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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/Attleboro
Boston	Dimock Street, Hyde Park, Harbor, Park Street

I. CONSUMER AND CASE COUNTS

- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2013, DCF had 21,391 open cases (1,631 adoption cases and 19,760 clinical cases) and 70,573 open consumers¹ (34,866 adults and 35,707 children). (**Table 1** on page 3)
- From the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY'2013, the case count increased 3% and the consumer count increased 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).
- From 1992 to 2009, the annual count of adult consumers gradually increased and approached the number of child consumers (**Fig. 1**). From 2009 to 2013, counts of all children (less than 18 years old) and adults (18 years or older) have been decreasing at different rates and converging (**Fig 1**).
- For the past two years, the annual count of female adults has been greater than the number of male children (**Fig. 2** on page 4).
- From 1999 to 2013, annual counts of male children have exceeded female children by more than 1,000. (**Fig. 2**)
- Compared to women and children, annual counts of male adults have risen from much lower numbers in the past to a stable 14,000-15,000 over the past four years (**Fig. 2**). At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2013, there were: 18,723 female adults, 18,571 male children, 16,961 female children, and 15,199 male adults.

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

A. Consumers in Placement

- There were 9,032 individuals in placement on the last day of the 4th Quarter of FY'2013. Included in this count are 7,368 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,664 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 3rd Quarter to the 4th Quarter of FY'2013, the number of children in placement increased 1% statewide (**table** below, **Appendix Table A1** on page 68). Regional changes ranged from less than 1% in the North to 6% in Boston (**table** below, **Fig. 14** on page 26).

**QUARTERLY CHANGE IN COUNTS OF
CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION**

Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
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%
FY'2013 - Q3	2,813	*	1,432	-2%	1,878	1%	866	1%	289	7,278	*
FY'2013 - Q4	2,859	2%	1,426	*	1,896	1%	918	6%	269	7,368	1%

* Less than 1% after rounding-off

B. Children Not in Placement

- The majority of children in the DCF caseload do not require placement and receive services at home.
- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2013, there were 28,339 children less than 18 years old with an active case status who were not in placement (**Table 1**). From the 3rd Quarter to the 4th Quarter of FY'2013, counts of children not in placement increased 5% statewide (**table** on next page, **Appendix Table A1**). Regional changes ranged from 4% in both the West and Boston to 7% in the South (**table** on next page, **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 1st quarter (**Appendix Table A1**, **Appendix Table A7** on page 74).

**QUARTERLY CHANGE IN COUNTS OF
CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION**

Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
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%
FY'2013 - Q3	11,688	3%	5,084	-1%	6,423	-3%	3,725	2%	19	26,939	*
FY'2013 - Q4	12,210	4%	5,350	5%	6,859	7%	3,887	4%	33	28,339	5%

* Less than 1% after rounding-off

**TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DCF REGION:
FY'2013, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/13)**

Case Counts:	DCF Geographic Region				Adoption		Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
Adoption	615	312	405	155	140	4	1,631
Clinical	7,791	4,032	5,096	2,693	6	142	19,760
Total	8,406	4,344	5,501	2,848	146	146	21,391
Consumer Counts:							
Adults: ⁽³⁾							
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	491	443	384	195	1	94	1,608
Other ⁽⁶⁾	8	8	---	2	---	17	35
On the Run	9	5	3	4	---	---	21
Total in Placement	508	456	387	201	1	111	1,664
Not in Placement	13,627	6,323	9,002	4,235	---	15	33,202
Total Adults	14,135	6,779	9,389	4,436	1	126	34,866
Children:							
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	2,755	1,344	1,835	861	225	38	7,058
Other ⁽⁶⁾	54	52	33	20	1	5	165
On the Run	50	30	28	37	---	---	145
Total in Placement	2,859	1,426	1,896	918	226	43	7,368
Not in Placement	12,210	5,350	6,859	3,887	21	12	28,339
Total Children	15,069	6,776	8,755	4,805	247	55	35,707
Total	29,204	13,555	18,144	9,241	248	181	70,573

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

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

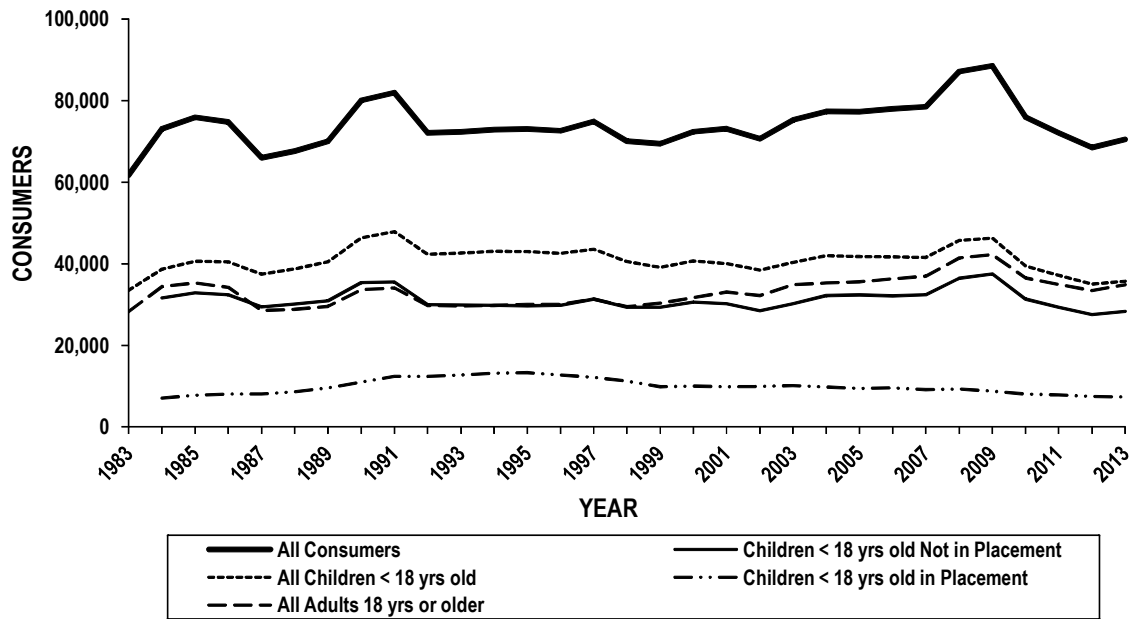
⁽³⁾ Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

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

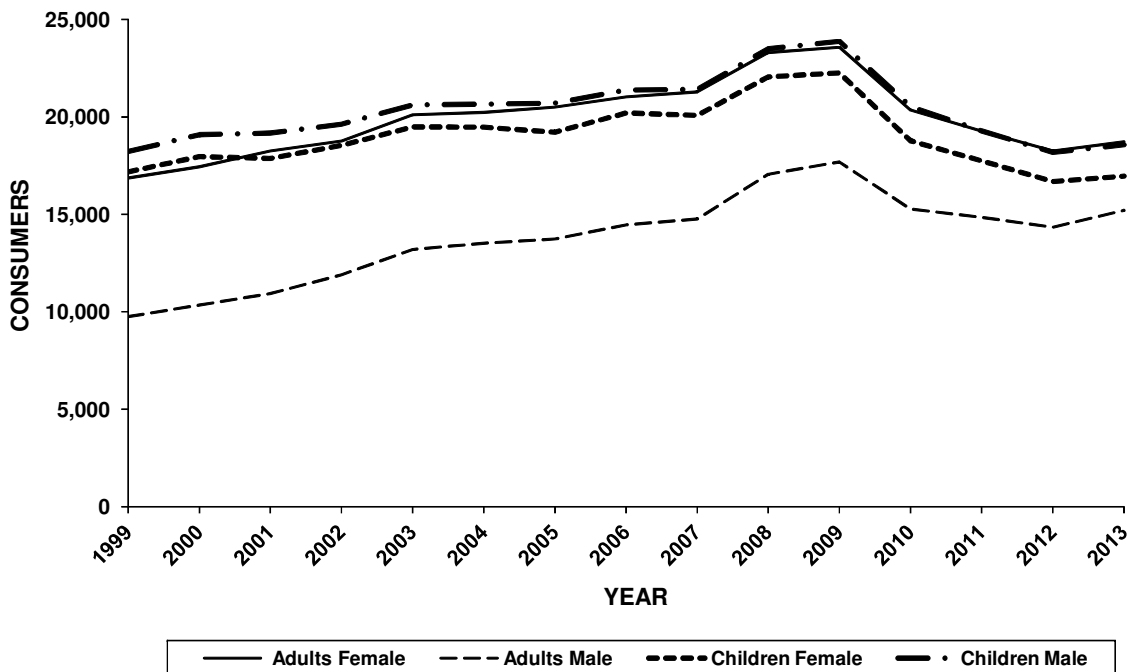
⁽⁵⁾ See Tables 17A, 17B and 17C for a breakdown by type of placement.

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

**FIGURE 1. ANNUAL COUNTS OF DCF CONSUMERS:
JUNE 1983 - JUNE 2013**



**FIGURE 2. ANNUAL COUNTS OF ADULT AND CHILD CONSUMERS
BY GENDER: JUNE 1999 - JUNE 2013**



II. CASE AND CONSUMER OPENINGS ²

- All counts are unduplicated; if a case or a consumer had more than one opening in the quarter, only the first one was selected.
- During the 4th Quarter of FY'2013, there were 2,391 case openings (unduplicated) and 16,091 consumer openings (unduplicated). Case openings include both new cases and cases that reopened. Case members include consumers open for the first time and consumers who reopened. (**Tables 2A and 2B** on next page)
- From the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY'2013, case openings increased 3% (**Appendix Table A4** on page 71, **Fig. 4** on page 7) and consumer openings increased 8%.
- Fifty percent of case openings and 55% of consumer openings were due to supported abuse/neglect reports (protective). (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- Thirty-three percent of case openings and 32% 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 3% of consumer openings. (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- “Children Requiring Assistance” (CRA) referrals accounted for 5% of case openings and 5% of consumer openings (**Tables 2A and 2B**). It should be noted that the CRA consumer counts include the children subject to the CRA petition, adult caretakers, and oftentimes non-CRA siblings.
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in **Fig. 3** (on page 7) and **Table 2A**. Supported reports of child abuse/neglect accounted for 39-66% of the total intakes for each region. Case openings by alternative response represented 18-42% of all intakes for each region. CRA referrals ranged from 2-8% of the total intakes for each region. Voluntary requests ranged from 3-4% of the total intakes for each region. (**Table 2A**)
- At an area level, the proportion of case openings that were protective (supported report) ranged from 27% at both Haverhill and Framingham to 73% at Plymouth (**Appendix Table A2** case openings, **Appendix Table A3** consumer openings on pages 69-70).
- Case openings (statewide) are lowest in the 1st quarter. The quarterly trend in case openings is similar to the pattern for reports of child abuse/neglect (**Fig. 4, Fig. 7** on page 12, **Appendix Table A4**). However, more protective cases opened in the 1st Quarter than any subsequent quarter (**Appendix Table A4**).

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

**TABLE 2A. CASE OPENINGS⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2013, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/13 - 6/30/13)**

DCF Geographic Region	Case Openings ⁽¹⁾												Total No.
	Protective ⁽²⁾		Alternative Response ⁽³⁾		CRA Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other ⁽⁴⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	429	47%	351	39%	21	2%	31	3%	14	2%	59	7%	905
Northern	186	39%	203	42%	25	5%	19	4%	15	3%	31	6%	479
Southern	353	54%	187	28%	38	6%	22	3%	22	3%	37	6%	659
Boston	218	66%	58	18%	26	8%	13	4%	4	1%	9	3%	328
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	100%	5
Other ⁽⁶⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	15	100%	---	---	---	---	15
Total:	1,186	50%	799	33%	110	5%	100	4%	55	2%	141	6%	2,391

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

⁽²⁾ Outcome of an investigation.

⁽³⁾ Outcome of an initial assessment.

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

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

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

**TABLE 2B. CONSUMER OPENINGS⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2013, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/13 - 6/30/13)**

DCF Geographic Region	Consumer Openings ⁽¹⁾												Total No.
	Protective ⁽²⁾		Alternative Response ⁽³⁾		CRA Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other ⁽⁴⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	3,374	53%	2,327	37%	183	3%	163	3%	149	2%	116	2%	6,312
Northern	1,584	48%	1,202	37%	181	6%	109	3%	136	4%	58	2%	3,270
Southern	2,495	57%	1,247	28%	328	7%	93	2%	138	3%	90	2%	4,391
Boston	1,425	68%	402	19%	186	9%	37	2%	26	1%	23	1%	2,099
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	100%	4
Other ⁽⁶⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	15	100%	---	---	---	---	15
Total:	8,878	55%	5,178	32%	878	5%	417	3%	449	3%	291	2%	16,091

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

⁽²⁾ Outcome of an investigation.

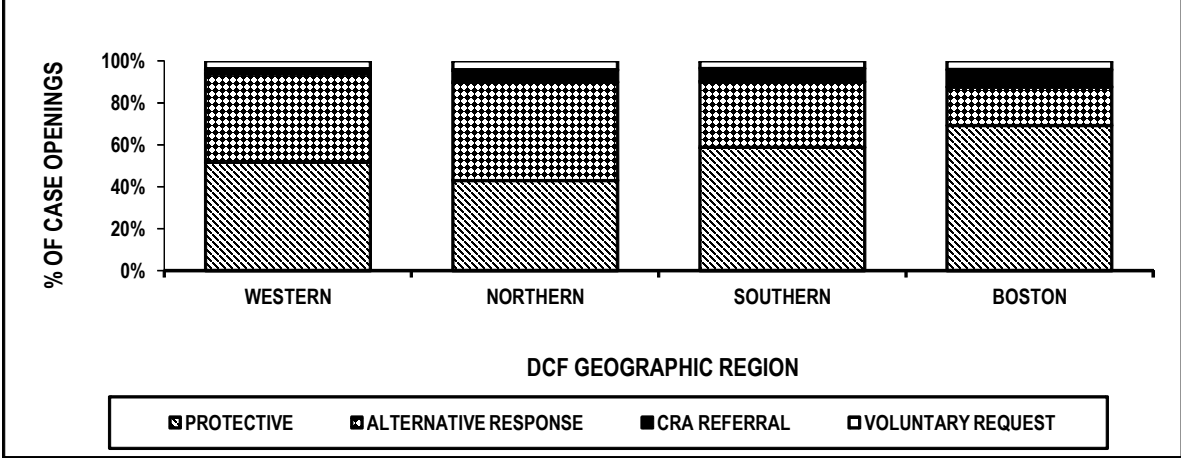
⁽³⁾ Outcome of an initial assessment.

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

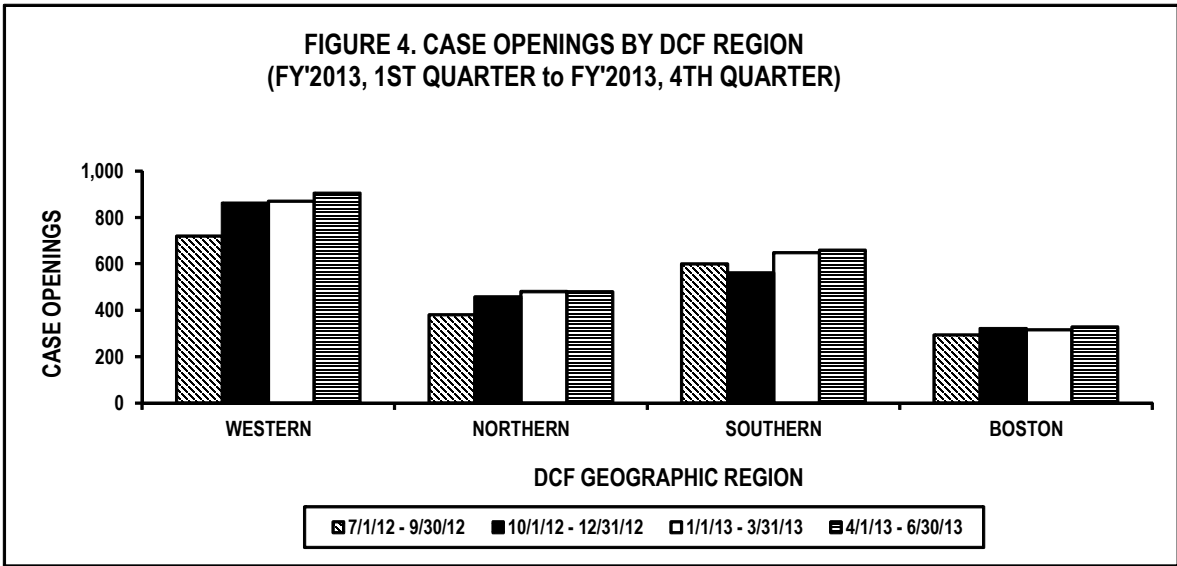
⁽⁵⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

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

**FIGURE 3. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION
FY'2013, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/13 - 6/30/13)**



**FIGURE 4. CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2013, 1ST QUARTER to FY'2013, 4TH 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, 22,487 reports were recorded during the 4th Quarter of FY’2013. Thirty-three percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation and 21% 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 19% in the North to 42% in Boston. At the Judge Baker Children’s Center, 43% of the reports were screened-in for investigation. (**Table 3, Fig. 5** on page 11)
- The proportion of reports screened-in for an initial assessment response by region ranged from 12% in Boston to 27% in the Southern region. Judge Baker screened-in 16% of the reports for initial assessment. (**Table 3, Fig. 5**)
- Park Street, Hyde Park, and Fall River Areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (45-47%). Taunton/Attleboro, Coastal, Plymouth, and Cape Ann Areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (31-34%). (**Appendix Table A5** on page 72)
- Framingham, Cape Ann, and Lynn Areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (9-11%). Dimock Street, Park Street, and Hyde Park Areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (8-11%). (**Appendix Table A5**)
- The DCF Regions screened-in 2-4% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 19% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children’s Center Hotline. (**Table 3**)
- Statewide, reports rose 10% from the 3rd Quarter to the 4th 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 4th Quarter of FY'2013, 10,228 responses (investigations and initial assessments) were completed (**Table 4** on next page)—an increase of 11% from the 3rd 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: 75% and 25% (Boston); 53% and 47% (West); 52% and 48% (South); 44% and 56% (North), respectively. (**Fig. 6** on page 11, **Table 4**)

Initial Assessments

- There were 4,213 initial assessments completed during the 4th Quarter of FY'2013³. The assessment decision was “concern” for 48% of initial assessments and “minimal or no concern” for 52%. The assessment decisions are defined as “concerns of safety or risk that warrant DCF services” and “no concern or minimal risk of future abuse/neglect.” (**Table 4**, **Fig. 6**)
- Framingham, North Central, Lowell, and Park Street Areas had the highest proportions of initial assessments which resulted in a finding of concern (63-68%). (**Appendix Table A6** on page 73)
- Statewide, initial assessments increased 8% from the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY'2013 (**Appendix Table A7**).

Investigations

- The number of investigations conducted during the 4th Quarter of FY'2013 was 6,015 (**Table 4**).³
- Sixty-two percent of the investigations resulted in supported allegations of maltreatment. (**Table 4**)
- Regional support rates went from a low of 59% in the North to a high of 65% in the West (and 73% at Judge Baker). (**Table 4**)
- The Van Wart, Harbor, North Central, and Brockton Areas had the highest proportions of investigations which resulted in a supported allegation(s) (86%, 74%, 72%, and 72%, respectively). (**Appendix Table A6**)
- Statewide, investigations increased 14% from the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY'2013 (**Appendix Table A7**).

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

TABLE 3. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2013, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/13 - 6/30/13)

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	2,889	48%	1,549	26%	158	3%	1,707	1,469	24%	6,065	27%
Northern	2,367	58%	668	16%	100	2%	768	921	23%	4,056	18%
Southern	1,691	43%	1,051	27%	140	4%	1,191	1,066	27%	3,948	18%
Boston	728	45%	630	39%	52	3%	682	195	12%	1,605	7%
Judge Baker Children's Center	2,573	41%	1,493	24%	1,217	19%	2,710	1,039	16%	6,322	28%
Special Investigations	196	40%	295	60%	---	---	295	---	---	491	2%
Total	10,444	46%	5,686	25%	1,667	7%	7,353	4,690	21%	22,487	100%

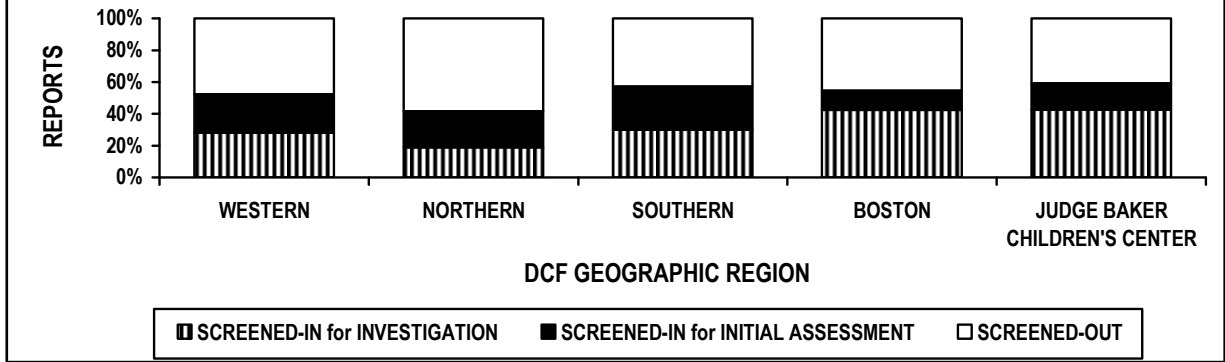
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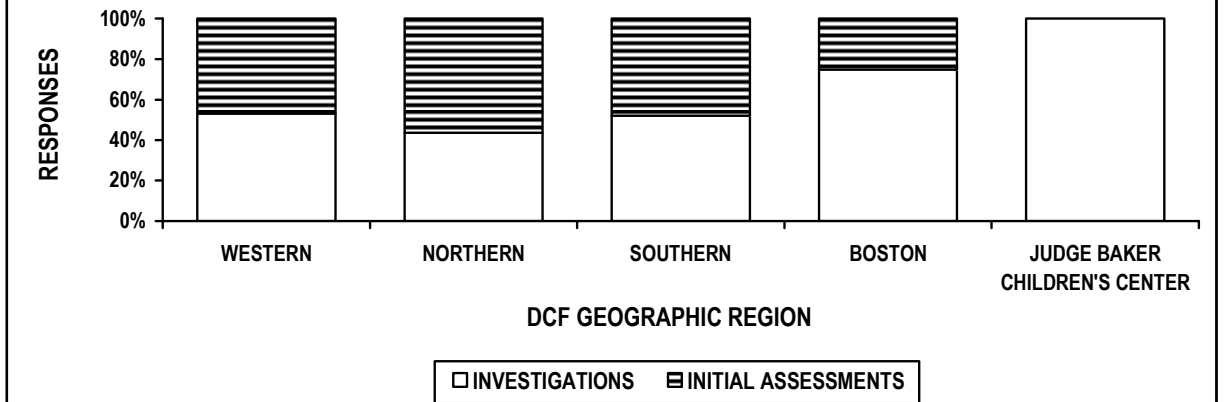
DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision					Initial Assessment Decision					Response Total	
	Supported		Unsupported		Inv Total	Concern		Min/No Concern		IA Total		
	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
Western	1,157	65%	627	35%	1,784	817	52%	765	48%	1,582	3,366	33%
Northern	505	59%	358	41%	863	538	49%	571	51%	1,109	1,972	19%
Southern	877	64%	488	36%	1,365	538	43%	721	57%	1,259	2,624	26%
Boston	505	64%	278	36%	783	149	57%	114	43%	263	1,046	10%
Judge Baker Children's Center	652	73%	244	27%	896	---	---	---	---	---	896	9%
Special Investigations	55	17%	269	83%	324	---	---	---	---	---	324	3%
Total	3,751	62%	2,264	38%	6,015	2,042	48%	2,171	52%	4,213	10,228	100%

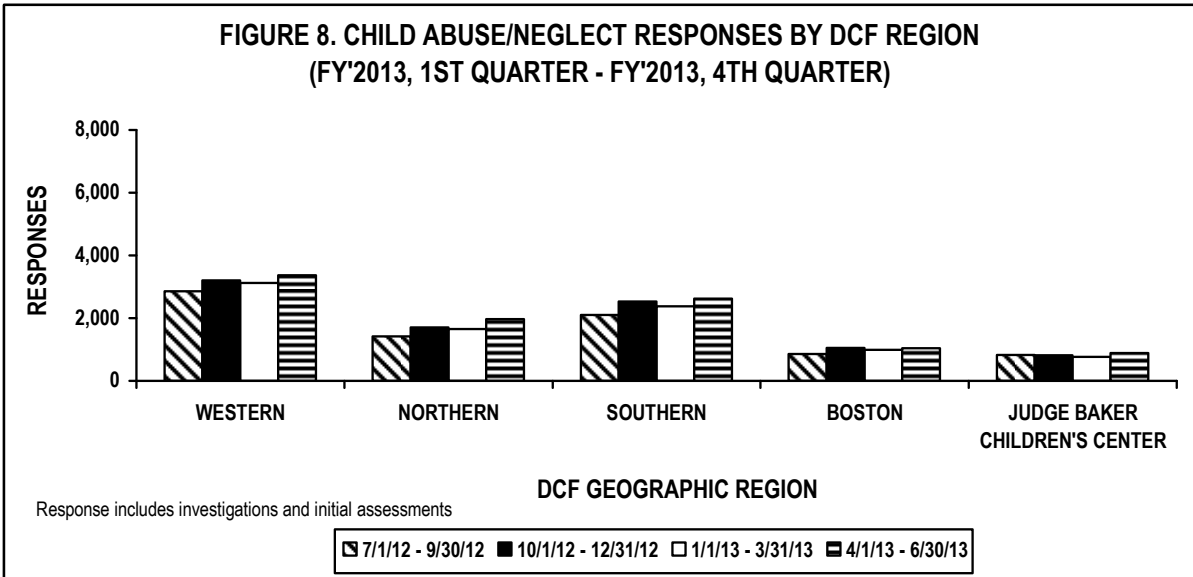
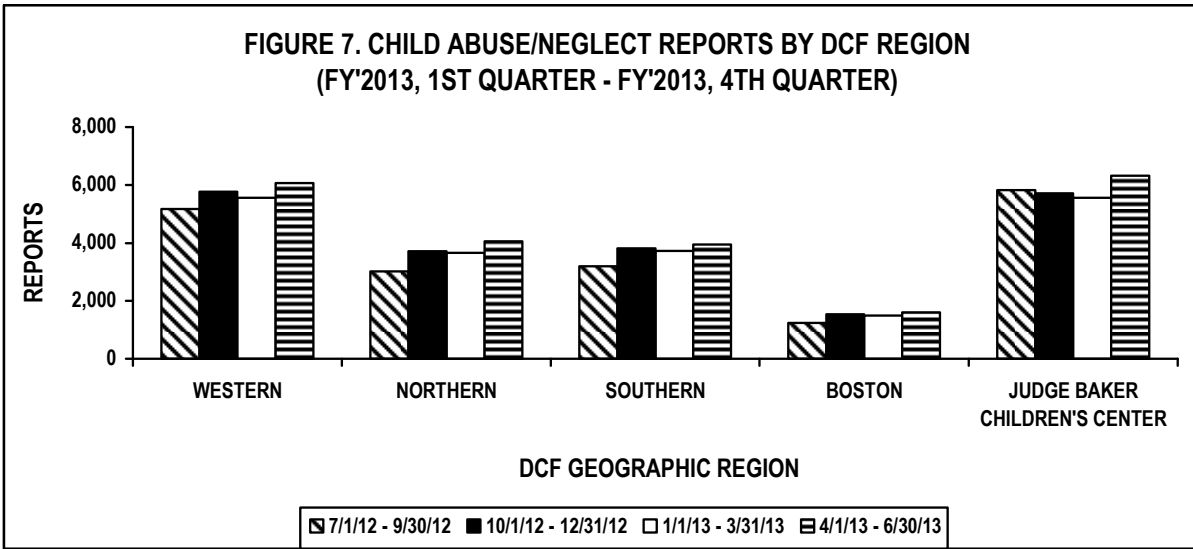
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**FIGURE 5. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS
SCREENING DECISION BY DCF REGION
FY'2013, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/13 - 6/30/13)**



**FIGURE 6. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY TYPE AND DCF REGION
FY'2013, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/13 - 6/30/13)**

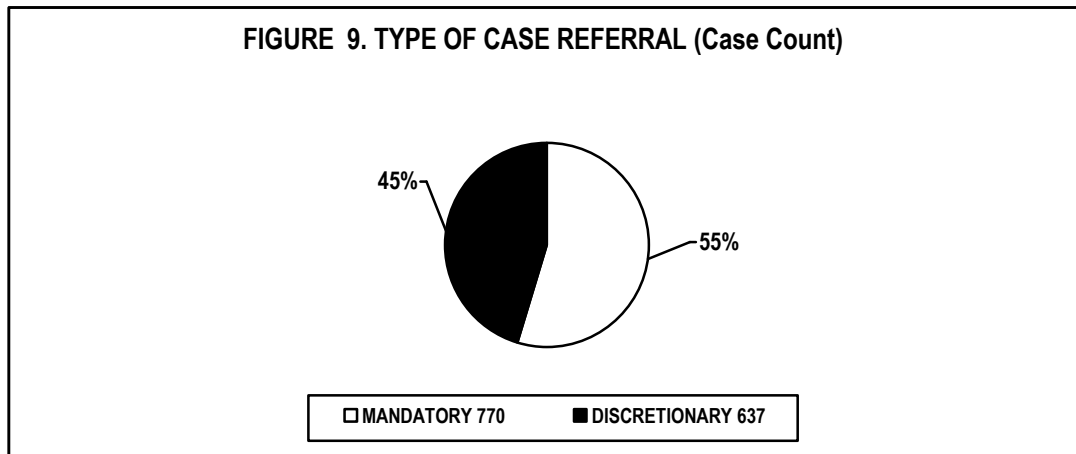




C. District Attorney (DA) Referrals

- During the 4th Quarter of FY'2013, 1,407 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (**Fig. 9**). Fifty-five percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals⁴ and 45% were discretionary referrals⁵ (**Fig. 9, Appendix Table A8** on page 75).

DA REFERRALS FY'2013, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/13 - 6/30/13)

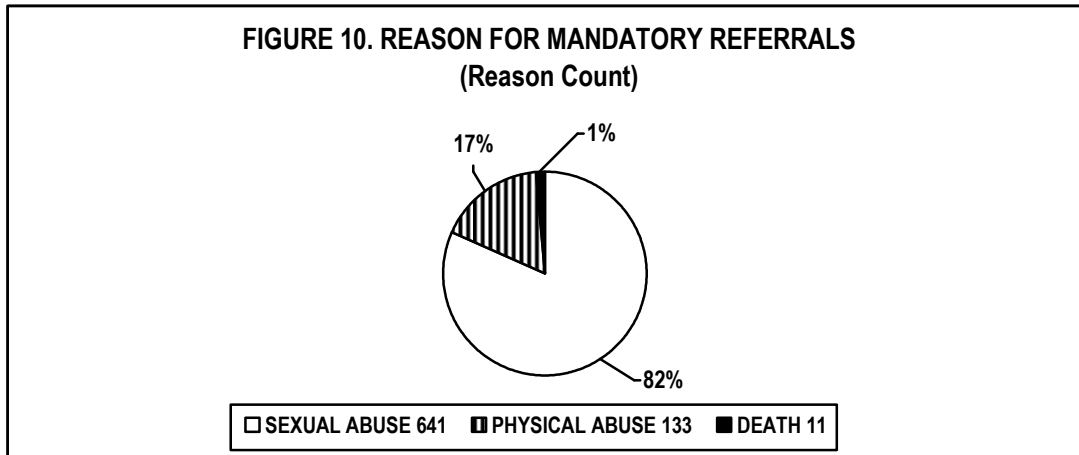


- Sexual abuse accounted for 82% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals during the 4th Quarter of FY'2013 (**Fig. 10, Table 5** on next page). Seventeen percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

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

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

DA REFERRALS FY'2013, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/13 - 6/30/13)



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

**TABLE 5. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: ⁽¹⁾
FY'2013, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/13 - 6/30/13)**

Nature of Abuse	Reasons ⁽¹⁾	
	No.	%
Sexual Abuse:	641	82%
Sexual Assault	587	
Sexual Exploitation	54	
Serious Physical Abuse:	133	17%
Death:	11	1%
Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals	785	100%

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

- Sexual abuse as a proportion of all reasons for mandatory referrals has ranged from 78% to 85% over the past 11 years (FY'2003 through FY'2013, Q4) (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 estimates⁶ for children less than 18 years old, Hampden County⁷ 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 68% of the mandatory case referrals for sexual abuse (including sexual assault and sexual exploitation). The same four counties accounted for 74% of the mandatory case referrals for serious physical abuse.

**TABLE 6. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY: ⁽¹⁾
FY'2013, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/13 - 6/30/13)**

County ⁽²⁾	Case Referrals				Total No.	2010 Children Less than 18 Years Old
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Essex	118	38%	189	62%	307	172,089
Middlesex	99	37%	168	63%	267	320,439
Worcester	99	50%	98	50%	197	187,231
Suffolk	90	52%	84	48%	174	126,275
Hampden	46	41%	65	59%	111	109,885
Bristol	36	42%	49	58%	85	122,409
Norfolk	49	67%	24	33%	73	152,132
Plymouth	47	67%	23	33%	70	119,475
Berkshire	29	44%	37	56%	66	25,624
Barnstable	11	69%	5	31%	16	37,249
Hampshire	6	38%	10	63%	16	26,766
Franklin	2	18%	9	82%	11	14,068
Dukes	---	---	1	100%	1	3,173
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---	2,108
OUT OF STATE	5	38%	8	62%	13	---
Total	637		770		1,407	

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

⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.

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

⁷ Hampden County encompasses cities with high reporting rates: 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:⁽¹⁾
FY'2013, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/13 - 6/30/13)**

County ⁽²⁾	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals ⁽¹⁾				Total No.
	Sexual Assault No.	Sexual Exploitation No.	Serious Physical Abuse/Injury No.	Death No.	
Essex	120	14	54	3	191
Middlesex	144	14	8	4	170
Worcester	88	3	7	1	99
Suffolk	49	6	29	---	84
Hampden	50	8	9	2	69
Bristol	37	1	11	1	50
Berkshire	35	1	1	---	37
Plymouth	18	2	6	---	26
Norfolk	19	1	5	---	25
Hampshire	9	1	---	---	10
Franklin	8	---	1	---	9
Barnstable	4	2	---	---	6
Dukes	---	1	---	---	1
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---
OUT OF STATE	6	---	2	---	8
Total:	587	54	133	11	785

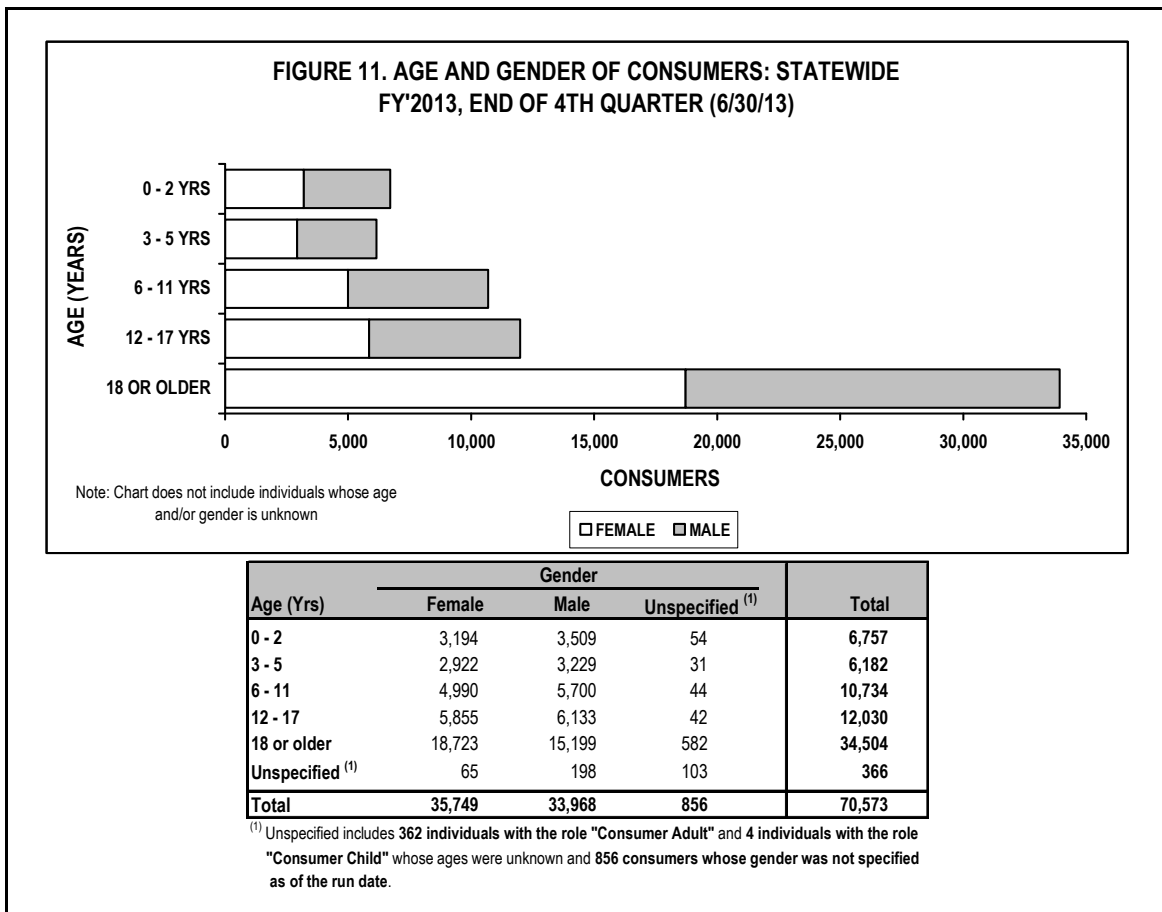
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IV. CONSUMER DEMOGRAPHICS

A. Age, Gender, and Race of All Consumers

- On the last day of the 4th Quarter of FY'2013, the consumer population included 35,707 (51%) children less than 18 years old and 34,866 (49%) adults 18 years or older (**Table 1** on page 3). The proportion of adult consumers has gradually increased over the years (**Figs. 1** and **2** 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 (12,030) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). (**Fig. 11**)
- Forty-eight percent of all children receiving DCF services were female. In contrast, 54% of all adults receiving services were female. (**Fig. 11**)



- The statewide caseload was comprised of 43% 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 39% Black, 31% Hispanic/Latino, and 15% White consumers (3,579, 2,878, and 1,411 consumers, respectively). The proportion of Hispanic/Latino consumers was similar in 3 of the 4 regions (28-31%)—13% in the Southern Region. Asians were most prominent in the North--4% of the caseload (545 consumers, mainly Cambodian). (Table 8, Figs. 12A and 12B)

TABLE 8. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2013, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/13)

Race	DCF Geographic Region										Total			
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾				Other ⁽²⁾	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
White	12,833	44%	6,081	45%	10,055	55%	1,411	15%	129	52%	11	6%	30,520	43%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	9,090	31%	3,775	28%	2,438	13%	2,878	31%	52	21%	78	43%	18,311	26%
Black	2,538	9%	1,304	10%	2,478	14%	3,579	39%	33	13%	35	19%	9,967	14%
Asian	172	1%	545	4%	171	1%	200	2%	1	*	44	24%	1,133	2%
Native American	31	*	19	*	70	*	8	*	1	*	---	---	129	*
Pacific Islander	15	*	8	*	5	*	3	*	---	---	---	---	31	*
Multi-Racial	744	3%	377	3%	709	4%	178	2%	21	8%	1	1%	2,030	3%
Unable to Determine	1,045	4%	486	4%	772	4%	367	4%	11	4%	9	5%	2,690	4%
Missing	2,736	9%	960	7%	1,446	8%	617	7%	---	---	3	2%	5,762	8%
Total	29,204	100%	13,555	100%	18,144	100%	9,241	100%	248	100%	181	100%	70,573	100%

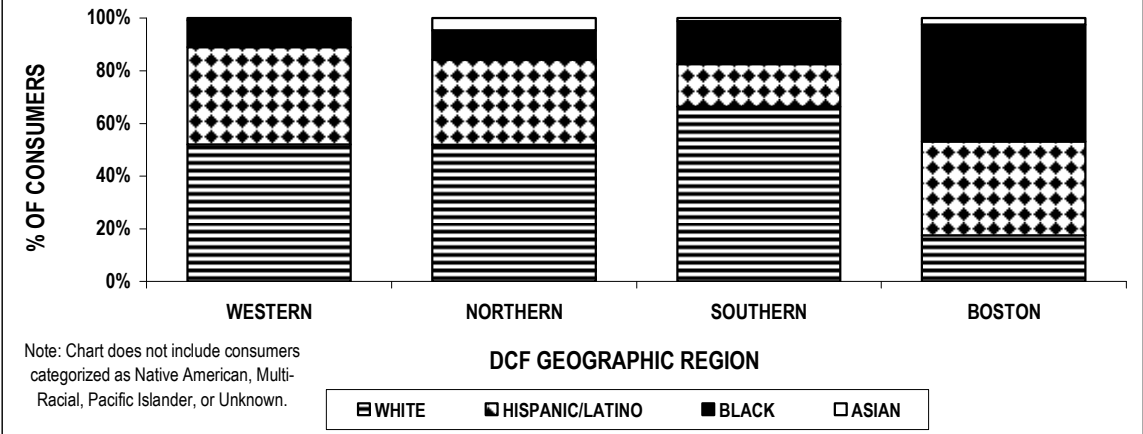
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⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

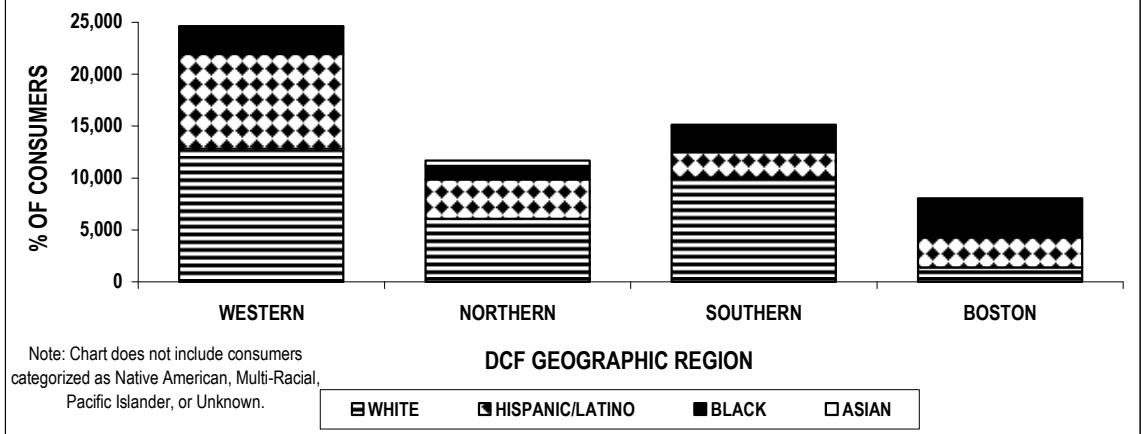
⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

⁽³⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

**FIGURE 12A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'2013, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/13)**



**FIGURE 12B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'2013, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/13)**



- A racial comparison of children receiving various services from DCF to children residing in Massachusetts⁸ 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 ⁸ 2010	Children Less than 18 Years Old							
		DCF Not in Substitute Care	DCF All Substitute Care*	DCF Foster Care	DCF Congregate Care**	DCF All Care w/Goal of Adoption	DCF All Care w/Goal of Guardianship	DCF Adoptions Legalized	DCF Guardianships Legalized
		6/30/13	6/30/13	6/30/13	6/30/13	6/30/13	6/30/13	FY'2013	FY'2013
White	67%	40%	47%	47%	47%	50%	50%	49%	52%
Hispanic***	15%	32%	26%	26%	26%	23%	21%	24%	23%
Black	7%	15%	14%	13%	19%	13%	16%	13%	14%
Asian	6%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	<1%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	---	<1%	---	---	---	---
Multi-Racial	4%	4%	7%	7%	4%	9%	7%	8%	6%
Other/Unknown	1%	7%	4%	5%	3%	5%	3%	5%	4%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	1,418,923	28,339	7,368	5,726	1,332	2,132	632	815	345

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

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

*** Hispanic/Latino of any race.

- **Appendix Table 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.

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

B. Preferred Language of All Consumers

- The Western Region had the highest number of Spanish-speaking consumers (2,097) (**Table 10**). Spanish was also the primary language of 981 and 923 consumers in the Northern and Boston regions, respectively. Haitian Creole was the preferred language of 336 DCF consumers statewide. Khmer-speaking (Cambodian) consumers were mainly concentrated in the North. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Haitian Creole (South/North/Boston), Portuguese (South), Cape Verdean Creole (South/Boston), Vietnamese (Boston), and Lao (North) (**Table 10**).

TABLE 10. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2013, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/13)

Primary Language	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption				Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spanish	2,097	7%	981	7%	548	3%	923	10%	5	2%	77	43%	4,631	7%
Haitian Creole	6	*	109	1%	117	1%	103	1%	--	--	1	1%	336	*
Portuguese	40	*	66	*	134	1%	14	*	--	--	--	--	254	*
Khmer (Cambodian)	3	*	132	1%	17	*	1	*	--	--	--	--	153	*
Cape Verdean Creole	3	*	7	*	149	1%	99	1%	--	--	--	--	258	*
Vietnamese	22	*	19	*	14	*	51	1%	--	--	--	--	106	*
Chinese	4	*	19	*	22	*	12	*	--	--	1	1%	58	*
Lao	2	*	14	*	2	*	--	--	--	--	--	--	18	*
American Sign Language	20	*	14	*	9	*	9	*	--	--	--	--	52	*
Other	478	2%	196	1%	225	1%	124	1%	3	1%	67	37%	1,093	2%
English\Unspecified	26,529	91%	11,998	89%	16,907	93%	7,905	86%	240	97%	35	19%	63,614	90%
Total	29,204	100%	13,555	100%	18,144	100%	9,241	100%	248	100%	181	100%	70,573	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

- From 1987 to 1997, there were substantial increases in consumers whose preferred languages were Khmer, Lao, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and Spanish (**table** on next page). In the following decade (1997-2007), there were declines in consumers from all of these language groups. Although there was a decline in consumers with these preferred/primary languages, there was not a decline in DCF consumers from these ethnic groups. As with all immigrant groups, their children become fluent in English. The new immigrant communities continue to grow, but as time passes those who are only fluent in their native language make up a smaller proportion of their community.
- Comparing DCF consumers by preferred language on June 2007 and June 2013, showed an increase in some language groups and a decrease in others (**table** on next page). The largest changes were: declines in Khmer (-57%), Vietnamese (-37%) and increases in Cape Verdean Creole (77%), Haitian Creole (29%). During this period, the count of total consumers decreased 10%.

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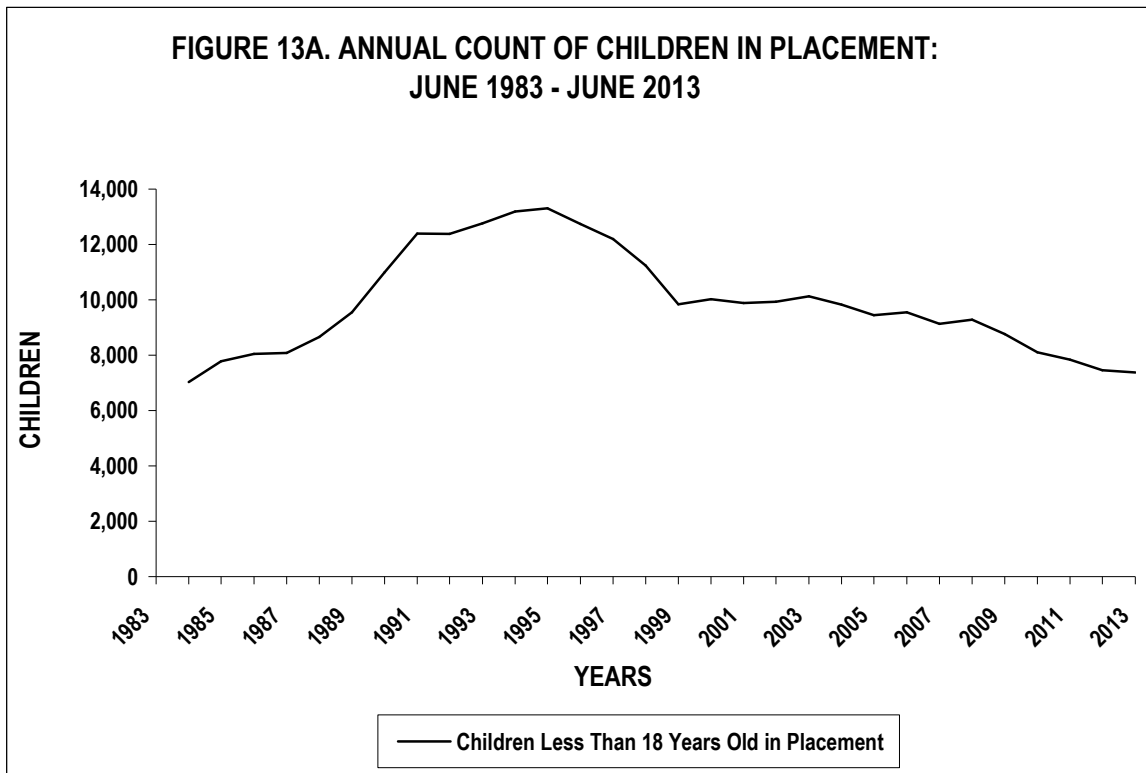
Primary Language	Consumers Jul. 1987 No.	Consumers Jul. 1997 No.	Consumers Jun. 2007 No.	Consumers Jun. 2013 No.	2007-2013 Change %
English/Unspecified	60,784	66,404	71,398	63,614	-11%
Spanish	3,664	6,334	4,516	4,631	3%
Haitian Creole	175	360	260	336	29%
Portuguese	530	380	303	254	-16%
Cape Verdean Creole	174	247	146	258	77%
Khmer Cambodian	253	851	356	153	-57%
Vietnamese	146	273	167	106	-37%
Chinese	71	61	54	58	7%
American Sign Language	47	23	41	52	27%
Lao	30	74	20	18	-10%
Other	213	310	1,459	1,093	-25%
Total	66,087	75,317	78,720	70,573	-10%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

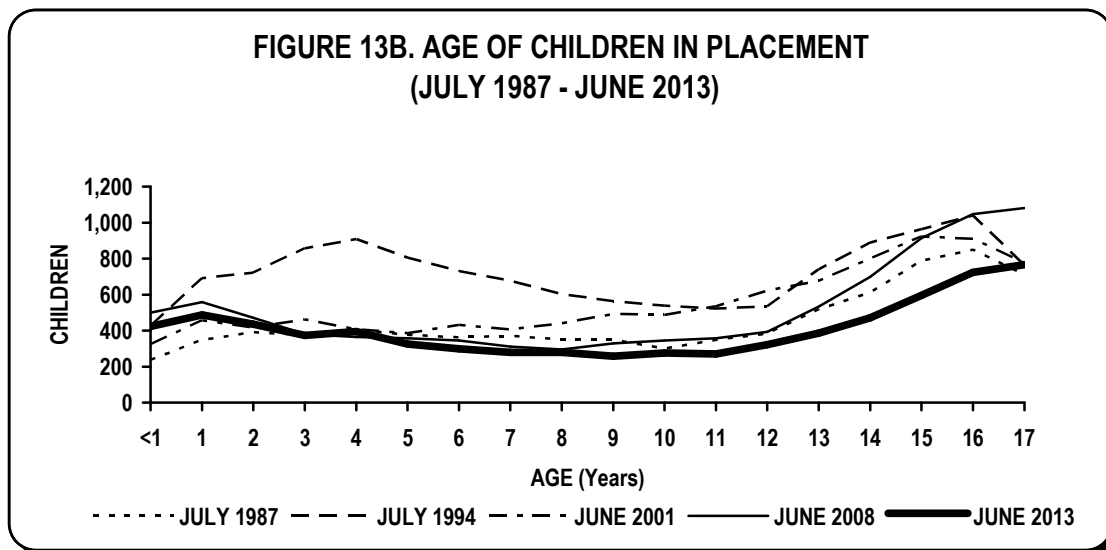
V. PROFILE OF CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT⁹

- The number of children less than 18 years old in placement (7,368) increased 1% from the 3rd to the 4th 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**)



⁹Consumers 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 2008-2013, 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 mostly all ages declined in 2013, especially among the oldest children. 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, 7,467 in 2012, and 7,368 in 2013.



- Statewide, 21% (or 7,368) of all children (less than 18 years old) with open cases were in placement. The regional statistics for children in placement as a proportion of all children receiving services were: 22% in the South, 21% in the North, and 19% in both the West and Boston. (**Table 11** on next page)
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield, Lynn, Fall River, and Greenfield area offices had the highest proportions in placement (27-31%). The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Van Wart, Cambridge, Hyde Park, and Springfield area offices (13-16%). (**Table 11**)

TABLE 11. CHILD⁽¹⁾ CASELOAD BY DCF AREA OFFICE: FY'2013, End of 4TH QUARTER 6/30/13)

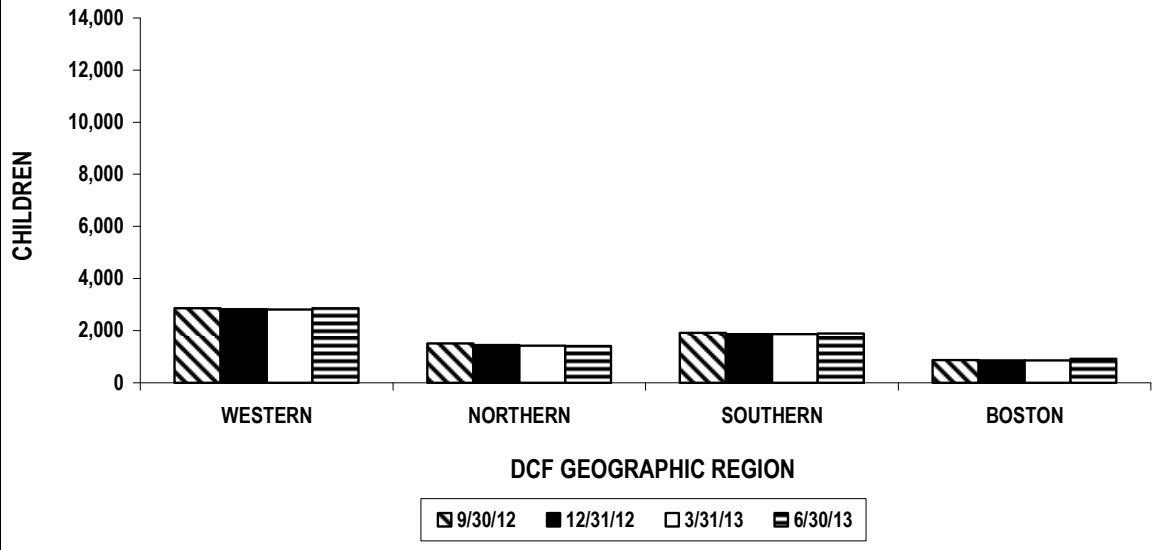
DCF Region/Area	Not in Placement	In Placement	Total Child Caseload	% in Placement
Greenfield	796	300	1,096	27%
Holyoke	1,022	270	1,292	21%
North Central	1,800	368	2,168	17%
Pittsfield	736	330	1,066	31%
Robert Van Wart	2,072	315	2,387	13%
South Central	1,214	299	1,513	20%
Springfield	2,039	388	2,427	16%
Worcester East	1,307	333	1,640	20%
Worcester West	1,218	250	1,468	17%
Ctr Human Dev (PAS West)	6	6	12	50%
Western	12,210	2,859	15,069	19%
Cambridge	581	104	685	15%
Cape Ann	683	143	826	17%
Framingham	629	158	787	20%
Haverhill	436	118	554	21%
Lawrence	489	157	646	24%
Lowell	1,255	322	1,577	20%
Lynn	681	267	948	28%
Malden	596	157	753	21%
Northern	5,350	1,426	6,776	21%
Arlington	472	160	632	25%
Brockton	1,023	208	1,231	17%
Cape Cod	615	208	823	25%
Coastal	666	199	865	23%
Fall River	940	339	1,279	27%
New Bedford	1,429	338	1,767	19%
Plymouth	853	226	1,079	21%
Taunton/Attleboro	848	216	1,064	20%
Solutions for Living (PAS SE)	13	2	15	13%
Southern	6,859	1,896	8,755	22%
Dimock Street	759	234	993	24%
Harbor	1,062	248	1,310	19%
Hyde Park	889	174	1,063	16%
Park Street	1,176	262	1,438	18%
Solutions for Living (PAS Bos)	1	0	1	0%
Boston	3,887	918	4,805	19%
Adoption Contracts⁽²⁾	21	226	247	91%
Other⁽³⁾	12	43	55	78%
Total	28,339	7,368	35,707	21%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.

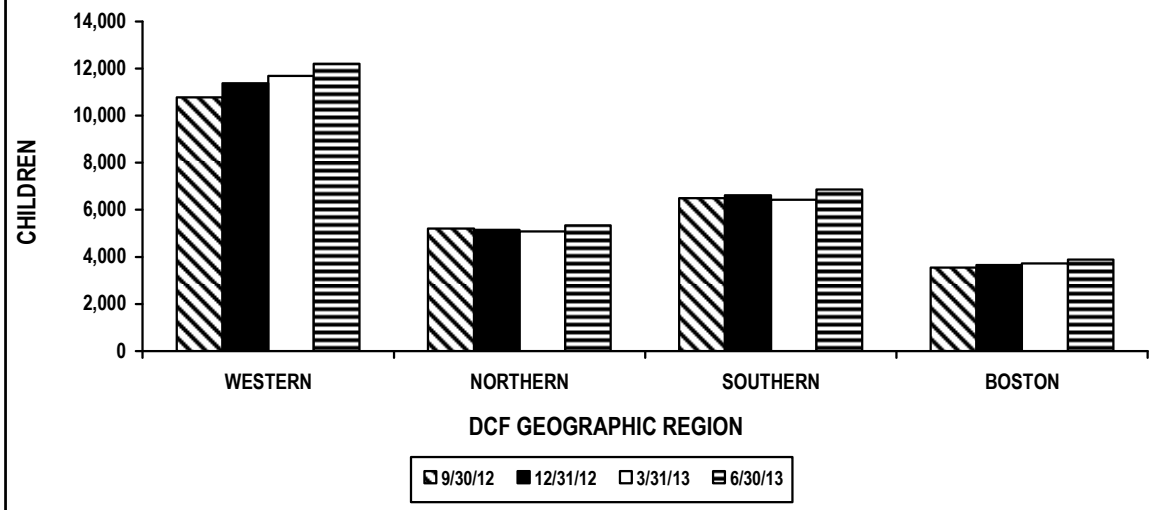
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⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**FIGURE 14. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2013, END OF 1ST QUARTER to FY'2013, END OF 4TH QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 15. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2013, END OF 1ST QUARTER to FY'2013, END OF 4TH QUARTER)**



A. Demographics of Consumers in Placement¹⁰

(Combined Counts from All Types of Placement)

- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2013, the statewide placement population was comprised of 52% boys and 48% girls. In 3 DCF regions, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state (**Table 12A, Fig. 16A** on next page). The fourth region, Boston, showed a reversal in gender—52% girls and 48% boys (**Table 12A**). The proportions of male and female children in the DCF placement population were similar to the general population.¹¹
- 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 4TH QUARTER (6/30/13)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		Total		
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Gender:															
Female	1,606	48%	881	47%	1,092	48%	586	52%	96	42%	43	28%	4,304	48%	
Male	1,761	52%	999	53%	1,191	52%	533	48%	131	58%	111	72%	4,726	52%	
Missing	---	---	2	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*	
Total	3,367	100%	1,882	100%	2,283	100%	1,119	100%	227	100%	154	100%	9,032	100%	
Race:															
White	1,616	48%	873	46%	1,328	58%	203	18%	117	52%	1	1%	4,138	46%	
Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	1,044	31%	581	31%	315	14%	329	29%	45	20%	71	46%	2,385	26%	
Black	359	11%	188	10%	317	14%	496	44%	31	14%	33	21%	1,424	16%	
Asian	12	*	70	4%	24	1%	13	1%	1	*	40	26%	160	2%	
Native American	4	*	---	---	14	1%	---	---	1	*	---	---	19	*	
Pacific Islander	---	---	2	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*	
Multi-Racial	181	5%	107	6%	181	8%	48	4%	21	9%	---	---	538	6%	
Unable to Determine	151	4%	61	3%	104	5%	30	3%	11	5%	9	6%	366	4%	
Total	3,367	100%	1,882	100%	2,283	100%	1,119	100%	227	100%	154	100%	9,032	100%	

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

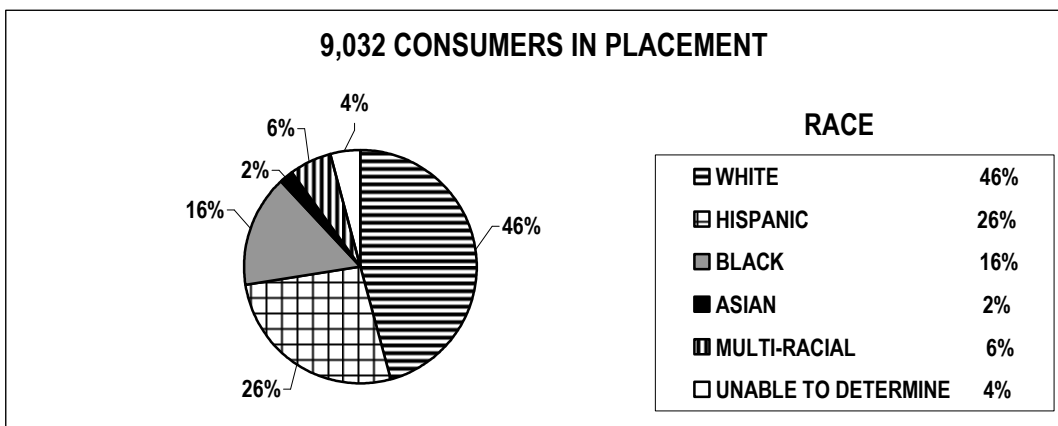
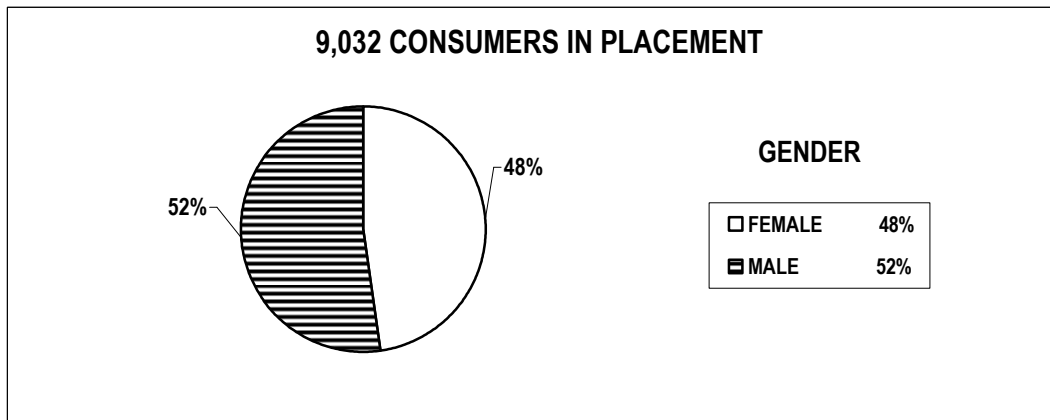
⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

⁽³⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

¹⁰ “Consumers” includes children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 or older.

¹¹ Massachusetts Child Population 2010: 51% male (725,399) and 49% female (693,524). U.S. Census Bureau. Table DP-1. Profile of General Population and Housing Characteristics 2010, Demographic Profile Data Massachusetts (factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?src=bkmk)

**FIGURE 16A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY GENDER AND RACE
STATEWIDE: FY'2013, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/13)**



- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DCF Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 35% to 40%. (**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 (24%), and Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement¹² (APPLA) (22%). 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: Guardianship (7% of all consumers in placement), Permanent Care with Kin¹³ (7%), and Stabilization of Family (5%).
- On 6/30/2013, 38% of the statewide placement population had a length of stay of more than 2 years,¹⁴ 20% had been in continuous care between 1 and 2 years, and 42% for 1 year or less. (**Table 12B, Fig. 16B**)
- The North had the highest proportion of consumers in continuous care¹⁵ for more than two years (42%). The West had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (46%). (**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 (45% for Black vs. 36% for White, 36% 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 49% of all consumers in placement for more than 4 years and another 22% 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 34% for Hispanic and 33% 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—30% Black vs. 19% White and 23% Hispanic for APPLA; 19% Black vs. 21% Hispanic and 26% White for adoption.

¹² 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.

¹³ The goal of permanent placement with kin is to provide children with a committed, nurturing, and lifelong relationship in a licensed kinship family setting.

¹⁴ 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.

¹⁵ Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child’s most recent home removal episode start date to the Quarter End Date (June 30, 2013).

**TABLE 12B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE
BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE: FY'2013, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/13)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region										Total No. %			
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾				Other ⁽²⁾	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Age Group:														
(0 - 2 yrs)	556	17%	222	12%	373	16%	160	14%	35	15%	---	---	1,346	15%
(3 - 5 yrs)	458	14%	179	10%	270	12%	127	11%	60	26%	---	---	1,094	12%
(6 - 11 yrs)	653	19%	282	15%	445	19%	187	17%	88	39%	8	5%	1,663	18%
(12 - 17 yrs)	1,192	35%	743	39%	808	35%	444	40%	43	19%	35	23%	3,265	36%
18 or older	508	15%	456	24%	387	17%	201	18%	1	*	111	72%	1,664	18%
Total	3,367	100%	1,882	100%	2,283	100%	1,119	100%	227	100%	154	100%	9,032	100%
Service Plan Goals:														
Family Reunification	1,225	36%	511	27%	830	36%	406	36%	1	*	1	1%	2,974	33%
Adoption	833	25%	394	21%	499	22%	193	17%	216	95%	---	---	2,135	24%
APPLA ⁽³⁾	593	18%	527	28%	473	21%	256	23%	1	*	99	64%	1,949	22%
Guardianship	180	5%	147	8%	194	8%	112	10%	8	4%	1	1%	642	7%
Permanent Care with Kin	219	7%	174	9%	126	6%	64	6%	---	---	34	22%	617	7%
Stabilization of Family	204	6%	71	4%	96	4%	54	5%	---	---	---	---	425	5%
Unspecified as of run-date	113	3%	58	3%	65	3%	34	3%	1	*	19	12%	290	3%
Total	3,367	100%	1,882	100%	2,283	100%	1,119	100%	227	100%	154	100%	9,032	100%
Continuous Time in Care:														
(.5yr or less)	961	29%	441	23%	582	25%	300	27%	---	---	24	16%	2,308	26%
(> .5-1yr)	556	17%	253	13%	438	19%	186	17%	20	9%	24	16%	1,477	16%
(>1-1.5yrs)	413	12%	224	12%	313	14%	132	12%	25	11%	16	10%	1,123	12%
(>1.5-2yrs)	256	8%	158	8%	188	8%	98	9%	37	16%	15	10%	752	8%
(>2-4yrs)	608	18%	364	19%	378	17%	190	17%	96	42%	40	26%	1,676	19%
> 4yrs	573	17%	442	23%	384	17%	213	19%	49	22%	35	23%	1,696	19%
Total	3,367	100%	1,882	100%	2,283	100%	1,119	100%	227	100%	154	100%	9,032	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

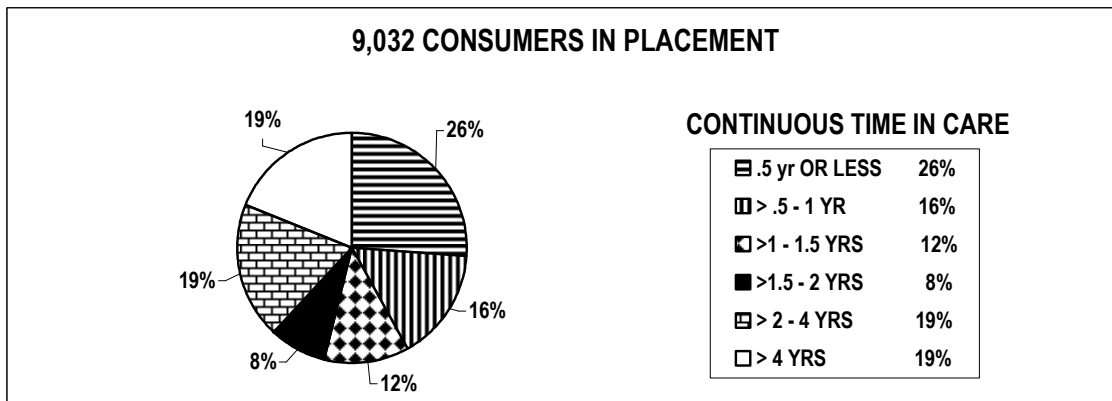
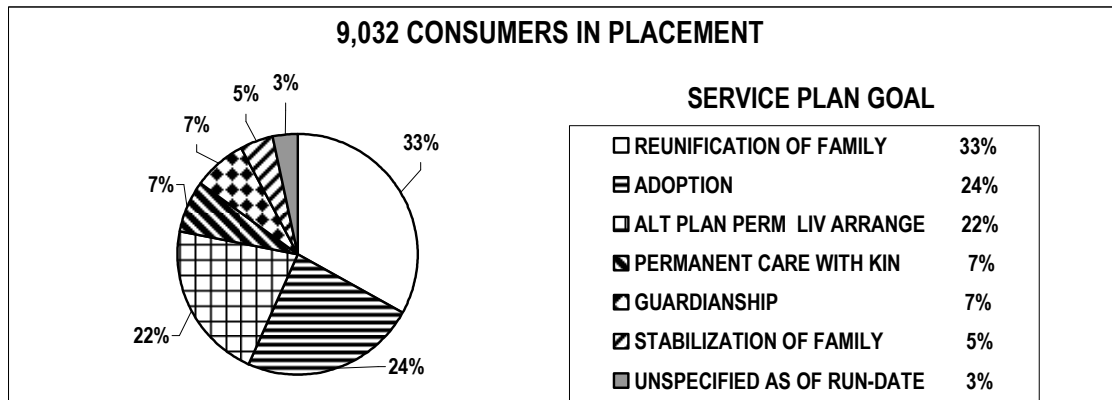
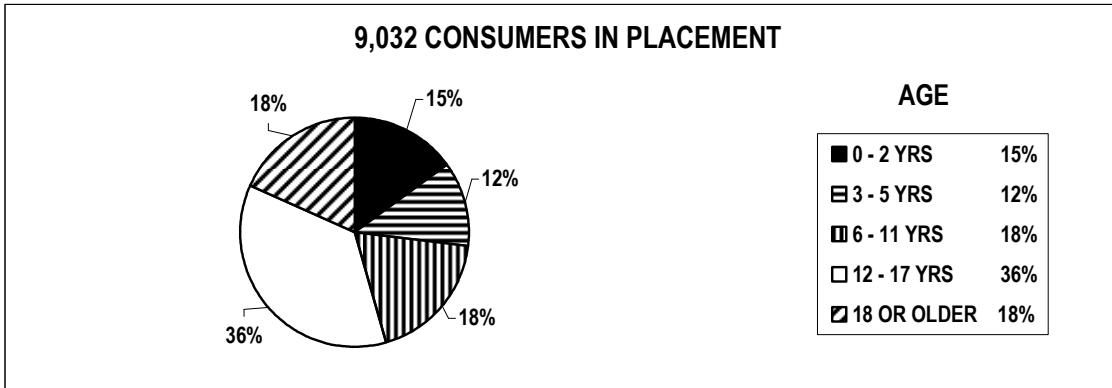
⁽³⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 13A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2013, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/13)**

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers													Total No. %				
	White		Hispanic/ Latino ⁽¹⁾		Black		Asian		Native American		Pacific Islander		Multi-Racial			Unable to Determine		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
(.5yr or less)	1,031	25%	694	29%	292	21%	32	20%	6	32%	---	---	134	25%	119	33%	2,308	26%
(> .5-1yr)	721	17%	376	16%	195	14%	14	9%	4	21%	1	50%	105	20%	61	17%	1,477	16%
(>1-1.5yrs)	562	14%	247	10%	155	11%	21	13%	---	---	---	---	89	17%	49	13%	1,123	12%
(>1.5-2yrs)	316	8%	212	9%	130	9%	9	6%	1	5%	---	---	48	9%	36	10%	752	8%
(>2-4yrs)	755	18%	436	18%	276	19%	37	23%	6	32%	---	---	102	19%	64	17%	1,676	19%
> 4yrs	753	18%	420	18%	376	26%	47	29%	2	11%	1	50%	60	11%	37	10%	1,696	19%
Total	4,138	100%	2,385	100%	1,424	100%	160	100%	19	100%	2	100%	538	100%	366	100%	9,032	100%

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

**FIGURE 16B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT
STATEWIDE: FY'2013, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/13)**



**TABLE 13B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND AGE GROUP:
STATEWIDE FY'2013, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/13)**

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	642	16%	547	13%	823	20%	1,436	35%	690	17%	4,138	100%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	322	14%	246	10%	412	17%	952	40%	453	19%	2,385	100%
Black	146	10%	124	9%	223	16%	558	39%	373	26%	1,424	100%
Asian	5	3%	8	5%	22	14%	61	38%	64	40%	160	100%
Native American	6	32%	2	11%	3	16%	6	32%	2	11%	19	100%
Pacific Islander	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	100%	---	---	2	100%
Multi-Racial	111	21%	111	21%	116	22%	154	29%	46	9%	538	100%
Unable to Determine	114	31%	56	15%	64	17%	96	26%	36	10%	366	100%
Total	1,346	15%	1,094	12%	1,663	18%	3,265	36%	1,664	18%	9,032	100%

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

**TABLE 13C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2013, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/13)**

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)	545	40%	306	28%	474	29%	876	27%	107	6%	2,308	26%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	339	25%	205	19%	291	17%	521	16%	121	7%	1,477	16%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	230	17%	185	17%	223	13%	371	11%	114	7%	1,123	12%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	139	10%	115	11%	140	8%	231	7%	127	8%	752	8%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	93	7%	248	23%	341	21%	622	19%	372	22%	1,676	19%
> 4 yrs	---	---	35	3%	194	12%	644	20%	823	49%	1,696	19%
Total	1,346	100%	1,094	100%	1,663	100%	3,265	100%	1,664	100%	9,032	100%

**TABLE 14. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2013, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/13)**

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers														Total			
	White		Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾		Black		Asian		Native American		Pacific Islander		Multi-Racial				Unable to Determine	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	1,375	33%	815	34%	410	29%	35	22%	7	37%	1	50%	192	36%	139	38%	2,974	33%
Adoption	1,061	26%	494	21%	269	19%	13	8%	5	26%	---	---	183	34%	110	30%	2,135	24%
APPLA ⁽²⁾	800	19%	553	23%	431	30%	60	38%	3	16%	---	---	66	12%	36	10%	1,949	22%
Guardianship	318	8%	137	6%	100	7%	14	9%	3	16%	---	---	47	9%	23	6%	642	7%
Permanent Care with Kin	267	6%	160	7%	115	8%	27	17%	---	---	---	---	26	5%	22	6%	617	7%
Stabilization of Family	191	5%	139	6%	52	4%	7	4%	---	---	1	50%	16	3%	19	5%	425	5%
Unspecified as of run-date	126	3%	87	4%	47	3%	4	3%	1	5%	---	---	8	1%	17	5%	290	3%
Total	4,138	100%	2,385	100%	1,424	100%	160	100%	19	100%	2	100%	538	100%	366	100%	9,032	100%

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽²⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

<i>Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement</i>			
Date	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
7/93	9.3	1.6	12,577
7/94	9.1	1.4	12,977
7/95	9.2	1.3	13,056
7/96	9.7	1.4	12,643
7/97	10.2	1.4	11,957
9/98	10.2	1.5	10,503
6/99	10.8	1.3	9,834
6/00	11.4	1.3	10,025
6/01	11.5	1.2	9,889
6/02	11.8	1.3	9,932
6/03	12.1	1.3	10,127
6/04	12.3	1.4	9,815
6/05	12.5	1.3	9,439
6/06	12.6	1.2	9,543
6/07	12.6	1.2	9,132
6/08	12.0	1.1	9,287
6/09	11.4	1.2	8,755
6/10	11.5	1.2	8,097
6/11	11.2	1.2	7,841
6/12	11.0	1.1	7,467
9/12	10.6	1.1	7,471
12/12	10.6	1.1	7,302
3/13	10.5	1.1	7,278
6/13	10.4	1.0	7,368

- An age breakdown of children in placement by race¹⁷ is presented in the following **table**. Minority children were a 2-4 years older than White children. Compared to Hispanic children, time in placement was almost 3.5 months longer for Black children and about 1 month longer for White children. (See **table** below). On 6/30/13, 44% 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.

<i>Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement on 6/30/13</i>			
Race	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
White	9.9	1.0	3,448
Black	12.6	1.2	1,051
Hispanic/Latino	11.9	0.9	1,932
Asian	14.0	1.2	96
Native American	6.2	0.7	17
Pacific Islander	---	---	2
Multi-Racial	7.1	1.1	492
Unable to Determine	5.6	0.9	330
Total	10.4	1.0	7,368

¹⁷ Hispanic/Latino includes children of any race.

- The **table** below displays the median age and continuous time in care for all children less than 18 years old in placement on 6/30/2013. 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 5 children in Independent Living had the highest median age and lowest continuous time in care. Their ages were 16-17 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 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 20 children in this placement service (16-17 years old). Eighty-five 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 0.1 year median length of stay.

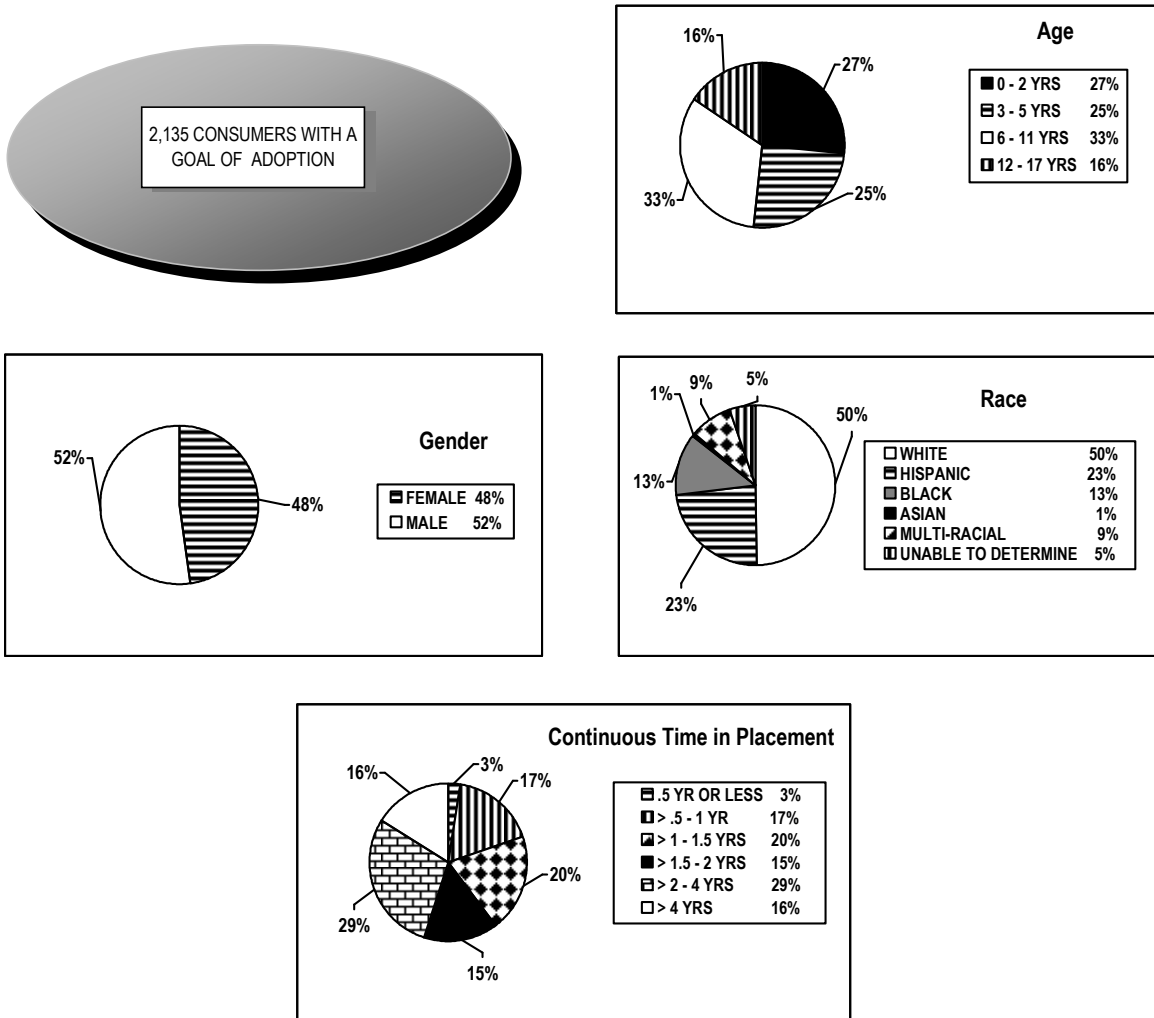
Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement

<i>Placement Type as of 6/30/2013</i>	<i>Median Age (yrs)</i>	<i>Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)</i>	<i>Number of Children</i>
Foster Care:			
Unrestricted	5.1	0.8	1,693
Kinship	6.2	0.9	1,834
Child Specific	9.6	1.1	374
Pre-Adoptive	4.9	2.2	396
Independent Living (< 18 years old)	17.7	0.4	5
IFC (contracted)	13.6	1.7	1,424
Congregate Care:			
Group Home	15.4	1.2	561
Residential	15.7	2.1	425
STARR	14.8	0.1	326
Independent Living (<18 years old)	17.5	2.0	20
On the Run & Non-Referral Locations	16.2	0.8	310
Total	10.4	1.0	7,368

D. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,135 consumers (includes 3 youths 18 years or older) in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,061 (50%) were White, 269 (13%) were Black, 494 (23%) were Hispanic/Latino, 13 (1%) were Asian, 5 (<1%) were Native American, and 183 (9%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 110 (5%) consumers. (**Table 14** on page 32, **Table 15** on page 33, **Fig. 17** on next page)
- The age distribution of 2,135 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 27% age 0-2 years, 25% age 3-5 years, 33% age 6-11 years, and 16% age 12-17 years. (**Table 15, Fig. 17**)
- Fifty-two percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 48% were female. (**Fig. 17**)
- Forty-five 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**)
- Forty-eight 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 4TH QUARTER (6/30/13)



- There has been a decline in the number of children¹⁸ 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 23 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. At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY’2013, the proportion of children in placement with a goal of adoption was 29%. (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%
3/13	7,278	2,228	31%
6/13	7,368	2,132	29%

NOTES: Children are less than 18 years old

¹⁸ Children are less than 18 years old.

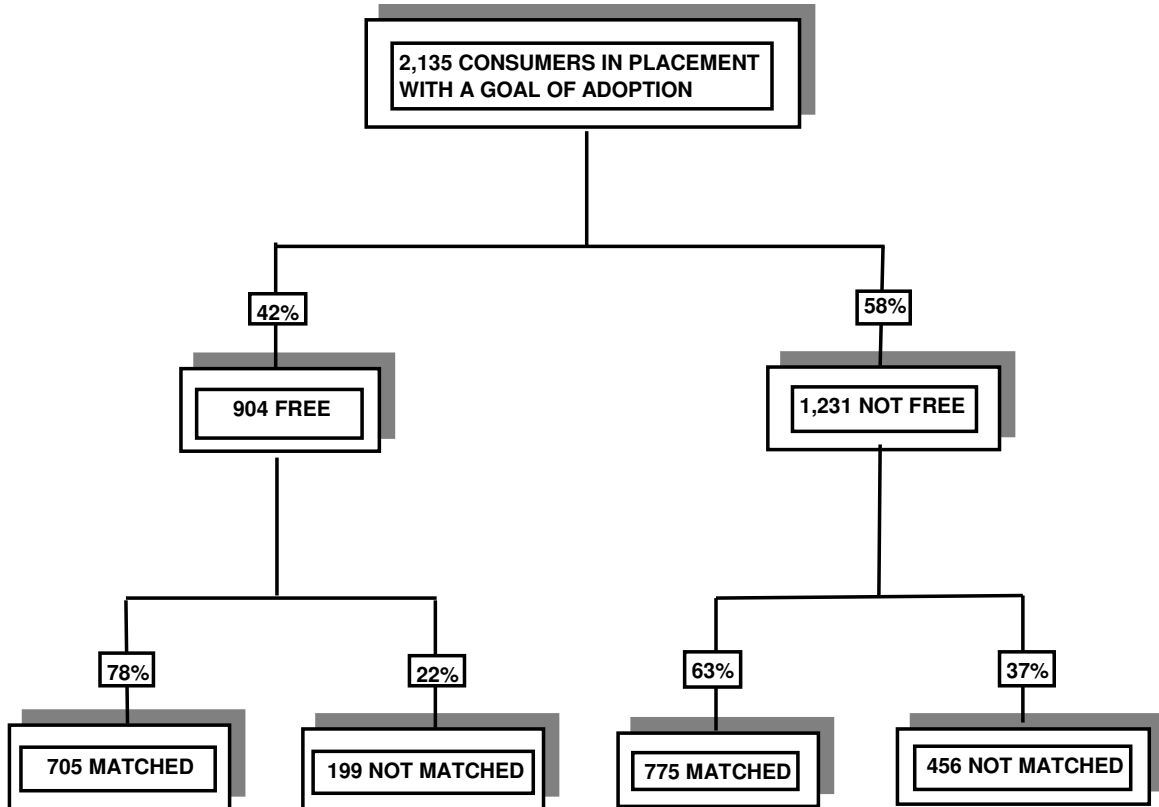
- Of the 2,135 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 42% were legally free for adoption. Seventy-eight percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. (**Fig. 18** on next page)
- The adolescent age group had the highest proportion of children who were legally free for adoption (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’2013 showed that the proportion of older children (12-17 years old) who were adopted accounted for only 8% of all adoptions. The amount of time from being legally freed to adoption is much longer for these older children.

Age Group (years)	Children in Placement 6/30/13		% Legally Free for Adoption
	Children with Goal of Adoption & Legally Free for Adoption	All Children with Goal of Adoption	
	No.	No.	%
0 – 2	195	566	34%
3 – 5	226	534	42%
6 – 11	304	700	43%
12 – 17	177	332	53%
Total	902	2,132	42%

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

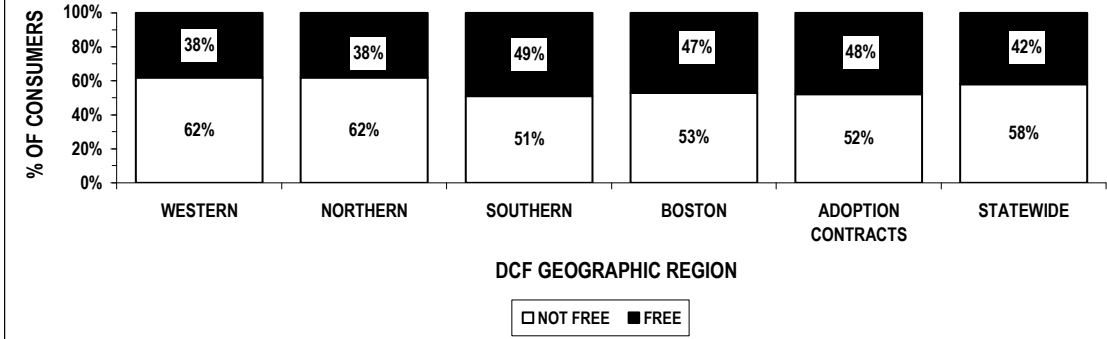
- Of those children with a goal of adoption who were not legally free for adoption (58%), 63% were matched to permanent families (**Fig. 18**).
- The proportion of children in placement with a goal of adoption who were legally free for adoption ranged from 38% in both the West and North to 49% in the South (**Fig. 19** on page 41). On an area office basis, the proportion of legally free children ranged from 18% in Arlington to 65% in Coastal (**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 63% in the North to 76% in the South (**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 43% in Framingham to 88% in both Van Wart and Cambridge (**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 4TH QUARTER (6/30/13)**

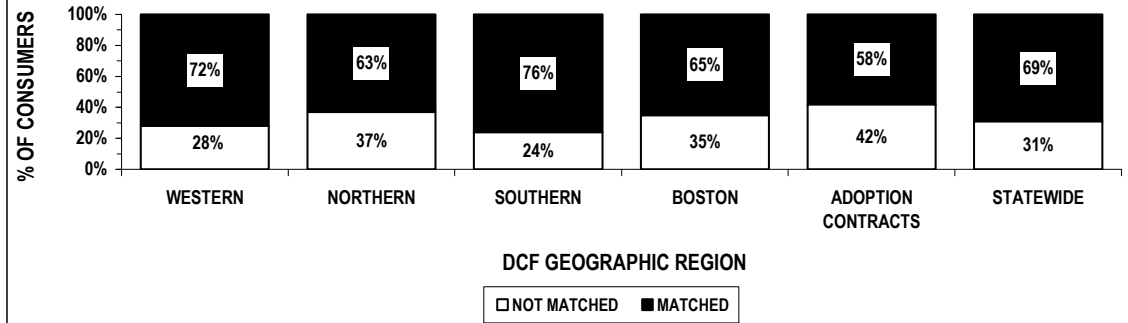


Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption
 Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 19. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS
FY'2013, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/13)**



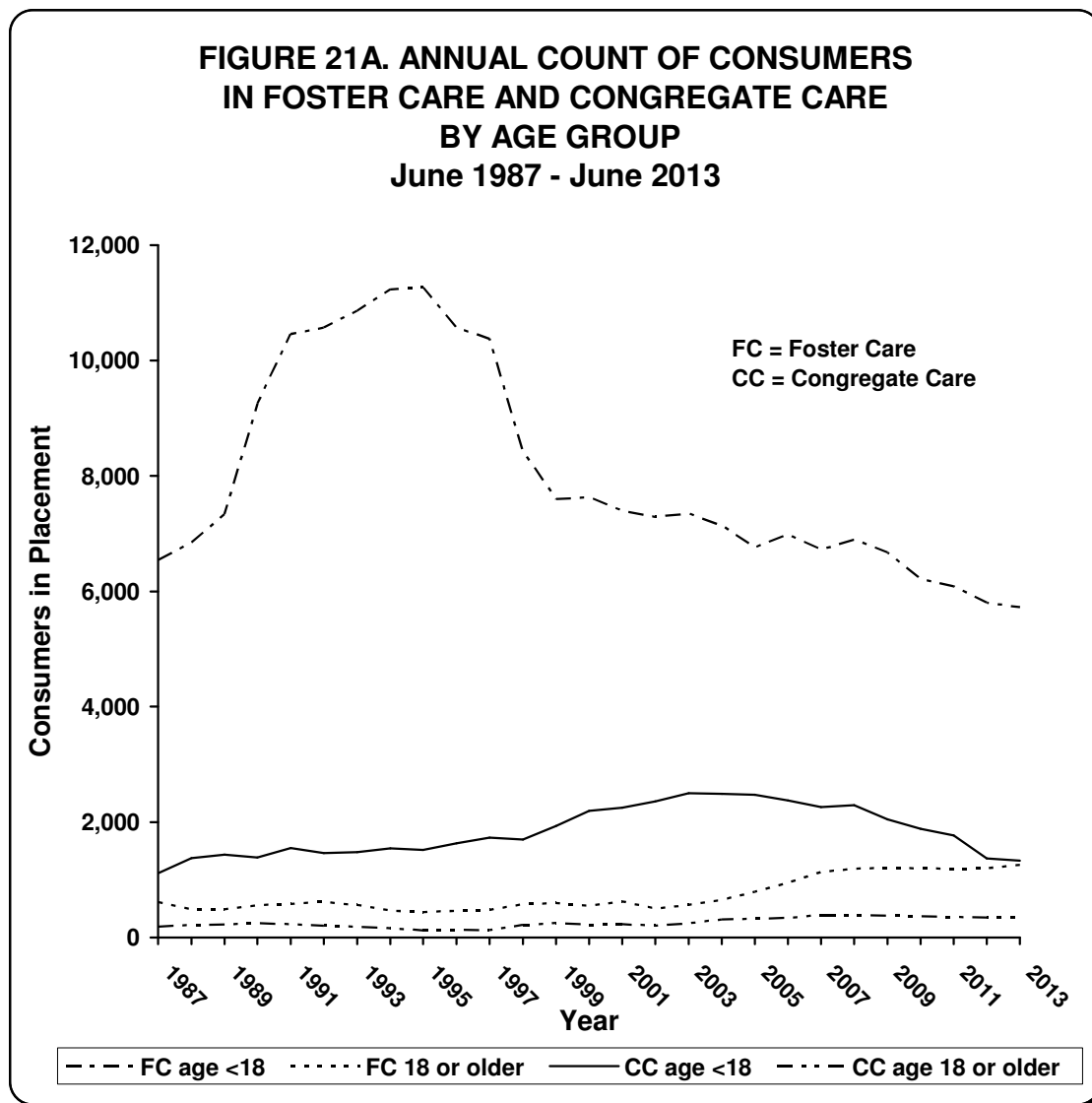
**FIGURE 20. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION AND WHETHER MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY
FY'2013, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/13)**



E. Foster and Congregate Care

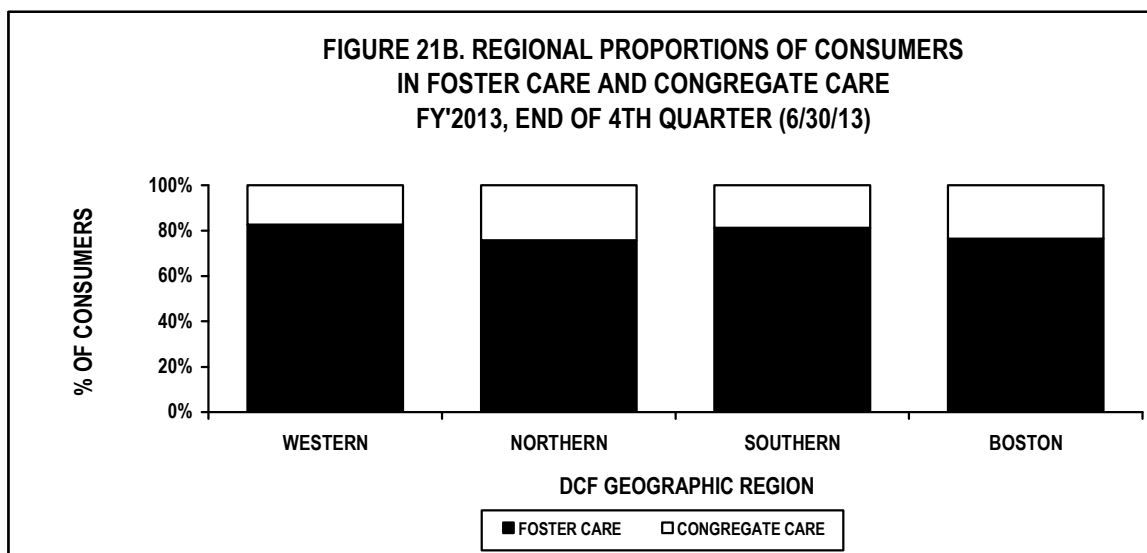
Trends

- 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 2013.

- 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 2013—approximately 1,200 individuals in foster care and 350 in congregate care on June 2013 (**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 6,983 consumers in foster care and 1,683 consumers in congregate care¹⁹ on the last day of the 4th Quarter of FY’2013. (**Table 17A** on page 45, **Fig. 21B**)



- Adolescents (12-17 years) were the primary age group in foster care (26-29% range across regions) and congregate care (65-69% range across regions). (**Table 17A**)
- Adolescents were also the primary age group in “Other” placement locations²⁰ (69-86% regional range). (**Table 17A**)
- The foster care racial proportions ranged from: White—19% in Boston to 58% in the South; Black—9% in the North to 42% in Boston; and Hispanic/Latino—14% in the South to 31% in the 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).

¹⁹Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

²⁰“Other” includes locations like hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies, as well as children on the run from placement.

- There were 1,686 consumers in “Intensive” foster care²¹ (IFC) and 5,297 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (34% of consumers), kinship (36%), child specific (8%), pre-adoptive (8%), and independent living (15%).²² (**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 highest in the West. The West had the largest 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 (789 consumers), residential (566), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)²³ (328 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.²⁴ (**Table 17C**)
- The primary models in the group home program were behavioral treatment residence (BTR) (386 consumers), group home (271), and independent living (132). (**Table 17C**)

²¹Intensive 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.

²² 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.

²³ Services focused on supporting a rapid reintegration or transition to a next placement.

²⁴ 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 4TH QUARTER (6/30/13)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other ⁽²⁾		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western		2,682		564		121		3,367
	(0 - 2 yrs)	554	21%	---	---	2	2%	556
	(3 - 5 yrs)	447	17%	5	1%	6	5%	458
	(6 - 11 yrs)	558	21%	83	15%	12	10%	653
	(12 - 17 yrs)	735	27%	373	66%	84	69%	1,192
	18 or older	388	14%	103	18%	17	14%	508
Northern		1,354		433		95		1,882
	(0 - 2 yrs)	219	16%	---	---	3	3%	222
	(3 - 5 yrs)	177	13%	1	*	1	1%	179
	(6 - 11 yrs)	242	18%	33	8%	7	7%	282
	(12 - 17 yrs)	385	28%	287	66%	71	75%	743
	18 or older	331	24%	112	26%	13	14%	456
Southern		1,805		414		64		2,283
	(0 - 2 yrs)	371	21%	1	*	1	2%	373
	(3 - 5 yrs)	262	15%	8	2%	---	---	270
	(6 - 11 yrs)	382	21%	58	14%	5	8%	445
	(12 - 17 yrs)	466	26%	287	69%	55	86%	808
	18 or older	324	18%	60	14%	3	5%	387
Boston		807		249		63		1,119
	(0 - 2 yrs)	160	20%	---	---	---	---	160
	(3 - 5 yrs)	121	15%	3	1%	3	5%	127
	(6 - 11 yrs)	157	19%	26	10%	4	6%	187
	(12 - 17 yrs)	231	29%	163	65%	50	79%	444
	18 or older	138	17%	57	23%	6	10%	201
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		225		1		1		227
	(0 - 2 yrs)	35	16%	---	---	---	---	35
	(3 - 5 yrs)	59	26%	---	---	1	100%	60
	(6 - 11 yrs)	88	39%	---	---	---	---	88
	(12 - 17 yrs)	42	19%	1	100%	---	---	43
	18 or older	1	*	---	---	---	---	1
Other ⁽⁴⁾		110		22		22		154
	(6 - 11 yrs)	7	6%	1	5%	---	---	8
	(12 - 17 yrs)	28	25%	2	9%	5	23%	35
	18 or older	75	68%	19	86%	17	77%	111
Total		6,983		1,683		366		9,032

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

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

⁽⁴⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**TABLE 17B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY2013, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/13)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Foster Care							Foster Care Total
		Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
		Intensive Foster Care	Other	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
Western		592	40	204	225	715	164	742	2,682
	(0 - 2 yrs)	16	5	32	---	208	51	242	554
	(3 - 5 yrs)	31	3	40	---	170	51	152	447
	(6 - 11 yrs)	124	2	45	---	181	49	157	558
	(12 - 17 yrs)	339	23	62	1	136	12	162	735
	18 or older	82	7	25	224	20	1	29	388
Northern		351	26	65	229	304	60	319	1,354
	(0 - 2 yrs)	26	3	6	---	65	21	98	219
	(3 - 5 yrs)	32	5	11	---	59	11	59	177
	(6 - 11 yrs)	73	5	7	---	87	11	59	242
	(12 - 17 yrs)	168	6	26	1	82	16	86	385
	18 or older	52	7	15	228	11	1	17	331
Southern		352	15	117	196	553	93	479	1,805
	(0 - 2 yrs)	20	2	9	---	118	36	186	371
	(3 - 5 yrs)	26	2	9	---	126	26	73	262
	(6 - 11 yrs)	71	1	21	---	162	29	98	382
	(12 - 17 yrs)	178	---	55	2	127	1	103	466
	18 or older	57	10	23	194	20	1	19	324
Boston		198	12	47	87	266	22	175	807
	(0 - 2 yrs)	9	3	9	---	77	9	53	160
	(3 - 5 yrs)	17	4	10	---	50	5	35	121
	(6 - 11 yrs)	43	1	11	---	70	5	27	157
	(12 - 17 yrs)	101	4	10	1	63	3	49	231
	18 or older	28	---	7	86	6	---	11	138
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		54	---	11	---	53	60	47	225
	(0 - 2 yrs)	1	---	2	---	10	9	13	35
	(3 - 5 yrs)	9	---	3	---	16	13	18	59
	(6 - 11 yrs)	28	---	5	---	21	24	10	88
	(12 - 17 yrs)	16	---	1	---	5	14	6	42
	18 or older	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
Other ⁽³⁾		46	---	2	32	1	---	29	110
	(6 - 11 yrs)	5	---	---	---	1	---	1	7
	(12 - 17 yrs)	22	---	---	---	---	---	6	28
	18 or older	19	---	2	32	---	---	22	75
Total		1,593	93	446	769	1,892	399	1,791	6,983

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

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

⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**TABLE 17C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2013, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/13)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Congregate Care					STARR ⁽³⁾	Total
		Group Home			Residential			
		Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential ⁽²⁾		
Western		155	103	20	161	7	118	564
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	5	5
	(6 - 11 yrs)	10	22	---	23	---	28	83
	(12 - 17 yrs)	133	51	---	102	3	84	373
	18 or older	12	30	20	36	4	1	103
Northern		89	64	69	131	5	75	433
	(3 - 5 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	---	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	12	4	---	15	---	2	33
	(12 - 17 yrs)	70	43	13	85	3	73	287
	18 or older	6	17	56	31	2		112
Southern		84	58	17	143	7	105	414
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	(3 - 5 yrs)	1	1	---	---	---	6	8
	(6 - 11 yrs)	24	2	---	15	---	17	58
	(12 - 17 yrs)	55	38	3	106	5	80	287
	18 or older	4	17	14	22	2	1	60
Boston		58	41	16	100	4	30	249
	(3 - 5 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	2	3
	(6 - 11 yrs)	9	2	---	8	---	7	26
	(12 - 17 yrs)	38	32	3	68	1	21	163
	18 or older	10	7	13	24	3	---	57
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾		---	---	---	1	---	---	1
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
Other ⁽⁵⁾		---	5	10	7	---	---	22
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	1	1	---	---	2
	18 or older	---	5	9	5	---	---	19
Total		386	271	132	543	23	328	1,683

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

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

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

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

⁽⁵⁾ 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 4TH QUARTER (6/30/13)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Race	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other ⁽²⁾		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western		2,682		564		121		3,367
	White	1,307	49%	268	48%	41	34%	1,616
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	803	30%	184	33%	57	47%	1,044
	Black	265	10%	77	14%	17	14%	359
	Asian	10	*	1	*	1	1%	12
	Native American	4	*	---	---	---	---	4
	Multi-Racial	156	6%	21	4%	4	3%	181
	Unable to Determine	137	5%	13	2%	1	1%	151
Northern		1,354		433		95		1,882
	White	612	45%	224	52%	37	39%	873
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	425	31%	118	27%	38	40%	581
	Black	126	9%	56	13%	6	6%	188
	Asian	53	4%	10	2%	7	7%	70
	Pacific Islander	---	---	2	*	---	---	2
	Multi-Racial	87	6%	13	3%	7	7%	107
	Unable to Determine	51	4%	10	2%	---	---	61
Southern		1,805		414		64		2,283
	White	1,052	58%	244	59%	32	50%	1,328
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	246	14%	59	14%	10	16%	315
	Black	235	13%	69	17%	13	20%	317
	Asian	19	1%	4	1%	1	2%	24
	Native American	13	1%	1	*	---	---	14
	Multi-Racial	154	9%	24	6%	3	5%	181
	Unable to Determine	86	5%	13	3%	5	8%	104
Boston		807		249		63		1,119
	White	156	19%	37	15%	10	16%	203
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	242	30%	61	24%	26	41%	329
	Black	336	42%	137	55%	23	37%	496
	Asian	13	2%	---	---	---	---	13
	Multi-Racial	38	5%	8	3%	2	3%	48
	Unable to Determine	22	3%	6	2%	2	3%	30
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾		225		1		1		227
	White	115	51%	1	100%	1	100%	117
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	45	20%	---	---	---	---	45
	Black	31	14%	---	---	---	---	31
	Asian	1	*	---	---	---	---	1
	Native American	1	*	---	---	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	21	9%	---	---	---	---	21
	Unable to Determine	11	5%	---	---	---	---	11
Other ⁽⁵⁾		110		22		22		154
	White	1	1%	---	---	---	---	1
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	43	39%	14	64%	14	64%	71
	Black	28	25%	3	14%	2	9%	33
	Asian	34	31%	3	14%	3	14%	40
	Unable to Determine	4	4%	2	9%	3	14%	9
Total		6,983		1,683		366		9,032

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

⁽³⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

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

⁽⁵⁾ 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 4TH QUARTER (6/30/13)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Race	Foster Care							Foster Care Total
		Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
		Foster Care	Other	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
Western		592	40	204	225	715	164	742	2,682
	White	236	18	104	106	396	93	354	1,307
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾	209	16	57	67	188	49	217	803
	Black	89	2	23	32	44	9	66	265
	Asian	3	1	---	---	1	2	3	10
	Native American	2	---	1	---	---	---	1	4
	Multi-Racial	34	1	7	11	50	5	48	156
	Unable to Determine	19	2	12	9	36	6	53	137
Northern		351	26	65	229	304	60	319	1,354
	White	147	16	34	100	168	22	125	612
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾	108	5	18	73	68	24	129	425
	Black	40	---	6	31	21	4	24	126
	Asian	9	1	1	18	10	1	13	53
	Multi-Racial	31	4	2	6	23	5	16	87
	Unable to Determine	16	---	4	1	14	4	12	51
Southern		352	15	117	196	553	93	479	1,805
	White	187	7	83	106	363	53	253	1,052
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾	56	2	7	31	60	13	77	246
	Black	58	3	13	42	55	8	56	235
	Asian	1	---	2	5	---	1	10	19
	Native American	1	---	1	---	9	---	2	13
	Multi-Racial	36	1	10	7	40	9	51	154
	Unable to Determine	13	2	1	5	26	9	30	86
Boston		198	12	47	87	266	22	175	807
	White	42	3	10	16	52	6	27	156
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾	66	3	14	23	73	5	58	242
	Black	76	5	16	45	116	9	69	336
	Asian	1	---	3	2	2	1	4	13
	Multi-Racial	11	1	2	---	16	---	8	38
	Unable to Determine	2	---	2	1	7	1	9	22
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		54	---	11	---	53	60	47	225
	White	30	---	9	---	34	25	17	115
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾	10	---	---	---	8	13	14	45
	Black	10	---	2	---	4	10	5	31
	Asian	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	1
	Native American	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	3	---	---	---	4	7	7	21
	Unable to Determine	1	---	---	---	2	4	4	11
Other ⁽⁴⁾		46	---	2	32	1	---	29	110
	White	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾	19	---	---	14	---	---	10	43
	Black	7	---	2	7	---	---	12	28
	Asian	17	---	---	11	---	---	6	34
	Unable to Determine	3	---	---	---	---	---	1	4
Total		1,593	93	446	769	1,892	399	1,791	6,983

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

⁽²⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races.

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

⁽⁴⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**TABLE 18C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2013, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/13)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Race	Congregate Care					STARR ⁽³⁾	Total
		Group Home		Residential		STARR ⁽³⁾		
		Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School			
Western		155	103	20	161	7	118	564
	White	66	58	7	72	3	62	268
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	49	30	7	62	3	33	184
	Black	26	11	5	19	---	16	77
	Asian	1	---	---	---	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	7	3	1	4	1	5	21
	Unable to Determine	6	1	---	4	---	2	13
Northern		89	64	69	131	5	75	433
	White	49	30	34	72	1	38	224
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	25	18	18	31	4	22	118
	Black	11	12	11	13	---	9	56
	Asian	---	2	1	6	---	1	10
	Pacific Islander	---	1	---	1	---	---	2
	Multi-Racial	3	1	5	2	---	2	13
	Unable to Determine	1	---	---	6	---	3	10
Southern		84	58	17	143	7	105	414
	White	41	41	15	88	4	55	244
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	11	7	---	18	3	20	59
	Black	20	6	1	24	---	18	69
	Asian	---	1	---	2	---	1	4
	Native American	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	11	1	1	5	---	6	24
	Unable to Determine	1	2	---	5	---	5	13
Boston		58	41	16	100	4	30	249
	White	8	5	3	12	---	9	37
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	14	10	2	25	2	8	61
	Black	33	23	10	59	2	10	137
	Multi-Racial	1	2	---	3	---	2	8
	Unable to Determine	2	1	1	1	---	1	6
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁵⁾		---	---	---	1	---	---	1
	White	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
Other ⁽⁶⁾		---	5	10	7	---	---	22
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	---	5	4	5	---	---	14
	Black	---	---	3	---	---	---	3
	Asian	---	---	3	---	---	---	3
	Unable to Determine	---	---	---	2	---	---	2
Total		386	271	132	543	23	328	1,683

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

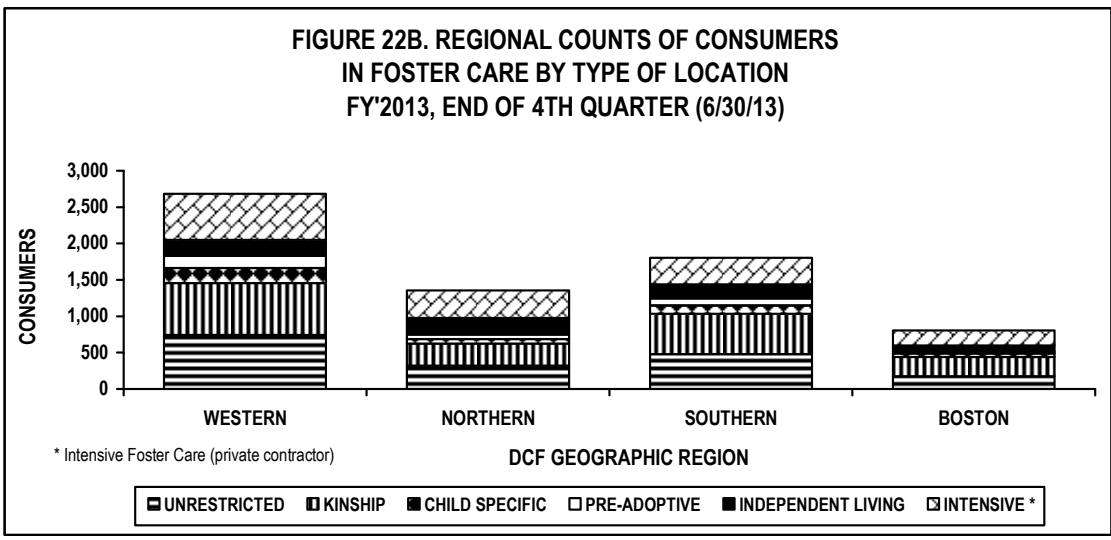
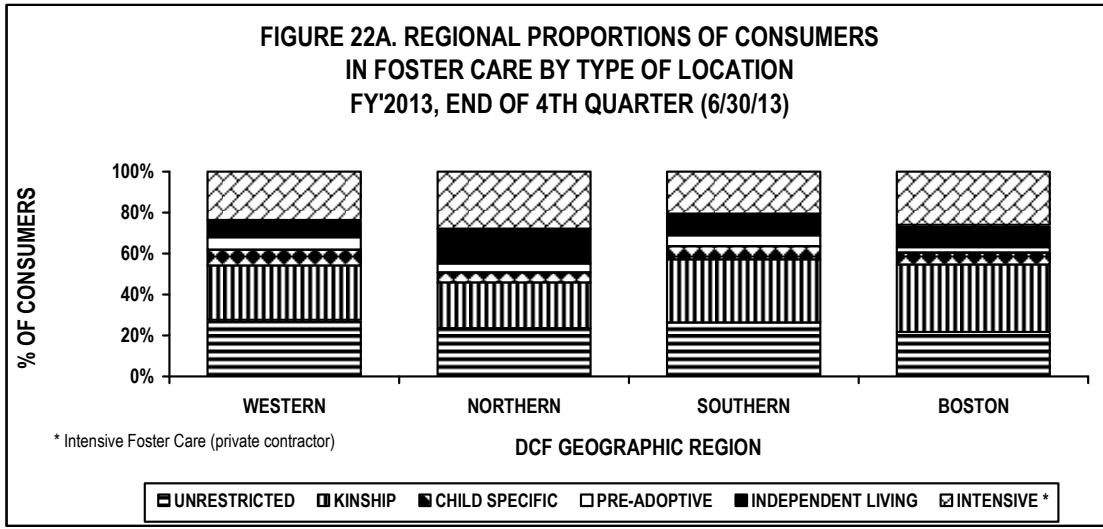
⁽²⁾ "Old" taxonomy includes teen pregnancy/parenting group home.

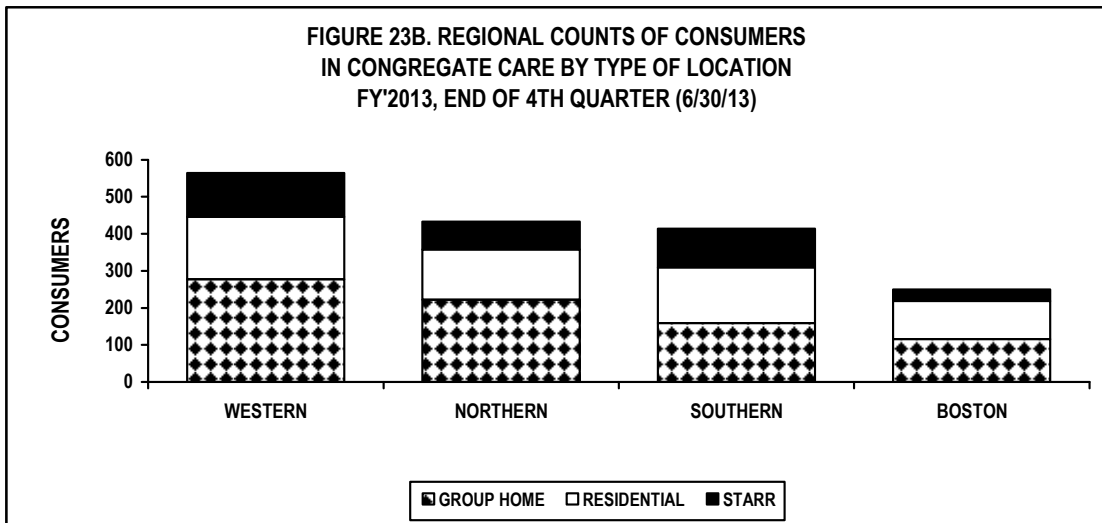
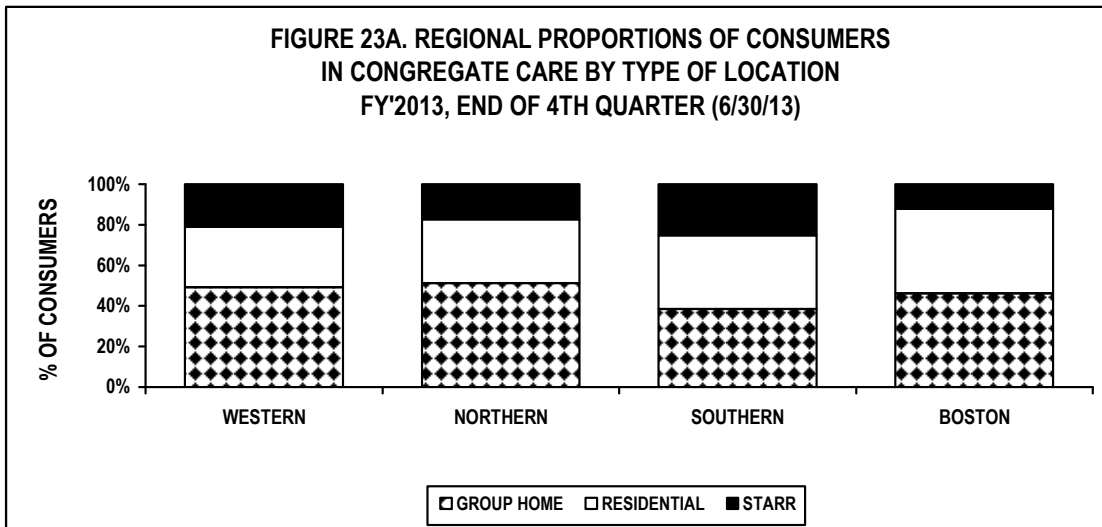
⁽³⁾ STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

⁽⁴⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races.

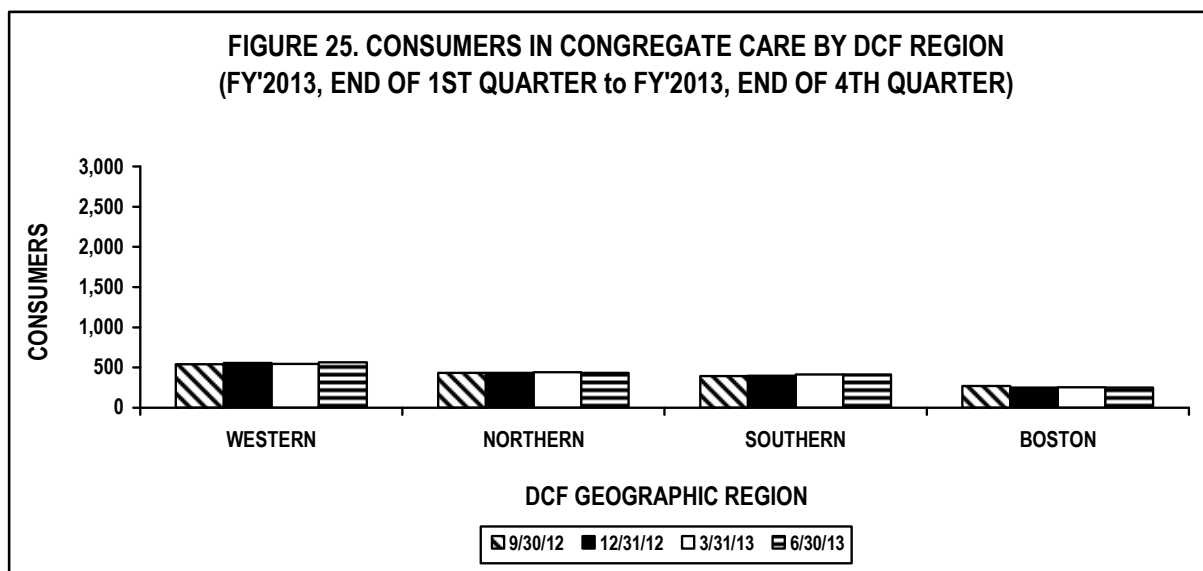
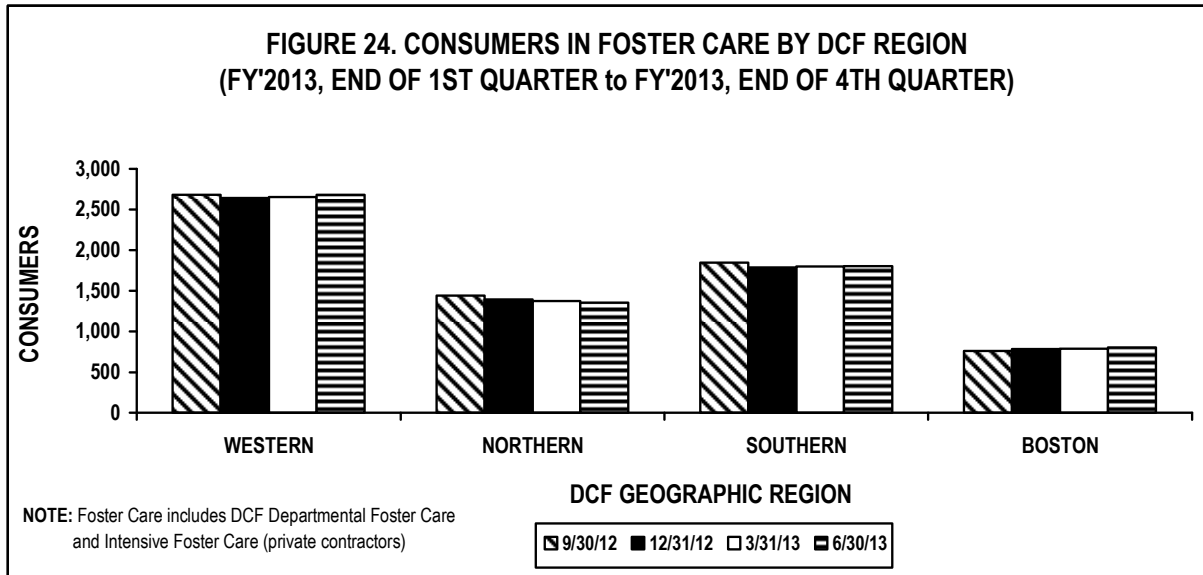
⁽⁵⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽⁶⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minors program.





- From the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY'2013, there were increases of less than 1% in the both the congregate care and the foster care populations (**Figs. 24 and 25**).²⁵
- Declines in statewide numbers of consumers in placement, foster care, and congregate care most often occur in the 1st quarter (and 2nd quarter over the past 4 years). Seasonal variation is not the only contributing factor. Annual counts of placement children have shown a steady decline since 1995 (**Fig. 13A** on page 23, **Fig. 21A** on page 42, **Appendix Table A1** on page 68).



²⁵ Both foster care and congregate care include young adults 18 years or older.

F. Independent Living

Of the 6,983 consumers in foster care, 769 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 23rd birthday if it is demonstrated that without DCF financial support the student will not complete a Bachelor’s program. On 6/30/2013, the ages of these children ranged from 16 to 24 years old.

Of the 1,683 consumers in congregate care, 132 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 6/30/2013, the ages of these children ranged from 16 to 22 years old.

- The Northern Region had the highest number of independent living children (229 in foster care and 69 in group homes). (See **table** below).
- Of the 769 youth in the Departmental foster care independent living model, 99% were 18 years or older, 60% were female, 43% were White, 20% 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 132 youth in independent living group homes, 85% were 18 years or older, 52% were female, 45% were White, 23% were Black, 23% were Hispanic/Latino, and 64% 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 4th Quarter (6/30/13)

Youth Receiving Foster Care Payment		DCF Region	Group Home	
No.	%		No.	%
225	29%	Western	20	15%
229	30%	Northern	69	52%
196	25%	Southern	17	13%
87	11%	Boston	16	12%
32	4%	Other**	10	8%
769	100%	TOTAL	132	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 4th Quarter (6/30/13)**

Youth Receiving Foster Care Payment			Group Home	
No.	%		No.	%
		<i>Age Group</i>		
5	1%	16-17 years	20	15%
764	99%	18 years or Older	112	85%
		<i>Gender</i>		
310	40%	Male	64	48%
459	60%	Female	68	52%
		<i>Race</i>		
328	43%	White	59	45%
157	20%	Black	30	23%
208	27%	Hispanic/Latino	31	23%
36	5%	Asian	4	3%
---	---	Native American	---	---
24	3%	Multi-Racial	7	5%
16	2%	Undetermined	1	1%
		<i>Continuous Time in Care</i>		
121	16%	1 year or less	19	14%
102	13%	>1 – 2 years	28	21%
172	22%	>2 – 4 years	31	23%
374	49%	>4 years	54	41%
769	100%	TOTAL	132	100%

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

* Less than 1% after rounding-off

G. Children in Kinship Placement²⁶

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 (i.e., Kinship foster care).

- Statewide, 25% of all children in placement were in kinship foster care. The Fall River (34%), North Central (33%), and Cape & Islands (33%) area offices had the highest proportions of placement children in Kinship foster care. (**Table 19A** on next page)
- Statewide, 29% of White, 20% of Hispanic/Latino, and 21% of Black children in placement were in Kinship foster care. (**Table 19B** on page 58)
- Of those area offices with more than 30 Hispanic children in placement, North Central (31%) and Harbor (29%) had the largest proportions of Hispanic/Latino children in Kinship foster care. (**Table 19B**)
- Of those area offices with more than 30 Black children in placement, Park Street (30%), Hyde Park (30%), and Lynn (29%) had the largest proportions of Black children in Kinship foster care. (**Table 19B**)
- Comparing kinship foster children to all children in Departmental foster care, rather than all children in placement, showed that 43% of all children in Departmental foster care were in Kinship foster care (Table 19A). DCF areas with the largest proportions of Kinship foster children were Haverhill (62%) and Harbor (61%) (Table 19A).

²⁶ Children are less than 18 years old.

TABLE 19A. CHILDREN ⁽¹⁾ IN KINSHIP PLACEMENT AS A PROPORTION OF ALL CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT AND AS A PROPORTION OF ALL CHILDREN IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE: FY'2013, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/13)

DCF Region/Area	Kinship Foster Care	All Placements	% Kinship in Placement	Departmental Foster Care	% Kinship in Departmental Foster Care
Greenfield	78	300	26%	208	38%
Holyoke	64	270	24%	160	40%
North Central	122	368	33%	243	50%
Pittsfield	102	330	31%	234	44%
Robert Van Wart	55	315	17%	162	34%
South Central	85	299	28%	216	39%
Springfield	53	388	14%	192	28%
Worcester East	84	333	25%	196	43%
Worcester West	51	250	20%	136	38%
Contracted Agencies	1	6	17%	4	25%
Western	695	2,859	24%	1,751	40%
Cambridge	17	104	16%	42	40%
Cape Ann	33	143	23%	62	53%
Framingham	22	158	14%	70	31%
Haverhill	34	118	29%	55	62%
Lawrence	29	157	18%	84	35%
Lowell	87	322	27%	200	44%
Lynn	51	267	19%	139	37%
Malden	20	157	13%	53	38%
Northern	293	1,426	21%	705	42%
Arlington	39	160	24%	78	50%
Brockton	37	208	18%	107	35%
Cape Cod	68	208	33%	134	51%
Coastal	56	199	28%	126	44%
Fall River	114	339	34%	232	49%
New Bedford	100	338	30%	215	47%
Plymouth	68	226	30%	151	45%
Taunton/Attleboro	51	216	24%	138	37%
Contracted Agencies	---	2	---	---	---
Southern	533	1,896	28%	1,181	45%
Dimock Street	60	234	26%	124	48%
Harbor	76	248	31%	124	61%
Hyde Park	51	174	29%	91	56%
Park Street	73	262	28%	148	49%
Boston	260	918	28%	487	53%
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	52	226	23%	170	31%
Other ⁽³⁾	1	43	2%	8	13%
Total	1,834	7,368	25%	4,302	43%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.

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

⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**TABLE 19B. RACE OF CHILDREN ⁽¹⁾ IN KINSHIP PLACEMENTS COMPARED TO ALL PLACEMENTS:
FY'2013, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/13)**

DCF Region/ Area Office	Children in Kinship			Total Children in Placement			% Kinship Placements		
	Race			Race			Race		
	White	Hispanic ⁽²⁾	Black	White	Hispanic ⁽²⁾	Black	White	Hispanic ⁽²⁾	Black
Greenfield	55	7	2	204	33	21	27%	21%	10%
Holyoke	18	39	4	89	143	18	20%	27%	22%
North Central	72	33	4	207	106	20	35%	31%	20%
Pittsfield	66	8	6	216	31	18	31%	26%	33%
Robert Van Wart	25	17	4	155	96	28	16%	18%	14%
South Central	69	10	2	214	61	10	32%	16%	20%
Springfield	10	29	10	60	208	86	17%	14%	12%
Worcester East	45	23	6	146	116	38	31%	20%	16%
Worcester West	25	15	4	99	97	25	25%	15%	16%
Ctr Human Dev (PAS West)	1	---	---	1	1	3	100%	---	---
Western	386	181	42	1,391	892	267	28%	20%	16%
Cambridge	9	5	3	44	27	22	20%	19%	14%
Cape Ann	25	4	---	108	18	7	23%	22%	---
Framingham	7	7	2	79	43	12	9%	16%	17%
Haverhill	24	4	---	73	27	5	33%	15%	---
Lawrence	11	16	2	41	104	7	27%	15%	29%
Lowell	50	20	2	137	113	12	36%	18%	17%
Lynn	21	9	10	106	78	35	20%	12%	29%
Malden	15	1	1	81	34	16	19%	3%	6%
Northern	162	66	20	669	444	116	24%	15%	17%
Arlington	29	5	2	98	30	21	30%	17%	10%
Brockton	12	5	10	77	30	68	16%	17%	15%
Cape Cod	38	8	2	127	27	9	30%	30%	22%
Coastal	39	3	6	121	11	31	32%	27%	19%
Fall River	79	12	10	183	57	36	43%	21%	28%
New Bedford	59	17	13	178	68	48	33%	25%	27%
Plymouth	58	5	2	170	10	16	34%	50%	13%
Taunton/Attleboro	37	3	4	145	25	17	26%	12%	24%
Solutions for Living (PAS SE)	---	---	---	1	1	---	---	---	---
Southern	351	58	49	1,100	259	246	32%	22%	20%
Dimock Street	6	15	33	23	66	124	26%	23%	27%
Harbor	30	30	8	96	104	24	31%	29%	33%
Hyde Park	5	7	34	19	31	113	26%	23%	30%
Park Street	10	21	36	32	80	122	31%	26%	30%
Boston	51	73	111	170	281	383	30%	26%	29%
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	34	8	3	117	45	30	29%	18%	10%
Other ⁽⁴⁾	1	---	---	1	11	9	100%	---	---
Total	985	386	225	3,448	1,932	1,051	29%	20%	21%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.

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

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

⁽⁴⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

VI. CONSUMERS ENTERING AND LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER

- During the 4th Quarter of FY'2013, 1,843 consumers entered placement and 1,684 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 3rd Quarter of FY'2013, there was an 18% increase in consumers entering placement and a 13% increase in consumers leaving placement during the 4th Quarter of FY'2013.

A. Entries to Placement

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 4th Quarter of FY'2013, 65% were first-time entrants and 35% were re-entrants.²⁷ Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 63% in the North to 69% in Boston. (Table 20, Fig. 26 on next page)
- Across the state, 60% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 26% were placed in congregate care,²⁸ and 14% were placed in non-referral locations.²⁹
- Regionally, the proportion of all entrants placed in foster care ranged from 47% in the North to 67% in the West. In contrast, the proportion of all entrants placed in congregate care ranged from 20% in the West to 35% in the North. (Table 20, Fig. 27 on next page)
- 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 51% of re-entrants were placed in foster care. Conversely, 32% of re-entrants and 22% of first-time entrants were placed in congregate care. (Table 20)

²⁷ Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

²⁸ Congregate Care includes group home, residential treatment, and short-term residential placement.

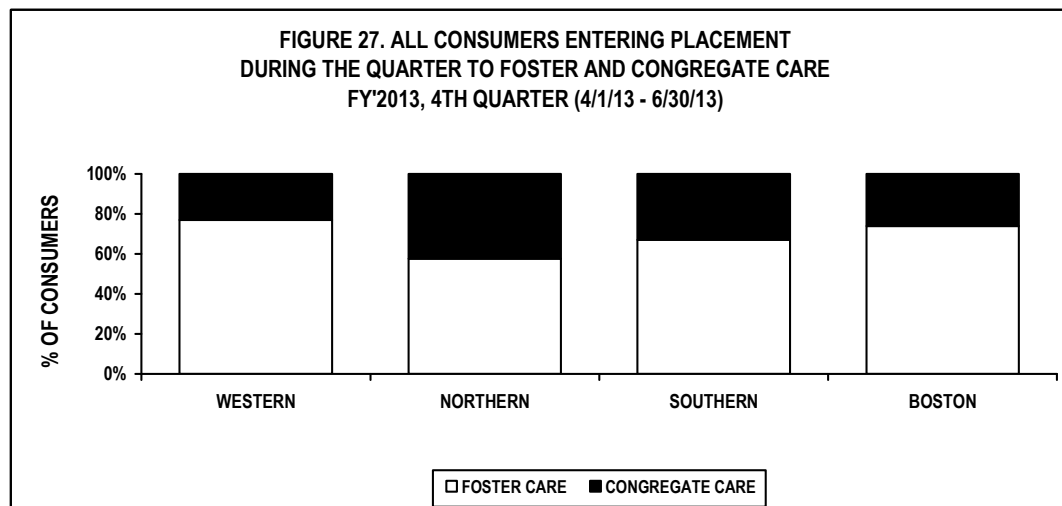
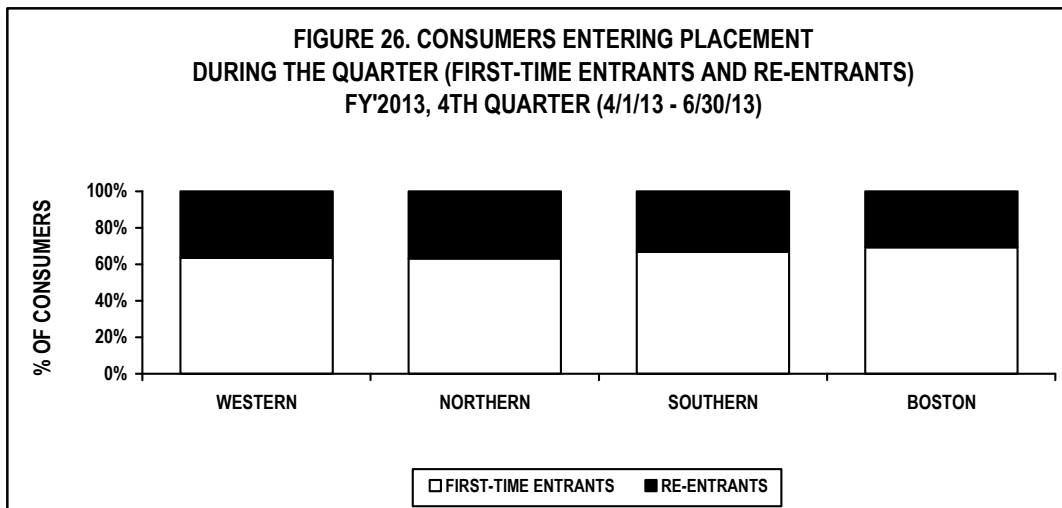
²⁹ Non-referral locations include hospitals, nursing homes, and placements supervised by other state agencies.

**TABLE 20. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2013, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/13 - 6/30/13)**

Entry Type: Placement Location Started	DCF Geographic Region					Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Other ⁽¹⁾	
First-Time Entrants:	471	241	317	159	14	1,202
Foster Care	342	129	200	106	3	780
Congregate Care	80	73	84	29	---	266
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	49	39	33	24	11	156
Re-Entrants:	270	141	157	71	2	641
Foster Care	153	51	85	36	---	325
Congregate Care	68	59	56	21	1	205
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	49	31	16	14	1	111
Total	741	382	474	230	16	1,843

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

⁽²⁾ Includes hospitals and placements paid by other state agencies.



B. Exits from Placement

- Statewide, 59% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 56% in Boston to 67% in the North. (Table 21)
- Statewide, 15% of consumers leaving placement were adopted, and 14% were emancipated, and 6% were granted guardianships. (Table 21)
- Regionally, the proportion of consumers leaving placement who were adopted ranged from 10% in the North to 17% in Boston. The proportion emancipated ranged from 12% in the West to 19% in Boston. The proportion granted guardianships ranged from 4% in Boston to 7% in the South. (Table 21)

**TABLE 21. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2013, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/13 - 6/30/13)**

Reason Placement Ended	DCF Geographic Region					Adoption		Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾		
Child Returned Home	387	251	254	106	1	1	1,000	
Consumer Adopted	98	39	70	32	18	1	258	
Child 18 or Older	78	59	56	37	---	7	237	
Guardianship	42	13	31	8	5	---	99	
Custody to Other Individual	38	9	13	4	---	---	64	
Custody to Other Agency	6	5	4	---	---	---	15	
Child on the Run	3	---	4	3	---	---	10	
Consumer Deceased	---	1	---	---	---	---	1	
Total	652	377	432	190	24	9	1,684	

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

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

- Consumers who were returned home had one placement (median) and spent the least amount of time in continuous care (0.5 year median) (See table on next page). Emancipated consumers (18 years or older) spent the most time in continuous care (3.2 years median).
- Compared to other consumers leaving placement, emancipated consumers had a relatively large number of placements (8 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 also had a high number of placements (5.5 median). (See table on next page)

Consumers Leaving Placement (4/1/2013 – 6/30/2013)

Reason Left Placement	Most Recent Continuous Time in Placement Prior to Leaving		Total History w/DCF	
	Number of Consumers	# Placements Median Count	Placement Duration Median Continuous Time in Placement (years)	# Placements Median Count
Returned Home	1000	1	0.5	3
Emancipation (18 years or older)	237	2	3.2	8
Adoption	258	2	2.6	4
Guardianship	99	2	2.0	4
Custody to Other Individual or Agency	79	1	0.2	3
Child on the Run	10	1.5	0.8	5.5
Child Deceased	1	---	---	---
Total	1,684	1	1.0	4

Number of Placements during Most Recent Continuous Time in Placement Prior to Leaving

Reason Left Placement	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Returned Home	835	164	---	---	---	---	1	1000
Emancipation (18 years or older)	80	143	9	4	---	1	---	237
Adoption	47	211	---	---	---	---	---	258
Guardianship	42	55	1	1	---	---	---	99
Custody to Other Individual or Agency	68	9	2	---	---	---	---	79
Child on the Run	5	2	2	1	---	---	---	10
Child Deceased	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Total	1078	584	14	6	---	1	1	1684

- The above table shows that 84% of consumers returned home had 1 placement and 16% had 2 placements. Thirty-four percent of emancipated consumers had 1 placement and 60% had 2 placements. Eighteen percent of adopted consumers had 1 placement and 82% had 2 placements. Forty-two percent of guardianship consumers had 1 placement and 56% had 2 placements.
- The most notable difference among racial groups, when comparing reasons for leaving placement, was the proportion emancipated (See **table** below). Twenty percent of Black, 17% of Hispanic, and 12% of White consumers were emancipated. Fifty-six percent of Black, 58% of Hispanic, and 60% of White consumers were returned home. Adoption and guardianships proportions were similar among the racial groups.

Consumers Leaving Placement (4/1/2013 – 6/30/2013)

Reason Left Placement	White	Hispanic	Black	Asian	Multi-Racial	Other*	Total
Returned Home	465	255	129	11	76	64	1000
Emancipation (18 years or older)	97	75	46	6	8	5	237
Adoption	120	65	32	3	24	14	258
Guardianship	58	21	9	---	5	6	99
Custody to Other Individual or Agency	35	22	9	2	4	7	79
Child on the Run	2	2	4	---	---	2	10
Child Deceased	1	---	---	---	---	---	1
Total	778	440	229	22	117	98	1684

* Includes Native American, Pacific Islander, and Unspecified.

VII. FOSTER HOME DEMOGRAPHICS³⁰

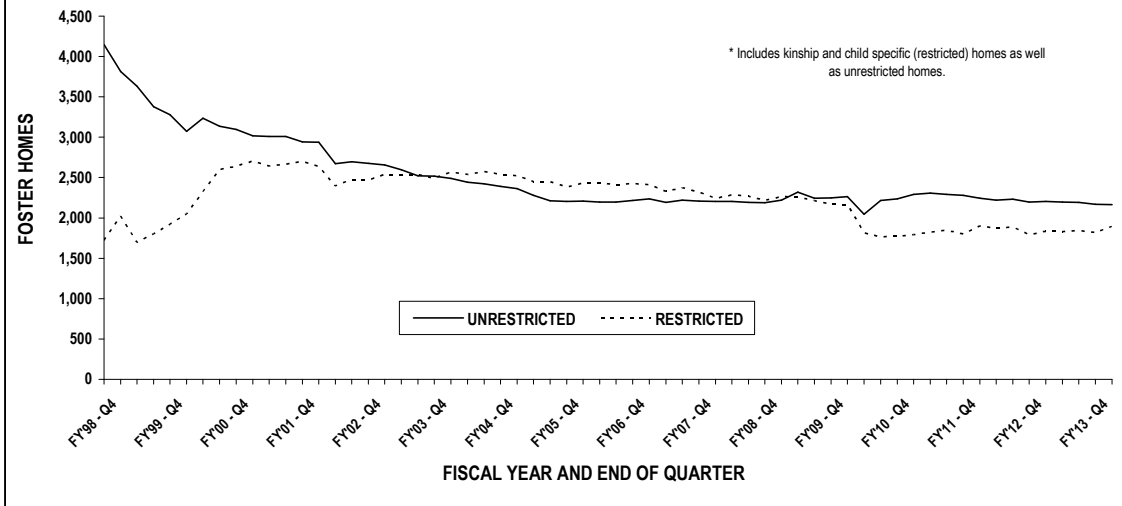
- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2013, there were 4,057 foster homes under the direct supervision of DCF. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes³¹ as well as unrestricted homes.³² There were 1,894 restricted and 2,163 unrestricted foster homes at the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2013—a 4% increase for restricted and a less than 1% decline for unrestricted when compared to the 3rd 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 3rd Quarter of FY'1998, 29% of all DCF foster homes were restricted homes. Restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes rose above 50% in the 4th Quarter of FY'2003 and declined below 50% in the 1st Quarter of FY'2009. At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2013, restricted homes accounted for 47% of all foster homes (**Table 22 and Fig. 28**)
- Statewide, 63% of foster parents in unrestricted homes and 53% of foster parents in restricted were White (**Table 22**).
- Ten percent (403) of all foster homes were identified as Black (197 restricted and 206 unrestricted) (**Table 22**).
- Sixteen percent (632) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (263 restricted and 369 unrestricted) (**Table 22**).
- Statewide, 61% of foster parents in unrestricted homes and 49% of foster parents in restricted homes were married (**Table 23** on page 65).

³⁰ 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.

³¹ 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.

³² Unrestricted placements are those where DCF places a child with a non-relative foster family. Unlike restricted homes (child specific and kinship), the unrestricted home is not limited to a particular child.

**FIGURE 28. RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FOSTER HOMES
END OF 3RD QUARTER OF FY'1998 (3/31/98) TO END OF 4TH QUARTER OF FY'2013 (6/30/13)**



**TABLE 22. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2013, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/13)**

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region								Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		No.	%
Restricted	693		370		608		223		1,894	
White	353	51%	232	63%	360	59%	61	27%	1,006	53%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	121	17%	55	15%	35	6%	52	23%	263	14%
Black	32	5%	24	6%	49	8%	92	41%	197	10%
Asian	4	1%	10	3%	2	*	---	---	16	1%
Native American	1	*	---	---	6	1%	---	---	7	*
Multi-Racial	3	*	1	*	3	*	1	*	8	*
Unable to Determine ⁽²⁾	179	26%	48	13%	153	25%	16	7%	396	21%
Missing	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	1	*
Unrestricted	867		454		646		196		2,163	
White	513	59%	300	66%	487	75%	66	34%	1,366	63%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	212	24%	68	15%	53	8%	36	18%	369	17%
Black	57	7%	24	5%	45	7%	80	41%	206	10%
Asian	1	*	10	2%	1	*	3	2%	15	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	3	*	---	---	3	*
Pacific Islander	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1%	1	*
Multi-Racial	8	1%	2	*	3	*	1	1%	14	1%
Unable to Determine ⁽²⁾	76	9%	50	11%	54	8%	9	5%	189	9%
Total	1,560		824		1,254		419		4,057	

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽²⁾ 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 4TH QUARTER (36/30/13)**

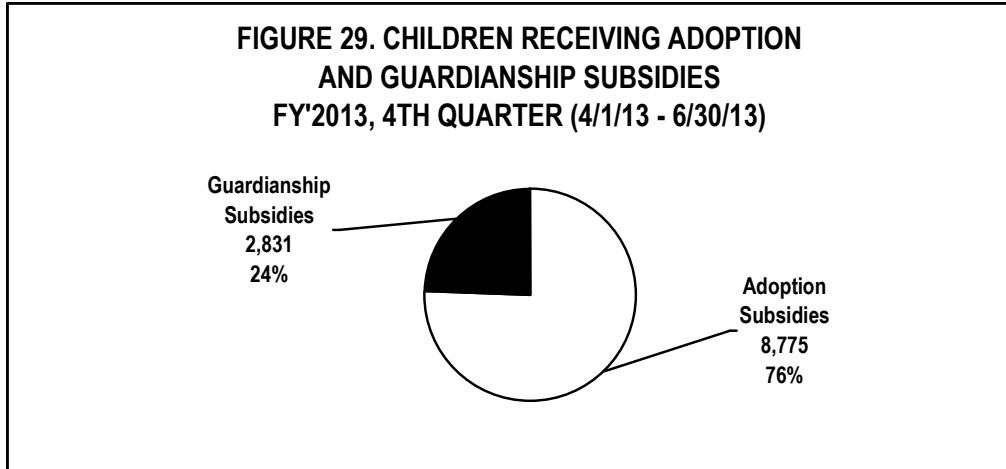
Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region								Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		No.	%
Restricted	693		370		608		223		1,894	
Married	353	51%	183	49%	330	54%	71	32%	937	49%
Single	224	32%	114	31%	177	29%	122	55%	637	34%
Divorced	70	10%	43	12%	63	10%	10	4%	186	10%
Separated	24	3%	14	4%	18	3%	14	6%	70	4%
Widowed	20	3%	15	4%	19	3%	6	3%	60	3%
Missing	2	*	1	*	1	*	---	---	4	*
Unrestricted	867		454		646		196		2,163	
Married	550	63%	268	59%	422	65%	79	40%	1,319	61%
Single	195	22%	109	24%	118	18%	78	40%	500	23%
Divorced	90	10%	56	12%	73	11%	28	14%	247	11%
Widowed	18	2%	11	2%	17	3%	7	4%	53	2%
Separated	14	2%	6	1%	13	2%	2	1%	35	2%
Unspecified	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	1	*
Missing	---	---	3	1%	3	*	2	1%	8	*
Total	1,560		824		1,254		419		4,057	

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

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

VIII. ADOPTION AND GUARDIANSHIP SUBSIDIES

At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2013, the total number of children receiving an adoption subsidy was 8,775 (**Fig. 29**). Guardianship subsidies totaled 2,831. These counts represent subsidies that had a payment during the quarter, i.e., the number with service referrals actively paying out.



From the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY'2013, adoption and guardianship subsidies both increased 2%. 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.

<i>Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)</i>					
Quarter	Adoption			Guardianship	
	No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change	
FY'2009	1 st	9,665	*	3,005	*
	2 nd	9,709	*	3,031	1%
	3 rd	9,676	*	3,082	2%
	4 th	9,647	*	3,111	1%
FY'2010	1 st	9,549	-1%	3,090	-1%
	2 nd	9,604	1%	3,059	-1%
	3 rd	9,518	-1%	3,032	-1%
	4 th	9,311	-2%	3,006	-1%
FY'2011	1 st	9,191	-1%	2,934	-2%
	2 nd	9,125	-1%	2,881	-2%
	3 rd	9,057	-1%	2,865	-1%
	4 th	9,002	-1%	2,872	*
FY'2012	1 st	8,887	-1%	2,818	-2%
	2 nd	8,887	---	2,807	*
	3 rd	8,825	-1%	2,788	-1%
	4 th	8,824	*	2,792	*
FY'2013	1 st	8,666	-2%	2,757	-1%
	2 nd	8,695	*	2,771	1%
	3 rd	8,633	-1%	2,763	*
	4 th	8,775	2%	2,831	2%

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

IX. APPENDIX

TABLE A1. CONSUMER, CHILD, AND ADULT POPULATION TRENDS: 1983 - 2013

Month/Year	All Consumers	All Children <18 yrs	Children in Placement <18 yrs	Children Not in Placement <18 yrs	All Adults >18 yrs
6/1983	61,786	33,516	NA	NA	28,270
6/1984	73,111	38,683	7,024	31,659	34,428
6/1985	75,935	40,628	7,779	32,849	35,307
6/1986	74,769	40,511	8,041	32,470	34,258
6/1987	66,033	37,497	8,075	29,422	28,536
6/1988	67,658	38,792	8,661	30,131	28,866
6/1989	70,052	40,497	9,544	30,953	29,555
6/1990	80,090	46,403	10,998	35,405	33,687
6/1991	81,975	47,922	12,392	35,530	34,053
6/1992	72,128	42,367	12,379	29,988	29,761
6/1993	72,340	42,656	12,763	29,893	29,684
6/1994	72,879	43,074	13,194	29,880	29,805
6/1995	73,032	42,997	13,302	29,695	30,035
6/1996	72,638	42,551	12,736	29,815	30,087
6/1997	74,921	43,570	12,193	31,377	31,351
1/1998	70,092	40,574	11,227	29,347	29,518
9/1998	68,331	38,507	10,503	28,004	29,824
6/1999	69,494	39,144	9,834	29,310	30,350
6/2000	72,423	40,691	10,025	30,666	31,732
6/2001	73,116	40,069	9,889	30,180	33,047
6/2002	70,688	38,442	9,932	28,510	32,246
6/2003	75,247	30,341	10,127	20,214	34,906
6/2004	77,368	42,023	9,815	32,208	35,345
6/2005	77,305	41,773	9,439	32,334	35,572
6/2006	78,014	41,690	9,543	32,147	36,324
6/2007	78,535	41,550	9,132	32,418	36,985
6/2008	87,176	45,730	9,287	36,443	41,446
6/2009	88,568	46,288	8,755	37,533	42,280
6/2010	76,003	39,479	8,097	31,382	36,524
6/2011	72,088	37,162	7,841	29,321	34,926
6/2012	68,521	35,046	7,467	27,579	33,475
9/2012	66,114	33,521	7,471	26,050	32,593
12/2012	67,334	34,114	7,302	26,812	33,220
3/2013	67,604	34,217	7,278	26,939	33,387
6/2013	70,573	35,707	7,368	28,339	34,866

Note: revised counts

Source: ASSIST 6/1983 - 1/1998) and FamilyNet (9/1998 - 6/2013)

**TABLE A2. CASE OPENINGS ⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY2013, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/13 - 6/30/13)**

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Case Openings ⁽¹⁾												Total No.
	Protective ⁽²⁾		Alternative Response ⁽³⁾		CRA Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other ⁽⁴⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	19	28%	34	51%	---	---	1	1%	---	---	13	19%	67
Holyoke	27	40%	23	34%	2	3%	4	6%	6	9%	6	9%	68
North Central	69	47%	63	43%	---	---	7	5%	3	2%	6	4%	148
Pittsfield	29	59%	10	20%	2	4%	3	6%	---	---	5	10%	49
Robert Van Wart	54	36%	86	58%	2	1%	1	1%	---	---	6	4%	149
South Central	60	51%	48	41%	2	2%	6	5%	---	---	2	2%	118
Springfield	78	58%	41	30%	7	5%	---	---	1	1%	8	6%	135
Worcester East	53	60%	17	19%	6	7%	4	4%	4	4%	5	6%	89
Worcester West	40	49%	29	35%	---	---	5	6%	---	---	8	10%	82
Western	429	47%	351	39%	21	2%	31	3%	14	2%	59	7%	905
Cambridge	24	39%	35	56%	---	---	1	2%	---	---	2	3%	62
Cape Ann	15	21%	44	61%	1	1%	3	4%	5	7%	4	6%	72
Framingham	21	27%	44	56%	8	10%	1	1%	3	4%	2	3%	79
Haverhill	10	27%	21	57%	---	---	2	5%	---	---	4	11%	37
Lawrence	8	32%	4	16%	7	28%	1	4%	2	8%	3	12%	25
Lowell	70	61%	25	22%	5	4%	4	3%	---	---	11	10%	115
Lynn	15	39%	12	32%	4	11%	2	5%	---	---	5	13%	38
Malden	23	45%	18	35%	---	---	5	10%	5	10%	---	---	51
Northern	186	39%	203	42%	25	5%	19	4%	15	3%	31	6%	479
Arlington	23	40%	15	26%	9	16%	3	5%	5	9%	2	4%	57
Brockton	62	70%	13	15%	8	9%	1	1%	---	---	4	5%	88
Cape Cod	27	46%	21	36%	1	2%	1	2%	3	5%	6	10%	59
Coastal	32	43%	25	33%	10	13%	4	5%	---	---	4	5%	75
Fall River	48	55%	25	28%	4	5%	3	3%	2	2%	6	7%	88
New Bedford	61	50%	45	37%	---	---	6	5%	3	2%	6	5%	121
Plymouth	72	73%	20	20%	1	1%	1	1%	3	3%	2	2%	99
Taunton/Attleboro	27	38%	23	32%	5	7%	3	4%	6	8%	7	10%	71
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Southern	353	54%	187	28%	38	6%	22	3%	22	3%	37	6%	659
Dimock Street	51	68%	12	16%	8	11%	1	1%	---	---	3	4%	75
Harbor	51	65%	17	22%	8	10%	---	---	1	1%	2	3%	79
Hyde Park	49	64%	15	20%	6	8%	1	1%	1	1%	4	5%	76
Park Street	67	68%	14	14%	4	4%	11	11%	2	2%	---	---	98
Boston	218	66%	58	18%	26	8%	13	4%	4	1%	9	3%	328
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	100%	5
Other ⁽⁶⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	15	100%	---	---	---	---	15
Total:	1,186	50%	799	33%	110	5%	100	4%	55	2%	141	6%	2,391

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

⁽²⁾ Outcome of an investigation.

⁽³⁾ Outcome of an initial assessment.

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

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

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

**TABLE A3. CONSUMER OPENINGS⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2013, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/13 - 6/30/13)**

DCF Geographic Region	Case Openings ⁽¹⁾												Total No.
	Protective ⁽²⁾		Alternative Response ⁽³⁾		CRA Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other ⁽⁴⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	138	35%	214	55%	11	3%	---	---	11	3%	17	4%	391
Holyoke	227	47%	158	33%	17	4%	27	6%	35	7%	14	3%	478
North Central	538	55%	361	37%	1	*	44	5%	27	3%	6	1%	977
Pittsfield	267	60%	110	25%	9	2%	24	5%	27	6%	11	2%	448
Robert Van Wart	405	43%	489	52%	11	1%	1	*	14	2%	13	1%	933
South Central	378	55%	262	38%	6	1%	29	4%	3	*	8	1%	686
Springfield	599	56%	407	38%	39	4%	4	*	5	*	18	2%	1,072
Worcester East	462	62%	133	18%	89	12%	22	3%	26	3%	18	2%	750
Worcester West	360	62%	193	33%	---	---	12	2%	1	*	11	2%	577
Western	3,374	53%	2,327	37%	183	3%	163	3%	149	2%	116	2%	6,312
Cambridge	191	48%	171	43%	2	*	28	7%	5	1%	4	1%	401
Cape Ann	137	30%	239	53%	4	1%	15	3%	49	11%	11	2%	455
Framingham	152	38%	205	51%	25	6%	2	*	15	4%	2	*	401
Haverhill	92	35%	150	56%	10	4%	5	2%	5	2%	4	2%	266
Lawrence	92	39%	46	20%	64	27%	5	2%	12	5%	14	6%	233
Lowell	572	70%	169	21%	33	4%	32	4%	3	*	14	2%	823
Lynn	118	43%	98	36%	42	15%	6	2%	2	1%	9	3%	275
Malden	230	55%	124	30%	1	*	16	4%	45	11%	---	---	416
Northern	1,584	48%	1,202	37%	181	6%	109	3%	136	4%	58	2%	3,270
Arlington	164	43%	110	29%	55	15%	20	5%	16	4%	14	4%	379
Brockton	412	63%	151	23%	74	11%	5	1%	4	1%	3	*	649
Cape Cod	186	57%	87	27%	22	7%	2	1%	18	5%	13	4%	328
Coastal	237	49%	152	32%	68	14%	9	2%	5	1%	10	2%	481
Fall River	387	60%	157	24%	40	6%	23	4%	17	3%	17	3%	641
New Bedford	507	63%	237	29%	13	2%	19	2%	17	2%	13	2%	806
Plymouth	374	61%	194	31%	8	1%	4	1%	32	5%	6	1%	618
Taunton/Attleboro	228	47%	159	33%	48	10%	11	2%	29	6%	14	3%	489
Southern	2,495	57%	1,247	28%	328	7%	93	2%	138	3%	90	2%	4,391
Dimock Street	274	68%	65	16%	49	12%	5	1%	5	1%	3	1%	401
Harbor	361	66%	134	24%	46	8%	2	*	3	1%	3	1%	549
Hyde Park	361	70%	78	15%	50	10%	10	2%	2	*	17	3%	518
Park Street	428	68%	125	20%	41	7%	20	3%	16	3%	---	---	630
William E. Warren Cente	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Boston	1,425	68%	402	19%	186	9%	37	2%	26	1%	23	1%	2,099
Adoption Contracts⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	100%	4
Other⁽⁶⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	15	100%	---	---	---	---	15
Total:	8,878	55%	5,178	32%	878	5%	417	3%	449	3%	291	2%	16,091

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off.

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

⁽²⁾ Outcome of an investigation.

⁽³⁾ Outcome of an initial assessment.

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

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

⁽⁶⁾ 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' 2013, 1ST QUARTER TO FY'2013, 4TH QUARTER**

TOTAL CASE OPENINGS ⁽¹⁾											
Quarters	West		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other⁽²⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
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%
FY'2013 - Q3	870	1%	480	5%	648	16%	315	-2%	9	2,322	5%
FY'2013 - Q4	905	4%	479	*	659	2%	328	4%	20	2,391	3%

PROTECTIVE CASE OPENINGS ⁽³⁾											
Quarters	West		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other⁽²⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
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%
FY'2013 - Q3	400	-7%	186	-5%	347	30%	205	1%	---	1,138	4%
FY'2013 - Q4	429	7%	186	*	353	2%	218	6%	---	1,186	4%

ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE CASE OPENINGS ⁽⁴⁾											
Quarters	West		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other⁽²⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2013 - Q1	132	---	75	---	108	---	31	---	---	346	---
FY'2013 - Q2	321	143%	163	117%	209	94%	73	135%	---	766	121%
FY'2013 - Q3	367	14%	177	9%	205	-2%	78	7%	---	827	8%
FY'2013 - Q4	351	-4%	203	15%	187	-9%	58	-26%	---	799	-3%

VOLUNTARY REQUESTS CASE OPENINGS											
Quarters	West		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other⁽²⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
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%
FY'2013 - Q3	28	87%	31	19%	24	33%	8	-47%	8	99	16%
FY'2013 - Q4	31	11%	19	-39%	22	-8%	13	63%	15	100	1%

CRA REFERRALS CASE OPENINGS											
Quarters	West		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other⁽²⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
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%
FY'2013 - Q3	10	-66%	27	13%	29	21%	17	-6%	---	83	-13%
FY'2013 - Q4	21	110%	25	-7%	38	31%	26	53%	---	110	33%

COURT REFERRAL CASE OPENINGS											
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other⁽²⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
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%
FY'2013 - Q3	15	*	17	31%	7	-42%	2	-33%	---	41	-5%
FY'2013 - Q4	14	-7%	15	-12%	22	214%	4	100%	---	55	34%

OTHER CASE OPENINGS ⁽⁵⁾											
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other⁽²⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
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%
FY'2013 - Q3	50	-9%	42	17%	36	16%	5	-44%	1	134	2%
FY'2013 - Q4	59	18%	31	-26%	37	3%	9	80%	5	141	5%

% = change from prior quarter

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

⁽²⁾ 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.

⁽³⁾ Outcome of an investigation.

⁽⁴⁾ Outcome of an initial assessment.

⁽⁵⁾ Includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

TABLE A5. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2013, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/13 - 6/30/13)

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Screening Decision								Total No.
	Screened-Out		Screened-In for Investigation				Screened-In for Initial Assessment		
			Non-Emergency		Emergency				
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	
Greenfield	299	55%	62	11%	24	4%	157	29%	542
Holyoke	356	51%	199	29%	22	3%	117	17%	694
North Centrasl	285	44%	193	30%	12	2%	156	24%	646
Pittsfield	463	55%	182	22%	1	*	192	23%	838
Robert Vasn Wart	443	56%	105	13%	15	2%	232	29%	795
South Central	288	39%	219	30%	3	*	222	30%	732
Springfield	279	38%	238	32%	31	4%	185	25%	733
Worcester East	237	43%	197	36%	29	5%	91	16%	554
Worcester West	239	45%	154	29%	21	4%	117	22%	531
Western	2,889	48%	1,549	26%	158	3%	1,469	24%	6,065
Cambridge	148	44%	86	26%	4	1%	99	29%	337
Cape Ann	330	58%	42	7%	23	4%	174	31%	569
Framingham	296	62%	38	8%	6	1%	135	28%	475
Haverhill	281	55%	95	18%	11	2%	127	25%	514
Lawrence	325	63%	59	11%	4	1%	127	25%	515
Lowell	383	51%	219	29%	43	6%	113	15%	758
Lynn	283	70%	44	11%	2	*	77	19%	406
Malden	321	67%	85	18%	7	1%	69	14%	482
Northern	2,367	58%	668	16%	100	2%	921	23%	4,056
Arlington	230	60%	54	14%	8	2%	90	24%	382
Brockton	256	46%	169	31%	15	3%	113	20%	553
Cape Cod	247	57%	75	17%	12	3%	101	23%	435
Coastal	144	36%	118	29%	6	1%	136	34%	404
Fall River	181	33%	222	40%	24	4%	123	22%	550
New Bedford	205	34%	189	31%	41	7%	168	28%	603
Plymouth	227	41%	136	24%	18	3%	175	31%	556
Attleboro	201	43%	88	19%	16	3%	160	34%	465
Southern	1,691	43%	1,051	27%	140	4%	1,066	27%	3,948
Dimock Street	189	51%	146	39%	8	2%	28	8%	371
Harbor	159	43%	116	32%	10	3%	81	22%	366
Hyde Park	181	43%	174	42%	19	5%	45	11%	419
Park Street	199	44%	194	43%	15	3%	41	9%	449
Boston	728	45%	630	39%	52	3%	195	12%	1,605
Judge Bake Children's Center	2,573	41%	1,493	24%	1,217	19%	1,039	16%	6,322
Special Investigation	196	40%	295	60%	---	---	---	---	491
Total	10,444	46%	5,686	25%	1,667	7%	4,690	21%	22,487

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, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/13 - 6/30/13)

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	49	58%	35	42%	84	89	55%	73	45%	162	246
Holyoke	120	50%	119	50%	239	64	49%	66	51%	130	369
North Central	158	72%	62	28%	220	109	65%	58	35%	167	387
Pittsfield	80	54%	69	46%	149	49	27%	134	73%	183	332
Robert Van Wart	131	86%	22	14%	153	161	61%	104	39%	265	418
South Central	137	63%	80	37%	217	112	51%	106	49%	218	435
Springfield	193	71%	80	29%	273	112	50%	110	50%	222	495
Worcester East	162	64%	91	36%	253	40	38%	64	62%	104	357
Worcester West	127	65%	67	35%	194	81	62%	50	38%	131	325
Contracted Agencies	---	---	2	100%	2	---	---	---	---	---	2
Western	1,157	65%	627	35%	1,784	817	52%	765	48%	1,582	3,366
Cambridge	55	54%	46	46%	101	60	47%	67	53%	127	228
Cape Ann	46	64%	26	36%	72	82	40%	125	60%	207	279
Framingham	36	65%	19	35%	55	109	68%	51	32%	160	215
Haverhill	52	44%	65	56%	117	58	40%	88	60%	146	263
Lawrence	39	60%	26	40%	65	28	22%	97	78%	125	190
Lowell	181	61%	114	39%	295	87	64%	50	36%	137	432
Lynn	32	62%	20	38%	52	55	56%	44	44%	99	151
Malden	64	60%	42	40%	106	59	55%	49	45%	108	214
Northern	505	59%	358	41%	863	538	49%	571	51%	1,109	1,972
Arlington	63	68%	29	32%	92	55	38%	88	62%	143	235
Brockton	140	72%	55	28%	195	59	47%	66	53%	125	320
Cape Cod	52	51%	49	49%	101	55	51%	52	49%	107	208
Coastal	98	64%	54	36%	152	69	38%	115	63%	184	336
Fall River	133	59%	92	41%	225	58	43%	78	57%	136	361
New Bedford	195	70%	84	30%	279	102	54%	86	46%	188	467
Plymouth	121	61%	78	39%	199	72	34%	139	66%	211	410
Taunton/Attleboro	75	61%	47	39%	122	68	41%	97	59%	165	287
Southern	877	64%	488	36%	1,365	538	43%	721	57%	1,259	2,624
Dimock Street	113	60%	75	40%	188	24	56%	19	44%	43	231
Harbor	110	74%	38	26%	148	52	51%	50	49%	102	250
Hyde Park	129	56%	102	44%	231	36	61%	23	39%	59	290
Park Street	152	71%	62	29%	214	37	63%	22	37%	59	273
Contracted Agencies	1	50%	1	50%	2	---	---	---	---	---	2
Boston	505	64%	278	36%	783	149	57%	114	43%	263	1,046
Judge Baker Children's Center	652	73%	244	27%	896	---	---	---	---	---	896
Special Investigations	55	17%	269	83%	324	---	---	---	---	---	324
Total	3,751	62%	2,264	38%	6,015	2,042	48%	2,171	52%	4,213	10,228

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'2013, 1ST QUARTER TO FY'2013, 4TH QUARTER

CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS												
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Judge Baker Children's Center		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Other ⁽¹⁾	%
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%
FY'2013 - Q3	5,554	-4%	3,664	-1%	3,722	-3%	1,494	-3%	5,565	-3%	428	20,427 -3%
FY'2013 - Q4	6,065	9%	4,056	11%	3,948	6%	1,605	7%	6,322	14%	491	22,487 10%

CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS												
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Judge Baker Children's Center		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Other ⁽¹⁾	%
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%
FY'2013 - Q3	1,657	-3%	707	*	1,162	-9%	723	-2%	761	-7%	262	5,272 -5%
FY'2013 - Q4	1,784	8%	863	22%	1,365	17%	783	8%	896	18%	324	6,015 14%

CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INITIAL ASSESSMENTS												
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Judge Baker Children's Center		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
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%
FY'2013 - Q3	1,468	-2%	952	-4%	1,216	-3%	272	-13%	---	---	3,908	-4%
FY'2013 - Q4	1,582	8%	1,109	16%	1,259	4%	263	-3%	---	---	4,213	8%

* Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽¹⁾ 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 ⁽¹⁾

Time Period	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'2003 Total	2,089	47%	2,310	53%	4,399
FY'2004 Total	2,101	47%	2,399	53%	4,500
FY'2005 Total	2,122	46%	2,459	54%	4,581
FY'2006 Total	2,077	44%	2,666	56%	4,743
FY'2007 Total	2,279	48%	2,431	52%	4,710
FY'2008 Total	2,561	49%	2,652	51%	5,213
FY'2009 Total	2,927	51%	2,784	49%	5,711
FY'2010, Q1	649	53%	568	47%	1,217
FY'2010, Q2	727	54%	621	46%	1,348
FY'2010, Q3	787	56%	611	44%	1,398
FY'2010, Q4	870	54%	753	46%	1,623
FY'2010 Total	3,033	54%	2,553	46%	5,586
FY'2011, Q1	713	54%	603	46%	1,316
FY'2011, Q2	729	56%	583	44%	1,312
FY'2011, Q3	754	54%	650	46%	1,404
FY'2011, Q4	844	50%	835	50%	1,679
FY'2011 Total	3,040	53%	2,671	47%	5,711
FY'2012, Q1	630	51%	616	49%	1,246
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
FY'2012 Total	2,841	51%	2,762	49%	5,603
FY'2013, Q1	555	48%	598	52%	1,153
FY'2013, Q2	618	54%	529	46%	1,147
FY'2013, Q3	654	53%	586	47%	1,240
FY'2013, Q4	770	55%	637	45%	1,407
FY'2013 Total	2,597	52%	2,350	48%	4,947

⁽¹⁾ 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 ⁽¹⁾		Unspecified		Total No.
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
FY'2003 Total	1,688	78%	461	21%	19	1%	---	---	2,168
FY'2004 Total	1,713	78%	450	21%	26	1%	---	---	2,189
FY'2005 Total	1,715	79%	456	21%	13	1%	---	---	2,184
FY'2006 Total	1,782	83%	342	16%	26	1%	---	---	2,150
FY'2007 Total	1,935	82%	390	17%	31	1%	---	---	2,356
FY'2008 Total	2,049	78%	552	21%	38	1%	---	---	2,639
FY'2009 Total	2,413	80%	572	19%	29	1%	---	---	3,014
FY'2010, Q1	541	81%	108	16%	15	2%	---	---	664
FY'2010, Q2	588	80%	137	19%	14	2%	---	---	739
FY'2010, Q3	639	79%	153	19%	12	1%	---	---	804
FY'2010, Q4	725	81%	161	18%	10	1%	---	---	896
FY'2010 Total	2,493	80%	559	18%	51	2%	---	---	3,103
FY'2011, Q1	602	83%	110	15%	15	2%	---	---	727
FY'2011, Q2	621	83%	111	15%	13	2%	---	---	745
FY'2011, Q3	637	83%	118	15%	10	1%	---	---	765
FY'2011, Q4	682	78%	179	21%	9	1%	---	---	870
FY'2011 Total	2,542	82%	518	17%	47	2%	---	---	3,107
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
FY'2012 Total	2,441	84%	417	14%	47	2%	---	---	2,906
FY'2013, Q1	477	84%	81	14%	9	2%	---	---	567
FY'2013, Q2	507	80%	118	19%	6	1%	---	---	631
FY'2013, Q3	537	79%	131	19%	14	2%	---	---	682
FY'2013, Q4	641	82%	133	17%	11	1%	---	---	785
FY'2013 Total	2,162	81%	463	17%	40	2%	---	---	2,665

⁽¹⁾ 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 4TH QUARTER (6/30/13)**

DCF Region/Area	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				Total No.
	Not Legally Free		Legally Free		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	53	70%	23	30%	76
Holyoke	30	48%	32	52%	62
North Central	77	63%	46	37%	123
Pittsfield	73	62%	45	38%	118
Robert Van Wart	46	68%	22	32%	68
South Central	68	72%	27	28%	95
Springfield	73	60%	48	40%	121
Worcester East	49	54%	41	46%	90
Worcester West	49	62%	30	38%	79
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	1
Western	519	62%	314	38%	833
Cambridge	10	59%	7	41%	17
Cape Ann	2	100%	---	---	2
Framingham	41	76%	13	24%	54
Haverhill	19	54%	16	46%	35
Lawrence	18	39%	28	61%	46
Lowell	40	51%	38	49%	78
Lynn	94	70%	41	30%	135
Malden	19	70%	8	30%	27
Northern	243	62%	151	38%	394
Arlington	18	82%	4	18%	22
Brockton	28	47%	32	53%	60
Cape Cod	18	46%	21	54%	39
Coastal	17	35%	32	65%	49
Fall River	50	48%	54	52%	104
New Bedford	59	58%	42	42%	101
Plymouth	27	53%	24	47%	51
Taunton/Attleboro	38	52%	35	48%	73
Southern	255	51%	244	49%	499
Dimock Street	48	56%	38	44%	86
Harbor	33	55%	27	45%	60
Hyde Park	3	100%	---	---	3
Park Street	18	41%	26	59%	44
Boston	102	53%	91	47%	193
Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾	112	52%	104	48%	216
Total	1,231	58%	904	42%	2,135

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

**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 4TH QUARTER (6/30/13)**

DCF Region/Area	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				Total No.
	Not Matched		Matched		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	13	17%	63	83%	76
Holyoke	8	13%	54	87%	62
North Central	44	36%	79	64%	123
Pittsfield	30	25%	88	75%	118
Robert Van Wart	8	12%	60	88%	68
South Central	24	25%	71	75%	95
Springfield	44	36%	77	64%	121
Worcester East	40	44%	50	56%	90
Worcester West	18	23%	61	77%	79
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	1
Western	230	28%	603	72%	833
Cambridge	2	12%	15	88%	17
Cape Ann	2	100%	---	---	2
Framingham	31	57%	23	43%	54
Haverhill	13	37%	22	63%	35
Lawrence	18	39%	28	61%	46
Lowell	27	35%	51	65%	78
Lynn	44	33%	91	67%	135
Malden	9	33%	18	67%	27
Northern	146	37%	248	63%	394
Arlington	3	14%	19	86%	22
Brockton	18	30%	42	70%	60
Cape Cod	12	31%	27	69%	39
Coastal	7	14%	42	86%	49
Fall River	32	31%	72	69%	104
New Bedford	24	24%	77	76%	101
Plymouth	12	24%	39	76%	51
Taunton/Attleboro	13	18%	60	82%	73
Southern	121	24%	378	76%	499
Dimock Street	18	21%	68	79%	86
Harbor	23	38%	37	62%	60
Hyde Park	3	100%	---	---	3
Park Street	24	55%	20	45%	44
Boston	68	35%	125	65%	193
Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾	90	42%	126	58%	216
Total	655	31%	1,480	69%	2,135

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

TABLE A12. Census 2010: Children Less Than 18 Years Old Residing in the 13 Largest Cities in Massachusetts¹

Race	Massachusetts						New				Fall			
	Total	Boston	Worcester	Springfield	Lowell	Cambridge	Bedford	Brockton	Quincy	Lynn	River	Newton	Lawrence	Somerville
White	74%	34%	56%	38%	48%	50%	64%	32%	56%	44%	77%	76%	37%	58%
Black	8%	37%	16%	25%	9%	24%	8%	39%	7%	16%	6%	3%	7%	12%
Asian	6%	7%	7%	3%	24%	11%	1%	2%	30%	8%	4%	14%	2%	8%
Native American	*	1%	1%	1%	*	*	1%	*	*	1%	*	*	1%	1%
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Multi-Racial	5%	7%	8%	8%	7%	11%	10%	11%	5%	9%	7%	6%	7%	8%
Other/Unknown	7%	14%	12%	25%	11%	4%	15%	15%	2%	22%	6%	2%	44%	13%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	1,418,923	103,710	39,942	41,328	25,260	12,028	22,063	24,127	15,303	22,484	19,069	18,416	22,182	9,134
Hispanic Origin²														
Yes	15%	30%	34%	55%	27%	12%	28%	14%	5%	45%	15%	5%	84%	22%

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

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

²Children of any race who are Hispanic.

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