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OBSERVATIONS **(Regional and Statewide)**

Consumer and Case Counts

- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2005, DSS had 23,043 open cases (1,773 adoption cases and 21,270 clinical cases). A total of 74,651 consumers (34,738 adults and 39,913 children) were being served. Case counts ranged from 3,159 in the Boston Region to 4,673 in the Southeastern Region. **(Table 1)**
- Over the past four quarters, there was little overall change in the DSS client population (statewide). The typical pattern is a drop in consumers in the summer quarter (Q1) followed by a gradual rise in consumers during the school quarters (Q2-Q4). These quarterly fluctuations reflect the rise and fall of child abuse and neglect reports and investigations (especially, supported investigations) throughout the year. **(Figs. 1 and 2 on page 5, Fig. 21 on page 51)**

Consumers in Placement

- There were 10,863 individuals in placement on the last day of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2005. Included in this count are 9,760 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,103 young adults (18 to 23 years old). **(Table 1)**
- The placement population was distributed across DSS service regions as follows: 21% in the Western Region, 20% in the Southeastern Region, 17% in the Northeastern Region, 14% in the Central Region, 13% in the Metro Region, and 12% in the Boston Region. **(Table 1)**
- Statewide, 24% (9,760) 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: 28% in the West, 25% in the Southeast, 23% in the Northeast, 23% in Central, 23% in Metro, and 20% in Boston. **(Table 2)**
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield, Springfield, Holyoke, Lowell, Fall River, and Framingham Area Offices had the highest proportions in placement. The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Lawrence, Harbor, Malden and Park Street Area Offices. **(Table 2)**
- Quarterly fluctuations in the number of children in placement, as well as the number of children not in placement, followed the same pattern noted above. Typically, there is a drop in consumers during the first quarter of each fiscal year. **(Figs. 3 and 4)**

Age, Sex, Race, and Preferred Language of Consumers

- On the last day of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2005, the consumer population included 39,913 (53%) children less than 18 years old and 34,738 (47%) adults 18 years or older. Fifty-three percent of all consumers were identified as female, 46% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Thirty-nine percent (15,747) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). **(Table 1, Fig. 5)**
- The number of female children in the DSS caseload was approximately equal to the number of male children. In contrast, the ratio of female to male adults was 1.5:1. **(Fig. 5)**
- The statewide caseload was comprised of 56% White, 16% Black, 2% Asian, and less than 1% Native American consumers. Race could not be determined for 13% of consumers and race was missing (Unspecified) for 10% of consumers. **(Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B)**
- Of the total consumer population, 22% (16,604 consumers) were of Hispanic origin. Regionally, the highest proportions of Hispanic consumers were in the West and Northeast. **(Table 3B, Figs. 6C and 6D)**
- The Boston Region's caseload was comprised of 47% Black and 23% White consumers (4,754 and 2,315 consumers, respectively). Asians were most prominent in the Northeast--7% of the caseload (968 consumers, mainly Cambodian). **(Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B)**
- The Northeastern, Western, and Boston Regions had the highest proportions (and numbers) of Spanish-speaking consumers, 8% (1,110 consumers), 8% (1,104), and 8% (803), respectively. Khmer (Cambodian) was the preferred language of 459 DSS consumers (1%). Khmer-speaking consumers were mainly concentrated in the Northeast. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Portuguese (Southeast and Metro), Haitian Creole (Metro and Boston), Cape Verdean Creole (Southeast and Boston), Vietnamese (Boston, Central, and Northeast), and Lao (Northeast). **(Table 4)**

TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DSS REGION (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)

Case Counts:	DSS Geographic Region							Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	Total	
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston					
Adoption	403	223	250	235	315	196	150	1	1,773		
Clinical	3,813	2,977	3,889	3,227	4,358	2,963	6	37	21,270		
Total	4,216	3,200	4,139	3,462	4,673	3,159	156	38	23,043		
Adults: ⁽³⁾											
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾	Foster/Residential Care ⁽⁵⁾		186	101	203	163	195	195	---	31	1,074
	Other ⁽⁶⁾		7	1	6	4	4	7	---	-	29
	Total in Placement		193	102	209	167	199	202	---	31	1,103
Not in Placement			5,954	4,975	6,009	5,156	7,189	4,349	---	3	33,635
Total Adults			6,147	5,077	6,218	5,323	7,388	4,551	---	34	34,738
Children:											
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾	Foster/Residential Care ⁽⁵⁾		1,944	1,308	1,570	1,232	1,903	1,022	250	10	9,239
	Other ⁽⁶⁾		38	39	60	29	44	36	---	---	246
	On th Run		99	27	46	21	42	40	---	---	275
	Total in Placement		2,081	1,374	1,676	1,282	1,989	1,098	250	10	9,760
Not in Placement			5,407	4,565	5,615	4,191	5,952	4,417	5	1	30,153
Total Children			7,488	5,939	7,291	5,473	7,941	5,515	255	11	39,913
Total			13,635	11,016	13,509	10,796	15,329	10,066	255	45	74,651

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

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

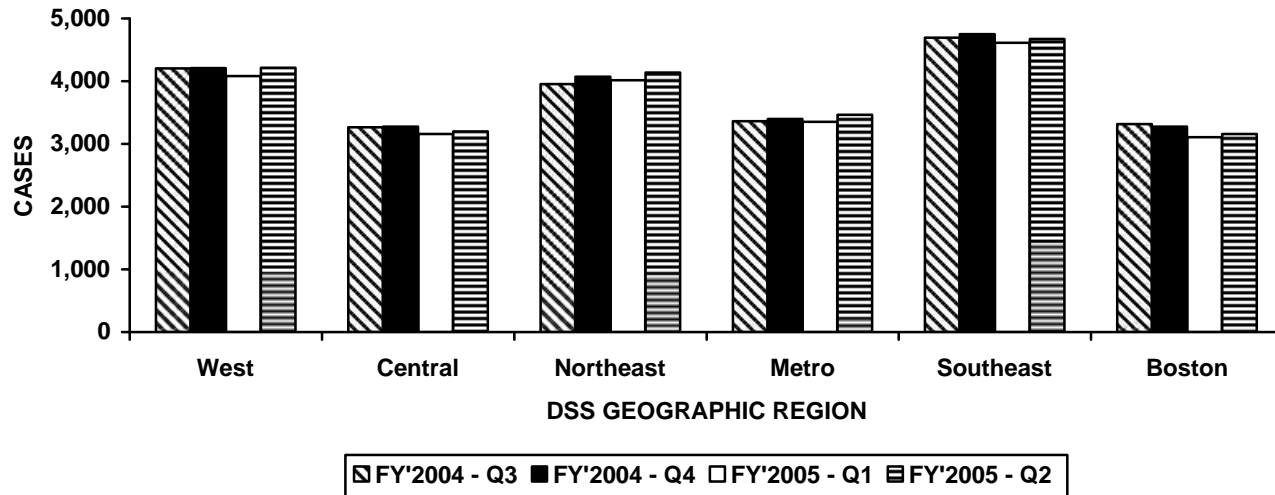
⁽³⁾ Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

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

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

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

**FIGURE 1. CASE COUNT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER - FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER - FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)**

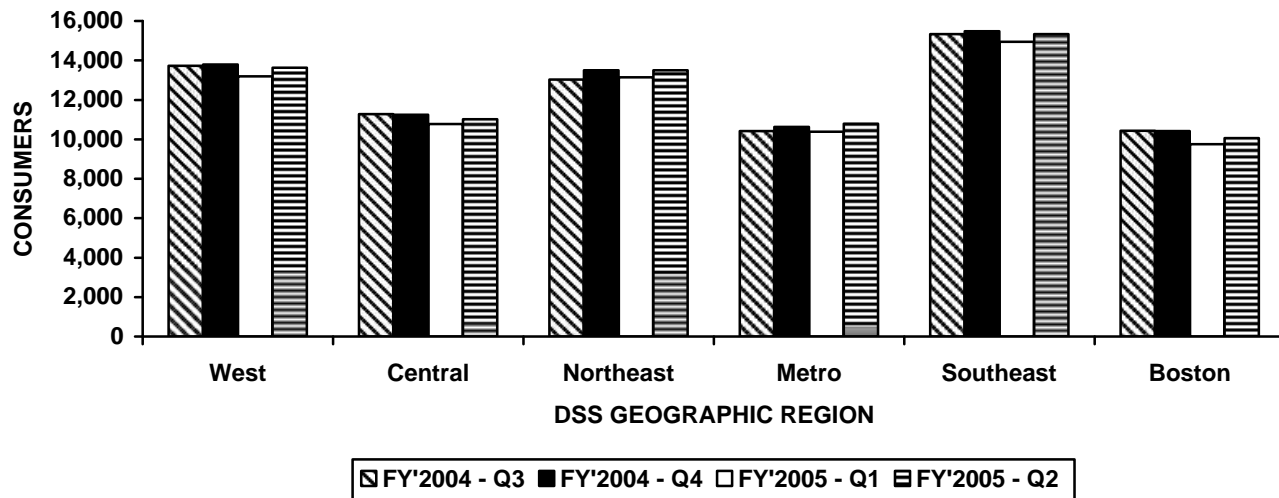


TABLE 2. CHILD⁽¹⁾ CASELOAD BY DSS AREA OFFICE (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)

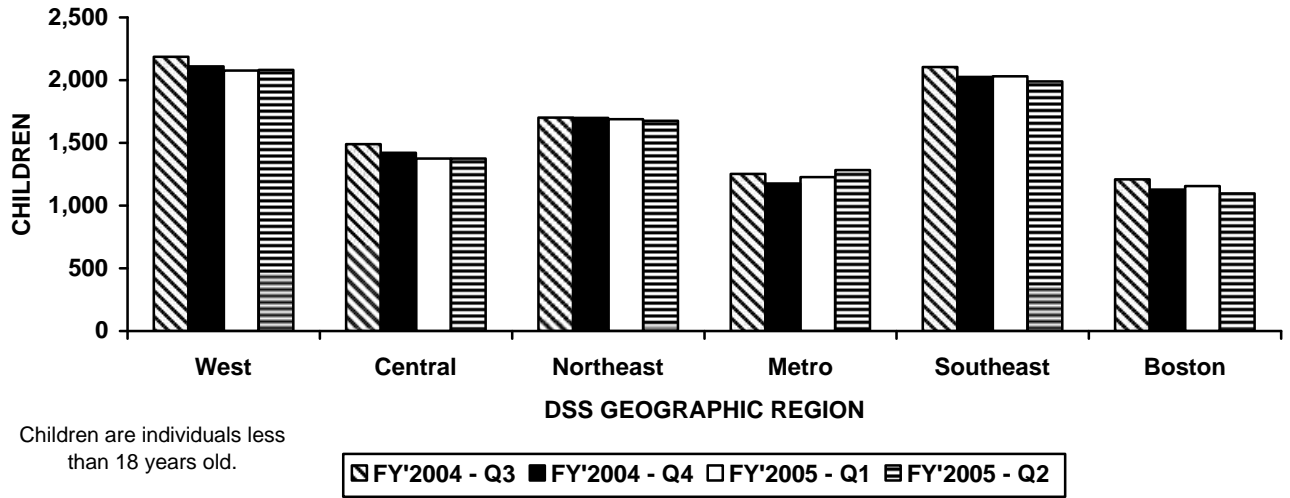
DSS Region/Area	Not in Placement	In Placement	Total Child Caseload	% in Placement
Pittsfield	721	362	1,083	33%
Greenfield	818	303	1,121	27%
Holyoke	1,256	518	1,774	29%
Robert Van Wart	1,286	369	1,655	22%
Springfield	1,316	528	1,844	29%
Contracted Agencies	10	1	11	9%
Western	5,407	2,081	7,488	28%
North Central	1,696	429	2,125	20%
South Central	1,243	405	1,648	25%
Worcester	1,625	539	2,164	25%
Contracted Agencies	1	1	2	50%
Central	4,565	1,374	5,939	23%
Lowell	1,174	481	1,655	29%
Lawrence	1,546	312	1,858	17%
Cape Ann	1,009	309	1,318	23%
Haverhill	869	247	1,116	22%
Lynn	1,013	325	1,338	24%
Contracted Agencies	4	2	6	33%
Northeast	5,615	1,676	7,291	23%
Malden	1,191	256	1,447	18%
Framingham	622	253	875	29%
Cambridge	670	241	911	26%
Arlington	853	225	1,078	21%
Coastal	832	304	1,136	27%
Contracted Agencies	23	3	26	12%
Metro	4,191	1,282	5,473	23%
Attleboro	778	248	1,026	24%
Brockton	1,158	340	1,498	23%
New Bedford	1,334	488	1,822	27%
Fall River	1,114	446	1,560	29%
Plymouth	818	218	1,036	21%
Cape Cod	733	249	982	25%
Contracted Agencies	17		17	0%
Southeast	5,952	1,989	7,941	25%
Hyde Park	776	258	1,034	25%
Dimock St.	1,114	271	1,385	20%
Park St.	1,386	312	1,698	18%
Harbor	1,141	255	1,396	18%
Contracted Agencies		2	2	100%
Boston	4,417	1,098	5,515	20%
Adoption Contracts	5	250	255	98%
Other ⁽²⁾	1	10	11	91%
Total	30,153	9,760	39,913	24%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.

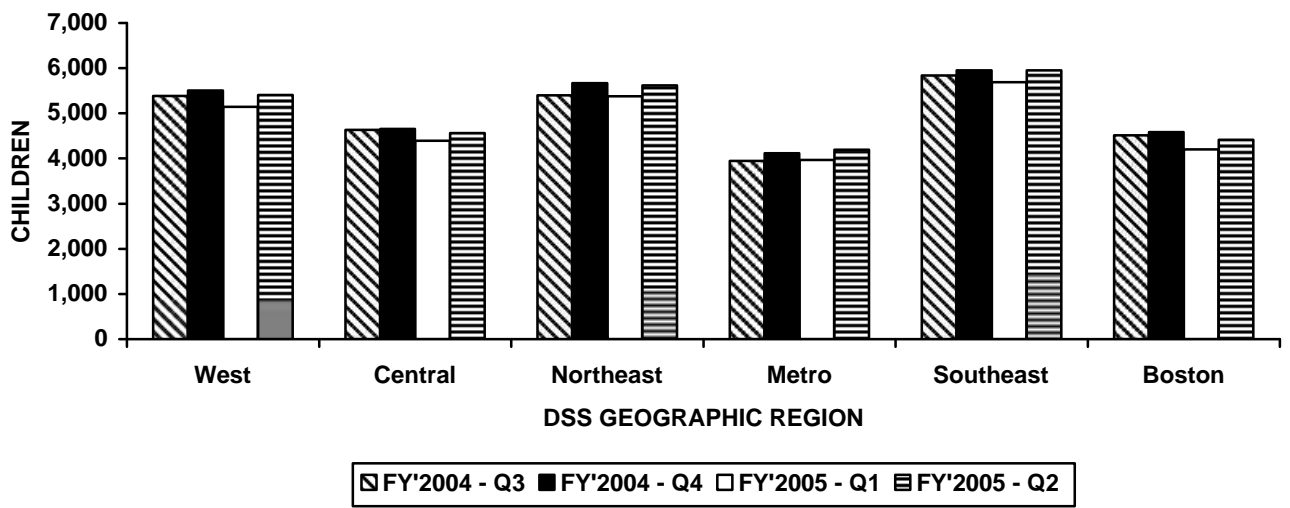
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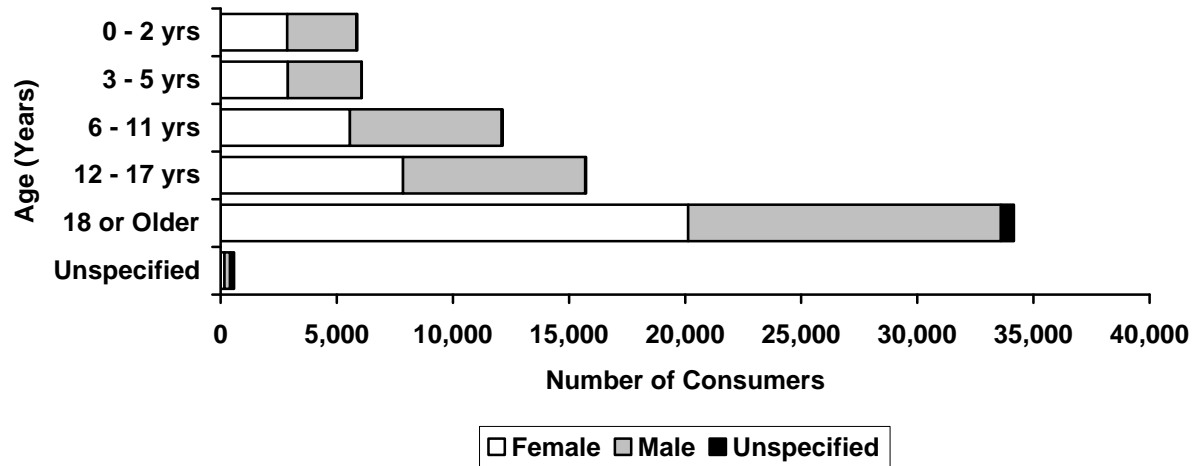
**FIGURE 3. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER - FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 4. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER - FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 5. AGE AND SEX OF CONSUMERS: STATEWIDE
(FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)**



Age (Yrs)	Sex			Total
	Female	Male	Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	
0 - 2	2,860	3,000	36	5,896
3 - 5	2,899	3,175	22	6,096
6 - 11	5,571	6,545	36	12,152
12 - 17	7,860	7,848	39	15,747
18 or older	20,131	13,470	564	34,165
Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	164	256	175	595
Total	39,485	34,294	872	74,651

⁽¹⁾ Unspecified includes 573 adults and 22 children whose ages were unknown and 872 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.

TABLE 3A. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)

Race	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption		Total			
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
White	7,635	56%	7,273	66%	7,681	57%	6,980	65%	9,911	65%	2,315	23%	128	50%	2	4%	41,925	56%
Black	1,564	11%	901	8%	981	7%	1,612	15%	2,128	14%	4,754	47%	66	26%	36	80%	12,042	16%
Asian	55	*	152	1%	968	7%	216	2%	138	1%	246	2%	5	2%	---	---	1,780	2%
Native American	29	*	9	*	18	*	11	*	40	*	18	*	---	---	---	---	125	*
Other ⁽³⁾	21	*	2	*	6	*	9	*	12	*	12	*	1	*	---	---	63	*
Multi-Racial	288	2%	208	2%	305	2%	206	2%	288	2%	131	1%	19	7%	---	---	1,445	2%
Unable to Determine	1,995	15%	1,566	14%	2,377	18%	818	8%	1,154	8%	1,895	19%	36	14%	---	---	9,841	13%
Unspecified	2,048	15%	905	8%	1,173	9%	944	9%	1,658	11%	695	7%	---	---	7	16%	7,430	10%
Total	13,635	100%	11,016	100%	13,509	100%	10,796	100%	15,329	100%	10,066	100%	255	100%	45	100%	74,651	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders.

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TABLE 3B. HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)

Origin ⁽¹⁾	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption		Total			
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽²⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Hispanic/Latino	4,191	31%	2,424	22%	4,110	30%	1,325	12%	1,600	10%	2,870	29%	83	33%	1	2%	16,604	22%
Not Hispanic/Latino	6,676	49%	6,655	60%	7,511	56%	7,110	66%	10,353	68%	5,609	56%	161	63%	42	93%	44,117	59%
Unable to Determine	400	3%	378	3%	326	2%	324	3%	551	4%	341	3%	11	4%	---	---	2,331	3%
Unspecified	2,368	17%	1,559	14%	1,562	12%	2,037	19%	2,825	18%	1,246	12%	---	---	2	4%	11,599	16%
Total	13,635	100%	11,016	100%	13,509	100%	10,796	100%	15,329	100%	10,066	100%	255	100%	45	100%	74,651	100%

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

⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

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Figure 6A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE (FY'05, 2ND QUARTER)

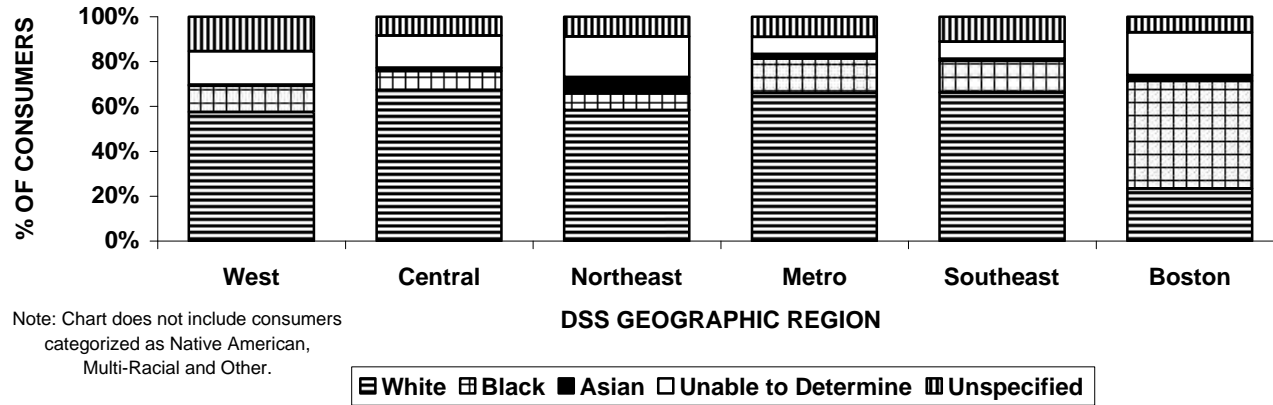
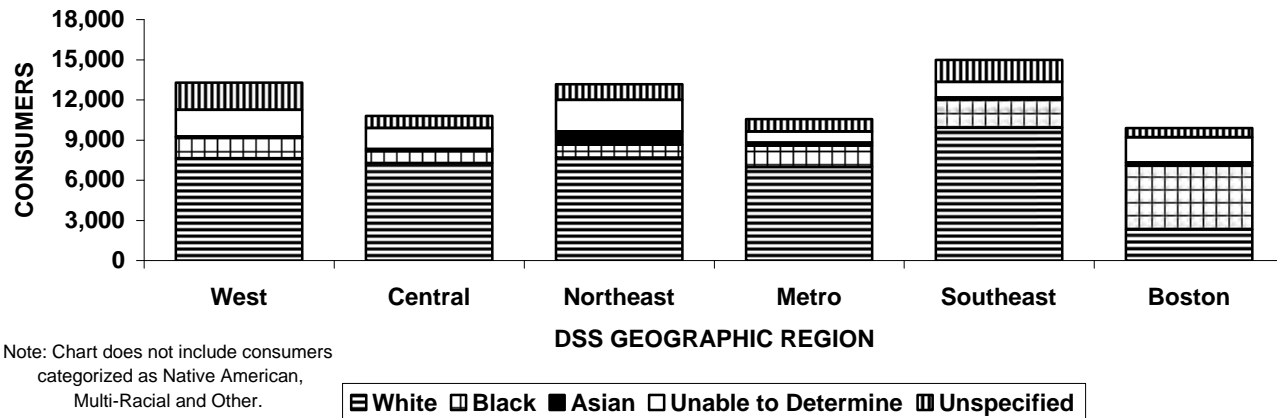
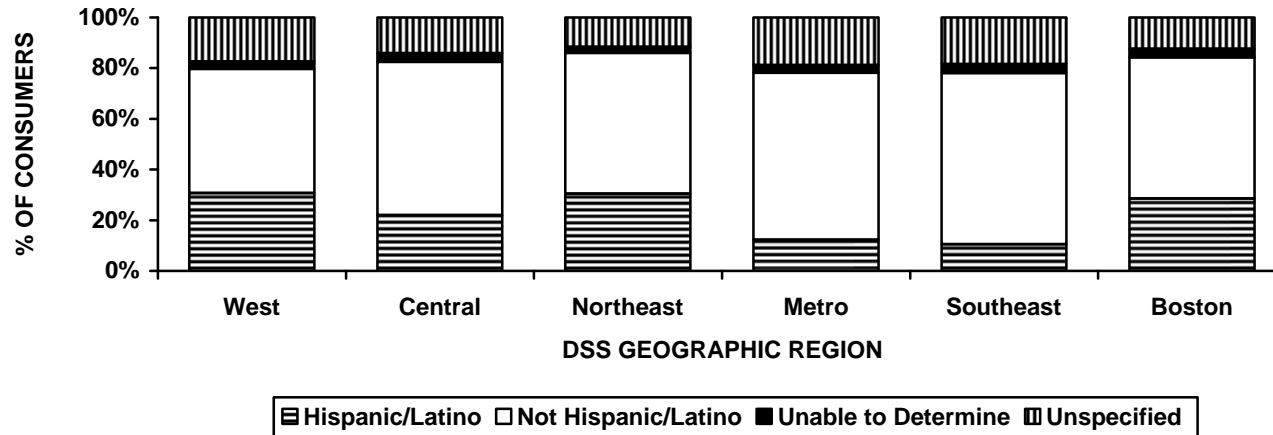


Figure 6B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE (FY'05, 2ND QUARTER)



**FIGURE 6C. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN
(FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 6D. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN
(FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)**

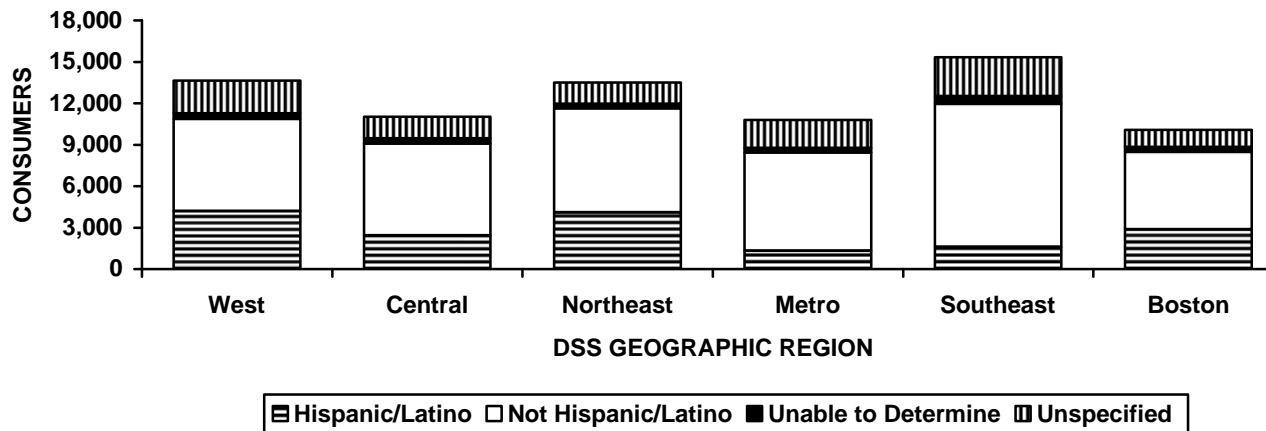


TABLE 4. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)

Primary Language	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption		Total No. %			
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾			Other ⁽²⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%	
Spanish	1,104	8%	460	4%	1,110	8%	331	3%	294	2%	803	8%	14	5%	---	---	4,116	6%
Khmer (Cambodian)	7	*	8	*	361	3%	3	*	51	*	28	*	1	*	---	---	459	1%
Portuguese	2	*	8	*	29	*	69	1%	114	1%	37	*	---	---	---	---	259	*
Haitian Creole	3	*	2	*	5	*	95	1%	25	*	71	1%	1	*	---	---	202	*
Vietnamese	2	*	35	*	25	*	19	*	4	*	52	1%	---	---	---	---	137	*
Cape Verdean Creole	2	*	---	---	---	---	8	*	77	1%	42	*	---	---	---	---	129	*
Chinese	2	*	1	*	---	---	21	*	---	---	16	*	---	---	---	---	40	*
Lao	1	*	3	*	14	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	18	*
American Sign Language	5	*	---	---	12	*	5	*	7	*	7	*	---	---	---	---	36	*
Other	423	3%	288	3%	231	2%	242	2%	402	3%	252	3%	3	1%	---	---	1,874	3%
English	12,084	89%	10,211	93%	11,722	87%	10,003	93%	14,355	94%	8,758	87%	236	93%	4	100%	67,381	90%
Total	13,635	100%	11,016	100%	13,509	100%	10,796	100%	15,329	100%	10,066	100%	255	100%	4	100%	74,651	100%

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Profile of Consumers in Placement¹

Foster and Residential Care

- There were 7,653 consumers in foster care and 2,660 consumers in residential care on the last day of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2005. Foster care populations were highest in the Western and Southeastern Regions. The number of consumers in residential care was greatest in the Metro, Southeastern, and Northeastern Regions. **(Table 5A)**
- The largest age group in foster care was 12-17 years (34-42% range across regions). Among regions, the West, Southeast, and Northeast had the highest numbers of adolescents in foster care, 623, 547, and 519, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Adolescents were the primary age group in residential care, ranging from 68% to 81% across the regions. The Southeastern, Metro, and Northeastern Regions had the largest adolescent populations in residential care, 401, 401, and 379, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Consumers in non-referral locations² were primarily adolescents (74-88% regional range). **(Table 5A)**
- There were 1,698 consumers in “Contracted” foster care and 5,955 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Contracted foster care was primarily therapeutic (92% of the consumers). Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (39%), kinship (33%), child specific (13%), pre-adoptive (7%), and independent living (7%). **(Table 5B)**
- Regionally, the West had the largest numbers of consumers in unrestricted and pre-adoptive foster care. Consumers in kinship care were highest in the Southeast. The Northeast had the most consumers in independent living. **(Fig. 7B, Table 5B)**
- The proportions of consumers in different types of departmental foster care are displayed for each region in Figure 7A. Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West. The Southeast and Northeast had the largest proportions of consumers in kinship homes. Consumers in child-specific homes were most evident in Boston and Metro. The Central and Western Regions had the highest proportion of consumers in pre-adoptive homes. Consumers in independent living were proportionally higher in Boston as compared to the other regions. **(Fig. 7A)**
- The major residential programs were Commonworks¹ (1,287 consumers), residential treatment (822 consumers), and group homes (471 consumers). **(Table 5C)**

¹ Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 to 23 years old.

² Non-referral locations include hospitals, other state agencies, and on the run from placement.

- The proportions of consumers in different types of residential care are shown for each region in Figure 8A. The Western Region had the highest proportion of consumers in Commonworks. Central had the greatest proportion of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential treatment was most significant in the Northeast. **(Fig. 8A)**
- The Southeast had the greatest number of consumers in Commonworks. Metro, Boston, and Central had the largest number of clients in group homes. The Northeastern Region had the most consumers in residential treatment. **(Fig. 8B)**
- Consumers in residential treatment were mostly situated in Chapter 766 facilities² while the leading group home models were regular³ and bridge.⁴ The major types of sub-referrals under Commonworks were Chapter 766 and regular group homes. **(Tables 5C and 5D)**
- Over the past four quarters, there was no significant change in the foster and residential care populations **(Figs. 9 and 10)**. However, incremental changes in these populations were noticeable over a 4½ year period (FY'2001, Q1 to FY'2005, Q2): consumers in foster care dropped from 8,113 to 7,653 (-6%) and consumers in residential care rose from 2,235 to 2,660 (19%).

All Placement Locations (Combined Counts)

- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2005, the statewide placement population was comprised of 51% boys and 49% girls. Regionally, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state. **(Table 6A, Fig. 11A)**
- Statewide, 61% of all consumers in placement were White, 20% were Black, 2% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 4% were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 14% of the placement population. **(Table 6A, Fig. 11A)**
- The proportion of minority consumers in placement was highest in the Boston Region. **(Table 6A)**.

¹ Commonworks is a community-based program that provides residential placement services, therapeutic foster care, and family support services to adolescents and their families.

² Chapter 766 includes facilities geared toward children/adolescents who require special needs educational services on-site. These facilities are licensed by the Department of Education.

³ Regular is comprised of programs that provide services in home-like settings with typically 8 to 12 children/adolescents in residence.

⁴ Bridge Homes are small group home settings serving 6 to 10 infants and children up to 12 years old as well as sibling groups. Foster or house parents supervise the home.

- Of the total placement population, 25% (2,705 consumers) self-identified as being of Hispanic origin. Hispanic consumers were most prevalent in the Western and Northeastern Regions. **(Table 6A, Fig. 11A)**
- Race could not be determined for a high number and proportion of consumers in placement in the Western and Northeastern Regions. These high values are attributable to the large number of Hispanic consumers in placement, who do not self-identify with any of the racial categories. **(Table 6A)**
- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DSS Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 44% in the West to 53% in the Northeast. **(Table 6B)**
- The number of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 102 in Central to 209 in the Northeast. **(Table 6B)**
- The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were “Family Reunification” (31% of all consumers in placement) and “Adoption” (24%). Regionally, the Southeast had the highest number and proportion of consumers in placement with a goal of reunifying the family. The West had the highest number and proportion of consumers in placement with a goal of adoption. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**
- Statewide, 43% of the placement population had been in continuous care¹ for more than 2 years, 20% between 1 and 2 years, and 36% for 1 year or less. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**
- The Western, Northeastern, and Boston Regions had the highest proportions of consumers in continuous² care for more than two years (47%, 45%, and 42%, respectively). Metro had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (43%). The Southeast had the largest number of consumers in care for one year or less (836). The Northeast had the largest number of consumers in care for more than two years (1,080). **(Table 6B)**
- Tables 7A and 7B display the race and Hispanic origin of consumers in placement by their length of time in continuous care. There was a tendency for a greater proportion of minority consumers to be in care for more than two years as compared to White

¹ 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 and many others who enter and leave placement quickly are not counted at all.

² Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child’s most recent placement entry to the Quarter End Date (December 31, 2004). In DSS Quarterly Reports prior to the 4th Quarter of FY’94, the time (non-continuous) from the child’s first placement entry to the program run-date was used.

consumers (47% Asian, 46% Black, 45% Hispanic vs. 42% White). (Tables 7A and 7B)

- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2005 (“snapshot” on 12/31/04), the median¹ time in continuous care was 1.4 years and median age was 12.6 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. Over the past 13 years, the median age of children in care has slowly increased while the median time in placement has been fairly stable (See table below).

All Children in Placement ²			
Date	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
7/92	9.2	1.5	12,311
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*	10.5	1.4	10,872
6/99*	11.0	1.2	10,134
6/00*	11.2	1.5	9,676
6/01*	11.5	1.4	9,955
6/02	11.9	1.5	10,033
6/03	12.2	1.5	10,233
6/04	12.3	1.5	9,829
9/04	12.4	1.5	9,807
12/04	12.6	1.4	9,760

* = revised statistics

Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,630 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,591 (60%) were White, 431 (16%) were Black, 22 (1%) were Asian, and 137 (5%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for the remaining 17%. Thirty percent (786) of all consumers in placement with a goal of adoption were of Hispanic origin. (Tables 8A and 8B, Fig. 12A)
- The age distribution of 2,743 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 23% age 0-2 years, 24% age 3-5 years, 40% age 6-11 years, and 12% age 12-17 years. (Table 8C, Fig. 12A)

¹ Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

² Children are less than 18 years old.

- Fifty-three percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 47% were female. **(Fig. 12A)**
- Fifty-six percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of adoption had been in continuous placement for more than two years. **(Table 8D, Fig. 12A)**
- Fifty percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of guardianship had been in continuous placement for more than two years. **(Table 8D)**
- There has been a decline in the number of children¹ in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of “waiting” children fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In general, changes in the number of children with a goal of adoption have coincided with changes in the placement population. (See table below)
- The proportion of “waiting” children reached its highest level in 1994 (35%). Since 1994, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has dropped to 27%. (See table below)

Date	Children in Placement	Children in Placement with a Goal of Adoption	% of Children with a Goal of Adoption
7/91	12,397	3,541	29%
7/92	12,311	4,116	33%
7/93	12,577	4,244	34%
7/94	12,977	4,522	35%
7/95	13,056	4,352	33%
7/96	12,463	4,251	34%
7/97	11,957	3,673	31%
1/98	11,170	3,489	31%
9/98	10,872	NA	NA
6/99	10,134	3,118	31%
6/00	9,676	3,089	32%
6/01	9,955	2,859	29%
6/02	10,033	2,844	28%
6/03	10,233	2,864*	28%
6/04	9,829	2,761*	28%
9/04	9,807	2,738*	28%
12/04	9,760	2,627	27%

Notes: Children are less than 18 years old.

Counts of children in placement have been updated for the years 6/99 – 6/01.

* = revised statistics

¹ Children are less than 18 years old.

- Of the 2,630 “waiting” consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 41% were legally free for adoption. Eighty-one percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. **(Fig. 12B)**
- Of those children who were not legally free for adoption (59%), 65% were matched to permanent families **(Fig. 12B)**.
- The Southeastern Region had the highest proportion (61%) of “waiting” children who were legally free for adoption. The Southeastern, Metro, and Western Regions had the highest proportions of “waiting” children who were matched to a permanent family, 79%, 78%, and 77%, respectively. **(Figs. 12C and 12D)**

TABLE 5A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)

DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Residential Care		Other ⁽²⁾		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western		1,819		311		144		2,274
	(0 - 2 yrs)	291	16%	1	*	2	1%	294
	(3 - 5 yrs)	249	14%	1	*	1	1%	251
	(6 - 11 yrs)	496	27%	31	10%	8	6%	535
	(12 - 17 yrs)	623	34%	252	81%	126	88%	1,001
	18 or older	160	9%	26	8%	7	5%	193
Central		1,062		347		67		1,476
	(0 - 2 yrs)	175	16%	1	*	2	3%	178
	(3 - 5 yrs)	161	15%	1	*	2	3%	164
	(6 - 11 yrs)	286	27%	50	14%	3	4%	339
	(12 - 17 yrs)	370	35%	264	76%	59	88%	693
	18 or older	70	7%	31	9%	1	1%	102
Northeast		1,241		532		112		1,885
	(0 - 2 yrs)	159	13%	---	---	3	3%	162
	(3 - 5 yrs)	157	13%	3	1%	1	1%	161
	(6 - 11 yrs)	279	22%	74	14%	7	6%	360
	(12 - 17 yrs)	519	42%	379	71%	95	85%	993
	18 or older	127	10%	76	14%	6	5%	209
Metro		858		537		54		1,449
	(0 - 2 yrs)	136	16%	1	*		0%	137
	(3 - 5 yrs)	129	15%	3	1%	3	6%	135
	(6 - 11 yrs)	180	21%	71	13%	7	13%	258
	(12 - 17 yrs)	311	36%	401	75%	40	74%	752
	18 or older	102	12%	61	11%	4	7%	167
Southeast		1,563		535		90		2,188
	(0 - 2 yrs)	280	18%	1	*	1	1%	282
	(3 - 5 yrs)	233	15%	2	*	2	2%	237
	(6 - 11 yrs)	373	24%	66	12%	6	7%	445
	(12 - 17 yrs)	547	35%	401	75%	77	86%	1,025
	18 or older	130	8%	65	12%	4	4%	199
Boston		820		397		83		1,300
	(0 - 2 yrs)	132	16%	---	---	3	4%	135
	(3 - 5 yrs)	82	10%	4	1%		0%	86
	(6 - 11 yrs)	150	18%	45	11%	6	7%	201
	(12 - 17 yrs)	340	41%	269	68%	67	81%	676
	18 or older	116	14%	79	20%	7	8%	202
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		249		1		---	---	250
	(0 - 2 yrs)	51	20%	---	---	---	---	51
	(3 - 5 yrs)	55	22%	---	---	---	---	55
	(6 - 11 yrs)	113	45%	---	---	---	---	113
	(12 - 17 yrs)	30	12%	1	100%	---	---	31
Other ⁽⁴⁾		41		---	---	---	---	41
	(3 - 5 yrs)	1	2%	---	---	---	---	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	2	5%	---	---	---	---	2
	(12 - 17 yrs)	7	17%	---	---	---	---	7
	18 or older	31	76%	---	---	---	---	31
Total		7,653		2,660		550		10,863

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

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

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

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TABLE 5B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE: AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)

DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Foster Care											Foster Care Total
		Contracted Foster Care					Departmental Foster Care						
		Diagnostic	Emergency Shelter	Enhanced Therapeutic	Family Residence	Independent Living	Therapeutic	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
Western		5	12	4	13	15	334	179	79	409	124	645	1,819
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	2	---	3	---	3	14	---	80	54	135	291
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	8	21	---	82	29	108	249
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	2	3	2	---	103	55	---	120	34	177	496
	(12 - 17 yrs)	5	7	1	7	1	192	76	5	117	6	206	623
	18 or older	---	---	---	1	14	28	13	74	10	1	19	160
Central		---	5	---	---	---	220	111	32	295	71	328	1,062
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	4	12	---	55	22	82	175
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	11	11	---	69	21	49	161
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	63	33	---	82	21	87	286
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	5	---	---	---	129	47	---	83	6	100	370
	18 or older	---	---	---	---	---	13	8	32	6	1	10	70
Northeast		2	2	3	12	---	345	106	84	333	45	309	1,241
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	19	9	---	54	14	63	159
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	22	20	---	57	10	47	157
	(6 - 11 yrs)	2	---	1	---	---	67	28	---	98	20	63	279
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	1	2	9	---	220	42	7	114	1	123	519
	18 or older	---	1	---	2	---	17	7	77	10	---	13	127
Metro		---	5	1	10	2	175	97	53	244	50	221	858
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	12	12	---	39	19	54	136
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	13	9	---	46	19	42	129
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	2	1	1	---	31	14	---	73	11	47	180
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	3	---	8	---	107	54	2	75	1	61	311
	18 or older	---	---	---	1	2	12	8	51	11	---	17	102
Southeast		---	7	3	4	---	256	148	79	496	68	502	1,563
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	7	19	---	95	24	135	280
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	1	---	---	14	14	---	89	27	88	233
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	3	1	---	---	53	32	---	142	14	128	373
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	4	1	4	---	167	72	3	160	3	133	547
	18 or older	---	---	---	---	---	15	11	76	10	---	18	130
Boston		---	12	4	7	---	192	90	73	165	36	241	820
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	11	17	---	29	16	58	132
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	10	9	---	26	6	31	82
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	2	1	---	51	14	---	37	10	35	150
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	11	2	6	---	108	41	1	65	4	102	340
	18 or older	---	---	---	---	---	12	9	72	8	---	15	116
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		---	---	---	---	---	48	21	---	46	50	84	249
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	7	---	11	7	24	51
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	7	2	---	13	14	19	55
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	28	7	---	19	26	33	113
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	11	5	---	3	3	8	30
Other ⁽³⁾		---	---	---	---	---	---	1	20	2	---	18	41
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	1	2
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	5	7
	18 or older	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	19	1	---	11	31
Total		7	43	15	46	17	1,570	753	420	1,990	444	2,348	7,653

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

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

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

TABLE 5C. CONSUMERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE: AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)

DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Residential Care											Residential Care Total	
		Commonworks	Group Home			Residential Treatment			Shelter					
			Bridge Home	Independent Living	Other ⁽²⁾	Regular	Teen Pregnancy/ Parenting	Transitional Living		Ch. 766	Diagnostic	Non-766		Other ⁽²⁾
Western		192	20	7	4	10	2	---	45	6	---	8	17	311
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	6	---	---	3	---	---	18	---	---	1	---	31
	(12 - 17 yrs)	181	12	4	---	7	2	---	20	3	---	7	16	252
	18 or older	11	---	3	4	---	---	---	7	---	---	---	1	26
Central		127	14	7	---	62	2	---	100	6	1	19	9	347
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	10	---	---	4	---	---	27	2	---	7	---	50
	(12 - 17 yrs)	112	3	6	---	51	1	---	69	3	1	10	8	264
	18 or older	15	---	1	---	6	1	---	4	1	---	2	1	31
Northeast		228	13	16	3	49	1	---	161	46	---	14	1	532
	(3 - 5 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	1	---	3
	(6 - 11 yrs)	11	6	---	---	6	---	---	43	3	---	5	---	74
	(12 - 17 yrs)	172	7	6	---	42	1	---	103	42	---	5	1	379
	18 or older	44	---	10	3	1	---	---	15	---	---	3	---	76
Metro		247	15	14	4	52	2	4	120	32	10	17	20	537
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	1	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	3
	(6 - 11 yrs)	8	6	---	---	8	---	---	43	2	---	4	---	71
	(12 - 17 yrs)	201	7	7	3	41	2	3	65	30	10	12	20	401
	18 or older	38	---	7	1	2	---	1	11	---	---	1	---	61
Southeast		298	13	2	3	58	5	1	94	24	---	12	25	535
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	1
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	---	---	2
	(6 - 11 yrs)	1	8	---	---	14	---	---	32	5	---	5	1	66
	(12 - 17 yrs)	247	5	2	2	42	4	---	53	17	---	5	24	401
	18 or older	50	---	---	1	2	1	1	8	---	---	2	---	65
Boston		194	17	11	---	51	8	1	92	10	---	5	8	397
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	4
	(6 - 11 yrs)	2	8	---	---	8	---	---	26	---	---	1	---	45
	(12 - 17 yrs)	155	7	1	---	32	7	---	48	9	---	2	8	269
	18 or older	37	---	10	---	11	1	1	16	1	---	2	---	79
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
	(12 - 17 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Total		1,287	92	57	14	282	20	6	612	124	11	75	80	2,660

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

⁽²⁾ Sites/facilities that differ from the other types of group homes or residential treatment facilities.

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

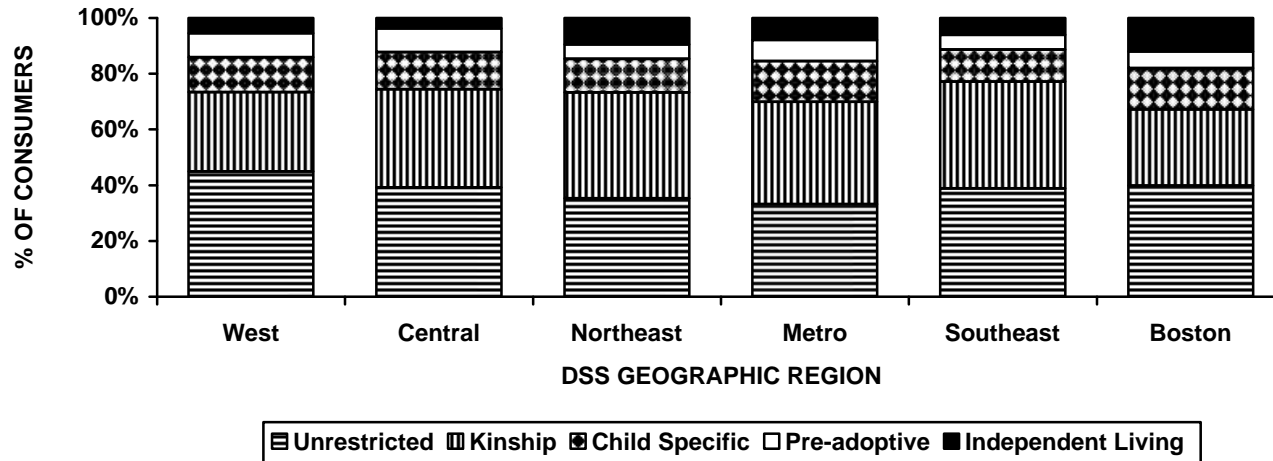
TABLE 5D. CONSUMERS IN COMMONWORKS (SUB-REFERRALS): AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)

DSS		Commonworks									Total
Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Ch. 766	Diagnostic	Independent Living	Non-766	Other	Regular	Shelter	Therapeutic	Unspecified	
Western		38	---	2	96	2	15	---	36	3	192
	(12 - 17 yrs)	37	---	---	94	2	12	---	33	3	181
	18 or older	1	---	2	2	---	3	---	3	---	11
Central		43	2	3	18	---	45	6	9	1	127
	(12 - 17 yrs)	39	2	1	17	---	40	6	6	1	112
	18 or older	4	---	2	1	---	5	---	3	---	15
Northeast		95	1	27	31	---	49	2	21	2	228
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	11	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	11
	(12 - 17 yrs)	77	1	5	28	---	39	2	18	2	172
	18 or older	7	---	22	3	---	9	---	3	---	44
Metro		119	---	27	13	4	61	8	13	2	247
	(6 - 11 yrs)	6	---	---	1	---	---	---	1	---	8
	(12 - 17 yrs)	108	---	7	12	4	55	7	7	1	201
	18 or older	5	---	20	---	---	6	1	5	1	38
Southeast		137	8	15	5	1	68	19	43	2	298
	(6 - 11 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
	(12 - 17 yrs)	120	8	8	5	---	61	18	25	2	247
	18 or older	16	---	7	---	1	7	1	18	---	50
Boston		77	3	29	4	---	60	1	15	5	194
	(6 - 11 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	2
	(12 - 17 yrs)	70	3	9	4	---	51	1	13	4	155
	18 or older	6	---	20	---	---	9	---	1	1	37
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	1
Total		509	14	103	167	7	298	36	138	15	1,287

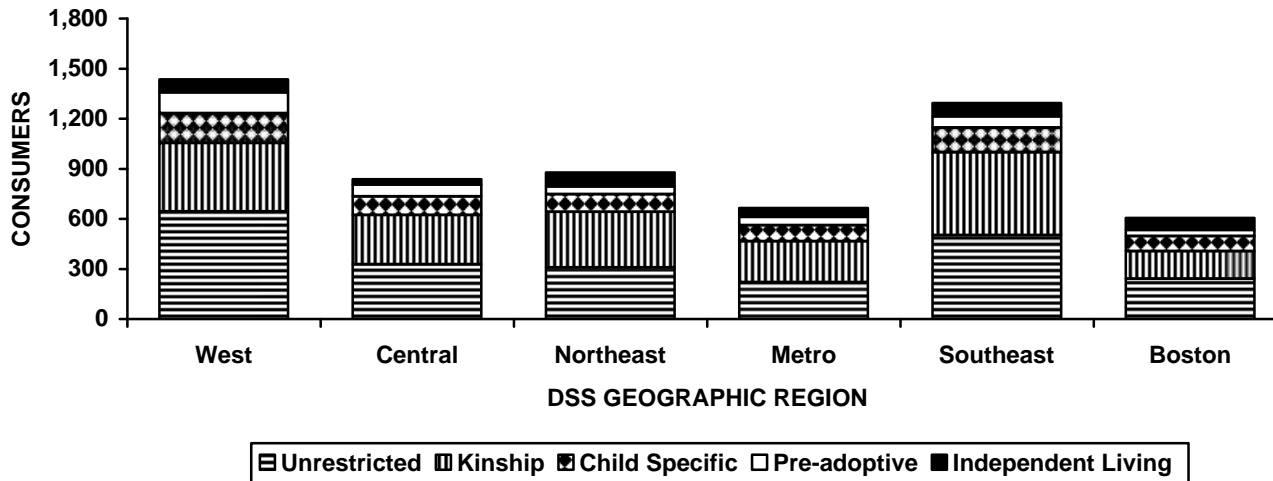
⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).

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

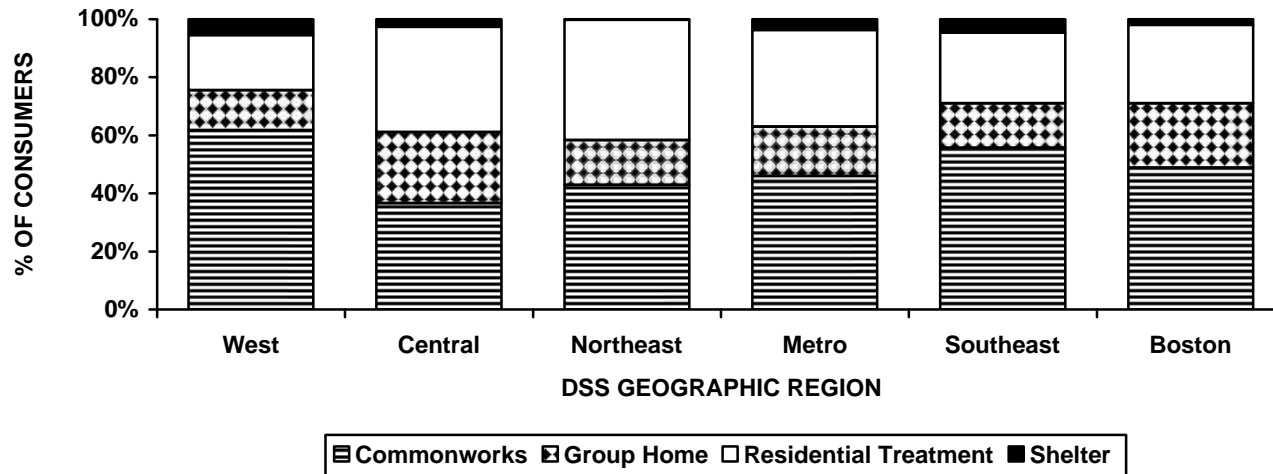
**FIGURE 7A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
(FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)**



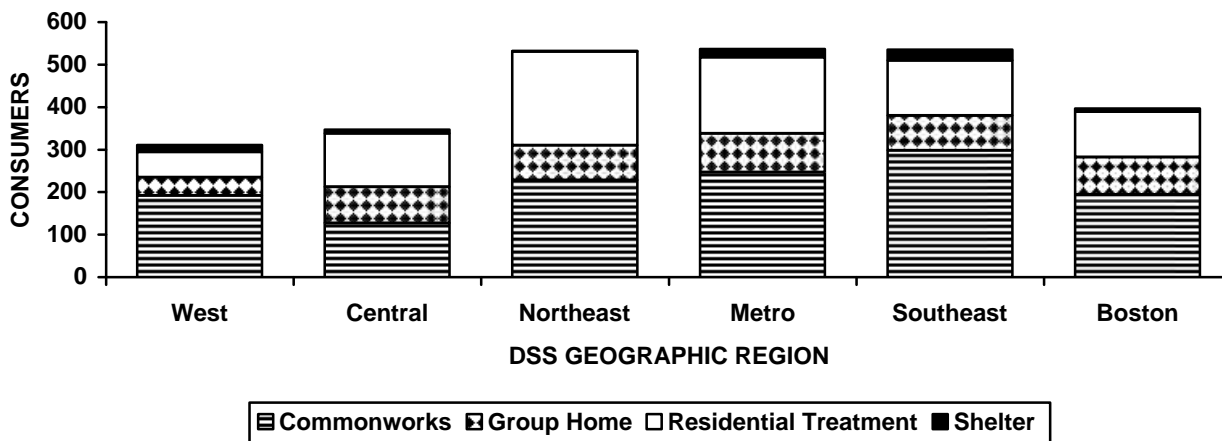
**FIGURE 7B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
(FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)**



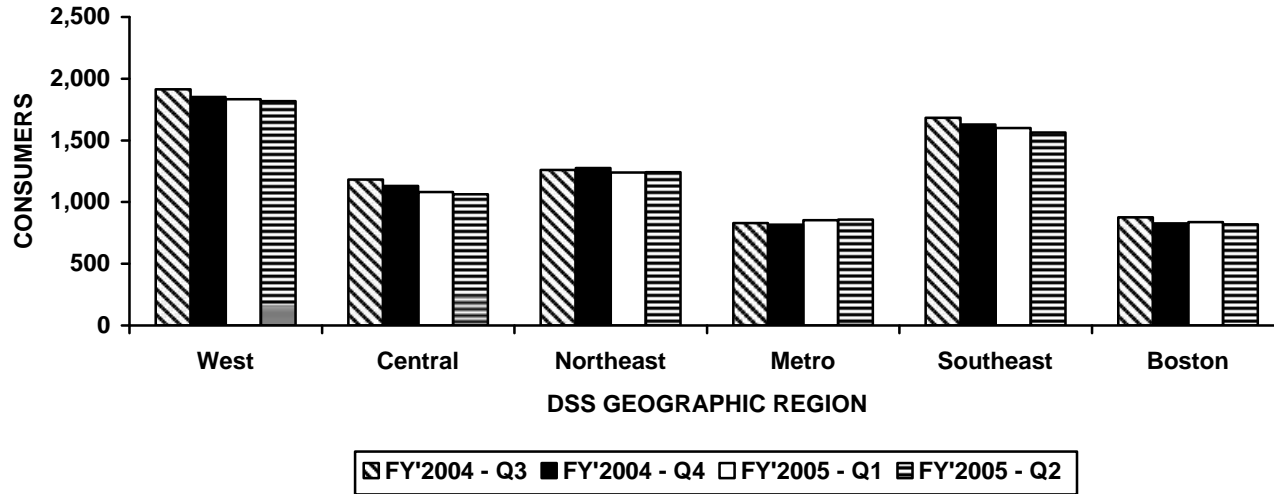
**FIGURE 8A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN RESIDENTIAL CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
(FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 8B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN RESIDENTIAL CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
(FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 9. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE BY DSS REGION
(FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER - FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 10. CONSUMERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE BY DSS REGION
(FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER - FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)**

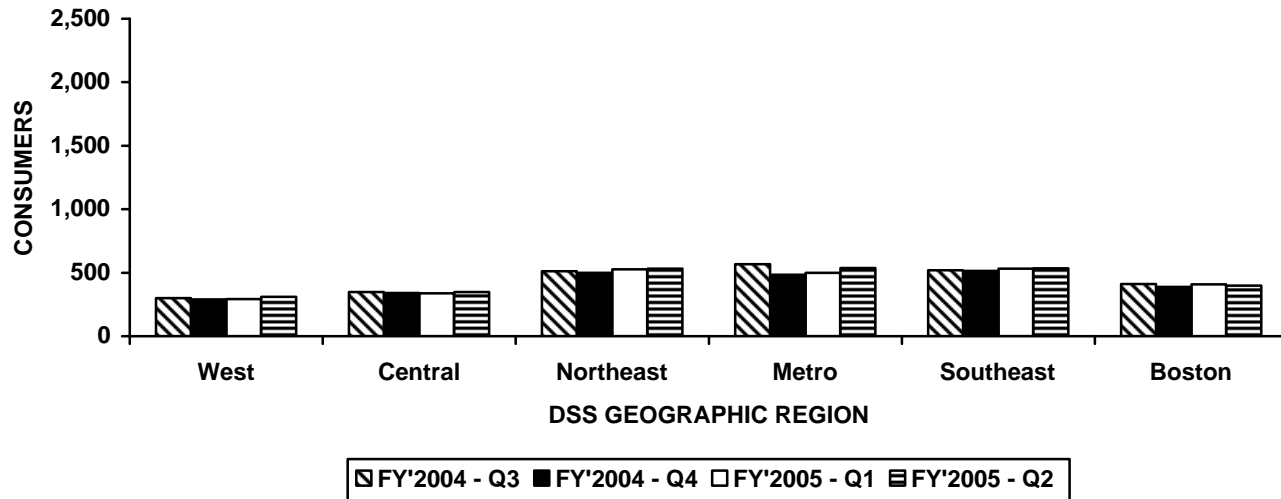


TABLE 6A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN BY DSS REGIONS AND STATE (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)

Characteristics	DSS Geographic Region														Total			
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%				
Sex:																		
Female	1,108	49%	741	50%	909	48%	686	47%	1,075	49%	648	50%	120	48%	8	20%	5,295	49%
Male	1,166	51%	735	50%	976	52%	763	53%	1,113	51%	652	50%	130	52%	33	80%	5,568	51%
Total	2,274	100%	1,476	100%	1,885	100%	1,449	100%	2,188	100%	1,300	100%	250	100%	41	100%	10,863	100%
Race:																		
White	1,404	62%	1,039	70%	1,199	64%	994	69%	1,492	68%	327	25%	127	51%	---	---	6,582	61%
Black	339	15%	178	12%	178	9%	263	18%	370	17%	726	56%	63	25%	34	83%	2,151	20%
Asian	3	*	6	*	118	6%	16	1%	16	1%	16	1%	4	2%	---	---	179	2%
Native American	8	*	---	---	5	*	---	---	11	1%	5	*	---	---	---	---	29	*
Other ⁽³⁾	5	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*	1	0%	---	---	8	*
Multi-Racial	78	3%	47	3%	70	4%	59	4%	83	4%	35	3%	19	8%	---	---	391	4%
Unable to Determine	434	19%	205	14%	314	17%	117	8%	215	10%	189	15%	36	14%	---	---	1,510	14%
Unspecified	3	*	1	*	1	*	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	7	17%	13	*
Total	2,274	100%	1,476	100%	1,885	100%	1,449	100%	2,188	100%	1,300	100%	250	100%	41	100%	10,863	100%
Hispanic/Latino Origin:																		
Hispanic/Latino	860	38%	367	25%	607	32%	195	13%	299	14%	295	23%	81	32%	1	2%	2,705	25%
Not Hispanic/Latino	1,300	57%	1,034	70%	1,239	66%	1,207	83%	1,775	81%	952	73%	158	63%	38	93%	7,703	71%
Unable to Determine	112	5%	75	5%	38	2%	47	3%	113	5%	52	4%	11	4%	---	---	448	4%
Unspecified	2	*	---	---	1	*	---	---	1	*	1	*	---	---	2	*	7	*
Total	2,274	100%	1,476	100%	1,885	100%	1,449	100%	2,188	100%	1,300	100%	250	100%	41	100%	10,863	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily consumers served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders.

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TABLE 6B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE BY DSS REGIONS AND STATE (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)

Characteristics	DSS Geographic Region														Total			
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Age:																		
(0 - 2 yrs)	294	13%	178	12%	162	9%	137	9%	282	13%	135	10%	51	20%	---	---	1,239	11%
(3 - 5 yrs)	251	11%	164	11%	161	9%	135	9%	237	11%	86	7%	55	22%	1	2%	1,090	10%
(6 - 11 yrs)	535	24%	339	23%	360	19%	258	18%	445	20%	201	15%	113	45%	2	5%	2,253	21%
(12 - 17 yrs)	1,001	44%	693	47%	993	53%	752	52%	1,025	47%	676	52%	31	12%	7	17%	5,178	48%
18 or older	193	8%	102	7%	209	11%	167	12%	199	9%	202	16%	---	---	31	76%	1,103	10%
Total	2,274	100%	1,476	100%	1,885	100%	1,449	100%	2,188	100%	1,300	100%	250	100%	41	100%	10,863	100%
Service Plan Goals:																		
Reunify Family	576	25%	511	35%	603	32%	500	35%	803	37%	375	29%	---	---	---	---	3,368	31%
Adoption	645	28%	378	26%	370	20%	265	18%	479	22%	247	19%	246	98%	---	---	2,630	24%
Living Independently	349	15%	183	12%	370	20%	294	20%	352	16%	302	23%		0%	35	85%	1,885	17%
Long-Term Substitute Care	396	17%	192	13%	327	17%	184	13%	263	12%	189	15%	---	---	---	---	1,551	14%
Guardianship	94	4%	92	6%	60	3%	68	5%	123	6%	52	4%	4	2%	---	---	493	5%
Stabilize Intact Family	130	6%	85	6%	84	4%	82	6%	77	4%	58	4%	---	---	---	---	516	5%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	44	2%	29	2%	53	3%	32	2%	76	3%	58	4%	---	---	---	---	292	3%
Unspecified	40	2%	6	*	18	1%	24	2%	15	1%	19	1%	---	---	6	15%	128	1%
Total	2,274	100%	1,476	100%	1,885	100%	1,449	100%	2,188	100%	1,300	100%	250	100%	41	100%	10,863	100%
Continuous Time in Care:																		
(.5 yr or less)	449	20%	319	22%	394	21%	368	25%	488	22%	273	21%	3	1%	7	17%	2,301	21%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	308	14%	234	16%	290	15%	261	18%	348	16%	206	16%	11	4%	---	---	1,658	15%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	233	10%	183	12%	184	10%	167	12%	276	13%	145	11%	35	14%	---	---	1,223	11%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	204	9%	131	9%	173	9%	129	9%	227	10%	124	10%	41	16%	1	2%	1,030	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	526	23%	359	24%	388	21%	293	20%	469	21%	260	20%	104	42%	10	24%	2,409	22%
> 4 yrs	554	24%	250	17%	456	24%	231	16%	380	17%	292	22%	56	22%	23	56%	2,242	21%
Total	2,274	100%	1,476	100%	1,885	100%	1,449	100%	2,188	100%	1,300	100%	250	100%	41	100%	10,863	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily consumers served through Central Office contracts.

FIGURE 11A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN STATEWIDE, (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)

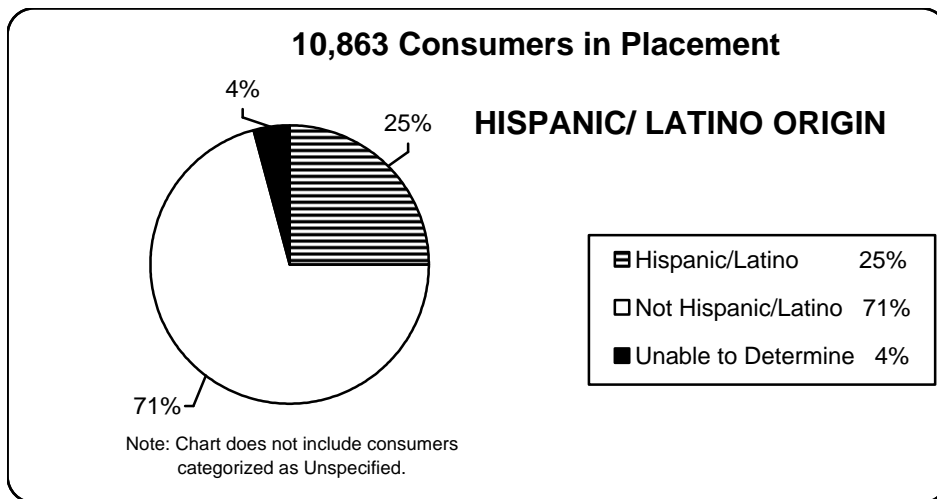
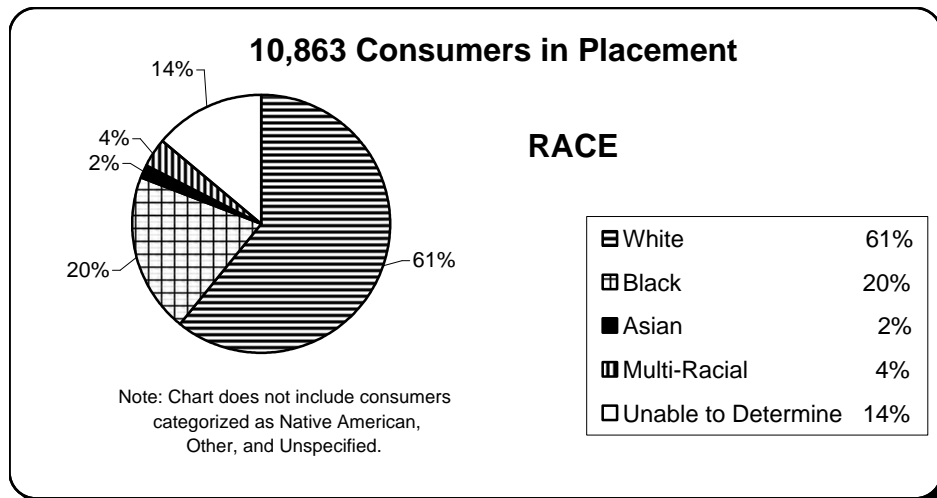
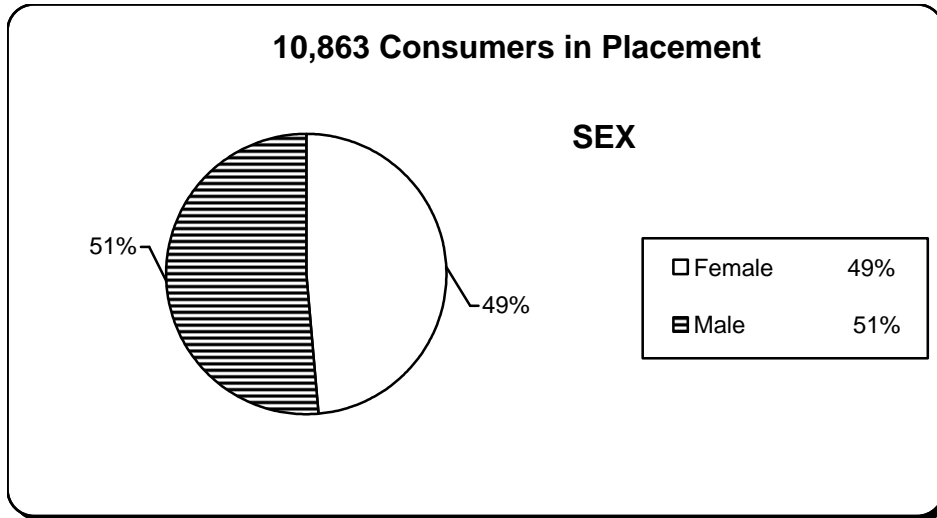


FIGURE 11B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT STATEWIDE. (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)

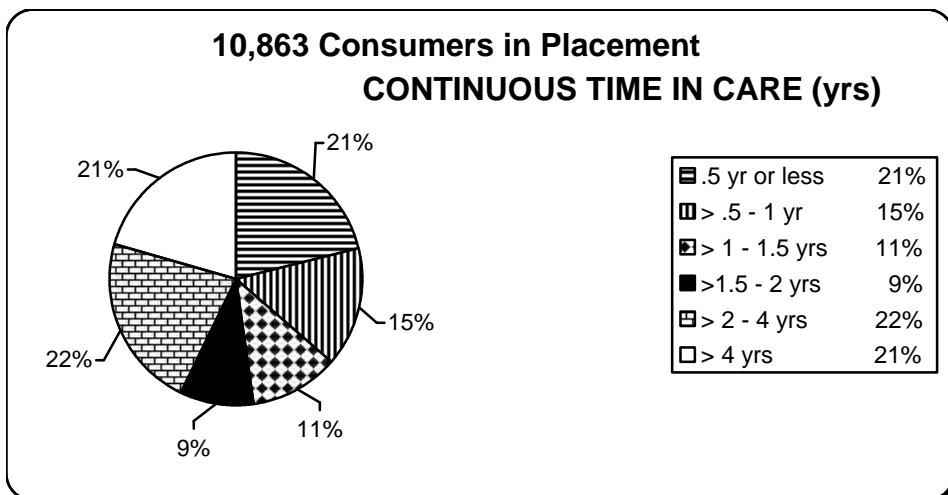
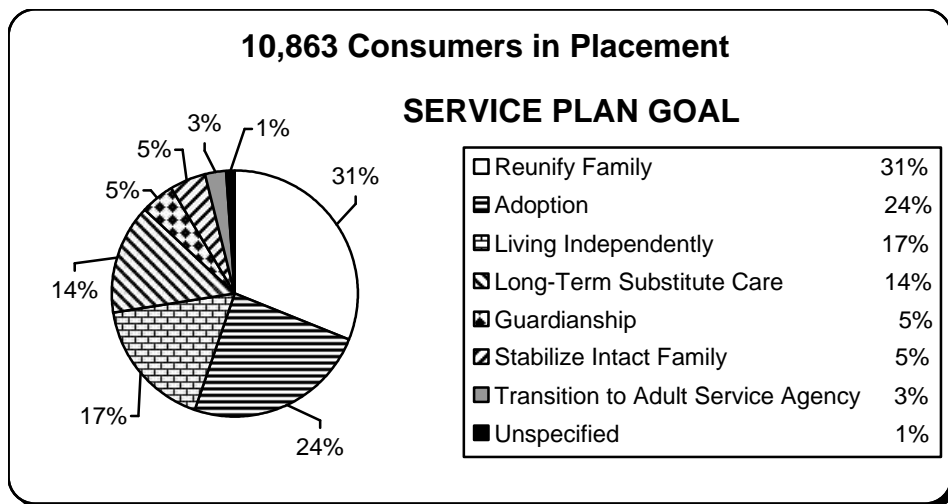
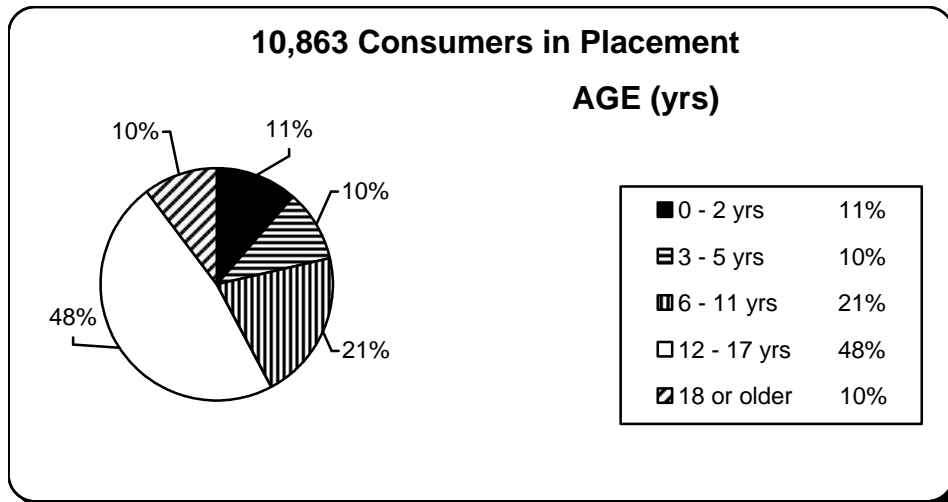


TABLE 7A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE: STATEWIDE (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers														Total			
	White		Black		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine				Unspecified	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	1,438	22%	424	20%	33	18%	6	21%	1	13%	81	21%	313	21%	5	38%	2,301	21%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	1,012	15%	290	13%	28	16%	7	24%	1	13%	71	18%	247	16%	2	15%	1,658	15%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	750	11%	227	11%	20	11%	6	21%	---	---	53	14%	167	11%	---	---	1,223	11%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	608	9%	226	11%	15	8%	3	10%	1	13%	41	10%	135	9%	1	8%	1,030	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	1,459	22%	451	21%	46	26%	2	7%	3	38%	84	21%	363	24%	1	8%	2,409	22%
> 4yrs	1,315	20%	533	25%	37	21%	5	17%	2	25%	61	16%	285	19%	4	31%	2,242	21%
Total	6,582	100%	2,151	100%	179	100%	29	100%	8	100%	391	100%	1,510	100%	13	100%	10,863	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 7B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE: STATEWIDE (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)

Continuous Time in Care	Hispanic/Latino Origin ⁽¹⁾ of Consumers						Total			
	Hispanic/Latino		Not Hispanic/Latino		Unable to Determine				Unspecified	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	528	20%	1,645	21%	122	27%	6	86%	2,301	21%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	395	15%	1,185	15%	77	17%	1	14%	1,658	15%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	317	12%	860	11%	46	10%	---	---	1,223	11%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	250	9%	735	10%	45	10%	---	---	1,030	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	606	22%	1,719	22%	84	19%	---	---	2,409	22%
> 4yrs	609	23%	1,559	20%	74	17%	---	---	2,242	21%
Total	2,705	100%	7,703	100%	448	100%	7	100%	10,863	100%

⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

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TABLE 8A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers																Total	
	White		Black		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	2,061	61%	626	19%	61	2%	10	*	2	*	127	4%	480	14%	1	*	3,368	100%
Adoption	1,591	60%	431	16%	22	1%	9	*	3	*	137	5%	437	17%	---	---	2,630	100%
Living Independently	1,095	58%	495	26%	45	2%	4	*	2	*	39	2%	201	11%	4	*	1,885	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	924	60%	346	22%	25	2%	2	*	1	*	39	3%	211	14%	3	*	1,551	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	335	65%	66	13%	9	2%	2	*	---	---	20	4%	83	16%	1	*	516	100%
Guardianship	292	59%	101	20%	13	3%	2	*	---	---	24	5%	61	12%	---	---	493	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	204	70%	62	21%	3	1%	---	---	---	---	3	1%	20	7%	---	---	292	100%
Unspecified	80	63%	24	19%	1	1%	---	---	---	---	2	2%	17	13%	4	3%	128	100%
Total	6,582	61%	2,151	20%	179	2%	29	*	8	*	391	4%	1,510	14%	13	*	10,863	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 8B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)

Service Plan Goal	Hispanic/Latino Origin ⁽¹⁾ of Consumers								Total	
	Hispanic/Latino		Not Hispanic/Latino		Unable to Determine		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	781	23%	2,423	72%	163	5%	1	*	3,368	100%
Adoption	786	30%	1,711	65%	133	5%	---	---	2,630	100%
Living Independently	372	20%	1,460	77%	53	3%	---	---	1,885	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	417	27%	1,077	69%	57	4%	---	---	1,551	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	146	28%	353	68%	16	3%	1	*	516	100%
Guardianship	104	21%	373	76%	16	3%	---	---	493	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	56	19%	232	79%	4	1%	---	---	292	100%
Unspecified	43	34%	74	58%	6	5%	5	4%	128	100%
Total	2,705	25%	7,703	71%	448	4%	7	*	10,863	100%

⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic/Latino origin.

TABLE 8C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)

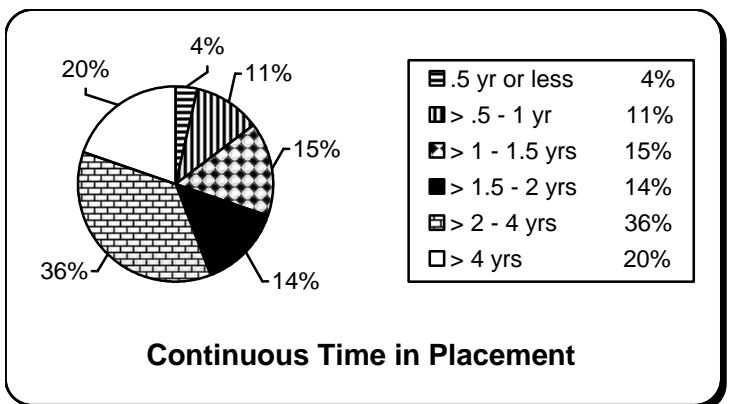
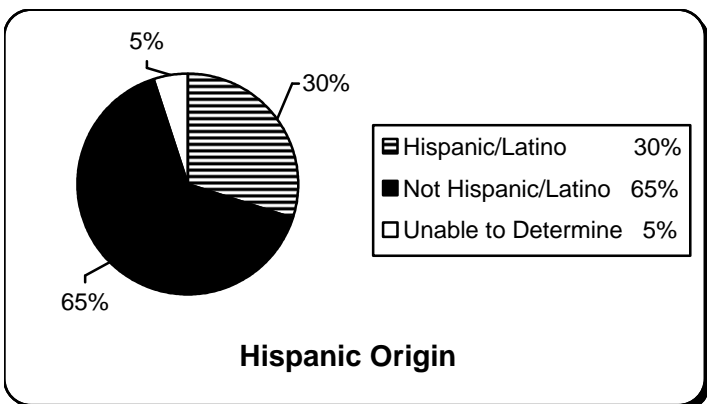
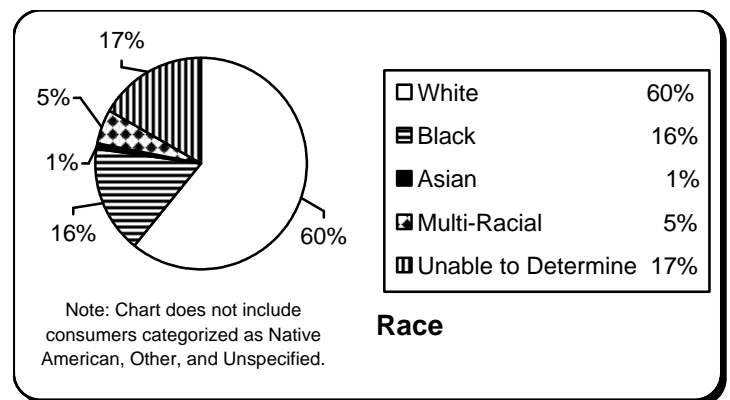
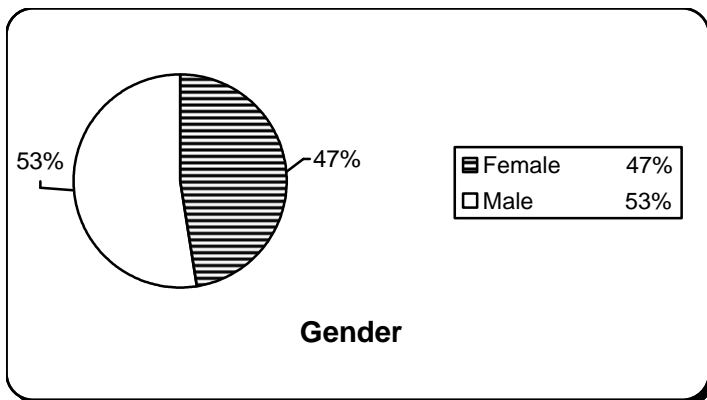
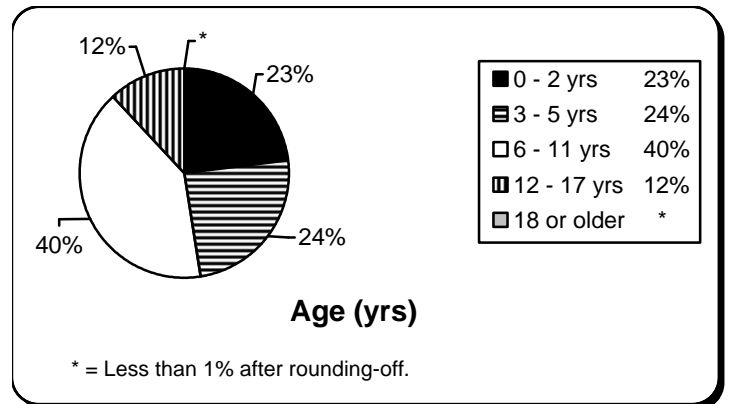
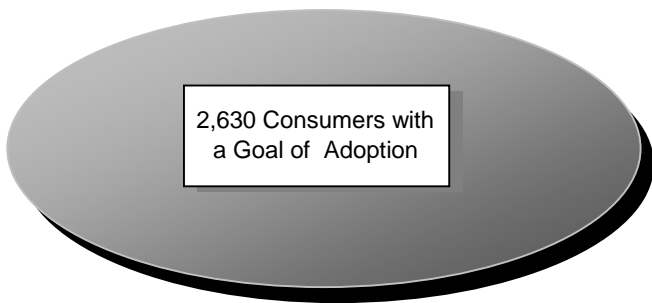
Service Plan Goal	Age Group of Consumers										Total	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	511	15%	349	10%	796	24%	1,695	50%	17	*	3,368	100%
Adoption	609	23%	643	24%	1,064	40%	311	12%	3	*	2,630	100%
Living Independently	1	*	---	---	---	---	1,038	55%	846	45%	1,885	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	1	*	4	*	163	11%	1,336	86%	47	3%	1,551	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	49	9%	46	9%	80	16%	329	64%	12	2%	516	100%
Guardianship	23	5%	42	9%	133	27%	292	59%	3	1%	493	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	---	---	---	---	8	3%	111	38%	173	59%	292	100%
Unspecified	45	35%	6	5%	9	7%	66	52%	2	2%	128	100%
Total	1,239	11%	1,090	10%	2,253	21%	5,178	48%	1,103	10%	10,863	100%

TABLE 8D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)

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.	%
Reunify Family	1,483	44%	1,060	31%	399	12%	198	6%	189	6%	39	1%	3,368	100%
Adoption	97	4%	293	11%	405	15%	370	14%	946	36%	519	20%	2,630	100%
Living Independently	100	5%	109	6%	168	9%	196	10%	565	30%	747	40%	1,885	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	75	5%	71	5%	123	8%	150	10%	469	30%	663	43%	1,551	100%
Guardianship	378	73%	63	12%	33	6%	14	3%	20	4%	8	2%	516	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	19	4%	55	11%	84	17%	87	18%	155	31%	93	19%	493	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	22	8%	7	2%	10	3%	15	5%	65	22%	173	59%	292	100%
Unspecified	127	99%	---	---	1	1%	---	---	---	---	---	---	128	100%
Total	2,301	21%	1,658	15%	1,223	11%	1,030	9%	2,409	22%	2,242	21%	10,863	100%

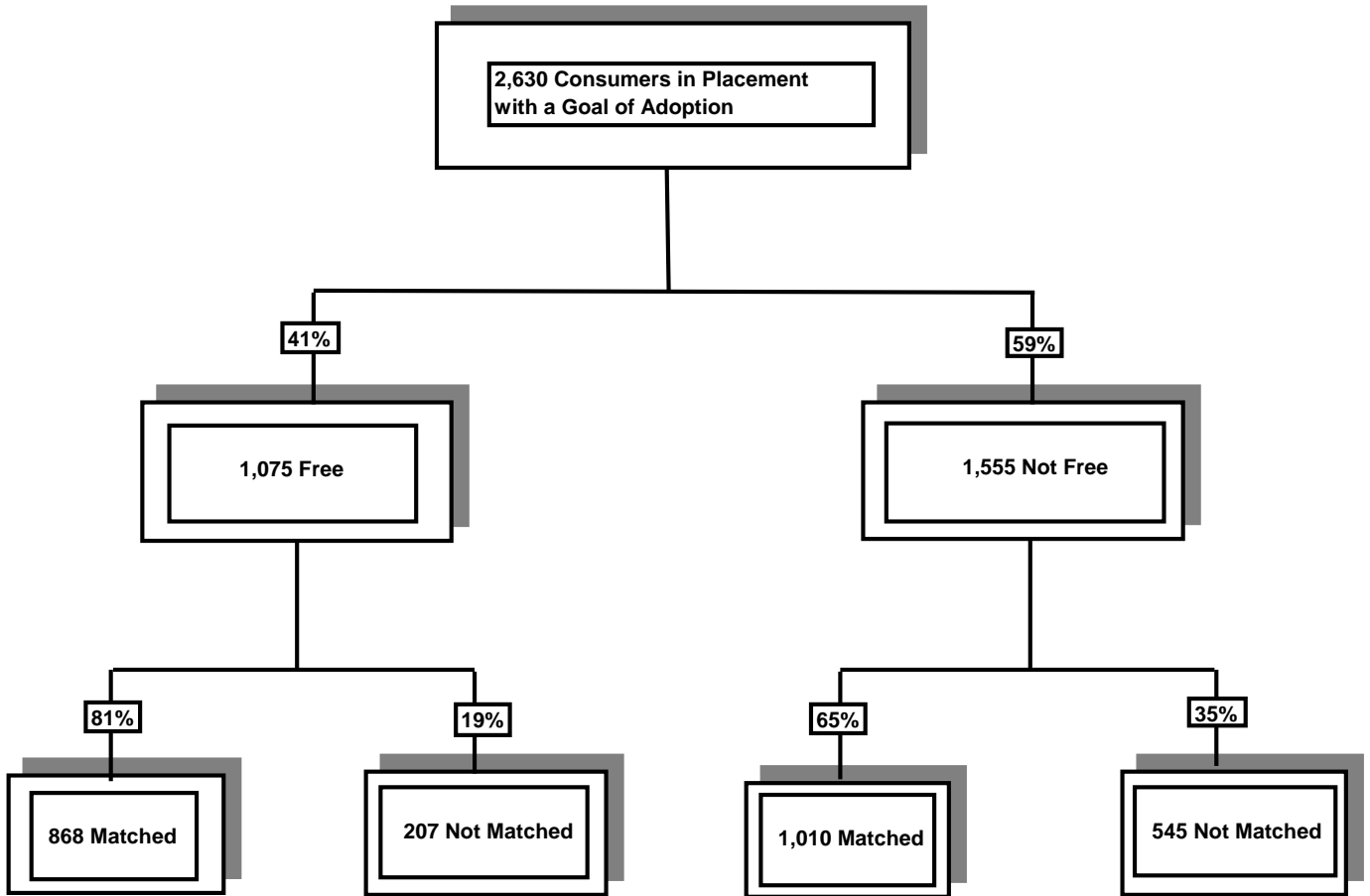
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Figure 12A. Age, Sex, Race, Hispanic Origin, and Continuous Time in Placement of Consumers with a Goal of Adoption (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)



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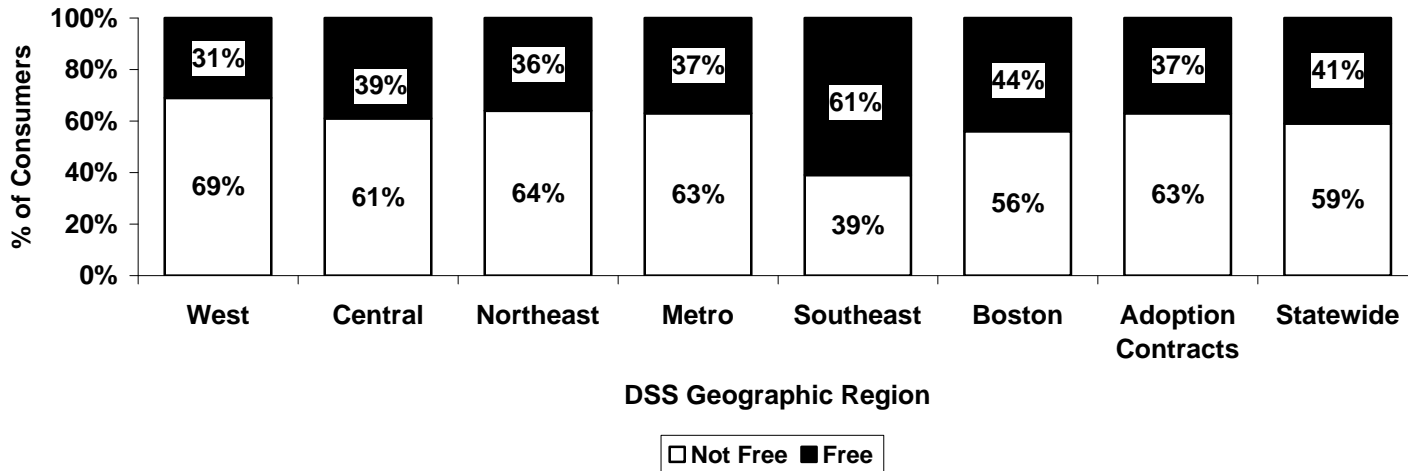
**Figure 12B. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption:
 Legal Status and Match Status
 (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)**



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

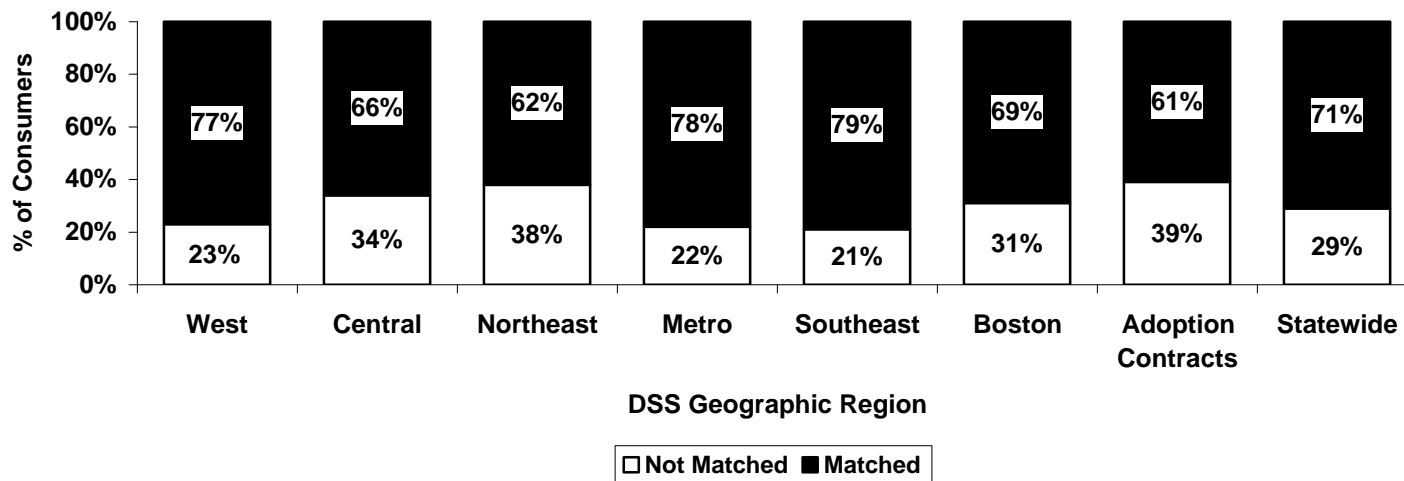
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**Figure 2C. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption and Legally Freed Status
(FY'05, 2ND QUARTER)**



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**Figure 12D. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption and Whether Matched to a Permanent Family
(FY'05, 2ND QUARTER)**



Case Intakes (Openings)

- During the 2nd Quarter of FY'2005, there were 3,800 case openings (unduplicated) and 16,070 consumer openings (unduplicated). Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed by DSS. Consumers who entered the DSS system during the quarter include both members of new cases and new members of ongoing cases, as well as re-opened consumers (previously opened and closed). **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- Eighty-two percent of case intakes and 85% of consumer intakes were due to supported abuse/neglect reports. **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 7% of case intakes and 6% of consumer intakes. **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- CHINS referrals amounted to 8% of case intakes and 6% of consumer intakes. **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in Fig. 13. Supported reports accounted for 82-87% of the total intakes for each region. The Boston Region had the largest proportion of CHINS referrals (10%). Voluntary requests were most significant (11%) in the Metro Region. **(Fig. 13, Table 9A)**
- The regional counts of CHINS referrals ranged from 30 (Metro) to 63 (Southeast) cases. Voluntary requests were highest in Metro. Case intakes via supported reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the Southeast and West. **(Table 9A)**
- Regionally, case openings were lowest in the 1st Quarter of FY'2005. **(Fig. 14)**. This quarterly trend in case openings is driven by reports and investigations. Reports and investigations are lowest in the 1st quarter (summer vacation) then rise during the school year **(Figs. 20 and 21 on page 51)**.

TABLE 9A. CASE INTAKES DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DSS REGION (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)

DSS Geographic Region	Case Counts ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Supported CA/N Reports		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Other ⁽²⁾		Unspecified		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	600	87%	54	8%	24	3%	8	1%	2	*	688
Central	424	82%	46	9%	41	8%	9	2%	---	---	520
Northeast	547	83%	50	8%	36	5%	24	4%	2	*	659
Metro	504	82%	30	5%	69	11%	10	2%	1	*	614
Southeast	636	79%	63	8%	55	7%	54	7%	---	---	808
Boston	444	82%	54	10%	35	6%	10	2%	---	---	543
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	3	100%	---	---	---	---	3
Total	3,156	82%	297	8%	263	7%	115	3%	5	*	3,836

⁽¹⁾ Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed. The total summation for each DSS Region is a duplicated count because some families had more than one case opening in a quarter by more than one type of initial contact. The unduplicated count of total case openings is **3,800**.

TABLE 9B. CONSUMER INTAKES DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DSS REGION (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)

DSS Geographic Region	Consumer Counts ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Supported CA/N Reports		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Other ⁽²⁾		Unspecified		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	2,770	92%	150	5%	73	2%	28	1%	3	*	3,024
Central	1,890	84%	157	7%	162	7%	37	2%	---	---	2,246
Northeast	2,424	86%	207	7%	116	4%	70	2%	4	*	2,821
Metro	2,038	83%	105	4%	263	11%	32	1%	3	*	2,441
Southeast	2,769	81%	242	7%	212	6%	198	6%	---	---	3,421
Boston	1,902	86%	162	7%	109	5%	32	1%	---	---	2,205
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	7	100%	---	---	---	---	7
Total	13,794	85%	1,023	6%	942	6%	397	2%	10	*	16,166

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

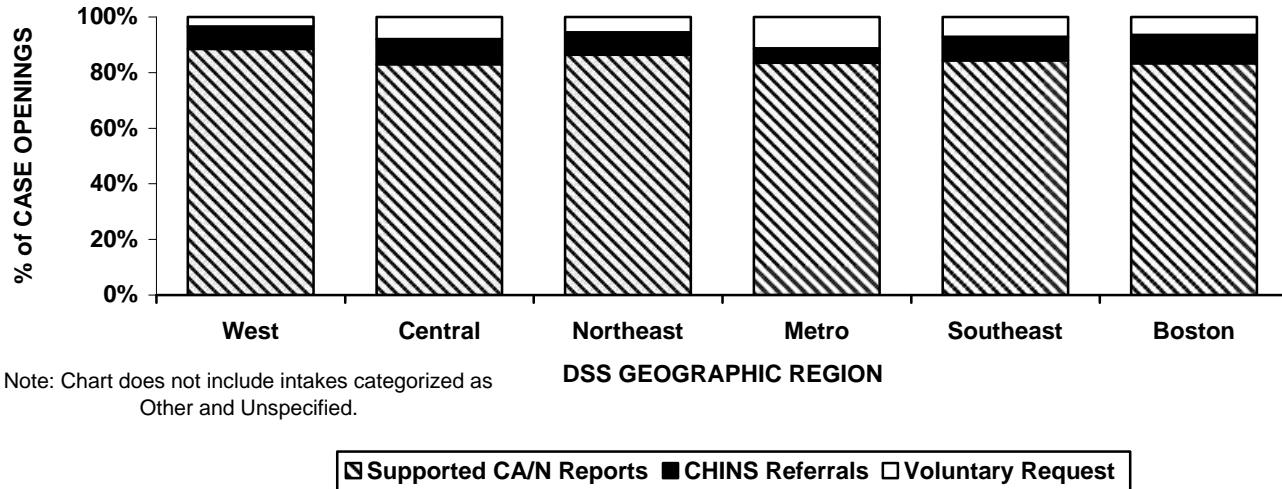
⁽¹⁾ Counts of consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases during the quarter. The total summation for each DSS Region is a duplicated count because some consumers had more than one type of initial contact during the quarter. The unduplicated count of total consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases is **16,070**.

⁽²⁾ Examples are a court order to provide services or a request on behalf of a consumer by another agency.

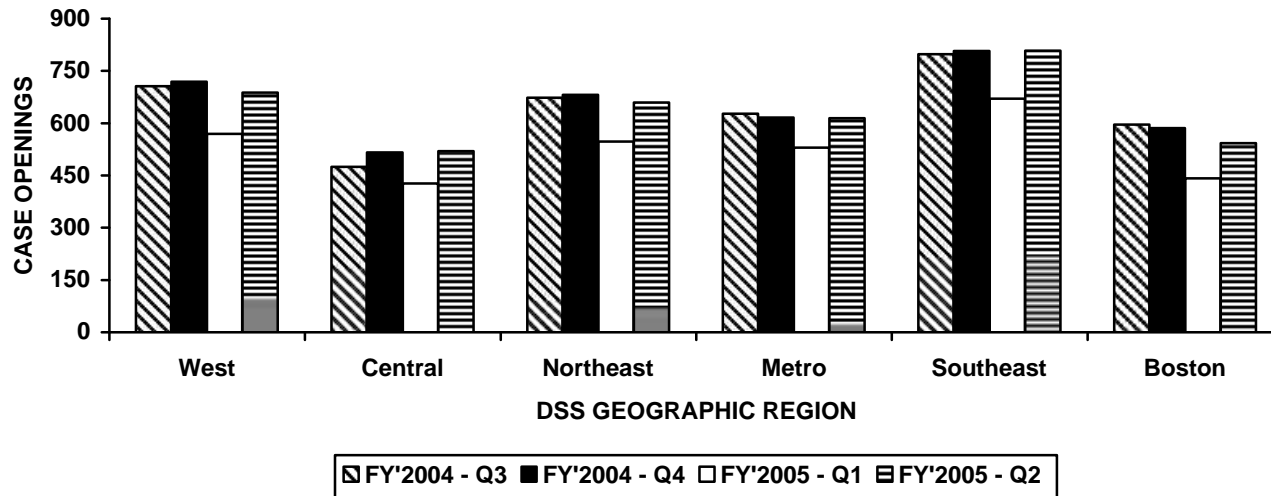
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⁽⁴⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 13. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DSS REGION
(FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 14. INTAKES (CASE OPENINGS) BY DSS REGION
(FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER - FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)**



Consumers with Placements Starting or Ending during the Quarter

- During the 2nd Quarter of FY'2005, 3,459 consumers started at least one placement and 1,642 consumers left at least one placement.¹ These counts of placement dynamics are not the same as consumer entries and exits to placement since they include consumers who changed placements during the quarter. **(Tables 10 and 11)**
- Of those consumers who started a placement setting during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2005, 33% were first-time entrants and 67% were re-entrants.² The re-entrant total includes consumers going from a home to a placement location and consumers changing placements.³ Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 26% in Boston to 39% in the both Metro and Central. **(Table 10, Fig. 15)**
- The largest influx to placement (first-time entrants and re-entrants combined) occurred in the West (19% of statewide entrants) and Southeast (19% of statewide entrants). **(Table 10)**
- Across the state, 64% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 28% were placed in residential care, and 7% were placed in non-referral locations.⁴ **(Table 10)**
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Seventy-seven percent of first-time entrants and 58% of re-entrants were placed in foster homes. Conversely, 32% of re-entrants and 21% of first-time entrants were placed in residential care. **(Table 10)**
- Compared to other regions, Metro placed a much higher proportion of both first-time entrants (37%) and re-entrants (51%) into residential care. **(Table 10, Fig. 16)**
- Metro was the only region where the number of re-entrants going into residential care (146) was greater than the number of re-entrants going into foster care (121). Statewide, 752 re-entrants were placed in residential care and 1,356 re-entrants were placed in foster care. **(Table 10)**

¹ For individuals with multiple entries and exits during the quarter, only the first entry and exit were selected.

² Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

³ Changing providers.

⁴ Non-referral locations include hospitals and other state agencies.

- Statewide, 35% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 26% in Boston to 44% in the Northeast. **(Table 11)**
- Excluding consumers changing placements from the list of consumers with placements ending during the quarter, leaves 898 consumers who actually left placement. Sixty-three percent of the 898 consumers leaving placement were returned home. **(Table 11)**

TABLE 10. CONSUMERS STARTING PLACEMENTS DURING THE QUARTER BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)

Entry Type	Placement Location Started	DSS Geographic Region						Adoption		Total
		West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
First-Time Entrants:		235	161	181	182	240	108	---	18	1,125
	Foster Care	201	130	137	107	193	78	---	15	861
	Residential	32	28	40	68	42	21	---	2	233
	Non-Referral Location ⁽³⁾	2	3	4	7	5	9	---	1	31
Re-Entrants:		433	248	414	286	405	308	26	214	2,334
	Foster Care	317	146	231	121	237	174	25	105	1,356
	Residential	73	82	135	146	136	100	---	80	752
	Non-Referral Location ⁽³⁾	43	20	48	19	32	34	1	29	226
Total		668	409	595	468	645	416	26	232	3,459

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

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily consumers served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Includes hospitals and other state agencies.

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TABLE 11. CONSUMERS ENDING PLACEMENTS DURING THE QUARTER BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)

Reason Placement Ended	DSS Geographic Region						Adoption		Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
Child Returned Home	127	73	135	79	86	50	---	17	567
New or Other Service Referral for Placement	92	53	87	67	73	72	5	43	492
New Sub-Contract Referral for Placement	18	9	18	31	25	21	2	37	161
Placement in Non-Referral Location	7	13	13	14	24	13	---	7	91
Child on the Run	21	4	19	10	14	5	---	10	83
Consumer Adopted	9	14	8	7	10	16	3	3	70
Child 18 or Older	10	8	17	13	5	6	---	6	65
Guardianship	---	1	1	---	2	1	---	57	62
Custody to Other Individual	15	4	8	8	1	10	---	2	48
Custody to Other Agency	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	2	3
Total	299	179	307	229	240	194	10	184	1,642

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

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily consumers served through Central Office contracts.

FIGURE 15. CONSUMERS WITH PLACEMENTS STARTING DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS) (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)

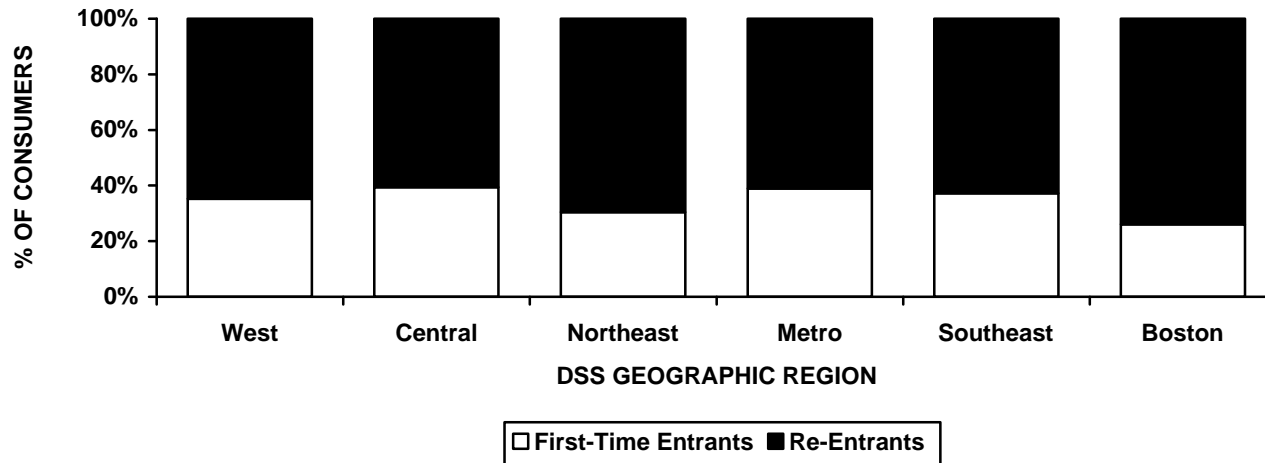
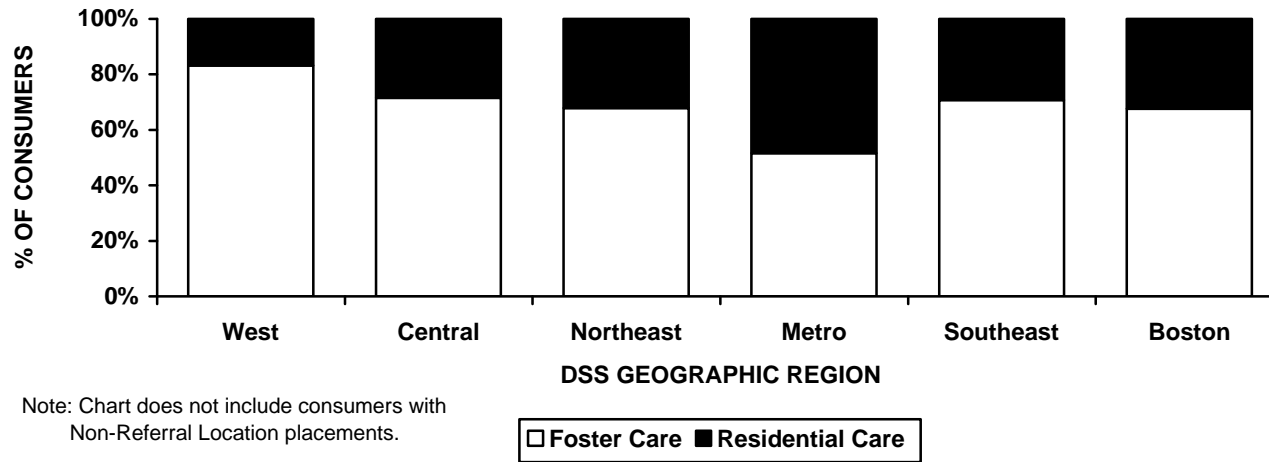
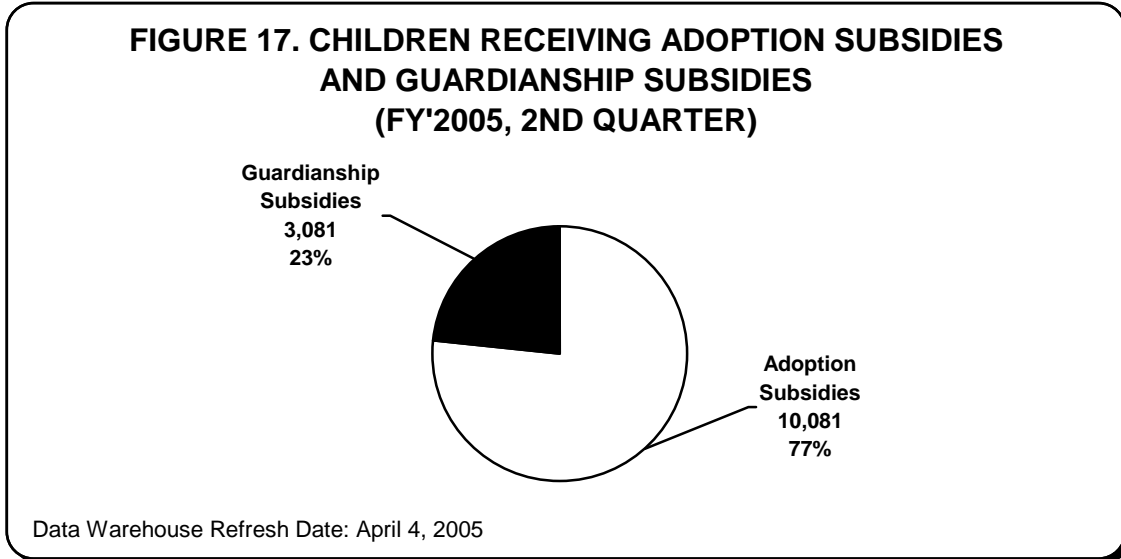


FIGURE 16. CONSUMERS WITH FOSTER AND RESIDENTIAL CARE PLACEMENTS STARTING DURING THE QUARTER (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)



Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies

- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2005, the total number of children receiving adoption subsidies was 10,081. Guardianship subsidies totaled 3,081. (Fig. 17)



Adoption subsidies typically increase by about 1% each quarter. Quarterly increases in Guardianship subsidies are usually around 1-2%. The decline in subsidies from the 1st quarter to the 2nd quarter of FY'2003 is deceptive. It resulted from a mass cleanup of cases rather than a true reduction. (See table below)

	Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)			
	Adoption		Guardianship	
Quarter	No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change
FY'2001: 1 st	8,775	1%	2,647	-1%
2 nd	8,910	2%	2,700	2%
3 rd	9,004	1%	2,754	2%
4 th	9,113	1%	2,773	1%
FY'2002: 1 st	9,240	1%	2,789	1%
2 nd	9,361	1%	2,809	1%
3 rd	9,482	1%	2,863	2%
4 th	9,576	1%	2,944	3%
FY'2003 1 st	9,696	1%	2,921	-1%
2 nd	9,240	-5%	2,738	-6%
3 rd	9,328	1%	2,779	1%
4 th	9,470	2%	2,838	2%
FY'2004 1 st	9,605	1%	2,839	*
2 nd	9,616	*	2,866	1%
3 rd	9,712	1%	2,944	3%
4 th	9,859	2%	2,996	2%
FY'2005 1 st	9,954	1%	3,002	*
2 nd	10,081	1%	3,081	3%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Foster Homes¹

- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2005, there were 4,662 foster homes. Included in this total are all kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes² as well as approved unrestricted homes.³ Approved unrestricted foster homes accounted for 47% (2,212) of the foster home total while restricted foster homes amounted to 53% (2,450). **(Table 12A)**
- From the 3rd Quarter of FY'1998 to 2nd Quarter of FY'2005, restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes gradually increased from 29% to 53%. **(See graph on next page)**
- Statewide, 77% of foster parents in approved unrestricted homes were White and 59% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Statewide, 74% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White and 50% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Fourteen percent (644) of all foster homes were identified as Black (340 restricted and 304 unrestricted). **(Table 12A)**
- Sixteen percent (725) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (373 restricted and 352 unrestricted). **(Table 12B)**

¹ Foster homes provide formal, temporary out-of-home placement to children who are in the care/custody of DSS. Foster families may be related or unrelated to the child.

² 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 selected another home in which the child chooses to live; or (3) when DSS places a child with relatives or with a caregiver who has a relationship with the child.

³ Unrestricted placements are those where DSS 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.

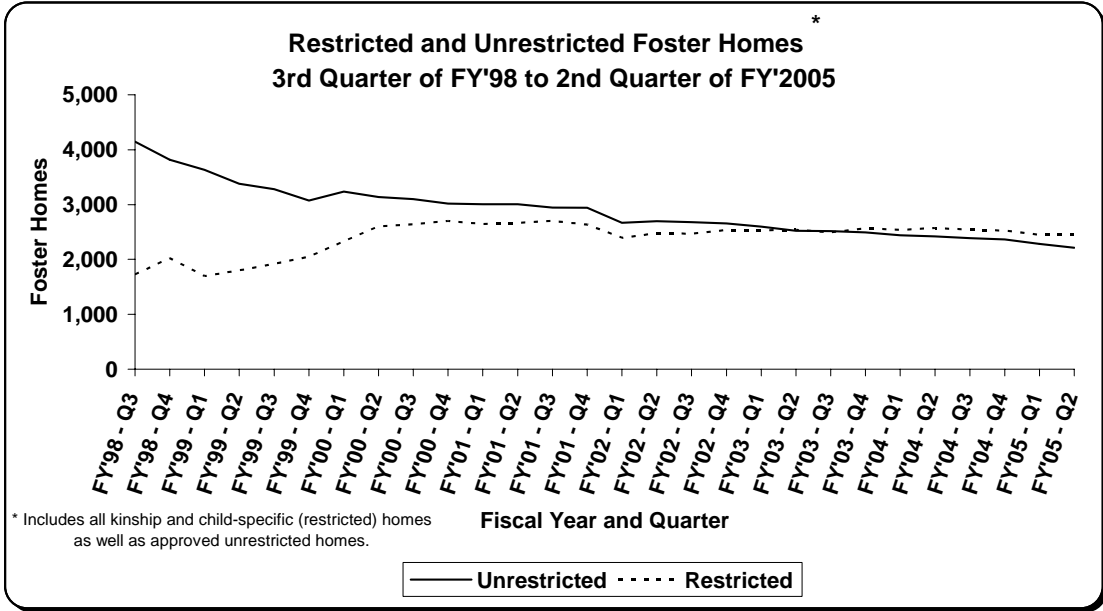


TABLE 12A. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DSS REGION (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)⁽¹⁾

Provider Status	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	Total		
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston			No.	%	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%				
Restricted:	481		359		394		320		613		243		40		2,450	
White	378	79%	293	82%	290	74%	252	79%	492	80%	93	38%	20	50%	1,818	74%
Black	61	13%	27	8%	12	3%	34	11%	63	10%	128	53%	15	38%	340	14%
Asian	---	---	2	1%	25	6%	1	*	2	*	1	*	1	3%	32	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	5	1%	1	*	---	---	7	*
Other ⁽³⁾	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	2	*
Multi-Racial	8	2%	1	*	4	1%	---	---	2	*	1	*	1	3%	17	1%
Unable to Determine	26	5%	31	9%	57	14%	20	6%	41	7%	17	7%	2	5%	194	8%
Unspecified	7	1%	5	1%	5	1%	13	4%	8	1%	1	0%	1	3%	40	2%
Unrestricted	486		322		317		271		469		212		135		2,212	
White	373	77%	286	89%	258	81%	230	85%	394	84%	54	25%	112	83%	1,707	77%
Black	65	13%	18	6%	11	3%	30	11%	37	8%	126	59%	17	13%	304	14%
Asian	---	---	1	*	10	3%	---	---	2	*	---	---	2	1%	15	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	1%	---	---	---	---	4	*
Multi-Racial	42	9%	1	*	4	1%	1	*	3	1%	2	1%	---	---	53	2%
Unable to Determine	5	1%	16	5%	32	10%	10	4%	29	6%	30	14%	3	2%	125	6%
Unspecified	1	*	---	---	2	1%	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1%	4	*
Total	967		681		711		591		1,082		455		175		4,662	

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽¹⁾ Includes all kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as approved unrestricted homes.

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

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 12B. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY HISPANIC ORIGIN AND DSS REGION (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)⁽¹⁾

Provider Status	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	Total		
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston			No.	%	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%				
Restricted:	481		359		394		320		613		243		40		2,450	
Hispanic/Latino	130	27%	45	13%	85	22%	24	8%	45	7%	40	16%	4	10%	373	15%
Not Hispanic/Latino	331	69%	296	82%	283	72%	265	83%	539	88%	194	80%	32	80%	1,940	79%
Unable to Determine	11	2%	10	3%	19	5%	11	3%	14	2%	5	2%	1	3%	71	3%
Unspecified	9	2%	8	2%	7	2%	20	6%	15	2%	4	2%	3	8%	66	3%
Unrestricted:	486		322		317		271		469		212		135		2,212	
Hispanic/Latino	121	25%	41	13%	77	24%	15	6%	44	9%	50	24%	4	3%	352	16%
Not Hispanic/Latino	362	74%	277	86%	229	72%	251	93%	414	88%	160	75%	129	96%	1,822	82%
Unable to Determine	1	*	3	1%	9	3%	5	2%	10	2%	2	1%	---	---	30	1%
Unspecified	2	*	1	*	2	1%	---	---	1	*	---	---	2	1%	8	*
Total	967		681		711		591		1,082		455		175		4,662	

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

⁽¹⁾ Includes all kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as approved unrestricted homes.

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

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TABLE 12C. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DSS REGION (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)⁽¹⁾

Provider Status	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Restricted:	481		359		394		320		613		243		40		2,450	
Married	242	50%	198	55%	200	51%	158	49%	321	52%	91	37%	21	53%	1,231	50%
Single	117	24%	83	23%	105	27%	79	25%	162	26%	93	38%	9	23%	648	26%
Divorced	65	14%	45	13%	45	11%	44	14%	68	11%	26	11%	7	18%	300	12%
Widowed	21	4%	16	4%	17	4%	16	5%	32	5%	14	6%	1	3%	117	5%
Separated	29	6%	12	3%	19	5%	7	2%	23	4%	17	7%	1	3%	108	4%
Unspecified	7	1%	5	1%	8	2%	16	5%	7	1%	2	1%	1	3%	46	2%
Unrestricted	486		322		317		271		469		212		135		2,212	
Married	270	56%	244	76%	182	57%	158	58%	298	64%	64	30%	88	65%	1,304	59%
Single	98	20%	34	11%	70	22%	68	25%	72	15%	89	42%	41	30%	472	21%
Divorced	75	15%	36	11%	30	9%	32	12%	54	12%	31	15%	6	4%	264	12%
Separated	27	6%	5	2%	18	6%	5	2%	21	4%	16	8%	---	---	92	4%
Widowed	16	3%	3	1%	16	5%	8	3%	24	5%	12	6%	---	---	79	4%
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	967		681		711		591		1,082		455		175		4,662	

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

⁽¹⁾ Includes all kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as approved unrestricted homes.⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

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Child Maltreatment Reports, Investigations, and DA Referrals

Reports

- Statewide, 17,354 reports were recorded during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2005. Sixty-four percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation. Six percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. **(Table 13)**
- Among regions, reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West (3,401) and Southeast (2,760). The Judge Baker Children's Center (hotline) recorded 3,378 reports. Regional screen-in rates ranged from 54% in Central to 70% in Boston. The screen-in rate at the Judge Baker Children's Center was 72%. **(Table 13 and Fig. 18)**
- The DSS Regions screened-in 1-3% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 22% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children's Center Hotline. **(Table 13)**
- Statewide, reports rose 8% from the 1st Quarter of FY'2005 to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2005. Increases ranged from 10% in the Southeast to 15% in both Central and Boston. Typically, report counts drop during the summer quarter (Q1) then climb during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). **(Fig. 20)**

Investigations

- The number of investigations completed during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2005 was 10,177.¹ Fifty-five percent of the investigations resulted in a supported finding. **(Table 14)**
- The Southeast conducted more investigations (2,024) than the other regions. Regional support rates went from a low of 51% in the Northeast to a high of 58% in both Central and Metro. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 73% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. **(Table 14, Fig. 19)**
- The Boston (70%), Northeastern (69%), and Southeastern (66%) Regions had the highest screen-in rates. A high screen-in rate does not necessarily mean a high

¹ The number of investigations is lower than the number of screened-in reports. This occurs because an investigation may be associated to multiple reports on the same incident or by reports received on separate but closely occurring incidents.

support rate. The regions with the lowest screen-in rates, Central, Metro, and Western, had the highest support rates, 58%, 58%, and 57%, respectively. **(Table 14, Fig. 19)**

- Statewide, there was a 14% increase in investigations from the 1st Quarter of FY'2005 to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2005. Regional gains ranged from 7% in the Southeast to 20% in the West. **(Fig. 21)**

TABLE 13. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)

DSS Geographic Region	Screening Decision						Total	
	Screened Out		Screened-In					
			No.	%	Non-Emergency		Emergency	
West	1,470	43%	1,868	55%	63	2%	3,401	20%
Central	993	46%	1,133	52%	42	2%	2,168	12%
Northeast	722	31%	1,535	67%	36	2%	2,293	13%
Metro	691	39%	1,033	59%	26	1%	1,750	10%
Southeast	961	35%	1,725	63%	74	3%	2,760	16%
Boston	478	30%	1,086	68%	30	2%	1,594	9%
Judge Baker Children's Center	937	28%	1,703	50%	738	22%	3,378	19%
Special Investigations	4	40%	6	60%	---	---	10	*
Total	6,256	36%	10,089	58%	1,009	6%	17,354	100%

TABLE 14. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)

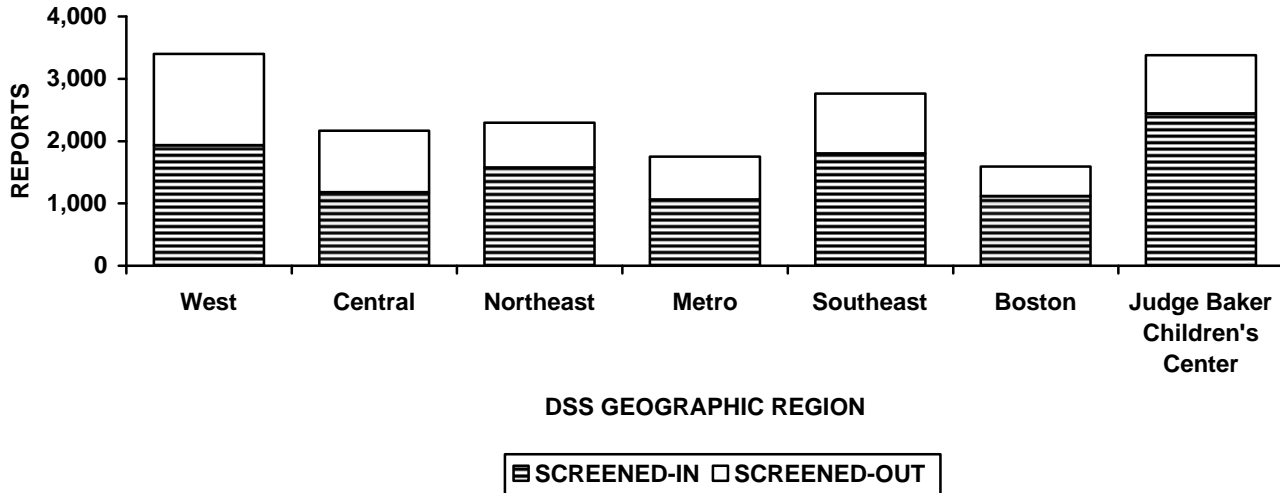
DSS Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Total	
	Supported		Unsupported			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
West	1,013	57%	778	43%	1,791	18%
Central	720	58%	530	42%	1,250	12%
Northeast	899	51%	859	49%	1,758	17%
Metro	717	58%	529	42%	1,246	12%
Southeast	1,058	52%	966	48%	2,024	20%
Boston	689	56%	543	44%	1,232	12%
Judge Baker Children's Center	457	73%	173	27%	630	6%
Special Investigations	61	25%	185	75%	246	2%
Total	5,614	55%	4,563	45%	10,177	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

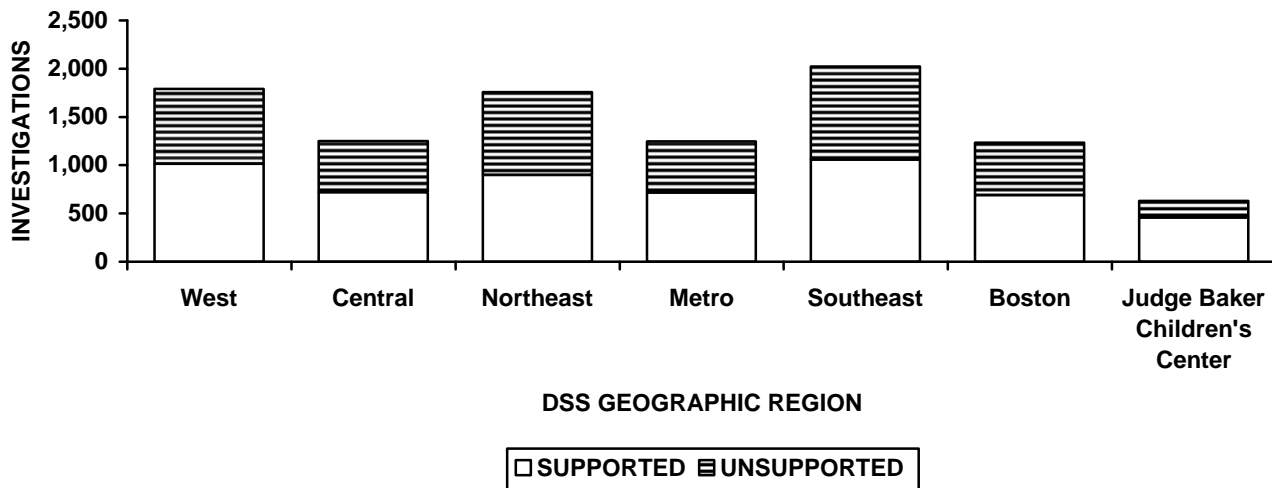
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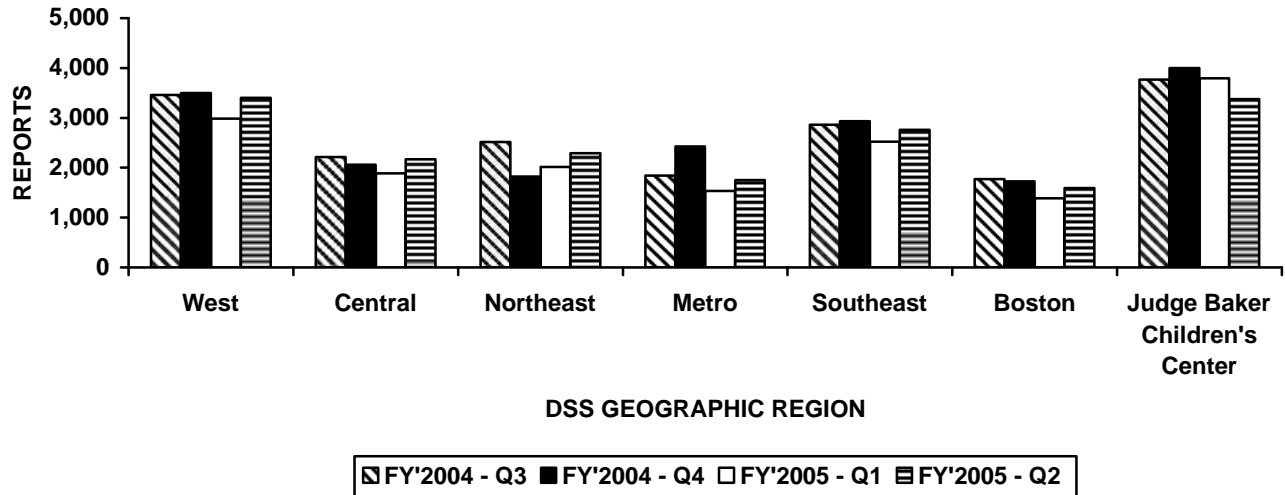
**FIGURE 18. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS
(SCREENING DECISION BY DSS REGION)
(FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)**



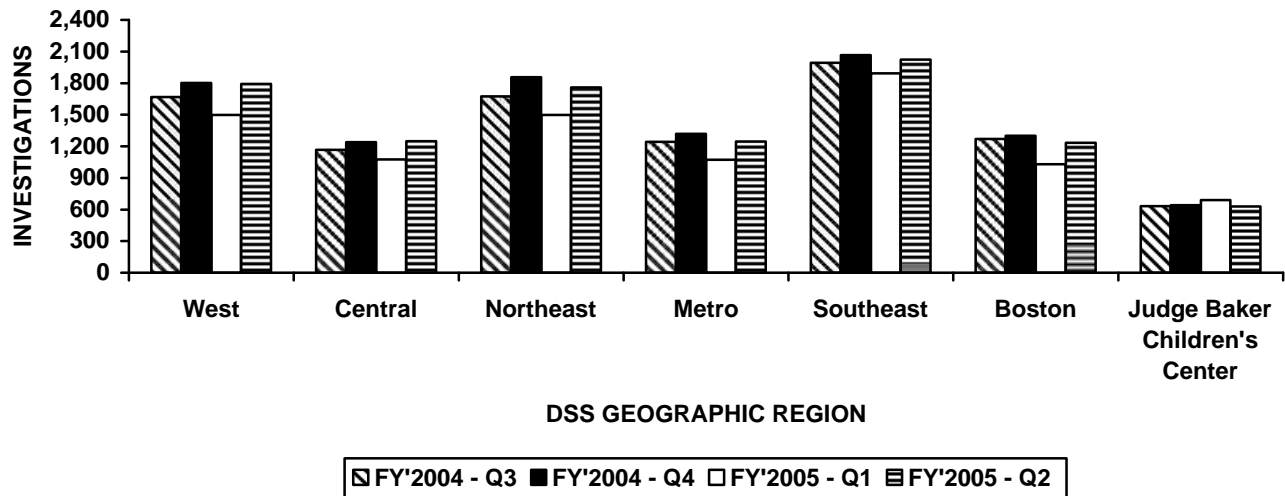
**FIGURE 19. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS
(INVESTIGATION DECISION BY DSS REGION)
(FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 20. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DSS REGION
(FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER - FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 21. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DSS REGION
(FY'2004, 3RD QUARTER - FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)**



DA Referrals

- During the 2nd Quarter of FY'2005, 1,103 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (See table below). Forty-five percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals¹ and 55% were discretionary referrals² (**Fig. 22**). There was an 8% increase in case referrals compared to the previous quarter.

Case Referrals*

Date	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'01, Q3	380	43%	504	57%	884
FY'01, Q4	435	48%	468	52%	903
FY'02, Q1	341	46%	403	54%	744
FY'02, Q2	421	45%	507	55%	928
FY'02, Q3	443	42%	614	58%	1,057
FY'02, Q4	494	45%	616	55%	1,110
FY'03, Q1	477	46%	555	54%	1,032
FY'03, Q2	488	48%	530	52%	1,018
FY'03, Q3	525	46%	611	54%	1,136
FY'03, Q4	599	49%	614	51%	1,213
FY'04, Q1	527	52%	489	48%	1,016
FY'04, Q2	489	45%	586	55%	1,075
FY'04, Q3	527	45%	655	55%	1,182
FY'04, Q4	558	45%	669	55%	1,227
FY'05, Q1	500	49%	518	51%	1,018
FY'05, Q2	500	45%	603	55%	1,103

(*) DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

- Sexual abuse accounted for 77% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals³ during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2005 (**Fig. 23, Table 15** on following pages). Twenty-two percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

¹ Mandatory referrals to District Attorneys (and local law enforcement authorities) are made following a DSS 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.

² There are two categories of discretionary referrals: (1) DSS may immediately report cases of serious physical injury to the District Attorney; or (2) DSS 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.

³ **A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason.**

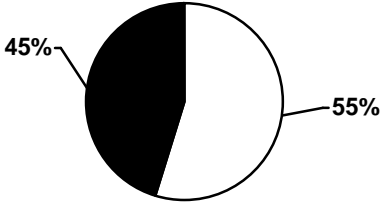
- Table 16 (on page 56) displays a breakdown of case referrals by type and county. In general, the number of referrals was directly related to the population size for the county. Referral counts were highest for the largest counties, Essex, Worcester, Middlesex, and Suffolk. Based on a comparison of county populations, Hampden County (encompassing city of Springfield) and Franklin County had higher numbers of referrals than expected and Norfolk County had a lower number.

Reasons for Mandatory Referrals

Date	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		Death		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'01, Q3	303	75%	91	23%	8	2%	402
FY'01, Q4	346	77%	102	23%	3	1%	451
FY'02, Q1	295	83%	57	16%	5	1%	357
FY'02, Q2	329	75%	107	24%	5	1%	441
FY'02, Q3	361	78%	90	20%	9	2%	460
FY'02, Q4	398	78%	111	22%	3	1%	512
FY'03, Q1	409	82%	84	17%	8	2%	501
FY'03, Q2	412	82%	88	18%	--	--	500
FY'03, Q3	412	76%	123	23%	6	1%	541
FY'03, Q4	455	73%	166	27%	5	1%	626
FY'04, Q1	459	83%	87	16%	9	2%	555
FY'04, Q2	385	76%	114	23%	5	1%	504
FY'04, Q3	414	76%	127	23%	6	1%	547
FY'04, Q4	455	78%	122	21%	6	1%	583
FY'05, Q1	412	80%	97	19%	4	1%	513
FY'05, Q2	398	77%	113	22%	5	1%	516

DA REFERRALS (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)

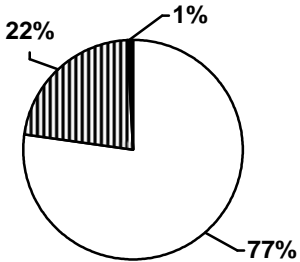
**FIGURE 22. TYPE OF CASE REFERRAL
(Case Count*)**



□ DISCRETIONARY 603 ■ MANDATORY 500

* A case referral may include more than one reason.

**FIGURE 23. REASON FOR MANDATORY REFERRALS
(Reason Count*)**



□ SEXUAL ABUSE 398 ▨ PHYSICAL ABUSE 113 ■ DEATH 5

TABLE 15. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)

Nature of Abuse	Reasons	
	No.	%
Sexual Abuse:	398	77%
Sexual Assault	370	
Sexual Exploitation	28	
Serious Physical Abuse:	113	22%
Death:	5	1%
Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals	516	100%

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TABLE 16. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY⁽¹⁾ (FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER)

County ⁽²⁾	Case Referrals				Total No.
	Discretionary		Mandatory		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Essex	122	45%	149	55%	271
Worcester	112	67%	55	33%	167
Middlesex	88	53%	78	47%	166
Suffolk	93	72%	36	28%	129
Hampden	46	46%	55	54%	101
Bristol	41	45%	51	55%	92
Plymouth	36	69%	16	31%	52
Norfolk	13	41%	19	59%	32
Franklin	22	73%	8	27%	30
Berkshire	10	36%	18	64%	28
Barnstable	6	50%	6	50%	12
Hampshire	9	75%	3	25%	12
OUT OF STATE	5	45%	6	---	11
Total	603	55%	500	45%	1,103

⁽¹⁾ DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.

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