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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 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, DCF had 21,527 open cases (1,670 adoption cases and 19,857 clinical cases) and 71,163 open consumers<sup>1</sup> (35,444 adults and 35,719 children). (**Table 1** on page 3)
- From the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2013 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, the case count increased 1% and the consumer count increased 1%.
- 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 70).
- 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).
- In 1999, the annual count of male children exceeded female children by more than 1,000. By 2013, there were approximately 1,600 more male than female children. (**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 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, there were: 18,892 female adults, 18,627 male children, 16,930 female children, and 15,589 male adults.

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

## A. Consumers in Placement

- There were 9,270 individuals in placement on the last day of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2014. Included in this count are 7,552 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,718 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 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2013 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, the number of children in placement increased 1% statewide (**table** below, **Appendix Table A1** on page 70). Regional changes ranged from less than 1% in Boston to 3% in the North (**table** below, **Fig. 14** on page 27).

**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 - Q2	2,827	-2%	1,454	-7%	1,867	*	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%
FY'2014 - Q1	2,958	2%	1,466	3%	1,941	2%	924	1%	263	7,552	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 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, there were 28,167 children less than 18 years old with an active case status who were not in placement (**Table 1**). From the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2013 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, counts of children not in placement decreased 1% statewide (**table** on next page, **Appendix Table A1**). Regional changes ranged from -4% in Boston to 3% in the South (**table** on next page, **Fig. 15** on page 27).
- Significant declines in total consumers and children not in placement often occur with a drop in investigations and initial assessments (combined counts)—typically in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (**Appendix Table A1, Appendix Table A7** on page 76).



**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 - Q2	11,369	-1%	5,152	-8%	6,622	-4%	3,657	2%	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%
FY'2014 - Q1	12,114	-1%	5,192	-3%	7,078	3%	3,748	-4%	35	28,167	-1%

\* Less than 1% after rounding-off

**TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2014, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)**

Case Counts:	DCF Geographic Region						Adoption Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>	Other <sup>(2)</sup>	Total
	West	North	South	Boston					
Adoption	640	314	411	162	140	3		1,670	
Clinical	7,791	3,990	5,238	2,687	4	147		19,857	
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,431</b>	<b>4,304</b>	<b>5,649</b>	<b>2,849</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>150</b>		<b>21,527</b>	
<b>Consumer Counts:</b>									
<b>Adults: <sup>(3)</sup></b>									
In Placement: <sup>(4)</sup> Foster/Congregate Care <sup>(5)</sup>	500	440	404	218	1	106		1,669	
Other <sup>(6)</sup>	7	6	---	1	---	11		25	
On the Run	8	5	4	7	---	---		24	
<b>Total in Placement</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>117</b>		<b>1,718</b>	
Not in Placement	13,805	6,373	9,348	4,185	---	15		33,726	
<b>Total Adults</b>	<b>14,320</b>	<b>6,824</b>	<b>9,756</b>	<b>4,411</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>132</b>		<b>35,444</b>	
<b>Children:</b>									
In Placement: <sup>(4)</sup> Foster/Congregate Care <sup>(5)</sup>	2,851	1,403	1,889	873	219	41		7,276	
Other <sup>(6)</sup>	58	44	31	21	1	2		157	
On the Run	49	19	21	30	---	---		119	
<b>Total in Placement</b>	<b>2,958</b>	<b>1,466</b>	<b>1,941</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>43</b>		<b>7,552</b>	
Not in Placement	12,114	5,192	7,078	3,748	21	14		28,167	
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>15,072</b>	<b>6,658</b>	<b>9,019</b>	<b>4,672</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>57</b>		<b>35,719</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,392</b>	<b>13,482</b>	<b>18,775</b>	<b>9,083</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>189</b>		<b>71,163</b>	

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

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

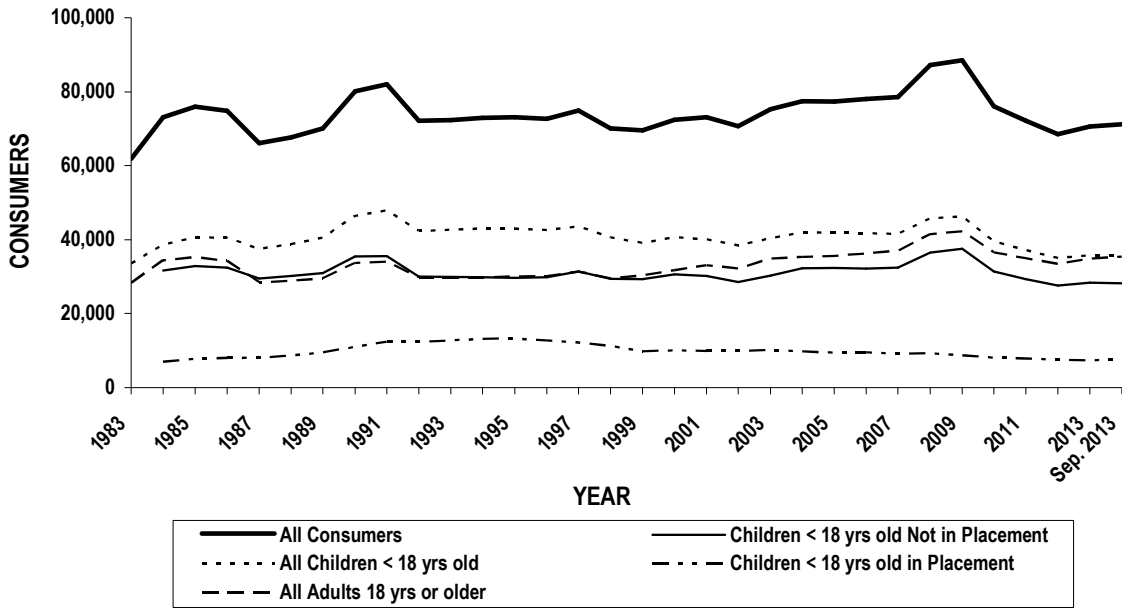
<sup>(3)</sup> Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

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

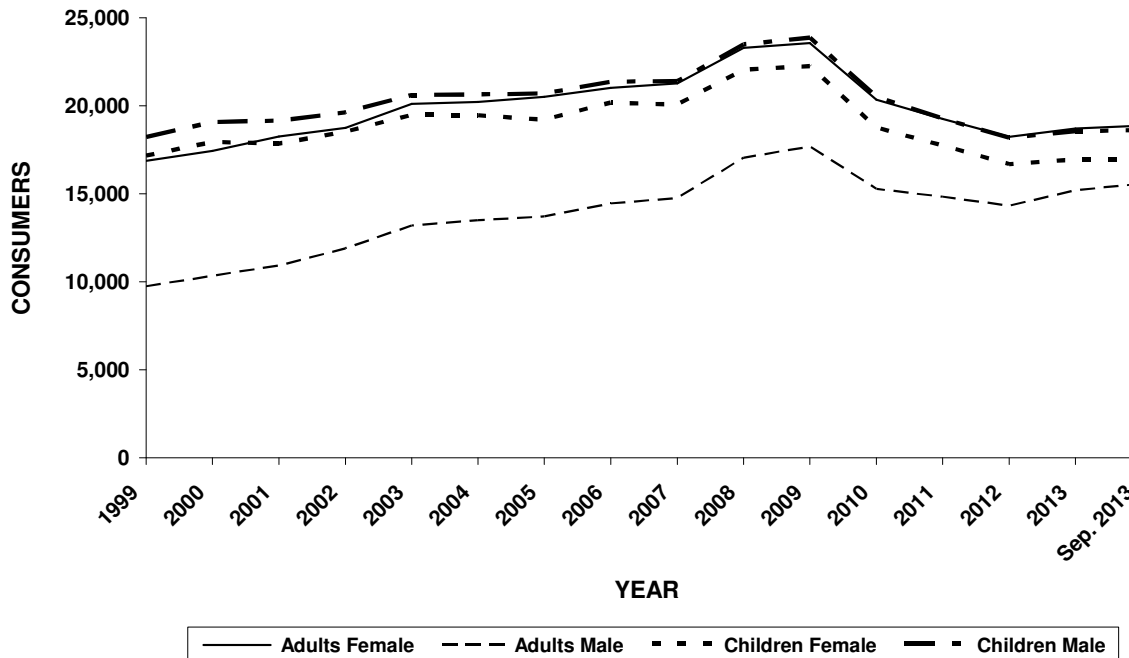
<sup>(5)</sup> See Tables 5A, 5B, and 5C for a breakdown by type of placement.

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

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



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



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

- All counts are unduplicated; if a case or a consumer had more than one opening in the quarter, only the first one was selected.
- During the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, there were 2,275 case openings (unduplicated) and 14,472 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 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2013 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, case openings decreased 5% (**Appendix Table A4** on page 73, **Fig. 4** on page 7) and consumer openings decreased 10%.
- Fifty-one percent of case openings and 58% of consumer openings were due to supported abuse/neglect reports (protective). (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- Thirty-three percent of case openings and 31% 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 3% of case openings and 4% 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 43-66% of the total intakes for each region. Case openings by alternative response represented 18-38% of all intakes for each region. CRA referrals ranged from 1-6% 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 28% at Cambridge to 69% at Dimock Street (**Appendix Table A2** case openings on page 71, **Appendix Table A3** consumer openings on page 72).
- Case openings (statewide) usually decline in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. This quarterly trend in case openings is similar to the pattern for reports of child abuse/neglect (**Fig. 4, Fig. 7** on page 13, **Appendix Table A4**).

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

**TABLE 2A. CASE OPENINGS<sup>(1)</sup> DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2014, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/13 - 9/30/13)**

DCF Geographic Region	Case Counts <sup>(1)</sup>										Total No.		
	Protective <sup>(2)</sup>		Alternative Response <sup>(3)</sup>		CRA Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals			Other <sup>(4)</sup>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
West	407	49%	307	37%	11	1%	27	3%	18	2%	59	7%	829
North	196	43%	174	38%	20	4%	20	4%	12	3%	32	7%	454
South	350	53%	210	32%	23	3%	18	3%	13	2%	50	8%	664
Boston	209	66%	57	18%	19	6%	8	3%	6	2%	20	6%	319
Other <sup>(4)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	9	100%	---	---	---	---	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,162</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>2,275</b>

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

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

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

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

**TABLE 2B. CONSUMER OPENINGS<sup>(1)</sup> DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2014, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/13 - 9/30/13)**

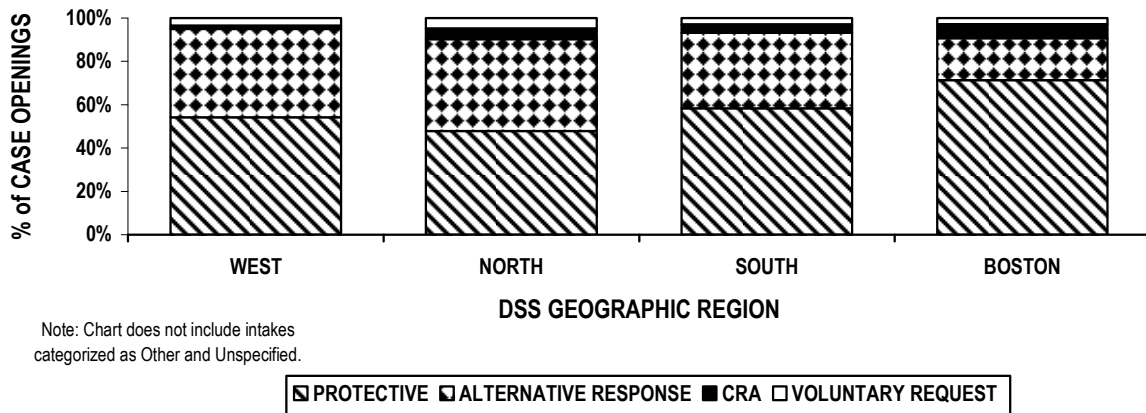
DCF Geographic Region	Consumer Counts <sup>(1)</sup>										Total No.		
	Protective <sup>(2)</sup>		Alternative Response <sup>(3)</sup>		CRA Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals			Other <sup>(4)</sup>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
West	3,235	57%	1,891	33%	114	2%	149	3%	148	3%	122	2%	5,659
North	1,540	52%	992	34%	133	5%	86	3%	110	4%	73	2%	2,934
South	2,336	57%	1,321	32%	158	4%	97	2%	83	2%	127	3%	4,122
Boston	1,216	70%	275	16%	129	7%	40	2%	53	3%	25	1%	1,738
Other <sup>(3)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	13	68%	---	---	6	32%	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,327</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>4,479</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>14,472</b>

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

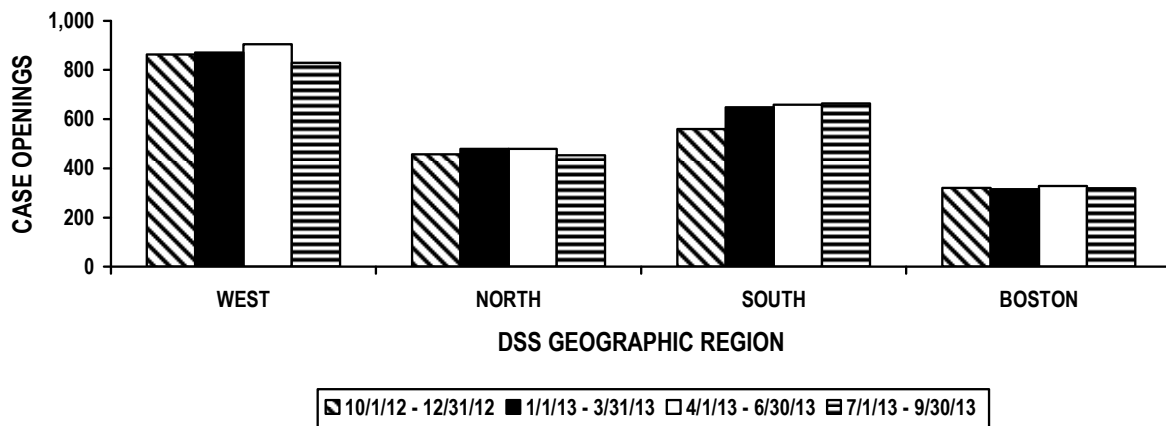
<sup>(2)</sup> Includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

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

**FIGURE 3. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION  
FY'2014, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/13 - 9/30/13)**



**FIGURE 4. INTAKES (CASE OPENINGS) BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2013, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2014, 1ST 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, 19,595 reports were recorded during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY’2014. Thirty-six percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation and 21% were screened-in for initial assessment. Nine percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. (**Table 3** on page 11)
- There were 16,062 neglect reports, 3,508 physical abuse reports, and 1,817 sexual abuse reports, representing 82%, 18%, and 9% of total reports respectively. The summation of counts by allegation exceeds the count of total reports (summation of relative percentages is greater than 100%). This occurs because children allegedly subjected to more than one type of maltreatment are counted in each maltreatment category.
- Regionally, the proportion of reports screened-in for an investigation response ranged from 23% in the North to 45% in Boston. At the Judge Baker Children’s Center, 44% of the reports were screened-in for investigation. (**Table 3, Fig. 5** on page 12)
- 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 17% of the reports for initial assessment. (**Table 3, Fig. 5**)
- Dimock Street, Hyde Park, Worcester East, Worcester West, and Harbor areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (44-52%). Taunton/Attleboro, South Central, and Plymouth areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (32-33%). (**Appendix Table A5** on page 74)
- Framingham, Van Wart, Lawrence, Arlington, and Lynn areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (12-18%). Dimock Street and Park Street areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (8-9%). (**Appendix Table A5**)
- The DCF Regions screened-in 3-4% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 19% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children’s Center Hotline. (**Table 3**)

- Statewide, reports decreased 13% from the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY’2003 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY’2014. Typically, report counts decline during the summer quarter (Q1) then rise during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). (**Appendix Table A7** on page 76, **Fig. 7** on page 13)

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

- During the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY’2014, 8,900 responses (investigations and initial assessments) were completed (**Table 4** on page 11)—a decrease of 13% from the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY’2013 (**Appendix Table A7, Fig. 8** on page 13).
- Investigations and initial assessments as a proportion of all responses for each region were: 77% and 23% (Boston); 55% and 45% (West); 51% and 49% (South); 48% and 52% (North), respectively. (**Fig. 6** on page 12, **Table 4**)

### **Initial Assessments**

- There were 3,466 initial assessments completed during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY’2014<sup>3</sup>. 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 and Worcester West Areas had the highest proportions of initial assessments which resulted in a finding of concern (63-70%). (**Appendix Table A6** on page 75)
- Statewide, initial assessments decreased 18% from the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY’2013 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY’2014 (**Appendix Table A7**).
- Neglect was an alleged maltreatment in 3,220 initial assessments (93%) while physical abuse was an alleged maltreatment in 523 initial assessments (15%).

### **Investigations**

- The number of investigations conducted during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY’2014 was 5,434 (**Table 4**).<sup>3</sup>
- Sixty-eight percent of the investigations resulted in supported allegations of maltreatment. (**Table 4**)

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

- Regional support rates went from a low of 63% in the North to a high of 70% in the West (and 77% at Judge Baker). (**Table 4**)
- The Van Wart and North Central Areas had the highest proportions of investigations which resulted in a supported allegation(s) (78-86%). (**Appendix Table A6** on page 75)
- Statewide, investigations decreased 10% from the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2013 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2014 (**Appendix Table A7** on page 76).
- There were 4,598 investigations (85%) of alleged neglect, 1,346 investigations (25%) of alleged physical abuse, and 536 investigations (10%) of alleged sexual abuse.



**TABLE 3. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2014, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/13 - 9/30/13)**

DCF Geographic Region	Screening Decision									Total	
	Screened-Out		Screened-In for Investigation				Screened-In for Initial Assessment				
	No.	%	Non-Emergency		Emergency		S/I Total	No.	%	No.	%
West	2,183	44%	1,412	28%	171	3%	1,583	1,228	25%	4,994	25%
North	1,671	55%	579	19%	114	4%	693	675	22%	3,039	16%
South	1,328	41%	908	28%	108	3%	1,016	868	27%	3,212	16%
Boston	534	43%	524	42%	41	3%	565	147	12%	1,246	6%
Judge Baker Children's Center	2,584	39%	1,622	24%	1,282	19%	2,904	1,141	17%	6,629	34%
Special Investigations	191	40%	284	60%	---	---	284	---	---	475	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,491</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>5,329</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>1,716</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>7,045</b>	<b>4,059</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>19,595</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

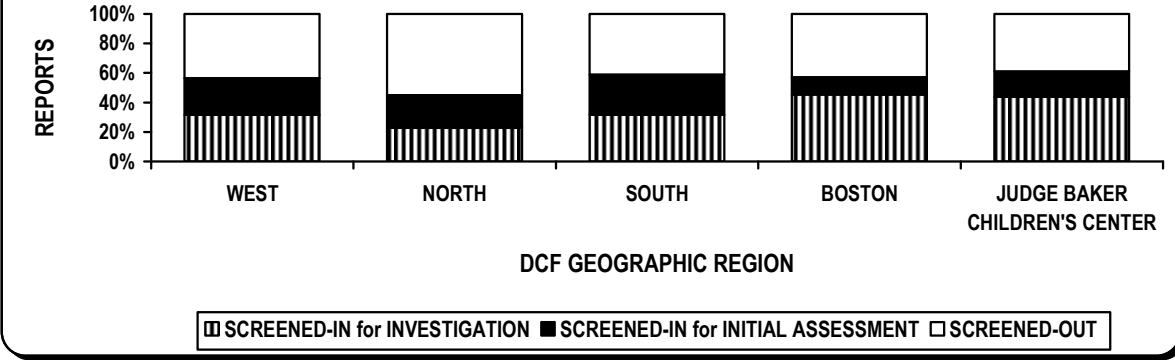
**TABLE 4. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION: FY'2014, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/13 - 9/30/13)**

DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision					Assessment Decision				Total		
	Supported		Unsupported		Total	Concern		Low/No Concern				
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	No.	%	No.	%	No.	No.	%
West	1,143	70%	494	30%	1,637	646	48%	686	52%	1,332	2,969	33%
Northeast	471	63%	271	37%	742	389	49%	407	51%	796	1,538	17%
Southeast	816	69%	360	31%	1,176	518	45%	623	55%	1,141	2,317	26%
Boston	456	69%	201	31%	657	98	50%	99	50%	197	854	10%
Judge Baker Children's Center	730	77%	220	23%	950	---	---	---	---	---	950	11%
Special Investigations	56	21%	216	79%	272	---	---	---	---	---	272	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,672</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>1,762</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>5,434</b>	<b>1,651</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>1,815</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>3,466</b>	<b>8,900</b>	<b>100%</b>

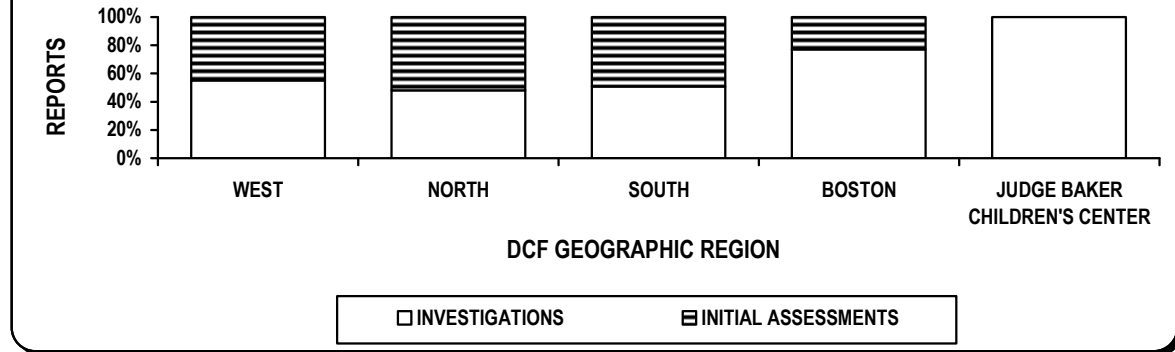
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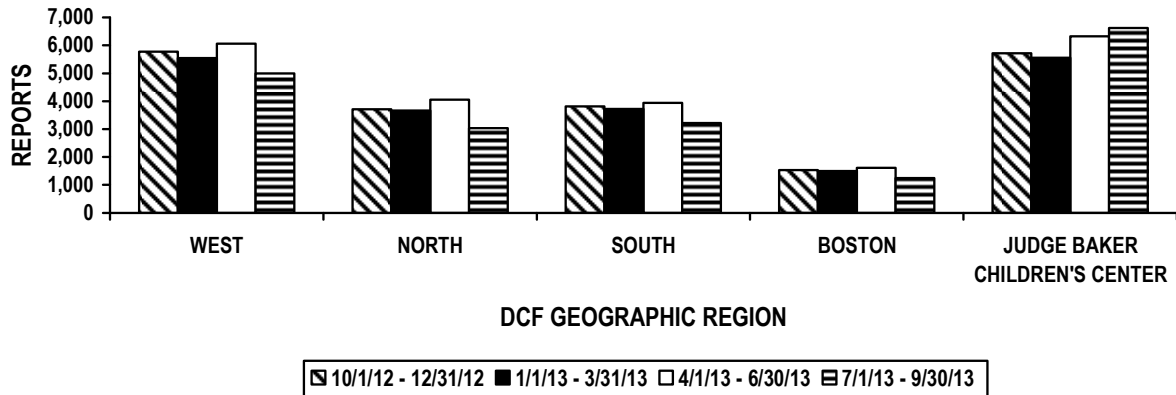
**FIGURE 5. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS  
(SCREENING DECISION BY DCF REGION)  
FY'2014, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/13 - 9/30/13)**



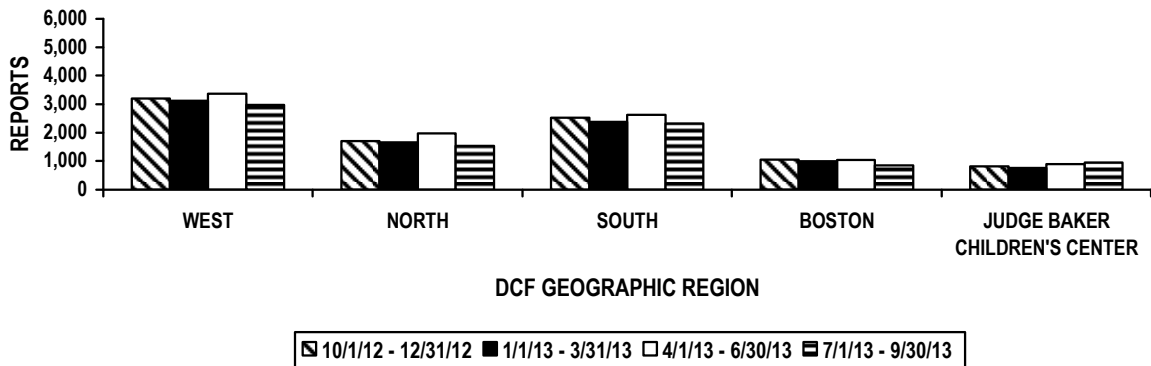
**FIGURE 6. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPOSES BY TYPE AND DCF REGION  
SCREENING DECISION BY DCF REGION  
FY'2014, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/13 - 9/30/13)**



**FIGURE 7. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2013, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2014, 1ST QUARTER)**



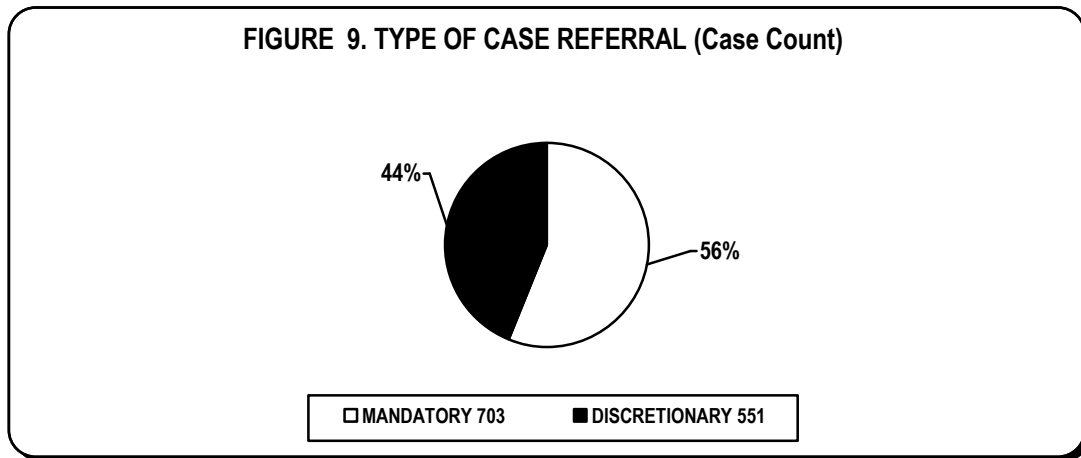
**FIGURE 8. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2013, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2014, 1ST QUARTER)**



### C. District Attorney (DA) Referrals

- During the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, 1,254 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (**Fig. 9**). Fifty-six percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals<sup>4</sup> and 44% were discretionary referrals<sup>5</sup> (**Fig. 9, Appendix Table A8** on page 77).

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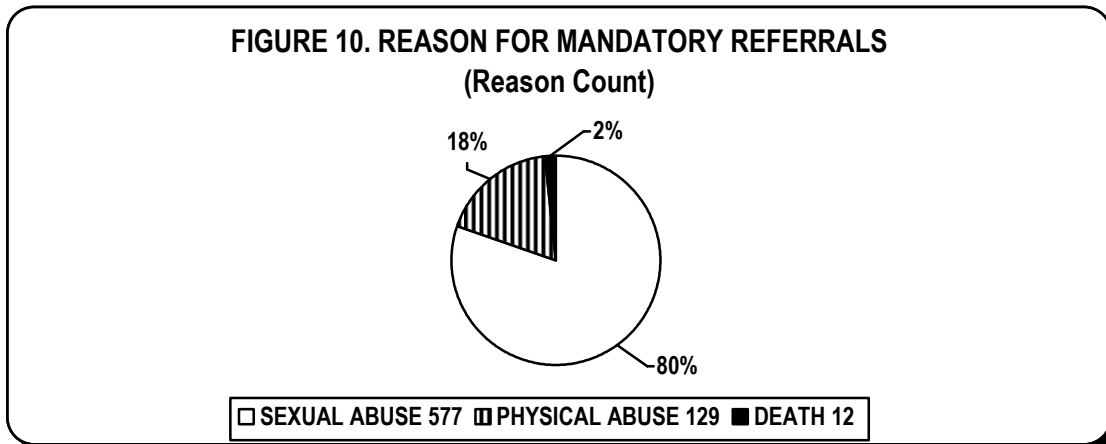


- The proportion of mandatory case referrals ranged from 44-49% during FY'2003-2008 and ranged from 51-54% during FY'2009-2013 (**Appendix Table A8**).
- Sexual abuse accounted for 80% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2014 (**Fig. 10, Table 5** on next page). Eighteen percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

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

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

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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:  
FY'2014, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/13 - 9/30/13)**

Nature of Abuse	Reasons	
	No.	%
<b>Sexual Abuse:</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>80%</b>
Sexual Assault	538	
Sexual Exploitation	39	
.....		
<b>Serious Physical Abuse:</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>18%</b>
.....		
<b>Death:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>100%</b>

- 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'2014, Q1) (See **Appendix Table A9** on page 78).
- Not all DA referrals resulting from an allegation that a child's death was due to abuse or neglect lead to an ultimate finding the death was in fact due to abuse or neglect. **DCF publishes an annual report of child fatalities that includes an analysis of child deaths due to abuse or neglect.**

- **Table 6** displays a breakdown of case referrals by type and child’s county of residence. Referral counts are usually the highest for the most populous counties, Middlesex, Worcester, Essex, and Suffolk. However, based on a comparison of county estimates<sup>6</sup> for children less than 18 years old, Hampden and Berkshire Counties<sup>7</sup> had a significantly higher number of referrals than expected while Norfolk County had a lower number of referrals than expected.
- **Table 7** (on next page) shows mandatory case referral reasons and child’s county of residence. Essex, Middlesex, Worcester, and Suffolk Counties accounted for 67% of the mandatory case referrals for sexual abuse (including sexual assault and sexual exploitation). The same four counties accounted for 76% of the mandatory case referrals for serious physical abuse.

**TABLE 6. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY:<sup>(1)</sup> FY2014, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/13 - 9/30/13)**

County <sup>(2)</sup>	Case Referrals				Total No.	2010 Children Under 18 years
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Essex	89	35%	164	65%	253	172,089
Middlesex	89	42%	121	58%	210	320,439
Worcester	76	42%	104	58%	180	187,231
Suffolk	75	45%	91	55%	166	126,275
Hampden	50	46%	58	54%	108	109,885
Plymouth	63	80%	16	20%	79	119,475
Bristol	34	49%	36	51%	70	122,409
Berkshire	23	41%	33	59%	56	25,624
Norfolk	33	60%	22	40%	55	152,132
Franklin	5	19%	21	81%	26	14,068
Hampshire	7	27%	19	73%	26	26,766
Barnstable	7	78%	19	211%	9	37,249
Dukes	1	33%	2	67%	3	3,173
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---	2,108
OUT OF STATE	4	31%	9	69%	13	
<b>Total</b>	<b>551</b>		<b>703</b>		<b>1,254</b>	

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

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

<sup>7</sup> Hampden County encompasses cities with high reporting rates: Holyoke, Springfield, Chicopee, West Springfield, and Westfield. Berkshire County includes North Adams and Pittsfield which have the highest reporting rates in the state (Felix III, A.C. 2010 Child Maltreatment Statistics. Massachusetts Department of Children & Families, November 2012, 52pp.)

**TABLE 7. MANDATORY CASE REFERRAL REASONS BY COUNTY:<sup>(1)</sup>  
FY'2014, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/13 - 9/30/13)**

County <sup>(2)</sup>	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals <sup>(1)</sup>				Total
	Sexual Assault No.	Sexual Exploitation No.	Serious Physical Abuse/Injury No.	Death No.	
Essex	104	6	55	2	167
Middlesex	104	7	9	3	123
Worcester	87	6	13	3	109
Suffolk	67	4	21	---	92
Hampden	47	7	5	---	59
Bristol	26	2	7	1	36
Berkshire	30	1	1	2	34
Norfolk	17	3	3	---	23
Franklin	16	1	4	---	21
Hampshire	16	---	3	---	19
Plymouth	10	1	5	1	17
Barnstable	6	---	1	---	7
Dukes	1	---	1	---	2
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---
OUT OF STATE	7	1	1	---	9
<b>Total:</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>718</b>

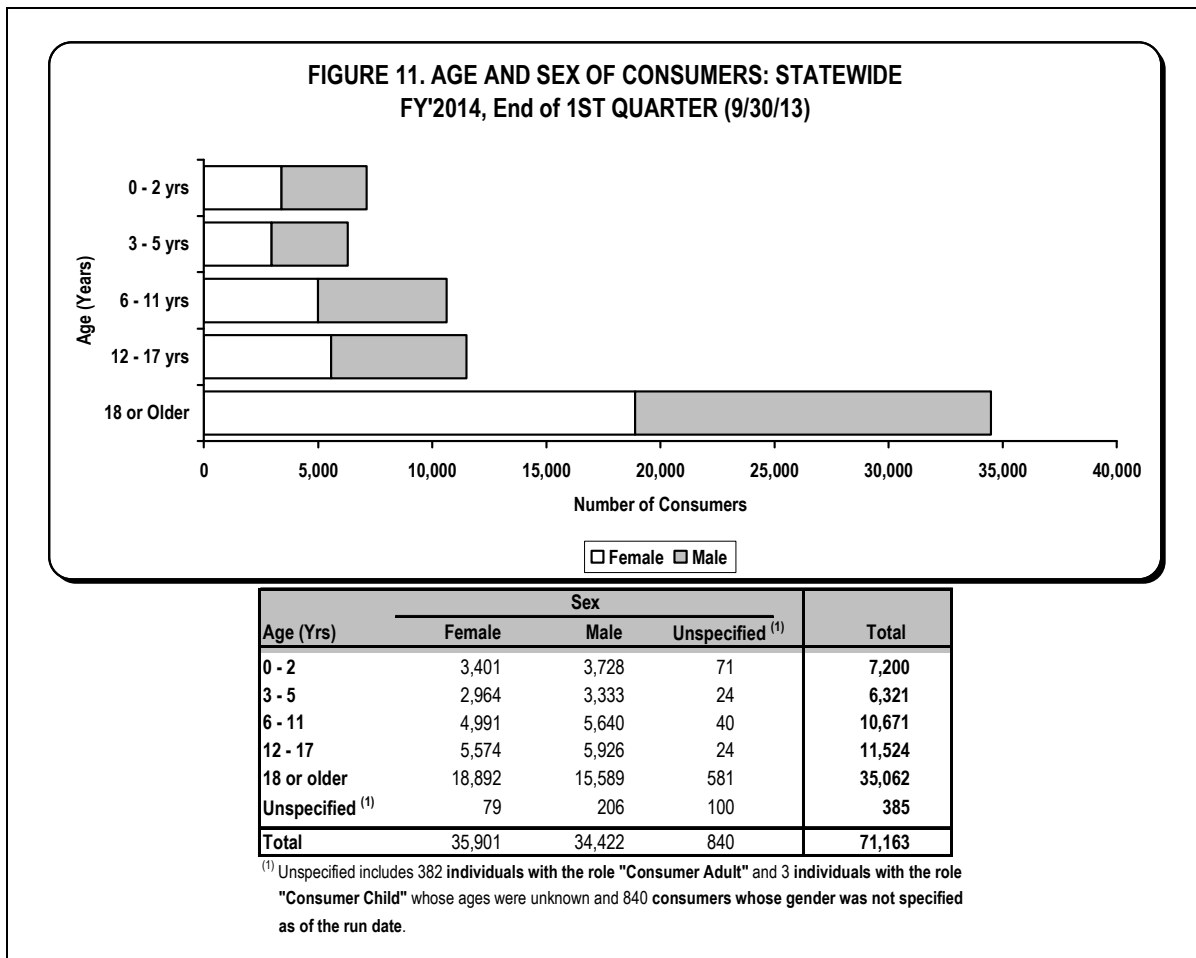
<sup>(1)</sup> A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

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

## IV. CONSUMER DEMOGRAPHICS

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

- On the last day of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, the consumer population included 35,719 (50%) children less than 18 years old and 35,444 (50%) adults 18 years or older (**Table 1** on page 3). In 1992, 41% of all consumers were adults and 59% were children (**Fig. 1** on page 4, **Appendix Table A1** on page 70). The proportion of adult consumers has been on the rise since 1992 (**Fig. 1, Appendix Table A1**). Counts of children and adults peaked in 2009, declined for several years and slowly increased after 2012 (**Fig. 2** on page 4, **Appendix Table A1**).
- Fifty percent of all consumers were identified as female, 48% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Thirty-two percent (11,524) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). (**Fig. 11**)
- Forty-seven percent of all children receiving DCF services were female. In contrast, 54% of all adults receiving services were female. (**Fig. 11**)





- The statewide caseload was comprised of 43% White, 26% Hispanic/Latino, 14% Black, 1% 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 40% Black, 31% Hispanic/Latino, and 15% White consumers (3,596, 2,779, and 1,405 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 (498 consumers, mainly Cambodian). (Table 8, Figs. 12A and 12B)

**TABLE 8. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY’2014, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)**

Race	DCF Geographic Region										Total			
	West		North		South		Boston		Adoption Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>				Other <sup>(2)</sup>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
White	12,980	44%	5,995	44%	10,422	56%	1,405	15%	120	50%	132	31%	30,934	43%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	9,170	31%	3,790	28%	2,404	13%	2,779	31%	57	24%	137	32%	18,280	26%
Black	2,545	9%	1,321	10%	2,558	14%	3,596	40%	32	13%	65	15%	10,085	14%
Asian	166	1%	498	4%	156	1%	160	2%	1	*	42	10%	1,022	1%
Native American	34	*	15	*	69	*	7	*	1	*	1	*	126	*
Pacific Islander	15	*	7	*	3	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	26	*
Multi-Racial	725	2%	375	3%	750	4%	197	2%	20	8%	24	6%	2,071	3%
Unable to Determine	1,086	4%	541	4%	839	4%	342	4%	11	5%	26	6%	2,834	4%
Missing	2,671	9%	940	7%	1,574	8%	596	7%	---	---	4	1%	5,785	8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,392</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13,482</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>18,775</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,083</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>71,163</b>	<b>100%</b>

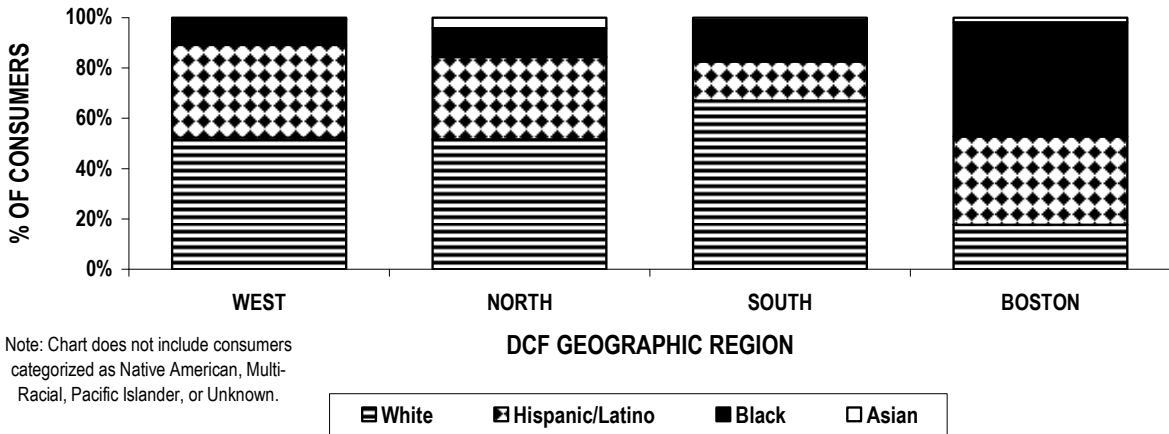
\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

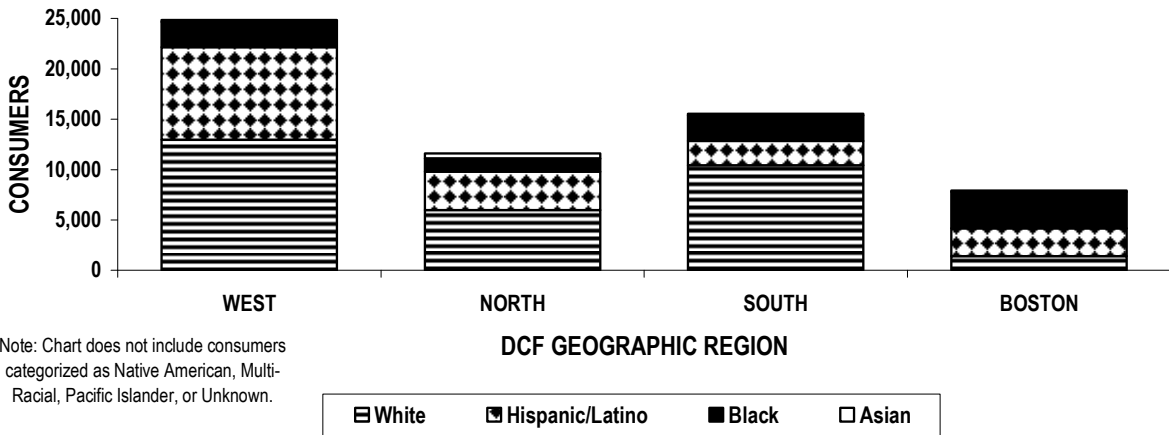
<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

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

**FIGURE 12A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE**  
 FY'14, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)



**FIGURE 12B. REGIONAL COUNT OF CONSUMERS BY RACE**  
 FY'14, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)



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

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

Race	State Census <sup>7</sup> 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
		9/30/13	9/30/13	9/30/13	9/30/13	9/30/13	9/30/13	FY'2013	FY'2013
White	67%	40%	48%	48%	46%	50%	49%	49%	52%
Hispanic ***	15%	32%	26%	25%	27%	23%	23%	24%	23%
Black	7%	15%	14%	13%	19%	12%	17%	13%	14%
Asian	6%	2%	1%	1%	1%	<1%	2%	1%	<1%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	---	1%	1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	---	---	---	---
Multi-Racial	4%	4%	7%	7%	5%	9%	6%	8%	6%
Other/Unknown	1%	7%	5%	5%	3%	5%	3%	5%	4%
<b>TOTAL %</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>TOTAL #</b>	1,418,923	28,167	7,552	5,933	1,343	2,230	617	815	345

\*Substitute Care includes: foster care, congregare 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 81 displays the racial composition (and Hispanic origin) of children residing in the 13 largest cities in Massachusetts. There is a high minority representation in Brockton, Boston, Lawrence, and Springfield. Hispanic children are most prevalent in Lawrence, Springfield, and Lynn. The relatively higher proportion of “Other/Unknown” race in Lawrence, Springfield, and Lynn is most likely a reflection of the large Hispanic/Latino population—many do not identify with any race. The proportion of Asian children is highest in Quincy and Lowell.

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

## B. Preferred Language of All Consumers

- The Western Region had the highest number of Spanish-speaking consumers (2,072) (**Table 10**). Spanish was also the primary language of 912 and 856 consumers in the Northern and Boston regions, respectively. Haitian Creole was the preferred language of 350 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/North), Cape Verdean Creole (South/Boston), Vietnamese (Boston), and Lao (North) (**Table 10**).

**TABLE 10. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2014, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)**

Primary Language	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption				Total	
	West		North		South		Boston		Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spanish	2,072	7%	912	7%	521	3%	856	9%	7	3%	81	43%	4,449	6%
Khmer (Cambodian)	2	*	122	1%	13	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	138	*
Portuguese	43	*	103	1%	136	1%	10	*	---	---	---	---	292	*
Haitian Creole	15	*	99	1%	125	1%	110	1%	---	---	1	1%	350	*
Vietnamese	21	*	17	*	8	*	41	*	---	---	---	---	87	*
Cape Verdean Creole	6	*	9	*	154	1%	98	1%	---	---	---	---	267	*
Chinese	9	*	15	*	25	*	9	*	---	---	1	1%	59	*
Lao	5	*	10	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	16	*
American Sign Lang.	16	*	14	*	10	*	8	*	---	---	---	---	48	*
Other	471	2%	195	1%	235	1%	132	1%	3	1%	66	35%	1,102	2%
English\Unspecified	26,732	91%	11,986	89%	17,547	93%	7,818	86%	232	96%	40	21%	64,355	90%
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,392</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13,482</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>18,775</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,083</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>71,163</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

- From 1987 to 1997, there were substantial increases in consumers whose preferred languages were Khmer, Lao, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and Spanish (**table** on next page). In the following decade (1997-2007), there were declines in consumers from all of these language groups. Although there was a decline in consumers with these preferred/primary languages, there was not a decline in DCF consumers from these ethnic groups. As with all immigrant groups, their children become fluent in English. The new immigrant communities continue to grow, but as time passes those who are only fluent in their native language make up a smaller proportion of their community.
- Comparing DCF consumers by preferred language on June 2007 and September 2013, showed an increase in some language groups and a decrease in others (**table** on next page). The largest changes were: declines in Khmer (-61%), Vietnamese (-48%) and increases in Cape Verdean Creole (83%), Haitian Creole (35%). During this period, the count of total consumers decreased 10%.

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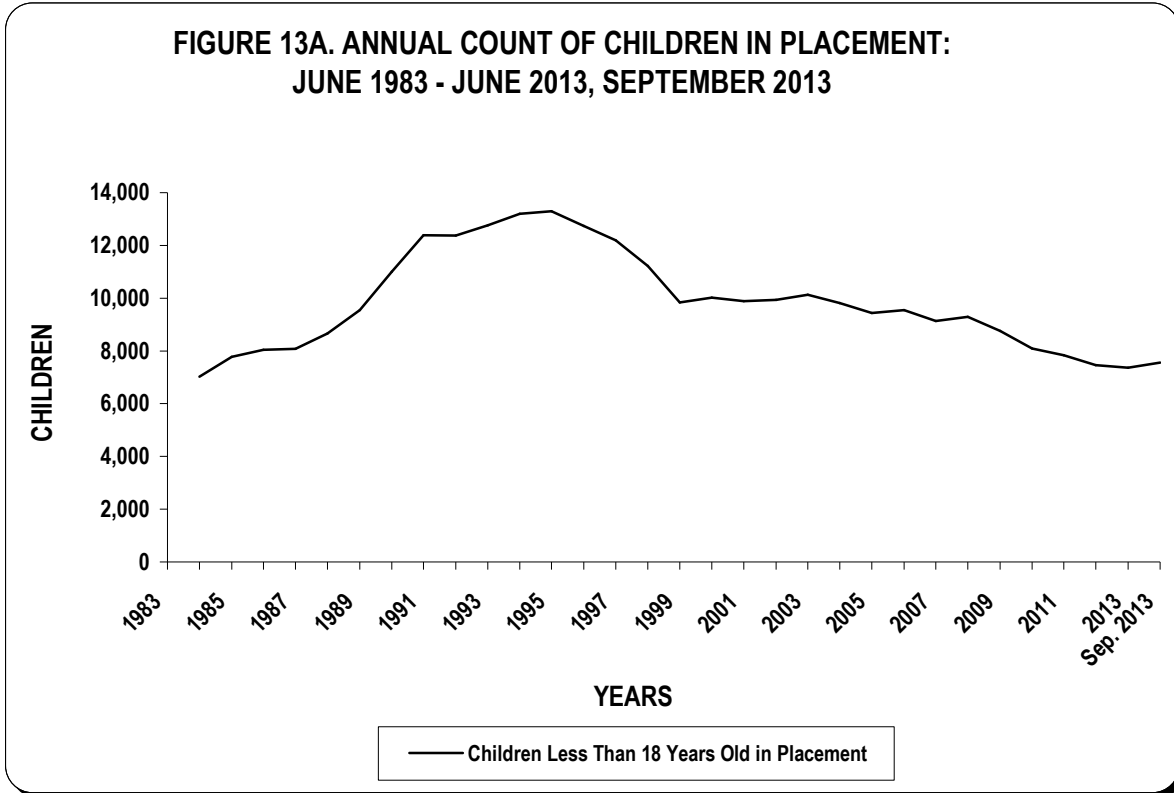
<b>Primary Language</b>	<b>Consumers Jul. 1987 No.</b>	<b>Consumers Jul. 1997 No.</b>	<b>Consumers Jun. 2007 No.</b>	<b>Consumers Sep. 2013 No.</b>	<b>2007-2013 Change %</b>
English/Unspecified	60,784	66,404	71,398	64,355	-10%
Spanish	3,664	6,334	4,516	4,449	-1%
Haitian Creole	175	360	260	350	35%
Portuguese	530	380	303	292	-4%
Cape Verdean Creole	174	247	146	267	83%
Khmer Cambodian	253	851	356	138	-61%
Vietnamese	146	273	167	87	-48%
Chinese	71	61	54	59	9%
American Sign Language	47	23	41	48	17%
Lao	30	74	20	16	-20%
Other	213	310	1,459	1,102	-24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>66,087</b>	<b>75,317</b>	<b>78,720</b>	<b>71,163</b>	<b>-10%</b>

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

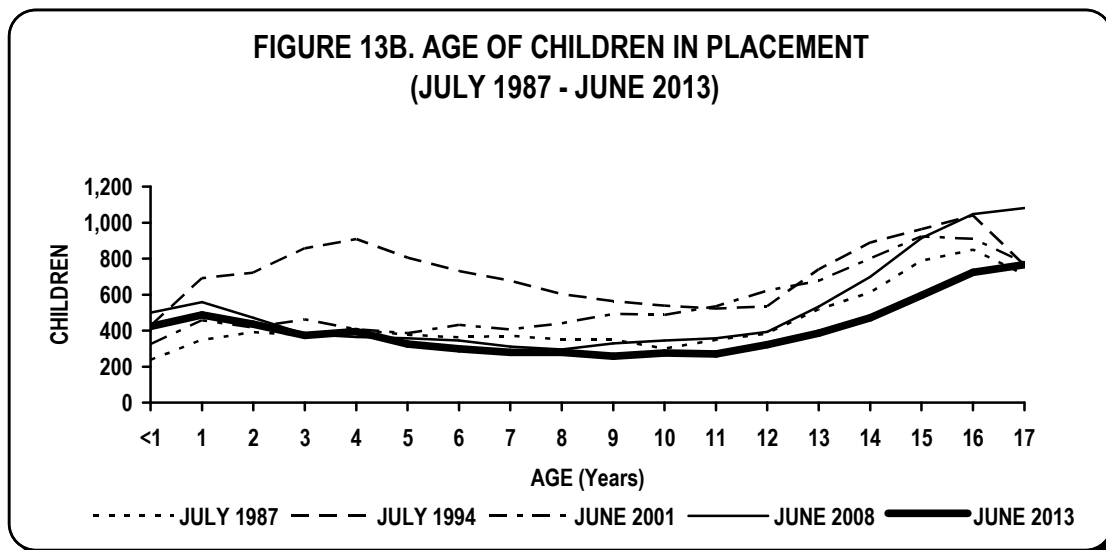
## V. PROFILE OF CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT<sup>9</sup>

- The number of children less than 18 years old in placement (7,552) increased 2% from the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2013 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2014 (**Appendix Table A1** on page 70, **Fig. 14** on page 27). The highest number of children less than 18 years old in placement was recorded in 1995 (13,302 children). The annual count of children in placement has been on a downward trend since 1995. (**Fig. 13A, Appendix Table A1**)



<sup>9</sup>Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 to 23 years old.

- Figure 13B** shows the ages of children in placement at five points in time. From 1987 to 1994, the number of younger children in care increased at a faster rate than the number of adolescents. Peak numbers of young children were reached in 1994. Thereafter, the trend reversed as subsequent age curves showed a gradual reduction in the young child population. By the years 2008-2013, 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 7,552) of all children (less than 18 years old) with open cases were in placement. The regional statistics for children in placement as a proportion of all children receiving services were: 22% in both the South and North, and 20% in both the West and Boston. (**Table 11** on next page)
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield, Lynn, and Greenfield area offices had the highest proportions in placement (28-33%). The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Van Wart, Cambridge, and Springfield area offices (13-15%). (**Table 11**)

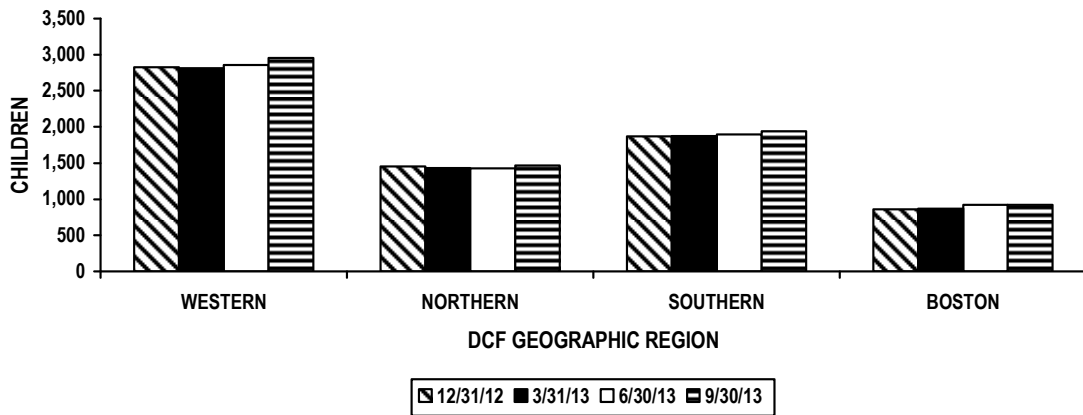
**TABLE 11. CHILD<sup>(1)</sup> CASELOAD BY DCF: FY'2014, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)**

<b>DCF Region/Area</b>	<b>Not in Placement</b>	<b>In Placement</b>	<b>Total Child Caseload</b>	<b>% in Placement</b>
Greenfield	758	300	1,058	28%
Holyoke	947	265	1,212	22%
North Central	1,896	397	2,293	17%
Pittsfield	694	344	1,038	33%
Robert Van Wart	2,017	314	2,331	13%
South Central	1,194	315	1,509	21%
Springfield	2,123	378	2,501	15%
Worcester East	1,297	384	1,681	23%
Worcester West	1,182	255	1,437	18%
Contracted Agencies	6	6	12	50%
<b>West</b>	<b>12,114</b>	<b>2,958</b>	<b>15,072</b>	<b>20%</b>
Cambridge	521	93	614	15%
Cape Ann	649	170	819	21%
Framingham	653	161	814	20%
Haverhill	420	122	542	23%
Lawrence	456	163	619	26%
Lowell	1,276	293	1,569	19%
Lynn	680	288	968	30%
Malden	537	175	712	25%
Contracted Agencies	---	1	1	100%
<b>Northern</b>	<b>5,192</b>	<b>1,466</b>	<b>6,658</b>	<b>22%</b>
Arlington	464	148	612	24%
Brockton	1,043	235	1,278	18%
Cape Cod	621	201	822	24%
Coastal	637	209	846	25%
Fall River	996	347	1,343	26%
New Bedford	1,498	361	1,859	19%
Plymouth	948	219	1,167	19%
Taunton/Attleboro	857	219	1,076	20%
Contracted Agencies	14	2	16	13%
<b>Southern</b>	<b>7,078</b>	<b>1,941</b>	<b>9,019</b>	<b>22%</b>
Dimock Street	738	247	985	25%
Harbor	1,022	239	1,261	19%
Hyde Park	849	177	1,026	17%
Park Street	1,135	261	1,396	19%
Contracted Agencies	4	---	4	---
<b>Boston</b>	<b>3,748</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>4,672</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>21</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>91%</b>
<b>Other<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>14</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,167</b>	<b>7,552</b>	<b>35,719</b>	<b>21%</b>

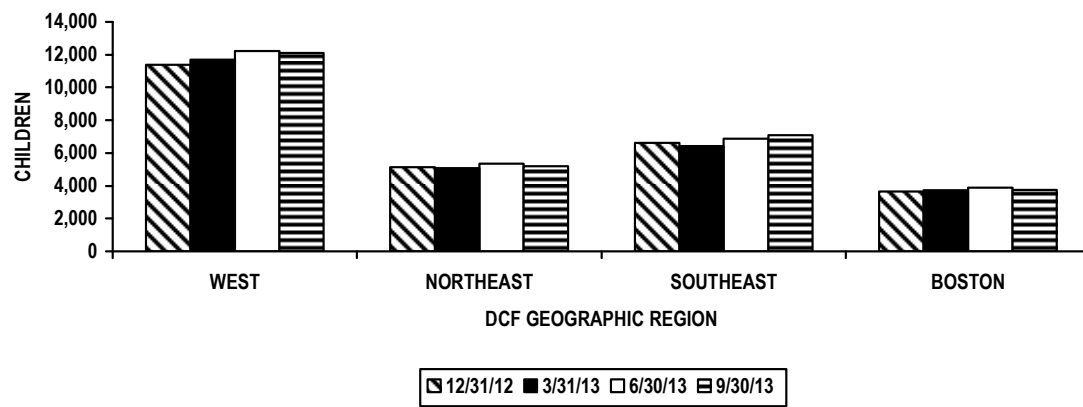
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**FIGURE 14. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2013, END OF 2ND QUARTER to FY'2014, End OF 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 15. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2013, END OF 2ND QUARTER to FY'2014, End of 1ST QUARTER)**



## A. Demographics of Consumers in Placement<sup>10</sup>

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

- At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, 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—53% girls and 47% boys (**Table 12A**). The proportions of male and female children in the DCF placement population were similar to the general population.<sup>11</sup>
- Statewide, 46% of all consumers in placement were White, 15% were Black, 26% were Hispanic/Latino, 2% were Asian, 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:  
FY2014, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		Total	
	Western No.	Western %	Northern No.	Northern %	Southern No.	Southern %	Boston No.	Boston %	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Sex:</b>														
Female	1,675	48%	905	47%	1,116	48%	606	53%	90	41%	43	27%	4,435	48%
Male	1,798	52%	1,012	53%	1,233	52%	544	47%	131	59%	117	73%	4,835	52%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,473</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,917</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,349</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,270</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Race:</b>														
White	1,697	49%	904	47%	1,379	59%	207	18%	111	50%	1	1%	4,299	46%
Black	337	10%	179	9%	322	14%	525	46%	28	13%	32	20%	1,423	15%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	1,081	31%	597	31%	319	14%	327	28%	50	23%	75	47%	2,449	26%
Asian	10	*	64	3%	15	1%	15	1%	---	---	38	24%	142	2%
Native American	4	*	---	---	11	*	---	---	1	*	---	---	16	*
Pacific Islander	1	*	2	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	*
Multi-Racial	185	5%	110	6%	192	8%	51	4%	20	9%	---	---	558	6%
Unable to Determine	158	5%	61	3%	111	5%	25	2%	11	5%	14	9%	380	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,473</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,917</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,349</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,270</b>	<b>100%</b>

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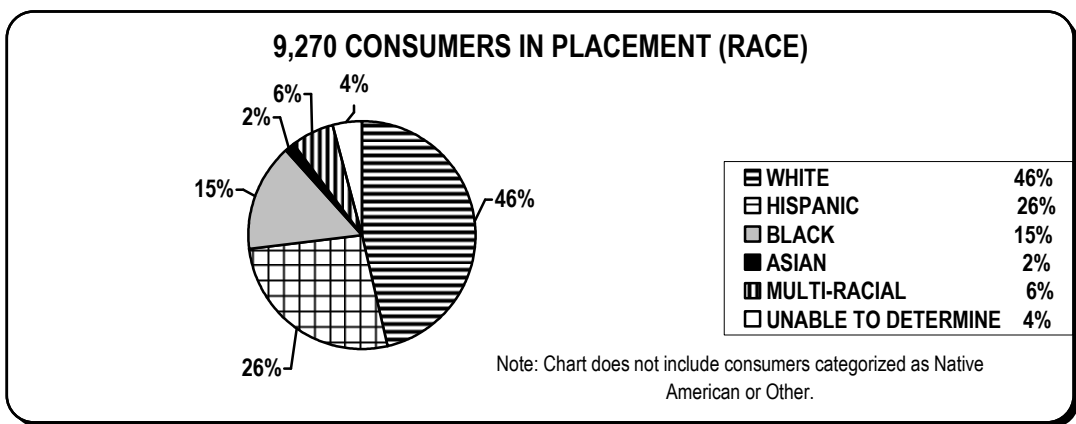
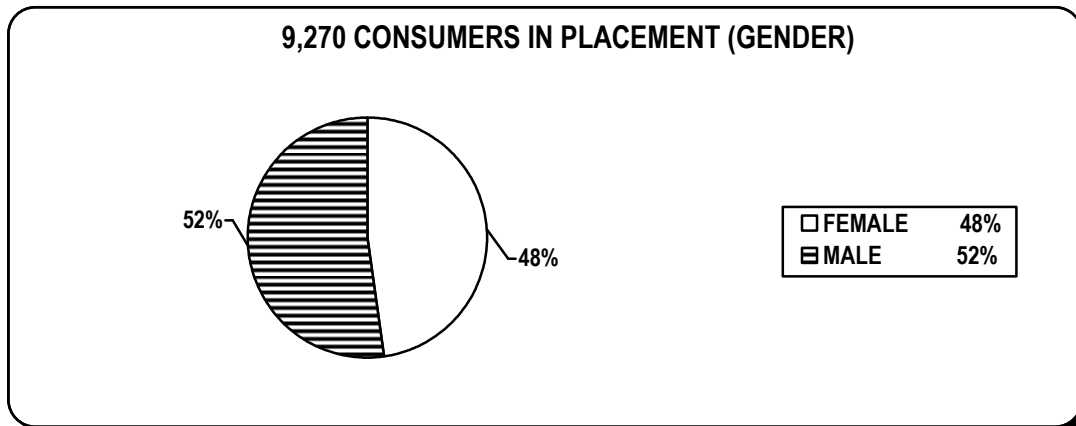
<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

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

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

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

**FIGURE 16A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY GENDER AND RACE  
STATEWIDE: FY'2014, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)**



- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DCF Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 33% to 38%. (**Table 12B** on page 31)
- 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 (34% of all consumers in placement), Adoption (24%), and Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement<sup>12</sup> (APPLA) (21%). The Northern Region had the highest proportion of consumers in placement with a goal of APPLA. (**Table 12B** on next page, **Fig. 16B** on page 32)
- The remaining service plan goals were: Guardianship (7% of all consumers in placement), Permanent Care with Kin<sup>13</sup> (6%), and Stabilization of Family (4%).
- On 9/30/2013, 36% of the statewide placement population had a length of stay of more than 2 years,<sup>14</sup> 21% 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 care<sup>15</sup> 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. 35% 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 33). Consumers 18 years or older accounted for 48% of all consumers in placement for more than 4 years and another 23% who were in placement for 2-4 years (**Table 13C** on page 33).
- Twenty-nine percent of Black consumers in placement had a goal of “Family Reunification,” compared to 35% for Hispanic and 36% for White consumers (**Table 14** on page 33). 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.

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<sup>12</sup> The APPLA goal is for youth 16 years or older to establish a lifelong permanent connection, as well as to obtain life skills training and a stable living environment that will support youth development into and through adulthood. This goal includes youths who will be transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health, Developmental Services, and Public Health upon turning 22 years old.

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

<sup>14</sup> Length of stay in placement, as measured by a “point-in-time snapshot” of consumers residing in care, is not representative of all individuals who spend time in care during some specified period. It is biased because consumers in continuous long-term placement are over-represented in “snapshot” counts while many others who enter and leave placement quickly are not counted at all.

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

**TABLE 12B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE  
BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE: FY'2014, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region										Total							
	Western				Northern				Southern				Boston		Adoption Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>		Other <sup>(2)</sup>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Age:</b>																		
( 0 - 2 yrs)	599	17%	248	13%	428	18%	169	15%	35	16%	---	---	1,479	16%				
( 3 - 5 yrs)	493	14%	200	10%	294	13%	130	11%	63	29%	---	---	1,180	13%				
( 6 - 11 yrs)	696	20%	289	15%	452	19%	190	17%	80	36%	9	6%	1,716	19%				
(12 - 17 yrs)	1,170	34%	729	38%	767	33%	435	38%	42	19%	34	21%	3,177	34%				
18 or older	515	15%	451	24%	408	17%	226	20%	1	*	117	73%	1,718	19%				
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,473</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,917</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,349</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,270</b>	<b>100%</b>				
<b>Service Plan Goals:</b>																		
Family Reunification	1,312	38%	578	30%	888	38%	416	36%	2	1%	1	1%	3,197	34%				
Adoption	909	26%	385	20%	518	22%	208	18%	213	96%	---	---	2,233	24%				
APPLA <sup>(3)</sup>	592	17%	528	28%	491	21%	267	23%	---	---	110	69%	1,988	21%				
Permanent Care with Kin	200	6%	162	8%	121	5%	64	6%	---	---	37	23%	584	6%				
Guardianship	202	6%	137	7%	171	7%	108	9%	5	2%	1	1%	624	7%				
Stabilization of Family	167	5%	71	4%	99	4%	61	5%	---	---	---	---	398	4%				
Unspecified as of run-date	91	3%	56	3%	61	3%	26	2%	1	*	11	7%	246	3%				
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,473</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,917</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,349</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,270</b>	<b>100%</b>				
<b>Continuous Time in Care:</b>																		
(.5 yr or less)	1,040	30%	488	25%	661	28%	310	27%	2	1%	27	17%	2,528	27%				
(> .5 - 1 yr)	543	16%	258	13%	398	17%	175	15%	11	5%	22	14%	1,407	15%				
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	438	13%	237	12%	352	15%	153	13%	32	14%	20	13%	1,232	13%				
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	278	8%	128	7%	187	8%	92	8%	37	17%	13	8%	735	8%				
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	614	18%	381	20%	376	16%	207	18%	85	38%	40	25%	1,703	18%				
> 4 yrs	560	16%	425	22%	375	16%	213	19%	54	24%	38	24%	1,665	18%				
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,473</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,917</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,349</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,270</b>	<b>100%</b>				

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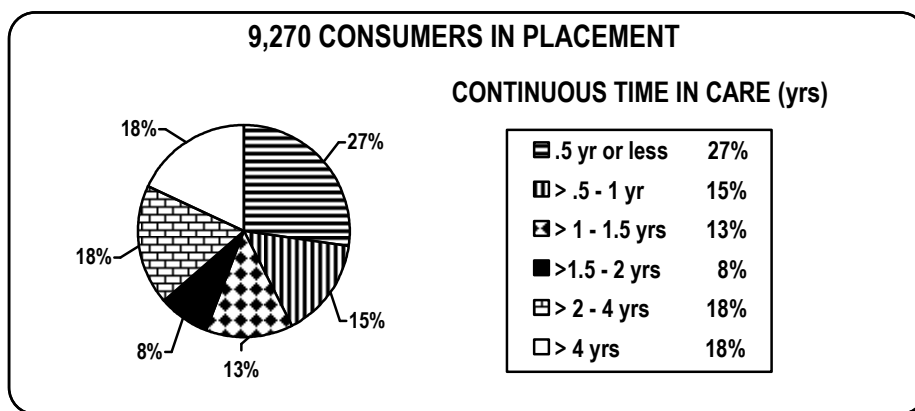
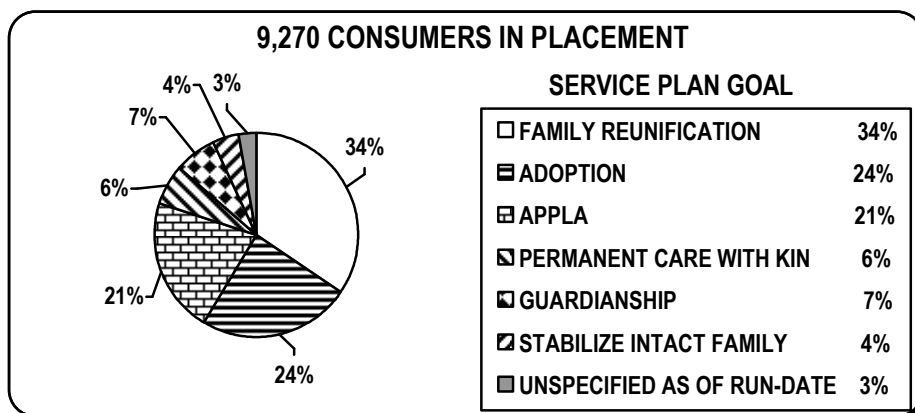
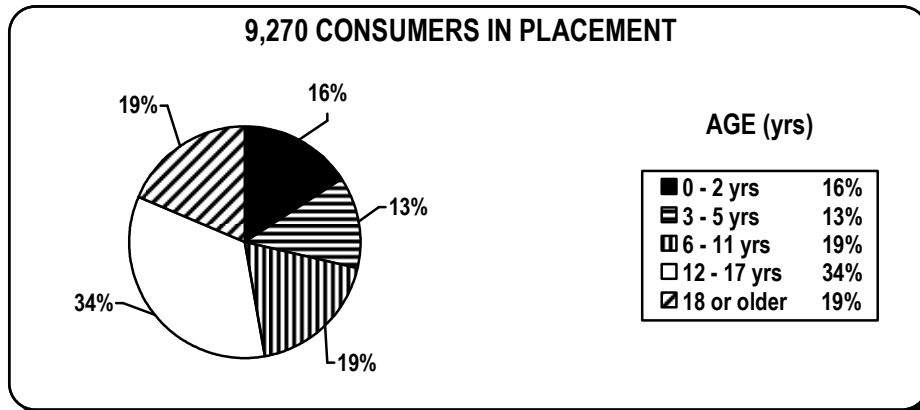
<sup>(3)</sup> Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 13A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:  
STATEWIDE FY'2014, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)**

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers														Total			
	White		Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>		Black		Asian		Native American		Pacific Islander		Multi-Racial				Unable to Determine	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5yr or less)	1,197	28%	699	29%	319	22%	19	13%	5	31%	1	33%	154	28%	134	35%	2,528	27%
(> .5-1yr)	662	15%	397	16%	183	13%	16	11%	5	31%	---	---	89	16%	55	14%	1,407	15%
(>1-1.5yrs)	608	14%	282	12%	166	12%	20	14%	---	---	1	33%	100	18%	55	14%	1,232	13%
(>1.5-2yrs)	341	8%	188	8%	111	8%	9	6%	1	6%	---	---	52	9%	33	9%	735	8%
(>2-4yrs)	764	18%	462	19%	276	19%	36	25%	3	19%	---	---	98	18%	64	17%	1,703	18%
> 4yrs	727	17%	421	17%	368	26%	42	30%	2	13%	1	33%	65	12%	39	10%	1,665	18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,299</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,449</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,423</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,270</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

**FIGURE 16B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT  
STATEWIDE: FY'2014, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)**



**TABLE 13B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND AGE GROUP:  
STATEWIDE FY'2014, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)**

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	747	17%	578	13%	866	20%	1,401	33%	707	16%	4,299	100%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>	330	13%	276	11%	430	18%	930	38%	483	20%	2,449	100%
Black	147	10%	135	9%	223	16%	537	38%	381	27%	1,423	100%
Asian	5	4%	7	5%	17	12%	55	39%	58	41%	142	100%
Native American	7	44%	2	13%	3	19%	2	13%	2	13%	16	100%
Pacific Islander	---	---	1	50%	---	---	2	67%	---	---	3	100%
Multi-Racial	120	22%	117	21%	118	21%	153	27%	50	9%	558	100%
Unable to Determine	123	32%	64	17%	59	16%	97	26%	37	10%	380	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,479</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>1,716</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>3,177</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>1,718</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>9,270</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

**TABLE 13C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:  
STATEWIDE FY'2014, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)**

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)	652	44%	369	31%	503	29%	876	28%	128	7%	2,528	27%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	342	23%	176	15%	290	17%	487	15%	112	7%	1,407	15%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	256	17%	210	18%	252	15%	385	12%	129	8%	1,232	13%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	139	9%	122	10%	120	7%	226	7%	128	7%	735	8%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	90	6%	261	22%	363	21%	592	19%	397	23%	1,703	18%
> 4 yrs	---	---	42	4%	188	11%	611	19%	824	48%	1,665	18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,479</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,716</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3,177</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,718</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,270</b>	<b>100%</b>

**TABLE 14. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2013, End of 4TH QUARTER (9/30/13)**

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers												Total					
	White		Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>		Black		Asian		Native American		Pacific Islander		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Family Reunification	1,536	36%	858	35%	417	29%	28	20%	8	50%	1	33%	196	35%	153	40%	3,197	34%
APPLA <sup>(2)</sup>	819	19%	567	23%	431	30%	57	40%	3	19%	---	---	69	12%	42	11%	1,988	21%
Adoption	1,110	26%	524	21%	272	19%	9	6%	5	31%	---	---	198	35%	115	30%	2,233	24%
Permanent Care with Kin	251	6%	145	6%	110	8%	27	19%	---	---	---	---	27	5%	24	6%	584	6%
Stabilize Intact Family	170	4%	139	6%	46	3%	4	3%	---	---	1	33%	25	4%	13	3%	398	4%
Guardianship	308	7%	141	6%	106	7%	13	9%	---	---	---	---	36	6%	20	5%	624	7%
Unspecified as of run-date	105	2%	75	3%	41	3%	4	3%	---	---	1	33%	7	1%	13	3%	246	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,299</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,449</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,423</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,270</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 15. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:  
STATEWIDE FY'2014, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)**

Service Plan Goal	Age Group of Consumers										Total	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	735	23%	467	15%	700	22%	1,268	40%	27	1%	3,197	100%
Adoption	604	27%	570	26%	719	32%	337	15%	3	*	2,233	100%
APPLA <sup>(1)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	515	26%	1,473	74%	1,988	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	1	*	3	1%	39	7%	416	71%	125	21%	584	100%
Guardianship	46	7%	81	13%	175	28%	315	50%	7	1%	624	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	57	14%	36	9%	49	12%	210	53%	46	12%	398	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	36	15%	23	9%	34	14%	116	47%	37	15%	246	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,479</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>1,716</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>3,177</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>1,718</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>9,270</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

**TABLE 16. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:  
STATEWIDE FY'2014, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)**

Service Plan Goal	Continuous Time in Placement										Total			
	(.5yr or less)		(> .5 - 1 yr)		(>1 - 1.5 yrs)		(>1.5 - 2 yrs)		(>2 - 4 yrs)				> 4 yrs	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	1,832	57%	791	25%	288	9%	106	3%	148	5%	32	1%	3,197	100%
Adoption	90	4%	311	14%	526	24%	318	14%	646	29%	342	15%	2,233	100%
APPLA <sup>(1)</sup>	109	5%	157	8%	190	10%	167	8%	493	25%	872	44%	1,988	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	15	3%	26	4%	48	8%	38	7%	170	29%	287	49%	584	100%
Guardianship	31	5%	62	10%	156	25%	87	14%	200	32%	88	14%	624	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	266	67%	43	11%	13	3%	16	4%	22	6%	38	10%	398	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	185	75%	17	7%	11	4%	3	1%	24	10%	6	2%	246	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,528</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>1,407</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>1,232</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>1,703</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>1,665</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>9,270</b>	<b>100%</b>

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



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

- At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2014 (9/30/13), the median time in continuous care was 1.0 year and the median<sup>16</sup> age was 9.8 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. Median age was the lowest since the 1990s. Median time in continuous care has been declining over the years and is now the lowest it has ever been. (See **table** below)
- Over the past 21 years, the median age of children in care has ranged from 9.1 to 12.6 years while median time in placement has fluctuated between 1.0 and 1.6 years. The total population of children in placement has decreased from a high of 13,056 in 1995 to 7,552 in September 2013. (See **table** below)

<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
6/13	10.4	1.0	7,368
<b>9/13</b>	9.8	1.0	7,552

- An age breakdown of children in placement by race<sup>17</sup> is presented in a **table** on the next page. The median age of White children was 9.1 years. Hispanic children were 1.9 years older, Black children were 3.3 years older, and Asian children were 5.8 years older than White children. Hispanic children spent a median 10.8 months in continuous placement compared 12 months for White children and 14.4 months for Black children. (See **table** on next page)

<sup>16</sup> Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

<sup>17</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes children of any race.

- On 9/30/13, 42% 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 9/30/13</i>			
<b>Race</b>	<b>Median Age (yrs)</b>	<b>Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>
White	9.1	1.0	3,592
Hispanic/Latino	11.0	0.9	1,966
Black	12.4	1.2	1,042
Asian	14.9	1.5	84
Native American	3.8	0.9	14
Pacific Islander	---	---	3
Multi-Racial	6.8	1.2	508
Unable to Determine	5.1	0.9	343
<b>Total</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>7,552</b>

- The **table** on the next page displays the median age and continuous time in care for all children less than 18 years old in placement on 9/30/2013. These children may have been in different types of placement prior to this quarter end-date.
- Foster children in Unrestricted, Kinship, Child Specific, and Pre-Adoptive homes are the youngest among all placement types. Pre-Adoptive foster children have the lowest median age but a relatively longer length of stay—waiting for termination of parental rights (See **table** on next page).
- Compared to other types of foster care, the 6 children in Independent Living had the highest median age (and relatively low 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 independent living. Ninety-nine percent of total consumers in the foster care Independent Living model were 18 or older (See pages 56-57).
- Children in contracted Intensive Foster Care (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.
- The major congregate models are Intensive Group Home (439 children), Residential School (398), and Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (STARR) (329). (See **table** on next page)
- Children in the different congregate care programs were similar in age but differed in their length of stay. Children in a Residential Schools had the highest median time in placement (2.1 years).

- The group home model 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 7 children (16-17 years old) in the Independent Living/Pre-Independent Living programs. Ninety-three percent of total consumers in the congregate care Independent Living and Pre-Independent Living models were 18 years or older (See pages 56-57).
- The STARR program is a short-term residential placement service; this is reflected in the 0.2 year median length of stay.

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

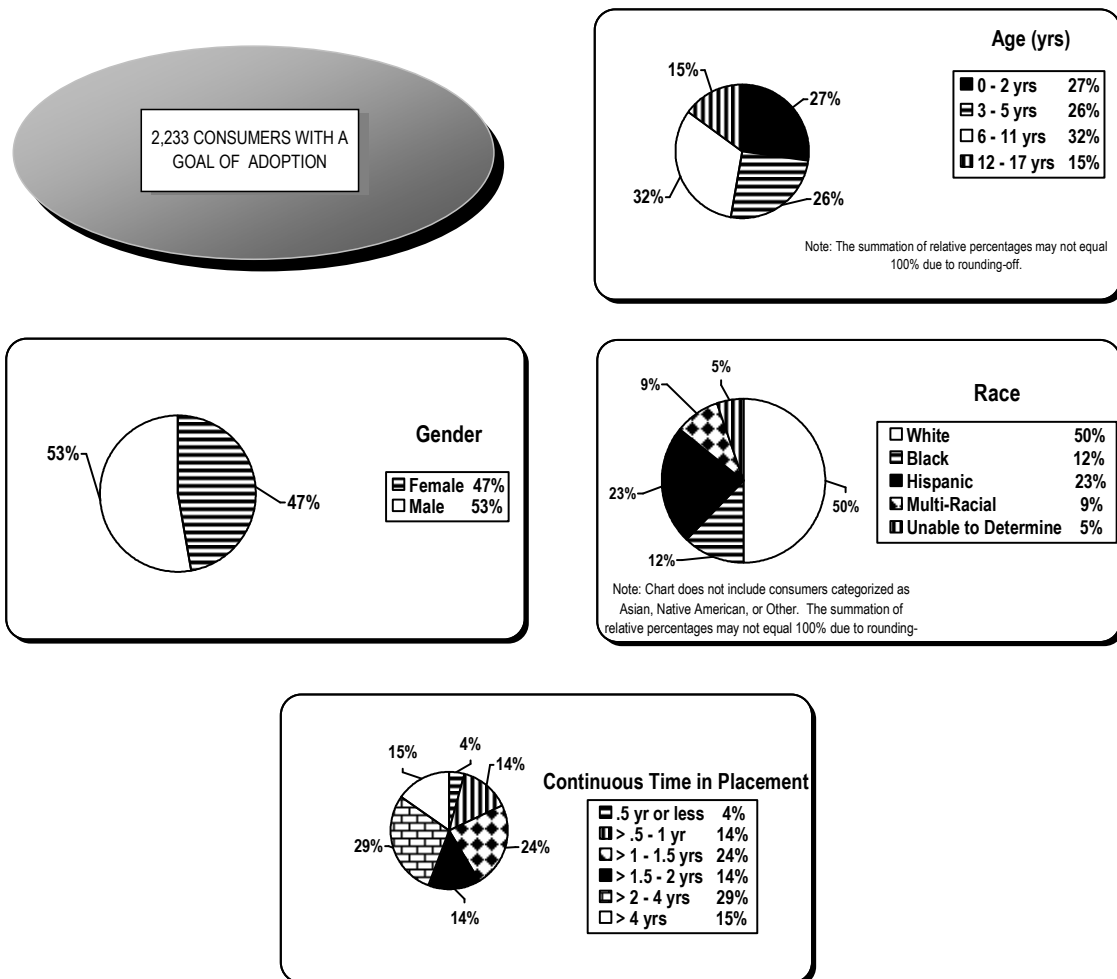
<i>Placement Type as of 9/30/2013</i>	<i>Median Age (yrs)</i>	<i>Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)</i>	<i>Number of Children</i>
<i>Foster Care:</i>			
Unrestricted	4.9	0.7	1,769
Kinship	6.0	0.9	1,971
Child Specific	9.2	1.2	370
Pre-Adoptive	4.7	2.0	433
Independent Living	17.7	0.7	6
Intensive Foster Care (contracted)	13.3	1.6	1,384
<i>Congregate Care:</i>			
Group Home	16.5	1.4	158
Intensive Group Home	15.2	1.2	439
Pre-Independent Living Group Home	17.2	0.6	5
Independent Living Group Home	---	---	2
Residential School	15.5	2.1	398
STARR	15.0	0.2	329
Teen Parent Program	17.5	0.8	12
On the Run & Non-Referral Locations	16.1	0.8	276
<b>Total</b>	9.8	1.0	7,552

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

- Out of 2,233 consumers (includes 3 youths 18 years or older) in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,110 (50%) were White, 524 (23%) were Hispanic/Latino, 272 (12%) were Black, 9 (<1%) were Asian, 5 (<1%) were Native American, and 198 (9%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 115 (5%) consumers. (**Table 14** on page 33, **Table 15** on page 34, **Fig. 17** on next page)
- The age distribution of 2,233 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 27% age 0-2 years, 26% age 3-5 years, 32% age 6-11 years, and 15% age 12-17 years. (**Table 15, Fig. 17**)

- Fifty-three percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 47% were female. (Fig. 17)
- Forty-four percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of adoption had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (Table 16 on page 34, Fig. 17)
- Forty-six 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, HISPANIC ORIGIN, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT OF CONSUMERS WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION  
FY'2014, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)**



- There has been a decline in the number of children<sup>18</sup> in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of children with a goal of adoption fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In 2001, children in placement with a goal of adoption dropped below 3,000. Over the years, changes in the number of children with a goal of adoption have often coincided with changes in the placement population. (See **table** below)
- Over the past 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 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY’2014, the proportion of children in placement with a goal of adoption was 30%. (See **table** below)

### Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement

<b>Date mo/yr</b>	<b>Children in Placement</b>	<b>Children in Placement with a Goal of Adoption</b>	<b>% of Children with a Goal of Adoption</b>
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%
6/13	7,368	2,132	29%
9/13	7,552	2,230	30%

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

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

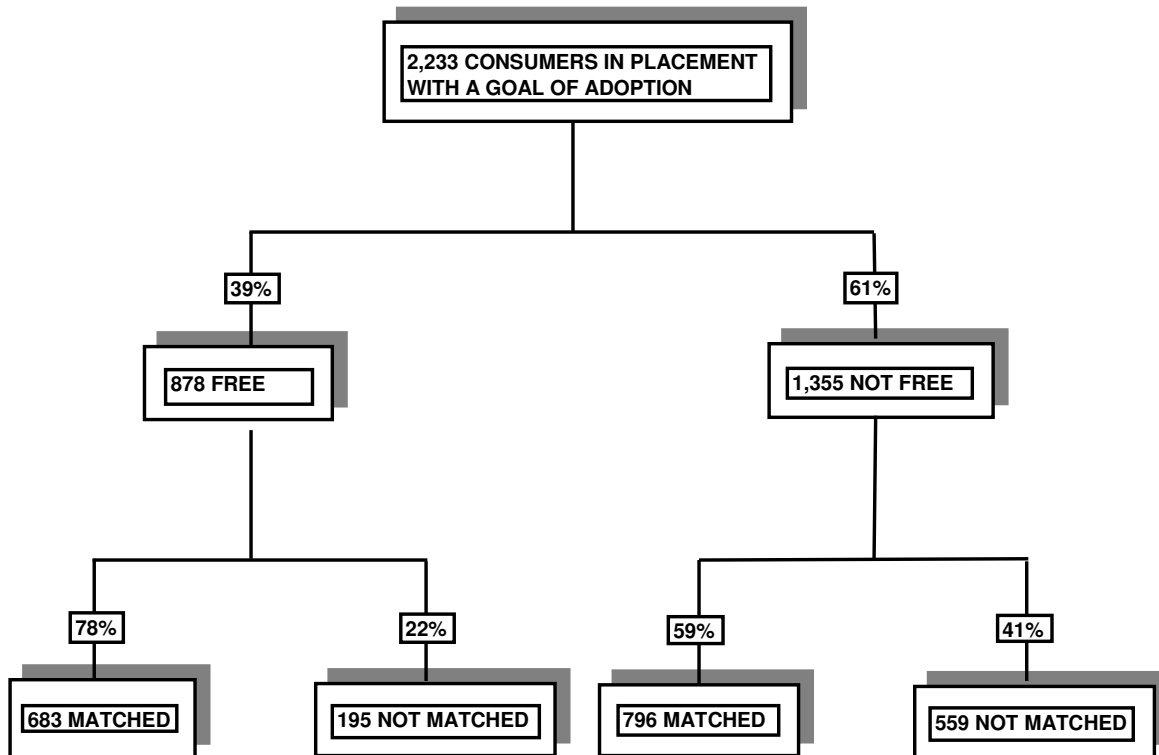
- Of the 2,233 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 39% were legally free for adoption. Seventy-eight percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. (**Fig. 18** on next page)
- The adolescent age group had the highest proportion of children who were legally free for adoption (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 9/30/13		% Legally Free for Adoption
	Children with Goal of Adoption & Legally Free for Adoption	All Children with Goal of Adoption	
	No.	No.	%
0 – 2	182	604	30%
3 – 5	227	570	40%
6 – 11	297	719	41%
12 – 17	171	337	51%
<b>Total</b>	877	2,230	39%

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

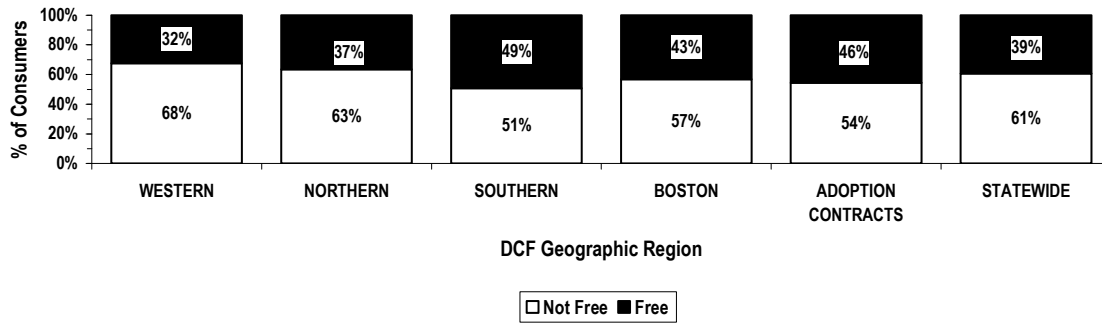
- Of those children with a goal of adoption who were not legally free for adoption (61%), 59% were matched to permanent families (**Fig. 18**).
- The proportion of children in placement with a goal of adoption who were legally free for adoption ranged from 32% in the West to 49% in the South (**Fig. 19** on page 42). On an area office basis, the proportion of legally free children ranged from 23% in both South Central and Greenfield to 69% in Coastal (**Appendix Table A10** on page 79).
- The proportion of children in placement with a goal of adoption who were matched to a permanent family ranged from 56% in Boston to 73% in the South (**Fig. 20** on page 42). 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 42% in Worcester East to 86% in Arlington (**Appendix Table A11** on page 80).

**FIGURE 18. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION:  
 LEGAL STATUS AND MATCH STATUS  
 FY'2014, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)**

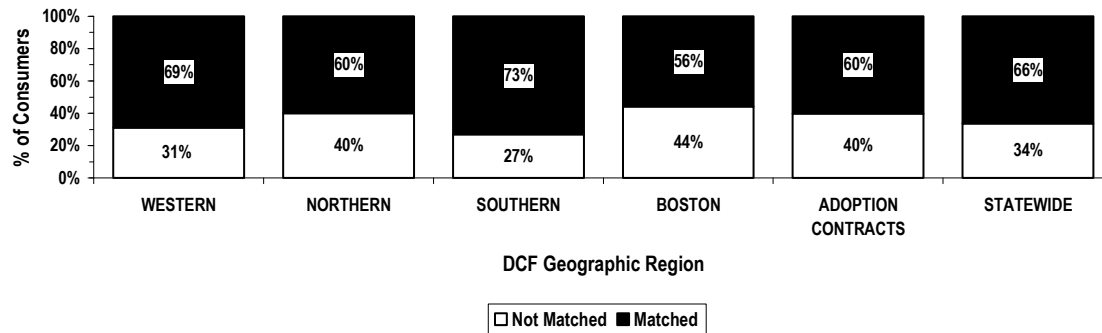


Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption  
 Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 19. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION  
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS  
FY'2014, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)**



**FIGURE 20. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION  
AND WHETHER MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY  
FY'14, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)**

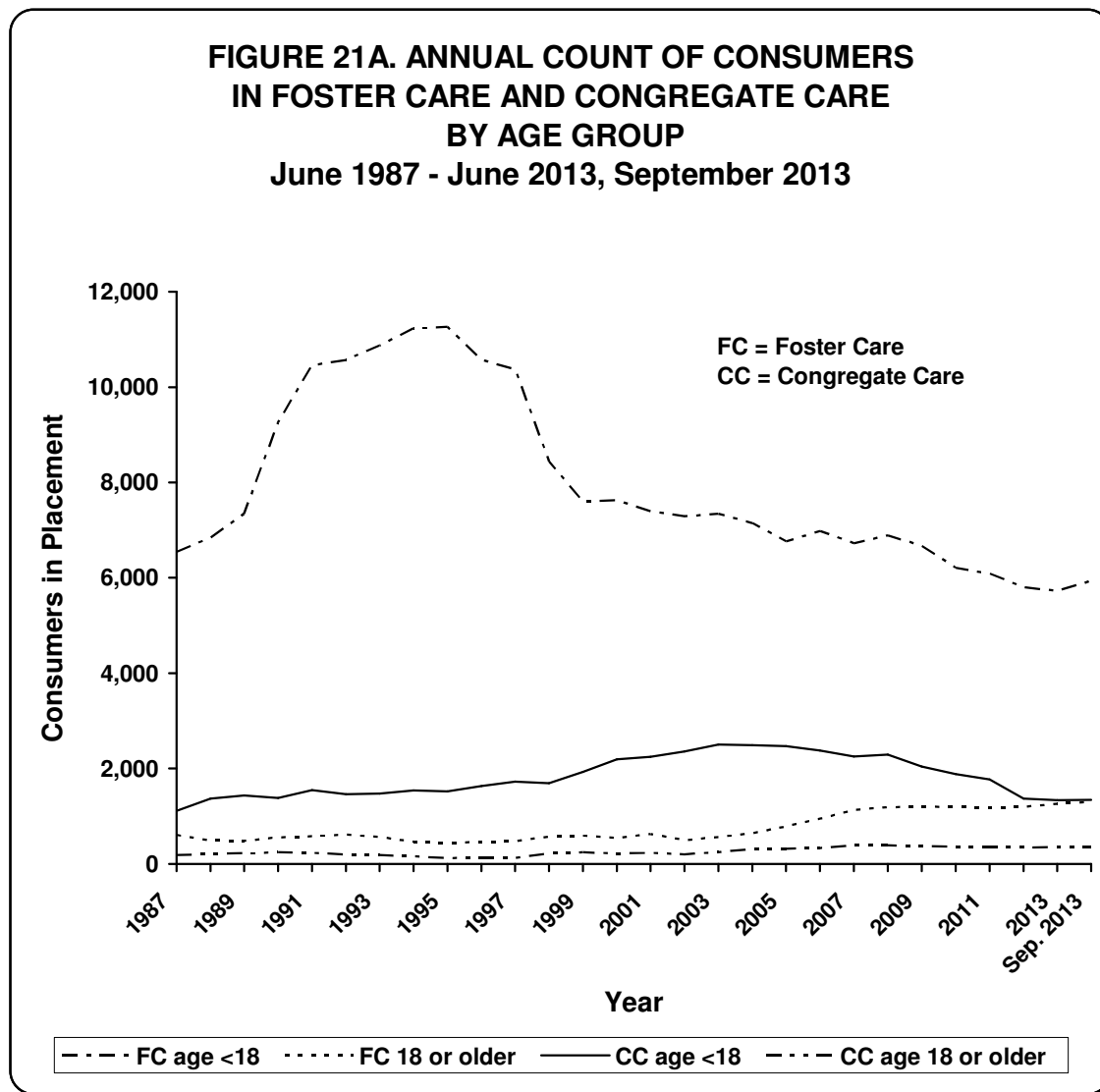




## E. Foster and Congregate Care

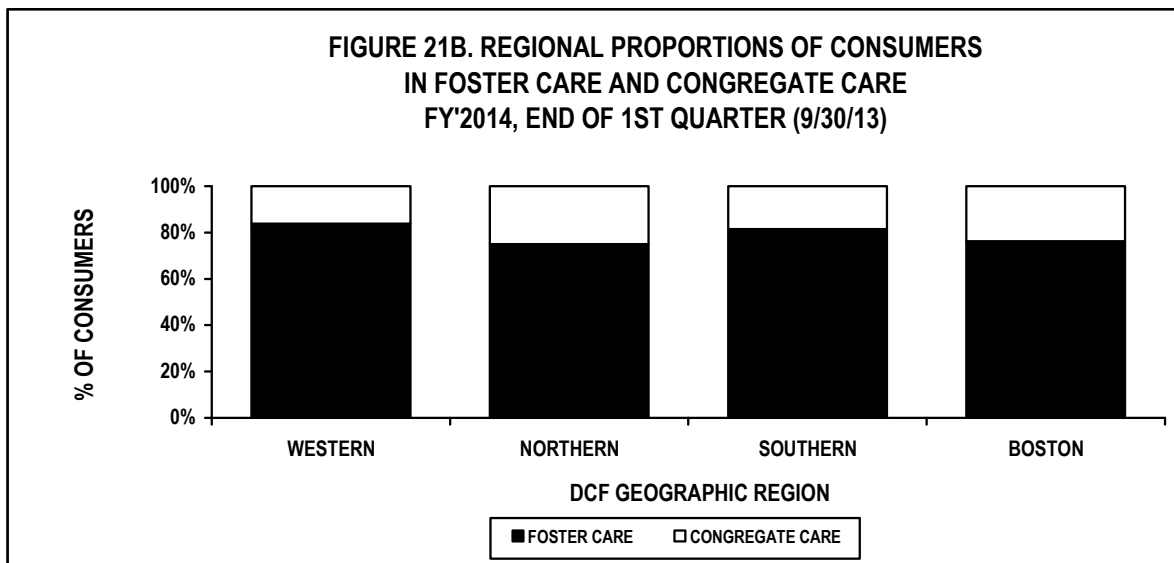
### Trends

- 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 the first half of 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** on previous page). 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 7,239 consumers in foster care and 1,706 consumers in congregate care<sup>19</sup> on the last day of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY’2014. (**Table 17A** on page 46, **Fig. 21B**)



- Adolescents (12-17 years) were the primary age group in foster care (23-27% range across regions) and congregate care (66-69% range across regions). (**Table 17A**)
- Adolescents were also the primary age group in “Other” placement locations<sup>20</sup> (74-78% regional range). (**Table 17A**)
- Among children not in placement, the 6-11 age group was as prominent as the adolescent age group across the regions. (**Table 17D**)
- The foster care racial proportions ranged from: White—20% in Boston to 59% in the South; Black—9% in both the West and North to 43% in Boston; and Hispanic/Latino—14% in the South to 31% in the North (**Table 18A** on page 50). The congregate care racial proportions by region were similar to those for foster care (**Table 18A**).

<sup>19</sup>Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

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

- 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 51-52).
- There were 1,642 consumers in “Intensive” foster care<sup>21</sup> (IFC) and 5,597 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%).<sup>22</sup> (**Table 17B** on page 47 or **Table 18B** on page 51)
- A breakdown of the number of consumers in foster care by region is displayed in **Fig. 22B** on page 53.
- The proportions of consumers in different types of foster care are shown for each region in **Figure 22A** (page 53). Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West. The South and Boston had the largest proportions 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 had the largest proportion of consumers in intensive foster care. (**Fig. 22A**)
- The major congregate care models were group homes (733 consumers, intensive and “regular” group homes), residential schools<sup>23</sup> (524), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)<sup>24</sup> (332 consumers). (**Table 17C** on page 48)
- The proportions of consumers in different types of congregate care are shown for each region in **Figure 23A** (on page 54). The North, West, and Boston 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 models are presented in **Fig. 23B** on page 54 and **Table 17C**.

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<sup>21</sup>Intensive Foster Care encompasses and expands upon services formerly known as “Contracted” Foster Care (Therapeutic, Diagnostic, Independent Living, Emergency Shelter, and Other models). IFC programs provide therapeutic services and supports in a family-based placement setting to children and youth for whom a traditional foster care environment is not sufficiently supportive, who are transitioning from a residential/group home level of care and require the intensity of services available through this program, or who are being discharged from a hospital setting.

<sup>22</sup> The Departmental foster care category of independent living represents payment of the foster care rate directly to youth to subsidize their room and board expenses.

<sup>23</sup> Staff secure placement is for children who have not sufficiently internalized behavioral controls and require a more highly structured setting to help them manage their behavior. These facilities are licensed by the Department of Education. Special education services are provided according to the child’s Individual Education Plan (IEP).

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

**TABLE 17A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2014, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Age Group	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
<b>Western</b>		<b>2,810</b>		<b>541</b>		<b>122</b>		<b>3,473</b>
	(0 - 2 yrs)	597	21%	---	---	2	2%	599
	(3 - 5 yrs)	485	17%	5	1%	3	2%	493
	(6 - 11 yrs)	607	22%	77	14%	12	10%	696
	(12 - 17 yrs)	723	26%	357	66%	90	74%	1,170
	18 or older	398	14%	102	19%	15	12%	515
<b>Northern</b>		<b>1,385</b>		<b>458</b>		<b>74</b>		<b>1,917</b>
	(0 - 2 yrs)	248	18%	---	---	---	---	248
	(3 - 5 yrs)	197	14%	1	*	2	3%	200
	(6 - 11 yrs)	251	18%	34	7%	4	5%	289
	(12 - 17 yrs)	370	27%	302	66%	57	77%	729
	18 or older	319	23%	121	26%	11	15%	451
<b>Southern</b>		<b>1,871</b>		<b>422</b>		<b>56</b>		<b>2,349</b>
	(0 - 2 yrs)	423	23%	2	*	3	5%	428
	(3 - 5 yrs)	287	15%	7	2%	---	---	294
	(6 - 11 yrs)	384	21%	62	15%	6	11%	452
	(12 - 17 yrs)	433	23%	291	69%	43	77%	767
	18 or older	344	18%	60	14%	4	7%	408
<b>Boston</b>		<b>832</b>		<b>259</b>		<b>59</b>		<b>1,150</b>
	(0 - 2 yrs)	166	20%	2	1%	1	2%	169
	(3 - 5 yrs)	126	15%	4	2%	---	---	130
	(6 - 11 yrs)	163	20%	23	9%	4	7%	190
	(12 - 17 yrs)	218	26%	171	66%	46	78%	435
	18 or older	159	19%	59	23%	8	14%	226
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup></b>		<b>218</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>221</b>
	(0 - 2 yrs)	35	16%	---	---	---	---	35
	(3 - 5 yrs)	62	28%	---	---	1	100%	63
	(6 - 11 yrs)	80	37%	---	---	---	---	80
	(12 - 17 yrs)	40	18%	2	100%	---	---	42
<b>Other <sup>(4)</sup></b>		<b>123</b>		<b>24</b>		<b>13</b>		<b>160</b>
	(6 - 11 yrs)	8	7%	1	4%	---	---	9
	(12 - 17 yrs)	30	24%	2	8%	2	15%	34
	18 or older	85	69%	21	88%	11	85%	117
<b>Total</b>		<b>7,239</b>		<b>1,706</b>		<b>325</b>		<b>9,270</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

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

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

**TABLE 17B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2014, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Age Group	Foster Care					Foster Care Total	
		Intensive Foster Care <sup>(2)</sup>	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive		Unrestricted
<b>Western</b>		<b>599</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>2,810</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	12	30	---	230	68	257	597
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	33	31	---	190	53	178	485
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	129	44	---	231	50	153	607
	(12 - 17 yrs)	340	65	2	136	15	165	723
	18 or older	85	22	244	15	1	31	398
<b>Northern</b>		<b>380</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>1,385</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	37	7	---	62	20	122	248
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	38	10	---	66	13	70	197
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	83	15	---	84	13	56	251
	(12 - 17 yrs)	162	32	3	74	11	88	370
	18 or older	60	9	222	11	---	17	319
<b>Southern</b>		<b>360</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>1,871</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	31	14	---	149	37	192	423
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	41	8	---	132	31	75	287
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	71	13	---	174	34	92	384
	(12 - 17 yrs)	156	44	1	135	1	96	433
	18 or older	61	21	219	18	1	24	344
<b>Boston</b>		<b>200</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>832</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	13	7	---	81	13	52	166
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	21	13	---	48	6	38	126
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	43	14	---	68	7	31	163
	(12 - 17 yrs)	95	12	---	62	3	46	218
	18 or older	28	8	103	8	---	12	159
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup></b>		<b>50</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>218</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	1	2	---	9	6	17	35
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	8	4	---	14	19	17	62
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	22	4	---	20	23	11	80
	(12 - 17 yrs)	19	1	---	5	10	5	40
<b>Other <sup>(4)</sup></b>		<b>53</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>122</b>
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	6	---	---	---	---	1	7
	(12 - 17 yrs)	23	---	---	---	---	7	30
	18 or older	24	2	37	---	---	22	85
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,642</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>2,024</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>1,875</b>	<b>7,239</b>

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

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

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

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

TABLE 17C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2014, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Congregate Care							Teen Parent	Total
	Group Home				Residential	STARR <sup>(2)</sup>			
	Group Home	Intensive Group Home	Independent Living	Pre-Independent Living	Residential School				
<b>Western</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>541</b>	
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	1	4	---	5	
( 6 - 11 yrs)	9	26	---	---	19	23	---	77	
(12 - 17 yrs)	38	146	---	1	88	81	3	357	
18 or older	21	14	20	3	41	1	2	102	
<b>Northern</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>458</b>	
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	1	
( 6 - 11 yrs)	2	15	---	---	13	4	---	34	
(12 - 17 yrs)	43	88	2	---	87	79	3	302	
18 or older	31	14	38	4	32	2	---	121	
<b>Southern</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>422</b>	
( 0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	2	
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	6	---	7	
( 6 - 11 yrs)	1	24	---	---	17	20	---	62	
(12 - 17 yrs)	33	69	---	4	99	83	3	291	
18 or older	15	7	5	4	26	---	3	60	
<b>Boston</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>259</b>	
( 0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	2	
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	2	---	---	---	2	---	4	
( 6 - 11 yrs)	1	13	---	---	9	---	---	23	
(12 - 17 yrs)	30	55	---	---	62	21	3	171	
18 or older	13	13	4	1	25	---	3	59	
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>2</b>	
( 12 - 17yrs)	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	2	
<b>Other <sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>24</b>	
( 6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	1	
(12 - 17 yrs)	1	---	---	---	1	---	---	2	
18 or older	4	4	7	4	2	---	---	21	
<b>Total</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1,706</b>	

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

<sup>(2)</sup> STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

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

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

**TABLE 17D. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY  
DCF REGION: FY'2014, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Age Group	Children <sup>(2)</sup> Not in Placement	
		No.	%
<b>West</b>		<b>12,114</b>	
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	2,467	20%
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	2,287	19%
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	3,848	32%
	(12 - 17 yrs)	3,509	29%
	Unspecified	3	*
<b>North</b>		<b>5,192</b>	
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	999	19%
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	918	18%
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	1,671	32%
	(12 - 17 yrs)	1,604	31%
<b>South</b>		<b>7,078</b>	
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	1,496	21%
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	1,249	18%
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	2,221	31%
	(12 - 17 yrs)	2,112	30%
<b>Boston</b>		<b>3,748</b>	
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	755	20%
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	673	18%
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	1,203	32%
	(12 - 17 yrs)	1,117	30%
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup></b>		<b>21</b>	
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	1	5%
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	8	38%
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	8	38%
	(12 - 17 yrs)	4	19%
<b>Other <sup>(4)</sup></b>		<b>14</b>	
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	3	21%
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	6	43%
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	4	29%
	(12 - 17 yrs)	1	7%
<b>Total</b>		<b>28,167</b>	

<sup>(1)</sup> Region having responsibility for the case.

<sup>(2)</sup> Children less than 18 years old with an active case status on the last day of the quarter who were in a case with a comprehensive assessment or a service plan, and were not in placement.

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

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

**TABLE 18A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2014, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Age Group	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
<b>Western</b>		<b>2,810</b>		<b>541</b>		<b>122</b>		<b>3,473</b>
	White	1,384	49%	259	48%	54	44%	1,697
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	854	30%	177	33%	50	41%	1,081
	Black	264	9%	61	11%	12	10%	337
	Asian	8	*	1	*	1	1%	10
	Native American	4	*	---	---	---	---	4
	Pacific Islander	1	*	---	---	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	158	6%	25	5%	2	2%	185
	Unable to Determine	137	5%	18	3%	3	2%	158
<b>Northern</b>		<b>1,385</b>		<b>458</b>		<b>74</b>		<b>1,917</b>
	White	649	47%	228	50%	27	36%	904
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	423	31%	137	30%	37	50%	597
	Black	120	9%	57	12%	2	3%	179
	Asian	53	4%	9	2%	2	3%	64
	Pacific Islander	---	---	2	*	---	---	2
	Multi-Racial	91	7%	16	3%	3	4%	110
	Unable to Determine	49	4%	9	2%	3	4%	61
<b>Southern</b>		<b>1,871</b>		<b>422</b>		<b>56</b>		<b>2,349</b>
	White	1,101	59%	250	59%	28	50%	1,379
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	256	14%	54	13%	9	16%	319
	Black	242	13%	70	17%	10	18%	322
	Asian	10	1%	4	1%	1	2%	15
	Native American	10	1%	1	*	---	---	11
	Multi-Racial	160	9%	28	7%	4	7%	192
	Unable to Determine	92	5%	15	4%	4	7%	111
<b>Boston</b>		<b>832</b>		<b>259</b>		<b>59</b>		<b>1,150</b>
	White	165	20%	32	12%	10	17%	207
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	233	28%	73	28%	21	36%	327
	Black	360	43%	141	54%	24	41%	525
	Asian	13	2%	2	1%	---	---	15
	Multi-Racial	42	5%	6	2%	3	5%	51
	Unable to Determine	19	2%	5	2%	1	2%	25
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(4)</sup></b>		<b>218</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>221</b>
	White	109	50%	1	50%	1	100%	111
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	49	22%	1	50%	---	---	50
	Black	28	13%	---	---	---	---	28
	Multi-Racial	20	9%	---	---	---	---	20
	Unable to Determine	11	5%	---	---	---	---	11
<b>Other <sup>(5)</sup></b>		<b>123</b>		<b>24</b>		<b>13</b>		<b>160</b>
	White	1	1%	---	---	---	---	1
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	50	41%	15	63%	10	77%	75
	Black	27	22%	4	17%	1	8%	32
	Asian	35	28%	3	13%	0	0%	38
	Unable to Determine	10	8%	2	8%	2	15%	14
<b>Total</b>		<b>7,239</b>		<b>1,706</b>		<b>325</b>		<b>9,270</b>

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

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

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

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

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



**TABLE 18B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2014, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Age Group	Foster Care					Foster Care Total	
		Intensive Foster Care <sup>(2)</sup>	Departmental Foster Care			Unrestricted		
			Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship			Pre-Adoptive
<b>Western</b>		<b>599</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>2,810</b>
	White	253	103	109	438	104	377	1,384
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	215	50	81	216	55	237	854
	Black	78	24	39	40	13	70	264
	Asian	3	---	---	1	2	2	8
	Native American	1	1	---	---	---	2	4
	Pacific Islander	0	---	---	---	---	1	1
	Multi-Racial	32	4	10	59	6	47	158
	Unable to Determine	17	10	7	48	7	48	137
<b>Northern</b>		<b>380</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>1,385</b>
	White	175	40	100	170	23	141	649
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	110	20	70	68	21	134	423
	Black	37	5	30	19	3	26	120
	Asian	9	2	17	11	1	13	53
	Multi-Racial	33	2	7	20	4	25	91
	Unable to Determine	16	4	1	9	5	14	49
<b>Southern</b>		<b>360</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>1,871</b>
	White	191	73	113	384	61	279	1,101
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	51	4	38	79	12	72	256
	Black	58	10	49	67	11	47	242
	Asian	1	2	4	---	---	3	10
	Native American	1	1	---	7	---	1	10
	Multi-Racial	39	4	10	48	9	50	160
	Unable to Determine	19	6	6	23	11	27	92
<b>Boston</b>		<b>200</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>832</b>
	White	47	11	21	57	7	22	165
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	58	15	28	69	8	55	233
	Black	79	23	51	116	11	80	360
	Asian	1	1	2	2	1	6	13
	Multi-Racial	12	2	---	18	---	10	42
	Unable to Determine	3	2	1	5	2	6	19
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(4)</sup></b>		<b>50</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>218</b>
	White	26	9	---	27	30	17	109
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	13	---	---	11	9	16	49
	Black	9	2	---	4	8	5	28
	Multi-Racial	1	---	---	4	7	8	20
	Unable to Determine	1	---	---	2	4	4	11
<b>Other <sup>(5)</sup></b>		<b>53</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>123</b>
	White	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	21	---	19	---	---	10	50
	Black	6	2	8	---	---	11	27
	Asian	20	---	10	---	---	5	35
	Unable to Determine	6	---	---	---	---	4	10
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,642</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>2,024</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>1,875</b>	<b>7,239</b>

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

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

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

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

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

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

**TABLE 18C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2014, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Congregate Care							Total
	Group Home				Residential	STARR <sup>(2)</sup>		
	Group Home	Group Home	Independent Living	Pre-Independent Living	Residential School	Teen Parent		
<b>Western</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>541</b>
White	39	7	86	2	69	54	2	259
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	22	6	59	---	54	33	3	177
Black	3	4	23	1	17	13	---	61
Asian	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	1
Multi-Racial	3	1	10	1	4	6	---	25
Unable to Determine	1	1	8	---	5	3	---	18
<b>Northern</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>458</b>
White	40	18	60	2	75	33	---	228
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	25	11	35	1	28	34	3	137
Black	5	8	18	1	13	12	---	57
Asian	1	1	---	---	5	2	---	9
Pacific Islander	1	---	---	---	1	---	---	2
Multi-Racial	4	2	3	---	3	4	---	16
Unable to Determine	---	---	1	---	7	1	---	9
<b>Southern</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>422</b>
White	34	4	54	7	85	63	3	250
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	8	---	14	---	17	12	3	54
Black	4	1	20	1	24	20	---	70
Asian	2	---	---	---	1	1	---	4
Native American	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
Multi-Racial	1	---	11	---	6	10	---	28
Unable to Determine	---	---	2	---	8	5	---	15
<b>Boston</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>259</b>
White	7	---	13	---	11	1	---	32
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	11	1	24	---	21	12	4	73
Black	25	2	40	1	61	10	2	141
Asian	---	---	1	---	---	1	---	2
Multi-Racial	1	---	2	---	2	1	---	6
Unable to Determine	---	1	3	---	1	---	---	5
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>2</b>
White	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	1
<b>Other <sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>24</b>
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	4	2	4	3	2	---	---	15
Black	1	2	---	1	---	---	---	4
Asian	---	3	---	---	---	---	---	3
Unable to Determine	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1,706</b>

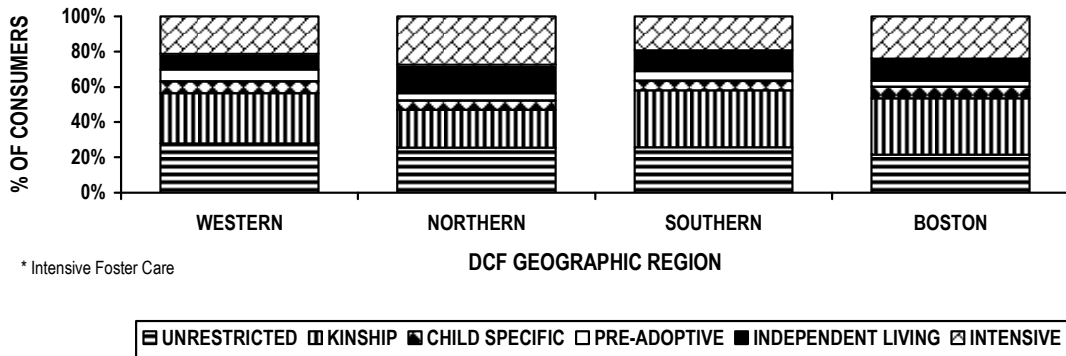
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<sup>(2)</sup> STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

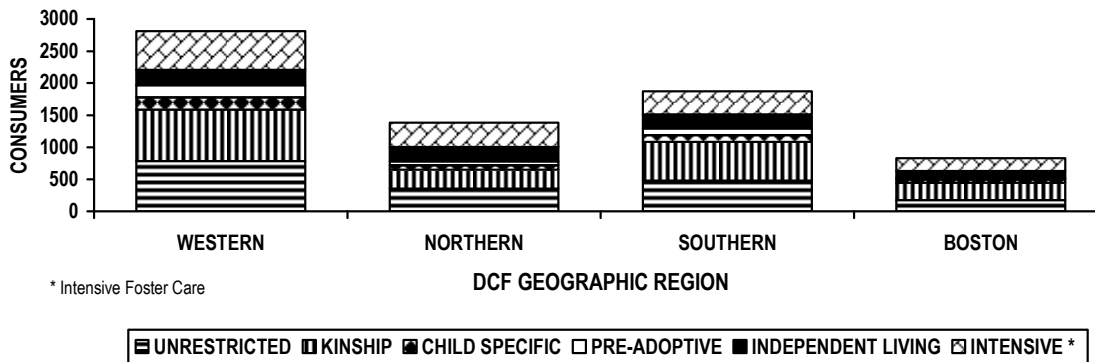
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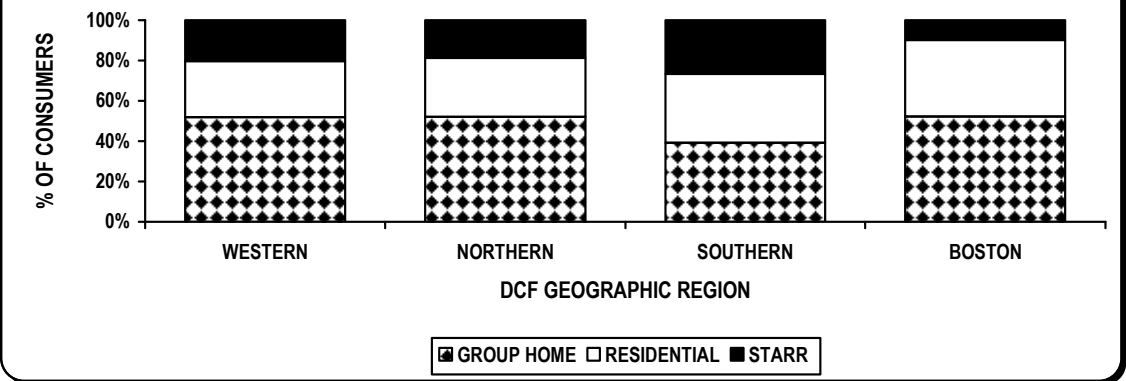
**FIGURE 22A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS  
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2014, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)**



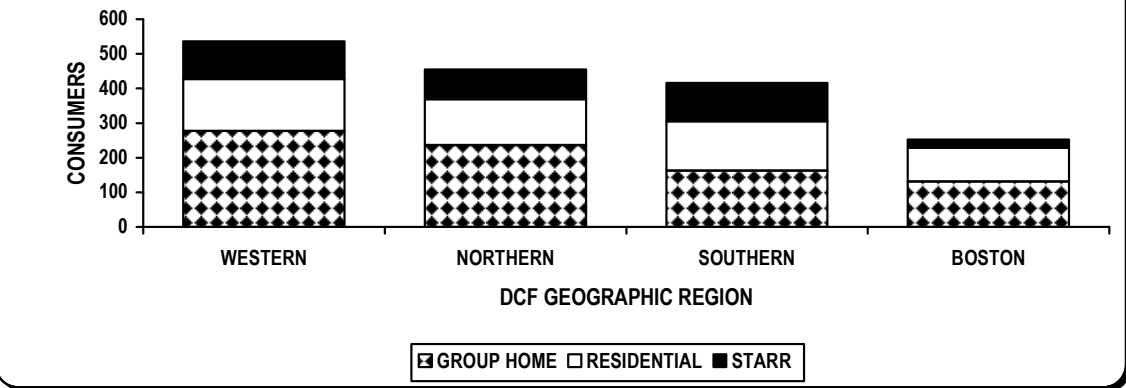
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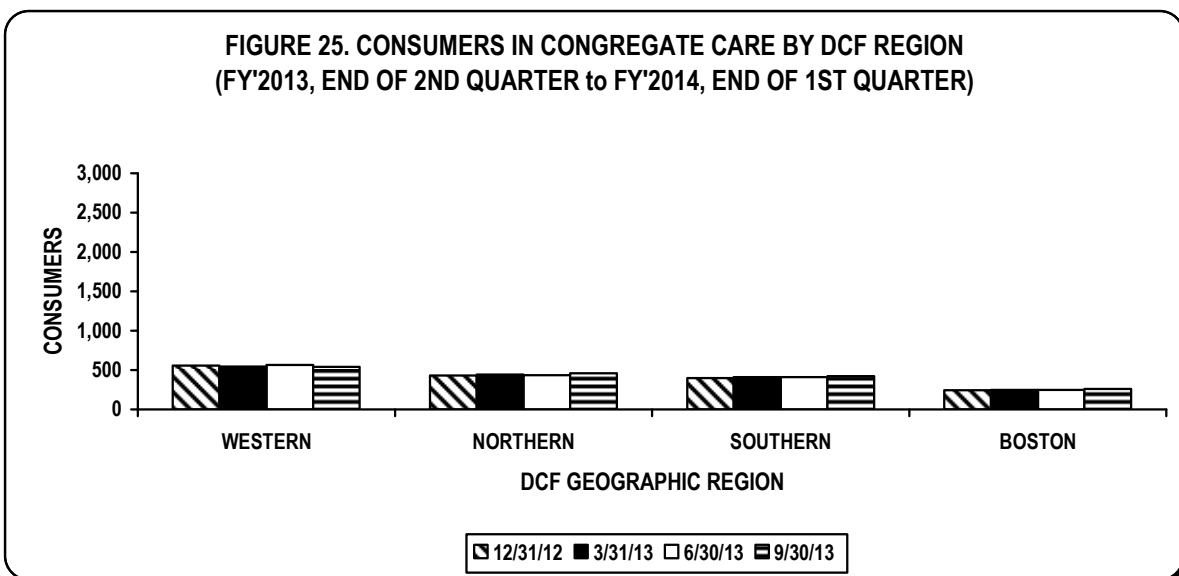
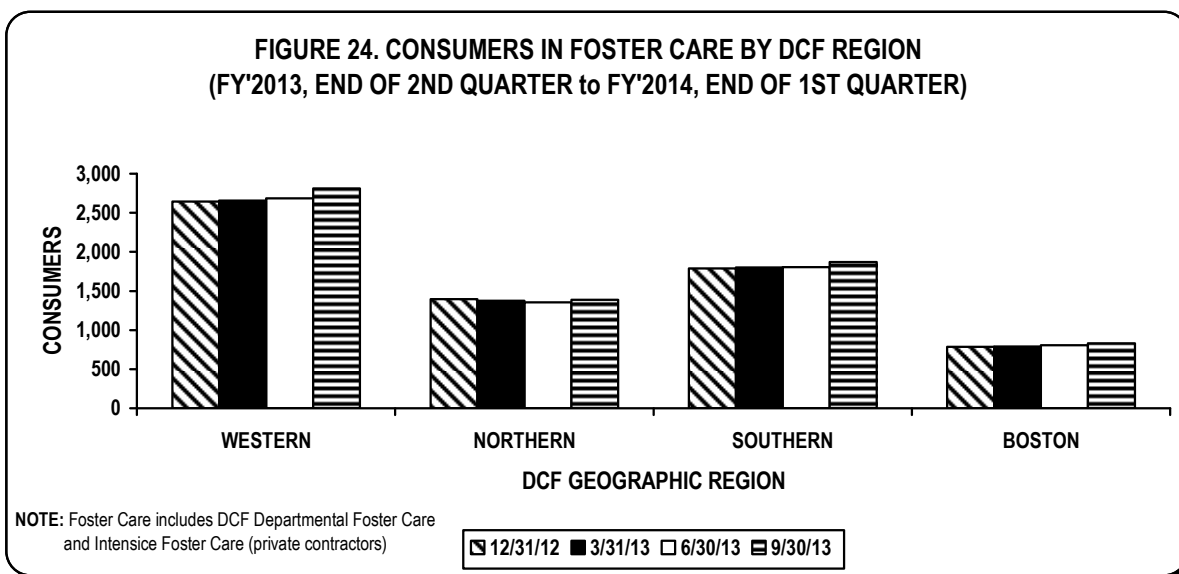
**FIGURE 23A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS  
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2014, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)**



**FIGURE 23B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS  
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2014, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)**



- From the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2013 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, there were increases of 4% in the foster care population and 1% in the congregate care population (Figs. 24 and 25).<sup>25</sup>
- Declines in statewide numbers of consumers in placement, foster care, and congregate care have occurred in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter over the past 4 years. Seasonal variation is not the only contributing factor. Annual counts of placement children have shown a steady decline since 1995 (Fig. 13A on page 24, Fig. 21A on page 43, Appendix Table A1 on page 70).



<sup>25</sup> Both foster care and congregate care include young adults 18 years or older.

## F. Independent Living

Of the 7,239 consumers in foster care, 831 were in the Departmental foster care category of “Independent Living.” These children are in a school or vocational program and need financial support to transition to living independently. They receive foster care payments directly to pay for room and board expenses as long as they fully participate in an educational or vocational program, and meet with their social worker as arranged. Placement services may be extended to the youth’s 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday if it is demonstrated that without DCF financial support the student will not complete a Bachelor’s program. On 9/30/2013, the ages of these children ranged from 16 to 24 years old.

Of the 1,706 consumers in congregate care, 97 were in the group home model of “Independent Living/Pre-Independent Living.” This placement service includes group homes as well as supervised or supported apartments designed for older adolescents who are developing the skills to live in the community in their own homes or apartments. On 9/30/2013, the ages of these children ranged from 16 to 22 years old.

- The Western Region had the highest number of independent living children in foster care while the Northern Region had the highest number in group homes. (See **table** below).
- Of the 831 youth in the Departmental foster care independent living model, 99% were 18 years or older, 59% were female, 41% were White, 21% were Black, 28% were Hispanic/Latino, and 69% had spent more than two years in continuous substitute care. (See **table** on next page)
- Of the 97 youth in independent living group homes, 93% were 18 years or older, 45% were female, 41% were White, 23% were Black, 25% were Hispanic/Latino, and 70% had spent more than two years in continuous substitute care. (See **table** on next page)

### Regional Distribution of Youth in the Independent Living FY’2014, End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (9/30/13)

Youth Receiving Foster Care Payment		DCF Region	Group Home*	
No.	%		No.	%
246	30%	Western	24	25%
225	27%	Northern	44	45%
220	26%	Southern	13	13%
103	12%	Boston	5	5%
37	4%	Other**	11	11%
831	100%	TOTAL	97	100%

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

\* Includes independent living and pre-independent living models.

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

**Demographic Profile of Youth in the Independent Living Program  
FY'2014, End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (9/30/13)**

<b>Youth Receiving Foster Care Payment</b>			<b>Group Home</b>	
<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>		<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
		<i><b>Age Group</b></i>		
6	1%	<b>16-17 years</b>	7	7%
825	99%	<b>18 years or Older</b>	90	93%
		<i><b>Gender</b></i>		
338	41%	<b>Male</b>	53	55%
493	59%	<b>Female</b>	44	45%
		<i><b>Race</b></i>		
343	41%	<b>White</b>	40	41%
177	21%	<b>Black</b>	22	23%
236	28%	<b>Hispanic/Latino</b>	24	25%
33	4%	<b>Asian</b>	5	5%
---	---	<b>Native American</b>	---	---
27	3%	<b>Multi-Racial</b>	4	4%
15	2%	<b>Undetermined</b>	2	2%
		<i><b>Continuous Time in Care</b></i>		
135	16%	<b>1 year or less</b>	13	13%
124	15%	<b>&gt;1 – 2 years</b>	16	16%
189	23%	<b>&gt;2 – 4 years</b>	28	29%
383	46%	<b>&gt;4 years</b>	40	41%
831	100%	<b>TOTAL</b>	97	100%

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

## G. Children in Kinship Placement<sup>26</sup>

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

- Statewide, 26% of all children in placement were in kinship foster care. The Fall River (37%), North Central (37%), and Pittsfield (35%) area offices had the highest proportions of placement children in Kinship foster care. (**Table 19A** on next page)
- Statewide, 29% of White, 22% of Hispanic/Latino, and 22% of Black children in placement were in Kinship foster care. (**Table 19B** on page 60)
- Of those area offices with more than 30 Hispanic children in placement, Fall River (40%), North Central (35%), and Park Street (34%) 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, Lynn (38%), Fall River (32%), New Bedford (31%), and Hyde Park (30%) 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 Harbor (59%), Haverhill (57%), and Hyde Park (55%) (**Table 19A**).

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<sup>26</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.



**TABLE 19A. CHILDREN <sup>(1)</sup> IN KINSHIP PLACEMENT AS A PROPORTION OF ALL CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT AND AS A PROPORTION OF ALL CHILDREN IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE: FY'2014, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)**

DCF Region/Area	Kinship Foster Care	All Placements	% Kinship in Placement	Departmental Foster Care	% Kinship in Departmental Foster Care
Greenfield	73	300	24%	204	36%
Holyoke	72	265	27%	171	42%
North Central	147	397	37%	284	52%
Pittsfield	122	344	35%	255	48%
Robert Van Wart	64	314	20%	170	38%
South Central	94	315	30%	232	41%
Springfield	57	378	15%	188	30%
Worcester East	108	384	28%	239	45%
Worcester West	49	255	19%	151	32%
Contracted Agencies	1	6	17%	4	25%
<b>Western</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>2,958</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>1,898</b>	<b>41%</b>
Cambridge	11	93	12%	37	30%
Cape Ann	43	170	25%	86	50%
Framingham	22	161	14%	75	29%
Haverhill	32	122	26%	56	57%
Lawrence	31	163	19%	93	33%
Lowell	68	293	23%	180	38%
Lynn	58	288	20%	157	37%
Malden	21	175	12%	62	34%
Contracted Agencies	---	1	---	---	---
<b>Northern</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>1,466</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>38%</b>
Arlington	40	148	27%	76	53%
Brockton	58	235	25%	131	44%
Cape Cod	64	201	32%	127	50%
Coastal	64	209	31%	131	49%
Fall River	127	347	37%	238	53%
New Bedford	111	361	31%	224	50%
Plymouth	62	219	28%	150	41%
Taunton/Attleboro	63	219	29%	150	42%
Contracted Agencies	1	2	50%	1	100%
<b>Southern</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>1,941</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>48%</b>
Dimock Street	60	247	24%	138	43%
Harbor	68	239	28%	116	59%
Hyde Park	51	177	29%	92	55%
Park Street	80	261	31%	155	52%
<b>Boston</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>52%</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>48</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>Other <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>1</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,971</b>	<b>7,552</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>4,549</b>	<b>43%</b>

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

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

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

**TABLE 19B. RACE OF CHILDREN <sup>(1)</sup> IN KINSHIP PLACEMENTS COMPARED TO ALL PLACEMENTS:  
FY'2014, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)**

DCF Region/ Area Office	Children in Kinship			Total Children in Placement			% Kinship Placements		
	Race			Race			Race		
	White	Hispanic <sup>(2)</sup>	Black	White	Hispanic <sup>(2)</sup>	Black	White	Hispanic <sup>(2)</sup>	Black
Greenfield	50	8	3	202	37	18	25%	22%	17%
Holyoke	28	38	2	83	148	17	34%	26%	12%
North Central	88	40	3	228	115	18	39%	35%	17%
Pittsfield	75	11	4	214	35	17	35%	31%	24%
Robert Van Wart	26	19	5	164	89	21	16%	21%	24%
South Central	75	10	2	227	60	12	33%	17%	17%
Springfield	12	30	9	66	202	78	18%	15%	12%
Worcester East	53	39	7	168	146	37	32%	27%	19%
Worcester West	22	17	4	114	88	27	19%	19%	15%
Contracted Agencies	1	---	---	1	1	3	100%	---	---
<b>Western</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1,467</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>16%</b>
Cambridge	6	5	---	39	21	23	15%	24%	---
Cape Ann	38	3	---	128	21	9	30%	14%	---
Framingham	8	7	2	87	42	8	9%	17%	25%
Haverhill	23	4	---	77	27	5	30%	15%	---
Lawrence	11	20	---	41	111	4	27%	18%	---
Lowell	41	13	1	124	107	9	33%	12%	11%
Lynn	23	12	14	110	92	37	21%	13%	38%
Malden	16	---	1	91	36	21	18%	---	5%
<b>Northern</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>16%</b>
Arlington	29	4	2	93	26	15	31%	15%	13%
Brockton	23	5	20	89	28	80	26%	18%	25%
Cape Cod	39	7	3	129	23	10	30%	30%	30%
Coastal	45	6	7	136	13	32	33%	46%	22%
Fall River	78	23	12	193	57	38	40%	40%	32%
New Bedford	61	23	13	193	74	42	32%	31%	31%
Plymouth	52	3	2	172	9	11	30%	33%	18%
Taunton/Attleboro	44	6	4	139	27	16	32%	22%	25%
Contracted Agencies	1	---	---	1	1	---	100%	---	---
<b>Southern</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>26%</b>
Dimock Street	4	17	33	24	66	132	17%	26%	25%
Harbor	34	21	5	89	103	24	38%	20%	21%
Hyde Park	6	5	35	21	30	116	29%	17%	30%
Park Street	12	25	37	36	73	126	33%	34%	29%
<b>Boston</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>28%</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>27</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Other <sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>1</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,052</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>3,592</b>	<b>1,966</b>	<b>1,042</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>22%</b>

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

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

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

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

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

- During the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, 1,889 consumers entered placement and 1,605 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 63)
- Compared to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, there was a 2% increase in consumers entering placement and a 5% decrease in consumers leaving placement during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2014.

### A. Entries to Placement

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, 65% were first-time entrants and 35% were re-entrants.<sup>27</sup> Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 59% in both Boston and the North to 67% in both the South and West. (Table 20, Fig. 26 on next page)
- Across the state, 62% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 23% were placed in congregate care,<sup>28</sup> and 15% were placed in non-referral locations.<sup>29</sup>
- Regionally, the proportion of all entrants placed in foster care ranged from 45% in the North to 72% in the West. In contrast, the proportion of all entrants placed in congregate care ranged from 16% 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-nine percent of first-time entrants and 49% of re-entrants were placed in foster care. Conversely, 34% of re-entrants and 17% of first-time entrants were placed in congregate care. (Table 20)

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

<sup>28</sup> Congregate Care includes group home, residential treatment, and short-term residential placement.

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

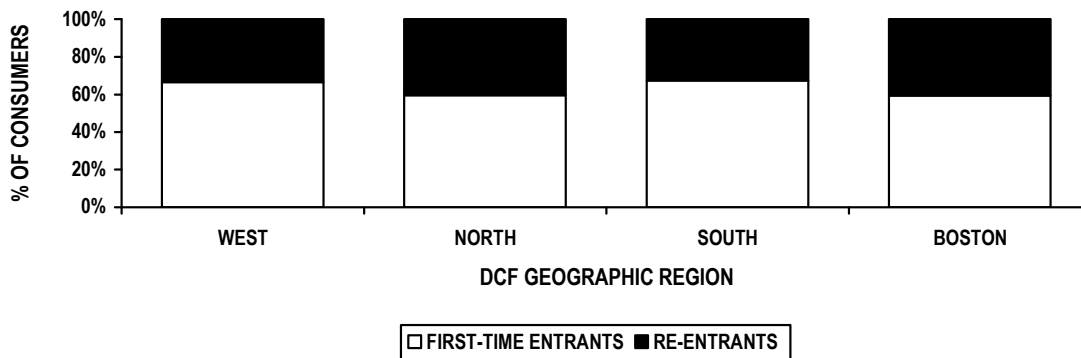
**TABLE 20. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2014, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/13 - 9/30/13)**

Entry Type: Placement Location Started	DCF Geographic Region					Total
	West	North	South	Boston	Other <sup>(1)</sup>	
<b>First-Time Entrants:</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1,220</b>
Foster Care	409	134	230	71	3	847
Congregate Care	58	63	65	21	0	207
Non-Referral Location <sup>(2)</sup>	48	45	47	19	7	166
<b>Re-Entrants:</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>669</b>
Foster Care	150	50	90	39	1	330
Congregate Care	66	80	59	19	2	226
Non-Referral Location <sup>(2)</sup>	43	35	16	18	1	113
<b>Total</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1,889</b>

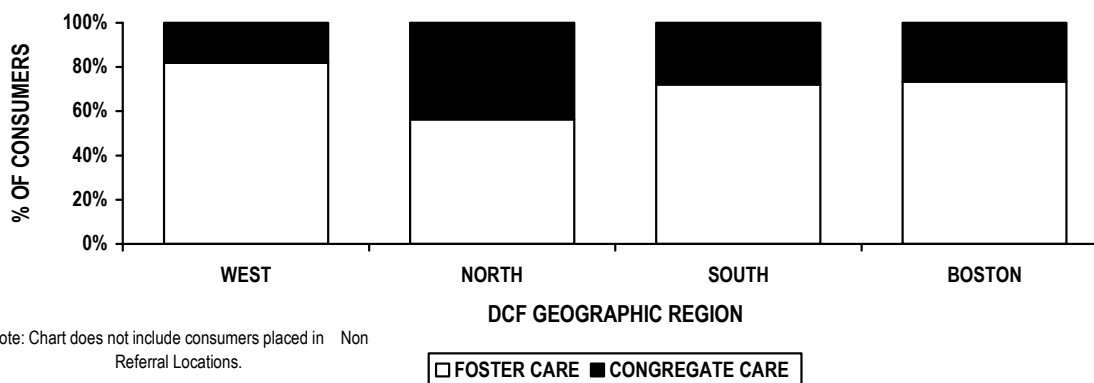
<sup>(1)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

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

**FIGURE 26. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT  
DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS)  
FY'2014, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/13 - 9/30/13)**



**FIGURE 27. ALL CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER  
TO FOSTER AND CONGREGATE CARE  
FY'2014, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/13 - 9/30/13)**



## B. Exits from Placement

- Statewide, 65% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 59% in Boston to 69% in the West. (Table 21)
- Statewide, 12% of consumers leaving placement were adopted, and 13% were emancipated (18 years or older), and 5% were granted guardianships. (Table 21)
- Regionally, the proportion of consumers leaving placement who were adopted ranged from 9% in the North to 11% in both the West and South. The proportion emancipated ranged from 9% in Boston to 15% in the North. The proportion granted guardianships ranged from 2% in the North to 14% in Boston. (Table 21)

**TABLE 21. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2014, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/13 - 9/30/13)**

Reason Placement Ended	DCF Geographic Region					Adoption		Total
	West	North	South	Boston	Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>	Other <sup>(2)</sup>		
Child Returned Home	429	247	287	82	---	2	1,047	
Child 18 or Older	78	53	53	12	---	9	205	
Consumer Adopted	71	32	48	14	24	1	190	
Guardianship	24	7	34	19	4	---	88	
Custody to Other Individual	17	14	12	4	---	---	47	
Custody to Other Agency	3	8	3	3	---	---	17	
Child on the Run	1	2	3	5	---	---	11	
<b>Total</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1,605</b>	

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

- 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 (9 median). (See table on next page)

**Consumers Leaving Placement (7/1/2013 – 9/30/2013)**

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)
Returned Home	1047	1	0.5
Emancipation (18 years or older)	205	2	3.2
Adoption	190	2	2.8
Guardianship	88	2	1.9
Custody to Other Individual or Agency	64	1	0.2
Child on the Run	11	1	0.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,605</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.8</b>

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

Reason Left Placement	1	2	3	4	5	8	Total
Returned Home	913	124	5	4	1	---	1047
Emancipation (18 years or older)	66	121	13	3	1	1	205
Adoption	53	137	---	---	---	---	190
Guardianship	31	57	---	---	---	---	88
Custody to Other Individual or Agency	53	9	1	1	---	---	64
Child on the Run	8	2	1	---	---	---	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>1124</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1605</b>

- The above table shows that 87% of consumers returned home had 1 placement and 12% had 2 placements. Thirty-two percent of emancipated consumers had 1 placement and 59% had 2 placements. Twenty-eight percent of adopted consumers had 1 placement and 72% had 2 placements. Thirty-five percent of guardianship consumers had 1 placement and 65% had 2 placements.
- The most notable difference among racial groups, when comparing reasons for leaving placement, was the proportion emancipated (See **table** below). Twenty-three percent of Black, 11% of Hispanic, and 12% of White consumers were emancipated. Fifty-four percent of Black, 70% of Hispanic, and 66% of White consumers were returned home. Adoption and guardianships proportions were similar among the racial groups.

**Consumers Leaving Placement (7/1/2013 – 9/30/2013)**

Reason Left Placement	White	Hispanic	Black	Asian	Multi-Racial	Other*	Total
Returned Home	481	300	123	13	63	67	1047
Emancipation (18 years or older)	86	48	53	6	7	5	205
Adoption	89	46	23	3	12	17	190
Guardianship	43	13	12	---	14	6	88
Custody to Other Individual or Agency	27	17	11	2	1	6	64
Child on the Run	4	2	5	---	---	---	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>1605</b>

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

## VII. FOSTER HOME DEMOGRAPHICS<sup>30</sup>

- At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, there were 3,872 foster homes under the direct supervision of DCF. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes<sup>31</sup> as well as unrestricted homes.<sup>32</sup> There were 1,709 restricted and 2,163 unrestricted foster homes at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2014—10% decrease for restricted and no change for unrestricted when compared to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2013. Unrestricted foster homes were at their highest number in 1998 (4,146) while restricted homes peaked in 2004 (2,576). **(Table 22 and Fig. 28 on next page)**
- Beginning with the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, restricted foster homes included all approved homes and only non-approved homes with a child currently in placement. In prior quarters, restricted foster homes included all non-approved homes. This change in the definition of restricted foster homes resulted in a decline from 294 to 114 non-approved homes. Please note that the definition of unrestricted foster homes has not changed; it still includes only approved homes.
- At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'1998, 29% of all DCF foster homes were restricted homes. Restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes rose above 50% in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2003 and declined below 50% in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2009. At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, restricted homes accounted for 44% of all foster homes **(Table 22 and Fig. 28)**
- Statewide, 63% of foster parents in unrestricted homes and 54% of foster parents in restricted were White **(Table 22)**.
- Ten percent (382) of all foster homes were identified as Black (177 restricted and 205 unrestricted) **(Table 22)**.
- Sixteen percent (612) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (249 restricted and 363 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 67)**.

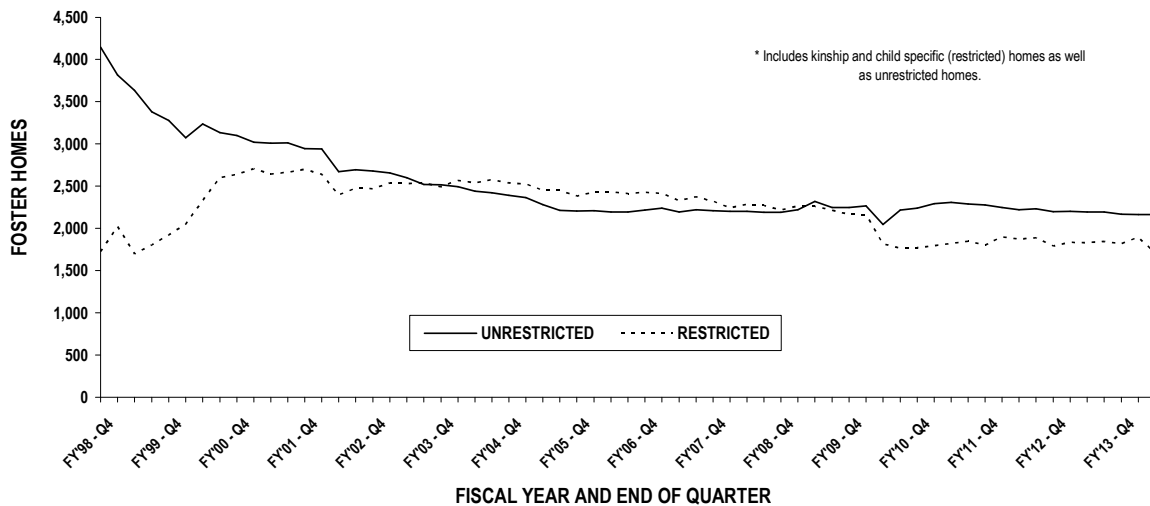
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<sup>30</sup> Foster homes provide formal, temporary out-of-home placement to children who are in the care and custody of DCF. Foster families may be related or unrelated to the child.

<sup>31</sup> Child-specific and kinship placements occur (1) when a court orders a child to be placed in a specific foster home; or (2) when a child requires placement and the child or his/her parent(s) has proposed another home in which the child can be placed; or (3) when DCF places a child with relatives or with a caregiver who is known to the child's family. Placements in kinship and child-specific homes are limited to specified children.

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

**FIGURE 28. RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FOSTER HOMES  
END OF 3RD QUARTER OF FY'1998 (3/31/98) TO END OF 1ST QUARTER OF FY'2014 (9/30/13)**



**TABLE 22. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2014, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/103) <sup>(1)</sup>**

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region								Total	
	West		North		South		Boston			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Restricted:</b>	<b>617</b>		<b>320</b>		<b>583</b>		<b>189</b>		<b>1,709</b>	
White	314	51%	211	66%	342	59%	48	25%	915	54%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(2)</sup>	116	19%	47	15%	41	7%	45	24%	249	15%
Black	30	5%	19	6%	49	8%	79	42%	177	10%
Asian	2	*	8	3%	2	*	1	1%	13	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	6	1%	---	---	6	*
Multi-Racial	3	*	1	*	1	*	1	1%	6	*
Unspecified	152	25%	34	11%	142	24%	15	8%	343	20%
<b>Unrestricted:</b>	<b>860</b>		<b>456</b>		<b>650</b>		<b>197</b>		<b>2,163</b>	
White	507	59%	289	63%	490	75%	66	34%	1,352	63%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(2)</sup>	206	41%	71	25%	52	11%	34	52%	363	17%
Black	53	6%	26	6%	43	7%	83	42%	205	9%
Asian	2	*	9	2%	1	*	3	2%	15	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	3	*	---	---	3	*
Pacific Islander	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1%	1	*
Multi-Racial	7	1%	2	*	3	*	1	1%	13	1%
Unspecified	85	10%	59	13%	58	9%	9	5%	211	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,477</b>		<b>776</b>		<b>1,233</b>		<b>386</b>		<b>3,872</b>	

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

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



**TABLE 23. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2014, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13) <sup>(1)</sup>**

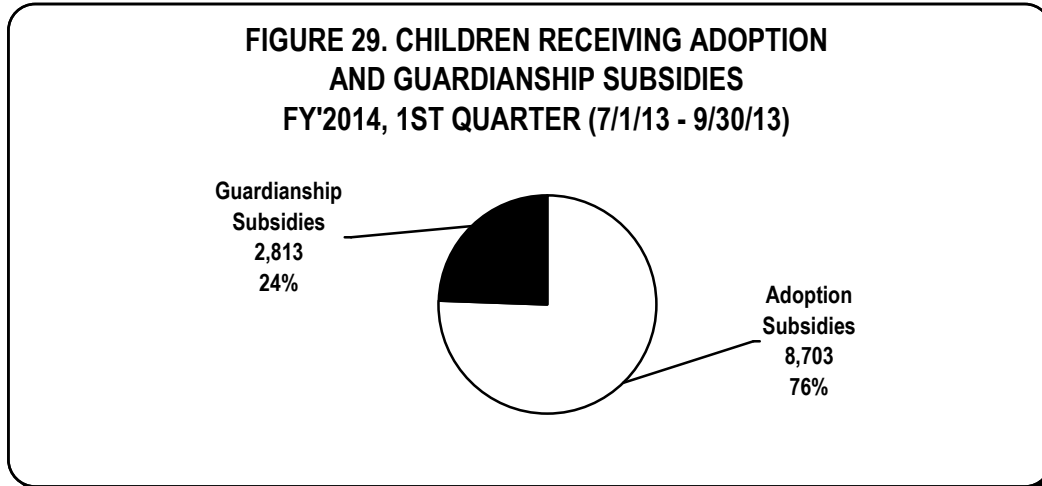
Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region								Total	
	West		North		South		Boston			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Restricted:</b>	<b>189</b>		<b>320</b>		<b>583</b>		<b>617</b>		<b>1,709</b>	
<b>Married</b>	56	30%	152	48%	306	52%	320	52%	<b>834</b>	<b>49%</b>
<b>Single</b>	110	58%	101	32%	174	30%	189	31%	<b>574</b>	<b>34%</b>
<b>Divorced</b>	7	4%	41	13%	62	11%	67	11%	<b>177</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Separated</b>	11	6%	12	4%	18	3%	21	3%	<b>62</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Widowed</b>	5	3%	12	4%	22	4%	18	3%	<b>57</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Missing</b>	---	---	2	1%	1	*	2	*	<b>5</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Unrestricted:</b>	<b>197</b>		<b>456</b>		<b>650</b>		<b>860</b>		<b>2,163</b>	
<b>Married</b>	78	40%	273	60%	423	65%	545	63%	<b>1,319</b>	<b>61%</b>
<b>Single</b>	79	40%	109	24%	126	19%	197	23%	<b>511</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>Divorced</b>	28	14%	54	12%	69	11%	88	10%	<b>239</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Widowed</b>	8	4%	11	2%	18	3%	17	2%	<b>54</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Separated</b>	2	1%	5	1%	12	2%	13	2%	<b>32</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Unspecified</b>	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	<b>1</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Missing</b>	2	1%	3	1%	2	*	---	---	<b>7</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>386</b>		<b>776</b>		<b>1,233</b>		<b>1,477</b>		<b>3,872</b>	

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

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

## VIII. ADOPTION AND GUARDIANSHIP SUBSIDIES

At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, the total number of children receiving an adoption subsidy was 8,703 (**Fig. 29**). Guardianship subsidies totaled 2,813. These counts represent subsidies that had a payment during the quarter, i.e., the number with service referrals actively paying out.



From the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2013 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, adoption and guardianship subsidies both decreased 1%. Quarterly fluctuations from -1% to 1% are typical for adoption and guardianship subsidies (See **table** below). Adoption subsidies fell below 9,000 in FY'2012 and guardianships declined below 3,000 in FY2011.

<i>Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)</i>				
Quarter	Adoption		Guardianship	
	No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change
FY'2010 1 <sup>st</sup>	9,549	-1%	3,090	-1%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9,604	1%	3,059	-1%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9,518	-1%	3,032	-1%
4 <sup>th</sup>	9,311	-2%	3,006	-1%
FY'2011 1 <sup>st</sup>	9,191	-1%	2,934	-2%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9,125	-1%	2,881	-2%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9,057	-1%	2,865	-1%
4 <sup>th</sup>	9,002	-1%	2,872	*
FY'2012 1 <sup>st</sup>	8,887	-1%	2,818	-2%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8,887	---	2,807	*
3 <sup>rd</sup>	8,825	-1%	2,788	-1%
4 <sup>th</sup>	8,824	*	2,792	*
FY'2013 1 <sup>st</sup>	8,666	-2%	2,757	-1%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8,695	*	2,771	1%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	8,633	-1%	2,763	*
4 <sup>th</sup>	8,775	2%	2,831	2%
FY'2014 1 <sup>st</sup>	8,703	-1%	2,813	-1%

\* = less than 1% after rounding-off

## **IX. APPENDIX**

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

<b>Month/Year</b>	<b>All Consumers</b>	<b>All Children &lt;18 yrs</b>	<b>Children in Placement &lt;18 yrs</b>	<b>Children Not in Placement &lt;18 yrs</b>	<b>All Adults &gt;18 yrs</b>
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
9/30/13	71,163	35,719	7,552	28,167	35,444

Note: revised counts

Source: ASSIST 6/1983 - 1/1998) and FamilyNet (9/1998 - 9/30/13)

**TABLE A2. CASE OPENINGS <sup>(1)</sup> DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2014, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/13 - 9/30/13)**

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Case Openings <sup>(1)</sup>										Total No.		
	Protective <sup>(2)</sup>		Alternative Response <sup>(3)</sup>		CRA Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals			Other <sup>(4)</sup>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
Greenfield	22	39%	24	43%	2	4%	2	4%	2	4%	4	7%	56
Holyoke	23	52%	16	36%	---	---	1	2%	---	---	4	9%	44
North Central	63	47%	59	44%	---	---	9	7%	2	1%	2	1%	135
Pittsfield	33	57%	9	16%	---	---	5	9%	2	3%	9	16%	58
Robert Van Wart	35	29%	73	60%	2	2%	---	---	2	2%	10	8%	122
South Central	56	49%	45	39%	1	1%	8	7%	1	1%	4	3%	115
Springfield	74	56%	43	33%	4	3%	---	---	1	1%	10	8%	132
Worcester East	50	59%	11	13%	2	2%	2	2%	8	9%	12	14%	85
Worcester West	51	62%	27	33%	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	5%	82
<b>West</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>829</b>
Cambridge	11	28%	24	60%	1	3%	2	5%	---	---	2	5%	40
Cape Ann	19	33%	28	49%	---	---	4	7%	1	2%	5	9%	57
Framingham	23	31%	38	51%	1	1%	2	3%	5	7%	6	8%	75
Haverhill	11	37%	14	47%	3	10%	---	---	---	---	2	7%	30
Lawrence	14	39%	6	17%	8	22%	2	6%	---	---	6	17%	36
Lowell	71	68%	24	23%	1	1%	4	4%	1	1%	4	4%	105
Lynn	16	33%	19	40%	6	13%	2	4%	---	---	5	10%	48
Malden	31	49%	21	33%	---	---	4	6%	5	8%	2	3%	63
<b>North</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>454</b>
Arlington	17	31%	26	47%	5	9%	---	---	1	2%	6	11%	55
Brockton	59	68%	12	14%	5	6%	4	5%	---	---	7	8%	87
Cape Cod	33	43%	22	29%	4	5%	1	1%	2	3%	14	18%	76
Coastal	38	56%	23	34%	2	3%	3	4%	1	1%	1	1%	68
Fall River	48	46%	43	41%	3	3%	6	6%	---	---	4	4%	104
New Bedford	58	59%	28	28%	1	1%	1	1%	3	3%	8	8%	99
Plymouth	63	64%	28	28%	1	1%	---	---	5	5%	2	2%	99
Taunton/Attleboro	34	45%	28	37%	2	3%	3	4%	1	1%	8	11%	76
<b>South</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>664</b>
Dimock Street	51	69%	9	12%	4	5%	3	4%	---	---	7	9%	74
Harbor	56	62%	24	26%	4	4%	2	2%	---	---	5	5%	91
Hyde Park	56	65%	12	14%	9	10%	---	---	2	2%	7	8%	86
Park Street	46	68%	12	18%	2	3%	3	4%	4	6%	1	1%	68
<b>Boston</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>319</b>
<b>Other <sup>(5)</sup></b>	---	---	---	---	---	---	9	100%	---	---	---	---	9
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,162</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>2,275</b>

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

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

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

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

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

**TABLE A3. CONSUMER OPENINGS<sup>(1)</sup> DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2014, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/13 - 9/30/13)**

DCF Geographic Region	Case Openings <sup>(1)</sup>										Total No.		
	Protective <sup>(2)</sup>		Alternative Response <sup>(3)</sup>		CRA Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals			Other <sup>(4)</sup>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
Greenfield	161	40%	187	46%	18	4%	19	5%	15	4%	5	1%	405
Holyoke	209	53%	154	39%	5	1%	15	4%	6	2%	6	2%	395
North Central	565	60%	315	33%	---	---	40	4%	6	1%	19	2%	945
Pittsfield	310	71%	65	15%	6	1%	19	4%	18	4%	16	4%	434
Robert Van Wart	342	43%	403	50%	18	2%	7	1%	12	1%	19	2%	801
South Central	248	46%	226	42%	13	2%	34	6%	6	1%	11	2%	538
Springfield	639	61%	360	34%	31	3%	---	---	5	*	12	1%	1,047
Worcester East	413	70%	43	7%	23	4%	12	2%	70	12%	31	5%	592
Worcester West	348	69%	138	27%	---	---	3	1%	10	2%	3	1%	502
<b>West</b>	<b>3,235</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>1,891</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>5,659</b>
Cambridge	90	41%	102	47%	7	3%	9	4%	8	4%	3	1%	219
Cape Ann	170	38%	210	47%	---	---	24	5%	28	6%	11	2%	443
Framingham	176	41%	211	49%	5	1%	6	1%	22	5%	12	3%	432
Haverhill	116	47%	97	39%	23	9%	---	---	4	2%	8	3%	248
Lawrence	113	52%	27	12%	57	26%	3	1%	7	3%	11	5%	218
Lowell	504	76%	108	16%	15	2%	22	3%	7	1%	8	1%	664
Lynn	166	45%	147	40%	26	7%	12	3%	1	*	16	4%	368
Malden	205	60%	90	26%	---	---	10	3%	33	10%	4	1%	342
<b>North</b>	<b>1,540</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>2,934</b>
Arlington	142	45%	118	37%	25	8%	12	4%	4	1%	18	6%	319
Brockton	423	71%	97	16%	52	9%	10	2%	---	---	17	3%	599
Cape Cod	229	54%	116	27%	25	6%	5	1%	22	5%	27	6%	424
Coastal	200	53%	135	36%	16	4%	22	6%	2	1%	1	*	376
Fall River	339	57%	198	33%	18	3%	18	3%	3	1%	21	4%	597
New Bedford	406	57%	240	34%	9	1%	12	2%	15	2%	27	4%	709
Plymouth	373	57%	239	37%	5	1%	---	---	31	5%	4	1%	652
Taunton/Attleboro	224	50%	178	40%	8	2%	18	4%	6	1%	12	3%	446
<b>South</b>	<b>2,336</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>1,321</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>4,122</b>
Dimock Street	280	73%	49	13%	26	7%	10	3%	12	3%	6	2%	383
Harbor	313	64%	127	26%	31	6%	4	1%	8	2%	7	1%	490
Hyde Park	310	71%	42	10%	59	14%	5	1%	7	2%	11	3%	434
Park Street	310	72%	57	13%	13	3%	21	5%	26	6%	1	*	428
William E. Warren Center	3	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3
<b>Boston</b>	<b>1,216</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1,738</b>
<b>Other <sup>(5)</sup></b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>8,327</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>4,479</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>14,472</b>

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

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

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

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

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

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

**TABLE A4. CASE OPENINGS DURING THE LAST FOUR QUARTERS BY INTAKE TYPE AND  
DCF REGION: FY' 2013, 2ND QUARTER TO FY'2014, 1ST QUARTER**

<b>TOTAL CASE OPENINGS <sup>(1)</sup></b>											
<b>Quarters</b>	<b>West</b>		<b>North</b>		<b>South</b>		<b>Boston</b>		<b>Other<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>	
	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>		<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
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	0%	659	2%	328	4%	20	2,391	3%
FY'2014 - Q1	829	-8%	454	-5%	664	1%	319	-3%	9	2,275	-5%

<b>PROTECTIVE CASE OPENINGS <sup>(3)</sup></b>											
<b>Quarters</b>	<b>West</b>		<b>North</b>		<b>South</b>		<b>Boston</b>		<b>Other<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>	
	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>		<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
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	0%	353	2%	218	6%	---	1,186	4%
FY'2014 - Q1	407	-5%	196	5%	350	-1%	209	-4%	---	1,162	-2%

<b>ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE CASE OPENINGS <sup>(4)</sup></b>											
<b>Quarters</b>	<b>West</b>		<b>North</b>		<b>South</b>		<b>Boston</b>		<b>Other<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>	
	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>		<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
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%
FY'2014 - Q1	307	-13%	174	-14%	210	12%	57	-2%	---	748	-6%

<b>VOLUNTARY REQUESTS CASE OPENINGS</b>											
<b>Quarters</b>	<b>West</b>		<b>North</b>		<b>South</b>		<b>Boston</b>		<b>Other<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>	
	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>		<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
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%
FY'2014 - Q1	27	-13%	20	5%	18	-18%	8	-38%	9	82	-18%

<b>CRA REFERRALS CASE OPENINGS</b>											
<b>Quarters</b>	<b>West</b>		<b>North</b>		<b>South</b>		<b>Boston</b>		<b>Other<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>	
	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>		<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
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%
FY'2014 - Q1	11	-48%	20	-20%	23	-39%	19	-27%	---	73	-34%

<b>COURT REFERRAL CASE OPENINGS</b>											
<b>Quarters</b>	<b>West</b>		<b>North</b>		<b>South</b>		<b>Boston</b>		<b>Other<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>	
	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>		<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
FY'2013 - Q2	15	150%	13	18%	12	-14%	3	-25%	---	43	23%
FY'2013 - Q3	15	0%	17	31%	7	-42%	2	-33%	---	41	-5%
FY'2013 - Q4	14	-7%	15	-12%	22	214%	4	100%	---	55	34%
FY'2014 - Q1	18	29%	12	-20%	13	-41%	6	50%	---	49	-11%

<b>OTHER CASE OPENINGS <sup>(5)</sup></b>											
<b>Quarters</b>	<b>West</b>		<b>North</b>		<b>South</b>		<b>Boston</b>		<b>Other<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>	
	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>		<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
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%	1	137	2%
FY'2014 - Q1	59	0%	32	3%	50	35%	20	122%	---	161	18%

% = 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'2014, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/13 - 9/30/13)**

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.	%		
Greenfield	201	41%	111	23%	33	7%	144	29%	489
Holyoke	209	42%	149	30%	21	4%	122	24%	501
North Central	248	44%	154	27%	13	2%	148	26%	563
Pittsfield	371	51%	177	25%	1	*	172	24%	721
Robert Vasn Wart	361	55%	89	14%	17	3%	188	29%	655
South Central	210	41%	138	27%	---	---	161	32%	509
Springfield	226	35%	246	38%	25	4%	158	24%	655
Worcester East	196	42%	178	38%	36	8%	57	12%	467
Worcester West	161	37%	170	39%	25	6%	78	18%	434
<b>West</b>	<b>2,183</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>1,412</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>4,994</b>
Cambridge	114	54%	40	19%	2	1%	57	27%	213
Cape Ann	225	50%	78	17%	15	3%	133	29%	451
Framingham	208	57%	38	10%	8	2%	113	31%	367
Haverhill	197	51%	76	20%	12	3%	98	26%	383
Lawrence	243	63%	61	16%	5	1%	78	20%	387
Lowell	260	49%	152	28%	63	12%	59	11%	534
Lynn	222	60%	61	17%	2	1%	84	23%	369
Malden	202	60%	73	22%	7	2%	53	16%	335
<b>North</b>	<b>1,671</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>3,039</b>
Arlington	156	60%	40	15%	6	2%	60	23%	262
Brockton	212	48%	150	34%	12	3%	71	16%	445
Cape Cod	172	45%	97	26%	9	2%	102	27%	380
Coastal	164	46%	89	25%	8	2%	93	26%	354
Fall River	122	28%	157	36%	20	5%	133	31%	432
New Bedford	174	34%	174	34%	25	5%	141	27%	514
Plymouth	172	40%	102	24%	20	5%	136	32%	430
Taunton/Attleboro	156	39%	99	25%	8	2%	132	33%	395
<b>South</b>	<b>1,328</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>3,212</b>
Dimock Street	122	40%	152	50%	5	2%	25	8%	304
Harbor	101	36%	115	41%	7	3%	55	20%	278
Hyde Park	147	43%	145	42%	12	3%	39	11%	343
Park Street	164	51%	112	35%	17	5%	28	9%	321
<b>Boston</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>1,246</b>
Judge Bake Children's Center	2,584	39%	1,622	24%	1,282	19%	1,141	17%	6,629
Special Investigation	191	40%	284	60%	---	---	---	---	475
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,491</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>5,329</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>1,716</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>4,059</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>19,595</b>

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

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off



**TABLE A6. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION: FY2014, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/13 - 9/30/13)**

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	55	57%	41	43%	96	74	50%	74	50%	148	244
Holyoke	91	52%	83	48%	174	54	45%	66	55%	120	294
North Central	156	78%	44	22%	200	103	61%	67	39%	170	370
Pittsfield	95	66%	50	34%	145	23	16%	119	84%	142	287
Robert Van Wart	102	86%	17	14%	119	128	58%	92	42%	220	339
South Central	112	72%	44	28%	156	93	51%	88	49%	181	337
Springfield	220	73%	80	27%	300	91	48%	100	52%	191	491
Worcester East	159	72%	62	28%	221	14	25%	41	75%	55	276
Worcester West	151	67%	73	33%	224	66	63%	39	37%	105	329
Contracted Agencies	2	100%	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	2
<b>West</b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>1,637</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>1,332</b>	<b>2,969</b>
Cambridge	24	59%	17	41%	41	42	51%	41	49%	83	124
Cape Ann	60	60%	40	40%	100	58	39%	90	61%	148	248
Framingham	29	64%	16	36%	45	99	70%	43	30%	142	187
Haverhill	44	48%	48	52%	92	37	32%	79	68%	116	208
Lawrence	37	59%	26	41%	63	15	20%	60	80%	75	138
Lowell	177	68%	82	32%	259	50	60%	33	40%	83	342
Lynn	40	74%	14	26%	54	57	60%	38	40%	95	149
Malden	60	68%	28	32%	88	31	57%	23	43%	54	142
<b>North</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>1,538</b>
Arlington	43	74%	15	26%	58	58	59%	41	41%	99	157
Brockton	147	74%	52	26%	199	44	44%	55	56%	99	298
Cape Cod	56	62%	35	38%	91	60	54%	51	46%	111	202
Coastal	75	68%	35	32%	110	60	43%	81	57%	141	251
Fall River	129	60%	85	40%	214	69	41%	101	59%	170	384
New Bedford	177	76%	55	24%	232	97	51%	93	49%	190	422
Plymouth	111	76%	35	24%	146	67	36%	119	64%	186	332
Taunton/Attleboro	78	62%	48	38%	126	63	43%	82	57%	145	271
<b>South</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>1,176</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>1,141</b>	<b>2,317</b>
Dimock Street	98	64%	56	36%	154	17	49%	18	51%	35	189
Harbor	107	74%	37	26%	144	38	51%	36	49%	74	218
Hyde Park	125	67%	61	33%	186	24	55%	20	45%	44	230
Park Street	126	73%	47	27%	173	19	43%	25	57%	44	217
<b>Boston</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>854</b>
Judge Baker Children's Center	730	77%	220	23%	950	---	---	---	---	---	950
Special Investigations	56	21%	216	79%	272	---	---	---	---	---	272
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,672</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>1,762</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>5,434</b>	<b>1,651</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>1,815</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>3,466</b>	<b>8,900</b>

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

**TABLE A7. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND INITIAL ASSESSMENTS DURING THE LAST FOUR QUARTERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2013, 2ND QUARTER TO FY'2014, 1ST QUARTER**

<b>CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS</b>												
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Judge Baker Children's Center		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Other <sup>(1)</sup>	No. %
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%
FY'2014 - Q1	4,994	-18%	3,039	-25%	3,212	-19%	1,246	-22%	6,629	5%	475	19,595 -13%

<b>CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS</b>												
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Judge Baker Children's Center		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Other <sup>(1)</sup>	No. %
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	0%	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%
FY'2014 - Q1	1,637	-8%	742	-14%	1,176	-14%	657	-16%	950	6%	272	5,434 -10%

<b>CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INITIAL ASSESSMENTS</b>												
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Judge Baker Children's Center		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No. %	
FY'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%	
FY'2014 - Q1	1,332	-16%	796	-28%	1,141	-9%	197	-25%	---	---	3,466 -18%	

\* Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

**TABLE A8. MANDATORY AND DISCRETIONARY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: FY'2003 - FY'2014 <sup>(1)</sup>**

Time Period	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.
<b>FY'2003 Total</b>	<b>2,089</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>2,310</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>4,399</b>
<b>FY'2004 Total</b>	<b>2,101</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>2,399</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>4,500</b>
<b>FY'2005 Total</b>	<b>2,122</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>2,459</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>4,581</b>
<b>FY'2006 Total</b>	<b>2,077</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>2,666</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>4,743</b>
<b>FY'2007 Total</b>	<b>2,279</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>2,431</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>4,710</b>
<b>FY'2008 Total</b>	<b>2,561</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>2,652</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>5,213</b>
<b>FY'2009 Total</b>	<b>2,927</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>2,784</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>5,711</b>
FY'2010, Q1	649	53%	568	47%	1,217
FY'2010, Q2	727	54%	621	46%	1,348
FY'2010, Q3	787	56%	611	44%	1,398
FY'2010, Q4	870	54%	753	46%	1,623
<b>FY'2010 Total</b>	<b>3,033</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>2,553</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>5,586</b>
FY'2011, Q1	713	54%	603	46%	1,316
FY'2011, Q2	729	56%	583	44%	1,312
FY'2011, Q3	754	54%	650	46%	1,404
FY'2011, Q4	844	50%	835	50%	1,679
<b>FY'2011 Total</b>	<b>3,040</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>2,671</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>5,711</b>
FY'2012, Q1	630	51%	616	49%	1,246
FY'2012, Q2	764	50%	764	50%	1,528
FY'2012, Q3	788	52%	721	48%	1,509
FY'2012, Q4	659	50%	661	50%	1,320
<b>FY'2012 Total</b>	<b>2,841</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>2,762</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>5,603</b>
FY'2013, Q1	555	48%	598	52%	1,153
FY'2013, Q2	618	54%	529	46%	1,147
FY'2013, Q3	654	53%	586	47%	1,240
FY'2013, Q4	770	55%	637	45%	1,407
<b>FY'2013 Total</b>	<b>2,597</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>2,350</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>4,947</b>
FY'2014, Q1	703	56%	551	44%	1,254

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

**TABLE A9. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: FY'2003 - FY'2014**

Time Period	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		Death <sup>(1)</sup>		Unspecified		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
<b>FY'2003 Total</b>	<b>1,688</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>2,168</b>
<b>FY'2004 Total</b>	<b>1,713</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>2,189</b>
<b>FY'2005 Total</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>2,184</b>
<b>FY'2006 Total</b>	<b>1,782</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>2,150</b>
<b>FY'2007 Total</b>	<b>1,935</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>2,356</b>
<b>FY'2008 Total</b>	<b>2,049</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>2,639</b>
<b>FY'2009 Total</b>	<b>2,413</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>3,014</b>
FY'2010, Q1	541	81%	108	16%	15	2%	---	---	664
FY'2010, Q2	588	80%	137	19%	14	2%	---	---	739
FY'2010, Q3	639	79%	153	19%	12	1%	---	---	804
FY'2010, Q4	725	81%	161	18%	10	1%	---	---	896
<b>FY'2010 Total</b>	<b>2,493</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>2%</b>	---	---	<b>3,103</b>
FY'2011, Q1	602	83%	110	15%	15	2%	---	---	727
FY'2011, Q2	621	83%	111	15%	13	2%	---	---	745
FY'2011, Q3	637	83%	118	15%	10	1%	---	---	765
FY'2011, Q4	682	78%	179	21%	9	1%	---	---	870
<b>FY'2011 Total</b>	<b>2,542</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>2%</b>	---	---	<b>3,107</b>
FY'2012, Q1	537	84%	85	13%	21	3%	---	---	643
FY'2012, Q2	664	85%	111	14%	6	1%	---	---	781
FY'2012, Q3	673	83%	127	16%	8	1%	1	*	809
FY'2012, Q4	567	84%	94	14%	12	2%	---	---	673
<b>FY'2012 Total</b>	<b>2,441</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>2%</b>	---	---	<b>2,906</b>
FY'2013, Q1	477	84%	81	14%	9	2%	---	---	567
FY'2013, Q2	507	80%	118	19%	6	1%	---	---	631
FY'2013, Q3	537	79%	131	19%	14	2%	---	---	682
FY'2013, Q4	641	82%	133	17%	11	1%	---	---	785
<b>FY'2013 Total</b>	<b>2,162</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>2%</b>	---	---	<b>2,665</b>
FY'2014, Q1	577	80%	129	18%	12	2%	---	---	718

<sup>(1)</sup> Not all DA referrals resulting from an allegation that a child's death was due to abuse or neglect lead to an ultimate finding that the death was in fact due to abuse or neglect. DCF publishes an annual report of child fatalities that includes an analysis of child deaths due to abuse or neglect.

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

**TABLE A10. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION  
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS BY DCF REGION AND AREA:  
FY'2014, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)**

DCF Region/Area	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				Total No.
	Not Legally Free		Legally Free		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	68	77%	20	23%	88
Holyoke	45	58%	33	42%	78
North Central	88	68%	41	32%	129
Pittsfield	88	67%	43	33%	131
Robert Van Wart	53	72%	21	28%	74
South Central	88	77%	26	23%	114
Springfield	78	61%	49	39%	127
Worcester East	56	62%	35	38%	91
Worcester West	49	64%	27	36%	76
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	1
<b>Western</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>909</b>
Cambridge	11	65%	6	35%	17
Cape Ann	1	100%	---	---	1
Framingham	33	63%	19	37%	52
Haverhill	20	54%	17	46%	37
Lawrence	21	53%	19	48%	40
Lowell	39	59%	27	41%	66
Lynn	98	69%	44	31%	142
Malden	21	70%	9	30%	30
<b>Northern</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>385</b>
Arlington	16	76%	5	24%	21
Brockton	28	42%	39	58%	67
Cape Cod	20	49%	21	51%	41
Coastal	16	31%	35	69%	51
Fall River	52	53%	47	47%	99
New Bedford	58	52%	53	48%	111
Plymouth	29	51%	28	49%	57
Taunton/Attleboro	44	62%	27	38%	71
<b>Southern</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>518</b>
Dimock Street	62	62%	38	38%	100
Harbor	33	55%	27	45%	60
Hyde Park	2	100%	---	---	2
Park Street	21	46%	25	54%	46
<b>Boston</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>208</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	116	54%	97	46%	213
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,355</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>2,233</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> 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'2014, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/13)**

DCF Region/Area	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				Total No.
	Not Matched		Matched		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	21	24%	67	76%	88
Holyoke	14	18%	64	82%	78
North Central	44	34%	85	66%	129
Pittsfield	34	26%	97	74%	131
Robert Van Wart	13	18%	61	82%	74
South Central	38	33%	76	67%	114
Springfield	44	35%	83	65%	127
Worcester East	53	58%	38	42%	91
Worcester West	21	28%	55	72%	76
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	1
<b>Western</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>909</b>
Cambridge	3	18%	14	82%	17
Cape Ann	1	100%	---	---	1
Framingham	24	46%	28	54%	52
Haverhill	13	35%	24	65%	37
Lawrence	23	58%	17	43%	40
Lowell	28	42%	38	58%	66
Lynn	48	34%	94	66%	142
Malden	14	47%	16	53%	30
<b>Northern</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>385</b>
Arlington	3	14%	18	86%	21
Brockton	27	40%	40	60%	67
Cape Cod	12	29%	29	71%	41
Coastal	12	24%	39	76%	51
Fall River	29	29%	70	71%	99
New Bedford	25	23%	86	77%	111
Plymouth	17	30%	40	70%	57
Taunton/Attleboro	15	21%	56	79%	71
<b>Southern</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>518</b>
Dimock Street	36	36%	64	64%	100
Harbor	26	43%	34	57%	60
Hyde Park	2	100%	---	---	2
Park Street	28	61%	18	39%	46
<b>Boston</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>208</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>85</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>213</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>1,479</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>2,233</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> 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 Massachusetts<sup>1</sup>**

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

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

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

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

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