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OBSERVATIONS (Regional and Statewide)

Consumer and Case Counts

- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2009, DCF had 26,333 open cases (1,849 adoption cases and 24,484 clinical cases). A total of 88,568 consumers¹ (42,280 adults and 46,288 children) were being served. Case counts ranged from 3,509 in the Boston Region to 5,544 in the Southeastern Region. (**Table 1** on page 7)
- From the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY'2009, consumer counts increased 2% and case counts rose 2%. The consumer population typically drops in the summer quarter (Q1) then rises and levels off during the school quarters (Q2-Q4). This seasonal pattern is related to the rise and fall of child abuse and neglect reports and investigations throughout the year. (**Figs. 1 and 2** on page 8, **Figs. 20 and 21** on page 57)
- The number of children less than 18 years old in placement decreased 1% from the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY'2009 (see table below). The highest number of children less than 18 years old in placement was recorded in 1995 (13,302, see below).
- The count of open consumers surged to a new high of 88,568 at the end of the 4th quarter of FY'2009 (see table below). This peak value can be attributed to: a prolonged growth in the numbers of adults 18 years or older, and youth 18 years or older in placement; and a more recent surge in children not in placement.

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	9/2008	85,056	44,528	8,963	40,528
6/1996	72,638	42,551	12,736	30,087	12/2008	86,371	45,184	8,729	41,187
6/1997	74,921	43,570	12,193	31,351	3/2009	86,776	45,390	8,794	41,386
					6/2009	88,568	46,288	8,694	42,280

* revised counts

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

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

Consumers in Placement

- There were 10,331 individuals in placement on the last day of the 4th Quarter of FY'2009. Included in this count are 8,694 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,637 young adults (18 to 23 years old). **(Table 1)**
- The placement population was distributed across DCF service regions as follows: 21% in the Western Region, 20% in the Southeastern Region, 17% in the Northeastern Region, 14% in the Central Region, 13% in the Metro Region, and 12% in the Boston Region. **(Table 1)**
- Statewide, 19% (or 8,694) 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: 19% in Metro, 19% in the West, 19% in Central, 18% in the Southeast, 18% in the Northeast, and 17% in Boston. **(Table 2 on page 9)**
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield, Greenfield, Coastal, and Fall River Area Offices had the highest proportions in placement. The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Van Wart, Harbor, Plymouth, and Lawrence Area Offices. **(Table 2)**
- From the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY'2009, the number of children in placement dropped -1% statewide. Regional changes ranged from -3% in the Southeast to 1% in the West. In the past, decreases in quarterly counts of children in placement occurred most often in the 1st and 4th quarters while increases were more common in the 3rd quarter. **(Fig. 3 on page 10)**

Children Not in Placement

- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2009, there were 37,594 children less than 18 years old with an active case status who were not in placement. From the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY'2009, counts of children not in placement increased 3% statewide. Regional changes ranged from -1% in the Northeast to 6% in Boston. 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 4th Quarter of FY'2009, the consumer population included 46,288 (52%) children less than 18 years old and 42,280 (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 (16,362) 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. **(Table 3A on page 12, Figs. 6A and 6B on page 13)**
- Of the total consumer population, 25% (22,306 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 3% of DCF consumers. Hispanic origin was not recorded (missing) for 12% of DCF consumers. **(Table 3B on page 12, Figs. 6C and 6D on page 14)**
- The Boston Region’s caseload was comprised of 44% Black and 21% White consumers (5,273 and 2,547 consumers, respectively). Asians were most prominent in the Northeast--7% of the caseload (944 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. **(Figs. 3A and 3B)**

- 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 6/30/09	DCF All in Substitute Care* 6/30/09	DCF Foster Care 6/30/09	DCF Congregate Care** 6/30/09	DCF All Care w/Goal of Adoption 6/30/09	DCF All Care w/Goal of Guardianship 6/30/09	DCF Adoptions Legalized FY'2008	DCF Guardianships Legalized FY'2008
White	79%	55%	59%	59%	59%	59%	64%	62%	61%
Black	7%	17%	19%	19%	22%	17%	18%	15%	17%
Asian	4%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	<1%	2%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	<1%	----
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	<1%	----	----	----	----
Multi-Racial	4%	4%	6%	6%	4%	9%	5%	8%	5%
Other/Unknown	6%	21%	14%	14%	13%	14%	12%	14%	15%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	1,500,064	37,594	8,694	6,606	1,673	2,448	546	780	543
Hispanic Origin ³ Yes	11%	31%	26%	26%	24%	27%	25%	27%	25%
Hispanic Origin No	89%	62%	69%	68%	72%	67%	71%	66%	72%
Hispanic Origin Unknown	----	7%	5%	6%	4%	6%	4%	7%	3%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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

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

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

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

³ Children of any race who are Hispanic

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

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

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

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

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

⁵ Children of any race who are Hispanic

Preferred Language of Consumers

- The Western, Northeastern, and Boston Regions had the highest proportions (and numbers) of Spanish-speaking consumers, 8% (1,403 consumers), 8% (1,125), and 10% (1,160), respectively. Khmer (Cambodian) was the preferred language of 335 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 June 2009, showed an increase in consumers with the following languages: Spanish 19%, Portuguese 18%, Haitian Creole 21%, Cape Verdean Creole 82%, Chinese 44%, and Lao 106% (See table below). The large growth in some of the language groups may reflect a greater effort being made to identify and record the preferred language of these consumers. During this period, the count of total consumers increased 13% (mostly due to English-speaking consumers).

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Primary Language	Consumers Jul. 1987 No.	Consumers Jul. 1997 No.	Consumers Jun. 2007 No.	Consumers Jun. 2009 No.	1987-1997 Change %	1997-2007 Change %
English/Unspecified*	60,784	66,404	71,398	80,209	9%	8%
Spanish	3,664	6,334	4,516	5,357	73%	-29%
Khmer Cambodian	253	851	356	335	236%	-58%
Portuguese	530	380	303	358	-28%	-20%
Haitian Creole	175	360	260	315	106%	-28%
Cape Verdean Creole	174	247	146	265	42%	-41%
Vietnamese	146	273	167	159	87%	-39%
Chinese	71	61	54	78	-14%	-11%
American Sign Language	47	23	41	51	-51%	78%
Lao	30	74	20	41	147%	-73%
Other	213	310	1,459	1,400	46%	371%
Total	66,087	75,317	78,720	88,568	14%	5%

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

TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DSS REGION: FY'2009, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)

Case Counts:	DCF Geographic Region						Adoption		Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
Adoption	380	282	278	239	324	195	150	1	1,849
Clinical	4,927	3,442	4,116	3,390	5,220	3,314	7	68	24,484
Total	5,307	3,724	4,394	3,629	5,544	3,509	157	69	26,333
Consumer Counts:									
Adults: ⁽³⁾									
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	261	176	349	226	316	237	---	31	1,596
Other ⁽⁶⁾	3	3	5	2	2	10	---	2	27
On the Run	1	3	4	---	1	5	---	---	14
Total in Placement	265	182	358	228	319	252	---	33	1,637
Not in Placement	8,443	5,771	6,346	5,571	8,987	5,509	---	16	40,643
Total Adults	8,708	5,953	6,704	5,799	9,306	5,761	---	49	42,280
Children:									
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	1,803	1,250	1,312	1,069	1,639	952	226	28	8,279
Other ⁽⁶⁾	43	37	59	28	31	31	1	1	231
On the Run	37	9	39	26	31	42	---	---	184
Total in Placement	1,883	1,296	1,410	1,123	1,701	1,025	227	29	8,694
Not in Placement	8,066	5,627	6,341	4,736	7,681	5,118	19	6	37,594
Total Children	9,949	6,923	7,751	5,859	9,382	6,143	246	35	46,288
Total	18,657	12,876	14,455	11,658	18,688	11,904	246	84	88,568

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

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

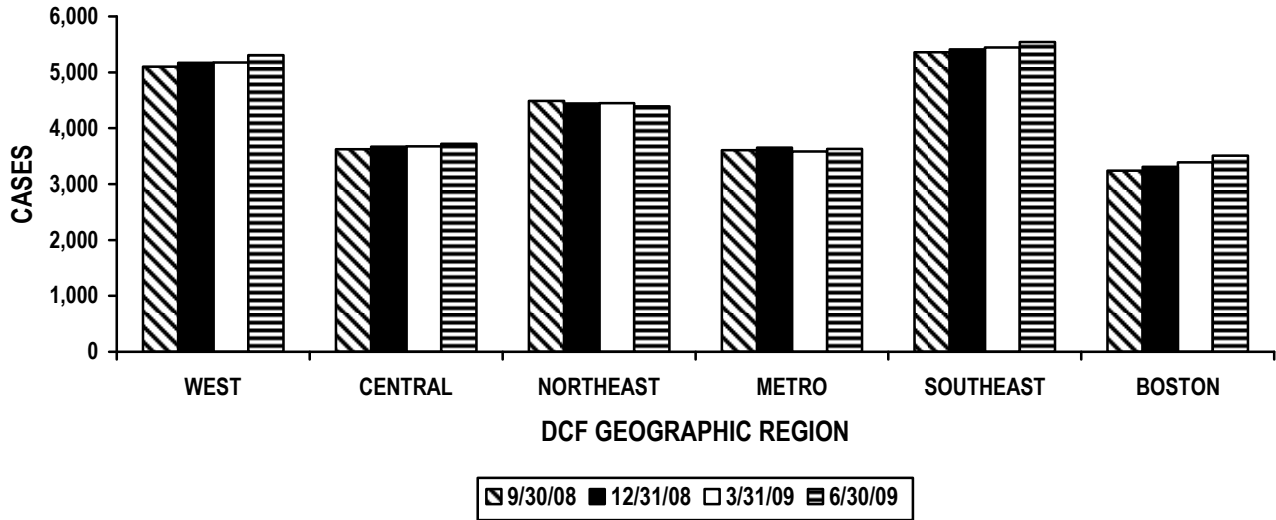
⁽³⁾ Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

⁽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 1ST QUARTER TO FY'2009, END OF 4TH QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2009, END OF 1ST QUARTER TO FY'2009, END OF 4TH QUARTER)**

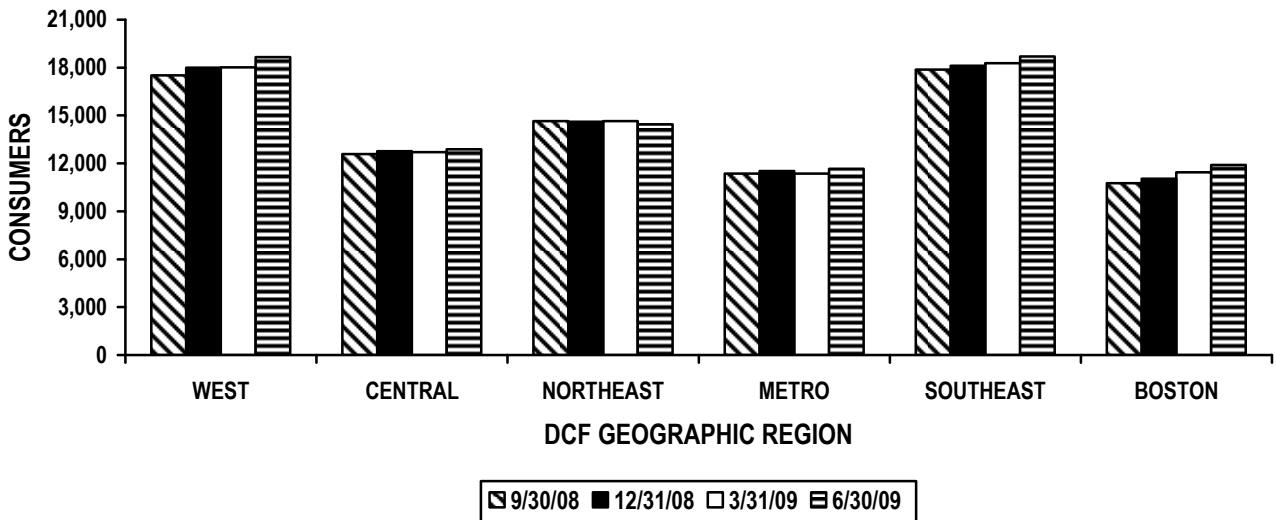
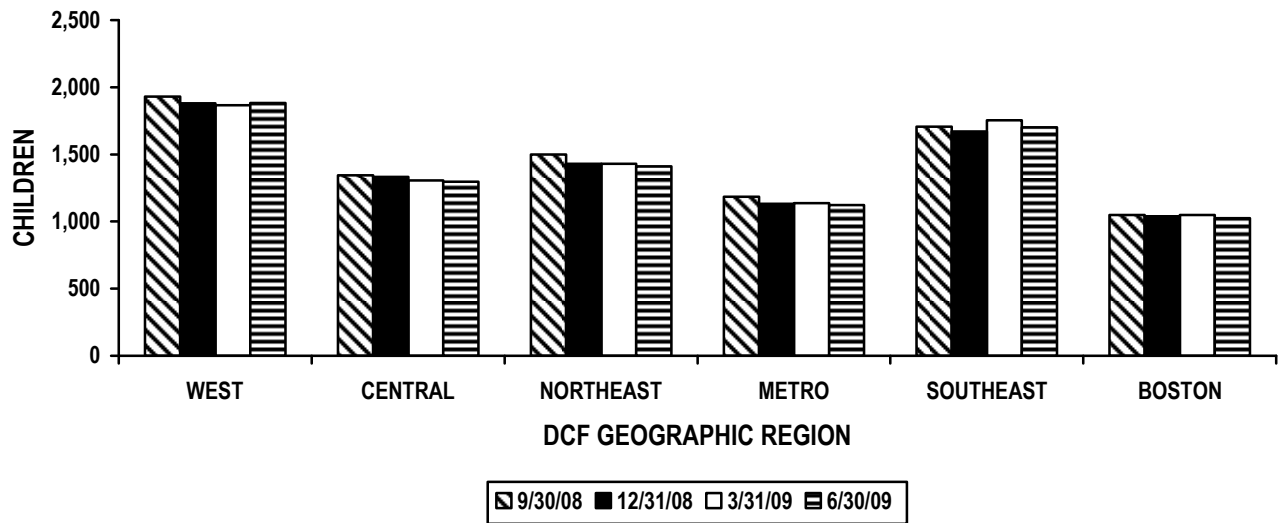


TABLE 2. CHILD⁽¹⁾ CASELOAD BY DCF AREA OFFICE: FY'2009, End of 4TH QUARTER 6/30/09)

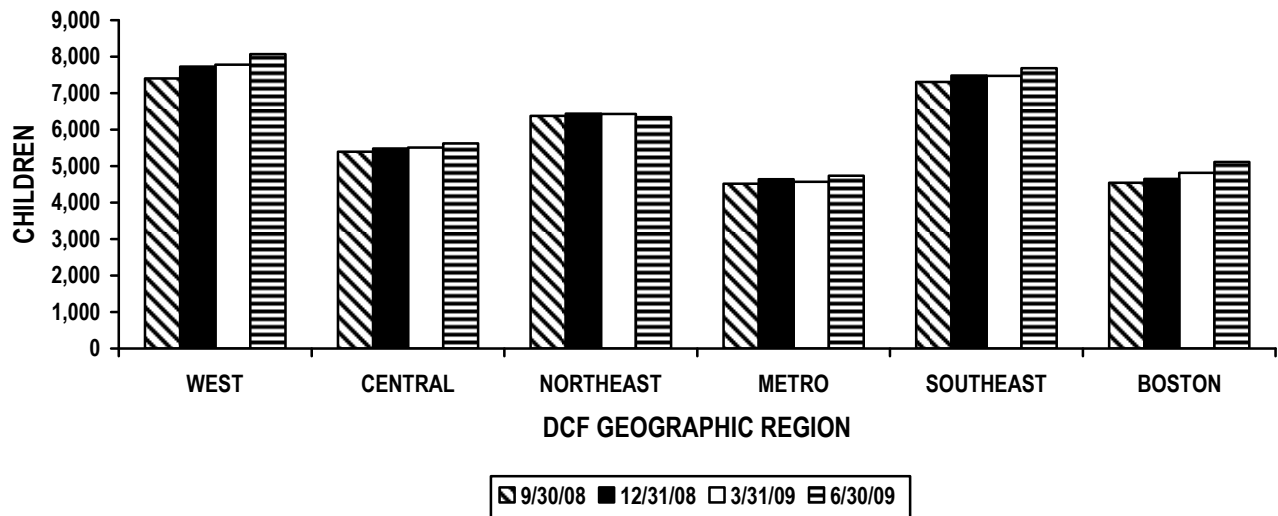
DCF Region/Area	Not in Placement	In Placement	Total Child Caseload	% in Placement
Greenfield	939	325	1,264	26%
Holyoke	1,658	351	2,009	17%
Pittsfield	901	400	1,301	31%
Robert Van Wart	2,256	359	2,615	14%
Springfield	2,305	443	2,748	16%
Contracted Agencies	7	5	7	71%
West	8,066	1,883	9,949	19%
North Central	1,614	300	1,914	16%
South Central	1,087	283	1,370	21%
Worcester East	1,655	382	2,037	19%
Worcester West	1,266	329	1,595	21%
Contracted Agencies	5	2	7	29%
Central	5,627	1,296	6,923	19%
Cape Ann	940	246	1,186	21%
Haverhill	928	217	1,145	19%
Lawrence	1,302	236	1,538	15%
Lowell	1,961	424	2,385	18%
Lynn	1,208	287	1,495	19%
Contracted Agencies	2	---	2	---
Northeast	6,341	1,410	7,751	18%
Arlington	798	199	997	20%
Cambridge	802	166	968	17%
Coastal	925	300	1,225	24%
Framingham	887	196	1,083	18%
Malden	1,314	256	1,570	16%
Contracted Agencies	10	6	16	38%
Metro	4,736	1,123	5,859	19%
Brockton	1,452	269	1,721	16%
Cape Cod	901	193	1,094	18%
Fall River	1,220	367	1,587	23%
New Bedford	1,886	436	2,322	19%
Plymouth	1,254	214	1,468	15%
Taunton/Attleboro	960	217	1,177	18%
Contracted Agencies	8	5	13	38%
Southeast	7,681	1,701	9,382	18%
Dimock Street	964	234	1,198	20%
Harbor	1,503	245	1,748	14%
Hyde Park	996	220	1,216	18%
Park Street	1,655	325	1,980	16%
Contracted Agencies	---	1	1	100%
Boston	5,118	1,025	6,143	17%
Adoption Contracts⁽²⁾	19	227	246	92%
Other⁽³⁾	6	29	35	83%
Total	37,594	8,694	46,288	19%

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

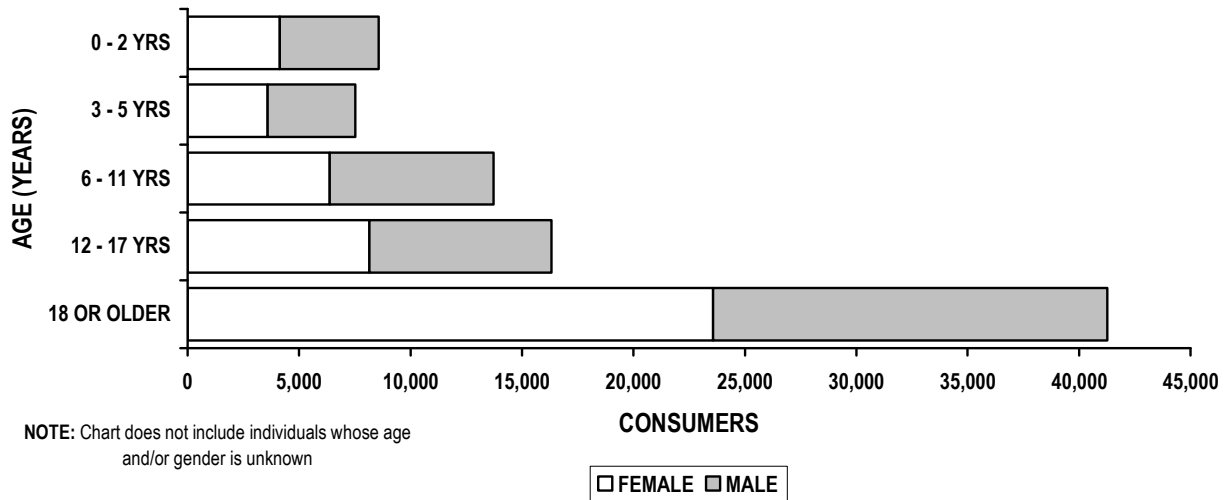
**FIGURE 3. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2009, END OF 1ST QUARTER TO FY'2009, END OF 4TH QUARTER)**



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



**FIGURE 5. AGE AND SEX OF CONSUMERS: STATEWIDE
FY'2009, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)**



Age (Yrs)	Sex			Total
	Female	Male	Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	
0 - 2	4,131	4,431	43	8,605
3 - 5	3,601	3,921	20	7,542
6 - 11	6,375	7,343	47	13,765
12 - 17	8,151	8,184	27	16,362
18 or older	23,575	17,692	539	41,806
Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	71	211	206	488
Total	45,904	41,782	882	88,568

⁽¹⁾ Unspecified includes 474 individuals with the role "Consumer Adult" and 14 individuals with the role "Consumer Child" whose ages were unknown and 882 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.

TABLE 3A. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2009, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)

Race	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption		Total			
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
White	9,939	53%	8,245	64%	8,323	58%	6,962	60%	12,116	65%	2,547	21%	111	45%	6	7%	48,249	54%
Black	2,094	11%	1,102	9%	1,287	9%	1,965	17%	2,798	15%	5,273	44%	48	20%	52	62%	14,619	17%
Asian	89	*	122	1%	944	7%	311	3%	116	1%	274	2%	4	2%	23	27%	1,883	2%
Native American	18	*	23	*	20	*	15	*	76	*	16	*	1	*	---	---	169	*
Other ⁽³⁾	23	*	6	*	12	*	4	*	15	*	8	*	---	---	---	---	68	*
Multi-Racial	493	3%	424	3%	541	4%	265	2%	639	3%	194	2%	27	11%	---	---	2,583	3%
Unable to Determine	3,410	18%	2,046	16%	2,527	17%	1,134	10%	1,174	6%	2,485	21%	55	22%	2	2%	12,833	14%
Missing	2,591	14%	908	7%	801	6%	1,002	9%	1,754	9%	1,107	9%	---	---	1	1%	8,164	9%
Total	18,657	100%	12,876	100%	14,455	100%	11,658	100%	18,688	100%	11,904	100%	246	100%	84	100%	88,568	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 3B. HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2009, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)

Origin	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption		Total			
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽²⁾		Other ⁽³⁾		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	6,174	33%	3,523	27%	4,698	33%	1,735	15%	2,392	13%	3,698	31%	73	30%	13	15%	22,306	25%
Not Hispanic/Latino	8,974	48%	7,692	60%	8,224	57%	7,661	66%	13,137	70%	6,262	53%	149	61%	65	77%	52,164	59%
Unable to Determine	750	4%	390	3%	418	3%	473	4%	609	3%	393	3%	24	10%	1	1%	3,058	3%
Missing	2,759	15%	1,271	10%	1,115	8%	1,789	15%	2,550	14%	1,551	13%	---	---	5	6%	11,040	12%
Total	18,657	100%	12,876	100%	14,455	100%	11,658	100%	18,688	100%	11,904	100%	246	100%	84	100%	88,568	100%

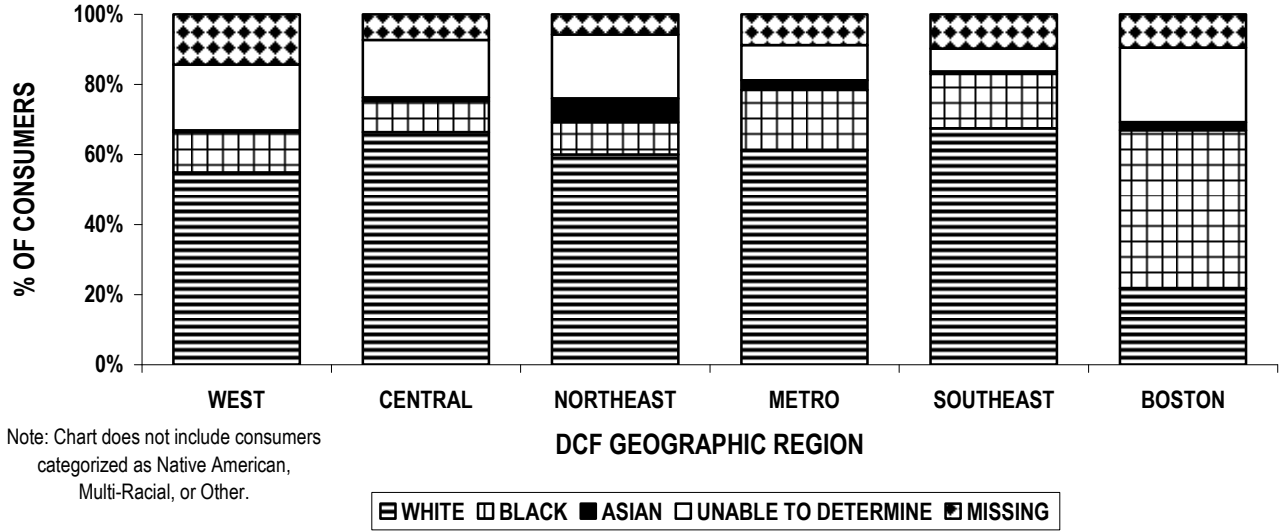
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⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

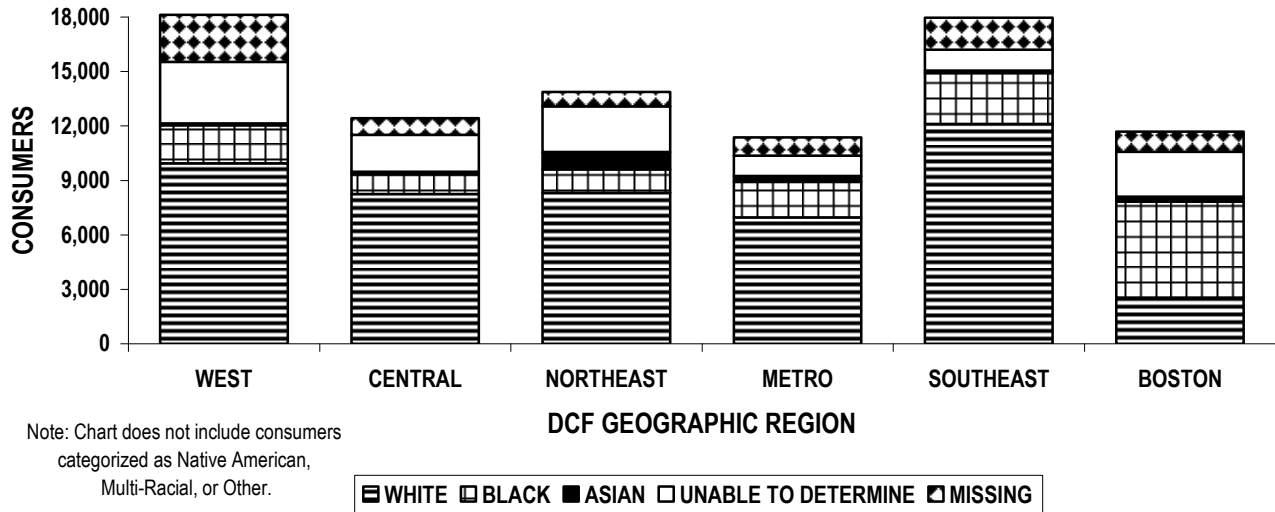
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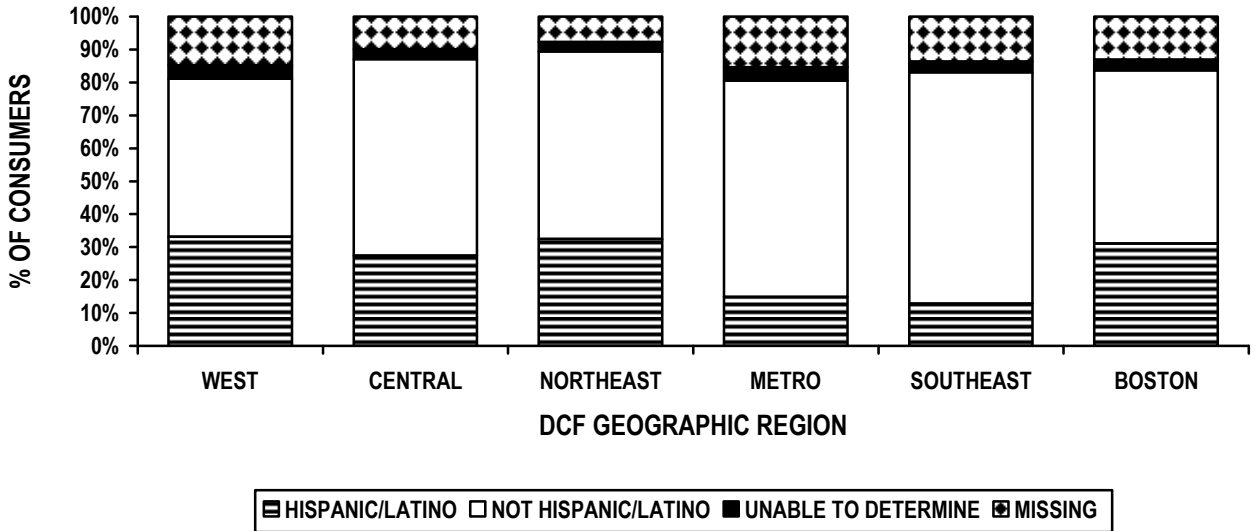
**FIGURE 6A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'09, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)**



**FIGURE 6B. REGIONAL COUNT OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'09, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)**



**FIGURE 6C. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN
FY'09, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)**



**FIGURE 6D. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN
FY'09, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)**

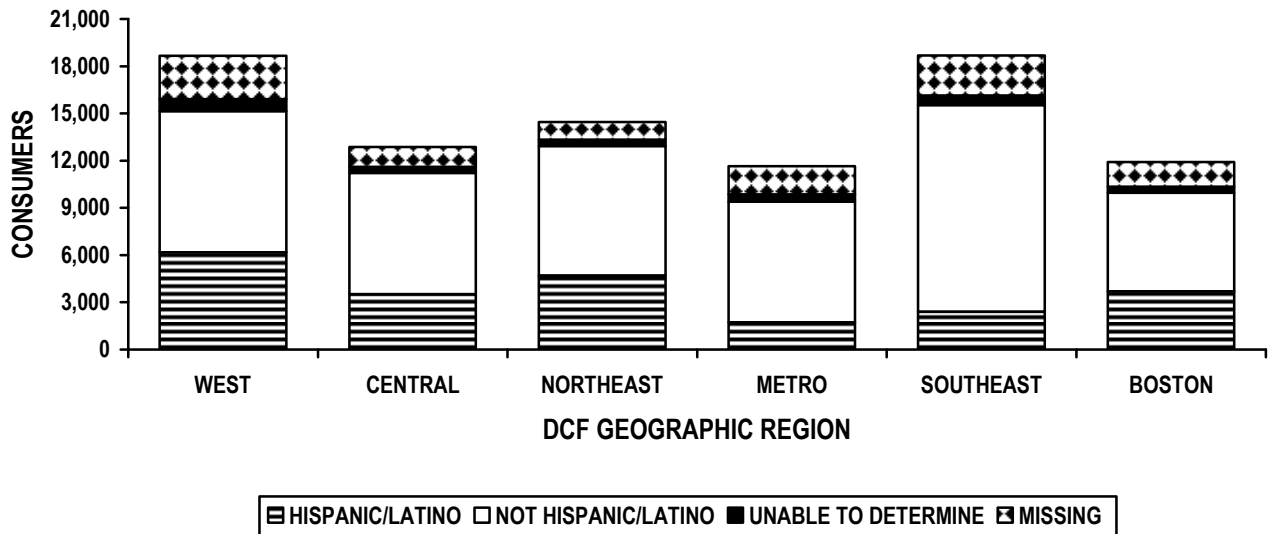


TABLE 4. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2009, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)

Primary Language	DCF Geographic Region														Adoption		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spanish	1,403	8%	766	6%	1,125	8%	474	4%	404	2%	1,160	10%	11	4%	14	17%	5,357	6%
Khmer (Cambodian)	7	*	3	*	271	2%	4	*	38	*	12	*	---	---	---	---	335	*
Portuguese	4	*	44	*	35	*	117	1%	126	1%	32	*	---	---	---	---	358	*
Haitian Creole	1	*	4	*	17	*	145	1%	55	*	93	1%	---	---	---	---	315	*
Cape Verdean Creole	---	---	---	---	4	*	8	*	131	1%	122	1%	---	---	---	---	265	*
Vietnamese	5	*	27	*	15	*	32	*	3	*	77	1%	---	---	---	---	159	*
Chinese	1	*	10	*	8	*	40	*	3	*	13	*	---	---	3	4%	78	*
Lao	1	*	1	*	38	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	41	*
American Sign Language	7	*	4	*	12	*	9	*	9	*	10	*	---	---	---	---	51	*
Other	360	2%	194	2%	155	1%	196	2%	279	1%	177	1%	1	*	38	45%	1,400	2%
English\Unspecified	16,868	90%	11,823	92%	12,775	88%	10,632	91%	17,640	94%	10,208	86%	234	95%	29	35%	80,209	91%
Total	18,657	100%	12,876	100%	14,455	100%	11,658	100%	18,688	100%	11,904	100%	246	100%	84	100%	88,568	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 7,823 consumers in foster care and 2,052 consumers in congregate care⁷ on the last day of the 4th Quarter of FY'2009. Foster care populations were highest in the Western and Southeastern Regions. The number of consumers in congregate care was greatest in the Southeastern, Metro, and Northeastern Regions. (**Table 5A** on page 26)
- The largest age group in foster care was 12-17 years (28-33% range across regions). Among regions, the West, Southeast, and Northeast had the highest numbers of adolescents in foster care, 561, 431, and 411, respectively. (**Table 5A**)
- Adolescents were the primary age group in congregate care, ranging from 63% to 75% across the regions. The Southeastern and Metro Regions had the largest adolescent populations in congregate care, 300 and 291, respectively. (**Table 5A**)
- Consumers in “Other” placement locations⁸ were primarily adolescents (77-89% regional range). (**Table 5A**)
- There were 2,080 consumers in “Intensive” foster care⁹ (IFC) and 5,743 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (39% of consumers), kinship (31%), child specific (10%), pre-adoptive (8%), and independent living (13%). (**Table 5B** on page 27)
- The West (443), Northeast (383), and Southeast (350) had the highest numbers of consumers in IFC. (**Table 5B**).
- A breakdown of Departmental foster care showed the West had the largest number of consumers in unrestricted, child-specific, and pre-adoptive foster care. The Southeast had the most consumers in kinship care. Consumers in independent living were highest in the Northeast. (**Fig. 7B** on page 29, **Table 5B**)

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

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

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

⁹Intensive Foster Care encompasses and expands upon services formerly known as “Contracted” Foster Care (Therapeutic, Diagnostic, Independent Living, Emergency Shelter, and Other models). IFC programs provide therapeutic services and supports in a family-based placement setting to children and youth for whom a traditional foster care environment is not sufficiently supportive, who are transitioning from a residential/group home level of care and require the intensity of services available through this program, or who are being discharged from a hospital setting.

- The proportions of consumers in different types of departmental foster care are displayed for each region in Figure 7A. Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West. Northeast, Metro, Southeast, and Boston had the largest proportions of consumers in kinship homes. Consumers in child-specific homes were most evident in Central. The Western and Central Regions had the highest proportions of consumers in pre-adoptive homes. Consumers in independent living were proportionally higher in the Northeast as compared to the other regions. (**Fig. 7A** on page 29)
- The major congregate care programs were group homes (927 consumers), residential (785), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)¹⁰ (340 consumers). (**Table 5C** on page 28)
- The proportions of consumers in different types of congregate care are shown for each region in Figure 8A. The Western and Northeastern Regions had the highest proportions of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential placements was most significant in Boston. Children in STARR placements were more prevalent in the Southeastern and Central Regions. (**Fig. 8A** on page 30)
- 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 30)
- 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) (395 consumers), group home (365), and independent living (167). (**Table 5C**)
- From the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY'2009, there was a statewide decrease of -1% in foster care children and a decrease of -1% in congregate care children.¹² Regional changes in the foster care population ranged from -3% in the Southeast to 2% in the West. Changes in the congregate care population ranged from -7% in Boston to 3% in both the Southeast and West. (**Figs. 9 and 10** on page 31).

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 4th Quarter of FY'2009, the statewide placement population was comprised of 51% boys and 49% girls. Regionally, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state (**Table 6A** on page 32, **Fig. 11A** on page 34). The proportions of male and female children in the placement population were similar to the general population.¹³
- Statewide, 58% of all consumers in placement were White, 20% were Black, 2% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 5% were multi-racial. Race 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% (2,655 consumers) self-identified as being of Hispanic origin. Hispanic consumers were most prevalent in the Western and Northeastern Regions. (**Table 6A, Fig. 11A**)
- Race could not be determined for a relatively large number of consumers in placement in the Western, Northeastern, Central, and Boston Regions. These high values may be attributable to the large number of Hispanic consumers in placement, who may not self-identify with any of the racial categories. (**Table 6A**)
- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DCF Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 39% to 45%. (**Table 6B** on page 33)
- The number of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 182 in the Central Region to 358 in the Northeastern Region. (**Table 6B**)
- The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were Family Reunification (34% of all consumers in placement), Adoption (24%), and Alternative

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)

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 35)

- The remaining service plan goals were: Permanent Care with Kin¹⁵ (8% of all consumers in placement), Guardianship (6%), and Stabilization of Family (5%).
- On 6/30/2009, 36% of the statewide placement population had a length of stay of 2 or more years¹⁶, 22% had been in continuous care between 1 and 2 years, and 42% for 1 year or less. (**Table 6B, Fig. 11B**)
- The Northeast had the highest proportion of consumers in continuous care¹⁷ for more than two years (39%). Central had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (47%). The Southeast and West had the largest numbers of consumers in care for one year or less (885 and 919, respectively). The West and Northeast had the largest numbers of consumers in care for more than two years (762 and 693, 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 (39% for Black vs. 36% for White, 34% for Hispanic, 32% for Unable to Determine, 33% for Multi-Racial). (**Tables 7A and 7B** on page 36)

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 (June 30, 2009).

- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2009 (“snapshot” on 6/30/09), the median time in continuous care was 1.1 years and the median¹⁸ age was 11.6 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. (See table below)
- Over the past 18 years, the median age of children in care rose from 9 to 12 years while median time in placement remained relatively stable (1.6 to 1.1 years). Median age of children in placement was 11.6 years on June 30, 2009. Median length of time in care was 1.1 years. (See table below)

Children in Placement*			
Date	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
7/92	9.2	1.5	12,311
7/93	9.3	1.6	12,577
7/94	9.1	1.4	12,977
7/95	9.2	1.3	13,056
7/96	9.7	1.4	12,643
7/97	10.2	1.4	11,957
9/98**	10.5	1.4	10,872
6/99**	11.0	1.2	10,134
6/00**	11.2	1.5	9,676
6/01**	11.5	1.4	9,955
6/02	11.9	1.5	10,033
6/03	12.2	1.5	10,233
6/04**	12.5	1.5	9,967
6/05**	12.7	1.4	9,709
6/06**	12.7	1.2	9,459
6/07**	12.6	1.2	9,109
6/08	12.1	1.1	9,281
9/08	11.7	1.1	8,963
12/08	11.9	1.1	8,729
3/09	11.7	1.1	8,794
6/09	11.6	1.1	8,694

* = Children are less than 18 years old.

** = revised statistics

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

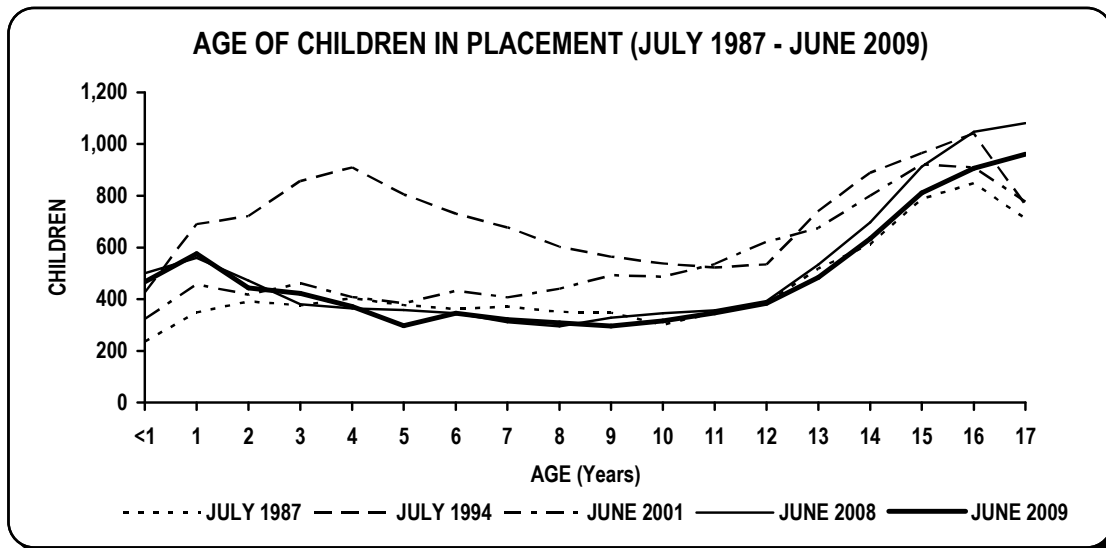
- An age breakdown of children in placement by race and Hispanic origin is presented in the following table. The median ages of Black and Asian children were greater than the median ages of White and Hispanic children. Median time in care for minority children was similar to the median time in care for White children. On 6/30/09, 48% of children less than 18 years old in placement were adolescents. Please note that the statistics in the following table are for children less than 18 years old.

Children in Placement on 6/30/09*			
Race	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
White	11.6	1.1	5,087
Black	12.9	1.2	1,674
Asian	14.5	0.8	170
Native American	9.8	1.0	21
Pacific Islander	----	----	2
Multi-Racial	7.0	1.2	506
Unable to Determine	10.7	1.0	1,233
Missing	----	----	1
TOTAL	11.6	1.1	8,694
Hispanic Origin**	11.4	1.1	2,295

* = Children are less than 18 years old.

** = Children of any race who are Hispanic

The figure below shows the ages of children in placement at four points in time. From 1987 to 1994, the number of younger children in care increased at a faster rate than the number adolescents. Peak numbers of young children were reached in 1994. Thereafter, the trend reversed as subsequent age curves showed a gradual reduction in the young child population. By the years 2008-2009, the age distributions of children in placement dropped to levels that approached the 1987 curve. Throughout this 23 year period, the adolescent population was relatively stable. However, peak numbers of 16-17 year olds were reached in 2008-2009. It should be noted that the total number of children in care (less than 18 years old) at each point in time was 8,078 in 1987, 12,977 in 1994, 9,955 in 2001, 9,281 in 2008, and 8,694 in 2009.



Service Plan Goals of Consumers in Placement

- Thirty-one percent of Black consumers in placement had a goal of “Family Reunification,” compared to 34% for White and Hispanic consumers (**Tables 8A and 8B** on page 37). There was a greater proportion of Black consumers with a goal of “Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement” (APPLA) and a lower proportion with a goal of “Adoption” as compared to White and Hispanic consumers—26% Black vs. 20% White and 19% Hispanic for APPLA; 20% Black vs. 24% White and 25% Hispanic for adoption.

Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,451 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,439 (59%) were White, 425 (17%) were Black, 22 (1%) were Asian, 4 (<1%) were Native American, and 213 (9%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 348 (14%) consumers. Twenty-seven percent (654) of all consumers in placement with a goal of adoption were of Hispanic origin. **(Tables 8A and 8B, Fig. 12A on page 39)**
- The age distribution of 2,451 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 26% age 0-2 years, 23% age 3-5 years, 36% age 6-11 years, and 15% age 12-17 years. **(Table 8C on page 38, Fig. 12A)**
- Fifty-three percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 47% 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 38, Fig. 12A)**
- Forty-nine 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%). Since 2001, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has been fluctuating between 25-29%. (See table below)

Date	Children in Placement	Children in Placement with a Goal of Adoption	% of Children with a Goal of Adoption
7/91	12,397	3,541	29%
7/92	12,311	4,116	33%
7/93	12,577	4,244	34%
7/94	12,977	4,522	35%
7/95	13,056	4,352	33%
7/96	12,463	4,251	34%
7/97	11,957	3,673	31%
12/97	11,170	3,489	31%
9/98	10,872*	NA	NA
6/99	10,134*	3,118	31%
6/00	9,676*	3,089	32%
6/01	9,955*	2,859	29%
6/02	10,033	2,844	28%
6/03	10,233	2,864	28%
6/04	9,967*	2,541*	25%
6/05	9,709*	2,483*	26%
6/06	9,459*	2,342*	25%
6/07	9,109*	2,493*	27%
6/08	9,281	2,452	26%
9/08	8,963	2,520	28%
12/08	8,729	2,372	27%
3/09	8,794	2,437	28%
6/09	8,694	2,448	28%

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

* = revised statistics

- Of the 2,451 “waiting” consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 40% were legally free for adoption. Eighty percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. (**Fig. 12B** on page 40)

¹⁹ Children are less than 18 years old.

- 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’2008 showed that the proportion of older children (12-17 years old) who were adopted accounted for only 8% of all adoptions. The amount of time from being legally freed to adoption is much longer for these older children.

Age Group (years)	Children in Placement 6/30/09		
	Children with Goal of Adoption & Legally Free for Adoption	All Children with Goal of Adoption	% Legally Free for Adoption
	No.	No.	%
0 – 2	235	639	37%
3 – 5	221	569	39%
6 – 11	345	876	39%
12 – 17	171	364	47%
Total	972	2,448	40%

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

- Of those children who were not legally free for adoption (60%), 64% were matched to permanent families (**Fig. 12B**).
- The Southeastern and Boston Regions had the highest proportions (60% 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 60% in the Southeast. (**Fig. 12C** on page 41)
- The Metro, Southeastern, and Western Regions had the highest proportions of “waiting” children who were matched to a permanent family (84%, 79%, and 77%, respectively). The proportion of children matched to a permanent family ranged from 55% in the Northeast to 84% in Metro. Matching a child to an adoptive family can occur before, during, or after the legal proceedings to free a child for adoption. (**Fig. 12D** on page 41)

**TABLE 5A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2009, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other ⁽²⁾		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
West		1,726		338		84		2,148
	(0 - 2 yrs)	346	20%	---	---	---	---	346
	(3 - 5 yrs)	258	15%	3	1%	1	1%	262
	(6 - 11 yrs)	363	21%	42	12%	12	14%	417
	(12 - 17 yrs)	561	33%	230	68%	67	80%	858
	18 or older	198	11%	63	19%	4	5%	265
Central		1,174		252		52		1,478
	(0 - 2 yrs)	211	18%	---	---	3	6%	214
	(3 - 5 yrs)	166	14%	3	1%	---	---	169
	(6 - 11 yrs)	279	24%	50	20%	2	4%	331
	(12 - 17 yrs)	382	33%	159	63%	41	79%	582
	18 or older	136	12%	40	16%	6	12%	182
Northeast		1,286		375		107		1,768
	(0 - 2 yrs)	210	16%	1	0%	1	1%	212
	(3 - 5 yrs)	162	13%	1	0%	3	3%	166
	(6 - 11 yrs)	252	20%	35	9%	12	11%	299
	(12 - 17 yrs)	411	32%	240	64%	82	77%	733
	18 or older	251	20%	98	26%	9	8%	358
Metro		906		389		56		1,351
	(0 - 2 yrs)	172	19%	---	---	1	2%	173
	(3 - 5 yrs)	98	11%	3	1%	1	2%	102
	(6 - 11 yrs)	202	22%	28	7%	4	7%	234
	(12 - 17 yrs)	275	30%	291	75%	48	86%	614
	18 or older	159	18%	67	17%	2	4%	228
Southeast		1,534		421		65		2,020
	(0 - 2 yrs)	324	21%	---	---	---	---	324
	(3 - 5 yrs)	232	15%	7	2%	1	2%	240
	(6 - 11 yrs)	289	19%	56	13%	3	5%	348
	(12 - 17 yrs)	431	28%	300	71%	58	89%	789
	18 or older	258	17%	58	14%	3	5%	319
Boston		912		277		88		1,277
	(0 - 2 yrs)	184	20%	---	---	1	1%	185
	(3 - 5 yrs)	102	11%	4	1%	---	---	106
	(6 - 11 yrs)	156	17%	34	12%	3	3%	193
	(12 - 17 yrs)	286	31%	186	67%	69	78%	541
	18 or older	184	20%	53	19%	15	17%	252
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		226		---		1		227
	(0 - 2 yrs)	31	14%	---	---	---	---	31
	(3 - 5 yrs)	47	21%	---	---	---	---	47
	(6 - 11 yrs)	106	47%	---	---	1	100%	107
	(12 - 17 yrs)	42	19%	---	---	---	---	42
Other ⁽⁴⁾		59		---		3		62
	(0 - 2 yrs)	1	2%	---	---	---	---	1
	(3 - 5 yrs)	1	2%	---	---	---	---	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	3	5%	---	---	---	---	3
	(12 - 17 yrs)	23	39%	---	---	1	33%	24
	18 or older	31	53%	---	---	2	67%	33
Total		7,823		2,052		456		10,331

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

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

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

**TABLE 5B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2009, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Foster Care							Foster Care Total
		Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
		Foster Care ⁽²⁾	Other ⁽³⁾	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
Western		436	7	155	113	311	116	588	1,726
	(0 - 2 yrs)	23	6	20	---	78	57	162	346
	(3 - 5 yrs)	21	---	25	---	76	24	112	258
	(6 - 11 yrs)	92	---	44	---	88	26	113	363
	(12 - 17 yrs)	250	---	52	4	62	7	186	561
	18 or older	50	1	14	109	7	2	15	198
Central		290	7	107	70	281	71	348	1,174
	(0 - 2 yrs)	2	3	21	---	61	19	105	211
	(3 - 5 yrs)	13	---	15	---	57	24	57	166
	(6 - 11 yrs)	64	1	26	---	89	22	77	279
	(12 - 17 yrs)	174	2	35	---	67	6	98	382
	18 or older	37	1	10	70	7	---	11	136
Northeast		348	35	72	174	317	43	297	1,286
	(0 - 2 yrs)	36	5	6	---	74	11	78	210
	(3 - 5 yrs)	25	8	7	---	52	12	58	162
	(6 - 11 yrs)	60	4	13	---	92	16	67	252
	(12 - 17 yrs)	187	6	36	5	93	4	80	411
	18 or older	40	12	10	169	6	---	14	251
Metro		217	7	71	96	235	49	231	906
	(0 - 2 yrs)	20	3	6	---	53	27	63	172
	(3 - 5 yrs)	15	1	4	---	42	9	27	98
	(6 - 11 yrs)	44	2	18	---	78	10	50	202
	(12 - 17 yrs)	119	---	34	---	50	3	69	275
	18 or older	19	1	9	96	12	---	22	159
Southeast		341	9	86	148	404	86	460	1,534
	(0 - 2 yrs)	24	1	13	---	95	37	154	324
	(3 - 5 yrs)	30	---	4	---	87	20	91	232
	(6 - 11 yrs)	69	---	18	---	104	24	74	289
	(12 - 17 yrs)	171	---	37	1	101	5	116	431
	18 or older	47	8	14	147	17	---	25	258
Boston		294	20	42	106	203	30	217	912
	(0 - 2 yrs)	27	5	12	---	59	19	62	184
	(3 - 5 yrs)	26	4	4	---	33	7	28	102
	(6 - 11 yrs)	64	2	8	---	52	1	29	156
	(12 - 17 yrs)	142	7	14	---	50	3	70	286
	18 or older	35	2	4	106	9	---	28	184
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾		68	1	21	---	37	42	57	226
	(0 - 2 yrs)	3	---	2	---	10	5	11	31
	(3 - 5 yrs)	7	1	3	---	13	9	14	47
	(6 - 11 yrs)	33	---	10	---	12	24	27	106
	(12 - 17 yrs)	25	---	6	---	2	4	5	42
Other ⁽⁵⁾		---	---	4	15	---	---	40	59
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	3
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	2	---	---	---	21	23
	18 or older	---	---	2	15	---	---	14	31
Total		1,994	86	558	722	1,788	437	2,238	7,823

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

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

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

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

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

**TABLE 5C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2009, End of 4TH QUARTER (06/30/09)**

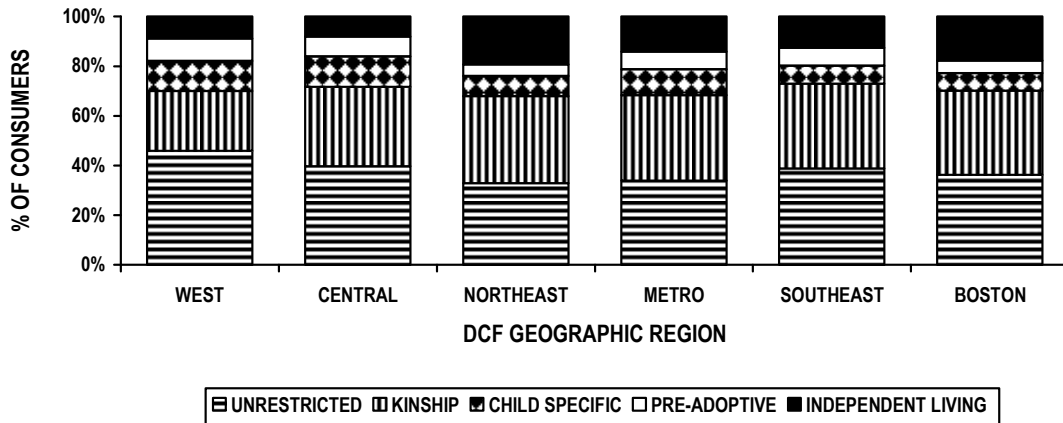
DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Congregate Care						Total
	Group Home			Residential		STARR ⁽³⁾	
	Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential ⁽²⁾		
West	104	50	18	109	2	55	338
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	3	3
(6 - 11 yrs)	11	3	---	19	---	9	42
(12 - 17 yrs)	91	18	1	75	2	43	230
18 or older	2	29	17	15	---	---	63
Central	56	56	6	76	5	53	252
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	3	3
(6 - 11 yrs)	11	8	---	19	---	12	50
(12 - 17 yrs)	36	35	2	47	1	38	159
18 or older	9	13	4	10	4	---	40
Northeast	76	44	62	142	2	49	375
(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
(6 - 11 yrs)	17	1	---	13	1	3	35
(12 - 17 yrs)	52	32	10	101	1	44	240
18 or older	7	11	52	28	---	---	98
Metro	28	101	37	153	4	66	389
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	3	3
(6 - 11 yrs)	5	4	---	13	---	6	28
(12 - 17 yrs)	22	78	15	116	3	57	291
18 or older	1	19	22	24	1	---	67
Southeast	79	66	15	164	4	93	421
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	6	7
(6 - 11 yrs)	16	---	---	20	---	20	56
(12 - 17 yrs)	58	57	7	107	4	67	300
18 or older	5	8	8	37	---	---	58
Boston	52	48	29	114	10	24	277
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	3	4
(6 - 11 yrs)	15	3	---	13	---	3	34
(12 - 17 yrs)	35	39	6	81	7	18	186
18 or older	2	6	23	19	3	---	53
Total	395	365	167	758	27	340	2,052

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

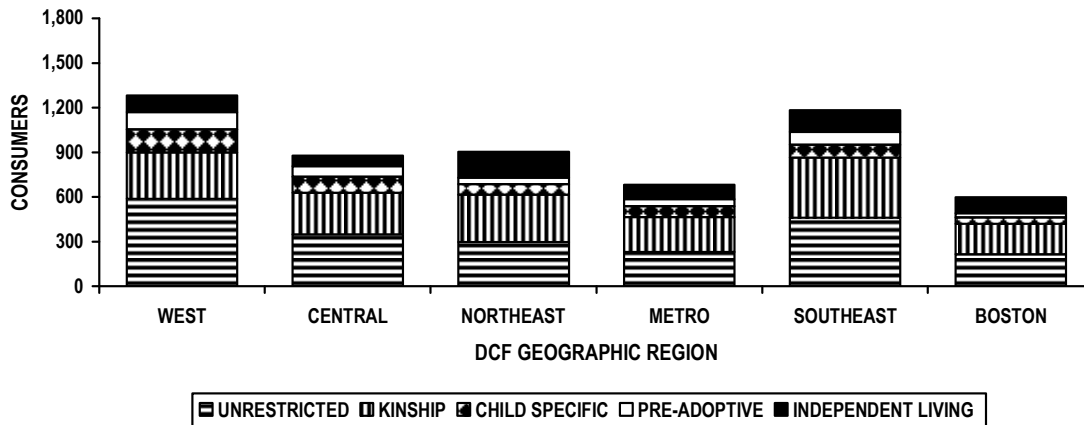
⁽²⁾ "Old" taxonomy includes non-766 residential program (2), Chap. 766 (2), teen pregnancy/parenting group home (18), other (1).

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

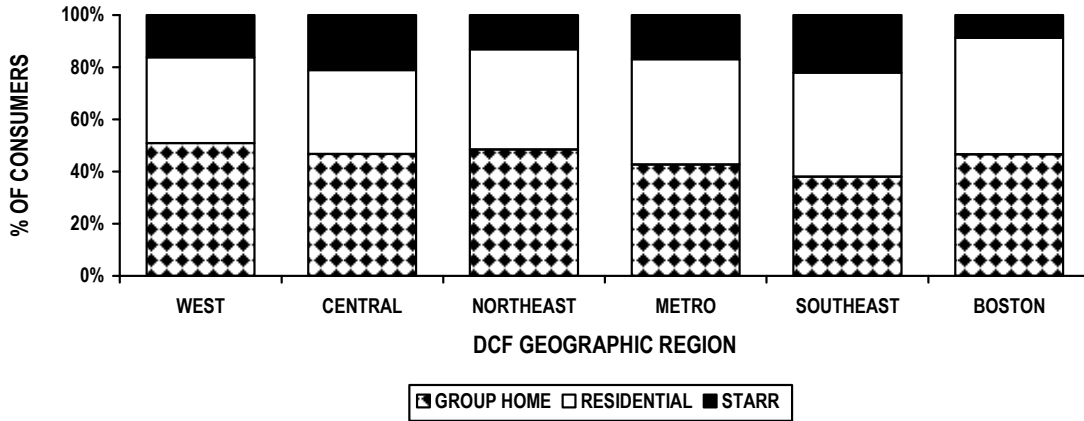
**FIGURE 7A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2009, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)**



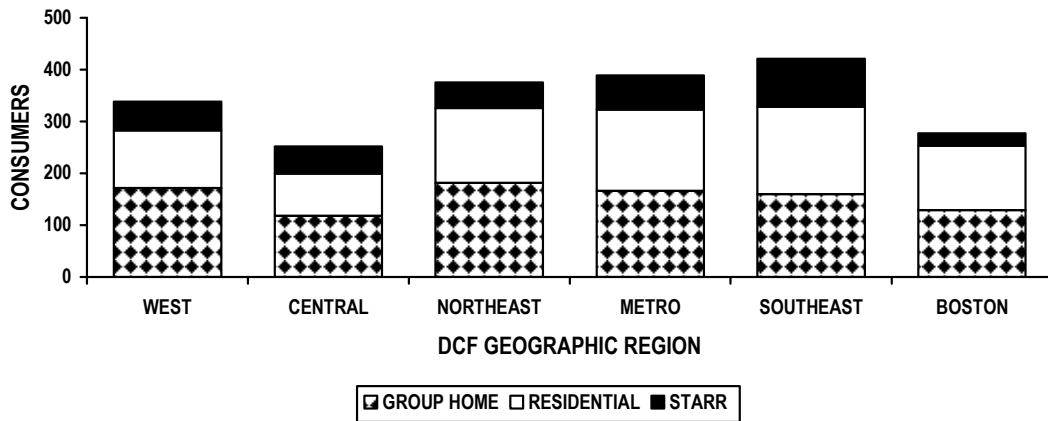
**FIGURE 7B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2009, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)**



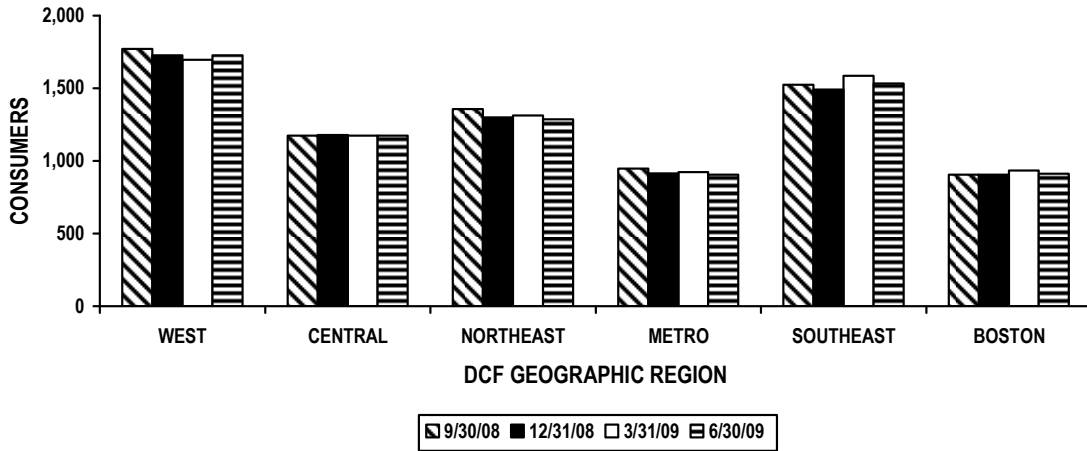
**FIGURE 8A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2009, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)**



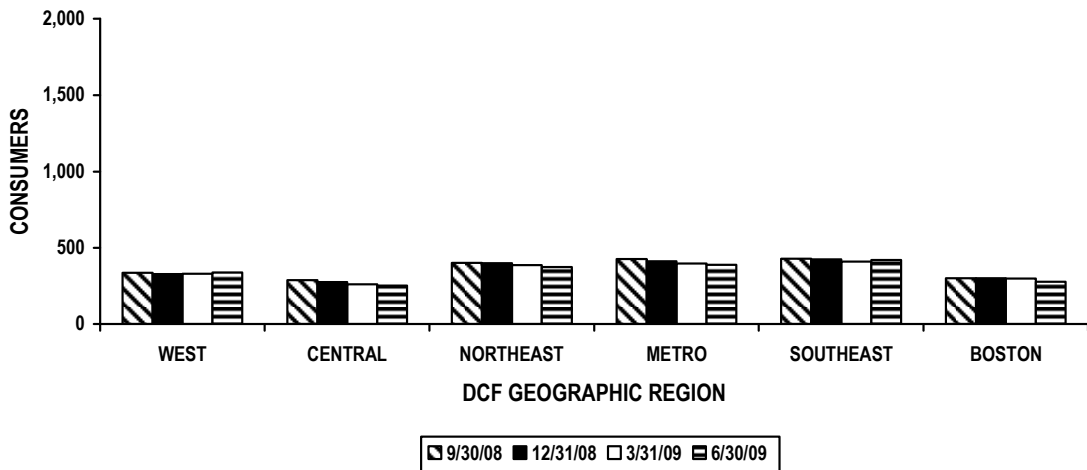
**FIGURE 8B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2009, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)**



**FIGURE 9. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE BY DCF REGION
(FY'2009, END OF 1ST QUARTER TO FY'2009, END OF 4TH QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 10. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE BY DCF REGION
(FY'2009, END OF 1ST QUARTER TO FY'2009, END OF 4TH QUARTER)**



**TABLE 6A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE:
FY'2009, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption		Total			
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sex:																		
Female	1,040	48%	721	49%	850	48%	679	50%	958	47%	669	52%	96	42%	20	32%	5,033	49%
Male	1,108	52%	757	51%	918	52%	672	50%	1,062	53%	608	48%	131	58%	42	68%	5,298	51%
Total	2,148	100%	1,478	100%	1,768	100%	1,351	100%	2,020	100%	1,277	100%	227	100%	62	100%	10,331	100%
Race:																		
White	1,326	62%	958	65%	1,089	62%	870	64%	1,362	67%	302	24%	104	46%	4	6%	6,015	58%
Black	292	14%	168	11%	196	11%	271	20%	376	19%	708	55%	47	21%	36	58%	2,094	20%
Asian	9	*	26	2%	93	5%	30	2%	8	*	23	2%	2	1%	22	35%	213	2%
Native American	4	*	5	*	3	*	4	*	9	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	26	*
Other ⁽³⁾	---	---	2	*	1	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	*
Multi-Racial	119	6%	75	5%	112	6%	59	4%	123	6%	40	3%	25	11%	---	---	553	5%
Unable to Determine	398	19%	244	17%	274	15%	116	9%	141	7%	203	16%	49	22%	---	---	1,425	14%
Missing	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	2,148	100%	1,478	100%	1,768	100%	1,351	100%	2,020	100%	1,277	100%	227	100%	62	100%	10,331	100%
Hispanic/Latino Origin:																		
Hispanic/Latino	729	34%	430	29%	595	34%	185	14%	312	15%	329	26%	66	29%	9	15%	2,655	26%
Not Hispanic/Latino	1,296	60%	979	66%	1,110	63%	1,089	81%	1,608	80%	899	70%	137	60%	50	81%	7,168	69%
Unable to Determine	123	6%	69	5%	63	4%	77	6%	100	5%	49	4%	24	11%	---	---	505	5%
Missing	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	5%	3	*
Total	2,148	100%	1,478		1,768		1,351		2,020		1,277		227		62		10,331	

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**TABLE 6B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE:
FY'2009, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)**

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.	%
Age:																		
(0 - 2 yrs)	346	16%	214	14%	212	12%	173	13%	324	16%	185	14%	31	14%	1	2%	1,486	14%
(3 - 5 yrs)	262	12%	169	11%	166	9%	102	8%	240	12%	106	8%	47	21%	1	2%	1,093	11%
(6 - 11 yrs)	417	19%	331	22%	299	17%	234	17%	348	17%	193	15%	107	47%	3	5%	1,932	19%
(12 - 17 yrs)	858	40%	582	39%	733	41%	614	45%	789	39%	541	42%	42	19%	24	39%	4,183	40%
18 or older	265	12%	182	12%	358	20%	228	17%	319	16%	252	20%	---	---	33	53%	1,637	16%
Total	2,148	100%	1,478	100%	1,768	100%	1,351	100%	2,020	100%	1,277	100%	227	100%	62	100%	10,331	100%
Service Plan Goals:																		
Family Reunification	722	34%	517	35%	539	30%	448	33%	815	40%	444	35%	1	*	2	3%	3,488	34%
Adoption	542	25%	437	30%	390	22%	257	19%	374	19%	237	19%	214	94%	---	---	2,451	24%
APPLA ⁽³⁾	361	17%	242	16%	441	25%	308	23%	409	20%	342	27%	---	---	18	29%	2,121	21%
Permanent Care with Kin Guardianship	171	8%	90	6%	150	8%	133	10%	168	8%	86	7%	---	---	5	8%	803	8%
Stabilization of Family	124	6%	87	6%	86	5%	70	5%	104	5%	72	6%	---	---	---	---	543	5%
Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	12	19%	12	*
Unspecified as of run-date	103	5%	44	3%	45	3%	40	3%	43	2%	28	2%	5	2%	25	40%	333	3%
Total	2,148	100%	1,478	100%	1,768	100%	1,351	100%	2,020	100%	1,277	100%	227	100%	62	100%	10,331	100%
Continuous Time in Care:																		
(.5 yr or less)	565	26%	433	29%	422	24%	358	26%	542	27%	340	27%	7	3%	8	13%	2,675	26%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	354	16%	263	18%	275	16%	240	18%	343	17%	191	15%	19	8%	15	24%	1,700	16%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	306	14%	190	13%	236	13%	153	11%	278	14%	170	13%	34	15%	8	13%	1,375	13%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	161	7%	118	8%	142	8%	138	10%	175	9%	140	11%	22	10%	5	8%	901	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	455	21%	277	19%	313	18%	244	18%	395	20%	244	19%	99	44%	15	24%	2,042	20%
> 4 yrs	307	14%	197	13%	380	21%	218	16%	286	14%	192	15%	46	20%	11	18%	1,637	16%
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	0%	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	2,148	100%	1,478	100%	1,768	100%	1,351	100%	2,020	100%	1,277	100%	227	100%	62	100%	10,331	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

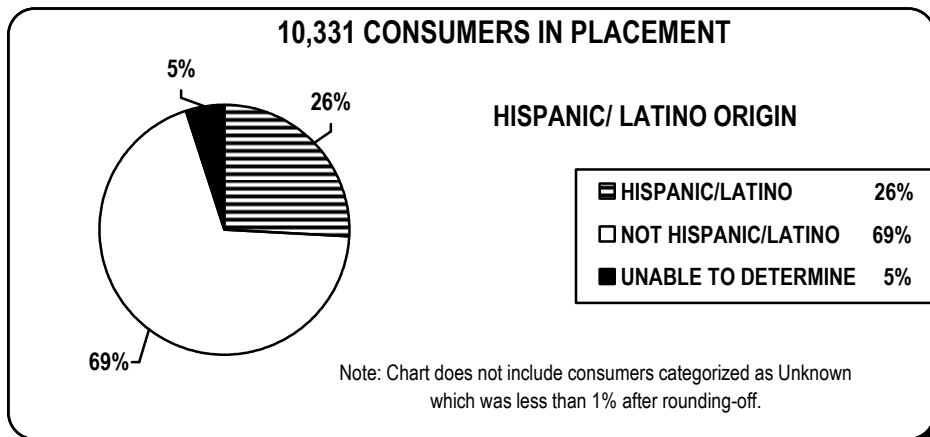
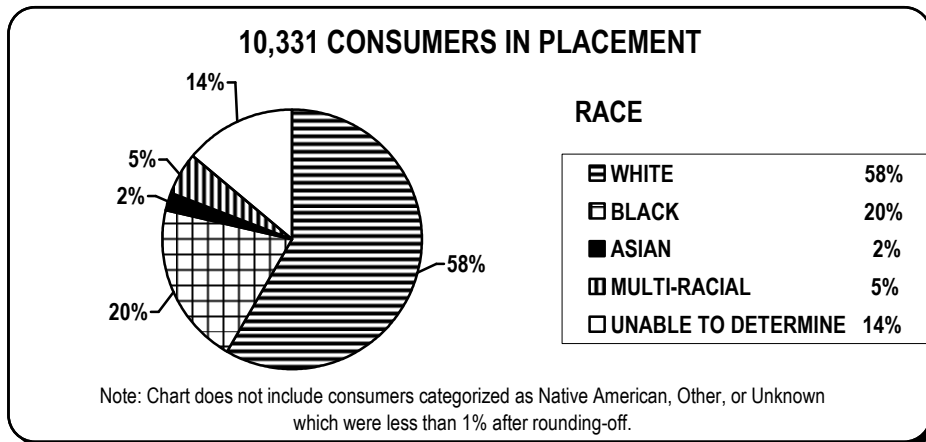
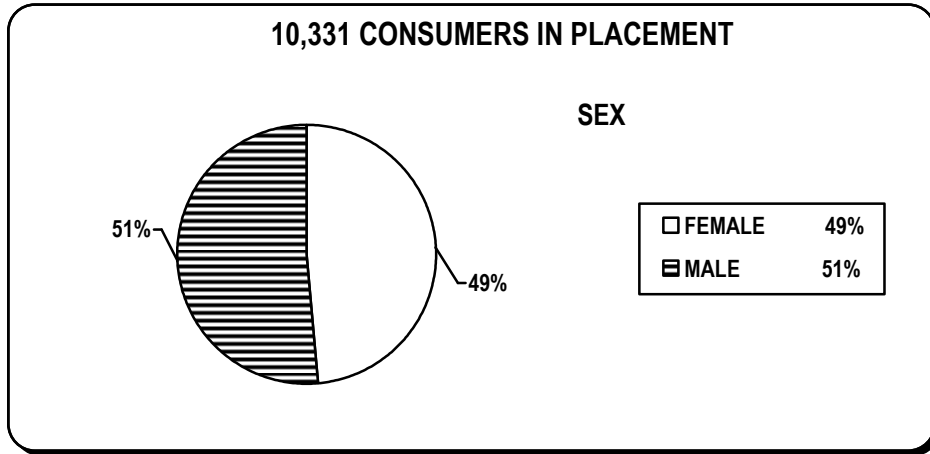
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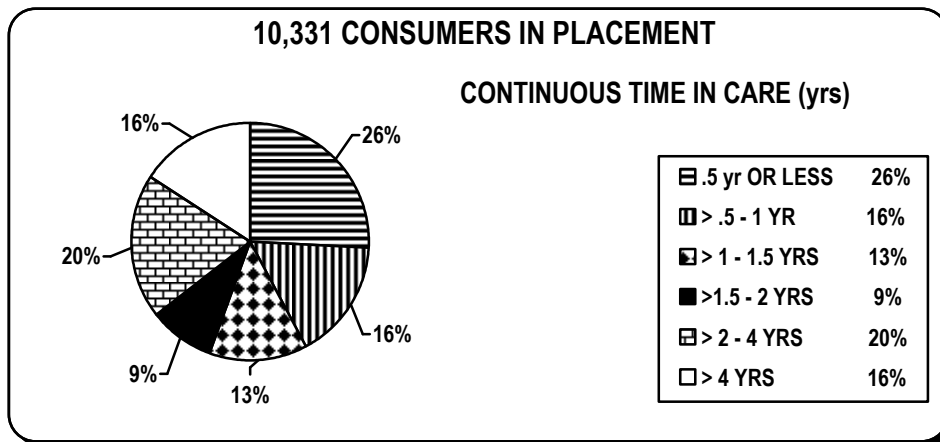
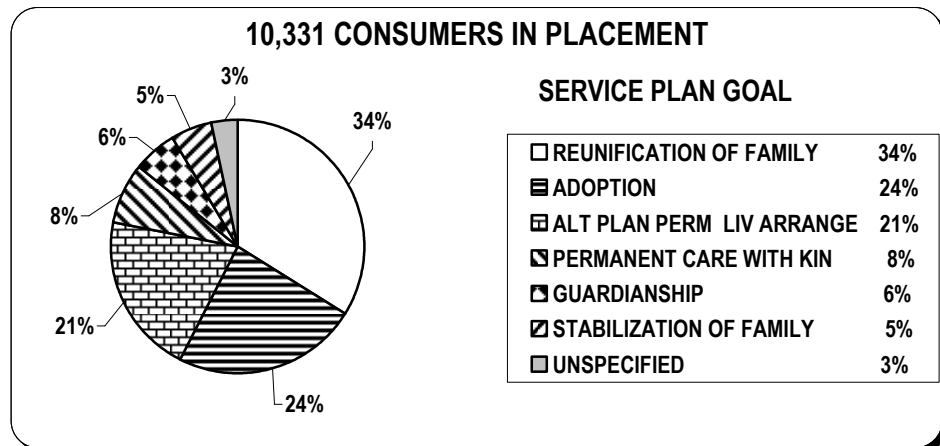
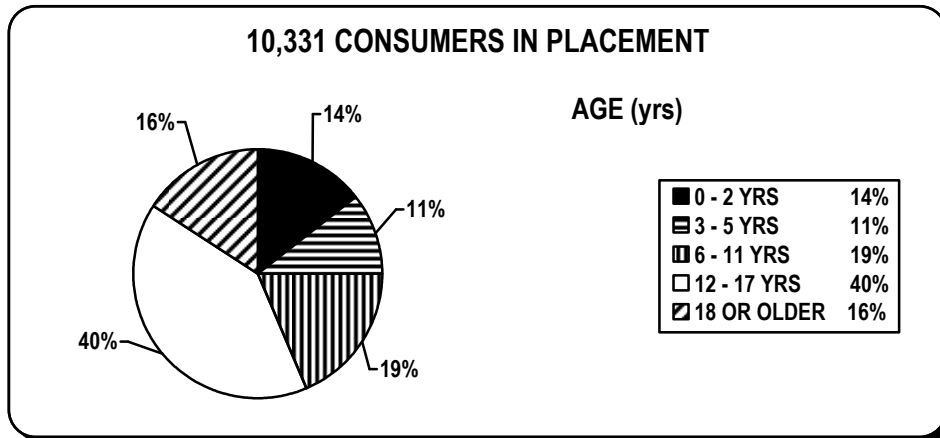
⁽³⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽⁴⁾ "Old" taxonomy

**FIGURE 11A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN
STATEWIDE: FY'2009, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)**



**FIGURE 11B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT
STATEWIDE: FY'2009, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)**



**TABLE 7A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2009, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)**

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers														Total			
	White		Black		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine				Unknown	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	1,578	26%	473	23%	66	31%	7	27%	2	50%	139	25%	409	29%	1	100%	2,675	26%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	1,005	17%	327	16%	46	22%	5	19%	---	---	84	15%	233	16%	---	---	1,700	16%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	787	13%	284	14%	22	10%	4	15%	---	---	97	18%	181	13%	---	---	1,375	13%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	493	8%	195	9%	17	8%	4	15%	---	---	53	10%	139	10%	---	---	901	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	1,213	20%	413	20%	33	15%	3	12%	2	50%	119	22%	259	18%	---	---	2,042	20%
> 4yrs	938	16%	402	19%	29	14%	3	12%	---	---	61	11%	204	14%	---	---	1,637	16%
Unspecified	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	6,015	100%	2,094	100%	213	100%	26	100%	4	100%	553	100%	1,425	100%	1	100%	10,331	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**TABLE 7B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2009, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)**

Continuous Time in Care	Hispanic/Latino Origin ⁽¹⁾ of Consumers								Total	
	Hispanic/ Latino		Not Hispanic/ Latino		Unable to Determine		Unknown			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	717	27%	1,817	25%	141	28%	---	---	2,675	26%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	416	16%	1,200	17%	83	16%	1	33%	1,700	16%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	351	13%	953	13%	71	14%	---	---	1,375	13%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	253	10%	597	8%	51	10%	---	---	901	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	516	19%	1,425	20%	99	20%	2	67%	2,042	20%
> 4yrs	402	15%	1,175	16%	60	12%	---	---	1,637	16%
Unspecified	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	2,655	100%	7,168	100%	505	100%	3	100%	10,331	100%

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

TABLE 8A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2009, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers																Total	
	White		Black		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine		Unknown			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	2,062	34%	655	31%	83	39%	12	46%	2	50%	185	33%	489	34%	---	---	3,488	34%
Adoption	1,439	24%	425	20%	22	10%	4	15%	---	---	213	39%	348	24%	---	---	2,451	24%
APPLA ⁽²⁾	1,203	20%	543	26%	43	20%	6	23%	1	25%	68	12%	257	18%	---	---	2,121	21%
Permanent Care with Kin	466	8%	181	9%	15	7%	2	8%	1	25%	20	4%	118	8%	---	---	803	8%
Guardianship	370	6%	104	5%	10	5%	---	---	---	---	28	5%	68	5%	---	---	580	6%
Stabilization of Family	293	5%	101	5%	19	9%	2	8%	---	---	32	6%	95	7%	1	100%	543	5%
Other ⁽³⁾	1	*	9	*	2	1%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	12	*
Unspecified as of run-date	181	3%	76	4%	19	9%	---	---	---	---	7	1%	50	4%	---	---	333	3%
Total	6,015	100%	2,094	100%	213	100%	26	100%	4	100%	553	100%	1,425	100%	1	100%	10,331	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

⁽²⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽³⁾ old taxonomy

TABLE 8B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2009, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)

Service Plan Goal	Hispanic/Latino Origin of Consumers								Total	
	Hispanic/Latino		Not Hispanic/Latino		Unable to Determine		Missing			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	910	34%	2,415	34%	163	32%	---	---	3,488	34%
Adoption	654	25%	1,643	23%	154	30%	---	---	2,451	24%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	497	19%	1,555	22%	68	13%	1	33%	2,121	21%
Permanent Care with Kin	203	8%	564	8%	36	7%	---	---	803	8%
Guardianship	145	5%	411	6%	24	5%	---	---	580	6%
Stabilization of Family	147	6%	363	5%	33	7%	---	---	543	5%
Other ⁽²⁾	4	*	7	*	---	---	1	33%	12	*
Unspecified as of run-date	95	4%	210	3%	27	5%	1	33%	333	3%
Total	2,655	100%	7,168	100%	505	100%	3	100%	10,331	100%

⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽²⁾ old taxonomy

**TABLE 8C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2009, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)**

Service Plan Goal	Age Group of Consumers										Total	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older		No.	%
Family Reunification	688	20%	406	12%	726	21%	1,639	47%	29	1%	3,488	100%
Adoption	639	26%	569	23%	876	36%	364	15%	3	*	2,451	100%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	1	*	---	---	3	*	763	36%	1,354	64%	2,121	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	6	1%	6	1%	51	6%	648	81%	92	11%	803	100%
Guardianship	25	4%	44	8%	148	26%	329	57%	34	6%	580	100%
Stabilization of Family	61	11%	40	7%	85	16%	291	54%	66	12%	543	100%
Other ⁽²⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	8%	11	92%	12	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	66	20%	28	8%	43	13%	148	44%	48	14%	333	100%
Total	1,486	14%	1,093	11%	1,932	19%	4,183	40%	1,637	16%	10,331	100%

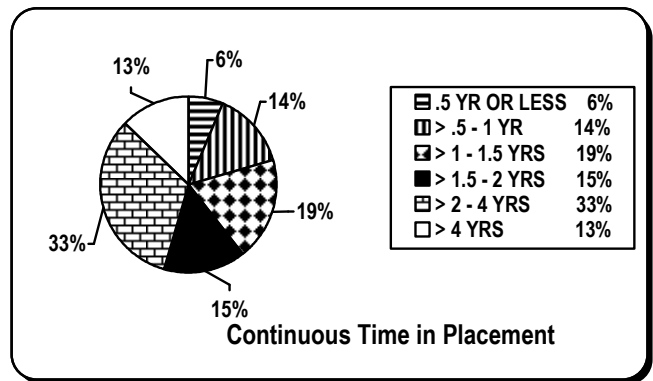
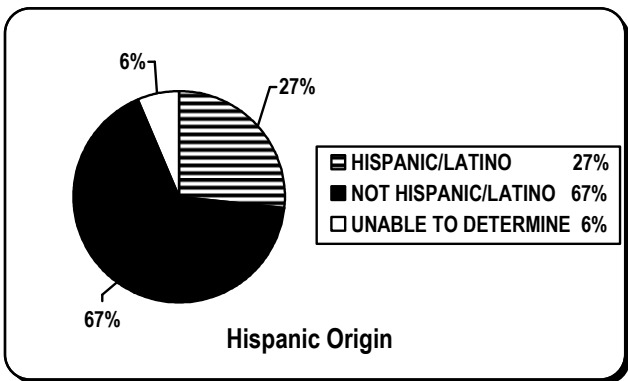
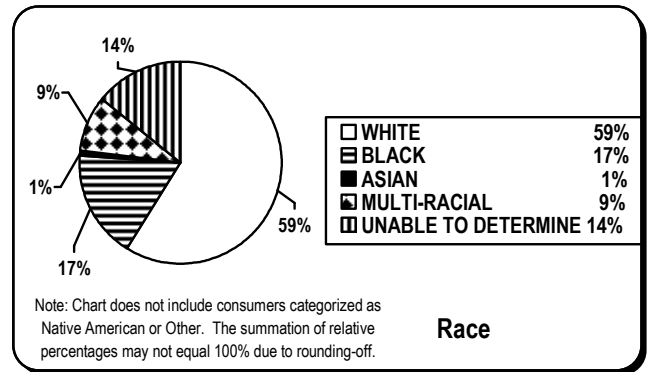
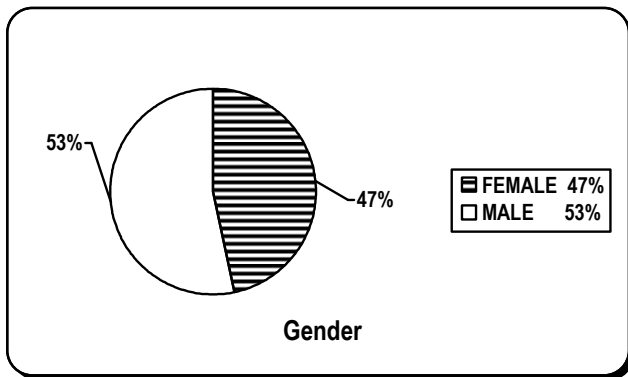
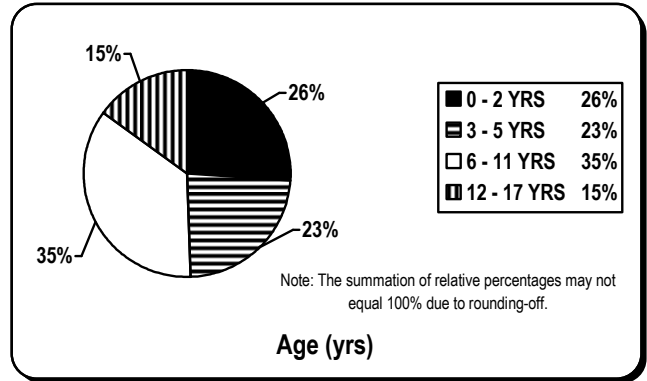
**TABLE 8D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2009, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)**

Service Plan Goal	Continuous Time in Placement										Total					
	(.5yr or less)		(> .5 - 1 yr)		(>1 - 1.5 yrs)		(>1.5 - 2 yrs)		(>2 - 4 yrs)		> 4 yrs		Unspecified	No.	%	
Family Reunification	1,687	48%	939	27%	450	13%	179	5%	198	6%	35	1%	---	---	3,488	100%
Adoption	155	6%	348	14%	464	19%	368	15%	804	33%	312	13%	---	---	2,451	100%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	163	8%	164	8%	202	10%	174	8%	584	28%	834	39%	---	---	2,121	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	66	8%	78	10%	83	10%	84	10%	211	26%	281	35%	---	---	803	100%
Guardianship	34	6%	71	12%	122	21%	68	12%	169	29%	116	20%	---	---	580	100%
Stabilization of Family	339	62%	72	13%	33	6%	14	3%	45	8%	39	7%	1	*	543	100%
Other ⁽²⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	6	50%	6	50%	---	---	12	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	231	69%	28	8%	21	6%	14	4%	25	8%	14	4%	---	---	333	100%
Total	2,675	26%	1,700	16%	1,375	13%	901	9%	2,042	20%	1,637	16%	1	*	10,331	100%

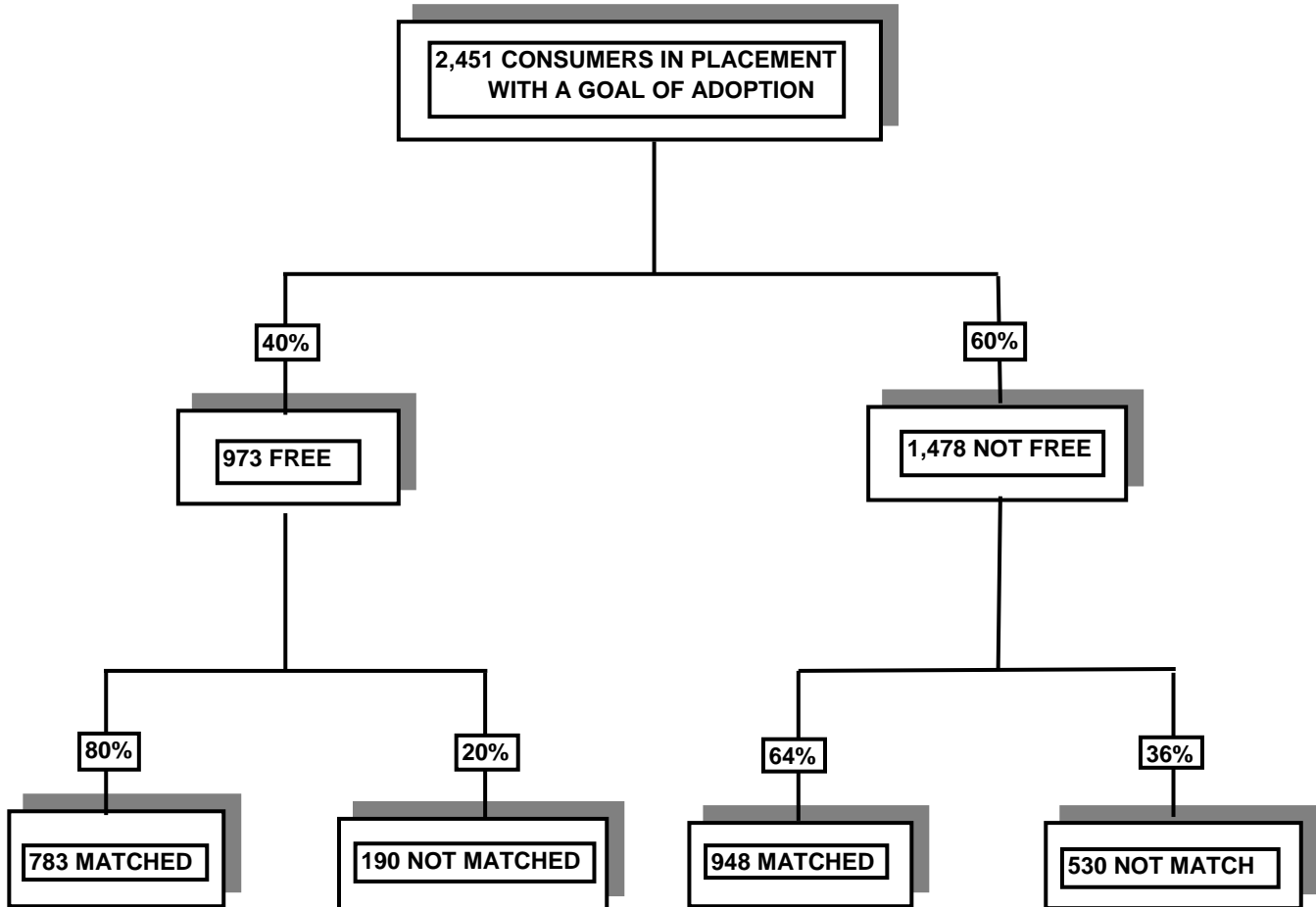
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**FIGURE 12A. AGE, SEX, RACE, HISPANIC ORIGIN AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT OF CONSUMERS WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
FY'2009, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)**



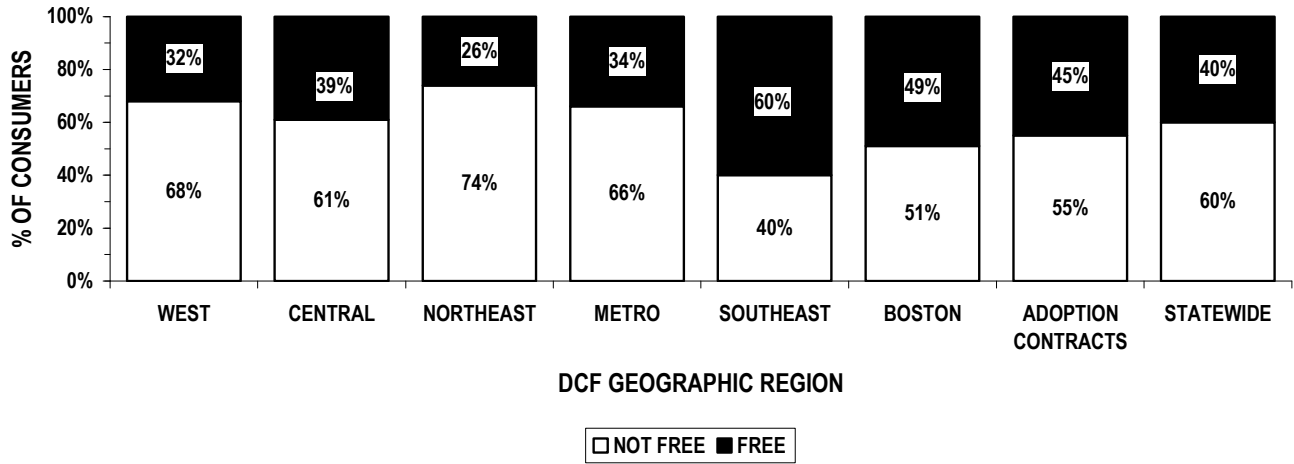
**FIGURE 12B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION:
 LEGAL STATUS AND MATCH STATUS
 FY'2009, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)**



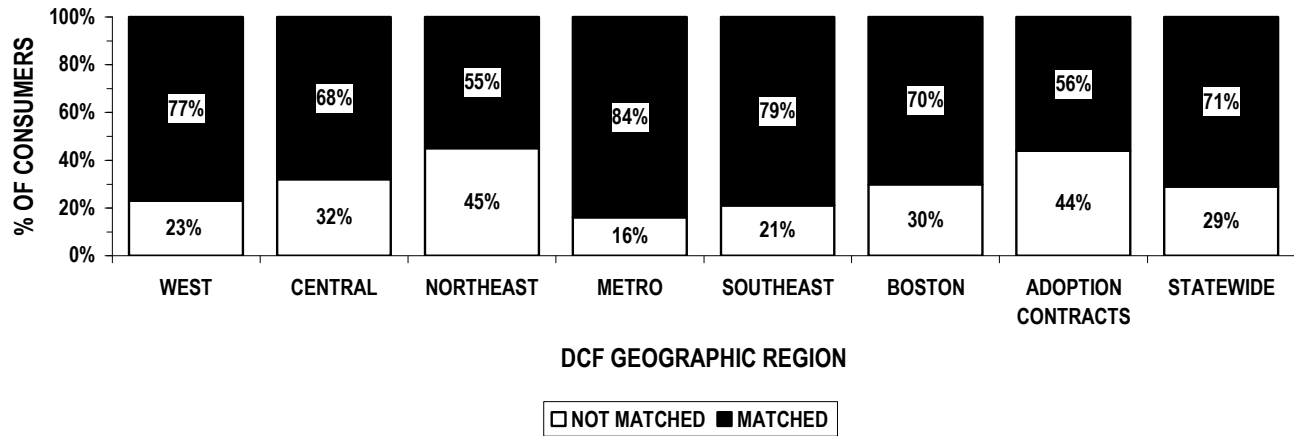
Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption

Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 12C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS
FY'09, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)**



**FIGURE 12D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND WHETHER MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY
FY'09, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)**



Case Intakes (Openings)

- Beginning with the 1st Quarter of FY'2007, a programming change was made in order to pick up case openings missed in prior reports (short-term openings and closings within the quarter). Consequently, these intake statistics cannot be compared with quarters prior to the 1st Quarter of FY'2007. Monitoring for trends should begin with the 1st Quarter of FY'2007.
- During the 4th Quarter of FY'2009, there were 4,540 case openings (unduplicated) and 18,587 consumer openings (unduplicated). Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed by DCF. Consumers who entered the DCF system during the quarter include both members of new cases and new members of ongoing cases, as well as re-opened consumers (previously opened and closed). (**Tables 9A and 9B** on page 43)
- Eighty-four percent of case intakes and 87% of consumer intakes were due to supported abuse/neglect reports. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 8% of case intakes and 7% of consumer intakes. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- CHINS referrals amounted to 5% of case intakes and 4% of consumer intakes. (**Tables 9A and 9B**) It should be noted that the CHINS consumer counts include CHINS children, adult caretakers, and oftentimes non-CHINS siblings.
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in Fig. 13. Supported reports accounted for 82-87% of the total intakes for each region. CHINS referrals ranged from 4-8% of the total intakes for each region. Voluntary requests were highest in the Central and Metro Regions (11%). (**Fig. 13** on page 44, **Table 9A**)
- Counts of CHINS referrals were highest in Boston (49 case openings). Voluntary requests were highest in the Southeast (79). Case intakes via supported reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West (826) and Southeast (808). (**Table 9A**). The West and Southeast had the highest numbers of supported investigations during the 4th Quarter of FY'2009 (See **Table 14** on page 55).
- Statewide (and often regionally), case openings are lowest in the 1st quarter. (**Fig. 14** on page 44). This quarterly trend in case openings is driven by reports and investigations. Reports and investigations are lowest in the 1st quarter (summer vacation) then rise during the school year (**Figs. 20 and 21** on page 57).

**TABLE 9A. CASE INTAKES⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DCF REGION:
FY'2009, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/09 - 6/30/09)**

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	826	87%	46	5%	49	5%	24	3%	945
Central	559	82%	34	5%	76	11%	10	1%	679
Northeast	553	82%	41	6%	59	9%	18	3%	671
Metro	551	82%	26	4%	73	11%	20	3%	670
Southeast	808	84%	47	5%	79	8%	24	3%	958
Boston	540	84%	49	8%	39	6%	12	2%	640
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	3	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	3
Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	2	100%	---	---	2
Total	3,840	84%	243	5%	377	8%	108	2%	4,568

⁽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 **4,540**.

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

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

⁽⁴⁾ 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'2009, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/09 - 6/30/09)**

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	3,555	91%	139	4%	166	4%	40	1%	3,900
Central	2,467	85%	131	5%	272	9%	25	1%	2,895
Northeast	2,366	86%	138	5%	182	7%	71	3%	2,757
Metro	2,286	84%	84	3%	269	10%	67	2%	2,706
Southeast	3,428	88%	151	4%	241	6%	85	2%	3,905
Boston	2,251	87%	161	6%	123	5%	38	1%	2,573
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	3	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	3
Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	3	100%	---	---	3
Total	16,356	87%	804	4%	1,256	7%	326	2%	18,742

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

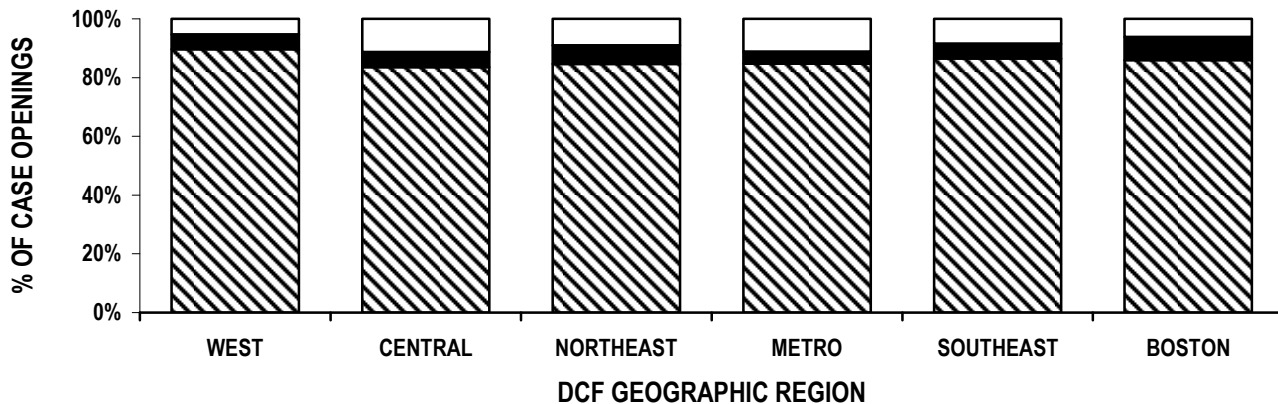
⁽¹⁾ Counts of consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases during the quarter. The total summation for each DCF Region is a duplicated count because some consumers had more than one type of initial contact during the quarter. The unduplicated count of total consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases is **18,587**.

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

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

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

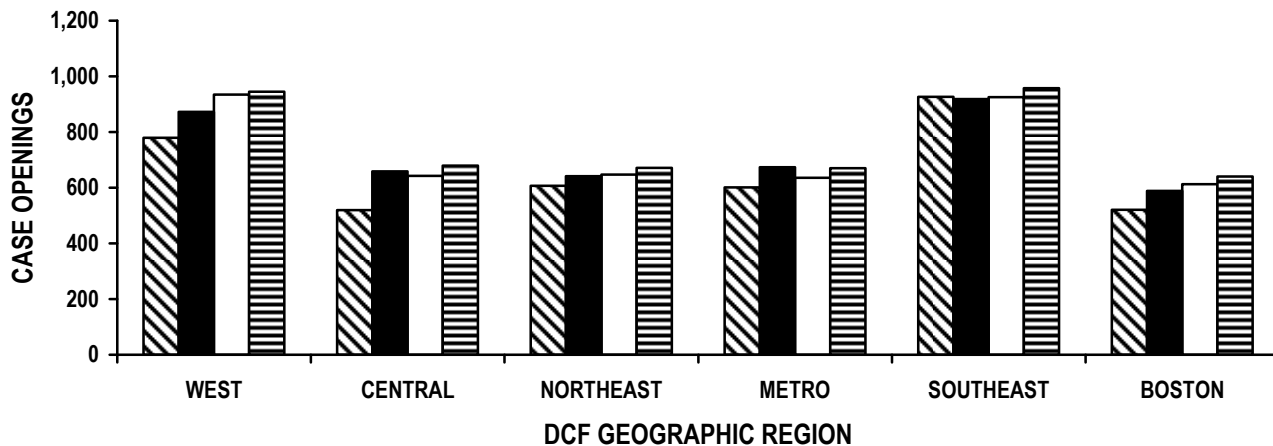
**FIGURE 13. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION
FY'2009, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/09 - 6/30/09)**



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

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

**FIGURE 14. INTAKES (CASE OPENINGS) BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2009, 4TH QUARTER)**



▨ 7/1/08 - 9/30/08 ■ 10/1/08 - 12/31/08 □ 1/1/09 - 3/31/09 ▨ 4/1/09 - 6/30/09

Consumers Entering and Leaving Placement during the Quarter

- During the 4th Quarter of FY'2009, 2,076 consumers entered placement and 2,292 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 47)
- There were 1% more consumers entering care in the 4th Quarter of FY'2009 compared to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2009.
- There were 1% more consumers leaving care in the 4th Quarter of FY'2009 compared to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2009.

Entries to Placement

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 4th Quarter of FY'2009, 64% were first-time entrants and 36% were re-entrants.²¹ Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 60% in Metro to 69% in the West. (Table 10, Fig. 15 on page 48)
- The 2,076 entrants to placement (first-time entrants and re-entrants combined) were distributed across regions as follows: 24% (West), 19% (Southeast), 16% (Northeast), 15% (Central), 14% (Metro), and 12% (Boston). (Table 10)
- Across the state, 73% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 23% were placed in congregate care,²² and 4% were placed in non-referral locations.²³
- Regionally, the proportion of all entrants placed in foster care ranged from 58% in Metro to 83% in the West. In contrast, the proportion of all entrants placed in congregate care ranged from 13% in the West to 39% in Metro. (Table 10, Fig. 16 on page 48)
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Seventy-eight percent of first-time entrants and 64% of re-entrants were placed in foster care. Conversely, 29% of re-entrants and 19% of first-time entrants were placed in congregate care. (Table 10)

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

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

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

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

Exits from Placement

- Statewide, 68% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 63% in Boston to 72% in the Northeast. **(Table 11)**
- Statewide, 8% of consumers leaving placement were adopted, 10% were emancipated, and 5% were granted guardianships. **(Table 11)**
- Regionally, the proportion of consumers leaving placement who were adopted ranged from 7% in both Central and the Northeast to 10% in Metro. The proportion emancipated ranged from 7% in the Southeast to 12% in both the Northeast and Metro. The proportion granted guardianships ranged from 3% in the Northeast to 7% in Central, Boston, and the Southeast. **(Table 11)**

**TABLE 10. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2009, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/09 - 6/30/09)**

Entry Type: Placement Location Started	DCF Geographic Region							Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Other ⁽¹⁾	
First-Time Entrants:	342	204	207	177	241	161	7	1,339
Foster Care	297	174	147	118	176	125	6	1,043
Congregate Care	35	27	51	55	58	30	---	256
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	10	3	9	4	7	6	1	40
Re-Entrants:	156	110	126	119	146	80	---	737
Foster Care	116	79	74	53	96	54	---	472
Congregate Care	28	23	38	61	45	17	---	212
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	12	8	14	5	5	9	---	53
Total	498	314	333	296	387	241	7	2,076

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

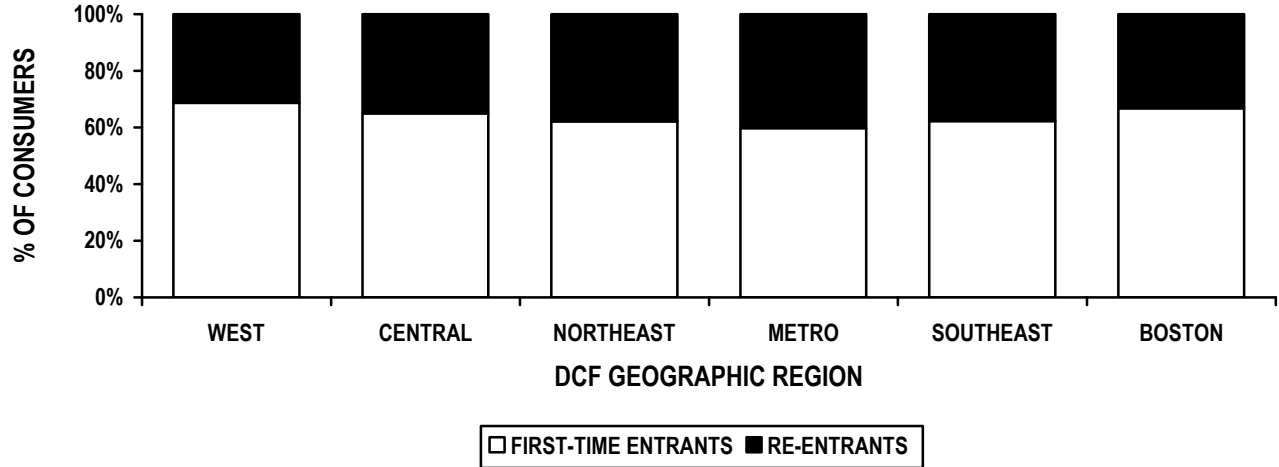
⁽²⁾ Includes hospitals and other state agencies.

**TABLE 11. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2009, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/09 - 6/30/09)**

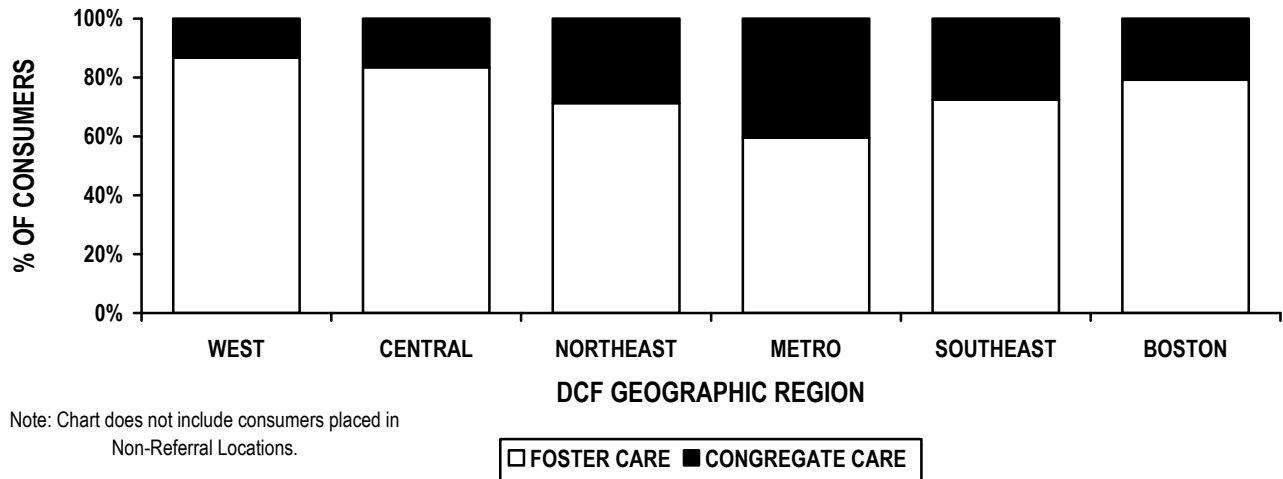
Reason Placement Ended	DCF Geographic Region							Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Other ⁽¹⁾	
Child Returned Home	338	233	261	230	300	188	---	1,550
Child 18 or Older	50	29	42	40	32	24	3	220
Consumer Adopted	47	25	24	32	35	25	---	188
Guardianship	22	25	11	14	32	20	---	124
Custody to Other Individual	47	8	12	8	9	25	---	109
Custody to Other Agency	---	3	4	---	3	3	---	13
Consumer Deceased	---	---	---	1	1	---	---	2
Unspecified	17	14	11	10	19	14	1	86
Total	521	337	365	335	431	299	4	2,292

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

**FIGURE 15. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT
DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS)
FY'2009, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/09 - 6/30/09)**

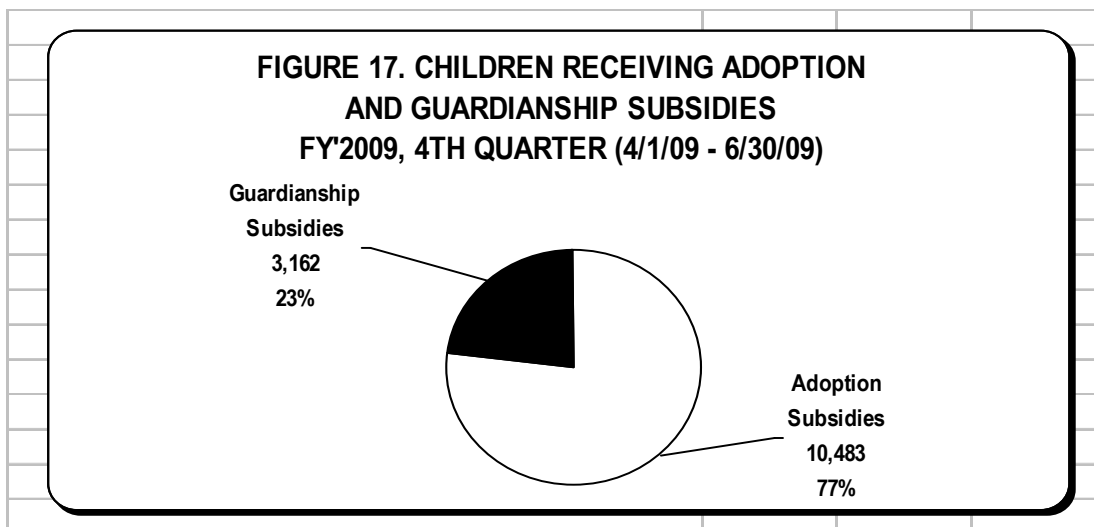


**FIGURE 16. ALL CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER
TO FOSTER AND CONGREGATE CARE
FY'2009, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/09 - 6/30/09)**



Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies

- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2009, the total number of children receiving adoption subsidies was 10,483. Guardianship subsidies totaled 3,162. **(Fig. 17)**



From the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY'2009, adoption subsidies rose 1% and guardianship subsidies increased 2%. Typically, adoption subsidies increase about 1% each quarter while guardianship subsidies mostly fluctuate around 1-2% (See table below). The declines in adoption and guardianship subsidies during the 1st Quarter of FY'2007 and 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'2006	1 st	10,113	*	3,073	*
	2 nd	10,224	1%	3,098	1%
	3 rd	10,322	1%	3,119	1%
	4 th	10,463	1%	3,115	*
FY'2007	1 st	10,149	-3%	3,017	-3%
	2 nd	10,190	*	2,967	-2%
	3 rd	10,287	1%	3,019	2%
	4 th	10,184	-1%	3,016	*
FY'2008	1 st	10,312	1%	3,046	1%
	2 nd	10,386	1%	3,022	-1%
	3 rd	10,461	1%	3,074	2%
	4 th	10,517	1%	3,133	2%
FY,2009	1 st	10,567	*	3,178	1%
	2 nd	10,297	-3%	3,040	-4%
	3 rd	10,385	1%	3,101	2%
	4 th	10,483	1%	3,162	2%

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

Foster Homes²⁴

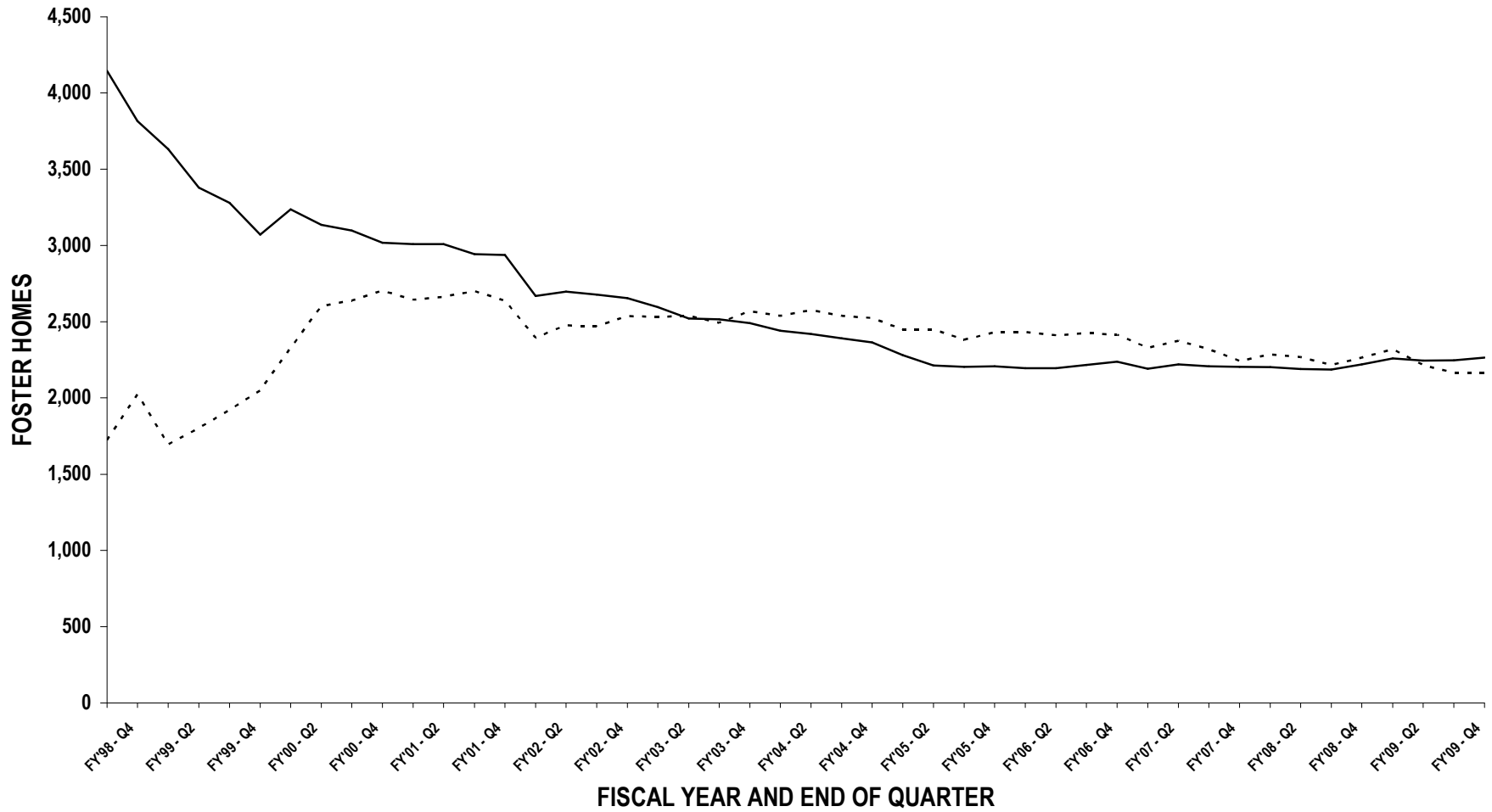
- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2009, there were 4,427 foster homes under the direct supervision of DCF. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes²⁵ as well as unrestricted homes.²⁶ There was a nearly equal number of restricted (2,162) and unrestricted (2,265) foster homes. (**Table 12A** on page 52)
- 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'2009, the proportion of restricted homes fluctuated between 50% and 51%. At the end of the 3rd and 4th Quarters of FY'2009, restricted homes accounted for 49% of all foster homes. (**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 53)
- Statewide, 72% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White and 53% were married. (**Tables 12A and 12C**)
- Twelve percent (524) of all foster homes were identified as Black (264 restricted and 260 unrestricted). (**Table 12A**)
- Fifteen percent (646) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (302 restricted and 344 unrestricted). (**Table 12B** on page 52)

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 4TH QUARTER OF FY'2009 (6/30/09)



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

— UNRESTRICTED - - - - - RESTRICTED

TABLE 12A. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DCF REGION: FY'2009, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ¹	Total		
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%				
Restricted:	413		349		361		288		511		208		32	2,162		
White	350	85%	204	58%	260	72%	234	81%	415	81%	77	37%	19	59%	1,559	72%
Black	40	10%	17	5%	27	7%	22	8%	51	10%	102	49%	5	16%	264	12%
Asian	---	---	2	1%	17	5%	3	1%	---	---	---	---	1	3%	23	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	7	1%	---	---	---	---	7	*
Other ²	---	---	2	1%	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	3	*
Multi-Racial	1	*	1	*	3	1%	1	*	3	1%	1	*	---	---	10	*
Unable to Determine ³	19	5%	118	34%	50	14%	25	9%	26	5%	27	13%	4	13%	269	12%
Missing	3	1%	5	1%	4	1%	3	1%	8	2%	1	*	3	9%	27	1%
Unrestricted:	508		345		270		328		517		186		111	2,265		
White	415	82%	287	83%	229	85%	282	86%	424	82%	67	36%	99	89%	1,803	80%
Black	53	10%	13	4%	12	4%	34	10%	44	9%	97	52%	7	6%	260	11%
Asian	3	1%	---	---	8	3%	---	---	1	*	---	---	2	2%	14	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	4	1%	---	---	---	---	5	*
Other ²	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Multi-Racial	19	4%	2	1%	4	1%	4	1%	3	1%	1	1%	---	---	33	1%
Unable to Determine ³	17	3%	43	12%	15	6%	7	2%	41	8%	21	11%	3	3%	147	6%
Unknown	---	---	---	---	2	1%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*
Total	921		694		631		616		1,028		394		143	4,427		

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

² Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

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

TABLE 12B. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY HISPANIC ORIGIN AND DCF REGION: FY'2009, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09)

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ¹	Total		
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%				
Restricted:	413		349		361		288		511		208		32	2,162		
Hispanic/Latino	59	14%	56	16%	71	20%	25	9%	33	6%	51	25%	7	22%	302	14%
Not Hispanic/Latino	345	84%	196	56%	268	74%	249	86%	460	90%	150	72%	22	69%	1,690	78%
Unable to Determine ²	5	1%	92	26%	21	6%	12	4%	9	2%	6	3%	1	3%	146	7%
Missing	4	1%	5	3%	1	*	2	1%	9	2%	1	1%	2	9%	24	1%
Unrestricted:	508		345		270		328		517		186		130	2,265		
Hispanic/Latino	113	22%	55	16%	67	25%	10	3%	51	10%	41	22%	7	5%	344	15%
Not Hispanic/Latino	393	77%	279	81%	197	73%	310	95%	447	86%	144	77%	103	79%	1,873	83%
Unable to Determine ²	2	*	11	3%	4	1%	8	2%	18	3%	1	1%	1	1%	45	2%
Unknown	---	---	---	---	2	1%	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	3	*
Total	921		694		631		616		1,028		394		162	4,427		

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

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

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

TABLE 12C. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DCF REGION: FY'2009, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/09) ⁽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:	413		349		361		288		511		208		32		2,162	
Married	246	60%	205	59%	192	53%	158	55%	275	54%	60	29%	15	47%	1,151	53%
Single	88	21%	88	25%	92	25%	79	27%	128	25%	103	50%	10	31%	588	27%
Divorced	49	12%	33	9%	47	13%	24	8%	60	12%	23	11%	6	19%	242	11%
Widowed	14	3%	10	3%	15	4%	15	5%	23	5%	10	5%	---	---	87	4%
Separated	15	4%	8	2%	14	4%	10	3%	17	3%	11	5%	---	---	75	3%
Unspecified	1	*	5	1%	1	*	2	1%	8	2%	1	*	1	3%	19	1%
Unrestricted:	508		345		270		328		517		186		111		2,265	
Married	319	63%	258	75%	156	58%	225	69%	337	65%	60	32%	77	69%	1,432	63%
Single	97	19%	45	13%	55	20%	68	21%	86	17%	85	46%	25	23%	461	20%
Divorced	61	12%	32	9%	42	16%	23	7%	65	13%	28	15%	7	6%	258	11%
Widowed	16	3%	2	1%	10	4%	6	2%	19	4%	6	3%	---	---	59	3%
Separated	15	3%	8	2%	6	2%	6	2%	10	2%	7	4%	2	2%	54	2%
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	921		694		631		616		1,028		394		143		4,427	

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

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

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

Child Maltreatment Reports, Investigations, and DA Referrals

Reports

- Statewide, 21,158 reports were recorded during the 4th Quarter of FY'2009. Sixty-three percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation. Nine 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 (3,866) and Southeast (2,998). The Judge Baker Children's Center (hotline) recorded 5,678 reports. Regional screen-in rates ranged from 51% in Metro to 73% in Boston. The screen-in rate at the Judge Baker Children's Center was 70%. (**Table 13, Fig. 18** on page 56)
- The DCF Regions screened-in 2-4% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 24% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children's Center Hotline. (**Table 13**)
- Statewide, reports rose 6% from the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY'2009. Regional changes ranged from -2% in Boston to 9% in Central. Typically, report counts decline during the summer quarter (Q1) then rise during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). (**Fig. 20** on page 57)

Investigations

- The number of investigations completed during the 4th Quarter of FY'2009 was 11,619.²⁷ Fifty-seven percent of the investigations resulted in supported allegations of maltreatment. (**Table 14** on page 55)
- The Southeast and West conducted more investigations (2,256 and 2,239, respectively) than the other regions. Regional support rates went from a low of 50% in the Northeast to a high of 60% in the West. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 74% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. (**Table 14, Fig. 19** on page 56)
- Statewide, investigations increased 7% from the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY'2009. Over the same period, regional changes in investigations ranged from 1% in Boston to 14% in the West. (**Fig. 21** on page 57)

²⁷ The number of investigations is lower than the number of screened-in reports. This occurs because an investigation may be associated to multiple reports on the same incident or by reports received on separate but closely occurring incidents.

TABLE 13. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2009, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/09 - 6/30/09)

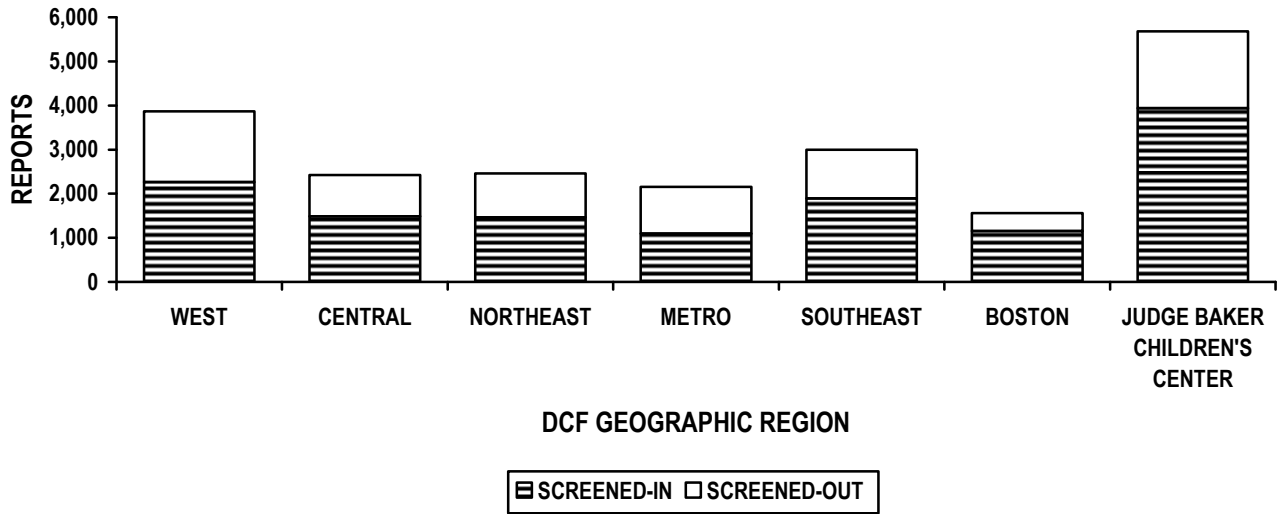
DCF Geographic Region	Screening Decision						Total	
	Screened Out		Screened-In					
			No.	%	Non-Emergency		Emergency	
West	1,605	42%	2,138	55%	123	3%	3,866	18%
Central	936	39%	1,401	58%	84	3%	2,421	11%
Northeast	996	41%	1,379	56%	83	3%	2,458	12%
Metro	1,060	49%	1,047	49%	48	2%	2,155	10%
Southeast	1,102	37%	1,804	60%	92	3%	2,998	14%
Boston	411	26%	1,084	69%	67	4%	1,562	7%
Judge Baker Children's Center	1,737	31%	2,594	46%	1,347	24%	5,678	27%
Special Investigations	6	30%	14	70%	---	---	20	*
Total	7,853	37%	11,461	54%	1,844	9%	21,158	100%

**TABLE 14. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DCF REGION:
FY'2009, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/09 - 6/30/09)**

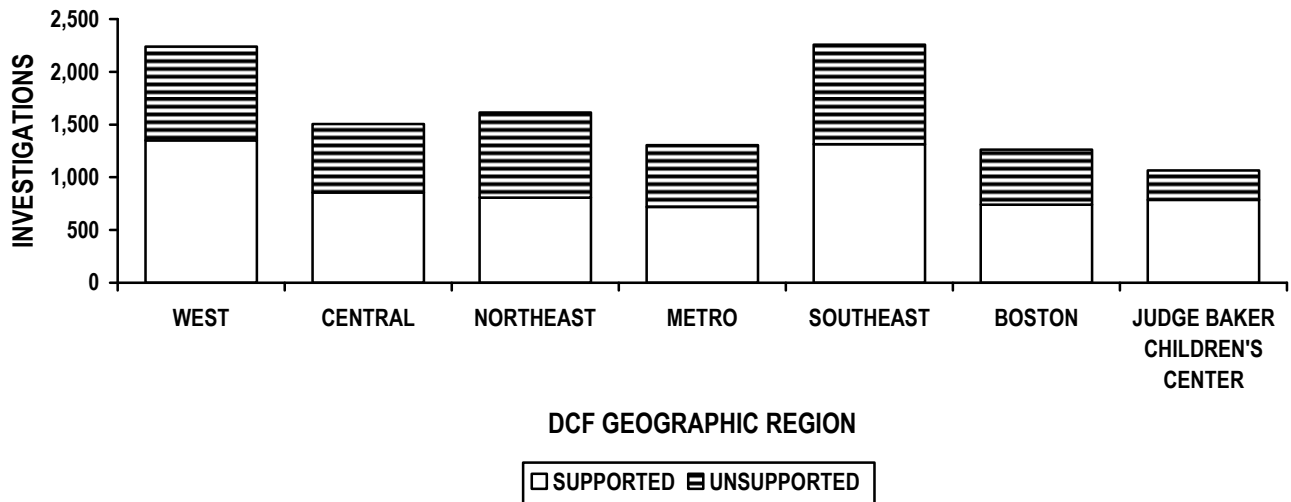
DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Total	
	Supported		Unsupported			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
West	1,351	60%	888	40%	2,239	19%
Central	856	57%	649	43%	1,505	13%
Northeast	808	50%	805	50%	1,613	14%
Metro	718	55%	586	45%	1,304	11%
Southeast	1,315	58%	941	42%	2,256	19%
Boston	741	59%	522	41%	1,263	11%
Judge Baker Children's Center	787	74%	278	26%	1,065	9%
Special Investigations	64	17%	310	83%	374	3%
Total	6,640	57%	4,979	43%	11,619	100%

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

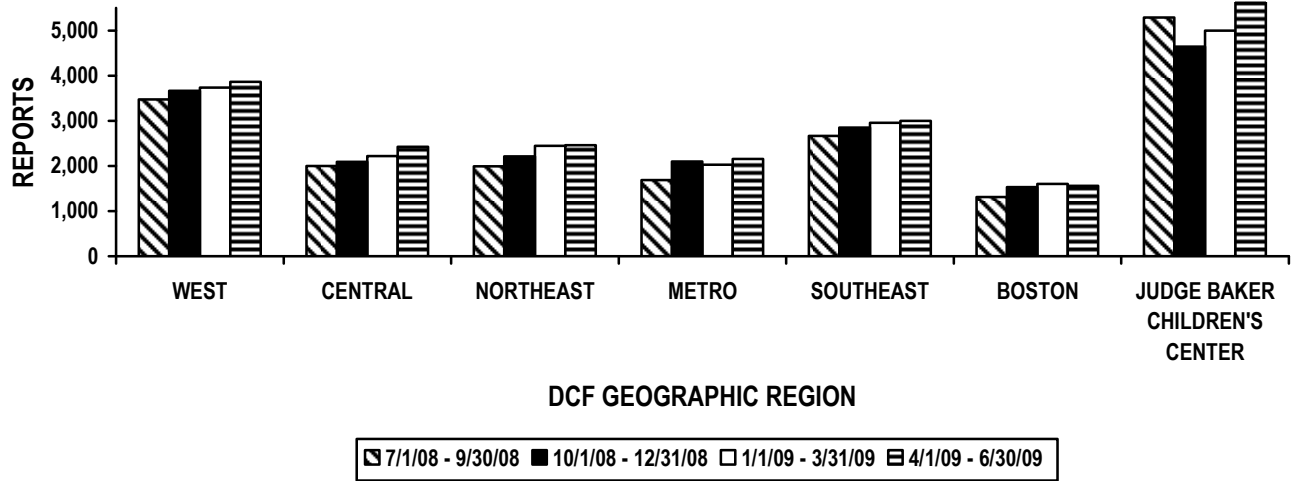
**FIGURE 18. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS
(SCREENING DECISION BY DCF REGION)
FY'2009, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/09 - 6/30/09)**



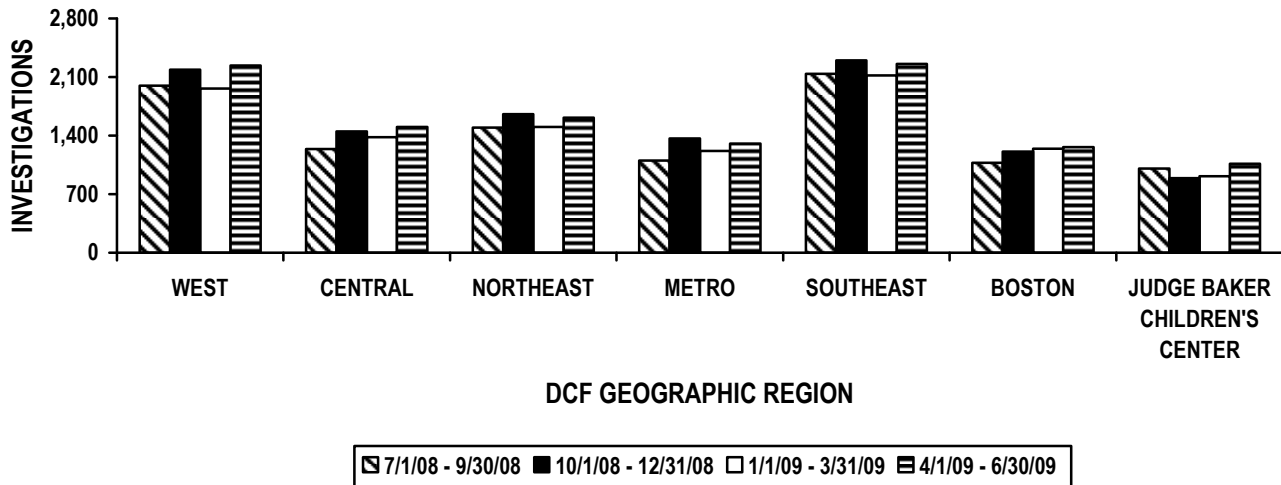
**FIGURE 19. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS
(INVESTIGATION DECISION BY DCF REGION)
FY'2009, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/09 - 6/30/09)**



**FIGURE 20. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2009, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2009, 4TH QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 21. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2009, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2009, 4TH QUARTER)**



DA Referrals

- During the 4th Quarter of FY'2009, 1,543 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (See table below). Fifty-two percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals²⁸ and 48% were discretionary referrals²⁹ (Fig. 22 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'03 Total	2,089	47%	2,310	53%	4,399
FY'04 Total	2,101	47%	2,399	53%	4,500
FY'05, Q1	500	49%	518	51%	1,018
FY'05, Q2	500	45%	603	55%	1,103
FY'05, Q3	575	47%	637	53%	1,212
FY'05, Q4	547	44%	701	56%	1,248
FY'05 Total	2,122	46%	2,459	54%	4,581
FY'06, Q1	490	44%	614	56%	1,104
FY'06, Q2	509	44%	659	56%	1,168
FY'06, Q3	518	44%	651	56%	1,169
FY'06, Q4	560	43%	742	57%	1,302
FY'06 Total	2,077	44%	2,666	56%	4,743
FY'07, Q1	532	49%	554	51%	1,086
FY'07, Q2	577	49%	606	51%	1,183
FY'07, Q3	559	47%	626	53%	1,185
FY'07, Q4	611	49%	645	51%	1,256
FY'07 Total	2,279	48%	2,431	52%	4,710
FY'08, Q1	538	46%	631	54%	1,169
FY'08, Q2	596	50%	595	50%	1,191
FY'08, Q3	656	49%	691	51%	1,347
FY'08, Q4	771	51%	735	49%	1,506
FY'08 Total	2,561	49%	2,652	51%	5,213
FY'09, Q1	676	52%	631	48%	1,307
FY'09, Q2	740	51%	710	49%	1,450
FY'09, Q3	705	50%	706	50%	1,411
FY'09, Q4	806	52%	737	48%	1,543
FY'09 Total	2,927	51%	2,784	49%	5,711

* DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

²⁸ 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.

²⁹ 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 77% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals³⁰ during the 4th Quarter of FY'2009 (**Fig. 23** on page 61, **Table 15** on page 62). Twenty-one percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

Reasons for Mandatory Referrals

Time Period	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		Death ³¹		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'03 Total	1,688	78%	461	21%	19	1%	2,168
FY'04 Total	1,713	78%	450	21%	26	1%	2,189
FY'05, Q1	412	80%	97	19%	4	1%	513
FY'05, Q2	398	77%	113	22%	5	1%	516
FY'05, Q3	461	79%	124	21%	2	*	587
FY'05, Q4	444	78%	122	21%	2	*	568
FY'05 Total	1,715	79%	456	21%	13	1%	2,184
FY'06, Q1	432	86%	66	13%	5	1%	503
FY'06, Q2	432	81%	99	19%	3	1%	534
FY'06, Q3	445	83%	82	15%	7	1%	534
FY'06, Q4	473	82%	95	16%	11	2%	579
FY'06 Total	1,782	83%	342	16%	26	1%	2,150
FY'07, Q1	472	85%	78	14%	7	1%	557
FY'07, Q2	503	84%	90	15%	5	1%	598
FY'07, Q3	473	82%	93	16%	10	2%	576
FY'07, Q4	487	78%	129	21%	9	1%	625
FY'07 Total	1,935	82%	390	17%	31	1%	2,356
FY'08, Q1	443	78%	114	20%	11	2%	568
FY'08, Q2	470	77%	130	21%	11	2%	611
FY'08, Q3	534	79%	127	19%	11	2%	672
FY'08, Q4	602	76%	181	23%	5	1%	788
FY'08 Total	2,049	78%	552	21%	38	1%	2,639
FY'09, Q1	569	81%	127	18%	7	1%	703
FY'09, Q2	629	82%	130	17%	7	1%	766
FY'09, Q3	577	80%	140	19%	4	1%	721
FY'09, Q4	638	77%	175	21%	11	1%	824
FY'09 Total	2,413	80%	572	19%	29	1%	3,014

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

³⁰ **A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason** (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

³¹ 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, Essex, Middlesex, Suffolk, and Worcester. Based on a comparison of county estimates³² for children less than 18 years old, Barnstable County had a lower number 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. Essex, Worcester, Suffolk, and Middlesex Counties accounted for 64% of the mandatory case referrals for sexual abuse (includes sexual assault and sexual exploitation). The same four counties accounted for 71% of the mandatory case referrals for serious physical abuse.

³² U.S. Census Bureau: 2006 American Community Survey, Data Profile Highlights for Counties in Massachusetts (factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html?_lang=en)

DA REFERRALS FY'2009, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/09 - 6/30/09)

FIGURE 22. TYPE OF CASE REFERRAL (Case Count)

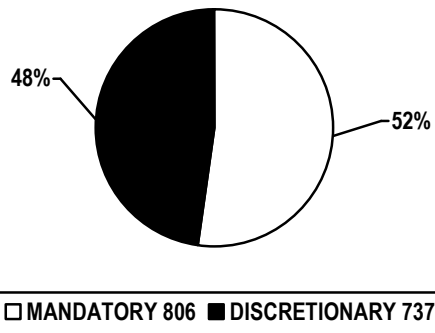
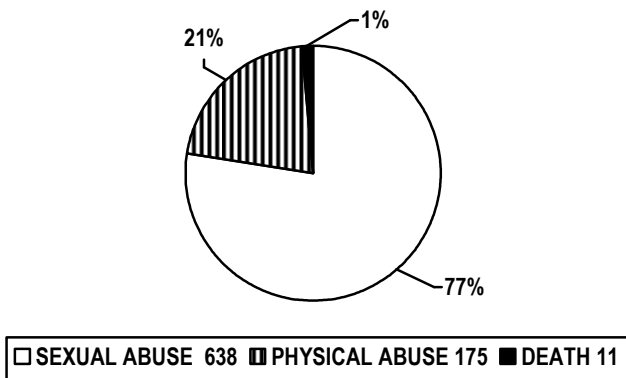


FIGURE 23. REASON FOR MANDATORY REFERRALS (Reason Count)



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

**TABLE 15. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: ⁽¹⁾
FY'2009, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/09 - 6/30/09)**

Nature of Abuse	Reasons ⁽¹⁾	
	No.	%
Sexual Abuse:	638	77%
Sexual Assault	603	
Sexual Exploitation	35	
.....		
Serious Physical Abuse:	175	21%
.....		
Death:	11	1%
.....		
Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals	824	100%

TABLE 16. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY: FY'2009, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/09 - 6/30/09)

County ⁽²⁾	Case Referrals				Total No.	2006 Children Under 18 years old (estimates)
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Essex	108	38%	174	62%	282	176,236
Middlesex	151	58%	108	42%	259	323,225
Suffolk	128	54%	111	46%	239	140,437
Worcester	88	40%	131	60%	219	188,163
Hampden	70	55%	57	45%	127	111,071
Norfolk	53	56%	42	44%	95	150,875
Bristol	45	48%	48	52%	93	125,467
Berkshire	21	30%	49	70%	70	25,778
Plymouth	47	70%	20	30%	67	121,754
Franklin	4	13%	28	88%	32	14,445
Hampshire	8	32%	17	68%	25	25,751
Barnstable	10	59%	7	41%	17	40,209
Dukes	1	100%	---	---	1	3,398
Nantucket	---	---	1	100%	1	1,828
OUT OF STATE	3	19%	13	81%	16	---
Total	737		806		1,543	

**TABLE 17. MANDATORY CASE REFERRAL REASONS BY COUNTY: ⁽¹⁾
FY'2009, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/09 - 6/30/09)**

County ⁽²⁾	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals ⁽¹⁾					Total No.
	Sexual Assault	Sexual Exploitation	Serious Physical Abuse/Injury	Death	Unspecified	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Essex	124	2	52	1	---	179
Worcester	109	5	17	1	---	132
Suffolk	67	3	40	3	---	113
Middlesex	84	7	15	2	---	108
Hampden	43	3	12	---	---	58
Berkshire	39	2	10	---	---	51
Bristol	34	3	11	1	---	49
Norfolk	31	3	8	3	---	45
Franklin	25	---	3	---	---	28
Plymouth	14	4	5	---	---	23
Hampshire	15	1	1	---	---	17
Barnstable	7	---	---	---	---	7
Nantucket	1	---	---	---	---	1
Dukes	---	---	---	---	---	---
OUT OF STATE	10	2	1	---	---	13
Total:	603	35	175	11	---	824

⁽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.