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OBSERVATIONS (Regional and Statewide)

Consumer and Case Counts

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2010, DCF had 24,381 open cases (1,875 adoption cases and 22,506 clinical cases). A total of 80,594 consumers¹ (38,678 adults and 41,916 children) were being served. Case counts ranged from 3,228 in the Boston Region to 5,231 in the Southeastern Region. (**Table 1** on page 7)
- From the 4th Quarter of FY'2009 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2010, consumer counts decreased -9% and case counts dropped -7%. 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. 21 and 22** on page 57)
- The number of children less than 18 years old in placement decreased -3% from the 4th Quarter of FY'2009 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2010. The highest number of children less than 18 years old in placement was recorded in 1995 (13,302 children). (see table below)
- The 80,594 open consumers at the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2010 marked an end to the steadily growing count of consumers which had reached a peak value of 88,568 at the end of the last quarter. (see table below)

Month/Year	All Consumers	All Children <18 yrs	Children in Placement <18 yrs	All Adults >18 yrs	Month/Year	All Consumers	All Children <18 yrs	Children in Placement <18 yrs	All Adults >18 yrs
6/1983	61,786	33,516	NA	28,270	1/1998	70,092	40,574	11,227	29,518
6/1984	73,111	38,683	7,024	34,428	9/1998	68,331	38,507	10,872	29,824
6/1985	75,935	40,628	7,779	35,307	6/1999	69,494	39,144	10,134	30,350
6/1986	74,769	40,511	8,041	34,258	6/2000	72,423	40,691	9,676	31,732
6/1987	66,033	37,497	8,075	28,536	6/2001	73,116	40,069	9,955	33,047
6/1988	67,658	38,792	8,661	28,866	6/2002	70,688	38,442	10,033	32,246
6/1989	70,052	40,497	9,544	29,555	6/2003	75,247	40,341	10,233	34,906
6/1990	80,090	46,403	10,998	33,687	6/2004	77,368*	42,023*	9,967*	35,345*
6/1991	81,975	47,922	12,392	34,053	6/2005	77,305*	41,773*	9,709*	35,572*
6/1992	72,128	42,367	12,379	29,761	6/2006	78,014*	41,690*	9,459*	36,324*
6/1993	72,340	42,656	12,763	29,684	6/2007	78,535*	41,550*	9,109*	36,985*
6/1994	72,879	43,074	13,194	29,805	6/2008	87,176	45,730	9,281	41,446
6/1995	73,032	42,997	13,302	30,035	6/2009	88,568	46,288	8,694	42,280
6/1996	72,638	42,551	12,736	30,087	9/2009	80,594	41,916	8,413	38,678
6/1997	74,921	43,570	12,193	31,351					

* revised counts

Source: ASSIST (6/1983-1/1998) and FamilyNet (9/1998-9/2009)

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 10,004 individuals in placement on the last day of the 1st Quarter of FY'2010. Included in this count are 8,413 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,591 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, 20% in the Southeastern Region, 17% in the Northeastern Region, 14% in the Central Region, 13% in the Metro Region, and 12% in the Boston Region. **(Table 1)**
- Statewide, 20% (or 8,413) 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: 20% in Metro, 20% in the West, 20% in Central, 20% in the Northeast, 19% in the Southeast, and 18% in Boston. **(Table 2 on page 9)**
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield, Greenfield, Coastal, and Fall River Area Offices had the highest proportions in placement. The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Van Wart, Harbor, North Central, and Brockton Area Offices. **(Table 2)**
- From the 4th Quarter of FY'2009 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2010, the number of children in placement dropped -3% statewide. Regional changes ranged from -7% in Metro to -2% in both Boston and the West. In the past, decreases in quarterly counts of children in placement occurred most often in the 1st and 4th quarters while increases were more common in the 3rd quarter. **(Fig. 3 on page 10)**

Children Not in Placement

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2010, there were 33,503 children less than 18 years old with an active case status who were not in placement. From the 4th Quarter of FY'2009 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2010, counts of children not in placement decreased -11% statewide. Regional changes ranged from -15% in the Northeast to -9% in both Central and the Southeast. 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'2010, the consumer population included 41,916 (52%) children less than 18 years old and 38,678 (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-five percent (14,715) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). **(Table 1, Fig. 5 on page 11)**

- Forty-eight percent of all children receiving DCF services were female. In contrast, 56% of all adults receiving services were female. **(Fig. 5)**
- The statewide caseload was comprised of 55% White, 17% Black, 2% Asian, 3% Multi-Racial, and less than 1% Native American consumers. The category “Unable to Determine” was recorded for 14% 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. **(Tables 3A and 3B on page 12, Figs. 6A and 6B on page 13)**
- Of the total consumer population, 25% (20,256 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 12% of DCF consumers. **(Table 3B on page 12, Figs. 6C and 6D on page 14)**
- The Boston Region’s caseload was comprised of 44% Black and 23% White consumers (4,774 and 2,435 consumers, respectively). Asians were most prominent in the Northeast--6% of the caseload (805 consumers, mainly Cambodian). **(Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B)**
- The West, Northeast, Boston, and Central Regions had the highest numbers (and proportions) of consumers who were Hispanic/Latino and whose race could not be determined. **(Table 3B, Figs. 6C and 6D)**

- 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.

Table A.		Children Less than 18 Years Old							
Race	State Census² 2000	DCF Not in Substitute Care 9/30/09	DCF All in Substitute Care* 9/30/09	DCF Foster Care 9/30/09	DCF Congregate Care** 9/30/09	DCF All Care w/Goal of Adoption 9/30/09	DCF All Care w/Goal of Guardianship 9/30/09	DCF Adoptions Legalized FY'2009	DCF Guardianships Legalized FY'2009
White	79%	55%	58%	58%	58%	59%	62%	64%	61%
Black	7%	17%	20%	19%	22%	17%	18%	13%	19%
Asian	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	----	----	----
Multi-Racial	4%	4%	6%	6%	4%	8%	6%	8%	5%
Other/Unknown	6%	21%	14%	14%	13%	14%	11%	14%	13%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	1,500,064	33,503	8,413	6,442	1,591	2,484	541	782	554
Hispanic Origin ³ Yes	11%	31%	27%	26%	24%	27%	26%	21%	20%
Hispanic Origin No	89%	62%	68%	68%	72%	67%	70%	70%	73%
Hispanic Origin Unknown	----	7%	5%	6%	4%	6%	4%	8%	6%
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% (1,221 consumers), 7% (953), and 10% (1,052), respectively. Khmer (Cambodian) was the preferred language of 284 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), Cape Verdean Creole (Southeast and Boston), Vietnamese (Boston), 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)
- Comparing DCF consumers by preferred language on June 2007 and September 2009, showed an increase in some language groups and a decrease in others. The most significant changes were a 38% gain in Cape Verdean speakers and 20% drop in Khmer (Cambodian) speakers. The number of Laotian-speaking consumers rose from 20 to 32. During this period, the count of total consumers decreased -9%.

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Primary Language	Consumers Jul. 1987 No.	Consumers Jul. 1997 No.	Consumers Jun. 2007 No.	Consumers Sep. 2009 No.	1987-1997 Change %	1997-2007 Change %
English/Unspecified*	60,784	66,404	71,398	73,199	9%	8%
Spanish	3,664	6,334	4,516	4,746	73%	-29%
Khmer Cambodian	253	851	356	284	236%	-58%
Portuguese	530	380	303	314	-28%	-20%
Haitian Creole	175	360	260	248	106%	-28%
Cape Verdean Creole	174	247	146	202	42%	-41%
Vietnamese	146	273	167	150	87%	-39%
Chinese	71	61	54	60	-14%	-11%
American Sign Language	47	23	41	50	-51%	78%
Lao	30	74	20	32	147%	-73%
Other	213	310	1,459	1,309	46%	371%
Total	66,087	75,317	78,720	80,594	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'2010, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)

Case Counts:	DCF Geographic Region						Adoption		Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
Adoption	402	279	281	235	329	192	154	3	1,875
Clinical	4,563	3,172	3,670	3,084	4,902	3,036	6	73	22,506
Total	4,965	3,451	3,951	3,319	5,231	3,228	160	76	24,381
Consumer Counts:									
Adults: ⁽³⁾									
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	245	175	336	222	303	231	---	31	1,543
Other ⁽⁶⁾	2	1	5	2	4	7	---	10	31
On the Run	4	3	3		2	5	---	---	17
Total in Placement	251	179	344	224	309	243	---	41	1,591
Not in Placement	7,777	5,271	5,630	4,972	8,442	4,984	---	11	37,087
Total Adults	8,028	5,450	5,974	5,196	8,751	5,227	---	52	38,678
Children:									
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	1,770	1,196	1,263	1,008	1,565	953	245	33	8,033
Other ⁽⁶⁾	40	42	62	26	24	27	1	2	224
On the Run	43	6	39	14	27	27	---	---	156
Total in Placement	1,853	1,244	1,364	1,048	1,616	1,007	246	35	8,413
Not in Placement	7,246	5,105	5,405	4,162	7,011	4,553	17	4	33,503
Total Children	9,099	6,349	6,769	5,210	8,627	5,560	263	39	41,916
Total	17,127	11,799	12,743	10,406	17,378	10,787	263	91	80,594

⁽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'2009, END OF 2ND QUARTER TO FY'2010, END OF 1ST QUARTER)

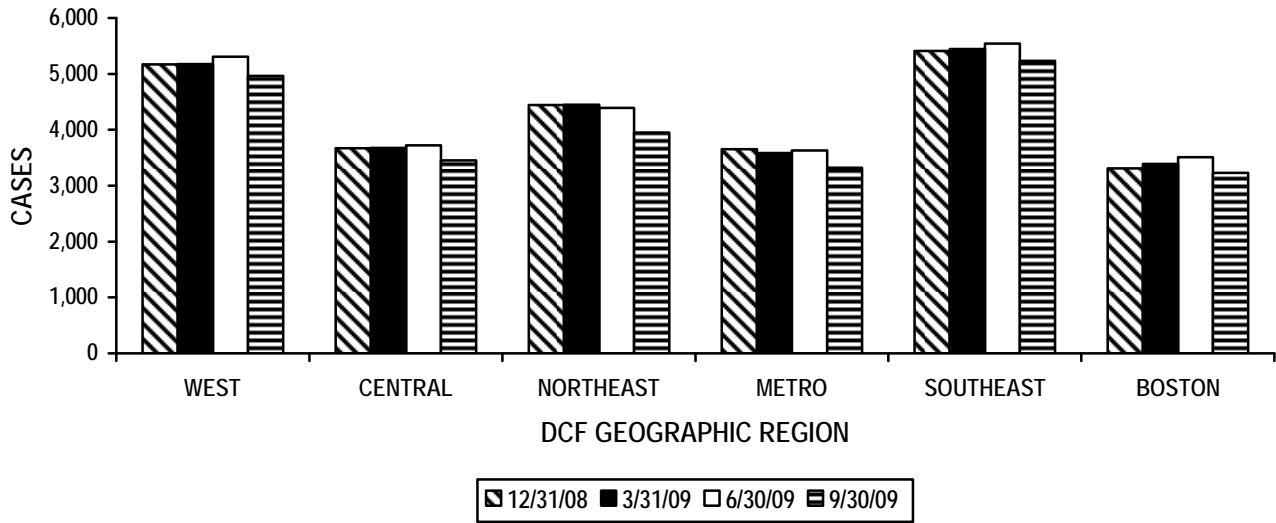


FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DCF REGION
 (FY'2009, END OF 2ND QUARTER TO FY'2010, END OF 1ST QUARTER)

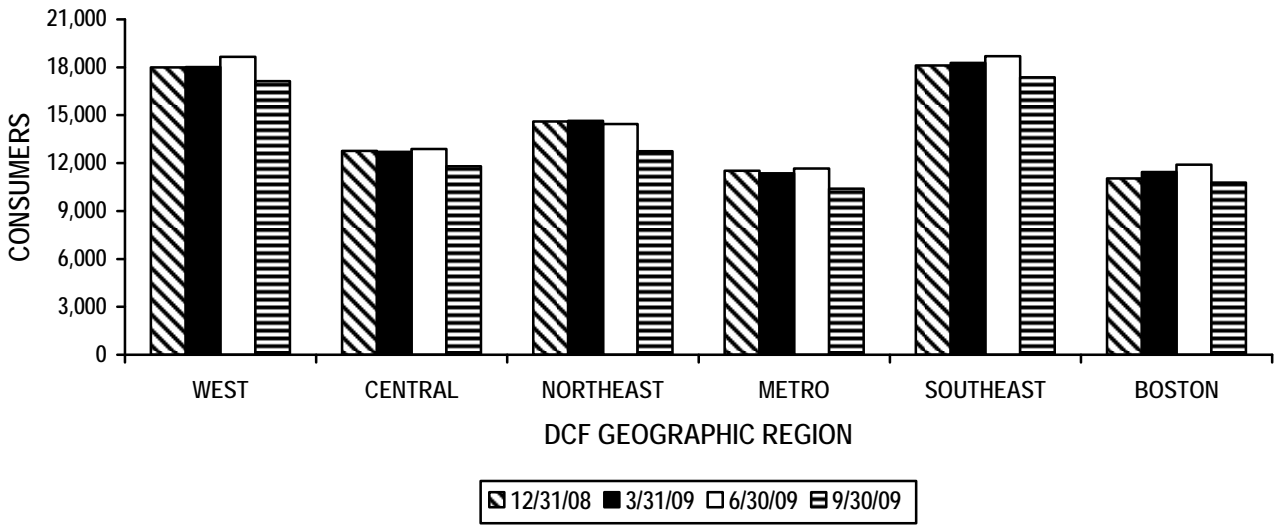
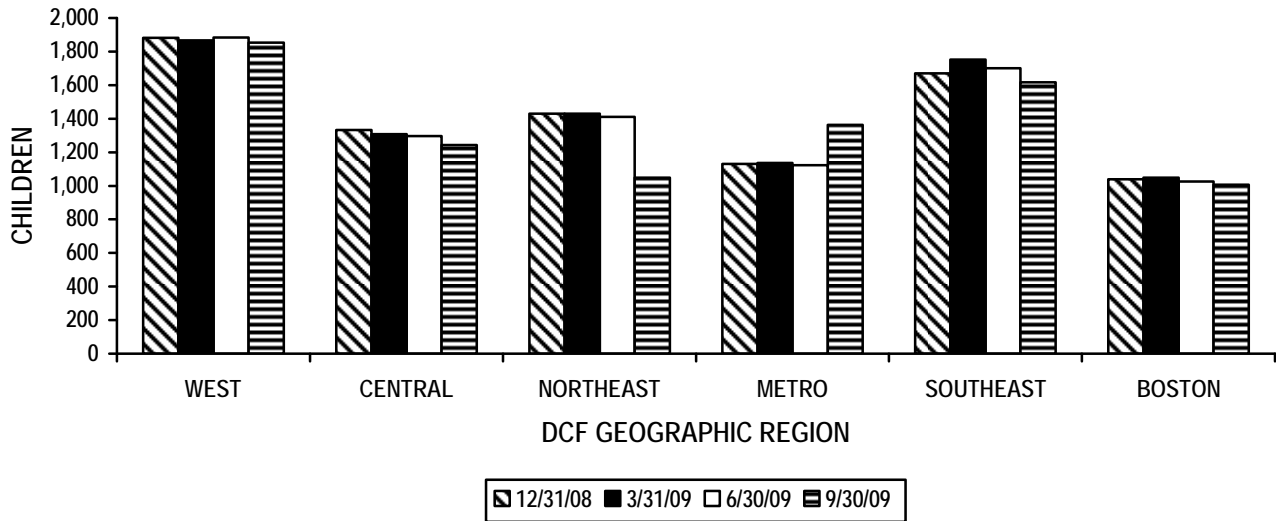


TABLE 2. CHILD⁽¹⁾ CASELOAD BY DCF AREA OFFICE: FY'2010, End of 1ST QUARTER 9/30/09)

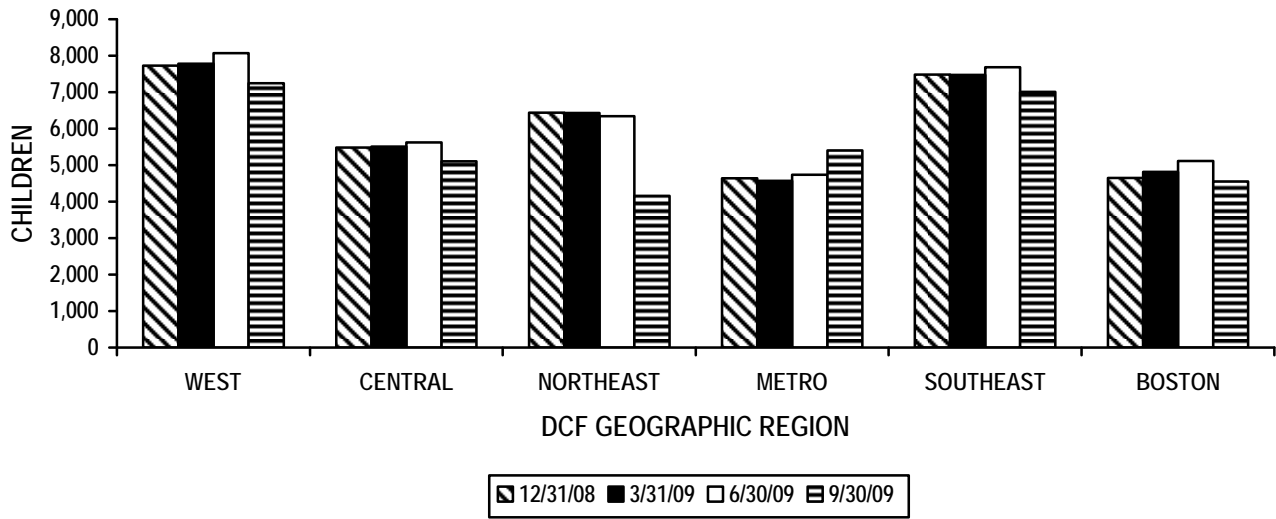
DCF Region/Area	Not in Placement	In Placement	Total Child Caseload	% in Placement
Greenfield	866	306	1,172	26%
Holyoke	1,343	352	1,695	21%
Pittsfield	852	400	1,252	32%
Robert Van Wart	2,163	347	2,510	14%
Springfield	2,017	443	2,460	18%
Contracted Agencies	5	5	5	100%
Western	7,246	1,853	9,099	20%
North Central	1,514	287	1,801	16%
South Central	933	274	1,207	23%
Worcester East	1,525	364	1,889	19%
Worcester West	1,124	317	1,441	22%
Contracted Agencies	9	2	11	18%
Central	5,105	1,244	6,349	20%
Arlington	686	190	876	22%
Cambridge	742	150	892	17%
Coastal	839	269	1,108	24%
Framingham	767	197	964	20%
Malden	1,128	240	1,368	18%
Contracted Agencies	---	2	2	100%
Metro	4,162	1,048	5,210	20%
Cape Ann	819	217	1,036	21%
Haverhill	778	196	974	20%
Lawrence	1,092	240	1,332	18%
Lowell	1,644	411	2,055	20%
Lynn	1,068	300	1,368	22%
Contracted Agencies	4	---	4	---
Northeast	5,405	1,364	6,769	20%
Brockton	1,276	249	1,525	16%
Cape Cod	886	182	1,068	17%
Fall River	1,165	360	1,525	24%
New Bedford	1,726	420	2,146	20%
Plymouth	1,064	214	1,278	17%
Taunton/Attleboro	886	186	1,072	17%
Contracted Agencies	8	5	13	38%
Southeast	7,011	1,616	8,627	19%
Dimock Street	864	232	1,096	21%
Harbor	1,409	242	1,651	15%
Hyde Park	898	215	1,113	19%
Park Street	1,376	312	1,688	18%
Solutions for Living (PAS Bos)	6	6	6	100%
Boston	4,553	1,007	5,560	18%
Adoption Contracts⁽²⁾	17	246	263	94%
Other⁽³⁾	4	35	39	90%
Total	33,503	8,413	41,916	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 and Division of Field Ops. and Support.

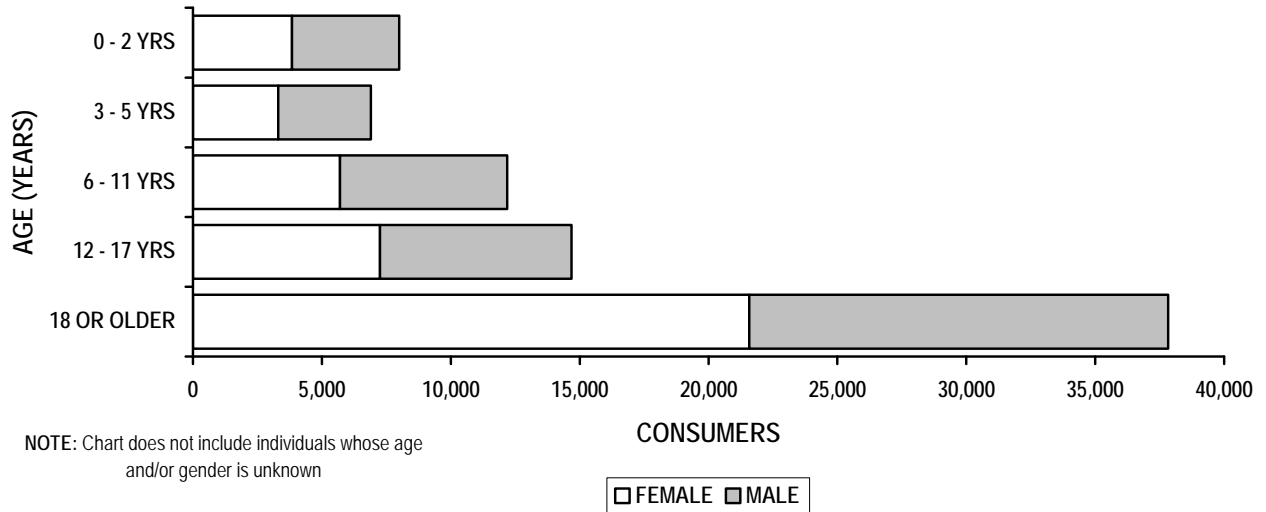
**FIGURE 3. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2009, END OF 2ND QUARTER TO FY'2010, END OF 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 4. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2009, END OF 2ND QUARTER TO FY'2010, END OF 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 5. AGE AND SEX OF CONSUMERS: STATEWIDE
FY'2010, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)**



Age (Yrs)	Sex			Total
	Female	Male	Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	
0 - 2	3,845	4,148	58	8,051
3 - 5	3,304	3,600	22	6,926
6 - 11	5,702	6,485	21	12,208
12 - 17	7,262	7,426	27	14,715
18 or older	21,579	16,245	475	38,299
Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	57	180	158	395
Total	41,749	38,084	761	80,594

⁽¹⁾ Unspecified includes 379 individuals with the role "Consumer Adult" and 16 individuals with the role "Consumer Child" whose ages were unknown and 761 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.

TABLE 3A. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2010, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)

Race	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.	%
White	9,123	53%	7,600	64%	7,323	57%	6,287	60%	11,093	64%	2,435	23%	125	48%	10	11%	43,996	55%
Black	1,924	11%	1,020	9%	1,130	9%	1,768	17%	2,615	15%	4,774	44%	52	20%	51	56%	13,334	17%
Asian	61	*	125	1%	805	6%	252	2%	94	1%	251	2%	2	1%	26	29%	1,616	2%
Native American	17	*	20	*	18	*	12	*	72	*	15	*	1	*	---	---	155	0%
Other ⁽³⁾	20	*	10	*	16	*	5	*	14	*	8	*	---	---	---	---	73	0%
Multi-Racial	483	3%	402	3%	484	4%	270	3%	585	3%	177	2%	31	12%	---	---	2,432	3%
Unable to Determine	3,100	18%	1,864	16%	2,280	18%	995	10%	1,170	7%	2,182	20%	52	20%	3	3%	11,646	14%
Missing	2,399	14%	758	6%	687	5%	817	8%	1,735	10%	945	9%	---	---	1	1%	7,342	9%
Total	17,127	100%	11,799	100%	12,743	100%	10,406	100%	17,378	100%	10,787	100%	263	100%	91	100%	80,594	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'2010, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)

Origin	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption		Total			
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽²⁾		Other ⁽³⁾		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	5,609	33%	3,279	28%	4,142	33%	1,568	15%	2,277	13%	3,293	31%	72	27%	16	18%	20,256	25%
Not Hispanic/Latino	8,250	48%	7,070	60%	7,224	57%	6,951	67%	12,014	69%	5,750	53%	167	63%	69	76%	47,495	59%
Unable to Determine	731	4%	359	3%	369	3%	430	4%	613	4%	358	3%	24	9%	1	1%	2,885	4%
Missing	2,537	15%	1,091	9%	1,008	8%	1,457	14%	2,474	14%	1,386	13%	---	---	5	5%	9,958	12%
Total	17,127	100%	11,799	100%	12,743	100%	10,406	100%	17,378	100%	10,787	100%	263	100%	91	100%	80,594	100%

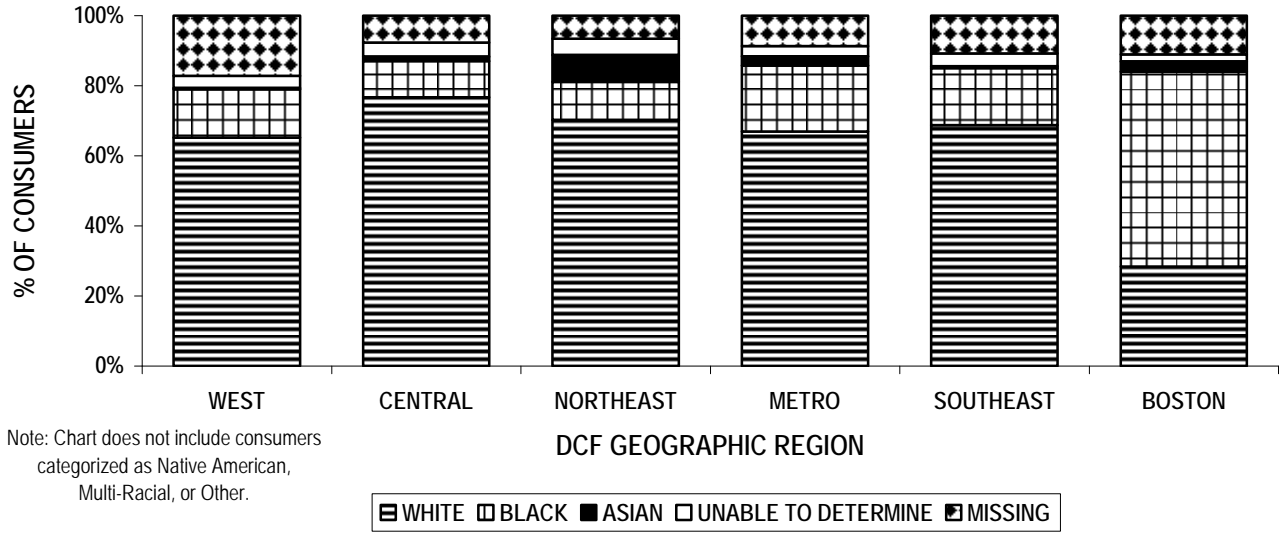
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

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

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

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

**FIGURE 6A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'2010, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)**



**FIGURE 6B. REGIONAL COUNT OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'2010, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)**

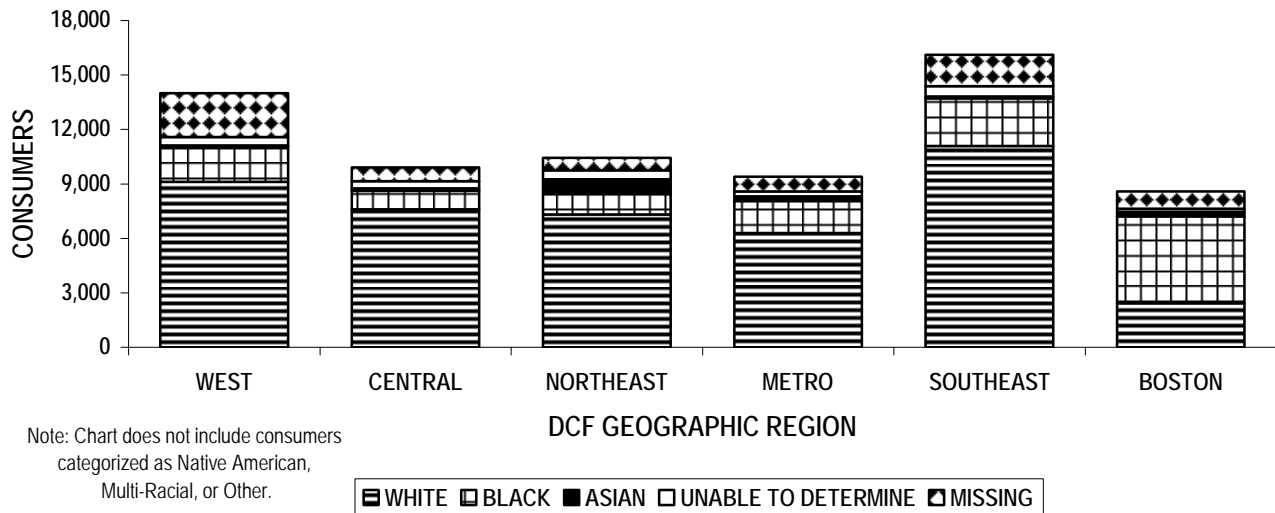


FIGURE 6C. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN
 FY'2010, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)

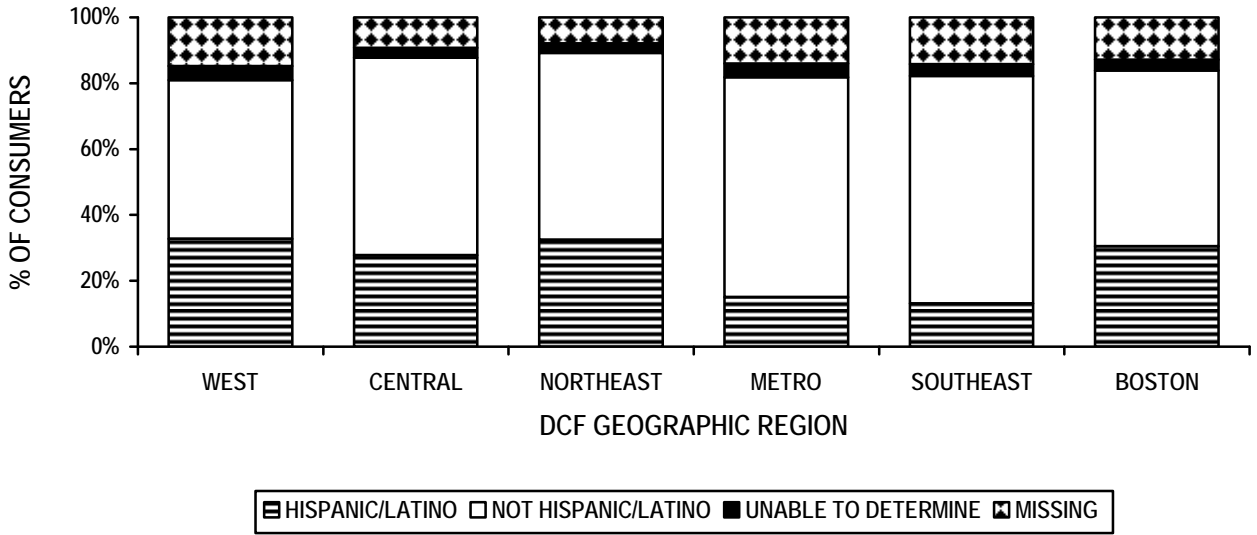


FIGURE 6D. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN
 FY'2010, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)

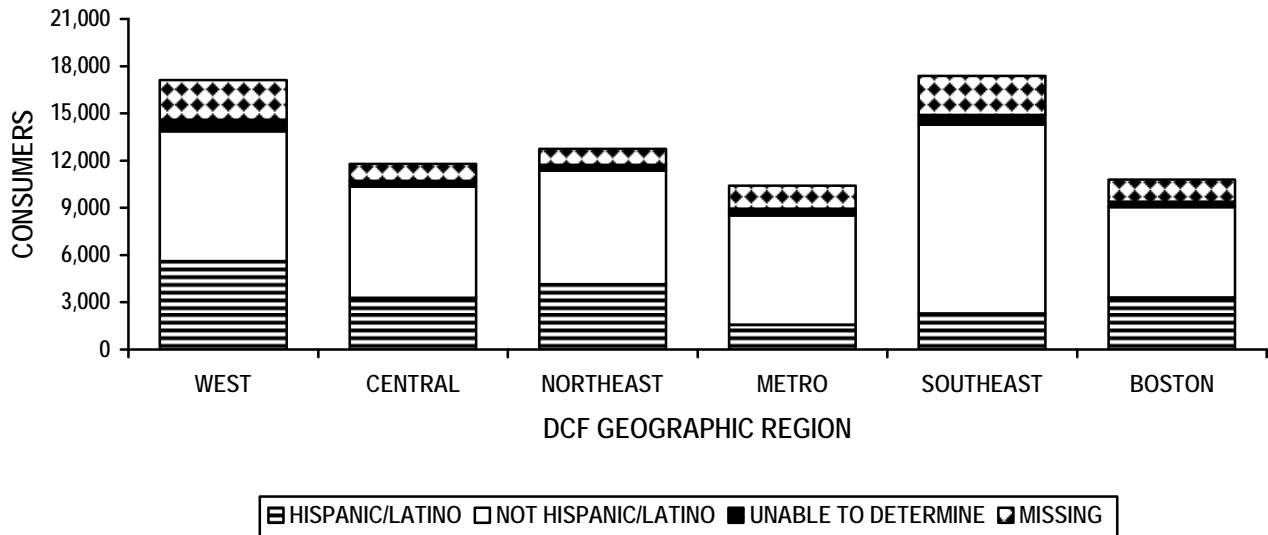


TABLE 4. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2010, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)

Primary Language	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spanish	1,221	7%	691	6%	953	7%	421	4%	383	2%	1,052	10%	9	3%	16	18%	4,746	6%
Khmer (Cambodian)	4	*	2	*	226	2%	4	*	36	*	12	*	---	---	---	---	284	*
Portuguese	4	*	31	*	31	*	104	1%	110	1%	34	*	---	---	---	---	314	*
Haitian Creole	---	---	5	*	11	*	105	1%	59	*	68	1%	---	---	---	---	248	*
Cape Verdean Creole	---	---	---	---	4	*	8	*	99	1%	91	1%	---	---	---	---	202	*
Vietnamese	4	*	32	*	14	*	24	*	---	---	76	1%	---	---	---	---	150	*
Chinese	---	---	4	*	7	*	36	*	---	---	10	*	---	---	---	---	60	*
Lao	1	*	---	---	31	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	32	*
American Sign Language	8	*	6	*	10	*	6	*	10	*	10	*	---	---	---	---	50	*
Other	324	2%	177	2%	154	1%	176	2%	272	2%	165	2%	1	0%	40	44%	1,309	2%
English\Unspecified	15,561	91%	10,851	92%	11,302	89%	9,522	92%	16,409	94%	9,269	86%	253	96%	32	35%	73,199	91%
Total	17,127	100%	11,799	100%	12,743	100%	10,406	100%	17,378	100%	10,787	100%	263	100%	91	100%	80,594	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 7,625 consumers in foster care and 1,951 consumers in congregate care⁷ on the last day of the 1st Quarter of FY'2010. 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 25)
- The largest age group in foster care was 12-17 years (27-33% range across regions). Among regions, the West, Southeast, and Northeast had the highest numbers of adolescents in foster care, 564, 411, and 398, respectively. (**Table 5A**)
- Adolescents were the primary age group in congregate care, ranging from 63% to 73% across the regions. The Southeastern and Metro Regions had the largest adolescent populations in congregate care, 272 and 267, respectively. (**Table 5A**)
- Consumers in “Other” placement locations⁸ were primarily adolescents (79-84% regional range). (**Table 5A**)
- There were 2,011 consumers in “Intensive” foster care⁹ (IFC) and 5,614 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (38% of consumers), kinship (31%), child specific (10%), pre-adoptive (8%), and independent living (13%). (**Table 5B** on page 26)
- The West (434), Northeast (379), and Southeast (347) 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 28, **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. Northeast, Metro, Southeast, and Boston had the largest proportions of consumers in kinship homes. Consumers in child-specific homes were most evident in Central. The Western 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 28)
- The major congregate care programs were group homes (918 consumers), residential (709), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)¹⁰ (324 consumers). (**Table 5C** on page 27)
- The proportions of consumers in different types of congregate care are shown for each region in Figure 8A. The Northeastern and Western Regions had the highest proportions 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 Central and Southeastern Regions. (**Fig. 8A** on page 29)
- The number of consumers in group homes was highest in the Northeast. The Southeast had the most consumers in the residential and STARR programs. (**Fig. 8B** on page 29)
- 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) (408 consumers), group home (351), and independent living (159). (**Table 5C**)
- From the 4th Quarter of FY'2009 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2010, there was a statewide decrease of -3% in foster care children and a decrease of -5% in congregate care children.¹² Regional changes in the foster care population ranged from -5% in Metro to -2% in both the West and Boston. Changes in the congregate care population ranged from -11% in the Southeast to 4% in Boston. (**Figs. 9 and 10** on page 30).

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.

- Declines in the numbers of consumers in placement, foster care, and congregate care most often occur in the 4th and 1st quarters. Seasonal variation is not the only contributing factor. Counts of placement children have shown a steady decline since at least 2003 (See table on page 1). In contrast, declines in quarterly counts of children not in placement and total consumers (adults and children) occur predominantly in the 1st quarter. This seasonal decline coincides with the pattern for reports, investigations, and case intakes via child maltreatment.

All Placement Locations (Combined Counts)

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2010, 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 31, **Fig. 11A** on page 33). 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, 21% were Black, 2% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 5% were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 14% of the placement population. (**Table 6A, Fig. 11A**)
- The proportion of minority consumers in placement, as with the local population, was highest in the Boston Region. (**Table 6A**)
- Of the total placement population, 26% (2,576 consumers) self-identified as being of Hispanic origin. Hispanic consumers were most prevalent in the Western and Northeastern Regions. (**Table 6A, Fig. 11A**)
- Race could not be determined for a relatively large number of consumers in placement in the Western, Northeastern, Central, and Boston 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 38% to 45%. (**Table 6B** on page 32)
- The number of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 179 in the Central Region to 344 in the Northeastern Region. (**Table 6B**)

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)

- The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were Family Reunification (34% of all consumers in placement), Adoption (25%), and Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement¹⁴ (APPLA) (20%). 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 and Southeast had the most consumers in placement with a goal of APPLA. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B on page 34)**
- The remaining service plan goals were: Permanent Care with Kin¹⁵ (8% of all consumers in placement), Guardianship (6%), and Stabilization of Family (5%).
- On 9/30/2009, 36% of the statewide placement population had a length of stay of 2 or more years¹⁶, 23% 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 care¹⁷ for more than two years (39%). Central had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (46%). The West and Southeast had the largest numbers of consumers in care for one year or less (872 and 836, respectively). The West and Northeast had the largest numbers of consumers in care for more than two years (761 and 675, respectively). **(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 (40% for Black vs. 36% for White, 37% for Hispanic, 35% for Unable to Determine, 32% for Multi-Racial, 30% for Asian). **(Tables 7A and 7B on page 35)**

¹⁴ Goal is for youth 16 years or older to establish a lifelong permanent connection, as well as to obtain life skills training and a stable living environment that will support youth development into and through adulthood. This goal includes youths who will be transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health, Developmental Services, and Public Health upon turning 22 years old.

¹⁵ Goal is to provide children with a committed, nurturing, and lifelong relationship in a licensed kinship family setting.

¹⁶ 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.

¹⁷ Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child’s most recent placement entry (home removal) to the Quarter End Date (September 30, 2009).

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY’2010 (“snapshot” on 9/30/09), the median time in continuous care was 1.1 years and the median¹⁸ age was 11.6 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. (See table below)
- Over the past 18 years, the median age of children in care rose from 9 to 12 years while median time in placement remained relatively stable (1.6 to 1.1 years). Median age of children in placement declined slightly to 11.4 years on September 30, 2009. Median length of time in care was 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
6/09	11.6	1.1	8,694
9/09	11.4	1.1	8,413

* = Children are less than 18 years old.

** = revised statistics

¹⁸ Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

- An age breakdown of children in placement by race and Hispanic origin is presented in the following table. The median ages of Black and Asian children were greater than the median ages of White, Hispanic, Unable to Determine, and Multi-Racial children. Median time in care for minority children was similar to the median time in care for White children. On 9/30/09, 48% of children less than 18 years old in placement were adolescents. Please note that the statistics in the following table are for children less than 18 years old.

Children in Placement on 9/30/09*			
Race	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
White	11.3	1.1	4,890
Black	13.0	1.2	1,643
Asian	14.8	0.9	166
Native American	10.0	1.3	17
Pacific Islander	----	----	3
Multi-Racial	7.0	1.2	497
Unable to Determine	11.0	1.0	1,194
Missing	----	----	3
TOTAL	11.4	1.1	8,413
Hispanic Origin**	11.4	1.1	2,233

* = Children are less than 18 years old.

** = Children of any race who are Hispanic

Service Plan Goals of Consumers in Placement

- Thirty-two percent of Black consumers in placement had a goal of “Family Reunification,” compared to 35% for White and 34% for Hispanic consumers (**Tables 8A and 8B** on page 36). 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—26% Black vs. 19% White and 18% Hispanic for APPLA; 21% Black vs. 25% White and 26% Hispanic for adoption.

Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,486 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,456 (59%) were White, 433 (17%) were Black, 27 (1%) were Asian, 4 (<1%) were Native American, and 208 (8%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 358 (14%) consumers. Twenty-seven percent (669) of all consumers in placement with a goal of adoption were of Hispanic origin. (**Tables 8A and 8B, Fig. 12A** on page 38)
- The age distribution of 2,486 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 27% age 0-2 years, 23% age 3-5 years, 35% age 6-11 years, and 15% age 12-17 years. (**Table 8C** on page 37, **Fig. 12A**)
- Fifty-five percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 45% 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 37, **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 children¹⁹ 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. Over the years, changes in the number of children with a goal of adoption have often coincided with changes in the placement population. (See table below)
- The proportion of “waiting” children reached its highest level in 1994 (35%). From 2001 to 2009, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has fluctuated between 25-29%. On 9/30/2009, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption was 30%. Compared to 6/30/2009, the number of children in placement dropped while the number of children with a goal of adoption increased. (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%
6/09	8,694	2,448	28%
9/09	8,413	2,484	30%

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

* = revised statistics

¹⁹ Children are less than 18 years old.

- Of the 2,486 “waiting” consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 41% were legally free for adoption. Seventy-eight percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. (Fig. 12B on page 39)
- 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 being adopted while the adolescents who are legally free are “stuck” in placement. A separate analysis of children adopted in FY’2009 showed that the proportion of older children (12-17 years old) who were adopted accounted for only 9% of all adoptions. The amount of time from being legally freed to adoption is much longer for these older children.

Age Group (years)	Children in Placement 9/30/09		
	Children with Goal of Adoption & Legally Free for Adoption	All Children with Goal of Adoption	% Legally Free for Adoption
	No.	No.	%
0 – 2	260	668	39%
3 – 5	234	568	41%
6 – 11	347	876	40%
12 – 17	170	372	46%
Total	1,011	2,484	41%

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 (59%), 62% were matched to permanent families (Fig. 12B).
- The Southeastern and Boston Regions had the highest proportions (61% and 55%, respectively) of “waiting” children who were legally free for adoption. The proportion of legally free children ranged from 25% in the Northeast to 61% in the Southeast. (Fig. 12C on page 40)
- The Metro and Southeastern Regions had the highest proportions of “waiting” children who were matched to a permanent family (84% and 81%, respectively). The proportion of children matched to a permanent family ranged from 53% in the Northeast to 84% 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 40)

TABLE 5A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2010, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other ⁽²⁾		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western		1,694		321		89		2,104
	(0 - 2 yrs)	348	21%	---	---	---	---	348
	(3 - 5 yrs)	249	15%	4	1%	1	1%	254
	(6 - 11 yrs)	356	21%	41	13%	7	8%	404
	(12 - 17 yrs)	564	33%	208	65%	75	84%	847
	18 or older	177	10%	68	21%	6	7%	251
Central		1,131		240		52		1,423
	(0 - 2 yrs)	215	19%	---	---	3	6%	218
	(3 - 5 yrs)	148	13%	1	*	---	---	149
	(6 - 11 yrs)	263	23%	55	23%	4	8%	322
	(12 - 17 yrs)	362	32%	152	63%	41	79%	555
	18 or older	143	13%	32	13%	4	8%	179
Northeast		1,238		361		109		1,708
	(0 - 2 yrs)	203	16%	---	---	3	3%	206
	(3 - 5 yrs)	158	13%	1	*	3	3%	162
	(6 - 11 yrs)	229	18%	37	10%	6	6%	272
	(12 - 17 yrs)	398	32%	237	66%	89	82%	724
	18 or older	250	20%	86	24%	8	7%	344
Metro		863		367		42		1,272
	(0 - 2 yrs)	163	19%	---	---	1	2%	164
	(3 - 5 yrs)	97	11%	2	1%	2	5%	101
	(6 - 11 yrs)	180	21%	33	9%	3	7%	216
	(12 - 17 yrs)	266	31%	267	73%	34	81%	567
	18 or older	157	18%	65	18%	2	5%	224
Southeast		1,495		373		57		1,925
	(0 - 2 yrs)	328	22%	1	*	---	---	329
	(3 - 5 yrs)	238	16%	4	1%	---	---	242
	(6 - 11 yrs)	270	18%	41	11%	3	5%	314
	(12 - 17 yrs)	411	27%	272	73%	48	84%	731
	18 or older	248	17%	55	15%	6	11%	309
Boston		896		288		66		1,250
	(0 - 2 yrs)	179	20%	---	---	1	2%	180
	(3 - 5 yrs)	100	11%	4	1%	---	---	104
	(6 - 11 yrs)	154	17%	40	14%	1	2%	195
	(12 - 17 yrs)	286	32%	190	66%	52	79%	528
	18 or older	177	20%	54	19%	12	18%	243
Adoption Contracts⁽³⁾		244		1		1		246
	(0 - 2 yrs)	34	14%	---	---	---	---	34
	(3 - 5 yrs)	52	21%	---	---	---	---	52
	(6 - 11 yrs)	113	46%	---	---	1	100%	114
	(12 - 17 yrs)	45	18%	---	---	---	---	46
Other⁽⁴⁾		64		---		12		76
	(0 - 2 yrs)	1	2%	---	---	---	---	1
	(3 - 5 yrs)	1	2%	---	---	---	---	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	4	6%	---	---	---	---	4
	(12 - 17 yrs)	27	42%	---	---	2	17%	29
	18 or older	31	48%	---	---	10	83%	41
Total		7,625		1,951		428		10,004

* = 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'2010, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)

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		419	15	148	112	317	119	564	1,694
	(0 - 2 yrs)	20	5	17	---	78	58	170	348
	(3 - 5 yrs)	20	---	21	---	78	28	102	249
	(6 - 11 yrs)	88	---	44	---	91	23	110	356
	(12 - 17 yrs)	257	6	55	4	65	9	168	564
	18 or older	34	4	11	108	5	1	14	177
Central		263	17	104	75	261	73	338	1,131
	(0 - 2 yrs)	5	3	16	---	58	25	108	215
	(3 - 5 yrs)	8	1	17	---	47	19	56	148
	(6 - 11 yrs)	51	1	22	---	87	24	78	263
	(12 - 17 yrs)	161	8	41	---	64	5	83	362
	18 or older	38	4	8	75	5	---	13	143
Northeast		343	36	68	178	295	49	269	1,238
	(0 - 2 yrs)	30	5	6	---	74	15	73	203
	(3 - 5 yrs)	32	7	5	---	52	11	51	158
	(6 - 11 yrs)	55	4	17	---	74	16	63	229
	(12 - 17 yrs)	191	7	32	3	88	7	70	398
	18 or older	35	13	8	175	7	---	12	250
Metro		200	5	65	105	226	52	210	863
	(0 - 2 yrs)	21	2	6	---	59	25	50	163
	(3 - 5 yrs)	12	1	7	---	42	7	28	97
	(6 - 11 yrs)	38	---	10	---	67	16	49	180
	(12 - 17 yrs)	113	1	31	2	50	4	65	266
	18 or older	16	1	11	103	8	---	18	157
Southeast		337	10	87	152	400	78	431	1,495
	(0 - 2 yrs)	24	1	16	---	103	35	149	328
	(3 - 5 yrs)	30	---	8	---	95	20	85	238
	(6 - 11 yrs)	67	---	19	---	100	19	65	270
	(12 - 17 yrs)	172	2	31	4	87	4	111	411
	18 or older	44	7	13	148	15	---	21	248
Boston		268	18	49	117	196	42	206	896
	(0 - 2 yrs)	23	3	15	---	59	21	58	179
	(3 - 5 yrs)	22	2	4	---	38	14	20	100
	(6 - 11 yrs)	58	1	10	---	46	3	36	154
	(12 - 17 yrs)	134	10	17	1	47	4	73	286
	18 or older	31	2	3	116	6	---	19	177
Adoption Contract Region		78	2	22	---	36	41	65	244
	(0 - 2 yrs)	4	---	1	---	12	6	11	34
	(3 - 5 yrs)	10	1	6	---	10	10	15	52
	(6 - 11 yrs)	39	1	10	---	12	20	31	113
	(12 - 17 yrs)	25	---	5	---	2	5	8	45
CENTRAL OFFICE REGION		---	---	5	17	---	---	42	64
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	1	---	---	---	3	4
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	4	---	---	---	23	27
	18 or older	---	---	---	17	---	---	14	31
Total		1,908	103	548	756	1,731	454	2,125	7,625

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

⁽²⁾ IFC includes "Teen Parent Rate" model (18 consumers).

⁽³⁾ Other includes "Sibling Rate" model (38 consumers).

⁽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'2010, End of 1ST QUARTER (09/30/09)

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Congregate Care						Total
	Group Home			Residential		STARR ⁽³⁾	
	Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential ⁽²⁾		
West	85	52	21	105	2	56	321
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	4	4
(6 - 11 yrs)	6	4	---	22	---	9	41
(12 - 17 yrs)	77	20	---	66	2	43	208
18 or older	2	28	21	17	---	---	68
Central	63	43	6	72	4	52	240
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
(6 - 11 yrs)	14	7	---	19	---	15	55
(12 - 17 yrs)	42	28	2	43	1	36	152
18 or older	7	8	4	10	3	---	32
Northeast	88	38	60	122	2	51	361
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
(6 - 11 yrs)	18	1	---	14	1	3	37
(12 - 17 yrs)	65	31	9	84	1	47	237
18 or older	5	6	51	24	---	---	86
Metro	28	112	31	134	5	57	367
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	2
(6 - 11 yrs)	6	5	---	15	---	7	33
(12 - 17 yrs)	21	87	11	98	2	48	267
18 or older	1	20	20	21	3	---	65
Southeast	85	58	12	139	3	76	373
(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
(3-5yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	3	4
(6-11yrs)	17	1	---	14	---	9	41
(12-17yrs)	62	48	5	92	3	62	272
18 or older	6	8	7	33	---	1	55
Boston	59	48	29	110	11	31	288
(3 - 5 yrs)	2	---	---	---	---	2	4
(6 - 11 yrs)	19	2	---	10	---	9	40
(12 - 17 yrs)	36	39	7	80	8	20	190
18 or older	2	7	22	20	3	---	54
Adoption Contract Region	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
(12-17yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
Total	408	351	159	682	27	324	1,951

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

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

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

FIGURE 7A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2010, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)

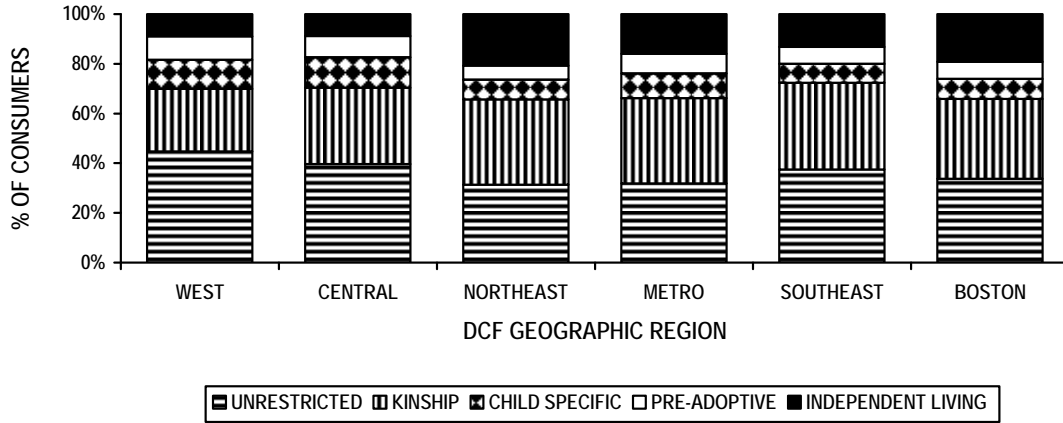


FIGURE 7B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2010, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)

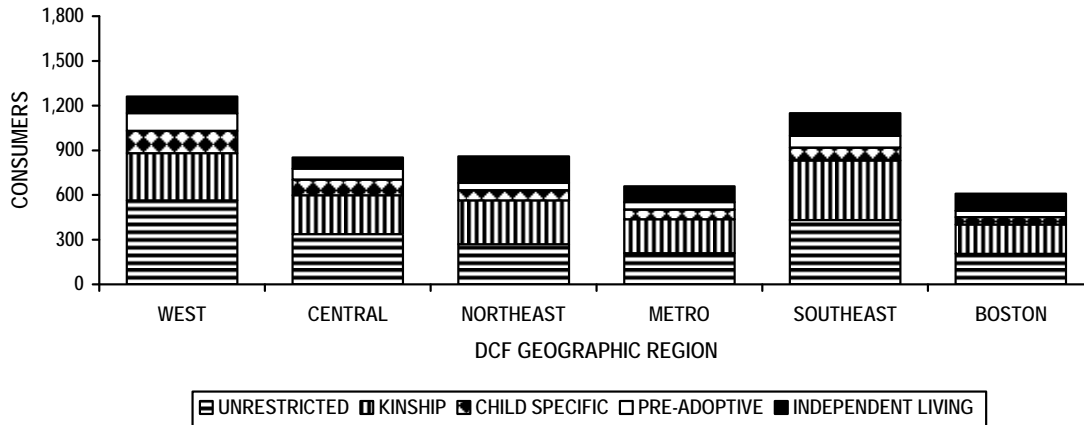


FIGURE 8A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2010, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)

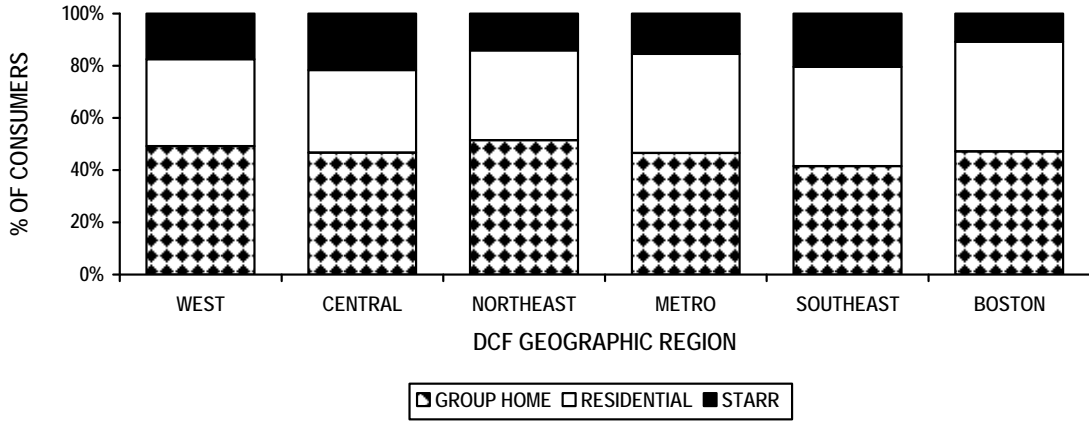


FIGURE 8B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2010, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)

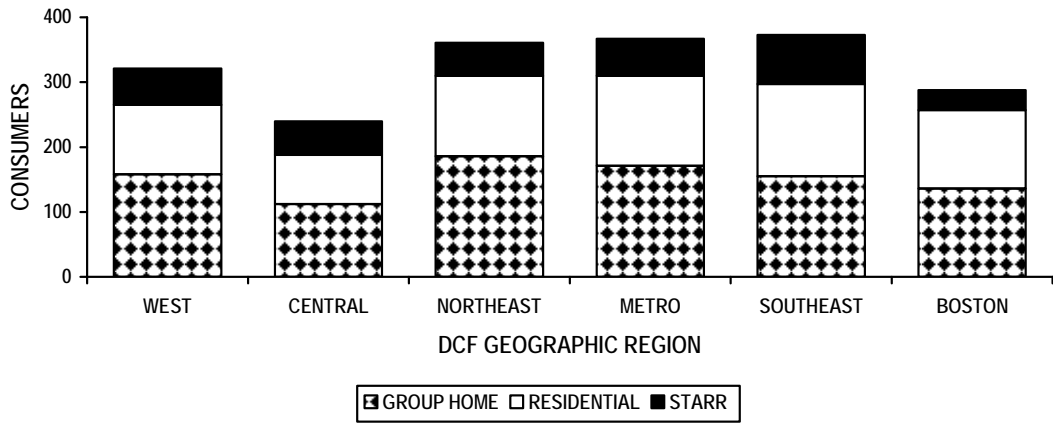


FIGURE 9. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE BY DCF REGION
(FY'2009, END OF 2ND QUARTER TO FY'2010, END OF 1ST QUARTER)

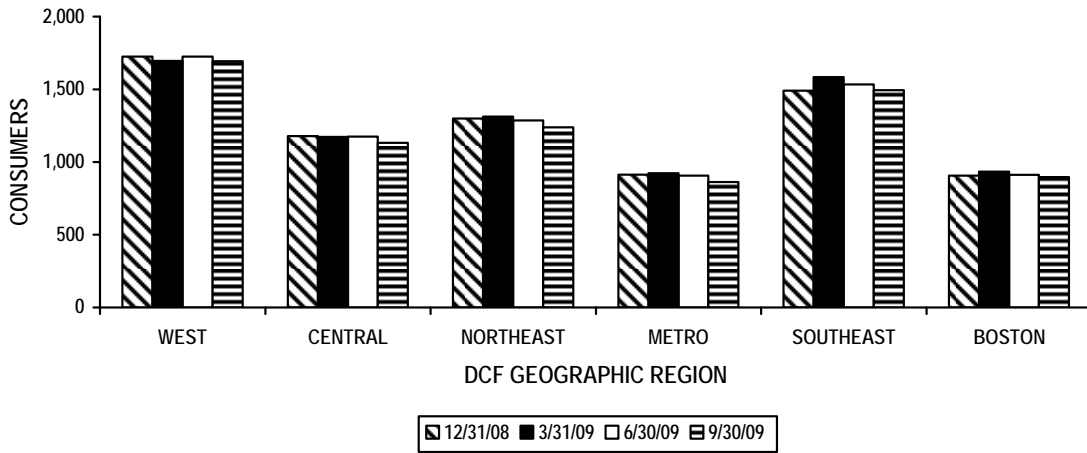


FIGURE 10. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE BY DCF REGION
(FY'2009, END OF 2ND QUARTER TO FY'2010, END OF 1ST QUARTER)

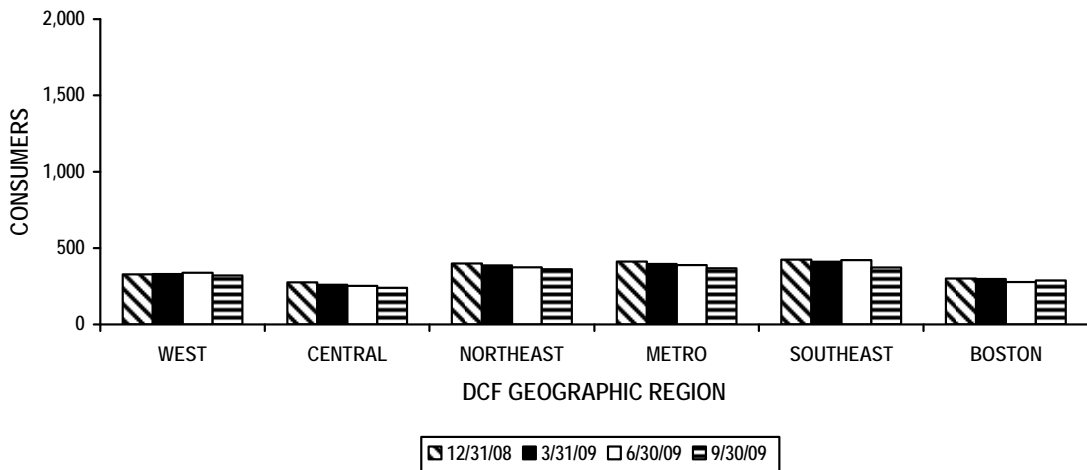


TABLE 6A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE:
FY'2010, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region												Total					
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		No.	%
Female	1,023	49%	678	48%	793	46%	630	50%	904	47%	650	52%	106	43%	26	34%	4,810	48%
Male	1,081	51%	745	52%	915	54%	642	50%	1,021	53%	600	48%	140	57%	50	66%	5,194	52%
Total	2,104	100%	1,423	100%	1,708	100%	1,272	100%	1,925	100%	1,250	100%	246	100%	76	100%	10,004	100%
Race:																		
White	1,272	60%	947	67%	1,043	61%	813	64%	1,290	67%	299	24%	113	46%	6	8%	5,783	58%
Black	307	15%	157	11%	191	11%	267	21%	357	19%	698	56%	51	21%	41	54%	2,069	21%
Asian	7	*	26	2%	85	5%	27	2%	7	*	26	2%	2	1%	26	34%	206	2%
Native American	4	*	2	*	2	*	3	*	8	*	2	*	1	*	---	---	22	*
Other ⁽³⁾	1	*	2	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	*
Multi-Racial	114	5%	86	6%	104	6%	56	4%	112	6%	37	3%	30	12%	---	---	539	5%
Unable to Determine	399	19%	203	14%	282	17%	106	8%	148	8%	188	15%	49	20%	3	4%	1,378	14%
Missing	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	*
Total	2,104	100%	1,423	100%	1,708	100%	1,272	100%	1,925	100%	1,250	100%	246	100%	76	100%	10,004	100%
Hispanic/Latino Origin:																		
Hispanic/Latino	711	34%	425	30%	576	34%	184	14%	296	15%	301	24%	70	28%	13	17%	2,576	26%
Not Hispanic/Latino	1,269	60%	937	66%	1,064	62%	1,020	80%	1,519	79%	898	72%	154	63%	60	79%	6,921	69%
Unable to Determine	124	6%	61	4%	68	4%	68	5%	110	6%	51	4%	22	9%	---	---	504	5%
Missing	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	4%	3	*
Total	2,104	100%	1,423	100%	1,708	100%	1,272	100%	1,925	100%	1,250	100%	246	100%	76	100%	10,004	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'2010, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region												Total					
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		No.	%
(0 - 2 yrs)	348	17%	218	15%	206	12%	164	13%	329	17%	180	14%	34	14%	1	1%	1,480	15%
(3 - 5 yrs)	254	12%	149	10%	162	9%	101	8%	242	13%	104	8%	52	21%	1	1%	1,065	11%
(6 - 11 yrs)	404	19%	322	23%	272	16%	216	17%	314	16%	195	16%	114	46%	4	5%	1,841	18%
(12 - 17 yrs)	847	40%	555	39%	724	42%	567	45%	731	38%	528	42%	46	19%	29	38%	4,027	40%
18 or older	251	12%	179	13%	344	20%	224	18%	309	16%	243	19%	0	0%	41	54%	1,591	16%
Total	2,104	100%	1,423	100%	1,708	100%	1,272	100%	1,925	100%	1,250	100%	246	100%	76	100%	10,004	100%
Service Plan Goals:																		
Family Reunification	724	34%	502	35%	514	30%	433	34%	778	40%	419	34%	---	---	2	3%	3,372	34%
Adoption	572	27%	424	30%	395	23%	248	19%	362	19%	251	20%	233	95%	1	1%	2,486	25%
APPLA ⁽³⁾	344	16%	234	16%	421	25%	281	22%	381	20%	327	26%	---	---	28	37%	2,016	20%
Permanent Care with Kin	158	8%	93	7%	152	9%	126	10%	171	9%	85	7%	---	---	6	8%	791	8%
Guardianship	120	6%	63	4%	107	6%	95	7%	106	6%	72	6%	8	3%	---	---	571	6%
Stabilization of Family	116	6%	79	6%	75	4%	50	4%	89	5%	57	5%	---	---	1	1%	467	5%
Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	12	16%	12	*
Unspecified as of run-date	70	3%	28	2%	44	3%	39	3%	38	2%	39	3%	5	2%	26	34%	289	3%
Total	2,104	100%	1,423	100%	1,708	100%	1,272	100%	1,925	100%	1,250	100%	246	100%	76	100%	10,004	100%
Continuous Time in Care:																		
(.5 yr or less)	531	25%	393	28%	410	24%	301	24%	489	25%	293	23%	7	3%	10	13%	2,434	24%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	341	16%	253	18%	251	15%	213	17%	347	18%	231	18%	16	7%	8	11%	1,660	17%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	277	13%	182	13%	198	12%	177	14%	275	14%	156	12%	43	17%	17	22%	1,325	13%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	194	9%	131	9%	174	10%	129	10%	168	9%	118	9%	31	13%	7	9%	952	10%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	449	21%	269	19%	313	18%	239	19%	376	20%	272	22%	98	40%	22	29%	2,038	20%
> 4 yrs	312	15%	195	14%	362	21%	213	17%	269	14%	180	14%	51	21%	12	16%	1,594	16%
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	2,104	100%	1,423	100%	1,708	100%	1,272	100%	1,925	100%	1,250	100%	246	100%	76	100%	10,004	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⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽⁴⁾ "Old" taxonomy

**FIGURE 11A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN
STATEWIDE: FY'2010, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)**

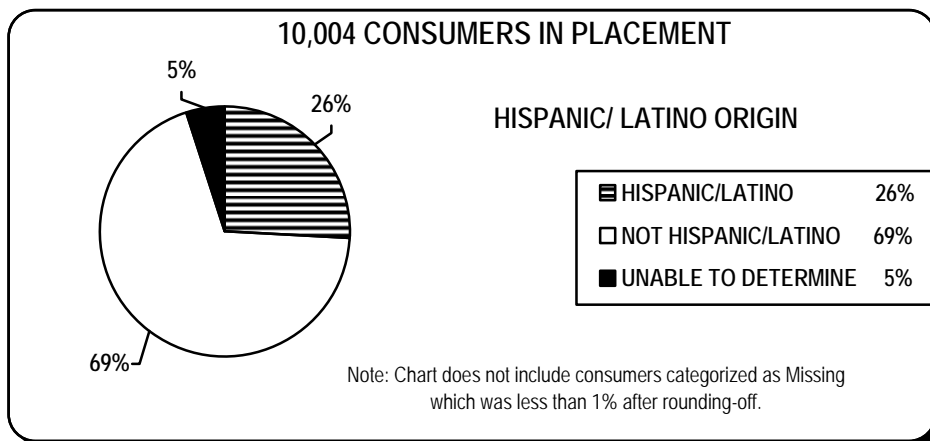
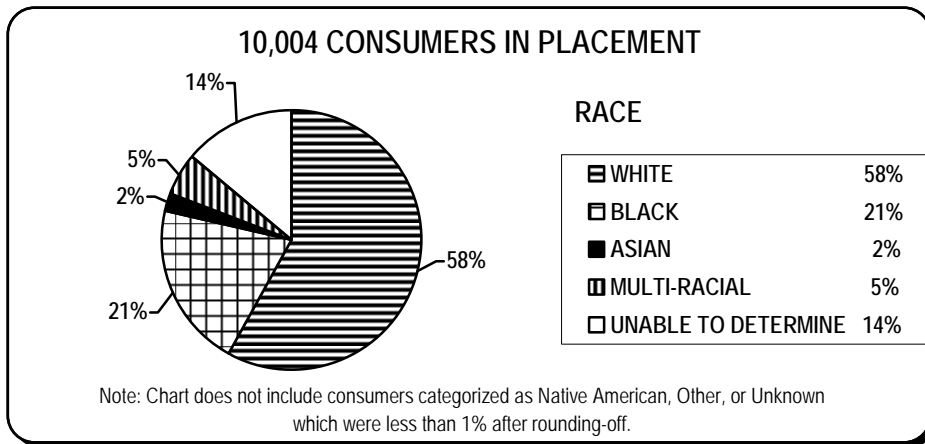
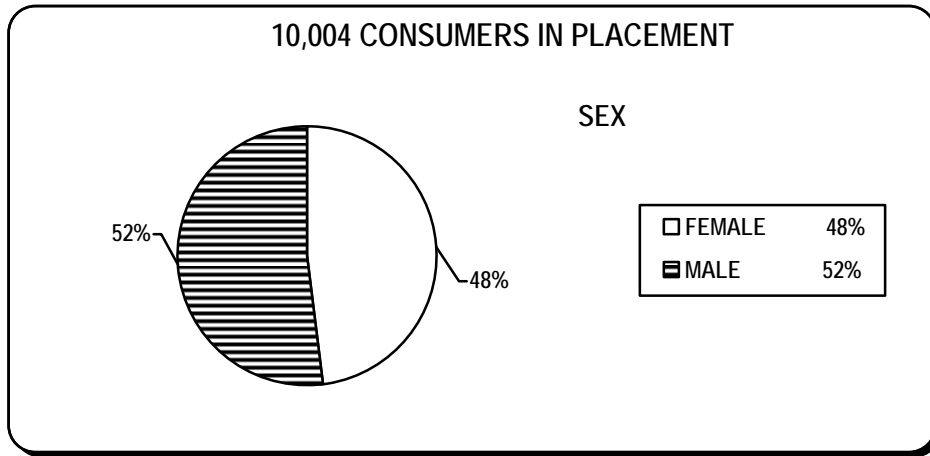
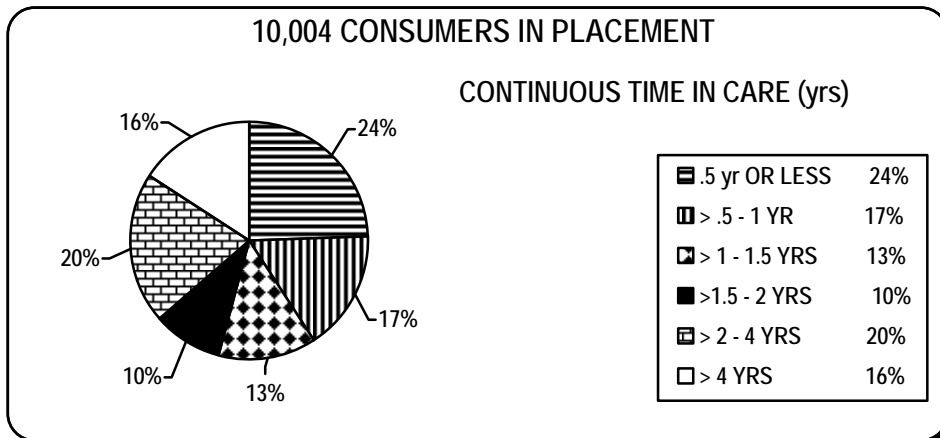
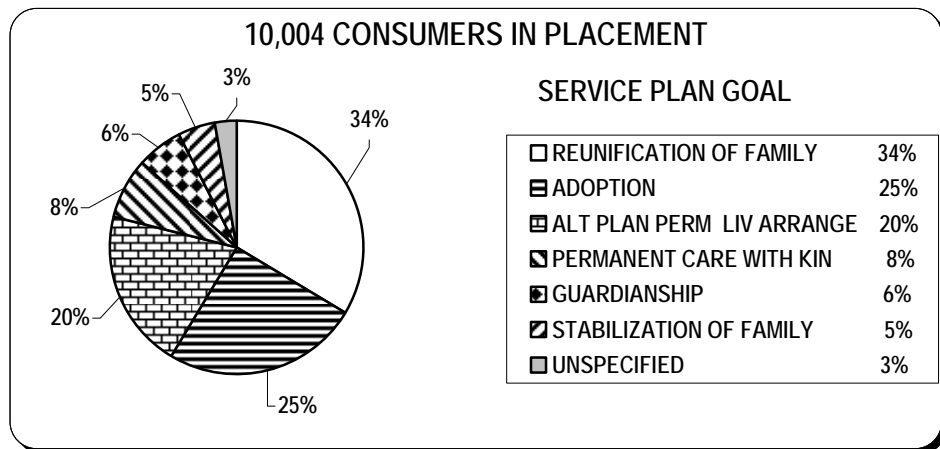
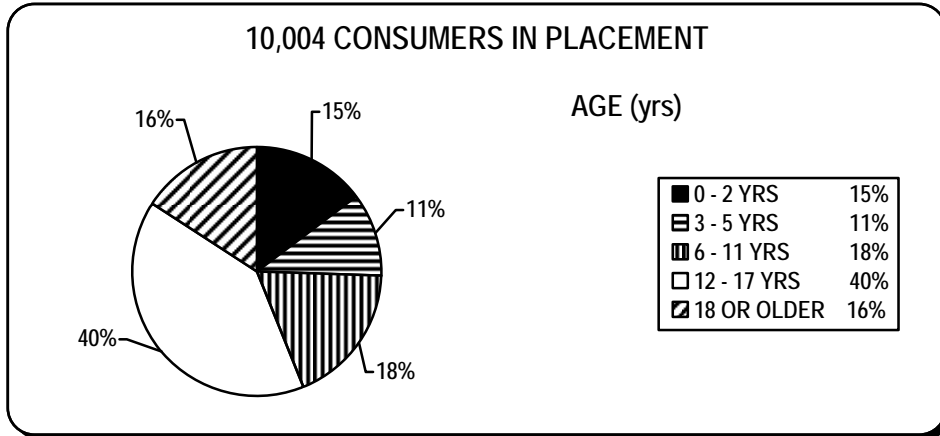


FIGURE 11B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT
STATEWIDE: FY'2010, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)



**TABLE 7A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2010, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)**

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)	1,417	25%	452	22%	58	28%	4	18%	2	50%	128	24%	370	27%	3	100%	2,434	24%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	977	17%	305	15%	40	19%	5	23%	---	---	93	17%	240	17%	---	---	1,660	17%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	765	13%	284	14%	26	13%	3	14%	---	---	81	15%	166	12%	---	---	1,325	13%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	543	9%	189	9%	21	10%	1	5%	---	---	66	12%	132	10%	---	---	952	10%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	1,178	20%	436	21%	33	16%	6	27%	2	50%	113	21%	270	20%	---	---	2,038	20%
> 4yrs	902	16%	403	19%	28	14%	3	14%	---	---	58	11%	200	15%	---	---	1,594	16%
Unspecified	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	5,783	100%	2,069	100%	206	100%	22	100%	4	100%	539	100%	1,378	100%	3	100%	10,004	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'2010, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)**

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)	632	25%	1,644	24%	158	31%	---	---	2,434	24%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	445	17%	1,139	16%	76	15%	---	---	1,660	17%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	316	12%	941	14%	67	13%	1	33%	1,325	13%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	247	10%	655	9%	50	10%	---	---	952	10%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	532	21%	1,415	20%	90	18%	1	33%	2,038	20%
> 4yrs	404	16%	1,126	16%	63	13%	1	33%	1,594	16%
Unspecified	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	2,576	100%	6,921	100%	504	100%	3	100%	10,004	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'2010, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)

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	1,998	35%	652	32%	71	34%	8	36%	2	50%	178	33%	463	34%	---	----	3,372	34%
Adoption	1,456	25%	433	21%	27	13%	4	18%	---	----	208	39%	358	26%	---	----	2,486	25%
APPLA ⁽²⁾	1,122	19%	538	26%	49	24%	7	32%	1	25%	55	10%	244	18%	---	----	2,016	20%
Permanent Care with Kin	463	8%	183	9%	16	8%	1	5%	---	----	21	4%	107	8%	---	----	791	8%
Guardianship	357	6%	103	5%	10	5%	2	9%	---	----	35	6%	64	5%	---	----	571	6%
Stabilization of Family	250	4%	83	4%	15	7%	---	----	---	----	26	5%	93	7%	---	----	467	5%
Other ⁽³⁾	---	----	10	*	2	1%	---	----	---	----	---	----	---	----	---	----	12	*
Unspecified as of run-date	137	2%	67	3%	16	8%	---	----	1	25%	16	3%	49	4%	3%	100%	289	3%
Total	5,783	100%	2,069	100%	206	100%	22	100%	4	100%	539	100%	1,378	100%	3%	100%	10,004	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

⁽²⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽³⁾ old taxonomy

TABLE 8B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2010, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)

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	868	34%	2,339	34%	165	33%	---	----	3,372	34%
Adoption	669	26%	1,659	24%	158	31%	---	----	2,486	25%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	470	18%	1,476	21%	69	14%	1	33%	2,016	20%
Permanent Care with Kin	198	8%	563	8%	30	6%	---	----	791	8%
Guardianship	145	6%	401	6%	25	5%	---	----	571	6%
Stabilization of Family	132	5%	306	4%	29	6%	---	----	467	5%
Other ⁽²⁾	3	*	8	*	---	----	1	33%	12	*
Unspecified as of run-date	91	4%	169	2%	28	6%	1	33%	289	3%
Total	2,576	100%	6,921	100%	504	100%	3	100%	10,004	100%

⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽²⁾ old taxonomy

TABLE 8C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2010, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)

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	679	20%	394	12%	687	20%	1,595	47%	17	1%	3,372	100%
Adoption	668	27%	568	23%	876	35%	372	15%	2	*	2,486	100%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	---	---	---	---	2	*	685	34%	1,329	66%	2,016	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	2	*	4	1%	42	5%	659	83%	84	11%	791	100%
Guardianship	22	4%	49	9%	142	25%	328	57%	30	5%	571	100%
Stabilization of Family	50	11%	27	6%	59	13%	263	56%	68	15%	467	100%
Other ⁽²⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	8%	11	92%	12	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	59	20%	23	8%	33	11%	124	43%	50	17%	289	100%
Total	1,480	15%	1,065	11%	1,841	18%	4,027	40%	1,591	16%	10,004	100%

TABLE 8D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2010, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)

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.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	1,559	46%	957	28%	435	13%	188	6%	197	6%	36	1%	---	---	3,372	100%
Adoption	152	6%	327	13%	452	18%	402	16%	829	33%	324	13%	---	---	2,486	100%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	158	8%	150	7%	197	10%	176	9%	550	27%	785	39%	---	---	2,016	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	55	7%	71	9%	80	10%	73	9%	228	29%	284	36%	---	---	791	100%
Guardianship	36	6%	66	12%	118	21%	82	14%	158	28%	111	19%	---	---	571	100%
Stabilization of Family	279	60%	74	16%	27	6%	15	3%	38	8%	33	7%	1	*	467	100%
Other ⁽²⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	6	50%	6	50%	---	---	12	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	195	67%	15	5%	16	6%	16	6%	32	11%	15	5%	---	---	289	100%
Total	2,434	24%	1,660	17%	1,325	13%	952	10%	2,038	20%	1,594	16%	1	*	10,004	100%

⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽²⁾ old taxonomy

**FIGURE 12A. AGE, SEX, RACE, HISPANIC ORIGIN AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT OF CONSUMERS WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
FY'2010, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)**

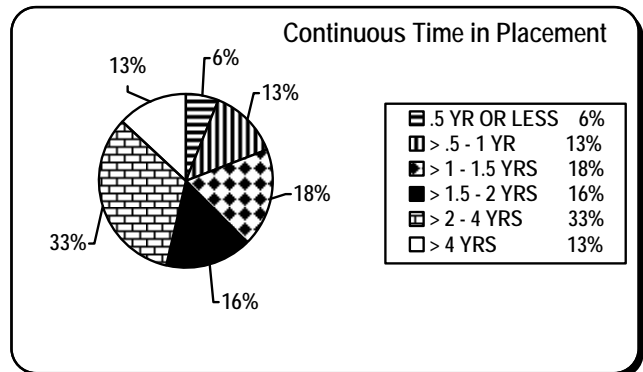
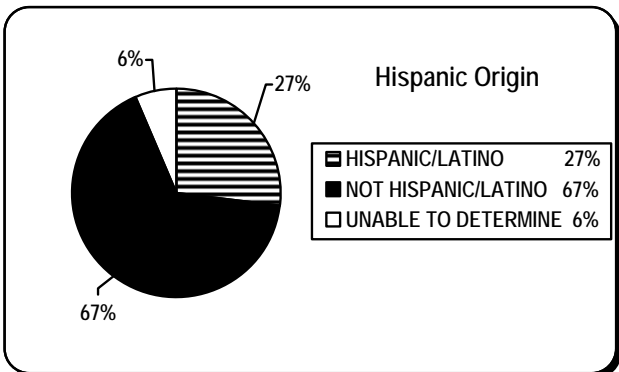
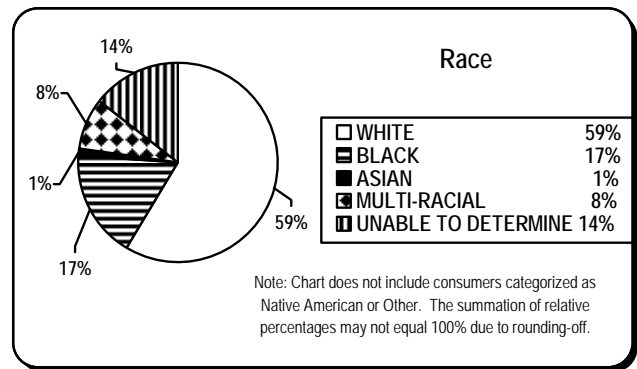
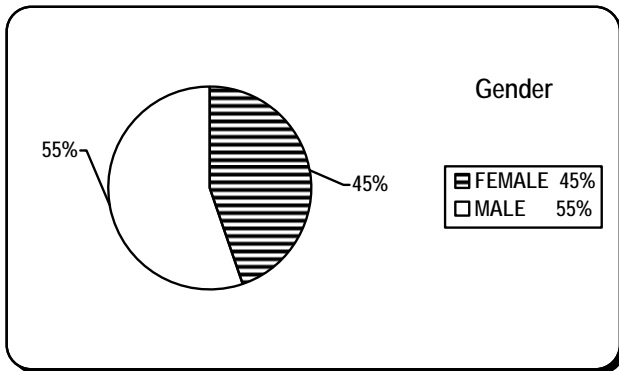
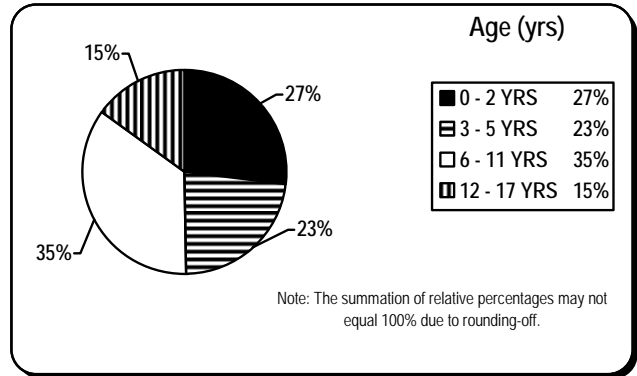
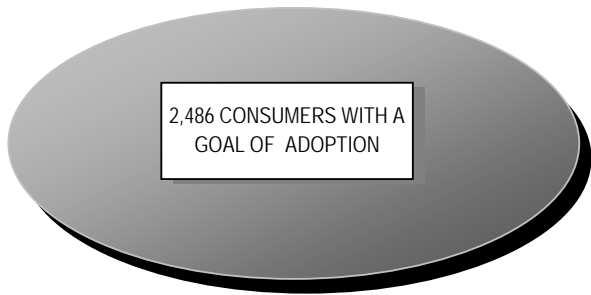
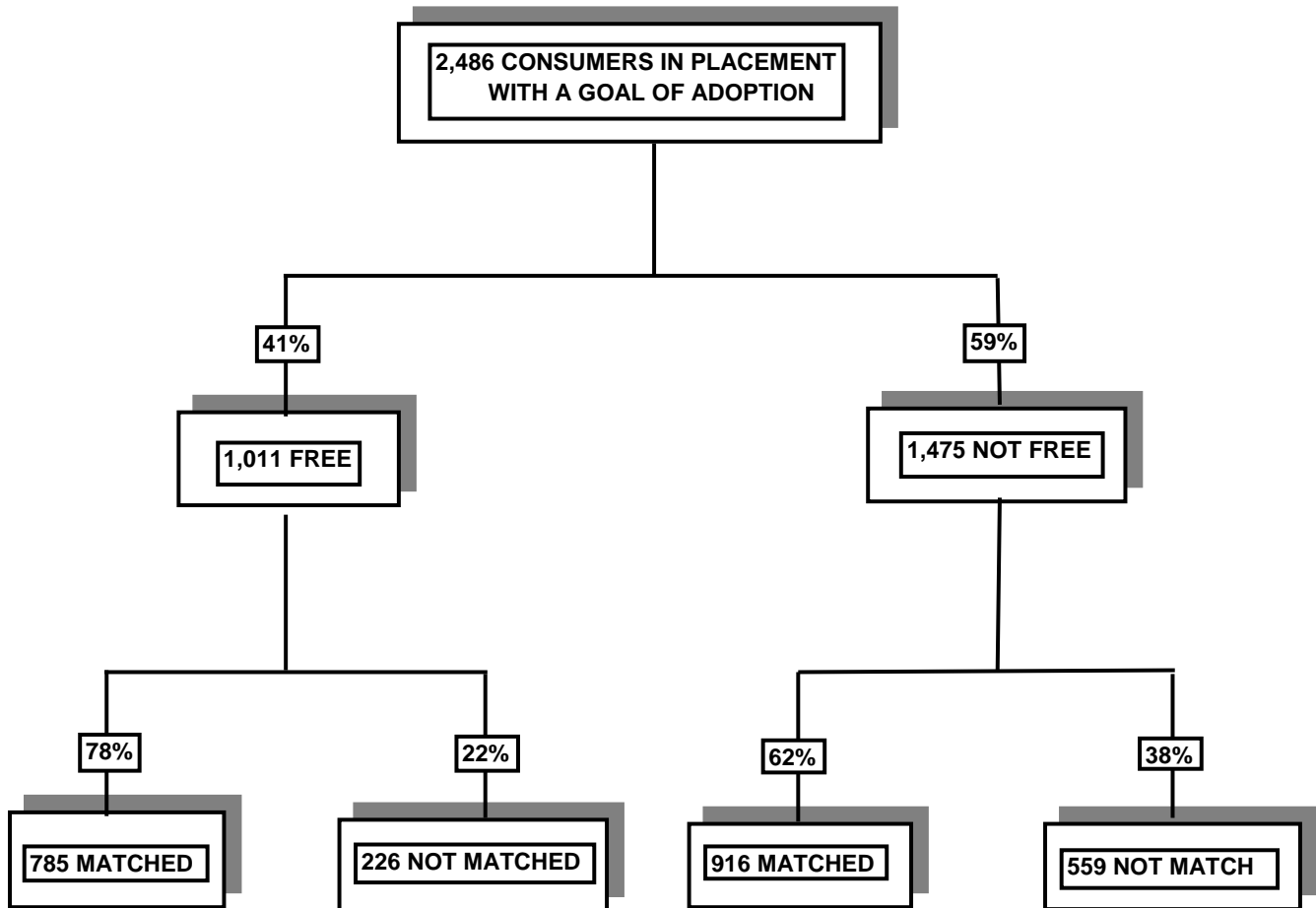


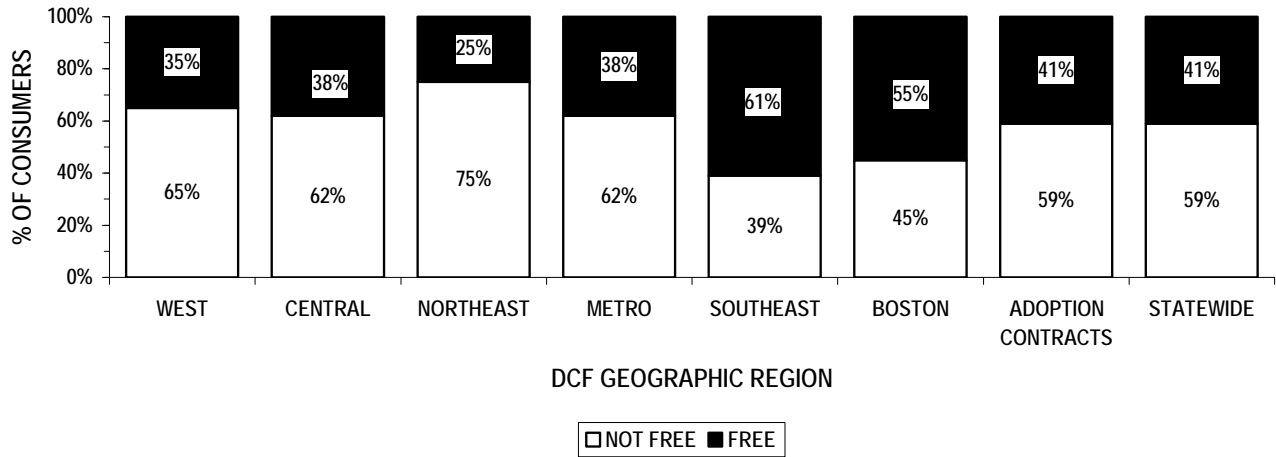
FIGURE 12B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION:
 LEGAL STATUS AND MATCH STATUS
 FY'2010, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)



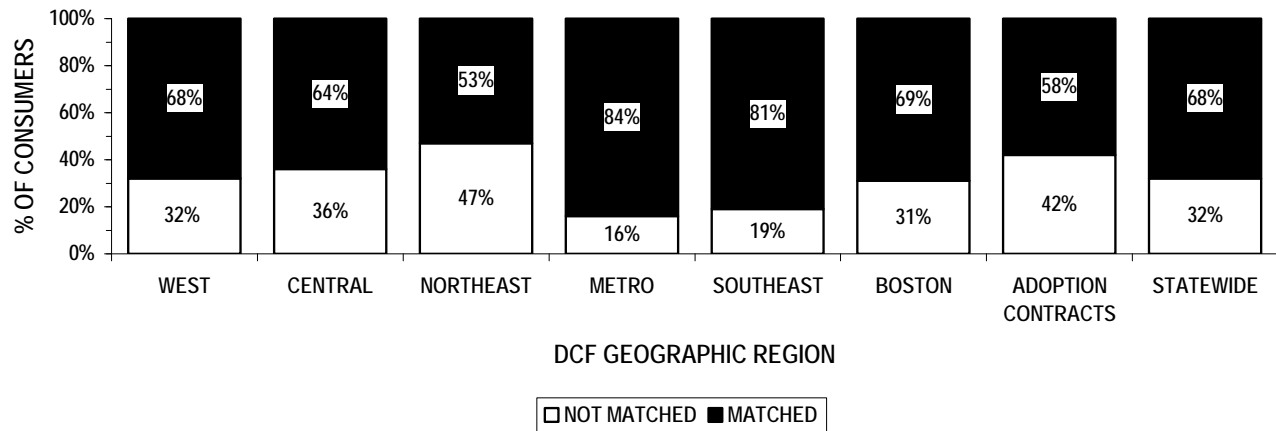
Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption

Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 12C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS
FY'2010, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)**



**FIGURE 12D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND WHETHER MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY
FY'2010, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)**



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 quarters prior to the 1st Quarter of FY'2007. Monitoring for trends should begin with the 1st Quarter of FY'2007.
- During the 1st Quarter of FY'2010, there were 2,981 case openings (unduplicated) and 12,015 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 42)
- Counts of case and consumer openings during the 1st Quarter of FY'2010 were significantly lower than the previous quarter. During the 4th Quarter of FY'2009, there were 4,540 case openings and 18,587 consumer openings. Counts of case and consumer openings declined -34% and -35%, respectively, from the 4th Quarter of FY'2009 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2010. The declines in case openings by type of intake were: -30% CHINS referrals, -34% supported maltreatment reports, and -47% voluntary requests for services.
- Eighty-five 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 7% of case intakes and 5% of consumer intakes. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- CHINS referrals amounted to 6% of case intakes and 5% 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 81-86% of the total intakes for each region. CHINS referrals ranged from 2-8% of the total intakes for each region. Voluntary requests were highest in the Central Region (9%). (**Fig. 13** on page 43, **Table 9A**)
- Counts of CHINS referrals, voluntary requests, and supported maltreatment reports were highest in the Southeast (45, 42, and 622 case openings, respectively) (**Table 9A**). The Southeast also had the highest number of supported investigations during the 1st Quarter of FY'2010 (See **Table 14A** on page 55).
- Statewide (and often regionally), case openings are lowest in the 1st quarter. (**Fig. 14** on page 44). 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. 21 and 22** on page 57).

**TABLE 9A. CASE INTAKES⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DCF REGION:
FY'2010, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/09 - 9/30/09)**

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	560	86%	39	6%	33	5%	16	2%	648
Central	374	86%	21	5%	27	6%	13	3%	435
Northeast	327	81%	27	7%	34	8%	18	4%	406
Metro	342	85%	9	2%	37	9%	14	3%	402
Southeast	622	86%	45	6%	42	6%	15	2%	724
Boston	316	83%	29	8%	23	6%	12	3%	380
Other ⁽³⁾	---	---	---	---	3	100%	---	---	3
Total	2,541	85%	170	6%	199	7%	88	3%	2,998

⁽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 2,981.

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

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

**TABLE 9B. CONSUMER INTAKES⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DCF REGION:
FY'2010, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/09 - 9/30/09)**

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	2,513	91%	116	4%	104	4%	35	1%	2,768
Central	1,564	87%	93	5%	91	5%	46	3%	1,794
Northeast	1,385	85%	85	5%	105	6%	53	3%	1,628
Metro	1,406	89%	30	2%	102	6%	36	2%	1,574
Southeast	2,566	89%	144	5%	131	5%	39	1%	2,880
Boston	1,303	89%	86	6%	56	4%	26	2%	1,471
Other ⁽³⁾	---	---	---	---	3	100%	---	---	3
Total	10,737	89%	554	5%	592	5%	235	2%	12,118

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

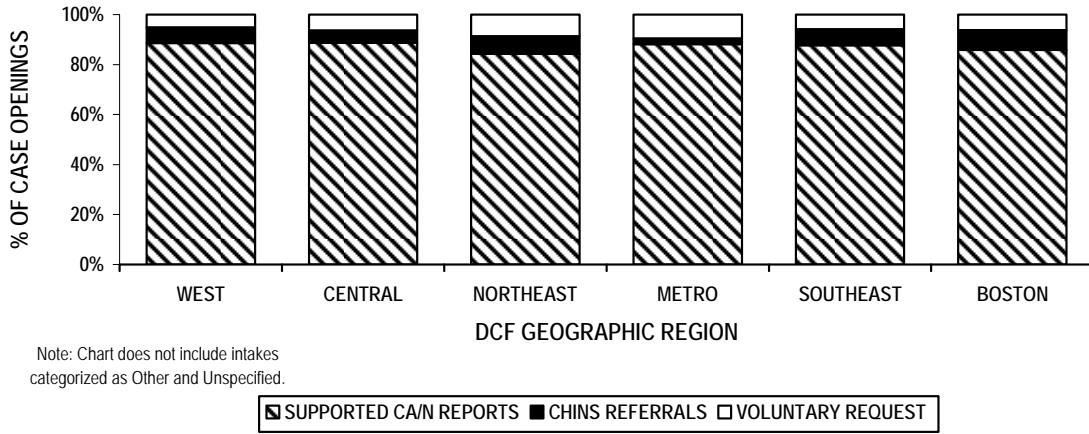
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽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 12,015.

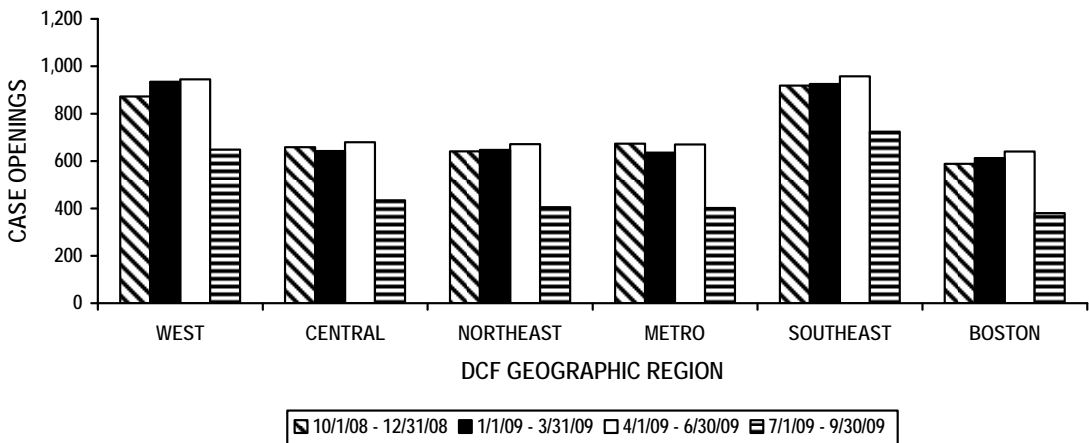
⁽²⁾ Includes Court Referral, Institutional Abuse/Neglect, and Other.

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

**FIGURE 13. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION
FY'2010, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/09 - 9/30/09)**



**FIGURE 14. INTAKES (CASE OPENINGS) BY DCF REGION
(FY'2009, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2010, 1ST QUARTER)**



Consumers Entering and Leaving Placement during the Quarter

- During the 1st Quarter of FY'2010, 1,767 consumers entered placement and 2,109 consumers left placement.²⁰ These counts of placement dynamics do not include consumers who changed placements during the quarter. (Tables 10 and 11 on page 46)
- There were 15% fewer consumers entering care in the 1st Quarter of FY'2010 compared to the 4th Quarter of FY'2009. This decline was probably related to the drop in case and consumer openings, -34% and -35%, respectively.
- There were 8% fewer consumers leaving care in the 1st Quarter of FY'2010 compared to the 4th Quarter of FY'2009.

Entries to Placement

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 1st Quarter of FY'2010, 62% were first-time entrants and 38% were re-entrants.²¹ Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 59% in the Northeast to 65% in both the Southeast and Central. (Table 10, Fig. 15 on page 47)
- The 1,767 entrants to placement (first-time entrants and re-entrants combined) were distributed across regions as follows: 23% (West), 19% (Southeast), 18% (Northeast), 15% (Central), 13% (Metro), and 12% (Boston). (Table 10)
- Across the state, 71% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 23% were placed in congregate care,²² and 5% were placed in non-referral locations.²³
- Regionally, the proportion of all entrants placed in foster care ranged from 60% in Metro to 80% in the West. In contrast, the proportion of all entrants placed in congregate care ranged from 14% in the West to 34% in Metro. (Table 10, Fig. 16 on page 47)
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Seventy-seven percent of first-time entrants and 62% 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)

²⁰ For individuals with multiple entries and exits during the quarter, only the first entry and last exit were selected.

²¹ Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

²² Congregate Care includes group home, residential treatment, and short-term residential placement.

²³ Non-referral locations include hospitals, nursing homes, and placements supervised by other state agencies.

Exits from Placement

- Statewide, 67% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 63% in the Southeast to 71% in Metro. **(Table 11)**
- Statewide, 8% of consumers leaving placement were adopted, 11% were emancipated, and 5% were granted guardianships. **(Table 11)**
- Regionally, the proportion of consumers leaving placement who were adopted ranged from 3% in Boston to 13% in the Southeast. The proportion emancipated ranged from 7% in Central to 18% in Metro. The proportion granted guardianships ranged from 3% in the West to 9% in Central. **(Table 11)**

**TABLE 10. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2010, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/09 - 9/30/09)**

Entry Type: Placement Location Started	DCF Geographic Region							Other ⁽¹⁾	Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston			
First-Time Entrants:	242	172	183	144	219	124	12	1,096	
Foster Care	206	141	132	101	164	94	8	846	
Congregate Care	27	28	41	36	50	28	---	210	
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	9	3	10	7	5	2	4	40	
Re-Entrants:	160	94	128	90	116	82	1	671	
Foster Care	115	67	70	39	75	51	---	417	
Congregate Care	30	18	47	44	35	24	---	198	
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	15	9	11	7	6	7	1	56	
Total	402	266	311	234	335	206	13	1,767	

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

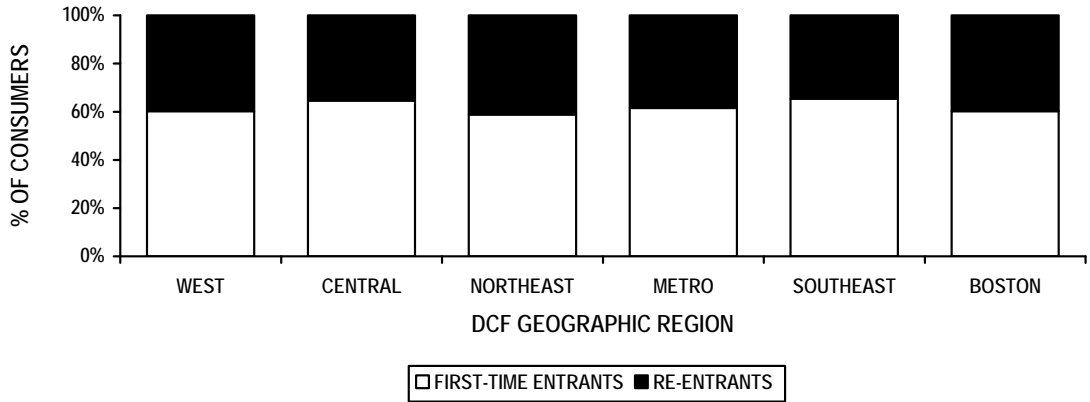
⁽²⁾ Includes hospitals and other state agencies.

**TABLE 11. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2010, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/09 - 9/30/09)**

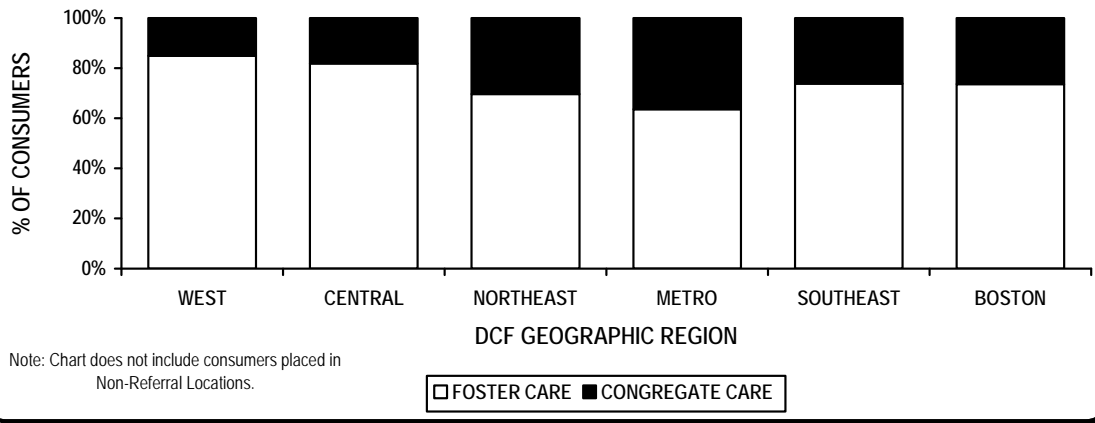
Reason Placement Ended	DCF Geographic Region							Other ⁽¹⁾	Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston			
Child Returned Home	291	209	244	234	269	161	---	1,408	
Child 18 or Older	43	20	48	41	45	29	1	227	
Consumer Adopted	29	31	23	15	55	7	---	160	
Custody to Other Individual	42	7	18	15	9	17	---	108	
Guardianship	12	27	14	14	21	11	---	99	
Custody to Other Agency	4	6	3	4	2	2	---	21	
Unspecified	17	6	16	5	29	13	---	86	
Total	438	306	366	328	430	240	1	2,109	

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

**FIGURE 15. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT
DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS)
FY'2010, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/09 - 9/30/09)**

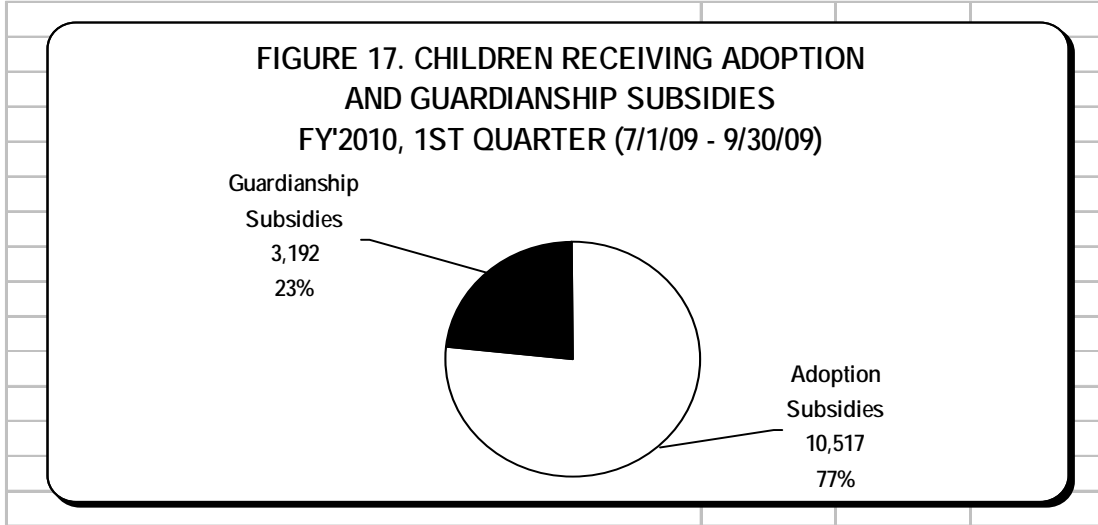


**FIGURE 16. ALL CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER
TO FOSTER AND CONGREGATE CARE
FY'2010, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/09 - 9/30/09)**



Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2010, the total number of children receiving adoption subsidies was 10,517. Guardianship subsidies totaled 3,192. (Fig. 17)



From the 4th Quarter of FY'2009 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2010, 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 2nd Quarter of FY'2009 resulted from a clean up of service referrals—a closing of service referrals that were not actively paying out.

Quarter	Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)			
	Adoption		Guardianship	
	No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change
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%
2 nd	10,297	-3%	3,040	-4%
3 rd	10,385	1%	3,101	2%
4 th	10,483	1%	3,162	2%
FY'2010 1 st	10,517	*	3,192	1%

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

Foster Homes¹

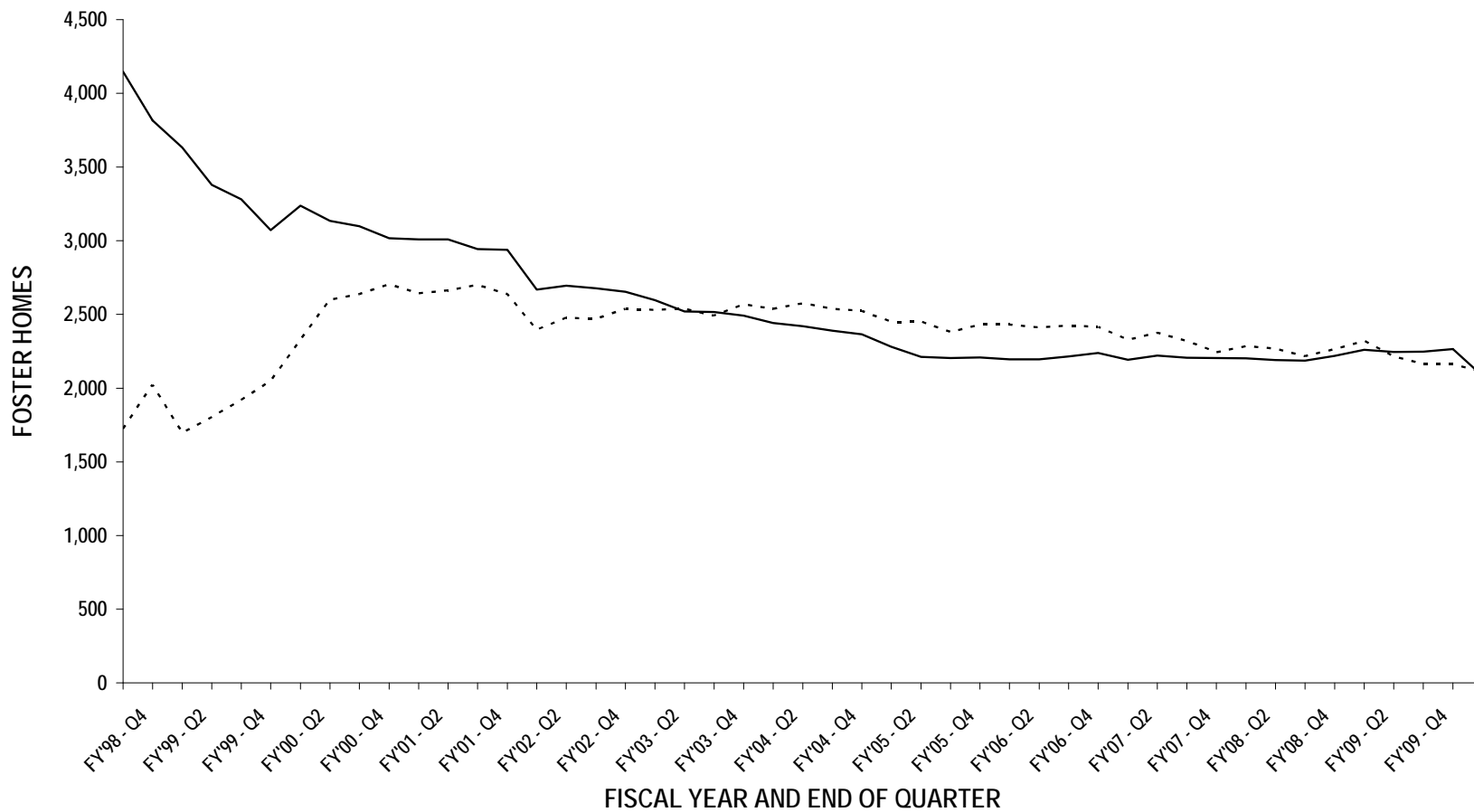
- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2010, there were 4,192 foster homes under the direct supervision of DCF. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes² as well as unrestricted homes.³ There was a nearly equal number of restricted (2,083) and unrestricted (2,109) foster homes. (**Table 12A** on page 51)
- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'1998, 29% of all DCF foster homes were restricted homes. Restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes gradually reached a level of 52% in the 2nd Quarter of FY'2004. Restricted homes remained at 52-53% until the 3rd Quarter of FY'2007. From the 3rd Quarter of FY'2007 through the 1st Quarter of FY'2010, the proportion of restricted homes fluctuated between 49% and 51%. (**See graph** on next page)
- Statewide, 80% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were White and 64% were married. (**Table 12A, Table 12C** on page 52)
- Statewide, 71% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White and 52% were married. (**Tables 12A and 12C**)
- Twelve percent (521) of all foster homes were identified as Black (283 restricted and 238 unrestricted). (**Table 12A**)
- Fifteen percent (618) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (295 restricted and 323 unrestricted). (**Table 12B** on page 51)

¹ 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.

² Child-specific and kinship placements occur (1) when a court orders a child to be placed in a specific foster home; or (2) when a child requires placement and the child or his/her parent(s) has 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.

³ 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.

RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FOSTER HOMES*
END OF 3RD QUARTER OF FY'1998 (3/31/98) TO END OF 1ST QUARTER OF FY'2010 (9/30/09)



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

— UNRESTRICTED - - - - - RESTRICTED

TABLE 12A. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DCF REGION: FY'2010, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region										Adoption Contracts ¹	Total				
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast				Boston			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Restricted:	393		319		377		265		506		196		27		2,083	
White	326	83%	189	59%	272	72%	204	77%	415	82%	68	35%	14	52%	1,488	71%
Black	43	11%	16	5%	34	9%	26	10%	52	10%	107	55%	5	19%	283	14%
Asian	1	*	2	1%	15	4%	2	1%	---	---	---	---	---	---	20	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	7	1%	---	---	---	---	7	*
Other ²	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	1	*
Multi-Racial	1	*	1	*	4	1%	1	*	2	*	---	---	---	---	9	*
Unable to Determine ³	20	5%	106	33%	49	13%	29	11%	27	5%	20	10%	5	19%	256	12%
Missing	2	1%	5	2%	3	1%	3	1%	2	*	1	1%	3	11%	19	1%
Unrestricted:	473		306		251		305		491		181		102		2,109	
White	392	83%	254	83%	211	84%	259	85%	405	82%	69	38%	92	90%	1,682	80%
Black	45	10%	9	3%	13	5%	35	11%	41	8%	90	50%	5	5%	238	11%
Asian	2	*	---	---	9	4%	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	2%	13	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	4	1%	---	---	---	---	5	*
Multi-Racial	18	4%	3	1%	3	1%	3	1%	2	*	---	---	---	---	29	1%
Unable to Determine ³	16	3%	40	13%	13	5%	7	2%	39	8%	22	12%	3	3%	140	7%
Unknown	---	---	---	---	2	1%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*
Total	866		625		628		570		997		377		129		4,192	

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'2010, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09)

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region										Adoption Contracts ¹	Total				
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast				Boston			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Restricted:	393		319		377		265		506		196		27		2,083	
Hispanic/Latino	63	16%	49	15%	78	21%	22	8%	35	7%	40	20%	8	30%	295	14%
Not Hispanic/Latino	319	81%	180	56%	280	74%	227	86%	455	90%	153	78%	16	59%	1,630	78%
Unable to Determine ²	8	2%	84	26%	17	5%	13	5%	12	2%	2	1%	1	4%	137	7%
Missing	3	1%	6	2%	2	1%	3	1%	4	1%	1	1%	2	7%	21	1%
Unrestricted:	473		306		251		305		491		181		102		2,109	
Hispanic/Latino	101	21%	56	18%	63	25%	9	3%	46	9%	41	23%	7	7%	323	15%
Not Hispanic/Latino	369	78%	240	78%	182	73%	287	94%	428	87%	139	77%	94	92%	1,739	82%
Unable to Determine ²	3	1%	10	3%	4	2%	9	3%	16	3%	1	1%	1	1%	44	2%
Unknown	---	---	---	---	2	1%	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	3	*
Total	866		625		628		570		997		377		129		4,192	

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'2010, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/09) ⁽¹⁾

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region										Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	Total				
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast					Boston		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%				No.	%	
Restricted:	393		319		377		265		506		196		27		2,083	
Married	228	58%	184	58%	192	51%	138	52%	273	54%	57	29%	12	44%	1,084	52%
Single	89	23%	80	25%	105	28%	77	29%	121	24%	95	48%	10	37%	577	28%
Divorced	48	12%	32	10%	50	13%	25	9%	68	13%	20	10%	4	15%	247	12%
Widowed	14	4%	9	3%	13	3%	12	5%	26	5%	13	7%	---	---	87	4%
Separated	12	3%	7	2%	15	4%	9	3%	16	3%	10	5%	---	---	69	3%
Unspecified	2	1%	7	2%	2	1%	4	2%	2	*	1	1%	1	4%	19	1%
Unrestricted:	473		306		251		305		491		181		102		2,109	
Married	306	65%	228	75%	149	59%	210	69%	321	65%	59	33%	70	69%	1,343	64%
Single	85	18%	39	13%	53	21%	63	21%	82	17%	85	47%	24	24%	431	20%
Divorced	54	11%	29	9%	35	14%	22	7%	64	13%	25	14%	6	6%	235	11%
Widowed	14	3%	8	3%	5	2%	5	2%	9	2%	8	4%	2	2%	51	2%
Separated	14	3%	2	1%	8	3%	5	2%	15	3%	4	2%	---	---	48	2%
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	866		625		628		570		997		377		129		4,192	

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, Initial Assessments, and DA Referrals

DCF Integrated Casework Practice Model

In August 2009, DCF implemented the Integrated Case Practice Model (ICPM).¹ This new system is designed to: stabilize families so that children can safely remain at home; reduce repeat maltreatment of children; and effectively target DCF resources to meet the needs of families requiring DCF services. An important component of ICPM is the “Differential Response” process for handling reports of child maltreatment. The differential response allows reports to be screened-in for an investigation response or an assessment response. Not all reports of abuse or neglect require the same type of intervention. An assessment response provides an alternative to a CPS investigation. DCF is able to engage families more quickly in an assessment when the reported concern does not warrant a formal investigation of an allegation. The assessment response does not apply to cases where there has been an allegation of sexual abuse, serious physical abuse, or serious neglect.

Reports

- Statewide, 17,437 reports were recorded during the 1st Quarter of FY’2010. Fifty-eight percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation and 5% were screened-in for initial assessment. Ten percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. **(Table 13 on page 55)**
- Among regions, reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West (3,118) and Southeast (2,525). The Judge Baker Children’s Center (hotline) recorded 5,387 reports.
- Regional screen-in rates for an investigation response ranged from 44% in Metro to 62% in both the Southeast and Boston. The screen-in rate for investigations at the Judge Baker Children’s Center was 65%. **(Table 13, Fig. 18 on page 56)**
- Regional screen-in rates for initial assessments ranged from 3% in the Southeast to 7% each in the Northeast, Central, and Metro. The screen-in rate for initial assessments at the Judge Baker Children’s Center was 3%. **(Table 13, Fig. 18 on page 56)**
- The DCF Regions screened-in 2-5% 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)**

¹ See DCF website at www.mass.gov/dcf; look under INITIATIVES and select Integrated Casework Practice Model (ICPM).

- Statewide, reports dropped -18% from the 4th Quarter of FY'2009 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2010. Regional changes ranged from -27% in the Northeast to -16% in the Southeast. Typically, report counts decline during the summer quarter (Q1) then rise during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). (**Fig. 21** on page 57)

Initial Assessments

- There were 268 initial assessments completed during the 1st Quarter of FY'2010. This assessment count is not a quarterly count since the differential response system began in August 2009 (vs. July - September). In 33% of the initial assessments, the assessment decision was “concern” and in 67% the decision was “low or no concern.” The assessment decisions are defined as “concerns of safety or risk that warrant DCF services” and “no concern or minimal risk of future abuse/neglect.” (**Table 14B**)

Investigations

- The number of investigations completed during the 1st Quarter of FY'2010 was 8,330.¹ Twelve of these investigations resulted from report(s) screened-in for initial assessment. This conversion from an initial assessment to an investigation occurred because: (1) during the initial assessment, DCF received another child maltreatment report on a family; or (2) upon completion of an initial assessment, the DCF social worker filed a report on the family. In both cases, the filed reports met the criteria for a mandatory CPS investigation response. Of the 12 abovementioned investigations, the allegations of maltreatment were supported for 7 and unsupported for 5.
- Fifty-five percent of the investigations resulted in supported allegations of maltreatment. (**Table 14A** on page 55)
- The Southeast and West conducted more investigations (1,751 and 1,622, respectively) than the other regions. Regional support rates went from a low of 49% in the Northeast to a high of 57% in both Boston and Central. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 72% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. (**Table 14A, Fig. 19** on page 56)
- Statewide, investigations decreased -28% from the 4th Quarter of FY'2009 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2010. Over the same period, regional changes in investigations ranged from -38% in the Northeast to -22% in the Southeast. (**Fig. 22** on page 57)

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

TABLE 13. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2010, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/09 - 9/30/09)

DCF Geographic Region	Screening Decision								Total	
	Screened-Out		Screened-In for Investigation				Screened-In for Assessment			
	No.	%	Non-Emergency		Emergency		No.	%	No.	%
West	1,244	40%	1,631	52%	104	3%	139	4%	3,118	18%
Central	750	42%	872	48%	62	3%	120	7%	1,804	10%
Northeast	827	46%	769	43%	89	5%	120	7%	1,805	10%
Metro	781	49%	656	41%	53	3%	112	7%	1,602	9%
Southeast	892	35%	1,492	59%	62	2%	79	3%	2,525	14%
Boston	381	32%	684	58%	43	4%	68	6%	1,176	7%
Judge Baker Children's Center	1,688	31%	2,277	42%	1,244	23%	178	3%	5,387	31%
Special Investigations	3	15%	17	85%	---	---	---	---	20	*
Total	6,566	38%	8,398	48%	1,657	10%	816	5%	17,437	100%

TABLE 14A. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DCF REGION: FY'2010, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/09 - 9/30/09)

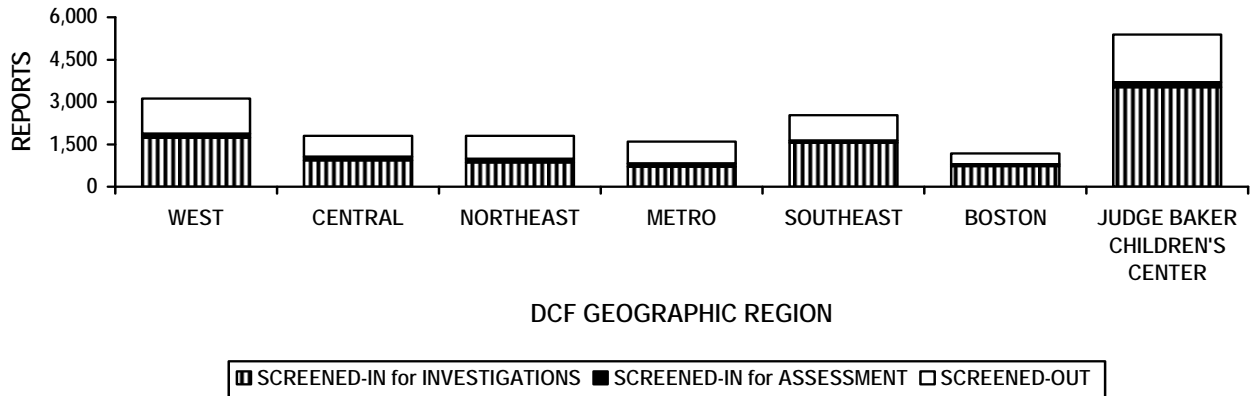
DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Total	
	Supported		Unsupported			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
West	914	56%	708	44%	1,622	19%
Central	567	57%	421	43%	988	12%
Northeast	489	49%	511	51%	1,000	12%
Metro	423	52%	394	48%	817	10%
Southeast	986	56%	765	44%	1,751	21%
Boston	463	57%	343	43%	806	10%
Judge Baker Children's Center	713	72%	274	28%	987	12%
Special Investigations	65	18%	294	82%	359	4%
Total	4,620	55%	3,710	45%	8,330	100%

TABLE 14B. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INITIAL ASSESSMENTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2010, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/09 - 9/30/09)

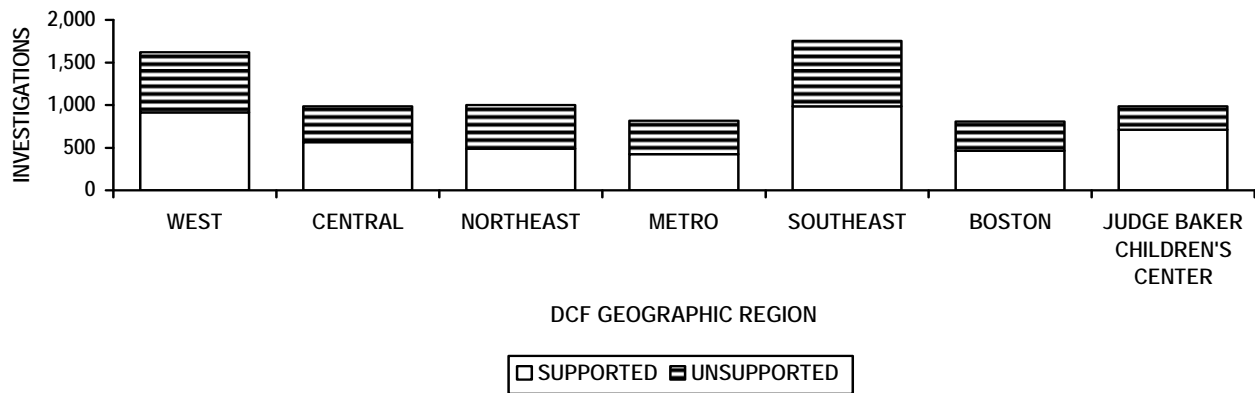
DCF Geographic Region	Assessment Decision				Total	
	Concern		Low/No Concern			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
West	18	35%	33	65%	51	19%
Central	17	38%	28	62%	45	17%
Northeast	12	26%	34	74%	46	17%
Metro	18	36%	32	64%	50	19%
Southeast	9	23%	31	78%	40	15%
Boston	15	42%	21	58%	36	13%
Total	89	33%	179	67%	268	100%

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'2010, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/09 - 9/30/09)**



**FIGURE 19. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS
(INVESTIGATION DECISION BY DCF REGION)
FY'2010, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/09 - 9/30/09)**



**FIGURE 20. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INITIAL ASSESSMENTS
(INITIAL ASSESSMENTS DECISION BY DCF REGION)
FY'2010, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/09 - 9/30/09)**

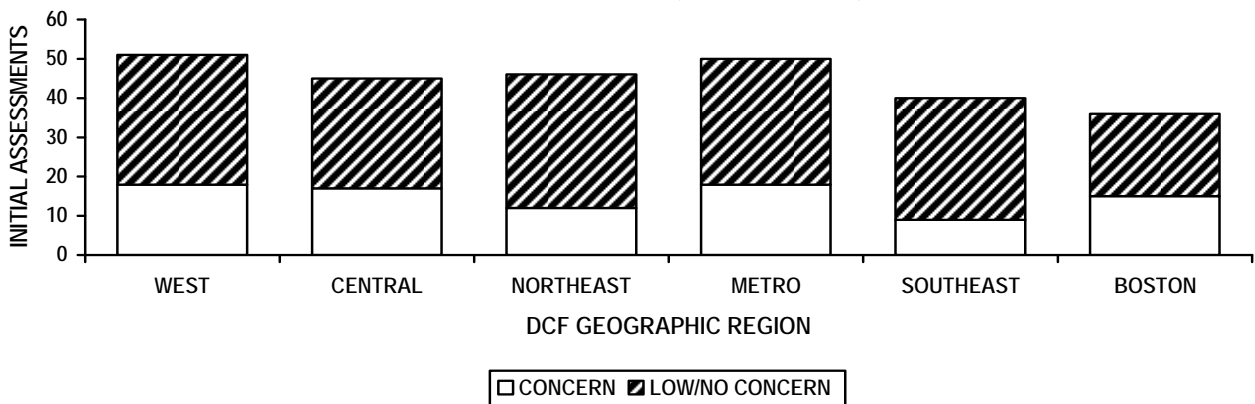


FIGURE 21. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2009, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2010, 1ST QUARTER)

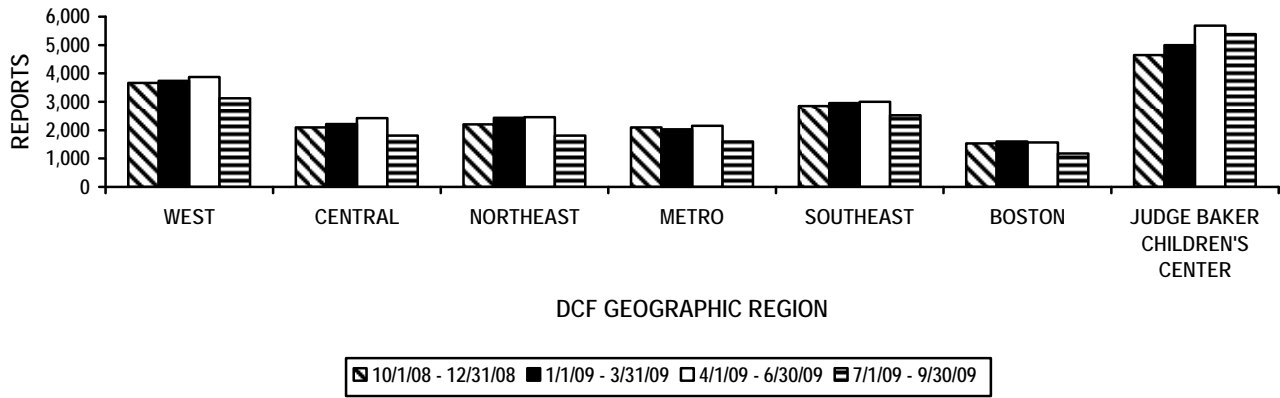


FIGURE 22. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2009, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2010, 1ST QUARTER)

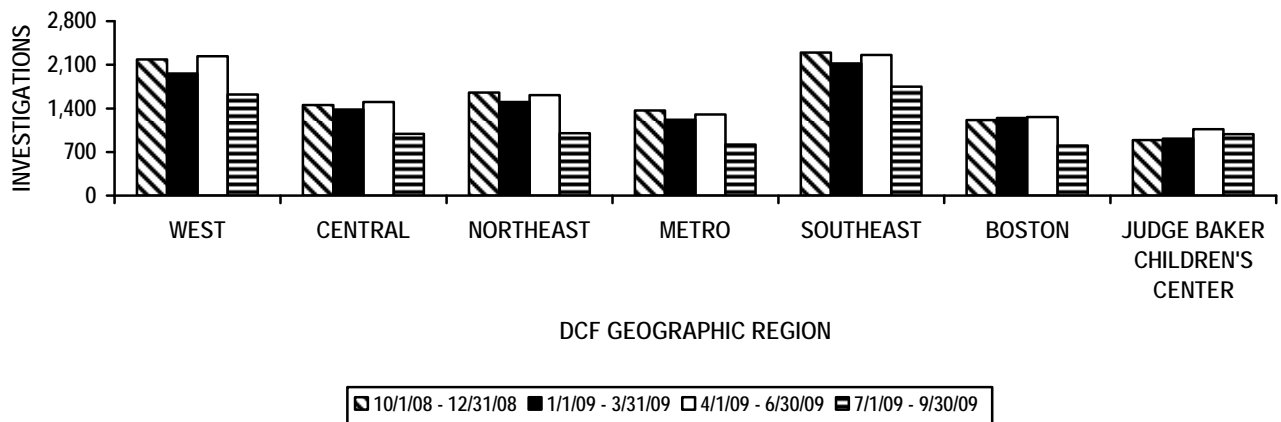
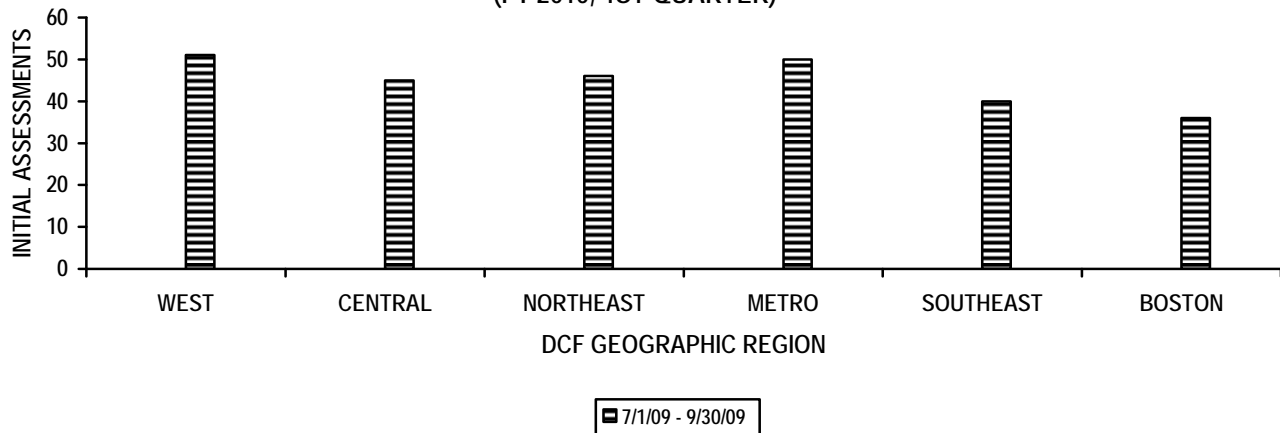


FIGURE 23. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INITIAL ASSESSMENTS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2010, 1ST QUARTER)



DA Referrals

- During the 1st Quarter of FY'2010, 1,217 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (See table below). Fifty-three percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals¹ and 47% were discretionary referrals² (**Fig. 24** on page 61). The annual proportion of mandatory referrals has risen the past three fiscal years (See table below).

Case Referrals*

Time Period	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'2003 Total	2,089	47%	2,310	53%	4,399
FY'2004 Total	2,101	47%	2,399	53%	4,500
FY'2005 Total	2,122	46%	2,459	54%	4,581
FY'2006, Q1	490	44%	614	56%	1,104
FY'2006, Q2	509	44%	659	56%	1,168
FY'2006, Q3	518	44%	651	56%	1,169
FY'2006, Q4	560	43%	742	57%	1,302
FY'2006 Total	2,077	44%	2,666	56%	4,743
FY'2007, Q1	532	49%	554	51%	1,086
FY'2007, Q2	577	49%	606	51%	1,183
FY'2007, Q3	559	47%	626	53%	1,185
FY'2007, Q4	611	49%	645	51%	1,256
FY'2007 Total	2,279	48%	2,431	52%	4,710
FY'2008, Q1	538	46%	631	54%	1,169
FY'2008, Q2	596	50%	595	50%	1,191
FY'2008, Q3	656	49%	691	51%	1,347
FY'2008, Q4	771	51%	735	49%	1,506
FY'2008 Total	2,561	49%	2,652	51%	5,213
FY'2009, Q1	676	52%	631	48%	1,307
FY'2009, Q2	740	51%	710	49%	1,450
FY'2009, Q3	705	50%	706	50%	1,411
FY'2009, Q4	806	52%	737	48%	1,543
FY'2009 Total	2,927	51%	2,784	49%	5,711
FY'2010, Q1	649	53%	568	47%	1,217

* DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

¹ 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.

² 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 referrals¹ during the 1st Quarter of FY'2010 (**Fig. 25** on page 61, **Table 15** on page 62). Sixteen percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

Reasons for Mandatory Referrals

Time Period	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		Death ²		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'2003 Total	1,688	78%	461	21%	19	1%	2,168
FY'2004 Total	1,713	78%	450	21%	26	1%	2,189
FY'2005 Total	1,715	79%	456	21%	13	1%	2,184
FY'2006, Q1	432	86%	66	13%	5	1%	503
FY'2006, Q2	432	81%	99	19%	3	1%	534
FY'2006, Q3	445	83%	82	15%	7	1%	534
FY'2006, Q4	473	82%	95	16%	11	2%	579
FY'2006 Total	1,782	83%	342	16%	26	1%	2,150
FY'2007, Q1	472	85%	78	14%	7	1%	557
FY'2007, Q2	503	84%	90	15%	5	1%	598
FY'2007, Q3	473	82%	93	16%	10	2%	576
FY'2007, Q4	487	78%	129	21%	9	1%	625
FY'2007 Total	1,935	82%	390	17%	31	1%	2,356
FY'2008, Q1	443	78%	114	20%	11	2%	568
FY'2008, Q2	470	77%	130	21%	11	2%	611
FY'2008, Q3	534	79%	127	19%	11	2%	672
FY'2008, Q4	602	76%	181	23%	5	1%	788
FY'2008 Total	2,049	78%	552	21%	38	1%	2,639
FY'2009, Q1	569	81%	127	18%	7	1%	703
FY'2009, Q2	629	82%	130	17%	7	1%	766
FY'2009, Q3	577	80%	140	19%	4	1%	721
FY'2009, Q4	638	77%	175	21%	11	1%	824
FY'2009 Total	2,413	80%	572	19%	29	1%	3,014
FY'2010, Q1	541	81%	108	16%	15	2%	664

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

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

² 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 62) 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 estimates¹ for children less than 18 years old, Norfolk and Barnstable Counties had lower numbers of referrals than expected while Berkshire and Hampden (encompasses the city of Springfield) had higher numbers of referrals than expected.
- Table 17 (on page 62) shows mandatory case referral reasons and child's county of residence. Essex, Worcester, Suffolk, and Middlesex Counties accounted for 64% of the mandatory case referrals for sexual abuse (includes sexual assault and sexual exploitation). The same four counties accounted for 68% of the mandatory case referrals for serious physical abuse.

¹ 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'2010, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/09 - 9/30/09)

FIGURE 24. TYPE OF CASE REFERRAL (Case Count)

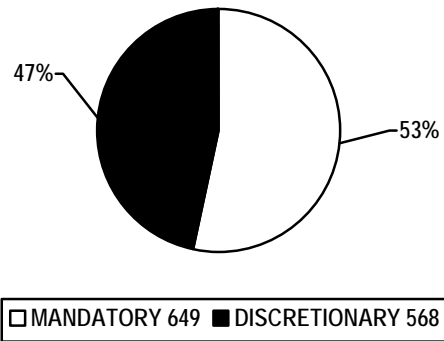
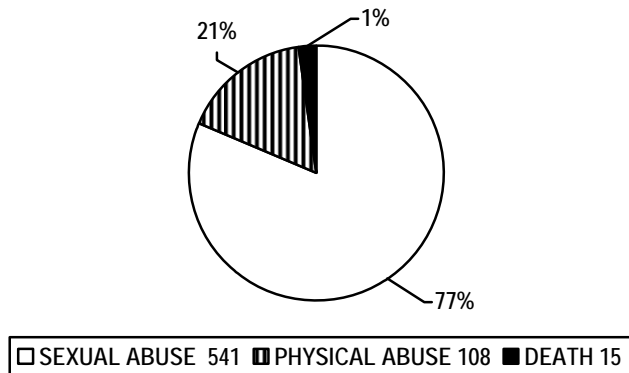


FIGURE 25. REASON FOR MANDATORY REFERRALS (Reason Count)



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'2010, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/09 - 9/30/09)

Nature of Abuse	Reasons ⁽¹⁾	
	No.	%
Sexual Abuse:	541	81%
Sexual Assault	520	
Sexual Exploitation	21	
.....		
Serious Physical Abuse:	108	16%
.....		
Death:	15	2%
Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals	664	100%

TABLE 16. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY: FY'2010, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/09 - 9/30/09)

County ⁽²⁾	Case Referrals				Total No.	2006 Children Under 18 years old (estimates)
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Worcester	85	44%	110	56%	195	188,163
Essex	73	38%	120	62%	193	176,236
Middlesex	91	48%	98	52%	189	323,225
Suffolk	99	53%	89	47%	188	140,437
Hampden	79	61%	50	39%	129	111,071
Berkshire	35	49%	36	51%	71	25,778
Bristol	29	41%	41	59%	70	125,467
Plymouth	35	64%	20	36%	55	121,754
Norfolk	32	62%	20	38%	52	150,875
Franklin	2	8%	24	92%	26	14,445
Hampshire	4	15%	22	85%	26	25,751
Barnstable	3	21%	11	79%	14	40,209
Dukes	---	---	1	100%	1	3,398
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---	1,828
OUT OF STATE	1	13%	7	88%	8	---
Total	568		649		1,217	

TABLE 17. MANDATORY CASE REFERRAL REASONS BY COUNTY: ⁽¹⁾
 FY'2010, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/09 - 9/30/09)

County ⁽²⁾	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals ⁽¹⁾					Total No.
	Sexual Assault No.	Sexual Exploitation No.	Serious Physical Abuse/Injury No.	Death No.	Unspecified No.	
Essex	86	2	32	1	---	121
Worcester	94	3	14	4	---	115
Middlesex	83	2	12	2	---	99
Suffolk	68	5	15	2	---	90
Hampden	43	3	5	2	---	53
Bristol	27	2	11	1	---	41
Berkshire	28	---	7	1	---	36
Franklin	18	1	5	---	---	24
Hampshire	22	1	---	---	---	23
Norfolk	16	1	4	1	---	22
Plymouth	18	---	2	---	---	20
Barnstable	10	---	---	1	---	11
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---	---
Dukes	1	---	---	---	---	1
OUT OF STATE	6	1	1	---	---	8
Total:	520	21	108	15	---	664

⁽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.