

---

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

---

*Department of Children and Families*  
*Quarterly Report*

*Fiscal Year 2013*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter*

**10/1/2012 – 12/31/2012**

**Olga I. Roche**  
**Acting Commissioner**

**Prepared by:**  
**Antone C. Felix, Data Analyst**  
**Walter E. Taylor, Information Specialist**  
**Office of Management, Planning & Analysis**

**Rosalind M. Walter, Director**  
**Data Management/Quality Assurance Unit**  
**Information Technology Division**

**July 2013**



## TABLE OF CONTENTS

SECTION	PAGE
	<b>PREFACE.....1</b>
<b>I.</b>	<b>CONSUMER AND CASE COUNTS .....1</b>
	<b>A. Consumers in Placement .....2</b>
	<b>B. Children Not in Placement .....2</b>
<b>II.</b>	<b>CASE AND CONSUMER OPENINGS .....5</b>
<b>III.</b>	<b>CHILD MALTREATMENT .....8</b>
	<b>A. Reports .....8</b>
	<b>B. Investigation and Initial Assessment Responses.....9</b>
	<b>Initial Assessments .....9</b>
	<b>Investigations.....9</b>
	<b>C. District Attorney (DA) Referrals .....13</b>
<b>IV.</b>	<b>CONSUMER DEMOGRAPHICS.....17</b>
	<b>A. Age, Gender, and Race of All Consumers.....17</b>
	<b>B. Preferred Language of All Consumers.....21</b>
<b>V.</b>	<b>PROFILE OF CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT.....23</b>
	<b>A. Demographics of Consumers in Placement .....27</b>
	<b>B. Permanency Goals of Consumers in Placement and     Time in Continuous Placement.....29</b>
	<b>C. Relationship of Age, Race, and Type of Placement to     Time in Continuous Placement.....33</b>
	<b>D. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption .....36</b>
	<b>E. Foster and Congregate Care .....42</b>
	<b>F. Independent Living .....54</b>
	<b>G. Children in Kinship Placement .....56</b>
<b>VI.</b>	<b>CONSUMERS ENTERING AND LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER.....59</b>
	<b>A. Entries to Placement .....59</b>
	<b>B. Exits from Placement .....61</b>
<b>VII.</b>	<b>FOSTER HOME DEMOGRAPHICS .....63</b>
<b>VIII.</b>	<b>ADOPTION AND GUARDIANSHIP SUBSIDIES .....66</b>
<b>IX.</b>	<b>APPENDIX .....67</b>

## CONTENTS

TABLE/FIGURE	PAGE
--------------	------

### *Consumer and Case Counts Overview*

Table 1.	Case and Consumer Counts by Location: DCF Regions and State .....	3
Figure 1.	Annual Counts of DCF Consumers 1983 – 2012: State.....	4
Figure 2.	Quarterly Changes in Consumer Count by DCF Region .....	4

### *Case and Consumer Openings*

Table 2A.	Case Openings during the Quarter by Intake Type: DCF Regions and State .....	6
Table 2B.	Consumer Openings during the Quarter by Intake Type: DCF Regions and State .....	6
Figure 3.	Reason for Case Openings: DCF Regions.....	7
Figure 4.	Quarterly Changes in Case Openings by DCF Region .....	7

### *Child Maltreatment*

Table 3.	Child Abuse/Neglect Reports during the Quarter: DCF Regions and State .....	10
Table 4.	Child Abuse/Neglect Responses during the Quarter: DCF Regions and State .....	10
Figure 5.	Child Abuse/Neglect Reports: DCF Regions .....	11
Figure 6.	Child Abuse/Neglect Responses: DCF Regions .....	11
Figure 7.	Quarterly Changes in Child Abuse/Neglect Reports by DCF Region.....	12
Figure 8.	Quarterly Changes in Child Abuse/Neglect Responses by DCF Region .....	12
Figure 9.	Type of Case Referral: State .....	13
Figure 10.	Reasons for Mandatory Referrals: State .....	14
Table 5.	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals to District Attorneys: State .....	14
Table 6.	Type of Case Referral: County .....	15
Table 7.	Mandatory Case Referral Reasons: County.....	16

## CONTENTS (continued)

TABLE/FIGURE	PAGE
<i>Consumer Demographics</i>	
Figure 11. Age and Gender of Consumers: State .....	17
Table 8. Race of Consumers: DCF Regions and State .....	18
Figure 12A. Regional Proportions of Consumers by Race .....	19
Figure 12B. Regional Counts of Consumers by Race .....	19
Table 9. Racial Comparisons of DCF Consumers and All Children Residing in State.....	20
Table 10. Primary Language of Consumers: DCF Regions and State.....	21
<i>Profile of Consumers in Placement</i>	
Figure 13A. Annual Count of Children in Placement 1983 – 2012: State .....	23
Figure 13B. Age of Children in Placement 1987 – 2012: State.....	24
Table 11. Child Caseload: DCF Regions and Area Offices .....	25
Figure 14. Quarterly Changes in Children in Placement: DCF Regions .....	26
Figure 15. Quarterly Changes in Children Not in Placement: DCF Regions .....	26
Table 12A. Consumers in Placement by Gender and Race: DCF Regions and State .....	27
Figure 16A. Consumers in Placement by Gender and Race: State.....	28
Table 12B. Consumers in Placement by Age, Service Plan Goal, and Time in Continuous Placement: DCF Regions and State.....	30
Table 13A. Consumers in Placement by Race and Time in Continuous Placement: State.....	30
Figure 16B. Consumers in Placement by Age, Service Plan Goal, and Time in Continuous Placement: State .....	31
Table 13B. Consumers in Placement by Race and Age: State.....	32
Table 13C. Consumers in Placement by Age and Time in Continuous Placement: State.....	32
Table 14. Consumers in Placement by Race and Service Plan Goal: State.....	32
Table 15. Consumers in Placement by Age Group and Service Plan Goal: State .....	33
Table 16. Consumers in Placement by Time in Continuous Placement and Service Plan Goal: State .....	33
Figure 17. Age, Gender, Race, and Time in Continuous Placement of Consumers with a Goal of Adoption: State .....	37
Figure 18. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption by Legal Status and Match Status: State .....	40
Figure 19. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption and Legally Free: DCF Regions and State .....	41
Figure 20. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption and Matched to a Permanent Family: DCF Regions and State .....	41

## CONTENTS (continued)

TABLE/FIGURE	PAGE
Figure 21A. Annual Counts of Consumers in Foster Care and Congregate Care 1987-2012: State.....	42
Figure 21B. Regional Proportions of Consumers in Foster Care and Congregate Care .....	43
Table 17A. Consumers in Placement by Age and Location: DCF Regions and State .....	45
Table 17B. Consumers in Foster Care by Age and Location: DCF Regions and State .....	46
Table 17C. Consumers in Congregate Care by Age and Location: DCF Regions and State.....	47
Table 18A. Consumers in Placement by Race and Location: DCF Regions and State .....	48
Table 18B. Consumers in Foster Care by Race and Location: DCF Regions and State .....	49
Table 18C. Consumers in Congregate Care by Race and Location: DCF Regions and State.....	50
Figure 22A. Regional Proportions of Consumers in Foster Care by Type of Location: DCF Regions .....	51
Figure 22B. Regional Counts of Consumers in Foster Care by Type of Location: DCF Regions .....	51
Figure 23A. Regional Proportions of Consumers in Congregate Care by Type of Location: DCF Regions .....	52
Figure 23B. Regional Counts of Consumers in Congregate Care by Type of Location: DCF Regions .....	52
Figure 24. Quarterly Changes in Consumers in Foster Care: DCF Regions .....	53
Figure 25. Quarterly Changes in Consumers in Congregate Care: DCF Regions .....	53
Table 19A. Children in Kinship Placement as a Proportion of All Children in Placement: DCF Regions and Area Offices .....	57
Table 19B. Race of Children in Kinship Placements Compared to All Placements: DCF Regions and Area Offices .....	58
<i>Consumers Entering and Leaving Placement during the Quarter</i>	
Table 20. Consumers Entering Placement during the Quarter (First Time Entrants and Re-Entrants): DCF Regions and State .....	60
Figure 26. Consumers Entering Placement during the Quarter (First Time Entrants and Re-Entrants): DCF Regions .....	60
Figure 27. Consumers Entering Placement during the Quarter to Foster and Congregate Care: DCF Regions .....	61
Table 21. Consumers Leaving Placement during the Quarter: DCF Regions and State.....	61

## CONTENTS (continued)

TABLE/FIGURE	PAGE
<i>Foster Home Demographics</i>	
Figure 28. Restricted and Unrestricted Foster Homes 1998-2012: State.....	64
Table 22. Profile of Foster Homes by Race: DCF Regions and State.....	64
Table 23. Profile of Foster Homes by Marital Status: DCF Regions and State .....	65

### *Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies*

Figure 29. Children Receiving Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies: State .....	66
--	----

### *Appendix*

Table A1. DCF Consumer, Child, and Adult Population Trends 1983-2012: State .....	68
Table A2. Case Openings during the Quarter by Intake Type: DCF Regions and Areas.....	69
Table A3. Consumer Openings during the Quarter by Intake Type: DCF Regions and Areas .....	70
Table A4. Case Openings during the Last Four Quarters by Intake Type: DCF Regions.....	71
Table A5. Child Abuse/Neglect Reports during the Quarter: DCF Regions and Areas .....	72
Table A6. Child Abuse/Neglect Responses during the Quarter: DCF Regions and Areas .....	73
Table A7. Child Abuse/Neglect Reports, Investigations, and Initial Assessments during the Last Four Quarters: DCF Regions.....	74
Table A8. Mandatory and Discretionary Case Referrals to District Attorneys: 2003 – 2013 ....	75
Table A9. Reasons for Mandatory Referrals to District Attorneys: 2003 – 2013 .....	76
Table A10. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption and Legally Free: DCF Regions and Area .....	77
Table A11. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption and Matched to a Permanent Family: DCF Regions and Areas.....	78
Table A12. Census 2010: Race of Children Less than 18 Years Old Residing in the 13 Largest Cities in Massachusetts .....	79

## PREFACE

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) has four regions and 29 area offices.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, DCF had 20,727 open cases (1,703 adoption cases and 19,024 clinical cases) and 67,334 open consumers<sup>1</sup> (33,220 adults and 34,114 children). (**Table 1** on page 3)
- From the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, case counts increased 1% and consumer counts increased 2% (**Fig. 2** on page 4).
- From 1983 to 2009, there was a slow increase in the consumer population, punctuated by peak levels in 1985, 1991, and 2009. After reaching the highest number of consumers (88,568) in the Department's history at the end June 2009, there has been a mostly downward trend in consumers (**Fig. 1** on page 4, **Appendix Table A1** on page 68). Since June 2009, there have been significant declines in consumers (-24%), children (-26%), children in placement (-17%), and adults (-21%) (**Fig. 1, 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 continues along with decreases in other DCF annual counts (all consumers, all children, adults 18 or older, and children not in placement receiving services at home) (**Fig. 1, Appendix Table A1**). From 2009 to 2012, counts of all children less than 18 years old and adults 18 years or older are decreasing and converging (**Fig 1**).

---

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

## A. Consumers in Placement

- There were 8,952 individuals in placement on the last day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2013. Included in this count are 7,302 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,650 young adults (18 to 23 years old). (**Table 1** on next page)
- The placement population was distributed across DCF service regions as follows: 37% in the Western Region, 25% in the Southern Region, 21% in the Northern Region, and 12% in the Boston Region. (**Table 1**)
- From the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, the number of children in placement decreased 2% statewide (**Appendix Table A1** on page 68). Regional changes ranged from -1% in both the West and Boston to -4% in the North (**table below and Fig. 14** on page 26).

**CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT by DCF Region**

Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2012 - Q3	2,862	1%	1,559	1%	1,893	1%	844	5%	297	7,455	1%
FY'2012 - Q4	2,881	1%	1,564	*	1,874	-1%	873	3%	275	7,467	*
FY'2013 - Q1	2,864	-1%	1,516	-3%	1,921	3%	873	*	297	7,471	*
FY'2013 - Q2	2,827	-1%	1,454	-4%	1,867	-3%	860	-1%	294	7,302	-2%

## B. Children Not in Placement

- At the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, there were 26,812 children less than 18 years old with an active case status who were not in placement (**Table 1**). From the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, counts of children not in placement increased 3% statewide (**Appendix Table A1**, all children minus children in placement). Regional changes ranged from -1% in the North to 5% in the West (**table below and Fig. 15** on page 26).
- Significant declines in total consumers and children not in placement often occur with a drop in investigations and initial assessments (combined counts)—typically in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. (**Appendix Table A1, Fig. 8** on page 12)

**CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT by DCF Region**

Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2012 - Q3	11,727	1%	5,519	-3%	6,941	-1%	3,318	3%	8	27,513	*
FY'2012 - Q4	11,485	-2%	5,618	2%	6,876	-1%	3,590	8%	10	27,579	*
FY'2013 - Q1	10,778	-6%	5,201	-7%	6,502	-5%	3,556	-1%	13	26,050	-6%
FY'2013 - Q2	11,369	5%	5,152	-1%	6,622	2%	3,657	3%	12	26,812	3%



**TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2013, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**

Case Counts:	DCF Geographic Region				Adoption		Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>	Other <sup>(2)</sup>	
<b>Adoption</b>	641	336	409	158	155	4	<b>1,703</b>
<b>Clinical</b>	7,391	3,945	4,978	2,576	7	127	<b>19,024</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,032</b>	<b>4,281</b>	<b>5,387</b>	<b>2,734</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>20,727</b>
<b>Consumer Counts:</b>							
<b>Adults: <sup>(3)</sup></b>							
<b>In Placement: <sup>(4)</sup> Foster/Congregate Care <sup>(5)</sup></b>	481	452	382	212	---	78	<b>1,605</b>
<b>Other <sup>(6)</sup></b>	5	7	3	3	---	16	<b>34</b>
<b>On the Run</b>	2	5	2	2	---	---	<b>11</b>
<b>Total in Placement</b>	488	464	387	217	---	94	<b>1,650</b>
<b>Not in Placement</b>	12,743	6,104	8,692	4,016	---	15	<b>31,570</b>
<b>Total Adults</b>	<b>13,231</b>	<b>6,568</b>	<b>9,079</b>	<b>4,233</b>	---	<b>109</b>	<b>33,220</b>
<b>Children:</b>							
<b>In Placement: <sup>(4)</sup> Foster/Congregate Care <sup>(5)</sup></b>	2,717	1,374	1,807	820	250	38	<b>7,006</b>
<b>Other <sup>(6)</sup></b>	69	46	36	8	2	4	<b>165</b>
<b>On the Run</b>	41	34	24	32	---	---	<b>131</b>
<b>Total in Placement</b>	2,827	1,454	1,867	860	252	42	<b>7,302</b>
<b>Not in Placement</b>	11,369	5,152	6,622	3,657	5	7	<b>26,812</b>
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>14,196</b>	<b>6,606</b>	<b>8,489</b>	<b>4,517</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>34,114</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,427</b>	<b>13,174</b>	<b>17,568</b>	<b>8,750</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>67,334</b>

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

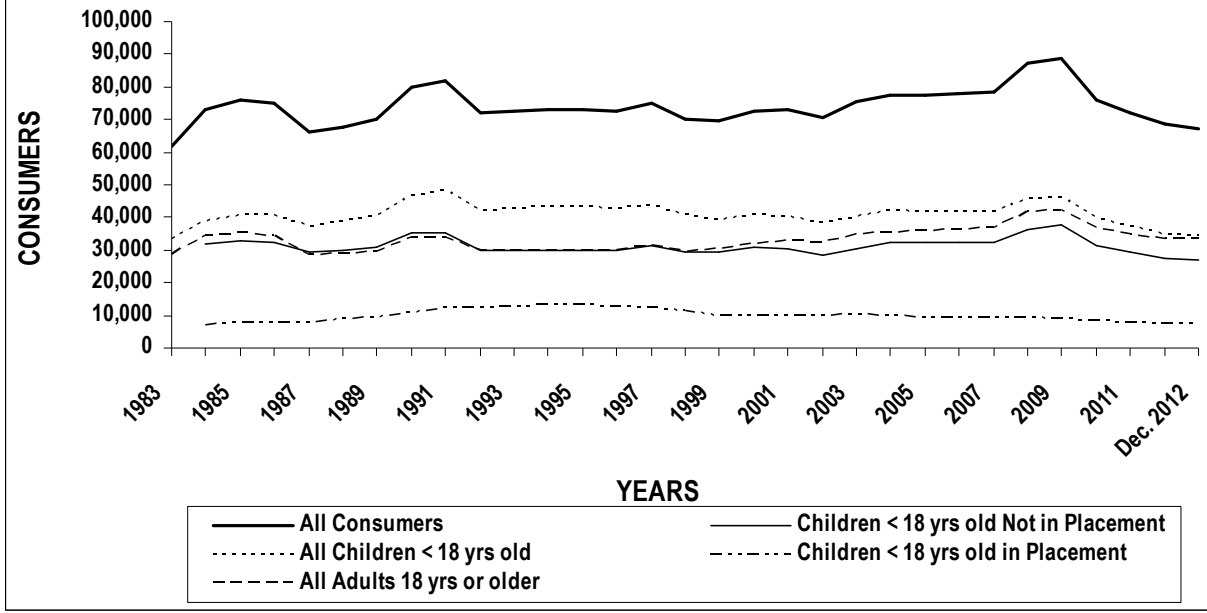
<sup>(3)</sup> Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

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

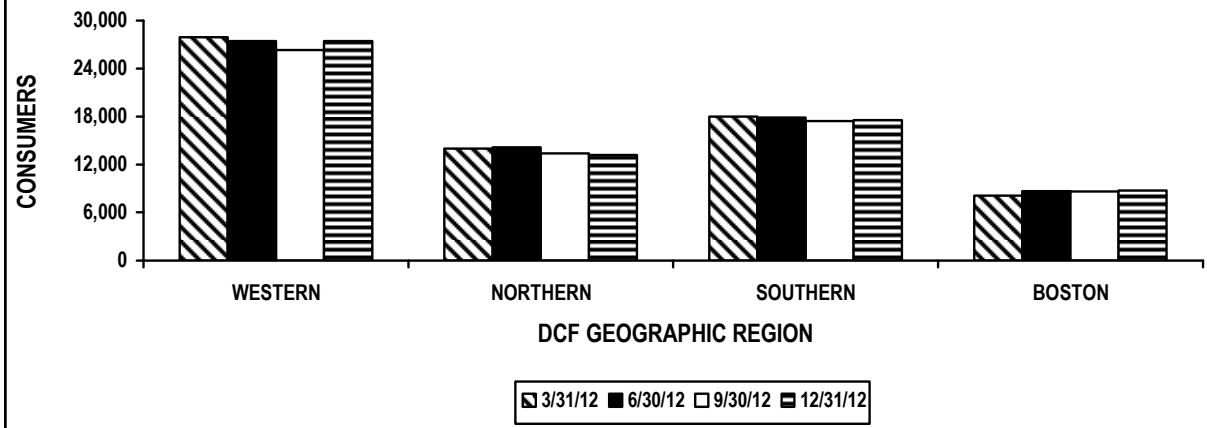
<sup>(5)</sup> See Tables 17A, 17B and 17C for a breakdown by type of placement.

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

**FIGURE 1. ANNUAL COUNTS OF DCF CONSUMERS:  
JUNE 1983 - JUNE 2012, DECEMBER 2012**



**FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2012, END OF 3RD QUARTER to FY'2013, END OF 2ND QUARTER)**



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

- All counts are unduplicated; if a case or a consumer had more than one opening in the quarter, only the first one was selected.
- During the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, there were 2,212 case openings (unduplicated) and 14,467 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 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, case openings increased 10% (**Appendix Table A4** on page 71, **Fig. 4** on page 7) and consumer openings increased 14%.
- Forty-nine percent of case openings and 56% of consumer openings were due to supported abuse/neglect reports (protective). (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- Thirty-five percent of case openings and 33% of consumer openings were the result of an initial assessment (alternative response). (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 4% of case openings and 2% of consumer openings. (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- CHINS referrals accounted for 4% of case openings and 4% 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 43-63% of the total intakes for each region. Case openings by alternative response represented 23-37% of all intakes for each region. CHINS referrals ranged from 3-6% of the total intakes for each region. Voluntary requests ranged from 2-6% 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 15% at Cape Ann to 68% at Hyde Park (**Appendix Table A2** case openings, **Appendix Table A3** consumer openings on pages 69-70).
- Case openings (statewide) are lowest in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. The quarterly trend in case openings is similar to the pattern for reports of child abuse/neglect (**Fig. 4, Fig. 7** on page 12, **Appendix Table A4**).
- The decline in Protective case openings may be partly related to the addition of Alternative Response as an intake type (**Appendix Tables A2 and A4**).

---

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

**TABLE 2A. CASE OPENINGS<sup>(1)</sup> DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2013, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/12 - 12/31/12)**

DCF Geographic Region	Case Openings <sup>(1)</sup>										Total No.		
	Protective <sup>(2)</sup>		Alternative Response <sup>(3)</sup>		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals			Other <sup>(4)</sup>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
Western	428	50%	321	37%	29	3%	15	2%	15	2%	55	6%	863
Northern	195	43%	163	36%	24	5%	26	6%	13	3%	36	8%	457
Southern	266	48%	209	37%	24	4%	18	3%	12	2%	31	6%	560
Boston	203	63%	73	23%	18	6%	15	5%	3	1%	9	3%	321
Other <sup>(5)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	11	100%	---	---	---	---	11
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>2,212</b>

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Outcome of an investigation.

<sup>(3)</sup> Outcome of an initial assessment.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program and Residential & Adolescent Services Unit.

**TABLE 2B. CONSUMER OPENINGS<sup>(1)</sup> DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2013, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/12 - 12/31/12)**

DCF Geographic Region	Consumer Openings <sup>(1)</sup>										Total No.		
	Protective <sup>(2)</sup>		Alternative Response <sup>(3)</sup>		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals			Other <sup>(4)</sup>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
Western	3,247	56%	2,124	37%	160	3%	81	1%	103	2%	94	2%	5,809
Northern	1,465	50%	1,023	35%	161	6%	113	4%	82	3%	60	2%	2,904
Southern	2,149	56%	1,241	33%	182	5%	57	1%	104	3%	80	2%	3,813
Boston	1,300	67%	418	22%	144	7%	29	2%	19	1%	19	1%	1,929
Adoption Contracts <sup>(5)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	100%	1
Other <sup>(6)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	11	100%	---	---	---	---	11
<b>Total:</b>	<b>8,161</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>4,806</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>14,467</b>

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Outcome of an investigation.

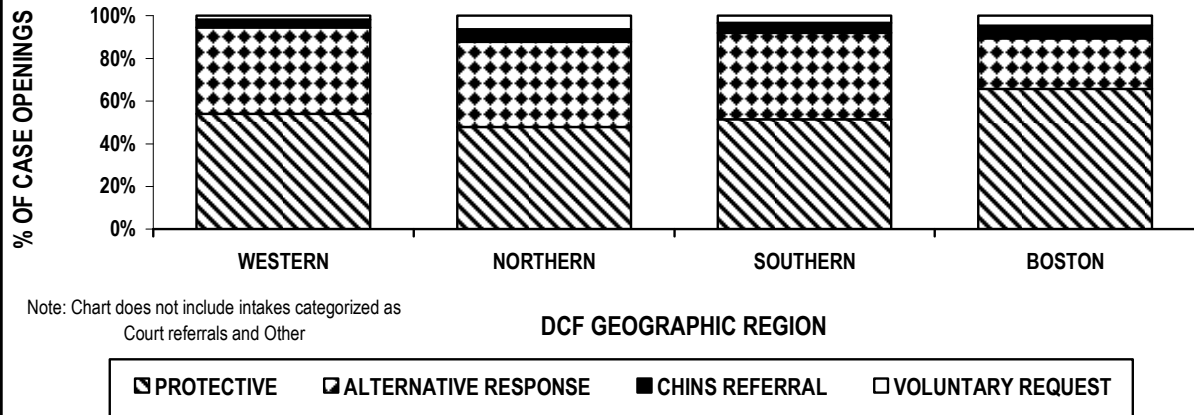
<sup>(3)</sup> Outcome of an initial assessment.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

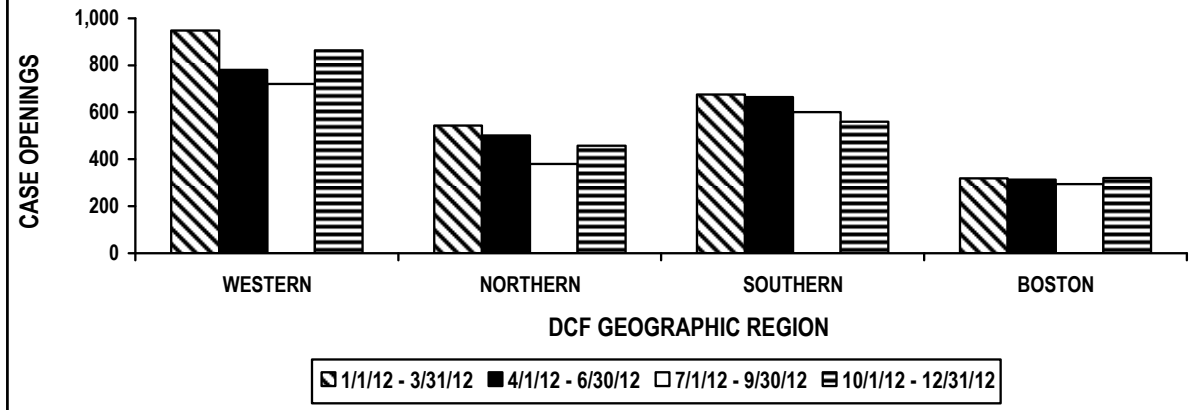
<sup>(5)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(6)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program and Residential & Adolescent Services Unit.

**FIGURE 3. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION  
FY'2013, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/12 - 12/31/12)**



**FIGURE 4. CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2012, 3RD QUARTER to FY'2013, 2ND QUARTER)**



### III. CHILD MALTREATMENT

In August 2009, DCF implemented an “Alternative Response” process for handling reports of child maltreatment. Reports can 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 allows DCF 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, 20,990 reports were recorded during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY’2013. Thirty-two 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 17% in the North to 41% in Boston. At the Judge Baker Children’s Center, 41% 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 by region ranged from 18% in Boston to 28% in the Southern region. Judge Baker screened-in 18% of the reports for initial assessment. **(Table 3, Fig. 5)**
- Worcester East, Fall River, Hyde Park, and Park Street Areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (43-47%). Taunton/Attleboro, Cape Ann, and Coastal Areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (33-36%). **(Appendix Table A5 on page 72)**
- Cape Ann, Framingham, and Lawrence Areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (8-9%). Park Street, Dimock Street, and Malden Areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (15-16%). **(Appendix Table A5)**
- The DCF Regions screened-in 2-4% 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 rose 12% from the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY’2013. Typically, report counts decline during the summer quarter (Q1) then rise during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). **(Appendix Table A7 on page 74, Fig. 7 on page 12)**

## B. Investigation and Initial Assessment Responses

- During the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, 9,589 responses (investigations and initial assessments) were completed (**Table 4** on next page)—an increase of 15% from the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013 (**Appendix Table A7** on page 74, **Fig. 8** on page 12).
- Investigations and initial assessments as a proportion of all responses for each region were: 70% and 30% (Boston); 53% and 47% (West); 51% and 49% (South); 42% and 58% (North), respectively. (**Fig. 6** on page 11, **Table 4**)

### Initial Assessments

- There were 4,053 initial assessments completed during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2013<sup>3</sup>. The assessment decision was “concern” for 46% of initial assessments and “minimal or no concern” for 54%. The assessment decisions are defined as “concerns of safety or risk that warrant DCF services” and “no concern or minimal risk of future abuse/neglect.” (**Table 4**, **Fig. 6**)
- The North Central and Dimock Street Areas had the highest proportions of initial assessments which resulted in a finding of concern (72% and 65%, respectively). (**Appendix Table A6** on page 73)
- Statewide, initial assessments increased 21% from the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2013 (**Appendix Table A7** on page 74).

### Investigations

- The number of investigations conducted during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2013 was 5,536 (**Table 4**).<sup>3</sup>
- Sixty-two percent of the investigations resulted in supported allegations of maltreatment. (**Table 4**)
- Regional support rates went from a low of 58% in the North to a high of 68% in Boston (and 72% at Judge Baker). (**Table 4**)
- The Van Wart, Harbor, and North Central Areas had the highest proportions of investigations which resulted in a supported allegation(s) (79%, 76%, and 75%, respectively). (**Appendix Table A6**)
- Statewide, investigations increased 11% from the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2013 (**Appendix Table A7**).

---

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

**TABLE 3. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2013, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/12 - 12/31/12)**

DCF Geographic Region	Screening Decision									Report Total	
	Screened-Out		Screened-In for Investigation				Screened-In for Investigation	Screened-In for Initial Assessment			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Total	No.	%	No.	%
Western	2,687	47%	1,540	27%	141	2%	1,681	1,397	24%	5,765	27%
Northern	2,211	60%	565	15%	81	2%	646	858	23%	3,715	18%
Southern	1,653	43%	970	25%	110	3%	1,080	1,085	28%	3,818	18%
Boston	633	41%	571	37%	60	4%	631	273	18%	1,537	7%
Judge Baker Children's Center	2,303	40%	1,390	24%	986	17%	2,376	1,033	18%	5,712	27%
Special Investigations	150	34%	293	66%	---	---	293	---	---	443	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,637</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>5,329</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>1,378</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>6,707</b>	<b>4,646</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>20,990</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

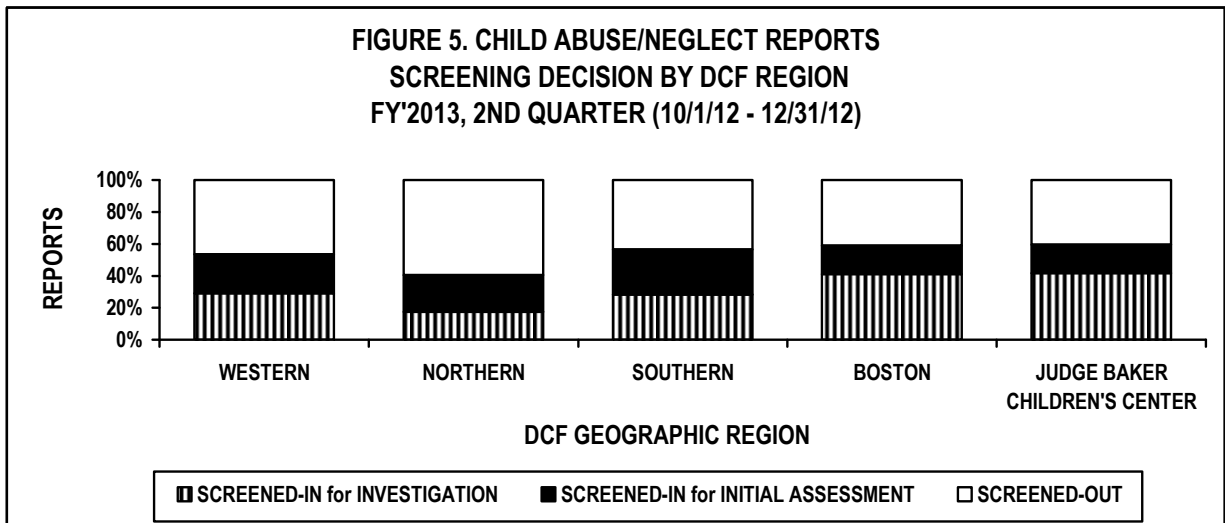
**TABLE 4. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION: FY'2013, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/12 - 12/31/12)**

DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision					Initial Assessment Decision					Response Total	
	Supported		Unsupported		Inv Total	Concern		Min/No Concern		IA Total		
	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%	No.	%			
Western	1,106	65%	601	35%	1,707	755	50%	741	50%	1,496	3,203	33%
Northern	412	58%	297	42%	709	434	44%	561	56%	995	1,704	18%
Southern	791	62%	487	38%	1,278	516	41%	733	59%	1,249	2,527	26%
Boston	499	68%	237	32%	736	158	50%	155	50%	313	1,049	11%
Judge Baker Children's Center	590	72%	225	28%	815	---	---	---	---	---	815	8%
Special Investigations	60	21%	231	79%	291	---	---	---	---	---	291	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,458</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>2,078</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>5,536</b>	<b>1,863</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>2,190</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>4,053</b>	<b>9,589</b>	<b>100%</b>

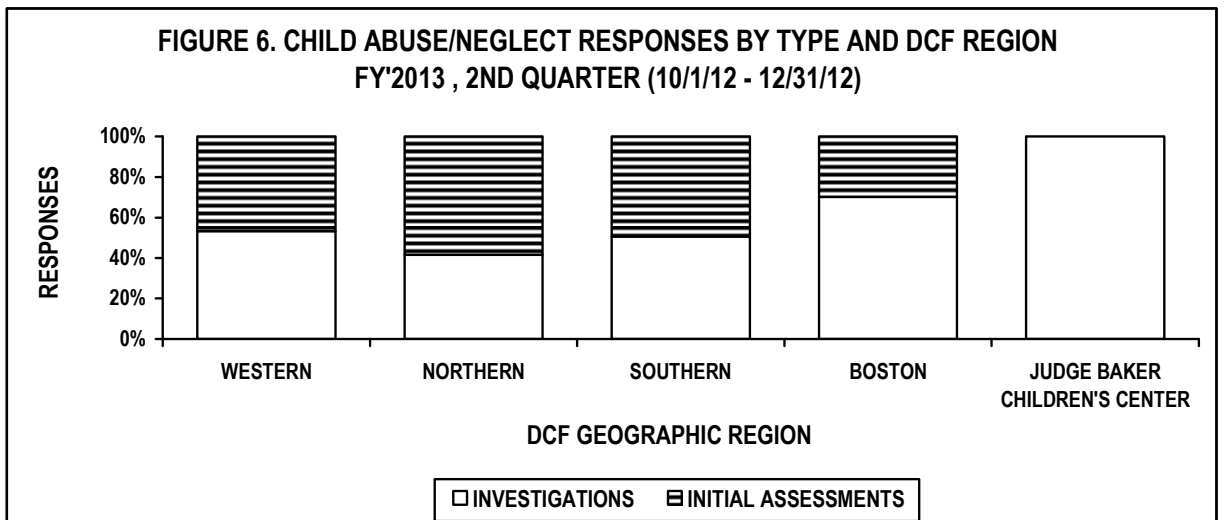
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

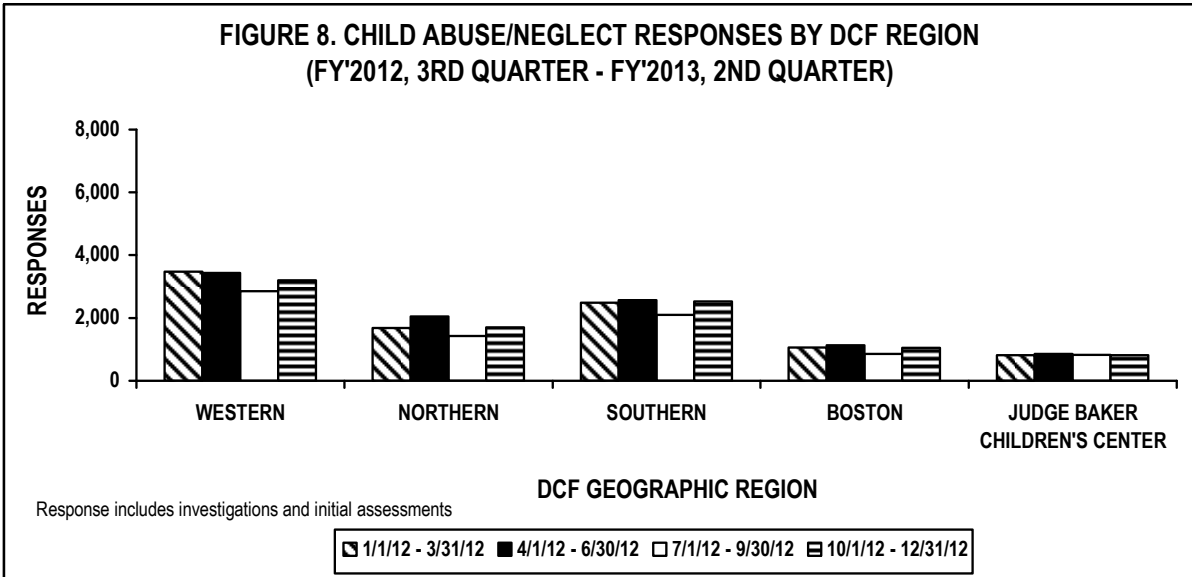
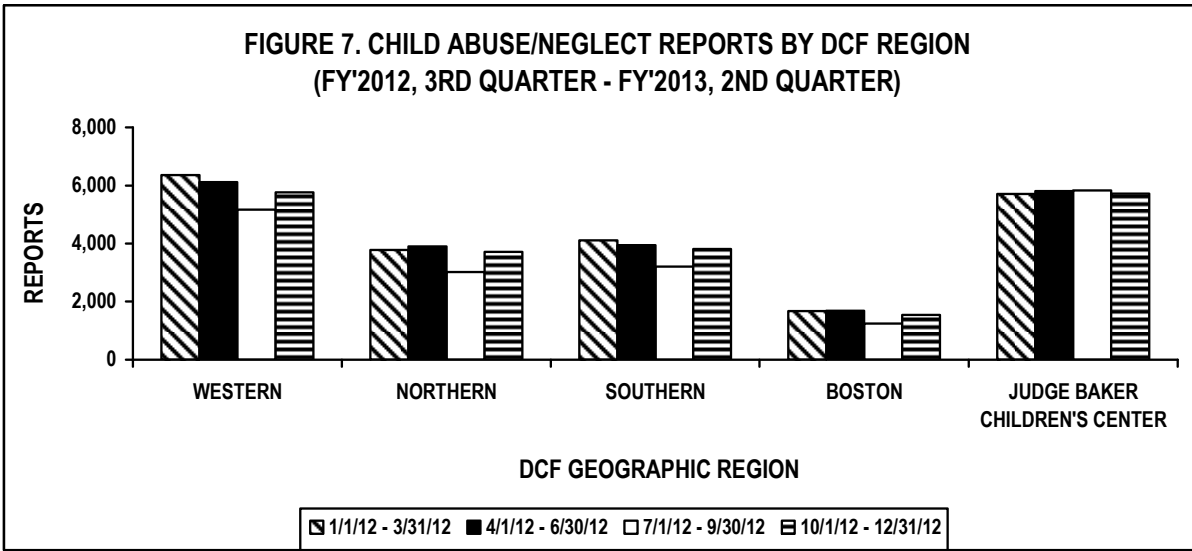


**FIGURE 5. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS  
SCREENING DECISION BY DCF REGION  
FY'2013, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/12 - 12/31/12)**



**FIGURE 6. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY TYPE AND DCF REGION  
FY'2013, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/12 - 12/31/12)**

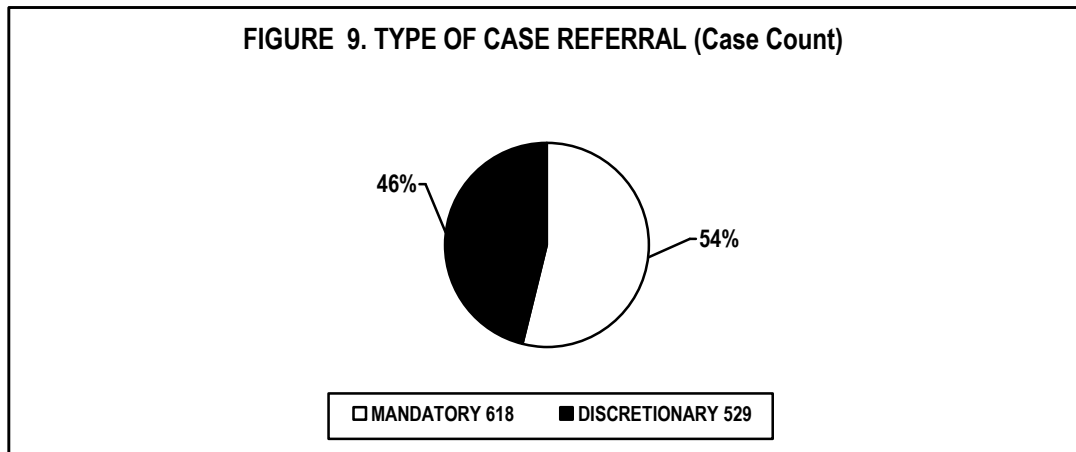




### C. District Attorney (DA) Referrals

- During the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, 1,147 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (**Fig. 9**). Fifty-four percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals<sup>4</sup> and 46% were discretionary referrals<sup>5</sup> (**Fig. 9, Appendix Table A8** on page 75).

#### DA REFERRALS FY'2013, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/12 - 12/31/12)

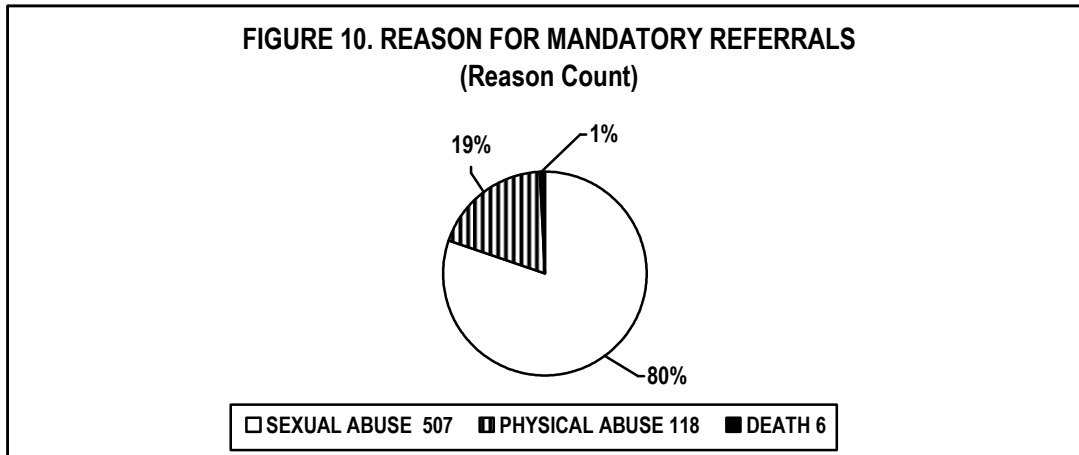


- Sexual abuse accounted for 80% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2013 (**Fig. 10, Table 5** on next page). Nineteen percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

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

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

## DA REFERRALS FY'2013, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/12 - 12/31/12)



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: <sup>(1)</sup>**  
**FY'2013, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/12 - 12/31/12)**

Nature of Abuse	Reasons <sup>(1)</sup>	
	No.	%
<b>Sexual Abuse:</b>	507	80%
Sexual Assault	470	
Sexual Exploitation	37	
.....		
<b>Serious Physical Abuse:</b>	118	19%
.....		
<b>Death:</b>	6	1%
.....		
<b>Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

- Sexual abuse as a proportion of all reasons for mandatory referrals has ranged from 78% to 85% over the past 10 years (FY'2003 through FY'2013, Q2) (See **Appendix Table A9** on page 76).
- Not all DA referrals resulting from an allegation that a child's death was due to abuse or neglect lead to an ultimate finding 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. Referral counts are usually the highest for the most populous counties, Middlesex, Worcester, Essex, and Suffolk. However, based on a comparison of county estimates<sup>6</sup> for children less than 18 years old, Berkshire and Hampden Counties<sup>7</sup> had a significantly higher number of referrals than expected while Norfolk County had a lower 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 64% of the mandatory case referrals for sexual abuse (includes sexual assault and sexual exploitation). The same four counties accounted for 83% of the mandatory case referrals for serious physical abuse.

**TABLE 6. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY: <sup>(1)</sup>  
FY’2013, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/12 - 12/31/12)**

County <sup>(2)</sup>	Case Referrals				Total No.	2010 Children Less than 18 Years Old
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Middlesex	111	43%	150	57%	261	320,439
Essex	63	37%	106	63%	169	172,089
Suffolk	81	52%	75	48%	156	126,275
Worcester	66	43%	88	57%	154	187,231
Hampden	35	39%	54	61%	89	109,885
Bristol	46	53%	40	47%	86	122,409
Norfolk	42	68%	20	32%	62	152,132
Berkshire	26	45%	32	55%	58	25,624
Plymouth	36	77%	11	23%	47	119,475
Franklin	4	---	19	83%	23	14,068
Hampshire	8	44%	10	56%	18	26,766
Barnstable	4	40%	6	60%	10	37,249
Dukes	3	100%	---	---	3	3,173
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---	2,108
OUT OF STATE	4	36%	7	64%	11	---
<b>Total</b>	<b>529</b>		<b>618</b>		<b>1,147</b>	

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

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

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

<sup>7</sup> Counties include cities with high reporting rates (Berkshire: North Adams and Pittsfield; Hampden: Holyoke, Springfield, Chicopee, West Springfield, and Westfield) [Felix III, A.C. 2010 Child Maltreatment Statistics. Massachusetts Department of Children & Families, November 2012, 52pp.]

**TABLE 7. MANDATORY CASE REFERRAL REASONS BY COUNTY:<sup>(1)</sup>  
FY'2013, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/12 - 12/31/12)**

County <sup>(2)</sup>	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals <sup>(1)</sup>				Total No.
	Sexual Assault No.	Sexual Exploitation No.	Serious Physical Abuse/Injury No.	Death No.	
Middlesex	98	8	12	2	120
Essex	67	9	28	3	107
Worcester	82	3	16	2	103
Suffolk	39	---	11	---	50
Berkshire	39	2	---	1	42
Hampden	35	2	1	---	38
Bristol	30	---	3	---	33
Plymouth	15	---	4	---	19
Norfolk	15	2	1	---	18
Franklin	10	---	1	---	11
Hampshire	7	1	2	1	11
Barnstable	7	1	1	---	9
Dukes	1	---	---	---	1
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---
OUT OF STATE	4	---	1	---	5
<b>Total:</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>567</b>

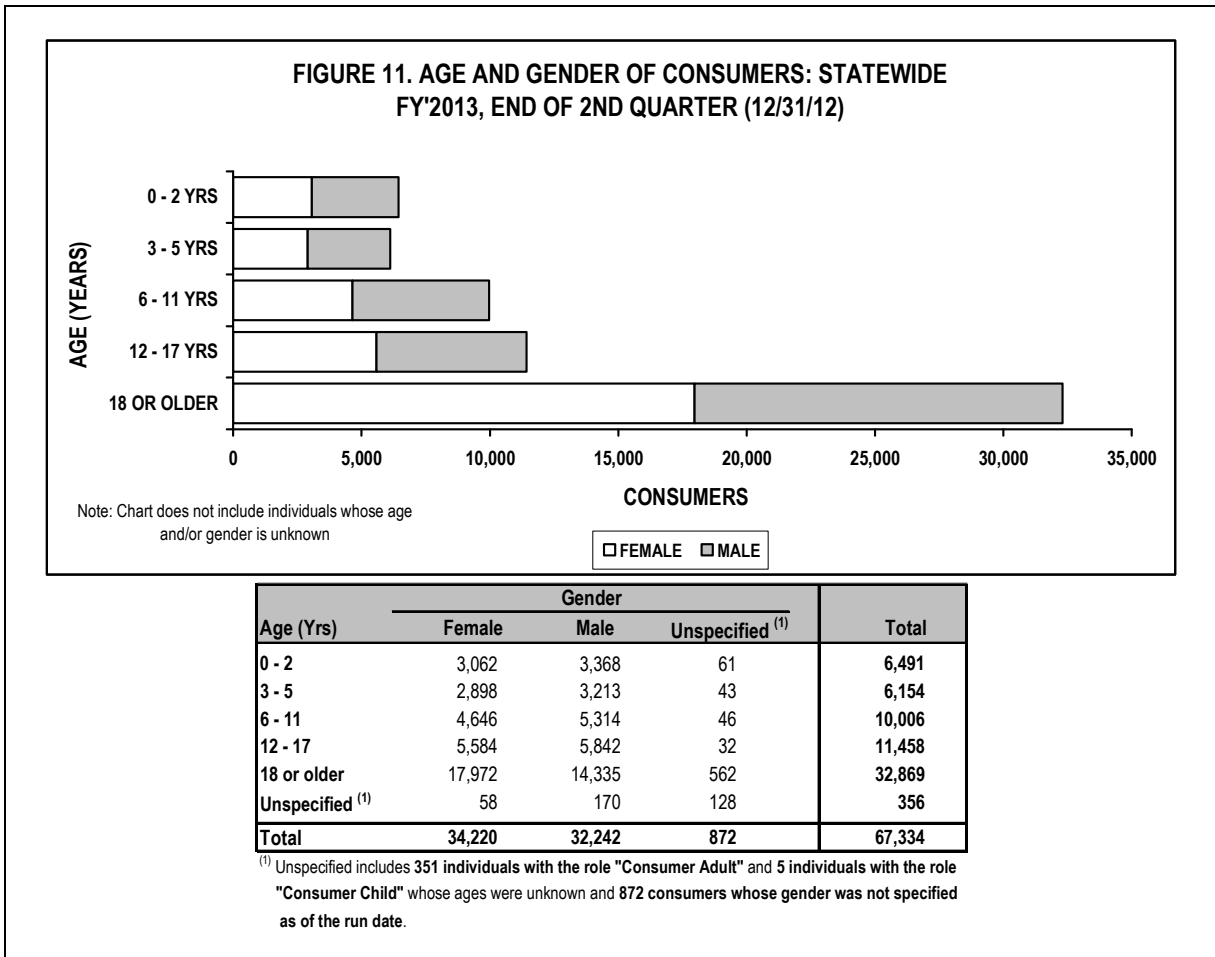
<sup>(1)</sup> A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

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

## IV. CONSUMER DEMOGRAPHICS

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

- On the last day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, the consumer population included 34,114 (51%) children less than 18 years old and 33,220 (49%) adults 18 years or older (**Table 1** on page 3). The proportion of adult consumers has gradually increased over the years (**Fig. 1** on page 4, **Appendix Table A1** on page 68). In 1992, 41% of all consumers were adults and 59% were children (**Fig. 1, Appendix Table A1**).
- 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 (11,458) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). (**Fig. 11**)
- Forty-seven 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 44% White, 26% Hispanic/Latino, 14% Black, 2% Asian, 3% Multi-Racial, and less than 1% for both Native American and Pacific Islander consumers. The category “Unable to Determine” was recorded for 4% 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 38% Black, 30% Hispanic/Latino, and 16% White consumers (3,365, 2,666, and 1,412 consumers, respectively). The proportion of Hispanic/Latino consumers was similar in 3 of the 4 regions (28-31%)—14% in the Southern Region. Asians were most prominent in the North--4% of the caseload (499 consumers, mainly Cambodian). (Table 8, Figs. 12A and 12B)

**TABLE 8. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY’2013, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**

Race	DCF Geographic Region										Total			
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Adoption Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
White	12,408	45%	6,071	46%	9,899	56%	1,412	16%	128	50%	3	2%	29,921	44%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	8,397	31%	3,630	28%	2,390	14%	2,666	30%	60	23%	63	40%	17,206	26%
Black	2,316	8%	1,241	9%	2,336	13%	3,365	38%	36	14%	38	24%	9,332	14%
Asian	170	1%	499	4%	157	1%	215	2%	1	*	44	28%	1,086	2%
Native American	36	*	16	*	61	*	4	*	---	---	---	---	117	*
Other <sup>(4)</sup>	19	*	13	*	6	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	39	*
Multi-Racial	703	3%	347	3%	611	3%	157	2%	22	9%	---	---	1,840	3%
Unable to Determine	960	4%	459	3%	675	4%	370	4%	10	4%	8	5%	2,482	4%
Missing	2,418	9%	898	7%	1,433	8%	560	6%	---	---	2	1%	5,311	8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,427</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13,174</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>17,568</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8,750</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>67,334</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

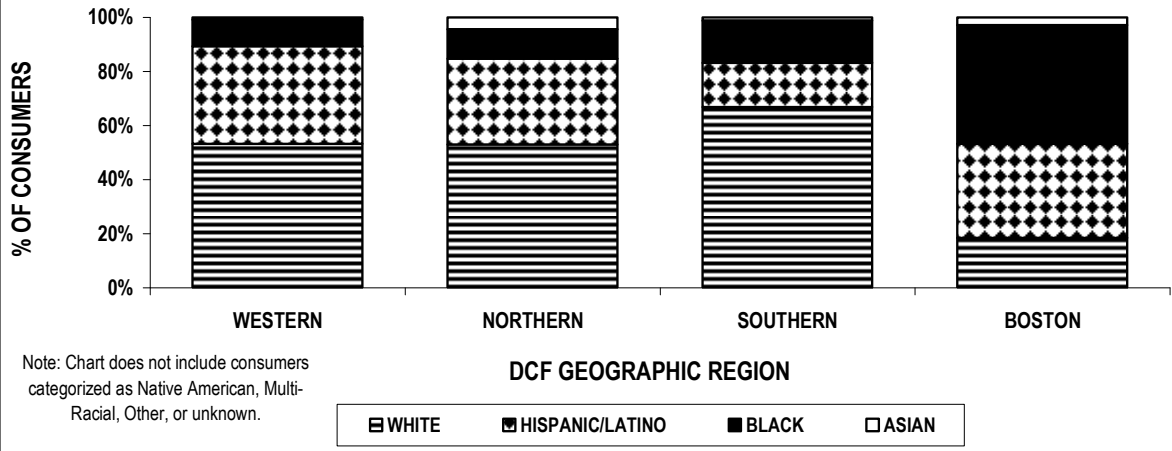
<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

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

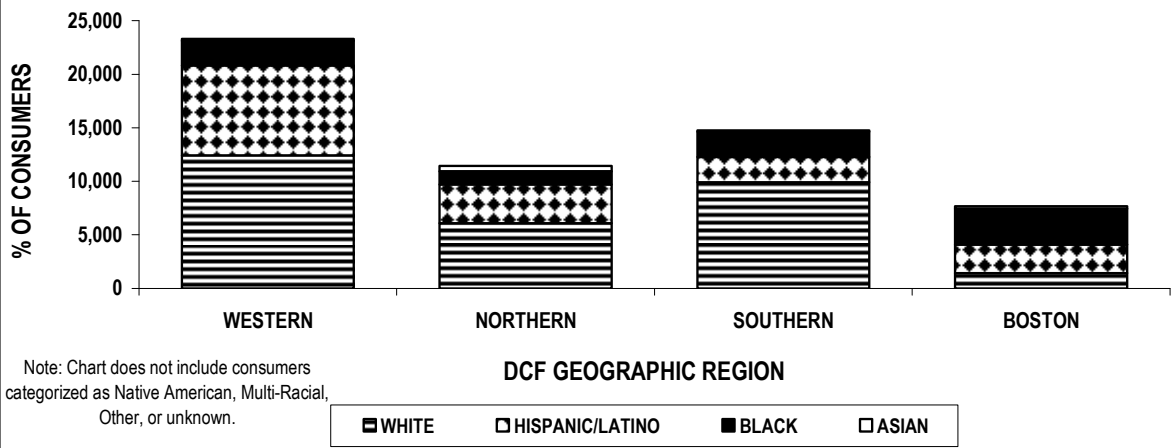
<sup>(4)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.



**FIGURE 12A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE  
FY'2013, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**



**FIGURE 12B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE  
FY'2013, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**



- A racial comparison of children receiving various services from DCF to children residing in Massachusetts<sup>8</sup> is displayed in **Table 9**. Black children and Hispanic children are over-represented at all stages in the DCF system. However, this comparison of statewide statistics does not take into consideration the significant differences in racial and ethnic composition among communities across the state.

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

Race	State Census <sup>8</sup> 2010	Children Less than 18 Years Old							
		DCF Not in Substitute Care	DCF All Substitute Care	DCF Foster Care	DCF Congregate Care <sup>**</sup>	DCF All Care w/Goal of Adoption	DCF All Care w/Goal of Guardianship	DCF Adoptions Legalized	DCF Guardianships Legalized
		12/31/12	12/31/12	12/31/12	12/31/12	12/31/12	12/31/12	FY'2012	FY'2012
White	67%	41%	47%	48%	47%	49%	50%	48%	48%
Hispanic <sup>***</sup>	15%	32%	25%	24%	26%	24%	23%	24%	24%
Black	7%	14%	15%	14%	19%	13%	15%	13%	17%
Asian	6%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	---
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	---	---	---	---
Multi-Racial	4%	4%	7%	7%	4%	8%	5%	8%	4%
Other/Unknown	1%	7%	4%	5%	3%	5%	4%	4%	5%
<b>TOTAL %</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>TOTAL #</b>	1,418,923	26,812	7,302	5,711	1,295	2,255	604	758	390

\* 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 A12** on page 79 displays the racial composition (and Hispanic origin) of children residing in the 13 largest cities in Massachusetts. There is a high minority representation in Brockton, Boston, Lawrence, and Springfield. Hispanic children are most prevalent in Lawrence, Springfield, and Lynn. The relatively higher proportion of “Other/Unknown” race in Lawrence, Springfield, and Lynn is most likely a reflection of the large Hispanic/Latino population—many do not identify with any race. The proportion of Asian children is highest in Quincy and Lowell.

<sup>8</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, Tables P1, P2, P3, and P4.

## B. Preferred Language of All Consumers<sup>9</sup>

- The Western and Northern Regions had the highest numbers of Spanish-speaking consumers, 2,021 and 972 consumers, respectively (**Table 10**). Haitian Creole was the preferred language of 303 DCF consumers statewide. Khmer-speaking (Cambodian) consumers were mainly concentrated in the North. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Haitian Creole (Boston/South/North), Portuguese (South/North), Cape Verdean Creole (South/Boston), Vietnamese (Boston/West), and Lao (North) (**Table 10**).

**TABLE 10. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2013, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**

Primary Language	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		Total	
	Western No.	Western %	Northern No.	Northern %	Southern No.	Southern %	Boston No.	Boston %	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spanish	2,021	7%	972	7%	575	3%	898	10%	4	2%	62	39%	4,532	7%
Haitian Creole	9	*	88	1%	102	1%	103	1%	---	---	1	1%	303	*
Portuguese	33	*	89	1%	130	1%	12	*	---	---	---	---	264	*
Khmer (Cambodian)	4	*	130	1%	13	*	4	*	---	---	---	---	151	*
Cape Verdean Creole	2	*	8	*	137	1%	93	1%	---	---	---	---	240	*
Vietnamese	36	*	7	*	11	*	55	1%	---	---	---	---	109	*
Chinese	3	*	25	*	37	*	26	*	---	---	1	1%	92	*
Lao	1	*	15	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	17	*
American Sign Language	12	*	20	*	6	*	15	*	---	---	---	---	53	*
Other	491	2%	191	1%	238	1%	112	1%	---	---	66	42%	1,098	2%
English\Unspecified	24,815	90%	11,629	88%	16,318	93%	7,432	85%	253	98%	28	18%	60,475	90%
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,427</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13,174</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>17,568</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8,750</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>67,334</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through 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 December 2012, showed an increase in some language groups and a decrease in others (table on next page). The most significant changes were: declines in Khmer (-58%), Vietnamese (-35%), Portuguese (-13%) and increases in Chinese (70%), Cape Verdean Creole (64%), Haitian Creole (17%). During this period, the count of total consumers decreased 14%.

<sup>9</sup> Includes young adults 18 years or older as well as children less than 18 years old.

**STATEWIDE:**

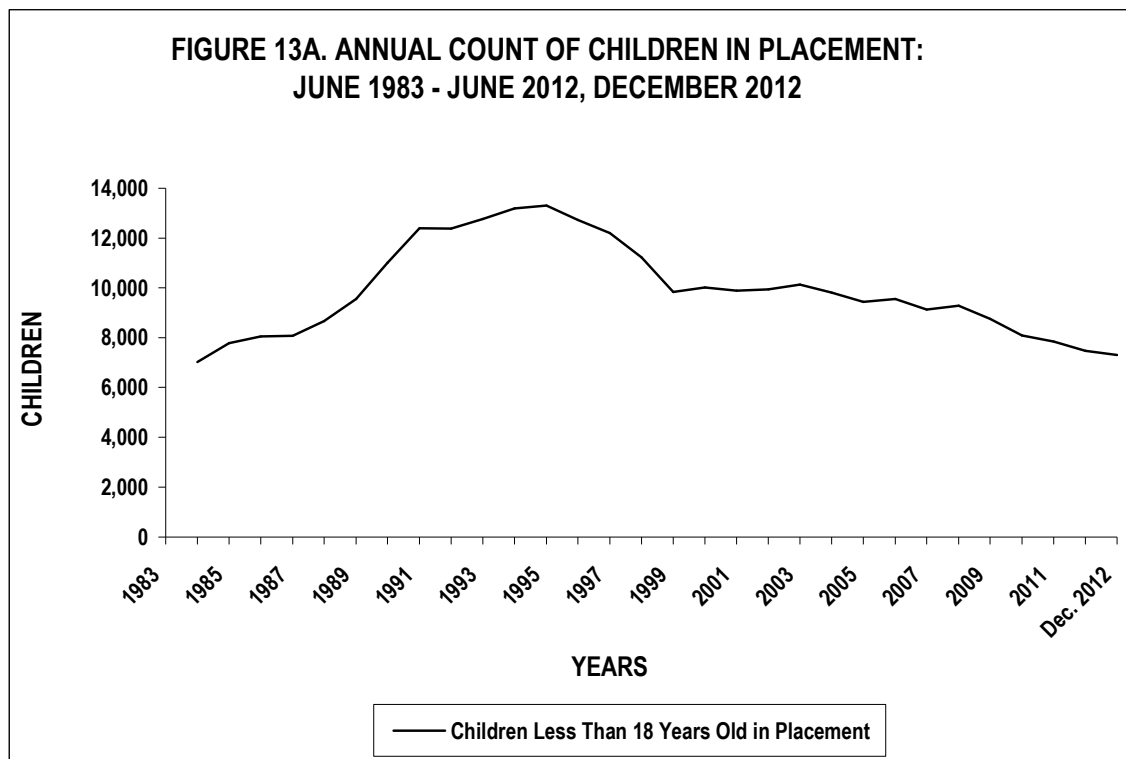
<b>Primary Language</b>	<b>Consumers Jul. 1987 No.</b>	<b>Consumers Jul. 1997 No.</b>	<b>Consumers Jun. 2007 No.</b>	<b>Consumers Dec. 2012 No.</b>	<b>2007-2012 Change %</b>
English/Unspecified	60,784	66,404	71,398	60,475	-15%
Spanish	3,664	6,334	4,516	4,532	*
Haitian Creole	175	360	260	303	17%
Portuguese	530	380	303	264	-13%
Cape Verdean Creole	174	247	146	240	64%
Khmer Cambodian	253	851	356	151	-58%
Vietnamese	146	273	167	109	-35%
Chinese	71	61	54	92	70%
American Sign Language	47	23	41	53	29%
Lao	30	74	20	17	-15%
Other	213	310	1,459	1,098	-25%
<b>Total</b>	<b>66,087</b>	<b>75,317</b>	<b>78,720</b>	<b>67,334</b>	<b>-14%</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

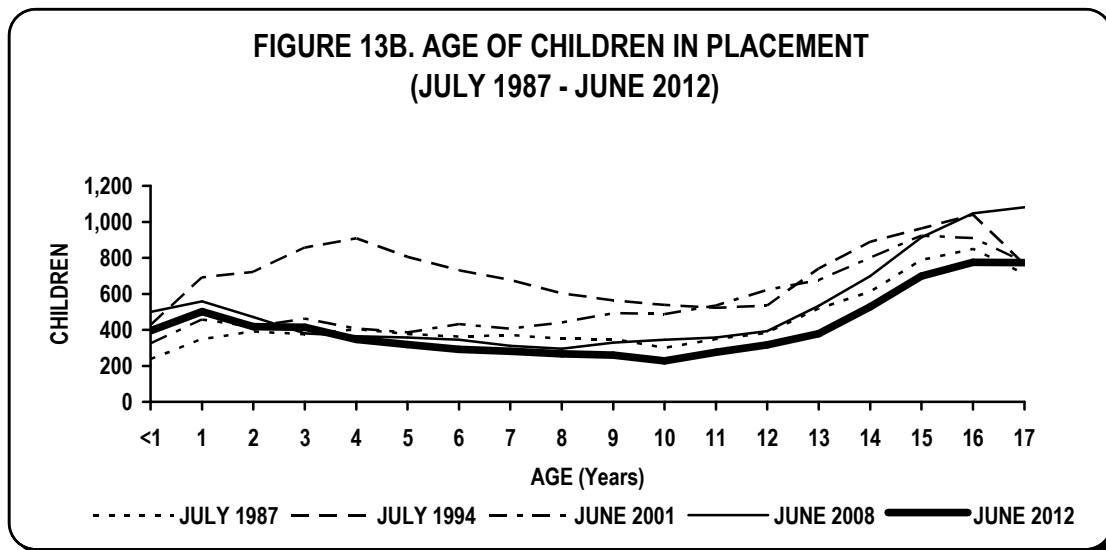
## V. PROFILE OF CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT<sup>10</sup>

- The number of children less than 18 years old in placement (7,302) decreased 2% from the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2013 (**Appendix Table A1** on page 68, **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 annual count of children in placement has been on a downward trend since 1995. (**Fig. 13A, Appendix Table A1**)



<sup>10</sup>Consumers 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 2008-2012, 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 2012. 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 7,467 in 2012.



- Statewide, 21% (or 7,302) 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 both the North and South, 20% in the West, and 19% in Boston. (**Table 11** on next page)
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield and Lynn area offices had the highest proportions in placement (32% and 29%, respectively). The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Van Wart (15%) and Cambridge (16%) area offices. (**Table 11**)

**TABLE 11. CHILD<sup>(1)</sup> CASELOAD BY DCF AREA OFFICE: FY'2013, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**

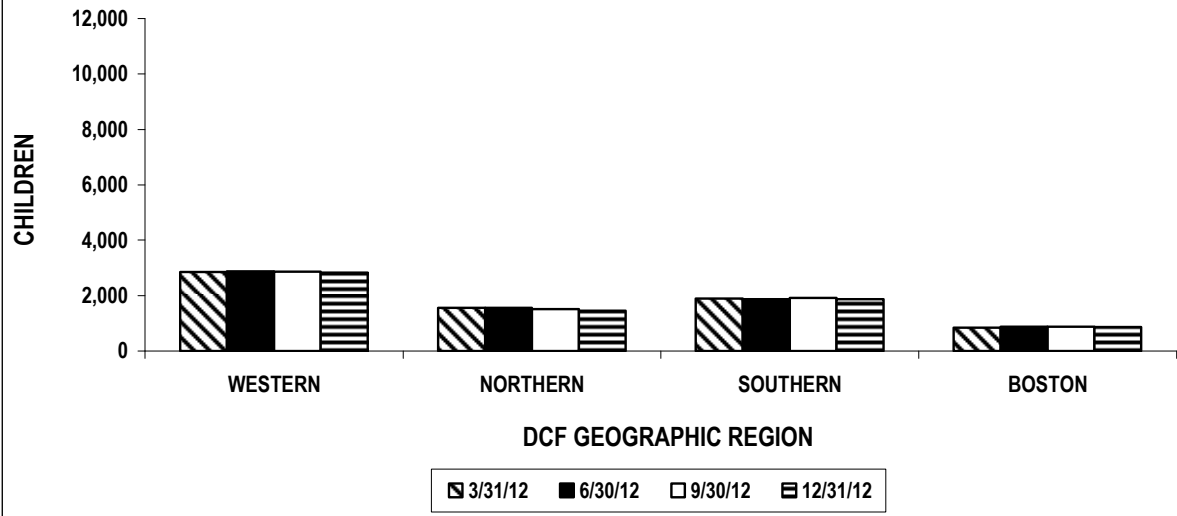
<b>DCF Region/Area</b>	<b>Not in Placement</b>	<b>In Placement</b>	<b>Total Child Caseload</b>	<b>% in Placement</b>
Greenfield	778	272	1,050	26%
Holyoke	1,032	252	1,284	20%
North Central	1,686	363	2,049	18%
Pittsfield	692	333	1,025	32%
Robert Van Wart	1,871	333	2,204	15%
South Central	1,060	273	1,333	20%
Springfield	1,795	382	2,177	18%
Worcester East	1,261	318	1,579	20%
Worcester West	1,181	296	1,477	20%
Contracted Agencies	13	5	18	28%
<b>Western</b>	<b>11,369</b>	<b>2,827</b>	<b>14,196</b>	<b>20%</b>
Cambridge	552	104	656	16%
Cape Ann	707	190	897	21%
Framingham	626	164	790	21%
Haverhill	374	137	511	27%
Lawrence	484	141	625	23%
Lowell	1,097	321	1,418	23%
Lynn	620	251	871	29%
Malden	691	146	837	17%
Contracted Agencies	1	---	1	---
<b>Northern</b>	<b>5,152</b>	<b>1,454</b>	<b>6,606</b>	<b>22%</b>
Arlington	536	142	678	21%
Brockton	1,017	207	1,224	17%
Cape Cod	645	226	871	26%
Coastal	626	193	819	24%
Fall River	967	311	1,278	24%
New Bedford	1,282	350	1,632	21%
Plymouth	696	234	930	25%
Taunton/Attleboro	840	202	1,042	19%
Contracted Agencies	13	2	15	13%
<b>Southern</b>	<b>6,622</b>	<b>1,867</b>	<b>8,489</b>	<b>22%</b>
Dimock Street	702	231	933	25%
Harbor	1,040	224	1,264	18%
Hyde Park	799	174	973	18%
Park Street	1,114	230	1,344	17%
Contracted Agencies	2	1	3	33%
<b>Boston</b>	<b>3,657</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>4,517</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	5	252	257	98%
<b>Other</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	7	42	49	86%
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,812</b>	<b>7,302</b>	<b>34,114</b>	<b>21%</b>

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

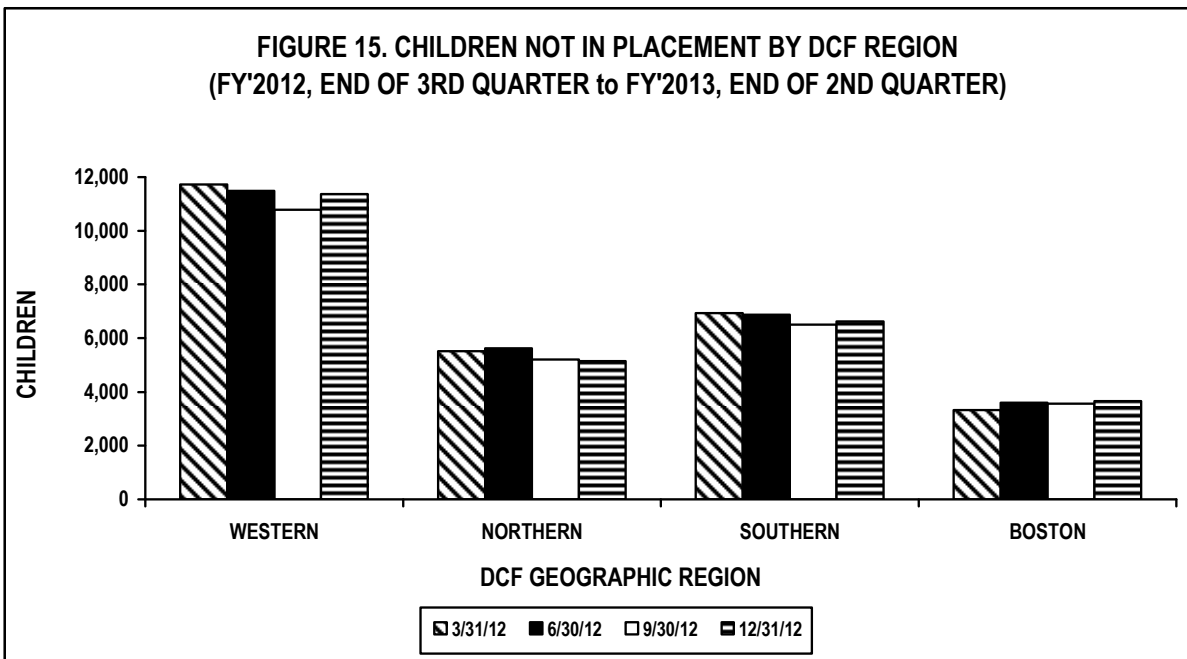
<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**FIGURE 14. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2012, END OF 3RD QUARTER to FY'2013, END OF 2ND QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 15. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2012, END OF 3RD QUARTER to FY'2013, END OF 2ND QUARTER)**





## A. Demographics of Consumers in Placement<sup>11</sup>

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

- At the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, the statewide placement population was comprised of 52% boys and 48% girls. Among DCF regions, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state (**Table 12A, Fig. 16A** on next page). The proportions of male and female children in the placement population were similar to the general population.<sup>12</sup>
- Statewide, 46% of all consumers in placement were White, 16% were Black, 26% were Hispanic/Latino, 2% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 6% were multi-racial. Race was not 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'2013, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region										Total			
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Adoption Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>				Other <sup>(2)</sup>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Female</b>	1,589	48%	910	47%	1,061	47%	555	52%	106	42%	43	32%	<b>4,264</b>	<b>48%</b>
<b>Male</b>	1,726	52%	1,008	53%	1,192	53%	522	48%	146	58%	93	68%	<b>4,687</b>	<b>52%</b>
<b>Missing</b>	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	<b>1</b>	*
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,315</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,918</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,254</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,077</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8,952</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Race:</b>														
<b>White</b>	1,578	48%	916	48%	1,347	60%	191	18%	125	50%	---	---	<b>4,157</b>	<b>46%</b>
<b>Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup></b>	1,016	31%	578	30%	288	13%	292	27%	58	23%	55	40%	<b>2,287</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b>Black</b>	378	11%	181	9%	314	14%	507	47%	36	14%	34	25%	<b>1,450</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Asian</b>	11	*	82	4%	15	1%	16	1%	1	*	39	29%	<b>164</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Native American</b>	2	*	2	*	12	1%	2	*	---	---	---	---	<b>18</b>	*
<b>Other <sup>(4)</sup></b>	2	*	2	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	<b>4</b>	*
<b>Multi-Racial</b>	176	5%	100	5%	184	8%	38	4%	22	9%	---	---	<b>520</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Unable to Determine</b>	152	5%	57	3%	94	4%	31	3%	10	4%	8	6%	<b>352</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,315</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,918</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,254</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,077</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8,952</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

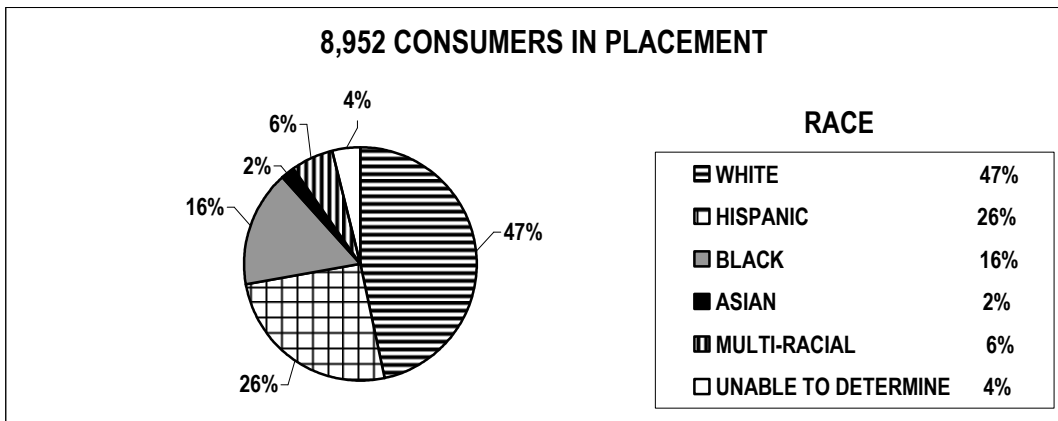
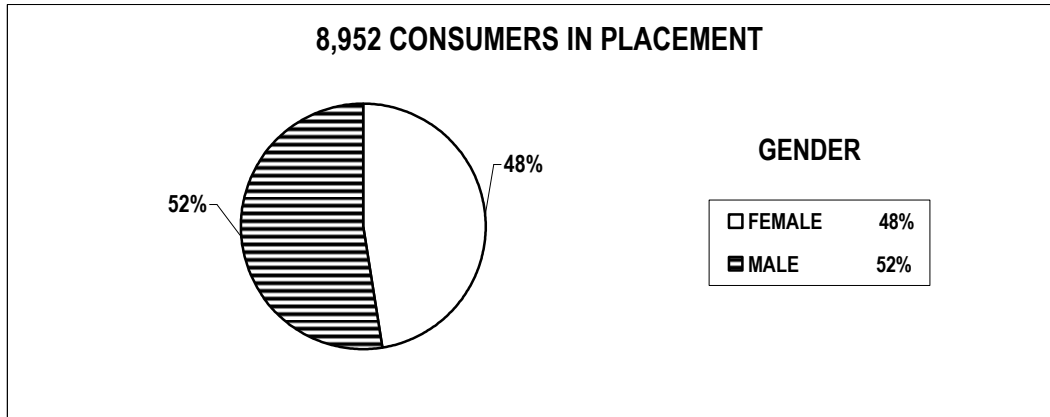
<sup>(3)</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes all races

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

<sup>11</sup> “Consumers” includes children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 or older.

<sup>12</sup> Massachusetts Child Population 2010: 51% male (725,399) and 49% female (693,524). U.S. Census Bureau. Table DP-1. Profile of General Population and Housing Characteristics 2010, Demographic Profile Data Massachusetts ([factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?src=bkmk](http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?src=bkmk))

**FIGURE 16A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY GENDER AND RACE  
STATEWIDE: FY'2013, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**



- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DCF Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 34% to 41%. (**Table 12B** on page 30)
- The proportion of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 15% in the Western Region to 24% in the Northern Region. (**Table 12B**)

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

- The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were Family Reunification (33% of all consumers in placement), Adoption (25%), and Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement<sup>13</sup> (APPLA) (21%). The Northern Region had the highest proportion 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 Kin<sup>14</sup> (7% of all consumers in placement), Guardianship (7%), and Stabilization of Family (4%).
- On 12/31/2012, 39% of the statewide placement population had a length of stay of more than 2 years,<sup>15</sup> 20% had been in continuous care between 1 and 2 years, and 40% for 1 year or less. (**Table 12B, Fig. 16B**)
- The North had the highest proportion of consumers in continuous care<sup>16</sup> for more than two years (44%). The South had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (44%). (**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 (47% for Black vs. 37% for White, 39% for Hispanic, 30% for Multi-Racial). This racial disparity is due to the larger proportion of Black consumers in placement who were 18 years or older (**Table 13B** on page 32). Consumers 18 years or older accounted for 50% of all consumers in placement for more than 4 years and another 23% who were in placement for 2-4 years (**Table 13C** on page 32).
- Twenty-nine percent of Black consumers in placement had a goal of “Family Reunification,” compared to 33% for Hispanic and 34% for White 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—31% Black vs. 19% White and 22% Hispanic for APPLA; 21% Black vs. 24% Hispanic and 26% White for adoption.

---

<sup>13</sup> The APPLA goal is for youth 16 years or older to establish a lifelong permanent connection, as well as to obtain life skills training and a stable living environment that will support youth development into and through adulthood. This goal includes youths who will be transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health, Developmental Services, and Public Health upon turning 22 years old.

<sup>14</sup> The goal of permanent placement with kin is to provide children with a committed, nurturing, and lifelong relationship in a licensed kinship family setting.

<sup>15</sup> Length of stay in placement, as measured by a “point-in-time snapshot” of consumers residing in care, is not representative of all individuals who spend time in care during some specified period. It is biased because consumers in continuous long-term placement are over-represented in “snapshot” counts while many others who enter and leave placement quickly are not counted at all.

<sup>16</sup> Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child’s most recent home removal episode start date to the Quarter End Date (December 31, 2012).

**TABLE 12B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE  
BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE: FY'2013, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region										Total			
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Adoption Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>				Other <sup>(2)</sup>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Age Group:</b>														
( 0 - 2 yrs)	558	17%	223	12%	363	16%	154	14%	47	19%	1	1%	1,346	15%
( 3 - 5 yrs)	432	13%	185	10%	291	13%	116	11%	66	26%	---	---	1,090	12%
( 6 - 11 yrs)	593	18%	283	15%	440	20%	150	14%	88	35%	7	5%	1,561	17%
(12 - 17 yrs)	1,244	38%	763	40%	773	34%	440	41%	51	20%	34	25%	3,305	37%
18 or older	488	15%	464	24%	387	17%	217	20%	---	---	94	69%	1,650	18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,315</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,918</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,254</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,077</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8,952</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Service Plan Goals:</b>														
Family Reunification	1,174	35%	557	29%	802	36%	393	36%	1	*	---	---	2,927	33%
Adoption	888	27%	415	22%	528	23%	193	18%	234	93%	1	1%	2,259	25%
APPLA <sup>(3)</sup>	591	18%	531	28%	469	21%	259	24%	---	---	58	43%	1,908	21%
Guardianship	191	6%	148	8%	169	7%	99	9%	11	4%	---	---	618	7%
Permanent Care with Kin	212	6%	154	8%	142	6%	56	5%	1	*	30	22%	595	7%
Stabilization of Family	166	5%	69	4%	83	4%	41	4%	---	---	---	---	359	4%
Unspecified as of run-date	93	3%	44	2%	61	3%	36	3%	5	2%	47	35%	286	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,315</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,918</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,254</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,077</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8,952</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Continuous Time in Care:</b>														
(.5 yr or less)	816	25%	402	21%	582	26%	251	23%	3	1%	24	18%	2,078	23%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	596	18%	310	16%	411	18%	190	18%	23	9%	17	13%	1,547	17%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	370	11%	196	10%	268	12%	127	12%	43	17%	16	12%	1,020	11%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	281	8%	178	9%	206	9%	95	9%	48	19%	15	11%	823	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	682	21%	381	20%	387	17%	196	18%	73	29%	39	29%	1,758	20%
> 4 yrs	570	17%	451	24%	400	18%	218	20%	62	25%	25	18%	1,726	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,315</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,918</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,254</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,077</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8,952</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

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

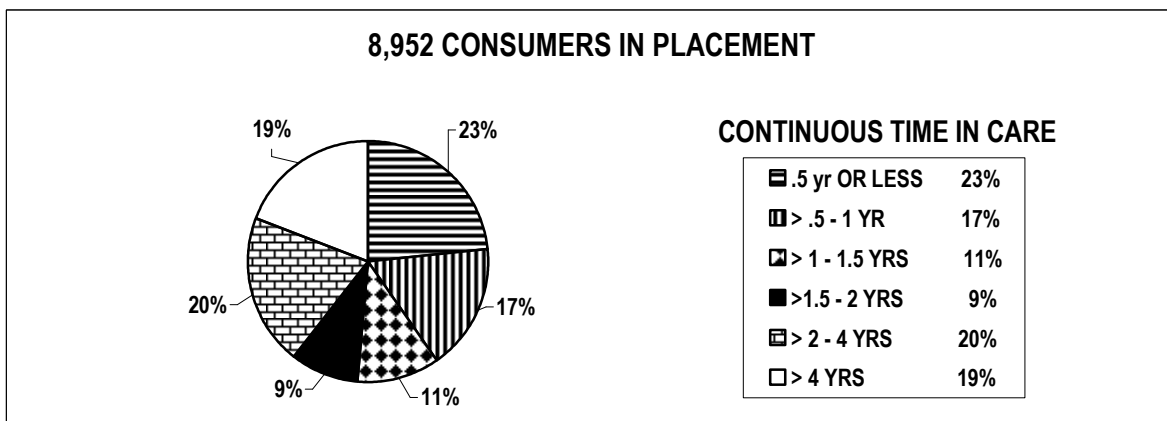
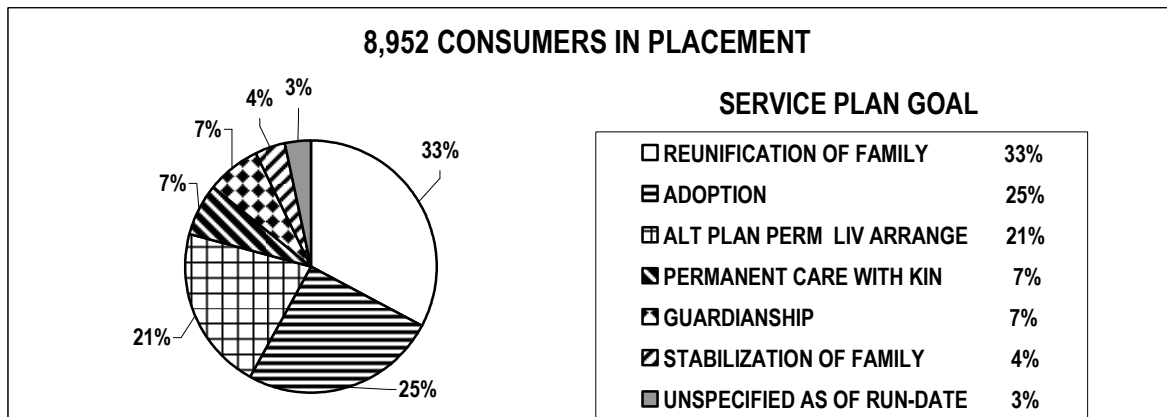
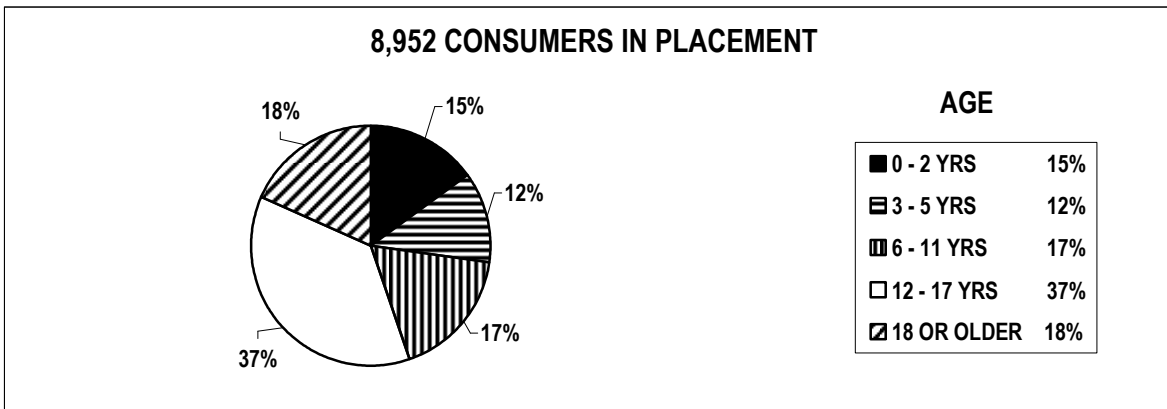
**TABLE 13A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:  
STATEWIDE FY'2013, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers												Total					
	White		Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>		Black		Asian		Native American		Other <sup>(2)</sup>				Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	990	24%	564	25%	268	18%	20	12%	3	17%	1	25%	135	26%	97	28%	2,078	23%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	766	18%	365	16%	204	14%	30	18%	---	---	1	25%	109	21%	72	20%	1,547	17%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	460	11%	268	12%	168	12%	12	7%	4	22%	1	25%	60	12%	47	13%	1,020	11%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	389	9%	197	9%	126	9%	16	10%	3	17%	---	---	62	12%	30	9%	823	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	788	19%	457	20%	294	20%	46	28%	6	33%	---	---	97	19%	70	20%	1,758	20%
> 4 yrs	764	18%	436	19%	390	27%	40	24%	2	11%	1	25%	57	11%	36	10%	1,726	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,157</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,287</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8,952</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

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

**FIGURE 16B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT  
STATEWIDE: FY'2013, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**



**TABLE 13B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND AGE GROUP:  
STATEWIDE FY'2013, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**

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	667	16%	523	13%	805	19%	1,470	35%	692	17%	4,157	100%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>	289	13%	247	11%	361	16%	949	41%	441	19%	2,287	100%
Black	147	10%	138	10%	221	15%	569	39%	375	26%	1,450	100%
Asian	5	3%	16	10%	17	10%	60	37%	66	40%	164	100%
Native American	6	33%	5	28%	---	---	6	33%	1	6%	18	100%
Other <sup>(2)</sup>	---	---	---	---	1	25%	3	75%	---	---	4	100%
Multi-Racial	116	22%	99	19%	111	21%	155	30%	39	8%	520	100%
Unable to Determine	116	33%	62	18%	45	13%	93	26%	36	10%	352	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,346</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>1,090</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>1,561</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>3,305</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>1,650</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>8,952</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

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

**TABLE 13C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:  
STATEWIDE FY'2013, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**

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)	490	36%	258	24%	405	26%	798	24%	127	8%	2,078	23%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	357	27%	222	20%	265	17%	593	18%	110	7%	1,547	17%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	231	17%	151	14%	179	11%	340	10%	119	7%	1,020	11%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	164	12%	127	12%	152	10%	291	9%	89	5%	823	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	104	8%	287	26%	375	24%	616	19%	376	23%	1,758	20%
> 4 yrs	---	---	45	4%	185	12%	667	20%	829	50%	1,726	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,346</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,090</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,561</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3,305</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,650</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8,952</b>	<b>100%</b>

**TABLE 14. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:  
STATEWIDE FY'2013, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers													Total				
	White		Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>		Black		Asian		Native American		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.		%	No.	%	
Family Reunification	1,398	34%	750	33%	415	29%	33	20%	2	11%	2	50%	207	40%	120	34%	2,927	33%
Adoption	1,099	26%	542	24%	304	21%	20	12%	8	44%	---	---	175	34%	111	32%	2,259	25%
APPLA <sup>(3)</sup>	801	19%	494	22%	446	31%	65	40%	2	11%	1	25%	61	12%	38	11%	1,908	21%
Guardianship	310	7%	141	6%	92	6%	10	6%	4	22%	---	---	33	6%	28	8%	618	7%
Permanent Care with Kin	271	7%	141	6%	115	8%	25	15%	1	6%	---	---	23	4%	19	5%	595	7%
Stabilization of Family	159	4%	118	5%	45	3%	6	4%	1	6%	1	25%	12	2%	17	5%	359	4%
Unspecified as of run-date	119	3%	101	4%	33	2%	5	3%	---	---	---	---	9	2%	19	5%	286	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,157</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,287</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8,952</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

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

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

**TABLE 15. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:  
STATEWIDE FY'2013, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**

Service Plan Goal	Age Group of Consumers										Total No. %	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Family Reunification	587	20%	381	13%	603	21%	1,328	45%	28	1%	2,927	100%
Adoption	624	28%	575	25%	705	31%	351	16%	4	*	2,259	100%
APPLA <sup>(1)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	520	27%	1,388	73%	1,908	100%
Guardianship	45	7%	82	13%	161	26%	316	51%	14	2%	618	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	---	---	4	1%	28	5%	452	76%	111	19%	595	100%
Stabilization of Family	39	11%	23	6%	40	11%	209	58%	48	13%	359	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	51	18%	25	9%	24	8%	129	45%	57	20%	286	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,346</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>1,090</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>1,561</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>3,305</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>1,650</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>8,952</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

**TABLE 16. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:  
STATEWIDE FY'2013, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**

Service Plan Goal	Continuous Time in Placement										Total No. %			
	(.5vr or less)		(> .5 - 1 vr)		(>1 - 1.5 vrs)		(>1.5 - 2 vrs)		(>2 - 4 vrs)				> 4 vrs	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Family Reunification	1,442	49%	890	30%	270	9%	147	5%	139	5%	39	1%	2,927	100%
Adoption	71	3%	336	15%	398	18%	361	16%	707	31%	386	17%	2,259	100%
APPLA <sup>(1)</sup>	112	6%	131	7%	174	9%	139	7%	495	26%	857	45%	1,908	100%
Guardianship	14	2%	80	13%	102	17%	99	16%	218	35%	105	17%	618	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	15	3%	22	4%	34	6%	55	9%	167	28%	302	51%	595	100%
Stabilization of Family	223	62%	55	15%	21	6%	14	4%	17	5%	29	8%	359	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	201	70%	33	12%	21	7%	8	3%	15	5%	8	3%	286	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,078</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>1,547</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>1,020</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>1,758</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>1,726</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>8,952</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

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

- At the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2013 (12/31/12), the median time in continuous care was 1.1 years and the median<sup>17</sup> age was 10.6 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. (See table on next page)
- Over the past 20 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. The total population of children in placement has decreased from a high of 13,056 in 1995 to 7,467 in 2012. (See table on next page)

<sup>17</sup> Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

<b>Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Median Age (yrs)</b>	<b>Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>
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
6/12	11.0	1.1	7,467
9/12	10.6	1.1	7,471
12/12	10.6	1.1	7,302

- An age breakdown of children in placement by race<sup>18</sup> is presented in the following table. Minority children were a 2-3 years older than White children. Time in placement was a couple of months longer for Black children compared to White and Hispanic children. (See table below). On 12/31/12, 45% of children less than 18 years old in placement were adolescents. Please note that the statistics in the following table are for children less than 18 years old.

<b>Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement on 12/31/12</b>			
<b>Race</b>	<b>Median Age (yrs)</b>	<b>Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>
White	9.9	1.1	3,465
Black	12.6	1.3	1,075
Hispanic/Latino	12.3	1.1	1,846
Asian	14.1	1.2	98
Native American	5.0	1.8	17
Pacific Islander	16.5	1.0	4
Multi-Racial	7.1	1.0	481
Unable to Determine	4.8	1.0	316
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>7,302</b>

<sup>18</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes children of any race.



- The table below displays the median age and continuous time in care for all children less than 18 years old in placement on 12/31/2012. These children may have been in different types of placement prior to this quarter end-date.
- Excluding Pre-Adoptive foster children, Unrestricted, Kinship, and Child Specific 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 3 children in Independent Living had the highest median age and lowest continuous time in care. All 3 children were between 17 and 18 years old. They were in school or vocational programs and needed financial support to transition to living independently. Please note this analysis does not include the majority of foster children 18 years or older in the independent living program. Ninety-nine percent of total consumers in the foster care Independent Living program were 18 or older (See pages 54-55).
- Children in contracted IFC were older and had spent more time in continuous care compared to children in most other types of foster care—the 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 children in a Residential setting were in residential schools. The group home category of Independent Living 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. There were 22 children in this placement service (all between 17 and 18 years old). Eighty-four percent of total consumers in the congregate care Independent Living program were 18 years or older (See pages 54-55).
- The STARR program is a short-term residential placement service; this is reflected in the 0.2 year median length of stay.

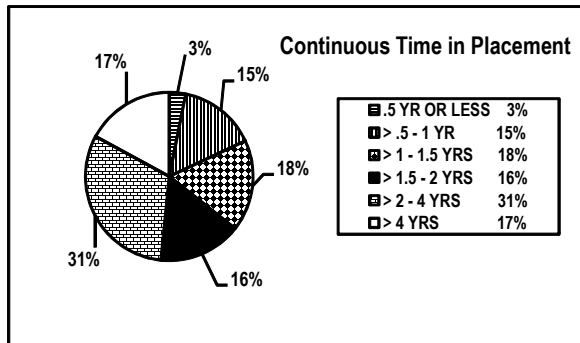
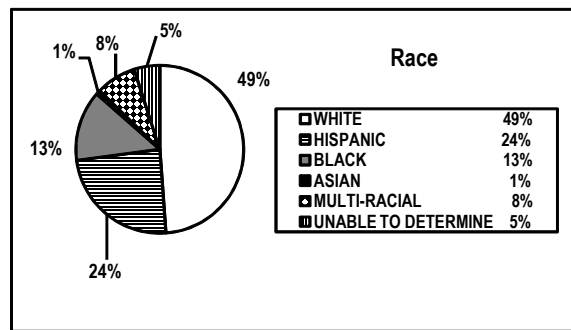
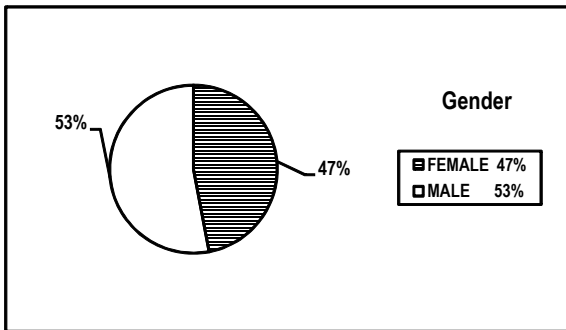
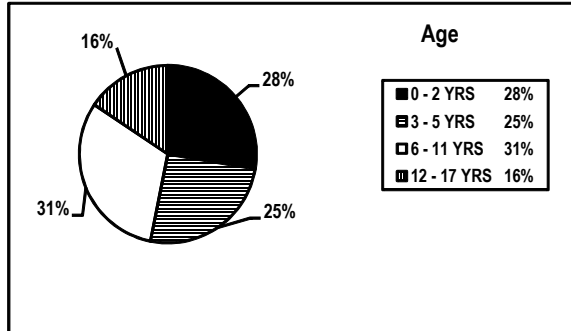
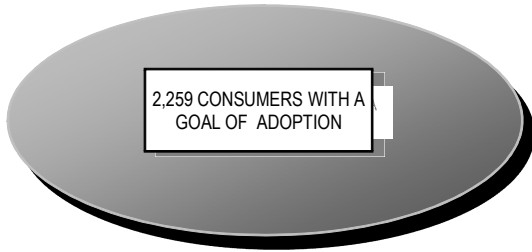
**Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement**

<b>Placement Type as of 12/31/2012</b>	<b>Median Age (yrs)</b>	<b>Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>
<b>Foster Care:</b>			
Unrestricted	5.0	0.7	1,646
Kinship	6.2	1.0	1,804
Child Specific	9.6	1.2	374
Pre-Adoptive	4.4	2.2	425
Independent Living (< 18 years old)	17.6	0.8	3
IFC (contracted)	14.0	1.7	1,459
<b>Congregate Care:</b>			
Group Home	15.5	1.2	540
Residential	15.6	2.0	431
STARR	15.1	0.2	302
Independent Living (<18 years old)	17.6	1.8	22
On the Run & Non-Referral Locations	16.2	0.9	296
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>7,302</b>

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

- Out of 2,259 consumers (includes 4 youths over 18 years old) in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,099 (49%) were White, 304 (13%) were Black, 542 (24%) were Hispanic/Latino, 20 (1%) were Asian, 8 (<1%) were Native American, and 175 (8%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 111 (5%) consumers. (**Table 14** on page 32, **Table 15** on page 33, **Fig. 17** on next page)
- The age distribution of 2,281 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 28% age 0-2 years, 25% age 3-5 years, 31% age 6-11 years, and 16% age 12-17 years. (**Table 15, Fig. 17**)
- Fifty-three percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 47% were female. (**Fig. 17**)
- Forty-eight 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 33, **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'2013, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**



- There has been a decline in the number of children<sup>19</sup> in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of children with a goal of adoption fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In 2001, children in placement with a goal of adoption 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 22 years, there have been relatively minor fluctuations in the proportion of children in placement with a goal of adoption—ranging from a high of 35% in 1994 to a low of 26% in 2006. For the past three years, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has been stable at 30-31%. (See table below)

### Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement

Date mo/yr	Children in Placement	Children in Placement with a Goal of Adoption	% of Children with a Goal of Adoption
7/91	12,397	3,541	29%
7/92	12,311	4,116	33%
7/93	12,577	4,244	34%
7/94	12,977	4,522	35%
7/95	13,056	4,352	33%
7/96	12,463	4,251	34%
7/97	11,957	3,673	31%
12/97	11,170	3,489	31%
9/98	10,503	3,393	32%
6/99	9,834	3,107	32%
6/00	10,025	3,175	32%
6/01	9,889	2,860	29%
6/02	9,932	2,837	29%
6/03	10,127	2,861	28%
6/04	9,815	2,763	28%
6/05	9,439	2,573	27%
6/06	9,543	2,452	26%
6/07	9,132	2,549	28%
6/08	9,287	2,494	27%
6/09	8,755	2,525	29%
6/10	8,097	2,478	31%
6/11	7,841	2,468	31%
6/12	7,467	2,286	31%
9/12	7,471	2,277	30%
12/12	7,302	2,255	31%

NOTES: Children are less than 18 years old

<sup>19</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

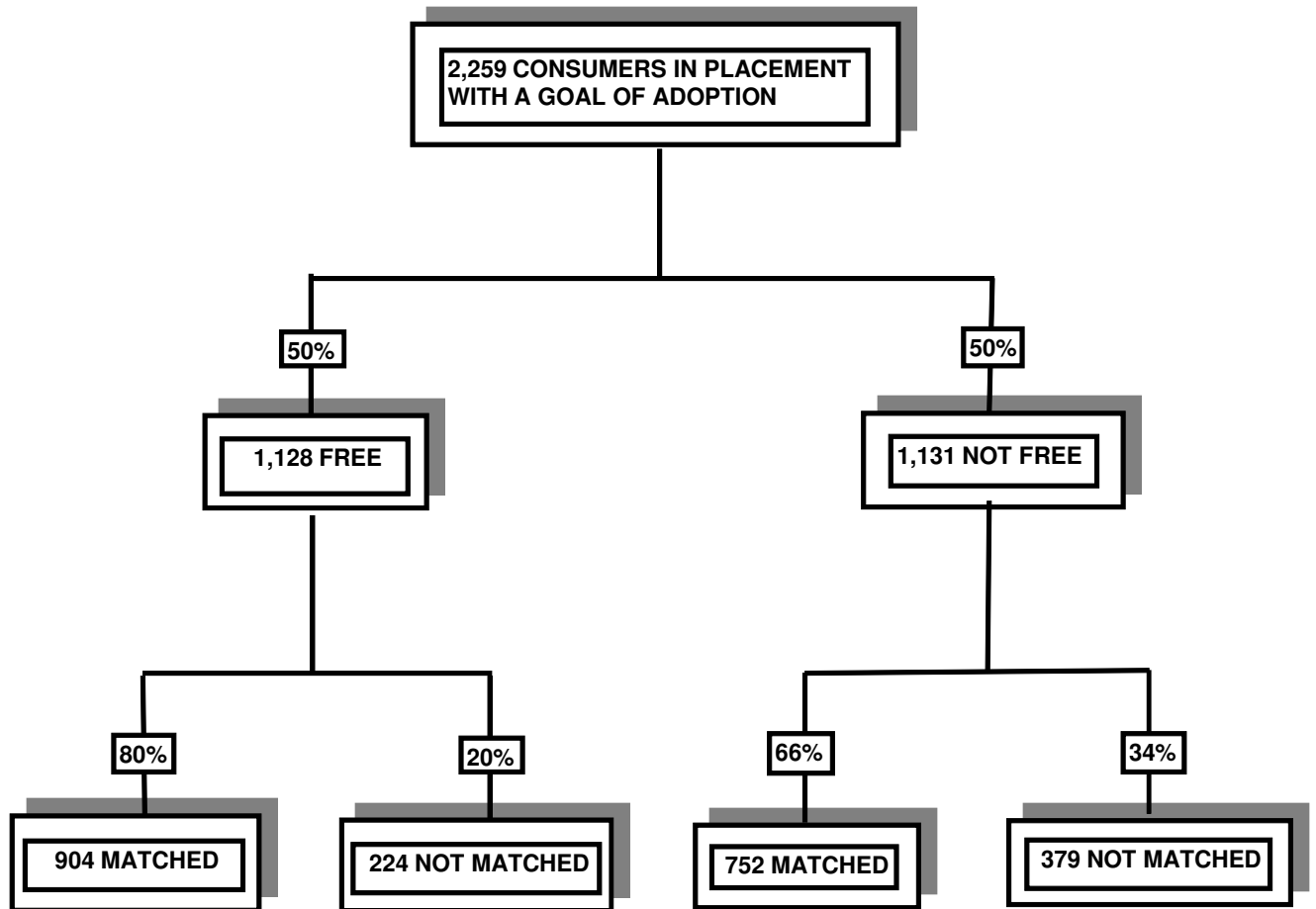
- Of the 2,259 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 50% were legally free for adoption. Eighty percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. (**Fig. 18** on next page)
- The adolescent age group had the highest proportion of children who were legally free for adoption (see 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’2012 showed that the proportion of older children (12-17 years old) who were adopted accounted for only 6% 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 12/31/12		% Legally Free for Adoption
	Children with Goal of Adoption & Legally Free for Adoption	All Children with Goal of Adoption	
	No.	No.	%
0 – 2	250	624	40%
3 – 5	289	575	50%
6 – 11	381	705	54%
12 – 17	207	351	59%
<b>Total</b>	1,127	2,255	50%

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

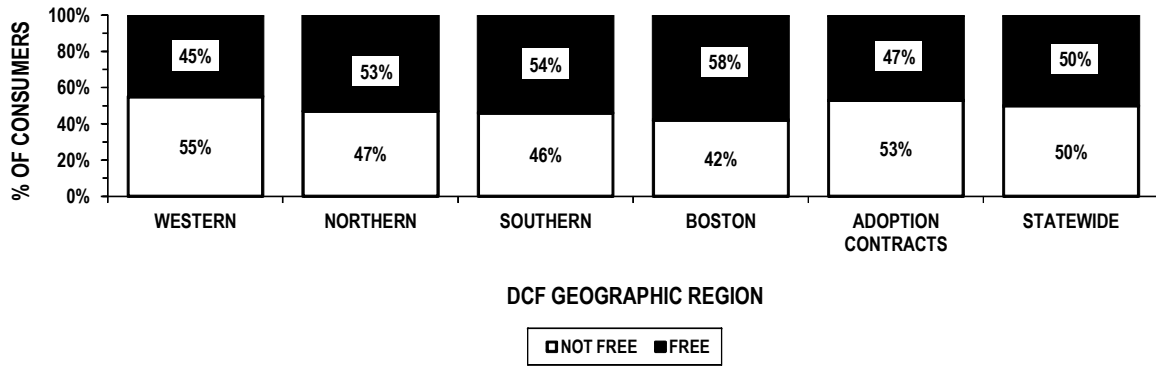
- Of those children with a goal of adoption who were not legally free for adoption (50%), 66% were matched to permanent families (**Fig. 18**).
- The proportion of children in placement with a goal of adoption who were legally free for adoption ranged from 45% in the West to 58% in Boston (**Fig. 19** on page 41). On an area office basis, the proportion of legally free children ranged from 23% in Cambridge to 83% in Lawrence (**Appendix Table A10** on page 77).
- The proportion of children in placement with a goal of adoption who were matched to a permanent family ranged from 70% in the South to 80% in Boston (**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. At the area level, the proportion of children matched to a permanent family ranged from 56% in Brockton to 94% in Cape Ann (**Appendix Table A11** on page 78).

**FIGURE 18. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION:  
 LEGAL STATUS AND MATCH STATUS  
 FY'2013, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**

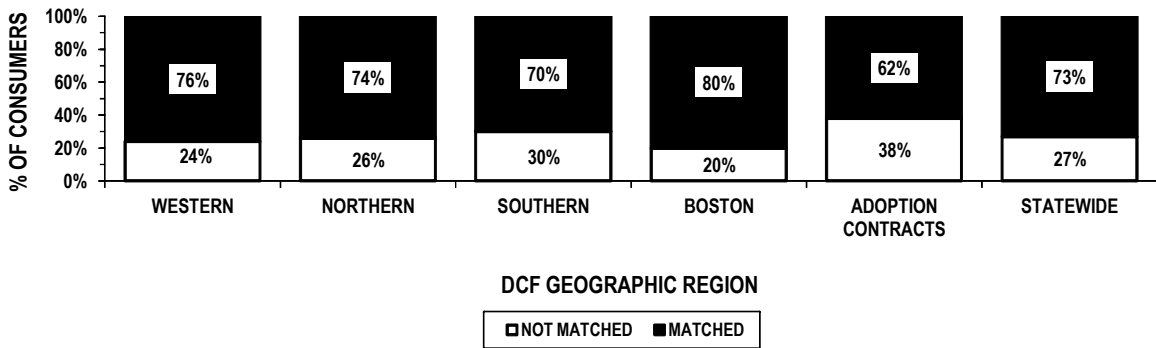


Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption  
 Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 19. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION  
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS  
FY'2013, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**



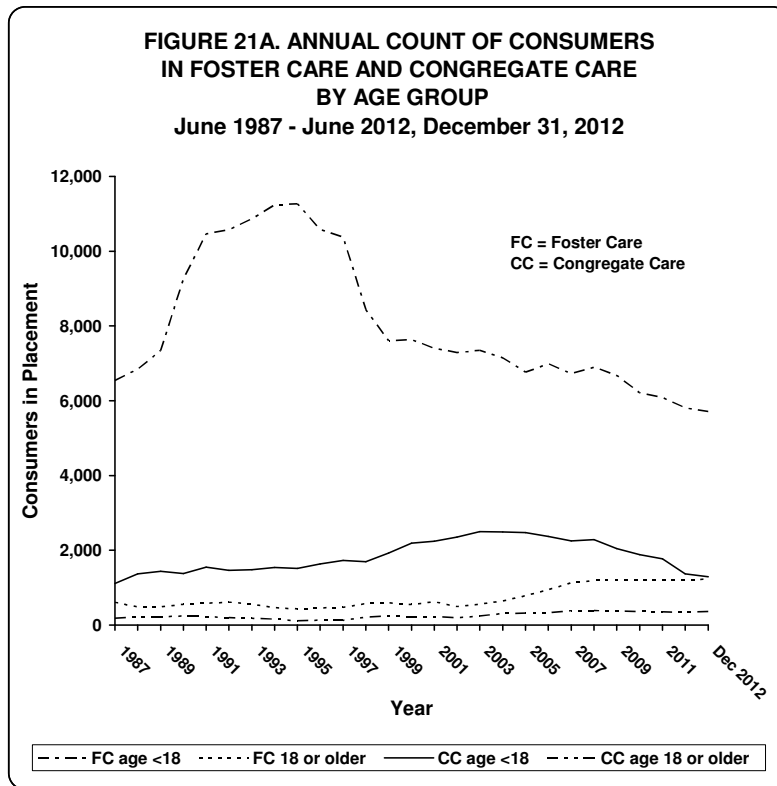
**FIGURE 20. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION  
AND WHETHER MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY  
FY'2013, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**



## E. Foster and Congregate Care

### Trends

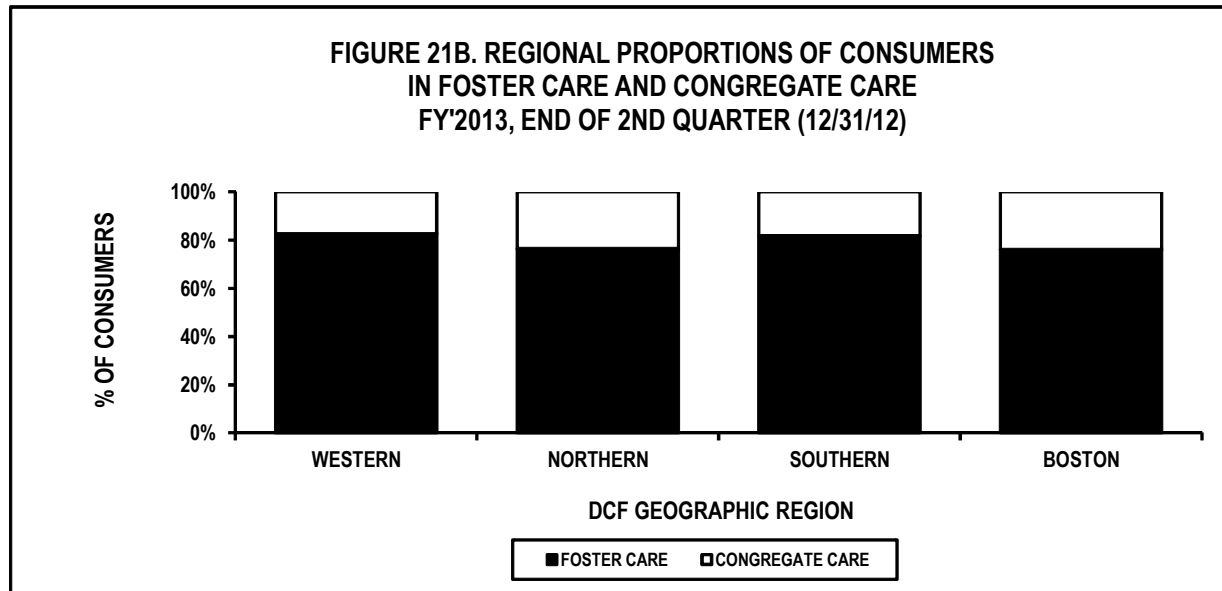
- The foster and congregate care populations have been declining at different rates for varying lengths of time (**Fig. 21A**). Further differences become evident when separate counts of foster and congregate care consumers are displayed by age group—less than 18 years old vs. 18 years or older (**Fig. 21A**).



- Annual counts of consumers less than 18 years old in foster care have been declining since 1995 (**Fig. 21A**). The most precipitous decline occurred from 1995 to 1999; thereafter, the decline progressed at a more moderate rate. Compared to foster care, counts of children less than 18 years old in congregate care have been more stable over the years (**Fig. 21A**). The congregate care population gradually increased during 1987 to 2003. In 2003, it began a downward trend which continued through 2012.
- The number of foster and congregate care children 18 years old or older fluctuated but remained relatively stable from 1987 to 2002 (**Fig. 21A**). In 2003, these populations of young adults began increasing and reached a plateau that extended from 2007 to 2012—around 1,190 individuals in foster care and 370 in congregate care (**Fig. 21A**). Children in DCF custody/care who are turning 18 years old have an opportunity to sign a voluntary placement agreement. They are supported by DCF until graduation from a full-time school or vocational training program (through age 23 for a Bachelor's Degree).



- There were 6,952 consumers in foster care and 1,659 consumers in congregate care<sup>20</sup> on the last day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2013. (Table 17A on page 45, Fig. 21B)



- Adolescents (12-17 years) were the primary age group in foster care (25-30% range across regions) and congregate care (65-70% range across regions). (Table 17A)
- Adolescents were also the primary age group in “Other” placement locations<sup>21</sup> (69-84% regional range). (Table 17A)
- The foster care racial proportions ranged from: White—19% in Boston to 60% in the South; Black—9% in the North to 45% in Boston; and Hispanic/Latino—13% in the South to 30% in both the West and North (Table 18A on page 48). 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 49-50).

<sup>20</sup>Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

<sup>21</sup>“Other” includes locations like hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies, as well as children on the run from placement.

- There were 1,721 consumers in “Intensive” foster care<sup>22</sup> (IFC) and 5,231 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (34% of consumers), kinship (35%), child specific (8%), pre-adoptive (8%), and independent living (14%).<sup>23</sup> (**Table 17B** on page 46 or **Table 18B** on page 49)
- A breakdown of the number of consumers in foster care by region is displayed in **Fig. 22B** on page 51.
- The proportions of consumers in different types of foster care are shown for each region in **Figure 22A** (page 51). Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West. The South had the largest proportion of consumers in kinship homes. The proportion of consumers in child-specific homes was similar among regions. The West had the highest proportion of consumers in pre-adoptive homes. Consumers in independent living were proportionally higher in the North as compared to the other regions. The North and Boston had the largest proportions of consumers in intensive foster care. (**Fig. 22A**)
- The major congregate care programs were group homes (788 consumers), residential (566), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)<sup>24</sup> (305 consumers). (**Table 17C** on page 47)
- The proportions of consumers in different types of congregate care are shown for each region in **Figure 23A** (on page 52). The North and West had the highest proportions of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential placements was most significant in the Boston Region. The proportion of children in STARR placements was greater in the South. (**Fig. 23A, Table 17C**)
- Regional counts of consumers in group home, residential, and STARR programs are presented in **Fig. 23B** on page 52 and **Table 17C**.
- Consumers in the residential program were mostly situated in Residential schools.<sup>25</sup> (**Table 17C**)
- The primary models in the group home program were behavioral treatment residence (BTR) (386 consumers), group home (263), and independent living (139). (**Table 17C**)

---

<sup>22</sup>Intensive Foster Care encompasses and expands upon services formerly known as “Contracted” Foster Care (Therapeutic, Diagnostic, Independent Living, Emergency Shelter, and Other models). IFC programs provide therapeutic services and supports in a family-based placement setting to children and youth for whom a traditional foster care environment is not sufficiently supportive, who are transitioning from a residential/group home level of care and require the intensity of services available through this program, or who are being discharged from a hospital setting.

<sup>23</sup> The Departmental foster care category of independent living represents payment of the foster care rate directly to youth to subsidize their room and board expenses.

<sup>24</sup> Services focused on supporting a rapid reintegration or transition to a next placement.

<sup>25</sup> Staff secure placement is for children who have not sufficiently internalized behavioral controls and require a more highly structured setting to help them manage their behavior. These facilities are licensed by the Department of Education. Special education services are provided according to the child’s Individual Education Plan (IEP).

**TABLE 17A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2013, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Age Group	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
<b>Western</b>		<b>2,642</b>		<b>556</b>		<b>117</b>		<b>3,315</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	552	21%	---	---	6	5%	558
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	426	16%	1	*	5	4%	432
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	504	19%	72	13%	17	15%	593
	(12 - 17 yrs)	784	30%	378	68%	82	70%	1,244
	18 or older	376	14%	105	19%	7	6%	488
<b>Northern</b>		<b>1,396</b>		<b>430</b>		<b>92</b>		<b>1,918</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	220	16%	---	---	3	3%	223
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	185	13%	---	---	---	---	185
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	247	18%	28	7%	8	9%	283
	(12 - 17 yrs)	416	30%	278	65%	69	75%	763
	18 or older	328	23%	124	29%	12	13%	464
<b>Southern</b>		<b>1,790</b>		<b>399</b>		<b>65</b>		<b>2,254</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	358	20%	1	*	4	6%	363
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	288	16%	1	*	2	3%	291
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	377	21%	54	14%	9	14%	440
	(12 - 17 yrs)	448	25%	280	70%	45	69%	773
	18 or older	319	18%	63	16%	5	8%	387
<b>Boston</b>		<b>785</b>		<b>247</b>		<b>45</b>		<b>1,077</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	154	20%	---	---	---	---	154
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	115	15%	1	*	---	---	116
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	131	17%	17	7%	2	4%	150
	(12 - 17 yrs)	229	29%	173	70%	38	84%	440
	18 or older	156	20%	56	23%	5	11%	217
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup></b>		<b>245</b>		<b>5</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>252</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	47	19%	---	---	---	---	47
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	66	27%	---	---	---	---	66
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	84	34%	2	40%	2	100%	88
	(12 - 17 yrs)	48	20%	3	60%	---	---	51
<b>Other <sup>(4)</sup></b>		<b>94</b>		<b>22</b>		<b>20</b>		<b>136</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	1	1%	---	---	---	---	1
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	6	6%	1	5%	---	---	7
	(12 - 17 yrs)	25	27%	5	23%	4	20%	34
	18 or older	62	66%	16	73%	16	80%	94
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,952</b>		<b>1,659</b>		<b>341</b>		<b>8,952</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

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

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**TABLE 17B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2013, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	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	
<b>Western</b>		<b>589</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>2,642</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	11	6	30	---	192	60	253	552
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	30	3	33	---	146	53	161	426
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	95	---	39	---	174	56	140	504
	(12 - 17 yrs)	370	18	64	2	142	12	176	784
	18 or older	83	8	19	217	14	2	33	376
<b>Northern</b>		<b>367</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>1,396</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	31	1	11	---	75	23	79	220
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	32	6	13	---	63	22	49	185
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	71	4	8	---	98	11	55	247
	(12 - 17 yrs)	180	7	34	---	102	9	84	416
	18 or older	53	9	18	219	7	---	22	328
<b>Southern</b>		<b>375</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>1,790</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	17	4	13	---	126	42	156	358
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	40	3	9	---	134	26	76	288
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	70	1	16	---	171	26	93	377
	(12 - 17 yrs)	189	4	45	1	114	1	94	448
	18 or older	59	8	21	184	19	1	27	319
<b>Boston</b>		<b>203</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>785</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	4	4	15	---	60	13	58	154
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	15	3	9	---	43	7	38	115
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	41	3	8	---	47	10	22	131
	(12 - 17 yrs)	110	2	13	---	52	6	46	229
	18 or older	33	---	7	100	5	---	11	156
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(2)</sup></b>		<b>59</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>245</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	2	---	2	---	14	11	18	47
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	15	---	4	---	16	14	17	66
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	20	1	5	---	25	14	19	84
	(12 - 17 yrs)	22	---	3	---	9	9	5	48
<b>Other <sup>(3)</sup></b>		<b>33</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>94</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	5	---	---	---	---	---	1	6
	(12 - 17 yrs)	19	---	---	---	---	---	6	25
	18 or older	9	---	2	28	---	---	23	62
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,626</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>1,849</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>1,762</b>	<b>6,952</b>

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

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

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**TABLE 17C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2013, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Age Group	Congregate Care					STARR <sup>(3)</sup>	Total
		Group Home			Residential			
		Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential <sup>(2)</sup>		
<b>Western</b>		<b>163</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>556</b>
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	13	13	---	25	---	21	72
	(12 - 17 yrs)	137	53	1	104	---	83	378
	18 or older	13	29	25	34	2	2	105
<b>Northern</b>		<b>92</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>430</b>
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	9	3	---	10	---	6	28
	(12 - 17 yrs)	75	46	9	82	2	64	278
	18 or older	8	18	59	34	4	1	124
<b>Southern</b>		<b>72</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>399</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	16	4	---	12	---	22	54
	(12 - 17 yrs)	51	38	5	102	7	77	280
	18 or older	5	15	15	27	1	---	63
<b>Boston</b>		<b>58</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>247</b>
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	---	1
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	7	1	---	8	---	1	17
	(12 - 17 yrs)	43	27	6	71	3	23	173
	18 or older	7	9	11	26	3	---	56
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(4)</sup></b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	---	1	---	1	---	---	2
	(12 - 17 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	2	3
<b>Other <sup>(5)</sup></b>		<b>---</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>22</b>
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	1	1	3	---	---	5
	18 or older	---	5	7	3	1	---	16
<b>Total</b>		<b>386</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>1,659</b>

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

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

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

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

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minors program.

**TABLE 18A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2013, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Race	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
<b>Western</b>		<b>2,642</b>		<b>556</b>		<b>117</b>		<b>3,315</b>
	White	1,278	48%	259	47%	41	35%	1,578
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	781	30%	182	33%	53	45%	1,016
	Black	288	11%	76	14%	14	12%	378
	Asian	11	*	---	---	---	---	11
	Native American	2	*	---	---	---	---	2
	Other <sup>(4)</sup>	1	*	1	*	---	---	2
	Multi-Racial	150	6%	22	4%	4	3%	176
	Unable to Determine	131	5%	16	3%	5	4%	152
<b>Northern</b>		<b>1,396</b>		<b>430</b>		<b>92</b>		<b>1,918</b>
	White	662	47%	226	53%	28	30%	916
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	421	30%	124	29%	33	36%	578
	Black	122	9%	45	10%	14	15%	181
	Asian	62	4%	11	3%	9	10%	82
	Native American	2	*	---	---	---	---	2
	Other <sup>(4)</sup>	---	---	2	*	---	---	2
	Multi-Racial	78	6%	16	4%	6	7%	100
	Unable to Determine	49	4%	6	1%	2	2%	57
<b>Southern</b>		<b>1,790</b>		<b>399</b>		<b>65</b>		<b>2,254</b>
	White	1,069	60%	243	61%	35	54%	1,347
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	229	13%	42	11%	17	26%	288
	Black	231	13%	73	18%	10	15%	314
	Asian	11	1%	4	1%	---	---	15
	Native American	11	1%	---	---	---	---	12
	Multi-Racial	160	9%	21	5%	3	5%	184
	Unable to Determine	79	4%	15	4%	---	---	94
<b>Boston</b>		<b>785</b>		<b>247</b>		<b>45</b>		<b>1,077</b>
	White	153	19%	34	14%	4	9%	191
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	208	26%	65	26%	19	42%	292
	Black	353	45%	135	55%	19	42%	507
	Asian	14	2%	1	0%	1	2%	16
	Native American	2	*	---	---	---	---	2
	Multi-Racial	33	4%	4	2%	1	2%	38
	Unable to Determine	22	3%	8	3%	1	2%	31
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(5)</sup></b>		<b>245</b>		<b>5</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>252</b>
	White	120	49%	4	80%	1	50%	125
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	56	23%	1	20%	1	50%	58
	Black	36	15%	---	---	---	---	36
	Asian	1	*	---	---	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	22	9%	---	---	---	---	22
	Unable to Determine	10	4%	---	---	---	---	10
<b>Other <sup>(6)</sup></b>		<b>94</b>		<b>22</b>		<b>20</b>		<b>136</b>
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	28	30%	13	59%	14	70%	55
	Black	28	30%	4	18%	2	10%	34
	Asian	36	38%	2	9%	1	5%	39
	Unable to Determine	2	2%	3	14%	3	15%	8
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,952</b>		<b>1,659</b>		<b>341</b>		<b>8,952</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>(6)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minors program.

**TABLE 18B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2013, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	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
<b>Western</b>		<b>589</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>2,642</b>
	White	239	16	101	100	387	95	340	1,278
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(2)</sup>	202	12	42	69	175	50	231	781
	Black	93	2	24	35	39	16	79	288
	Asian	4	1	---	---	---	1	5	11
	Native American	---	1	1	---	---	---	---	2
	Other <sup>(3)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	Multi-Racial	35	1	4	8	39	11	52	150
	Unable to Determine	16	2	13	7	28	10	55	131
<b>Northern</b>		<b>367</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>1,396</b>
	White	148	14	45	97	207	29	122	662
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(2)</sup>	115	7	21	69	90	18	101	421
	Black	43	2	6	31	16	4	20	122
	Asian	14	2	2	15	8	4	17	62
	Native American	1	---	---	---	---	1	---	2
	Multi-Racial	31	2	4	5	13	7	16	78
	Unable to Determine	15	---	6	2	11	2	13	49
<b>Southern</b>		<b>375</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>1,790</b>
	White	218	12	70	106	372	52	239	1,069
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(2)</sup>	59	2	12	30	47	10	69	229
	Black	60	5	9	33	57	7	60	231
	Asian	2	---	1	4	3	1	---	11
	Native American	2	---	1	---	6	2	---	11
	Multi-Racial	25	1	9	7	60	12	46	160
	Unable to Determine	9	---	2	5	19	12	32	79
<b>Boston</b>		<b>203</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>785</b>
	White	48	5	12	17	39	6	26	153
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(2)</sup>	57	2	12	26	49	7	55	208
	Black	87	1	20	53	100	21	71	353
	Asian	2	1	2	3	2	1	3	14
	Native American	---	---	1	---	1	---	---	2
	Multi-Racial	8	2	2	---	12	1	8	33
	Unable to Determine	1	1	3	1	4	---	12	22
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(4)</sup></b>		<b>59</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>245</b>
	White	27	1	9	---	43	19	21	120
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(2)</sup>	8	---	3	---	9	15	21	56
	Black	13	---	1	---	7	8	7	36
	Asian	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	1
	Multi-Racial	6	---	---	---	3	5	8	22
	Unable to Determine	5	---	1	---	2	---	2	10
<b>Other <sup>(5)</sup></b>		<b>33</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>94</b>
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(2)</sup>	9	---	---	11	---	---	8	28
	Black	5	---	2	6	1	---	14	28
	Asian	18	---	---	11	---	---	7	36
	Unable to Determine	1	---	---	---	---	---	1	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,626</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>1,849</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>1,762</b>	<b>6,952</b>

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes all races.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

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

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**TABLE 18C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2013, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Congregate Care						Total
	Group Home			Residential		STARR <sup>(3)</sup>	
	Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential <sup>(2)</sup>		
<b>Western</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>556</b>
White	73	53	8	73	---	52	259
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(4)</sup>	45	30	6	64	2	35	182
Black	29	8	10	20	---	9	76
Other <sup>(5)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
Multi-Racial	7	2	2	4	---	7	22
Unable to Determine	9	2	---	2	---	3	16
<b>Northern</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>430</b>
White	58	36	28	71	2	31	226
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(4)</sup>	23	15	22	28	4	32	124
Black	6	9	13	13	---	4	45
Asian	1	4	1	5	---	---	11
Other <sup>(5)</sup>	---	1	---	1	---	---	2
Multi-Racial	4	2	4	4	---	2	16
Unable to Determine	---	---	---	4	---	2	6
<b>Southern</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>399</b>
White	42	34	11	90	5	61	243
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(4)</sup>	3	7	1	17	3	11	42
Black	17	12	6	23	---	15	73
Asian	---	2	---	2	---	---	4
Native American	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
Multi-Racial	9	---	2	5	---	5	21
Unable to Determine	1	2	---	3	---	9	15
<b>Boston</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>247</b>
White	6	5	5	12	1	5	34
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(4)</sup>	19	6	4	24	3	9	65
Black	29	22	7	68	2	7	135
Asian	---	1	---	---	---	---	1
Multi-Racial	2	1	---	---	---	1	4
Unable to Determine	2	2	1	1	---	2	8
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(6)</sup></b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>
White	1	---	---	1	---	2	4
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(4)</sup>	---	1	---	---	---	---	1
<b>Other <sup>(7)</sup></b>	<b>---</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>22</b>
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(4)</sup>	---	6	2	5	---	---	13
Black	---	---	3	1	---	---	4
Asian	---	---	1	---	---	---	2
Unable to Determine	---	---	2	1	---	---	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>1,659</b>

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

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

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

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

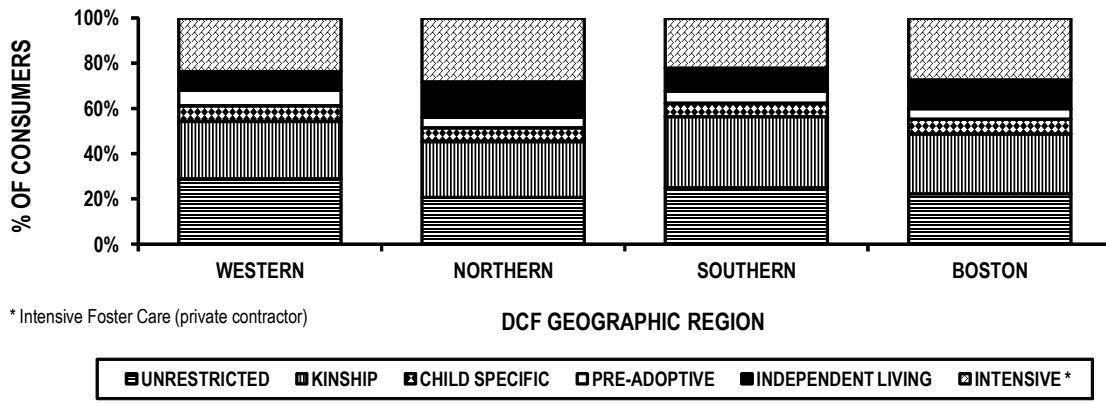
<sup>(5)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

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

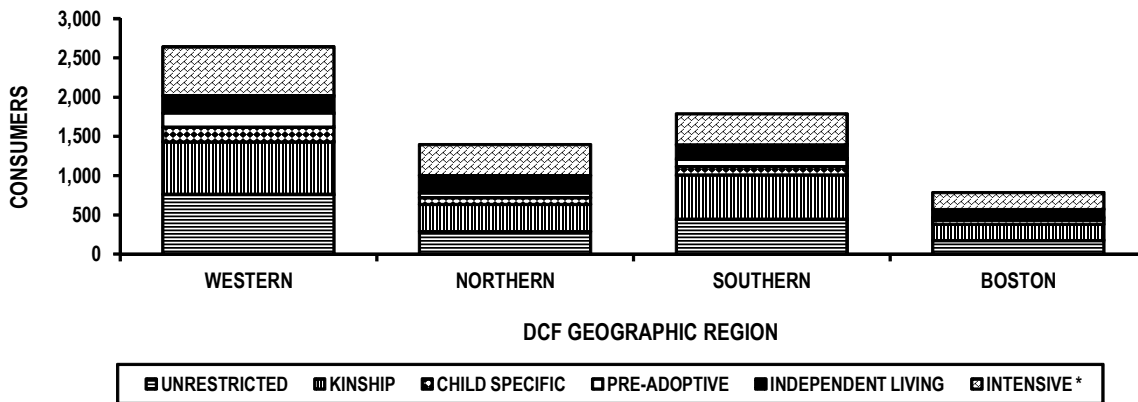
<sup>(7)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minors program.



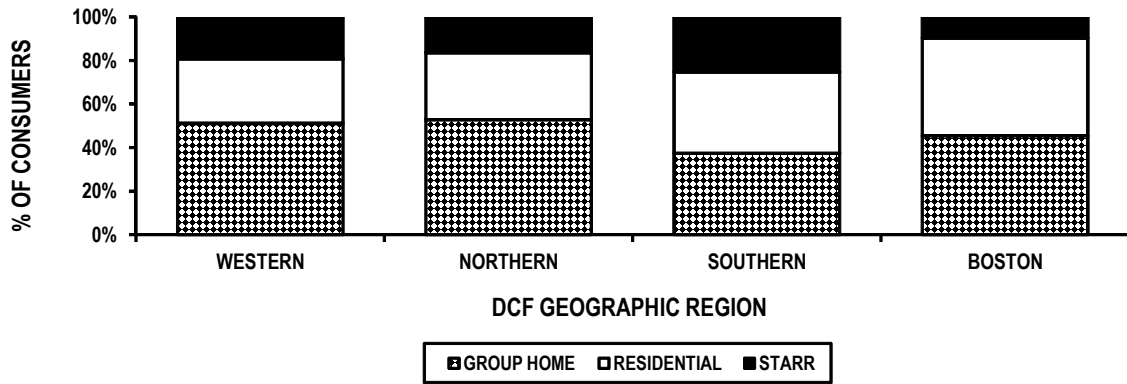
**FIGURE 22A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2013, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**



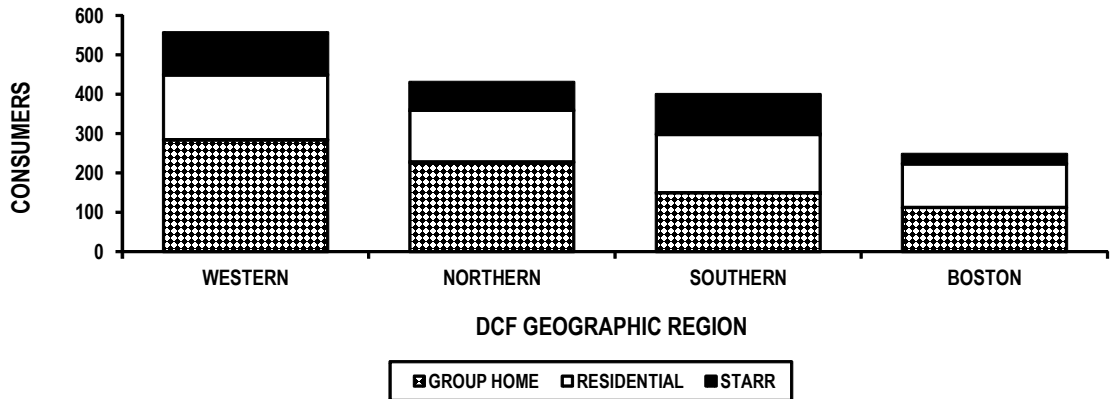
**FIGURE 22B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2013, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**



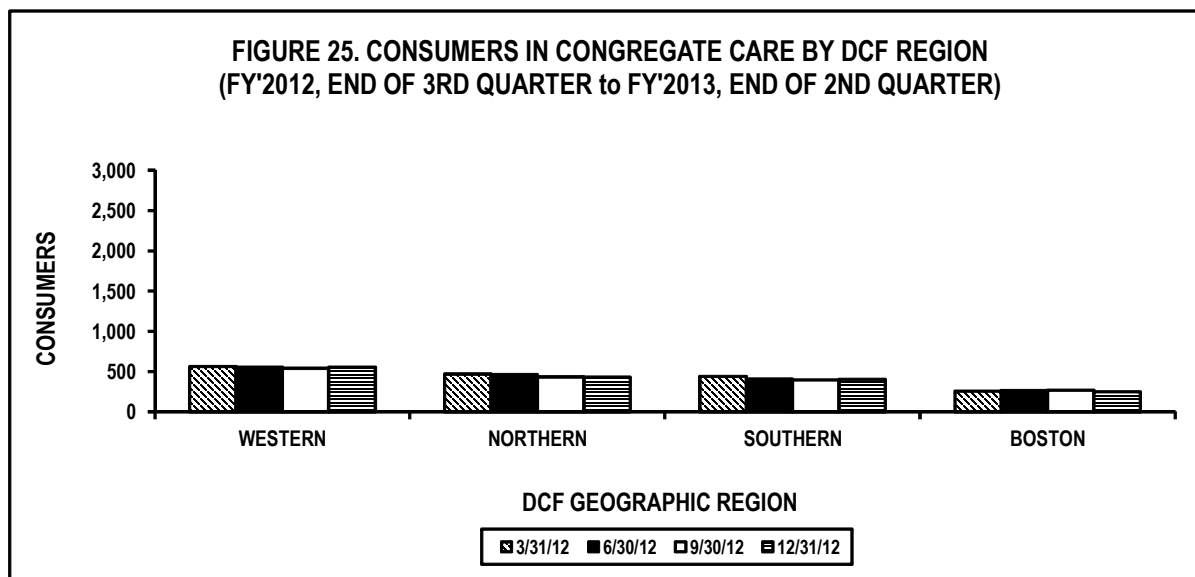
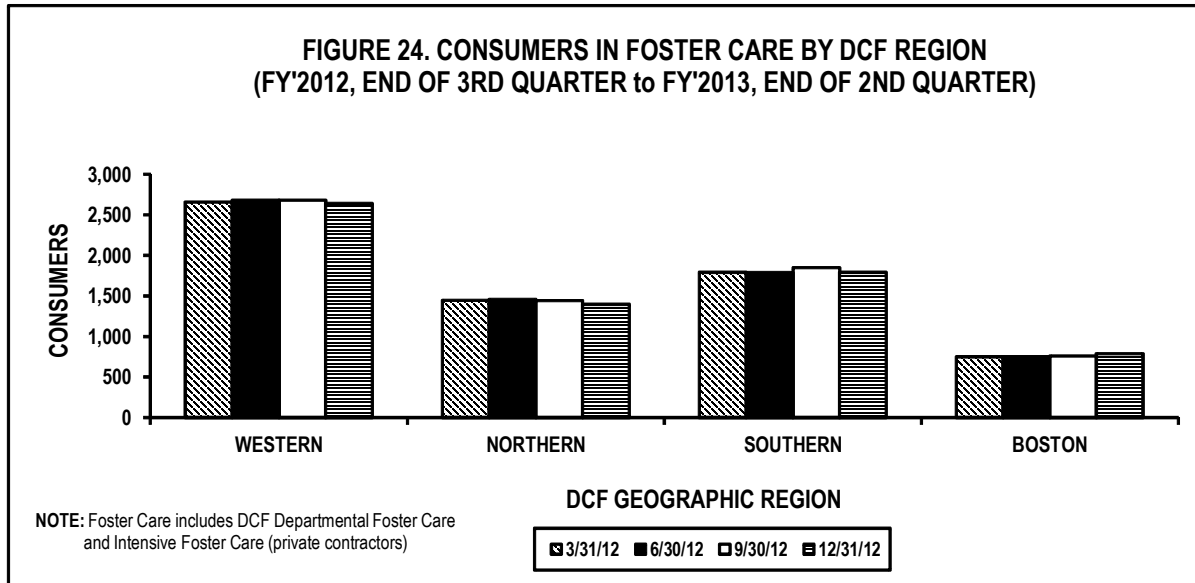
**FIGURE 23A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2013, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**



**FIGURE 23B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2013, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**



- From the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, there was a decrease of less than 1% in the congregate care population and a decrease of 2% in the foster care population (**Figs. 24 and 25**).<sup>26</sup>
- Declines in statewide numbers of consumers in placement, foster care, and congregate care most often occur in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter over the past 4 years). Seasonal variation is not the only contributing factor. Annual counts of placement children have shown a steady decline since 1995 (**Fig. 13A** on page 23, **Appendix Table A1** on page 68).



<sup>26</sup> Both foster care and congregate care include young adults 18 years or older.

## F. Independent Living

Of the 6,952 consumers in foster care, 751 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 living independently. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday if it is demonstrated that without DCF financial support the student will not complete a Bachelor’s program. On 12/31/2012, the ages of these children ranged from 17 to 24 years old.

Of the 1,659 consumers in congregate care, 139 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 12/31/2012, the ages of these children ranged from 16 to 22 years old.

- The Northern Region had the highest number of independent living children (219 in foster care and 68 in group homes). (See table below).
- Of the 751 youth in the Departmental foster care independent living model, 99% were 18 years or older, 59% were female, 43% were White, 21% were Black, 27% were Hispanic/Latino, and 71% had spent more than two years in continuous substitute care. (See table on next page)
- Of the 139 youth in independent living group homes, 84% were 18 years or older, 50% were female, 37% were White, 28% were Black, 25% were Hispanic/Latino, and 67% had spent more than two years in continuous substitute care. (See table on next page)

### Regional Distribution of Youth in the Independent Living Program FY’2013, End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (12/31/12)

Youth Receiving Foster Care Payment		DCF Region	Group Home	
No.	%		No.	%
219	29%	Western	26	19%
219	29%	Northern	68	49%
185	25%	Southern	20	14%
100	13%	Boston	17	12%
28	4%	Other**	8	6%
751	100%	TOTAL	139	100%

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

\*\* Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minors program.

**Demographic Profile of Youth in the Independent Living Program  
FY'2013, End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (12/31/12)**

<b>Youth Receiving Foster Care Payment</b>			<b>Group Home</b>	
<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>		<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
		<i><b>Age Group</b></i>		
3	*	<b>16-17 years</b>	22	16%
748	99+%	<b>18 years or Older</b>	117	84%
		<i><b>Gender</b></i>		
310	41%	<b>Male</b>	69	50%
441	59%	<b>Female</b>	70	50%
		<i><b>Race</b></i>		
320	43%	<b>White</b>	52	37%
158	21%	<b>Black</b>	39	28%
205	27%	<b>Hispanic/Latino</b>	35	25%
33	4%	<b>Asian</b>	2	1%
---	---	<b>Native American</b>	---	---
20	3%	<b>Multi-Racial</b>	8	6%
15	2%	<b>Undetermined</b>	3	2%
		<i><b>Continuous Time in Care</b></i>		
118	16%	<b>1 year or less</b>	25	18%
96	13%	<b>&gt;1 – 2 years</b>	21	15%
175	23%	<b>&gt;2 – 4 years</b>	35	25%
362	48%	<b>&gt;4 years</b>	58	42%

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

\* Less than 1% after rounding-off

## G. Children in Kinship Placement<sup>27</sup>

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

- Statewide, 25% of all children in placement were in kinship care. The Haverhill (36%) and Fall River (36%) area offices had the highest proportions of placement children in kinship. (**Table 19A** on next page)
- Statewide, 29% of White, 20% of Hispanic/Latino, and 20% of Black children in placement were in kinship placements. (**Table 19B** on page 58)
- Of those area offices with more than 30 Hispanic children in placement, North Central (28%), Holyoke (27%), and Dimock Street (27%) had the largest proportions of Hispanic/Latino children in kinship care. (**Table 19B**)
- Of those area offices with more than 30 Black children in placement, Fall River (35%) and Coastal (35%) had the largest proportions of Black children in kinship care. (**Table 19B**)

---

<sup>27</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

**TABLE 19A. CHILDREN <sup>(1)</sup> IN KINSHIP PLACEMENT AS A PROPORTION OF ALL CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT:  
FY'2013, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**

<b>DCF Region/Area</b>	<b>Kinship</b>	<b>Total Children in Placement</b>	<b>% in Kinship</b>
Greenfield	77	272	28%
Holyoke	59	252	23%
North Central	116	363	32%
Pittsfield	95	333	29%
Robert Van Wart	61	333	18%
South Central	71	273	26%
Springfield	43	382	11%
Worcester East	69	318	22%
Worcester West	62	296	21%
Contracted Agencies	1	5	20%
<b>Western</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>2,827</b>	<b>23%</b>
Cambridge	25	104	24%
Cape Ann	49	190	26%
Framingham	36	164	22%
Haverhill	50	137	36%
Lawrence	29	141	21%
Lowell	78	321	24%
Lynn	53	251	21%
Malden	18	146	12%
<b>Northern</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>1,454</b>	<b>23%</b>
Arlington	38	142	27%
Brockton	43	207	21%
Cape Cod	61	226	27%
Coastal	63	193	33%
Fall River	113	311	36%
New Bedford	90	350	26%
Plymouth	73	234	31%
Taunton/Attleboro	64	202	32%
Contracted Agencies	---	2	---
<b>Southern</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>1,867</b>	<b>29%</b>
Dimock Street	60	231	26%
Harbor	59	224	26%
Hyde Park	35	174	20%
Park Street	48	230	21%
Contracted Agencies	---	1	---
<b>Boston</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>64</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Other <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>1</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,804</b>	<b>7,302</b>	<b>25%</b>

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

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

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**TABLE 19B. RACE OF CHILDREN <sup>(1)</sup> IN KINSHIP PLACEMENTS COMPARED TO ALL PLACEMENTS:  
FY'2013, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**

DCF Region/ Area Office	Children in Kinship			Total Children in Placement			% Kinship Placements		
	Race			Race			Race		
	White	Hispanic <sup>(2)</sup>	Black	White	Hispanic <sup>(2)</sup>	Black	White	Hispanic <sup>(2)</sup>	Black
Greenfield	58	7	2	200	28	13	29%	25%	15%
Holyoke	18	38	1	72	140	22	25%	27%	5%
North Central	74	28	1	201	99	21	37%	28%	5%
Pittsfield	60	11	8	218	29	26	28%	38%	31%
Robert Van Wart	41	10	7	166	109	30	25%	9%	23%
South Central	49	9	4	200	44	9	25%	20%	44%
Springfield	9	23	7	63	194	88	14%	12%	8%
Worcester East	38	26	1	122	117	41	31%	22%	2%
Worcester West	30	20	6	121	108	36	25%	19%	17%
Contracted Agencies	1	---	---	1	2	1	100%	---	---
<b>Western</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1,364</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>13%</b>
Cambridge	14	6	5	43	32	23	33%	19%	22%
Cape Ann	41	6	1	134	28	11	31%	21%	9%
Framingham	19	8	2	85	40	11	22%	20%	18%
Haverhill	35	7	---	92	29	4	38%	24%	---
Lawrence	9	20	---	41	94	---	22%	21%	---
Lowell	49	19	2	139	107	13	35%	18%	15%
Lynn	22	21	3	88	83	33	25%	25%	9%
Malden	14	2	2	81	31	16	17%	6%	13%
<b>Northern</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>14%</b>
Arlington	26	3	3	81	23	21	32%	13%	14%
Brockton	19	8	7	85	30	64	22%	27%	11%
Cape Cod	35	3	3	139	22	13	25%	14%	23%
Coastal	38	1	11	119	7	31	32%	14%	35%
Fall River	78	8	12	176	50	34	44%	16%	35%
New Bedford	50	16	11	188	69	46	27%	23%	24%
Plymouth	63	2	3	186	7	17	34%	29%	18%
Taunton/Attleboro	49	5	4	137	19	20	36%	26%	20%
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	1	1	---	---	---	---
<b>Southern</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1,112</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>22%</b>
Dimock Street	6	14	34	25	52	132	24%	27%	26%
Harbor	22	24	7	84	94	21	26%	26%	33%
Hyde Park	3	3	28	14	39	115	21%	8%	24%
Park Street	8	7	27	37	52	116	22%	13%	23%
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Boston</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>43</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Other <sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,021</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>3,465</b>	<b>1,846</b>	<b>1,075</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>20%</b>

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

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

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

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.



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

- During the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, 1,484 consumers entered placement and 1,631 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 next page, Table 21 on page 61)
- Compared to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, there was a 15% decrease in consumers entering placement and a 5% decrease in consumers leaving placement during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2013.

### A. Entries to Placement

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, 61% were first-time entrants and 39% were re-entrants.<sup>28</sup> Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 55% in the North to 63% in the West. (Table 20, Fig. 26 on next page)
- Across the state, 59% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 26% were placed in congregate care,<sup>29</sup> and 15% were placed in non-referral locations.<sup>30</sup>
- Regionally, the proportion of all entrants placed in foster care ranged from 44% in the North to 68% in the West. In contrast, the proportion of all entrants placed in congregate care ranged from 18% in the West to 36% in the North. (Table 20, Fig. 27 on page 61)
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Sixty-five percent of first-time entrants and 49% of re-entrants were placed in foster care. Conversely, 30% of re-entrants and 23% of first-time entrants were placed in congregate care. (Table 20)

---

<sup>28</sup> Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

<sup>29</sup> Congregate Care includes group home, residential treatment, and short-term residential placement.

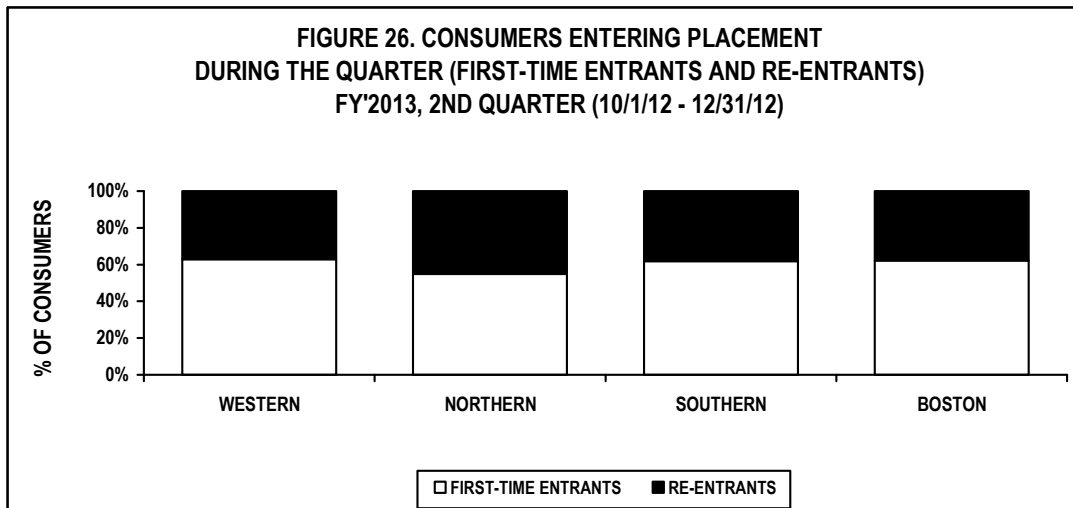
<sup>30</sup> Non-referral locations include hospitals, nursing homes, and placements supervised by other state agencies.

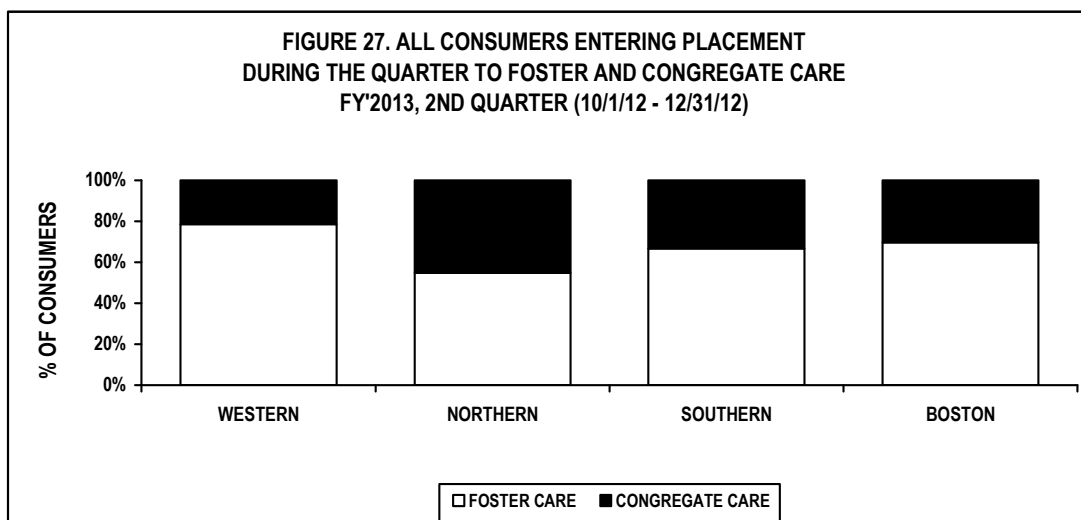
**TABLE 20. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2013, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/12 - 12/31/12)**

Entry Type: Placement Location Started	DCF Geographic Region					Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Other <sup>(1)</sup>	
<b>First-Time Entrants:</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>906</b>
Foster Care	281	83	158	67	4	593
Congregate Care	59	61	56	30	1	207
Non-Referral Location <sup>(2)</sup>	45	26	13	15	7	106
<b>Re-Entrants:</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>578</b>
Foster Care	134	54	63	32	1	284
Congregate Care	54	52	54	13	1	174
Non-Referral Location <sup>(2)</sup>	39	34	23	23	1	120
<b>Total</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1,484</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

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





## B. Exits from Placement

- Statewide, 63% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 58% in Boston to 66% in the West. **(Table 21)**
- Statewide, 12% of consumers leaving placement were emancipated, 16% were adopted, and 6% were granted guardianships. **(Table 21)**
- Regionally, the proportion of consumers leaving placement who were emancipated ranged from 9% in the West to 15% in both the North and Boston. The proportion adopted ranged from 12% in Boston to 17% in the West. The proportion granted guardianships ranged from 4% in the West to 8% in the South. **(Table 21)**

**TABLE 21. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2013, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/12 - 12/31/12)**

Reason Placement Ended	DCF Geographic Region				Adoption		Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>	Other <sup>(2)</sup>	
Child Returned Home	415	232	251	117	2	5	1,022
Consumer Adopted	107	59	56	24	23	---	269
Child 18 or Older	57	54	48	30	---	7	196
Guardianship	25	18	30	12	8	---	93
Custody to Other Individual	17	6	3	12	---	---	38
Custody to Other Agency	2	---	2	3	---	---	7
Child on the Run	2	---	2	2	---	---	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1,631</b>

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

- Consumers returned home had one placement (median) and spent the least amount of time in continuous care (0.5 year median) (See table below). Emancipated children (18 years or older) spent the most time in continuous care (3.5 years median).
- Compared to other consumers leaving placement, emancipated children had a relatively large number of placements (9 median) during their entire history with the Department of Children and Families—from earliest placement entry to the most recent exit. As might be expected, children on the run from placement had the next highest number of placements (7.5 median). (See table below)

### Consumers Leaving Placement (10/1/2012 – 12/31/2012)

Reason Left Placement	Number of Consumers	Most Recent Continuous Time in Placement Prior to Leaving		Total History w/DCF
		# Placements Median Count	Placement Duration Median Continuous Time in Placement (years)	# Placements Median Count
Returned Home	1,022	1	0.5	3
Emancipation (18 years or older)	196	2	3.5	9
Adoption	269	2	2.8	4
Guardianship	93	2	2.2	4
Custody to Other Individual or Agency	45	1	0.3	3
Child on the Run	6	1	0.2	7.5
<b>Total</b>	1,631	1	0.8	4

- The most significant differences among racial groups, when comparing reasons for leaving placement, were the proportions returned home and the proportions emancipated. Compared to Hispanic and White children, a smaller proportion of Black children was returned home and a larger proportion was emancipated (See table below). Fifty-three percent of Black, 62% of White, and 68% of Hispanic children were returned home. Nineteen percent of Black, 13% of Hispanic, and 11% of White children were emancipated.

### Consumers Leaving Placement (10/1/2012 – 12/31/2012)

Reason Left Placement	White	Hispanic	Black	Asian	Multi-Racial	Other*	Total
Returned Home	494	305	115	10	44	54	1022
Emancipation (18 years or older)	85	59	40	4	6	2	196
Adoption	141	55	39	5	18	11	269
Guardianship	56	17	12	1	6	1	93
Custody to Other Individual or Agency	24	9	8	---	2	2	45
Child on the Run	---	4	1	---	1	---	6
<b>Total</b>	800	449	215	20	77	70	1631

\* Includes Native American, Pacific Islander, and Unspecified.

## VII. FOSTER HOME DEMOGRAPHICS<sup>31</sup>

- At the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, there were 4,037 foster homes under the direct supervision of DCF. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes<sup>32</sup> as well as unrestricted homes.<sup>33</sup> There were 1,845 restricted and 2,192 unrestricted foster homes at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2013—changes of less than 1% in both restricted and unrestricted compared to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013. Unrestricted foster homes were at their highest number in 1998 (4,146) while restricted homes peaked in 2004 (2,576). (**Table 22 and Fig. 28** on next page)
- At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'1998, 29% of all DCF foster homes were restricted homes. Restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes rose above 50% in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2003 and declined below 50% in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2009. At the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, restricted homes accounted for 46% of all foster homes (**Table 22 and Fig. 28**)
- Statewide, 64% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were White (**Table 22**).
- Statewide, 56% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White (**Table 22**).
- Ten percent (416) of all foster homes were identified as Black (206 restricted and 210 unrestricted) (**Table 22**).
- Fifteen percent (599) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (230 restricted and 369 unrestricted) (**Table 22**).
- Statewide, 61% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were married (**Table 23** on page 65).
- Statewide, 50% of the foster parents in restricted homes were married (**Table 23**).

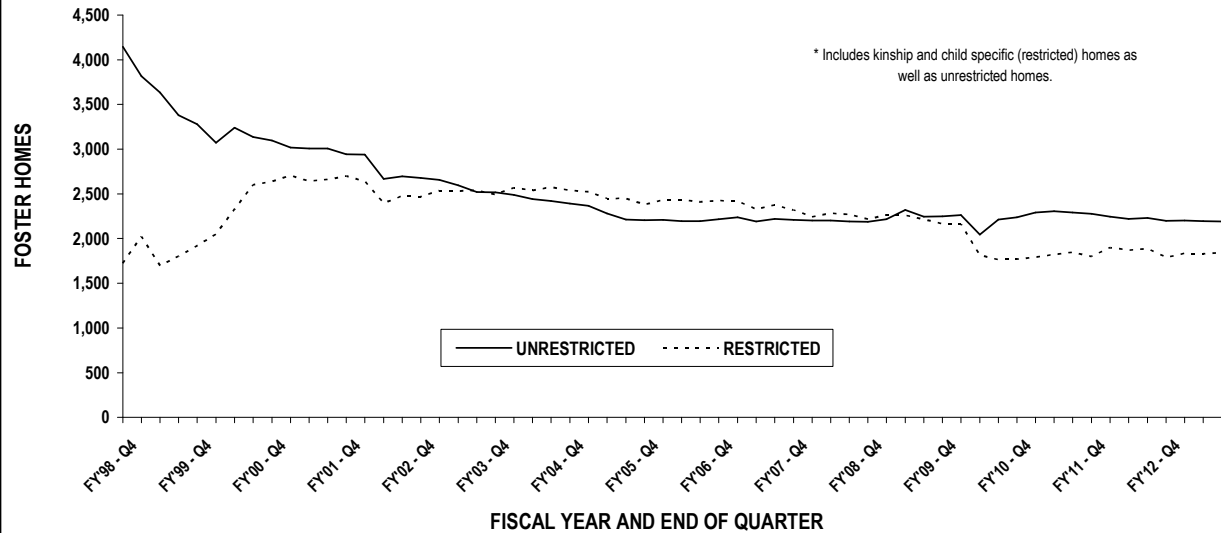
---

<sup>31</sup> Foster homes provide formal, temporary out-of-home placement to children who are in the care and custody of DCF. Foster families may be related or unrelated to the child.

<sup>32</sup> Child-specific and kinship placements occur (1) when a court orders a child to be placed in a specific foster home; or (2) when a child requires placement and the child or his/her parent(s) has proposed another home in which the child can be placed; or (3) when DCF places a child with relatives or with a caregiver who is known to the child's family. Placements in kinship and child-specific homes are limited to specified children.

<sup>33</sup> Unrestricted placements are those where DCF places a child with a non-relative foster family. Unlike restricted homes (child specific and kinship), the unrestricted home is not limited to a particular child.

**FIGURE 28. RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FOSTER HOMES  
END OF 3RD QUARTER OF FY'1998 (3/31/98) TO END OF 2ND QUARTER OF FY'2013 (12/31/12)**



**TABLE 22. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2013, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region								Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Restricted</b>	<b>672</b>		<b>389</b>		<b>574</b>		<b>210</b>		<b>1,845</b>	
White	366	54%	255	66%	356	62%	59	28%	1,036	56%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>	103	15%	61	16%	28	5%	38	18%	230	12%
Black	33	5%	30	8%	48	8%	95	45%	206	11%
Asian	1	*	9	2%	2	*	---	---	12	1%
Native American	1	*	---	---	4	1%	---	---	5	*
Multi-Racial	3	*	1	*	3	1%	---	---	7	*
Unable to Determine <sup>(3)</sup>	165	25%	32	8%	133	23%	17	8%	347	19%
Missing	---	---	1	*	---	---	1	*	2	*
<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>867</b>		<b>462</b>		<b>672</b>		<b>191</b>		<b>2,192</b>	
White	525	61%	307	66%	502	75%	64	34%	1,398	64%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>	206	24%	73	16%	54	8%	36	19%	369	17%
Black	59	7%	25	5%	51	8%	75	39%	210	10%
Asian	1	*	9	2%	1	*	3	2%	14	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	3	*	---	---	3	*
Other <sup>(2)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1%	1	*
Multi-Racial	8	1%	2	*	4	1%	2	1%	16	1%
Unable to Determine <sup>(3)</sup>	68	8%	45	10%	55	8%	10	5%	178	8%
Missing	---	---	1	*	2	*	---	---	3	*
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,539</b>		<b>851</b>		<b>1,246</b>		<b>401</b>		<b>4,037</b>	

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

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

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

**TABLE 23. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2013, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**

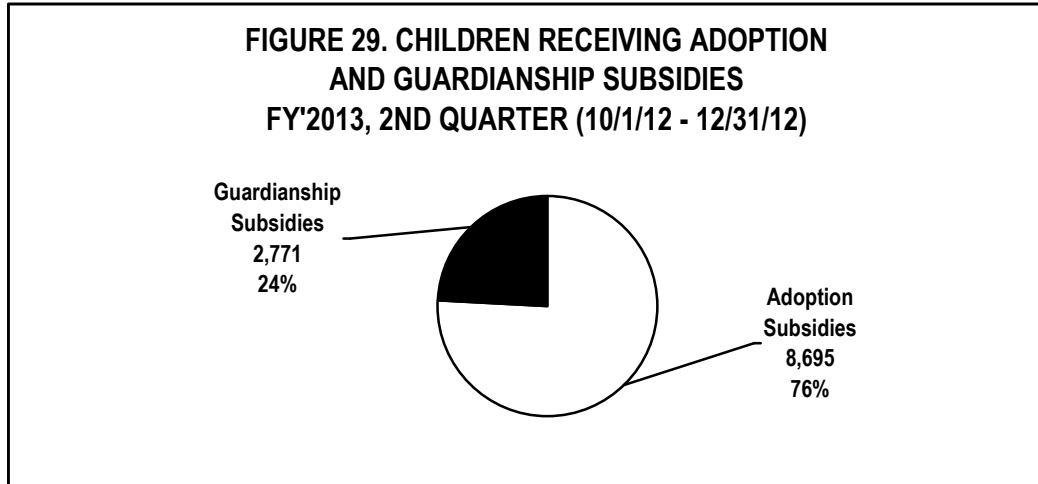
Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region								Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		No.	%
<b>Restricted</b>	<b>672</b>		<b>389</b>		<b>574</b>		<b>210</b>		<b>1,845</b>	
<b>Married</b>	361	54%	187	48%	309	54%	64	30%	<b>921</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Single</b>	204	30%	127	33%	162	28%	107	51%	<b>600</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>Divorced</b>	74	11%	43	11%	67	12%	13	6%	<b>197</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Widowed</b>	20	3%	15	4%	18	3%	<b>14</b>	7%	<b>67</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Separated</b>	11	2%	16	4%	16	3%	12	6%	<b>55</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Unspecified</b>	2	*	1	*	2	*	---	---	<b>5</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>867</b>		<b>462</b>		<b>672</b>		<b>191</b>		<b>2,192</b>	
<b>Married</b>	554	64%	273	59%	434	65%	80	42%	<b>1,341</b>	<b>61%</b>
<b>Single</b>	193	22%	113	24%	131	19%	71	37%	<b>508</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>Divorced</b>	91	10%	55	12%	76	11%	29	15%	<b>251</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Widowed</b>	17	2%	12	3%	16	2%	6	3%	<b>51</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Separated</b>	12	1%	6	1%	13	2%	4	2%	<b>35</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Unspecified</b>	---	---	3	1%	2	*	1	1%	<b>6</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,539</b>		<b>851</b>		<b>1,246</b>		<b>401</b>		<b>4,037</b>	

\* = less than 1% after rounding-off

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

## VIII. ADOPTION AND GUARDIANSHIP SUBSIDIES

At the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, the total number of children receiving an adoption subsidy was 8,695 (**Fig. 29**). Guardianship subsidies totaled 2,771. These counts represent subsidies that had a payment during the quarter, i.e., the number with service referrals actively paying out.



From the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, adoption subsidies rose less than 1% and guardianship subsidies increased 1%. Quarterly fluctuations from -1% to 1% are typical for adoption and guardianship subsidies (See table below). Adoption subsidies fell below 9,000 in FY'2012 and guardianships declined below 3,000 in FY2011.

<b>Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)</b>				
<b>Quarter</b>	<b>Adoption</b>		<b>Guardianship</b>	
	<b>No.</b>	<b>Quarterly Change</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Quarterly Change</b>
FY'2009 1 <sup>st</sup>	9,665	*	3,005	*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9,709	*	3,031	1%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9,676	*	3,082	2%
4 <sup>th</sup>	9,647	*	3,111	1%
FY'2010 1 <sup>st</sup>	9,549	-1%	3,090	-1%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9,604	1%	3,059	-1%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9,518	-1%	3,032	-1%
4 <sup>th</sup>	9,311	-2%	3,006	-1%
FY'2011 1 <sup>st</sup>	9,191	-1%	2,934	-2%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9,125	-1%	2,881	-2%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9,057	-1%	2,865	-1%
4 <sup>th</sup>	9,002	-1%	2,872	*
FY'2012 1 <sup>st</sup>	8,887	-1%	2,818	-2%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8,887	---	2,807	*
3 <sup>rd</sup>	8,825	-1%	2,788	-1%
4 <sup>th</sup>	8,824	*	2,792	*
FY'2013 1 <sup>st</sup>	8,666	-2%	2,757	-1%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8,695	*	2,771	1%

\* = less than 1% after rounding-off



## **IX. APPENDIX**

**TABLE A1. CONSUMER, CHILD, AND ADULT POPULATION TRENDS: 1983 - 2012**

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	6/2000	72,423	40,691	10,025	31,732
6/1984	73,111	38,683	7,024	34,428	6/2001	73,116	40,069	9,889	33,047
6/1985	75,935	40,628	7,779	35,307	6/2002	70,688	38,442	9,932	32,246
6/1986	74,769	40,511	8,041	34,258	6/2003	75,247	30,341	10,127	34,906
6/1987	66,033	37,497	8,075	28,536	6/2004	77,368	42,023	9,815	35,345
6/1988	67,658	38,792	8,661	28,866	6/2005	77,305	41,773	9,439	35,572
6/1989	70,052	40,497	9,544	29,555	6/2006	78,014	41,690	9,543	36,324
6/1990	80,090	46,403	10,998	33,687	6/2007	78,535	41,550	9,132	36,985
6/1991	81,975	47,922	12,392	34,053	6/2008	87,176	45,730	9,287	41,446
6/1992	72,128	42,367	12,379	29,761	6/2009	88,568	46,288	8,755	42,280
6/1993	72,340	42,656	12,763	29,684	6/2010	76,003	39,479	8,097	36,524
6/1994	72,879	43,074	13,194	29,805	6/2011	72,088	37,162	7,841	34,926
6/1995	73,032	42,997	13,302	30,035	6/2012	68,521	35,046	7,467	33,475
6/1996	72,638	42,551	12,736	30,087	9/2012	66,114	33,521	7,471	32,593
6/1997	74,921	43,570	12,193	31,351	12/2012	67,334	34,114	7,302	33,220
1/1998	70,092	40,574	11,227	29,518					
9/1998	68,331	38,507	10,503	29,824					
6/1999	69,494	39,144	9,834	30,350					

Note: revised counts

Source: ASSIST 6/1983 - 1/1998) and FamilyNet (9/1998 - 12/2012)

**TABLE A2. CASE OPENINGS <sup>(1)</sup> DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2013, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/12 - 12/31/12)**

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Case Openings <sup>(1)</sup>										Total No.		
	Protective <sup>(2)</sup>		Alternative Response <sup>(3)</sup>		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals			Other <sup>(4)</sup>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
Greenfield	21	37%	23	40%	2	4%	1	2%	---	---	10	18%	57
Holyoke	28	41%	31	45%	---	---	3	4%	1	1%	6	9%	69
North Central	77	55%	56	40%	1	1%	2	1%	3	2%	1	1%	140
Pittsfield	30	57%	14	26%	1	2%	1	2%	3	6%	4	8%	53
Robert Van Wart	47	37%	64	51%	4	3%	1	1%	---	---	10	8%	126
South Central	45	41%	54	49%	3	3%	3	3%	3	3%	3	3%	111
Springfield	67	55%	39	32%	6	5%	1	1%	1	1%	7	6%	121
Worcester East	54	58%	18	19%	11	12%	1	1%	4	4%	5	5%	93
Worcester West	58	63%	22	24%	1	1%	2	2%	---	---	9	10%	92
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
<b>Western</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>863</b>
Cambridge	17	34%	27	54%	---	---	1	2%	1	2%	4	8%	50
Cape Ann	8	15%	28	51%	---	---	8	15%	5	9%	6	11%	55
Framingham	27	40%	31	46%	6	9%	2	3%	1	1%	1	1%	68
Haverhill	14	52%	6	22%	4	15%	1	4%	---	---	2	7%	27
Lawrence	7	29%	3	13%	7	29%	1	4%	---	---	6	25%	24
Lowell	71	65%	27	25%	2	2%	7	6%	1	1%	2	2%	110
Lynn	16	29%	20	36%	5	9%	4	7%	2	4%	8	15%	55
Malden	34	51%	21	31%	---	---	2	3%	3	4%	7	10%	67
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
<b>Northern</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>457</b>
Arlington	17	33%	27	52%	1	2%	6	12%	---	---	1	2%	52
Brockton	38	57%	16	24%	7	10%	---	---	---	---	6	9%	67
Cape Cod	14	24%	31	53%	7	12%	1	2%	2	3%	4	7%	59
Coastal	41	52%	31	39%	2	3%	1	1%	---	---	4	5%	79
Fall River	43	57%	15	20%	3	4%	5	7%	3	4%	6	8%	75
New Bedford	33	46%	33	46%	1	1%	2	3%	---	---	2	3%	71
Plymouth	45	51%	32	36%	2	2%	---	---	5	6%	4	5%	88
Taunton/Attleboro	34	50%	24	35%	1	1%	3	4%	2	3%	4	6%	68
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
<b>Southern</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>560</b>
Dimock Street	35	52%	24	36%	5	7%	1	1%	---	---	2	3%	67
Harbor	61	64%	23	24%	5	5%	4	4%	1	1%	1	1%	95
Hyde Park	42	68%	8	13%	7	11%	2	3%	---	---	3	5%	62
Park Street	64	67%	18	19%	1	1%	8	8%	2	2%	3	3%	96
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
<b>Boston</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>321</b>
<b>Other <sup>(5)</sup></b>	---	---	---	---	---	---	11	100%	---	---	---	---	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>2,212</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off.

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Outcome of an investigation.

<sup>(3)</sup> Outcome of an initial assessment.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Residential & Adolescent Services Unit.

**TABLE A3. CONSUMER OPENINGS<sup>(1)</sup> DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2013, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/12 - 12/31/12)**

DCF Geographic Region	Case Openings <sup>(1)</sup>												Total No.
	Protective <sup>(2)</sup>		Alternative Response <sup>(3)</sup>		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other <sup>(4)</sup>		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	166	43%	185	48%	13	3%	---	---	7	2%	16	4%	387
Holyoke	256	54%	165	35%	8	2%	20	4%	12	3%	16	3%	477
North Central	563	62%	285	32%	7	1%	25	3%	21	2%	1	*	902
Pittsfield	281	66%	111	26%	9	2%	5	1%	15	4%	5	1%	426
Robert Van Wart	434	49%	410	46%	20	2%	3	0%	---	---	16	2%	883
South Central	264	45%	275	47%	17	3%	10	2%	8	1%	10	2%	584
Springfield	466	50%	410	44%	37	4%	1	*	11	1%	8	1%	933
Worcester East	448	67%	124	19%	44	7%	12	2%	27	4%	11	2%	666
Worcester West	360	66%	159	29%	5	1%	5	1%	2	*	11	2%	542
Contracted Agencies	9	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	9
<b>Western</b>	<b>3,247</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>2,124</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>5,809</b>
Cambridge	108	38%	157	55%	4	1%	5	2%	6	2%	5	2%	285
Cape Ann	89	25%	188	54%	---	---	39	11%	27	8%	8	2%	351
Framingham	160	41%	178	45%	34	9%	3	1%	16	4%	3	1%	394
Haverhill	145	56%	75	29%	34	13%	4	2%	---	---	3	1%	261
Lawrence	56	37%	28	19%	42	28%	3	2%	3	2%	18	12%	150
Lowell	502	70%	150	21%	17	2%	39	5%	4	1%	3	*	715
Lynn	134	40%	132	40%	30	9%	15	5%	8	2%	12	4%	331
Malden	271	65%	115	28%	---	---	5	1%	18	4%	8	2%	417
<b>Northern</b>	<b>1,465</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>1,023</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>2,904</b>
Arlington	128	34%	201	53%	36	9%	15	4%	---	---	1	*	381
Brockton	339	65%	128	25%	41	8%	---	---	3	1%	9	2%	520
Cape Cod	161	42%	147	39%	34	9%	1	*	20	5%	17	4%	380
Coastal	248	56%	158	36%	14	3%	3	1%	5	1%	15	3%	443
Fall River	320	64%	111	22%	17	3%	20	4%	15	3%	16	3%	499
New Bedford	382	65%	169	29%	15	3%	10	2%	7	1%	9	2%	592
Plymouth	329	60%	161	29%	18	3%	---	---	39	7%	2	*	549
Taunton/Attleboro	240	54%	166	37%	7	2%	8	2%	15	3%	11	2%	447
Contracted Agencies	2	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
<b>Southern</b>	<b>2,149</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>1,241</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>3,813</b>
Dimock Street	228	61%	101	27%	36	10%	6	2%	---	---	3	1%	374
Harbor	380	69%	128	23%	27	5%	12	2%	1	*	1	*	549
Hyde Park	267	65%	91	22%	36	9%	3	1%	3	1%	8	2%	408
Park Street	421	71%	98	16%	45	8%	8	1%	15	3%	7	1%	594
Contracted Agencies	4	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4
<b>Boston</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1,929</b>
Adoption Contracts <sup>(5)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	100%	1
Other <sup>(6)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	11	100%	---	---	---	---	11
<b>Total:</b>	<b>8,161</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>4,806</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>14,467</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off.

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Outcome of an investigation.

<sup>(3)</sup> Outcome of an initial assessment.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

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

<sup>(6)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Residential & Adolescent Services Unit.

**TABLE A4. CASE OPENINGS DURING THE LAST FOUR QUARTERS BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:  
FY' 2012, 3RD QUARTER TO FY'2013, 2ND QUARTER**

<b>TOTAL CASE OPENINGS</b>											
Quarters	West		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other <sup>(1)</sup>	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2012 - Q3	948	5%	544	19%	676	12%	318	9%	9	2,495	10%
FY'2012 - Q4	780	-18%	502	-8%	665	-2%	313	-2%	13	2,273	-9%
FY'2013 - Q1	720	-8%	380	-24%	600	-10%	294	-6%	12	2,006	-12%
FY'2013 - Q2	863	20%	457	20%	560	-7%	321	9%	11	2,212	10%

<b>PROTECTIVE CASE OPENINGS</b>											
Quarters	West		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other <sup>(1)</sup>	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2012 - Q3	810	3%	438	13%	575	15%	275	10%	---	2,098	9%
FY'2012 - Q4	652	-20%	396	-10%	541	-6%	249	-9%	---	1,838	-12%
FY'2013 - Q1	475	-27%	221	-44%	398	-26%	212	-15%	---	1,306	-29%
FY'2013 - Q2	428	-10%	195	-12%	266	-33%	203	-4%	---	1,092	-16%

<b>ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE CASE OPENINGS</b>											
Quarters	West		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other <sup>(1)</sup>	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2012 - Q3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
FY'2012 - Q4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
FY'2013 - Q1	132	---	75	---	108	---	31	---	NA	346	---
FY'2013 - Q2	321	143%	163	117%	209	94%	73	135%	---	766	121%

<b>VOLUNTARY REQUESTS CASE OPENINGS</b>											
Quarters	West		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other <sup>(1)</sup>	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2012 - Q3	23	-34%	28	47%	20	-38%	14	100%	7	92	-8%
FY'2012 - Q4	24	4%	24	-14%	29	45%	13	-7%	7	97	5%
FY'2013 - Q1	33	38%	21	-13%	24	-17%	15	15%	10	103	6%
FY'2013 - Q2	15	-55%	26	24%	18	-25%	15	*	11	85	-17%

<b>CHINS CASE OPENINGS</b>											
Quarters	West		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other <sup>(1)</sup>	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2012 - Q3	32	23%	28	87%	40	-2%	22	-8%	---	122	15%
FY'2012 - Q4	30	-6%	25	-11%	38	-5%	34	55%	---	127	4%
FY'2013 - Q1	18	-40%	15	-40%	27	-29%	24	-29%	---	84	-34%
FY'2013 - Q2	29	61%	24	60%	24	-11%	18	-25%	---	95	13%

<b>COURT REFERRAL CASE OPENINGS</b>											
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other <sup>(1)</sup>	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2012 - Q3	17	-6%	20	150%	21	75%	2	-75%	---	60	30%
FY'2012 - Q4	23	35%	20	*	24	14%	7	250%	---	74	23%
FY'2013 - Q1	6	-74%	11	-45%	14	-42%	4	-43%	---	35	-53%
FY'2013 - Q2	15	150%	13	18%	12	-14%	3	-25%	---	43	23%

<b>OTHER CASE OPENINGS <sup>(2)</sup></b>											
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other <sup>(1)</sup>	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2012 - Q3	66	74%	30	*	20	-9%	5	25%	2	123	27%
FY'2012 - Q4	51	-23%	36	20%	32	60%	10	100%	6	135	10%
FY'2013 - Q1	56	10%	37	3%	29	-9%	8	-20%	2	132	-2%
FY'2013 - Q2	55	-2%	36	-3%	31	7%	9	13%	---	131	-1%

% = change from prior quarter

NA = Not Available

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes Adoption Contracts (licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services) and Families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minors Program.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

**TABLE A5. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2013, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/12 - 12/31/12)**

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.	%		
Greenfield	326	58%	61	11%	21	4%	156	28%	564
Holyoke	300	48%	188	30%	5	1%	133	21%	626
North Central	285	47%	180	30%	10	2%	129	21%	604
Pittsfield	450	55%	178	22%	1	*	193	23%	822
Robert Van Wart	402	52%	138	18%	17	2%	223	29%	780
South Central	288	41%	226	32%	1	*	182	26%	697
Springfield	308	41%	223	30%	24	3%	193	26%	748
Worcester East	156	35%	169	38%	41	9%	83	18%	449
Worcester West	172	36%	177	37%	21	4%	105	22%	475
<b>Western</b>	<b>2,687</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>1,540</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>1,397</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>5,765</b>
Cambridge	142	49%	54	18%	3	1%	93	32%	292
Cape Ann	278	59%	26	6%	9	2%	157	33%	470
Framingham	351	70%	34	7%	9	2%	108	22%	502
Haverhill	270	61%	77	17%	13	3%	86	19%	446
Lawrence	317	68%	40	9%	---	---	106	23%	463
Lowell	344	51%	173	26%	43	6%	114	17%	674
Lynn	226	58%	49	13%	---	---	116	30%	391
Malden	283	59%	112	23%	4	1%	78	16%	477
<b>Northern</b>	<b>2,211</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>3,715</b>
Arlington	218	59%	55	15%	2	1%	96	26%	371
Brockton	222	50%	106	24%	2	*	117	26%	447
Cape Cod	278	52%	110	20%	9	2%	141	26%	538
Coastal	189	43%	85	19%	18	4%	144	33%	436
Fall River	171	35%	204	42%	15	3%	96	20%	486
New Bedford	175	34%	151	30%	24	5%	159	31%	509
Plymouth	231	40%	160	28%	16	3%	167	29%	574
Taunton/Attleboro	169	37%	99	22%	24	5%	165	36%	457
<b>Southern</b>	<b>1,653</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>3,818</b>
Dimock Street	151	45%	129	38%	4	1%	55	16%	339
Harbor	140	39%	118	33%	14	4%	84	24%	356
Hyde Park	160	39%	158	38%	24	6%	69	17%	411
Park Street	182	42%	166	39%	18	4%	65	15%	431
<b>Boston</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>1,537</b>
Judge Baker Children's Center	2,303	40%	1,390	24%	986	17%	1,033	18%	5,712
Special Investigation	150	34%	293	66%	---	---	---	---	443
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,637</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>5,329</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>1,378</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>4,646</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>20,990</b>

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

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

**TABLE A6. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION: FY'2013, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/12 - 12/31/12)**

DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision					Initial Assessment Decision					Response Total No.
	Supported		Unsupported		Inv Total	Concern		Min/No Concern		IA Total	
	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%	No.	%		
Greenfield	51	71%	21	29%	72	91	53%	80	47%	171	243
Holyoke	111	54%	95	46%	206	57	50%	56	50%	113	319
North Central	167	75%	56	25%	223	88	72%	35	28%	123	346
Pittsfield	99	67%	49	33%	148	43	24%	133	76%	176	324
Robert Van Wart	126	79%	34	21%	160	136	58%	100	42%	236	396
South Central	116	60%	78	40%	194	119	52%	108	48%	227	421
Springfield	147	58%	107	42%	254	116	51%	110	49%	226	480
Worcester East	141	62%	86	38%	227	35	35%	66	65%	101	328
Worcester West	148	67%	73	33%	221	70	57%	53	43%	123	344
Contracted Agencies	---	---	2	100%	2	---	---	---	---	---	2
<b>Western</b>	<b>1,106</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>1,707</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>1,496</b>	<b>3,203</b>
Cambridge	30	43%	40	57%	70	55	47%	61	53%	116	186
Cape Ann	29	67%	14	33%	43	67	36%	118	64%	185	228
Framingham	30	73%	11	27%	41	87	55%	70	45%	157	198
Haverhill	47	44%	61	56%	108	30	35%	56	65%	86	194
Lawrence	22	48%	24	52%	46	20	19%	85	81%	105	151
Lowell	132	58%	94	42%	226	74	56%	58	44%	132	358
Lynn	30	63%	18	38%	48	53	42%	73	58%	126	174
Malden	92	72%	35	28%	127	48	55%	40	45%	88	215
<b>Northern</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>1,704</b>
Arlington	40	47%	45	53%	85	65	47%	72	53%	137	222
Brockton	118	72%	47	28%	165	61	43%	82	57%	143	308
Cape Cod	60	58%	44	42%	104	79	49%	81	51%	160	264
Coastal	95	65%	51	35%	146	60	36%	105	64%	165	311
Fall River	131	56%	102	44%	233	39	38%	65	63%	104	337
New Bedford	161	70%	68	30%	229	83	52%	78	48%	161	390
Plymouth	109	58%	79	42%	188	67	35%	127	65%	194	382
Taunton/Attleboro	77	60%	51	40%	128	62	34%	123	66%	185	313
<b>Southern</b>	<b>791</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>1,278</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>1,249</b>	<b>2,527</b>
Dimock Street	91	66%	47	34%	138	35	65%	19	35%	54	192
Harbor	132	76%	42	24%	174	50	47%	57	53%	107	281
Hyde Park	129	63%	77	37%	206	39	47%	44	53%	83	289
Park Street	146	67%	71	33%	217	34	49%	35	51%	69	286
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	1
<b>Boston</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>1,049</b>
Judge Baker Children's Center	590	72%	225	28%	815	---	---	---	---	---	815
Special Investigations	60	21%	231	79%	291	---	---	---	---	---	291
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,458</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>2,078</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>5,536</b>	<b>1,863</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>2,190</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>4,053</b>	<b>9,589</b>

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

**TABLE A7. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND INITIAL ASSESSMENTS DURING THE LAST FOUR QUARTERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2012, 3RD QUARTER TO FY'2013, 2ND QUARTER**

<b>CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS</b>												
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Judge Baker Children's Center		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Other <sup>(1)</sup>	%
FY'2012 - Q3	6,363	7%	3,772	1%	4,103	7%	1,666	4%	5,703	6%	203	21,810 6%
FY'2012 - Q4	6,116	-4%	3,900	3%	3,948	-4%	1,676	1%	5,809	2%	352	21,801 *
FY'2013 - Q1	5,173	-15%	3,022	-23%	3,205	-19%	1,239	-26%	5,824	*	320	18,783 -14%
FY'2013 - Q2	5,765	11%	3,715	23%	3,818	19%	1,537	24%	5,712	-2%	443	20,990 12%

<b>CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS</b>												
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Judge Baker Children's Center		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Other <sup>(1)</sup>	%
FY'2012 - Q3	1,731	-1%	636	-4%	1,144	-3%	695	9%	816	5%	263	5,285 *
FY'2012 - Q4	1,724	*	751	18%	1,290	13%	722	4%	856	5%	272	5,615 6%
FY'2013 - Q1	1,592	-8%	646	-14%	1,068	-17%	576	-20%	832	-3%	288	5,002 -11%
FY'2013 - Q2	1,707	7%	709	10%	1,278	20%	736	28%	815	-2%	291	5,536 11%

<b>CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INITIAL ASSESSMENTS</b>												
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Judge Baker Children's Center		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
FY'2012 - Q3	1,744	16%	1,047	-4%	1,338	22%	370	2%	1	---	4,500	11%
FY'2012 - Q4	1,709	-2%	1,296	24%	1,274	-5%	415	12%	---	---	4,694	4%
FY'2013 - Q1	1,261	-26%	778	-40%	1,034	-19%	277	-33%	---	---	3,350	-29%
FY'2013 - Q2	1,496	19%	995	29%	1,249	21%	313	13%	---	---	4,053	21%

\* Less than 1% after rounding-off

<sup>(1)</sup> Reports filed by the DCF Special Investigation Unit during the course of an investigation.

When a DCF area office screens in a report involving certain institutional settings, the area director immediately notifies the Central Office Special Investigation Unit. Institutional settings include foster homes, pre-adoptive homes (DCF and other state or private agency), day care centers, family day care homes, school-age child care programs, day schools or residential facilities (public and private), day or overnight camps, pediatric nursing homes, temporary shelters, hospitals, and respite facilities. (DCF Policy #85-005)



**TABLE A8. MANDATORY AND DISCRETIONARY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: FY'2003 - FY'2013 <sup>(1)</sup>**

Time Period	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total No.
	No.	%	No.	%	
<b>FY'2003 Total</b>	<b>2,089</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>2,310</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>4,399</b>
<b>FY'2004 Total</b>	<b>2,101</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>2,399</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>4,500</b>
<b>FY'2005 Total</b>	<b>2,122</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>2,459</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>4,581</b>
<b>FY'2006 Total</b>	<b>2,077</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>2,666</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>4,743</b>
<b>FY'2007 Total</b>	<b>2,279</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>2,431</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>4,710</b>
<b>FY'2008 Total</b>	<b>2,561</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>2,652</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>5,213</b>
<b>FY'2009 Total</b>	<b>2,927</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>2,784</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>5,711</b>
FY'2010, Q1	649	53%	568	47%	1,217
FY'2010, Q2	727	54%	621	46%	1,348
FY'2010, Q3	787	56%	611	44%	1,398
FY'2010, Q4	870	54%	753	46%	1,623
<b>FY'2010 Total</b>	<b>3,033</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>2,553</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>5,586</b>
FY'2011, Q1	713	54%	603	46%	1,316
FY'2011, Q2	729	56%	583	44%	1,312
FY'2011, Q3	754	54%	650	46%	1,404
FY'2011, Q4	844	50%	835	50%	1,679
<b>FY'2011 Total</b>	<b>3,040</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>2,671</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>5,711</b>
FY'2012, Q1	630	51%	616	49%	1,246
FY'2012, Q2	764	50%	764	50%	1,528
FY'2012, Q3	788	52%	721	48%	1,509
FY'2012, Q4	659	50%	661	50%	1,320
<b>FY'2012 Total</b>	<b>2,841</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>2,762</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>5,603</b>
FY'2013, Q1	555	48%	598	52%	1,153
FY'2013, Q2	618	54%	529	46%	1,147

<sup>(1)</sup> DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

**TABLE A9. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: FY'2003 - FY'2013**

Time Period	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		Death <sup>(1)</sup>		Unspecified		Total No.
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
<b>FY'2003 Total</b>	<b>1,688</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>2,168</b>
<b>FY'2004 Total</b>	<b>1,713</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>2,189</b>
<b>FY'2005 Total</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>2,184</b>
<b>FY'2006 Total</b>	<b>1,782</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>2,150</b>
<b>FY'2007 Total</b>	<b>1,935</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>2,356</b>
<b>FY'2008 Total</b>	<b>2,049</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>2,639</b>
<b>FY'2009 Total</b>	<b>2,413</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>3,014</b>
FY'2010, Q1	541	81%	108	16%	15	2%	---	---	664
FY'2010, Q2	588	80%	137	19%	14	2%	---	---	739
FY'2010, Q3	639	79%	153	19%	12	1%	---	---	804
FY'2010, Q4	725	81%	161	18%	10	1%	---	---	896
<b>FY'2010 Total</b>	<b>2,493</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>2%</b>	---	---	<b>3,103</b>
FY'2011, Q1	602	83%	110	15%	15	2%	---	---	727
FY'2011, Q2	621	83%	111	15%	13	2%	---	---	745
FY'2011, Q3	637	83%	118	15%	10	1%	---	---	765
FY'2011, Q4	682	78%	179	21%	9	1%	---	---	870
<b>FY'2011 Total</b>	<b>2,542</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>2%</b>	---	---	<b>3,107</b>
FY'2012, Q1	537	84%	85	13%	21	3%	---	---	643
FY'2012, Q2	664	85%	111	14%	6	1%	---	---	781
FY'2012, Q3	673	83%	127	16%	8	1%	1	*	809
FY'2012, Q4	567	84%	94	14%	12	2%	---	---	673
<b>FY'2012 Total</b>	<b>2,441</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>2%</b>	---	---	<b>2,906</b>
FY'2013, Q1	477	84%	81	14%	9	2%	---	---	567
FY'2013, Q2	507	80%	118	19%	6	1%	---	---	631

<sup>(1)</sup> 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.

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off.

**TABLE A10. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION  
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS BY DCF REGION AND AREA:  
FY'2013, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**

DCF Region/Area	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				Total No.
	Not Legally Free		Legally Free		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	47	60%	31	40%	78
Holyoke	46	46%	55	54%	101
North Central	50	52%	47	48%	97
Pittsfield	56	53%	49	47%	105
Robert Van Wart	44	51%	42	49%	86
South Central	50	55%	41	45%	91
Springfield	81	60%	55	40%	136
Worcester East	55	54%	47	46%	102
Worcester West	54	60%	36	40%	90
Contracted Agencies	2	100%	---	---	2
<b>Western</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>888</b>
Cambridge	20	77%	6	23%	26
Cape Ann	10	63%	6	38%	16
Framingham	22	45%	27	55%	49
Haverhill	12	28%	31	72%	43
Lawrence	7	17%	35	83%	42
Lowell	38	41%	55	59%	93
Lynn	72	62%	45	38%	117
Malden	16	55%	13	45%	29
<b>Northern</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>415</b>
Arlington	11	69%	5	31%	16
Brockton	32	46%	38	54%	70
Cape Cod	17	43%	23	58%	40
Coastal	20	38%	33	62%	53
Fall River	42	40%	62	60%	104
New Bedford	58	48%	62	52%	120
Plymouth	25	45%	30	55%	55
Taunton/Attleboro	38	54%	32	46%	70
<b>Southern</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>528</b>
Dimock Street	45	49%	46	51%	91
Harbor	16	28%	41	72%	57
Park Street	20	44%	25	56%	45
<b>Boston</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>193</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	125	53%	109	47%	234
<b>Other</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	---	---	1	100%	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,131</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>1,128</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>2,259</b>

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Residential & Adolescent Services Unit.

**TABLE A11. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION AND WHETHER  
MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY BY DCF REGION AND AREA:  
FY'2013, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/12)**

DCF Region/Area	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				Total No.
	Not Matched		Matched		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	17	22%	61	78%	78
Holyoke	24	24%	77	76%	101
North Central	17	18%	80	82%	97
Pittsfield	24	23%	81	77%	105
Robert Van Wart	8	9%	78	91%	86
South Central	31	34%	60	66%	91
Springfield	50	37%	86	63%	136
Worcester East	27	26%	75	74%	102
Worcester West	11	12%	79	88%	90
Contracted Agencies	2	100%	---	---	2
<b>Western</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>888</b>
Cambridge	5	19%	21	81%	26
Cape Ann	1	6%	15	94%	16
Framingham	13	27%	36	73%	49
Haverhill	10	23%	33	77%	43
Lawrence	7	17%	35	83%	42
Lowell	20	22%	73	78%	93
Lynn	45	38%	72	62%	117
Malden	7	24%	22	76%	29
<b>Northern</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>415</b>
Arlington	2	13%	14	88%	16
Brockton	31	44%	39	56%	70
Cape Cod	10	25%	30	75%	40
Coastal	7	13%	46	87%	53
Fall River	41	39%	63	61%	104
New Bedford	40	33%	80	67%	120
Plymouth	13	24%	42	76%	55
Taunton/Attleboro	12	17%	58	83%	70
<b>Southern</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>528</b>
Dimock Street	10	11%	81	89%	91
Harbor	14	25%	43	75%	57
Park Street	15	33%	30	67%	45
<b>Boston</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>193</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>89</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>Other <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>1,656</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>2,259</b>

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Residential & Adolescent Services Unit.

**TABLE A12. Census 2010: Children Less Than 18 Years Old Residing in the 13 Largest Cities in Massachusetts<sup>1</sup>**

Race	Massachusetts						New				Fall			
	Total	Boston	Worcester	Springfield	Lowell	Cambridge	Bedford	Brockton	Quincy	Lynn	River	Newton	Lawrence	Somerville
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%
<b>TOTAL %</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>TOTAL #</b>	1,418,923	103,710	39,942	41,328	25,260	12,028	22,063	24,127	15,303	22,484	19,069	18,416	22,182	9,134
<b>Hispanic Origin<sup>2</sup></b>														
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.

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

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

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