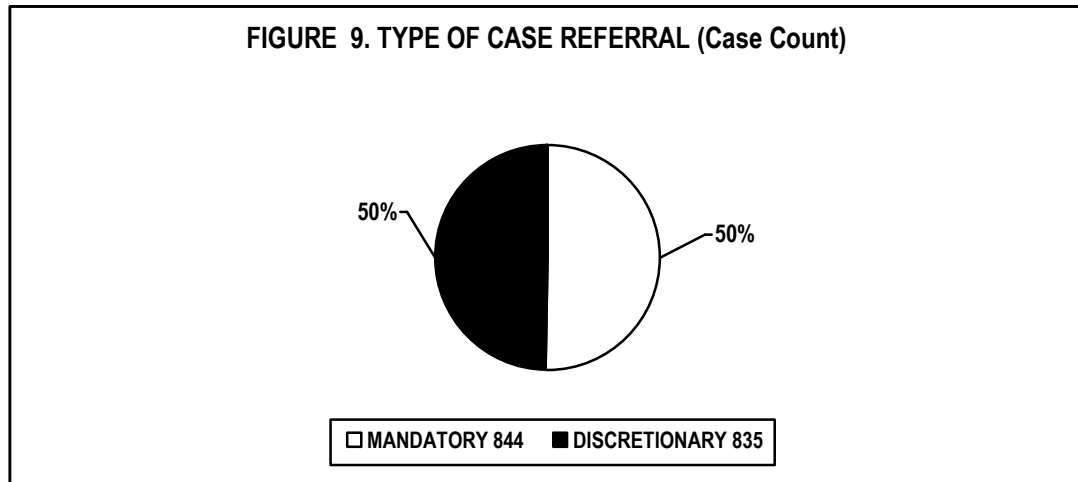




C. District Attorney (DA) Referrals

- During the 4th Quarter of FY'2011, 1,679 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (Fig. 9). Fifty percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals⁴ and 50% were discretionary referrals⁵ (Fig. 9). The equal proportions of mandatory and discretionary referrals contributed to ending a four year trend of increasing proportions of mandatory referrals (See Appendix Table A6 on page 71).

DA REFERRALS FY'2011, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/11 - 6/30/11)

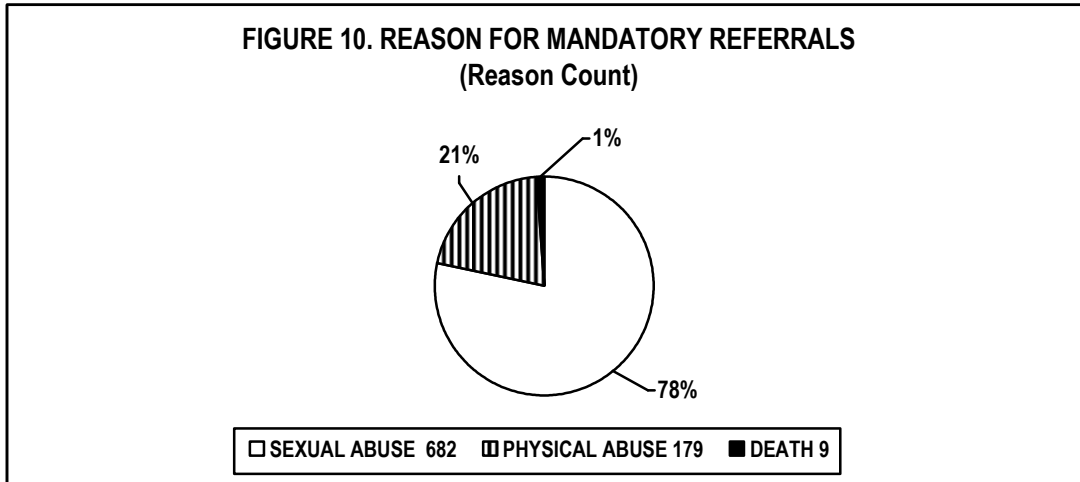


- Sexual abuse accounted for 78% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals during the 4th Quarter of FY'2011 (Fig. 10, Table 5 on next page). Twenty-one percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

DA REFERRALS FY'2011, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/11 - 6/30/11)



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

TABLE 5. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: ⁽¹⁾
FY'2011, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/11 - 6/30/11)

Nature of Abuse	Reasons ⁽¹⁾	
	No.	%
Sexual Abuse:	682	78%
Sexual Assault	646	
Sexual Exploitation	36	
.....		
Serious Physical Abuse:	179	21%
.....		
Death:	9	1%
.....		
Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals	870	100%

⁽¹⁾ 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 71).
- 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** 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, Worcester, Essex, Middlesex, and Suffolk. Based on a comparison of county estimates⁶ 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 60% of the mandatory case referrals for sexual abuse (includes sexual assault and sexual exploitation). The same four counties accounted for 71% of the mandatory case referrals for serious physical abuse.

**TABLE 6. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY: ⁽¹⁾
FY'2011, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/11 - 6/30/11)**

County ⁽²⁾	Case Referrals				Total No.	2010 Children Under 18 years
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Worcester	146	50%	145	50%	291	187,231
Essex	125	47%	142	53%	267	172,089
Middlesex	111	45%	137	55%	248	320,439
Suffolk	126	55%	105	45%	231	126,275
Berkshire	97	54%	81	46%	178	25,624
Hampden	55	50%	56	50%	111	109,885
Bristol	41	44%	53	56%	94	122,409
Plymouth	49	55%	40	45%	89	119,475
Norfolk	62	70%	26	30%	88	152,132
Hampshire	10	30%	23	70%	33	26,766
Franklin	1	4%	27	96%	28	14,068
Barnstable	8	73%	3	27%	11	37,249
Dukes	---	---	---	---	---	3,173
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---	2,108
OUT OF STATE	4	40%	6	60%	10	---
Total	835		844		1,679	

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

⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.

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

**TABLE 7. MANDATORY CASE REFERRAL REASONS BY COUNTY:⁽¹⁾
FY'2011, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/11 - 6/30/11)**

County ⁽²⁾	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals ⁽¹⁾				Total No.
	Sexual Assault No.	Sexual Exploitation No.	Serious Physical Abuse/Injury No.	Death No.	
Worcester	120	5	21	3	149
Essex	81	6	60	1	148
Middlesex	116	4	15	3	138
Suffolk	72	5	31	---	108
Berkshire	64	4	15	---	83
Hampden	42	3	15	---	60
Bristol	45	3	6	1	55
Plymouth	35	3	5	---	43
Franklin	24	1	2	---	27
Norfolk	21	1	5	---	27
Hampshire	18		4	1	23
Barnstable	2	1	---	---	3
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---
Dukes	---	---	---	---	---
OUT OF STATE	6	---	---	---	6
Total:	646	36	179	9	870

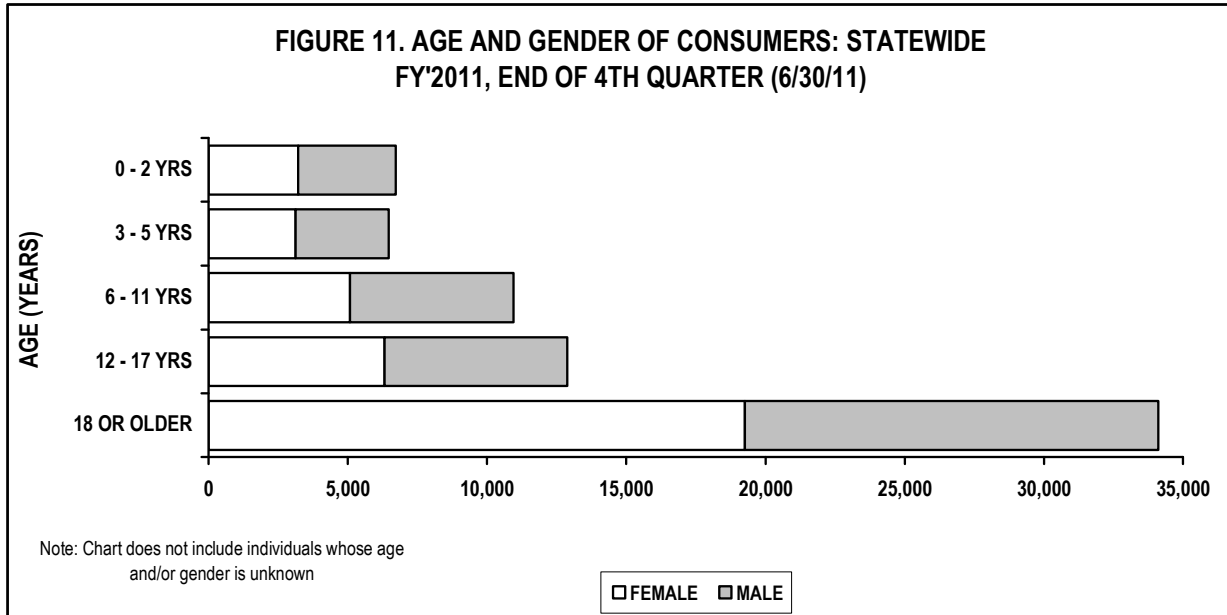
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⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.

IV. CONSUMER DEMOGRAPHICS

A. Age, Gender, and Race of All Consumers

- On the last day of the 4th Quarter of FY'2011, the consumer population included 37,162 (52%) children less than 18 years old and 34,926 (48%) adults 18 years or older (**Table 1** on page 3). Fifty-one percent of all consumers were identified as female, 48% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Thirty-five percent (12,900) 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 ⁽¹⁾	
0 - 2	3,217	3,508	37	6,762
3 - 5	3,125	3,344	24	6,493
6 - 11	5,085	5,866	36	10,987
12 - 17	6,320	6,559	21	12,900
18 or older	19,264	14,844	455	34,563
Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	57	190	136	383
Total	37,068	34,311	709	72,088

⁽¹⁾ Unspecified includes 363 individuals with the role "Consumer Adult" and 20 individuals with the role "Consumer Child" whose ages were unknown and 709 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.

- The statewide caseload was comprised of 44% White, 26% 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 next page)
- The Boston Region’s caseload was comprised of 40% Black, 31% Hispanic/Latino, and 15% White consumers (3,294, 2,592, and 1,237 consumers, respectively). The proportion of Hispanic/Latino consumers was similar in 3 of the 4 regions (27-32%). Asians were most prominent in the North--5% of the caseload (733 consumers, mainly Cambodian). (Table 8, Figs. 12A and 12B)

TABLE 8. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2011, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)

Race	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption				Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
White	12,402	44%	7,112	45%	10,928	57%	1,237	15%	113	39%	4	3%	31,796	44%
Black	2,415	9%	1,538	10%	2,534	13%	3,294	40%	47	16%	38	29%	9,866	14%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	8,969	32%	4,218	27%	2,527	13%	2,592	31%	83	29%	42	33%	18,431	26%
Asian	135	*	733	5%	219	1%	145	2%	6	2%	41	32%	1,279	2%
Native American	30	*	17	*	38	*	8	*	---	---	---	---	93	*
Other ⁽⁴⁾	16	*	5	*	3	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	25	*
Multi-Racial	642	2%	387	2%	620	3%	107	1%	22	8%	1	1%	1,779	2%
Unable to Determine	920	3%	505	3%	643	3%	309	4%	16	6%	3	2%	2,396	3%
Missing	2,827	10%	1,162	7%	1,810	9%	624	8%	---	---	---	---	6,423	9%
Total	28,356	100%	15,677	100%	19,322	100%	8,317	100%	287	100%	129	100%	72,088	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

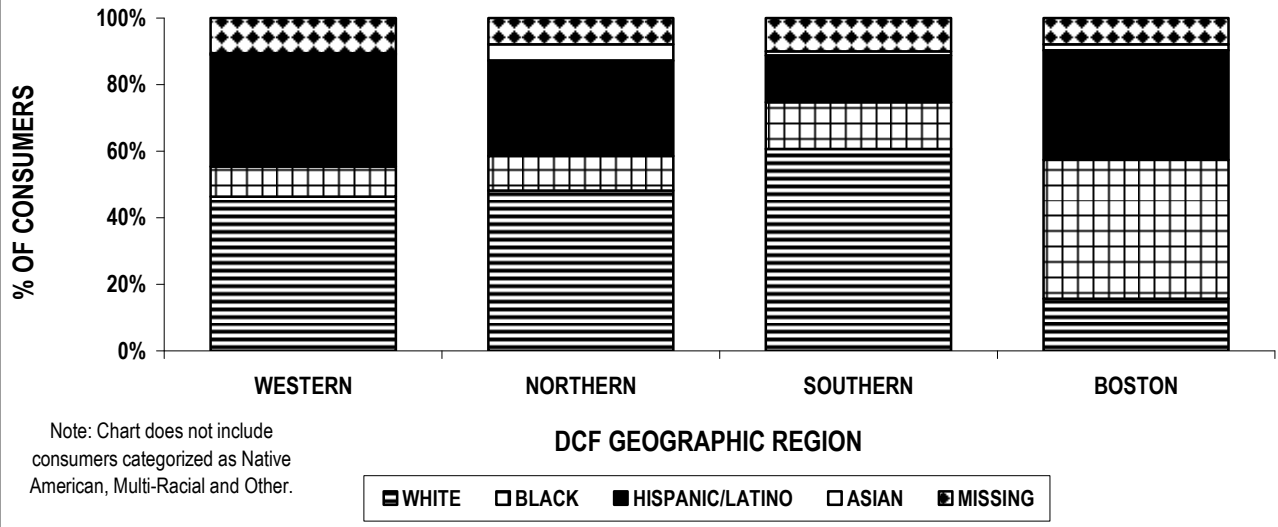
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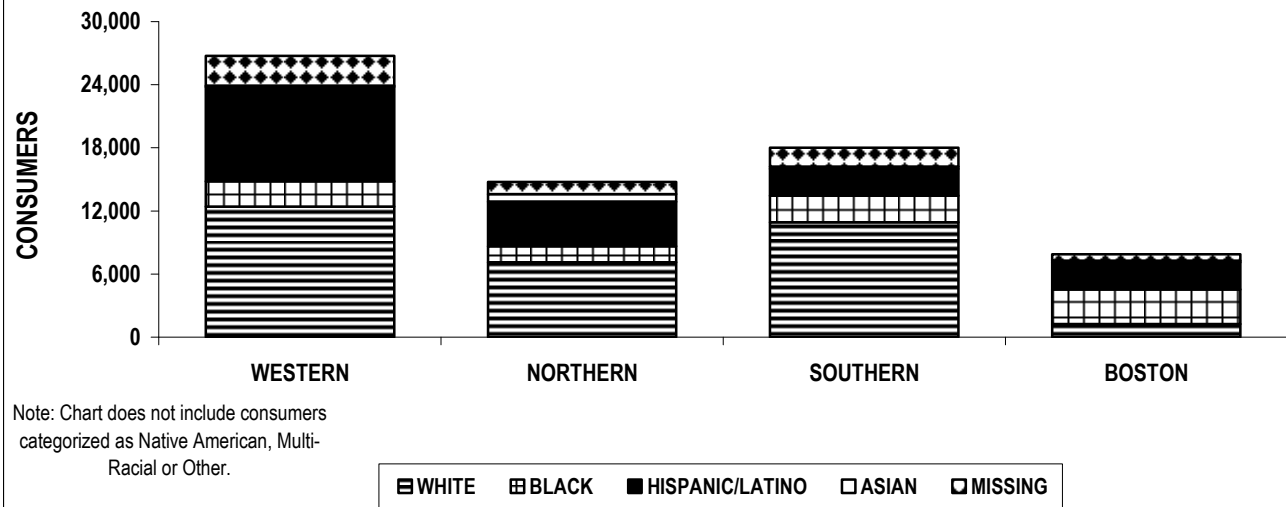
⁽³⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽⁴⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**FIGURE 12A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'2011, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)**



**FIGURE 12B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'2011, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)**



- A racial comparison of children receiving various services from DCF to children residing in Massachusetts⁷ is displayed in **Table 9**. Black children and Hispanic children are over-represented at all stages in the DCF system (marginal difference for Hispanic guardianships). 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 ⁷ 2010	DCF Not in Substitute Care 6/30/11	DCF All Substitute Care* 6/30/11	DCF Foster Care 6/30/11	DCF Congregate Care** 6/30/11	DCF All Care w/Goal of Adoption 6/30/11	DCF All Care w/Goal of Guardianship 6/30/11	DCF Adoptions Legalized FY'2011	DCF Guardianships Legalized FY'2011
White	67%	42%	46%	47%	47%	46%	50%	50%	56%
Hispanic***	15%	32%	27%	26%	26%	27%	24%	24%	17%
Black	7%	14%	16%	15%	19%	14%	15%	13%	14%
Asian	6%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	---	---	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	---	---	---	---	---	---
Multi-Racial	4%	4%	5%	5%	4%	7%	5%	8%	5%
Other/Unknown	1%	7%	4%	4%	2%	5%	3%	5%	7%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	1,418,923	29,321	7,841	6,084	1,415	2,468	571	685	371

*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.

** Congregate 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.

⁷ 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, 1,974 and 1,035 consumers, respectively (**Table 10**). Khmer (Cambodian) was the preferred language of 258 DCF consumers (<1% statewide). Khmer-speaking consumers were mainly concentrated in the North. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Portuguese (South/North), Haitian Creole (North/South/Boston), Cape Verdean Creole (South), Vietnamese (Boston/West), and Lao (North) (**Table 10**).

TABLE 10. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2011, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)

Primary Language	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption				Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spanish	1,974	7%	1,035	7%	463	2%	804	10%	9	3%	33	26%	4,318	6%
Haitian Creole	6	*	98	1%	88	*	84	1%	---	---	1	1%	277	*
Portuguese	14	*	108	1%	148	1%	19	*	1	*	---	---	290	*
Khmer (Cambodian)	3	*	213	1%	31	*	11	*	---	---	---	---	258	*
Cape Verdean Creole	1	*	9	*	103	1%	54	1%	---	---	---	---	167	*
Vietnamese	26	*	16	*	8	*	28	*	---	---	---	---	78	*
Chinese	5	*	13	*	17	*	14	*	---	---	1	1%	50	*
Lao	2	*	22	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	25	*
American Sign Language	9	*	13	*	6	*	4	*	---	---	---	---	32	*
Other	473	2%	223	1%	285	1%	101	1%	---	---	40	31%	1,122	2%
English/Unspecified	25,843	91%	13,927	89%	18,172	94%	7,198	87%	277	97%	54	42%	65,471	91%
Total	28,356	100%	15,677	100%	19,322	100%	8,317	100%	287	100%	129	100%	72,088	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

⁽²⁾ 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 (table on next page). 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.
- Comparing DCF consumers by preferred language on June 2007 and June 2011, showed an increase in some language groups and a decrease in others (table on next page). The most significant changes were: declines in Vietnamese (-53%), Khmer (Cambodian) (-28%); and increases in Cape Verdean Creole (14%) and Haitian Creole (7%). The number of Laotian-speaking consumers rose from 20 to 25. During this period, the count of total consumers decreased 8%.

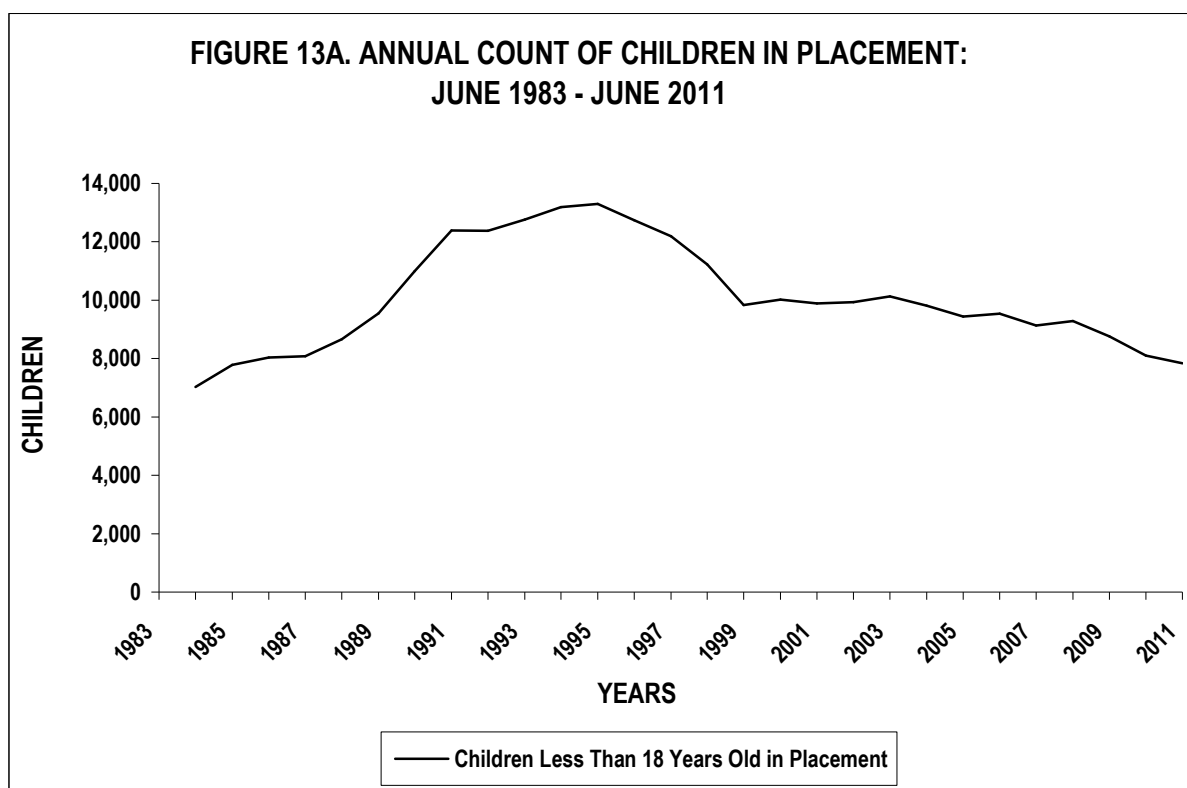
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Primary Language	Consumers Jul. 1987 No.	Consumers Jul. 1997 No.	Consumers Jun. 2007 No.	Consumers Jun. 2011 No.	2007-2011 Change %
English/Unspecified*	60,784	66,404	71,398	65,471	-8%
Spanish	3,664	6,334	4,516	4,318	-4%
Khmer Cambodian	253	851	356	258	-28%
Portuguese	530	380	303	290	-4%
Haitian Creole	175	360	260	277	7%
Cape Verdean Creole	174	247	146	167	14%
Vietnamese	146	273	167	78	-53%
Chinese	71	61	54	50	-7%
American Sign Language	47	23	41	32	-22%
Lao	30	74	20	25	25%
Other	213	310	1,459	1,122	-23%
Total	66,087	75,317	78,720	72,088	-8%

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

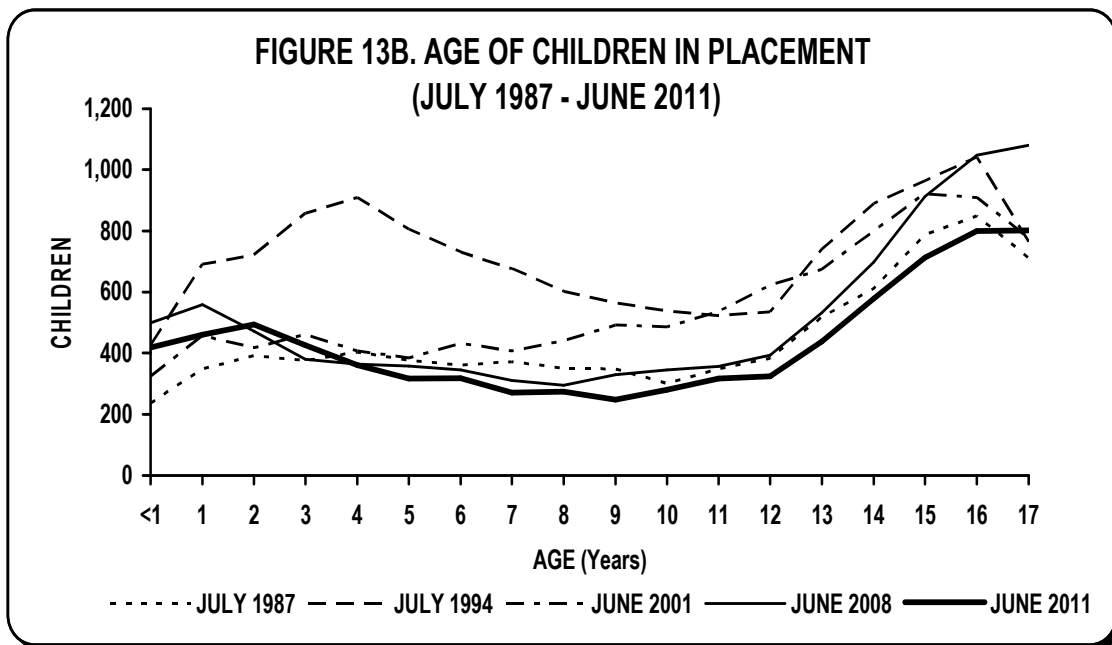
V. PROFILE OF CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT⁸

- The number of children less than 18 years old in placement (7,841) decreased 1% from the 3rd Quarter to the 4th Quarter of FY'2011 (**Appendix Table A1** on page 66, **Fig. 14** on page 26). 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. 13A, Appendix Table A1**)



⁸Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 to 23 years old.

- Figure 13B** shows the ages of children in placement at five points in time. From 1987 to 1994, the number of younger children in care increased at a faster rate than the number of adolescents. Peak numbers of young children were reached in 1994. Thereafter, the trend reversed as subsequent age curves showed a gradual reduction in the young child population. By the years 2008-2011, the age distributions of children in placement dropped to levels that approached the 1987 curve. In 2008, there was a resurgence at both extremes of the age distribution—16-17 years old and <1-2 years old. These increases were only temporary as all ages declined in 2011. It should be noted that the total number of children in care (less than 18 years old) at each point in time was 8,078 in 1987, 12,977 in 1994, 9,889 in 2001, 9,287 in 2008, and 7,841 in 2011.



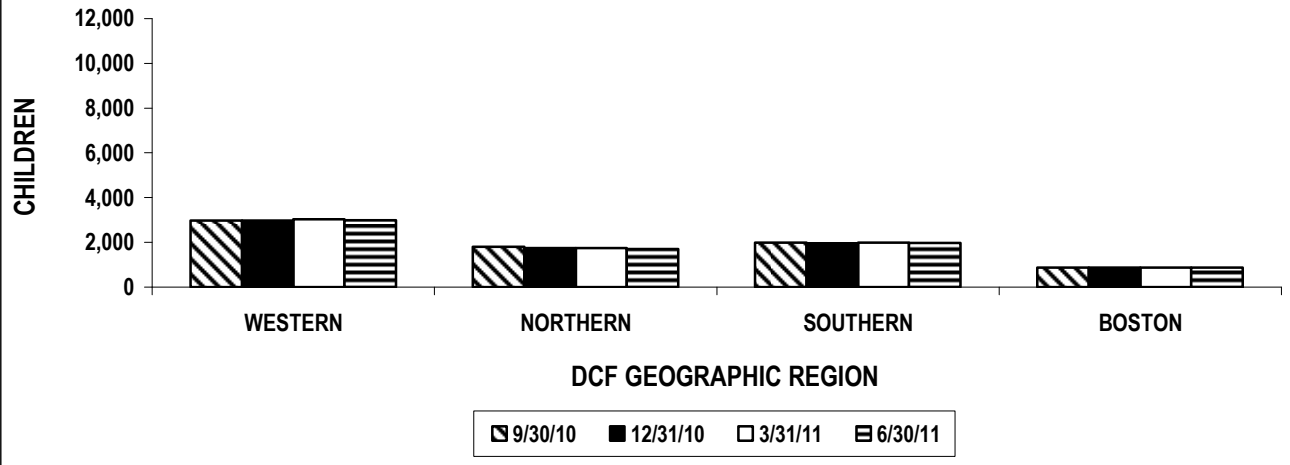
- Statewide, 21% (or 7,841) of all children (less than 18 years old) with open cases were in placement. The regional statistics for children in placement as a proportion of all children receiving services were: 21% in the North, 21% in the South, 20% in Boston, and 20% in the West. (Table 11 on next page)
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield and Fall River Area Offices had the highest proportions in placement. The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Van Wart, Cambridge, Brockton, and Taunton/Attleboro Area Offices. (Table 11)

TABLE 11. CHILD⁽¹⁾ CASELOAD BY DCF BY AREA OFFICE: FY'2011, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)

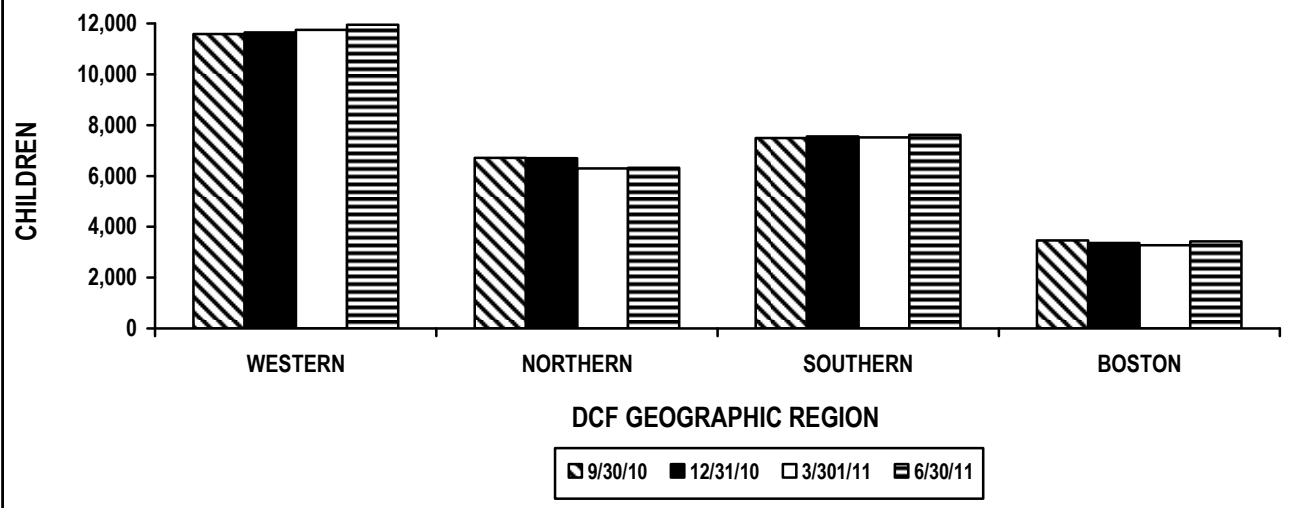
DCF Region/Area	Not in Placement	In Placement	Total Child Caseload	% in Placement
Greenfield	900	283	1,183	24%
Holyoke	1,321	349	1,670	21%
North Central	1,555	345	1,900	18%
Pittsfield	815	324	1,139	28%
Robert Van Wart	2,091	353	2,444	14%
South Central	888	260	1,148	23%
Springfield	1,862	434	2,296	19%
Worcester East	1,363	332	1,695	20%
Worcester West	1,135	298	1,433	21%
Contracted Agencies	16	6	22	27%
Western	11,946	2,984	14,930	20%
Cambridge	677	127	804	16%
Cape Ann	750	187	937	20%
Framingham	670	202	872	23%
Haverhill	578	157	735	21%
Lawrence	715	181	896	20%
Lowell	1,318	401	1,719	23%
Lynn	821	255	1,076	24%
Malden	780	186	966	19%
Contracted Agencies	7	2	9	22%
Northern	6,316	1,698	8,014	21%
Arlington	610	142	752	19%
Brockton	1,207	252	1,459	17%
Cape Cod	755	222	977	23%
Coastal	740	199	939	21%
Fall River	977	377	1,354	28%
New Bedford	1,541	381	1,922	20%
Plymouth	828	194	1,022	19%
Taunton/Attleboro	945	198	1,143	17%
Contracted Agencies	15	1	16	6%
Southern	7,618	1,966	9,584	21%
Dimock Street	720	244	964	25%
Harbor	999	216	1,215	18%
Hyde Park	725	177	902	20%
Park Street	984	230	1,214	19%
Contracted Agencies	3	4	7	57%
Boston	3,431	871	4,302	20%
Adoption Contracts⁽²⁾	7	280	287	98%
Other⁽³⁾	3	42	42	100%
Total	29,321	7,841	37,162	21%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**FIGURE 14. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'11, END OF 1ST QUARTER to FY'11, END OF 4TH QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 15. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2011, END OF 1ST QUARTER to FY'2011, END OF 4TH QUARTER)**



A. Demographics of Consumers in Placement

(Combined Counts from All Types of Placement)

- At the end of the 4th 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.⁹
- Statewide, 46% of all consumers in placement were White, 17% were Black, 26% were Hispanic/Latino, 2% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 5% were multi-racial. Race had not been identified for 4% 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 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption				Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾			
	No	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Gender:														
Female	1,634	48%	1,061	49%	1,127	48%	555	50%	133	48%	40	35%	4,550	48%
Male	1,781	52%	1,103	51%	1,237	52%	550	50%	147	53%	75	65%	4,893	52%
Total	3,415	100%	2,164	100%	2,364	100%	1,105	100%	280	100%	115	100%	9,443	100%
Race:														
White	1,595	47%	1,048	48%	1,364	58%	189	17%	111	40%	---	---	4,307	46%
Black	396	12%	224	10%	399	17%	527	48%	47	17%	34	30%	1,627	17%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	1,130	33%	619	29%	326	14%	307	28%	80	29%	38	33%	2,500	26%
Asian	20	1%	107	5%	17	1%	26	2%	6	2%	39	34%	215	2%
Native American	5	*	6	*	5	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	16	*
Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	2	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*
Multi-Racial	152	4%	90	4%	151	6%	23	2%	20	7%	1	1%	437	5%
Unable to Determine	117	3%	68	3%	102	4%	33	3%	16	6%	3	3%	339	4%
Total	3,415	100%	2,164	100%	2,364	100%	1,105	100%	280	100%	115	100%	9,443	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

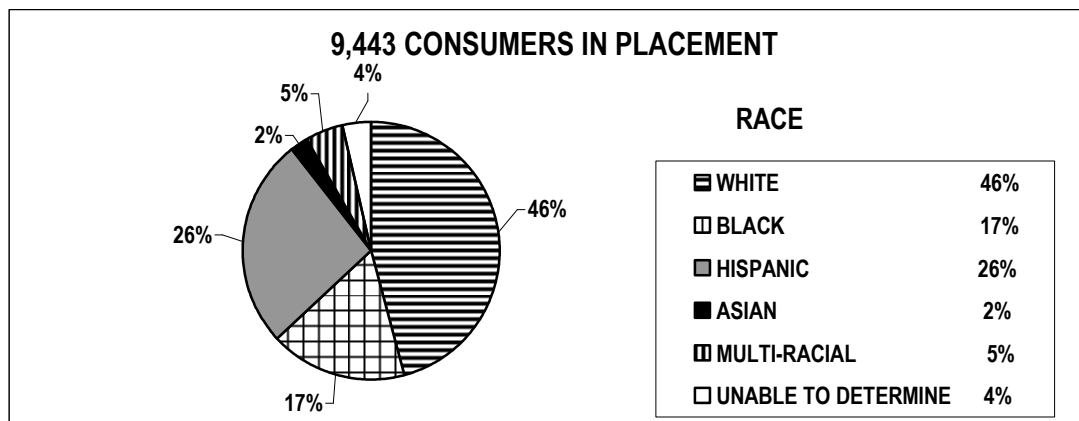
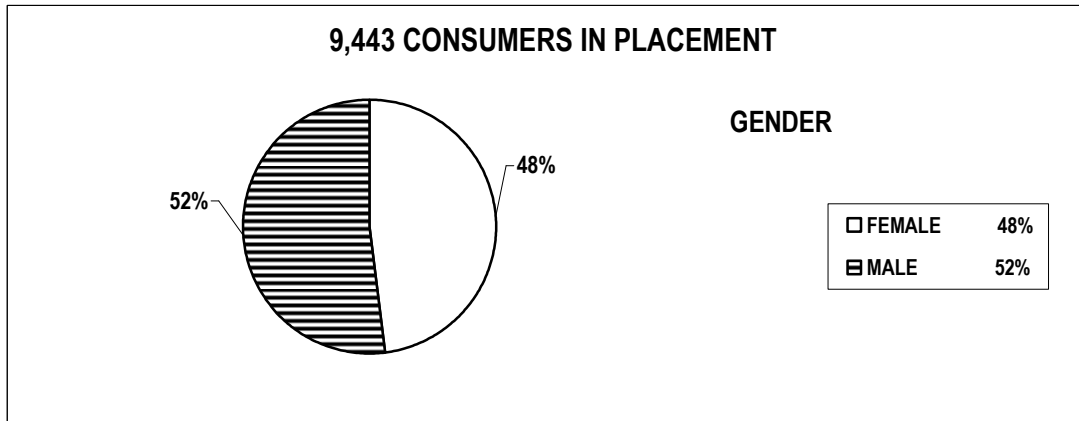
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⁽³⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

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⁹ 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 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)**



- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DCF Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 37% to 42%. (**Table 12B** on page 30)
- The number of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 234 in the Boston Region to 466 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 (32% of all consumers in placement), Adoption (26%), and Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement¹⁰ (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 31)
- The remaining service plan goals were: Permanent Care with Kin¹¹ (8% of all consumers in placement), Guardianship (6%), and Stabilization of Family (5%).
- On 6/30/2011, 41% of the statewide placement population had a length of stay of more than 2 years,¹² 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 care¹³ for more than two years (44% and 43%, respectively). The West had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (43%). (**Table 12B**)
- **Table 13A** on the next page 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. 45% for Asian, 42% for Hispanic, 40% for White, 36% for Multi-Racial). This racial disparity is mainly due to the larger proportion of Black consumers in placement who were 18 years or older (**Table 13B** on page 33). Consumers 18 years or older accounted for 52% of all consumers in placement for more than 4 years and another 25% who were in placement for 2-4 years (**Table 13C** on page 33).
- Thirty percent of Black consumers in placement had a goal of “Family Reunification,” compared to 34% for White and 31% for Hispanic consumers (**Table 14** on page 32). 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; 21% Black vs. 26% White and 27% Hispanic for adoption.

¹⁰ 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.

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

¹² 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.

¹³ 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 (June 30, 2011).

**TABLE 12B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE
BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE: FY'2011, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region												Total					
	Western				Northern				Southern						Boston			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	No.	%
Age Group:																		
(0 - 2 yrs)	533	16%	280	13%	367	16%	146	13%	47	17%	---	---	1,373	15%				
(3 - 5 yrs)	449	13%	195	9%	285	12%	108	10%	65	23%	1	1%	1,103	12%				
(6 - 11 yrs)	663	19%	323	15%	435	18%	159	14%	117	42%	11	10%	1,708	18%				
(12 - 17 yrs)	1,339	39%	900	42%	879	37%	458	41%	51	18%	30	26%	3,657	39%				
18 or older	431	13%	466	22%	398	17%	234	21%	---	---	73	63%	1,602	17%				
Total	3,415	100%	2,164	100%	2,364	100%	1,105	100%	280	100%	115	100%	9,443	100%				
Service Plan Goals:																		
Family Reunification	1,151	34%	680	31%	812	34%	385	35%	4	1%	1	1%	3,033	32%				
Adoption	958	28%	451	21%	578	24%	228	21%	258	92%	---	---	2,473	26%				
APPLA ⁽³⁾	540	16%	519	24%	452	19%	276	25%	---	---	81	70%	1,868	20%				
Permanent Care with Kin	240	7%	184	9%	211	9%	76	7%	---	---	28	24%	739	8%				
Guardianship	216	6%	144	7%	139	6%	72	7%	13	5%	1	1%	585	6%				
Stabilization of Family	191	6%	112	5%	116	5%	45	4%	---	---	---	---	464	5%				
Unspecified as of run-date	119	3%	74	3%	56	2%	23	2%	5	2%	4	3%	281	3%				
Total	3,415	100%	2,164	100%	2,364	100%	1,105	100%	280	100%	115	100%	9,443	100%				
Continuous Time in Care:																		
(.5 yr or less)	830	24%	499	23%	601	25%	263	24%	6	2%	15	13%	2,214	23%				
(> .5 - 1 yr)	572	17%	293	14%	373	16%	155	14%	18	6%	24	21%	1,435	15%				
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	437	13%	247	11%	287	12%	125	11%	33	12%	8	7%	1,137	12%				
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	270	8%	164	8%	195	8%	85	8%	44	16%	11	10%	769	8%				
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	684	20%	434	20%	469	20%	248	22%	108	39%	39	34%	1,982	21%				
> 4 yrs	622	18%	527	24%	439	19%	229	21%	71	25%	18	16%	1,906	20%				
Total	3,415	100%	2,164	100%	2,364	100%	1,105	100%	280	100%	115	100%	9,443	100%				

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

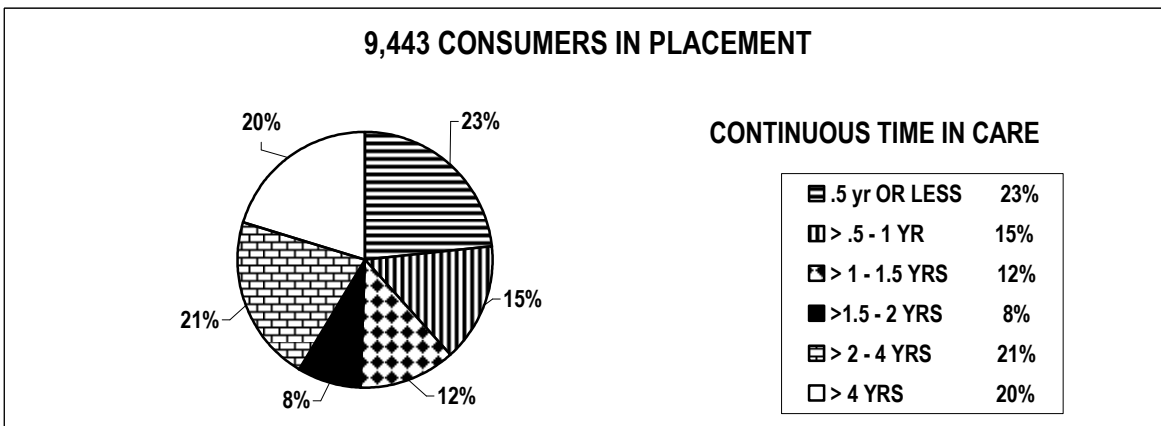
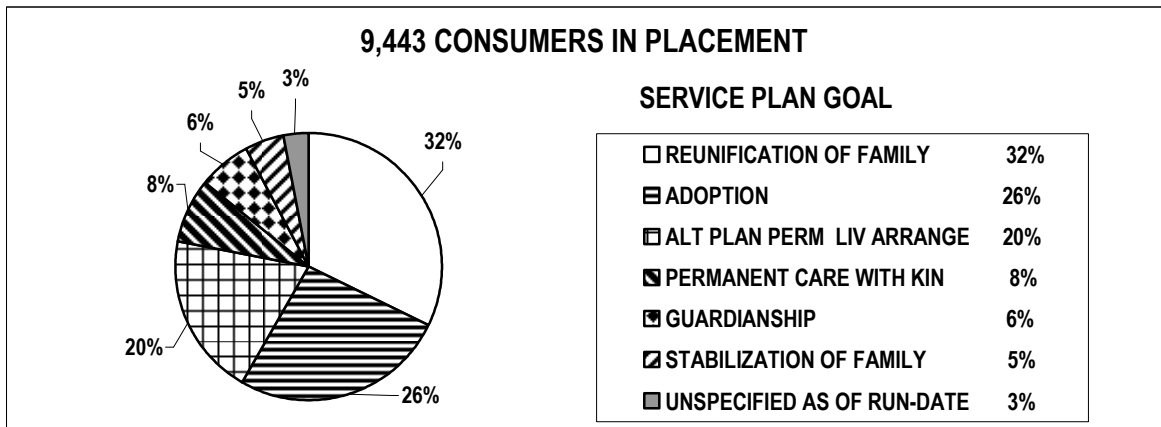
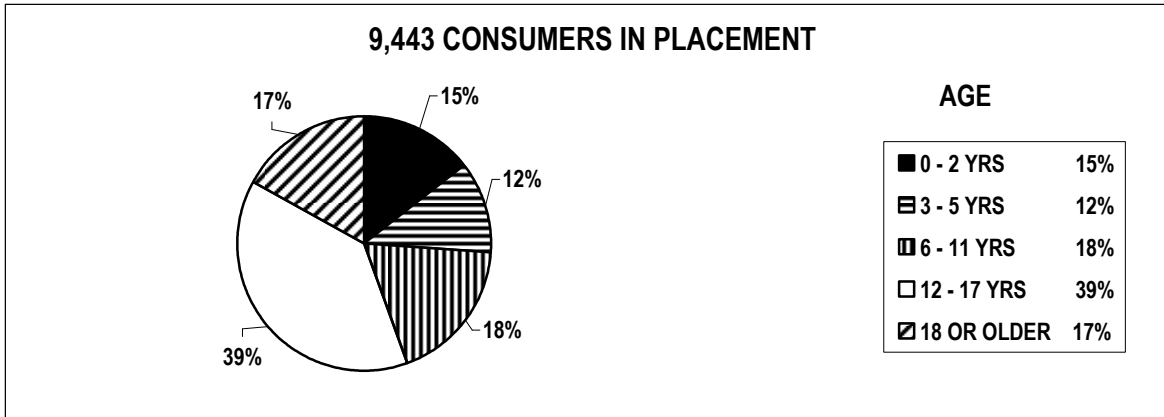
**TABLE 13A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2011, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)**

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers														Total			
	White		Black		Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽²⁾		Multi-Racial				Unable to Determine	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	671	16%	224	14%	377	15%	24	11%	3	19%	1	50%	73	17%	63	19%	1,435	15%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	546	13%	143	9%	298	12%	26	12%	3	19%	---	---	60	14%	61	18%	1,137	12%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	341	8%	124	8%	204	8%	26	12%	1	6%	---	---	38	9%	35	10%	769	8%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	854	20%	395	24%	519	21%	66	31%	4	25%	---	---	96	22%	48	14%	1,982	21%
> 4 yrs	843	20%	416	26%	513	21%	31	14%	1	6%	1	50%	63	14%	38	11%	1,906	20%
Total	4,307	100%	1,627	100%	2,500	100%	215	100%	16	100%	2	100%	437	100%	339	100%	9,443	100%

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽²⁾ 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 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)**



**TABLE 14. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2011, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)**

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers														Total			
	White		Black		Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽²⁾		Multi-Racial				Unable to Determine	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	1,461	34%	485	30%	777	31%	46	21%	7	44%	--	--	133	30%	124	37%	3,033	32%
Adoption	1,127	26%	341	21%	678	27%	39	18%	4	25%	--	--	168	38%	116	34%	2,473	26%
APPLA ⁽³⁾	766	18%	441	27%	517	21%	70	33%	1	6%	--	--	46	11%	27	8%	1,868	20%
Permanent Care with Kin	324	8%	162	10%	174	7%	28	13%	3	19%	--	--	21	5%	27	8%	739	8%
Guardianship	293	7%	87	5%	143	6%	13	6%	--	--	--	--	31	7%	18	5%	585	6%
Stabilization of Family	209	5%	60	4%	143	6%	10	5%	1	6%	2	100%	23	5%	16	5%	464	5%
Unspecified as of run-date	127	3%	51	3%	68	3%	9	4%	--	--	--	--	15	3%	11	3%	281	3%
Total	4,307	100%	1,627	100%	2,500	100%	215	100%	16	100%	2	100%	437	100%	339	100%	9,443	100%

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽²⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

⁽³⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 15. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2011, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)**

Service Plan Goal	Age Group of Consumers										Total	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	608	20%	361	12%	593	20%	1,440	47%	31	1%	3,033	100%
Adoption	633	26%	627	25%	830	34%	378	15%	5	*	2,473	100%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	--	--	--	--	3	*	500	27%	1,365	73%	1,868	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	2	*	5	1%	42	6%	578	78%	112	15%	739	100%
Guardianship	24	4%	53	9%	155	26%	339	58%	14	2%	585	100%
Stabilization of Family	54	12%	27	6%	49	11%	284	61%	50	11%	464	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	52	19%	30	11%	36	13%	138	49%	25	9%	281	100%
Total	1,373	15%	1,103	12%	1,708	18%	3,657	39%	1,602	17%	9,443	100%

⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 16. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2011, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)**

Service Plan Goal	Continuous Time in Placement												Total	
	(.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	1,463	48%	829	27%	368	12%	149	5%	177	6%	47	2%	3,033	100%
Adoption	80	3%	306	12%	435	18%	337	14%	863	35%	452	18%	2,473	100%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	80	4%	151	8%	123	7%	127	7%	513	27%	874	47%	1,868	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	21	3%	40	5%	65	9%	45	6%	204	28%	364	49%	739	100%
Guardianship	13	2%	53	9%	114	19%	97	17%	184	31%	124	21%	585	100%
Stabilization of Family	324	70%	46	10%	21	5%	10	2%	29	6%	34	7%	464	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	233	83%	10	4%	11	4%	4	1%	12	4%	11	4%	281	100%
Total	2,214	23%	1,435	15%	1,137	12%	769	8%	1,982	21%	1,906	20%	9,443	100%

⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 13B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND AGE GROUP:
STATEWIDE FY'2011, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)**

Race	Age Group of Consumers										Total	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
White	662	15%	511	12%	778	18%	1,683	39%	673	16%	4,307	100%
Black	164	10%	139	9%	280	17%	654	40%	390	24%	1,627	100%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	341	14%	286	11%	472	19%	983	39%	418	17%	2,500	100%
Asian	17	8%	14	7%	27	13%	99	46%	58	27%	215	100%
Native American	2	13%	6	38%	2	13%	5	31%	1	6%	16	100%
Other ⁽²⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	100%	---	---	2	100%
Multi-Racial	76	17%	90	21%	95	22%	139	32%	37	8%	437	100%
Unable to Determine	111	33%	57	17%	54	16%	92	27%	25	7%	339	100%
Total	1,373	15%	1,103	12%	1,708	18%	3,657	39%	1,602	17%	9,443	100%

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽²⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**TABLE 13C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2011, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)**

Continuous Time in Care	Age Group of Consumers										Total	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	523	38%	262	24%	365	21%	996	27%	68	4%	2,214	23%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	324	24%	178	16%	273	16%	551	15%	109	7%	1,435	15%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	240	17%	160	15%	226	13%	428	12%	83	5%	1,137	12%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	159	12%	120	11%	142	8%	254	7%	94	6%	769	8%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	127	9%	330	30%	450	26%	668	18%	407	25%	1,982	21%
> 4 yrs	---	---	53	5%	252	15%	760	21%	841	52%	1,906	20%
Total	1,373	100%	1,103	100%	1,708	100%	3,657	100%	1,602	100%	9,443	100%

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

- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2011 (“snapshot” on 6/30/11), the median time in continuous care was 1.2 years and the median¹⁴ age was 11.2 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. (See table on next page)
- 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 on next page)

¹⁴ Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement			
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
6/11	11.2	1.2	7,841

NOTE: Revised statistics

- An age breakdown of children in placement by race¹⁵ 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 6/30/11, 47% 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.

Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement			
Race	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
White	10.7	1.1	3,634
Black	12.6	1.4	1,237
Hispanic/Latino	11.6	1.2	2,082
Asian	12.5	1.4	157
Native American	9.7	1.0	15
Pacific Islander	-----	-----	2
Multi-Racial	11.4	1.2	400
Unable to Determine	9.8	1.0	314
Total	11.2	1.2	7,841

¹⁵ Hispanic/Latino includes children of any race.

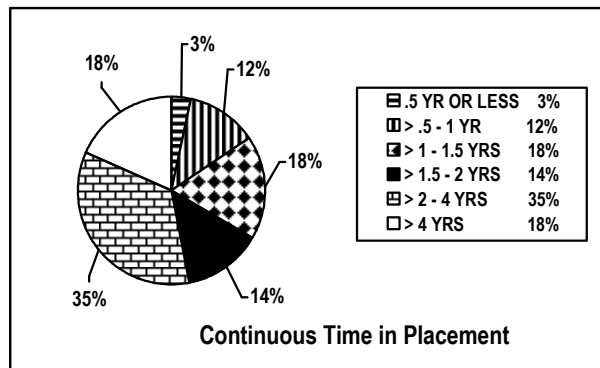
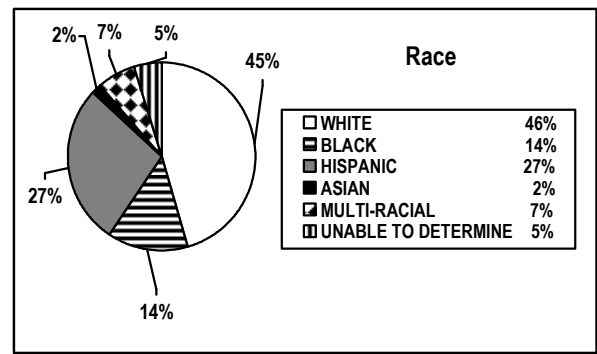
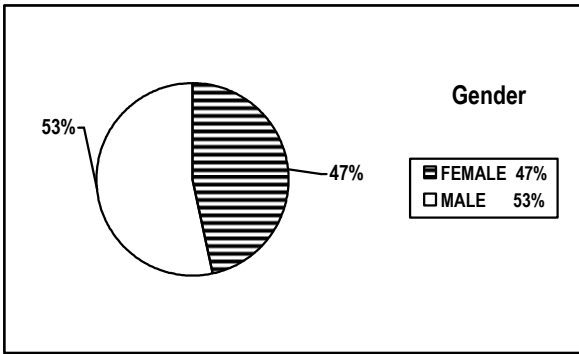
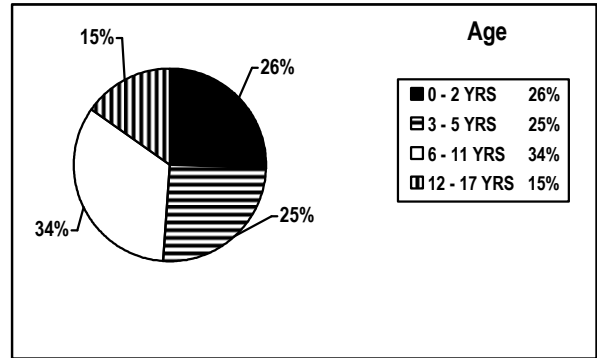
- The table below displays the median age and continuous time in care for all children less than 18 years old in placement on 6/30/2011. These children may have been in different types of placement prior to this quarter end-date.
- Excluding Pre-Adoptive foster children, Unrestricted and Kinship foster 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 termination of parental rights (adoption finalization).
- There are slightly longer length of stays for Kinship and Child Specific foster children.
- Compared to other types of foster care, the 16 children in Independent Living had the highest median age. Their length of stay in placement was similar to the length of stay for Intensive Foster Care (IFC) and Pre-adoptive children. Except for one 16 year old, all the children in Independent Living were 17 years old. Please note that this analysis does not include children 18 years or older in the independent living program.
- Children in contracted IFC were older and had spent more time in continuous care compared to children in most other types of foster care (exceptions being Pre-adoptive and Independent Living).
- 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. Most of the Residential children were in residential schools. The STARR program is a short-term residential placement service; this is reflected in the 0.1 year median length of stay.

Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement			
Placement Type as of 6/30/2011	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
Foster Care:			
Unrestricted	5.5	0.8	1,856
Kinship	6.5	1.0	1,718
Child Specific	11.1	1.4	439
Pre-Adoptive	4.5	2.3	458
Independent Living	17.8	2.1	16
IFC (contracted)	13.8	1.9	1,597
Congregate Care:			
Group Home	15.6	1.4	595
Residential	15.2	2.3	468
STARR	15.0	0.1	352
On the Run & Non-Referral Locations	-----	-----	342
Total	11.2	1.2	7,841

D. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,473 consumers (includes 5 youths over 18 years old) in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,127 (46%) were White, 341 (14%) were Black, 678 (27%) were Hispanic/Latino, 39 (2%) were Asian, 4 (<1%) were Native American, and 168 (7%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 116 (5%) consumers. (**Tables 14 and 15** on page 32, **Fig. 17** on next page)
- The age distribution of 2,473 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 26% age 0-2 years, 25% age 3-5 years, 34% age 6-11 years, and 15% age 12-17 years. (**Table 15, Fig. 17**)
- Fifty-three percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 47% were female. (**Fig. 17**)
- Fifty-three 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 32, **Fig. 17**)
- Fifty-three 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 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)**



- There has been a decline in the number of children¹⁶ 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 5 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%
6/11	7,841	2,468	31%

NOTES: Children are less than 18 years old
Revised statistics

¹⁶ Children are less than 18 years old.

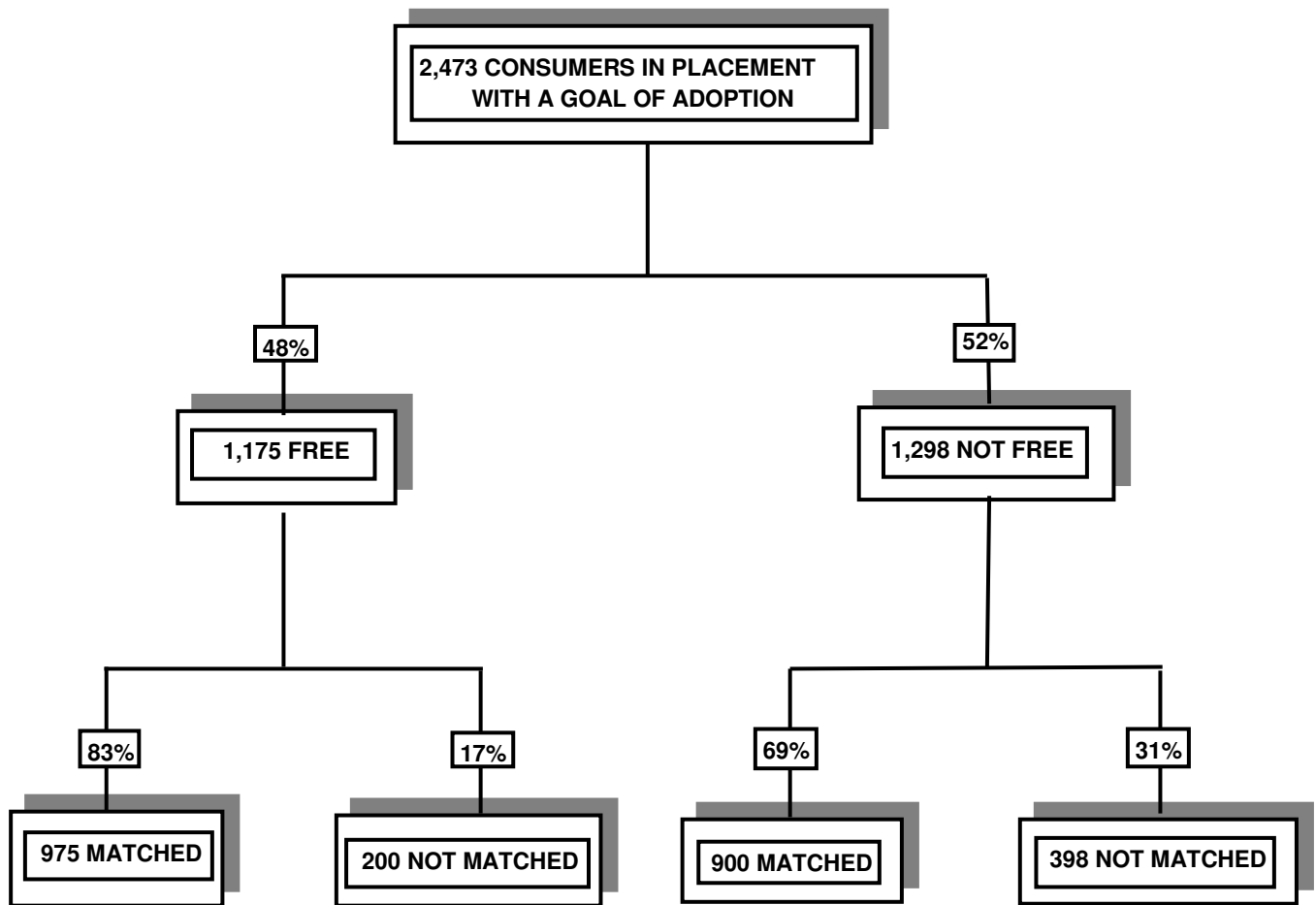
- Of the 2,473 “waiting” consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 48% were legally free for adoption. Eighty-three percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. (**Fig. 18** on next page)
- The adolescent age group had the highest proportion of children who were legally free for adoption (see table below). The larger proportions of older children 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’2011 showed that the proportion of older children (12-17 years old) who were adopted accounted for only 7% of all adoptions. The amount of time from being legally freed to adoption is much longer for these older children.

	Children in Placement 6/30/11		
	Children with Goal of Adoption & Legally Free for Adoption	All Children with Goal of Adoption	% Legally Free for Adoption
Age Group (years)	No.	No.	%
0 – 2	269	633	42%
3 – 5	295	627	47%
6 – 11	417	830	50%
12 – 17	193	378	51%
Total	1,174	2,468	48%

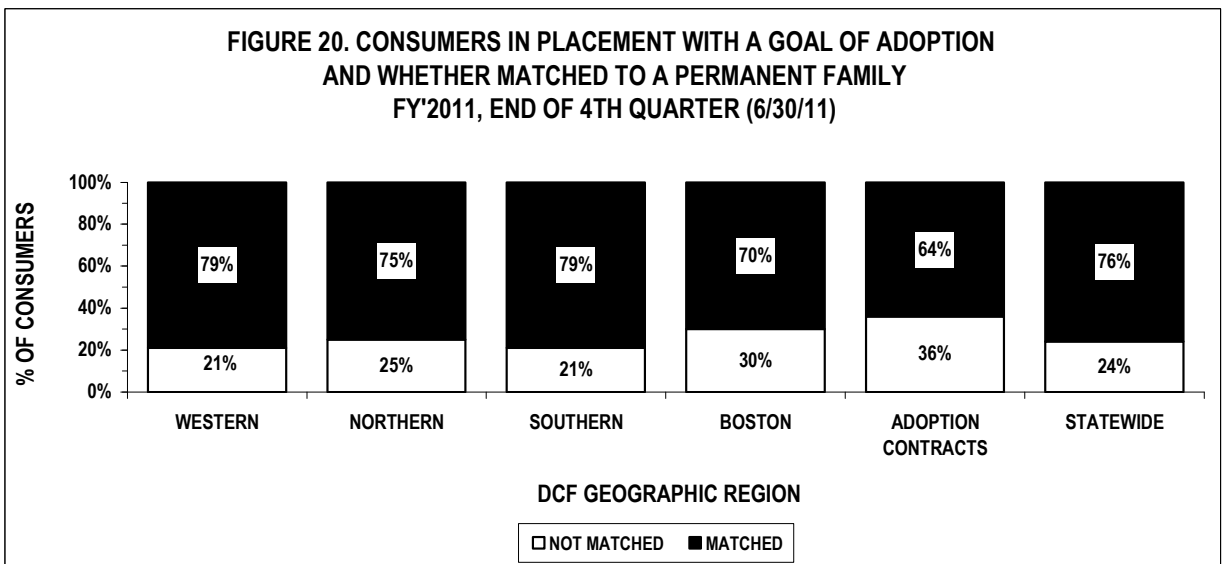
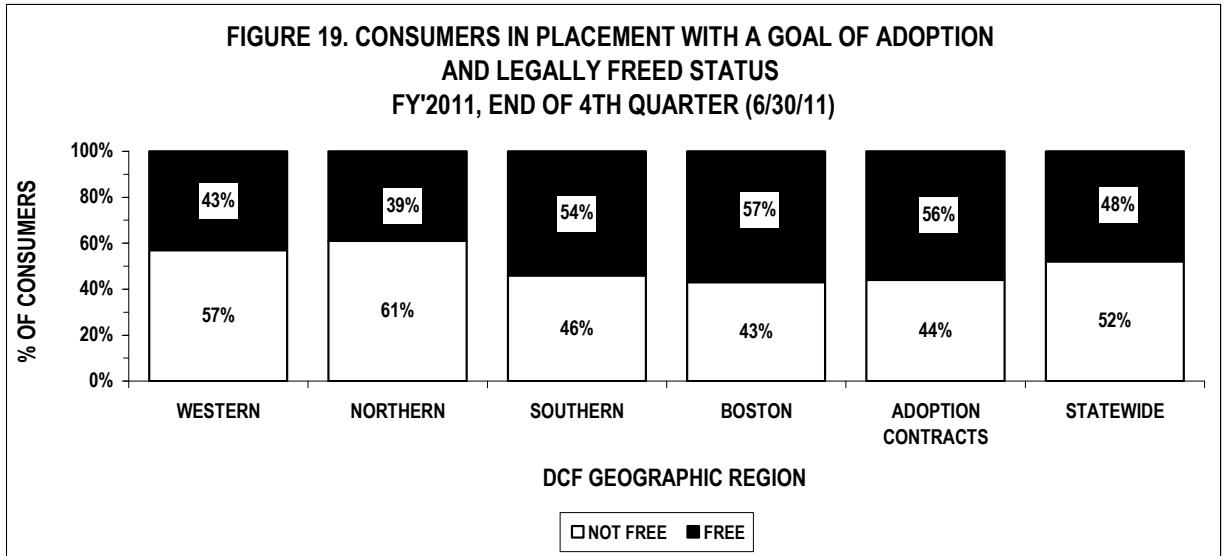
Note: These children are less than 18 years old. Parental consent to adoption is not required once a child reaches 18 years of age.

- Of those children with a goal of adoption who were not legally free for adoption (52%), 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 39% in the North to 57% in Boston (**Fig. 19** on page 41). On an area office basis, Lawrence (83%) had the highest proportion of legally free children (**Appendix Table A8** on page 72).
- The Southern and Western Regions had the highest proportions of “waiting” children who were matched to a permanent family (79% for each region). The proportion of children matched to a permanent family ranged from 70% in Boston to 79% in both the South and West (**Fig. 20** on page 41). 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 (91%), Van Wart (89%), Greenfield (88%), and Dimock Street (88%) (**Appendix Table A9** on page 73).

**FIGURE 18. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION:
 LEGAL STATUS AND MATCH STATUS
 FY'2011, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)**

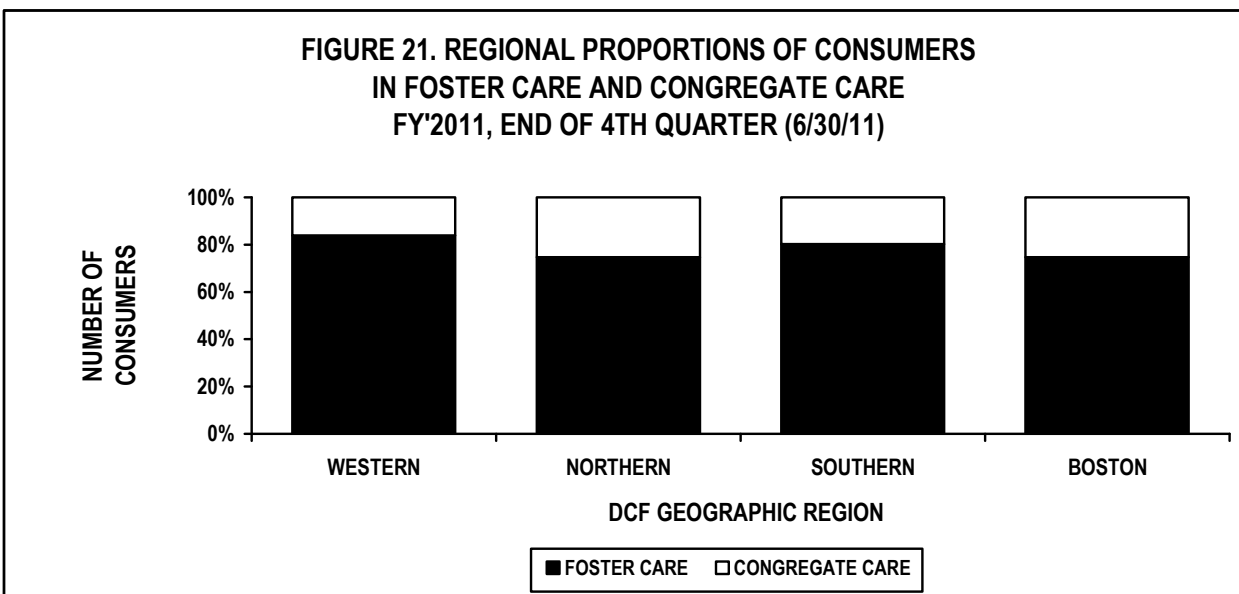


Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption
 Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family



E. Foster and Congregate Care

- There were 7,274 consumers in foster care and 1,769 consumers in congregate care¹⁷ on the last day of the 4th Quarter of FY'2011. (Table 17A on page 44, Fig. 21)



- Adolescents (12-17 years) were the primary age group in foster care (27-31% range across regions) and congregate care (64% to 71% range across regions). (Table 17A)
- Adolescents were also the primary age group in “Other” placement locations¹⁸ (79-84% regional range). (Table 17A)
- The foster care racial proportions ranged from: White—20% in Boston to 58% in the South; Black—10% in the North to 46% in Boston; and Hispanic/Latino—14% in the South to 33% in the West (Table 18A on page 47). 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 48-49).

¹⁷Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

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

- There were 1,855 consumers in “Intensive” foster care¹⁹ (IFC) and 5,419 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (37% of consumers), kinship (33%), child specific (9%), pre-adoptive (8%), and independent living (13%).²⁰ (**Table 17B** on page 45 or **Table 18B** on page 48)
- A breakdown of the number of consumers in Departmental foster care by region is displayed in **Fig. 22B** on page 50.
- The proportions of consumers in different types of foster care are shown for each region in **Figure 22A** (page 50). 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 (808 consumers), residential (609), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)²¹ (352 consumers). (**Table 17C** on page 46)
- The proportions of consumers in different types of congregate care are shown for each region in **Figure 23A** (on page 51). 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 51 and **Table 17C**.
- Consumers in the residential program were mostly situated in Residential schools.²² (**Table 17C**)
- The primary models in the group home program were behavioral treatment residence (BTR) (364 consumers), group home (307), and independent living (137). (**Table 17C**)

¹⁹Intensive 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.

²⁰ 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.

²¹ Services focused on supporting a rapid reintegration or transition to a next placement.

²² 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 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other ⁽²⁾		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western		2,759		525		131		3,415
	(0 - 2 yrs)	530	19%	---	---	3	2%	533
	(3 - 5 yrs)	442	16%	5	1%	2	2%	449
	(6 - 11 yrs)	583	21%	70	13%	10	8%	663
	(12 - 17 yrs)	867	31%	367	70%	105	80%	1,339
	18 or older	337	12%	83	16%	11	8%	431
Northern		1,546		522		96		2,164
	(0 - 2 yrs)	278	18%	1	*	1	1%	280
	(3 - 5 yrs)	192	12%	2	*	1	1%	195
	(6 - 11 yrs)	280	18%	36	7%	7	7%	323
	(12 - 17 yrs)	468	30%	352	67%	80	83%	900
	18 or older	328	21%	131	25%	7	7%	466
Southern		1,842		454		68		2,364
	(0 - 2 yrs)	365	20%	1	*	1	1%	367
	(3 - 5 yrs)	278	15%	6	1%	1	1%	285
	(6 - 11 yrs)	391	21%	42	9%	2	3%	435
	(12 - 17 yrs)	498	27%	324	71%	57	84%	879
	18 or older	310	17%	81	18%	7	10%	398
Boston		779		264		62		1,105
	(0 - 2 yrs)	145	19%	---	---	1	2%	146
	(3 - 5 yrs)	106	14%	2	1%	---	---	108
	(6 - 11 yrs)	122	16%	35	13%	2	3%	159
	(12 - 17 yrs)	241	31%	168	64%	49	79%	458
	18 or older	165	21%	59	22%	10	16%	234
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		276		4				280
	(0 - 2 yrs)	47	17%	---	---	---	---	47
	(3 - 5 yrs)	65	24%	---	---	---	---	65
	(6 - 11 yrs)	115	42%	2	50%	---	---	117
	(12 - 17 yrs)	49	18%	2	50%	---	---	51
Other ⁽⁴⁾		72				43		115
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	1	2%	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	4	6%	---	---	7	16%	11
	(12 - 17 yrs)	18	25%	---	---	12	28%	30
	18 or older	50	69%	---	---	23	53%	73
Total		7,274		1,769		400		9,443

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

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

⁽⁴⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 17B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2011, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Foster Care							Foster Care Total
		Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
		Intensive Foster Care ⁽²⁾	Other ⁽³⁾	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
Western		656	38	209	188	647	194	827	2,759
	(0 - 2 yrs)	24	3	26	---	142	75	260	530
	(3 - 5 yrs)	30	4	27	---	150	56	175	442
	(6 - 11 yrs)	132	2	45	---	181	53	170	583
	(12 - 17 yrs)	390	20	88	5	162	10	192	867
	18 or older	80	9	23	183	12	---	30	337
Northern		392	42	88	217	396	60	351	1,546
	(0 - 2 yrs)	29	1	18	---	96	19	115	278
	(3 - 5 yrs)	36	7	9	---	71	19	50	192
	(6 - 11 yrs)	77	9	12	---	107	14	61	280
	(12 - 17 yrs)	195	12	40	4	106	8	103	468
	18 or older	55	13	9	213	16	---	22	328
Southern		407	9	122	169	506	86	543	1,842
	(0 - 2 yrs)	24	---	17	---	123	33	168	365
	(3 - 5 yrs)	42	1	17	---	114	25	79	278
	(6 - 11 yrs)	84	1	21	---	146	21	118	391
	(12 - 17 yrs)	199	0	41	5	104	7	142	498
	18 or older	58	7	26	164	19	---	36	310
Boston		224	13	53	100	169	52	168	779
	(0 - 2 yrs)	6	7	13	---	42	16	61	145
	(3 - 5 yrs)	20	3	8	---	40	16	19	106
	(6 - 11 yrs)	40	---	6	---	41	18	17	122
	(12 - 17 yrs)	122	3	20	2	41	2	51	241
	18 or older	36	0	6	98	5	---	20	165
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾		72	2	27	---	51	66	58	276
	(0 - 2 yrs)	2	1	2	---	11	12	19	47
	(3 - 5 yrs)	9	1	6	---	15	17	17	65
	(6 - 11 yrs)	31	---	12	---	24	31	17	115
	(12 - 17 yrs)	30	---	7	---	1	6	5	49
Other ⁽⁵⁾		---	---	4	29	1	---	38	72
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	1	---	1	---	2	4
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	3	---	---	---	15	18
	18 or older	---	---	---	29	---	---	21	50
Total		1,751	104	503	703	1,770	458	1,985	7,274

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

⁽²⁾ IFC includes "Teen Parent Rate" model (19 consumers).

⁽³⁾ Other includes "Sibling Rate" model (37 consumers).

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

⁽⁵⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 17C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2011, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Congregate Care					STARR ⁽³⁾	Total
	Group Home			Residential			
	Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential ⁽²⁾		
Western	144	106	15	143	5	112	525
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	0	5	5
(6 - 11 yrs)	13	13	---	25	0	19	70
(12 - 17 yrs)	120	61	---	96	2	88	367
18 or older	11	32	15	22	3	---	83
Northern	90	81	79	172	4	96	522
(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	2
(6 - 11 yrs)	15	2	---	15	1	3	36
(12 - 17 yrs)	69	59	17	116	1	90	352
18 or older	6	20	62	41	2	---	131
Southern	69	73	21	175	3	113	454
(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	6	6
(6 - 11 yrs)	12	3	---	14	---	13	42
(12 - 17 yrs)	56	54	4	114	3	93	324
18 or older	1	16	17	47	---	---	81
Boston	60	46	22	100	6	30	264
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	2
(6 - 11 yrs)	15	6	---	11	---	3	35
(12 - 17 yrs)	37	31	6	65	4	25	168
18 or older	8	9	16	24	2	---	59
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾	1	1	---	1	---	1	4
(6 - 11 yrs)	1	---	---	1	---	---	2
(12 - 17 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	1	2
Total	364	307	137	591	18	352	1,769

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

⁽²⁾ "Old" taxonomy includes teen pregnancy/parenting group home (17), other (1).

⁽³⁾ STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

⁽⁴⁾ 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 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Race	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other ⁽²⁾		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western		2,759		525		131		3,415
	White	1,275	46%	274	52%	46	35%	1,595
	Black	316	11%	53	10%	27	21%	396
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	911	33%	165	31%	54	41%	1,130
	Asian	17	1%	3	1%	---	---	20
	Native American	5	*	---	---	---	---	5
	Multi-Racial	129	5%	20	4%	---	---	152
	Unable to Determine	106	4%	10	2%	1	1%	117
Northern		1,546		522		96		2,164
	White	745	48%	264	51%	39	41%	1,048
	Black	154	10%	62	12%	8	8%	224
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	432	28%	155	30%	32	33%	619
	Asian	85	5%	11	2%	11	11%	107
	Native American	5	*	1	*	---	---	6
	Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	2	*	---	---	2
	Multi-Racial	72	5%	17	3%	1	1%	90
	Unable to Determine	53	3%	10	2%	5	5%	68
Southern		1,842		454		68		2,364
	White	1,071	58%	259	57%	34	50%	1,364
	Black	297	16%	90	20%	12	18%	399
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	251	14%	63	14%	12	18%	326
	Asian	9	*	3	1%	5	7%	17
	Native American	5	*	---	---	---	---	5
	Multi-Racial	124	7%	25	6%	2	3%	151
	Unable to Determine	85	5%	14	3%	3	4%	102
Boston		779		264		62		1,105
	White	154	20%	28	11%	7	11%	189
	Black	359	46%	141	53%	27	44%	527
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	205	26%	78	30%	24	39%	307
	Asian	18	2%	7	3%	1	2%	26
	Multi-Racial	19	2%	3	1%	1	2%	23
	Unable to Determine	24	3%	7	3%	2	3%	33
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁵⁾		276		4		---		280
	White	108	39%	3	75%	---	---	111
	Black	47	17%	---	---	---	---	47
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	80	29%	---	---	---	---	80
	Asian	6	2%	---	---	---	---	6
	Multi-Racial	19	7%	1	25%	---	---	20
	Unable to Determine	16	6%	---	---	---	---	16
Other ⁽⁶⁾		72		---		43		115
	Black	28	39%	---	---	6	14%	34
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	15	21%	---	---	23	53%	38
	Asian	27	38%	---	---	12	28%	39
	Multi-Racial	1	1%	---	---	---	---	1
	Unable to Determine	1	1%	---	---	2	5%	3
Total		7,274		1,769		400		9,443

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

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

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

⁽³⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽⁴⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

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

⁽⁶⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 18B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2011, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Foster Care							Foster Care Total
		Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
		Intensive Foster Care ⁽²⁾	Other ⁽³⁾	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
Western		656	38	209	188	647	194	827	2,759
	White	262	19	120	79	340	101	354	1,275
	Black	112	2	25	36	49	15	77	316
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	239	14	47	61	189	65	296	911
	Asian	4	1	2	1	3	---	6	17
	Native American	---	---	1	1	1	---	2	5
	Multi-Racial	26	---	8	7	31	5	52	129
	Unable to Determine	13	2	6	3	34	8	40	106
Northern		392	42	88	217	396	60	351	1,546
	White	171	21	45	99	231	35	143	745
	Black	41	6	4	42	21	7	33	154
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	126	13	20	60	90	9	114	432
	Asian	20	---	5	13	23	---	24	85
	Native American	1	---	---	---	2	1	1	5
	Multi-Racial	18	2	8	3	16	3	22	72
	Unable to Determine	15	---	6	---	13	5	14	53
Southern		407	9	122	169	506	86	543	1,842
	White	228	7	70	106	315	57	288	1,071
	Black	74	1	25	30	64	9	94	297
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	67	1	10	20	61	6	86	251
	Asian	2	---	1	3	1	---	2	9
	Native American	2	---	1	---	2	---	---	5
	Multi-Racial	21	---	10	7	34	7	45	124
	Unable to Determine	13	---	5	3	29	7	28	85
Boston		224	13	53	100	169	52	168	779
	White	46	5	9	17	42	15	20	154
	Black	98	5	23	57	75	17	84	359
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	57	3	17	21	40	15	52	205
	Asian	5	---	1	3	3	2	4	18
	Multi-Racial	12	---	2	---	1	1	3	19
	Unable to Determine	6	---	1	2	8	2	5	24
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁵⁾		72	2	27	---	51	66	58	276
	White	27	---	9	---	21	27	24	108
	Black	14	1	3	---	8	11	10	47
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	16	1	11	---	19	18	15	80
	Asian	1	---	---	---	---	5	---	6
	Multi-Racial	8	---	1	---	3	4	3	19
	Unable to Determine	6	---	3	---	---	1	6	16
Other ⁽⁶⁾		---	---	4	29	1	---	38	72
	Black	---	---	2	12	---	---	14	28
	Hispanic/Latino	---	---	---	11	---	---	4	15
	Asian	---	---	2	5	---	---	20	27
	Multi-Racial	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
	Unable to Determine	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	1
Total		1,751	104	503	703	1,770	458	1,985	7,274

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

⁽²⁾ IFC includes "Teen Parent Rate" model (19 consumers).

⁽³⁾ Other includes "Sibling Rate" model (37 consumers).

⁽⁴⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races.

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

⁽⁶⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 18C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2011, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Congregate Care						STARR ⁽³⁾	Total
	Group Home			Residential				
	Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential ⁽²⁾			
Western	144	106	15	143	5	112	525	
White	74	64	1	77	1	57	274	
Black	12	8	6	16	---	11	53	
Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	48	25	7	44	4	37	165	
Asian	---	1	---	1	---	1	3	
Multi-Racial	8	5	1	3	---	3	20	
Unable to Determine	2	3	---	2	---	3	10	
Northern	90	81	79	172	4	96	522	
White	47	44	40	89	---	44	264	
Black	10	11	12	18	2	9	62	
Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	24	19	26	53	2	31	155	
Asian	2	1	1	4	---	3	11	
Native American	1	---	---	---	---	---	1	
Other ⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	1	---	1	2	
Multi-Racial	4	5	---	4	---	4	17	
Unable to Determine	2	1	---	3	---	4	10	
Southern	69	73	21	175	3	113	454	
White	37	47	7	107	2	59	259	
Black	15	17	8	27	1	22	90	
Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	11	5	5	24	---	18	63	
Asian	1	1	---	1	---	---	3	
Multi-Racial	5	2	---	7	---	11	25	
Unable to Determine	---	1	1	9	---	3	14	
Boston	60	46	22	100	6	30	264	
White	6	4	1	11	---	6	28	
Black	32	28	12	57	4	8	141	
Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	19	9	8	25	1	16	78	
Asian	1	3	---	3	---	---	7	
Multi-Racial	---	1	1	1	---	---	3	
Unable to Determine	2	1	---	3	1	---	7	
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁶⁾	1	1	---	1	---	1	4	
White	1	---	---	1	---	1	3	
Multi-Racial	---	1	---	---	---	---	1	
Total	364	307	137	591	18	352	1,769	

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

⁽²⁾ "Old" taxonomy includes teen pregnancy/parenting group home (17), other (1).

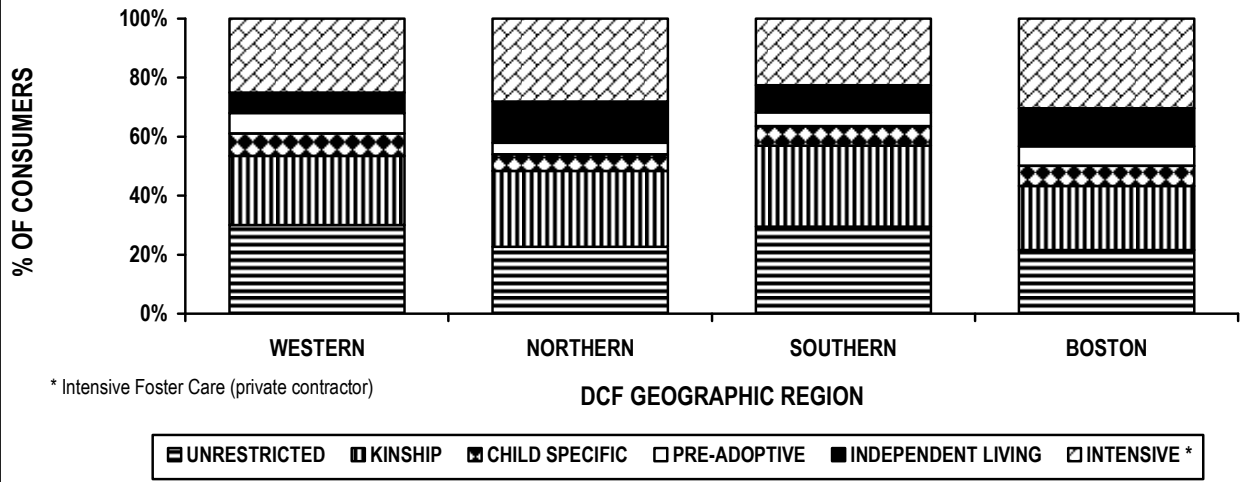
⁽³⁾ STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

⁽⁴⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races.

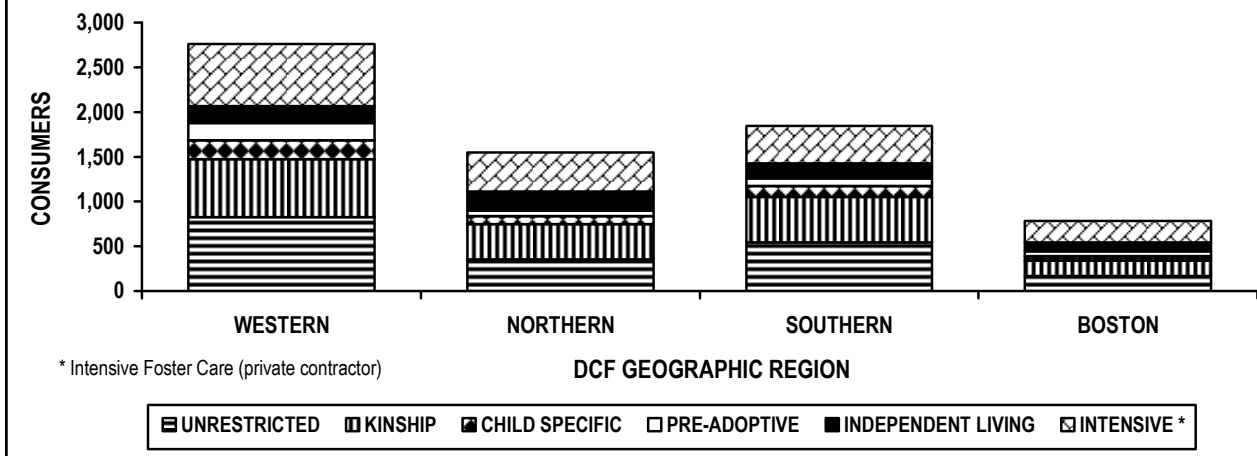
⁽⁵⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

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

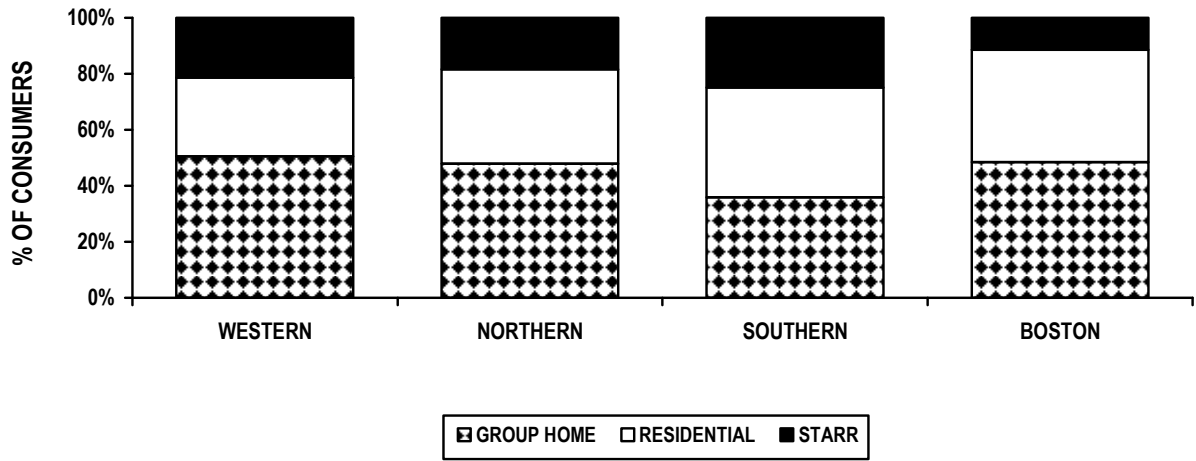
**FIGURE 22A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2011, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)**



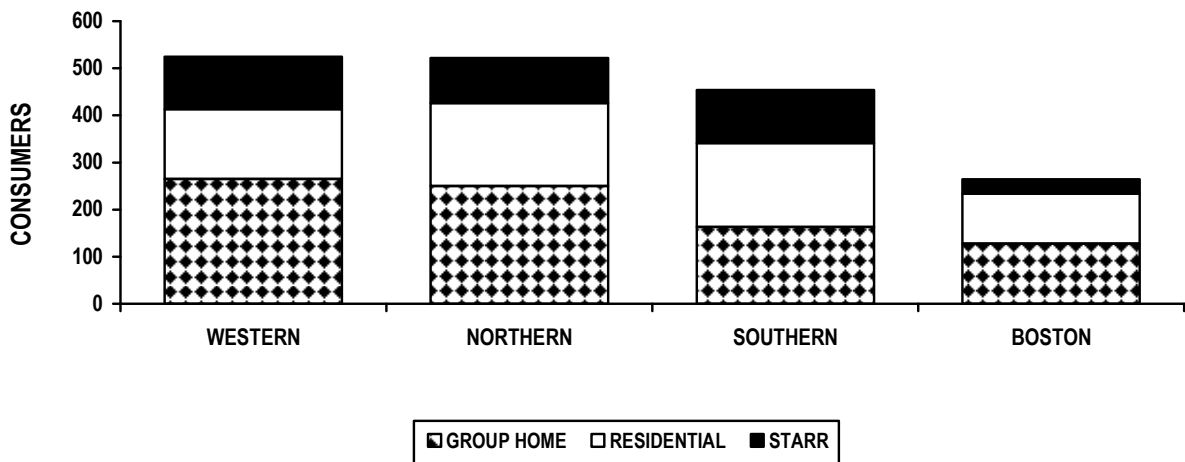
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FY'2011, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)**



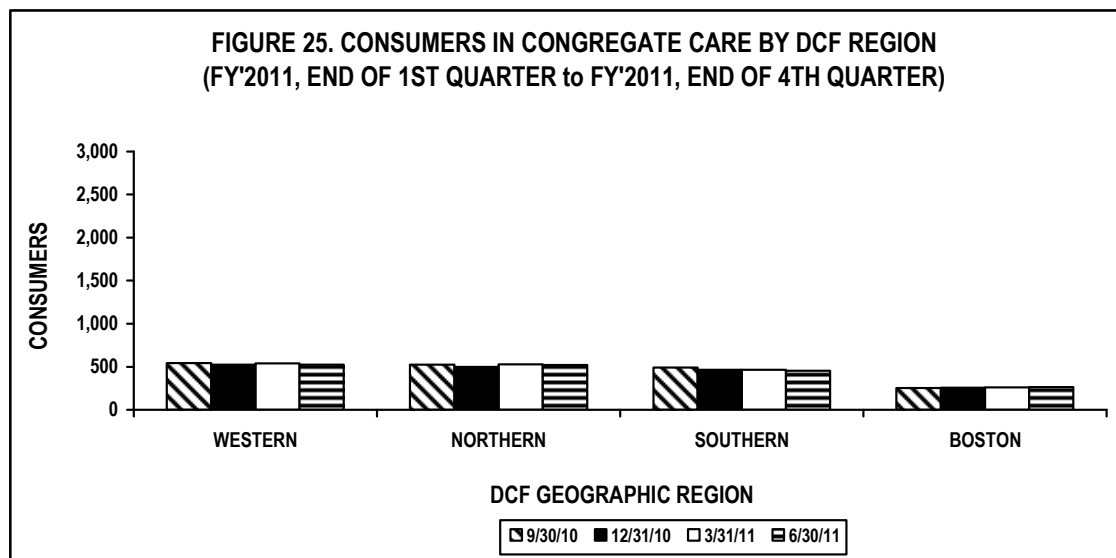
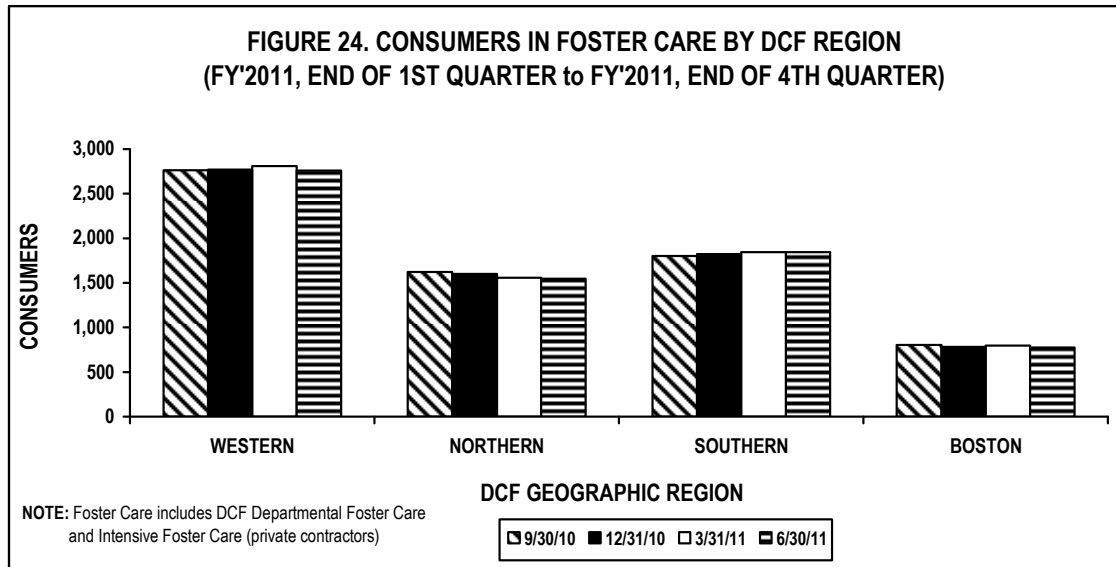
**FIGURE 23A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
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FY'2011, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)**



**FIGURE 23B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2011, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)**



- From the 3rd Quarter to the 4th Quarter of FY'2011, there were decreases of 1% and 2% in the foster and congregate care populations, respectively (Figs. 24 and 25).²³
- Declines in statewide numbers of consumers in placement, foster care, and congregate care most often occur in the 1st quarter (and 2nd quarter over the past 4 years). Seasonal variation is not the only contributing factor. Annual counts of placement children have shown a steady decline since 1995 (Fig. 13A on page 23, Appendix Table 1 on page 66).



²³ Both foster care and congregate care include young adults 18 years or older.

F. Independent Living

Of the 7,274 consumers in foster care, 703 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 23rd birthday if it is demonstrated that without DCF financial support the student will not complete a Bachelor’s program. On 6/30/2011, the ages of these children ranged from 16 to 23 years old.

Of the 1,769 consumers in congregate care, 137 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 6/30/2011, the ages of these children ranged from 16 to 21 years old.

- The Northern Region had the highest number of independent living children (217 in foster care and 79 in group homes). (See table below).
- Of the 703 youth in Departmental foster care, 98% were 18 years or older, 62% were female, 43% were White, 25% were Black, 25% were Hispanic/Latino, and 74% had spent more than two years in continuous substitute care. (See table on next page)
- Of the 137 youth in group homes, 80% were 18 years or older, 56% were female, 36% were White, 28% were Black, 34% were Hispanic/Latino, and 74% 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.	%
188	27%	Western	15	11%
217	31%	Northern	79	58%
169	24%	Southern	21	15%
100	14%	Boston	22	16%
29	4%	Central Office	---	---
703	100%	TOTAL	137	100%

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

Demographic Profile of Youth in the Independent Living Program

Departmental Foster Care			Group Home	
No.	%		No.	%
		<i>Age Group</i>		
16	2%	16-17 years	27	20%
687	98%	18 years or Older	110	80%
		<i>Gender</i>		
268	38%	Male	60	44%
435	62%	Female	77	56%
		<i>Race</i>		
301	43%	White	49	36%
177	25%	Black	38	28%
173	25%	Hispanic/Latino	46	34%
25	4%	Asian	1	1%
1	*	Native American	---	---
17	2%	Multi-Racial	2	1%
9	1%	Undetermined	1	1%
		<i>Continuous Time in Care</i>		
96	14%	1 year or less	19	14%
87	12%	>1 – 2 years	16	12%
188	27%	>2 – 4 years	27	20%
332	47%	>4 years	75	55%

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

G. Children in Kinship Placement²⁴

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, 22% of all children in placement were in kinship care. The Fall River (32%), Haverhill (31%), and North Central (30%) Area Offices had the highest proportions of placement children in kinship. **(Table 19A on next page)**
- Statewide, 25% of White, 19% of Hispanic/Latino, and 17% of Black children in placement were in kinship placements. **(Table 19B on page 57)**
- Of those area offices with more than 30 Hispanic children in placement, Brockton (42%) and Greenfield (32%) 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, Fall River (29%), Dimock Street (21%), and New Bedford (20%) had the largest proportions of Black children in kinship care. **(Table 19B)**

²⁴ Children are less than 18 years old.

**TABLE 19A. CHILDREN ⁽¹⁾ IN KINSHIP PLACEMENT AS A PROPORTION OF ALL CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT:
FY'2011, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)**

DCF Region/Area	Kinship	Total Children in Placement	% in Kinship
Greenfield	68	283	24%
Holyoke	75	349	21%
North Central	104	345	30%
Pittsfield	81	324	25%
Robert Van Wart	69	353	20%
South Central	56	260	22%
Springfield	69	434	16%
Worcester East	65	332	20%
Worcester West	48	298	16%
Contracted Agencies	---	6	---
Western	635	2,984	21%
Cambridge	32	127	25%
Cape Ann	40	187	21%
Framingham	50	202	25%
Haverhill	49	157	31%
Lawrence	26	181	14%
Lowell	103	401	26%
Lynn	57	255	22%
Malden	23	186	12%
Contracted Agencies	---	2	---
Northern	380	1,698	22%
Arlington	38	142	27%
Brockton	52	252	21%
Cape Cod	47	222	21%
Coastal	51	199	26%
Fall River	119	377	32%
New Bedford	82	381	22%
Plymouth	45	194	23%
Taunton/Attleboro	53	198	27%
Contracted Agencies	---	1	---
Southern	487	1,966	25%
Dimock Street	50	244	20%
Harbor	25	216	12%
Hyde Park	38	177	21%
Park Street	51	230	22%
Contracted Agencies	---	4	---
Boston	164	871	19%
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	51	280	18%
Other ⁽³⁾	1	42	2%
Total	1,718	7,841	22%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.

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

⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 19B. RACE OF CHILDREN ⁽¹⁾ IN KINSHIP PLACEMENTS COMPARED TO ALL PLACEMENTS:
FY'2011, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)**

DCF Region/ Area Office	Children in Kinship			Total Children in Placement			% Kinship Placements		
	Race			Race			Race		
	White	Black	Hispanic ⁽²⁾	White	Black	Hispanic ⁽²⁾	White	Black	Hispanic ⁽²⁾
Greenfield	45	3	12	202	16	37	22%	19%	32%
Holyoke	19	5	39	99	28	195	19%	18%	20%
North Central	70	5	14	200	23	93	35%	22%	15%
Pittsfield	61	2	8	217	19	37	28%	11%	22%
Robert Van Wart	32	6	24	169	32	118	19%	19%	20%
South Central	38	2	13	191	11	48	20%	18%	27%
Springfield	16	15	31	66	114	225	24%	13%	14%
Worcester East	32	7	24	138	47	118	23%	15%	20%
Worcester West	18	2	24	128	24	119	14%	8%	20%
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	---	---	4	---	---	---
Western	331	47	189	1,410	314	994	23%	15%	19%
Cambridge	13	3	9	46	29	33	28%	10%	27%
Cape Ann	28	1	7	147	9	23	19%	11%	30%
Framingham	25	7	14	100	24	53	25%	29%	26%
Haverhill	39	2	6	104	8	30	38%	25%	20%
Lawrence	7	---	18	48	3	125	15%	---	14%
Lowell	59	1	21	174	18	120	34%	6%	18%
Lynn	31	6	10	96	30	76	32%	20%	13%
Malden	20	1	---	113	30	22	18%	3%	---
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	---	---
Northern	222	21	85	828	152	483	27%	14%	18%
Arlington	22	2	4	69	26	26	32%	8%	15%
Brockton	26	10	13	106	84	31	25%	12%	42%
Cape Cod	26	2	6	132	19	22	20%	11%	27%
Coastal	37	3	3	134	29	11	28%	10%	27%
Fall River	74	17	12	194	59	73	38%	29%	16%
New Bedford	51	11	12	205	56	80	25%	20%	15%
Plymouth	29	3	8	147	19	11	20%	16%	73%
Taunton/Attleboro	39	10	1	138	23	18	28%	43%	6%
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---
Southern	304	58	59	1,125	315	273	27%	18%	22%
Dimock Street	8	26	14	30	122	78	27%	21%	18%
Harbor	15	1	7	81	19	91	19%	5%	8%
Hyde Park	8	23	6	17	126	29	47%	18%	21%
Park Street	10	23	11	29	127	49	34%	18%	22%
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	3	1		---	---	---
Boston	41	73	38	160	395	247	26%	18%	15%
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	21	8	19	111	47	80	19%	17%	24%
Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	14	5	---	---	---
Total	919	207	390	3,634	1,237	2,082	25%	17%	19%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.

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

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

⁽⁴⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

VI. CONSUMERS ENTERING AND LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER

- During the 4th Quarter of FY'2011, 1,749 consumers entered placement and 2,243 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 59, Table 21 on page 60)
- Compared to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2011, there was a 1% decrease in consumers entering placement and a 25% increase in consumers leaving placement during the 4th Quarter of FY'2011.

A. Entries to Placement

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 4th Quarter of FY'2011, 62% were first-time entrants and 38% were re-entrants.²⁵ Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 56% in the North to 65% in the West. (Table 20, Fig. 26 on page 59)
- Across the state, 68% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 27% were placed in congregate care,²⁶ and 5% were placed in non-referral locations.²⁷
- Regionally, the proportion of all entrants placed in foster care ranged from 56% in the North to 77% in the West. In contrast, the proportion of all entrants placed in congregate care ranged from 19% in the West to 39% in the North. (Table 20, Fig. 27 on page 60)
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Seventy-four percent of first-time entrants and 57% of re-entrants were placed in foster care. Conversely, 35% of re-entrants and 22% of first-time entrants were placed in congregate care. (Table 20)

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

²⁶ Congregate Care includes group home, residential treatment, and short-term residential placement.

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

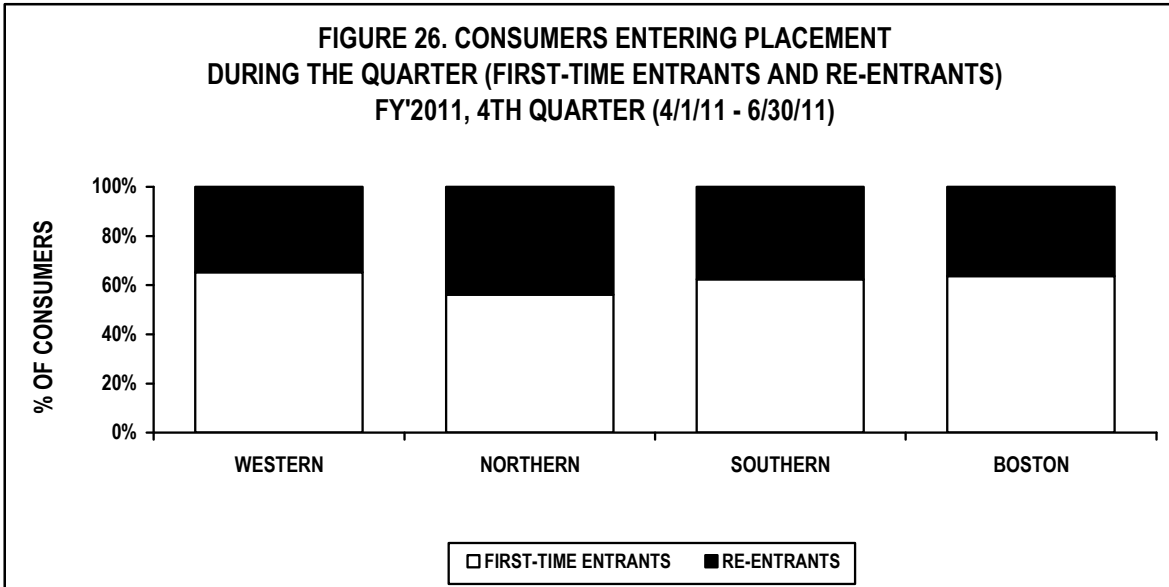
**TABLE 20. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2011, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/11 - 6/30/11)**

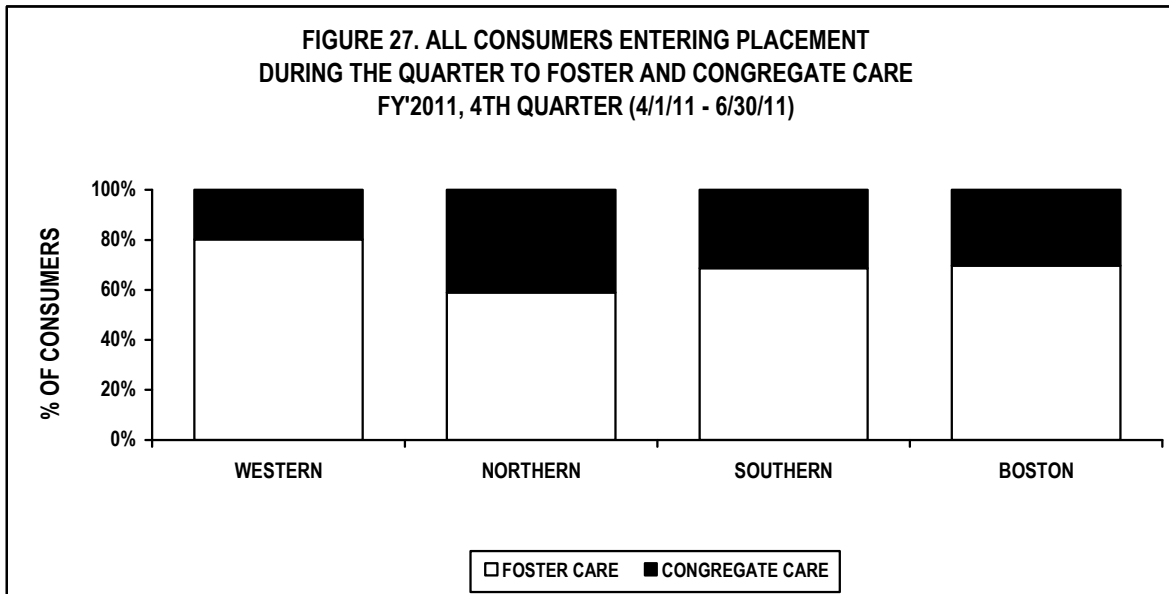
Entry Type: Placement Location Started	DCF Geographic Region					Other ⁽¹⁾	Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston			
First-Time Entrants:	452	222	290	116	12		1,092
Foster Care	369	145	208	79	4		805
Congregate Care	71	71	71	30	---		243
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	12	6	11	7	8		44
Re-Entrants:	240	174	175	66	2		657
Foster Care	164	78	96	36	2		376
Congregate Care	61	84	68	20	---		233
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	15	12	11	10	---		48
Total	692	396	465	182	14		1,749

⁽¹⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽²⁾ Includes hospitals and other state agencies.

**FIGURE 26. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT
DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS)
FY'2011, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/11 - 6/30/11)**





B. Exits from Placement

- Statewide, 63% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 58% in Boston to 65% in the North. **(Table 21)**
- Statewide, 10% of consumers leaving placement were emancipated, 7% were adopted, and 5% were granted guardianships. **(Table 21)**
- The proportion of consumers leaving placement who were emancipated ranged from 7% in Boston to 11% in both the North and South. The proportion adopted ranged from 6% in the West to 8% in the North. The proportion granted guardianships ranged from 3% in the North to 6% in Boston. **(Table 21)**

**TABLE 21. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2011, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/11 - 6/30/11)**

Reason Placement Ended	DCF Geographic Region					Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Other ⁽¹⁾	
Child Returned Home	538	328	381	159	---	1,406
Child 18 or Older	71	54	67	20	3	215
Consumer Adopted	50	40	45	19	---	154
Guardianship	40	13	33	17	---	103
Custody to Other Individual	30	10	5	7	---	52
Custody to Other Agency	8	3	7	4	---	22
Child on the Run	2	1	1	---	---	4
Unspecified	104	59	73	47	4	287
Total	843	508	612	273	7	2,243

⁽¹⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

VII. FOSTER HOME DEMOGRAPHICS²⁸

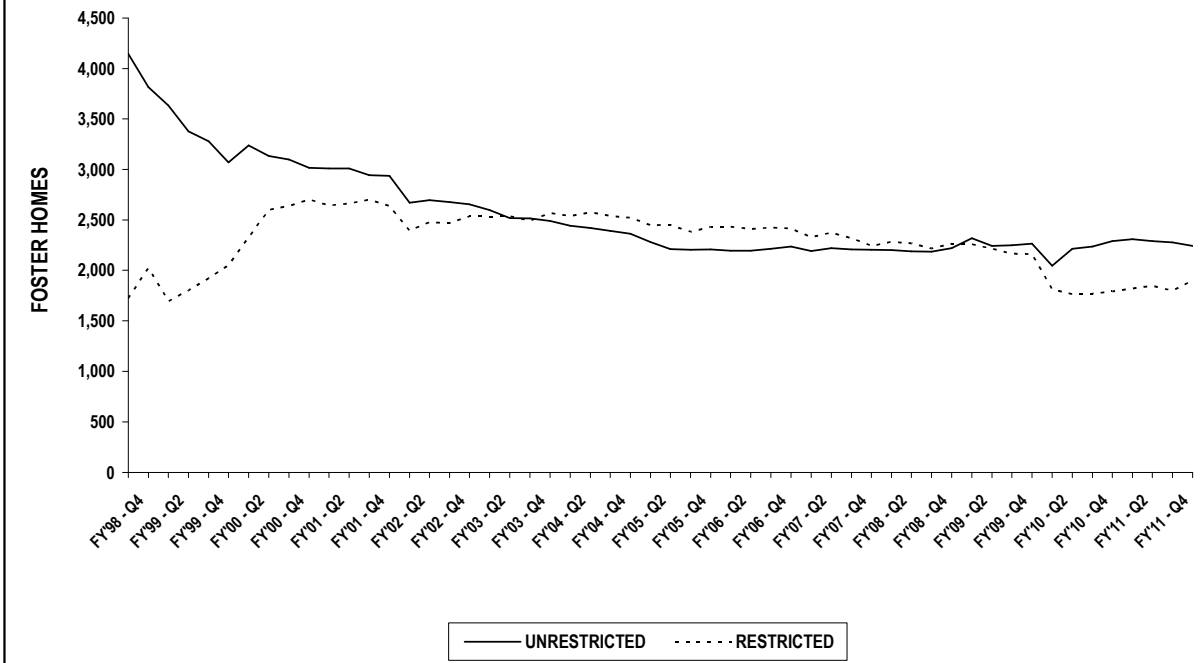
- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2011, there were 4,145 foster homes under the direct supervision of DCF. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes²⁹ as well as unrestricted homes.³⁰ There were 1,900 restricted and 2,245 unrestricted foster homes at the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2011—an increase of 6% in restricted and a decrease of 1% in unrestricted. 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 3rd Quarter of FY'1998, 29% of all DCF foster homes were restricted homes. Restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes rose above 50% in the 4th Quarter of FY'2003 and declined below 50% in the 1st Quarter of FY'2009. At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2011, restricted homes accounted for 46% of all foster homes (**Table 22 and Fig.28**)
- Statewide, 69% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were White and 63% were married. (**Table 22, Table 23** on page 63)
- Statewide, 58% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White and 52% were married. (**Tables 22 and 23**)
- Ten percent (422) of all foster homes were identified as Black (202 restricted and 220 unrestricted). (**Table 22**)
- Fifteen percent (612) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (261 restricted and 351 unrestricted). (**Table 22**)

²⁸ 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.

²⁹ 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.

³⁰ 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 4TH QUARTER OF FY'2011 (6/30/11)**



**TABLE 22. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2011, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)**

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region								Total No. %	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Restricted	694		436		614		156		1,900	
White	371	53%	283	65%	410	67%	35	22%	1,099	58%
Black	38	5%	26	6%	56	9%	82	53%	202	11%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	134	19%	65	15%	38	6%	24	15%	261	14%
Asian	3	*	15	3%	3	*	1	1%	22	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	3	*	---	---	3	*
Multi-Racial	8	1%	3	1%	6	1%	1	1%	18	1%
Unable to Determine ⁽³⁾	139	20%	43	10%	98	16%	13	8%	293	15%
Missing	1	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	2	*
Unrestricted	884		464		702		195		2,245	
White	602	68%	325	70%	558	79%	61	31%	1,546	69%
Black	55	6%	25	5%	57	8%	83	43%	220	10%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	181	20%	75	16%	53	8%	42	22%	351	16%
Asian	2	*	12	3%	2	*	1	1%	17	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	4	1%	---	---	4	*
Other ⁽²⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1%	1	*
Multi-Racial	6	1%	3	1%	4	1%	1	1%	14	1%
Unable to Determine ⁽³⁾	37	4%	24	5%	23	3%	6	3%	90	4%
Missing	1	*	---	---	1	*	---	---	2	*
Total	1,578		900		1,316		351		4,145	

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽²⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

⁽³⁾ 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 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)**

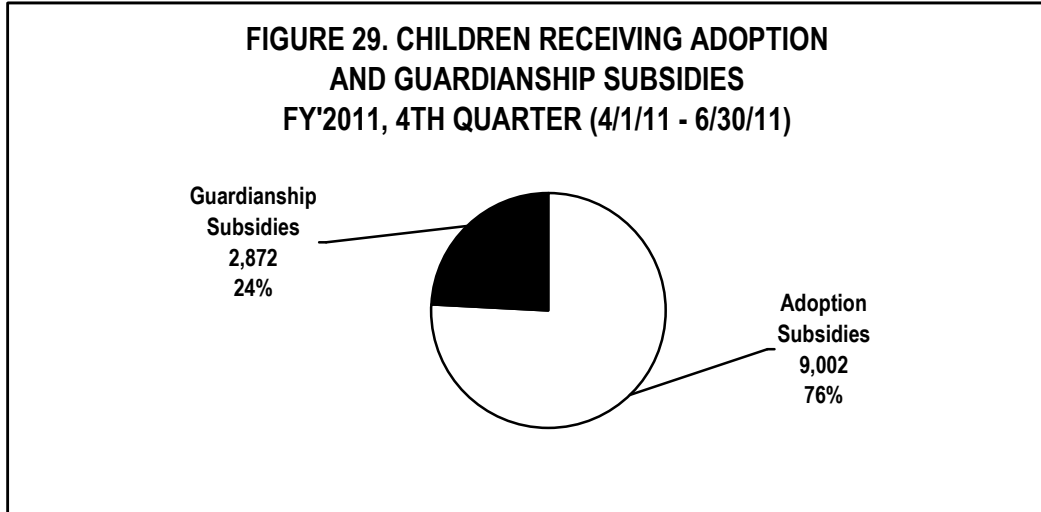
Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region								Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Restricted	694		436		614		156		1,900	
Married	374	54%	237	54%	332	54%	40	26%	983	52%
Single	212	31%	118	27%	181	29%	84	54%	595	31%
Divorced	66	10%	42	10%	61	10%	13	8%	182	10%
Widowed	20	3%	23	5%	24	4%	10	6%	77	4%
Separated	21	3%	14	3%	15	2%	9	6%	59	3%
Unspecified	1	*	2	*	1	*	---	---	4	*
Unrestricted	884		464		702		195		2,245	
Married	590	67%	274	59%	467	67%	78	40%	1,409	63%
Single	166	19%	116	25%	125	18%	74	38%	481	21%
Divorced	96	11%	54	12%	78	11%	30	15%	258	11%
Widowed	17	2%	9	2%	20	3%	6	3%	52	2%
Separated	14	2%	7	2%	11	2%	7	4%	39	2%
Unspecified	1	*	4	*	1	*	---	---	6	*
Total	1,578		900		1,316		351		4,145	

* = 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 4th Quarter of FY'2011, the total number of children receiving adoption subsidies was 9,002 (**Fig. 29**). Guardianship subsidies totaled 2,872. These counts represent subsidies that had a payment during the quarter, i.e., the number with service referrals actively paying out.



From the 3rd Quarter to the 4th Quarter of FY'2011, adoption subsidies declined 1% and guardianship subsidies increased less than 1%. Typically, adoption and guardianship subsidies fluctuate from -1 to 1% (See table below).

Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)					
Quarter	Adoption			Guardianship	
	No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change	
FY'2007 1 st	9,713	---	2,970	---	
2 nd	9,808	1%	2,937	-1%	
3 rd	9,854	*	2,980	1%	
4 th	9,750	-1%	2,978	*	
FY'2008 1 st	9,727	*	2,964	*	
2 nd	9,820	1%	2,971	*	
3 rd	9,812	*	2,992	1%	
4 th	9,706	-1%	2,996	*	
FY'2009 1 st	9,665	*	3,005	*	
2 nd	9,709	*	3,031	1%	
3 rd	9,676	*	3,082	2%	
4 th	9,647	*	3,111	1%	
FY'2010 1 st	9,549	-1%	3,090	-1%	
2 nd	9,604	1%	3,059	-1%	
3 rd	9,518	-1%	3,032	-1%	
4 th	9,311	-2%	3,006	-1%	
FY'2011 1 st	9,191	-1%	2,934	-2%	
2 nd	9,125	-1%	2,881	-2%	
3 rd	9,057	-1%	2,865	-1%	
4 th	9,002	-1%	2,872	*	

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

IX. APPENDIX

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

Moth/Year	1983-1998				1999-2011				
	All Consumers	All Children <18 yrs	Children in Placement <18 yrs	All Adults >18 yrs	Moth/Year	All Consumers	All Children <18 yrs	Children in Placement <18 yrs	All Adults >18 yrs
6/1983	61,786	33,516	NA	28,270	6/1999	69,494	39,144	9,834	30,350
6/1984	73,111	38,683	7,024	34,428	6/2000	72,423	40,691	10,025	31,732
6/1985	75,935	40,628	7,779	35,307	6/2001	73,116	40,069	9,889	33,047
6/1986	74,769	40,511	8,041	34,258	6/2002	70,688	38,442	9,932	32,246
6/1987	66,033	37,497	8,075	28,536	6/2003	75,247	30,341	10,127	34,906
6/1988	67,658	38,792	8,661	28,866	6/2004	77,368	42,023	9,815	35,345
6/1989	70,052	40,497	9,544	29,555	6/2005	77,305	41,773	9,439	35,572
6/1990	80,090	46,403	10,998	33,687	6/2006	78,014	41,690	9,543	36,324
6/1991	81,975	47,922	12,392	34,053	6/2007	78,535	41,550	9,132	36,985
6/1992	72,128	42,367	12,379	29,761	6/2008	87,176	45,730	9,287	41,446
6/1993	72,340	42,656	12,763	29,684	6/2009	88,568	46,288	8,755	42,280
6/1994	72,879	43,074	13,194	29,805	6/2010	76,003	39,479	8,097	36,524
6/1995	73,032	42,997	13,302	30,035	9/2010	71,691	37,179	7,917	34,512
6/1996	72,638	42,551	12,736	30,087	12/2010	71,703	37,112	7,847	34,591
6/1997	74,921	43,570	12,193	31,351	3/31/11	71,324	36,812	7,957	34,512
1/1998	70,092	40,574	11,227	29,518	6/30/11	72,088	37,162	7,841	34,926
9/1998	68,331	38,507	10,503	29,824					

Note: revised counts

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

**TABLE A2. CASE OPENINGS DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE⁽¹⁾ TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2011, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/11 - 6/30/11)**

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Case Openings ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Protective ⁽²⁾		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other ⁽³⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	51	84%	3	5%	1	2%	---	---	6	10%	61
Holyoke	86	84%	5	5%	5	5%	---	---	6	6%	102
North Central	99	88%	---	---	9	8%	2	2%	2	2%	112
Pittsfield	81	87%	2	2%	5	5%	---	---	5	5%	93
Robert Van Wart	105	87%	7	6%	2	2%	---	---	7	6%	121
South Central	74	78%	13	14%	4	4%	1	1%	3	3%	95
Springfield	85	75%	10	9%	3	3%	2	2%	13	12%	113
Worcester East	95	83%	5	4%	5	4%	3	3%	7	6%	115
Worcester West	80	94%	3	4%	---	---	---	---	2	2%	85
Western	756	84%	48	5%	34	4%	8	1%	51	6%	897
Cambridge	62	93%	1	1%	---	---	---	---	4	6%	67
Cape Ann	48	64%	---	---	10	13%	10	13%	7	9%	75
Framingham	70	82%	8	9%	---	---	6	7%	1	1%	85
Haverhill	25	78%	3	9%	---	---	1	3%	3	9%	32
Lawrence	38	61%	11	18%	2	3%	---	---	11	18%	62
Lowell	73	78%	12	13%	2	2%	1	1%	5	5%	93
Lynn	57	74%	9	12%	7	9%	2	3%	2	3%	77
Malden	54	78%	---	---	7	10%	4	6%	4	6%	69
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Northern	428	76%	44	8%	28	5%	24	4%	37	7%	561
Arlington	40	77%	2	4%	10	19%	---	---	---	---	52
Brockton	101	89%	5	4%	3	3%	---	---	4	4%	113
Cape Cod	56	77%	4	5%	4	5%	3	4%	6	8%	73
Coastal	52	80%	9	14%	1	2%	---	---	3	5%	65
Fall River	68	82%	7	8%	2	2%	2	2%	4	5%	83
New Bedford	98	90%	6	6%	3	3%	1	1%	1	1%	109
Plymouth	66	76%	13	15%	---	---	8	9%	---	---	87
Taunton/Attleboro	77	78%	12	12%	2	2%	5	5%	3	3%	99
Southern	558	82%	58	9%	25	4%	19	3%	21	3%	681
Dimock Street	54	78%	8	12%	3	4%	1	1%	3	4%	69
Harbor	73	88%	8	10%	2	2%	---	---	---	---	83
Hyde Park	73	86%	10	12%	2	2%	---	---	---	---	85
Park Street	58	74%	8	10%	6	8%	4	5%	2	3%	78
Boston	258	82%	34	11%	13	4%	5	2%	5	2%	315
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	100%	2
Other ⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	---	8	100%	---	---	---	---	8
Total:	2,000	81%	184	7%	108	4%	56	2%	116	5%	2,464

⁽¹⁾ An unduplicated count of case openings during the quarter.

⁽²⁾ The outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

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

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

⁽⁵⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE A3. CONSUMER OPENINGS DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE⁽¹⁾ TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2011, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/11 - 6/30/11)**

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Case Openings ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Protective ⁽²⁾		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other ⁽³⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	467	92%	20	4%	12	2%	---	---	10	2%	509
Holyoke	618	89%	35	5%	19	3%	9	1%	17	2%	698
North Central	661	90%	4	1%	40	5%	25	3%	7	1%	737
Pittsfield	591	93%	12	2%	14	2%	1	*	16	3%	634
Robert Van Wart	725	91%	46	6%	10	1%	---	---	20	2%	801
South Central	441	79%	75	13%	37	7%	2	*	5	1%	560
Springfield	772	88%	55	6%	19	2%	8	1%	23	3%	877
Worcester East	618	87%	32	5%	37	5%	11	2%	13	2%	711
Worcester West	484	83%	66	11%	10	2%	22	4%	4	1%	586
Contracted Agencies	4	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4
Western	5,381	88%	345	6%	198	3%	78	1%	115	2%	6,117
Cambridge	367	94%	9	2%	8	2%	---	---	5	1%	389
Cape Ann	378	74%	4	1%	48	9%	71	14%	12	2%	513
Framingham	369	85%	39	9%	---	---	24	6%	1	0%	433
Haverhill	270	85%	27	9%	7	2%	9	3%	3	1%	316
Lawrence	315	80%	54	14%	6	2%	5	1%	13	3%	393
Lowell	645	86%	76	10%	10	1%	7	1%	10	1%	748
Lynn	351	81%	46	11%	20	5%	11	3%	3	1%	431
Malden	442	89%	---	---	19	4%	27	5%	7	1%	495
Contracted Agencies	5	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5
Northern	3,142	84%	255	7%	118	3%	154	4%	54	1%	3,723
Arlington	229	79%	13	4%	45	16%	0%	0%	3	1%	290
Brockton	667	91%	44	6%	14	2%	1	0%	10	1%	736
Cape Cod	394	86%	19	4%	11	2%	22	5%	12	3%	458
Coastal	325	85%	46	12%	4	1%	2	1%	4	1%	381
Fall River	395	79%	69	14%	13	3%	15	3%	10	2%	502
New Bedford	812	91%	45	5%	16	2%	11	1%	8	1%	892
Plymouth	408	78%	60	12%	1	*	44	8%	7	1%	520
Taunton/Attleboro	428	77%	67	12%	10	2%	36	6%	13	2%	554
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	---	7	100%	---	---	---	---	7
Southern	3,658	84%	363	8%	121	3%	131	3%	67	2%	4,340
Dimock Street	367	87%	42	10%	6	1%	5	1%	2	*	422
Harbor	446	85%	55	11%	11	2%	11	2%	---	---	523
Hyde Park	430	86%	54	11%	14	3%	1	0%	---	---	499
Park Street	457	82%	46	8%	38	7%	16	3%	1	*	558
Contracted Agencies	2	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
Boston	1,702	85%	197	10%	69	3%	33	2%	3	*	2,004
Adoption Contracts⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	---	3
Other⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	---	3	100%	---	---	---	---	3
Missing	2	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
Total:	13,885	86%	1,160	7%	509	3%	396	2%	242	1%	16,192

* Less than 1% after rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ An unduplicated count of case openings during the quarter.

⁽²⁾ The outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

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

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

⁽⁵⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

TABLE A4. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2011, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/11 - 6/30/11)

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	271	46%	117	20%	22	4%	177	30%	587
Holyoke	347	48%	185	25%	37	5%	159	22%	728
North Central	277	45%	178	29%	9	1%	154	25%	618
Pittsfield	418	47%	278	31%	27	3%	172	19%	895
Robert Van Wart	418	54%	147	19%	7	1%	206	26%	778
South Central	383	53%	196	27%	8	1%	136	19%	723
Springfield	288	37%	285	37%	33	4%	172	22%	778
Worcester East	198	37%	235	44%	29	5%	78	14%	540
Worcester West	193	35%	236	43%	19	3%	99	18%	547
Western	2,793	45%	1,857	30%	191	3%	1,353	22%	6,194
Cambridge	129	40%	83	25%	14	4%	100	31%	326
Cape Ann	268	54%	24	5%	19	4%	182	37%	493
Framingham	312	63%	64	13%	3	1%	117	24%	496
Haverhill	225	49%	81	18%	12	3%	140	31%	458
Lawrence	242	44%	115	21%	5	1%	184	34%	546
Lowell	299	46%	223	34%	40	6%	88	14%	650
Lynn	251	56%	110	25%	2	*	85	19%	448
Malden	236	56%	79	19%	5	1%	100	24%	420
Northern	1,962	51%	779	20%	100	3%	996	26%	3,837
Arlington	333	69%	46	10%	10	2%	91	19%	480
Brockton	268	46%	183	31%	3	1%	128	22%	582
Cape Cod	246	53%	112	24%	6	1%	100	22%	464
Coastal	251	53%	114	24%	7	1%	101	21%	473
Fall River	185	38%	158	32%	23	5%	122	25%	488
New Bedford	215	37%	142	25%	36	6%	185	32%	578
Plymouth	277	53%	105	20%	5	1%	136	26%	523
Taunton/Attleboro	201	41%	148	30%	20	4%	119	24%	488
Southern	1,976	48%	1,008	25%	110	3%	982	24%	4,076
Dimock Street	138	34%	198	49%	8	2%	57	14%	401
Harbor	136	37%	130	35%	15	4%	91	24%	372
Hyde Park	146	37%	124	31%	27	7%	101	25%	398
Park Street	218	47%	139	30%	18	4%	89	19%	464
Boston	638	39%	591	36%	68	4%	338	21%	1,635
Jude Baker Children's Center	2,400	41%	1,335	23%	1,111	19%	1,001	17%	5,847
Special Investigations	6	30%	14	70%	---	---	---	---	20
Total	9,775	45%	5,584	26%	1,580	7%	4,670	22%	21,609

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, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/11 - 6/30/11)

DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Initial Assessment Decision				Total No.
	Supported		Unsupported		Concern		Low/No Concern		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	70	24%	41	14%	102	34%	83	28%	296
Holyoke	133	35%	82	21%	76	20%	92	24%	383
North Central	132	34%	75	19%	89	23%	95	24%	391
Pittsfield	151	35%	133	31%	26	6%	124	29%	434
Robert Van Wart	125	30%	55	13%	139	33%	101	24%	420
South Central	84	27%	73	23%	77	25%	79	25%	313
Springfield	200	36%	124	23%	90	16%	137	25%	551
Worcester East	172	50%	92	27%	35	10%	43	13%	342
Worcester West	162	47%	80	23%	45	13%	55	16%	342
Center for Human Development	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Western	1,230	35%	755	22%	679	20%	809	23%	3,473
Cambridge	55	25%	54	24%	70	31%	44	20%	223
Cape Ann	26	10%	12	5%	72	29%	140	56%	250
Framingham	46	22%	23	11%	80	39%	57	28%	206
Haverhill	47	18%	40	16%	62	24%	106	42%	255
Lawrence	70	21%	65	19%	75	22%	128	38%	338
Lowell	167	43%	119	31%	42	11%	61	16%	389
Lynn	105	41%	49	19%	48	19%	55	21%	257
Malden	59	27%	34	16%	58	27%	66	30%	217
Northern	575	27%	396	19%	507	24%	657	31%	2,135
Arlington	35	18%	15	8%	57	30%	83	44%	190
Brockton	124	34%	72	20%	93	26%	73	20%	362
Cape Cod	78	30%	49	19%	66	25%	69	26%	262
Coastal	83	27%	70	23%	47	15%	110	35%	310
Fall River	105	33%	82	26%	54	17%	77	24%	318
New Bedford	179	41%	47	11%	101	23%	109	25%	436
Plymouth	56	21%	49	19%	67	25%	92	35%	264
Taunton/Attleboro	115	34%	80	24%	64	19%	75	22%	334
Southern	775	31%	464	19%	549	22%	688	28%	2,476
Dimock Street	123	45%	83	30%	25	9%	43	16%	274
Harbor	102	38%	60	23%	46	17%	57	22%	265
Hyde Park	92	34%	54	20%	64	24%	62	23%	272
Park Street	107	39%	63	23%	47	17%	60	22%	277
Solutions for Living	---	---	1	100%	---	---	---	---	1
Boston	424	39%	261	24%	182	17%	222	20%	1,089
Judge Baker Children's Center	586	68%	271	32%	---	---	---	---	857
Special Investigations	61	17%	301	83%	---	---	---	---	362
Total	3,651	35%	2,448	24%	1,917	18%	2,376	23%	10,392

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.
FY'2003 Total	2,089	47%	2,310	53%	4,399
FY'2004 Total	2,101	47%	2,399	53%	4,500
FY'2005 Total	2,122	46%	2,459	54%	4,581
FY'2006 Total	2,077	44%	2,666	56%	4,743
FY'2007 Total	2,279	48%	2,431	52%	4,710
FY'2008 Total	2,561	49%	2,652	51%	5,213
FY'2009 Total	2,927	51%	2,784	49%	5,711
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
FY'2010 Total	3,033	54%	2,553	46%	5,586
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
FY'2011, Q4	844	50%	835	50%	1,679
FY'2011 Total	3,040	53%	2,671	47%	5,711

* 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.
FY'2003 Total	1,688	78%	461	21%	19	1%	2,168
FY'2004 Total	1,713	78%	450	21%	26	1%	2,189
FY'2005 Total	1,715	79%	456	21%	13	1%	2,184
FY'2006 Total	1,782	83%	342	16%	26	1%	2,150
FY'2007 Total	1,935	82%	390	17%	31	1%	2,356
FY'2008 Total	2,049	78%	552	21%	38	1%	2,639
FY'2009 Total	2,413	80%	572	19%	29	1%	3,014
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
FY'2010 Total	2,493	80%	559	18%	51	2%	3,103
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
FY'2011, Q4	682	78%	179	21%	9	1%	870
FY'2011 Total	2,542	82%	518	17%	47	2%	3,107

* 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 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)**

DCF Region/Area	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				Total No.
	Not Legally Free		Legally Free		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	48	70%	21	30%	69
Holyoke	79	68%	38	32%	117
North Central	66	54%	57	46%	123
Pittsfield	59	50%	59	50%	118
Robert Van Wart	58	53%	51	47%	109
South Central	46	47%	52	53%	98
Springfield	111	78%	32	22%	143
Worcester East	37	39%	58	61%	95
Worcester West	38	46%	45	54%	83
Contracted Agencies	3	100%	---	---	3
Western	545	57%	413	43%	958
Cambridge	15	54%	13	46%	28
Cape Ann	29	78%	8	22%	37
Framingham	14	35%	26	65%	40
Haverhill	47	89%	6	11%	53
Lawrence	11	17%	52	83%	63
Lowell	90	76%	28	24%	118
Lynn	48	58%	35	42%	83
Malden	22	79%	6	21%	28
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	1
Northern	277	61%	174	39%	451
Arlington	21	81%	5	19%	26
Brockton	25	37%	42	63%	67
Cape Cod	27	50%	27	50%	54
Coastal	20	36%	36	64%	56
Fall River	59	43%	79	57%	138
New Bedford	48	40%	71	60%	119
Plymouth	33	49%	35	51%	68
Taunton/Attleboro	31	62%	19	38%	50
Southern	264	46%	314	54%	578
Dimock Street	34	42%	47	58%	81
Harbor	38	48%	41	52%	79
Park Street	27	40%	41	60%	68
Boston	99	43%	129	57%	228
Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾	113	44%	145	56%	258
Total	1298	52%	1175	48%	2473

⁽¹⁾ 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 4TH QUARTER (6/30/11)

DCF Region/Area	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				Total No.
	Not Matched		Matched		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	8	12%	61	88%	69
Holyoke	20	17%	97	83%	117
North Central	35	28%	88	72%	123
Pittsfield	11	9%	107	91%	118
Robert Van Wart	12	11%	97	89%	109
South Central	31	32%	67	68%	98
Springfield	41	29%	102	71%	143
Worcester East	26	27%	69	73%	95
Worcester West	17	20%	66	80%	83
Contracted Agencies	3	100%	---	---	3
Western	204	21%	754	79%	958
Cambridge	5	18%	23	82%	28
Cape Ann	11	30%	26	70%	37
Framingham	8	20%	32	80%	40
Haverhill	19	36%	34	64%	53
Lawrence	13	21%	50	79%	63
Lowell	19	16%	99	84%	118
Lynn	28	34%	55	66%	83
Malden	9	32%	19	68%	28
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	1
Northern	113	25%	338	75%	451
Arlington	4	15%	22	85%	26
Brockton	13	19%	54	81%	67
Cape Cod	11	20%	43	80%	54
Coastal	9	16%	47	84%	56
Fall River	37	27%	101	73%	138
New Bedford	22	18%	97	82%	119
Plymouth	12	18%	56	82%	68
Taunton/Attleboro	11	22%	39	78%	50
Southern	119	21%	459	79%	578
Dimock Street	10	12%	71	88%	81
Harbor	39	49%	40	51%	79
Park Street	19	28%	49	72%	68
Boston	68	30%	160	70%	228
Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾	94	36%	164	64%	258
Total	598	24%	1,875	76%	2,473

⁽¹⁾ 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 Massachusetts¹

Race	Massachusetts						New				Fall			
	Total	Boston	Worcester	Springfield	Lowell	Cambridge	Bedford	Brockton	Quincy	Lynn	River	Newton	Lawrence	Somerville
White	74%	34%	56%	38%	48%	50%	64%	32%	56%	44%	77%	76%	37%	58%
Black	8%	37%	16%	25%	9%	24%	8%	39%	7%	16%	6%	3%	7%	12%
Asian	6%	7%	7%	3%	24%	11%	1%	2%	30%	8%	4%	14%	2%	8%
Native American	*	1%	1%	1%	*	*	1%	*	*	1%	*	*	1%	1%
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Multi-Racial	5%	7%	8%	8%	7%	11%	10%	11%	5%	9%	7%	6%	7%	8%
Other/Unknown	7%	14%	12%	25%	11%	4%	15%	15%	2%	22%	6%	2%	44%	13%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	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
Hispanic Origin²														
Yes	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.

¹Selection of cities was based on total population (adults and children).

²Children 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