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## PREFACE

- The Department of Children and Families (DCF) reorganized its area offices into four regions in October, 2010. The new alignment of regions and area offices is presented in the following table.

DCF REGIONAL OFFICES	DCF AREA OFFICES
Western	Greenfield, Holyoke, Pittsfield, Springfield, Van Wart, Worcester East, Worcester West, South Central, North Central
Northern	Lowell, Framingham, Haverhill, Lawrence, Cambridge, Malden, Cape Ann, Lynn
Southern	Arlington, Coastal, Cape Cod, Plymouth, Fall River, New Bedford, Brockton, Taunton
Boston	Dimock Street, Hyde Park, Harbor, Park Street

## I. CONSUMER AND CASE COUNTS

- At the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, DCF had 21,195 open cases (1,805 adoption cases and 19,390 clinical cases) and 68,337 open consumers<sup>1</sup> (33,383 adults and 34,954 children). (**Table 1** on page 3)
- From the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, both the case count and consumer count increased 1%. Quarterly caseload counts display periods of relative stability followed by significant declines (**Fig. 2** on page 4). Examining annual counts of consumers shows a mostly downward trend since reaching a peak of 88,568 at the end of June 2009 (**Fig. 1** on page 4, **Appendix Table A1** on page 66). One year after reaching a high point in consumers, there were substantial declines in consumers (-14%), children (-15%), children in placement (-8%), and adults (-14%) (**Fig. 1, Appendix Table A1**).
- From 1992 to 2009, the number of adult consumers gradually increased and approached the number of child consumers (**Fig. 1**). During this period, there was a slow decline in the number of children less than 18 years old in placement (**Fig. 1**). The decline in children in placement continued through 2009 – 2011 along with decreases in other DCF annual counts (all consumers, all children, adults 18 or older, and children receiving services while at home) (**Fig. 1, Appendix Table A1**).

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<sup>1</sup> Total consumers include all individuals with an active case status on the last day of the quarter and who were in a case with a comprehensive assessment 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 or initial assessment.

## A. Consumers in Placement

- There were 8,976 individuals in placement on the last day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012. Included in this count are 7,355 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,621 young adults (18 to 23 years old). (**Table 1** on page 3)
- The placement population was distributed across DCF service regions as follows: 37% in the Western Region, 25% in the Southern Region, 22% in the Northern Region, and 11% in the Boston Region. (**Table 1**)
- From the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, the number of children in placement declined 3% statewide (**Appendix Table A1** on page 66, **Fig. 14** on page 26). The count of children in placement has been decreasing over the past four quarters (7,957 to 7,355) (**Fig. 14, Appendix Table A1**).

## B. Children Not in Placement

- At the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, there were 27,599 children less than 18 years old with an active case status who were not in placement (**Table 1**). From the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, counts of children not in placement increased 2% statewide (**Fig. 15** on page 26, **Appendix Table A1**, all children minus children in placement). The count of children not in placement has been fluctuating over the past four quarters, but is on a downward trend (28,855 to 27,599) (**Fig 15**).
- Significant declines in total consumers and children not in placement often occur with a drop in investigations and initial assessments (combined counts) (**Appendix Table A1, Fig. 8** on page 12).



**TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DCF REGION: FY'2012,  
End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**

Case Counts:	DCF Geographic Region				Adoption		Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>	Other <sup>(2)</sup>	
<b>Adoption</b>	682	353	449	162	156	3	<b>1,805</b>
<b>Clinical</b>	7,467	4,249	5,189	2,365	7	113	<b>19,390</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,149</b>	<b>4,602</b>	<b>5,638</b>	<b>2,527</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>21,195</b>
<b>Consumer Counts:</b>							
<b>Adults: <sup>(3)</sup></b>							
<b>In Placement: <sup>(4)</sup> Foster/Congregate Care <sup>(5)</sup></b>	447	453	399	218	1	54	<b>1,571</b>
<b>Other <sup>(6)</sup></b>	4	4	1	5	---	26	<b>40</b>
<b>On the Run</b>	1	3	4	1	---	1	<b>10</b>
<b>Total in Placement</b>	452	460	404	224	---	81	<b>1,621</b>
<b>Not in Placement</b>	12,762	6,592	8,834	3,558	---	16	<b>31,762</b>
<b>Total Adults</b>	<b>13,214</b>	<b>7,052</b>	<b>9,238</b>	<b>3,782</b>	---	<b>97</b>	<b>33,383</b>
<b>Children:</b>							
<b>In Placement: <sup>(4)</sup> Foster/Congregate Care <sup>(5)</sup></b>	2,725	1,471	1,811	756	260	17	<b>7,040</b>
<b>Other <sup>(6)</sup></b>	64	50	30	16	5	23	<b>188</b>
<b>On the Run</b>	44	24	28	31	---	---	<b>127</b>
<b>Total in Placement</b>	2,833	1,545	1,869	803	265	40	<b>7,355</b>
<b>Not in Placement</b>	11,646	5,696	7,013	3,228	11	5	<b>27,599</b>
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>14,479</b>	<b>7,241</b>	<b>8,882</b>	<b>4,031</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>34,954</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,693</b>	<b>14,293</b>	<b>18,120</b>	<b>7,813</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>68,337</b>

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

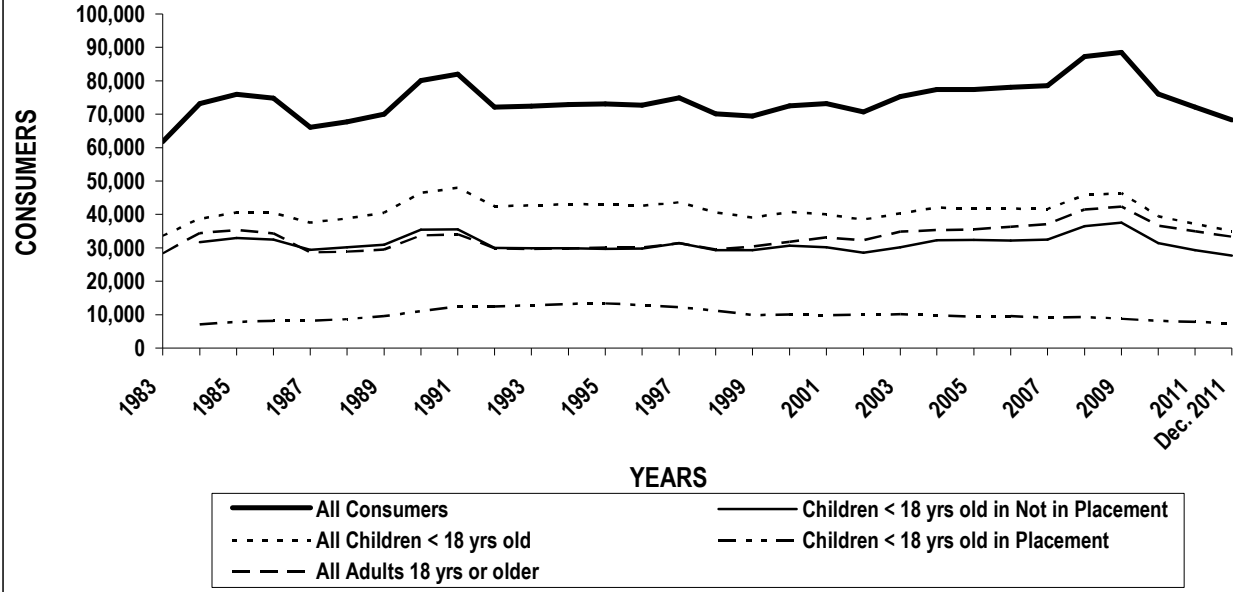
<sup>(3)</sup> Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

<sup>(4)</sup> 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 Developmental Services (DDS) or are supported by DCF until graduation from a full-time school or vocational training program (through age 23 for a Bachelor's Degree).

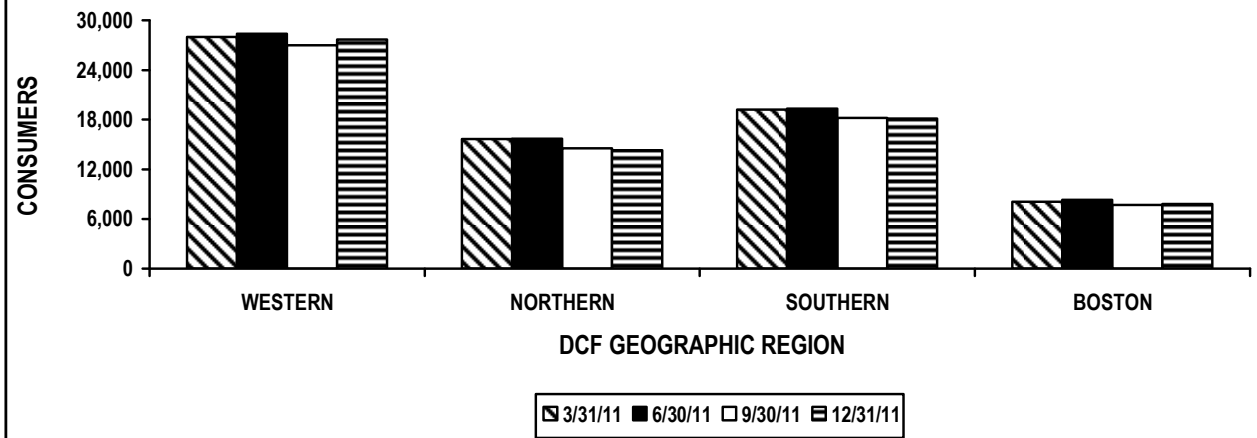
<sup>(5)</sup> See Tables 17A, 17B and 17C for a breakdown by type of placement.

<sup>(6)</sup> "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies.

**FIGURE 1. ANNUAL COUNTS OF DCF CONSUMERS:  
JUNE 1983 - JUNE 2011, DECEMBER 2011**



**FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2011, END OF 3RD QUARTER to FY'2012, END OF 2ND QUARTER)**



## II. CASE AND CONSUMER OPENINGS <sup>2</sup>

- All counts are unduplicated; if a case or a consumer had more than one opening in the quarter, only the first one was selected.
- During the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, there were 2,268 case openings (unduplicated) and 14,919 consumer openings (unduplicated). Case openings include both new cases and cases that reopened. Case members include consumers open for the first time and consumers who reopened. (**Tables 2A and 2B** on next page)
- From the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, case openings increased 7% and consumer openings increased 18%. (**Fig. 4** on page 7)
- Eighty-five percent of case openings and 87% of consumer openings were due to supported abuse/neglect reports. (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 4% of case openings and 3% of consumer openings. (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- CHINS referrals accounted for 5% of case openings and 6% of consumer openings (**Tables 2A and 2B**). It should be noted that the CHINS consumer counts include the children subject to the CHINS petition, adult caretakers, and oftentimes non-CHINS siblings.
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in **Fig. 3** on page 7. Supported reports of child abuse/neglect accounted for 82-87% of the total intakes for each region. CHINS referrals ranged from 3-8% of the total intakes for each region. Voluntary requests ranged from 2-5% of the total intakes for each region. (**Table 2A**)
- At an area level, the proportion of case openings that were protective (supported report) ranged from 75% in Arlington to 94% in Cambridge (**Appendix Table A2** case openings, **Appendix Table A3** consumer openings on pages 67-68).
- Case openings (statewide) are lowest in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. The quarterly trend in case openings is similar to the pattern for reports of child abuse/neglect (**Figs. 4 and 7** on pages 7 and 12, respectively).

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<sup>2</sup> Case openings are counted when a case opens for services and has a comprehensive assessment or service plan. Cases open pending completion of an investigation or initial assessment are not included. Consumer openings are counted when a consumer opens in a case that is open for services.

**TABLE 2A. CASE OPENINGS<sup>(1)</sup> DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2012, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/11 - 12/31/11)**

DCF Geographic Region	Case Openings <sup>(1)</sup>										Total No.
	Protective <sup>(2)</sup>		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other <sup>(3)</sup>		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	785	87%	26	3%	35	4%	18	2%	38	4%	902
Northern	386	84%	15	3%	19	4%	8	2%	30	7%	458
Southern	499	82%	41	7%	32	5%	12	2%	22	4%	606
Boston	249	85%	24	8%	7	2%	8	3%	4	1%	292
Adoption Contracts <sup>(4)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	100%	3
Other <sup>(5)</sup>	---	---	---	---	7	100%	---	---	---	---	7
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,919</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>2,268</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> An unduplicated count of case openings during the quarter.

<sup>(2)</sup> The outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

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

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minors program.

**TABLE 2B. CONSUMER OPENINGS<sup>(1)</sup> DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2012, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/11 - 12/31/11)**

DCF Geographic Region	Consumer Openings <sup>(1)</sup>										Total No.
	Protective <sup>(2)</sup>		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other <sup>(3)</sup>		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	5,466	90%	228	4%	182	3%	137	2%	70	1%	6,083
Northern	2,604	87%	120	4%	114	4%	95	3%	53	2%	2,986
Southern	3,392	85%	292	7%	125	3%	104	3%	59	1%	3,972
Boston	1,539	83%	216	12%	35	2%	50	3%	24	1%	1,864
Adoption Contracts <sup>(4)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	100%	3
Other <sup>(5)</sup>	---	---	---	---	5	100%	---	---	---	---	5
Missing	3	50%	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	50%	6
<b>Total:</b>	<b>13,004</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>14,919</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> An unduplicated count of consumer openings during the quarter.

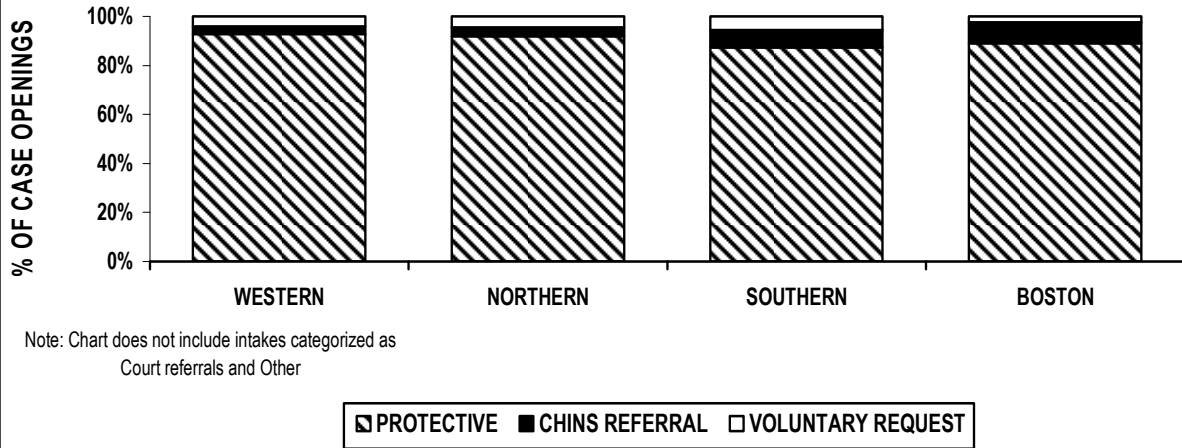
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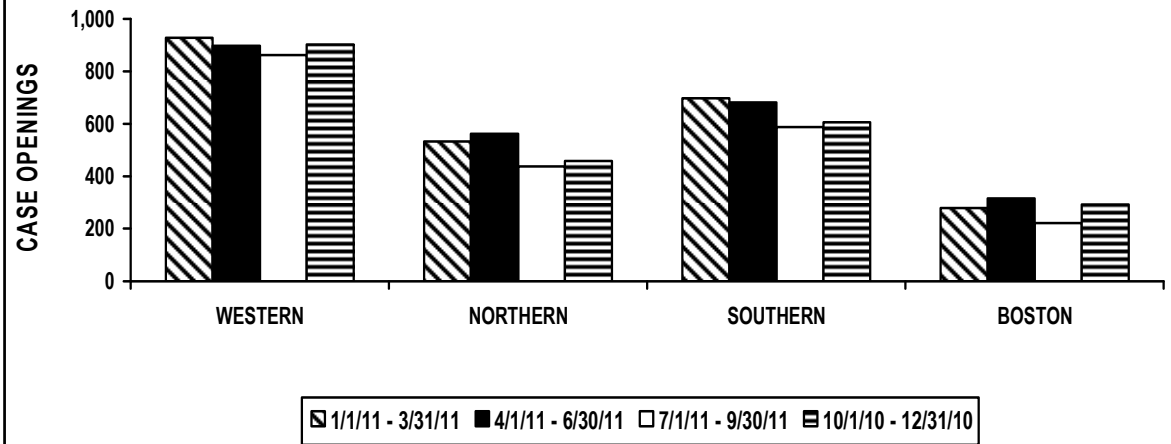
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**FIGURE 3. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION  
FY'2012, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/11 - 12/31/11)**



**FIGURE 4. CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2011, 3RD QUARTER to FY'2012, 2ND QUARTER)**



### III. CHILD MALTREATMENT

In August 2009, DCF implemented a “Differential Response” process for handling reports of child maltreatment. The differential response allows reports to be screened-in for an investigation response or an initial assessment response. Not all reports of abuse or neglect require the same type of intervention. An initial assessment response provides an alternative to an investigation. DCF is able to engage families more quickly when the reported concern does not warrant a formal investigation of the allegation(s). The initial assessment response is not intended to be used for reports alleging sexual abuse, serious physical abuse, or serious neglect by a caretaker.

#### A. Reports

- Statewide, 20,527 reports were recorded during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY’2012. Thirty-two percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation and 23% were screened-in for initial assessment. Seven percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. (**Table 3** on page 10)
- Regionally, the proportion of reports screened-in for an investigation response ranged from 18% in the North to 37% in Boston. At the Judge Baker Children’s Center, 43% of the reports were screened-in for investigation. (**Table 3, Fig. 5** on page 11)
- The proportion of reports screened-in for an initial assessment response ranged from 21% in Boston to 26% in both the Northern and Southern regions. Judge Baker screened-in 18% of the reports for initial assessment. (**Table 3, Fig. 5**)
- The Worcester West, New Bedford, Worcester East, and Dimock Street Areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (42-51%). Taunton/Attleboro, Haverhill, and Cape Ann Areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (33-37%). (**Appendix Table A4** on page 69)
- Cape Ann, Lawrence, Lynn, Arlington, and Framingham Areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (4-13%). Lowell, Park Street, Worcester East, and Worcester West Areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (10-17%). (**Appendix Table A4**)
- The DCF Regions screened-in 2-3% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 20% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children’s Center Hotline. (**Table 3**)
- Statewide, reports increased 11% from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY’2012. Typically, report counts decline during the summer quarter (Q1) then rise during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). (**Fig. 7** on page 12)

## B. Investigation and Initial Assessment Responses

- During the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, 9,323 total responses (investigations and initial assessments) were completed (**Table 4** on next page)—an increase of 12% from the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2012 (**Fig. 8** on page 12).
- Investigations and initial assessments as a proportion of all responses for each region were: 64% and 36% (Boston); 54% and 46% (West); 52% and 48% (South); 38% and 62% (North), respectively. (**Fig. 6** on page 11, **Table 4**)

### Initial Assessments

- There were 4,051 initial assessments completed during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012<sup>3</sup>. The assessment decision was “concern” for 45% of initial assessments and “low or no concern” for 55%. The assessment decisions are defined as “concerns of safety or risk that warrant DCF services” and “no concern or minimal risk of future abuse/neglect.” (**Table 4, Fig. 6**)
- Van Wart, Framingham, Cape Ann, and Lynn Areas had the highest proportion of responses which resulted in an initial assessment of concern (36-43%). (**Appendix Table A5** on page 70)
- Statewide, initial assessments increased 18% from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012.

### Investigations

- The number of investigations conducted during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012 was 5,272 (**Table 4**).<sup>3</sup> Of these investigations, 104 resulted from reports screened-in for initial assessment. This conversion from an initial assessment to an investigation occurred because during the initial assessment: (1) DCF received another child maltreatment report on a family; or (2) the DCF social worker filed a report on the family. In both cases, the filed reports met the criteria for an investigation response. Of the 104 above-mentioned investigations, allegations of maltreatment were supported for 66 and unsupported for 38.
- Sixty-one percent of the investigations resulted in supported allegations of maltreatment. (**Table 4**)
- Regional support rates went from a low of 59% in the North to a high of 64% in the South. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 74% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. (**Table 4**)
- New Bedford, Worcester West, Park Street, Lowell, and Worcester East Areas had the highest proportion of responses that resulted in a supported investigation (44-55%). (**Appendix Table A5**)
- Statewide, investigations increased 7% from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012.

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<sup>3</sup> The number of investigations and initial assessments is lower than the number of reports screened for investigation or initial assessment. This occurs because an investigation or initial assessment may be associated to multiple reports on the same incident or reports received on separate but closely occurring incidents.

**TABLE 3. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2012, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/11 - 12/31/11)**

DCF Geographic Region	Screening Decision									Report Total	
	Screened-Out		Screened-In for Investigation				Screened-In for Initial Assessment				
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	S/I Total	No.	%	No.	%
Western	2,511	42%	1,771	30%	171	3%	1,942	1,506	25%	5,959	29%
Northern	2,095	56%	581	16%	85	2%	666	960	26%	3,721	18%
Southern	1,769	46%	965	25%	90	2%	1,055	997	26%	3,821	19%
Boston	665	41%	547	34%	54	3%	601	340	21%	1,606	8%
Judge Baker Children's Center	2,154	40%	1,225	23%	1,055	20%	2,280	970	18%	5,404	26%
Special Investigations	7	44%	9	56%	---	---	9	---	---	16	*
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,201</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>5,098</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>1,455</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>6,553</b>	<b>4,773</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>20,527</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

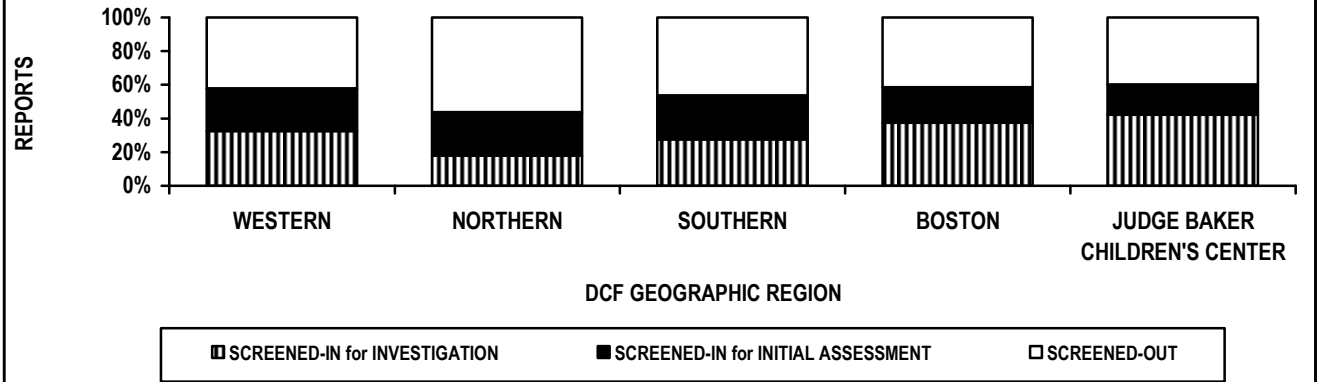
**TABLE 4. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION: FY'2012, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/11 - 12/31/11)**

DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision					Initial Assessment Decision					Response Total	
	Supported		Unsupported		Inv Total	Concern		Low/No Concern		IA Total		
	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
Western	1,090	62%	664	38%	1,754	729	49%	769	51%	1,498	3,252	35%
Northern	389	59%	273	41%	662	486	45%	605	55%	1,091	1,753	19%
Southern	752	64%	426	36%	1,178	449	41%	652	59%	1,101	2,279	24%
Boston	388	61%	247	39%	635	141	39%	220	61%	361	996	11%
Judge Baker Children's Center	576	74%	203	26%	779	---	---	---	---	---	779	8%
Special Investigations	42	16%	222	84%	264	---	---	---	---	---	264	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,237</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>2,035</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>5,272</b>	<b>1,805</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>2,246</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>4,051</b>	<b>9,323</b>	<b>100%</b>

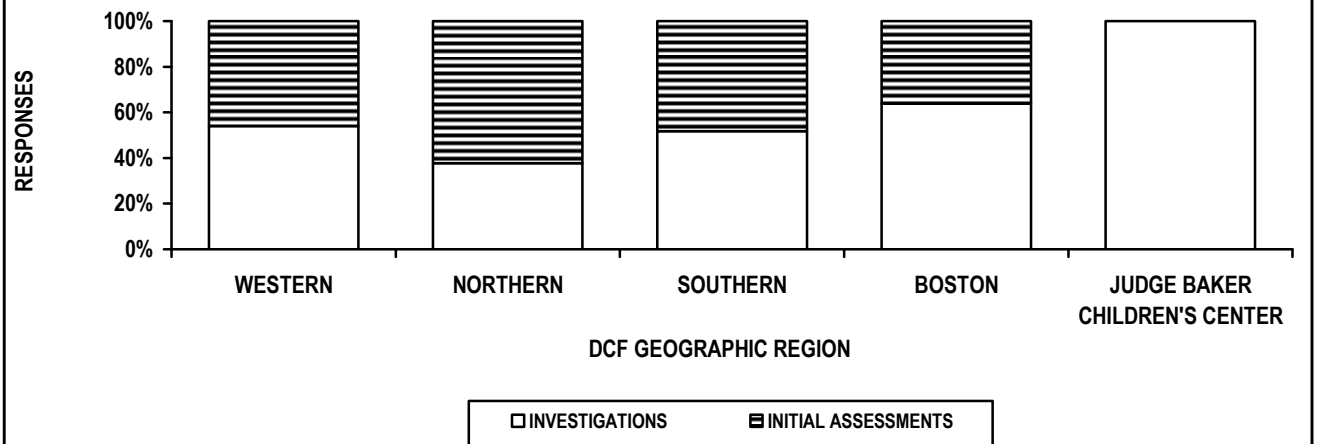
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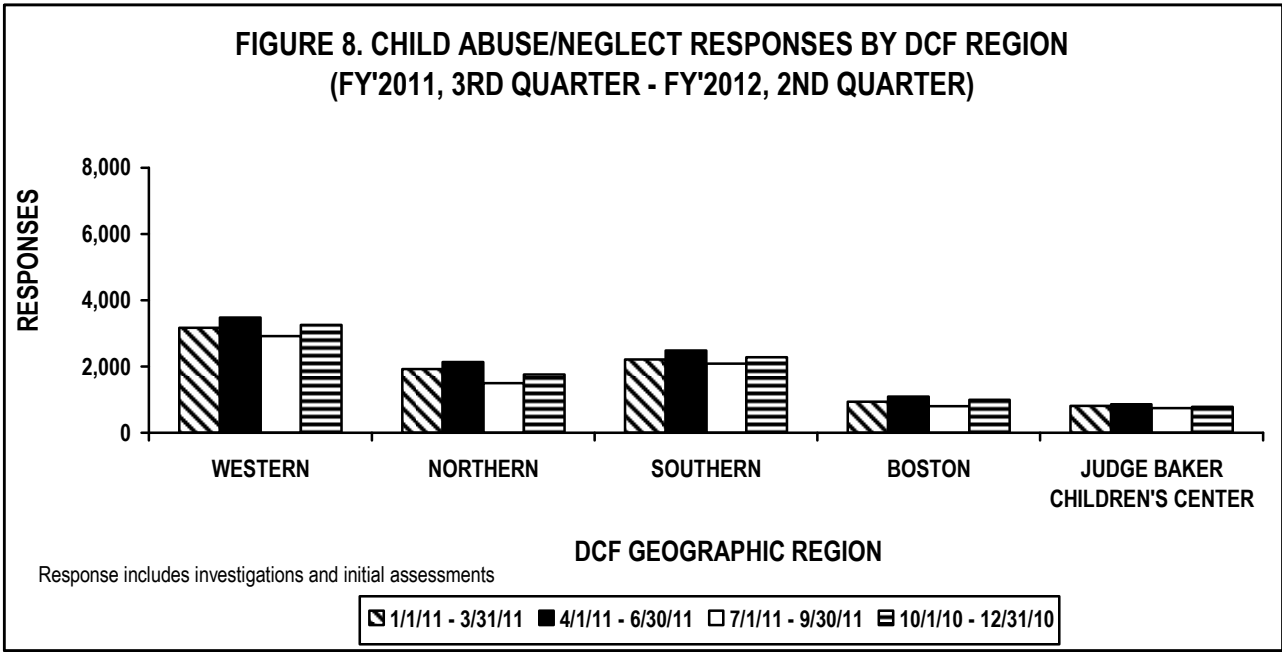
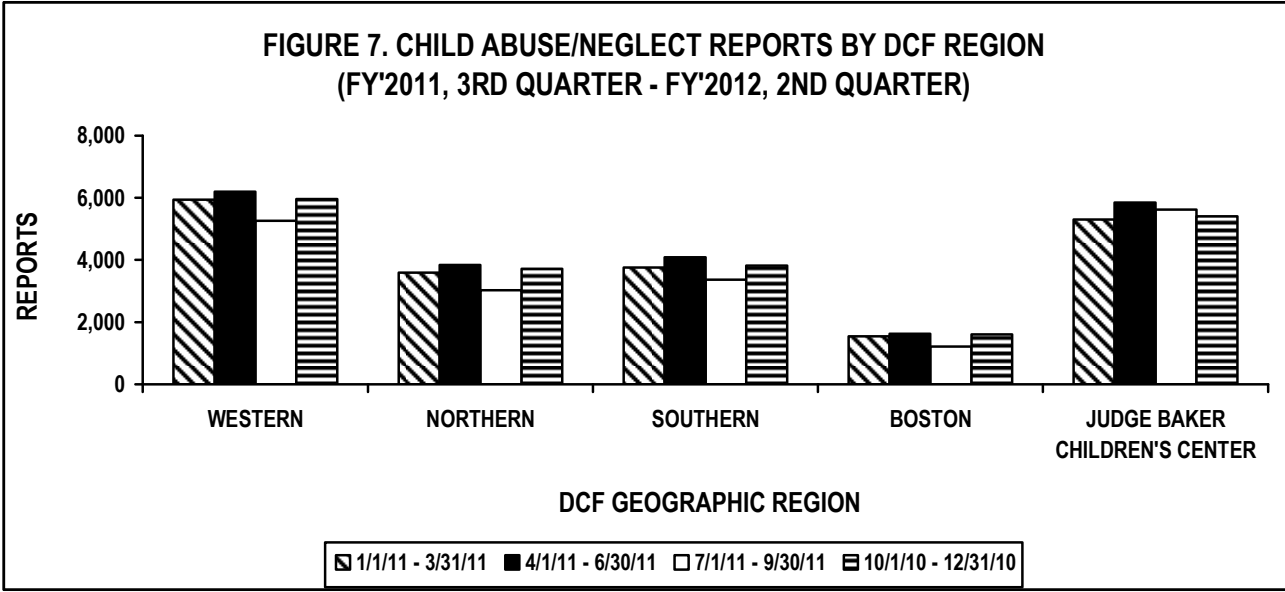


**FIGURE 5. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS  
(SCREENING DECISION BY DCF REGION)  
FY'2012, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/11 - 12/31/11)**



**FIGURE 6. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY TYPE AND DCF REGION  
FY'2012, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/11 - 12/31/11)**

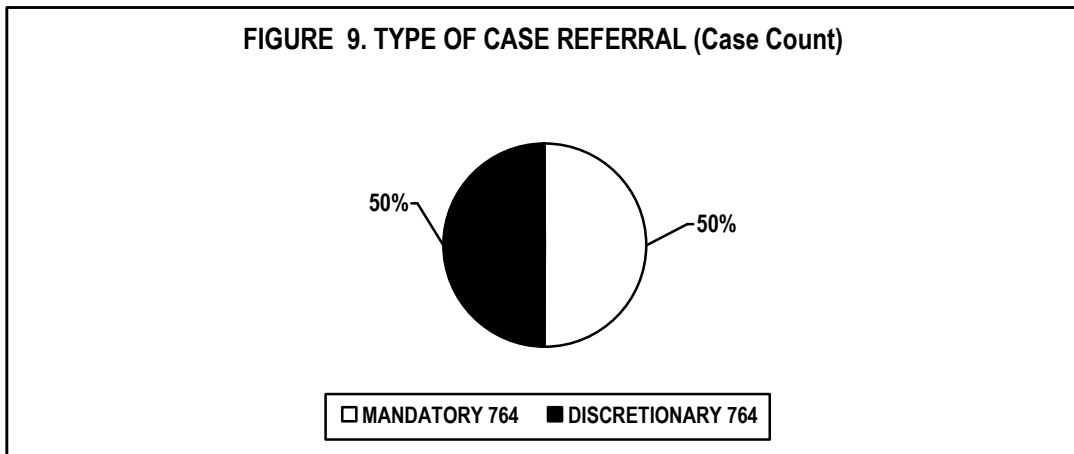




### C. District Attorney (DA) Referrals

- During the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, 1,528 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (Fig. 9). Fifty percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals<sup>4</sup> and 50% were discretionary referrals<sup>5</sup> (Fig. 9, Appendix Table A6 on page 71).

#### DA REFERRALS FY'2012, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/11 - 12/31/11)

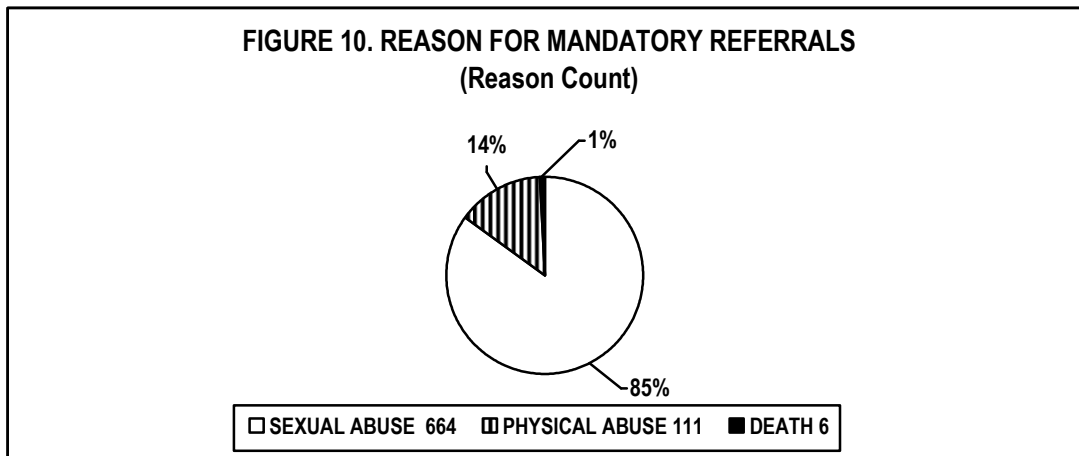


- Sexual abuse accounted for 85% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012 (Fig. 10, Table 5 on next page). Fourteen percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

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

**TABLE 5. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: <sup>(1)</sup>  
FY'2012, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/11 - 12/31/11)**

Nature of Abuse	Reasons <sup>(1)</sup>	
	No.	%
<b>Sexual Abuse:</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>85%</b>
Sexual Assault	624	
Sexual Exploitation	40	
<b>Serious Physical Abuse:</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>Death:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals</b>		<b>781 100%</b>

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

- Sexual abuse as a proportion of all reasons for mandatory referrals has ranged from 78% to 85% over the past nine years (FY'2003 through FY'2012, Q2) (See **Appendix Table A7** on page 71).
- Not all DA referrals resulting from an allegation that a child's death was due to abuse or neglect lead to an ultimate finding 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 6** displays a breakdown of case referrals by type and child’s county of residence. In general, referral counts were highest for the most populous counties, Middlesex, Essex, Worcester, and Suffolk. Based on a comparison of county estimates<sup>6</sup> for children less than 18 years old, Norfolk County had a lower number of referrals than expected while Berkshire County had a higher number of referrals than expected.
- **Table 7** (on next page) shows mandatory case referral reasons and child’s county of residence. Worcester, Middlesex, Essex, and Suffolk Counties accounted for 68% of the mandatory case referrals for sexual abuse (includes sexual assault and sexual exploitation). The same four counties accounted for 72% of the mandatory case referrals for serious physical abuse.

**TABLE 6. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY: <sup>(1)</sup>  
FY’2012, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/11 - 12/31/11)**

County <sup>(2)</sup>	Case Referrals				Total No.	2010 Children Less than 18 Years Old
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Worcester	95	37%	163	63%	258	187,231
Essex	144	56%	113	44%	257	172,089
Middlesex	101	40%	152	60%	253	320,439
Suffolk	147	62%	92	38%	239	126,275
Hampden	61	56%	47	44%	108	109,885
Berkshire	48	52%	45	48%	93	25,624
Plymouth	54	71%	22	29%	76	119,475
Norfolk	49	67%	24	33%	73	152,132
Bristol	28	42%	39	58%	67	122,409
Franklin	3	9%	30	91%	33	14,068
Barnstable	15	50%	15	50%	30	37,249
Hampshire	8	35%	15	65%	23	26,766
Dukes	1	100%	---	---	1	3,173
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---	2,108
OUT OF STATE	10	59%	7	41%	17	---
<b>Total</b>	<b>764</b>		<b>764</b>		<b>1,528</b>	

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

<sup>(2)</sup> County where the child resides.

<sup>6</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, American Factfinder, 2010 Census Tables, (factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml)

**TABLE 7. MANDATORY CASE REFERRAL REASONS BY COUNTY:<sup>(1)</sup>  
FY'2012, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/11 - 12/31/11)**

County <sup>(2)</sup>	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals <sup>(1)</sup>				Total No.
	Sexual Assault No.	Sexual Exploitation No.	Serious Physical Abuse/Injury No.	Death No.	
Worcester	139	9	17	1	166
Middlesex	133	6	16	1	156
Essex	79	4	32	---	115
Suffolk	72	7	15	---	94
Hampden	41	2	4	2	49
Berkshire	39	2	5	---	46
Bristol	32	3	4	---	39
Franklin	21	1	8	---	30
Norfolk	21	1	3	---	25
Plymouth	13	---	2	2	17
Barnstable	10	4	1	1	16
Hampshire	13	1	2	---	16
Dukes	---	---	---	---	---
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---
OUT OF STATE	6	---	1	---	7
<b>Total:</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>781</b>

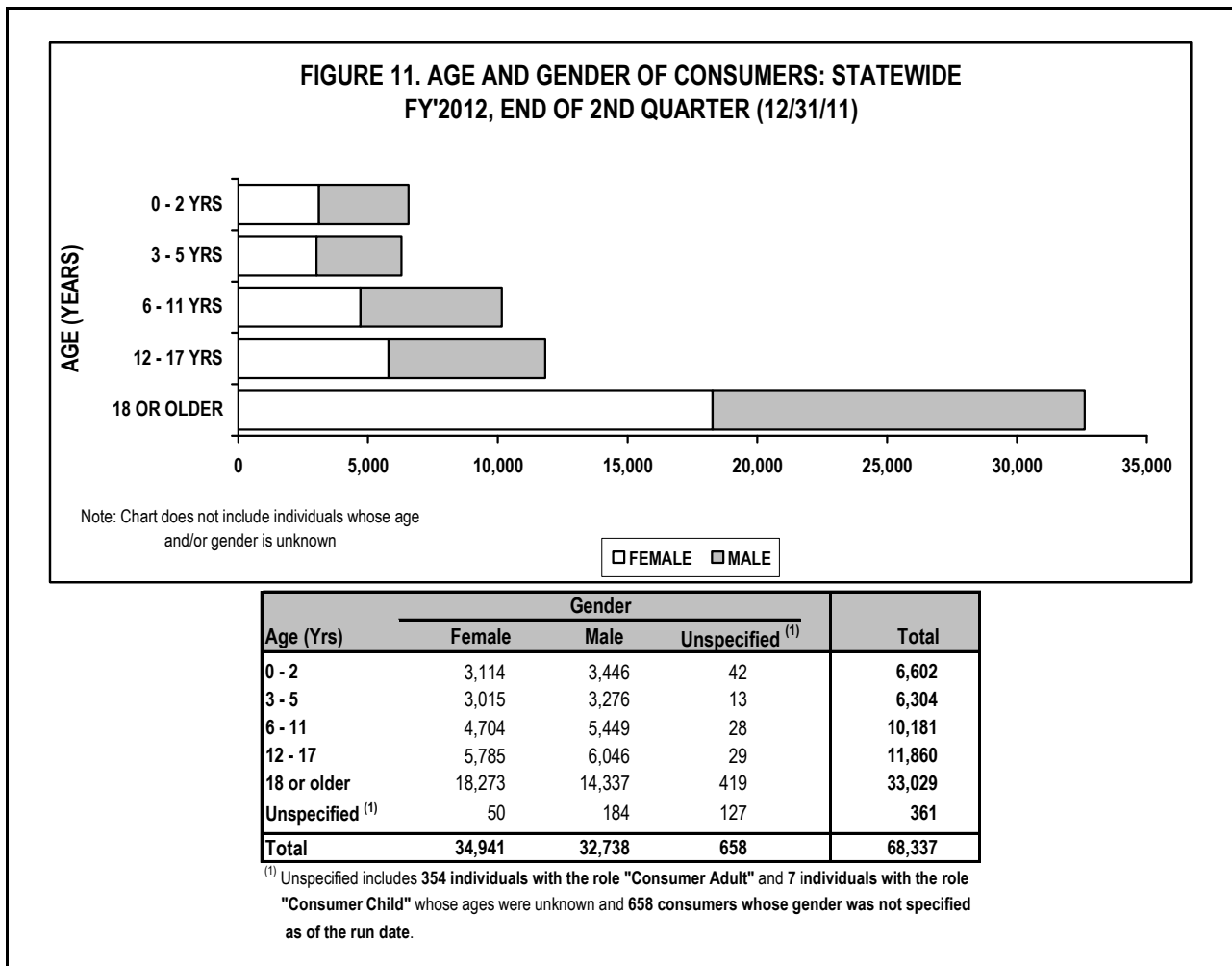
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## IV. CONSUMER DEMOGRAPHICS

### A. Age, Gender, and Race of All Consumers

- On the last day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, the consumer population included 34,954 (51%) children less than 18 years old and 33,383 (49%) adults 18 years or older (**Table 1** on page 3). The proportion of adult consumers has risen steadily from 41-42% in the 1990s to 49% (**Appendix Table A1** on page 66).
- Fifty-one percent of all consumers were identified as female, 48% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Thirty-four percent (11,860) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). (**Fig. 11**)
- Forty-eight percent of all children receiving DCF services were female. In contrast, 56% of all adults receiving services were female. (**Fig. 11**)



- The statewide caseload was comprised of 44% White, 25% Hispanic/Latino, 14% Black, 2% Asian, 3% Multi-Racial, and less than 1% for both Native American and Pacific Islander consumers. The category “Unable to Determine” was recorded for 4% of consumers. Race was not recorded (missing) for 9% of consumers. (Table 8, Figs. 12A and 12B on next page)
- The Boston Region’s caseload was comprised of 39% Black, 31% Hispanic/Latino, and 15% White consumers (3,055, 2,419, and 1,202 consumers, respectively). The proportion of Hispanic/Latino consumers was similar in 3 of the 4 regions (27-31%). Asians were most prominent in the North--5% of the caseload (646 consumers, mainly Cambodian). (Table 8, Figs. 12A and 12B)

**TABLE 8. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2012, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**

Race	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption				Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
White	12,320	44%	6,492	45%	10,173	56%	1,202	15%	117	42%	3	2%	30,307	44%
Black	2,356	9%	1,401	10%	2,416	13%	3,055	39%	48	17%	43	30%	9,319	14%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	8,608	31%	3,815	27%	2,367	13%	2,419	31%	74	27%	51	36%	17,334	25%
Asian	121	*	646	5%	213	1%	180	2%	5	2%	39	27%	1,204	2%
Native American	38	*	20	*	46	*	8	*	1	*	---	---	113	*
Other <sup>(4)</sup>	18	*	3	*	9	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	31	*
Multi-Racial	627	2%	370	3%	639	4%	109	1%	17	6%	---	---	1,762	3%
Unable to Determine	932	3%	483	3%	692	4%	281	4%	14	5%	6	4%	2,408	4%
Missing	2,673	10%	1,063	7%	1,565	9%	558	7%	---	---	---	---	5,859	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,693</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>14,293</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>18,120</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>7,813</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>68,337</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

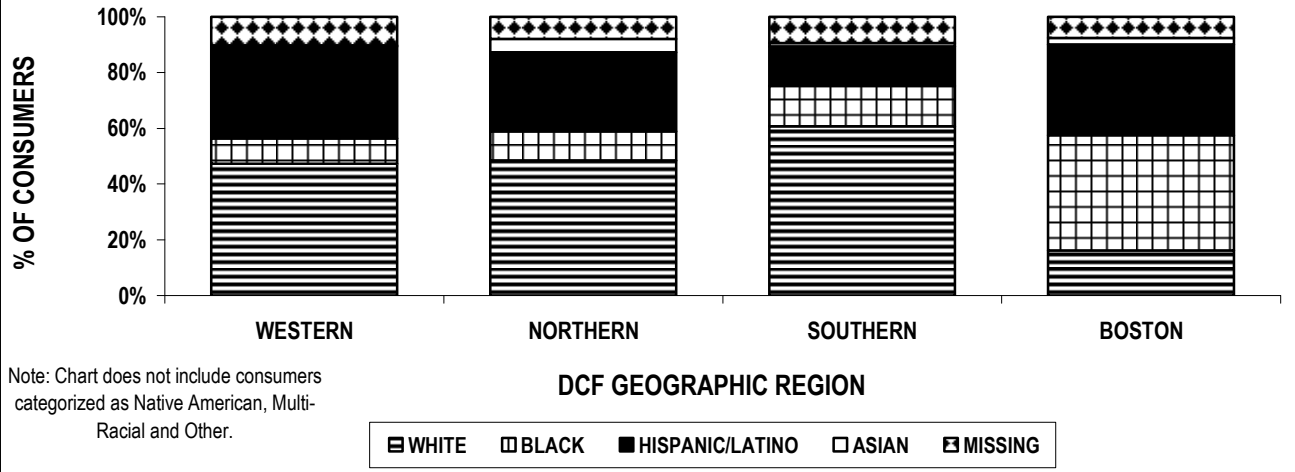
<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

<sup>(3)</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes all races

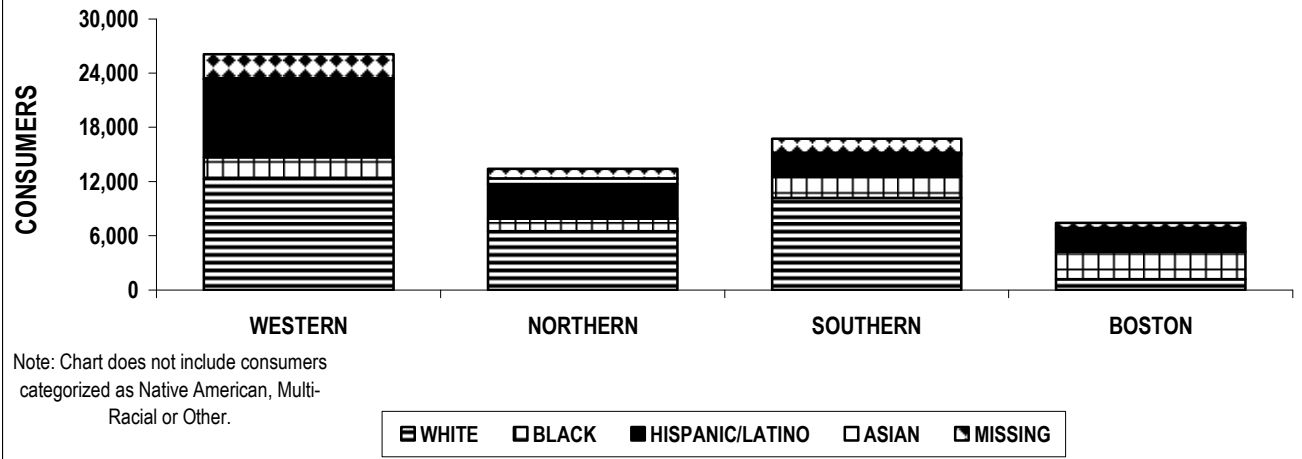
<sup>(4)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.



**FIGURE 12A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE  
FY'2012, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**



**FIGURE 12B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE  
FY'2012, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**



- A racial comparison of children receiving various services from DCF to children residing in Massachusetts<sup>7</sup> is displayed in **Table 9**. Black children and Hispanic children are over-represented at all stages in the DCF system (marginal difference for Hispanic guardianships). However, this comparison of statewide statistics does not take into consideration the significant differences in racial and ethnic composition among communities across the state.

**TABLE 9. RACIAL COMPARISON OF CHILDREN RECEIVING SERVICES FROM DCF TO ALL CHILDREN RESIDING IN MASSACHUSETTS (CENSUS 2010)**

Race	Children Less than 18 Years Old								
	State Census <sup>7</sup> 2010	DCF Not in Substitute Care	DCF All Substitute Care*	DCF Foster Care	DCF Congregate Care**	DCF All Care w/Goal of Adoption	DCF All Care w/Goal of Guardianship	DCF Adoptions Legalized	DCF Guardianships Legalized
		12/31/11	12/31/11	12/31/11	12/31/11	12/31/11	12/31/11	FY'2011	FY'2011
White	67%	42%	46%	46%	49%	47%	47%	50%	56%
Hispanic***	15%	32%	26%	27%	24%	26%	27%	24%	17%
Black	7%	14%	16%	15%	18%	14%	15%	13%	14%
Asian	6%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	---	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	---	---	---	---
Multi-Racial	4%	4%	5%	5%	4%	6%	6%	8%	5%
Other/Unknown	1%	7%	4%	5%	3%	4%	3%	5%	7%
<b>TOTAL %</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>TOTAL #</b>	1,418,923	27,599	7,355	5,702	1,338	2,368	595	685	371

\*Substitute Care includes: foster care, congregate care, on the run from placement, and non-referral locations such as hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies where DCF retains custody of the child.

\*\* Congregate care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

\*\*\* Hispanic/Latino of any race.

- **Appendix Table A10** on page 74 displays the racial composition (and Hispanic origin) of children residing in the 13 largest cities in Massachusetts. There is a high minority representation in Brockton, Boston, Lawrence, and Springfield. Hispanic children are most prevalent in Lawrence, Springfield, and Lynn. The relatively higher proportion of “Other/Unknown” race in Lawrence, Springfield, and Lynn is most likely a reflection of the large Hispanic/Latino population—many do not identify with any race. The proportion of Asian children is highest in Quincy and Lowell.

<sup>7</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, Tables P1, P2, P3, and P4.

## B. Preferred Language of All Consumers

- The Western and Northern Regions had the highest numbers of Spanish-speaking consumers, 2,067 and 981 consumers, respectively (**Table 10**). Khmer (Cambodian) was the preferred language of 204 DCF consumers (<1% statewide). Khmer-speaking consumers were mainly concentrated in the North. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Portuguese (South/North), Haitian Creole (North/Boston/South), Cape Verdean Creole (South), Vietnamese (Boston/West), and Lao (North) (**Table 10**).

**TABLE 10. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2012, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**

Primary Language	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption				Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>		Other <sup>(2)</sup>			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spanish	2,067	7%	981	7%	501	3%	782	10%	4	1%	42	30%	4,377	6%
Haitian Creole	16	*	92	1%	92	1%	82	1%	---	---	2	1%	284	*
Portuguese	24	*	98	1%	114	1%	9	*	---	---	---	---	245	*
Khmer (Cambodian)	2	*	163	1%	26	*	13	*	---	---	---	---	204	*
Cape Verdean Creole	1	*	9	*	110	1%	64	1%	---	---	---	---	184	*
Vietnamese	29	*	13	*	13	*	39	*	---	---	---	---	94	*
Chinese	4	*	16	*	25	*	27	*	---	---	---	---	72	*
Lao	2	*	22	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	25	*
American Sign Language	14	*	14	*	6	*	5	*	---	---	---	---	39	*
Other	455	2%	181	1%	260	1%	103	1%	---	---	54	38%	1,053	2%
English\Unspecified	25,079	91%	12,704	89%	16,972	94%	6,689	86%	272	99%	44	31%	61,760	90%
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,693</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>14,293</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>18,120</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>7,813</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>68,337</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

- From 1987 to 1997, there were substantial increases in consumers whose preferred languages were Khmer, Lao, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and Spanish (table on next page). 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 only fluent in their native language make up a smaller proportion of their community.
- Comparing DCF consumers by preferred language on June 2007 and December 2011, showed an increase in some language groups and a decrease in others (table on next page). The most significant changes were: declines in Vietnamese (-44%) and Khmer (-43%); increases in Chinese (33%) and Cape Verdean Creole (26%). During this period, the count of total consumers decreased 13%.

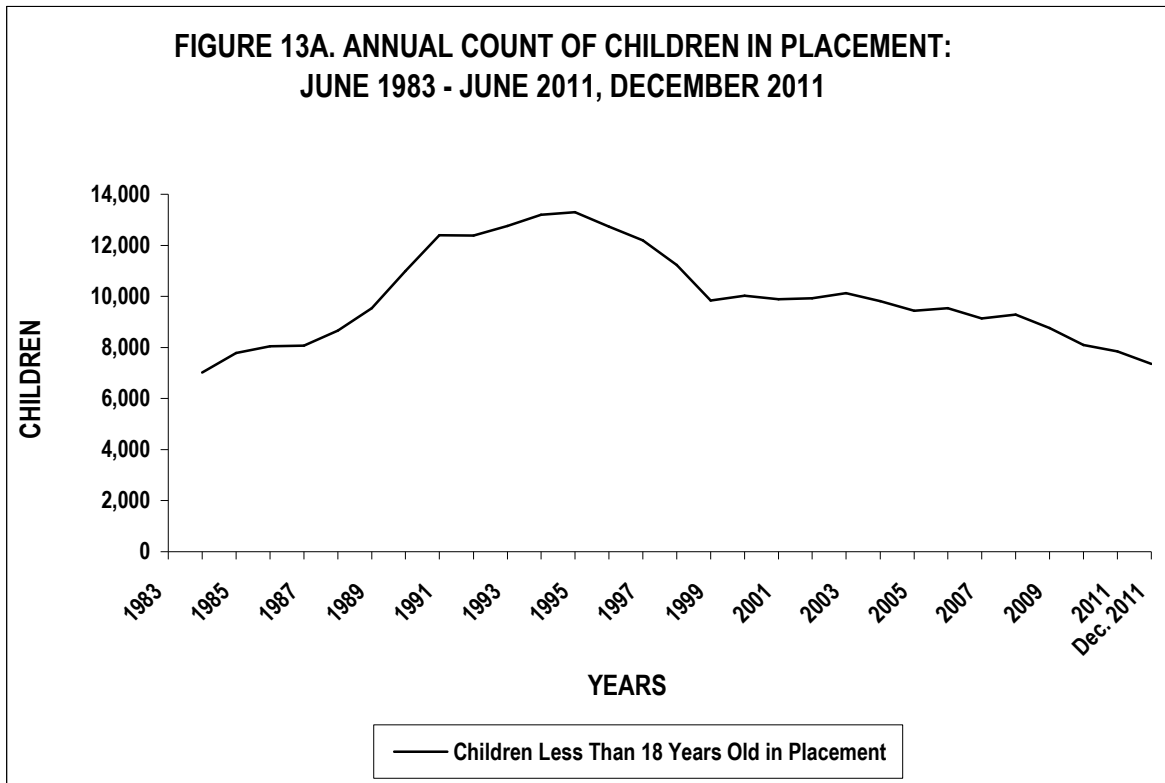
**STATEWIDE:**

<b>Primary Language</b>	<b>Consumers Jul. 1987 No.</b>	<b>Consumers Jul. 1997 No.</b>	<b>Consumers Jun. 2007 No.</b>	<b>Consumers Dec. 2011 No.</b>	<b>2007-2011 Change %</b>
English/Unspecified*	60,784	66,404	71,398	61,760	-13%
Spanish	3,664	6,334	4,516	4,377	-3%
Khmer Cambodian	253	851	356	204	-43%
Portuguese	530	380	303	245	-19%
Haitian Creole	175	360	260	284	9%
Cape Verdean Creole	174	247	146	184	26%
Vietnamese	146	273	167	94	-44%
Chinese	71	61	54	72	33%
American Sign Language	47	23	41	39	-5%
Lao	30	74	20	25	25%
Other	213	310	1,459	1,053	-28%
<b>Total</b>	<b>66,087</b>	<b>75,317</b>	<b>78,720</b>	<b>68,337</b>	<b>-13%</b>

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

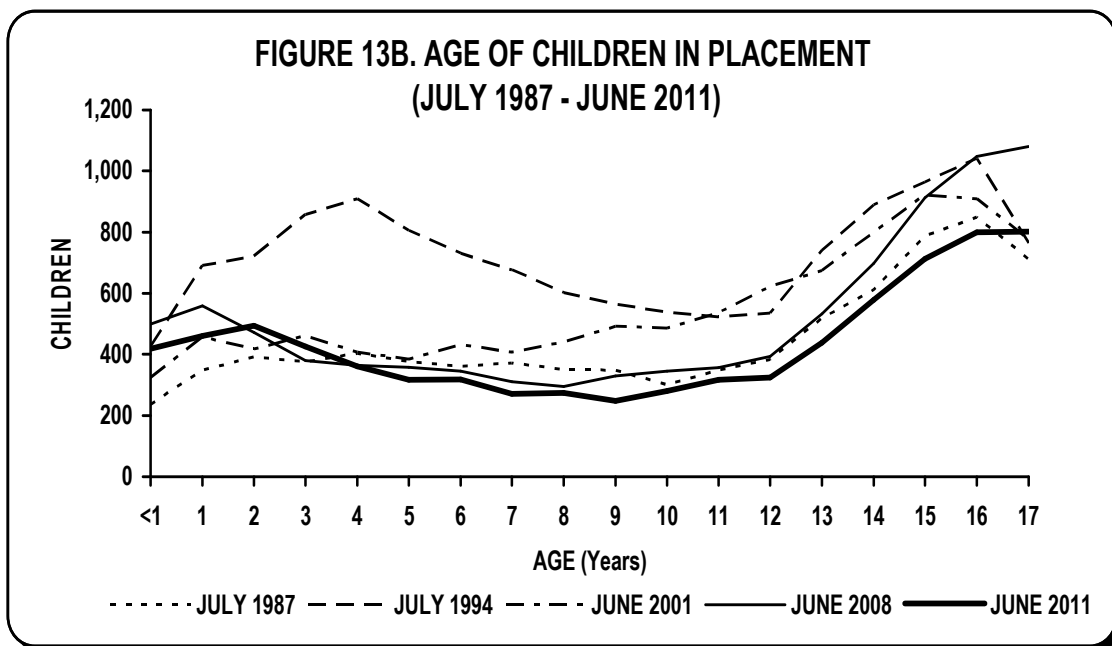
## V. PROFILE OF CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT<sup>8</sup>

- The number of children less than 18 years old in placement (7,355) decreased 3% from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012 (**Appendix Table A1** on page 66, **Fig. 14** on page 26). The highest number of children less than 18 years old in placement was recorded in 1995 (13,302 children). The placement population has been on a downward trend since 1995. (**Fig. 13A, Appendix Table A1**)



<sup>8</sup>Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 to 23 years old.

- Figure 13B** shows the ages of children in placement at five points in time. From 1987 to 1994, the number of younger children in care increased at a faster rate than the number of 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 2008-2011, the age distributions of children in placement dropped to levels that approached the 1987 curve. In 2008, there was a resurgence at both extremes of the age distribution—16-17 years old and <1-2 years old. These increases were only temporary as all ages declined in 2011. 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, 9,889 in 2001, 9,287 in 2008, and 7,841 in 2011.



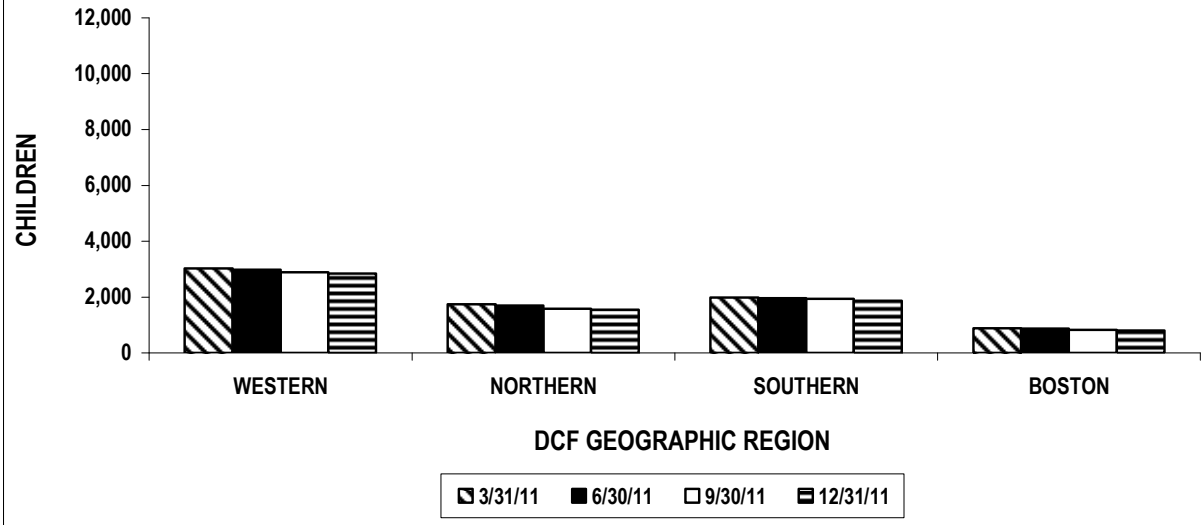
- Statewide, 21% (or 7,355) of all children (less than 18 years old) with open cases were in placement. The regional statistics for children in placement as a proportion of all children receiving services were: 21% in both the South and North; 20% in both the West and Boston. (Table 11 on next page)
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Fall River and Pittsfield Area Offices had the highest proportions in placement (27% for both). The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Cambridge and Van Wart Area Offices (15% for both). (Table 11)

**TABLE 11. CHILD<sup>(1)</sup> CASELOAD BY DCF AREA OFFICE: FY'2012, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**

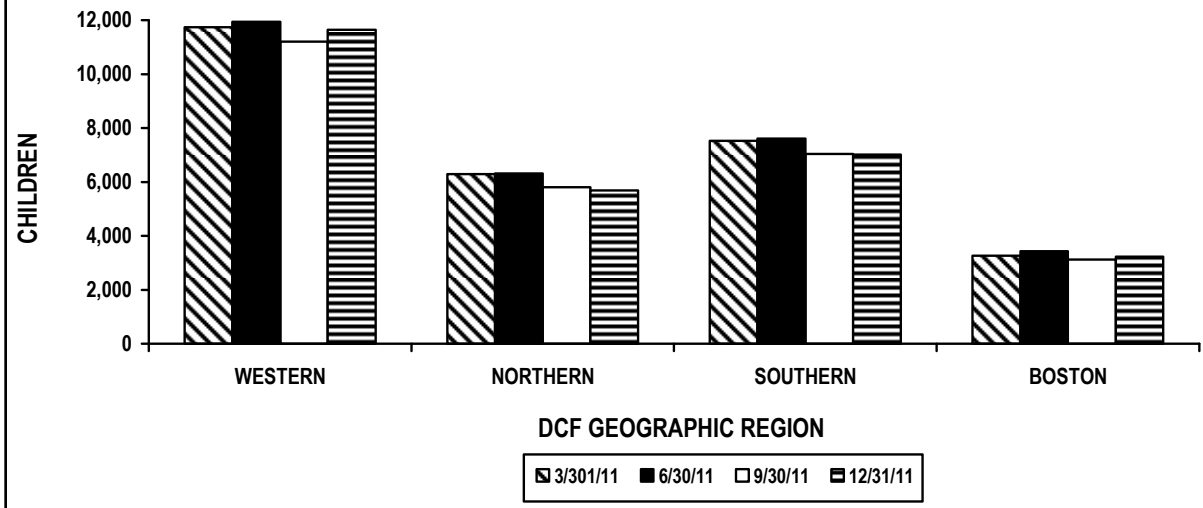
<b>DCF Region/Area</b>	<b>Not in Placement</b>	<b>In Placement</b>	<b>Total Child Caseload</b>	<b>% in Placement</b>
Greenfield	881	266	1,147	23%
Holyoke	1,220	310	1,530	20%
North Central	1,665	345	2,010	17%
Pittsfield	809	298	1,107	27%
Robert Van Wart	2,054	352	2,406	15%
South Central	869	251	1,120	22%
Springfield	1,694	386	2,080	19%
Worcester East	1,290	318	1,608	20%
Worcester West	1,152	302	1,454	21%
Contracted Agencies	12	5	17	29%
<b>Western</b>	<b>11,646</b>	<b>2,833</b>	<b>14,479</b>	<b>20%</b>
Cambridge	669	121	790	15%
Cape Ann	744	178	922	19%
Framingham	613	175	788	22%
Haverhill	455	146	601	24%
Lawrence	593	168	761	22%
Lowell	1,214	358	1,572	23%
Lynn	715	214	929	23%
Malden	690	185	875	21%
Contracted Agencies	3	---	3	---
<b>Northern</b>	<b>5,696</b>	<b>1,545</b>	<b>7,241</b>	<b>21%</b>
Arlington	571	139	710	20%
Brockton	1,092	229	1,321	17%
Cape Cod	640	212	852	25%
Coastal	658	196	854	23%
Fall River	876	332	1,208	27%
New Bedford	1,552	367	1,919	19%
Plymouth	789	208	997	21%
Taunton/Attleboro	822	186	1,008	18%
Contracted Agencies	13	---	13	---
<b>Southern</b>	<b>7,013</b>	<b>1,869</b>	<b>8,882</b>	<b>21%</b>
Dimock Street	656	202	858	24%
Harbor	916	207	1,123	18%
Hyde Park	675	182	857	21%
Park Street	979	209	1,188	18%
Contracted Agencies	2	3	5	60%
<b>Boston</b>	<b>3,228</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>4,031</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	11	265	276	96%
<b>Other</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	5	40	45	89%
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,599</b>	<b>7,355</b>	<b>34,954</b>	<b>21%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.<sup>(3)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**FIGURE 14. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2011, END OF 3RD QUARTER to FY'2012, END OF 2ND QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 15. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2011, END OF 3RD QUARTER to FY'2012, END OF 2ND QUARTER)**





## A. Demographics of Consumers in Placement

### (Combined Counts from All Types of Placement)

- At the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, the statewide placement population was comprised of 52% boys and 48% girls. Regionally, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state (**Table 12A, Fig. 16A** on next page). The proportions of male and female children in the placement population were similar to the general population.<sup>9</sup>
- Statewide, 46% of all consumers in placement were White, 17% were Black, 26% were Hispanic/Latino, 2% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 5% were multi-racial. Race had not been identified for 4% of the placement population. (**Table 12A, Fig. 16A**)
- The proportion of minority consumers in placement, as with the local population, was highest in the Boston Region. (**Table 12A**)

**TABLE 12A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: GENDER AND RACE BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE:  
FY'2012, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption				Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>		Other <sup>(2)</sup>			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Gender:</b>														
Female	1,588	48%	972	48%	1,075	47%	517	50%	118	45%	42	35%	4,312	48%
Male	1,697	52%	1,033	52%	1,198	53%	510	50%	147	55%	79	65%	4,664	52%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,285</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,005</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,273</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8,976</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Race:</b>														
White	1,545	47%	961	48%	1,315	58%	172	17%	109	41%	---	---	4,102	46%
Black	381	12%	204	10%	370	16%	508	49%	48	18%	38	31%	1,549	17%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	1,065	32%	609	30%	305	13%	273	27%	73	28%	42	35%	2,367	26%
Asian	19	1%	79	4%	19	1%	22	2%	5	2%	37	31%	181	2%
Native American	4	*	3	*	8	*	2	*	1	*	---	---	18	*
Other <sup>(4)</sup>	1	*	2	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	*
Multi-Racial	135	4%	80	4%	151	7%	26	3%	15	6%	---	---	407	5%
Unable to Determine	135	4%	67	3%	105	5%	24	2%	14	5%	4	3%	349	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,285</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,005</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,273</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8,976</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

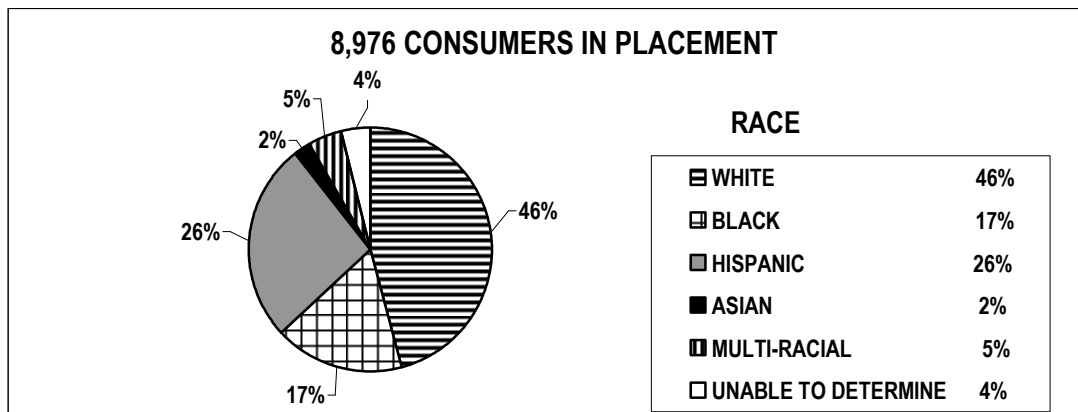
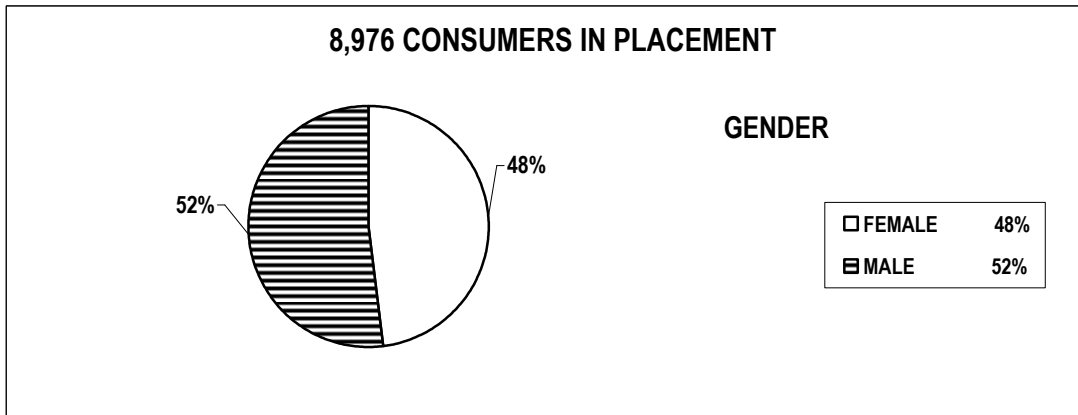
<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

<sup>(3)</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes all races

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

<sup>9</sup> Massachusetts Child Population 2010: 51% male (725,399) and 49% female (693,524). U.S. Census Bureau. Table DP-1. Profile of General Population and Housing Characteristics 2010, Demographic Profile Data Massachusetts ([factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?src=bkmk](http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?src=bkmk))

**FIGURE 16A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY GENDER AND RACE  
STATEWIDE: FY'2012, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**



- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DCF Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 36% to 40%. (**Table 12B** on page 30)
- The number of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 224 in the Boston Region to 460 in the Northern Region. (**Table 12B**)

## B. Permanency Goals of Consumers in Placement and Time in Continuous Care

- The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were Family Reunification (31% of all consumers in placement), Adoption (26%), and Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement<sup>10</sup> (APPLA) (21%). The Boston and Northern Regions had the highest proportions of consumers in placement with a goal of APPLA. (**Table 12B** on next page, **Fig. 16B** on page 31)
- The remaining service plan goals were: Permanent Care with Kin<sup>11</sup> (8% of all consumers in placement), Guardianship (7%), and Stabilization of Family (4%).
- On 12/31/2011, 41% of the statewide placement population had a length of stay of more than 2 years,<sup>12</sup> 20% had been in continuous care between 1 and 2 years, and 38% for 1 year or less. (**Table 12B, Fig. 16B**)
- The North and Boston had the highest proportions of consumers in continuous care<sup>13</sup> for more than two years (44% and 42%, respectively). The South and West had the highest proportions of consumers in care for one year or less (41% and 40%, respectively). (**Table 12B**)
- **Table 13A** on the next page displays the race 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 (50% for Black vs. 39% for White, 41% for Hispanic, 38% for Multi-Racial). This racial disparity is mainly due to the larger proportion of Black consumers in placement who were 18 years or older (**Table 13B** on page 33). Consumers 18 years or older accounted for 54% of all consumers in placement for more than 4 years and another 23% who were in placement for 2-4 years (**Table 13C** on page 33).
- Twenty-seven percent of Black consumers in placement had a goal of “Family Reunification,” compared to 32% for White and 31% for Hispanic consumers (**Table 14** on page 32). 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—30% Black vs. 19% White and 20% Hispanic for APPLA; 22% Black vs. 27% White and 26% Hispanic for adoption.

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<sup>10</sup> The APPLA 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.

<sup>11</sup> The goal of permanent placement with kin is to provide children with a committed, nurturing, and lifelong relationship in a licensed kinship family setting.

<sup>12</sup> 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.

<sup>13</sup> Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child’s most recent home removal episode start date to the Quarter End Date (December 31, 2011).

**TABLE 12B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE  
BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE: FY'2012, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region										Total				
	Western				Northern				Adoption				Other <sup>(2)</sup>		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
<b>Age Group:</b>															
( 0 - 2 yrs)	525	16%	251	13%	329	14%	140	14%	43	16%	---	---	1,288	14%	
( 3 - 5 yrs)	424	13%	200	10%	297	13%	86	8%	63	24%	2	2%	1,072	12%	
( 6 - 11 yrs)	614	19%	287	14%	414	18%	162	16%	106	40%	8	7%	1,591	18%	
(12 - 17 yrs)	1,270	39%	807	40%	829	36%	415	40%	53	20%	30	25%	3,404	38%	
18 or older	452	14%	460	23%	404	18%	224	22%	---	---	81	67%	1,621	18%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,285</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,005</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,273</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8,976</b>	<b>100%</b>	
<b>Service Plan Goals:</b>															
Family Reunification	1,062	32%	594	30%	790	35%	320	31%	2	1%	---	---	2,768	31%	
Adoption	952	29%	445	22%	541	24%	194	19%	244	92%	---	---	2,376	26%	
APPLA <sup>(3)</sup>	540	16%	494	25%	473	21%	290	28%	---	---	74	61%	1,871	21%	
Permanent Care with Kin	243	7%	182	9%	195	9%	70	7%	6	2%	28	23%	724	8%	
Guardianship	219	7%	140	7%	159	7%	82	8%	8	3%	---	---	608	7%	
Stabilization of Family	170	5%	92	5%	81	4%	41	4%	---	---	---	---	384	4%	
Unspecified as of run-date	99	3%	58	3%	34	1%	30	3%	5	2%	19	16%	245	3%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,285</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,005</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,273</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8,976</b>	<b>100%</b>	
<b>Continuous Time in Care:</b>															
(.5 yr or less)	773	24%	424	21%	528	23%	208	20%	3	1%	14	12%	1,950	22%	
(> .5 - 1 yr)	542	16%	315	16%	398	18%	178	17%	28	11%	20	17%	1,481	16%	
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	389	12%	185	9%	266	12%	111	11%	33	12%	19	16%	1,003	11%	
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	333	10%	186	9%	203	9%	90	9%	30	11%	7	6%	849	9%	
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	641	20%	405	20%	445	20%	199	19%	96	36%	38	31%	1,824	20%	
> 4 yrs	607	18%	490	24%	433	19%	241	23%	75	28%	23	19%	1,869	21%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,285</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,005</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,273</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8,976</b>	<b>100%</b>	

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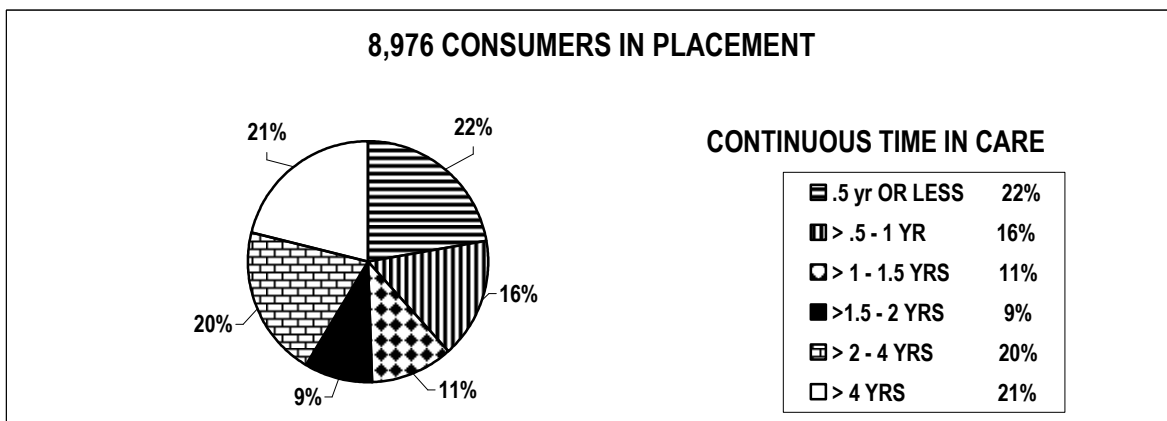
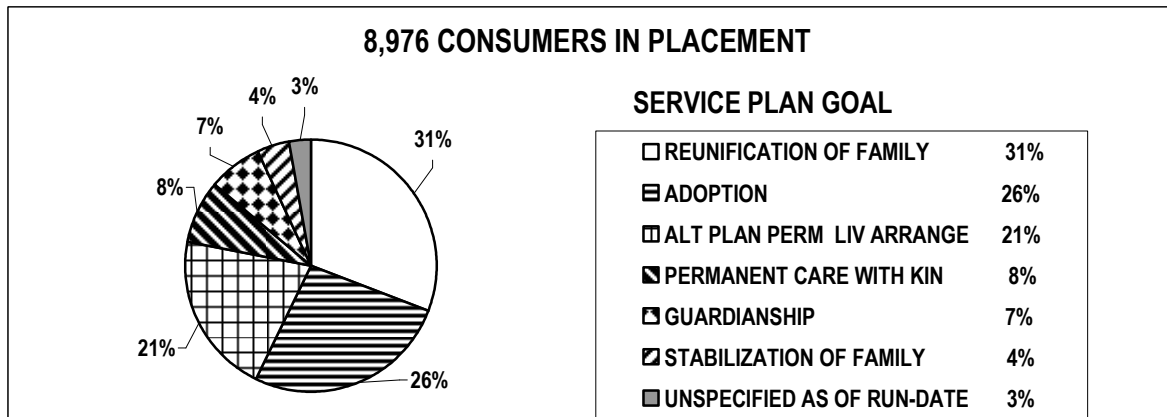
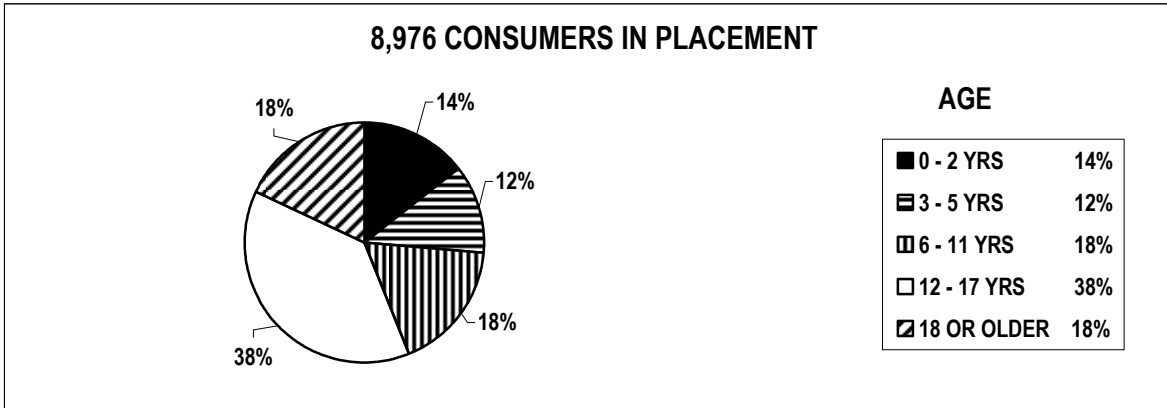
**TABLE 13A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:  
STATEWIDE FY'2012, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers												Total					
	White		Black		Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>		Asian		Native American		Other <sup>(2)</sup>				Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	945	23%	282	18%	512	22%	22	12%	5	28%	1	33%	64	16%	119	34%	1,950	22%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	689	17%	230	15%	393	17%	25	14%	3	17%	1	33%	88	22%	52	15%	1,481	16%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	467	11%	165	11%	257	11%	16	9%	1	6%	---	---	55	14%	42	12%	1,003	11%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	398	10%	104	7%	242	10%	19	10%	3	17%	---	---	43	11%	40	11%	849	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	779	19%	350	23%	474	20%	66	36%	6	33%	---	---	94	23%	55	16%	1,824	20%
> 4 yrs	824	20%	418	27%	489	21%	33	18%	---	---	1	33%	63	15%	41	12%	1,869	21%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,102</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,549</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,367</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8,976</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes all races

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**FIGURE 16B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT  
STATEWIDE: FY'2012, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**



**TABLE 14. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:  
STATEWIDE FY'2012, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers														Total			
	White		Black		Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>		Asian		Native American		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		Multi-Racial				Unable to Determine	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	1,315	32%	415	27%	730	31%	30	17%	5	28%	1	33%	129	32%	143	41%	2,768	31%
Adoption	1,124	27%	336	22%	624	26%	30	17%	6	33%	---	---	151	37%	105	30%	2,376	26%
APPLA <sup>(3)</sup>	773	19%	472	30%	478	20%	68	38%	1	6%	---	---	50	12%	29	8%	1,871	21%
Permanent Care with Kin	332	8%	140	9%	173	7%	30	17%	3	17%	---	---	20	5%	26	7%	724	8%
Guardianship	288	7%	91	6%	163	7%	10	6%	1	6%	---	---	36	9%	19	5%	608	7%
Stabilization of Family	171	4%	54	3%	121	5%	10	6%	---	---	2	67%	13	3%	13	4%	384	4%
Unspecified as of run-date	99	2%	41	3%	78	3%	3	2%	2	11%	---	---	8	2%	14	4%	245	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,102</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,549</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,367</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8,976</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes all races

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

<sup>(3)</sup> Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 15. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:  
STATEWIDE FY'2012, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**

Service Plan Goal	Age Group of Consumers										Total	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	561	20%	348	13%	534	19%	1,296	47%	29	1%	2,768	100%
Adoption	619	26%	600	25%	774	33%	375	16%	8	*	2,376	100%
APPLA <sup>(1)</sup>	1	*	---	---	1	*	511	27%	1,358	73%	1,871	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	5	1%	6	1%	42	6%	536	74%	135	19%	724	100%
Guardianship	37	6%	67	11%	170	28%	321	53%	13	2%	608	100%
Stabilization of Family	36	9%	27	7%	43	11%	239	62%	39	10%	384	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	29	12%	24	10%	27	11%	126	51%	39	16%	245	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,288</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>1,072</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>1,591</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>3,404</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>1,621</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>8,976</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 16. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:  
STATEWIDE FY'2012, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**

Service Plan Goal	Continuous Time in Placement										Total			
	(.5yr or less)		(> .5 - 1 yr)		(>1 - 1.5 yrs)		(>1.5 - 2 yrs)		(>2 - 4 yrs)				> 4 yrs	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	1,309	47%	851	31%	282	10%	135	5%	150	5%	41	1%	2,768	100%
Adoption	75	3%	330	14%	368	15%	392	16%	766	32%	445	19%	2,376	100%
APPLA <sup>(1)</sup>	101	5%	123	7%	169	9%	127	7%	480	26%	871	47%	1,871	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	17	2%	39	5%	53	7%	68	9%	195	27%	352	49%	724	100%
Guardianship	10	2%	69	11%	112	18%	111	18%	194	32%	112	18%	608	100%
Stabilization of Family	253	66%	52	14%	11	3%	10	3%	26	7%	32	8%	384	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	185	76%	17	7%	8	3%	6	2%	13	5%	16	7%	245	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>1,481</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>1,003</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>1,824</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>1,869</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>8,976</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 13B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND AGE GROUP:  
STATEWIDE FY'2012, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**

Race	Age Group of Consumers										Total	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
White	626	15%	496	12%	740	18%	1,556	38%	684	17%	4,102	100%
Black	160	10%	147	9%	243	16%	614	40%	385	25%	1,549	100%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>	300	13%	284	12%	439	19%	921	39%	423	18%	2,367	100%
Asian	10	6%	19	10%	17	9%	71	39%	64	35%	181	100%
Native American	5	28%	5	28%	1	6%	7	39%	---	---	18	100%
Other <sup>(2)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	100%	---	---	3	100%
Multi-Racial	74	18%	65	16%	94	23%	139	34%	35	9%	407	100%
Unable to Determine	113	32%	56	16%	57	16%	93	27%	30	9%	349	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,288</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>1,072</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>1,591</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>3,404</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>1,621</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>8,976</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes all races

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**TABLE 13C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:  
STATEWIDE FY'2012, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**

Continuous Time in Care	Age Group of Consumers										Total	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	455	35%	255	24%	309	19%	828	24%	103	6%	1,950	22%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	355	28%	190	18%	258	16%	604	18%	74	5%	1,481	16%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	206	16%	128	12%	202	13%	364	11%	103	6%	1,003	11%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	152	12%	146	14%	170	11%	287	8%	94	6%	849	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	120	9%	298	28%	425	27%	604	18%	377	23%	1,824	20%
> 4 yrs	---	---	55	5%	227	14%	717	21%	870	54%	1,869	21%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,288</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,072</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,591</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3,404</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,621</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8,976</b>	<b>100%</b>

### C. Relationship of Age, Race, and Type of Placement to Time in Continuous Care

- At the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012 (12/31/11), the median time in continuous care was 1.2 years and the median<sup>14</sup> age was 11.1 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. (See table on next page)
- Over the past 19 years, the median age of children in care has ranged from 9.1 to 12.6 years while median time in placement has fluctuated between 1.1 and 1.6 years). (See table on next page)

<sup>14</sup> Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

<b>Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Median Age (yrs)</b>	<b>Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>
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	10.2	1.5	10,503
6/99	10.8	1.3	9,834
6/00	11.4	1.3	10,025
6/01	11.5	1.2	9,889
6/02	11.8	1.3	9,932
6/03	12.1	1.3	10,127
6/04	12.3	1.4	9,815
6/05	12.5	1.3	9,439
6/06	12.6	1.2	9,543
6/07	12.6	1.2	9,132
6/08	12.0	1.1	9,287
6/09	11.4	1.2	8,755
6/10	11.5	1.2	8,097
6/11	11.2	1.2	7,841
9/11	11.0	1.2	7,544
12/11	11.1	1.2	7,355

- An age breakdown of children in placement by race<sup>15</sup> is presented in the following table. In general, the older the median age, the longer the median time in placement. Minority children were slightly older and had spent several more months in placement than White children (see table below). On 12/31/11, 46% 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.

<b>Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement</b>			
<b>Race</b>	<b>Median Age (yrs)</b>	<b>Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>
White	10.9	1.1	3,418
Black	12.7	1.3	1,164
Hispanic/Latino	11.5	1.3	1,944
Asian	14.4	1.5	117
Native American	4.6	1.4	18
Pacific Islander	-----	-----	3
Multi-Racial	8.5	1.2	312
Unable to Determine	5.3	0.9	319
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>7,355</b>

<sup>15</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes children of any race.



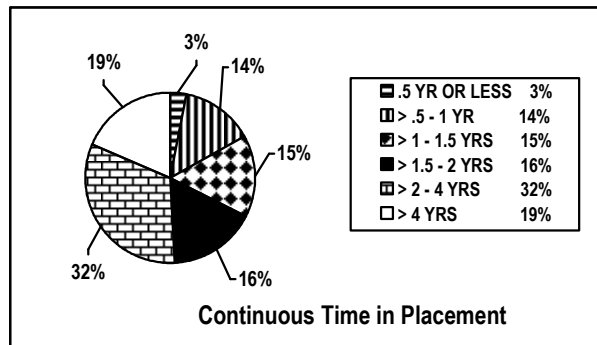
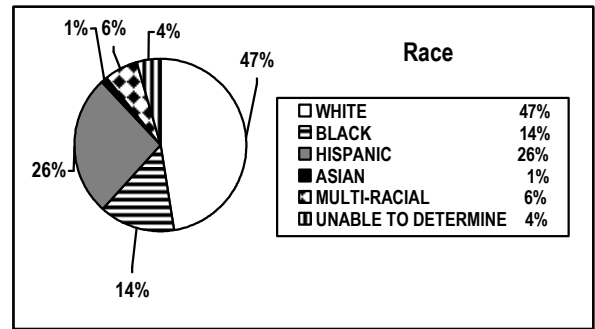
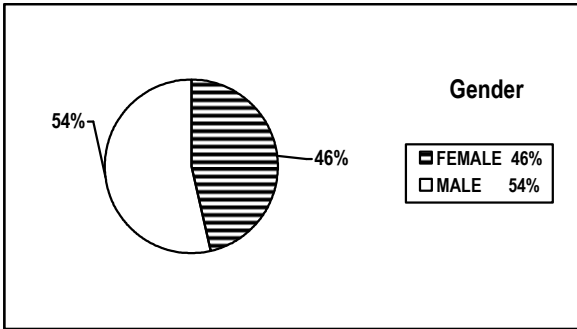
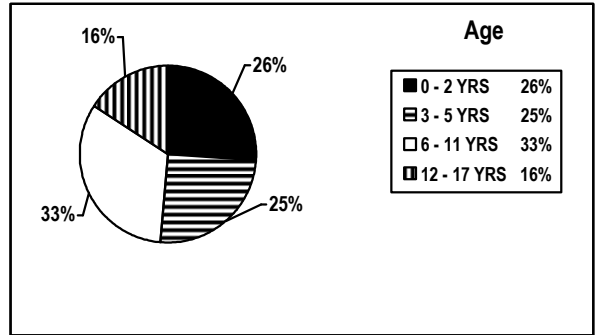
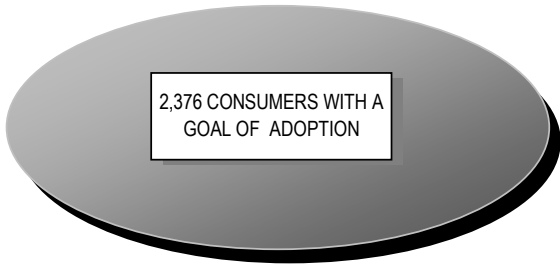
- The table below displays the median age and continuous time in care for all children less than 18 years old in placement on 12/31/2011. These children may have been in different types of placement prior to this quarter end-date.
- Excluding Pre-Adoptive foster children, Unrestricted and Kinship foster children are the youngest and have spent the least amount of time in continuous care. Pre-Adoptive foster children have the lowest median age but a relatively longer length of stay—waiting for termination of parental rights.
- Compared to other types of foster care, the seven children in Independent Living had the highest median age. Their length of stay in placement was similar to the length of stay for Child Specific foster children. All of the children in Independent Living were between 17 and 18 years old. Please note that this analysis does not include children 18 years or older in the independent living program.
- Children in contracted IFC were older and had spent more time in continuous care compared to children in most other types of foster care (exceptions being Pre-adoptive and Independent Living foster children).
- Children in the different congregate care programs were similar in age but differed in their length of stay. Most of the Residential children were in residential schools. The STARR program is a short-term residential placement service; this is reflected in the 0.2 year median length of stay.

<b>Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement</b>			
<b>Placement Type as of 9/30/2011</b>	<b>Median Age (yrs)</b>	<b>Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>
Foster Care:			
Unrestricted	5.2	0.8	1,636
Kinship	6.2	1.0	1,743
Child Specific	10.6	1.4	402
Pre-Adoptive	4.9	2.4	432
Independent Living	17.8	2.5	7
IFC (contracted)	14.1	2.0	1,482
Congregate Care:			
Group Home	15.9	1.3	578
Residential	15.4	2.3	436
STARR	15.0	0.2	324
On the Run & Non-Referral Locations	-----	-----	315
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>7,355</b>

## **D. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption**

- Out of 2,376 consumers (includes 8 youths over 18 years old) in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,124 (47%) were White, 336 (14%) were Black, 624 (26%) were Hispanic/Latino, 30 (1%) were Asian, 6 (<1%) were Native American, and 151 (6%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 105 (4%) consumers. (**Tables 14 and 15** on page 32, **Fig. 17** on next page)
- The age distribution of 2,376 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 26% age 0-2 years, 25% age 3-5 years, 33% age 6-11 years, and 16% age 12-17 years. (**Table 15, Fig. 17**)
- Fifty-four percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 46% were female. (**Fig. 17**)
- Fifty-one percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of adoption had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (**Table 16** on page 32, **Fig. 17**)
- Fifty percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of guardianship had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (**Table 16**)

**FIGURE 17. AGE, GENDER, RACE, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT OF CONSUMERS WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION  
FY'2012, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**



- There has been a decline in the number of children<sup>16</sup> in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of children with a goal of adoption fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In 2001, children in placement with a goal of adoption 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)
- Over the past 21 years, there have been relatively minor fluctuations in the proportion of children in placement with a goal of adoption—ranging from a high of 35% in 1994 to a low of 26% in 2006. For the past two years, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has been stable at 31-32%. (See table below)

### Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement

Date mo/yr	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	10,503	3,393	32%
6/99	9,834	3,107	32%
6/00	10,025	3,175	32%
6/01	9,889	2,860	29%
6/02	9,932	2,837	29%
6/03	10,127	2,861	28%
6/04	9,815	2,763	28%
6/05	9,439	2,573	27%
6/06	9,543	2,452	26%
6/07	9,132	2,549	28%
6/08	9,287	2,494	27%
6/09	8,755	2,525	29%
6/10	8,097	2,478	31%
6/11	7,841	2,468	31%
9/11	7,544	2,390	32%
12/11	7,355	2,368	32%

NOTES: Children are less than 18 years old

<sup>16</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

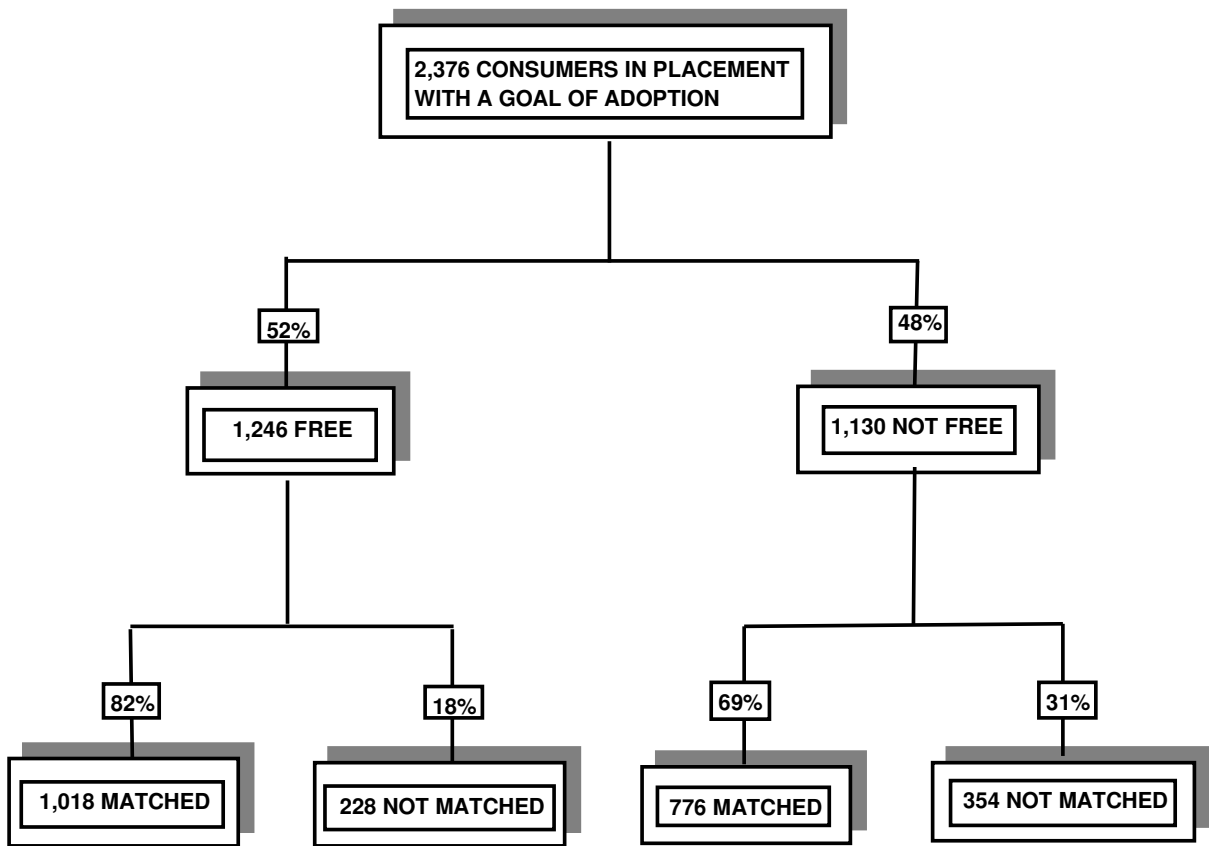
- Of the 2,376 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 52% were legally free for adoption. Eighty-two percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. (Fig. 18 on next page)
- The adolescent age group had the highest proportion of children who were legally free for adoption (see table below). The larger proportions of older children 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’2011 showed that the proportion of older children (12-17 years old) who were adopted accounted for only 7% 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 12/31/11		% Legally Free for Adoption
	Children with Goal of Adoption & Legally Free for Adoption	All Children with Goal of Adoption	
	No.	No.	%
0 – 2	273	619	44%
3 – 5	324	600	54%
6 – 11	422	774	55%
12 – 17	222	375	59%
<b>Total</b>	1,241	2,368	52%

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

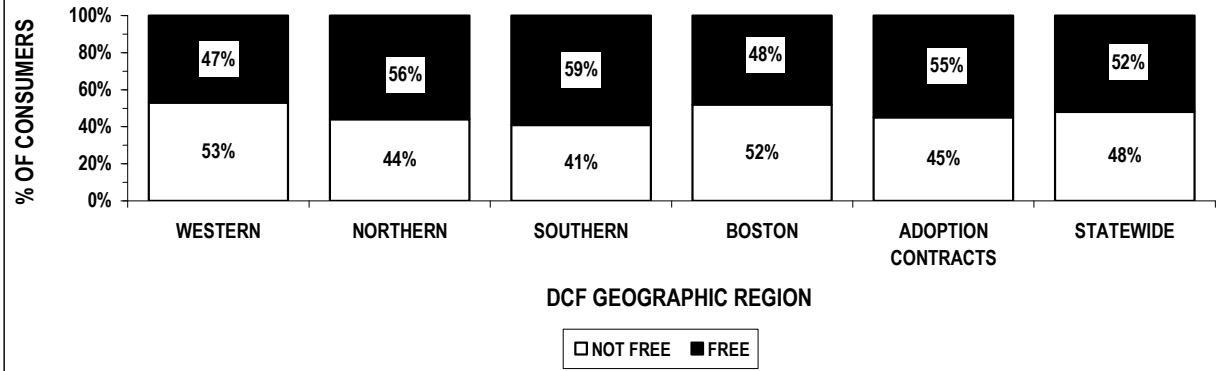
- Of those children with a goal of adoption who were not legally free for adoption (48%), 69% were matched to permanent families (Fig. 18).
- The Southern Region had the highest proportion (59%) of children in placement with a goal of adoption who were legally free for adoption. The proportion of legally free children ranged from 47% in the West to 59% in the South (Fig. 19 on page 41). On an area office basis, Lawrence (78%) and Framingham (70%) had the highest proportions of legally free children (Appendix Table A8 on page 72).
- The Southern Region had the highest proportion of children in placement with a goal of adoption who were matched to a permanent family (80%). The proportion of children matched to a permanent family ranged from 69% in Boston to 80% in the South (Fig. 20 on page 41). Matching a child to an adoptive family can occur before, during, or after the legal proceedings to free a child for adoption. Areas with the highest proportions of children matched to a permanent family were Cambridge (92%), Cape Cod & Islands (91%), and Arlington (90%) (Appendix Table A9 on page 73).

**FIGURE 18. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION:  
LEGAL STATUS AND MATCH STATUS  
FY'2012, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**

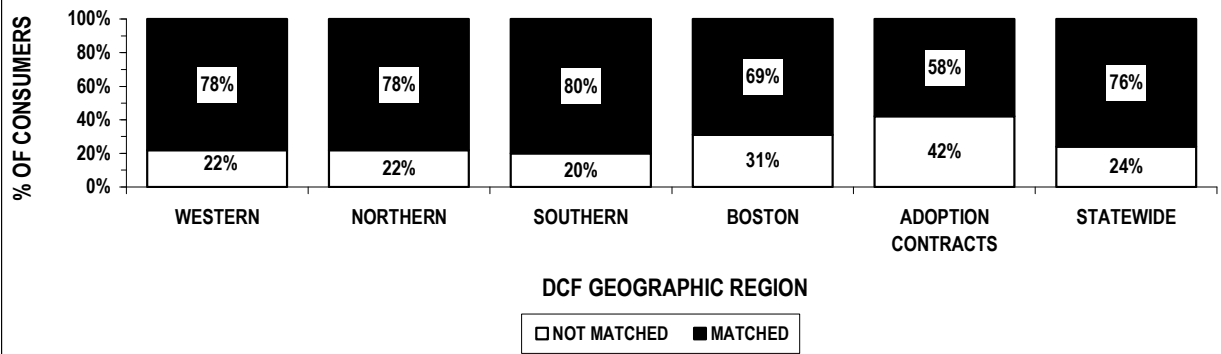


Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption  
Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 19. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS  
FY'2012, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**

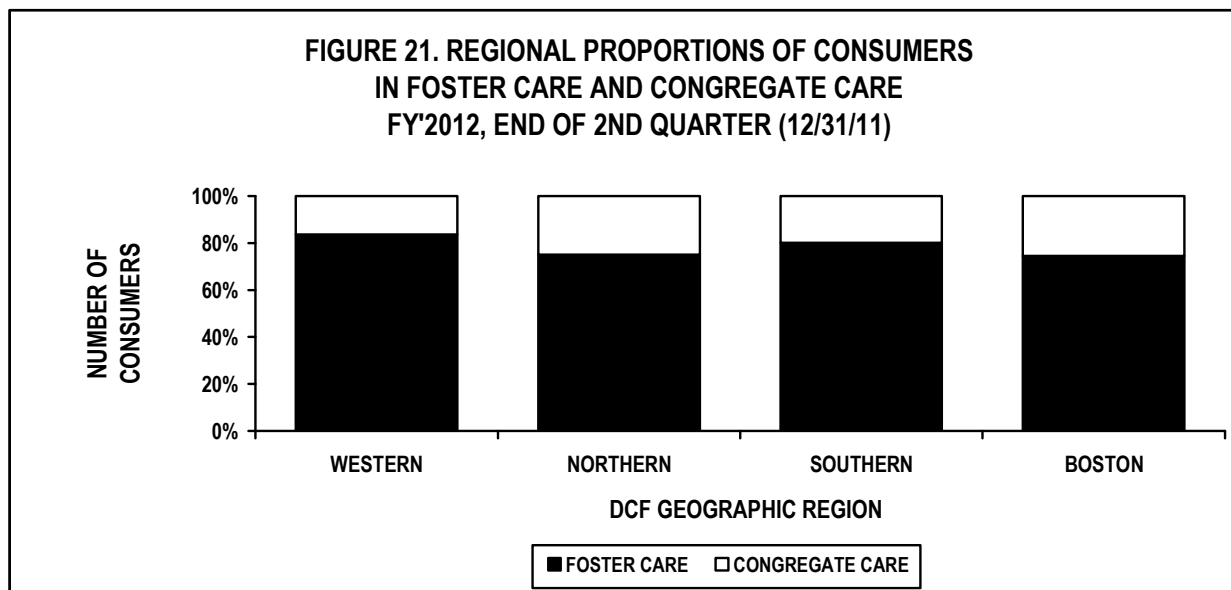


**FIGURE 20. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION AND WHETHER MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY  
FY'2012, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**



## E. Foster and Congregate Care

- There were 6,927 consumers in foster care and 1,684 consumers in congregate care<sup>17</sup> on the last day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012. (Table 17A on page 44, Fig. 21)



- Adolescents (12-17 years) were the primary age group in foster care (26-31% range across regions) and congregate care (64-71% range across regions). (Table 17A)
- Adolescents were also the primary age group in “Other” placement locations<sup>18</sup> (75-87% regional range). (Table 17A)
- The foster care racial proportions ranged from: White—19% in Boston to 58% in the South; Black—9% in the North to 48% in Boston; and Hispanic/Latino—13% in the South to 33% in the West (Table 18A on page 47). The congregate care racial proportions by region were similar to those for foster care (Table 18A).
- The racial distribution of the foster care and congregate care populations by region and type of program/model are presented in Tables 18B and 18C (pages 48-49).

<sup>17</sup>Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

<sup>18</sup>“Other” includes locations like hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies, as well as children on the run from placement.



- There were 1,738 consumers in “Intensive” foster care<sup>19</sup> (IFC) and 5,189 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (34% of consumers), kinship (35%), child specific (9%), pre-adoptive (8%), and independent living (14%).<sup>20</sup> (**Table 17B** on page 45 or **Table 18B** on page 48)
- A breakdown of the number of consumers in Departmental foster care by region is displayed in **Fig. 22B** on page 50.
- The proportions of consumers in different types of foster care are shown for each region in **Figure 22A** (page 50). Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West and South. The South also had the largest proportion of consumers in kinship homes. The proportion of consumers in child-specific homes was similar among regions. The West had the highest proportion of consumers in pre-adoptive homes. Consumers in independent living were proportionally higher in the North and Boston as compared to the other regions. The North and Boston had the largest proportions of consumers in intensive foster care. (**Fig. 22A**)
- The major congregate care programs were group homes (776 consumers), residential (583), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)<sup>21</sup> (325 consumers). (**Table 17C** on page 46)
- The proportions of consumers in different types of congregate care are shown for each region in **Figure 23A** (on page 51). The West and North had the highest proportions of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential placements was most significant in the Boston Region. The proportion of children in STARR placements was similar in the South, West, and North. (**Fig. 23A, Table 17C**)
- Regional counts of consumers in group home, residential, and STARR programs are presented in **Fig. 23B** on page 51 and **Table 17C**.
- Consumers in the residential program were mostly situated in Residential schools.<sup>22</sup> (**Table 17C**)
- The primary models in the group home program were behavioral treatment residence (BTR) (364 consumers), group home (281), and independent living (131). (**Table 17C**)

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<sup>19</sup>Intensive 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.

<sup>20</sup> The Departmental foster care category of independent living represents payment of the foster care rate directly to youth to subsidize their room and board expenses.

<sup>21</sup> Services focused on supporting a rapid reintegration or transition to a next placement.

<sup>22</sup> 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).

**TABLE 17A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2012, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Age Group	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
<b>Western</b>		<b>2,653</b>		<b>519</b>		<b>113</b>		<b>3,285</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	522	20%	---	---	3	3%	525
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	419	16%	3	1%	2	2%	424
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	541	20%	57	11%	16	14%	614
	(12 - 17 yrs)	814	31%	369	71%	87	77%	1,270
	18 or older	357	13%	90	17%	5	4%	452
<b>Northern</b>		<b>1,446</b>		<b>478</b>		<b>81</b>		<b>2,005</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	248	17%	1	*	2	2%	251
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	192	13%	1	*	7	9%	200
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	255	18%	28	6%	4	5%	287
	(12 - 17 yrs)	416	29%	330	69%	61	75%	807
	18 or older	335	23%	118	25%	7	9%	460
<b>Southern</b>		<b>1,772</b>		<b>438</b>		<b>63</b>		<b>2,273</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	325	18%	2	*	2	3%	329
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	290	16%	7	2%	---	---	297
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	373	21%	40	9%	1	2%	414
	(12 - 17 yrs)	466	26%	308	70%	55	87%	829
	18 or older	318	18%	81	18%	5	8%	404
<b>Boston</b>		<b>727</b>		<b>247</b>		<b>53</b>		<b>1,027</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	140	19%	---	---	---	---	140
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	86	12%	---	---	---	---	86
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	128	18%	33	13%	1	2%	162
	(12 - 17 yrs)	212	29%	157	64%	46	87%	415
	18 or older	161	22%	57	23%	6	11%	224
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup></b>		<b>258</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>5</b>		<b>265</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	43	17%	---	---	---	---	43
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	62	24%	---	---	1	20%	63
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	102	40%	2	100%	2	40%	106
	(12 - 17 yrs)	51	20%	---	---	2	40%	53
<b>Other <sup>(4)</sup></b>		<b>71</b>		<b>---</b>		<b>50</b>		<b>121</b>
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	1	*	---	---	1	---	2
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	2	3%	---	---	6	12%	8
	(12 - 17 yrs)	14	20%	---	---	16	32%	30
	18 or older	54	76%	---	---	27	54%	81
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,927</b>		<b>1,684</b>		<b>365</b>		<b>8,976</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

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

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**TABLE 17B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2012, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Age Group	Foster Care							Foster Care Total
		Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
		Intensive Foster Care	Other	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
<b>Western</b>		<b>625</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>2,653</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	14	3	27	---	153	66	259	522
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	33	3	27	---	160	50	146	419
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	115	4	35	---	171	48	168	541
	(12 - 17 yrs)	383	16	66	3	156	19	171	814
	18 or older	80	7	20	204	11	---	35	357
<b>Northern</b>		<b>381</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>1,446</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	25	4	17	---	92	24	86	248
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	35	4	13	---	68	18	54	192
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	73	6	16	---	98	10	52	255
	(12 - 17 yrs)	188	11	37	2	91	9	78	416
	18 or older	60	13	13	214	15	---	20	335
<b>Southern</b>		<b>363</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>1,772</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	15	---	12	---	123	28	147	325
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	22	1	21	---	132	29	85	290
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	75	2	17	---	151	29	99	373
	(12 - 17 yrs)	198	5	48	1	113	7	94	466
	18 or older	53	11	24	173	19	1	37	318
<b>Boston</b>		<b>201</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>727</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	4	2	14	---	59	6	55	140
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	10	2	5	---	39	16	14	86
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	43	1	6	---	59	8	11	128
	(12 - 17 yrs)	112	2	19	1	28	2	48	212
	18 or older	32	---	6	106	6	---	11	161
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(2)</sup></b>		<b>71</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>258</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	4	---	1	---	9	8	21	43
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	9	---	3	---	17	18	15	62
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	30	---	12	---	20	27	13	102
	(12 - 17 yrs)	28	---	4	---	4	10	5	51
<b>Other <sup>(3)</sup></b>		<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>71</b>
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	2
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	2	---	---	---	12	14
	18 or older	---	---	---	30	---	---	24	54
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,641</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>1,794</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>1,763</b>	<b>6,927</b>

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

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

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**TABLE 17C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2012, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Congregate Care					STARR <sup>(3)</sup>	Total
	Group Home			Residential			
	Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential <sup>(2)</sup>		
<b>Western</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>519</b>
( 3-5yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	3	3
( 6-11yrs)	8	13	---	17	---	19	57
(12-17yrs)	128	51	---	103	2	85	369
18 or older	12	30	22	23	3	---	90
<b>Northern</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>478</b>
( 0-2yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
( 3-5yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
( 6-11yrs)	11	2	---	11	---	4	28
(12-17yrs)	73	60	15	98	1	83	330
18 or older	6	15	56	39	1	1	118
<b>Southern</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>438</b>
( 0-2yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	2
( 3-5yrs)	---	---	---	---	1	6	7
( 6-11yrs)	16	3	---	13	---	8	40
(12-17yrs)	52	55	5	113	2	81	308
18 or older	4	16	15	45	1	---	81
<b>Boston</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>247</b>
( 6-11yrs)	11	5	---	12	---	5	33
(12-17yrs)	37	23	2	67	3	25	157
18 or older	6	8	16	23	4	---	57
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
( 6-11yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>1,684</b>

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

<sup>(2)</sup> "Old" taxonomy includes teen pregnancy/parenting group home.

<sup>(3)</sup> STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

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

**TABLE 18A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2012, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Race	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
<b>Western</b>		<b>2,653</b>		<b>519</b>		<b>113</b>		<b>3,285</b>
	White	1,228	46%	272	52%	45	40%	1,545
	Black	297	11%	64	12%	20	18%	381
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	873	33%	151	29%	41	36%	1,065
	Asian	17	1%	2	*	---	---	19
	Native American	4	*	---	---	---	---	4
	Other <sup>(4)</sup>	1	*	---	---	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	110	4%	19	4%	6	5%	135
	Unable to Determine	123	5%	11	2%	1	1%	135
<b>Northern</b>		<b>1,446</b>		<b>478</b>		<b>81</b>		<b>2,005</b>
	White	678	47%	244	51%	39	48%	961
	Black	138	10%	59	12%	7	9%	204
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	450	31%	134	28%	25	31%	609
	Asian	63	4%	9	2%	7	9%	79
	Native American	2	*	1	*	---	---	3
	Other <sup>(4)</sup>	1	*	1	*	---	---	2
	Multi-Racial	60	4%	18	4%	2	2%	80
	Unable to Determine	54	4%	12	3%	1	1%	67
<b>Southern</b>		<b>1,772</b>		<b>438</b>		<b>63</b>		<b>2,273</b>
	White	1,023	58%	257	59%	35	56%	1,315
	Black	284	16%	75	17%	11	17%	370
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	237	13%	57	13%	11	17%	305
	Asian	11	1%	7	2%	1	2%	19
	Native American	8	*	---	---	---	---	8
	Multi-Racial	126	7%	22	5%	3	5%	151
	Unable to Determine	83	5%	20	5%	2	3%	105
<b>Boston</b>		<b>727</b>		<b>247</b>		<b>53</b>		<b>1,027</b>
	White	133	18%	34	14%	5	9%	172
	Black	361	50%	124	50%	23	43%	508
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	173	24%	76	31%	24	45%	273
	Asian	18	2%	3	1%	1	2%	22
	Native American	2	*	---	---	---	---	2
	Multi-Racial	22	3%	4	2%	---	---	26
	Unable to Determine	18	2%	6	2%	---	---	24
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(5)</sup></b>		<b>258</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>5</b>		<b>265</b>
	White	106	41%	2	100%	1	20%	109
	Black	48	19%	---	---	---	---	48
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	69	27%	---	---	4	80%	73
	Asian	5	2%	---	---	---	---	5
	Native American	1	*	---	---	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	15	6%	---	---	---	---	15
	Unable to Determine	14	5%	---	---	---	---	14
<b>Other <sup>(6)</sup></b>		<b>71</b>				<b>50</b>		<b>121</b>
	Black	31	44%	---	---	7	14%	38
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	18	25%	---	---	24	48%	42
	Asian	22	31%	---	---	15	30%	37
	Unable to Determine	---	---	---	---	4	8%	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,927</b>		<b>1,684</b>		<b>365</b>		<b>8,976</b>

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

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

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

<sup>(3)</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes all races

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

<sup>(5)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(6)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**TABLE 18B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2012, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Age Group	Foster Care							Foster Care Total
		Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
		Intensive Foster Care	Other	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
<b>Western</b>		<b>625</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>2,653</b>
	White	257	15	90	88	354	87	337	1,228
	Black	100	1	21	39	47	17	72	297
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(2)</sup>	226	14	54	69	187	61	262	873
	Asian	4	1	1	1	3	---	7	17
	Multi-Racial	26	0	4	7	24	7	42	110
	Native American	---	1	1	---	1	---	1	4
	Other <sup>(3)</sup>	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
	Unable to Determine	11	1	4	3	35	11	58	123
<b>Northern</b>		<b>381</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>1,446</b>
	White	162	20	42	96	207	28	123	678
	Black	41	5	6	35	21	5	25	138
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(2)</sup>	118	11	33	64	104	18	102	450
	Asian	16	---	3	16	12	2	14	63
	Native American	1	---	---	---	---	1	---	2
	Multi-Racial	23	2	5	4	11	4	11	60
	Other <sup>(3)</sup>	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
	Unable to Determine	19	---	7	1	9	3	15	54
<b>Southern</b>		<b>363</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>1,772</b>
	White	206	13	76	99	337	52	240	1,023
	Black	65	1	23	34	69	7	85	284
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(2)</sup>	52	5	11	26	60	11	72	237
	Asian	1	---	---	4	---	2	4	11
	Native American	4	---	1	---	2	---	1	8
	Multi-Racial	25	---	7	7	43	12	32	126
	Unable to Determine	10	---	4	4	27	10	28	83
<b>Boston</b>		<b>201</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>727</b>
	White	36	2	9	17	46	10	13	133
	Black	95	2	26	64	93	10	71	361
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(2)</sup>	51	2	12	22	36	9	41	173
	Asian	7	---	2	3	1	1	4	18
	Native American	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	2
	Multi-Racial	9	1	1	---	7	2	2	22
	Unable to Determine	3	---	---	1	6	---	8	18
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(4)</sup></b>		<b>71</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>258</b>
	White	30	---	4	---	28	25	19	106
	Black	14	---	2	---	8	10	14	48
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(2)</sup>	15	---	11	---	12	19	12	69
	Asian	---	---	---	---	---	5	---	5
	Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	Multi-Racial	6	---	1	---	2	3	3	15
	Unable to Determine	6	---	2	---	---	1	5	14
<b>Other <sup>(5)</sup></b>		<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>71</b>
	Black	---	---	2	13	---	---	16	31
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(2)</sup>	---	---	---	12	---	---	6	18
	Asian	---	---	---	5	---	---	17	22
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,641</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>1,794</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>1,763</b>	<b>6,927</b>

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes all races.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

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

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**TABLE 18C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2012, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Congregate Care						Total
	Group Home			Residential		STARR <sup>(3)</sup>	
	Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential <sup>(2)</sup>		
<b>Western</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>519</b>
White	73	54	4	78	---	63	272
Black	17	12	9	17	---	9	64
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(4)</sup>	49	21	7	42	5	27	151
Asian	---	2	---	---	---	---	2
Multi-Racial	6	4	1	3	---	5	19
Unable to Determine	3	1	1	3	---	3	11
<b>Northern</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>478</b>
White	49	42	37	72	---	44	244
Black	6	12	8	21	---	12	59
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(4)</sup>	30	15	22	43	2	22	134
Asian	2	1	1	5	---	---	9
Native American	---	1	---	---	---	---	1
Other <sup>(5)</sup>	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
Multi-Racial	3	3	3	2	---	7	18
Unable to Determine		3		4	---	5	12
<b>Southern</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>438</b>
White	34	45	9	107	1	61	257
Black	18	13	9	21	2	12	75
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(4)</sup>	10	9	1	24	1	12	57
Asian	1	2	---	2	---	2	7
Multi-Racial	7	4	---	9	---	2	22
Unable to Determine	2	1	1	8	---	8	20
<b>Boston</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>247</b>
White	8	5	2	14	---	5	34
Black	25	18	9	58	3	11	124
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(4)</sup>	16	8	6	28	4	14	76
Asian	1	1	---	1	---	---	3
Multi-Racial	1	2	1	---	---	---	4
Unable to Determine	3	2	---	1	---	---	6
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(6)</sup></b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
White	---	---	---	1	---	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>1,684</b>

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

<sup>(2)</sup> "Old" taxonomy includes teen pregnancy/parenting group home.

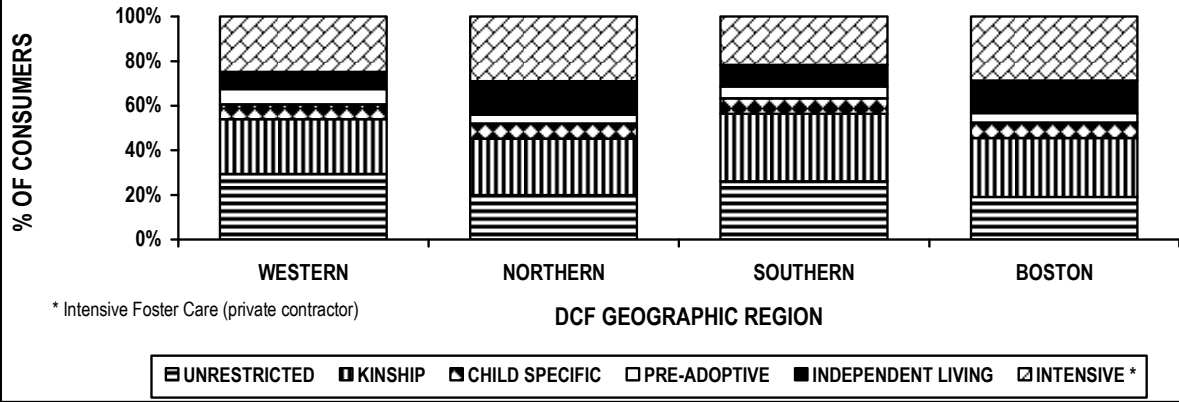
<sup>(3)</sup> STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

<sup>(4)</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes all races.

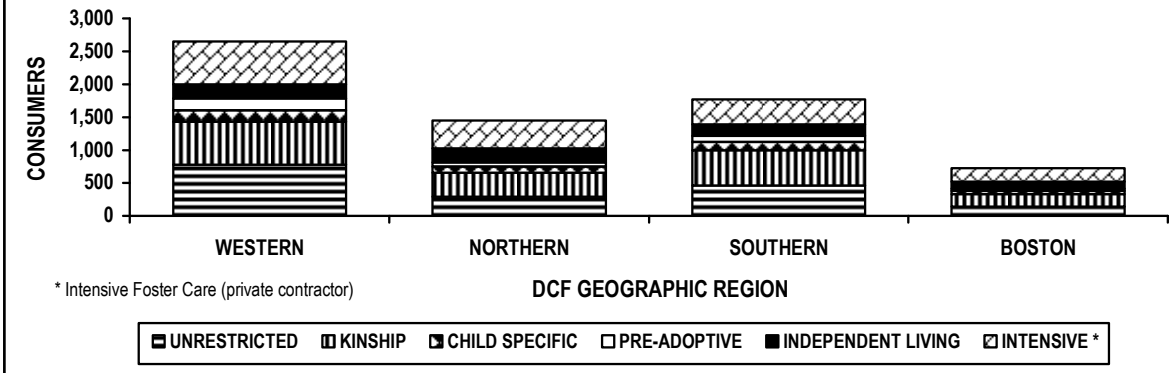
<sup>(5)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

<sup>(6)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

**FIGURE 22A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS  
IN FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2012, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**

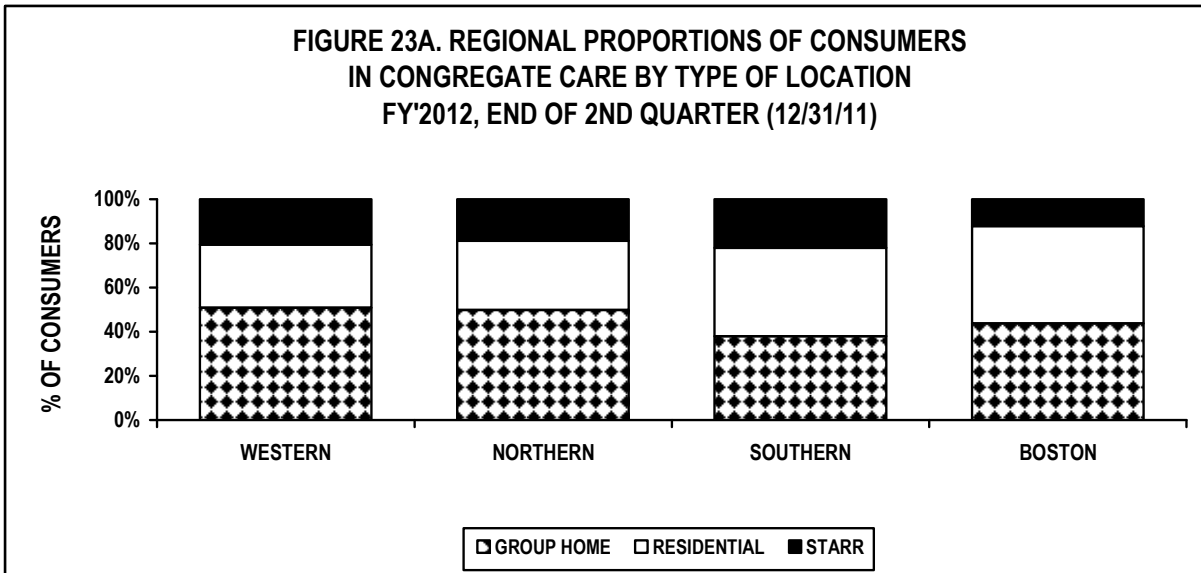


**FIGURE 22B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS  
IN FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2012, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**

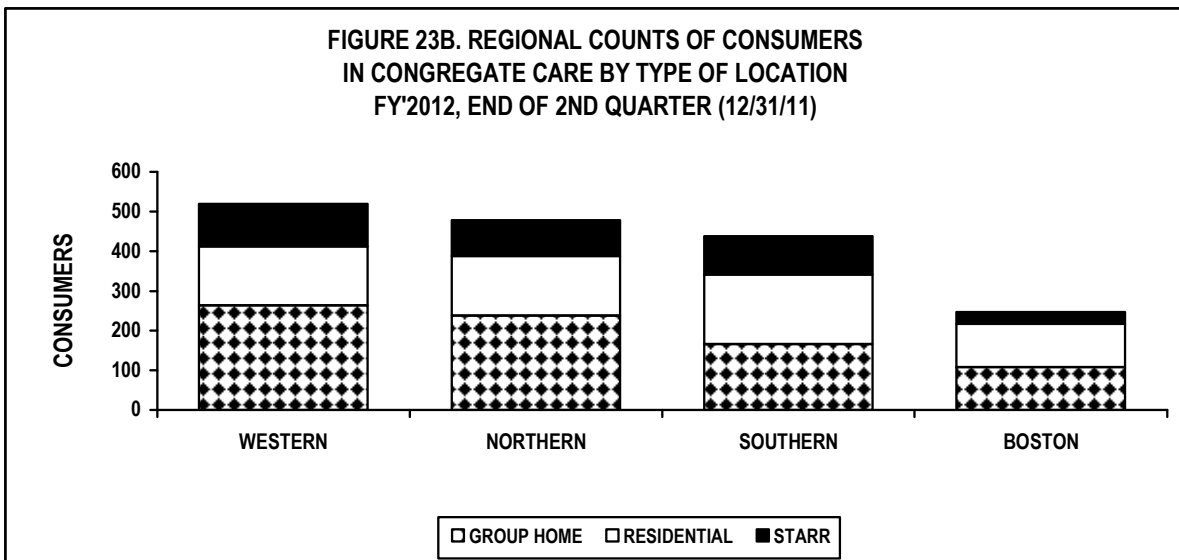




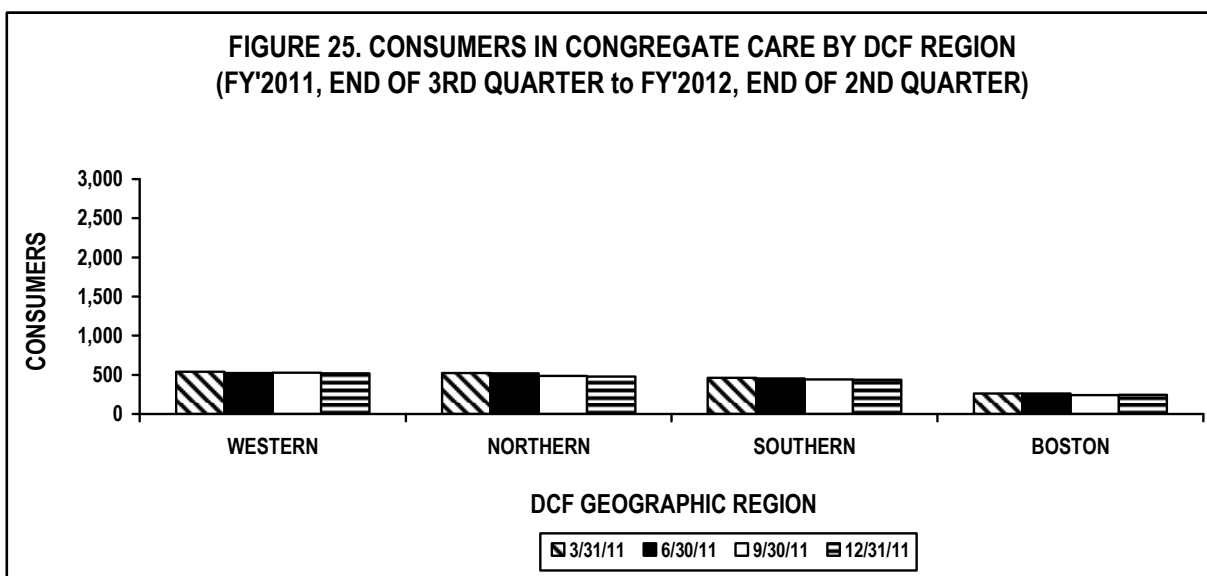
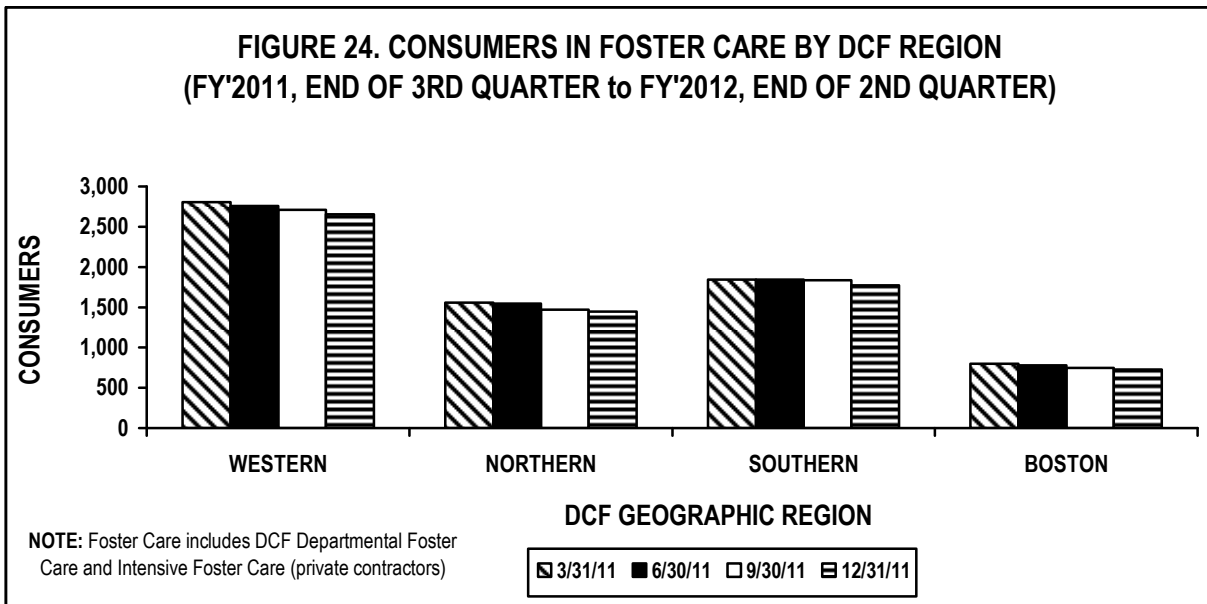
**FIGURE 23A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS  
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2012, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**



**FIGURE 23B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS  
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2012, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**



- From the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, there were decreases of 2% and 1% in the foster and congregate care populations, respectively (Figs. 24 and 25).<sup>23</sup>
- Declines in statewide numbers of consumers in placement, foster care, and congregate care most often occur in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter over the past 4 years). Seasonal variation is not the only contributing factor. Annual counts of placement children have shown a steady decline since 1995 (Fig. 13A on page 23, Appendix Table A1 on page 66).



<sup>23</sup> Both foster care and congregate care include young adults 18 years or older.

## F. Independent Living

Of the 6,927 consumers in foster care, 734 were in the Departmental foster care category of “Independent Living.” These children are in a school or vocational program and need financial support to transition to living independently. They receive foster care payments directly to pay for room and board expenses as long as they fully participate in an educational or vocational program, and meet with their social worker as arranged. Placement services may be extended to the youth’s 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday if it is demonstrated that without DCF financial support the student will not complete a Bachelor’s program. On 12/31/2011, the ages of these children ranged from 17 to 24 years old.

Of the 1,684 consumers in congregate care, 131 were in the group home category of “Independent Living.” This placement service includes group homes as well as supervised or supported apartments designed for older adolescents who are developing the skills to live in the community in their own homes or apartments. On 12/31/2011, the ages of these children ranged from 16 to 22 years old.

- The Northern Region had the highest number of independent living children (216 in foster care and 71 in group homes). (See table below).
- Of the 734 youth in the Departmental foster care independent living model, 99% were 18 years or older, 61% were female, 41% were White, 25% were Black, 26% were Hispanic/Latino, and 75% had spent more than two years in continuous substitute care. (See table on next page)
- Of the 131 youth in independent living group homes, 83% were 18 years or older, 50% were female, 40% were White, 27% were Black, 27% were Hispanic/Latino, and 73% had spent more than two years in continuous substitute care. (See table on next page)

### Regional Distribution of Youth in the Independent Living Program FY’2012, End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (12/31/11)

Departmental Foster Care		DCF Region	Group Home	
No.	%		No.	%
207	28%	Western	22	17%
216	29%	Northern	71	54%
174	24%	Southern	20	15%
107	15%	Boston	18	14%
30	4%	Central Office	---	---
734	100%	TOTAL	131	100%

Note: Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding-off.

**Demographic Profile of Youth in the Independent Living Program  
FY'2012, End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (12/31/11)**

<b>Departmental Foster Care</b>			<b>Group Home</b>	
<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>		<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
		<i><b>Age Group</b></i>		
7	1%	<b>16-17 years</b>	22	17%
727	99%	<b>18 years or Older</b>	109	83%
		<i><b>Gender</b></i>		
283	39%	<b>Male</b>	65	50%
451	61%	<b>Female</b>	66	50%
		<i><b>Race</b></i>		
300	41%	<b>White</b>	52	40%
185	25%	<b>Black</b>	35	27%
193	26%	<b>Hispanic/Latino</b>	36	27%
29	4%	<b>Asian</b>	1	1%
---	---	<b>Native American</b>	---	---
18	2%	<b>Multi-Racial</b>	5	4%
9	1%	<b>Undetermined</b>	2	2%
		<i><b>Continuous Time in Care</b></i>		
96	13%	<b>1 year or less</b>	16	12%
86	12%	<b>&gt;1 – 2 years</b>	19	15%
189	26%	<b>&gt;2 – 4 years</b>	24	18%
363	49%	<b>&gt;4 years</b>	72	55%

\* = less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding-off.

## G. Children in Kinship Placement<sup>24</sup>

It is the policy of DCF that all placements are made in accordance with permanency planning objectives. From the time a child is placed, a plan is developed for returning the child home, or, if that is not possible, for identifying an alternative permanent home. DCF always gives first consideration to placement with a relative or member of the child's extended family.

- Statewide, 24% of all children in placement were in kinship care. The Haverhill (37%), Fall River (36%), North Central (34%), Cape Cod (31%), and Coastal (30%) Area Offices had the highest proportions of placement children in kinship. **(Table 19A on next page)**
- Statewide, 28% of White, 20% of Hispanic/Latino, and 20% of Black children in placement were in kinship placements. **(Table 19B on page 57)**
- Of those area offices with more than 30 Hispanic children in placement, Greenfield (33%) had the largest proportion of Hispanic/Latino children in kinship care. **(Table 19B)**
- Of those area offices with more than 30 Black children in placement, Fall River (37%) had the largest proportion of Black children in kinship care. **(Table 19B)**

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<sup>24</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

**TABLE 19A. CHILDREN <sup>(1)</sup> IN KINSHIP PLACEMENT AS A PROPORTION OF ALL CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT:  
FY'2012, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**

<b>DCF Region/Area</b>	<b>Kinship</b>	<b>Total Children in Placement</b>	<b>% in Kinship</b>
Greenfield	72	266	27%
Holyoke	73	310	24%
North Central	118	345	34%
Pittsfield	67	298	22%
Robert Van Wart	64	352	18%
South Central	61	251	24%
Springfield	69	386	18%
Worcester East	58	318	18%
Worcester West	58	302	19%
Contracted Agencies	---	5	---
<b>Western</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>2,833</b>	<b>23%</b>
Cambridge	26	121	21%
Cape Ann	43	178	24%
Framingham	40	175	23%
Haverhill	54	146	37%
Lawrence	33	168	20%
Lowell	89	358	25%
Lynn	29	214	14%
Malden	35	185	19%
<b>Northern</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>1,545</b>	<b>23%</b>
Arlington	29	139	21%
Brockton	51	229	22%
Cape Cod	65	212	31%
Coastal	59	196	30%
Fall River	119	332	36%
New Bedford	89	367	24%
Plymouth	59	208	28%
Taunton/Attleboro	48	186	26%
<b>Southern</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>1,869</b>	<b>28%</b>
Dimock Street	50	202	25%
Harbor	40	207	19%
Hyde Park	51	182	28%
Park Street	44	209	21%
Contracted Agencies	---	3	---
<b>Boston</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(2)</sup></b>	50	265	19%
<b>Other <sup>(3)</sup></b>	---	40	---
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,743</b>	<b>7,355</b>	<b>24%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

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

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**TABLE 19B. RACE OF CHILDREN <sup>(1)</sup> IN KINSHIP PLACEMENTS COMPARED TO ALL PLACEMENTS:  
FY'2012, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**

DCF Region/ Area Office	Children in Kinship			Total Children in Placement			% Kinship Placements		
	Race			Race			Race		
	White	Black	Hispanic <sup>(2)</sup>	White	Black	Hispanic <sup>(2)</sup>	White	Black	Hispanic <sup>(2)</sup>
Greenfield	49	---	14	188	9	43	26%	---	33%
Holyoke	18	5	38	74	23	187	24%	22%	20%
North Central	79	3	23	197	17	102	40%	18%	23%
Pittsfield	50	4	6	204	18	25	25%	22%	24%
Robert Van Wart	37	3	18	182	27	112	20%	11%	16%
South Central	42	2	13	187	6	47	22%	33%	28%
Springfield	14	13	35	56	103	198	25%	13%	18%
Worcester East	28	14	16	127	57	109	22%	25%	15%
Worcester West	28	2	24	127	36	104	22%	6%	23%
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	1	---	2	---	---	---
<b>Western</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>1,343</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>20%</b>
Cambridge	14	2	9	49	25	37	29%	8%	24%
Cape Ann	31	1	9	139	8	23	22%	13%	39%
Framingham	17	7	12	91	21	45	19%	33%	27%
Haverhill	45	1	6	99	7	29	45%	14%	21%
Lawrence	8		25	37	2	123	22%	0%	20%
Lowell	40	3	34	152	18	126	26%	17%	27%
Lynn	14	2	7	69	27	73	20%	7%	10%
Malden	29	3	---	107	30	23	27%	10%	---
<b>Northern</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>21%</b>
Arlington	15	2	5	72	20	28	21%	10%	18%
Brockton	25	14	9	95	75	26	26%	19%	35%
Cape Cod	46	2	6	138	16	14	33%	13%	43%
Coastal	36	8	2	124	28	10	29%	29%	20%
Fall River	71	18	13	171	49	61	42%	37%	21%
New Bedford	52	12	13	194	57	73	27%	21%	18%
Plymouth	44	5	5	155	26	9	28%	19%	56%
Taunton/Attleboro	35	4	5	132	17	20	27%	24%	25%
<b>Southern</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1,081</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>24%</b>
Dimock Street	7	30	10	24	112	51	29%	27%	20%
Harbor	19	4	12	76	18	90	25%	22%	13%
Hyde Park	8	32	9	16	128	32	50%	25%	28%
Park Street	11	24	3	23	120	45	48%	20%	7%
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	3	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Boston</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>28</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Other <sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>3,418</b>	<b>1,164</b>	<b>1,944</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>20%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

<sup>(2)</sup> Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

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

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

## VI. CONSUMERS ENTERING AND LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER

- During the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, 1,507 consumers entered placement and 1,980 consumers left placement. For individuals with multiple entries and exits during the quarter, only the first entry and last exit were selected. These counts of placement dynamics do not include consumers who changed placements during the quarter. (Table 20 on page 59, Table 21 on page 60)
- Compared to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, there was a 4% decrease in consumers entering placement and a 1% decrease in consumers leaving placement during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012.

### A. Entries to Placement

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, 62% were first-time entrants and 38% were re-entrants.<sup>25</sup> Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 57% in the North to 66% in the West. (Table 20, Fig. 26 on page 59)
- Across the state, 66% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 29% were placed in congregate care,<sup>26</sup> and 5% were placed in non-referral locations.<sup>27</sup>
- Regionally, the proportion of all entrants placed in foster care ranged from 54% in the North to 77% in the West. In contrast, the proportion of all entrants placed in congregate care ranged from 19% in the West to 39% in the North. (Table 20, Fig. 27 on page 60)
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Seventy-two percent of first-time entrants and 57% of re-entrants were placed in foster care. Conversely, 37% of re-entrants and 24% of first-time entrants were placed in congregate care. (Table 20)

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<sup>25</sup> Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

<sup>26</sup> Congregate Care includes group home, residential treatment, and short-term residential placement.

<sup>27</sup> Non-referral locations include hospitals, nursing homes, and placements supervised by other state agencies.



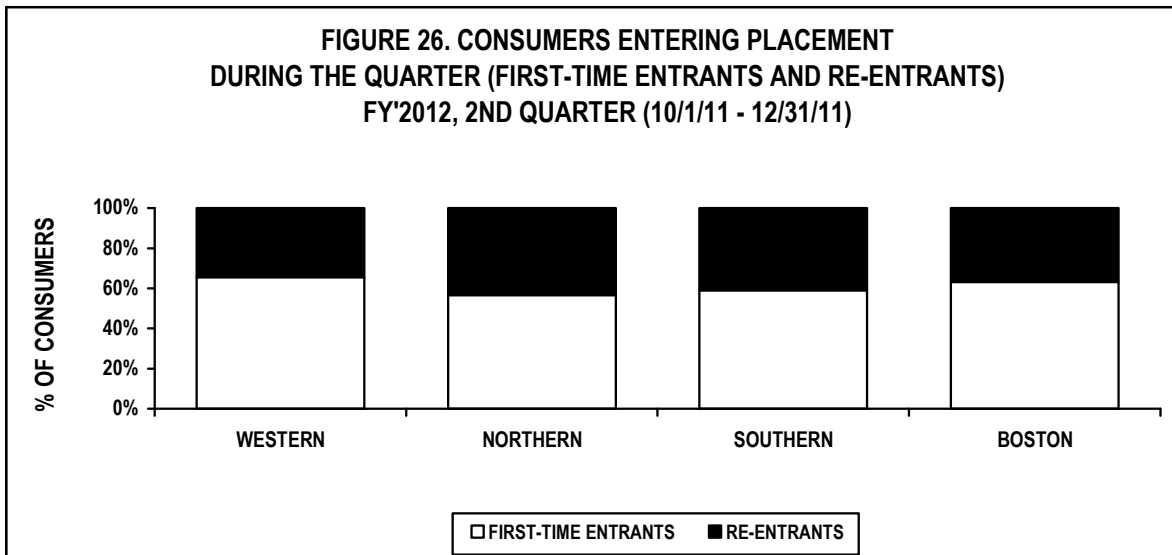
**TABLE 20. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2012, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/11 - 12/31/11)**

Entry Type: Placement Location Started	DCF Geographic Region					Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Other <sup>(1)</sup>	
<b>First-Time Entrants:</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>930</b>
Foster Care	301	127	143	89	6	666
Congregate Care	64	69	67	26	---	226
Non-Referral Location <sup>(2)</sup>	8	12	10	3	5	38
<b>Re-Entrants:</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>577</b>
Foster Care	137	70	83	38	---	328
Congregate Care	46	73	64	28	---	211
Non-Referral Location <sup>(2)</sup>	13	16	5	3	1	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1,507</b>

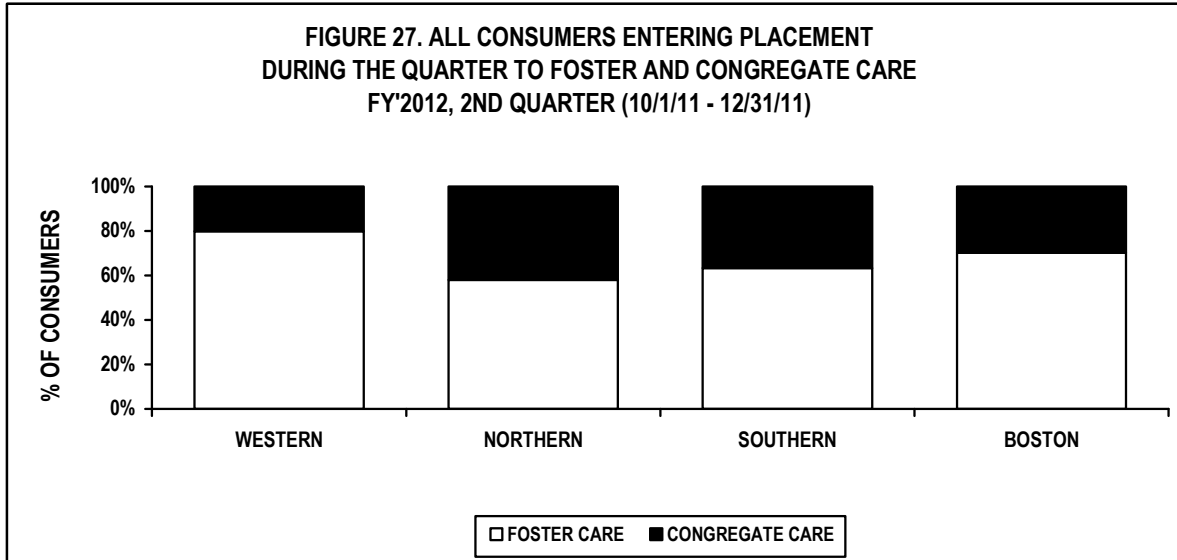
<sup>(1)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes hospitals and placements paid by other state agencies.

**FIGURE 26. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT  
DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS)  
FY'2012, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/11 - 12/31/11)**



**FIGURE 27. ALL CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT  
DURING THE QUARTER TO FOSTER AND CONGREGATE CARE  
FY'2012, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/11 - 12/31/11)**



### B. Exits from Placement

- Statewide, 58% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 55% in Boston to 65% in the North. **(Table 21)**
- Statewide, 8% of consumers leaving placement were emancipated, 11% were adopted, and 4% were granted guardianships. **(Table 21)**
- Regionally, the proportion of consumers leaving placement who were emancipated ranged from 7 to 10%. The proportion adopted ranged from 7% in the North to 15% in Boston. The proportion granted guardianships ranged from 2 to 4%. **(Table 21)**

**TABLE 21. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2012, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/11 - 12/31/11)**

Reason Placement Ended	DCF Geographic Region					Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Other <sup>(1)</sup>	
Child Returned Home	443	289	275	148	1	1,156
Consumer Adopted	91	33	57	39	---	220
Child 18 or Older	51	43	48	20	5	167
Guardianship	34	17	21	5	---	77
Custody to Other Individual	35	14	10	14	---	73
Custody to Other Agency	4	3	2	2	---	11
Child on the Run	1	---	3	2	---	6
Consumer Deceased	---	1	---	2	---	3
Unspecified	122	44	63	36	2	267
<b>Total</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1,980</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

## VII. FOSTER HOME DEMOGRAPHICS<sup>28</sup>

- At the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, there were 4,116 foster homes under the direct supervision of DCF. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes<sup>29</sup> as well as unrestricted homes.<sup>30</sup> There were 1,887 restricted and 2,229 in unrestricted foster homes at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012—an increase of less than 1% in both restricted and unrestricted. Unrestricted foster homes were at their highest number in 1998 (4,146) while restricted homes peaked in 2004 (2,576). (**Table 22 and Fig. 28** on next page)
- At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'1998, 29% of all DCF foster homes were restricted homes. Restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes rose above 50% in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2003 and declined below 50% in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2009. At the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, restricted homes accounted for 46% of all foster homes (**Table 22 and Fig. 28**)
- Statewide, 68% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were White and 62% were married. (**Table 22, Table 23** on page 63)
- Statewide, 56% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White and 48% were married. (**Tables 22 and 23**)
- Ten percent (418) of all foster homes were identified as Black (209 restricted and 209 unrestricted). (**Table 22**)
- Fifteen percent (621) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (263 restricted and 358 unrestricted). (**Table 22**)

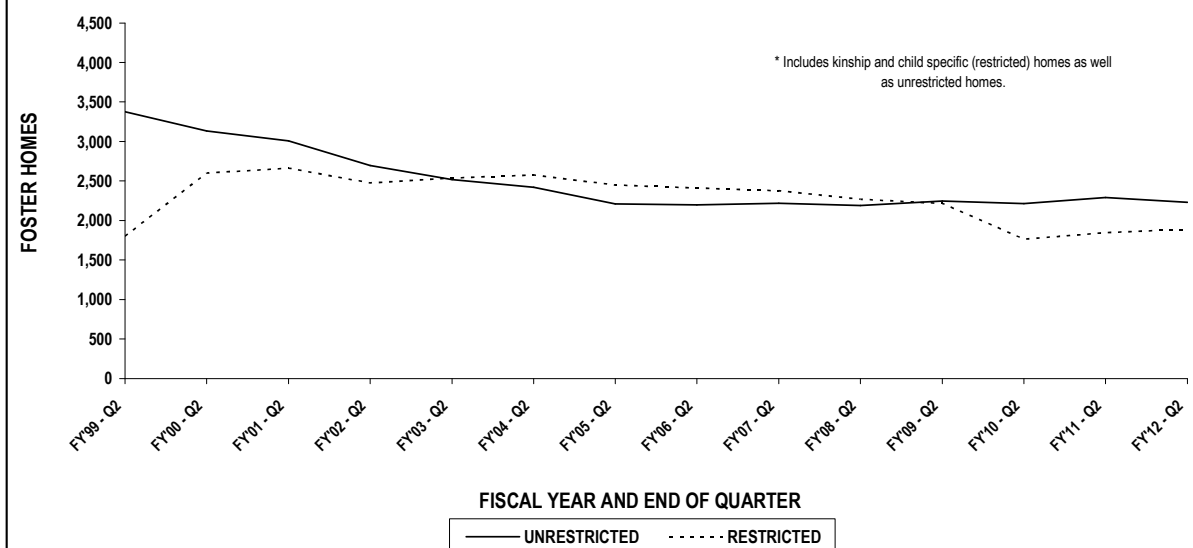
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<sup>28</sup> Foster homes provide formal, temporary out-of-home placement to children who are in the care and custody of DCF. Foster families may be related or unrelated to the child.

<sup>29</sup> 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.

<sup>30</sup> 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.

**FIGURE 28. RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FOSTER HOMES  
END OF 2ND QUARTER OF FY'1999 (12/31/98) TO END OF 2ND QUARTER OF FY'2012 (12/31/11)**



**TABLE 22. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2012, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region								Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Restricted</b>	<b>663</b>		<b>416</b>		<b>614</b>		<b>194</b>		<b>1,887</b>	
White	346	52%	264	63%	408	66%	38	20%	1,056	56%
Black	30	5%	21	5%	55	9%	103	53%	209	11%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>	128	19%	72	17%	30	5%	33	17%	263	14%
Asian	3	*	13	3%	2	*	1	1%	19	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	4	1%	---	---	4	*
Multi-Racial	6	1%	4	1%	7	1%	1	1%	18	1%
Unable to Determine <sup>(3)</sup>	150	23%	41	10%	108	18%	18	9%	317	17%
Missing	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	1	*
<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>878</b>		<b>461</b>		<b>693</b>		<b>197</b>		<b>2,229</b>	
White	577	66%	322	70%	545	79%	65	33%	1,509	68%
Black	58	7%	21	5%	52	8%	78	40%	209	9%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>	190	22%	72	16%	52	8%	44	22%	358	16%
Asian	2	*	11	2%	1	*	3	2%	17	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	4	1%	---	---	4	*
Other <sup>(2)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1%	1	*
Multi-Racial	6	1%	2	*	4	1%	1	1%	13	1%
Unable to Determine <sup>(3)</sup>	45	5%	33	7%	33	5%	5	3%	116	5%
Missing	---	---	---	---	2	*	---	---	2	*
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,541</b>		<b>877</b>		<b>1,307</b>		<b>391</b>		<b>4,116</b>	

<sup>(1)</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes all races

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

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

**TABLE 23. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2012, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**

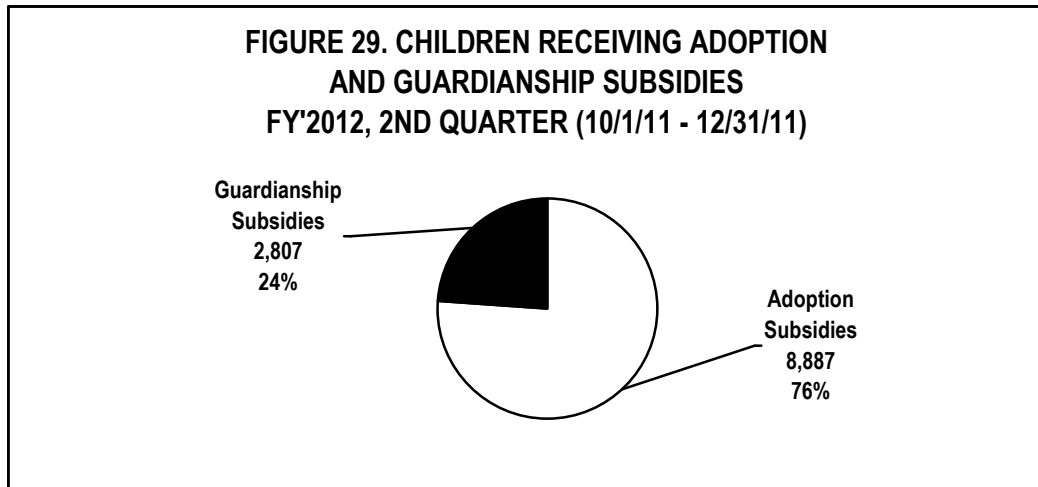
Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region								Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		No.	%
<b>Restricted</b>	<b>663</b>		<b>416</b>		<b>614</b>		<b>194</b>		<b>1,887</b>	
<b>Married</b>	337	51%	205	49%	315	51%	53	27%	<b>910</b>	<b>48%</b>
<b>Single</b>	202	30%	122	29%	176	29%	102	53%	<b>602</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>Divorced</b>	67	10%	45	11%	72	12%	13	7%	<b>197</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Widowed</b>	22	3%	19	5%	26	4%	10	5%	<b>77</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Separated</b>	16	2%	11	3%	16	3%	10	5%	<b>53</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Unspecified</b>	19	3%	14	3%	9	1%	6	3%	<b>48</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>878</b>		<b>461</b>		<b>693</b>		<b>197</b>		<b>2,229</b>	
<b>Married</b>	572	65%	275	60%	451	65%	76	39%	<b>1,374</b>	<b>62%</b>
<b>Single</b>	160	18%	105	23%	122	18%	77	39%	<b>464</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>Divorced</b>	92	10%	52	11%	72	10%	29	15%	<b>245</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Widowed</b>	20	2%	10	2%	20	3%	5	3%	<b>55</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Separated</b>	11	1%	5	1%	14	2%	6	3%	<b>36</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Unspecified</b>	23	3%	14	3%	14	2%	4	2%	<b>55</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,541</b>		<b>877</b>		<b>1,307</b>		<b>391</b>		<b>4,116</b>	

\* = less than 1% after rounding-off

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

## VIII. ADOPTION AND GUARDIANSHIP SUBSIDIES

At the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, the total number of children receiving adoption subsidies was 8,887 (**Fig. 29**). Guardianship subsidies totaled 2,807. These counts represent subsidies that had a payment during the quarter, i.e., the number with service referrals actively paying out.



From the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, adoption subsidies remained unchanged while guardianship subsidies decreased less than 1%. Typically, adoption and guardianship subsidies fluctuate from -1 to 1% (See table below).

Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)					
Quarter	Adoption		Guardianship		
	No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change	
FY'2008	1 <sup>st</sup>	9,727	*	2,964	*
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9,820	1%	2,971	*
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9,812	*	2,992	1%
	4 <sup>th</sup>	9,706	-1%	2,996	*
FY'2009	1 <sup>st</sup>	9,665	*	3,005	*
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9,709	*	3,031	1%
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9,676	*	3,082	2%
	4 <sup>th</sup>	9,647	*	3,111	1%
FY'2010	1 <sup>st</sup>	9,549	-1%	3,090	-1%
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9,604	1%	3,059	-1%
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9,518	-1%	3,032	-1%
	4 <sup>th</sup>	9,311	-2%	3,006	-1%
FY'2011	1 <sup>st</sup>	9,191	-1%	2,934	-2%
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9,125	-1%	2,881	-2%
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9,057	-1%	2,865	-1%
	4 <sup>th</sup>	9,002	-1%	2,872	*
FY'2012	1 <sup>st</sup>	8,887	-1%	2,818	-2%
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8,887	---	2,807	*

\* = less than 1% after rounding-off

## **IX. APPENDIX**

**TABLE A1. CONSUMER, CHILD, AND ADULT POPULATION TRENDS: 1983 - 2011**

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	6/2000	72,423	40,691	10,025	31,732
6/1984	73,111	38,683	7,024	34,428	6/2001	73,116	40,069	9,889	33,047
6/1985	75,935	40,628	7,779	35,307	6/2002	70,688	38,442	9,932	32,246
6/1986	74,769	40,511	8,041	34,258	6/2003	75,247	30,341	10,127	34,906
6/1987	66,033	37,497	8,075	28,536	6/2004	77,368	42,023	9,815	35,345
6/1988	67,658	38,792	8,661	28,866	6/2005	77,305	41,773	9,439	35,572
6/1989	70,052	40,497	9,544	29,555	6/2006	78,014	41,690	9,543	36,324
6/1990	80,090	46,403	10,998	33,687	6/2007	78,535	41,550	9,132	36,985
6/1991	81,975	47,922	12,392	34,053	6/2008	87,176	45,730	9,287	41,446
6/1992	72,128	42,367	12,379	29,761	6/2009	88,568	46,288	8,755	42,280
6/1993	72,340	42,656	12,763	29,684	6/2010	76,003	39,479	8,097	36,524
6/1994	72,879	43,074	13,194	29,805	6/2011	72,088	37,162	7,841	34,926
6/1995	73,032	42,997	13,302	30,035	9/2011	67,805	34,724	7,544	33,081
6/1996	72,638	42,551	12,736	30,087	12/31/11	68,337	34,954	7,355	33,383
6/1997	74,921	43,570	12,193	31,351					
1/1998	70,092	40,574	11,227	29,518					
9/1998	68,331	38,507	10,503	29,824					
6/1999	69,494	39,144	9,834	30,350					

Note: revised counts

Source: ASSIST 6/1983 - 1/1998) and FamilyNet (9/1998 - 12/2011)



**TABLE A2. CASE OPENINGS <sup>(1)</sup> DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2012, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/11 - 12/31/11)**

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Case Openings <sup>(1)</sup>										Total No.
	Protective <sup>(2)</sup>		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other <sup>(3)</sup>		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	51	81%	2	3%	---	---	---	---	10	16%	63
Holyoke	65	80%	1	1%	5	6%	4	5%	6	7%	81
North Central	114	88%	1	1%	10	8%	1	1%	4	3%	130
Pittsfield	77	90%	1	1%	4	5%	1	1%	3	3%	86
Robert Van Wart	113	88%	5	4%	4	3%	---	---	6	5%	128
South Central	83	86%	4	4%	5	5%	---	---	4	4%	96
Springfield	109	91%	7	6%	1	1%	1	1%	2	2%	120
Worcester East	92	83%	5	5%	3	3%	10	9%	1	1%	111
Worcester West	81	93%	---	---	3	3%	1	1%	2	2%	87
<b>Western</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>902</b>
Cambridge	49	94%	---	---	1	2%	---	---	2	4%	52
Cape Ann	48	77%	---	---	5	8%	4	6%	5	8%	62
Framingham	51	84%	7	11%	1	2%	2	3%	---	---	61
Haverhill	34	89%	1	3%	1	3%	---	---	2	5%	38
Lawrence	26	84%	2	6%	---	---	---	---	3	10%	31
Lowell	68	77%	5	6%	4	5%	---	---	11	13%	88
Lynn	34	77%	---	---	4	9%	---	---	6	14%	44
Malden	76	93%	---	---	3	4%	2	2%	1	1%	82
<b>Northern</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>458</b>
Arlington	42	75%	5	9%	8	14%	1	2%	---	---	56
Brockton	68	83%	11	13%	2	2%	1	1%	---	---	82
Cape Cod	52	81%	2	3%	2	3%	3	5%	5	8%	64
Coastal	54	84%	5	8%	3	5%	---	---	2	3%	64
Fall River	62	86%	---	---	5	7%	---	---	5	7%	72
New Bedford	86	82%	4	4%	8	8%	---	---	7	7%	105
Plymouth	80	88%	5	5%	1	1%	4	4%	1	1%	91
Taunton/Attleboro	55	76%	9	13%	3	4%	3	4%	2	3%	72
<b>Southern</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>606</b>
Dimock Street	70	90%	4	5%	2	3%	1	1%	1	1%	78
Harbor	65	88%	7	9%	---	---	---	---	2	3%	74
Hyde Park	52	81%	8	13%	2	3%	1	2%	1	2%	64
Park Street	62	82%	5	7%	3	4%	6	8%	---	---	76
<b>Boston</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>292</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(4)</sup></b>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	100%	3
<b>Other <sup>(5)</sup></b>	---	---	---	---	7	100%	---	---	---	---	7
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,919</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>2,268</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> An unduplicated count of case openings during the quarter.

<sup>(2)</sup> The outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

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

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**TABLE A3. CONSUMER OPENINGS DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2012, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/11 - 12/31/11)**

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Consumer Openings <sup>(1)</sup>										Total No.
	Protective <sup>(2)</sup>		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other <sup>(3)</sup>		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	386	93%	9	2%	---	---	11	3%	11	3%	417
Holyoke	522	90%	11	2%	13	2%	19	3%	16	3%	581
North Central	795	90%	14	2%	52	6%	13	1%	9	1%	883
Pittsfield	527	90%	19	3%	24	4%	11	2%	3	1%	584
Robert Van Wart	794	93%	36	4%	16	2%	---	---	11	1%	857
South Central	524	90%	22	4%	27	5%	---	---	11	2%	584
Springfield	857	94%	35	4%	6	1%	14	2%	2	*	914
Worcester East	517	85%	38	6%	27	4%	19	3%	4	1%	605
Worcester West	539	83%	44	7%	17	3%	50	8%	2	*	652
Contracted Agencies	5	83%	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	17%	6
<b>Western</b>	<b>5,466</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>6,083</b>
Cambridge	306	91%	11	3%	5	1%	---	---	16	5%	338
Cape Ann	347	86%	---	---	22	5%	25	6%	10	2%	404
Framingham	290	85%	25	7%	3	1%	25	7%	---	---	343
Haverhill	255	84%	8	3%	17	6%	17	6%	6	2%	303
Lawrence	221	88%	20	8%	3	1%	3	1%	3	1%	250
Lowell	477	86%	37	7%	22	4%	7	1%	11	2%	554
Lynn	242	83%	19	6%	24	8%	2	1%	6	2%	293
Malden	466	93%	---	---	18	4%	16	3%	1	*	501
<b>Northern</b>	<b>2,604</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>2,986</b>
Arlington	317	79%	18	4%	58	14%	9	2%	---	---	402
Brockton	477	82%	85	15%	11	2%	5	1%	2	*	580
Cape Cod	332	87%	7	2%	5	1%	23	6%	14	4%	381
Coastal	309	88%	26	7%	8	2%	3	1%	5	1%	351
Fall River	455	85%	34	6%	20	4%	13	2%	13	2%	535
New Bedford	701	92%	36	5%	12	2%	---	---	16	2%	765
Plymouth	452	86%	33	6%	3	1%	32	6%	4	1%	524
Taunton/Attleboro	344	80%	53	12%	8	2%	19	4%	5	1%	429
Contracted Agencies	5	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5
<b>Southern</b>	<b>3,392</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3,972</b>
Dimock Street	386	89%	24	6%	12	3%	9	2%	3	1%	434
Harbor	381	78%	81	17%	6	1%	14	3%	4	1%	486
Hyde Park	306	83%	36	10%	8	2%	3	1%	15	4%	368
Park Street	466	81%	75	13%	9	2%	24	4%	2	*	576
<b>Boston</b>	<b>1,539</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1,864</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(4)</sup></b>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	100%	3
<b>Other <sup>(5)</sup></b>	---	---	---	---	5	100%	---	---	---	---	5
<b>Missing</b>	3	50%	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	50%	6
<b>Total:</b>	<b>13,004</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>14,919</b>

\* Less than 1% after rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> An unduplicated count of consumer openings during the quarter.

<sup>(2)</sup> The outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

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

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minors program.

**TABLE A4. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2012, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/11 - 12/31/11)**

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Screening Decision								Total No.
	Screened-Out		Screened-In for Investigation				Screened-In for Initial Assessment		
			Non-Emergency		Emergency				
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	
Greenfield	241	46%	99	19%	28	5%	161	30%	529
Holyoke	313	46%	184	27%	8	1%	174	26%	679
North Central	286	42%	212	32%	11	2%	164	24%	673
Pittsfield	340	43%	239	30%	26	3%	192	24%	797
Robert Van Wart	410	53%	135	17%	11	1%	222	29%	778
South Central	265	41%	183	29%	7	1%	184	29%	639
Springfield	277	34%	267	33%	26	3%	233	29%	803
Worcester East	206	39%	214	40%	25	5%	88	17%	533
Worcester West	172	33%	236	45%	29	6%	88	17%	525
Contracted Agencies	1	33%	2	67%	0	0%	0	0%	3
<b>Western</b>	<b>2,511</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>1,771</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>1,506</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>5,959</b>
Cambridge	151	45%	86	25%	8	2%	93	28%	338
Cape Ann	328	63%	16	3%	7	1%	172	33%	523
Framingham	300	65%	52	11%	8	2%	99	22%	459
Haverhill	206	44%	84	18%	14	3%	166	35%	470
Lawrence	270	61%	34	8%	3	1%	139	31%	446
Lowell	383	59%	162	25%	35	5%	65	10%	645
Lynn	261	66%	44	11%	2	1%	91	23%	398
Malden	196	44%	103	23%	8	2%	135	31%	442
<b>Northern</b>	<b>2,095</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>3,721</b>
Arlington	245	57%	46	11%	7	2%	130	30%	428
Brockton	200	41%	161	33%	4	1%	118	24%	483
Cape Cod	300	57%	93	18%	8	2%	126	24%	527
Coastal	258	56%	95	21%	5	1%	105	23%	463
Fall River	153	37%	149	36%	10	2%	106	25%	418
New Bedford	176	35%	194	38%	38	8%	98	19%	506
Plymouth	253	47%	132	24%	11	2%	148	27%	544
Taunton/Attleboro	184	41%	95	21%	7	2%	166	37%	452
<b>Southern</b>	<b>1,769</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>3,821</b>
Dimock Street	127	35%	145	40%	9	2%	86	23%	367
Harbor	162	42%	117	30%	11	3%	94	24%	384
Hyde Park	157	40%	115	29%	19	5%	100	26%	391
Park Street	219	47%	170	37%	15	3%	60	13%	464
<b>Boston</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>1,606</b>
Jude Baker Children's Center	2,154	40%	1,225	23%	1,055	20%	970	18%	5,404
Special Investigations	7	44%	9	56%	---	---	---	---	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,201</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>5,098</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>1,455</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>4,773</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>20,527</b>

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

\* = less than 1% after rounding-off

**TABLE A5. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION: FY'2012, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/11 - 12/31/11)**

DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Initial Assessment Decision				Total No.
	Supported		Unsupported		Concern		Low/No Concern		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	56	22%	30	12%	82	32%	85	34%	253
Holyoke	93	27%	85	25%	84	24%	84	24%	346
North Central	166	39%	83	19%	92	22%	85	20%	426
Pittsfield	124	30%	92	23%	45	11%	146	36%	407
Robert Van Wart	104	28%	38	10%	161	43%	73	19%	376
South Central	87	27%	55	17%	88	27%	94	29%	324
Springfield	156	32%	115	24%	114	23%	101	21%	486
Worcester East	134	44%	84	27%	31	10%	58	19%	307
Worcester West	170	52%	80	25%	32	10%	43	13%	325
Contracted Agencies	---	---	2	100%	---	---	---	---	2
<b>Western</b>	<b>1,090</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>3,252</b>
Cambridge	54	24%	51	23%	65	29%	51	23%	221
Cape Ann	12	5%	10	4%	90	39%	120	52%	232
Framingham	32	19%	13	8%	69	41%	55	33%	169
Haverhill	46	18%	51	19%	54	21%	111	42%	262
Lawrence	22	12%	21	12%	50	28%	88	49%	181
Lowell	140	46%	81	26%	31	10%	55	18%	307
Lynn	36	27%	5	4%	48	36%	44	33%	133
Malden	47	19%	41	17%	79	32%	81	33%	248
<b>Northern</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>1,753</b>
Arkington	37	17%	22	10%	61	29%	94	44%	214
Brockton	115	37%	58	19%	58	19%	81	26%	312
Cape Cod	48	22%	36	17%	65	30%	68	31%	217
Coastal	72	31%	51	22%	39	17%	74	31%	236
Fall River	107	35%	69	23%	54	18%	76	25%	306
New Bedford	205	55%	73	20%	41	11%	55	15%	374
Plymouth	93	31%	60	20%	58	19%	90	30%	301
Taunton/Attleboro	75	24%	57	18%	73	23%	114	36%	319
<b>Southern</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>2,279</b>
Dimock Street	96	37%	78	30%	35	13%	53	20%	262
Harbor	91	36%	57	22%	37	15%	70	27%	255
Hyde Park	83	36%	43	19%	43	19%	60	26%	229
Park Street	118	47%	69	28%	26	10%	37	15%	250
<b>Boston</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>996</b>
Jude Baker Children's Center	576	74%	203	26%	---	---	---	---	779
Special Investigations	42	16%	222	84%	---	---	---	---	264
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,237</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>2,035</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>1,805</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>2,246</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>9,323</b>

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

**TABLE A6. MANDATORY AND DISCRETIONARY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: FY'2003 - FY'2012**

Time Period	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.
<b>FY'2003 Total</b>	<b>2,089</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>2,310</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>4,399</b>
<b>FY'2004 Total</b>	<b>2,101</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>2,399</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>4,500</b>
<b>FY'2005 Total</b>	<b>2,122</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>2,459</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>4,581</b>
<b>FY'2006 Total</b>	<b>2,077</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>2,666</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>4,743</b>
<b>FY'2007 Total</b>	<b>2,279</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>2,431</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>4,710</b>
<b>FY'2008 Total</b>	<b>2,561</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>2,652</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>5,213</b>
<b>FY'2009 Total</b>	<b>2,927</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>2,784</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>5,711</b>
FY'2010, Q1	649	53%	568	47%	1,217
FY'2010, Q2	727	54%	621	46%	1,348
FY'2010, Q3	787	56%	611	44%	1,398
FY'2010, Q4	870	54%	753	46%	1,623
<b>FY'2010 Total</b>	<b>3,033</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>2,553</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>5,586</b>
FY'2011, Q1	713	54%	603	46%	1,316
FY'2011, Q2	729	56%	583	44%	1,312
FY'2011, Q3	754	54%	650	46%	1,404
FY'2011, Q4	844	50%	835	50%	1,679
<b>FY'2011 Total</b>	<b>3,040</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>2,671</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>5,711</b>
FY'2012, Q1	630	51%	616	49%	1,246
FY'2012, Q2	764	50%	764	50%	1,528

DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

**TABLE A7. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: FY'2003 - FY'2012**

Time Period	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		Death*		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
<b>FY'2003 Total</b>	<b>1,688</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2,168</b>
<b>FY'2004 Total</b>	<b>1,713</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2,189</b>
<b>FY'2005 Total</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2,184</b>
<b>FY'2006 Total</b>	<b>1,782</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2,150</b>
<b>FY'2007 Total</b>	<b>1,935</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2,356</b>
<b>FY'2008 Total</b>	<b>2,049</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2,639</b>
<b>FY'2009 Total</b>	<b>2,413</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3,014</b>
FY'2010, Q1	541	81%	108	16%	15	2%	664
FY'2010, Q2	588	80%	137	19%	14	2%	739
FY'2010, Q3	639	79%	153	19%	12	1%	804
FY'2010, Q4	725	81%	161	18%	10	1%	896
<b>FY'2010 Total</b>	<b>2,493</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>3,103</b>
FY'2011, Q1	602	83%	110	15%	15	2%	727
FY'2011, Q2	621	83%	111	15%	13	2%	745
FY'2011, Q3	637	83%	118	15%	10	1%	765
FY'2011, Q4	682	78%	179	21%	9	1%	870
<b>FY'2011 Total</b>	<b>2,542</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>3,107</b>
FY'2012, Q1	537	84%	85	13%	21	3%	643
FY'2012, Q2	664	85%	111	14%	6	1%	781

\* Note: 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 A8. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION  
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS BY DCF REGION AND AREA:  
FY'2012, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**

DCF Region/Area	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				Total No.
	Not Legally Free		Legally Free		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	44	57%	33	43%	77
Holyoke	58	53%	52	47%	110
North Central	60	52%	55	48%	115
Pittsfield	45	47%	51	53%	96
Robert Van Wart	60	52%	55	48%	115
South Central	46	52%	43	48%	89
Springfield	77	52%	70	48%	147
Worcester East	61	54%	53	46%	114
Worcester West	53	60%	35	40%	88
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	1
<b>Western</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>952</b>
Cambridge	14	56%	11	44%	25
Cape Ann	20	43%	27	57%	47
Framingham	13	30%	31	70%	44
Haverhill	21	40%	31	60%	52
Lawrence	13	22%	46	78%	59
Lowell	63	53%	57	48%	120
Lynn	24	36%	42	64%	66
Malden	26	81%	6	19%	32
<b>Northern</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>445</b>
Arlington	11	52%	10	48%	21
Brockton	18	39%	28	61%	46
Cape Cod	14	32%	30	68%	44
Coastal	18	32%	39	68%	57
Fall River	46	39%	73	61%	119
New Bedford	55	42%	77	58%	132
Plymouth	25	39%	39	61%	64
Taunton/Attleboro	34	59%	24	41%	58
<b>Southern</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>541</b>
Dimock Street	33	52%	31	48%	64
Harbor	24	35%	45	65%	69
Hyde Park	4	100%	---	---	4
Park Street	40	70%	17	30%	57
<b>Boston</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>194</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>109</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>244</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,130</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>1,246</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>2,376</b>

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

**TABLE A9. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION AND WHETHER MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY BY DCF REGION AND AREA: FY'2012, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/11)**

DCF Region/Area	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				Total No.
	Not Matched		Matched		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	13	17%	64	83%	77
Holyoke	22	20%	88	80%	110
North Central	28	24%	87	76%	115
Pittsfield	18	19%	78	81%	96
Robert Van Wart	16	14%	99	86%	115
South Central	23	26%	66	74%	89
Springfield	36	24%	111	76%	147
Worcester East	38	33%	76	67%	114
Worcester West	15	17%	73	83%	88
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	1
<b>Western</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>952</b>
Cambridge	2	8%	23	92%	25
Cape Ann	7	15%	40	85%	47
Framingham	9	20%	35	80%	44
Haverhill	12	23%	40	77%	52
Lawrence	10	17%	49	83%	59
Lowell	25	21%	95	79%	120
Lynn	25	38%	41	62%	66
Malden	9	28%	23	72%	32
<b>Northern</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>445</b>
Arlington	2	10%	19	90%	21
Brockton	15	33%	31	67%	46
Cape Cod	4	9%	40	91%	44
Coastal	9	16%	48	84%	57
Fall River	42	35%	77	65%	119
New Bedford	20	15%	112	85%	132
Plymouth	9	14%	55	86%	64
Taunton/Attleboro	8	14%	50	86%	58
<b>Southern</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>541</b>
Dimock Street	8	13%	56	88%	64
Harbor	23	33%	46	67%	69
Hyde Park	4	100%	---	---	4
Park Street	26	46%	31	54%	57
<b>Boston</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>194</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>103</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>244</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>1,794</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>2,376</b>

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

**TABLE A10. Census 2010: Children Less Than 18 Years Old Residing in the 13 Largest Cities in Massachusetts<sup>1</sup>**

Race	Massachusetts						New				Fall			
	Total	Boston	Worcester	Springfield	Lowell	Cambridge	Bedford	Brockton	Quincy	Lynn	River	Newton	Lawrence	Somerville
White	74%	34%	56%	38%	48%	50%	64%	32%	56%	44%	77%	76%	37%	58%
Black	8%	37%	16%	25%	9%	24%	8%	39%	7%	16%	6%	3%	7%	12%
Asian	6%	7%	7%	3%	24%	11%	1%	2%	30%	8%	4%	14%	2%	8%
Native American	*	1%	1%	1%	*	*	1%	*	*	1%	*	*	1%	1%
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Multi-Racial	5%	7%	8%	8%	7%	11%	10%	11%	5%	9%	7%	6%	7%	8%
Other/Unknown	7%	14%	12%	25%	11%	4%	15%	15%	2%	22%	6%	2%	44%	13%
<b>TOTAL %</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>TOTAL #</b>	1,418,923	103,710	39,942	41,328	25,260	12,028	22,063	24,127	15,303	22,484	19,069	18,416	22,182	9,134
<b>Hispanic Origin<sup>2</sup></b>														
<b>Yes</b>	15%	30%	34%	55%	27%	12%	28%	14%	5%	45%	15%	5%	84%	22%

NOTES: Order of cities in table is based on the total population of adults and children. The summation of relative percentages may not equal to 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>1</sup>Selection of cities was based on total population (adults and children).

<sup>2</sup>Children of any race who are Hispanic.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American FactFinder (factfinder2.census.gov), Decennial Census, Census 2010 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100% Data, Tables (P-12, P12A-H), Sex by Age