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OBSERVATIONS (Regional and Statewide)

Consumer and Case Counts

- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2010, DCF had 23,454 open cases (1,825 adoption cases and 21,629 clinical cases). A total of 77,200 consumers¹ (37,105 adults and 40,095 children) were being served. Case counts ranged from 3,093 in the Boston Region to 4,997 in the Southeastern Region. (**Table 1** on page 7)
- From the 1st to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2010, consumer counts decreased 4% and case counts dropped 4%. This change in case and consumer counts did not follow the usual pattern. 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 (8,024) decreased 5% from the 1st to the 2nd 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 DCF consumer population (77,200) has decreased 13% since reaching its highest level of 88,568 at the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2009. (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	12/2009	77,200	40,095	8,024	37,105

* revised counts

Source: ASSIST (6/1983-1/1998) and FamilyNet (9/1998-12/2009)

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 9,631 individuals in placement on the last day of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2010. Included in this count are 8,024 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,607 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, 12% in the Metro Region, and 12% in the Boston Region. (Table 1)
- Statewide, 20% (or 8,024) of all children (less than 18 years old) with open cases were in placement. The regional statistics for children in placement as a proportion of all children receiving services were: 21% in the Northeast, 20% in the West, 19% in Central, 19% in Metro, 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, Lynn, 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 Cambridge Area Offices. (Table 2)
- From the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2010, the number of children in placement dropped 5% statewide. Regional changes ranged from -1% in the Southeast to -8% in Metro. 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 2nd Quarter of FY'2010, there were 32,071 children less than 18 years old with an active case status who were not in placement. From the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2010, counts of children not in placement decreased 4% statewide. Regional changes ranged from less than -1% in Central to -10% in the Northeast. 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 2nd Quarter of FY'2010, the consumer population included 40,095 (52%) children less than 18 years old and 37,105 (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 (14,201) 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 54% 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% (19,505 consumers) were of Hispanic origin. Regionally, the highest proportions (and numbers) of Hispanic consumers were in the West and Northeast. Hispanic origin could not be determined for 4% of DCF consumers. Hispanic origin was not recorded (missing) for 13% of DCF consumers. **(Table 3B on page 12, Figs. 6C and 6D on page 14)**
- The Boston Region’s caseload was comprised of 44% Black and 22% White consumers (4,417 and 2,254 consumers, respectively). Asians were most prominent in the Northeast--6% of the caseload (709 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.

Race	Children Less than 18 Years Old								
	State Census ² 2000	DCF Not in Substitute Care 12/31/09	DCF All in Substitute Care* 12/31/09	DCF Foster Care 12/31/09	DCF Congregate Care** 12/31/09	DCF All Care w/Goal of Adoption 12/31/09	DCF All Care w/Goal of Guardianship 12/31/09	DCF Adoptions Legalized FY'2009	DCF Guardianships Legalized FY'2009
White	79%	55%	58%	58%	57%	58%	64%	64%	61%
Black	7%	17%	20%	19%	21%	18%	18%	13%	19%
Asian	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	<1%	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	----	----	----
Multi-Racial	4%	4%	6%	6%	5%	9%	6%	8%	5%
Other/Unknown	6%	21%	14%	14%	14%	15%	10%	14%	13%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	1,500,064	32,071	8,024	6,132	1,532	2,348	573	782	554
Hispanic Origin ³ Yes	11%	32%	27%	26%	26%	28%	23%	21%	20%
Hispanic Origin No	89%	61%	68%	68%	70%	65%	72%	70%	73%
Hispanic Origin Unknown	----	7%	5%	6%	4%	7%	5%	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% (1,163 consumers), 8% (924), and 10% (989), respectively. Khmer (Cambodian) was the preferred language of 251 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 December 2009, showed an increase in some language groups and a decrease in others. The most significant changes were a 36% gain in Cape Verdean speakers and 29% 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 2%.

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Primary Language	Consumers Jul. 1987 No.	Consumers Jul. 1997 No.	Consumers Jun. 2007 No.	Consumers Dec. 2009 No.	1987-1997 Change %	1997-2007 Change %
English/Unspecified*	60,784	66,404	71,398	70,095	9%	8%
Spanish	3,664	6,334	4,516	4,572	73%	-29%
Khmer Cambodian	253	851	356	251	236%	-58%
Portuguese	530	380	303	302	-28%	-20%
Haitian Creole	175	360	260	251	106%	-28%
Cape Verdean Creole	174	247	146	199	42%	-41%
Vietnamese	146	273	167	149	87%	-39%
Chinese	71	61	54	62	-14%	-11%
American Sign Language	47	23	41	43	-51%	78%
Lao	30	74	20	32	147%	-73%
Other	213	310	1,459	1,244	46%	371%
Total	66,087	75,317	78,720	77,200	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 2ND QUARTER (12/31/09)

Case Counts:	DCF Geographic Region						Adoption		Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
Adoption	386	261	283	221	315	198	159	2	1,825
Clinical	4,455	3,119	3,400	2,994	4,682	2,895	4	80	21,629
Total	4,841	3,380	3,683	3,215	4,997	3,093	163	82	23,454
Consumer Counts:									
Adults: ⁽³⁾									
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	247	180	323	235	308	228	---	39	1,560
Other ⁽⁶⁾	2	1	3	3	1	9	---	13	32
On the Run	1	2	4	1	2	5	---	---	15
Total in Placement	250	183	330	239	311	242	---	52	1,607
Not in Placement	7,643	5,194	5,180	4,816	8,021	4,633	---	11	35,498
Total Adults	7,893	5,377	5,510	5,055	8,332	4,875	---	63	37,105
Children:									
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	1,671	1,117	1,238	918	1,540	893	256	31	7,664
Other ⁽⁶⁾	30	30	57	22	34	31	---	4	208
On the Run	35	13	29	22	23	30	---	---	152
Total in Placement	1,736	1,160	1,324	962	1,597	954	256	35	8,024
Not in Placement	7,099	5,094	4,882	4,090	6,662	4,223	17	4	32,071
Total Children	8,835	6,254	6,206	5,052	8,259	5,177	273	39	40,095
Total	16,728	11,631	11,716	10,107	16,591	10,052	273	102	77,200

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

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

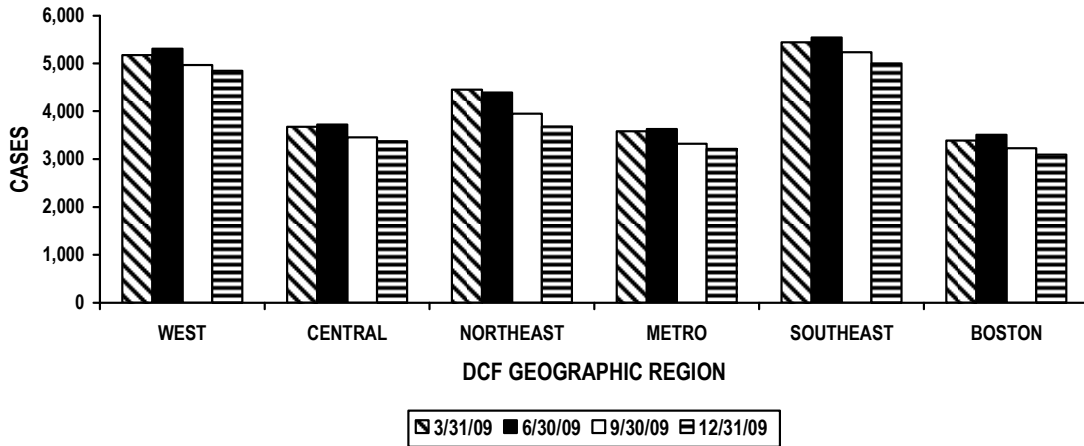
⁽³⁾ Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

⁽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 3RD QUARTER TO FY'2010, END OF 2ND QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2009, END OF 3RD QUARTER TO FY'2010, END OF 2ND QUARTER)**

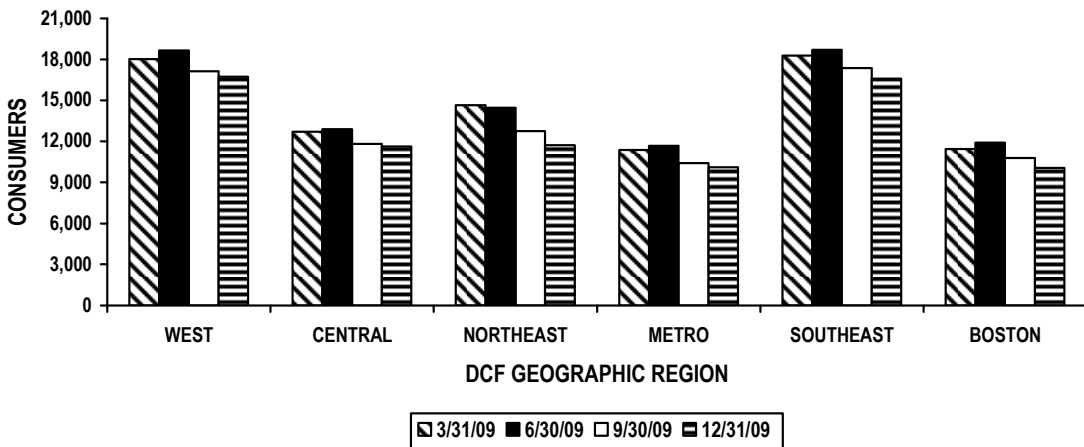
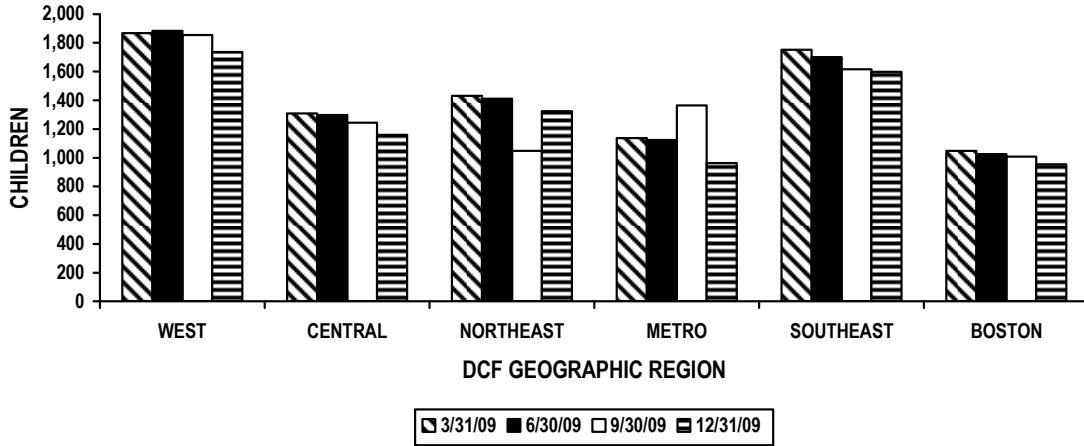


TABLE 2. CHILD⁽¹⁾ CASELOAD BY DCF AREA OFFICE: FY'2010, End of 2ND QUARTER 12/31/09)

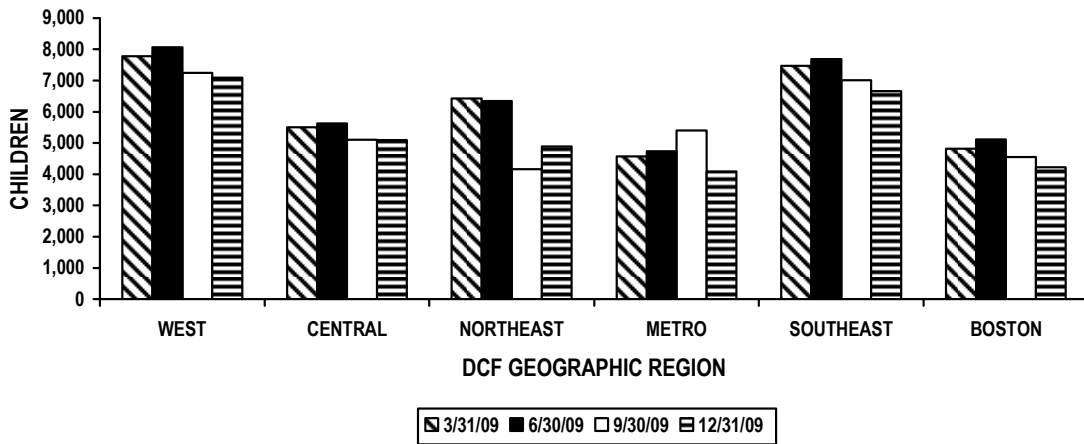
DCF Region/Area	Not in Placement	In Placement	Total Child Caseload	% in Placement
Greenfield	883	289	1,172	25%
Holyoke	1,272	330	1,602	21%
Pittsfield	838	381	1,219	31%
Robert Van Wart	2,126	342	2,468	14%
Springfield	1,973	394	2,367	17%
Ctr Human Dev (PAS West)	7	---	7	---
Western	7,099	1,736	8,835	20%
North Central	1,558	280	1,838	15%
South Central	910	250	1,160	22%
Worcester East	1,498	343	1,841	19%
Worcester West	1,120	284	1,404	20%
Contracted Agencies	8	3	11	27%
Central	5,094	1,160	6,254	19%
Cape Ann	777	219	996	22%
Haverhill	732	175	907	19%
Lawrence	1,028	224	1,252	18%
Lowell	1,410	418	1,828	23%
Lynn	926	287	1,213	24%
Contracted Agencies	9	1	10	10%
Northeast	4,882	1,324	6,206	21%
Arlington	646	181	827	22%
Cambridge	734	138	872	16%
Coastal	818	236	1,054	22%
Framingham	778	176	954	18%
Malden	1,114	230	1,344	17%
Contracted Agencies	---	1	1	100%
Metro	4,090	962	5,052	19%
Brockton	1,120	251	1,371	18%
Cape Cod	833	208	1,041	20%
Fall River	1,154	364	1,518	24%
New Bedford	1,675	377	2,052	18%
Plymouth	994	213	1,207	18%
Taunton/Attleboro	872	180	1,052	17%
Contracted Agencies	14	4	18	22%
Southeast	6,662	1,597	8,259	19%
Dimock Street	816	213	1,029	21%
Harbor	1,377	231	1,608	14%
Hyde Park	824	202	1,026	20%
Park Street	1,199	303	1,502	20%
Contracted Agencies	7	5	12	42%
Boston	4,223	954	5,177	18%
Adoption Contracts⁽²⁾	17	256	273	94%
Other⁽³⁾	4	35	39	90%
Total	32,071	8,024	40,095	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.

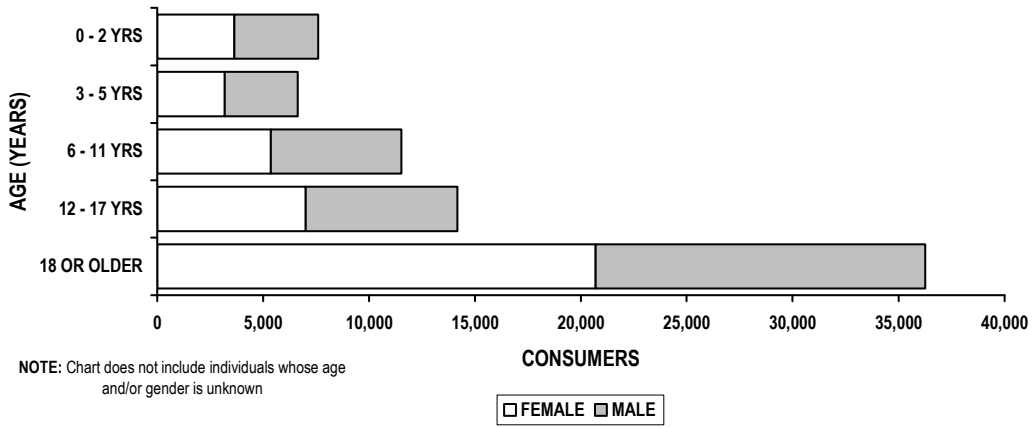
**FIGURE 3. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2009, END OF 3RD QUARTER TO FY'2010, END OF 2ND QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 4. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2009, END OF 3RD QUARTER TO FY'2010, END OF 2ND QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 5. AGE AND SEX OF CONSUMERS: STATEWIDE
FY'2010, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/09)**



Age (Yrs)	Sex			Total
	Female	Male	Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	
0 - 2	3,645	3,958	46	7,649
3 - 5	3,183	3,459	24	6,666
6 - 11	5,370	6,160	30	11,560
12 - 17	7,022	7,156	23	14,201
18 or older	20,695	15,567	456	36,718
Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	60	184	162	406
Total	39,975	36,484	741	77,200

⁽¹⁾ Unspecified includes 387 individuals with the role "Consumer Adult" and 19 individuals with the role "Consumer Child" whose ages were unknown and 741 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.

TABLE 3A. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2010, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/09)

Race	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption		Total			
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
White	8,817	53%	7,468	64%	6,648	57%	5,932	59%	10,768	65%	2,254	22%	121	44%	8	8%	42,016	54%
Black	1,916	11%	1,017	9%	1,071	9%	1,763	17%	2,547	15%	4,417	44%	55	20%	51	50%	12,837	17%
Asian	55	*	135	1%	709	6%	258	3%	97	1%	249	2%	2	1%	32	31%	1,537	2%
Native American	17	*	22	*	18	*	12	*	64	*	15	*	1	*	---	---	149	*
Other ⁽³⁾	19	*	9	*	13	*	5	*	11	*	13	*	---	---	---	---	70	*
Multi-Racial	434	3%	416	4%	434	4%	244	2%	552	3%	161	2%	36	13%	---	---	2,277	3%
Unable to Determine	3,036	18%	1,754	15%	2,143	18%	995	10%	1,085	7%	1,997	20%	58	21%	10	10%	11,078	14%
Missing	2,434	15%	810	7%	680	6%	898	9%	1,467	9%	946	9%	---	---	1	1%	7,236	9%
Total	16,728	100%	11,631	100%	11,716	100%	10,107	100%	16,591	100%	10,052	100%	273	100%	102	100%	77,200	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 2ND QUARTER (12/31/09)

Origin	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption		Total			
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽²⁾		Other ⁽³⁾		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	5,369	32%	3,292	28%	3,915	33%	1,532	15%	2,214	13%	3,074	31%	88	32%	21	21%	19,505	25%
Not Hispanic/Latino	8,041	48%	6,903	59%	6,515	56%	6,577	65%	11,643	70%	5,332	53%	161	59%	76	75%	45,248	59%
Unable to Determine	730	4%	316	3%	340	3%	435	4%	599	4%	343	3%	24	9%	1	1%	2,788	4%
Missing	2,588	15%	1,120	10%	946	8%	1,563	15%	2,135	13%	1,303	13%	---	---	4	4%	9,659	13%
Total	16,728	100%	11,631	100%	11,716	100%	10,107	100%	16,591	100%	10,052	100%	273	100%	102	100%	77,200	100%

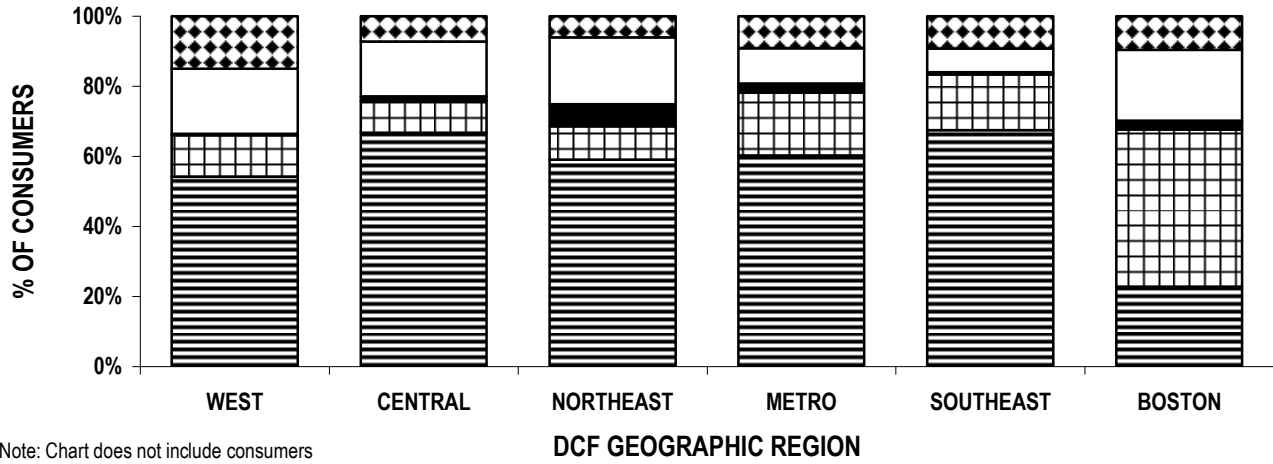
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽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.

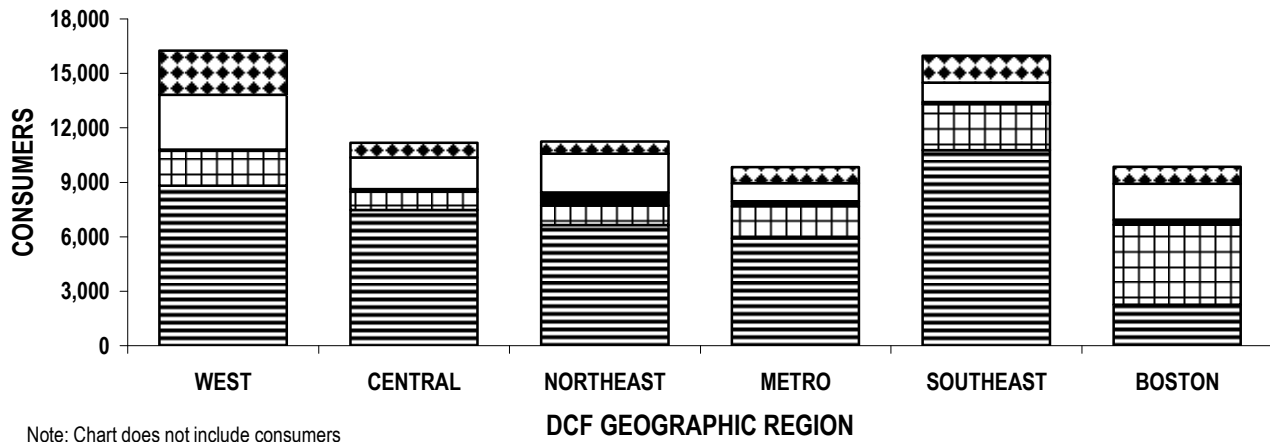
**FIGURE 6A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'2010, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/09)**



Note: Chart does not include consumers categorized as Native American, Multi-Racial, or Other.

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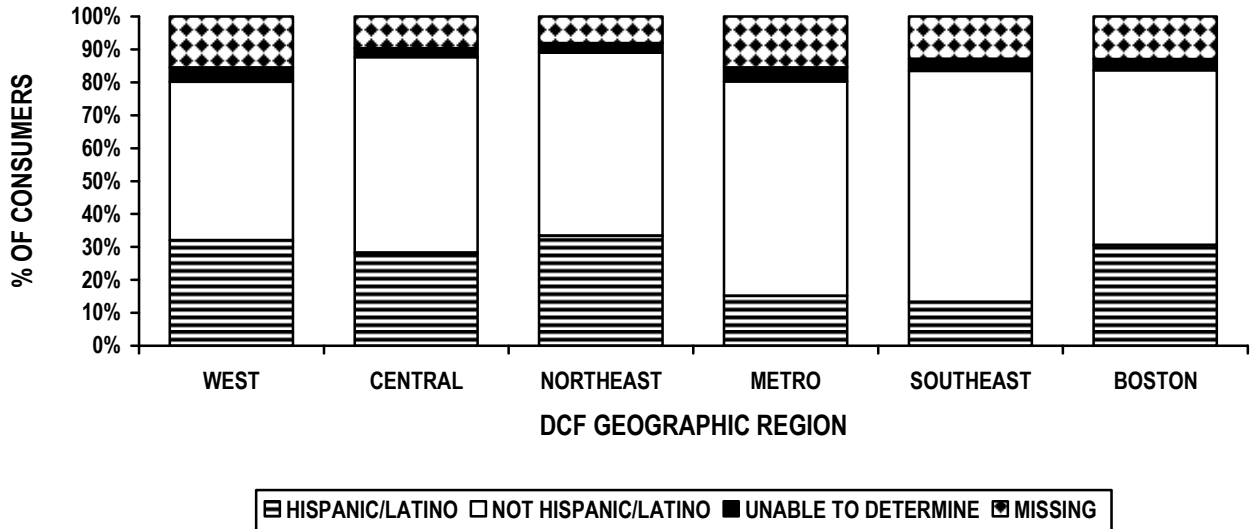
**FIGURE 6B. REGIONAL COUNT OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'2010, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/09)**



Note: Chart does not include consumers categorized as Native American, Multi-Racial, or Other.

WHITE BLACK ASIAN UNABLE TO DETERMINE MISSING

**FIGURE 6C. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN
FY'2010, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/09)**



**FIGURE 6D. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN
FY'2010, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/09)**

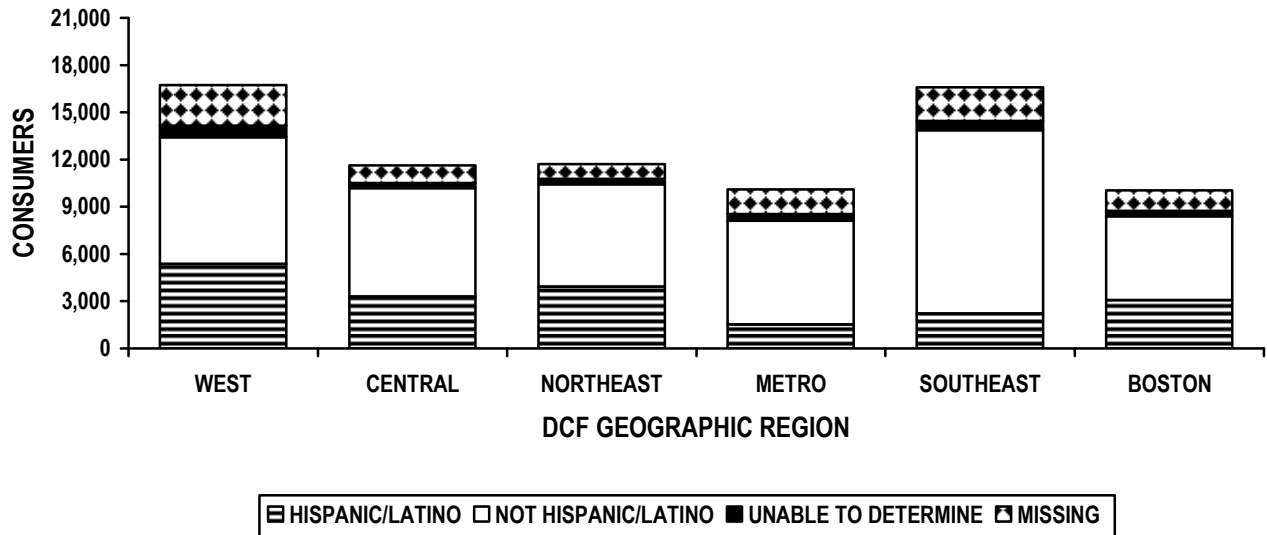


TABLE 4. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2010, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/09)

Primary Language	DCF Geographic Region														Total			
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾				Other ⁽²⁾	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spanish	1,163	7%	700	6%	924	8%	396	4%	371	2%	989	10%	10	4%	19	19%	4,572	6%
Khmer (Cambodian)	3	*	1	*	200	2%	3	*	32	*	12	*	---	---	---	---	251	*
Portuguese	4	*	26	*	29	*	105	1%	111	1%	27	*	---	---	---	---	302	*
Haitian Creole	---	---	6	*	10	*	125	1%	46	*	64	1%	---	---	---	---	251	*
Cape Verdean Creole	---	---	---	---	4	*	9	*	120	1%	66	1%	---	---	---	---	199	*
Vietnamese	1	*	36	*	15	*	21	*	1	*	75	1%	---	---	---	---	149	*
Chinese	---	---	4	*	5	*	36	*	---	---	14	*	---	---	3	3%	62	*
Lao	1	*	---	---	31	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	32	*
American Sign Language	2	*	7	*	9	*	6	*	10	*	9	*	---	---	---	---	43	*
Other	308	2%	171	1%	133	1%	172	2%	263	2%	153	2%	1	*	43	42%	1,244	2%
English\Unspecified	15,246	91%	10,680	92%	10,356	88%	9,234	91%	15,637	94%	8,643	86%	262	96%	37	36%	70,095	91%
Total	16,728	100%	11,631	100%	11,716	100%	10,107	100%	16,591	100%	10,052	100%	273	100%	102	100%	77,200	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

Profile of Consumers in Placement⁶

Foster and Congregate Care

- There were 7,333 consumers in foster care and 1,891 consumers in congregate care⁷ on the last day of the 2nd 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, Northeastern, and Metro Regions. (**Table 5A** on page 25)
- The largest age group in foster care was 12-17 years (29-34% range across regions). Among regions, the West, Southeast, and Northeast had the highest numbers of adolescents in foster care, 554, 423, and 394, respectively. (**Table 5A**)
- Adolescents were the primary age group in congregate care, ranging from 63% to 74% across the regions. The Southeastern, Metro, and Northeastern Regions had the largest adolescent populations in congregate care, 257, 255, and 240, respectively. (**Table 5A**)
- Consumers in “Other” placement locations⁸ were primarily adolescents (76-93% regional range). (**Table 5A**)
- There were 1,982 consumers in “Intensive” foster care⁹ (IFC) and 5,351 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 (14%). (**Table 5B** on page 26)
- The West (429), Northeast (366), and Southeast (342) had the highest numbers of consumers in IFC. (**Table 5B, Fig. 7B** on page 28).
- 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, 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 (and intensive foster care) are displayed for each region in Figure 7A (page 28). Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West. Southeast, Northeast, and Metro had the largest proportions of consumers in kinship homes. Consumers in child-specific homes were most evident in the West and 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)**
- The major congregate care programs were group homes (893 consumers), residential (697), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)¹⁰ (301 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 Region had the highest proportion of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential placements was most significant in Boston. Children in STARR placements were more prevalent in the Southeastern and Central 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) (392 consumers), group home (342), and independent living (159). **(Table 5C)**
- From the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2010, there was a statewide decrease of 4% in foster care children and a decrease of 3% in congregate care children.¹² Regional changes in the foster care population ranged from -1% in the Southeast to -6% in Central, Boston, and Metro. Changes in the congregate care population ranged from -1% in the Northeast to -7% in Metro. **(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 2nd 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, 57% 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% (2,486 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 and Northeastern 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 183 in the Central Region to 330 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 (32% of all consumers in placement), Adoption (24%), and Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement¹⁴ (APPLA) (21%). 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 12/31/2009, 37% 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 40% 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 (41%). Central had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (44%). The Southeast and West had the largest numbers of consumers in care for one year or less (837 and 806, respectively). The West and Northeast had the largest numbers of consumers in care for more than two years (706 and 680, 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, 36% for Unable to Determine, 32% for Multi-Racial, 31% 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 (December 31, 2009).

- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2010 (“snapshot” on 12/31/09), the median time in continuous care was 1.2 years and the median¹⁸ age was 11.7 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). (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
12/09	11.7	1.2	8,024

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 12/31/09, 49% 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 12/31/09*			
Race	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
White	11.7	1.2	4,642
Black	12.9	1.3	1,582
Asian	15.4	0.8	160
Native American	10.3	1.0	17
Pacific Islander	----	----	2
Multi-Racial	7.8	1.3	479
Unable to Determine	11.4	1.1	1,142
TOTAL	11.7	1.2	8,024
Hispanic Origin**	11.6	1.2	2,130

* = Children are less than 18 years old.

** = Children of any race who are Hispanic

Service Plan Goals of Consumers in Placement

- Thirty-one percent of Black consumers in placement had a goal of “Family Reunification,” compared to 33% for White and 32% 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—27% Black vs. 20% White and 19% Hispanic for APPLA; 20% Black vs. 25% White and 26% Hispanic for adoption.

Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,353 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,361 (59%) were White, 412 (18%) were Black, 23 (1%) were Asian, 5 (<1%) were Native American, and 203 (9%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 349 (15%) consumers. Twenty-eight percent (657) 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 2,353 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 26% age 0-2 years, 23% age 3-5 years, 35% age 6-11 years, and 16% 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-four 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 25-30%. On 12/31/2009, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption was 29%. (See table below)

Date	Children in Placement	Children in Placement with a Goal of Adoption	% of Children with a Goal of Adoption
7/91	12,397	3,541	29%
7/92	12,311	4,116	33%
7/93	12,577	4,244	34%
7/94	12,977	4,522	35%
7/95	13,056	4,352	33%
7/96	12,463	4,251	34%
7/97	11,957	3,673	31%
12/97	11,170	3,489	31%
9/98	10,872*	NA	NA
6/99	10,134*	3,118	31%
6/00	9,676*	3,089	32%
6/01	9,955*	2,859	29%
6/02	10,033	2,844	28%
6/03	10,233	2,864	28%
6/04	9,967*	2,541*	25%
6/05	9,709*	2,483*	26%
6/06	9,459*	2,342*	25%
6/07	9,109*	2,493*	27%
6/08	9,281	2,452	26%
6/09	8,694	2,448	28%
9/09	8,413	2,484	30%
12/09	8,024	2,348	29%

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

* = revised statistics

¹⁹ Children are less than 18 years old.

- Of the 2,353 “waiting” consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 37% were legally free for adoption. Seventy-six 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.

	Children in Placement 12/31/09		
	Children with Goal of Adoption & Legally Free for Adoption	All Children with Goal of Adoption	% Legally Free for Adoption
Age Group (years)	No.	No.	%
0 – 2	209	610	34%
3 – 5	203	535	38%
6 – 11	307	826	37%
12 – 17	163	377	43%
Total	882	2,348	38%

- Of those children with a goal of adoption who were not legally free for adoption (63%), 61% were matched to permanent families (**Fig. 12B**).
- The Southeastern and Boston Regions had the highest proportions (54% and 49%, respectively) of “waiting” children who were legally free for adoption. The proportion of legally free children ranged from 26% in the Northeast to 54% in the Southeast. (**Fig. 12C** on page 40)
- The Metro, Southeastern, and Western Regions had the highest proportions of “waiting” children who were matched to a permanent family (85%, 78%, and 77%, respectively). The proportion of children matched to a permanent family ranged from 50% in the Northeast to 85% 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 2ND QUARTER (12/31/09)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other ⁽²⁾		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western		1,606		312		68		1,986
	(0 - 2 yrs)	325	20%	---	---	---	---	325
	(3 - 5 yrs)	235	15%	1	*	---	---	236
	(6 - 11 yrs)	315	20%	41	13%	2	3%	358
	(12 - 17 yrs)	554	34%	200	64%	63	93%	817
	18 or older	177	11%	70	22%	3	4%	250
Central		1,066		231		46		1,343
	(0 - 2 yrs)	199	19%	1	*	2	4%	202
	(3 - 5 yrs)	132	12%	2	1%	---	---	134
	(6 - 11 yrs)	235	22%	49	21%	2	4%	286
	(12 - 17 yrs)	354	33%	145	63%	39	85%	538
	18 or older	146	14%	34	15%	3	7%	183
Northeast		1,204		357		93		1,654
	(0 - 2 yrs)	191	16%	---	---	5	5%	196
	(3 - 5 yrs)	155	13%	3	1%	2	2%	160
	(6 - 11 yrs)	221	18%	34	10%	8	9%	263
	(12 - 17 yrs)	394	33%	240	67%	71	76%	705
	18 or older	243	20%	80	22%	7	8%	330
Metro		810		343		48		1,201
	(0 - 2 yrs)	136	17%	---	---	2	4%	138
	(3 - 5 yrs)	86	11%	1	*	1	2%	88
	(6 - 11 yrs)	164	20%	25	7%	2	4%	191
	(12 - 17 yrs)	251	31%	255	74%	39	81%	545
	18 or older	173	21%	62	18%	4	8%	239
Southeast		1,483		365		60		1,908
	(0 - 2 yrs)	302	20%	1	*	2	3%	305
	(3 - 5 yrs)	239	16%	2	1%	---	---	241
	(6 - 11 yrs)	268	18%	48	13%	4	7%	320
	(12 - 17 yrs)	423	29%	257	70%	51	85%	731
	18 or older	251	17%	57	16%	3	5%	311
Boston		841		280		75		1,196
	(0 - 2 yrs)	159	19%	---	---	1	1%	160
	(3 - 5 yrs)	100	12%	1	*	---	---	101
	(6 - 11 yrs)	148	18%	29	10%	3	4%	180
	(12 - 17 yrs)	262	31%	194	69%	57	76%	513
	18 or older	172	20%	56	20%	14	19%	242
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		253		3		---		256
	(0 - 2 yrs)	41	16%	---	---	---	---	41
	(3 - 5 yrs)	54	21%	---	---	---	---	54
	(6 - 11 yrs)	117	46%	1	33%	---	---	118
	(12 - 17 yrs)	41	16%	2	67%	---	---	43
Other ⁽⁴⁾		70		---		17		87
	(0 - 2 yrs)	1	1%	---	---	---	---	1
	(3 - 5 yrs)	1	1%	---	---	---	---	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	2	3%	---	---	---	---	2
	(12 - 17 yrs)	27	39%	---	---	4	24%	31
	18 or older	39	56%	---	---	13	76%	52
Total		7,333		1,891		407		9,631

* = 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 2ND QUARTER (12/31/09)**

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	
West		413	16	146	108	294	117	512	1,606
	(0 - 2 yrs)	17	3	18	---	69	55	163	325
	(3 - 5 yrs)	17	---	23	---	76	29	90	235
	(6 - 11 yrs)	83	1	39	---	78	24	90	315
	(12 - 17 yrs)	260	9	57	1	66	8	153	554
	18 or older	36	3	9	107	5	1	16	177
Central		255	21	93	72	250	60	315	1,066
	(0 - 2 yrs)	2	2	10	---	59	21	105	199
	(3 - 5 yrs)	7	1	15	---	44	20	45	132
	(6 - 11 yrs)	50	2	20	---	77	15	71	235
	(12 - 17 yrs)	156	10	36	---	66	4	82	354
	18 or older	40	6	12	72	4	---	12	146
Northeast		330	36	65	176	296	39	262	1,204
	(0 - 2 yrs)	28	4	4	---	67	12	76	191
	(3 - 5 yrs)	31	6	5	---	57	8	48	155
	(6 - 11 yrs)	52	6	18	---	76	10	59	221
	(12 - 17 yrs)	187	8	32	1	90	9	67	394
	18 or older	32	12	6	175	6	---	12	243
Metro		211	6	61	109	201	49	173	810
	(0 - 2 yrs)	15	2	7	---	52	23	37	136
	(3 - 5 yrs)	13	2	5	---	37	7	22	86
	(6 - 11 yrs)	43	1	8	---	62	15	35	164
	(12 - 17 yrs)	117	---	28	---	41	4	61	251
	18 or older	23	1	13	109	9	---	18	173
Southeast		332	10	92	155	409	62	423	1,483
	(0 - 2 yrs)	17	1	15	---	105	27	137	302
	(3 - 5 yrs)	31	1	14	---	98	17	78	239
	(6 - 11 yrs)	54	---	20	---	102	15	77	268
	(12 - 17 yrs)	187	1	29	1	90	3	112	423
	18 or older	43	7	14	154	14	---	19	251
Boston		258	14	50	115	171	32	201	841
	(0 - 2 yrs)	18	3	12	---	51	14	61	159
	(3 - 5 yrs)	23	2	8	---	35	11	21	100
	(6 - 11 yrs)	60	2	9	---	41	5	31	148
	(12 - 17 yrs)	130	4	16	---	41	2	69	262
	18 or older	27	3	5	115	3	---	19	172
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾		77	3	20	---	38	44	71	253
	(0 - 2 yrs)	4	0	2	---	10	8	17	41
	(3 - 5 yrs)	11	2	7	---	10	9	15	54
	(6 - 11 yrs)	38	1	8	---	15	23	32	117
	(12 - 17 yrs)	24	0	3	---	3	4	7	41
Other ⁽⁵⁾		---	---	3	17	---	---	50	70
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	2
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	3	---	---	---	24	27
	18 or older	---	---	---	17	---	---	22	39
Total		1,876	106	530	752	1,659	403	2,007	7,333

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

⁽²⁾ IFC includes "Teen Parent Rate" model (22 consumers).

⁽³⁾ Other includes "Sibling Rate" model (44 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 2ND QUARTER (12/31/09)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Congregate Care						STARR ⁽³⁾	Total
	Group Home			Residential				
	Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential ⁽²⁾			
West	83	49	23	109	2	46	312	
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	
(6 - 11 yrs)	8	4	---	22	---	7	41	
(12 - 17 yrs)	72	18	---	70	2	38	200	
18 or older	3	27	23	17	---	---	70	
Central	67	44	3	65	4	48	231	
(0 - 2 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	1	
(3-5yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	2	
(6-11yrs)	14	6	---	19	---	10	49	
(12-17yrs)	45	28	---	35	1	36	145	
18 or older	8	9	3	11	3	---	34	
Northeast	87	45	59	122	2	42	357	
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	3	3	
(6 - 11 yrs)	17	1	---	13	1	2	34	
(12 - 17 yrs)	67	34	15	86	1	37	240	
18 or older	3	10	44	23	---	---	80	
Metro	29	99	31	127	2	55	343	
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	
(6 - 11 yrs)	5	5	---	12	---	3	25	
(12 - 17 yrs)	23	76	11	93	1	51	255	
18 or older	1	18	20	22	1	---	62	
Southeast	70	62	12	142	3	76	365	
(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	
(3-5yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	1	2	
(6-11yrs)	17	---	---	16	---	15	48	
(12-17yrs)	49	53	6	88	3	58	257	
18 or older	4	8	6	38	---	1	57	
Boston	56	43	31	107	12	31	280	
(3 - 5 yrs)	1	---	---	---	0	---	1	
(6 - 11 yrs)	12	1	---	12	---	4	29	
(12 - 17 yrs)	39	37	9	76	7	26	194	
18 or older	4	5	22	19	5	1	56	
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	---	3	3	
(6-11yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	
(12-17yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	2	
Total	392	342	159	672	25	301	1,891	

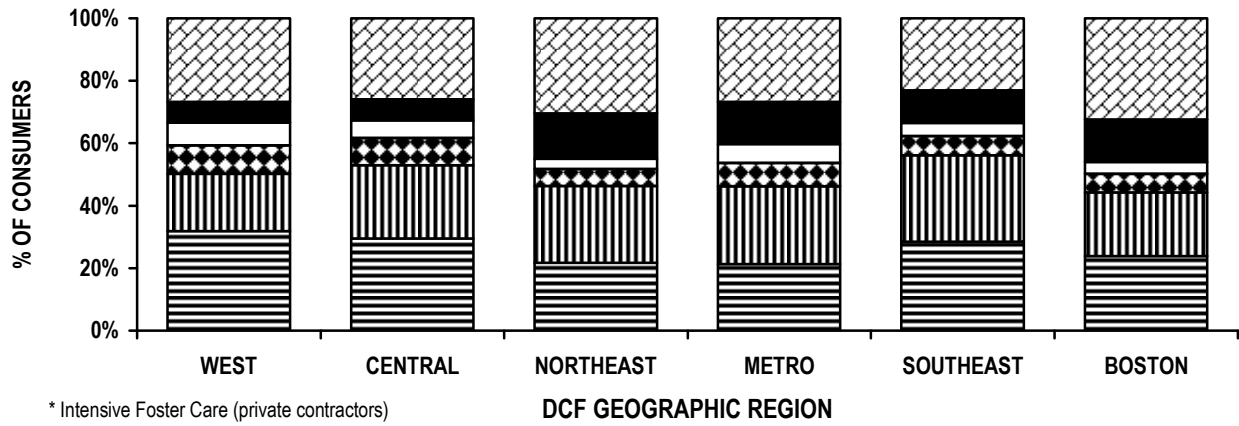
⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

⁽²⁾ "Old" taxonomy includes teen pregnancy/parenting group home (24), other (1).

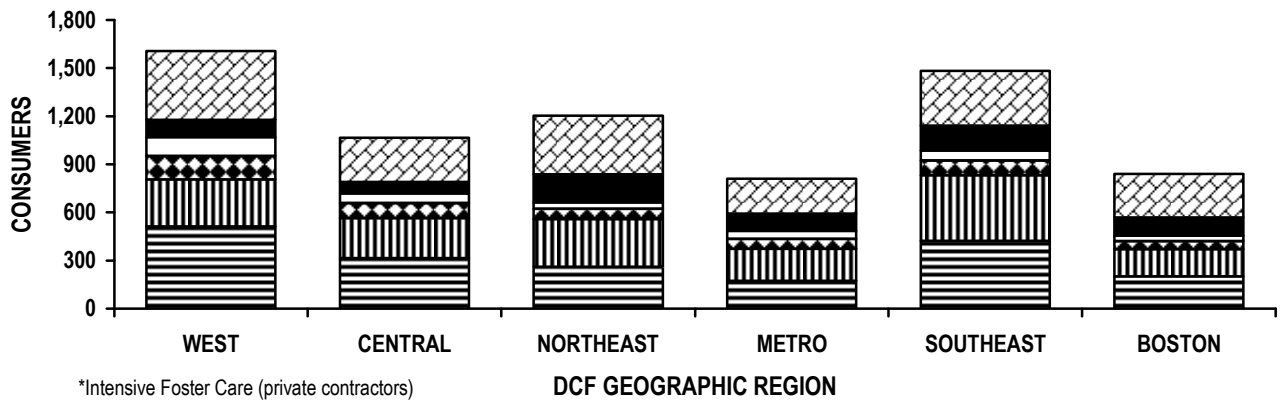
⁽³⁾ STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

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

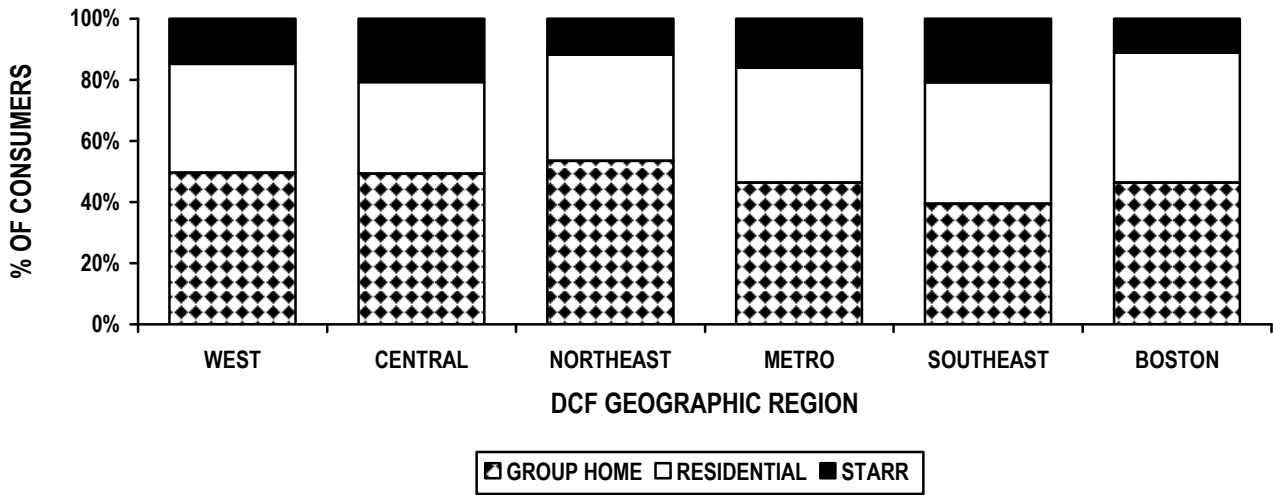
**FIGURE 7A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2010, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/09)**



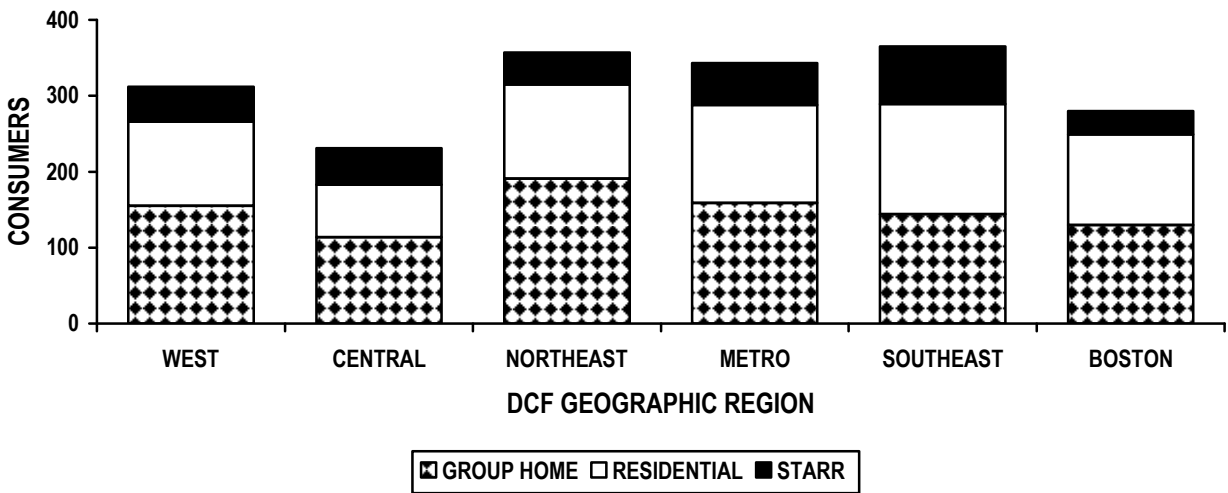
**FIGURE 7B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2010, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/09)**



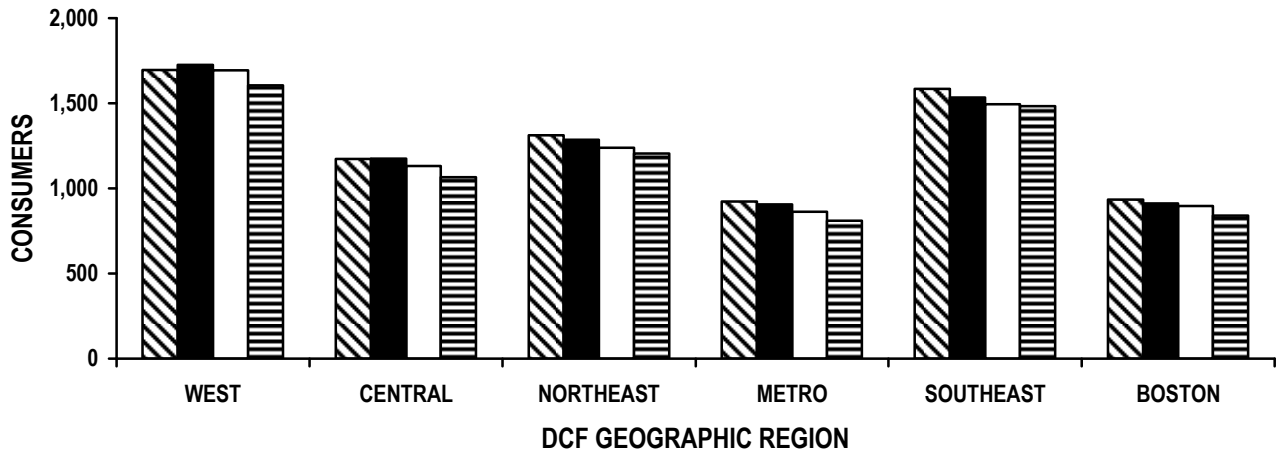
**FIGURE 8A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2010, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/09)**



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IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2010, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/09)**



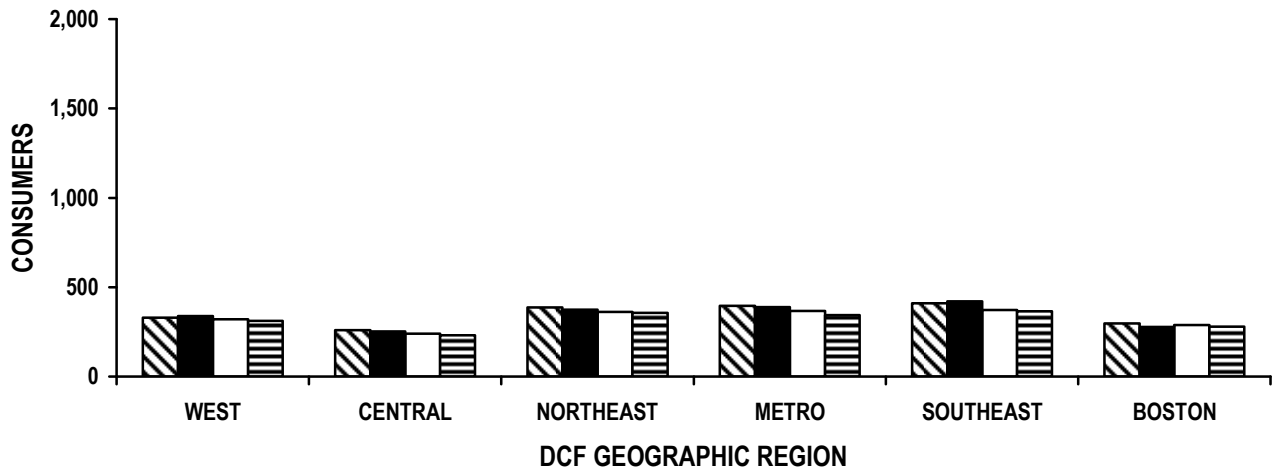
**FIGURE 9. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE BY DCF REGION
(FY'2009, END OF 3RD QUARTER TO FY'2010, END OF 2ND QUARTER)**



NOTE: Foster Care includes DCF Departmental Foster Care and Intensive Foster Care (private contractors)

3/31/09 6/30/09 9/30/09 12/31/09

**FIGURE 10. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE BY DCF REGION
(FY'2009, END OF 3RD QUARTER TO FY'2010, END OF 2ND QUARTER)**



3/31/09 6/30/09 9/30/09 12/31/09

**TABLE 6A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE:
FY'2010, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/09)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region												Total					
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston				Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Female	947	48%	646	48%	781	47%	596	50%	908	48%	611	51%	106	41%	27	31%	4,622	48%
Male	1,039	52%	697	52%	873	53%	605	50%	1,000	52%	585	49%	150	59%	60	69%	5,009	52%
Total	1,986	100%	1,343	100%	1,654	100%	1,201	100%	1,908	100%	1,196	100%	256	100%	87	100%	9,631	100%
Race:																		
White	1,185	60%	892	66%	1,017	61%	760	63%	1,278	67%	279	23%	113	44%	5	6%	5,529	57%
Black	302	15%	152	11%	177	11%	264	22%	347	18%	677	57%	50	20%	43	49%	2,012	21%
Asian	9	*	17	1%	81	5%	26	2%	8	*	32	3%	2	1%	30	34%	205	2%
Native American	4	*	2	*	1	*	1	*	10	1%	2	*	1	*	---	---	21	*
Other ⁽³⁾	1	*	1	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	*
Multi-Racial	98	5%	89	7%	101	6%	45	4%	124	6%	29	2%	35	14%	---	---	521	5%
Unable to Determine	387	19%	190	14%	276	17%	105	9%	141	7%	177	15%	55	21%	9	10%	1,340	14%
Total	1,986	100%	1,343	100%	1,654	100%	1,201	100%	1,908	100%	1,196	100%	256	100%	87	100%	9,631	100%
Hispanic/Latino Origin:																		
Hispanic/Latino	666	34%	419	31%	535	32%	176	15%	300	16%	288	24%	85	33%	17	20%	2,486	26%
Not Hispanic/Latino	1,199	60%	873	65%	1,048	63%	963	80%	1,496	78%	858	72%	150	59%	67	77%	6,654	69%
Unable to Determine	121	6%	51	4%	71	4%	62	5%	111	6%	50	4%	21	8%	---	---	487	5%
Missing	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	3	3%	4	*
Total	1,986	100%	1,343	100%	1,654	100%	1,201	100%	1,908	100%	1,196	100%	256	100%	87	100%	9,631	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 2ND QUARTER (12/31/09)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region														Total			
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾				Other ⁽²⁾	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(0 - 2 yrs)	325	16%	202	15%	138	8%	196	16%	305	16%	160	13%	41	16%	---	---	1,368	14%
(3 - 5 yrs)	236	12%	134	10%	160	10%	88	7%	241	13%	101	8%	54	21%	1	1%	1,015	11%
(6 - 11 yrs)	358	18%	286	21%	263	16%	191	16%	320	17%	180	15%	118	46%	2	2%	1,718	18%
(12 - 17 yrs)	817	41%	538	40%	705	43%	545	45%	731	38%	513	43%	43	17%	31	36%	3,923	41%
18 or older	250	13%	183	14%	330	20%	239	20%	311	16%	242	20%	---	---	52	60%	1,607	17%
Total	1,986	100%	1,343	100%	1,654	100%	1,201	100%	1,908	100%	1,196	100%	256	100%	87	100%	9,631	100%
Service Plan Goals:																		
Family Reunification	654	33%	465	35%	497	30%	367	31%	754	40%	384	32%	1	0%	1	1%	3,123	32%
Adoption	547	28%	387	29%	391	24%	216	18%	344	18%	224	19%	244	95%	---	---	2,353	24%
APPLA ⁽³⁾	330	17%	232	17%	404	24%	284	24%	387	20%	311	26%	---	---	58	67%	2,006	21%
Permanent Care with Kin	147	7%	96	7%	161	10%	127	11%	174	9%	91	8%	---	---	10	11%	806	8%
Guardianship	127	6%	62	5%	99	6%	107	9%	119	6%	85	7%	7	3%	---	---	606	6%
Stabilization of Family	119	6%	74	6%	71	4%	65	5%	85	4%	65	5%	1	*	1	1%	481	5%
Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1%	1	*
Unspecified as of run-date	62	3%	27	2%	31	2%	35	3%	45	2%	36	3%	3	1%	16	18%	255	3%
Total	1,986	100%	1,343	100%	1,654	100%	1,201	100%	1,908	100%	1,196	100%	256	100%	87	100%	9,631	100%
Continuous Time in Care:																		
(.5 yr or less)	418	21%	339	25%	378	23%	260	22%	466	24%	274	23%	4	2%	15	17%	2,154	22%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	388	20%	254	19%	242	15%	222	18%	371	19%	219	18%	22	9%	14	16%	1,732	18%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	261	13%	162	12%	187	11%	154	13%	233	12%	140	12%	41	16%	16	18%	1,194	12%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	213	11%	133	10%	167	10%	103	9%	201	11%	128	11%	47	18%	8	9%	1,000	10%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	416	21%	275	20%	321	19%	249	21%	358	19%	259	22%	89	35%	23	26%	1,990	21%
> 4 yrs	290	15%	180	13%	359	22%	213	18%	279	15%	176	15%	53	21%	11	13%	1,561	16%
Total	1,986	100%	1,343	100%	1,654	100%	1,201	100%	1,908	100%	1,196	100%	256	100%	87	100%	9,631	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

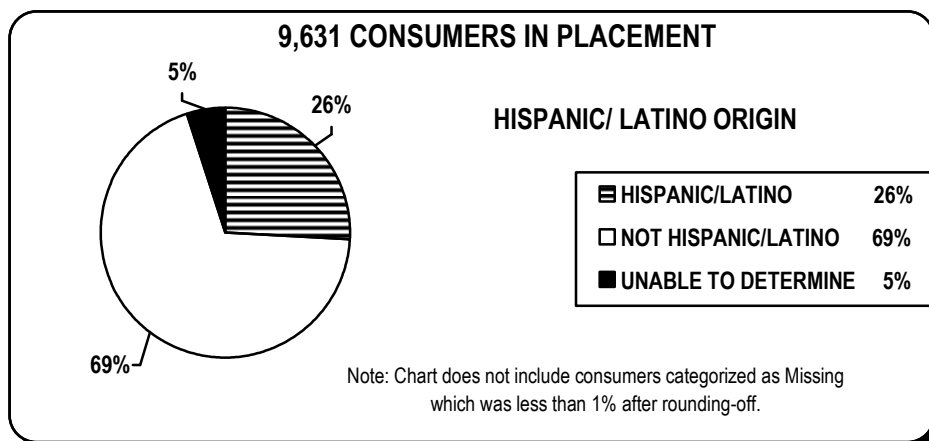
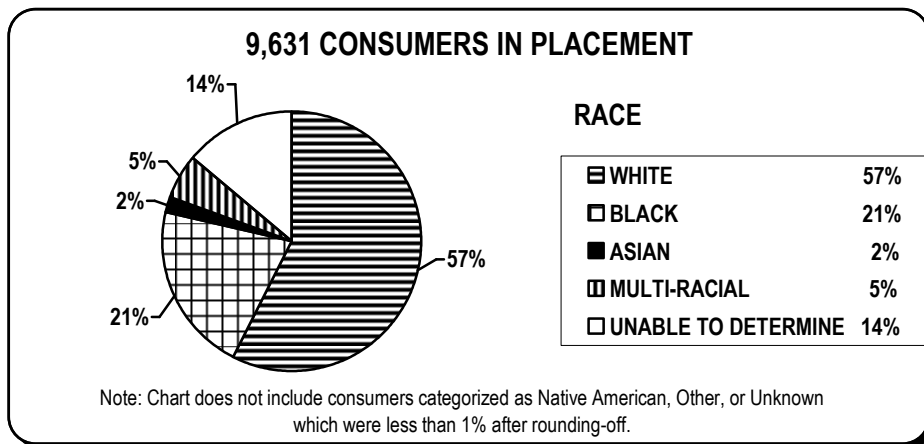
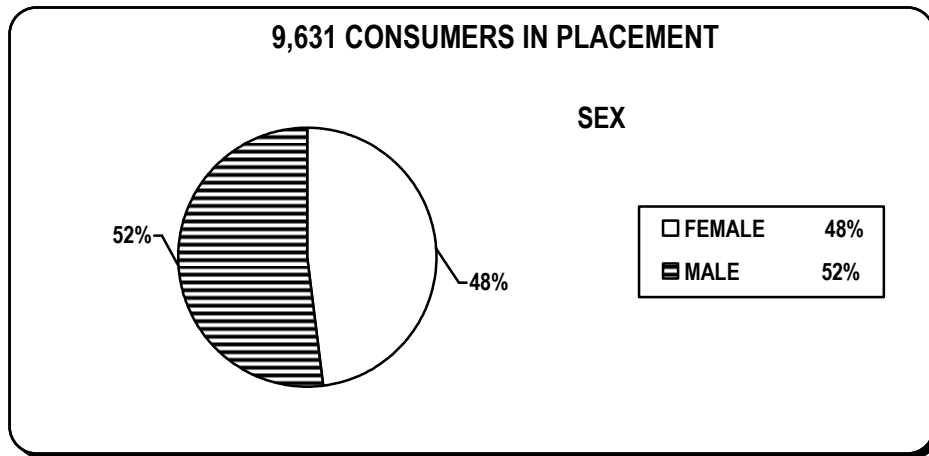
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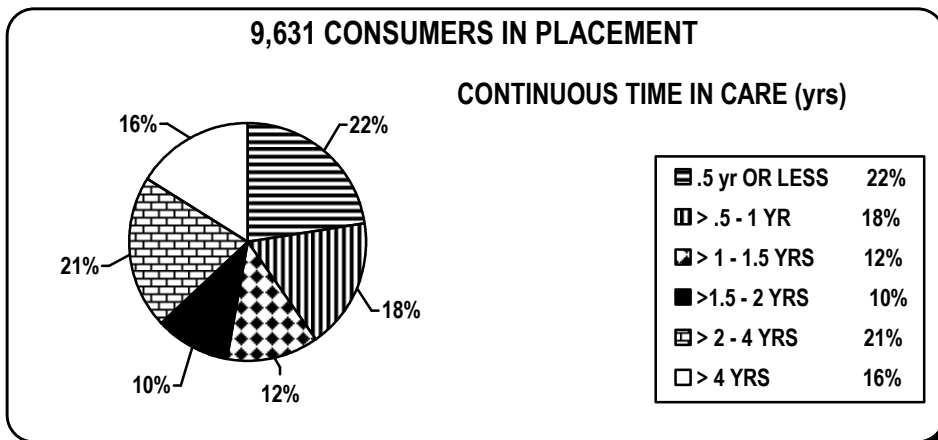
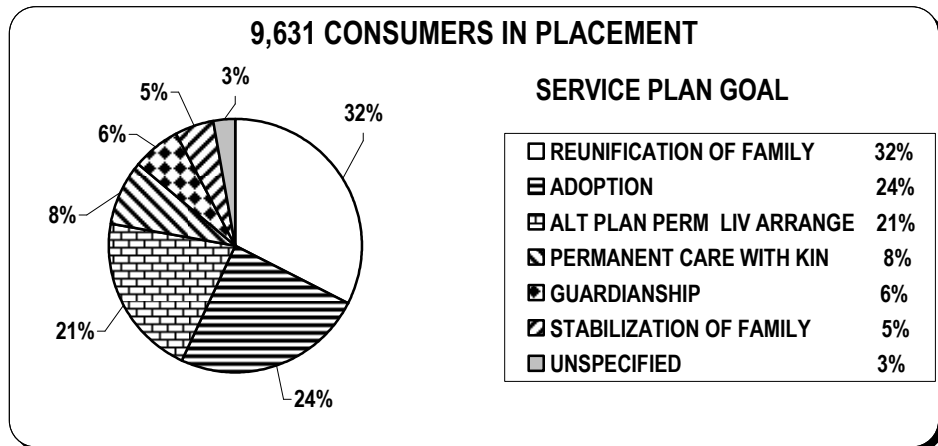
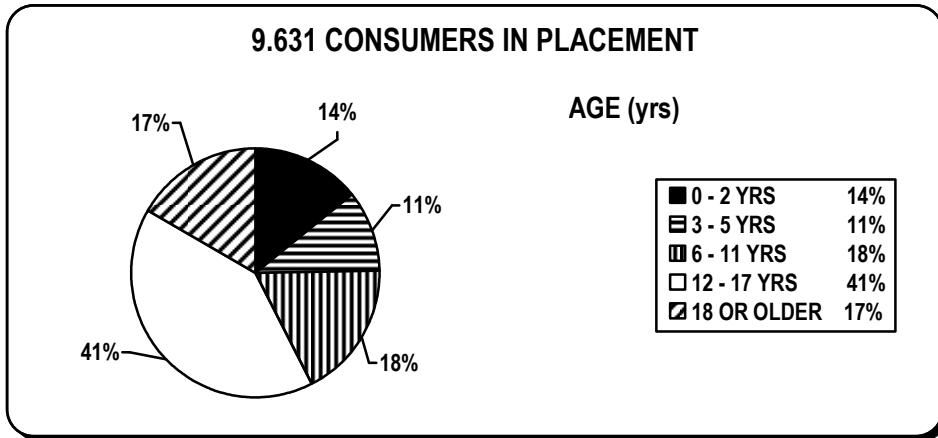
⁽³⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽⁴⁾ "Old" taxonomy

**FIGURE 11A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN
STATEWIDE: FY'2010, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/09)**



**FIGURE 11B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT
STATEWIDE: FY'2010, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/09)**



**TABLE 7A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2010, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/09)**

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers												Total			
	White		Black		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial				Unable to Determine	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	1,240	22%	428	21%	57	28%	4	19%	1	33%	118	23%	306	23%	2,154	22%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	1,019	18%	308	15%	42	20%	5	24%	---	---	100	19%	258	19%	1,732	18%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	688	12%	245	12%	32	16%	2	10%	---	---	65	12%	162	12%	1,194	12%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	565	10%	220	11%	12	6%	1	5%	---	---	69	13%	133	10%	1,000	10%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	1,133	20%	420	21%	36	18%	6	29%	1	33%	111	21%	283	21%	1,990	21%
> 4yrs	884	16%	391	19%	26	13%	3	14%	1	33%	58	11%	198	15%	1,561	16%
Total	5,529	100%	2,012	100%	205	100%	21	100%	3	100%	521	100%	1,340	100%	9,631	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 2ND QUARTER (12/31/09)**

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)	553	22%	1,467	22%	133	27%	1	25%	2,154	22%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	448	18%	1,182	18%	102	21%	---	---	1,732	18%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	299	12%	837	13%	57	12%	1	25%	1,194	12%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	254	10%	704	11%	42	9%	---	---	1,000	10%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	528	21%	1,371	21%	91	19%	---	---	1,990	21%
> 4yrs	404	16%	1,093	16%	62	13%	2	50%	1,561	16%
Total	2,486	100%	6,654	100%	487	100%	4	100%	9,631	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'20010, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/09)

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers														Total	
	White		Black		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	1,825	33%	617	31%	69	34%	8	38%	2	67%	169	32%	433	32%	3,123	32%
Adoption	1,361	25%	412	20%	23	11%	5	24%	---	---	203	39%	349	26%	2,353	24%
APPLA ⁽²⁾	1,088	20%	544	27%	56	27%	5	24%	1	33%	51	10%	261	19%	2,006	21%
Permanent Care with Kin	477	9%	181	9%	17	8%	2	10%	---	---	23	4%	106	8%	806	8%
Guardianship	388	7%	112	6%	6	3%	---	---	---	---	38	7%	62	5%	606	6%
Stabilization of Family	255	5%	94	5%	12	6%	---	---	---	---	24	5%	96	7%	481	5%
Other ⁽³⁾	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Unspecified as of run-date	135	2%	51	3%	22	11%	1	5%	---	---	13	2%	33	2%	255	3%
Total	5,529	100%	2,012	100%	205	100%	21	100%	3	100%	521	100%	1,340	100%	9,631	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

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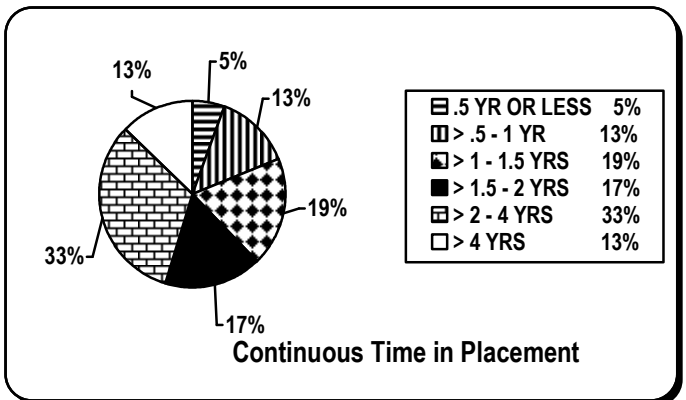
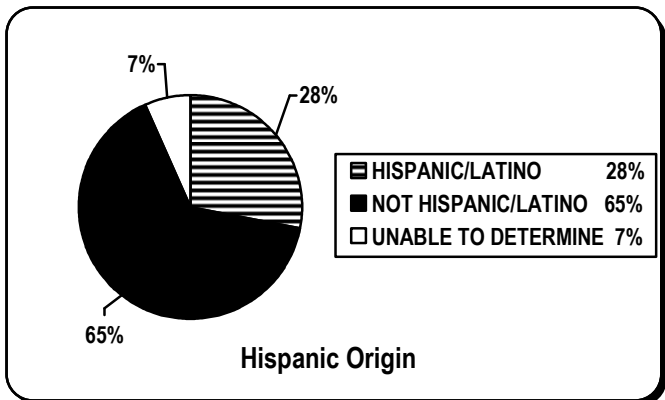
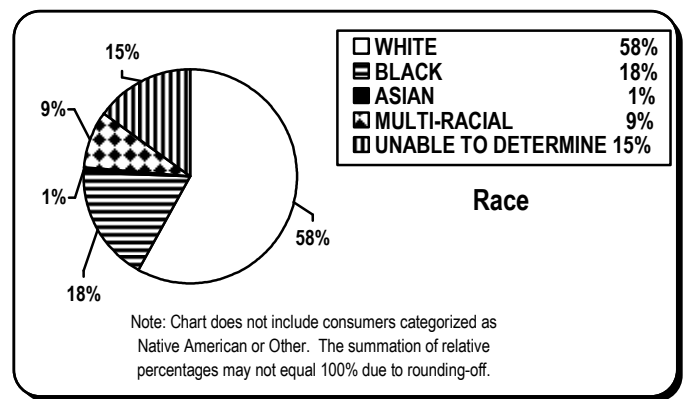
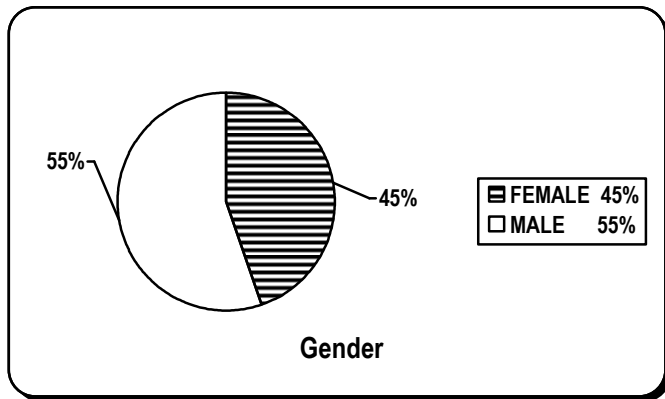
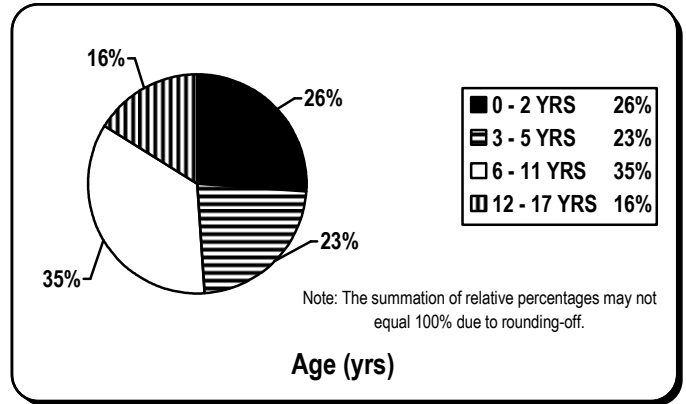
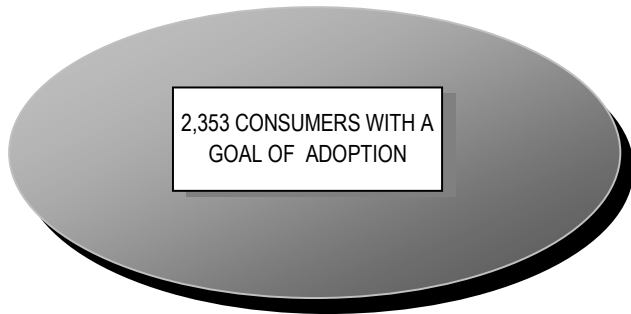
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Service Plan Goal	Hispanic/Latino Origin of Consumers								Total	
	Hispanic/Latino		Not Hispanic/Latino		Unable to Determine		Missing			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	797	32%	2,164	33%	162	33%	---	---	3,123	32%
Adoption	657	26%	1,541	23%	155	32%	---	---	2,353	24%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	482	19%	1,458	22%	64	13%	2	50%	2,006	21%
Permanent Care with Kin	201	8%	575	9%	30	6%	---	---	806	8%
Guardianship	141	6%	435	7%	30	6%	---	---	606	6%
Stabilization of Family	151	6%	301	5%	29	6%	---	---	481	5%
Other ⁽²⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	25%	1	*
Unspecified as of run-date	57	2%	180	3%	17	3%	1	25%	255	3%
Total	2,486	100%	6,654	100%	487	100%	4	100%	9,631	100%

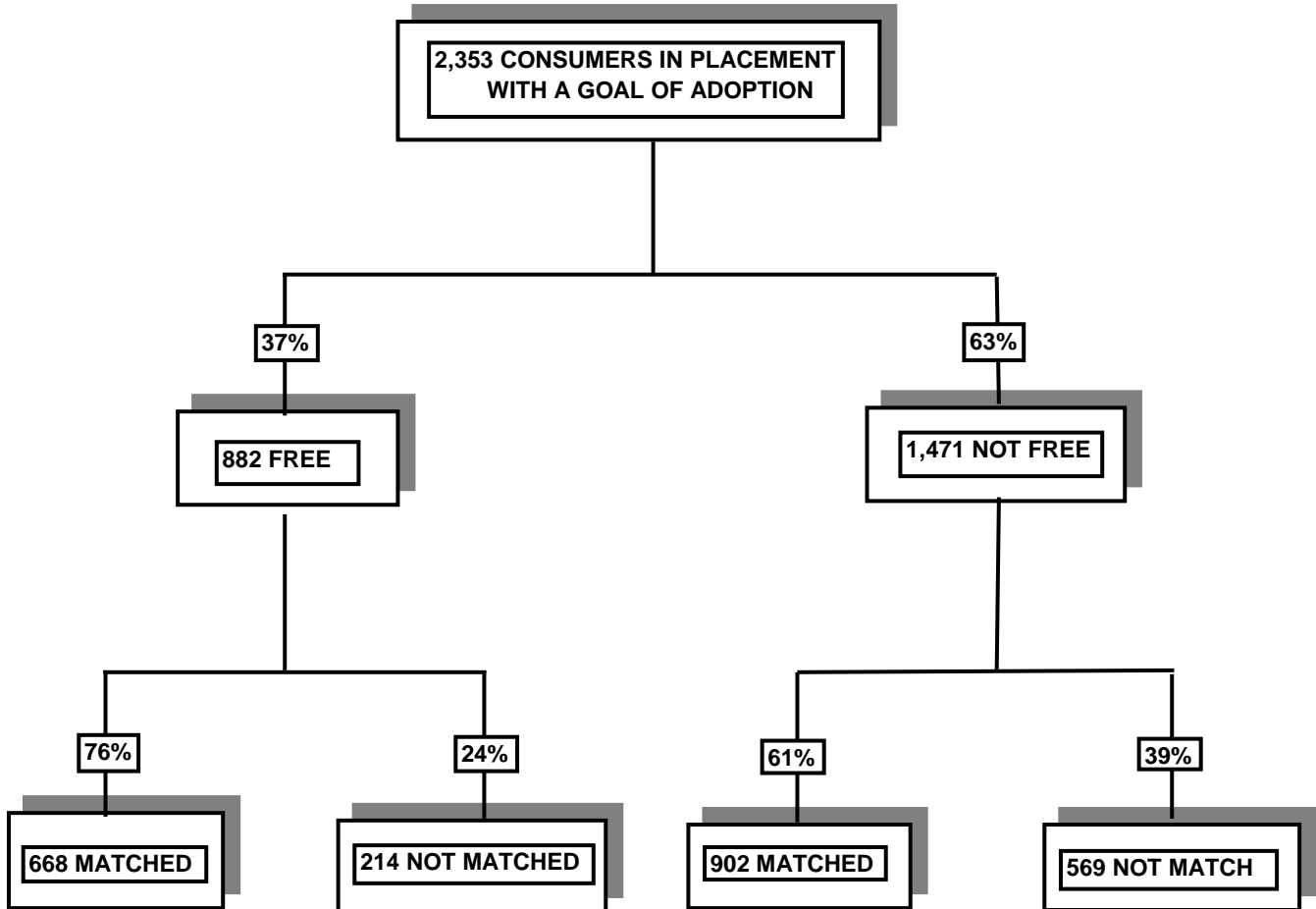
⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽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 2ND QUARTER (12/31/09)



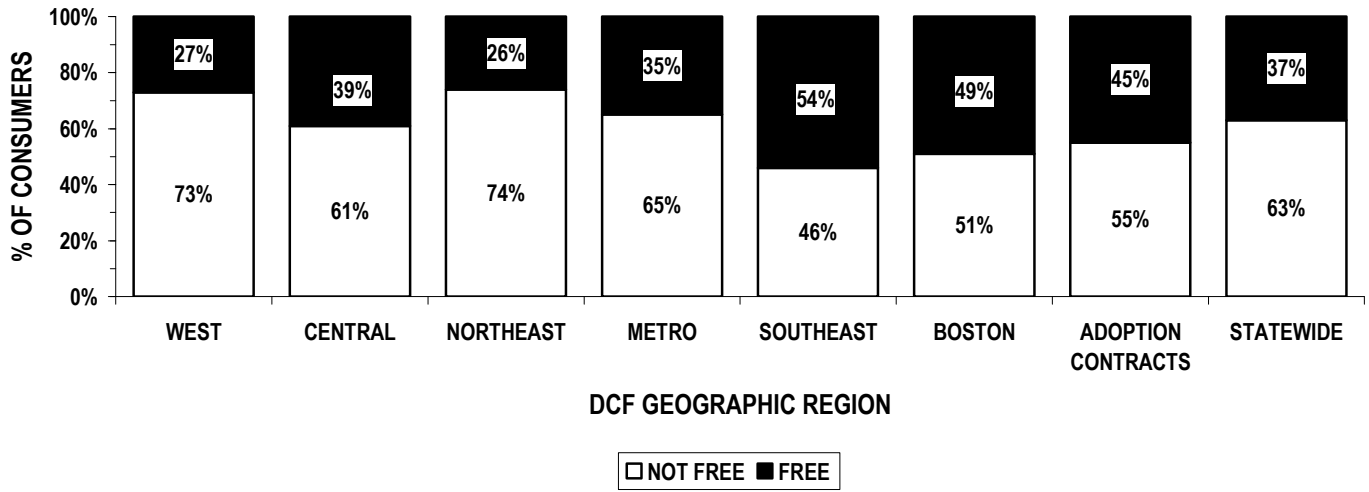
**FIGURE 12B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION:
 LEGAL STATUS AND MATCH STATUS
 FY'2010, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/09)**



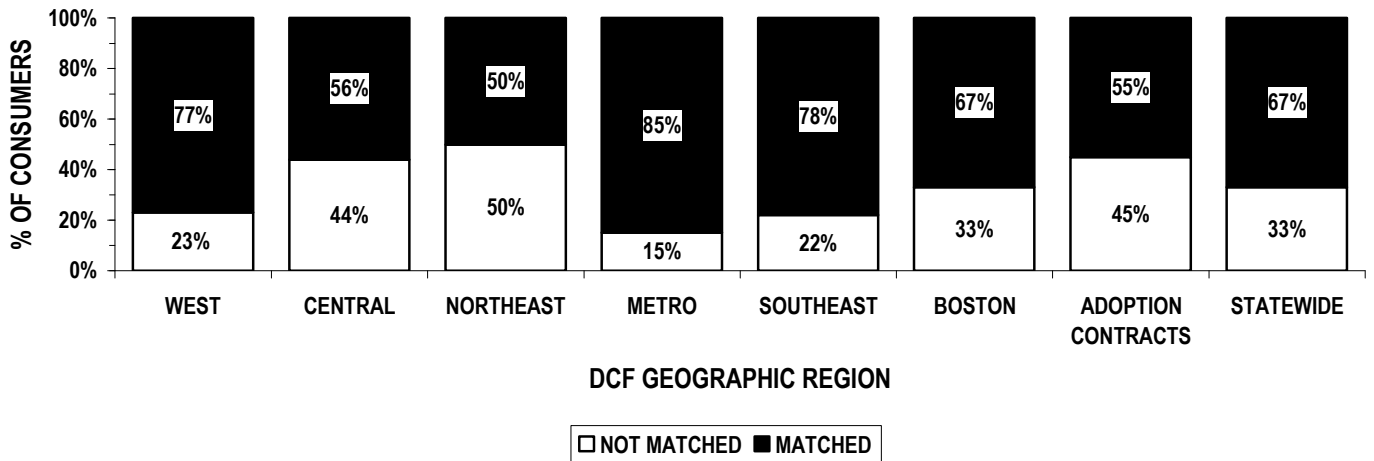
Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption

Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 12C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS
FY'2010, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/09)**



**FIGURE 12D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND WHETHER MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY
FY'2010, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/09)**



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 2nd Quarter of FY'2010, there were 3,172 case openings (unduplicated) and 12,763 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 next page)
- By the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2010, case and consumer openings were each 6% higher than the previous quarter. However, FY'2010 intake counts were appreciably lower than the 4th Quarter of FY'2009 when there were 4,540 case openings and 18,587 consumer openings. (**Fig. 14** on page 43)
- 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 5% of case intakes and 4% 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 80-91% of the total intakes for each region. CHINS referrals ranged from 3-9% of the total intakes for each region. Voluntary requests ranged from 2-7% of the total intakes for each region. (**Fig. 13** on page 43, **Table 9A**)
- Counts of CHINS referrals, voluntary requests, and supported maltreatment reports were highest in the following regions: Southeast (55 case openings by CHINS), Metro (37 by voluntaries), and West (605 by supported reports) (**Table 9A**).
- 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, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/09 - 12/31/09)**

DCF Geographic Region	Case Counts ⁽¹⁾								Total No.
	Supported CA/N Reports		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Other ⁽²⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
West	605	88%	50	7%	15	2%	5	1%	689
Central	441	91%	16	3%	18	4%	---	---	487
Northeast	354	85%	16	4%	25	6%	---	---	417
Metro	427	85%	19	4%	37	7%	7	1%	501
Southeast	555	83%	55	8%	31	5%	5	1%	670
Boston	343	80%	38	9%	29	7%	5	1%	427
Other ⁽³⁾	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Total	2,726	85%	194	6%	155	5%	22	1%	3,192

⁽¹⁾ Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed. The total summation for each DCF Region is a duplicated count because some families had more than one case opening in a quarter by more than one type of initial contact. The unduplicated count of total case openings is 3,172.

⁽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, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/09 - 12/31/09)**

DCF Geographic Region	Consumer Counts ⁽¹⁾								Total No.
	Supported CA/N Reports		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Other ⁽²⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
West	2,557	92%	139	5%	45	2%	11	*	2,793
Central	1,922	92%	62	3%	53	3%	---	---	2,088
Northeast	1,484	88%	62	4%	62	4%	1	*	1,680
Metro	1,688	87%	75	4%	136	7%	7	*	1,940
Southeast	2,380	86%	189	7%	92	3%	14	1%	2,756
Boston	1,360	85%	128	8%	64	4%	9	1%	1,597
Other ⁽³⁾	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Total	11,392	89%	655	5%	452	4%	42	0%	12,855

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

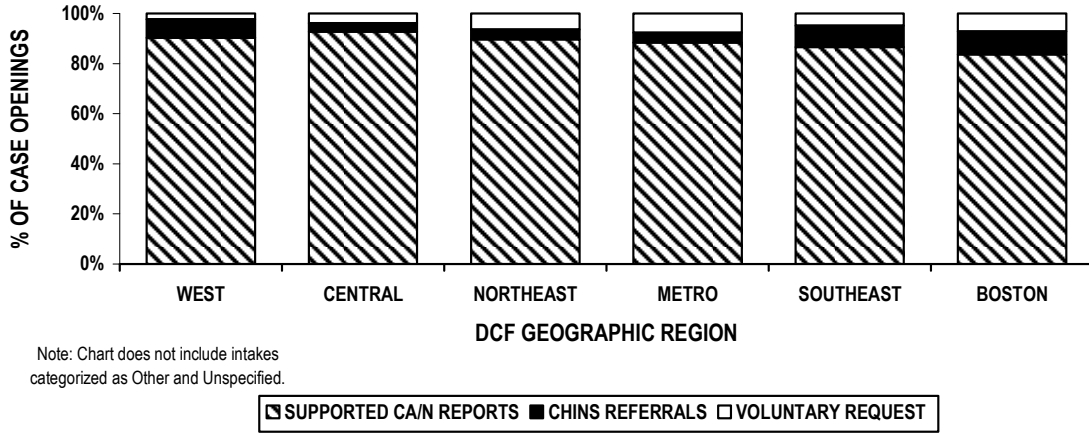
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽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 12,763.

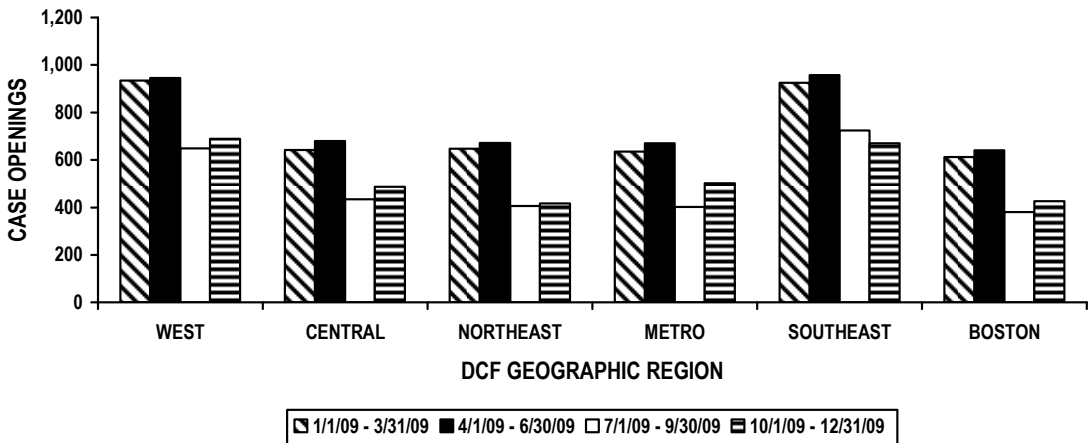
⁽²⁾ Includes Court Referral, Institutional Abuse/Neglect, and Other.

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

**FIGURE 13. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION
FY'2010, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/09 - 12/31/09)**



**FIGURE 14. INTAKES (CASE OPENINGS) BY DCF REGION
(FY'2009, 3RD QUARTER - FY'2010, 2ND QUARTER)**



Consumers Entering and Leaving Placement during the Quarter

- During the 2nd Quarter of FY'2010, 1,673 consumers entered placement and 2,116 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 5% fewer consumers entering care in the 2nd Quarter of FY'2010 compared to the 1st Quarter of FY'2010.
- There was a difference of less than 1% in consumers leaving care in the 2nd Quarter of FY'2010 compared to the 1st Quarter of FY'2010.

Entries to Placement

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2010, 62% were first-time entrants and 38% were re-entrants.²¹ Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 58% in the West to 67% in Central. (Table 10, Fig. 15 on page 47)
- The 1,673 entrants to placement (first-time entrants and re-entrants combined) were distributed across regions as follows: 22% (West), 20% (Southeast), 17% (Northeast), 15% (Central), 14% (Metro), and 12% (Boston). (Table 10)
- Across the state, 68% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 26% 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 52% in Metro to 77% in both the West and Central. In contrast, the proportion of all entrants placed in congregate care ranged from 18% in Central to 44% 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-four percent of first-time entrants and 58% of re-entrants were placed in foster care. Conversely, 34% of re-entrants and 22% 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 66% in both the Southeast and Metro to 72% in Central. **(Table 11)**
- Statewide, 13% of consumers leaving placement were adopted, 9% were emancipated, and 3% were granted guardianships. **(Table 11)**
- Regionally, the proportion of consumers leaving placement who were adopted ranged from 9% in both the Northeast and Central to 16% in Metro. The proportion emancipated ranged from 7% in the West to 14% in the Northeast. The proportion granted guardianships ranged from 2% in both the Northeast and Boston to 4% in the Southeast. **(Table 11)**

**TABLE 10. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2010, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/09 - 12/31/09)**

Entry Type: Placement Location Started	DCF Geographic Region							Other ⁽¹⁾	Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston			
First-Time Entrants:	214	168	166	134	219	126	6	1,033	
Foster Care	178	142	108	79	164	95	3	769	
Congregate Care	32	22	45	50	50	27	---	226	
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	4	4	13	5	5	4	3	38	
Re-Entrants:	152	83	115	93	119	76	2	640	
Foster Care	105	52	49	39	77	48	1	371	
Congregate Care	36	23	57	49	34	17	---	216	
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	11	8	9	5	8	11	1	53	
Total	366	251	281	227	338	202	8	1,673	

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

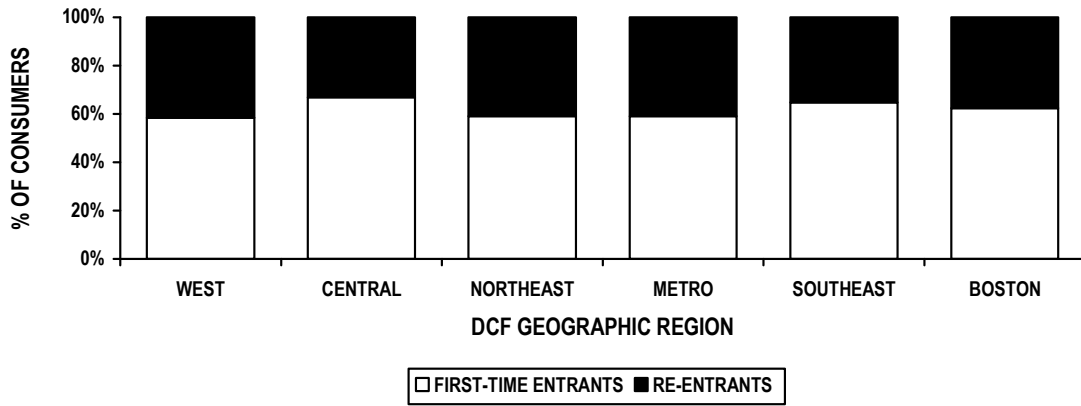
⁽²⁾ Includes hospitals and other state agencies.

**TABLE 11. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2010, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/09 - 12/31/09)**

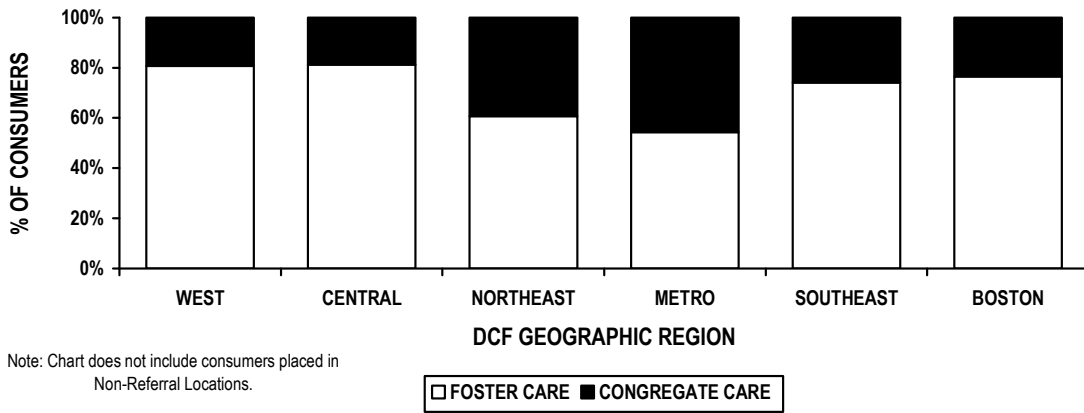
Reason Placement Ended	DCF Geographic Region							Other ⁽¹⁾	Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston			
Child Returned Home	328	228	232	209	250	178	---	1,425	
Consumer Adopted	73	30	31	49	54	29	1	267	
Child 18 or Older	34	29	48	25	39	21	4	200	
Custody to Other Individual	30	13	10	13	3	16	---	85	
Guardianship	13	9	7	10	15	5	---	59	
Custody to Other Agency	2	2	2	1	---	3	---	10	
Unspecified	12	7	9	9	19	14	---	70	
Total	492	318	339	316	380	266	5	2,116	

⁽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, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/09 - 12/31/09)**

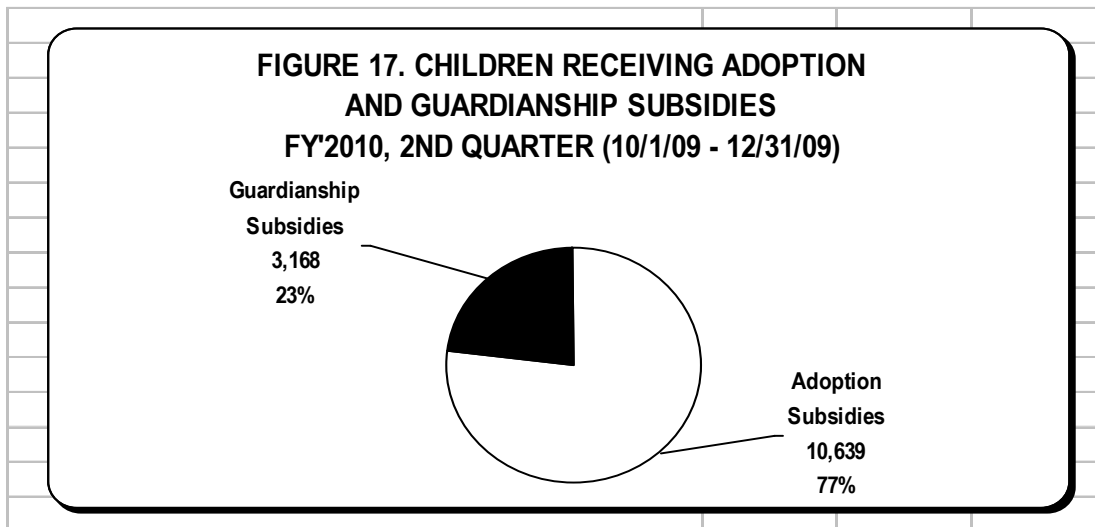


**FIGURE 16. ALL CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER
TO FOSTER AND CONGREGATE CARE
FY'2010, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/09 - 12/31/09)**



Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies

- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2010, the total number of children receiving adoption subsidies was 10,639. Guardianship subsidies totaled 3,168. (**Fig. 17**)



From the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2010, adoption subsidies rose 1% and guardianship subsidies decreased 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%
	2 nd	10,639	1%	3,168	-1%

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

Foster Homes²⁴

- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2010, there were 4,121 foster homes under the direct supervision of DCF. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes²⁵ as well as unrestricted homes.²⁶ There were 2,009 restricted and 2,112 unrestricted 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 2nd 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 63% were married. (**Table 12A, Table 12C** on page 52)
- Statewide, 72% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White and 52% were married. (**Tables 12A and 12C**)
- Twelve percent (493) of all foster homes were identified as Black (254 restricted and 239 unrestricted). (**Table 12A**)
- Fifteen percent (629) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (293 restricted and 336 unrestricted). (**Table 12B** on page 51)

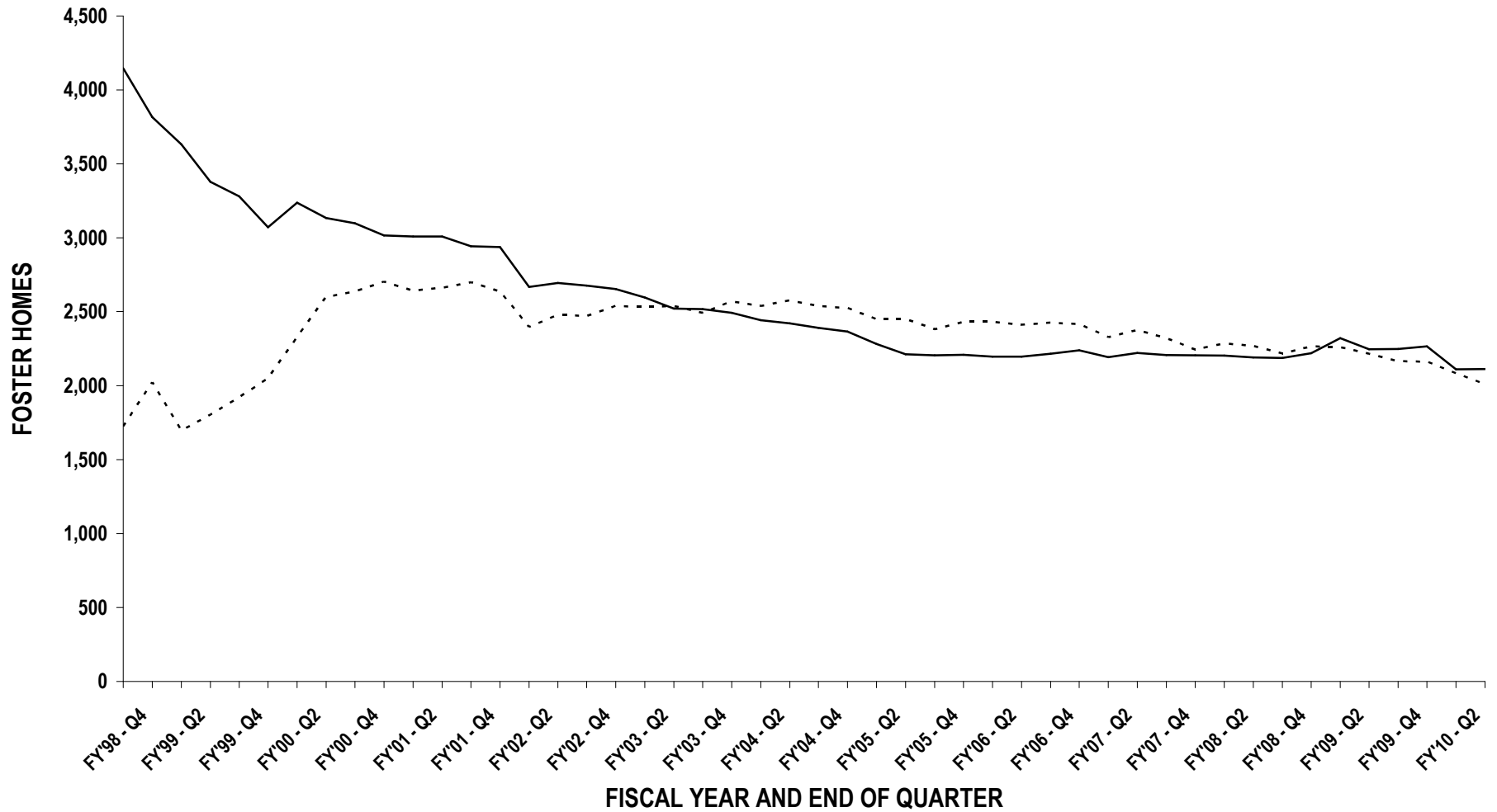
²⁴ Foster homes provide formal, temporary out-of-home placement to children who are in the care and custody of DCF. Foster families may be related or unrelated to the child.

²⁵ 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.

²⁶ 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 2ND QUARTER OF FY'2010 (12/31/09)



* 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 2ND QUARTER (12/31/09)

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ¹	Total		
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%				
Restricted:	383		309		371		258		481		182		25	2,009		
White	316	83%	184	60%	272	73%	196	76%	401	83%	66	36%	13	52%	1,448	72%
Black	35	9%	15	5%	31	8%	29	11%	47	10%	93	51%	4	16%	254	13%
Asian	1	*	2	1%	14	4%	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	18	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	1%	---	---	---	---	5	*
Other ²	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	1	*
Multi-Racial	---	---	---	---	3	1%	1	*	2	*	---	---	---	---	6	*
Unable to Determine ³	30	8%	108	35%	48	13%	30	12%	22	5%	22	12%	5	20%	265	13%
Missing	1	*	---	---	3	1%	1	*	3	1%	1	1%	3	12%	12	1%
Unrestricted:	480		311		248		304		496		181		92	2,112		
White	397	83%	258	83%	205	83%	259	85%	412	83%	70	39%	83	90%	1,684	80%
Black	46	10%	8	3%	14	6%	35	12%	39	8%	91	50%	6	7%	239	11%
Asian	2	*	---	---	9	4%	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1%	12	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	1%	---	---	---	---	4	*
Multi-Racial	18	4%	4	1%	3	1%	3	1%	1	*	---	---	---	---	29	1%
Unable to Determine ³	17	4%	41	13%	15	6%	7	2%	40	8%	20	11%	2	2%	142	7%
Unknown	---	---	---	---	2	1%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*
Total	863		620		619		562		977		363		117	4,121		

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 2ND QUARTER (12/31/09)

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ¹	Total		
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%				
Restricted:	383		309		371		258		481		182		25	2,009		
Hispanic/Latino	67	17%	50	16%	85	23%	17	7%	28	6%	38	21%	8	32%	293	15%
Not Hispanic/Latino	300	78%	174	56%	267	72%	222	86%	441	92%	140	77%	13	52%	1,557	78%
Unable to Determine ²	14	4%	85	28%	18	5%	19	7%	8	2%	3	2%	1	4%	148	7%
Missing	2	1%	---	---	1	*	---	---	4	1%	1	1%	3	12%	11	1%
Unrestricted:	480		311		248		304		496		181		92	2,112		
Hispanic/Latino	101	21%	66	21%	64	26%	9	3%	47	9%	43	24%	6	7%	336	16%
Not Hispanic/Latino	376	78%	235	76%	177	71%	287	94%	434	88%	137	76%	85	92%	1,731	82%
Unable to Determine ²	3	1%	10	3%	5	2%	8	3%	14	3%	1	1%	1	1%	42	2%
Unknown	---	---	---	---	2	1%	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	3	*
Total	863		620		619		562		977		363		117	4,121		

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 2ND QUARTER (12/31/09) ⁽¹⁾

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region						Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston		
	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %
Restricted:	383	309	371	258	481	182	25	2,009
Married	214 56%	191 62%	191 51%	131 51%	256 53%	55 30%	12 48%	1,050 52%
Single	94 25%	77 25%	105 28%	77 30%	121 25%	84 46%	8 32%	566 28%
Divorced	48 13%	27 9%	45 12%	27 10%	62 13%	22 12%	4 16%	235 12%
Widowed	15 4%	7 2%	14 4%	14 5%	27 6%	12 7%	--- ---	89 4%
Separated	11 3%	6 2%	13 4%	8 3%	14 3%	7 4%	--- ---	59 3%
Unspecified	1 *	1 *	3 1%	1 *	1 *	2 1%	1 4%	10 0%
Unrestricted:	480	311	248	304	496	181	92	2,112
Married	307 64%	229 74%	146 59%	211 69%	326 66%	59 33%	62 67%	1,340 63%
Single	86 18%	41 13%	51 21%	63 21%	85 17%	82 45%	24 26%	432 20%
Divorced	57 12%	29 9%	37 15%	22 7%	61 12%	27 15%	6 7%	239 11%
Widowed	15 3%	10 3%	5 2%	4 1%	9 2%	9 5%	--- ---	52 2%
Separated	15 3%	2 1%	8 3%	4 1%	15 3%	4 2%	--- ---	48 2%
Unspecified	--- ---	--- ---	1 *	--- ---	--- ---	--- ---	--- ---	1 *
Total	863	620	619	562	977	363	117	4,121

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).²⁷ 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, 18,833 reports were recorded during the 2nd Quarter of FY’2010. Forty-eight percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation and 13% were screened-in for initial assessment. Eight 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 (3,477) and Southeast (2,638). The Judge Baker Children’s Center (hotline) recorded 4,940 reports.
- Regional screen-in rates for an investigation response ranged from 38% in both Metro and the Northeast to 54% in both Boston and the Southeast. The screen-in rate for investigations at the Judge Baker Children’s Center was 55%. (**Table 13, Fig. 18** on page 56)
- Regional screen-in rates for initial assessments ranged from 9% in the Southeast to 18% in Central. The screen-in rate for initial assessments at the Judge Baker Children’s Center was 10%. (**Table 13, Fig. 18**)
- The DCF Regions screened-in 2-5% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 21% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children’s Center Hotline. (**Table 13**)

²⁷ See DCF website at www.mass.gov/DCF; look under INITIATIVES and select Integrated Casework Practice Model (ICPM).

- Statewide, reports rose 8% from the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2010. Regional changes ranged from 4% in the Southeast to 23% in the Northeast. 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 2,049 initial assessments completed during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2010. In 34% of the initial assessments, the assessment decision was “concern” and in 66% 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** on page 55, **Fig. 20** on page 56)

Investigations

- The number of investigations completed during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2010 was 7,736.²⁸ Sixty-seven 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 67 abovementioned investigations, the allegations of maltreatment were supported for 44 and unsupported for 23.
- Fifty-five percent of the investigations resulted in supported allegations of maltreatment. (**Table 14A** on page 55)
- The Southeast and West conducted more investigations (1,637 and 1,494, respectively) than the other regions. Regional support rates went from a low of 49% in the Northeast to a high of 66% in Central. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 69% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. (**Table 14A, Fig. 19** on page 56)
- Statewide, investigations decreased 7% from the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2010. The decline occurred because some of the screened-in reports are now being screened-in for initial assessment. Regional changes in investigations ranged from -11% in the Northeast to 4% in both Metro and Boston. (**Figs. 22 and 23** on page 57)

²⁸ The number of investigations is lower than the number of screened-in reports for investigation. 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, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/09 - 12/31/09)

DCF Geographic Region	Screening Decision								Total	
	Screened-Out		Screened-In for Investigation				Screened-In for Assessment			
	No.	%	Non-Emergency		Emergency		No.	%	No.	%
West	1,343	39%	1,529	44%	116	3%	489	14%	3,477	18%
Central	822	38%	864	40%	102	5%	392	18%	2,180	12%
Northeast	1,029	46%	745	34%	81	4%	365	16%	2,220	12%
Metro	901	46%	691	35%	48	2%	314	16%	1,954	10%
Southeast	985	37%	1,327	50%	87	3%	239	9%	2,638	14%
Boston	456	32%	709	50%	50	4%	192	14%	1,407	7%
Judge Baker Children's Center	1,727	35%	1,696	34%	1,029	21%	488	10%	4,940	26%
Special Investigations	3	18%	14	82%	---	---	---	---	17	*
Total	7,266	39%	7,575	40%	1,513	8%	2,479	13%	18,833	100%

TABLE 14A. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DCF REGION: FY'2010, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/09 - 12/31/09)

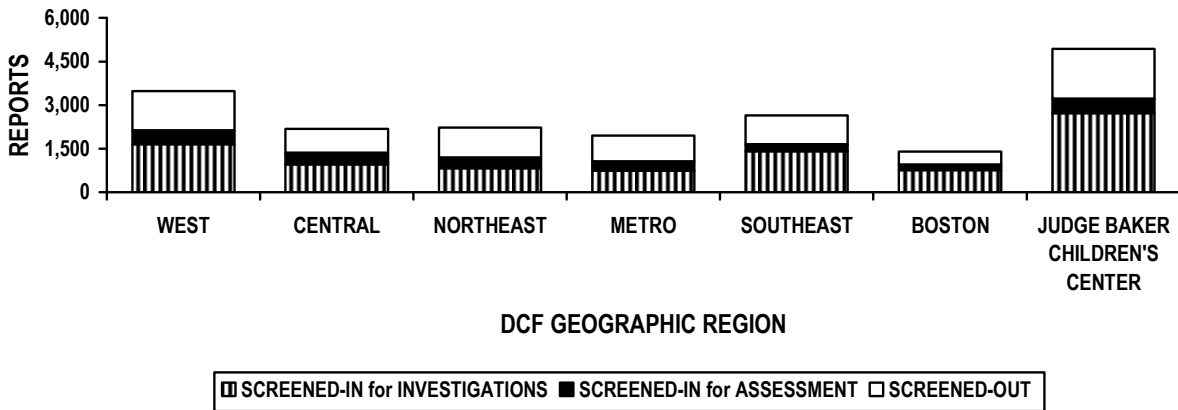
DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Total	
	Supported		Unsupported			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
West	847	57%	647	43%	1,494	19%
Central	583	66%	303	34%	886	11%
Northeast	436	49%	451	51%	887	11%
Metro	434	51%	416	49%	850	11%
Southeast	871	53%	766	47%	1,637	21%
Boston	436	52%	401	48%	837	11%
Judge Baker Children's Center	578	69%	259	31%	837	11%
Special Investigations	48	16%	260	84%	308	4%
Total	4,233	55%	3,503	45%	7,736	100%

TABLE 14B. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INITIAL ASSESSMENTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2010, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/09 - 12/31/09)

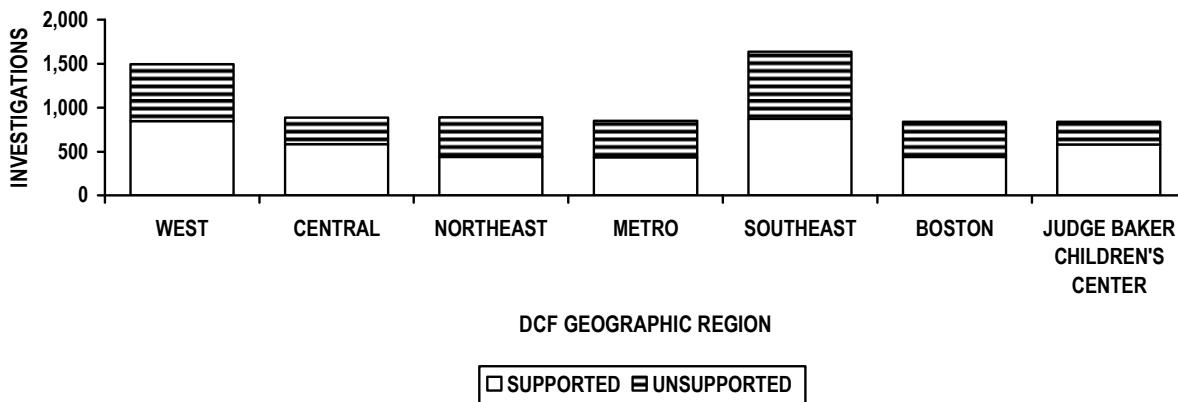
DCF Geographic Region	Assessment Decision				Total	
	Concern		Low/No Concern			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
West	135	31%	296	69%	431	21%
Central	121	34%	235	66%	356	17%
Northeast	118	29%	290	71%	408	20%
Metro	153	40%	232	60%	385	19%
Southeast	79	32%	167	68%	246	12%
Boston	98	44%	125	56%	223	11%
Total	704	34%	1,345	66%	2,049	100%

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

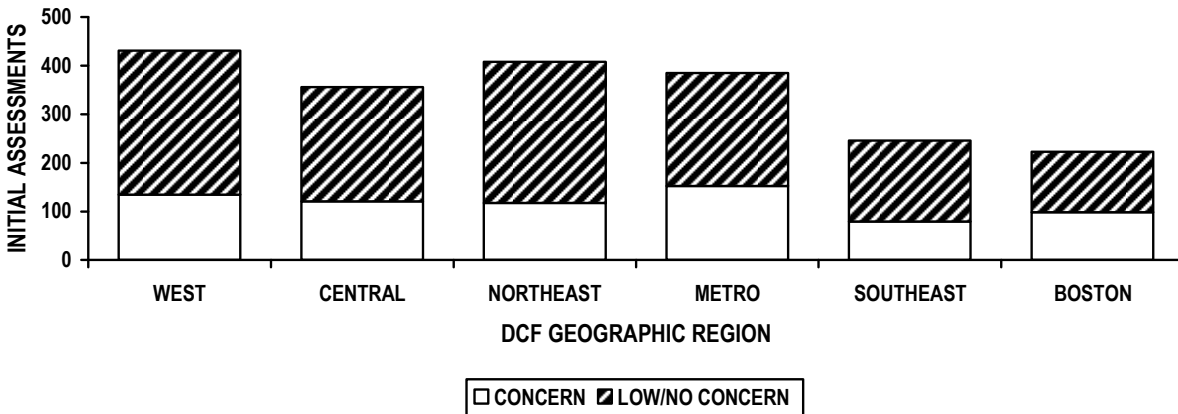
**FIGURE 18. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS
(SCREENING DECISION BY DCF REGION)
FY'2010, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/09 - 12/31/09)**



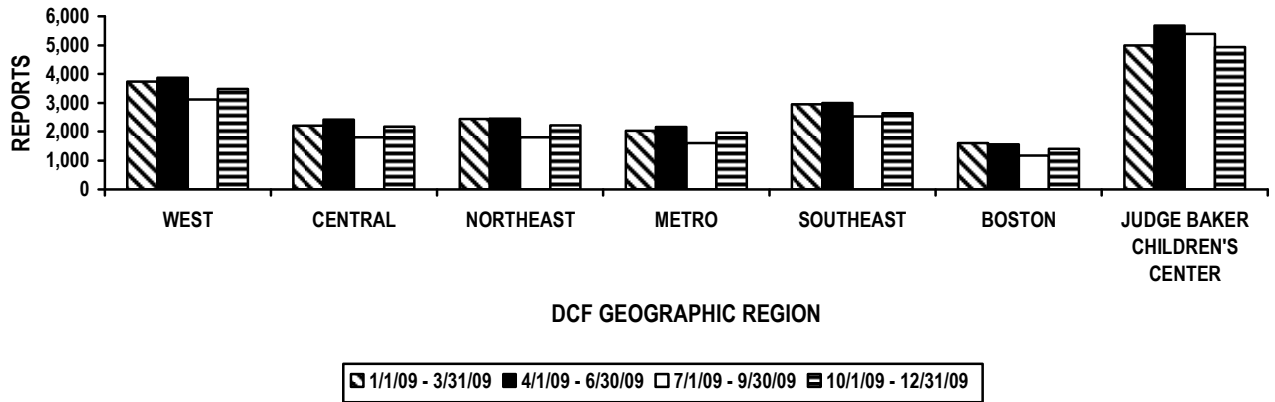
**FIGURE 19. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS
(INVESTIGATION DECISION BY DCF REGION)
FY'2010, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/09 - 12/31/09)**



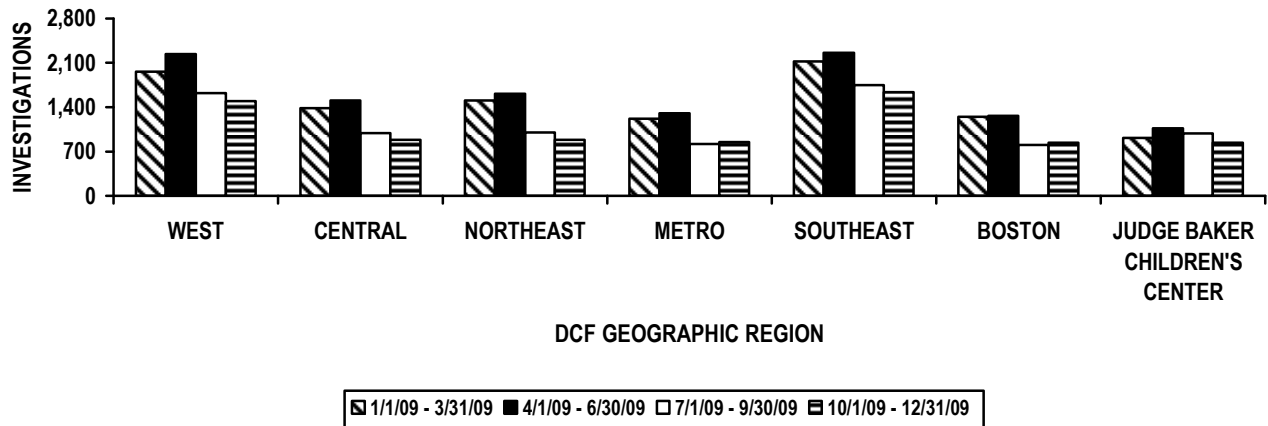
**FIGURE 20. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INITIAL ASSESSMENTS
(INITIAL ASSESSMENTS DECISION BY DCF REGION)
FY'2010, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/09 - 12/31/09)**



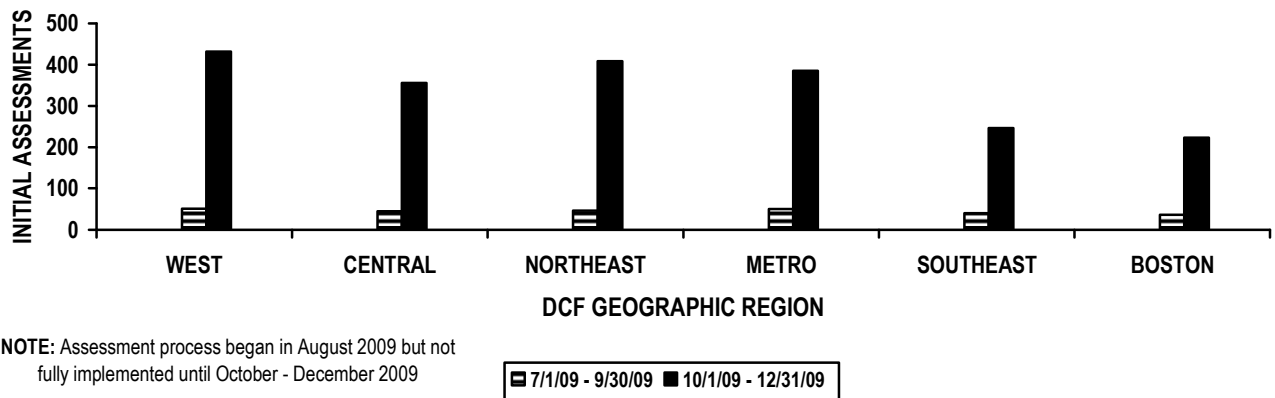
**FIGURE 21. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2009, 3RD QUARTER - FY'2010, 2ND QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 22. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2009, 3RD QUARTER - FY'2010, 2ND QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 23. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INITIAL ASSESSMENTS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2010, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2010, 2ND QUARTER)**



DA Referrals

- During the 2nd Quarter of FY'2010, 1,348 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (See table below). Fifty-four percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals²⁹ and 46% were discretionary referrals³⁰ (**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
FY'2010, Q2	727	54%	621	46%	1,348

* DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

²⁹ 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.

³⁰ 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 80% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals³¹ during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2010 (**Fig. 25** on page 61, **Table 15** on page 62). Nineteen percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

Reasons for Mandatory Referrals

<i>Time Period</i>	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		<i>Death</i> ³²		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
FY'2010, Q2	588	80%	137	19%	14	2%	739

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

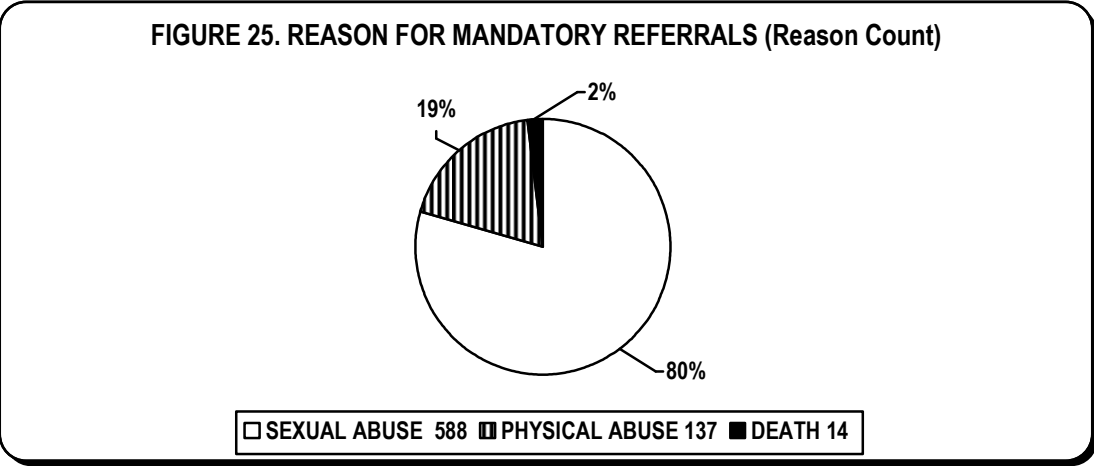
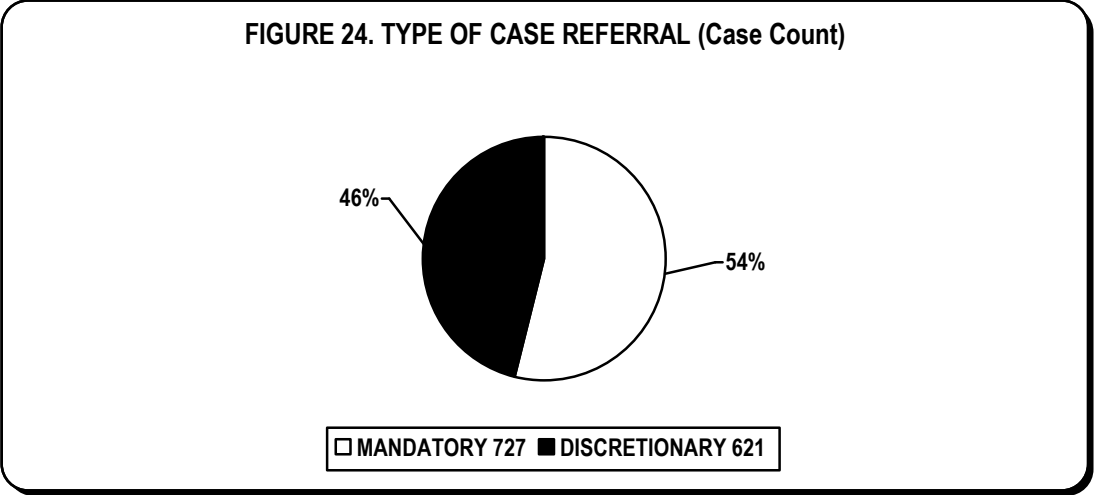
³¹ **A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason** (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

³² 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, Middlesex, Essex, Worcester, and Suffolk. Based on a comparison of county estimates³³ for children less than 18 years old, Norfolk and Barnstable Counties had lower numbers of referrals than expected while Hampden (encompasses the city of Springfield) had a higher number of referrals than expected.
- Table 17 (on page 62) shows mandatory case referral reasons and child's county of residence. Middlesex, Worcester, Essex, and Suffolk Counties accounted for 71% of the mandatory case referrals for sexual abuse (includes sexual assault and sexual exploitation). The same four counties accounted for 70% of the mandatory case referrals for serious physical abuse.

³³ 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, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/09 - 12/31/09)



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, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/09 - 12/31/09)**

Nature of Abuse	Reasons ⁽¹⁾	
	No.	%
Sexual Abuse:	588	80%
Sexual Assault	561	
Sexual Exploitation	27	
.....		
Serious Physical Abuse:	137	19%
.....		
Death:	14	2%
.....		
Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals	739	100%

TABLE 16. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY: FY'2010, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/09 - 12/31/09)

County ⁽²⁾	Case Referrals				Total No.	2006 Children Under 18 years old (estimates)
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Middlesex	125	47%	142	53%	267	323,225
Essex	115	47%	131	53%	246	176,236
Worcester	84	39%	131	61%	215	188,163
Suffolk	92	46%	108	54%	200	140,437
Hampden	53	54%	45	46%	98	111,071
Bristol	31	45%	38	55%	69	125,467
Norfolk	36	55%	30	45%	66	150,875
Plymouth	46	74%	16	26%	62	121,754
Berkshire	16	36%	28	64%	44	25,778
Hampshire	16	53%	14	47%	30	25,751
Franklin	1	4%	24	96%	25	14,445
Barnstable	4	22%	14	78%	18	40,209
Nantucket	---	---	2	100%	2	1,828
Dukes	---	---	---	---	---	3,398
OUT OF STATE	2	33%	4	67%	6	---
Total	621		727		1,348	

**TABLE 17. MANDATORY CASE REFERRAL REASONS BY COUNTY: ⁽¹⁾
FY'2010, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/09 - 12/31/09)**

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.	
Middlesex	114	4	20	4	---	142
Worcester	109	7	18	2	---	136
Essex	90	5	35	3	---	133
Suffolk	84	2	23	1	---	110
Hampden	30	5	10	3	---	48
Bristol	29	1	7	1	---	38
Norfolk	23	---	7	---	---	30
Berkshire	25	1	2	---	---	28
Franklin	22	1	1	---	---	24
Plymouth	8	---	8	---	---	16
Barnstable	9	---	5	---	1	15
Hampshire	12	1	1	---	---	14
Nantucket	2	---	---	---	---	2
Dukes	---	---	---	---	---	---
OUT OF STATE	4	---	---	---	---	4
Total:	561	27	137	14		739

⁽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.