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OBSERVATIONS (Regional and Statewide)

Consumer and Case Counts

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2009, DCF had 25,622 open cases (1,837 adoption cases and 23,785 clinical cases). A total of 85,056 consumers¹ (40,528 adults and 44,528 children) were being served. Case counts ranged from 3,239 in the Boston Region to 5,357 in the Southeastern Region. (**Table 1** on page 7)
- From the 4th Quarter of FY'2008 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2009, consumer counts decreased 2% and case counts dropped 2%. The consumer population typically drops in the summer quarter (Q1) then rises and levels off during the school quarters (Q2-Q4). This seasonal pattern is related to the rise and fall of child abuse and neglect reports and investigations throughout the year. (**Figs. 1 and 2** on page 8, **Figs. 20 and 21** on page 55)
- DCF caseload statistics declined from the 4th Quarter of FY'2008 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2009. The 87,176 consumers in the 4th quarter was the highest count recorded in the past 26 years (see table below). This peak value can be attributed to: a prolonged growth in the numbers of adults 18 years or older, and youth 18 years or older in placement; and a more recent surge in children not in placement. Note: The highest number of children less than 18 years old in placement was recorded in 1995 (13,302, see below).

Month/Year	All Consumers	All Children <18 yrs	Children in Placement <18 yrs	Month/Year	All Consumers	All Children <18 yrs	Children in Placement <18 yrs
6/1983	61,786	33,516	NA	6/1997	74,921	43,570	12,193
6/1984	73,111	38,683	7,024	1/1998	70,092	40,574	11,227
6/1985	75,935	40,628	7,779	9/1998	68,331	38,507	10,872
6/1986	74,769	40,511	8,041	6/1999	69,494	39,144	10,134
6/1987	66,033	37,497	8,075	6/2000	72,423	40,691	9,676
6/1988	67,658	38,792	8,661	6/2001	73,116	40,069	9,955
6/1989	70,052	40,497	9,544	6/2002	70,688	38,442	10,033
6/1990	80,090	46,403	10,998	6/2003	75,247	40,341	10,233
6/1991	81,975	47,922	12,392	6/2004	77,368*	42,023*	9,967*
6/1992	72,128	42,367	12,379	6/2005	77,305*	41,773*	9,709*
6/1993	72,340	42,656	12,763	6/2006	78,014*	41,690*	9,459*
6/1994	72,879	43,074	13,194	6/2007	78,535*	41,550*	9,109*
6/1995	73,032	42,997	13,302	6/2008	87,176	45,730	9,281
6/1996	72,638	42,551	12,736	9/2008	85,056	44,528	8,963

* revised counts

Source: ASSIST (6/1983-1/1998) and FamilyNet (9/1998-9/2008)

¹ Total consumers include all individuals with an active case status on the last day of the quarter and were in a case with an assessment for services 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.

Consumers in Placement

- There were 10,595 individuals in placement on the last day of the 1st Quarter of FY'2009. Included in this count are 8,963 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,632 young adults (18 to 23 years old). **(Table 1)**
- The placement population was distributed across DCF service regions as follows: 21% in the Western Region, 19% in the Southeastern Region, 18% in the Northeastern Region, 14% in the Central Region, 13% in the Metro Region, and 12% in the Boston Region. **(Table 1)**
- Statewide, 20% (or 8,963) 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: 21% in the West, 21% in Metro, 20% in Central, 19% in the Southeast, 19% in the Northeast, and 19% in Boston. **(Table 2 on page 9)**
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield, Greenfield, Coastal, and Hyde Park Area Offices had the highest proportions in placement. The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Van Wart, Plymouth, Harbor, and Lawrence Area Offices. **(Table 2)**
- From the 4th Quarter of FY'2008 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2009, the number of children in placement dropped 3% statewide. Regional declines ranged from -1% in the Northeast to -5% in both the Southeast and Central. In the past, decreases in quarterly counts of children in placement occurred most often in the 1st and 4th quarters. **(Fig. 3 on page 10)**

Children Not in Placement

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2009, there were 35,565 children less than 18 years old with an active case status who were not in placement. From the 4th Quarter of FY'2008 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2009, counts of children not in placement decreased 2% statewide. Regional decreases ranged from less than -1% in the Southeast to -4% in both Boston and Metro. Quarterly counts of children not in placement display a fluctuating pattern with a distinct drop during the first quarter (summer vacation). **(Fig. 4 on page 10)**

Age, Sex, Race, Hispanic Origin and Preferred Language of Consumers

- On the last day of the 1st Quarter of FY'2009, the consumer population included 44,528 (52%) children less than 18 years old and 40,528 (48%) adults 18 years or older. Fifty-two percent of all consumers were identified as female, 47% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Thirty-six percent (15,892) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). **(Table 1, Fig. 5 on page 11)**

- Forty-nine percent of all children receiving DCF services were female. In contrast, 57% of all adults receiving services were female. **(Fig. 5)**
- The statewide caseload was comprised of 55% White, 16% Black, 2% Asian, 3% Multi-Racial, and less than 1% Native American consumers. The category “Unable to Determine” was recorded for 15% of consumers. Selection of “Unable to Determine” for race often coincides with self-identification as Hispanic/Latino. Race was not recorded (missing) for 9% of consumers. **(Table 3A on page 12, Figs. 6A and 6B on page 13)**
- Of the total consumer population, 24% (20,789 consumers) were of Hispanic origin. Regionally, the highest proportions (and numbers) of Hispanic consumers were in the West and Northeast. Hispanic origin could not be determined for 4% of DCF consumers. Hispanic origin was not recorded (missing) for 13% of DCF consumers. **(Table 3B on page 12, Figs. 6C and 6D on page 14)**
- The Boston Region’s caseload was comprised of 46% Black and 21% White consumers (4,980 and 2,297 consumers, respectively). Asians were most prominent in the Northeast--6% of the caseload (896 consumers, mainly Cambodian). **(Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B)**

- A racial comparison of children receiving various services from DCF to children residing in Massachusetts is displayed in the Table A. Black children and Hispanic children are over-represented at all stages in the DCF system. However, the actual extent of racial and ethnic disproportionality is not known given the number of children whose race and/or ethnicity has not been recorded. Additionally, this comparison of statewide statistics does not take into consideration the significant differences in racial and ethnic composition among communities across the state.

Race	Children Less than 18 Years Old								
	State Census ² 2000	DCF Not in Substitute Care 9/30/08	DCF All in Substitute Care* 9/30/08	DCF Foster Care 9/30/08	DCF Congregate Care** 9/30/08	DCF All Care w/Goal of Adoption 9/30/08	DCF All Care w/Goal of Guardianship 9/30/08	DCF Adoptions Legalized FY'2008	DCF Guardianships Legalized FY'2008
White	79%	56%	59%	58%	61%	61%	60%	62%	61%
Black	7%	16%	19%	18%	21%	16%	20%	15%	17%
Asian	4%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	<1%	2%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	<1%	----
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	----	----	----	----
Multi-Racial	4%	4%	5%	6%	4%	8%	5%	8%	5%
Other/Unknown	6%	21%	15%	16%	13%	14%	14%	14%	15%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	1,500,064	35,565	8,963	6,729	1,814	2,520	554	780	543
Hispanic Origin ³ Yes	11%	30%	25%	26%	23%	24%	25%	27%	25%
Hispanic Origin No	89%	62%	69%	68%	74%	68%	70%	66%	72%
Hispanic Origin Unknown	----	7%	5%	6%	3%	8%	5%	7%	3%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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

*Substitute Care includes: foster care, congregated care, on the run from placement, and non-referral locations such as hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies. Despite placement with other state agencies, DCF retains custody of the child. **Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

- Table B on the following page displays the racial (and Hispanic origin) composition of children residing in the 11 largest cities in Massachusetts. There is a high minority representation in Boston, Springfield, and to a lesser degree, Brockton and Cambridge. Hispanic children are most prevalent in Springfield, and they are a notable presence in Lynn, Worcester, Boston, and Lowell. The proportion of Asian children is highest in Lowell and Quincy.

² U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder (factfinder.census.gov), Decennial Census, Census 2000 Summary, File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data, Detailed Tables (P12, P12A-H), Select Geography.

³ Children of any race who are Hispanic

Table B. Census 2000: Children less than 18 Years old residing in the 11 largest cities in Massachusetts⁴

Race	Boston	Worcester	Springfield	Lowell	Lynn	Brockton	New Bedford	Fall River	Cambridge	Quincy	Newton
White	32%	65%	41%	56%	54%	48%	70%	84%	52%	72%	85%
Black	40%	10%	26%	5%	14%	24%	6%	5%	24%	3%	2%
Asian	7%	6%	2%	23%	10%	3%	1%	4%	9%	21%	9%
Native American	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	<1%
Multi-Racial	6%	6%	6%	6%	8%	12%	9%	4%	9%	3%	3%
Other/Unknown	14%	12%	24%	9%	14%	14%	14%	3%	6%	1%	1%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	116,559	40,727	44,027	28,341	24,051	26,254	23,327	22,179	13,447	15,381	17,811
Hispanic Origin ⁵ Yes	24%	26%	40%	21%	27%	12%	17%	7%	13%	3%	3%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder (factfinder.census.gov), Decennial Census, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data, Detailed Tables (P12, P12A-H), Select Geography.

⁴ Selection of cities was based on total population (adults and children).

⁵ Children of any race who are Hispanic

Preferred Language of Consumers

- The Western, Northeastern, and Boston Regions had the highest proportions (and numbers) of Spanish-speaking consumers, 7% (1,270 consumers), 8% (1,202), and 9% (970), respectively. Khmer (Cambodian) was the preferred language of 333 DCF 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), Vietnamese (Boston), Cape Verdean Creole (Boston and Southeast), Chinese (Metro), and Lao (Northeast). **(Table 4 on page 15)**
- From 1987 to 1997, there were substantial increases in consumers whose preferred languages were Khmer, Lao, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and Spanish. 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 fluent in their native language make up a smaller proportion of their community. (See table below)

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Primary Language	Consumers Jul. 1987 No.	Consumers Jul. 1997 No.	Consumers Jun. 2007 No.	Consumers Sep. 2008 No.	1987-1997 Change %	1997-2007 Change %
English/Unspecified*	60,784	66,404	71,398	77,220	9%	8%
Spanish	3,664	6,334	4,516	4,984	73%	-29%
Khmer Cambodian	253	851	356	333	236%	-58%
Portuguese	530	380	303	310	-28%	-20%
Haitian Creole	175	360	260	267	106%	-28%
Vietnamese	146	273	167	141	87%	-39%
Cape Verdean Creole	174	247	146	196	42%	-41%
Chinese	71	61	54	67	-14%	-11%
American Sign Language	47	23	41	40	-51%	78%
Lao	30	74	20	40	147%	-73%
Other	213	310	1,459	1,458	46%	371%
Total	66,087	75,317	78,720	85,056	14%	5%

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

TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DSS REGION: FY'2009, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)

Case Counts:	DCF Geographic Region						Adoption		Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
Adoption	370	279	278	228	349	178	154	1	1,837
Clinical	4,732	3,343	4,211	3,379	5,008	3,061	5	46	23,785
Total	5,102	3,622	4,489	3,607	5,357	3,239	159	47	25,622
Consumer Counts:									
Adults: ⁽³⁾									
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	264	170	365	227	309	233	---	28	1,596
Other ⁽⁶⁾	3	5	3	3	2	9	---	---	25
On the Run	---	2	3	---	2	4	---	---	11
Total in Placement	267	177	371	230	313	246	---	28	1,632
Not in Placement	7,911	5,663	6,410	5,437	8,539	4,926	---	10	38,896
Total Adults	8,178	5,840	6,781	5,667	8,852	5,172	---	38	40,528
Children:									
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	1,844	1,292	1,393	1,147	1,644	973	236	14	8,543
Other ⁽⁶⁾	38	34	64	21	29	41	1	---	228
On the Run	48	17	42	17	34	34	---	---	192
Total in Placement	1,930	1,343	1,499	1,185	1,707	1,048	237	14	8,963
Not in Placement	7,405	5,395	6,377	4,517	7,310	4,541	15	5	35,565
Total Children	9,335	6,738	7,876	5,702	9,017	5,589	252	19	44,528
Total	17,513	12,578	14,657	11,369	17,869	10,761	252	57	85,056

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

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

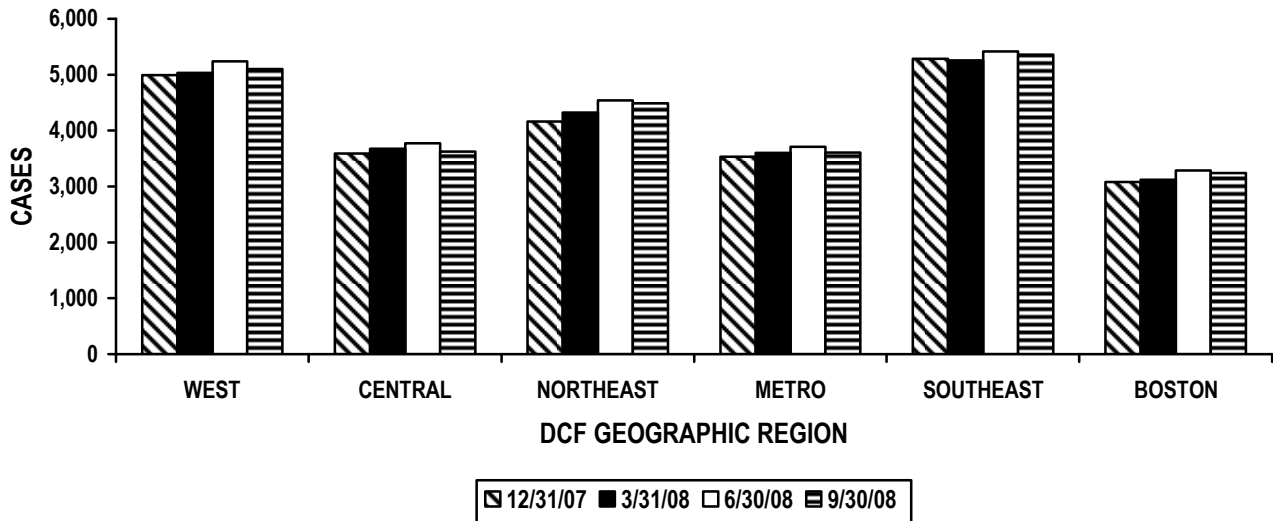
⁽³⁾ Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

⁽⁴⁾ Children and young adults in the care/custody of 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).

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

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

**FIGURE 1. CASE COUNT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, END OF 2ND QUARTER TO FY'2009, END OF 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, END OF 2ND QUARTER TO FY'2009, END OF 1ST QUARTER)**

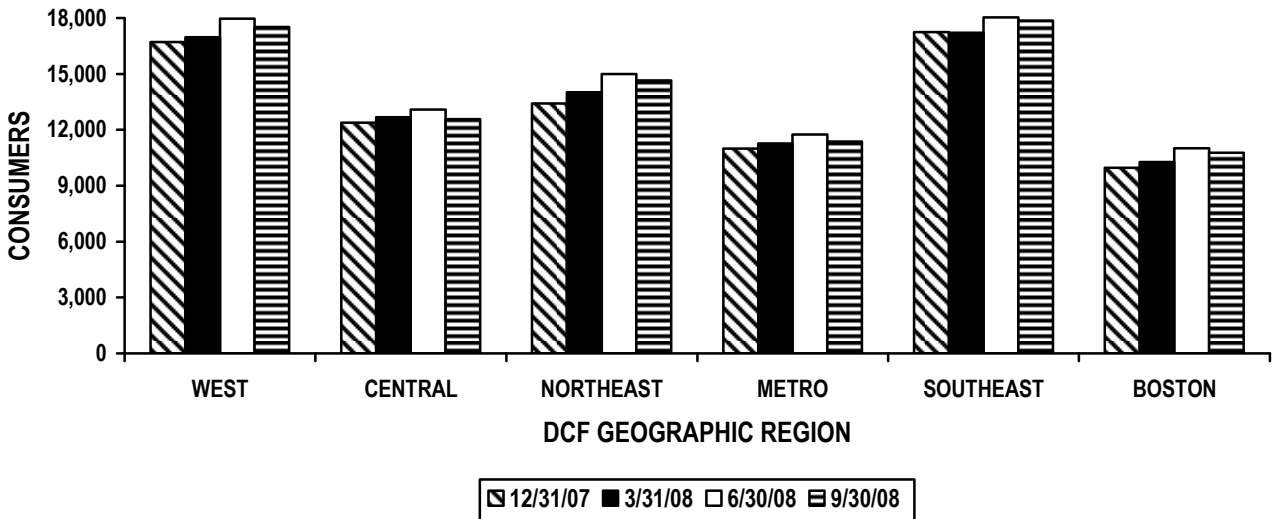
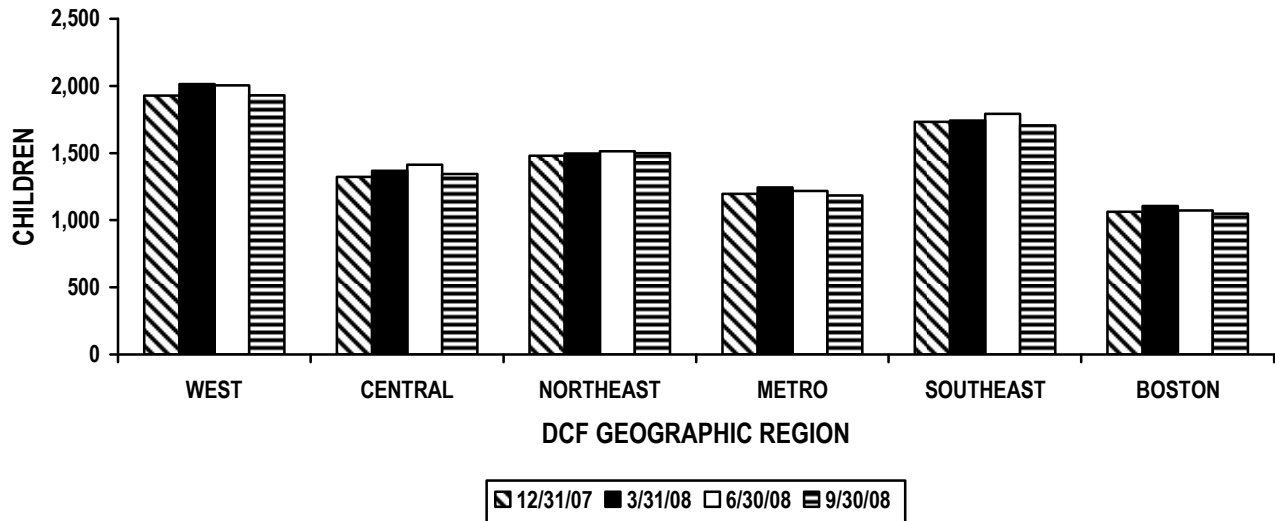


TABLE 2. CHILD⁽¹⁾ CASELOAD BY DCF: FY'2009, End of 1ST QUARTER 9/30/08)

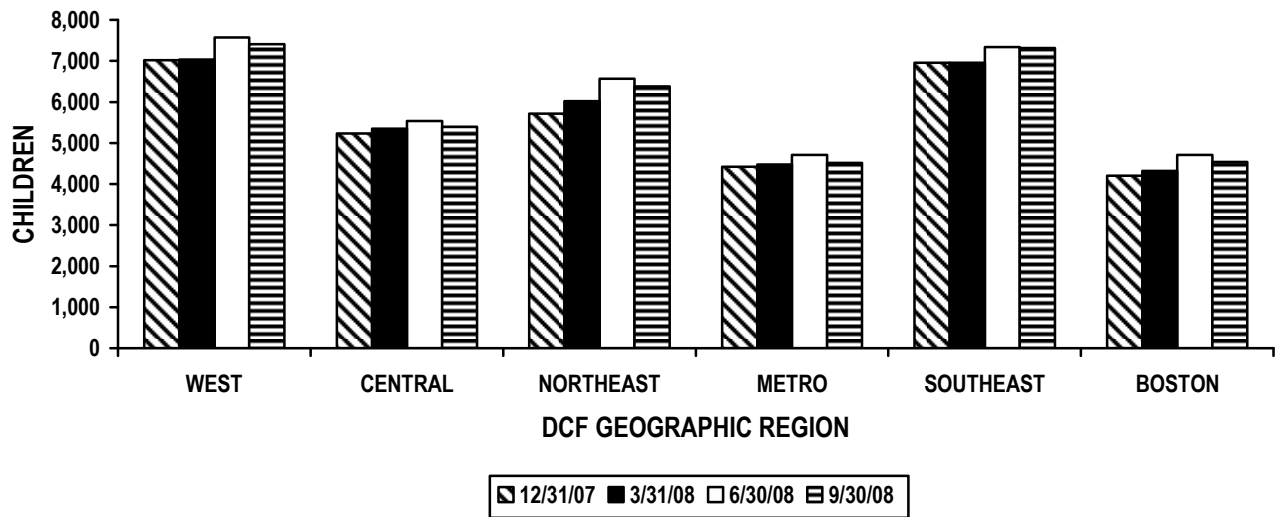
DCF Region/Area	Not in Placement	In Placement	Total Child Caseload	% in Placement
Greenfield	931	275	1,206	23%
Holyoke	1,528	411	1,939	21%
Pittsfield	910	396	1,306	30%
Robert Van Wart	2,148	362	2,510	14%
Springfield	1,875	481	2,356	20%
Contracted Agencies	13	5	13	---
Western	7,405	1,930	9,335	21%
North Central	1,572	368	1,940	19%
South Central	1,133	280	1,413	20%
Worcester East	1,475	380	1,855	20%
Worcester West	1,206	311	1,517	21%
Contracted Agencies	9	4	13	31%
Central	5,395	1,343	6,738	20%
Cape Ann	942	245	1,187	21%
Haverhill	909	235	1,144	21%
Lawrence	1,436	303	1,739	17%
Lowell	1,851	415	2,266	18%
Lynn	1,236	301	1,537	20%
Contracted Agencies	3	---	3	---
Northeast	6,377	1,499	7,876	19%
Arlington	837	241	1,078	22%
Cambridge	701	151	852	18%
Coastal	880	284	1,164	24%
Framingham	886	237	1,123	21%
Malden	1,204	266	1,470	18%
Contracted Agencies	9	6	15	40%
Metro	4,517	1,185	5,702	21%
Attleboro	963	214	1,177	18%
Brockton	1,324	304	1,628	19%
Cape Cod	880	207	1,087	19%
Fall River	1,185	342	1,527	22%
New Bedford	1,670	425	2,095	20%
Plymouth	1,273	209	1,482	14%
Contracted Agencies	15	6	21	29%
Southeast	7,310	1,707	9,017	19%
Dimock Street	903	208	1,111	19%
Harbor	1,244	237	1,481	16%
Hyde Park	847	246	1,093	23%
Park Street	1,547	355	1,902	19%
Contracted Agencies	---	2	2	100%
Boston	4,541	1,048	5,589	19%
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	15	237	252	94%
Other ⁽³⁾	5	14	19	74%
Total	35,565	8,963	44,528	20%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

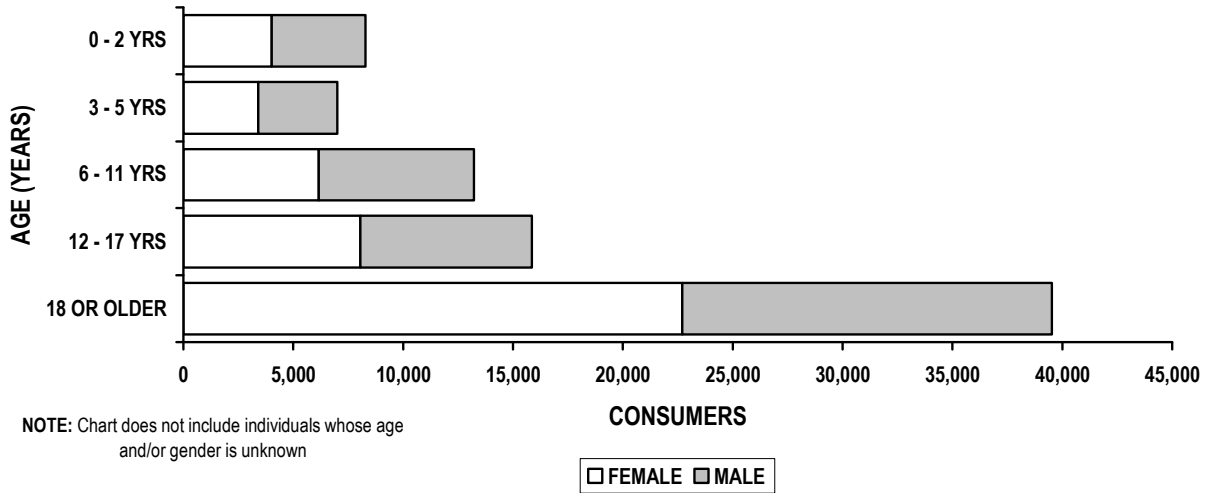
**FIGURE 3. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, END OF 2ND QUARTER TO FY'2009, END OF 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 4. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, END OF 2ND QUARTER TO FY'2009, END OF 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 5. AGE AND SEX OF CONSUMERS: STATEWIDE
FY'2009, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)**



Age (Yrs)	Sex			Total
	Female	Male	Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	
0 - 2	4,015	4,277	42	8,334
3 - 5	3,407	3,596	24	7,027
6 - 11	6,166	7,052	28	13,246
12 - 17	8,038	7,824	30	15,892
18 or older	22,703	16,824	551	40,078
Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	87	209	183	479
Total	44,416	39,782	858	85,056

⁽¹⁾ Unspecified includes 450 individuals with the role "Consumer Adult" and 29 individuals with the role "Consumer Child" whose ages were unknown and 858 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.

TABLE 3A. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2009, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)

Race	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption		Total			
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%				
White	9,827	56%	8,173	65%	8,259	56%	6,828	60%	11,505	64%	2,297	21%	116	46%	6	11%	47,011	55%
Black	1,876	11%	1,079	9%	1,120	8%	1,761	15%	2,443	14%	4,980	46%	45	18%	40	70%	13,344	16%
Asian	74	*	132	1%	896	6%	238	2%	118	1%	255	2%	8	3%	4	7%	1,725	2%
Native American	18	*	24	*	24	*	13	*	51	*	9	*	1	*	---	---	140	*
Other ⁽³⁾	18	*	9	*	10	*	8	*	7	*	11	*	---	---	---	---	63	*
Multi-Racial	460	3%	367	3%	352	2%	248	2%	516	3%	166	2%	25	10%	---	---	2,134	3%
Unable to Determine	3,022	17%	1,959	16%	2,985	20%	1,140	10%	1,309	7%	2,163	20%	57	23%	1	2%	12,636	15%
Missing	2,218	13%	835	7%	1,011	7%	1,133	10%	1,920	11%	880	8%	---	---	6	11%	8,003	9%
Total	17,513	100%	12,578	100%	14,657	100%	11,369	100%	17,869	100%	10,761	100%	252	100%	57	100%	85,056	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 3B. HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2009, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)

Origin	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption		Total			
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽²⁾		Other ⁽³⁾		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%				
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	5,600	32%	3,325	26%	4,815	33%	1,720	15%	2,052	11%	3,195	30%	74	29%	8	14%	20,789	24%
Not Hispanic/Latino	8,687	50%	7,598	60%	7,954	54%	7,258	64%	12,250	69%	5,874	55%	160	63%	41	72%	49,822	59%
Unable to Determine	707	4%	421	3%	487	3%	474	4%	675	4%	353	3%	18	7%	1	2%	3,136	4%
Missing	2,519	14%	1,234	10%	1,401	10%	1,917	17%	2,892	16%	1,339	12%	---	---	7	12%	11,309	13%
Total	17,513	100%	12,578	100%	14,657	100%	11,369	100%	17,869	100%	10,761	100%	252	100%	57	100%	85,056	100%

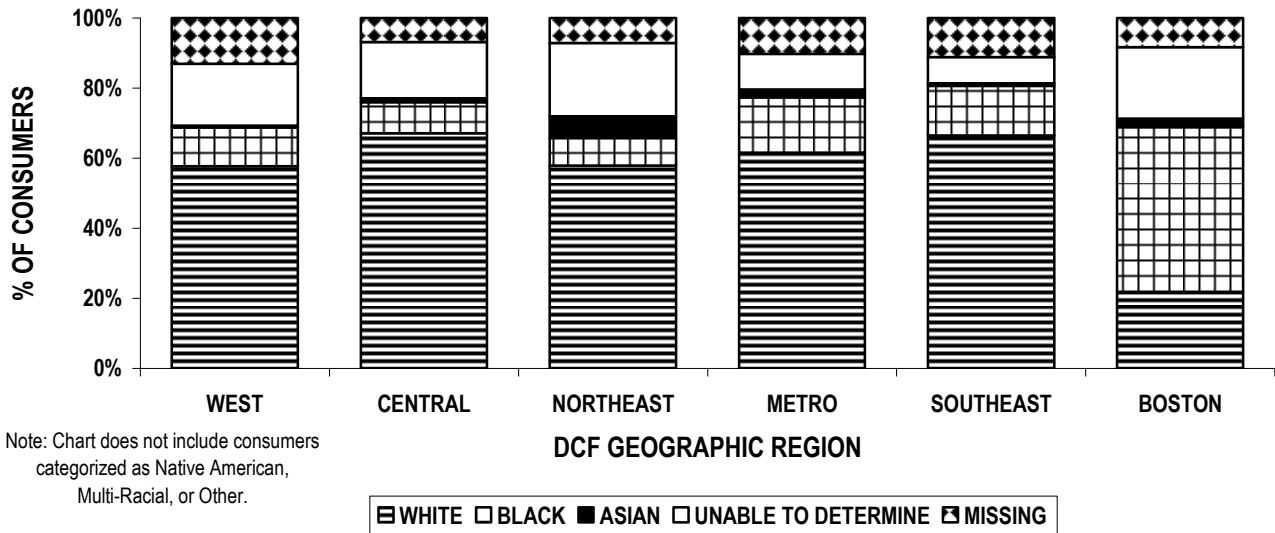
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

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

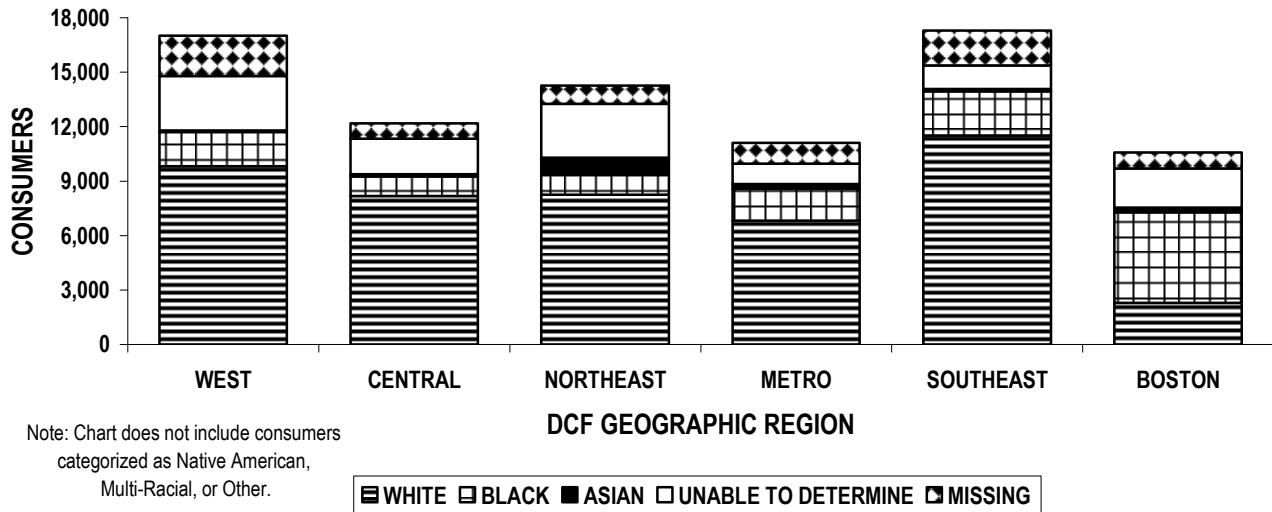
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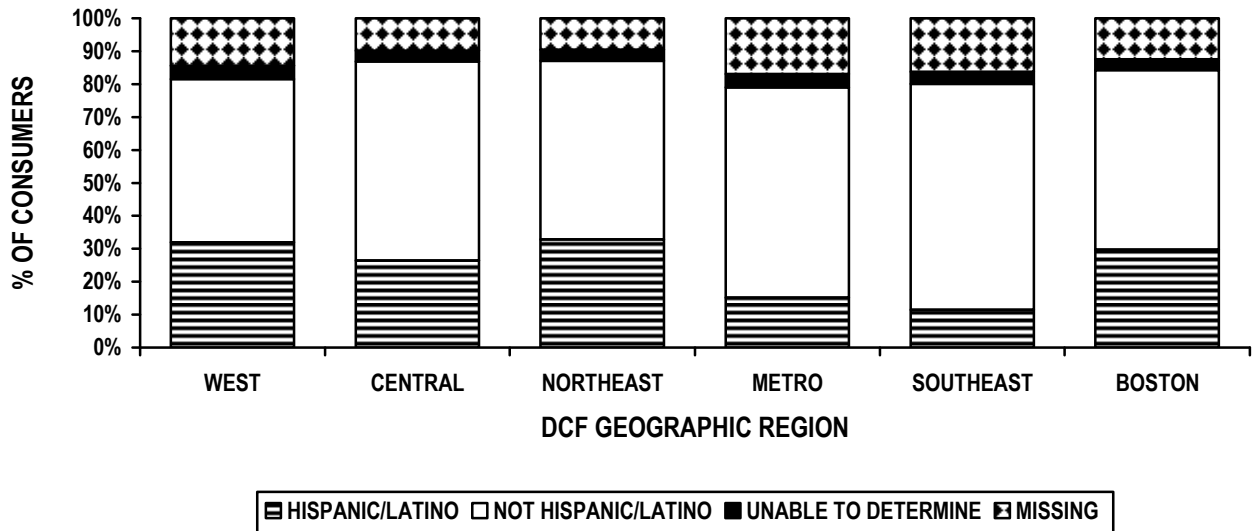
**FIGURE 6A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'09, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)**



**FIGURE 6B. REGIONAL COUNT OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'09, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)**



**FIGURE 6C. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN
FY'09, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)**



**FIGURE 6D. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN
FY'09, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)**

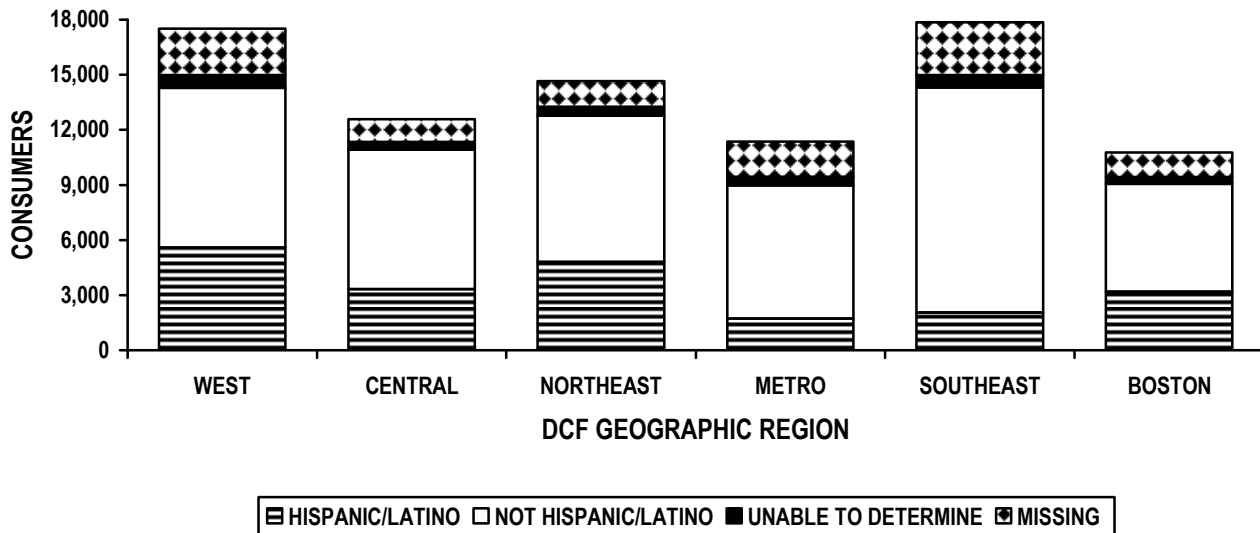


TABLE 4. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2009, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)

Primary Language	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption		Total			
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spanish	1,270	7%	707	6%	1,202	8%	430	4%	383	2%	970	9%	12	5%	10	18%	4,984	6%
Khmer (Cambodian)	10	*	5	*	262	2%	2	*	42	*	12	*	---	---	---	---	333	*
Portuguese	5	*	38	*	29	*	95	1%	112	1%	31	*	---	---	---	---	310	*
Haitian Creole	2	*	5	*	17	*	107	1%	53	*	83	1%	---	---	---	---	267	*
Cape Verdean Creole	---	---	1	*	---	---	5	*	92	1%	98	1%	---	---	---	---	196	*
Vietnamese	2	*	32	*	14	*	27	*	9	*	55	1%	2	1%	---	---	141	*
Chinese	---	---	4	*	2	*	38	*	---	---	20	*	---	---	3	5%	67	*
Lao	3	*	4	*	31	*	---	---	1	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	40	*
American Sign Lang.	5	*	3	*	11	*	8	*	6	*	7	*	---	---	---	---	40	*
Other	362	2%	206	2%	151	1%	185	2%	335	2%	196	2%	1	*	22	39%	1,458	2%
English\Unspecified	15,854	91%	11,573	92%	12,938	88%	10,472	92%	16,836	94%	9,288	86%	237	94%	22	39%	77,220	91%
Total	17,513	100%	12,578	100%	14,657	100%	11,369	100%	17,869	100%	10,761	100%	252	100%	57	100%	85,056	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

Profile of Consumers in Placement⁶

Foster and Congregate Care

- There were 7,956 consumers in foster care and 2,183 consumers in congregate care⁷ on the last day of the 1st Quarter of FY'2009. Foster care populations were highest in the Western and Southeastern Regions. The number of consumers in congregate care was greatest in the Southeastern, Metro, and Northeastern Regions. **(Table 5A on page 24)**
- The largest age group in foster care was 12-17 years (28-35% range across regions). Among regions, the West, Southeast, and Northeast had the highest numbers of adolescents in foster care, 582, 459, and 456, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Adolescents were the primary age group in congregate care, ranging from 64% to 77% across the regions. The Metro and Southeastern Regions had the largest adolescent populations in congregate care, 327 and 304, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Consumers in “Other” placement locations⁸ were primarily adolescents (72-88% regional range). **(Table 5A)**
- There were 2,059 consumers in “Intensive” foster care⁹ (IFC) and 5,897 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (37% of consumers), kinship (32%), child specific (10%), pre-adoptive (8%), and independent living (13%). **(Table 5B on page 25)**
- The Western and Northeastern Regions had the highest numbers of consumers in IFC. **(Table 5B).**
- A breakdown of Departmental foster care showed the West had the largest number of consumers in unrestricted, child-specific, and pre-adoptive foster care. The Southeast had the most consumers in kinship care. Consumers in independent living were highest in the Northeast. **(Fig. 7B on page 27, Table 5B)**

⁶Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 to 23 years old.

⁷Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

⁸“Other” includes locations like hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies, as well as children on the run from placement.

⁹Intensive 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.

- 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. Metro, Boston, and Central had the largest proportions of consumers in kinship homes. Consumers in child-specific homes were most evident in the West and Central. The Central Region had the highest proportion of consumers in pre-adoptive homes. Consumers in independent living were proportionally higher in the Northeast as compared to the other regions. (**Fig. 7A** on page 27)
- The major congregate care programs were group homes (971 consumers), residential (860), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)¹⁰ (352 consumers). (**Table 5C** on page 26)
- The proportions of consumers in different types of congregate care are shown for each region in Figure 8A. The Western Region had the highest proportion of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential placements was most significant in Boston. Children in STARR placements were more prevalent in the Southeastern Region. (**Fig. 8A** on page 28)
- The number of consumers in group homes was highest in the Metro and Northeastern Regions. The Southeast and Metro had the most consumers in residential. The Southeast had the most children in the STARR program. (**Fig. 8B** on page 28)
- Consumers in the residential program were mostly situated in Residential schools.¹¹ (**Table 5C**)
- The primary models in the group home program were behavioral treatment residence (BTR) (398 consumers), group home (385), and independent living (188). (**Table 5C**)
- From the 4th Quarter of FY'2008 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2009, there was a statewide decrease of 1% in foster care children and a decrease of 5% in congregate care children.¹² Regionally, the largest decline in the foster care population occurred in the Central Region (-4%). The Northeast had the most significant drop in congregate care children (-8%). (**Figs. 9 and 10** on page 29).

¹⁰ Services focused on supporting a rapid reintegration or transition to a next placement.

¹¹ 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).

¹² Both foster care and congregate care include young adults 18 years or older.

All Placement Locations (Combined Counts)

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2009, the statewide placement population was comprised of 52% boys and 48% girls. Regionally, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state (**Table 6A** on page 30, **Fig. 11A** on page 32). The proportions of male and female children in the placement population were similar to the general population.¹³
- Statewide, 58% of all consumers in placement were White, 20% were Black, 2% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 5% were multi-racial. Race was unspecified for 15% of the placement population. (**Table 6A, Fig. 11A**)
- The proportion of minority consumers in placement, as with the local population, was highest in the Boston Region. (**Table 6A**)
- Of the total placement population, 25% (2,638 consumers) self-identified as being of Hispanic origin. Hispanic consumers were most prevalent in the Northeastern and Western Regions. (**Table 6A, Fig. 11A**)
- Race was unspecified for a relatively large number of consumers in placement in the Northeastern and Western Regions. These high values may be attributable to the large number of Hispanic consumers in placement, who may not self-identify with any of the racial categories. (**Table 6A**)
- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DCF Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 37% to 46%. (**Table 6B** on page 31)
- The number of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 177 in the Central Region to 371 in the Northeastern Region. (**Table 6B**)
- The service plan goals displayed in Table 6B are a combination of new and old taxonomy. As time passes, the old goals will gradually disappear (Living Independently, Long-term Substitute Care, Long-term Care w/ASA). 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 Arrangement¹⁴ (APPLA) (23%). Regionally, the Southeast and West had the highest numbers of consumers in placement with a goal of reunifying the family. The West had the highest number of consumers in placement with a goal of adoption. The Northeast had the most consumers in placement with a goal of APPLA. (**Table 6B, Fig. 11B** on page 33)

¹³ Massachusetts child population: 51% male and 49% female (July 1, 2006). U.S. Census Bureau, State Population Estimates–Characteristics (www.census.gov/popest/states/asrh/tables/SC_EST2006-02-25.XLS)

¹⁴ Goal to establish with youth 16 years or older a lifelong permanent connection, as well as life skills training and a stable living environment that will support youth development into and through adulthood.

- On 9/30/2008, 37% of the statewide placement population had a length of stay of 2 or more years¹⁵, 22% had been in continuous care between 1 and 2 years, and 41% for 1 year or less. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**
- The Northeast had the highest proportion of consumers in continuous care¹⁶ for more than two years (40%). Central had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (47%). The Southeast and West had the largest numbers of consumers in care for one year or less (877 and 869, respectively). The West had the largest number of consumers in care for more than two years (830). **(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 Black consumers to be in care for more than two years as compared to other races (39% for Black vs. 37% for White, 36% for Hispanic, 34% for Unable to Determine, 34% for Multi-Racial). **(Tables 7A and 7B on page 34)**

¹⁵ 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.

¹⁶ Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child’s most recent placement entry to the Quarter End Date (September 30, 2008).

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY’2009 (“snapshot” on 9/30/08), the median time in continuous care was 1.1 years and the median¹⁷ age was 11.7 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. (See table below)
- Over the past 17 years, the median age of children in care rose from 9 to 12 years while median time in placement remained fairly stable (1.6 to 1.1 years). Median age of children in placement dropped from 12.1 years on June 2008 to 11.7 years on September 2008. This decline is probably related to 296 fewer adolescents in placement on September 2008 compared to June 2008. The change in median age had no effect on the median length of time in care—1.1 years. (See table below)

Children in Placement*			
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**	12.5	1.5	9,967
6/05**	12.7	1.4	9,709
6/06**	12.7	1.2	9,459
6/07**	12.6	1.2	9,109
6/08	12.1	1.1	9,281
9/08	11.7	1.1	8,963

* = Children are less than 18 years old.

** = revised statistics

¹⁷ Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

- A racial and Hispanic origin breakdown of children in placement is presented in the following table. The median age of most minority children was greater than the median age of white children. Median time in care was similar for white and minority children. On 9/30/08, 49% of children less than 18 years old in placement were adolescents.

Children in Placement on 6/30/08*			
Race	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
White	11.6	1.1	5,248
Black	13.2	1.1	1,697
Asian	15.2	1.1	121
Native American	8.7	0.4	19
Pacific Islander	15.0	0.9	5
Multi-Racial	6.7	1.1	486
Unable to Determine	11.0	1.1	1,378
Unknown	14.5	0.7	9
TOTAL	11.7	1.1	8,963
Hispanic Origin**	12.1	1.1	2,285

* = Children are less than 18 years old.

** = Children of any race who are Hispanic

Service Plan Goals of Consumers in Placement

- Among White, Black, and Hispanic consumers in placement, there was little difference in the proportion with a goal of “Family Reunification” (31-35%) (**Tables 8A and 8B** on page 35). However, 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—28% Black vs. 22% White and 21% Hispanic for APPLA; 20% Black vs. 25% White and 23% Hispanic for adoption.

Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,523 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,527 (61%) were White, 417 (17%) were Black, 23 (1%) were Asian, 5 (<1%) were Native American, and 191 (8%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 360 (14%) consumers. Twenty-four percent (595) of all consumers in placement with a goal of adoption were of Hispanic origin. (**Tables 8A and 8B, Fig. 12A** on page 37)
- The age distribution of 2,523 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 28% age 0-2 years, 23% age 3-5 years, 35% age 6-11 years, and 14% age 12-17 years. (**Table 8C** on page 36, **Fig. 12A**)

- Fifty-two percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 48% were female. (Fig. 12A)
- Forty-six percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of adoption had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (Table 8D on page 36, Fig. 12A)
- Forty-seven 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 children¹⁸ in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of “waiting” children fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In 2001, the group of “waiting” children dropped below 3,000. 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 2001, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has been fluctuating between 25-29%. (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%
12/97	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	9,967*	2,541*	25%
6/05	9,709*	2,483*	26%
6/06	9,459*	2,342*	25%
6/07	9,109*	2,493*	27%
6/08	9,281	2,452	26%
9/08	8,963	2,520	28%

Notes: **Children are less than 18 years old.**

* = revised statistics

¹⁸ Children are less than 18 years old.

- Of the 2,523 “waiting” consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 40% were legally free for adoption. Eighty percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. (**Fig. 12B** on page 38)
- The adolescent age group had the highest proportion of children who were legally free for adoption (see table below). The larger proportion of adolescents legally free is a reflection of the difficulty in achieving adoptions for older children. The younger children who are legally free are getting adopted while the adolescents who are legally free are “stuck” in placement. A separate analysis of children adopted in FY’2008 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 legally freed to adoption is much longer for these older children.

	Children in Placement 9/30/08		
	Children with Goal of Adoption & Legally Free for Adoption	All Children with Goal of Adoption	% Legally Free for Adoption
Age Group (years)	No.	No.	%
0 – 2	262	694	38%
3 – 5	231	578	40%
6 – 11	337	889	38%
12 – 17	186	359	52%
Total	1,016	2,520	40%

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 who were not legally free for adoption (60%), 65% were matched to permanent families (**Fig. 12B**).
- The Southeastern and Boston Regions had the highest proportions (55% and 51%, respectively) of “waiting” children who were legally free for adoption. The proportion of legally free children ranged from 32% in the West to 55% in the Southeast. (**Fig. 12C** on page 39)
- The Metro and Western Regions had the highest proportions of “waiting” children who were matched to a permanent family (89% and 78%, respectively). The proportion of children matched to a permanent family ranged from 58% in the Northeast to 89% in Metro. Matching a child to an adoptive family can occur before, during, or after the legal proceedings to free a child for adoption. (**Fig. 12D** on page 39)

**TABLE 5A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2009, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Placement Location of Consumers				Total No.		
		Foster Care		Congregate Care			Other ⁽²⁾	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western		1,771		337		89		2,197
	(0 - 2 yrs)	350	20%	1	*	1	1%	352
	(3 - 5 yrs)	260	15%	2	1%	1	1%	263
	(6 - 11 yrs)	373	21%	35	10%	11	12%	419
	(12 - 17 yrs)	582	33%	241	72%	73	82%	896
	18 or older	206	12%	58	17%	3	3%	267
Central		1,174		288		58		1,520
	(0 - 2 yrs)	230	20%	---	---	1	2%	231
	(3 - 5 yrs)	181	15%	4	1%	3	5%	188
	(6 - 11 yrs)	295	25%	62	22%	5	9%	362
	(12 - 17 yrs)	328	28%	192	67%	42	72%	562
	18 or older	140	12%	30	10%	7	12%	177
Northeast		1,357		401		112		1,870
	(0 - 2 yrs)	243	18%	---	---	6	5%	249
	(3 - 5 yrs)	170	13%	1	*	5	4%	176
	(6 - 11 yrs)	223	16%	43	11%	9	8%	275
	(12 - 17 yrs)	456	34%	257	64%	86	77%	799
	18 or older	265	20%	100	25%	6	5%	371
Metro		947		427		41		1,415
	(0 - 2 yrs)	182	19%	---	---	---	---	182
	(3 - 5 yrs)	118	12%	1	*	2	5%	121
	(6 - 11 yrs)	192	20%	40	9%	---	---	232
	(12 - 17 yrs)	287	30%	327	77%	36	88%	650
	18 or older	168	18%	59	14%	3	7%	230
Southeast		1,525		428		67		2,020
	(0 - 2 yrs)	317	21%	3	1%	1	1%	321
	(3 - 5 yrs)	209	14%	5	1%	---	---	214
	(6 - 11 yrs)	291	19%	56	13%	8	12%	355
	(12 - 17 yrs)	459	30%	304	71%	54	81%	817
	18 or older	249	16%	60	14%	4	6%	313
Boston		906		300		88		1,294
	(0 - 2 yrs)	177	20%	---	---	1	1%	178
	(3 - 5 yrs)	95	10%	3	1%	1	1%	99
	(6 - 11 yrs)	149	16%	33	11%	5	6%	187
	(12 - 17 yrs)	314	35%	202	67%	68	77%	584
	18 or older	171	19%	62	21%	13	15%	246
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		234		2		1		237
	(0 - 2 yrs)	28	12%	---	---	---	---	28
	(3 - 5 yrs)	49	21%	---	---	---	---	49
	(6 - 11 yrs)	108	46%	2	100%	---	---	110
	(12 - 17 yrs)	49	21%	---	---	1	100%	50
Other ⁽⁴⁾		42		---		---		42
	(3 - 5 yrs)	1	2%	---	---	---	---	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	1	2%	---	---	---	---	1
	(12 - 17 yrs)	12	29%	---	---	---	---	12
	18 or older	28	67%	---	---	---	---	28
Total		7,956		2,183		456		10,595

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

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

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

**TABLE 5B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2009, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Foster Care							Foster Care Total
		Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
		Intensive Foster Care ⁽²⁾	Other ⁽³⁾	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
Western		452	6	150	133	331	114	585	1,771
	(0 - 2 yrs)	16	5	22	---	89	50	168	350
	(3 - 5 yrs)	27	1	19	---	79	34	100	260
	(6 - 11 yrs)	101	---	33	---	83	27	129	373
	(12 - 17 yrs)	256	---	66	7	77	2	174	582
	18 or older	52	---	10	126	3	1	14	206
Central		282	5	98	72	322	94	301	1,174
	(0 - 2 yrs)	8	2	11	---	86	27	96	230
	(3 - 5 yrs)	15	1	13	---	68	31	53	181
	(6 - 11 yrs)	71	---	30	---	95	26	73	295
	(12 - 17 yrs)	152	1	34	---	63	10	68	328
	18 or older	36	1	10	72	10	---	11	140
Northeast		368	34	78	180	334	41	322	1,357
	(0 - 2 yrs)	51	6	7	---	78	12	89	243
	(3 - 5 yrs)	26	3	5	---	66	10	60	170
	(6 - 11 yrs)	49	3	18	---	78	14	61	223
	(12 - 17 yrs)	193	12	40	5	108	5	93	456
	18 or older	49	10	8	175	4	---	19	265
Metro		209	3	72	101	261	67	234	947
	(0 - 2 yrs)	27	---	7	---	47	36	65	182
	(3 - 5 yrs)	13	---	7	---	56	13	29	118
	(6 - 11 yrs)	33	1	17	---	82	14	45	192
	(12 - 17 yrs)	115	2	25	1	70	4	70	287
	18 or older	21	---	16	100	6	---	25	168
Southeast		335	11	82	152	394	85	466	1,525
	(0 - 2 yrs)	17	2	9	---	99	43	147	317
	(3 - 5 yrs)	25	---	8	---	74	22	80	209
	(6 - 11 yrs)	67	---	13	---	98	17	96	291
	(12 - 17 yrs)	185	---	39	4	106	3	122	459
	18 or older	41	9	13	148	17	---	21	249
Boston		278	15	57	95	222	30	209	906
	(0 - 2 yrs)	36	1	10	---	55	14	61	177
	(3 - 5 yrs)	22	3	2	---	44	10	14	95
	(6 - 11 yrs)	54	---	13	---	53	3	26	149
	(12 - 17 yrs)	133	9	22	---	61	3	86	314
	18 or older	33	2	10	95	9	---	22	171
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾		61	---	24	---	44	49	56	234
	(0 - 2 yrs)	1	---	1	---	10	5	11	28
	(3 - 5 yrs)	6	---	5	---	14	13	11	49
	(6 - 11 yrs)	31	---	9	---	15	24	29	108
	(12 - 17 yrs)	23	---	9	---	5	7	5	49
Other ⁽⁵⁾		---	---	5	19	---	---	18	42
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	3	---	---	---	9	12
	18 or older	---	---	2	19	---	---	7	28
Total		1,985	74	566	752	1,908	480	2,191	7,956

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

⁽²⁾ IFC includes "Teen Parent Rate" model.

⁽³⁾ Other includes "Sibling Rate" model.

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

⁽⁵⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 5C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2009, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Congregate Care						STARR ⁽³⁾	Total
	Group Home			Residential				
	Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential ⁽²⁾			
Western	103	49	17	109	2	57	337	
(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	1	2	
(6 - 11 yrs)	7	2	---	16	---	10	35	
(12 - 17 yrs)	91	26	1	77	1	45	241	
18 or older	5	21	16	15	1	---	58	
Central	68	54	9	101	3	53	288	
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	4	4	
(6 - 11 yrs)	19	7	---	24	---	12	62	
(12 - 17 yrs)	44	37	5	67	2	37	192	
18 or older	5	10	4	10	1	---	30	
Northeast	79	45	64	151	---	62	401	
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	1	
(6 - 11 yrs)	15	2	---	17	---	9	43	
(12 - 17 yrs)	63	35	10	96	---	53	257	
18 or older	1	7	54	38	---	---	100	
Metro	39	112	46	163	6	61	427	
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	1	
(6 - 11 yrs)	8	5	---	18	---	9	40	
(12 - 17 yrs)	29	96	22	122	6	52	327	
18 or older	2	10	24	23	---	---	59	
Southeast	76	59	19	185	1	88	428	
(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	3	3	
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	4	5	
(6 - 11 yrs)	20	1	---	24	---	11	56	
(12 - 17 yrs)	52	50	6	126	1	69	304	
18 or older	4	7	13	35	---	1	60	
Boston	33	66	33	129	10	29	300	
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	3	3	
(6 - 11 yrs)	8	3	---	19	---	3	33	
(12 - 17 yrs)	23	50	4	93	9	23	202	
18 or older	2	13	29	17	1	---	62	
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	---	2	2	
(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	2	
Total	398	385	188	838	22	352	2,183	

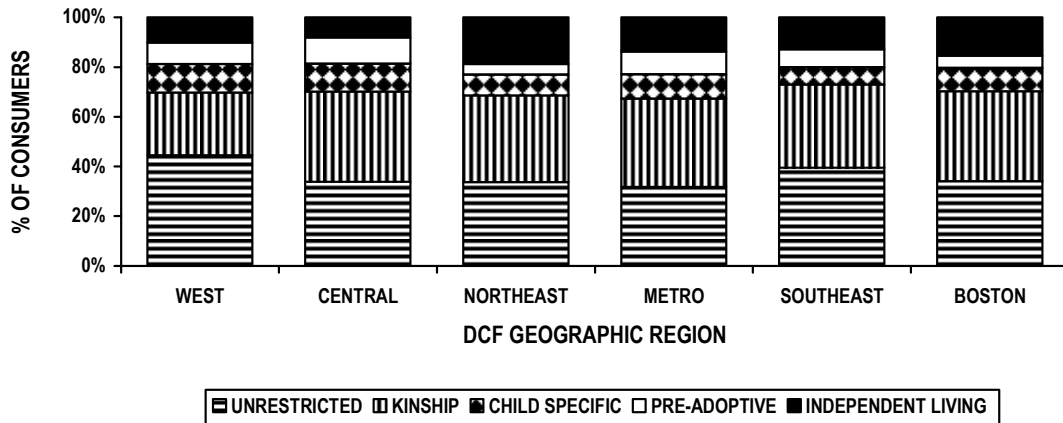
⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

⁽²⁾ "Old" taxonomy includes non-766 residential program (1), regular group home (1), Chap. 766 (2), teen pregnancy/parenting group home (18).

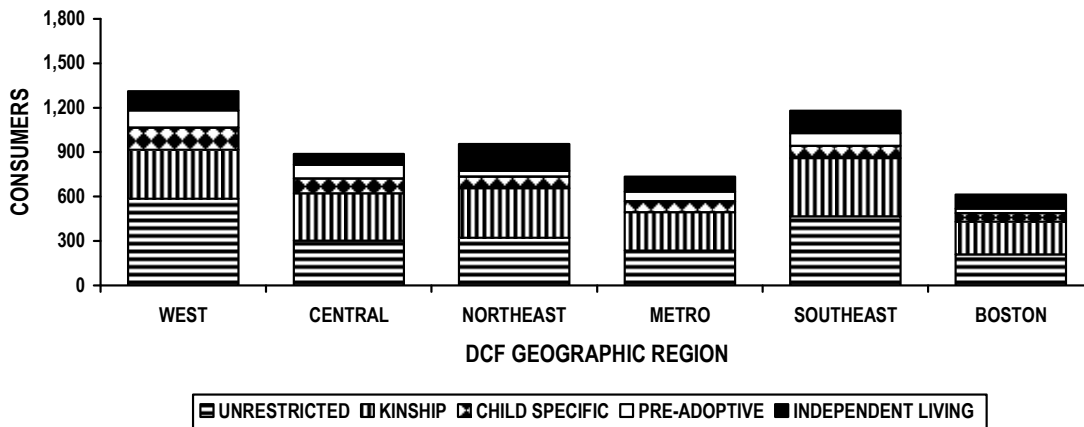
⁽³⁾ STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

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

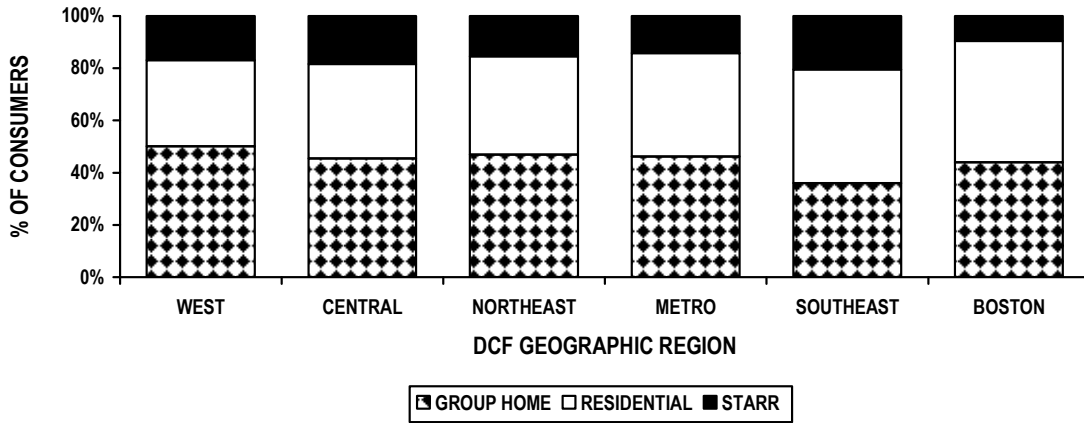
**FIGURE 7A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2009, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)**



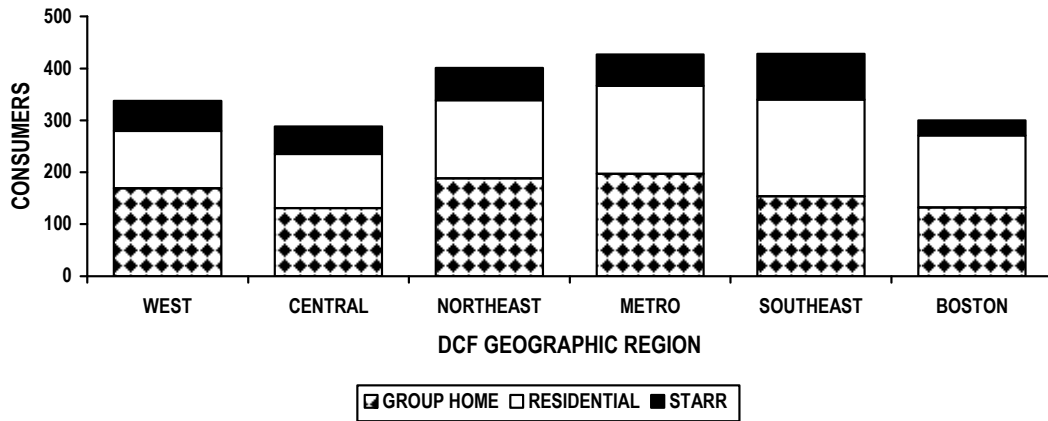
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FY'2009, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)**



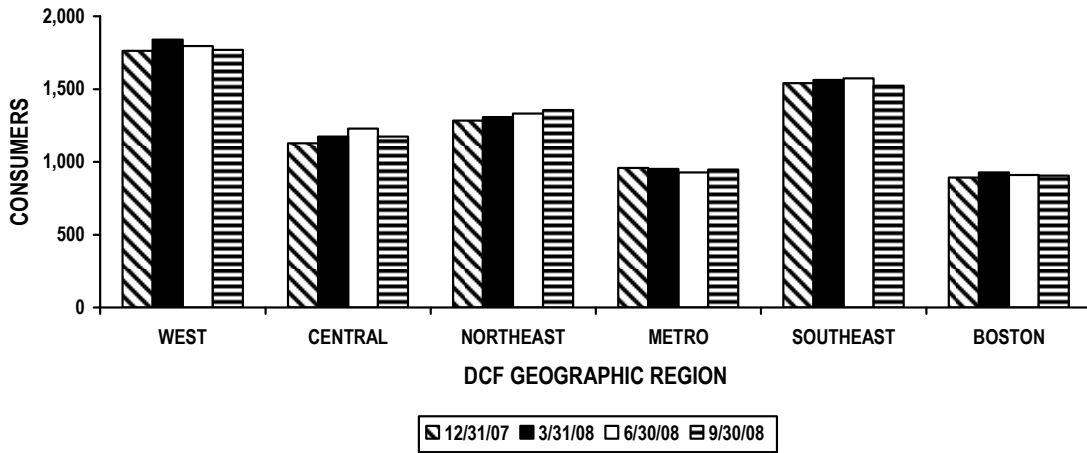
**FIGURE 8A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
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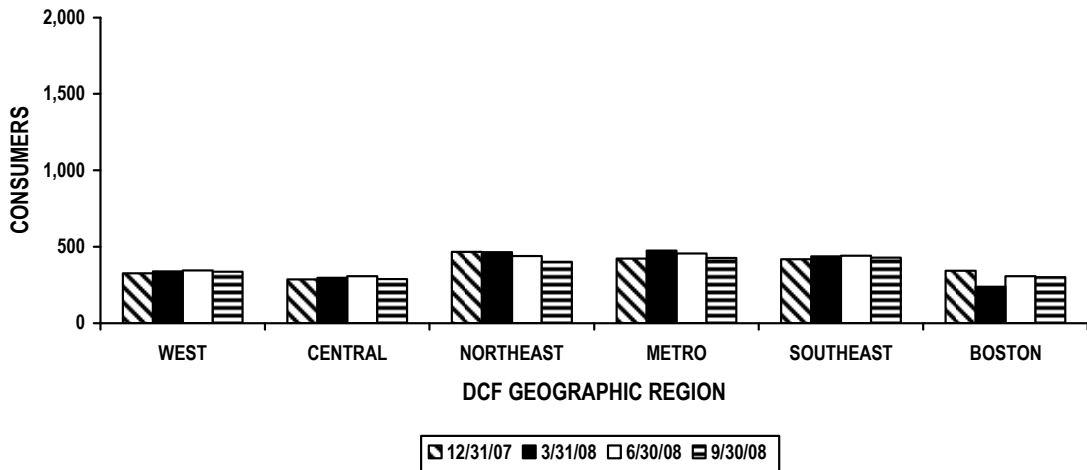
**FIGURE 8B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2009, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)**



**FIGURE 9. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, END OF 2ND QUARTER TO FY'2009, END OF 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 10. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, END OF 2ND QUARTER TO FY'2009, END OF 1ST QUARTER)**



**TABLE 6A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE:
FY'2009, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region												Total					
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		No.	%
Sex:																		
Female	1,065	48%	733	48%	881	47%	700	49%	960	48%	661	51%	105	44%	15	36%	5,120	48%
Male	1,132	52%	787	52%	989	53%	715	51%	1,060	52%	633	49%	132	56%	27	64%	5,475	52%
Total	2,197	100%	1,520	100%	1,870	100%	1,415	100%	2,020	100%	1,294	100%	237	100%	42	100%	10,595	100%
Race:																		
White	1,394	63%	1,002	66%	1,094	59%	930	66%	1,352	67%	294	23%	105	44%	4	10%	6,175	58%
Black	322	15%	163	11%	198	11%	268	19%	359	18%	728	56%	44	19%	30	71%	2,112	20%
Asian	3	*	10	1%	81	4%	24	2%	12	1%	17	1%	8	3%	4	10%	159	2%
Native American	3	*	6	*	3	*	2	*	8	*	2	*	1	*	---	---	25	*
Other ⁽³⁾	---	---	3	1%	---	---	2	1%	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	6	*
Multi-Racial	109	5%	72	5%	90	5%	59	4%	127	6%	44	3%	25	11%	---	---	526	5%
Unable to Determine	366	17%	262	17%	402	21%	130	9%	161	8%	206	16%	54	23%	1	2%	1,582	15%
Unknown	---	---	2	*	2	*	---	---	---	---	3	*	---	---	3	7%	10	*
Total	2,197	100%	1,520	100%	1,870	100%	1,415	100%	2,020	100%	1,294	100%	237	100%	42	100%	10,595	100%
Hispanic/Latino Origin:																		
Hispanic/Latino	724	33%	434	29%	650	35%	190	13%	255	13%	310	24%	68	29%	7	17%	2,638	25%
Not Hispanic/Latino	1,349	61%	1,001	66%	1,144	61%	1,146	81%	1,656	82%	922	71%	151	64%	31	74%	7,400	70%
Unable to Determine	124	6%	85	6%	75	4%	79	6%	109	5%	60	5%	18	8%	---	---	550	5%
Unknown	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	2	*	---	---	4	10%	7	*
Total	2,197	100%	1,520	100%	1,870	100%	1,415	100%	2,020	100%	1,294	100%	237	100%	42	100%	10,595	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**TABLE 6B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE:
FY'2009, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region												Total					
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		No.	%
Age:																		
(0 - 2 yrs)	352	16%	231	15%	249	13%	182	13%	321	16%	178	14%	28	12%	---	---	1,541	15%
(3 - 5 yrs)	263	12%	188	12%	176	9%	121	9%	214	11%	99	8%	49	21%	1	2%	1,111	10%
(6 - 11 yrs)	419	19%	362	24%	275	15%	232	16%	355	18%	187	14%	110	46%	1	2%	1,941	18%
(12 - 17 yrs)	896	41%	562	37%	799	43%	650	46%	817	40%	584	45%	50	21%	12	29%	4,370	41%
18 or older	267	12%	177	12%	371	20%	230	16%	313	15%	246	19%	---	---	28	67%	1,632	15%
Total	2,197	100%	1,520	100%	1,870	100%	1,415	100%	2,020	100%	1,294	100%	237	100%	42	100%	10,595	100%
Service Plan Goals:																		
Family Reunification	718	33%	557	37%	626	33%	475	34%	748	37%	434	34%	---	---	1	2%	3,559	34%
Adoption	571	26%	437	29%	379	20%	242	17%	429	21%	236	18%	229	97%	---	---	2,523	24%
APPLA ⁽³⁾	434	20%	272	18%	480	26%	368	26%	464	23%	375	29%	---	---	4	10%	2,397	23%
Permanent Care with Kin	136	6%	69	5%	142	8%	125	9%	147	7%	70	5%	1	*	---	---	690	7%
Guardianship	125	6%	69	5%	104	6%	96	7%	107	5%	83	6%	3	1%	---	---	587	6%
Stabilization of Family	132	6%	79	5%	93	5%	74	5%	89	4%	59	5%	---	---	---	---	526	5%
Living Independently	3	*	---	---	2	*	1	*	---	---	3	*	---	---	22	52%	31	*
Long-Term Substitute Care	1	*	2	*	---	---	---	---	2	*	---	---	---	---	2	5%	7	*
Long-Term Care w/ASA ⁽⁴⁾	1	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*
Unspecified as of run-date	76	3%	34	2%	44	2%	34	2%	34	2%	34	3%	4	2%	13	31%	273	3%
Total	2,197	100%	1,520	100%	1,870	100%	1,415	100%	2,020	100%	1,294	100%	237	100%	42	100%	10,595	100%
Continuous Time in Care:																		
(.5 yr or less)	503	23%	443	29%	463	25%	398	28%	557	28%	317	24%	6	3%	2	5%	2,689	25%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	366	17%	278	18%	292	16%	229	16%	320	16%	215	17%	16	7%	3	7%	1,719	16%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	297	14%	169	11%	218	12%	180	13%	258	13%	192	15%	22	9%	5	12%	1,341	13%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	201	9%	134	9%	137	7%	134	9%	175	9%	139	11%	31	13%	6	14%	957	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	474	22%	276	18%	364	19%	257	18%	393	19%	216	17%	116	49%	18	43%	2,114	20%
> 4 yrs	356	16%	220	14%	396	21%	217	15%	316	16%	215	17%	46	19%	8	19%	1,774	17%
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	2,197	100%	1,520	100%	1,870	100%	1,415	100%	2,020	100%	1,294	100%	237	100%	42	100%	10,595	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

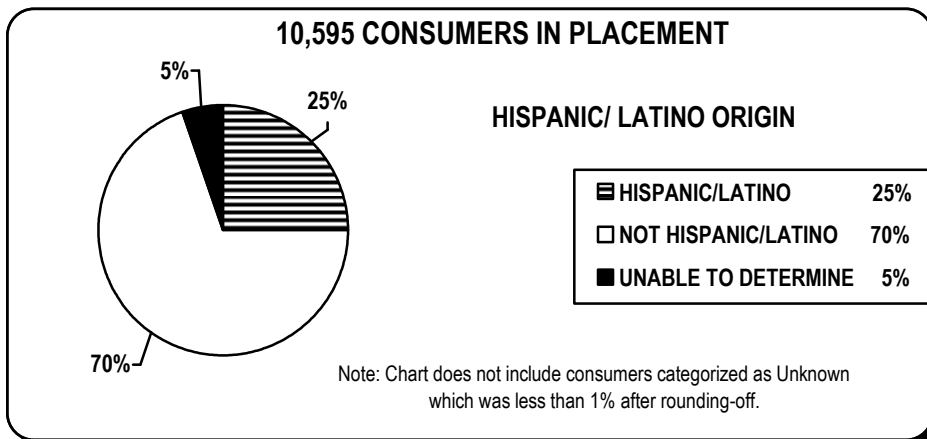
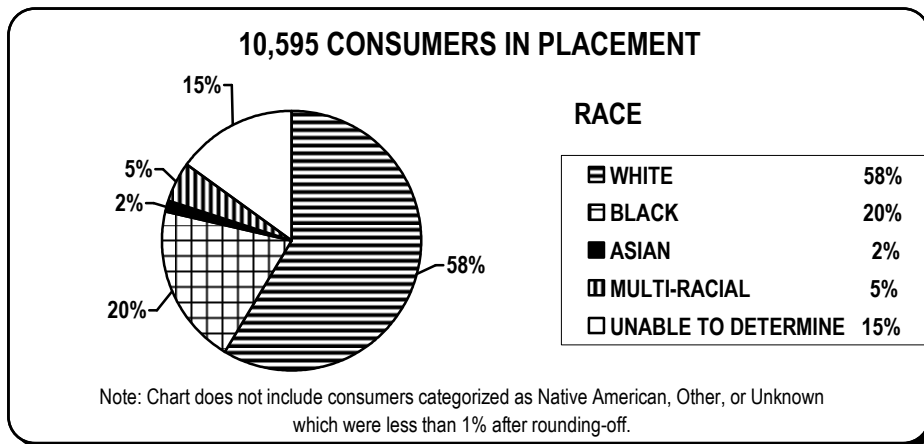
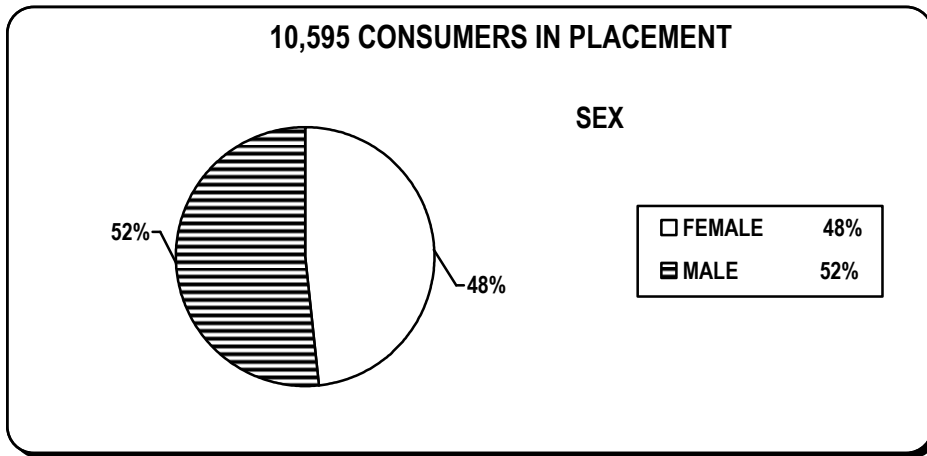
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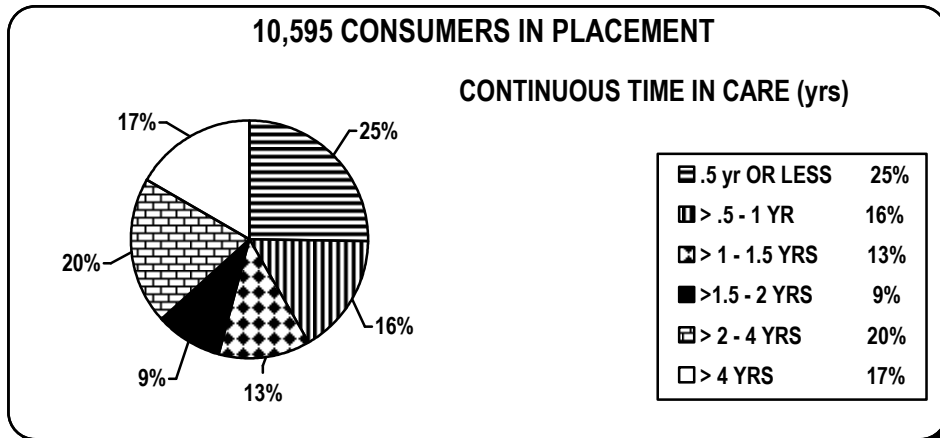
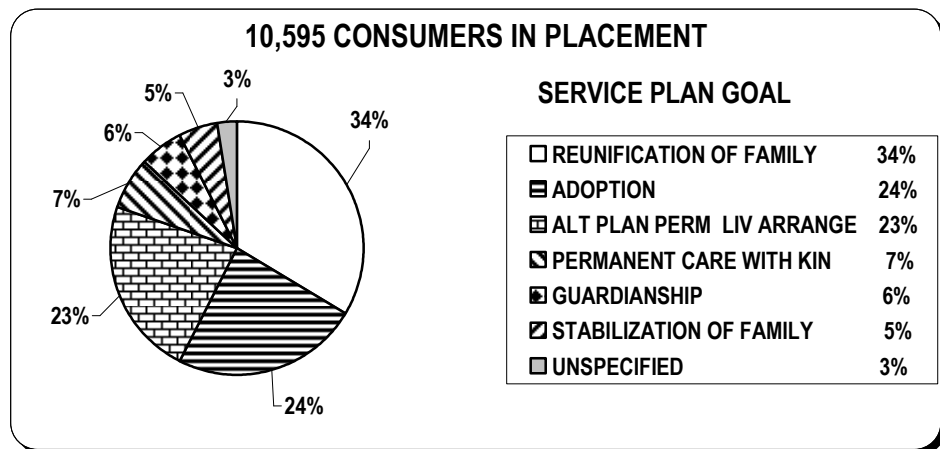
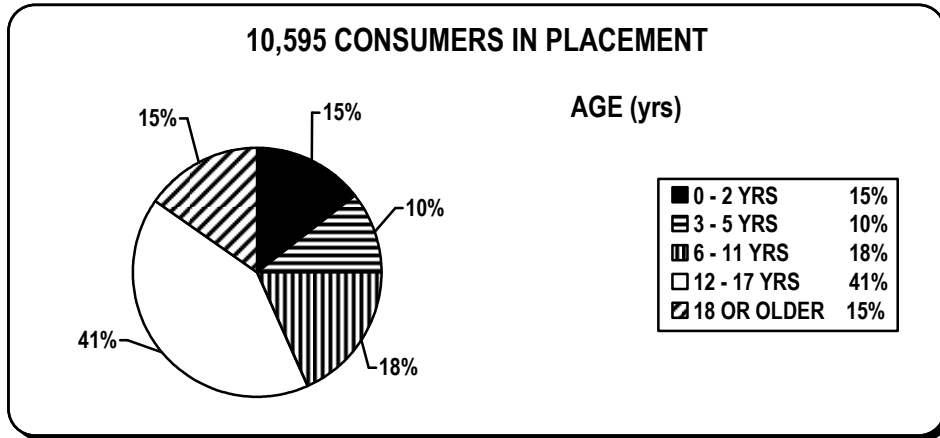
⁽³⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽⁴⁾ Adult Service Agency

**FIGURE 11A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN
STATEWIDE: FY'2009, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)**



**FIGURE 11B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT
STATEWIDE: FY'2009, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)**



**TABLE 7A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2009, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)**

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers														Total			
	White		Black		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine				Unknown	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	1,567	25%	512	24%	33	21%	10	40%	2	33%	140	27%	420	27%	5	50%	2,689	25%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	985	16%	339	16%	23	14%	2	8%	2	33%	97	18%	268	17%	3	30%	1,719	16%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	763	12%	261	12%	25	16%	4	16%	---	---	68	13%	220	14%	---	---	1,341	13%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	581	9%	177	8%	14	9%	3	12%	1	17%	45	9%	135	9%	1	10%	957	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	1,245	20%	414	20%	37	23%	2	8%	1	17%	114	22%	301	19%	---	---	2,114	20%
> 4yrs	1,034	17%	409	19%	27	17%	4	16%	---	---	61	12%	238	15%	1	10%	1,774	17%
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	6,175	100%	2,112	100%	159	100%	25	100%	6	100%	526	100%	1,582	100%	10	100%	10,595	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**TABLE 7B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2009, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)**

Continuous Time in Care	Hispanic/Latino Origin ⁽¹⁾ of Consumers								Total	
	Hispanic/ Latino		Not Hispanic/ Latino		Unable to Determine		Unknown			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	660	25%	1,893	26%	132	24%	4	57%	2,689	25%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	447	17%	1,164	16%	108	20%	---	---	1,719	16%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	335	13%	923	12%	83	15%	---	---	1,341	13%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	229	9%	672	9%	56	10%	---	---	957	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	512	19%	1,487	20%	112	20%	3	43%	2,114	20%
> 4yrs	455	17%	1,261	17%	58	11%	---	---	1,774	17%
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	1	*
Total	2,638	100%	7,400	100%	550	100%	7	100%	10,595	100%

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

TABLE 8A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2009, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers														Total			
	White		Black		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine				Unknown	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	2,062	33%	648	31%	59	37%	8	32%	2	33%	198	38%	577	36%	5	50%	3,559	34%
Adoption	1,527	25%	417	20%	23	14%	5	20%	---	---	191	36%	360	23%	---	---	2,523	24%
APPLA ⁽²⁾	1,367	22%	596	28%	45	28%	7	28%	1	17%	63	12%	317	20%	1	10%	2,397	23%
Permanent Care with Kin	403	7%	143	7%	15	9%	2	8%	1	17%	15	3%	111	7%	---	---	690	7%
Guardianship	352	6%	120	6%	4	3%	---	---	---	---	29	6%	82	5%	---	---	587	6%
Stabilization of Family	297	5%	112	5%	6	4%	3	12%	1	17%	20	4%	87	5%	---	---	526	5%
Living Independently	8	*	19	1%	2	1%	---	---	---	---	2	*	---	---	---	---	31	*
Long-Term Substitute Care	3	*	1	*	1	1%	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*	---	---	7	*
Long-Term Care w/ASA ⁽³⁾	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	2	*
Unspecified as of run-date	155	3%	56	3%	4	3%	---	---	1	17%	8	2%	45	3%	4	40%	273	3%
Total	6,175	100%	2,112	100%	159	100%	25	100%	6	100%	526	100%	1,582	100%	10	100%	10,595	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

⁽²⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽³⁾ Adult Service Agency

TABLE 8B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2009, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)

Service Plan Goal	Hispanic/Latino Origin of Consumers								Total	
	Hispanic/Latino		Not Hispanic/Latino		Unable to Determine		Missing			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	920	35%	2,464	33%	172	31%	3	43%	3,559	34%
Adoption	595	23%	1,721	23%	207	38%	---	---	2,523	24%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	563	21%	1,756	24%	78	14%	---	---	2,397	23%
Permanent Care with Kin	180	7%	484	7%	26	5%	---	---	690	7%
Guardianship	150	6%	411	6%	26	5%	---	---	587	6%
Stabilization of Family	155	6%	343	5%	28	5%	---	---	526	5%
Living Independently	6	*	22	*	---	---	3	43%	31	*
Long-Term Substitute Care	1	*	6	*	---	---	---	---	7	*
Long-Term Care w/ASA ⁽²⁾	1	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	2	*
Unspecified as of run-date	67	3%	192	3%	13	2%	1	14%	273	3%
Total	2,638	100%	7,400	100%	550	100%	7	100%	10,595	100%

⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽²⁾ Adult Service Agency

**TABLE 8C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2009, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)**

Service Plan Goal	Age Group of Consumers										Total No. %	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Family Reunification	706	20%	425	12%	729	20%	1,678	47%	21	1%	3,559	100%
Adoption	694	28%	578	23%	889	35%	359	14%	3	*	2,523	100%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	1	*	---	---	10	*	1,011	42%	1,375	57%	2,397	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	3	*	3	*	42	6%	577	84%	65	9%	690	100%
Guardianship	25	4%	44	7%	166	28%	319	54%	33	6%	587	100%
Stabilization of Family	49	9%	34	6%	70	13%	310	59%	63	12%	526	100%
Living Independently	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	10%	28	90%	31	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	---	---	---	---	1	14%	4	57%	2	29%	7	100%
Long-Term Care w/ASA ⁽²⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	100%	2	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	63	23%	27	10%	34	12%	109	40%	40	15%	273	100%
Total	1,541	15%	1,111	10%	1,941	18%	4,370	41%	1,632	15%	10,595	100%

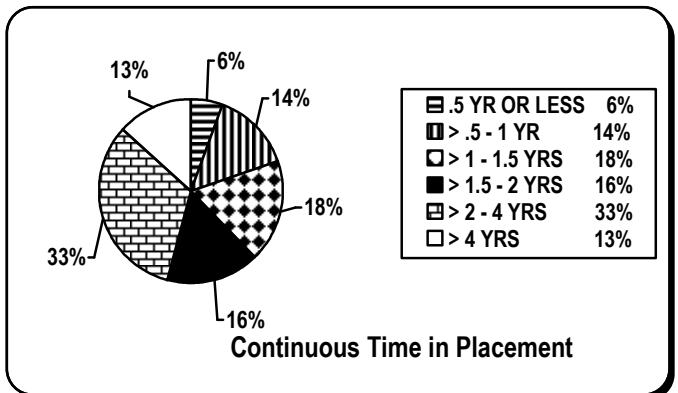
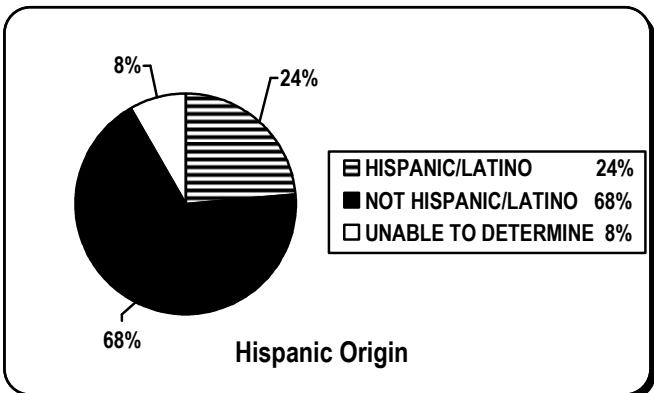
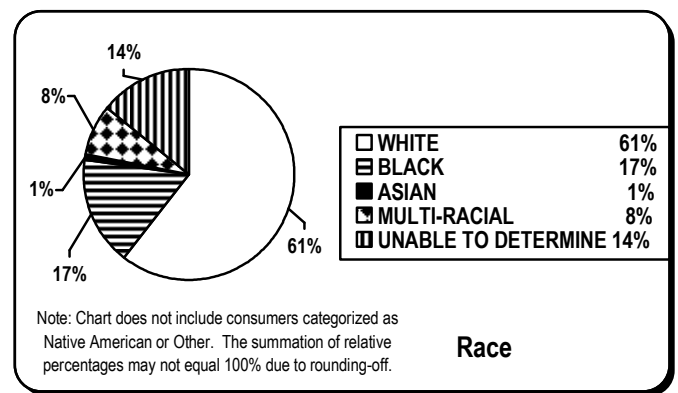
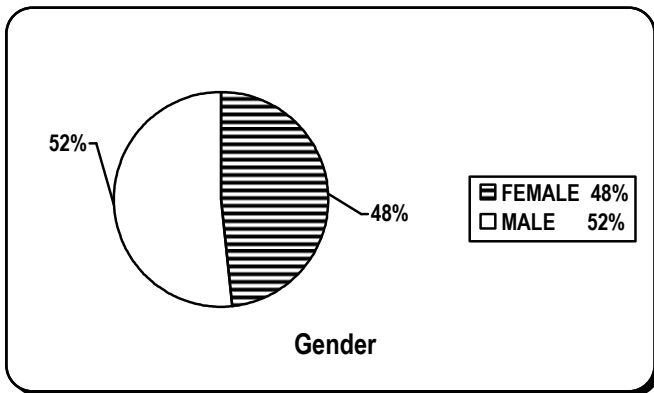
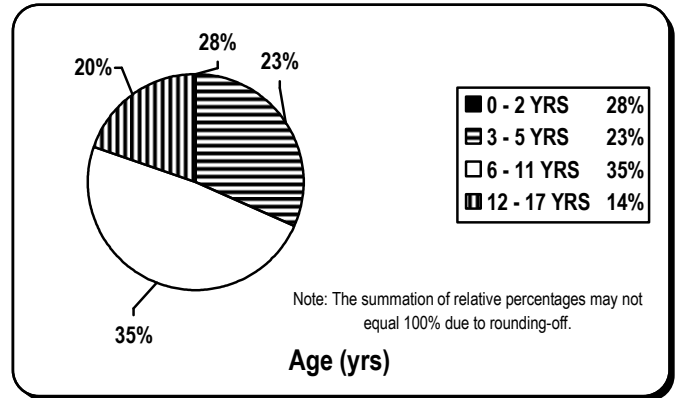
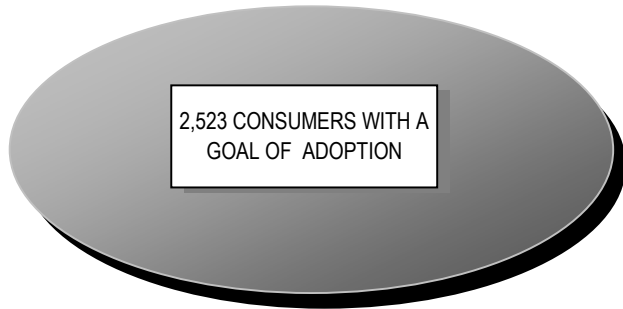
**TABLE 8D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2009, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)**

Service Plan Goal	Continuous Time in Placement											Total No. %				
	(.5yr or less)		(> .5 - 1 yr)		(>1 - 1.5 yrs)		(>1.5 - 2 yrs)		(>2 - 4 yrs)		> 4 yrs			Unspecified		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Family Reunification	1,777	50%	941	26%	437	12%	169	5%	188	5%	47	1%	---	---	3,559	100%
Adoption	143	6%	351	14%	460	18%	412	16%	823	33%	333	13%	1	*	2,523	100%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	181	8%	191	8%	202	8%	204	9%	640	27%	979	41%	---	---	2,397	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	42	6%	62	9%	79	11%	65	9%	215	31%	227	33%	---	---	690	100%
Guardianship	31	5%	79	13%	123	21%	73	12%	161	27%	120	20%	---	---	587	100%
Stabilization of Family	304	58%	78	15%	35	7%	17	3%	51	10%	41	8%	---	---	526	100%
Living Independently	---	---	---	---	1	3%	5	16%	11	35%	14	45%	---	---	31	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	1	14%	---	---	2	29%	---	---	1	14%	3	43%	---	---	7	100%
Long-Term Care w/ASA ⁽²⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	100%	---	---	2	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	210	77%	17	6%	2	1%	12	4%	24	9%	8	3%	---	---	273	100%
Total	2,689	25%	1,719	16%	1,341	13%	957	9%	2,114	20%	1,774	17%	1	*	10,595	100%

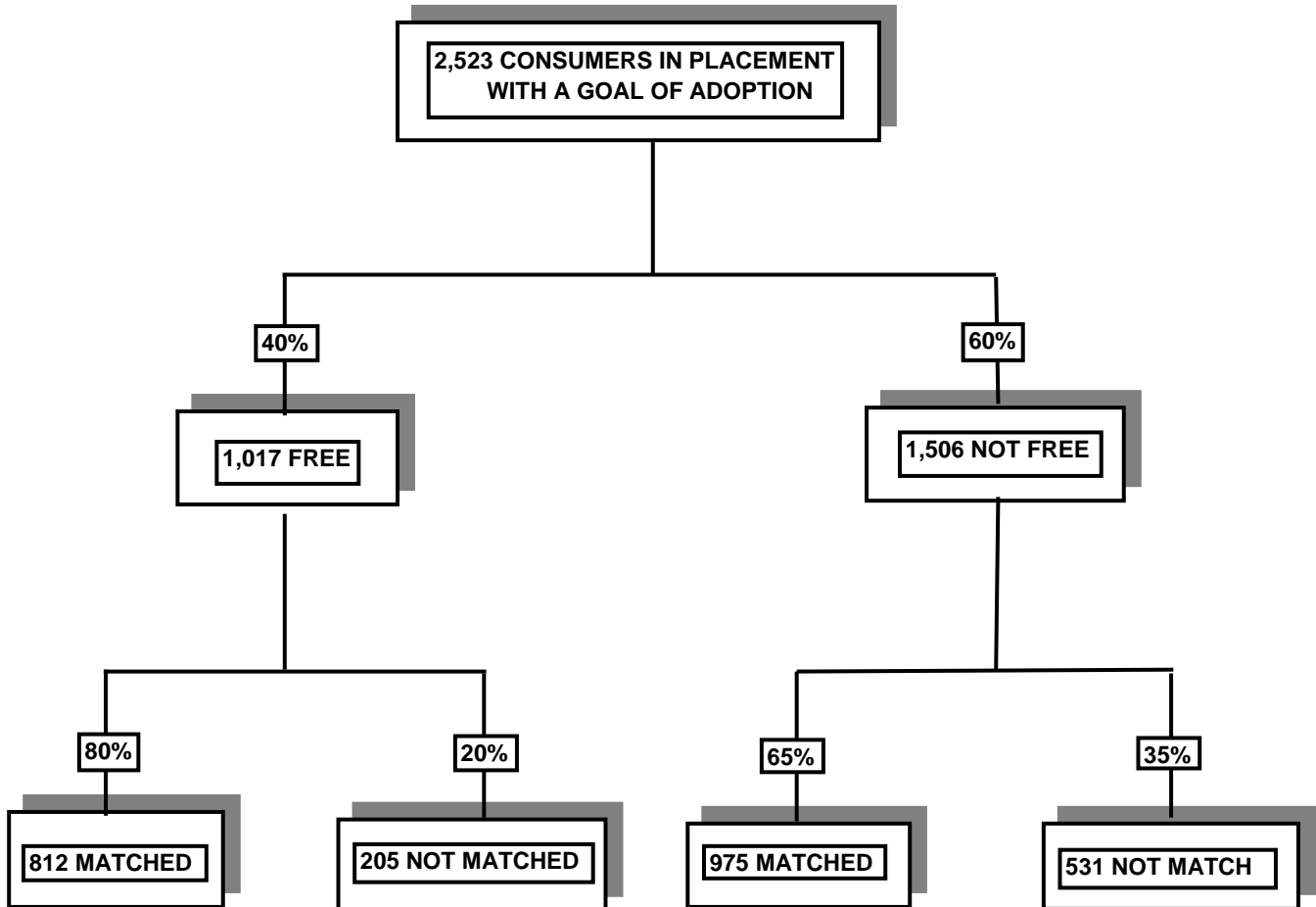
⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽²⁾ Adult Service Agency

**FIGURE 12A. AGE, SEX, RACE, HISPANIC ORIGIN AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT OF CONSUMERS WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
FY'2009, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)**

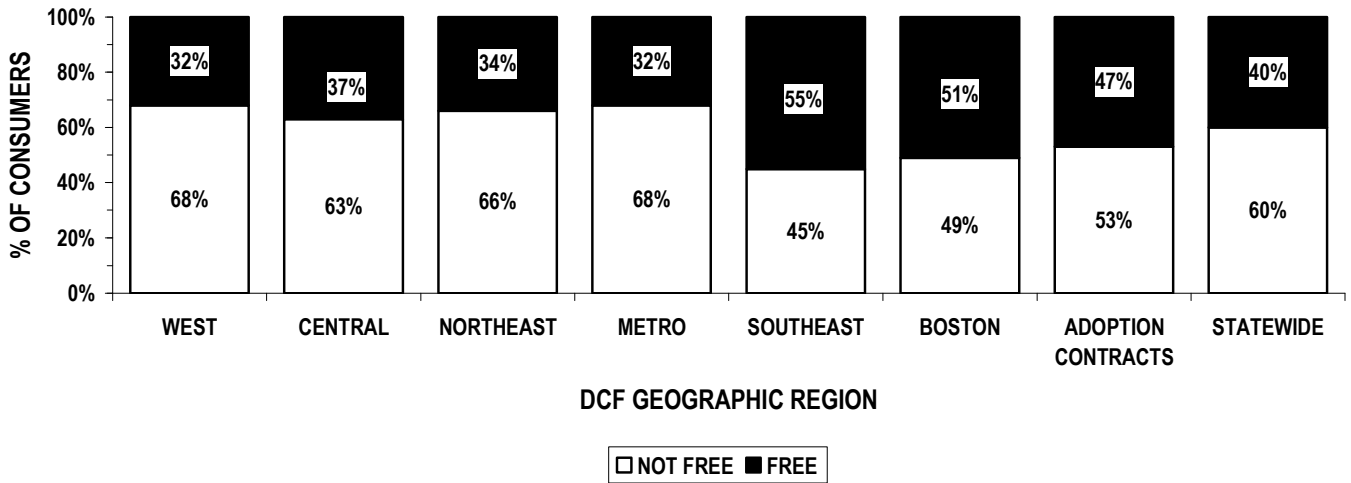


**FIGURE 12B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION:
 LEGAL STATUS AND MATCH STATUS
 FY'2009, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)**

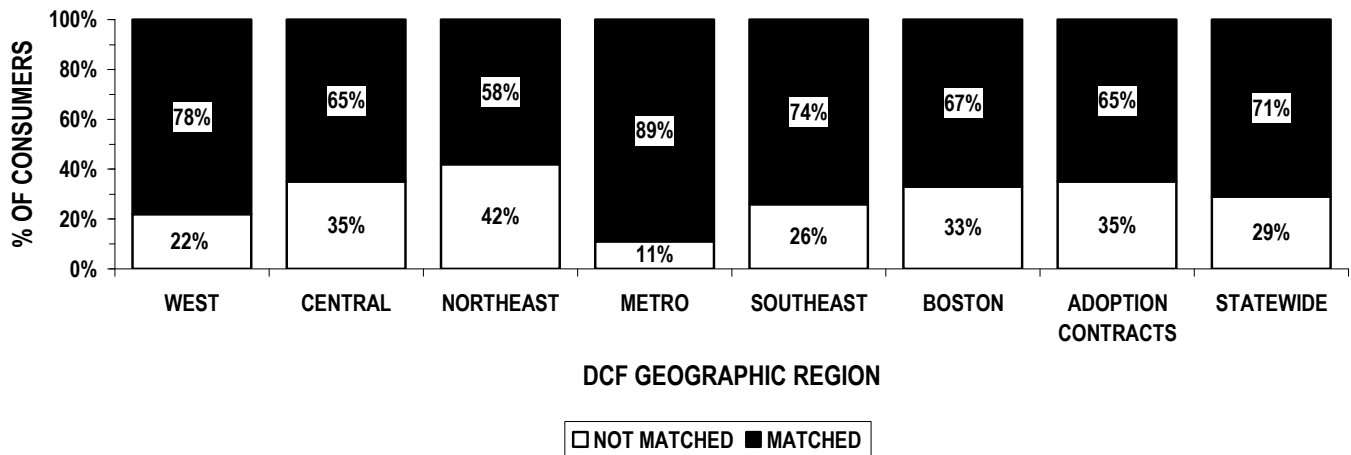


Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption
 Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 12C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS
FY'09, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)**



**FIGURE 12D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND WHETHER MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY
FY'09, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)**



Case Intakes (Openings)

- Beginning with the 1st Quarter of FY'2007, a programming change was made in order to pick up case openings missed in prior reports (short-term openings and closings within the quarter). Consequently, these intake statistics cannot be compared with previous quarters. Monitoring for trends should begin with the 1st Quarter of FY'2007).
- During the 1st Quarter of FY'2009, there were 3,928 case openings (unduplicated) and 16,184 consumer openings (unduplicated). Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed by DCF. Consumers who entered the DCF 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** on page 41)
- Eighty-six percent of case intakes and 89% of consumer intakes were due to supported abuse/neglect reports. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 8% of case intakes and 6% of consumer intakes. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- CHINS referrals amounted to 4% of case intakes and 3% of consumer intakes. (**Tables 9A and 9B**) It should be noted that the CHINS consumer counts include CHINS children, adult caretakers, and oftentimes non-CHINS siblings.
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in Fig. 13. Supported reports accounted for 82-89% of the total intakes for each region. CHINS referrals ranged from 2-7% of the total intakes for each region. Voluntary requests were highest in the Metro Region (12%). (**Fig. 13** on page 42, **Table 9A**)
- Counts of CHINS referrals were highest in Boston (34 case openings). Voluntary requests were highest in Metro (70). Case intakes via supported reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the Southeast (810) and West (683). (**Table 9A**). The Southeast and West had the highest numbers of supported investigations during the 1st Quarter of FY'2009 (See **Table 14** on page 53).
- Statewide (and often regionally), case openings are lowest in the 1st quarter. (**Fig. 14** on page 42). 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 55).

**TABLE 9A. CASE INTAKES⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DCF REGION:
FY'2009, 1ST QUARTER 7/1/08 - 9/30/08)**

DCF Geographic Region	Case Counts ⁽¹⁾								Total No.
	Supported		CHINS		Voluntary		Other ⁽²⁾		
	CA/N Reports		Referrals		for Services		No.	%	
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
West	683	88%	24	3%	54	7%	18	2%	779
Central	465	89%	10	2%	36	7%	9	2%	520
Northeast	525	86%	21	3%	42	7%	19	3%	607
Metro	493	82%	21	3%	70	12%	17	3%	601
Southeast	810	87%	30	3%	61	7%	26	3%	927
Boston	440	84%	34	7%	38	7%	9	2%	521
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	3	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	3
Total	3,419	86%	140	4%	301	8%	98	2%	3,958

⁽¹⁾ Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed. The total summation for each DCF 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 3,928.

⁽²⁾ Includes Court Referral, Institutional Abuse/Neglect, and Other.

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

**TABLE 9B. CONSUMER INTAKES⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DCF REGION:
FY'2009, 1ST QUARTER 7/1/08 - 9/30/08)**

DCF Geographic Region	Consumer Counts ⁽¹⁾								Total No.
	Supported		CHINS		Voluntary		Other ⁽²⁾		
	CA/N Reports		Referrals		for Services		No.	%	
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
West	2,954	91%	69	2%	180	6%	36	1%	3,239
Central	2,020	92%	33	1%	116	5%	32	1%	2,201
Northeast	2,253	89%	85	3%	126	5%	54	2%	2,518
Metro	2,072	86%	71	3%	222	9%	58	2%	2,423
Southeast	3,485	91%	106	3%	187	5%	70	2%	3,848
Boston	1,823	87%	127	6%	127	6%	25	1%	2,102
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	3	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	3
Total	14,610	89%	491	3%	958	6%	275	2%	16,334

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

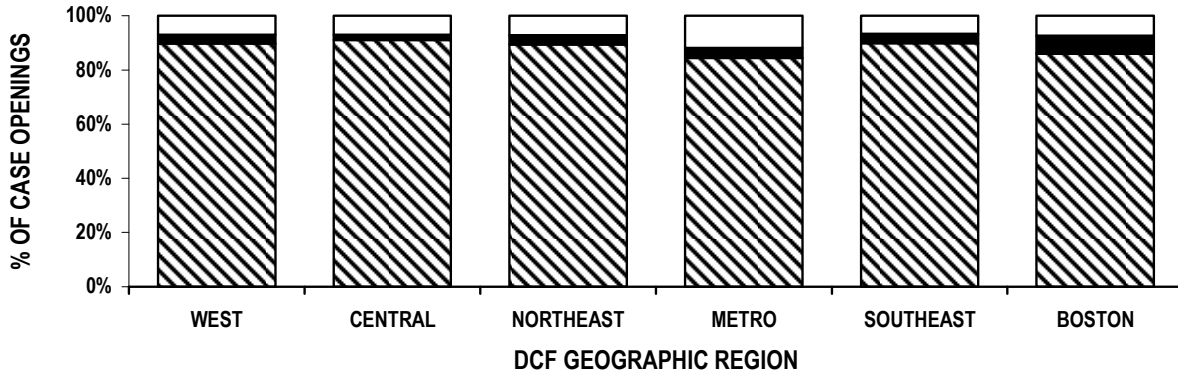
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Counts of consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases during the quarter. The total summation for each DCF 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 16,184.

⁽²⁾ Includes Court Referral, Institutional Abuse/Neglect, and Other.

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

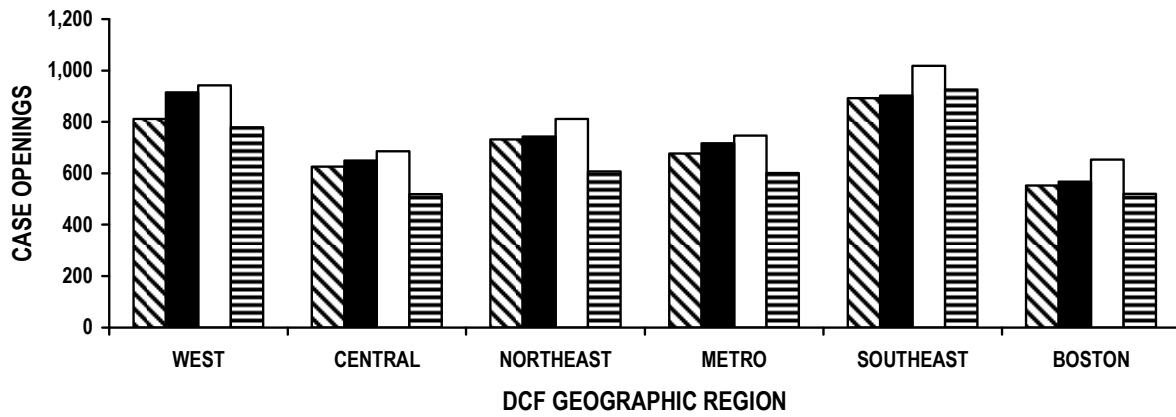
**FIGURE 13. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION
FY'2009, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/08 - 9/30/08)**



Note: Chart does not include intakes categorized as Other and Unspecified.

■ SUPPORTED CA/N REPORTS ■ CHINS REFERRALS □ VOLUNTARY REQUEST

**FIGURE 14. INTAKES (CASE OPENINGS) BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2009, 1ST QUARTER)**



■ 10/1/07 - 12/31/07 ■ 1/1/08 - 3/31/08 □ 4/1/07 - 6/30/07 ▨ 7/1/07 - 9/30/07

Consumers Entering and Leaving Placement during the Quarter

- During the 1st Quarter of FY'2009, 1,953 consumers entered placement and 2,239 consumers left placement.¹⁹ These counts of placement dynamics do not include consumers who changed placements during the quarter. (Tables 10 and 11 on page 45)
- There were 17% fewer consumers entering care in the 1st Quarter of FY'2009 compared to the 4th Quarter of FY'2008. The decrease was mainly due to 314 less children entering foster care for the first time in the 1st quarter.
- There were 8% fewer consumers leaving care in the 1st Quarter of FY'2009 compared to the 4th Quarter of FY'2008. The decrease was mostly attributable to 88 less children returning home during the 1st quarter.

Entries to Placement

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 1st Quarter of FY'2009, 62% were first-time entrants and 38% were re-entrants.²⁰ Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 58% in Central to 68% in the Southeast. (Table 10, Fig. 15 on page 46)
- The 1,953 entrants to placement (first-time entrants and re-entrants combined) were distributed across regions as follows: 22% (West), 19% (Southeast), 18% (Northeast), 14% (Central), 14% (Metro), and 11% (Boston). (Table 10)
- Across the state, 73% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 23% were placed in congregate care,²¹ and 4% were placed in non-referral locations.²² Regionally, the proportion of foster care entrants ranged from 62% in both the Northeast and Metro to 85% in the West. (Table 10, Fig. 16 on page 46)
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Seventy-eight percent of first-time entrants and 65% of re-entrants were placed in foster care. Conversely, 30% of re-entrants and 19% of first-time entrants were placed in congregate care. (Table 10)

¹⁹ For individuals with multiple entries and exits during the quarter, only the first entry and last exit were selected.

²⁰ Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

²¹ Congregate Care includes group home, residential treatment, and short-term residential placement.

²² Non-referral locations include hospitals, nursing homes, and placements supervised by other state agencies.

Exits from Placement

- Statewide, 68% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 62% in Boston to 72% in both Central and the Northeast. **(Table 11)**
- Statewide, 11% of consumers leaving placement were emancipated, 6% were adopted, and 6% were granted guardianships. Regionally, the proportion of consumers emancipated ranged from 7% in the West to 15% in Boston; adopted consumers ranged from 4% in both the Northeast and Boston to 8% in Central; and consumers with guardianships ranged from 3% in the Northeast to 8% in the West. **(Table 11)**

TABLE 10. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:									
FY'2009, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/08 - 9/30/08)									
Entry Type:	DCF Geographic Region							Other ⁽¹⁾	Total
	Placement Location Started	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston		
First-Time Entrants:	263	162	214	164	260	133	17	1,213	
Foster Care	230	135	151	106	204	107	17	950	
Congregate Care	27	24	51	55	50	21	---	228	
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	6	3	12	3	6	5	---	35	
Re-Entrants:	168	119	139	111	120	83	---	740	
Foster Care	137	87	69	64	70	53	---	480	
Congregate Care	26	27	57	43	45	25	---	223	
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	5	5	13	4	5	5	---	37	
Total	431	281	353	275	380	216	17	1,953	

⁽¹⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽²⁾ Includes hospitals and other state agencies.

TABLE 11. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:									
FY'2009, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/08 - 9/30/08)									
Reason Placement Ended	DCF Geographic Region							Other ⁽¹⁾	Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston			
Child Returned Home	320	257	258	214	314	158	---	1,521	
Child 18 or Older	36	30	37	45	50	38	2	238	
Guardianship	40	21	11	19	30	14	---	135	
Consumer Adopted	35	28	14	15	28	9	---	129	
Custody to Other Individual	49	5	14	8	8	14	---	98	
Custody to Other Agency	3	2	11	1	---	6	---	23	
Consumer Deceased	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	1	
Custody to Other Individual or Agency	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	1	
Unspecified	21	14	10	11	20	13	4	93	
Total	504	357	356	313	450	253	6	2,239	

⁽¹⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

FIGURE 15. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS) FY'2009, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/08 - 9/30/08)

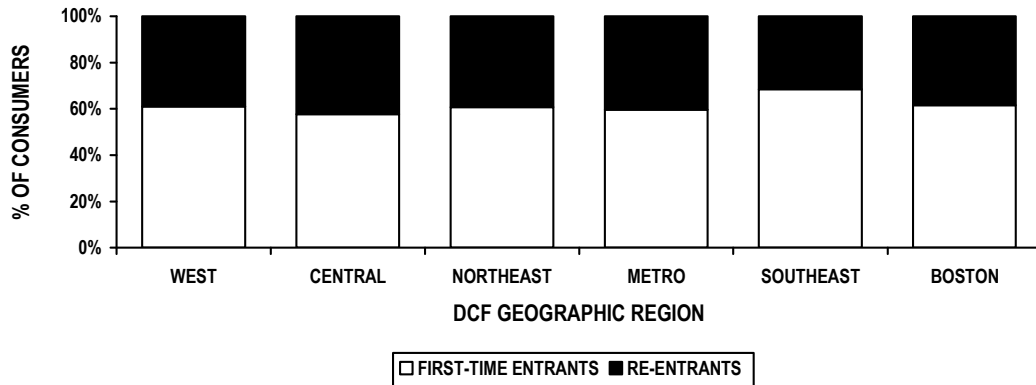
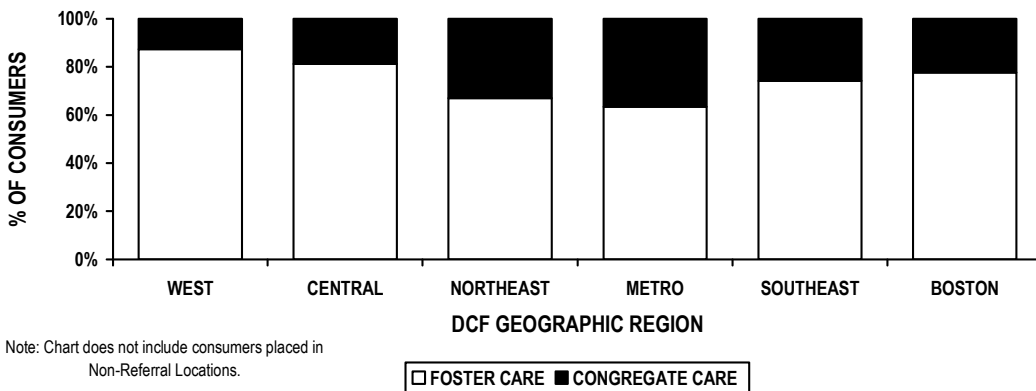
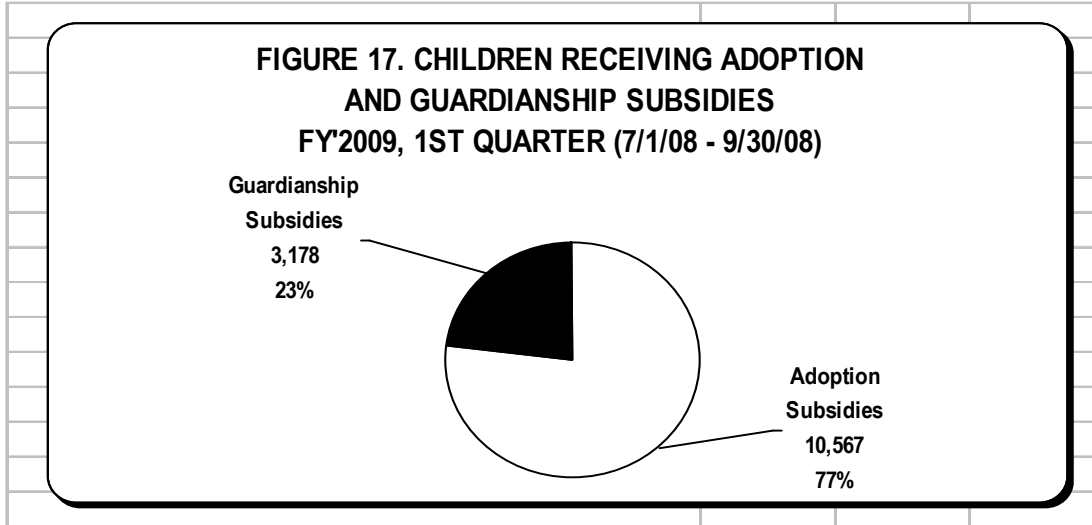


FIGURE 16. ALL CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER TO FOSTER AND CONGREGATE CARE FY'2009, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/08 - 9/31/08)



Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2009, the total number of children receiving adoption subsidies was 10,567. Guardianship subsidies totaled 3,178. (Fig. 17)



From the 4th Quarter of FY'2008 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2009, adoption subsidies rose less than 1% and guardianship subsidies increased 1%. Typically, adoption subsidies increase about 1% each quarter while guardianship subsidies mostly fluctuate around 1-2% (See table below). The declines in adoption and guardianship subsidies during the 1st Quarter of FY'2007 resulted from a concerted effort to close service referrals that were active but not disbursing funds.

Quarter	Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)			
	Adoption		Guardianship	
	No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change
FY'2006 1 st	10,113	*	3,073	*
2 nd	10,224	1%	3,098	1%
3 rd	10,322	1%	3,119	1%
4 th	10,463	1%	3,115	*
FY'2007 1 st	10,149	-3%	3,017	-3%
2 nd	10,190	*	2,967	-2%
3 rd	10,287	1%	3,019	2%
4 th	10,184	-1%	3,016	*
FY'2008 1 st	10,312	1%	3,046	1%
2 nd	10,386	1%	3,022	-1%
3 rd	10,461	1%	3,074	2%
4 th	10,517	1%	3,133	2%
FY,2009 1 st	10,567	*	3,178	1%

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

Foster Homes²³

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2009, there were 4,579 foster homes under the direct supervision of DCF. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes²⁴ as well as unrestricted homes.²⁵ There was a nearly equal number of restricted (2,259) and unrestricted (2,320) foster homes. (**Table 12A** on page 50)
- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'1998, 35% of all DCF foster homes were restricted homes. Restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes gradually reached a maximum level of 52% in FY'2004. Restricted homes remained at 52% until FY'2007 (50%). At the end of FY'2008 and the 1st Quarter of FY'2009, restricted homes accounted for 51% of all foster homes. (**See graph** on next page)
- Statewide, 79% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were White and 62% were married. (**Table 12A, Table 12C** on page 51)
- Statewide, 72% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White and 51% were married. (**Tables 12A and 12C**)
- Twelve percent (562) of all foster homes were identified as Black (283 restricted and 279 unrestricted). (**Table 12A**)
- Fifteen percent (679) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (323 restricted and 356 unrestricted). (**Table 12B** on page 50)

²³ 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.

²⁴ 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.

²⁵ 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.

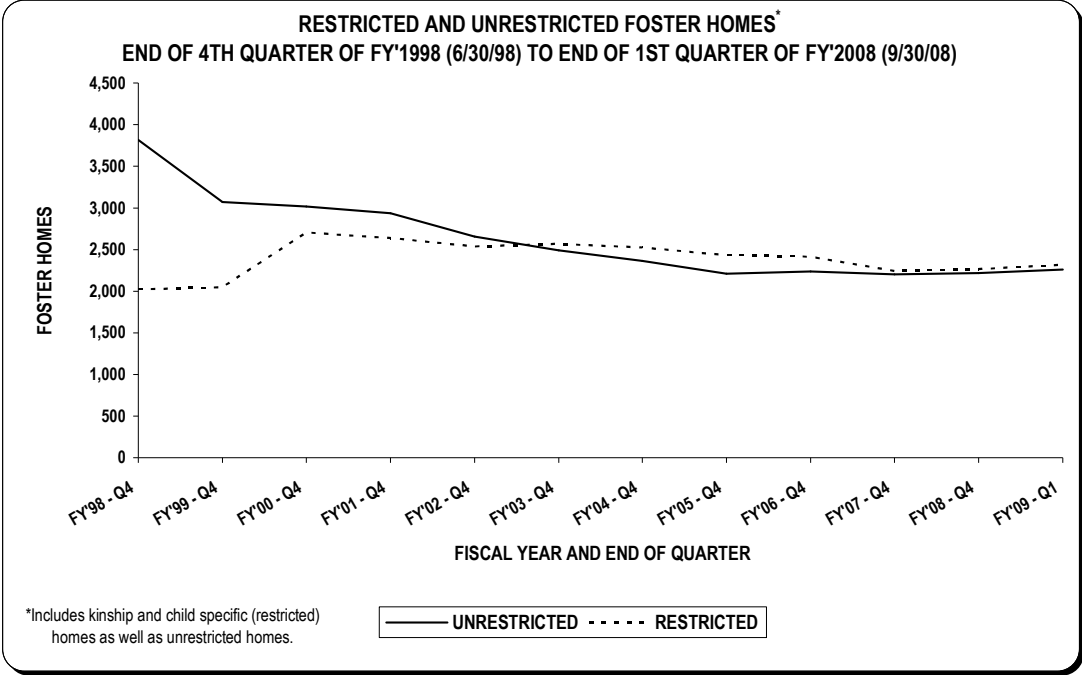


TABLE 12A. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DCF REGION: FY'2009, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region										Adoption Contracts ¹	Total				
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast				Boston			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%			No.	%		
Restricted:	439		372		369		324		506		211		38	2,259		
White	366	83%	231	62%	272	74%	247	76%	415	82%	69	33%	23	61%	1,623	72%
Black	45	10%	16	4%	27	7%	38	12%	47	9%	101	48%	9	24%	283	13%
Asian	---	---	3	1%	11	3%	1	*	1	*	1	*	1	3%	18	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	1%	1	*	---	---	6	*
Other ²	---	---	2	1%	---	---	---	---	2	*	---	---	---	---	4	*
Multi-Racial	3	1%	---	---	3	1%	2	1%	2	*	2	1%	---	---	12	1%
Unable to Determine ³	21	5%	115	31%	50	14%	29	9%	25	5%	34	16%	4	11%	278	12%
Missing	4	1%	5	1%	6	2%	7	2%	9	2%	3	1%	1	3%	35	2%
Unrestricted:	508		335		278		348		521		197		133	2,320		
White	408	80%	281	84%	229	82%	296	85%	420	81%	66	34%	127	95%	1,827	79%
Black	54	11%	15	4%	12	4%	44	13%	44	8%	107	54%	3	2%	279	12%
Asian	2	*	---	---	10	4%	---	---	1	*	1	1%	1	1%	15	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	5	1%	---	---	---	---	6	*
Other ²	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Multi-Racial	23	5%	2	1%	5	2%	1	*	2	*	1	1%	1	1%	35	2%
Unable to Determine ³	20	4%	37	11%	20	7%	6	2%	48	9%	22	11%	1	1%	154	7%
Unknown	---	---	---	---	2	1%	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	3	*
Total	947		707		647		672		1,027		408		171	4,579		

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

² Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

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

TABLE 12B. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY HISPANIC ORIGIN AND DCF REGION: FY'2009, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08)

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region										Adoption Contracts ¹	Total				
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast				Boston			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%			No.	%		
Restricted:	439		372		369		324		506		211		38	2,259		
Hispanic/Latino	67	15%	69	19%	83	22%	21	6%	32	6%	45	21%	6	16%	323	14%
Not Hispanic/Latino	357	81%	222	60%	260	70%	281	87%	450	89%	155	73%	30	79%	1,755	78%
Unable to Determine ²	9	2%	77	21%	21	6%	14	4%	14	3%	8	4%	1	3%	144	6%
Missing	6	2%	4	2%	5	2%	8	3%	10	2%	3	2%	1	3%	37	2%
Unrestricted:	508		335		278		348		521		197		133	2,320		
Hispanic/Latino	116	23%	54	16%	67	24%	14	4%	63	12%	38	19%	4	3%	356	15%
Not Hispanic/Latino	391	77%	275	82%	203	73%	326	94%	438	84%	156	79%	128	96%	1,917	83%
Unable to Determine ²	1	*	6	2%	6	2%	8	2%	19	4%	3	2%	1	1%	44	2%
Unknown	---	---	---	---	2	1%	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	3	*
Total	947		707		647		672		1,027		408		171	4,579		

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

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

² Unable to Determine is the category used when an individual does not know or declines to disclose his/her Hispanic origin.

TABLE 12C. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DCF REGION: FY'2009, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/08) ⁽¹⁾

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region										Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	Total				
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast					Boston		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%				No.	%	
Restricted:	439		372		369		324		506		211		38		2,259	
Married	246	56%	207	56%	188	51%	165	51%	280	55%	53	25%	13	34%	1,152	51%
Single	101	23%	95	26%	89	24%	86	27%	113	22%	116	55%	17	45%	617	27%
Divorced	63	14%	44	12%	44	12%	35	11%	64	13%	21	10%	6	16%	277	12%
Widowed	12	3%	14	4%	24	7%	15	5%	23	5%	8	4%	2	5%	98	4%
Separated	14	3%	6	2%	16	4%	11	3%	17	3%	9	4%	---	---	73	3%
Unspecified	3	1%	6	2%	8	2%	12	4%	9	2%	4	2%	---	---	42	2%
Unrestricted:	508		335		278		348		521		197		133		2,320	
Married	315	62%	240	72%	167	60%	232	67%	332	64%	62	31%	96	72%	1,444	62%
Single	96	19%	50	15%	62	22%	76	22%	95	18%	91	46%	32	24%	502	22%
Divorced	62	12%	34	10%	34	12%	29	8%	67	13%	28	14%	5	4%	259	11%
Widowed	18	4%	4	1%	8	3%	5	1%	18	3%	7	4%	---	---	60	3%
Separated	17	3%	7	2%	5	2%	6	2%	9	2%	9	5%	---	---	53	2%
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	2	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*
Total	947		707		647		672		1,027		408		171		4,579	

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

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

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

Child Maltreatment Reports, Investigations, and DA Referrals

Reports

- Statewide, 18,447 reports were recorded during the 1st Quarter of FY'2009. Sixty-seven percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation. Nine percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. (**Table 13** on page 53)
- Among regions, reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West (3,476) and Southeast (2,664). The Judge Baker Children's Center (hotline) recorded 5,287 reports. Regional screen-in rates ranged from 57% in Metro to 72% in the Southeast. The screen-in rate at the Judge Baker Children's Center was 71%. (**Table 13, Fig. 18** on page 54)
- The DCF Regions screened-in 2-4% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 23% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children's Center Hotline. (**Table 13**)
- Statewide, reports dropped 14% from the 4th Quarter of FY'2008 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2009. Regional changes ranged from -15% in Central to -28% in both the Northeast and Boston. Typically, report counts decline during the summer quarter (Q1) then rise during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). (**Fig. 20** on page 55)

Investigations

- The number of investigations completed during the 1st Quarter of FY'2009 was 10,395.²⁶ Fifty-eight percent of the investigations resulted in supported allegations of maltreatment. (**Table 14** on page 53)
- The Southeast and West conducted more investigations (2,137 and 1,995, respectively) than the other regions. Regional support rates went from a low of 55% in the Northeast to a high of 60% in both Central and the Southeast. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 75% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. (**Table 14, Fig. 19** on page 54)
- Statewide, investigations decreased 18% from the 4th Quarter of FY'2008 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2009. Over the same period, regional changes in investigations ranged from -15% in the West, Central, and Southeast to -25% in both the Northeast and Metro. (**Fig. 21** on page 55)

²⁶ 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.

TABLE 13. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2009, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/08 - 9/30/08)

DCF Geographic Region	Screening Decision						Total	
	Screened Out		Screened-In					
	No.	%	Non-Emergency		Emergency		No.	%
West	1,380	40%	2,025	58%	71	2%	3,476	19%
Central	720	36%	1,204	60%	78	4%	2,002	11%
Northeast	682	34%	1,241	62%	68	3%	1,991	11%
Metro	725	43%	932	55%	32	2%	1,689	9%
Southeast	752	28%	1,824	68%	88	3%	2,664	14%
Boston	383	29%	889	68%	37	3%	1,309	7%
Judge Baker Children's Center	1,522	29%	2,565	49%	1,200	23%	5,287	29%
Special Investigations	6	21%	23	79%	---	---	29	*
Total	6,170	33%	10,703	58%	1,574	9%	18,447	100%

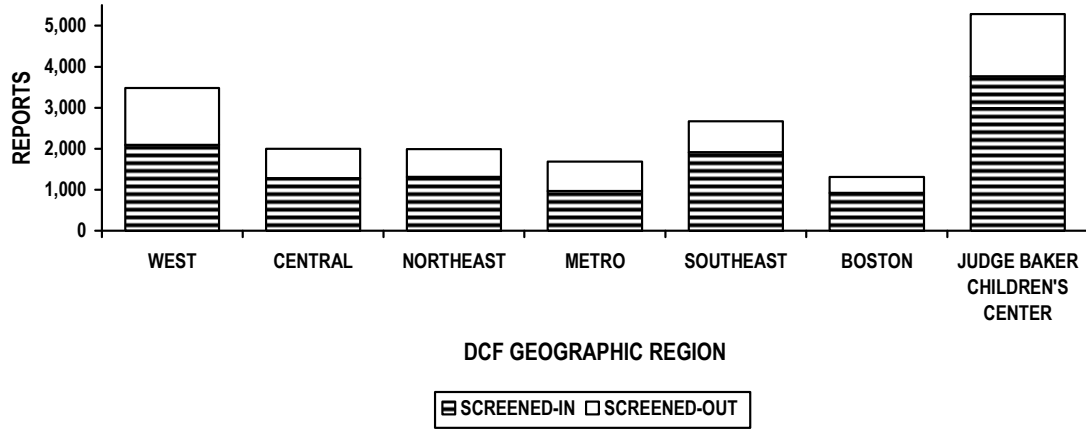
* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

TABLE 14. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DCF REGION: FY'2009, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/08 - 9/30/08)

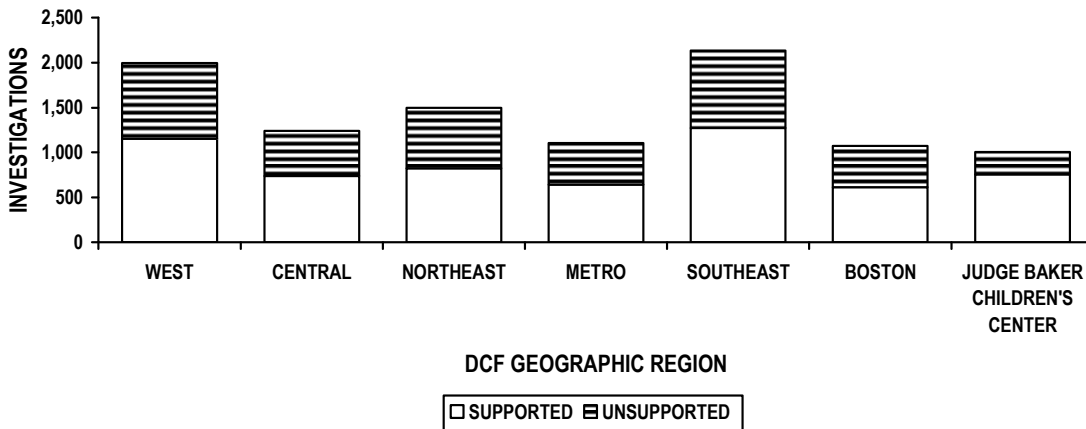
DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Total	
	Supported		Unsupported			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
West	1,152	58%	843	42%	1,995	19%
Central	738	60%	502	40%	1,240	12%
Northeast	826	55%	671	45%	1,497	14%
Metro	643	58%	460	42%	1,103	11%
Southeast	1,272	60%	865	40%	2,137	21%
Boston	617	57%	458	43%	1,075	10%
Judge Baker Children's Center	756	75%	251	25%	1,007	10%
Special Investigations	62	18%	279	82%	341	3%
Total	6,066	58%	4,329	42%	10,395	100%

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

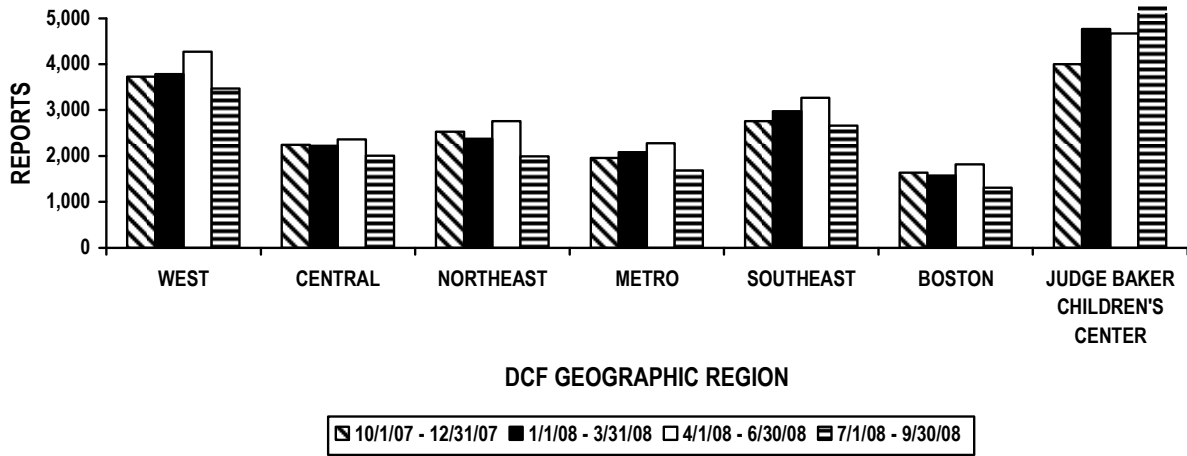
**FIGURE 18. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS
(SCREENING DECISION BY DCF REGION)
FY'2009, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/08 - 9/30/08)**



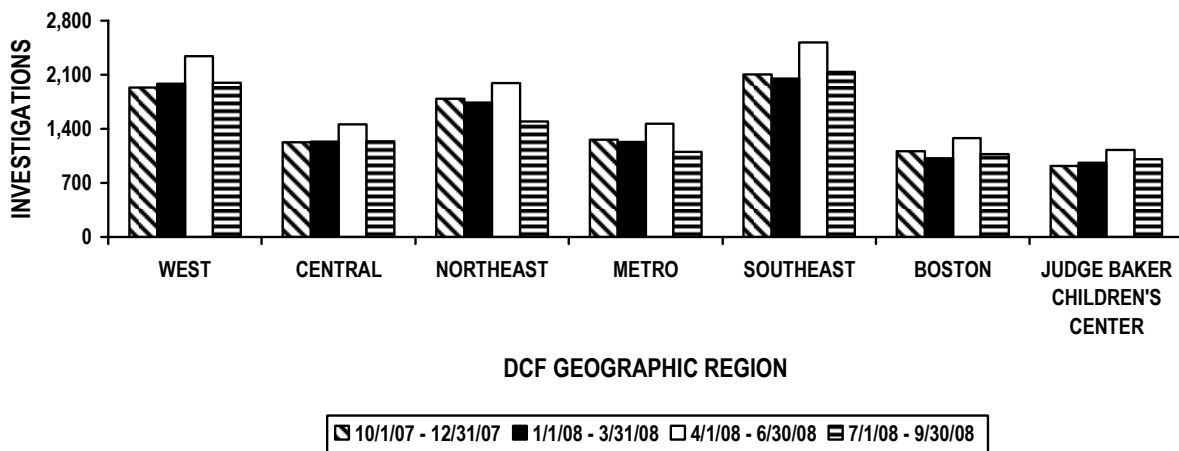
**FIGURE 19. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS
(INVESTIGATION DECISION BY DCF REGION)
FY'2009, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/08 - 9/30/08)**



**FIGURE 20. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2009, 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 21. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2009, 1ST QUARTER)**



DA Referrals

- During the 1st Quarter of FY'2009, 1,307 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (See table below). Fifty-two percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals²⁷ and 48% were discretionary referrals²⁸ (Fig. 22 on page 59). The annual proportion of mandatory referrals has risen the past two fiscal years (See table below).

Case Referrals*

Time Period	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.
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'03 Total	2,089	47%	2,310	53%	4,399
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'04 Total	2,101	47%	2,399	53%	4,500
FY'05, Q1	500	49%	518	51%	1,018
FY'05, Q2	500	45%	603	55%	1,103
FY'05, Q3	575	47%	637	53%	1,212
FY'05, Q4	547	44%	701	56%	1,248
FY'05 Total	2,122	46%	2,459	54%	4,581
FY'06, Q1	490	44%	614	56%	1,104
FY'06, Q2	509	44%	659	56%	1,168
FY'06, Q3	518	44%	651	56%	1,169
FY'06, Q4	560	43%	742	57%	1,302
FY'06 Total	2,077	44%	2,666	56%	4,743
FY'07, Q1	532	49%	554	51%	1,086
FY'07, Q2	577	49%	606	51%	1,183
FY'07, Q3	559	47%	626	53%	1,185
FY'07, Q4	611	49%	645	51%	1,256
FY'07 Total	2,279	48%	2,431	52%	4,710
FY'08, Q1	538	46%	631	54%	1,169
FY'08, Q2	596	50%	595	50%	1,191
FY'08, Q3	656	49%	691	51%	1,347
FY'08, Q4	771	51%	735	49%	1,506
FY'08 Total	2,561	49%	2,652	51%	5,213
FY'09, Q1	676	52%	631	48%	1,307

DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

²⁷ 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.

²⁸ 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.

- Sexual abuse accounted for 81% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals²⁹ during the 1st Quarter of FY'2009 (**Fig. 23** on page 59, **Table 15** on page 60). Eighteen percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

Reasons for Mandatory Referrals

<i>Time Period</i>	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		<i>Death</i> ³⁰		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
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'03 Total	1,688	78%	461	21%	19	1%	2,168
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'04 Total	1,713	78%	450	21%	26	1%	2,189
FY'05, Q1	412	80%	97	19%	4	1%	513
FY'05, Q2	398	77%	113	22%	5	1%	516
FY'05, Q3	461	79%	124	21%	2	*	587
FY'05, Q4	444	78%	122	21%	2	*	568
FY'05 Total	1,715	79%	456	21%	13	1%	2,184
FY'06, Q1	432	86%	66	13%	5	1%	503
FY'06, Q2	432	81%	99	19%	3	1%	534
FY'06, Q3	445	83%	82	15%	7	1%	534
FY'06, Q4	473	82%	95	16%	11	2%	579
FY'06 Total	1,782	83%	342	16%	26	1%	2,150
FY'07, Q1	472	85%	78	14%	7	1%	557
FY'07, Q2	503	84%	90	15%	5	1%	598
FY'07, Q3	473	82%	93	16%	10	2%	576
FY'07, Q4	487	78%	129	21%	9	1%	625
FY'07 Total	1,935	82%	390	17%	31	1%	2,356
FY'08, Q1	443	78%	114	20%	11	2%	568
FY'08, Q2	470	77%	130	21%	11	2%	611
FY'08, Q3	534	79%	127	19%	11	2%	672
FY'08, Q4	602	76%	181	23%	5	1%	788
FY'08 Total	2,049	78%	552	21%	38	1%	2,639
FY'09, Q1	569	81%	127	18%	7	1%	703

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

²⁹ **A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason** (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

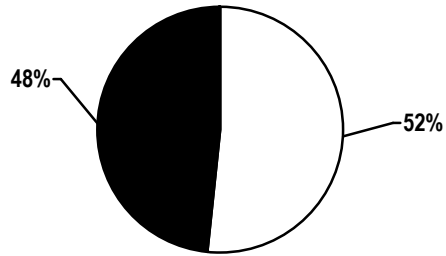
³⁰ Not all DA referrals resulting from an allegation that a child's death was due to abuse or neglect lead to an ultimate finding that the death was in fact due to abuse or neglect. **DCF publishes an annual report of child fatalities that includes an analysis of child deaths due to abuse or neglect.**

- Table 16 (on page 60) displays a breakdown of case referrals by type and child's county of residence. In general, referral counts were highest for the most populous counties, Worcester, Essex, Middlesex, and Suffolk. Based on a comparison of county estimates³¹ for children less than 18 years old, Norfolk County had a lower number of referrals than expected and Berkshire had a higher number of referrals than expected.
- Table 17 (on page 60) shows mandatory case referral reasons and child's county of residence. Worcester, Essex, Middlesex, and Suffolk Counties accounted for 63% of the mandatory case referrals for sexual abuse (includes sexual assault and sexual exploitation). The same four counties accounted for 71% of the mandatory case referrals for serious physical abuse.

³¹ U.S. Census Bureau: 2006 American Community Survey, Data Profile Highlights for Counties in Massachusetts (factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html?_lang=en)

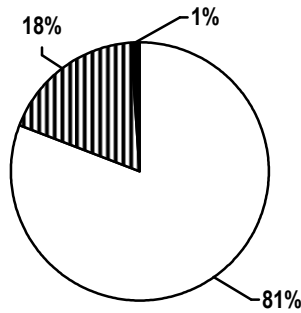
DA REFERRALS FY'2009, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/08 - 9/30/08)

FIGURE 22. TYPE OF CASE REFERRAL (Case Count)



□ MANDATORY 676 ■ DISCRETIONARY 631

FIGURE 23. REASON FOR MANDATORY REFERRALS (Reason Count)



□ SEXUAL ABUSE 569 ▨ PHYSICAL ABUSE 127 ■ DEATH 7

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

**TABLE 15. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: ⁽¹⁾
FY'2009, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/08 - 9/30/08)**

Nature of Abuse	Reasons ⁽¹⁾	
	No.	%
Sexual Abuse:	569	81%
Sexual Assault	533	
Sexual Exploitation	36	
Serious Physical Abuse:	127	18%
Death:	7	1%
Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals	703	100%

TABLE 16. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY: FY'2009, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/08 - 9/30/08)

County ⁽²⁾	Case Referrals				Total No.	2006 Children Under 18 (estimates)
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Worcester	83	35%	157	65%	240	188,163
Essex	107	46%	128	54%	235	176,236
Middlesex	110	57%	83	43%	193	323,225
Suffolk	94	60%	63	40%	157	140,437
Hampden	78	60%	51	40%	129	111,071
Berkshire	27	34%	52	66%	79	25,778
Bristol	32	43%	43	57%	75	125,467
Plymouth	38	62%	23	38%	61	121,754
Norfolk	37	71%	15	29%	52	150,875
Franklin	2	8%	23	92%	25	14,445
Hampshire	5	22%	18	78%	23	25,751
Barnstable	8	38%	13	62%	21	40,209
Dukes	---	---	---	---	---	3,398
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---	1,828
OUT OF STATE	10	59%	7	41%	17	---
Total	631		676		1,307	

**TABLE 17. MANDATORY CASE REFERRAL REASONS BY COUNTY: ⁽¹⁾
FY'2009, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/08 - 9/30/08)**

County ⁽²⁾	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals ⁽¹⁾				Total
	Sexual Assault	Sexual Exploitation	Serious Physical Abuse/Injury	Death	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Worcester	139	16	14	---	169
Essex	91	2	40	1	134
Middlesex	64	5	17	---	86
Suffolk	36	4	19	6	65
Berkshire	47	---	6	---	53
Hampden	40	1	11	---	52
Bristol	31	4	8	---	43
Plymouth	19	2	3	---	24
Franklin	22	---	1	---	23
Hampshire	17	1	---	---	18
Norfolk	10	1	5	---	16
Barnstable	11	---	2	---	13
Dukes	---	---	---	---	---
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---
OUT OF STATE	6	---	1	---	7
Total:	533	36	127	7	703

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

⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.