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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 1st Quarter of FY'2012, DCF had 21,064 open cases (1,789 adoption cases and 19,268 clinical cases) and 67,805 open consumers¹ (33,081 adults and 34,724 children). (**Table 1** on page 3)
- From the 4th Quarter of FY'2011 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2012, the DCF case count decreased 5% while the consumer count decreased 6%. The abrupt decline in the DCF caseload followed four quarters of relatively stable counts (**Fig. 2** on page 4, **Appendix Table A1** on page 66). The annual count of consumers 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 9,155 individuals in placement on the last day of the 1st Quarter of FY'2012. Included in this count are 7,544 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,611 young adults (18 to 23 years old). (**Table 1** on page 3)
- The placement population was distributed across DCF service regions as follows: 37% in the Western Region, 26% in the Southern Region, 22% in the Northern Region, and 12% in the Boston Region. (**Table 1**)
- From the 4th Quarter of FY'2011 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2012, the number of children in placement declined 4% statewide (**Appendix Table A1** on page 66, **Fig. 14** on page 26). Counts of children in placement had been stable for four quarters (**Fig. 14, Appendix Table A1**).

B. Children Not in Placement

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2012, there were 27,180 children less than 18 years old with an active case status who were not in placement (**Table 1**). From the 4th Quarter of FY'2011 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2012, counts of children not in placement decreased 7% 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 had been stable for four quarters (**Fig 15**).
- Significant declines in total consumers and children not in placement often occur with a drop in investigations and initial assessments (combined counts) (**Appendix Table A1, Fig. 8** on page 12).

**TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DCF REGION: FY'2012,
End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/11)**

Case Counts:	DCF Geographic Region				Adoption		Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
Adoption	663	348	451	171	153	3	1,789
Clinical	7,293	4,324	5,215	2,332	8	103	19,268
Total	7,956	4,672	5,666	2,503	161	106	21,064
Consumer Counts:							
Adults: ⁽³⁾							
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	446	442	397	216	---	51	1,552
Other ⁽⁶⁾	5	11	3	5	---	20	44
On the Run	2	5	2	5	---	1	15
Total in Placement	453	458	402	226	---	72	1,611
Not in Placement	12,429	6,702	8,822	3,502	---	15	31,470
Total Adults	12,882	7,160	9,224	3,728	---	87	33,081
Children:							
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	2,793	1,516	1,880	774	254	19	7,236
Other ⁽⁶⁾	60	45	30	32	4	22	193
On the Run	44	21	26	24	---	---	115
Total in Placement	2,897	1,582	1,936	830	258	41	7,544
Not in Placement	11,205	5,802	7,034	3,130	5	4	27,180
Total Children	14,102	7,384	8,970	3,960	263	45	34,724
Total	26,984	14,544	18,194	7,688	263	132	67,805

⁽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.

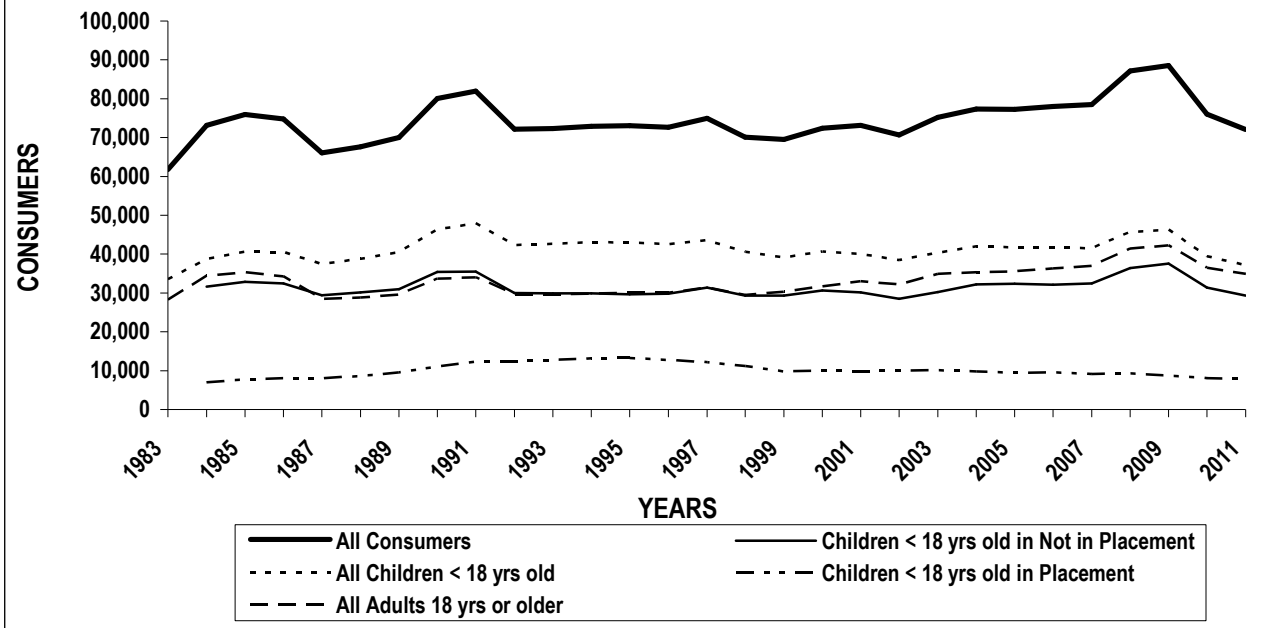
⁽³⁾ Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

⁽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.

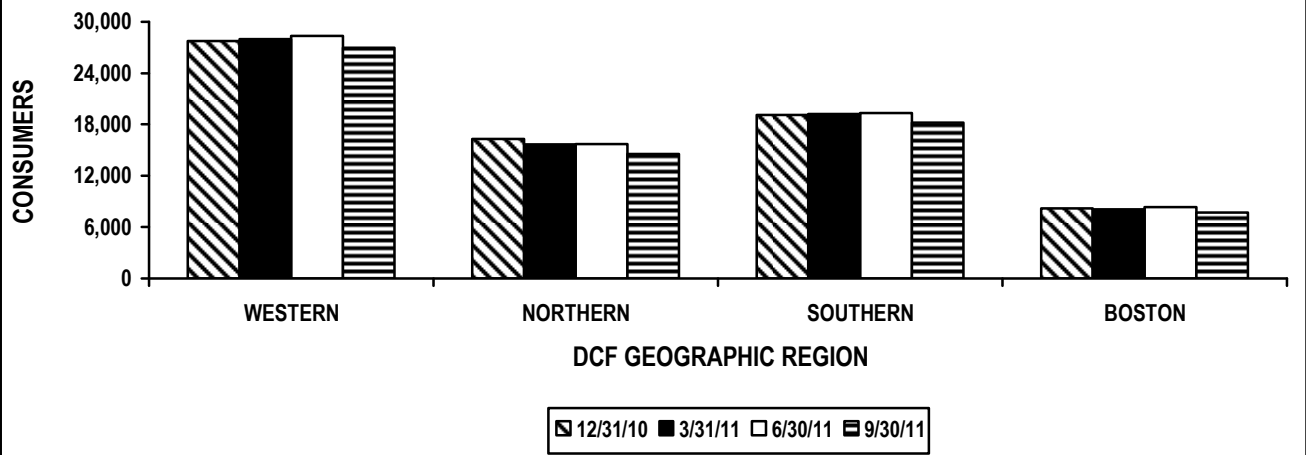
⁽⁶⁾ "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies.

**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 2ND QUARTER to FY'2012, END OF 1ST QUARTER)**



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

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 1st Quarter of FY'2012, there were 2,118 case openings (unduplicated) and 12,637 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 4th Quarter of FY'2011 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2012, case openings decreased 14% and consumer openings decreased 22%. (**Fig. 4** on page 7)
- Eighty-four percent of case openings and 87% of consumer openings were due to supported abuse/neglect reports. (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 3% of case openings and 2% of consumer openings. (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- CHINS referrals accounted for 5% of case openings and 6% of consumer openings (**Tables 2A and 2B**). It should be noted that the CHINS consumer counts include the children subject to the CHINS petition, adult caretakers, and oftentimes non-CHINS siblings.
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in **Fig. 3** on page 7. Supported reports of child abuse/neglect accounted for 82-85% of the total intakes for each region. CHINS referrals ranged from 4-10% of the total intakes for each region. Voluntary requests ranged from 2-4% 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 45% in Lawrence to 96% 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'2012, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/11 - 9/30/11)**

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	732	85%	36	4%	16	2%	23	3%	55	6%	862
Northern	359	82%	17	4%	15	3%	14	3%	32	7%	437
Southern	502	85%	31	5%	15	3%	13	2%	27	5%	588
Boston	183	82%	22	10%	8	4%	4	2%	5	2%	222
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	100%	2
Other ⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	---	7	100%	---	---	---	---	7
Total:	1,776	84%	106	5%	61	3%	54	3%	121	6%	2,118

⁽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'2012, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/11 - 9/30/11)**

DCF Geographic Region	Consumer Openings ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Protective ⁽²⁾		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other ⁽³⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	4,514	89%	256	5%	85	2%	131	3%	88	2%	5,074
Northern	2,290	84%	128	5%	109	4%	120	4%	83	3%	2,730
Southern	3,055	88%	228	7%	63	2%	78	2%	64	2%	3,488
Boston	1,104	82%	147	11%	51	4%	28	2%	11	1%	1,341
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	100%	4
Total:	10,963	87%	759	6%	308	2%	357	3%	250	2%	12,637

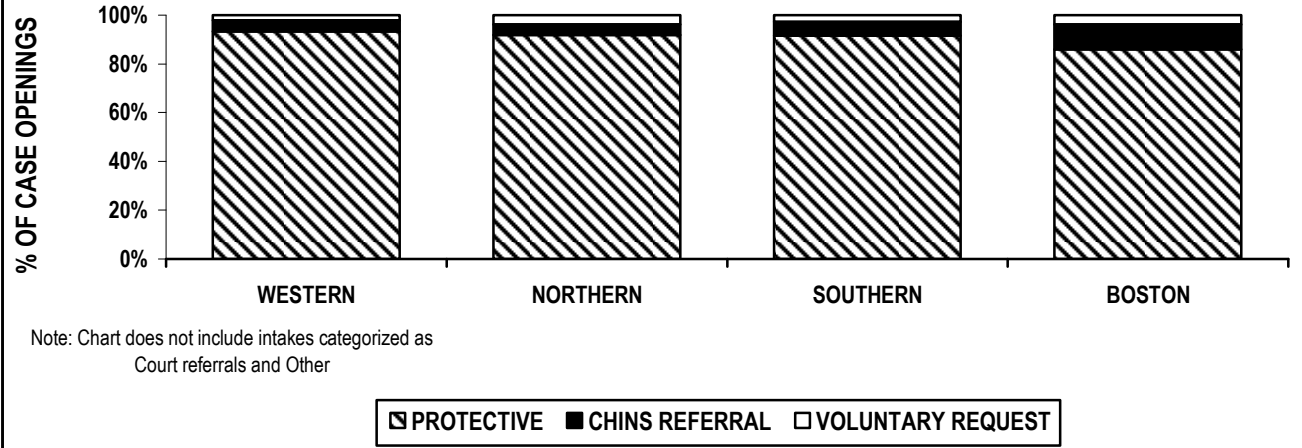
⁽¹⁾ An unduplicated count of consumer openings during the quarter.

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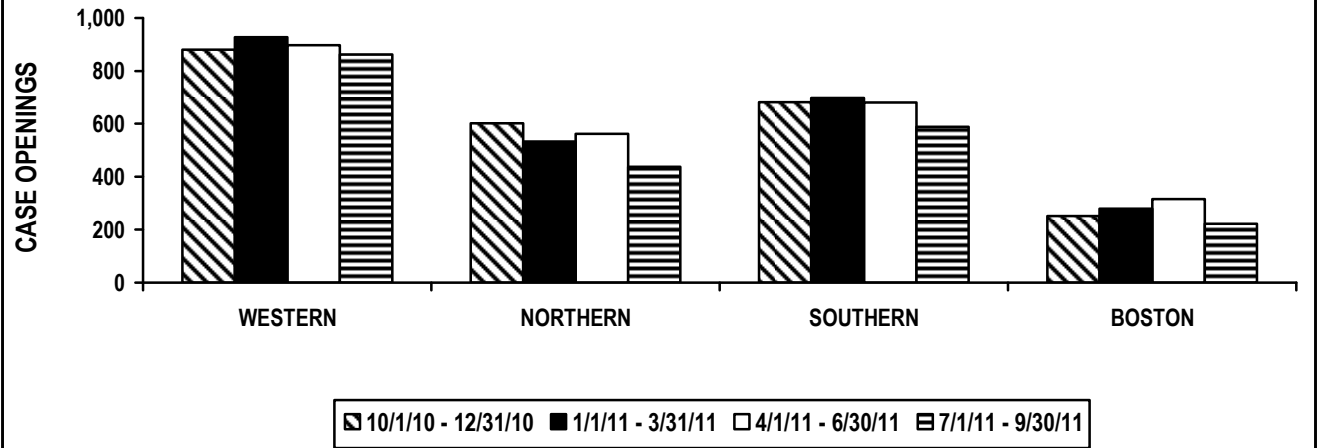
⁽³⁾ Includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

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

**FIGURE 3. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION
FY'2012, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/11 - 9/30/11)**



**FIGURE 4. CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2011, 2ND QUARTER to FY'2012, 1ST 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, 18,492 reports were recorded during the 1st Quarter of FY’2012. 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 20% in the North to 38% in Boston. At the Judge Baker Children’s Center, 39% 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 19% in Boston to 25% in the North. Judge Baker screened-in 20% of the reports for initial assessment. (**Table 3, Fig. 5**)
- The Worcester West, Worcester East, Springfield, New Bedford, and Harbor Areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (43-51%). Cape Ann, Greenfield, Haverhill, and Malden Areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (30-37%). (**Appendix Table A4** on page 69)
- Arlington, Cape Ann, and Lynn Areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (10-12%). Worcester East, Lowell, and Worcester West Areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (12-13%). (**Appendix Table A4**)
- The DCF Regions screened-in 3% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 17% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children’s Center Hotline. (**Table 3**)
- Statewide, reports decreased 14% from the 4th Quarter of FY’2011 to the 1st Quarter of FY’2012. 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 1st Quarter of FY'2012, 8,360 total responses (investigations and initial assessments) were completed (**Table 4** on next page)—a decrease of 20% from the 4th Quarter of FY'2011 (**Fig. 8** on page 12).
- Investigations and initial assessments as a proportion of all responses for each region were: 48% and 52% (South); 65% and 35% (Boston); 60% and 40% (West); 39% and 61% (North), respectively. (**Fig. 6** on page 11, **Table 4**)

Initial Assessments

- There were 3,443 initial assessments completed during the 1st Quarter of FY'2012³. The assessment decision was “concern” for 44% of initial assessments and “low or no concern” for 56%. 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, Cape Ann, Haverhill, and Brockton Areas had the highest proportion of responses which resulted in an initial assessment of concern (32-47%). (**Appendix Table A5** on page 70)
- Statewide, initial assessments decreased 20% from the 4th Quarter of FY'2011 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2012.

Investigations

- The number of investigations conducted during the 1st Quarter of FY'2012 was 4,917 (**Table 4**).³ Of these investigations, 106 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 106 above-mentioned investigations, allegations of maltreatment were supported for 75 and unsupported for 31.
- Sixty-two percent of the investigations resulted in supported allegations of maltreatment. (**Table 4**)
- Regional support rates went from a low of 58% in Boston to a high of 65% in the North. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 72% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. (**Table 4**)
- Worcester East, Worcester West, Lowell, Park Street, and Harbor Areas had the highest proportion of responses that resulted in a supported investigation (42-51%). (**Appendix Table A5**)
- Statewide, investigations decreased 19% from the 4th Quarter of FY'2011 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2012.

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'2012, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/11 - 9/30/11)

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	2,314	44%	1,625	31%	163	3%	1,788	1,151	22%	5,253	28%
Northern	1,663	55%	528	17%	84	3%	612	757	25%	3,032	16%
Southern	1,568	47%	889	26%	98	3%	987	803	24%	3,358	18%
Boston	507	42%	432	35%	41	3%	473	237	19%	1,217	7%
Judge Baker Children's Center	2,327	41%	1,210	22%	939	17%	2,149	1,142	20%	5,618	30%
Special Investigations	2	14%	12	86%	---	---	12	---	---	14	*
Total	8,381	45%	4,696	25%	1,325	7%	6,021	4,090	22%	18,492	100%

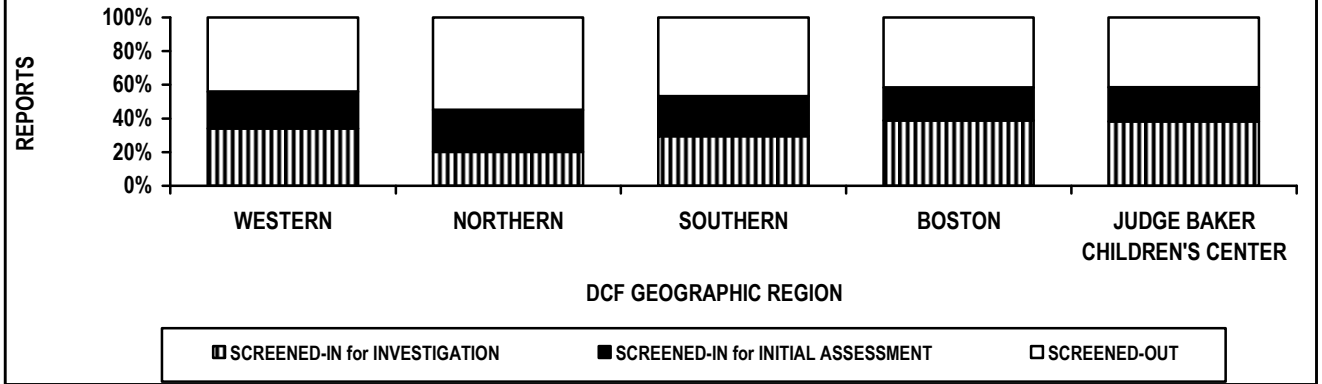
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

TABLE 4. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION: FY'2012, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/11 - 9/30/11)

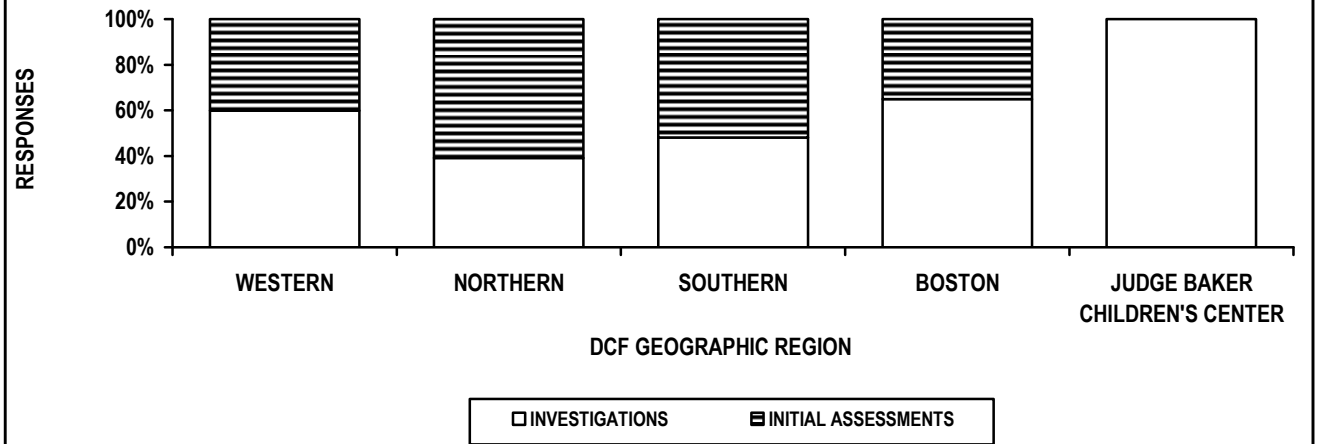
DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision					Initial Assessment Decision					Response Total	
	Supported		Unsupported		Inv Total	Concern		Low/No Concern		IA Total		
	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
Western	1,112	64%	636	36%	1,748	523	45%	648	55%	1,171	2,919	35%
Northern	381	65%	204	35%	585	406	45%	505	55%	911	1,496	18%
Southern	630	63%	374	37%	1,004	476	44%	605	56%	1,081	2,085	25%
Boston	302	58%	215	42%	517	98	35%	182	65%	280	797	10%
Judge Baker Children's Center	538	72%	207	28%	745	---	---	---	---	---	745	9%
Special Investigations	63	20%	255	80%	318	---	---	---	---	---	318	4%
Total	3,026	62%	1,891	38%	4,917	1,503	44%	1,940	56%	3,443	8,360	100%

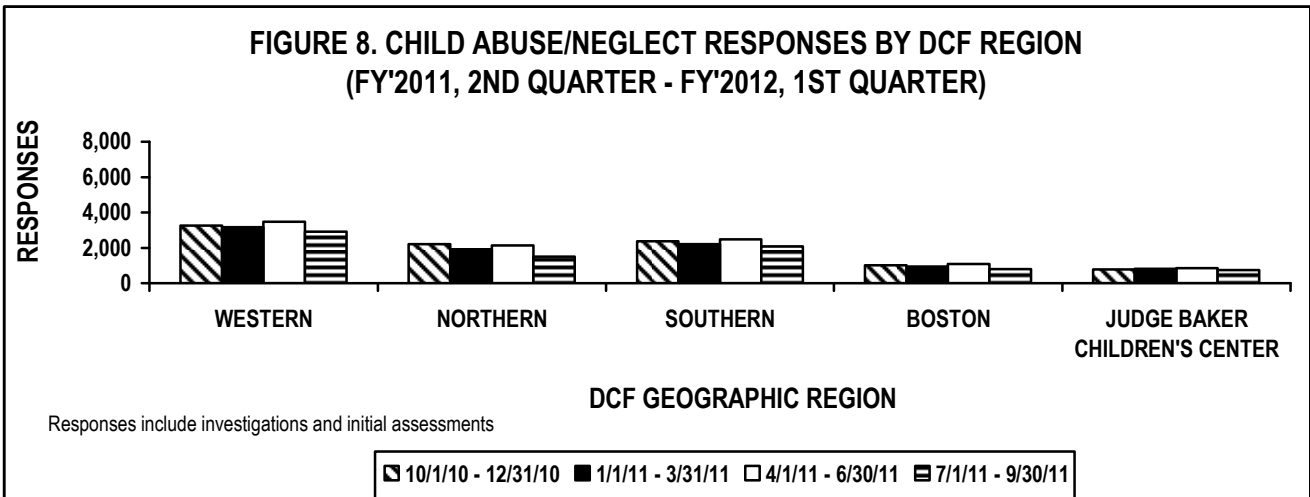
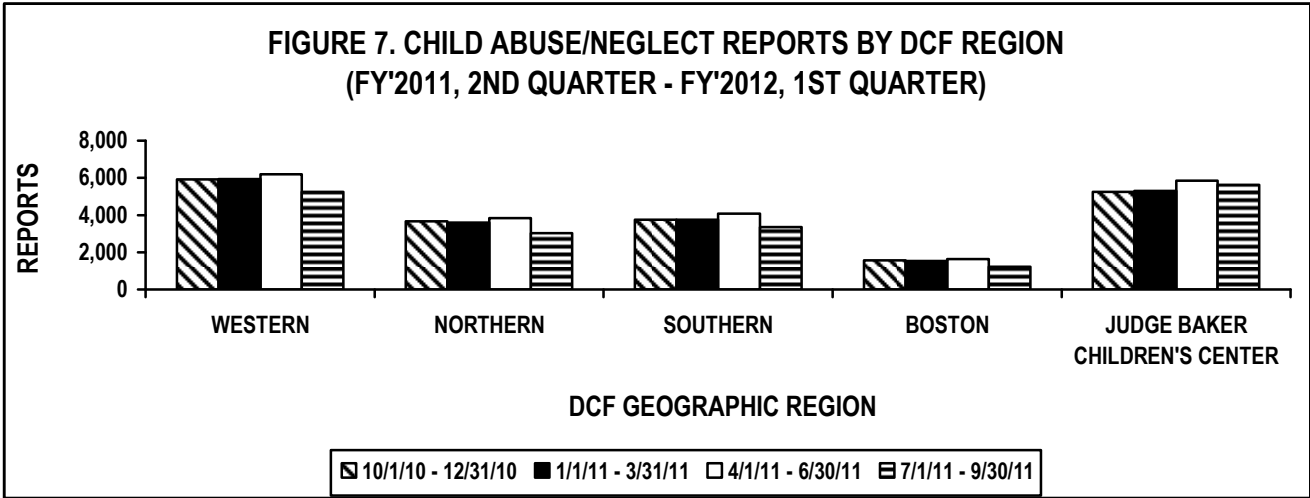
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

**FIGURE 5. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS
(SCREENING DECISION BY DCF REGION)
FY'2012, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/11 - 9/30/11)**



**FIGURE 6. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY TYPE AND DCF REGION
FY'2012 , 1ST QUARTER (7/1/11 - 9/30/11)**

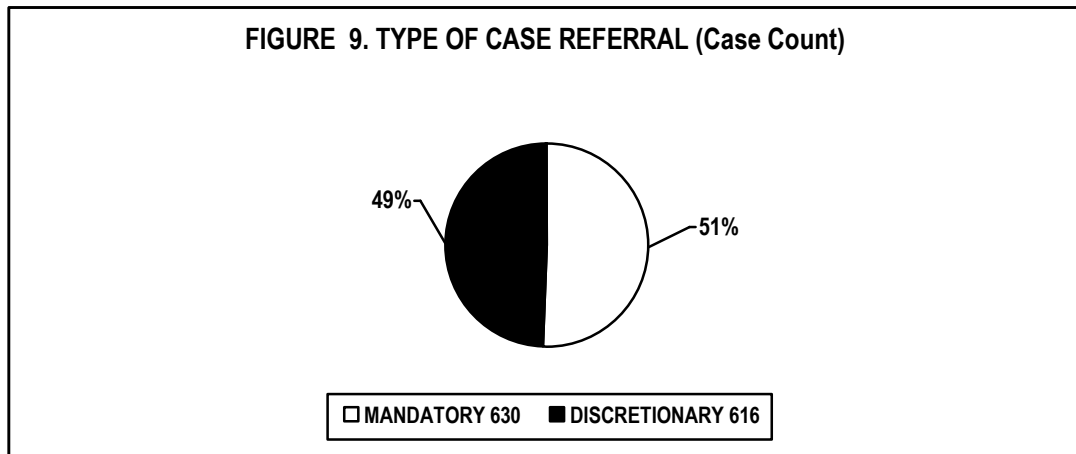




C. District Attorney (DA) Referrals

- During the 1st Quarter of FY'2012, 1,246 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (**Fig. 9**). Fifty-one percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals⁴ and 49% were discretionary referrals⁵ (**Fig. 9, Appendix Table A6** on page 71).

DA REFERRALS FY'2012, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/11 - 9/30/11)

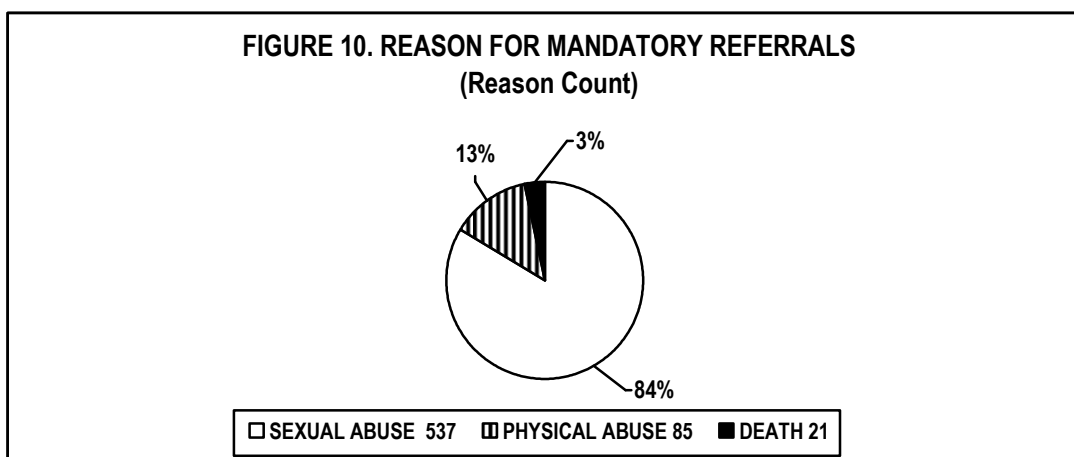


- Sexual abuse accounted for 84% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals during the 1st Quarter of FY'2012 (**Fig. 10, Table 5** on next page). Thirteen percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

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'2012, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/11 - 9/30/11)



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'2012, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/11 - 9/30/11)**

Nature of Abuse	Reasons ⁽¹⁾	
	No.	%
Sexual Abuse:	537	84%
Sexual Assault	490	
Sexual Exploitation	47	
Serious Physical Abuse:	85	13%
Death:	21	3%
Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals	643	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 84% over the past nine years (FY'2003 through FY'2012, Q1) (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, Middlesex, Essex, Worcester, 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 66% 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’2012, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/11 - 9/30/11)**

County ⁽²⁾	Case Referrals				Total No.	2010 Children Under 18 years
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Middlesex	89	41%	128	59%	217	320,439
Essex	111	53%	97	47%	208	172,089
Worcester	74	38%	122	62%	196	187,231
Suffolk	88	56%	69	44%	157	126,275
Berkshire	64	62%	39	38%	103	25,624
Hampden	51	54%	44	46%	95	109,885
Bristol	28	45%	34	55%	62	122,409
Plymouth	43	72%	17	28%	60	119,475
Norfolk	40	70%	17	30%	57	152,132
Franklin	6	17%	30	83%	36	14,068
Barnstable	11	50%	11	50%	22	37,249
Hampshire	3	23%	10	77%	13	26,766
Dukes	1	25%	3	75%	4	3,173
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---	2,108
OUT OF STATE	7	44%	9	56%	16	---
Total	616		630		1,246	

⁽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'2012, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/11 - 9/30/11)**

County ⁽²⁾	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals ⁽¹⁾				Total No.
	Sexual Assault No.	Sexual Exploitation No.	Serious Physical Abuse/Injury No.	Death No.	
Middlesex	99	7	14	8	128
Worcester	97	11	14	4	126
Essex	73	6	20	2	101
Suffolk	48	11	12	---	71
Hampden	31	3	9	2	45
Berkshire	35	2	2	---	39
Bristol	26	2	6	1	35
Franklin	28	1	2	---	31
Norfolk	12	1	3	1	17
Plymouth	13	---	2	2	17
Barnstable	8	2	---	1	11
Hampshire	9	1	---	---	10
Dukes	3	---	---	---	3
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---
OUT OF STATE	8	---	1	---	9
Total:	490	47	85	21	643

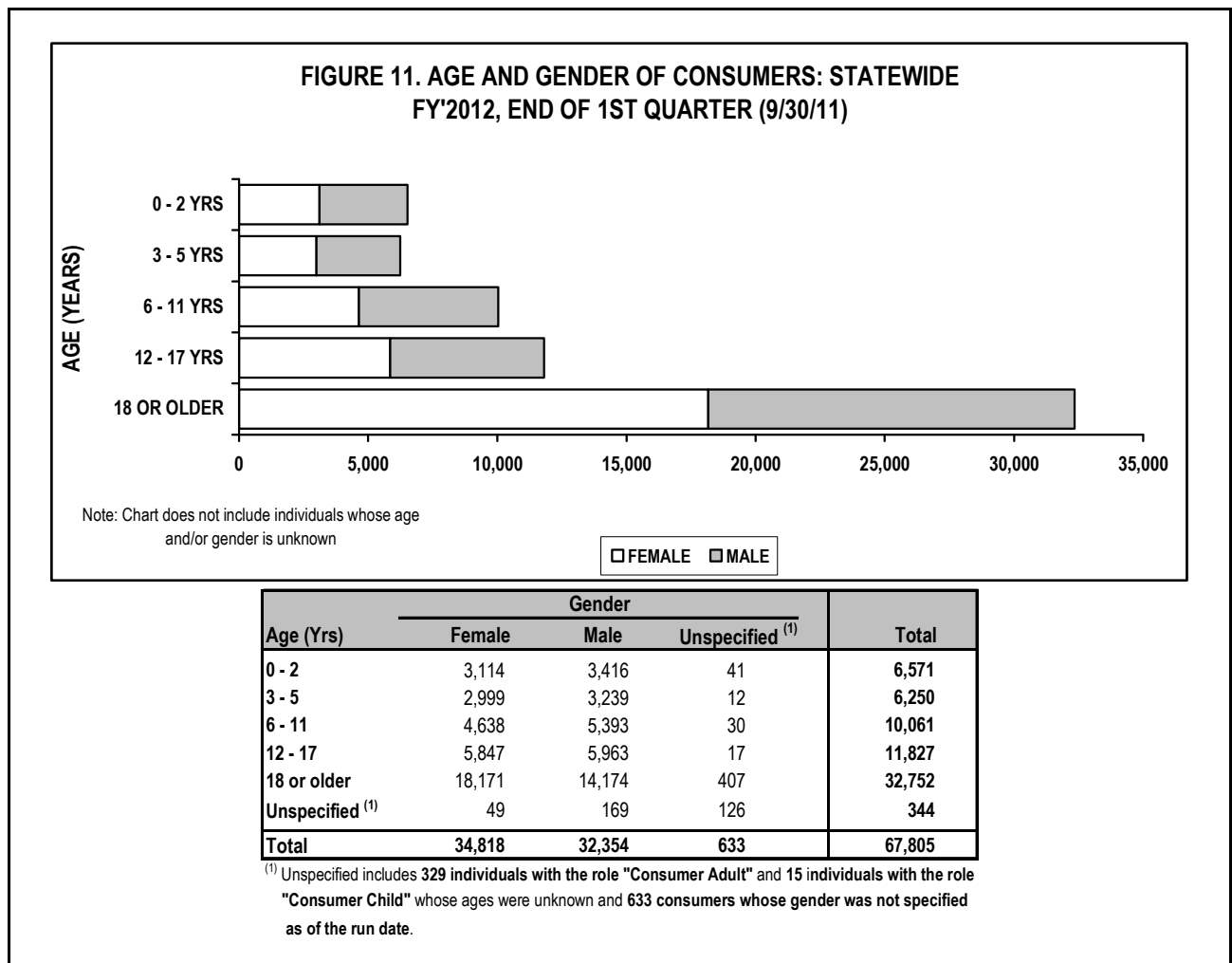
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⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.

IV. CONSUMER DEMOGRAPHICS

A. Age, Gender, and Race of All Consumers

- On the last day of the 1st Quarter of FY'2012, the consumer population included 34,724 (51%) children less than 18 years old and 33,081 (49%) adults 18 years or older (**Table 1** on page 3). The proportion of adult consumers has risen steadily from 41-42% in the 1990s to 49% (**Appendix Table A1** on page 66).
- Fifty-one percent of all consumers were identified as female, 48% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Thirty-four percent (11,827) 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, 55% of all adults receiving services were female. (**Fig. 11**)



- The statewide caseload was comprised of 45% White, 26% Hispanic/Latino, 13% 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 8% 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 (3,074, 2,370, and 1,186 consumers, respectively). The proportion of Hispanic/Latino consumers was similar in 3 of the 4 regions (27-31%). Asians were most prominent in the North--5% of the caseload (689 consumers, mainly Cambodian). (Table 8, Figs. 12A and 12B)

TABLE 8. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2012, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/11)

Race	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption				Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
White	12,023	45%	6,698	46%	10,237	56%	1,186	15%	110	42%	4	3%	30,258	45%
Black	2,238	8%	1,393	10%	2,347	13%	3,074	40%	46	17%	40	30%	9,138	13%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	8,470	31%	3,893	27%	2,481	14%	2,370	31%	68	26%	44	33%	17,326	26%
Asian	110	*	689	5%	181	1%	135	2%	6	2%	40	30%	1,161	2%
Native American	29	*	19	*	43	*	6	*	---	---	---	---	97	*
Other ⁽⁴⁾	12	*	3	*	8	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	23	*
Multi-Racial	590	2%	367	3%	611	3%	102	1%	19	7%	---	---	1,689	2%
Unable to Determine	891	3%	483	3%	675	4%	288	4%	14	5%	4	3%	2,355	3%
Missing	2,621	10%	999	7%	1,611	9%	527	7%	---	---	---	---	5,758	8%
Total	26,984	100%	14,544	100%	18,194	100%	7,688	100%	263	100%	132	100%	67,805	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

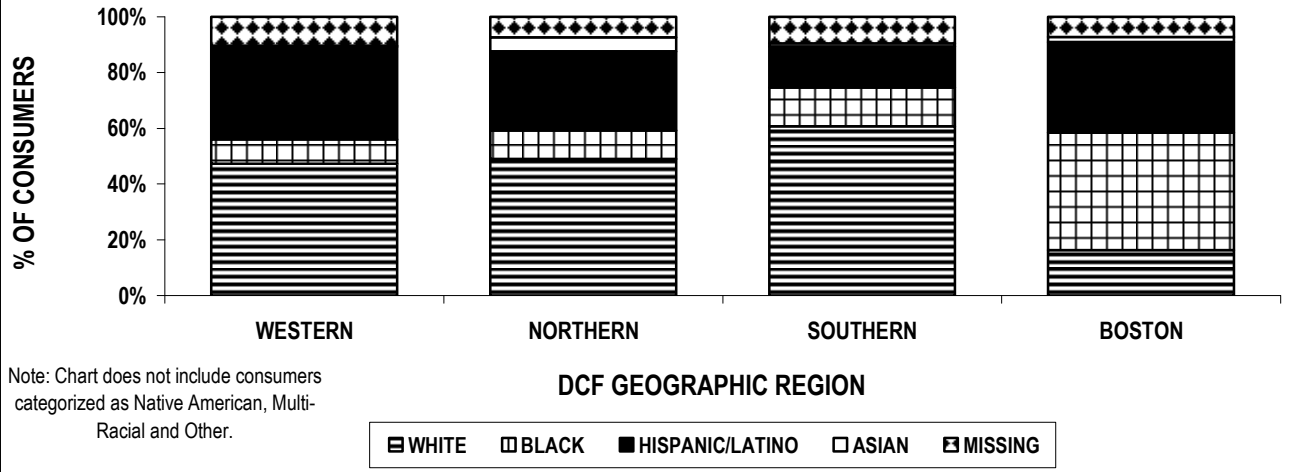
⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

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

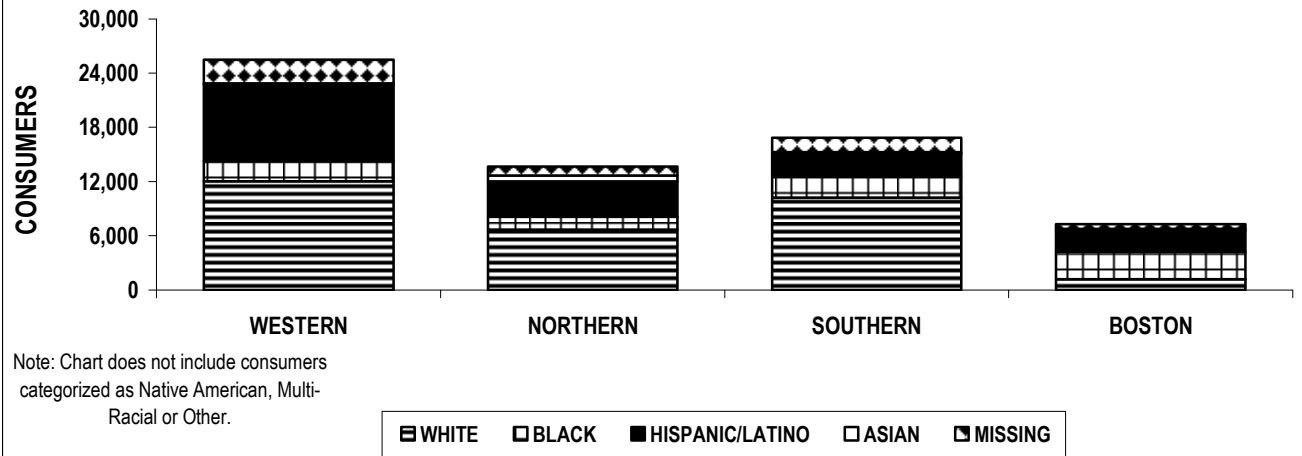
⁽³⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽⁴⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**FIGURE 12A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'2012, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/11)**



**FIGURE 12B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'2012, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/11)**



- 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 9/30/11	DCF All Substitute Care* 9/30/11	DCF Foster Care 9/30/11	DCF Congregate Care** 9/30/11	DCF All Care w/Goal of Adoption 9/30/11	DCF All Care w/Goal of Guardianship 9/30/11	DCF Adoptions Legalized FY'2011	DCF Guardianships Legalized FY'2011
White	67%	43%	47%	47%	48%	47%	47%	50%	56%
Hispanic***	15%	32%	26%	26%	25%	26%	25%	24%	17%
Black	7%	14%	16%	15%	19%	14%	17%	13%	14%
Asian	6%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	---	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	---	---	---	---
Multi-Racial	4%	4%	5%	5%	4%	7%	6%	8%	5%
Other/Unknown	1%	6%	4%	5%	3%	4%	3%	5%	7%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	1,418,923	27,180	7,544	5,863	1,373	2,390	576	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.

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

*** Hispanic/Latino of any race.

- **Appendix Table A10** on page 74 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, 1,827 and 971 consumers, respectively (**Table 10**). Khmer (Cambodian) was the preferred language of 229 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/Boston/South), Cape Verdean Creole (South), Vietnamese (Boston/West), and Lao (North) (**Table 10**).

TABLE 10. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2012, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/11)

Primary Language	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption				Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spanish	1,827	7%	971	7%	474	3%	713	9%	6	2%	34	26%	4,025	6%
Haitian Creole	11	*	91	1%	72	*	74	1%	---	---	1	1%	249	*
Portuguese	12	*	95	1%	125	1%	13	*	1	*	---	---	246	*
Khmer (Cambodian)	2	*	190	1%	26	*	11	*	---	---	---	---	229	*
Cape Verdean Creole	---	---	7	*	108	1%	48	1%	---	---	---	---	163	*
Vietnamese	22	*	15	*	8	*	23	*	---	---	---	---	68	*
Chinese	4	*	9	*	15	*	12	*	---	---	1	1%	41	*
Lao	2	*	20	*	1	*	0%	---	---	---	---	23	*	
American Sign Language	13	*	11	*	6	*	4	*	---	---	---	---	34	*
Other	450	2%	204	1%	263	1%	98	1%	---	---	40	30%	1,055	2%
English\Unspecified	24,641	91%	12,931	89%	17,096	94%	6,692	87%	256	97%	56	42%	61,672	91%
Total	26,984	100%	14,544	100%	18,194	100%	7,688	100%	263	100%	132	100%	67,805	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.

- 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 September 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 (-59%) and Khmer (Cambodian) (-36%). The number of Laotian-speaking consumers rose from 20 to 23. During this period, the count of total consumers decreased 14%.

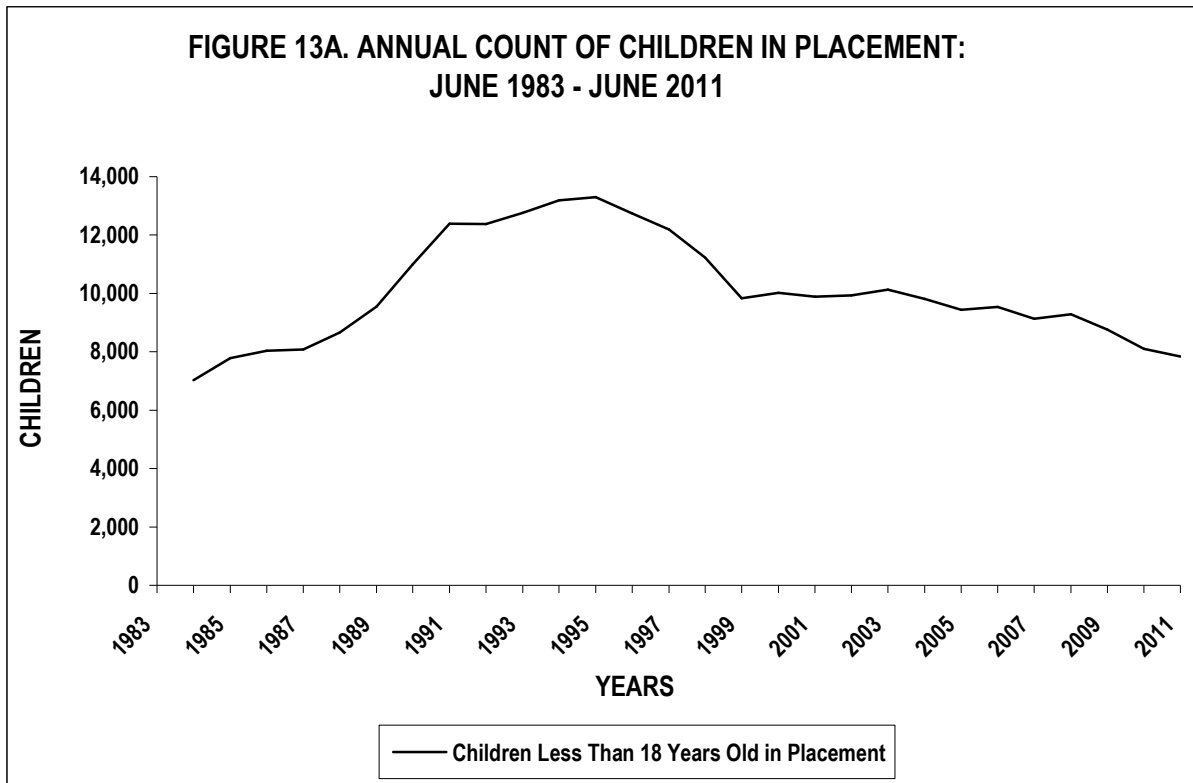
STATEWIDE:

Primary Language	Consumers Jul. 1987 No.	Consumers Jul. 1997 No.	Consumers Jun. 2007 No.	Consumers Sep. 2011 No.	2007-2011 Change %
English/Unspecified*	60,784	66,404	71,398	61,672	-14%
Spanish	3,664	6,334	4,516	4,025	-11%
Khmer Cambodian	253	851	356	229	-36%
Portuguese	530	380	303	246	-19%
Haitian Creole	175	360	260	249	-4%
Cape Verdean Creole	174	247	146	163	12%
Vietnamese	146	273	167	68	-59%
Chinese	71	61	54	41	-24%
American Sign Language	47	23	41	34	-17%
Lao	30	74	20	23	15%
Other	213	310	1,459	1,055	-28%
Total	66,087	75,317	78,720	67,805	-14%

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

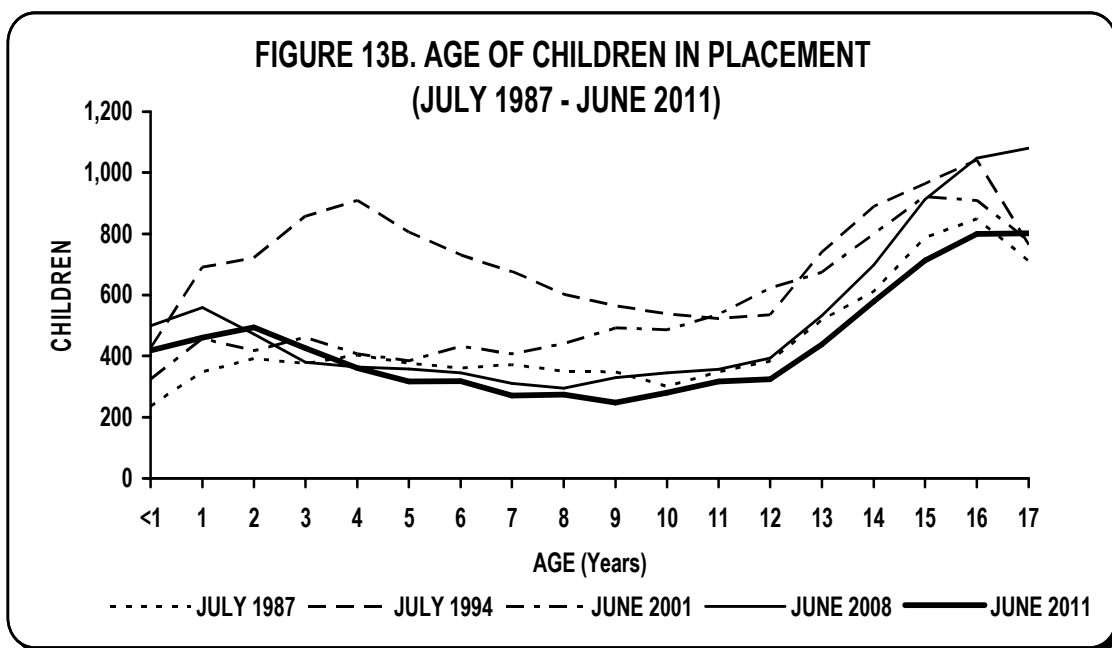
V. PROFILE OF CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT⁸

- The number of children less than 18 years old in placement (7,544) decreased 4% from the 4th Quarter of FY'2011 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2012 (**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.



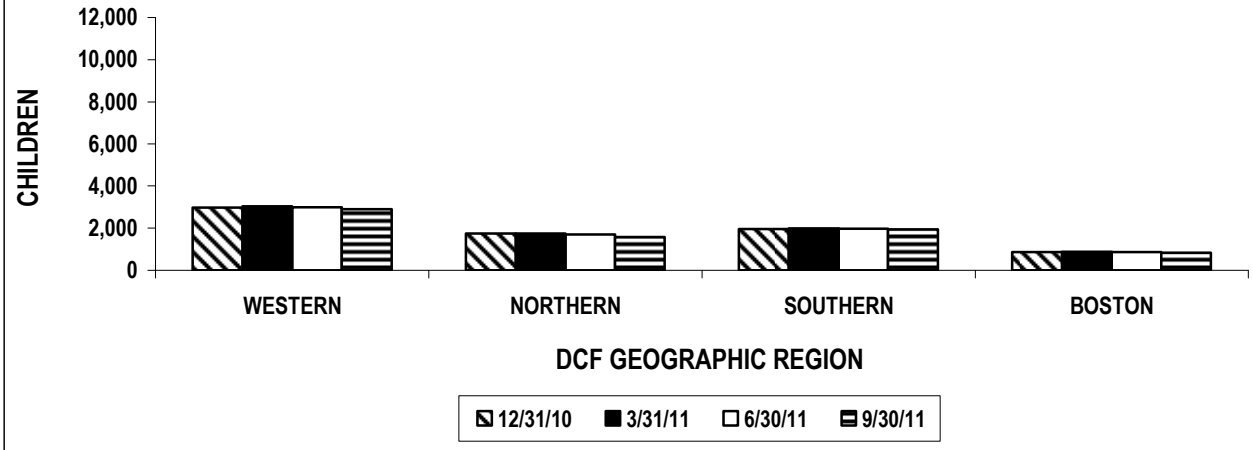
- Statewide, 22% (or 7,544) of all children (less than 18 years old) with open cases were in placement. The regional statistics for children in placement as a proportion of all children receiving services were: 22% in the South and 21% in each of the other regions. (Table 11 on next page)
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Fall River, Pittsfield, and Cape Cod Area Offices had the highest proportions in placement (26-29%). The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Cambridge, Van Wart, and Brockton Area Offices (15-17%). (Table 11)

TABLE 11. CHILD⁽¹⁾ CASELOAD BY DCF BY: FY'2012, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/11)

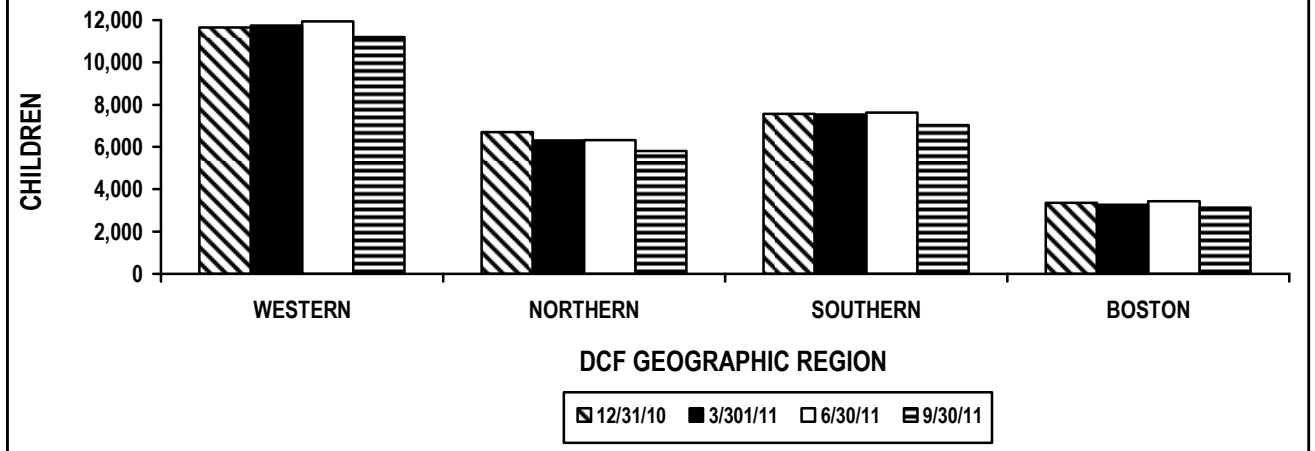
DCF Region/Area	Not in Placement	In Placement	Total Child Caseload	% in Placement
Greenfield	800	266	1,066	25%
Holyoke	1,237	330	1,567	21%
North Central	1,518	351	1,869	19%
Pittsfield	804	308	1,112	28%
Robert Van Wart	1,922	357	2,279	16%
South Central	880	257	1,137	23%
Springfield	1,638	405	2,043	20%
Worcester East	1,263	322	1,585	20%
Worcester West	1,126	295	1,421	21%
Contracted Agencies	17	6	23	26%
Western	11,205	2,897	14,102	21%
Cambridge	651	117	768	15%
Cape Ann	711	188	899	21%
Framingham	642	191	833	23%
Haverhill	462	139	601	23%
Lawrence	620	176	796	22%
Lowell	1,290	368	1,658	22%
Lynn	742	228	970	24%
Malden	678	174	852	20%
Contracted Agencies	6	1	7	14%
Northern	5,802	1,582	7,384	21%
Arlington	523	143	666	21%
Brockton	1,157	245	1,402	17%
Cape Cod	651	223	874	26%
Coastal	663	192	855	22%
Fall River	882	363	1,245	29%
New Bedford	1,551	365	1,916	19%
Plymouth	777	201	978	21%
Taunton/Attleboro	818	203	1,021	20%
Contracted Agencies	12	1	13	8%
Southern	7,034	1,936	8,970	22%
Dimock Street	649	222	871	25%
Harbor	890	205	1,095	19%
Hyde Park	700	184	884	21%
Park Street	889	216	1,105	20%
Contracted Agencies	2	3	5	60%
Boston	3,130	830	3,960	21%
Adoption Contracts⁽²⁾	5	258	263	98%
Other⁽³⁾	4	41	45	91%
Total	27,180	7,544	34,724	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 the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**FIGURE 14. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'11, END OF 2ND QUARTER to FY'12, END OF 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 15. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2011, END OF 2ND QUARTER to FY'2012, END OF 1ST QUARTER)**



A. Demographics of Consumers in Placement

(Combined Counts from All Types of Placement)

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2012, 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'2012, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/11)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption				Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Gender:														
Female	1,604	48%	997	49%	1,116	48%	532	50%	117	45%	41	36%	4,407	48%
Male	1,745	52%	1,043	51%	1,222	52%	524	50%	141	55%	72	64%	4,747	52%
Unspecified	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	3,350	100%	2,040	100%	2,338	100%	1,056	100%	258	100%	113	100%	9,155	100%
Race:														
White	1,568	47%	984	48%	1,353	58%	179	17%	106	41%	---	---	4,190	46%
Black	394	12%	202	10%	387	17%	517	49%	46	18%	35	31%	1,581	17%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	1,093	33%	607	30%	318	14%	283	27%	67	26%	37	33%	2,405	26%
Asian	21	1%	88	4%	19	1%	22	2%	6	2%	37	33%	193	2%
Native American	5	*	3	*	5	*	2	*	---	---	---	---	15	*
Other ⁽⁴⁾	1	*	2	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	*
Multi-Racial	136	4%	86	4%	156	7%	22	2%	19	7%	---	---	419	5%
Unable to Determine	131	4%	68	3%	100	4%	31	3%	14	5%	4	4%	348	4%
Unspecified	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	3,350	100%	2,040	100%	2,338	100%	1,056	100%	258	100%	113	100%	9,155	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.

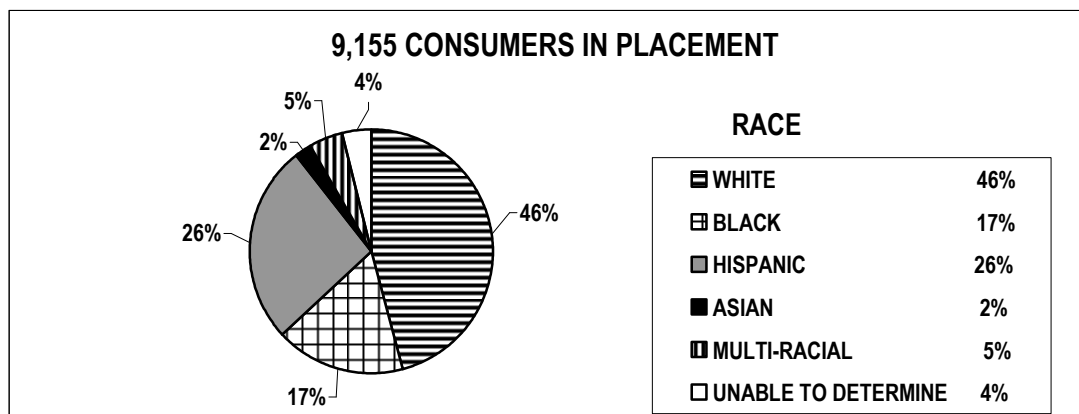
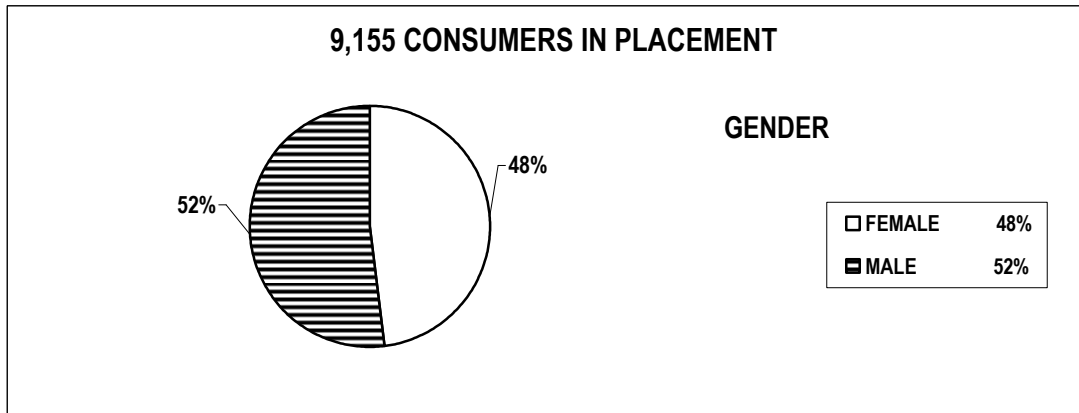
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⁽³⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽⁴⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

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'2012, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/11)**



- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DCF Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 36% to 41%. (**Table 12B** on page 30)
- The number of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 226 in the Boston Region to 458 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) (21%). The Boston and Northern 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 9/30/2011, 41% of the statewide placement population had a length of stay of more than 2 years,¹² 21% had been in continuous care between 1 and 2 years, and 38% 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 (46% and 43%, respectively). The West and South had the highest proportions of consumers in care for one year or less (41%). (**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. 40% for Hispanic, 40% for White, 35% 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 54% of all consumers in placement for more than 4 years and another 26% who were in placement for 2-4 years (**Table 13C** on page 33).
- Twenty-eight percent of Black consumers in placement had a goal of “Family Reunification,” compared to 33% 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—29% Black vs. 18% White and 21% Hispanic for APPLA; 21% Black vs. 27% White and 26% 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 (September 30, 2011).

**TABLE 12B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE
BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE: FY'2012, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/11)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region										Total			
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾				Other ⁽²⁾	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Age Group:														
(0 - 2 yrs)	544	16%	268	13%	340	15%	127	12%	45	17%	---	---	1,324	14%
(3 - 5 yrs)	453	14%	191	9%	318	14%	99	9%	60	23%	1	1%	1,122	12%
(6 - 11 yrs)	628	19%	303	15%	442	19%	169	16%	104	40%	9	8%	1,655	18%
(12 - 17 yrs)	1,272	38%	820	40%	836	36%	435	41%	49	19%	31	27%	3,443	38%
18 or older	453	14%	458	22%	402	17%	226	21%	---	---	72	64%	1,611	18%
Total	3,350	100%	2,040	100%	2,338	100%	1,056	100%	258	100%	113	100%	9,155	100%
Service Plan Goals:														
Family Reunification	1,126	34%	635	31%	813	35%	343	32%	2	1%	1	1%	2,920	32%
Adoption	942	28%	419	21%	574	25%	218	21%	240	93%	---	---	2,393	26%
APPLA ⁽³⁾	542	16%	506	25%	468	20%	283	27%	---	---	78	69%	1,877	21%
Permanent Care with Kin	236	7%	181	9%	189	8%	76	7%	---	---	28	25%	710	8%
Guardianship	212	6%	145	7%	148	6%	75	7%	13	5%	---	---	593	6%
Stabilization of Family	197	6%	104	5%	98	4%	49	5%	---	---	---	---	448	5%
Unspecified as of run-date	95	3%	50	2%	48	2%	12	1%	3	1%	6	5%	214	2%
Total	3,350	100%	2,040	100%	2,338	100%	1,056	100%	258	100%	113	100%	9,155	100%
Continuous Time in Care:														
(.5 yr or less)	831	25%	437	21%	615	26%	216	20%	2	1%	8	7%	2,109	23%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	526	16%	284	14%	350	15%	183	17%	20	8%	23	20%	1,386	15%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	411	12%	229	11%	299	13%	110	10%	31	12%	16	14%	1,096	12%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	306	9%	160	8%	180	8%	97	9%	36	14%	5	4%	784	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	662	20%	424	21%	457	20%	209	20%	96	37%	40	35%	1,888	21%
> 4 yrs	614	18%	506	25%	437	19%	241	23%	73	28%	21	19%	1,892	21%
Total	3,350	100%	2,040	100%	2,338	100%	1,056	100%	258	100%	113	100%	9,155	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.

⁽³⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

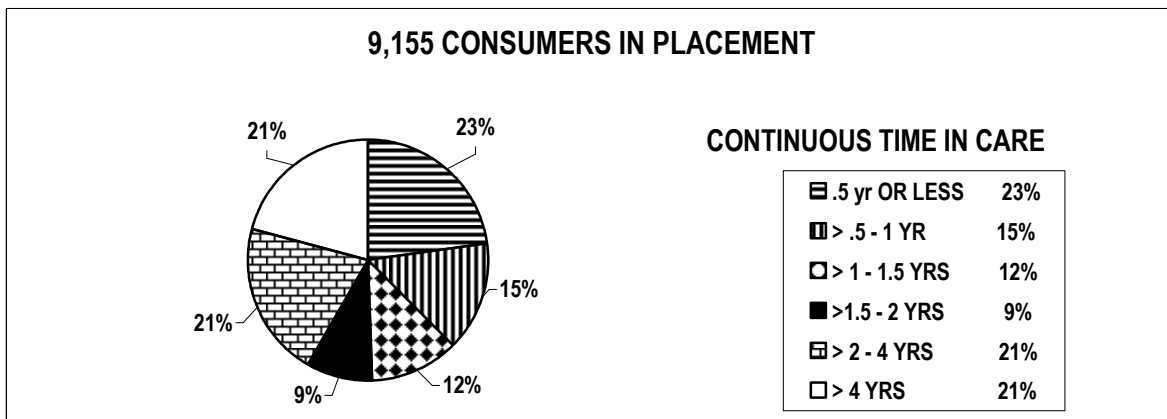
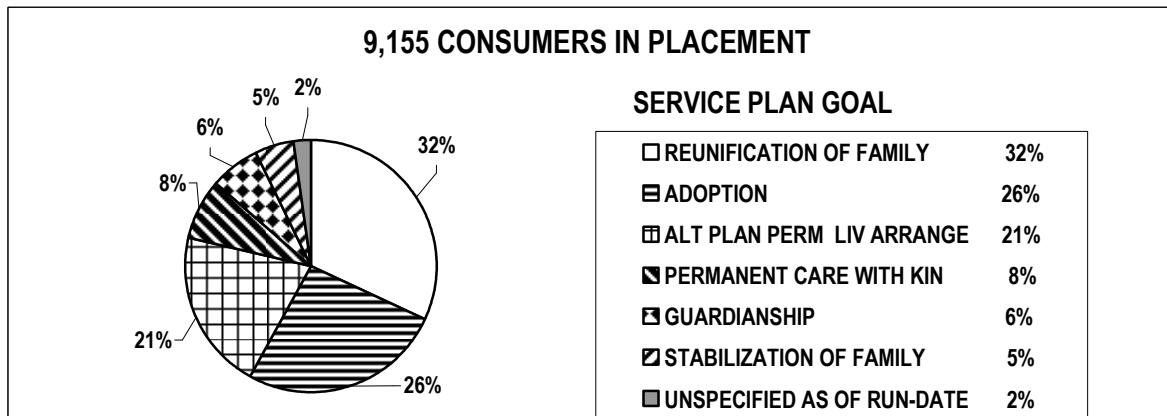
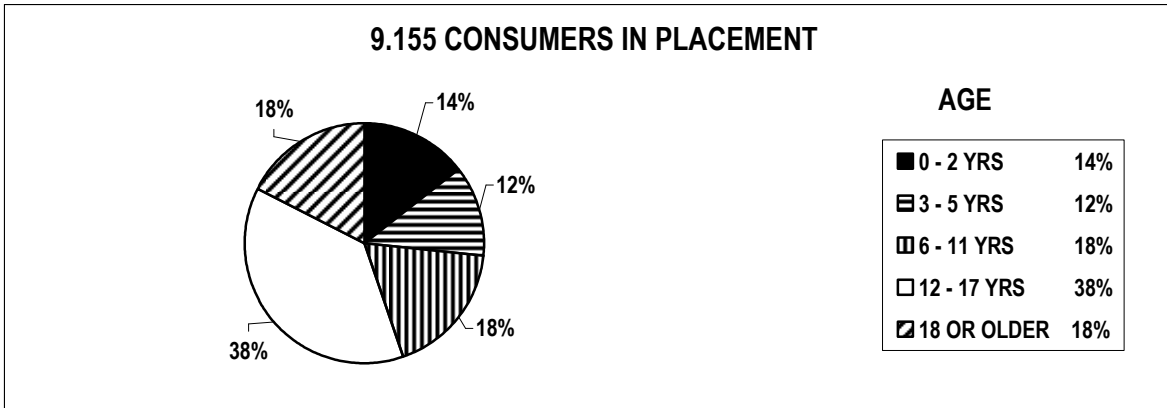
**TABLE 13A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2012, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/11)**

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers										Total									
	White		Black		Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾		Native American		Other ⁽²⁾				Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine		Missing			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
(.5 yr or less)	991	24%	318	20%	571	24%	27	14%	2	13%	2	67%	85	20%	112	32%	1	100%	2,109	23%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	667	16%	217	14%	342	14%	21	11%	2	13%	---	---	84	20%	53	15%	---	---	1,386	15%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	539	13%	142	9%	285	12%	18	9%	4	27%	---	---	51	12%	57	16%	---	---	1,096	12%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	329	8%	109	7%	227	9%	29	15%	1	7%	---	---	54	13%	35	10%	---	---	784	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	833	20%	381	24%	467	19%	68	35%	5	33%	---	---	83	20%	51	15%	---	---	1,888	21%
> 4 yrs	831	20%	414	26%	513	21%	30	16%	1	7%	1	33%	62	15%	40	11%	---	---	1,892	21%
Total	4,190	100%	1,581	100%	2,405	100%	193	100%	15	100%	3	100%	419	100%	348	100%	1	100%	9,155	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'2012, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/11)**



**TABLE 13B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND AGE GROUP:
STATEWIDE FY'2012, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/11)**

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	644	15%	521	12%	770	18%	1,574	38%	681	16%	4,190	100%
Black	154	10%	144	9%	263	17%	632	40%	388	25%	1,581	100%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	322	13%	294	12%	451	19%	924	38%	414	17%	2,405	100%
Asian	13	7%	15	8%	23	12%	81	42%	61	32%	193	100%
Native American	3	20%	5	33%	1	7%	5	33%	1	7%	15	100%
Other ⁽²⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	100%	---	---	3	100%
Multi-Racial	75	18%	80	19%	93	22%	136	32%	35	8%	419	100%
Unable to Determine	112	32%	63	18%	54	16%	88	25%	31	9%	348	100%
Missing	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	100%
Total	1,324	14%	1,122	12%	1,655	18%	3,443	38%	1,611	18%	9,155	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'2012, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/11)**

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)	480	36%	290	26%	376	23%	888	26%	75	5%	2,109	23%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	327	25%	174	16%	258	16%	543	16%	84	5%	1,386	15%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	242	18%	161	14%	212	13%	386	11%	95	6%	1,096	12%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	150	11%	132	12%	139	8%	283	8%	80	5%	784	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	125	9%	309	28%	437	26%	605	18%	412	26%	1,888	21%
> 4 yrs	---	---	56	5%	233	14%	738	21%	865	54%	1,892	21%
Total	1,324	100%	1,122	100%	1,655	100%	3,443	100%	1,611	100%	9,155	100%

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

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2012 (“snapshot” on 9/30/11), the median time in continuous care was 1.2 years and the median¹⁴ age was 11.0 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
6/11	11.2	1.2	7,841
9/11	11.0	1.2	7,544

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 children in other racial categories. Median time in care for both Black and Asian children was slightly longer than median time in care for Hispanic children and White children. On 9/30/11, 46% 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	10.8	1.1	3,508
Black	12.8	1.4	1,193
Hispanic/Latino	11.2	1.3	1,992
Asian	14.4	1.6	132
Native American	4.3	1.4	14
Pacific Islander	-----	-----	3
Multi-Racial	7.9	1.3	384
Unable to Determine	4.7	1.0	318
Total	11.0	1.2	7,544

¹⁵ Hispanic/Latino includes children of any race.

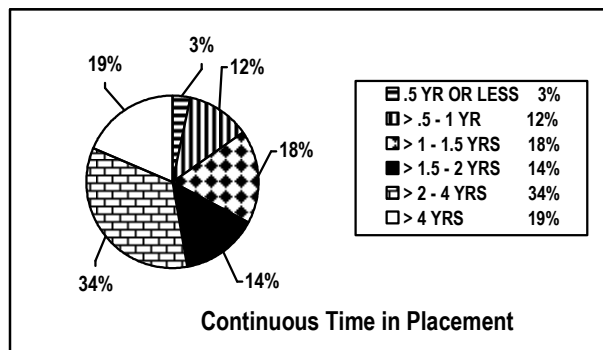
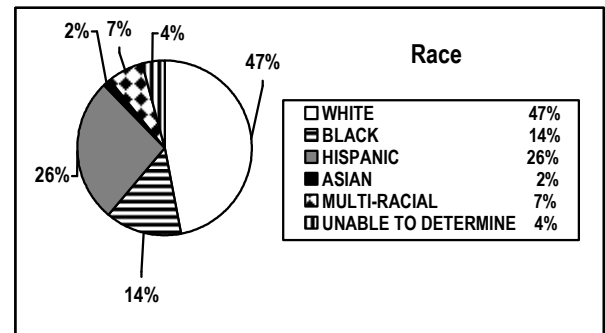
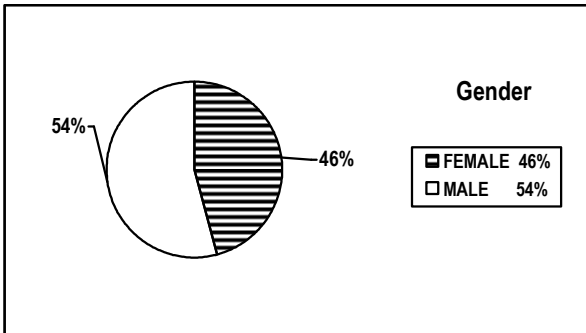
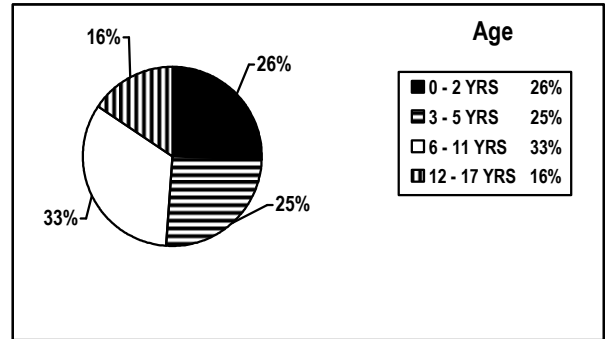
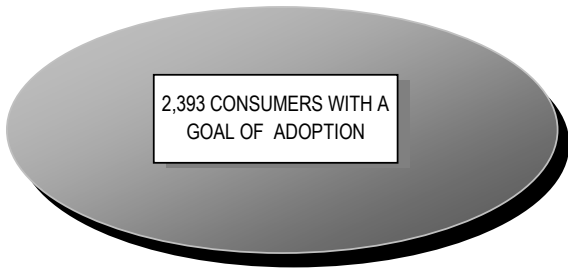
- The table below displays the median age and continuous time in care for all children less than 18 years old in placement on 9/30/2011. These children may have been in different types of placement prior to this quarter end-date.
- Excluding Pre-Adoptive foster children, Unrestricted and Kinship foster 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.
- Compared to other types of foster care, the six children in Independent Living had the highest median age. Their length of stay in placement was similar to the length of stay for Child Specific foster children. All of the children in Independent Living were between 17 and 18 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 (exception being Pre-adoptive 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 9/30/2011	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
Foster Care:			
Unrestricted	5.4	0.8	1,745
Kinship	6.1	1.0	1,737
Child Specific	11.3	1.4	402
Pre-Adoptive	4.8	2.3	471
Independent Living	17.8	1.5	6
IFC (contracted)	13.9	1.9	1,502
Congregate Care:			
Group Home	15.9	1.4	597
Residential	15.3	2.4	428
STARR	15.1	0.1	348
On the Run & Non-Referral Locations	-----	-----	308
Total	11.0	1.2	7,544

D. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,393 consumers (includes 3 youths over 18 years old) in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,121 (47%) were White, 339 (14%) were Black, 634 (26%) were Hispanic/Latino, 36 (2%) were Asian, 5 (<1%) were Native American, and 158 (7%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 100 (4%) consumers. (**Tables 14 and 15** on page 32, **Fig. 17** on next page)
- The age distribution of 2,393 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 26% age 0-2 years, 25% age 3-5 years, 33% age 6-11 years, and 16% age 12-17 years. (**Table 15, Fig. 17**)
- Fifty-four percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 46% 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-two 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'2012, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/11)**



- 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 two years, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has been stable at 31-32%. (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%
6/11	7,841	2,468	31%
9/11	7,544	2,390	32%

NOTES: Children are less than 18 years old
Revised statistics

¹⁶ Children are less than 18 years old.

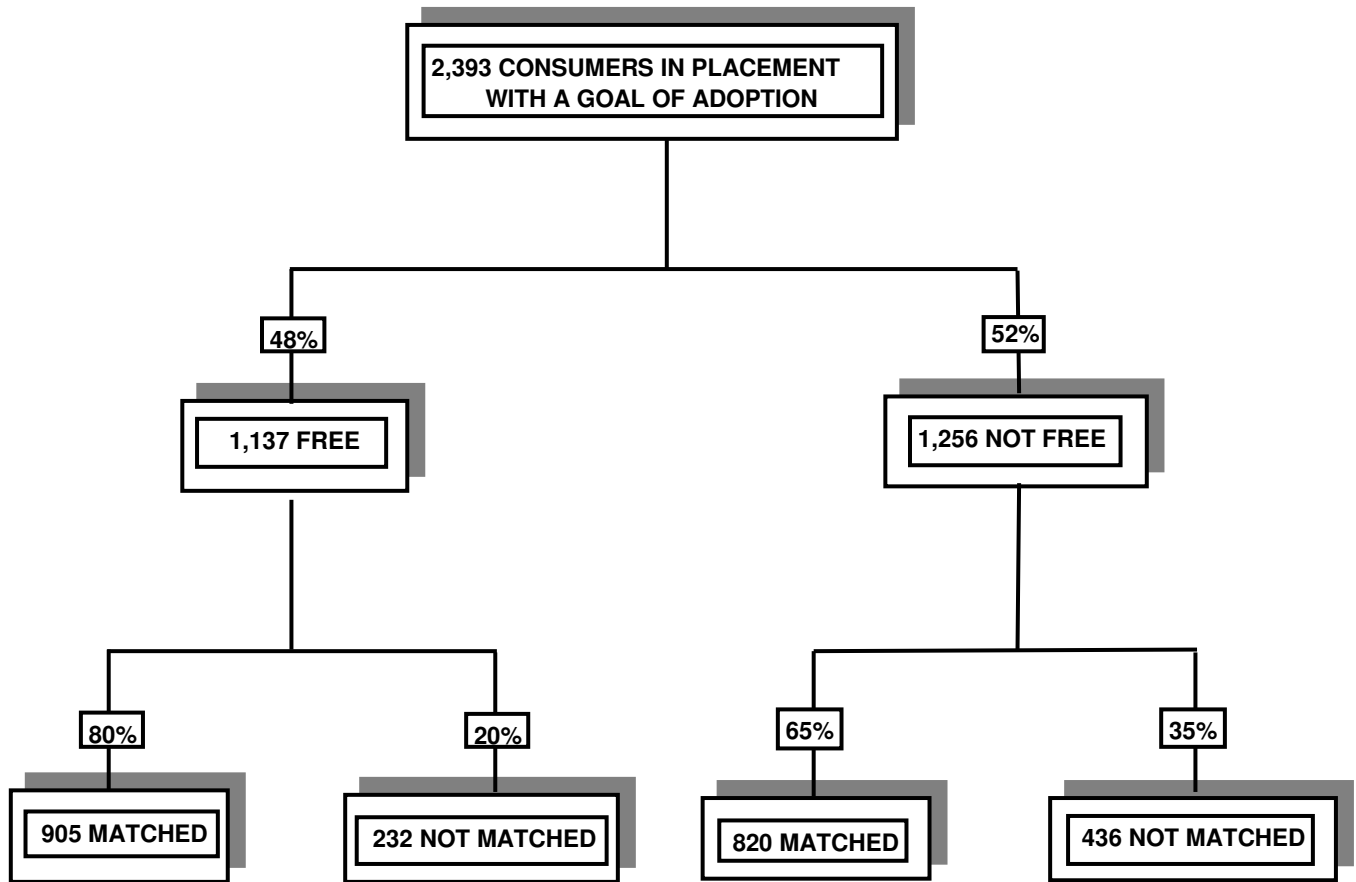
- Of the 2,393 “waiting” consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 48% were legally free for adoption. Eighty percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. (**Fig. 18** on next page)
- The adolescent age group had the highest proportion of children who were legally free for adoption (see table below). The larger 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.

Age Group (years)	Children in Placement 9/30/11		
	Children with Goal of Adoption & Legally Free for Adoption	All Children with Goal of Adoption	% Legally Free for Adoption
	No.	No.	%
0 – 2	252	612	41%
3 – 5	294	609	48%
6 – 11	393	797	49%
12 – 17	196	372	53%
Total	1,135	2,390	47%

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

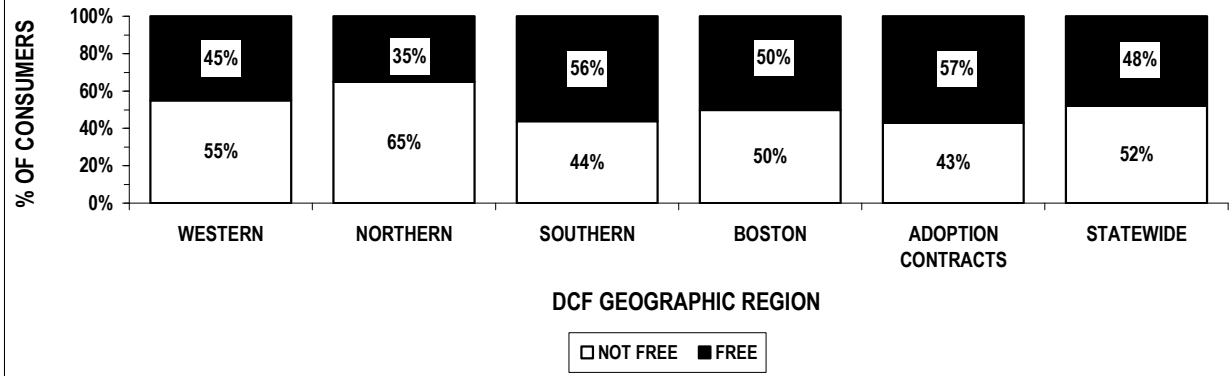
- Of those children with a goal of adoption who were not legally free for adoption (52%), 65% were matched to permanent families (**Fig. 18**).
- The Southern Region had the highest proportion (56%) of “waiting” children who were legally free for adoption. The proportion of legally free children ranged from 35% in the North to 56% in the South (**Fig. 19** on page 41). On an area office basis, Lawrence (77%) had the highest proportion of legally free children (**Appendix Table A8** on page 72).
- The Northern and Western Regions had the highest proportions of “waiting” children who were matched to a permanent family (76% and 75%, respectively). The proportion of children matched to a permanent family ranged from 63% in Boston to 76% in the North (**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 (90%), Van Wart (88%), and Arlington (88%) (**Appendix Table A9** on page 73).

**FIGURE 18. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION:
LEGAL STATUS AND MATCH STATUS
FY'2012, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/11)**

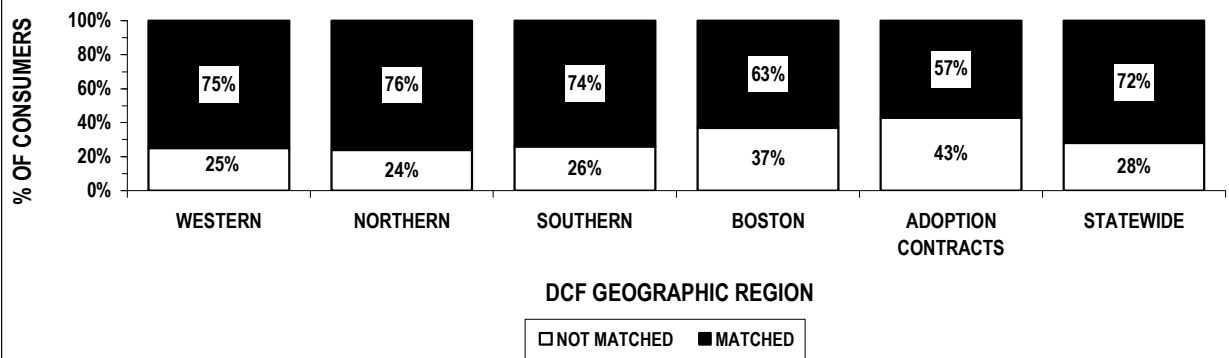


Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption
Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 19. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS
FY'2012, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/11)**

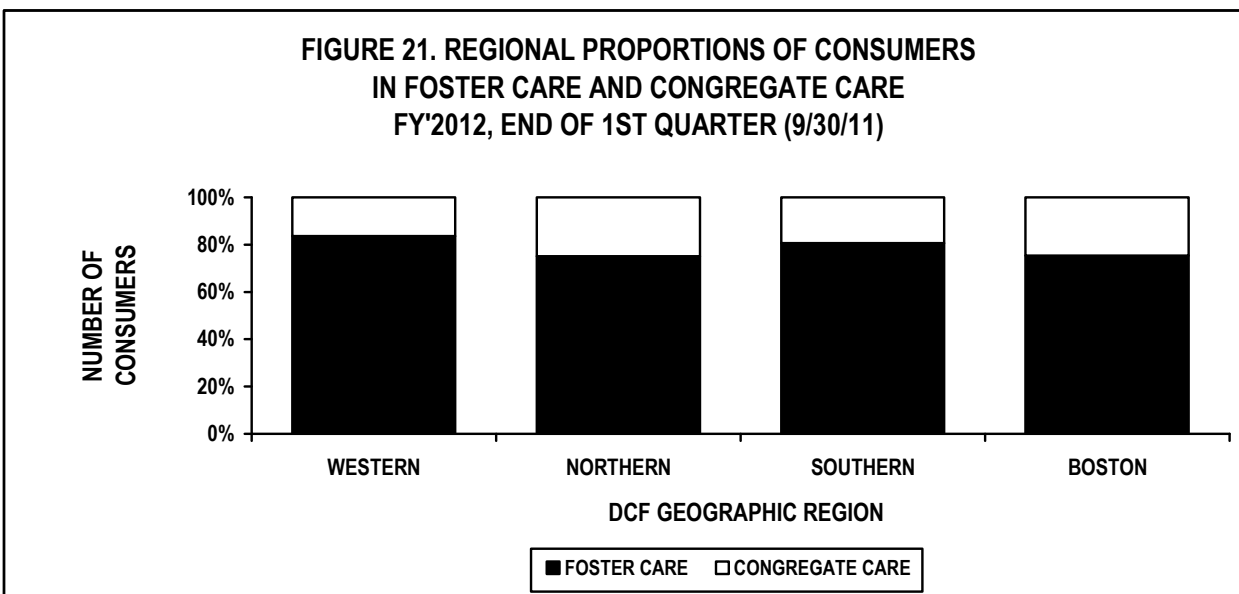


**FIGURE 20. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND WHETHER MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY
FY'2012, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/11)**



E. Foster and Congregate Care

- There were 7,083 consumers in foster care and 1,705 consumers in congregate care¹⁷ on the last day of the 1st Quarter of FY'2012. (Table 17A on page 44, Fig. 21)



- Adolescents (12-17 years) were the primary age group in foster care (26-31% range across regions) and congregate care (63-71% range across regions). (Table 17A)
- Adolescents were also the primary age group in “Other” placement locations¹⁸ (67-85% regional range). (Table 17A)
- The foster care racial proportions ranged from: White—19% in Boston to 58% in the South; Black—9% in the North to 48% in Boston; and Hispanic/Latino—13% 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 1,763 consumers in “Intensive” foster care¹⁹ (IFC) and 5,320 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (35% of consumers), kinship (34%), child specific (9%), pre-adoptive (9%), and independent living (14%).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 had the highest proportion 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 (789 consumers), residential (568), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)²¹ (348 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 Region. Children in STARR placements were more prevalent in the West and 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) (371 consumers), group home (290), and independent living (128). (**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'2012, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/11)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other ⁽²⁾		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western		2,710		529		111		3,350
	(0 - 2 yrs)	540	20%	---	---	4	4%	544
	(3 - 5 yrs)	447	16%	3	1%	3	3%	453
	(6 - 11 yrs)	548	20%	75	14%	5	5%	628
	(12 - 17 yrs)	809	30%	371	70%	92	83%	1,272
	18 or older	366	14%	80	15%	7	6%	453
Northern		1,470		488		82		2,040
	(0 - 2 yrs)	265	18%	1	*	2	2%	268
	(3 - 5 yrs)	187	13%	1	*	3	4%	191
	(6 - 11 yrs)	266	18%	31	6%	6	7%	303
	(12 - 17 yrs)	427	29%	338	69%	55	67%	820
	18 or older	325	22%	117	24%	16	20%	458
Southern		1,836		441		61		2,338
	(0 - 2 yrs)	338	18%	1	*	1	2%	340
	(3 - 5 yrs)	314	17%	4	1%	---	---	318
	(6 - 11 yrs)	397	22%	42	10%	3	5%	442
	(12 - 17 yrs)	470	26%	314	71%	52	85%	836
	18 or older	317	17%	80	18%	5	8%	402
Boston		746		244		66		1,056
	(0 - 2 yrs)	126	17%	---	---	1	2%	127
	(3 - 5 yrs)	97	13%	1	*	1	2%	99
	(6 - 11 yrs)	132	18%	35	14%	2	3%	169
	(12 - 17 yrs)	230	31%	153	63%	52	79%	435
	18 or older	161	22%	55	23%	10	15%	226
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		251		3		4		258
	(0 - 2 yrs)	45	18%	---	---	---	---	45
	(3 - 5 yrs)	60	24%	---	---	---	---	60
	(6 - 11 yrs)	100	40%	2	67%	2	50%	104
	(12 - 17 yrs)	46	18%	1	33%	2	50%	49
Other ⁽⁴⁾		70		---		43		113
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	1	2%	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	3	4%	---	---	6	14%	9
	(12 - 17 yrs)	16	23%	---	---	15	35%	31
	18 or older	51	73%	---	---	21	49%	72
Total		7,083		1,705		367		9,155

* = 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 the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**TABLE 17B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2012, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/11)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Foster Care						Foster Care Total	
		Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
		Intensive Foster Care	Other	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive		Unrestricted
Western		629	35	192	212	659	197	786	2,710
	(0 - 2 yrs)	20	4	24	---	161	70	261	540
	(3 - 5 yrs)	32	4	27	---	167	59	158	447
	(6 - 11 yrs)	119	3	41	---	172	54	159	548
	(12 - 17 yrs)	374	15	82	1	149	14	174	809
	18 or older	84	9	18	211	10	---	34	366
Northern		382	38	80	210	363	64	333	1,470
	(0 - 2 yrs)	28	2	18	---	90	23	104	265
	(3 - 5 yrs)	31	6	7	---	72	16	55	187
	(6 - 11 yrs)	79	6	9	---	93	16	63	266
	(12 - 17 yrs)	181	12	34	2	95	9	94	427
	18 or older	63	12	12	208	13	---	17	325
Southern		384	12	115	180	530	97	518	1,836
	(0 - 2 yrs)	22	1	12	---	119	27	157	338
	(3 - 5 yrs)	32	1	21	---	126	35	99	314
	(6 - 11 yrs)	78	2	16	---	156	26	119	397
	(12 - 17 yrs)	196	2	42	2	110	9	109	470
	18 or older	56	6	24	178	19	---	34	317
Boston		208	10	50	108	184	45	141	746
	(0 - 2 yrs)	4	---	14	---	51	13	44	126
	(3 - 5 yrs)	18	2	5	---	43	14	15	97
	(6 - 11 yrs)	45	2	6	---	48	15	16	132
	(12 - 17 yrs)	110	6	22	1	37	3	51	230
	18 or older	31	---	3	107	5	---	15	161
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		64	1	18	---	48	68	52	251
	(0 - 2 yrs)	1	---	2	---	7	14	21	45
	(3 - 5 yrs)	9	1	4	---	19	15	12	60
	(6 - 11 yrs)	29	---	7	---	21	29	14	100
	(12 - 17 yrs)	25	---	5	---	1	10	5	46
Other ⁽³⁾		---	---	4	31	---	---	35	70
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	1	---	---	---	2	3
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	3	---	---	---	13	16
	18 or older	---	---	---	31	---	---	20	51
Total		1,667	96	459	741	1,784	471	1,865	7,083

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

⁽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.

**TABLE 17C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY2012, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/11)**

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	148	98	16	139	5	123	529
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	3	3
(6 - 11 yrs)	11	11	---	25	---	28	75
(12 - 17 yrs)	127	57	---	93	2	92	371
18 or older	10	30	16	21	3	---	80
Northern	89	78	71	152	2	96	488
(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
(6 - 11 yrs)	13	2	---	10	---	6	31
(12 - 17 yrs)	70	62	15	103	---	88	338
18 or older	6	14	56	39	2	---	117
Southern	75	73	23	166	2	102	441
(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	4	4
(6 - 11 yrs)	15	3	---	13	---	11	42
(12 - 17 yrs)	59	50	5	112	2	86	314
18 or older	1	20	18	41	---	---	80
Boston	58	40	18	96	5	27	244
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
(6 - 11 yrs)	12	5	---	11	---	7	35
(12 - 17 yrs)	40	27	4	60	3	19	153
18 or older	6	8	14	25	2	---	55
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾	1	1	---	1	0	---	3
(6 - 11 yrs)	1	---	---	1	---	---	2
(12 - 17 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	1
Total	371	290	128	554	14	348	1,705

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

⁽²⁾ "Old" taxonomy includes teen pregnancy/parenting group home.

⁽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'2012, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/11)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Race	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other ⁽²⁾		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western		2,710		529		111		3,350
	White	1,246	46%	277	52%	45	41%	1,568
	Black	312	12%	62	12%	20	18%	394
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	889	33%	160	30%	44	40%	1,093
	Asian	19	2%	2	1%	---	---	21
	Native American	5	*	---	---	---	---	5
	Other ⁽⁴⁾	1	*	---	---	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	117	4%	17	3%	2	2%	136
	Unable to Determine	120	4%	11	2%	---	---	131
	Missing	1	*	---	---	---	---	1
Northern		1,470		488		82		2,040
	White	709	48%	237	49%	38	46%	984
	Black	134	9%	62	13%	6	7%	202
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	436	30%	146	30%	25	30%	607
	Asian	67	15%	12	8%	9	36%	88
	Native American	2	*	1	*	---	---	3
	Other ⁽⁴⁾	1	*	1	*	---	---	2
	Multi-Racial	68	5%	16	3%	2	2%	86
	Unable to Determine	53	4%	13	3%	2	2%	68
Southern		1,836		441		61		2,338
	White	1,057	58%	264	60%	32	52%	1,353
	Black	300	16%	77	17%	10	16%	387
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	247	13%	61	14%	10	16%	318
	Asian	11	4%	5	8%	3	30%	19
	Native American	5	*	---	---	---	---	5
	Multi-Racial	130	7%	22	5%	4	7%	156
	Unable to Determine	86	5%	12	3%	2	3%	100
Boston		746		244		66		1,056
	White	142	19%	29	12%	8	12%	179
	Black	357	48%	129	53%	31	47%	517
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	190	25%	69	28%	24	36%	283
	Asian	15	8%	4	6%	3	13%	22
	Native American	2	*	---	---	---	---	2
	Multi-Racial	18	2%	4	2%	---	---	22
	Unable to Determine	22	3%	9	4%	---	---	31
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁵⁾		251		3		4		258
	White	102	41%	2	67%	2	50%	106
	Black	46	18%	---	---	---	---	46
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	65	26%	---	---	2	50%	67
	Asian	6	9%	---	---	---	---	6
	Multi-Racial	18	7%	1	33%	---	---	19
	Unable to Determine	14	6%	---	---	---	---	14
Other ⁽⁶⁾		70				43		113
	Black	30	43%	---	---	5	12%	35
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	15	21%	---	---	22	51%	37
	Asian	24	34%	---	---	13	30%	37
	Unable to Determine	1	4%	---	---	3	23%	4
Total		7,083		1,705		367		9,155

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 the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**TABLE 18B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2012, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/11)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Foster Care							Foster Care Total
		Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
		Intensive Foster Care	Other	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
Western		629	35	192	212	659	197	786	2,710
	White	251	19	103	86	348	100	339	1,246
	Black	109	---	20	44	50	20	69	312
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾	221	13	53	68	191	61	282	889
	Asian	4	1	2	1	4	---	7	19
	Native American	---	1	1	1	1	---	1	5
	Other ⁽³⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	Multi-Racial	27	---	7	8	28	7	40	117
	Unable to Determine	17	1	6	4	37	9	46	120
	Missing	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
Northern		382	38	80	210	363	64	333	1,470
	White	179	20	35	97	202	34	142	709
	Black	35	5	5	39	21	6	23	134
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾	117	11	24	59	90	14	121	436
	Asian	16	---	2	12	21	---	16	67
	Native American	1	---	---	---	---	1	---	2
	Other ⁽³⁾	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	16	2	8	3	15	4	20	68
	Unable to Determine	17	---	6	---	14	5	11	53
Southern		384	12	115	180	530	97	518	1,836
	White	211	8	63	108	331	59	277	1,057
	Black	76	---	26	34	65	10	89	300
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾	54	4	9	24	66	10	80	247
	Asian	1	---	1	3	1	1	4	11
	Native American	2	---	1	---	1	---	1	5
	Multi-Racial	24	---	10	7	44	10	35	130
	Unable to Determine	16	---	5	4	22	7	32	86
Boston		208	10	50	108	184	45	141	746
	White	39	1	11	17	44	10	20	142
	Black	99	2	25	63	83	15	70	357
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾	53	6	12	23	42	15	39	190
	Asian	5	---	1	3	1	2	3	15
	Native American	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	2
	Multi-Racial	8	1	1	---	4	2	2	18
	Unable to Determine	4	---	---	2	8	1	7	22
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾		64	1	18		48	68	52	251
	White	26	---	5	---	21	28	22	102
	Black	13	---	2	---	8	12	11	46
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾	13	1	7	---	14	21	9	65
	Asian	1	---	---	---	---	5	---	6
	Multi-Racial	7	---	1	---	5	1	4	18
	Unable to Determine	4	---	3	---	---	1	6	14
Other ⁽⁵⁾		---	---	4	31	---	---	35	70
	Black	---	---	2	14	---	---	14	30
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾	---	---	---	11	---	---	4	15
	Asian	---	---	2	5	---	---	17	24
	Unable to Determine	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	1
Total		1,667	96	459	741	1,784	471	1,865	7,083

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

⁽²⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races.

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

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

⁽⁵⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**TABLE 18C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2012, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/11)**

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	148	98	16	139	5	123	529	
White	75	55	3	76	1	67	277	
Black	15	12	5	14	---	16	62	
Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	51	22	6	43	4	34	160	
Asian	---	2	---	---	---	---	2	
Multi-Racial	5	5	---	3	---	4	17	
Unable to Determine	2	2	2	3	---	2	11	
Northern	89	78	71	152	2	96	488	
White	45	43	37	78	---	34	237	
Black	11	8	9	17	2	15	62	
Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	27	19	21	44	---	35	146	
Asian	2	---	2	5	---	3	12	
Native American	---	1	---	---	---	---	1	
Other ⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	1	---	---	1	
Multi-Racial	4	5	2	3	---	2	16	
Unable to Determine	---	2	---	4	---	7	13	
Southern	75	73	23	166	2	102	441	
White	37	50	10	103	1	63	264	
Black	19	11	10	22	1	14	77	
Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	10	9	2	23	---	17	61	
Asian	1	1	---	2	---	1	5	
Multi-Racial	6	2	---	9	---	5	22	
Unable to Determine	2	---	1	7	---	2	12	
Boston	58	40	18	96	5	27	244	
White	8	4	2	13	---	2	29	
Black	30	21	9	55	1	13	129	
Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	15	10	6	24	3	11	69	
Asian	1	2	---	1	---	---	4	
Multi-Racial	---	2	1	---	---	1	4	
Unable to Determine	4	1	---	3	1	---	9	
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁶⁾	1	1	---	1	---	---	3	
White	1	---	---	1	---	---	2	
Multi-Racial	---	1	---	---	---	---	1	
Total	371	290	128	554	14	348	1,705	

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

⁽²⁾ "Old" taxonomy includes teen pregnancy/parenting group home.

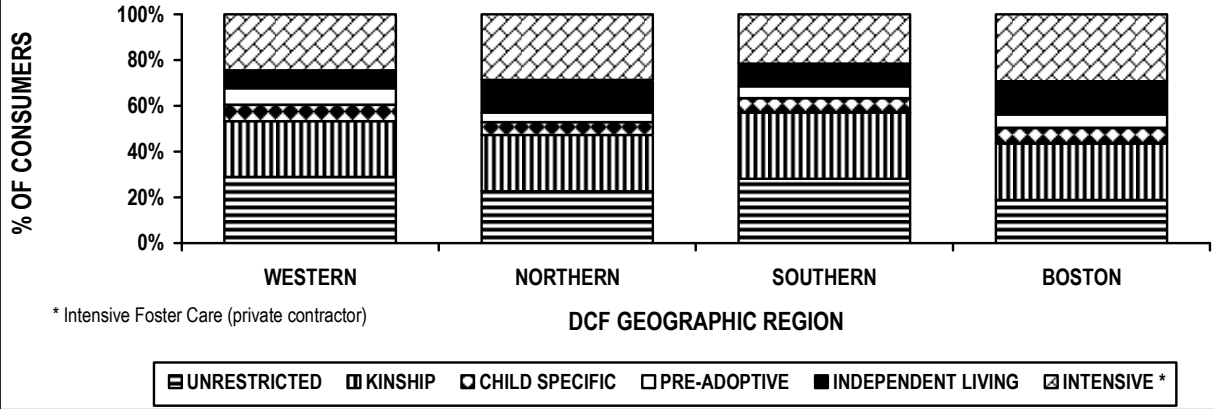
⁽³⁾ STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

⁽⁴⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races.

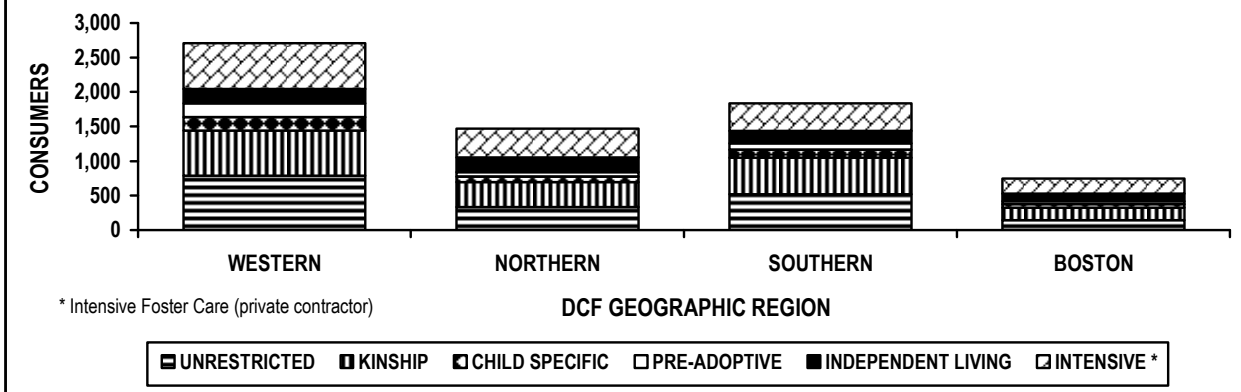
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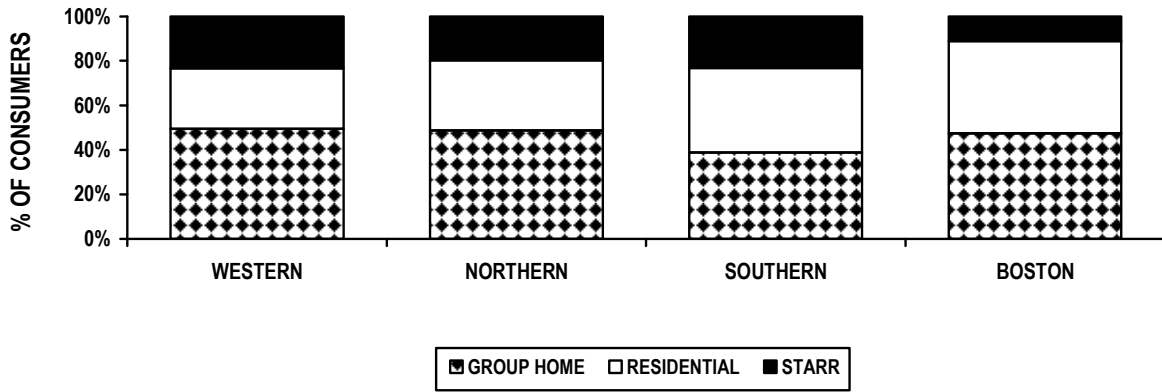
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FY'2012, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/11)**



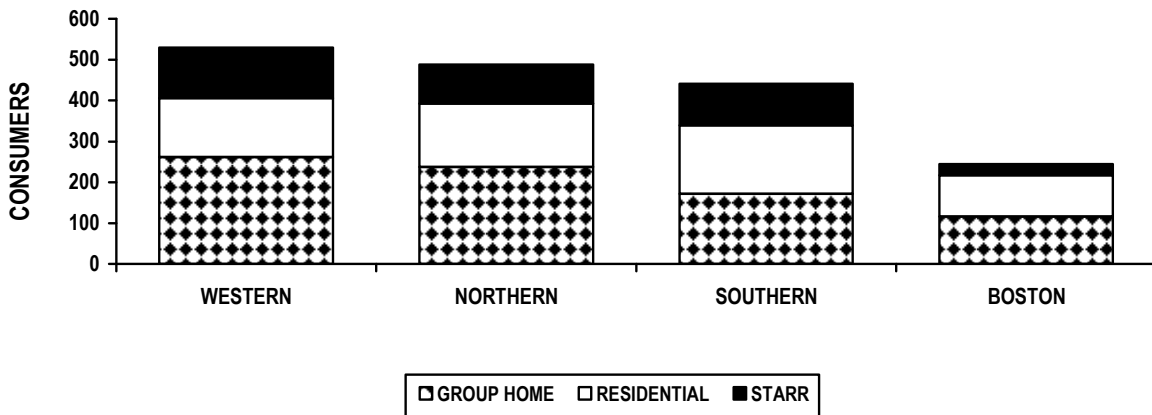
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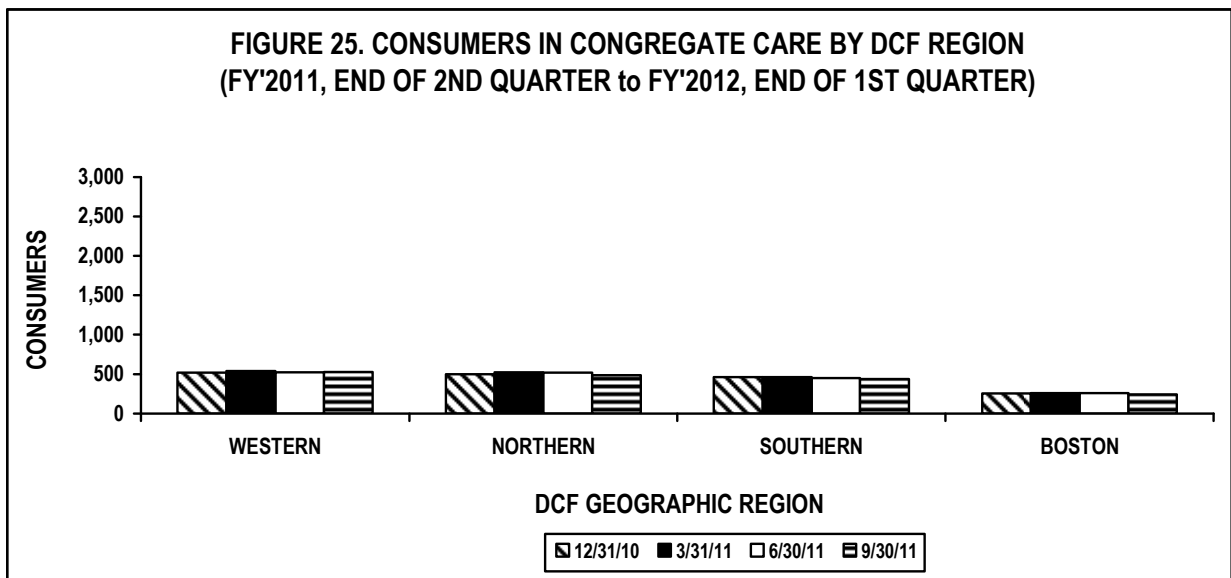
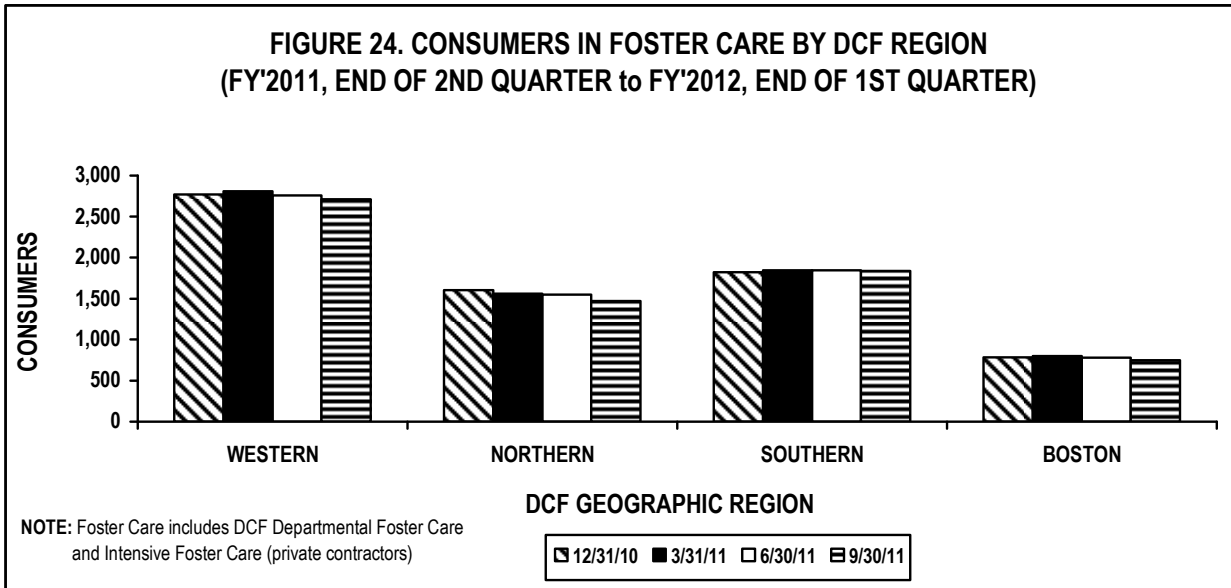
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**FIGURE 23B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
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- From the 4th Quarter of FY'2011 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2012, there were decreases of 3% and 4% in the foster and congregate care populations, respectively (**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 A1** on page 66).



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

F. Independent Living

Of the 7,083 consumers in foster care, 741 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. Placement services 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 9/30/2011, the ages of these children ranged from 17 to 23 years old.

Of the 1,705 consumers in congregate care, 128 were in the group home category of “Independent Living.” This placement service 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 9/30/2011, the ages of these children ranged from 16 to 21 years old.

- The Northern Region had the highest number of independent living children (210 in foster care and 71 in group homes). (See table below).
- Of the 741 youth in Departmental foster care, 99% were 18 years or older, 61% were female, 42% were White, 26% were Black, 25% were Hispanic/Latino, and 76% had spent more than two years in continuous substitute care. (See table on next page)
- Of the 128 youth in group homes, 81% were 18 years or older, 54% were female, 41% were White, 26% were Black, 27% were Hispanic/Latino, and 77% 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.	%
212	29%	Western	16	13%
210	28%	Northern	71	55%
180	24%	Southern	23	18%
108	15%	Boston	18	14%
31	4%	Central Office	---	---
741	100%	TOTAL	128	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>		
6	1%	16-17 years	24	19%
735	99%	18 years or Older	104	81%
		<i>Gender</i>		
292	39%	Male	59	46%
449	61%	Female	69	54%
		<i>Race</i>		
308	42%	White	52	41%
194	26%	Black	33	26%
185	25%	Hispanic/Latino	35	27%
24	3%	Asian	2	2%
1	*	Native American	---	---
18	2%	Multi-Racial	3	2%
11	1%	Undetermined	3	2%
		<i>Continuous Time in Care</i>		
96	13%	1 year or less	9	7%
78	11%	>1 – 2 years	21	16%
211	28%	>2 – 4 years	24	19%
356	48%	>4 years	74	58%

* = 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, 23% of all children in placement were in kinship care. The Fall River (36%), North Central (34%), Haverhill (33%), and Coastal (32%) Area Offices had the highest proportions of placement children in kinship. **(Table 19A on next page)**
- Statewide, 26% of White, 20% of Hispanic/Latino, and 18% 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, Greenfield (32%) had the largest proportion of Hispanic/Latino children in kinship care. **(Table 19B)**
- Of those area offices with more than 30 Black children in placement, Fall River (34%) had the largest proportion 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'2012, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/11)**

DCF Region/Area	Kinship	Total Children in Placement	% in Kinship
Greenfield	61	266	23%
Holyoke	83	330	25%
North Central	118	351	34%
Pittsfield	76	308	25%
Robert Van Wart	60	357	17%
South Central	60	257	23%
Springfield	75	405	19%
Worcester East	61	322	19%
Worcester West	55	295	19%
Contracted Agencies	---	6	---
Western	649	2,897	22%
Cambridge	24	117	21%
Cape Ann	40	188	21%
Framingham	44	191	23%
Haverhill	46	139	33%
Lawrence	26	176	15%
Lowell	96	368	26%
Lynn	46	228	20%
Malden	28	174	16%
Contracted Agencies	---	1	---
Northern	350	1,582	22%
Arlington	34	143	24%
Brockton	51	245	21%
Cape Cod	56	223	25%
Coastal	61	192	32%
Fall River	129	363	36%
New Bedford	75	365	21%
Plymouth	51	201	25%
Taunton/Attleboro	54	203	27%
Contracted Agencies	---	1	---
Southern	511	1,936	26%
Dimock Street	53	222	24%
Harbor	34	205	17%
Hyde Park	45	184	24%
Park Street	47	216	22%
Contracted Agencies	---	3	---
Boston	179	830	22%
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	48	258	19%
Other ⁽³⁾	---	41	---
Total	1,737	7,544	23%

⁽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.

**TABLE 19B. RACE OF CHILDREN ⁽¹⁾ IN KINSHIP PLACEMENTS COMPARED TO ALL PLACEMENTS:
FY'2012, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/11)**

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	39	3	12	191	12	38	20%	25%	32%
Holyoke	24	6	42	90	29	188	27%	21%	22%
North Central	75	4	21	192	24	103	39%	17%	20%
Pittsfield	55	3	8	206	17	34	27%	18%	24%
Robert Van Wart	30	6	19	178	34	112	17%	18%	17%
South Central	43	2	10	190	8	49	23%	25%	20%
Springfield	13	14	40	58	105	208	22%	13%	19%
Worcester East	29	11	21	131	52	111	22%	21%	19%
Worcester West	32	---	18	136	27	104	24%	---	17%
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	1	---	3	---	---	---
Western	340	49	191	1,373	308	950	25%	16%	20%
Cambridge	10	3	9	45	24	38	22%	13%	24%
Cape Ann	28	2	8	143	9	26	20%	22%	31%
Framingham	19	8	12	101	21	50	19%	38%	24%
Haverhill	35	2	6	89	8	29	39%	25%	21%
Lawrence	7	---	18	45	3	122	16%	---	15%
Lowell	47	3	26	159	17	122	30%	18%	21%
Lynn	27	2	8	87	25	70	31%	8%	11%
Malden	21	1	---	99	27	19	21%	4%	---
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---
Northern	194	21	87	768	134	477	25%	16%	18%
Arlington	21	2	4	76	23	28	28%	9%	14%
Brockton	25	11	11	95	85	29	26%	13%	38%
Cape Cod	36	1	7	137	19	19	26%	5%	37%
Coastal	34	8	7	122	28	13	28%	29%	54%
Fall River	83	17	15	195	50	68	43%	34%	22%
New Bedford	44	9	13	191	54	77	23%	17%	17%
Plymouth	35	5	6	156	23	9	22%	22%	67%
Taunton/Attleboro	42	7	1	140	20	21	30%	35%	5%
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---
Southern	320	60	64	1,113	302	264	29%	20%	24%
Dimock Street	6	29	15	25	124	60	24%	23%	25%
Harbor	18	2	9	77	17	86	23%	12%	10%
Hyde Park	8	28	7	18	128	32	44%	22%	22%
Park Street	12	21	9	26	120	49	46%	18%	18%
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	3	---	---	---	---	---
Boston	44	80	40	149	389	227	30%	21%	18%
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	21	8	14	106	46	67	20%	17%	21%
Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	14	6	---	---	---
Total	919	218	396	3,509	1,193	1,991	26%	18%	20%

⁽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 the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

VI. CONSUMERS ENTERING AND LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER

- During the 1st Quarter of FY'2012, 1,564 consumers entered placement and 2,008 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 4th Quarter of FY'2011, there was an 11% decrease in consumers entering placement and a 10% decrease in consumers leaving placement during the 1st Quarter of FY'2012.

A. Entries to Placement

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 1st Quarter of FY'2012, 60% were first-time entrants and 40% were re-entrants.²⁵ Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 56% in Boston to 62% in the West. (Table 20, Fig. 26 on page 59)
- Across the state, 67% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 28% were placed in congregate care,²⁶ and 4% were placed in non-referral locations.²⁷
- Regionally, the proportion of all entrants placed in foster care ranged from 55% in the North to 75% in the West. In contrast, the proportion of all entrants placed in congregate care ranged from 21% in the West to 41% 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-three percent of first-time entrants and 59% of re-entrants were placed in foster care. Conversely, 35% of re-entrants and 24% 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.

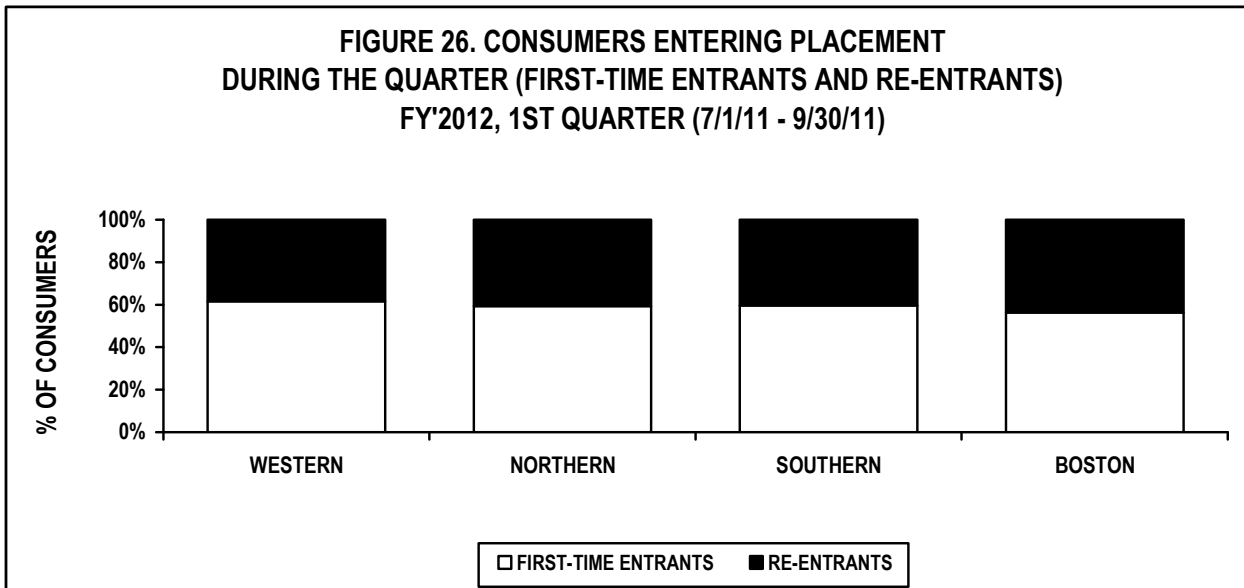
**TABLE 20. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2012, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/11 - 9/30/11)**

Entry Type: Placement Location Started	DCF Geographic Region					Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Other ⁽¹⁾	
First-Time Entrants:	401	204	250	80	7	942
Foster Care	322	126	184	50	4	686
Congregate Care	68	70	58	25	1	222
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	11	8	8	5	2	34
Re-Entrants:	249	140	169	62	2	622
Foster Care	168	62	102	35	1	368
Congregate Care	69	71	56	23	---	219
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	12	7	11	4	1	35
Total	650	344	419	142	9	1,564

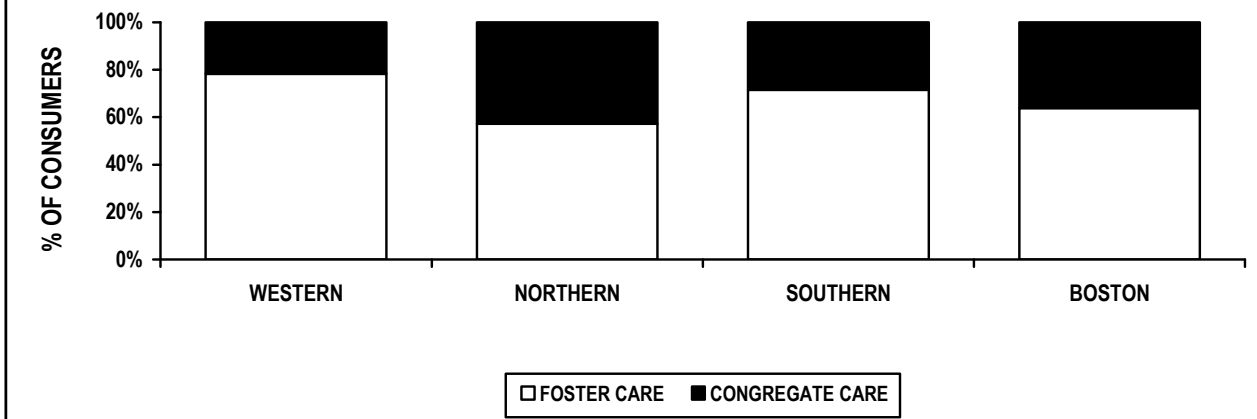
⁽¹⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

⁽²⁾ Includes hospitals and other state agencies.

**FIGURE 26. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT
DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS)
FY'2012, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/11 - 9/30/11)**



**FIGURE 27. ALL CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT
DURING THE QUARTER TO FOSTER AND CONGREGATE CARE
FY'2012, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/11 - 9/30/11)**



B. Exits from Placement

- Statewide, 62% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 57% in Boston to 64% in the North. **(Table 21)**
- Statewide, 10% of consumers leaving placement were emancipated, 10% were adopted, and 4% were granted guardianships. **(Table 21)**
- The proportion of consumers leaving placement who were emancipated ranged from 6% in the West to 16% in Boston. The proportion adopted ranged from 9% in the West to 12% in both the South and Boston. The proportion granted guardianships ranged from 2% in the North to 6% in the West. **(Table 21)**

**TABLE 21. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2012, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/11 - 9/30/11)**

Reason Placement Ended	DCF Geographic Region				Other ⁽¹⁾	Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston		
Child Returned Home	502	317	293	124	1	1,237
Consumer Adopted	72	51	56	25	1	205
Child 18 or Older	51	66	47	35	3	202
Guardianship	46	11	24	7	---	88
Custody to Other Individual	36	13	7	2	---	58
Child on the Run	5	1	1	3	---	10
Custody to Other Agency	1	1	3	2	---	7
Consumer Deceased	1	---	---	---	---	1
Unspecified	100	33	46	19	2	200
Total	814	493	477	217	7	2,008

⁽¹⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

VII. FOSTER HOME DEMOGRAPHICS²⁸

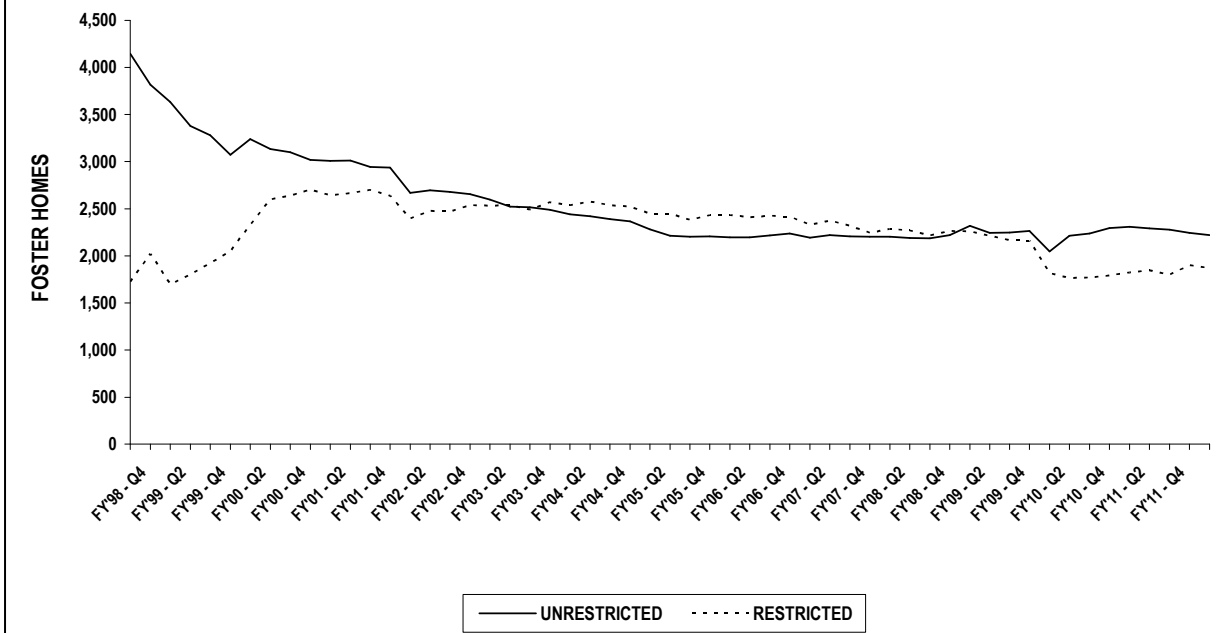
- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2012, there were 4,093 foster homes under the direct supervision of DCF. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes²⁹ as well as unrestricted homes.³⁰ There were 1,872 restricted and 2,221 in unrestricted foster homes at the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2012—a decrease of 1% in both restricted and 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 1st Quarter of FY'2012, 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, 57% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White and 50% were married. (**Tables 22 and 23**)
- Ten percent (428) of all foster homes were identified as Black (212 restricted and 216 unrestricted). (**Table 22**)
- Fifteen percent (614) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (264 restricted and 350 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 1ST QUARTER OF FY'2012 (9/30/11)**



**TABLE 22. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2012, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/11)**

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region								Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		No.	%
Restricted	684		410		600		178		1,872	
White	368	54%	264	64%	403	67%	37	21%	1,072	57%
Black	38	6%	26	6%	52	9%	96	54%	212	11%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	137	20%	65	16%	35	6%	27	15%	264	14%
Asian	3	*	16	4%	2	*	1	1%	22	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	3	1%	---	---	3	*
Multi-Racial	5	1%	4	1%	6	1%	1	1%	16	1%
Unable to Determine ⁽³⁾	133	19%	34	8%	99	17%	16	9%	282	15%
Missing	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	1	*
Unrestricted	873		461		693		194		2,221	
White	581	67%	329	71%	551	80%	63	32%	1,524	69%
Black	57	7%	25	5%	54	8%	80	41%	216	10%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	188	22%	67	15%	52	8%	43	22%	350	16%
Asian	2	*	11	2%	1	*	2	1%	16	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	3	*	---	---	3	*
Other ⁽²⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1%	1	*
Multi-Racial	6	1%	3	1%	4	1%	1	1%	14	1%
Unable to Determine ⁽³⁾	39	4%	26	6%	26	4%	4	2%	95	4%
Missing	---	---	---	---	2	*	---	---	2	*
Total	1,557		871		1,293		372		4,093	

⁽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'2012, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/11)**

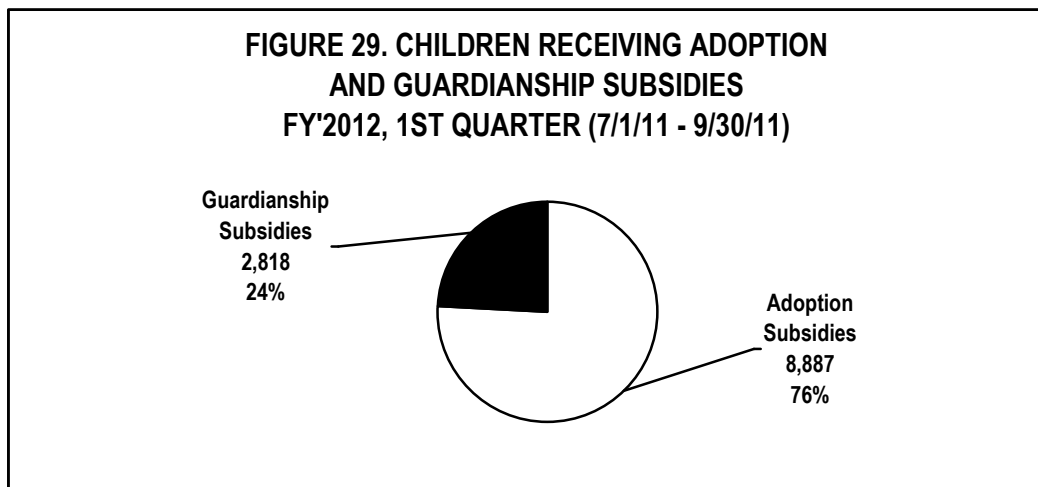
Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region								Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		No.	%
	No	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Restricted	684		410		600		178		1,872	
Married	360	53%	211	51%	320	53%	53	30%	944	50%
Single	209	31%	123	30%	179	30%	94	53%	605	32%
Divorced	69	10%	43	10%	67	11%	12	7%	191	10%
Widowed	23	3%	19	5%	21	4%	9	5%	72	4%
Separated	22	3%	12	3%	12	2%	10	6%	56	3%
Unspecified	1	*	2	*	1	*	---	---	4	*
Unrestricted	873		461		693		194		2,221	
Married	592	68%	272	59%	460	66%	75	39%	1,399	63%
Single	155	18%	114	25%	120	17%	77	40%	466	21%
Divorced	92	11%	56	12%	79	11%	31	16%	258	12%
Widowed	18	2%	10	2%	21	3%	5	3%	54	2%
Separated	15	2%	5	1%	12	2%	6	3%	38	2%
Unspecified	1	*	4	*	1	*	---	---	6	*
Total	1,557		871		1,293		372		4,093	

* = 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 1st Quarter of FY'2012, the total number of children receiving adoption subsidies was 8,887 (**Fig. 29**). Guardianship subsidies totaled 2,818. These counts represent subsidies that had a payment during the quarter, i.e., the number with service referrals actively paying out.



From the 4th Quarter of FY'2011 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2012, adoption subsidies declined 1% and guardianship subsidies decreased 2%. 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'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	*
FY'2012	1 st	8,887	-1%	2,818	-2%

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

IX. APPENDIX

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

Month/Year	All Consumers	All Children <18 yrs	Children in Placement <18 yrs	All Adults >18 yrs	Month/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	3/2011	71,324	36,812	7,957	34,512
1/1998	70,092	40,574	11,227	29,518	6/2011	72,088	37,162	7,841	34,926
9/1998	68,331	38,507	10,503	29,824	9/2011	67,805	34,724	7,544	33,081

Note: revised counts

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

**TABLE A2. CASE OPENINGS ⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2012, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/11 - 9/30/11)**

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	49	72%	4	6%	1	1%	---	---	14	21%	68
Holyoke	65	86%	---	---	2	3%	3	4%	6	8%	76
North Central	105	89%	---	---	4	3%	6	5%	3	3%	118
Pittsfield	77	91%	1	1%	4	5%	1	1%	2	2%	85
Robert Van Wart	110	87%	5	4%	1	1%	---	---	10	8%	126
South Central	63	85%	6	8%	4	5%	1	1%	---	---	74
Springfield	95	79%	8	7%	---	---	3	2%	15	12%	121
Worcester East	76	78%	12	12%	---	---	8	8%	1	1%	97
Worcester West	91	96%	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	4%	95
Contracted Agencies	1	50%	---	---	---	---	1	50%	---	---	2
Western	732	85%	36	4%	16	2%	23	3%	55	6%	862
Cambridge	57	93%	1	2%	---	---	1	2%	2	3%	61
Cape Ann	40	71%	---	---	7	13%	7	13%	2	4%	56
Framingham	70	95%	2	3%	---	---	---	---	2	3%	74
Haverhill	23	79%	1	3%	2	7%	2	7%	1	3%	29
Lawrence	10	45%	4	18%	1	5%	1	5%	6	27%	22
Lowell	87	87%	2	2%	2	2%	---	---	9	9%	100
Lynn	27	68%	7	18%	---	---	1	3%	5	13%	40
Malden	45	82%	---	---	3	5%	2	4%	5	9%	55
Northern	359	82%	17	4%	15	3%	14	3%	32	7%	437
Arlington	32	71%	5	11%	8	18%	---	---	---	---	45
Brockton	73	88%	5	6%	2	2%	---	---	3	4%	83
Cape Cod	54	81%	3	4%	1	1%	5	7%	4	6%	67
Coastal	65	90%	2	3%	1	1%	---	---	4	6%	72
Fall River	68	79%	5	6%	2	2%	2	2%	9	10%	86
New Bedford	91	92%	4	4%	---	---	---	---	4	4%	99
Plymouth	77	91%	4	5%	---	---	4	5%	---	---	85
Taunton/Attleboro	41	82%	3	6%	1	2%	2	4%	3	6%	50
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Southern	502	85%	31	5%	15	3%	13	2%	27	5%	588
Dimock Street	33	89%	1	3%	2	5%	---	---	1	3%	37
Harbor	56	86%	8	12%	---	---	---	---	1	2%	65
Hyde Park	43	78%	9	16%	1	2%	1	2%	1	2%	55
Park Street	51	78%	4	6%	5	8%	3	5%	2	3%	65
Boston	183	82%	22	10%	8	4%	4	2%	5	2%	222
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	100%	2
Other ⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	---	7	100%	---	---	---	---	7
Total:	1,776	84%	106	5%	61	3%	54	3%	121	6%	2,118

⁽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 the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**TABLE A3. CONSUMER OPENINGS DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE⁽¹⁾ TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2012, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/11 - 9/30/11)**

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Consumer Openings ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Protective ⁽²⁾		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other ⁽³⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	285	88%	13	4%	2	1%	3	1%	22	7%	325
Holyoke	429	89%	16	3%	7	1%	17	4%	11	2%	480
North Central	604	90%	---	---	32	5%	31	5%	5	1%	672
Pittsfield	533	92%	19	3%	6	1%	15	3%	4	1%	577
Robert Van Wart	592	94%	23	4%	5	1%	---	---	11	2%	631
South Central	397	86%	46	10%	9	2%	5	1%	3	1%	460
Springfield	673	88%	49	6%	---	---	20	3%	21	3%	763
Worcester East	485	87%	33	6%	18	3%	17	3%	3	1%	556
Worcester West	502	85%	57	10%	6	1%	21	4%	8	1%	594
Contracted Agencies	14	88%	---	---	---	---	2	13%	---	---	16
Western	4,514	89%	256	5%	85	2%	131	3%	88	2%	5,074
Cambridge	301	92%	5	2%	15	5%	3	1%	2	1%	326
Cape Ann	245	67%	---	---	38	10%	75	21%	5	1%	363
Framingham	370	94%	12	3%	4	1%	3	1%	4	1%	393
Haverhill	228	89%	11	4%	7	3%	9	4%	1	*	256
Lawrence	129	66%	43	22%	6	3%	5	3%	12	6%	195
Lowell	502	87%	20	3%	19	3%	1	*	37	6%	579
Lynn	203	74%	37	14%	8	3%	14	5%	11	4%	273
Malden	312	90%	---	---	12	3%	10	3%	11	3%	345
Northern	2,290	84%	128	5%	109	4%	120	4%	83	3%	2,730
Arlington	136	68%	24	12%	33	17%	7	4%	---	---	200
Brockton	500	88%	57	10%	5	1%	---	---	6	1%	568
Cape Cod	295	87%	16	5%	1	*	17	5%	9	3%	338
Coastal	383	94%	11	3%	2	*	5	1%	8	2%	409
Fall River	412	86%	31	6%	11	2%	6	1%	20	4%	480
New Bedford	613	90%	47	7%	4	1%	1	*	14	2%	679
Plymouth	450	87%	34	7%	---	---	31	6%	---	---	515
Taunton/Attleboro	266	89%	8	3%	7	2%	11	4%	7	2%	299
Southern	3,055	88%	228	7%	63	2%	78	2%	64	2%	3,488
Dimock Street	194	86%	19	8%	7	3%	---	---	6	3%	226
Harbor	340	86%	46	12%	4	1%	4	1%	1	*	395
Hyde Park	261	82%	43	14%	4	1%	6	2%	3	1%	317
Park Street	309	77%	39	10%	36	9%	18	4%	1	*	403
Boston	1,104	82%	147	11%	51	4%	28	2%	11	1%	1,341
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	100%	4
Total:	10,963	87%	759	6%	308	2%	357	3%	250	2%	12,637

* Less than 1% after rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ An unduplicated count of consumer 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.

TABLE A4. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2012, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/11 - 9/30/11)

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	262	50%	85	16%	15	3%	163	31%	525
Holyoke	242	43%	181	32%	21	4%	124	22%	568
North Central	215	41%	188	35%	6	1%	121	23%	530
Pittsfield	373	45%	248	30%	26	3%	178	22%	825
Robert Van Wart	317	46%	155	23%	18	3%	192	28%	682
South Central	346	58%	133	22%	9	2%	110	18%	598
Springfield	216	33%	254	39%	27	4%	156	24%	653
Worcester East	184	42%	182	42%	18	4%	53	12%	437
Worcester West	157	36%	198	46%	23	5%	54	13%	432
Contracted Agencies	2	67%	1	33%	---	---	---	---	3
Western	2,314	44%	1,625	31%	163	3%	1,151	22%	5,253
Cambridge	106	39%	77	29%	12	4%	74	28%	269
Cape Ann	196	53%	34	9%	5	1%	138	37%	373
Framingham	266	62%	50	12%	12	3%	99	23%	427
Haverhill	213	56%	45	12%	7	2%	113	30%	378
Lawrence	229	65%	47	13%	2	1%	75	21%	353
Lowell	284	50%	172	30%	36	6%	75	13%	567
Lynn	214	62%	43	12%	1	*	88	25%	346
Malden	155	49%	60	19%	9	3%	95	30%	319
Northern	1,663	55%	528	17%	84	3%	757	25%	3,032
Arlington	237	72%	25	8%	6	2%	60	18%	328
Brockton	184	44%	117	28%	6	1%	111	27%	418
Cape Cod	193	46%	93	22%	19	4%	118	28%	423
Coastal	213	50%	115	27%	6	1%	88	21%	422
Fall River	167	37%	152	34%	16	4%	116	26%	451
New Bedford	187	37%	192	38%	24	5%	104	21%	507
Plymouth	257	54%	98	21%	11	2%	112	23%	478
Taunton/Attleboro	130	39%	97	29%	10	3%	94	28%	331
Southern	1,568	47%	889	26%	98	3%	803	24%	3,358
Dimock Street	129	45%	95	33%	5	2%	55	19%	284
Harbor	138	41%	140	42%	4	1%	55	16%	337
Hyde Park	94	33%	98	34%	16	6%	78	27%	286
Park Street	146	47%	99	32%	16	5%	49	16%	310
Boston	507	42%	432	35%	41	3%	237	19%	1,217
Jude Baker Children's Center	2,327	41%	1,210	22%	939	17%	1,142	20%	5,618
Special Investigations	2	14%	12	86%	---	---	---	---	14
Total	8,381	45%	4,696	25%	1,325	7%	4,090	22%	18,492

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: FY2012, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/11 - 9/30/11)

DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Initial Assessment Decision				Total No.
	Supported		Unsupported		Concern		Low/No Concern		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Greefield	54	22%	34	14%	74	30%	82	34%	244
Holyoke	107	33%	84	26%	60	19%	72	22%	323
North Central	143	41%	79	23%	68	19%	60	17%	350
Pittsfield	137	38%	92	25%	33	9%	100	28%	362
Robert Van Wart	134	37%	42	12%	110	30%	75	21%	361
South Central	83	32%	61	23%	60	23%	59	22%	263
Springfield	160	36%	108	24%	65	15%	108	24%	441
Worcester East	132	51%	69	27%	20	8%	37	14%	258
Worcester West	161	51%	67	21%	33	10%	55	17%	316
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
Western	1,112	38%	636	22%	523	18%	648	22%	2,919
Cambridge	61	34%	33	18%	43	24%	45	25%	182
Cape Ann	22	11%	11	6%	65	33%	98	50%	196
Framingham	34	22%	7	4%	75	47%	42	27%	158
Haverhill	27	14%	19	10%	62	33%	82	43%	190
Lawrence	23	18%	14	11%	29	23%	59	47%	125
Lowell	134	45%	75	25%	34	11%	55	18%	298
Lynn	28	18%	14	9%	43	28%	71	46%	156
Malden	52	27%	31	16%	55	29%	53	28%	191
Northern	381	25%	204	14%	406	27%	505	34%	1,496
Arlington	19	16%	9	7%	32	26%	62	51%	122
Brockton	86	31%	44	16%	88	32%	61	22%	279
Cape Cod	48	19%	53	21%	54	22%	96	38%	251
Coastal	95	35%	58	22%	40	15%	75	28%	268
Fall River	102	34%	53	18%	48	16%	97	32%	300
New Bedford	138	38%	60	17%	98	27%	66	18%	362
Plymouth	61	25%	37	15%	60	25%	85	35%	243
Taunton/Attleboro	81	31%	60	23%	56	22%	63	24%	260
Southern	630	30%	374	18%	476	23%	605	29%	2,085
Dimock Street	60	34%	60	34%	19	11%	36	21%	175
Harbor	92	42%	70	32%	21	10%	34	16%	217
Hyde Park	71	32%	48	22%	35	16%	66	30%	220
Park Street	79	43%	37	20%	23	12%	46	25%	185
Boston	302	38%	215	27%	98	12%	182	23%	797
Judge Baker Children's Center	538	72%	207	28%	--	--	--	--	745
Special Investigations	63	20%	255	80%	--	--	--	--	318
Total	3,026	36%	1,891	23%	1,503	18%	1,940	23%	8,360

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

TABLE A6. MANDATORY AND DISCRETIONARY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: FY'2003 - FY'2012

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
FY'2012, Q1	630	51%	616	49%	1,246

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'2012, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/11)**

DCF Region/Area	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				Total No.
	Not Legally Free		Legally Free		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	30	48%	33	52%	63
Holyoke	71	62%	43	38%	114
North Central	70	57%	52	43%	122
Pittsfield	45	44%	57	56%	102
Robert Van Wart	60	53%	53	47%	113
South Central	45	46%	52	54%	97
Springfield	114	77%	34	23%	148
Worcester East	43	42%	59	58%	102
Worcester West	38	48%	41	52%	79
Contracted Agencies	2	100%	---	---	2
Western	518	55%	424	45%	942
Cambridge	11	50%	11	50%	22
Cape Ann	33	80%	8	20%	41
Framingham	18	45%	22	55%	40
Haverhill	42	86%	7	14%	49
Lawrence	13	23%	43	77%	56
Lowell	87	78%	25	22%	112
Lynn	43	61%	28	39%	71
Malden	25	89%	3	11%	28
Northern	272	65%	147	35%	419
Arlington	17	71%	7	29%	24
Brockton	28	47%	32	53%	60
Cape Cod	17	35%	32	65%	49
Coastal	21	38%	35	63%	56
Fall River	56	41%	82	59%	138
New Bedford	49	40%	72	60%	121
Plymouth	30	43%	39	57%	69
Taunton/Attleboro	37	65%	20	35%	57
Southern	255	44%	319	56%	574
Dimock Street	38	49%	39	51%	77
Harbor	32	43%	42	57%	74
Hyde Park	1	100%	---	---	1
Park Street	37	56%	29	44%	66
Boston	108	50%	110	50%	218
Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾	103	43%	137	57%	240
Total	1,256	52%	1,137	48%	2,393

⁽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'2012, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/11)

DCF Region/Area	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				Total No.
	Not Matched		Matched		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	15	24%	48	76%	63
Holyoke	23	20%	91	80%	114
North Central	40	33%	82	67%	122
Pittsfield	10	10%	92	90%	102
Robert Van Wart	13	12%	100	88%	113
South Central	28	29%	69	71%	97
Springfield	38	26%	110	74%	148
Worcester East	42	41%	60	59%	102
Worcester West	21	27%	58	73%	79
Contracted Agencies	2	100%		0%	2
Western	232	25%	710	75%	942
Cambridge	3	14%	19	86%	22
Cape Ann	13	32%	28	68%	41
Framingham	6	15%	34	85%	40
Haverhill	14	29%	35	71%	49
Lawrence	12	21%	44	79%	56
Lowell	18	16%	94	84%	112
Lynn	25	35%	46	65%	71
Malden	9	32%	19	68%	28
Northern	100	24%	319	76%	419
Arlington	3	13%	21	88%	24
Brockton	23	38%	37	62%	60
Cape Cod	9	18%	40	82%	49
Coastal	11	20%	45	80%	56
Fall River	53	38%	85	62%	138
New Bedford	31	26%	90	74%	121
Plymouth	10	14%	59	86%	69
Taunton/Attleboro	12	21%	45	79%	57
Southern	152	26%	422	74%	574
Dimock Street	12	16%	65	84%	77
Harbor	40	54%	34	46%	74
Hyde Park	1	100%	---	---	1
Park Street	28	42%	38	58%	66
Boston	81	37%	137	63%	218
Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾	103	43%	137	57%	240
Total	668	28%	1,725	72%	2,393

⁽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