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PREFACE

- The Department of Children and Families (DCF) has four regions and 29 area offices.

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 3rd Quarter of FY'2012, DCF had 21,132 open cases (1,778 adoption cases and 19,354 clinical cases) and 68,389 open consumers¹ (33,421 adults and 34,968 children). (**Table 1** on page 3)
- From the 2nd to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2012, there was little change in case and consumer counts (<1%) (**Fig. 2** on page 4).
- From 1983 to 2009, there was a slow increase in the consumer population, punctuated by peak levels in 1985, 1991, and 2009. After reaching the highest number of consumers (88,568) in the Department's history at the end June 2009, there has been a mostly downward trend in consumers (**Fig. 1** on page 4, **Appendix Table A1** on page 66). Since June 2009, there have been significant declines in consumers (-23%), children (-24%), children in placement (-15%), and adults (-21%) (**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 has continued along with decreases in other DCF annual counts (all consumers, all children, adults 18 or older, and children not in placement receiving services at home) (**Fig. 1, Appendix Table A1**). Counts of all children less than 18 years old and adults 18 years or older are decreasing and converging (**Fig 1**).

¹ 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 9,057 individuals in placement on the last day of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2012. Included in this count are 7,455 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,602 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 12% in the Boston Region. (**Table 1**)
- From the 2nd to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2012, the number of children in placement increased 1% statewide (**Appendix Table A1** on page 66, **Fig. 14** on page 26). The count of children in placement had been decreasing over the prior four quarters (7,957 to 7,355) (**Fig. 14, Appendix Table A1**).

B. Children Not in Placement

- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2012, there were 27,513 children less than 18 years old with an active case status who were not in placement (**Table 1**). From the 2nd to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2012, counts of children not in placement decreased less than 1% statewide (**Fig. 15** on page 26, **Appendix Table A1**, all children minus children in placement). The count of children not in placement continues to fluctuate while on a downward trend (**Fig. 1** on page 4, **Fig. 15**).
- Significant declines in total consumers and children not in placement often occur with a drop in investigations and initial assessments (combined counts)—typically in the 1st quarter. (**Appendix Table A1, Fig. 8** on page 12)

**TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DCF REGION:
FY'2012, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**

Case Counts:	DCF Geographic Region				Adoption		Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
Adoption	667	361	432	160	155	3	1,778
Clinical	7,532	4,140	5,139	2,425	8	110	19,354
Total	8,199	4,501	5,571	2,585	163	113	21,132
Consumer Counts:							
Adults: ⁽³⁾							
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	454	426	398	214	---	56	1,548
Other ⁽⁶⁾	3	7	2	4	---	28	44
On the Run	1	5	3	1	---	---	10
Total in Placement	458	438	403	219	---	84	1,602
Not in Placement	12,858	6,464	8,764	3,721	---	12	31,819
Total Adults	13,316	6,902	9,167	3,940	---	96	33,421
Children:							
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	2,766	1,489	1,831	791	255	13	7,145
Other ⁽⁶⁾	59	50	36	24	4	25	198
On the Run	37	20	26	29	---	---	112
Total in Placement	2,862	1,559	1,893	844	259	38	7,455
Not in Placement	11,727	5,519	6,941	3,318	1	7	27,513
Total Children	14,589	7,078	8,834	4,162	260	45	34,968
Total	27,905	13,980	18,001	8,102	260	141	68,389

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

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

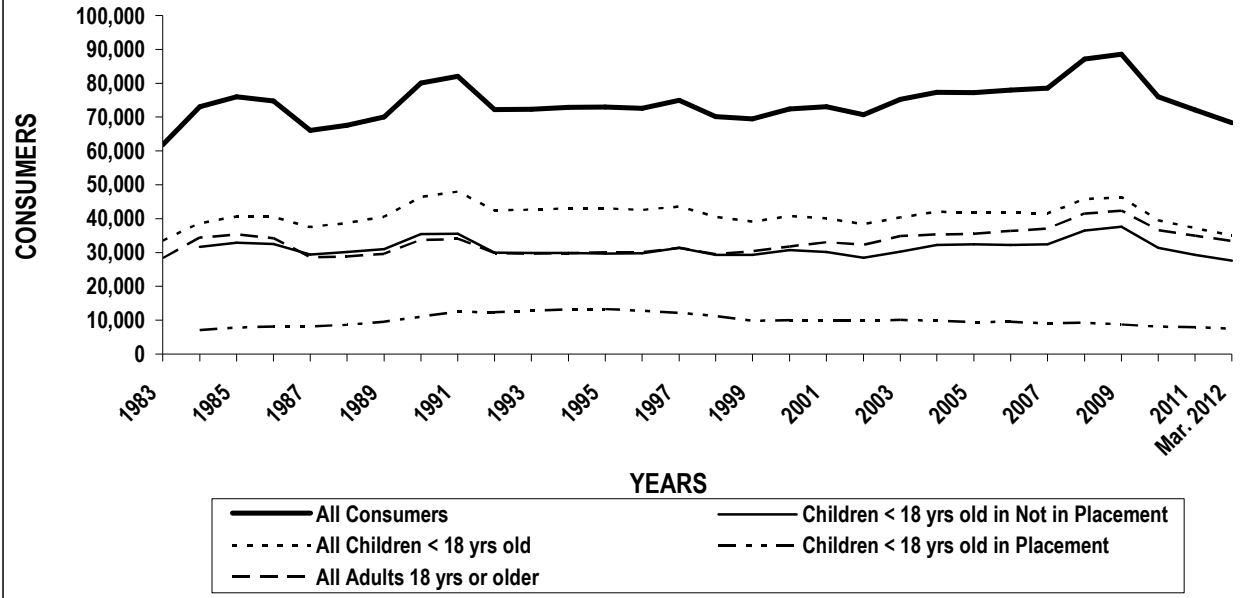
⁽³⁾ Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

⁽⁴⁾ Children and young adults in the care/custody of DCF. "Adults" in Foster/Residential Care are being transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and 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).

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

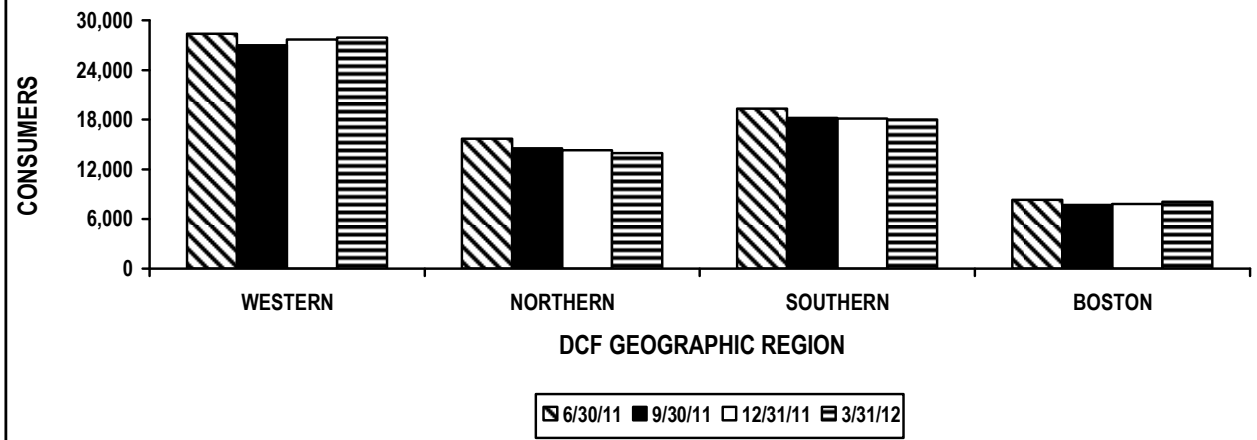
⁽⁶⁾ "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies.

**FIGURE 1. ANNUAL COUNTS OF DCF CONSUMERS:
JUNE 1983 - JUNE 2011, MARCH 2012**



— All Consumers
 - - - All Children < 18 yrs old
 - . - All Adults 18 yrs or older
 — Children < 18 yrs old in Not in Placement
 - - - Children < 18 yrs old in Placement

**FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2011, END OF 4TH QUARTER to FY'2012, END OF 3RD QUARTER)**



II. CASE AND CONSUMER OPENINGS ²

- 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 3rd Quarter of FY'2012, there were 2,495 case openings (unduplicated) and 15,545 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 2nd to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2012, case openings increased 10% and consumer openings increased 4%. (**Fig. 4** on page 7)
- Eighty-four 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 2% 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 81-86% of the total intakes for each region. CHINS referrals ranged from 3-7% 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 66% at Greenfield to 97% at Worcester West (**Appendix Table A2** case openings, **Appendix Table A3** consumer openings on pages 67-68).
- Case openings (statewide) are lowest in the 1st 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).

² 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⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2012, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/12 - 3/31/12)**

DCF Geographic Region	Case Openings ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Protective ⁽²⁾		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other ⁽³⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	810	85%	32	3%	23	2%	17	2%	66	7%	948
Northern	438	81%	28	5%	28	5%	20	4%	30	6%	544
Southern	575	85%	40	6%	20	3%	21	3%	20	3%	676
Boston	275	86%	22	7%	14	4%	2	1%	5	2%	318
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	100%	2
Other ⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	---	7	100%	---	---	---	---	7
Total:	2,098	84%	122	5%	92	4%	60	2%	123	5%	2,495

⁽¹⁾ An unduplicated count of case openings during the quarter.

⁽²⁾ The outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

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

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

⁽⁵⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program and Residential & Adolescent Services Unit.

**TABLE 2B. CONSUMER OPENINGS⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2012, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/12 - 3/31/112)**

DCF Geographic Region	Consumer Openings ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Protective ⁽²⁾		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other ⁽³⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	5,579	90%	282	5%	85	1%	114	2%	116	2%	6,176
Northern	2,778	86%	175	5%	86	3%	145	4%	55	2%	3,239
Southern	3,602	85%	353	8%	98	2%	119	3%	58	1%	4,230
Boston	1,632	87%	149	8%	59	3%	26	1%	11	1%	1,877
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	100%	3
Other ⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	---	5	100%	---	---	---	---	5
Missing	2	13%	---	---	---	---	---	---	13	87%	15
Total:	13,593	87%	959	6%	333	2%	404	3%	256	2%	15,545

⁽¹⁾ An unduplicated count of consumer openings during the quarter.

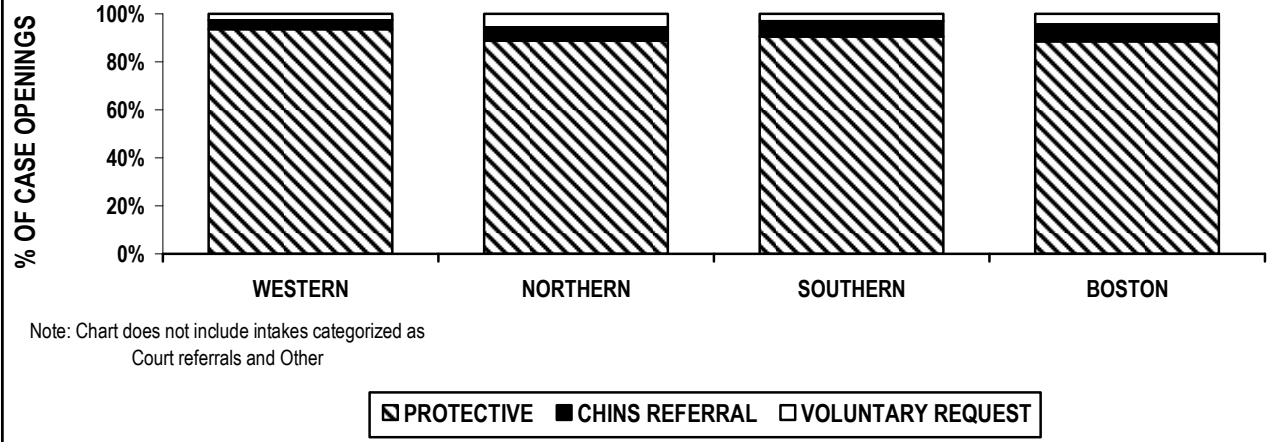
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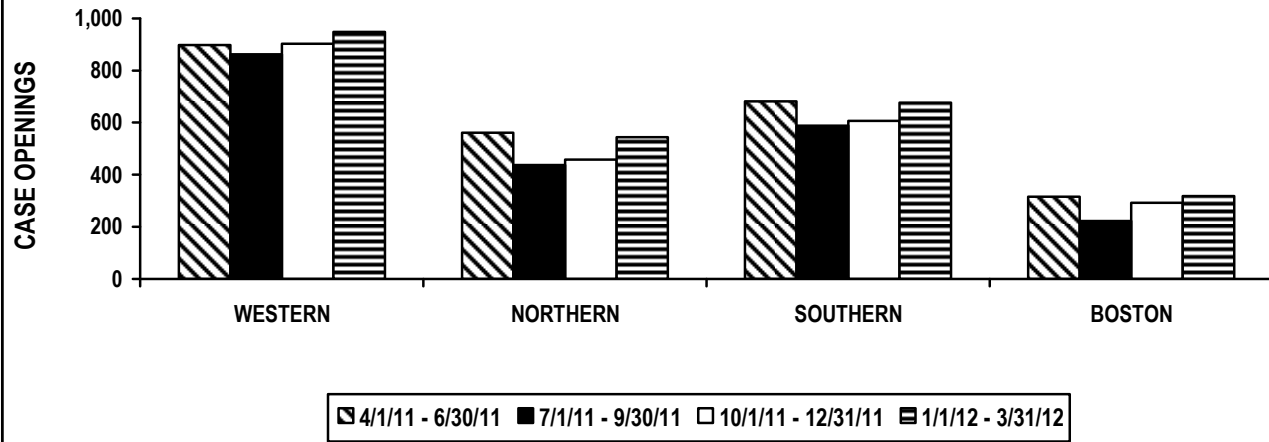
⁽⁴⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽⁵⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minors program

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



**FIGURE 4. CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2011, 4TH QUARTER to FY'2012, 3RD 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, 21,810 reports were recorded during the 3rd Quarter of FY’2012. Thirty-one percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation and 24% 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 38% in Boston. At the Judge Baker Children’s Center, 41% 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 19% in Boston to 28% in the Southern region. Judge Baker screened-in 18% of the reports for initial assessment. **(Table 3, Fig. 5)**
- The Worcester West, Dimock Street, and Fall River Areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (43-46%). Haverhill, Taunton/Attleboro, and Cambridge Areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (35-37%). **(Appendix Table A4 on page 69)**
- Cape Ann, Lawrence, Framingham, Lynn, and Arlington Areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (7-11%). Park Street, Dimock Street, Lowell, and Worcester West Areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (13-19%). **(Appendix Table A4)**
- The DCF Regions screened-in 2-3% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 18% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children’s Center Hotline. **(Table 3)**
- Statewide, reports increased 6% from the 2nd to the 3rd 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 3rd Quarter of FY'2012, 9,785 total responses (investigations and initial assessments) were completed (**Table 4** on next page)—an increase of 5% from the 2nd Quarter of FY'2012 (**Fig. 8** on page 12).
- Investigations and initial assessments as a proportion of all responses for each region were: 65% and 35% (Boston); 50% and 50% (West); 46% and 54% (South); 38% and 62% (North), respectively. (**Fig. 6** on page 11, **Table 4**)

Initial Assessments

- There were 4,500 initial assessments completed during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2012³. The assessment decision was “concern” for 46% of initial assessments and “minimal or no concern” for 54%. 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**)
- Lynn, Framingham, and Van Wart Areas had the highest proportion of responses which resulted in an initial assessment of concern (41-46%). (**Appendix Table A5** on page 70)
- Statewide, initial assessments increased 11% from the 2nd to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2012.

Investigations

- The number of investigations conducted during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2012 was 5,285 (**Table 4**).³ Of these investigations, 74 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 74 above-mentioned investigations, allegations of maltreatment were supported for 48 and unsupported for 26.
- Sixty-one percent of the investigations resulted in supported allegations of maltreatment. (**Table 4**)
- Regional support rates went from a low of 60% in the North to a high of 64% in the South. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 70% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. (**Table 4**)
- Worcester West, Worcester East, Dimock Street, and Park Street Areas had the highest proportion of responses that resulted in a supported investigation (43-47%). (**Appendix Table A5**)
- Statewide, investigations increased less than 1% from the 2nd to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2012.

³ 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, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/12 - 3/31/12)

DCF Geographic Region	Screening Decision									Report Total	
	Screened-Out		Screened-In for Investigation				Screened-In for Initial Assessment				
	No.	%	Non-Emergency		Emergency		S/I Total	Screened-In for Initial Assessment		No.	%
Western	2,747	43%	1,694	27%	196	3%	1,890	1,726	27%	6,363	29%
Northern	2,066	55%	579	15%	90	2%	669	1,037	27%	3,772	17%
Southern	1,877	46%	988	24%	98	2%	1,086	1,140	28%	4,103	19%
Boston	723	43%	574	34%	53	3%	627	316	19%	1,666	8%
Judge Baker Children's Center	2,348	41%	1,295	23%	1,009	18%	2,304	1,051	18%	5,703	26%
Special Investigations	80	39%	123	61%	---	---	123	---	---	203	1%
Total	9,841	45%	5,253	24%	1,446	7%	6,699	5,270	24%	21,810	100%

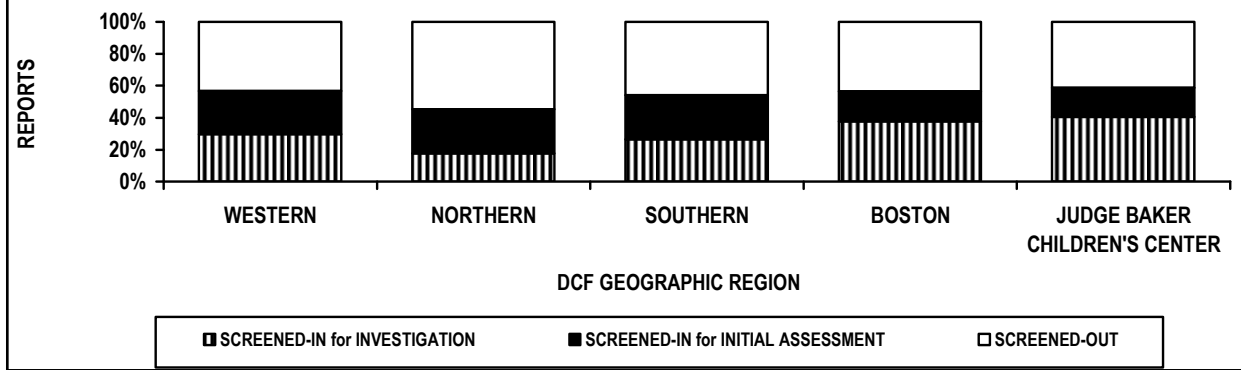
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

TABLE 4. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION: FY'2012, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/12 - 3/31/12)

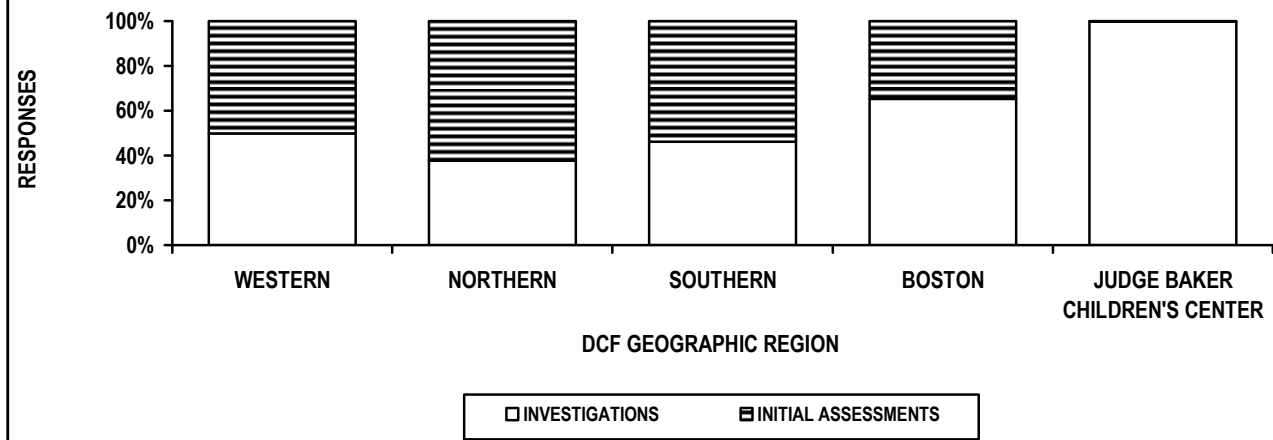
DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision					Initial Assessment Decision					Response Total	
	Supported		Unsupported		Inv Total	Concern		Min/No Concern		IA Total		
	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%	No.	%			
Western	1,080	62%	651	38%	1,731	830	48%	914	52%	1,744	3,475	36%
Northern	383	60%	253	40%	636	492	47%	555	53%	1,047	1,683	17%
Southern	735	64%	409	36%	1,144	600	45%	738	55%	1,338	2,482	25%
Boston	432	62%	263	38%	695	159	43%	211	57%	370	1,065	11%
Judge Baker Children's Center	572	70%	244	30%	816	---	---	1	---	1	817	8%
Special Investigations	42	16%	221	84%	263	---	---	---	---	---	263	3%
Total	3,244	61%	2,041	39%	5,285	2,081	46%	2,419	54%	4,500	9,785	100%

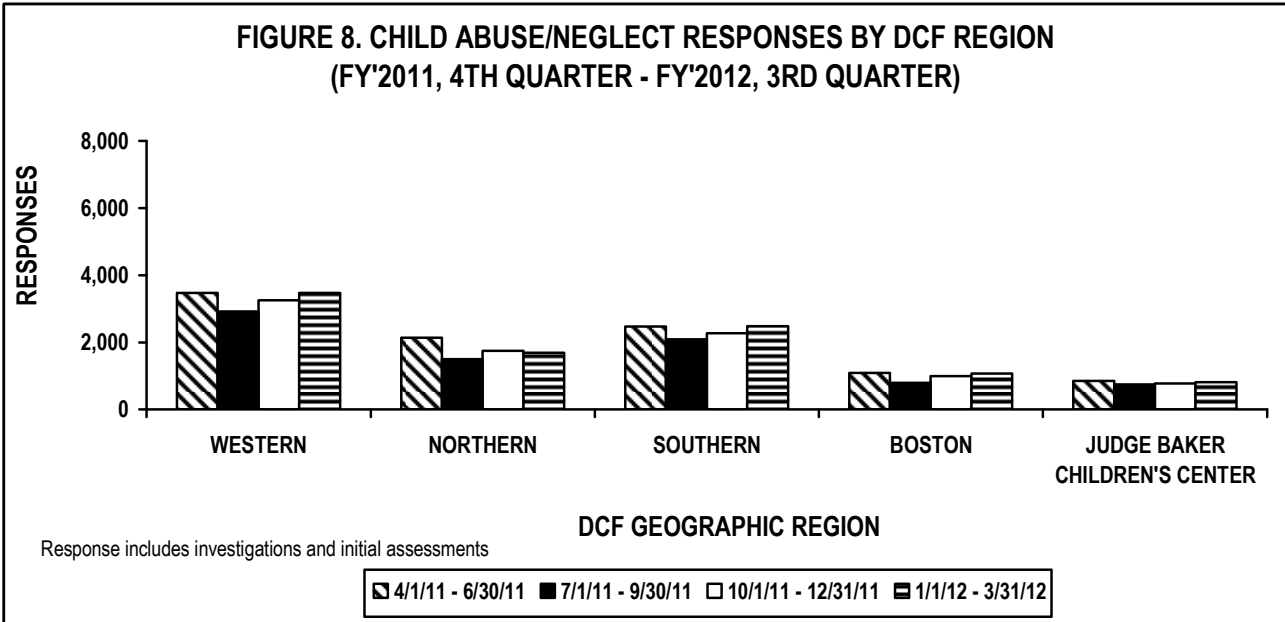
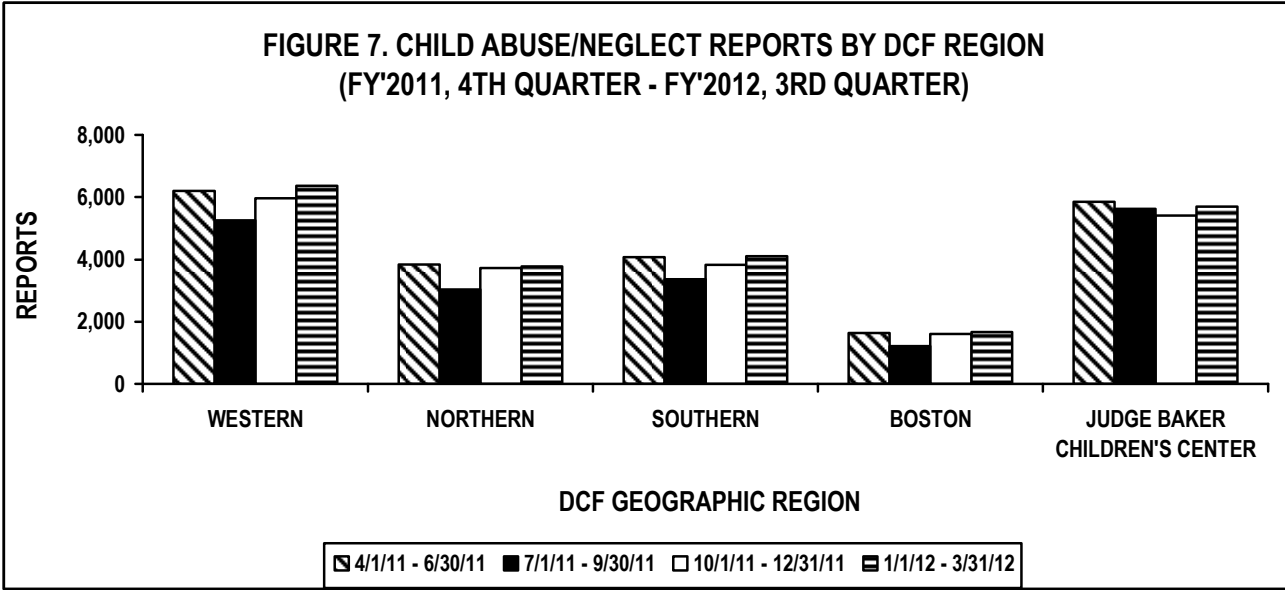
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

**FIGURE 5. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS
(SCREENING DECISION BY DCF REGION)
FY'2012, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/12 - 3/31/12)**



**FIGURE 6. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY TYPE AND DCF REGION
FY'2012, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/12 - 3/31/12)**

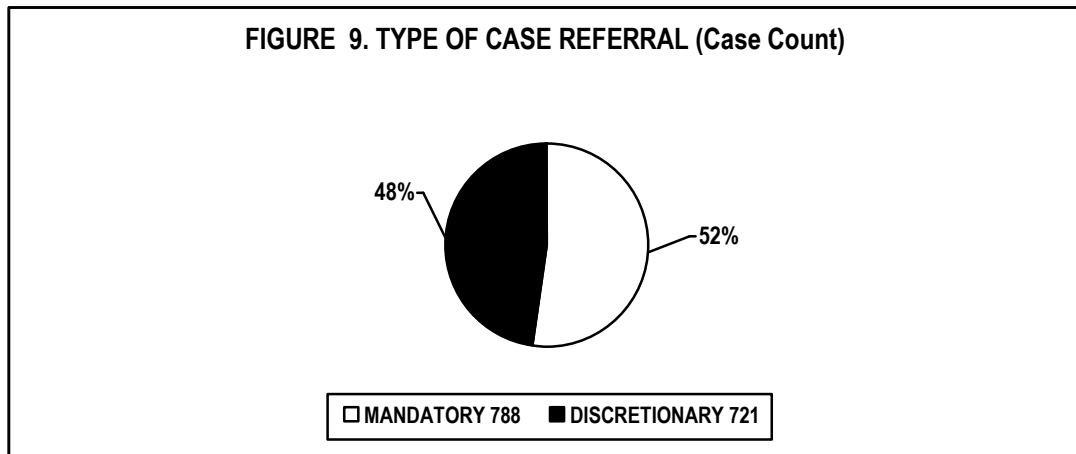




C. District Attorney (DA) Referrals

- During the 3rd Quarter of FY'2012, 1,509 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (Fig. 9). Fifty-two percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals⁴ and 48% were discretionary referrals⁵ (Fig. 9, Appendix Table A6 on page 71).

DA REFERRALS FY'2012, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/12 - 3/31/12)

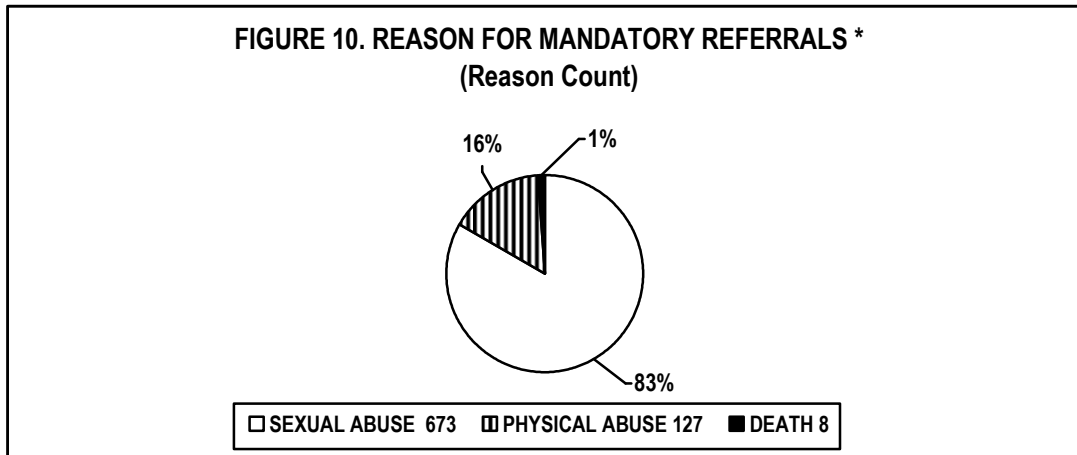


- Sexual abuse accounted for 83% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2012 (Fig. 10, Table 5 on next page). Sixteen percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

DA REFERRALS FY'2012, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/12 - 3/31/12)



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

* Referral reason was unspecified for one case as of the run-date (See Table 5).

TABLE 5. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: ⁽¹⁾
FY'2012, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/12 - 3/31/12)

Nature of Abuse	Reasons ⁽¹⁾	
	No.	%
Sexual Abuse:	673	83%
Sexual Assault	617	
Sexual Exploitation	56	

Serious Physical Abuse:	127	16%

Death:	8	1%
Unspecified:⁽²⁾	1	*

Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals	809	100%

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

⁽²⁾ Unspecified as of run-date.

- 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, Worcester, Essex, and Suffolk. Based on a comparison of county estimates⁶ 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. Middlesex, Worcester, Suffolk, and Essex Counties accounted for 66% 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: ⁽¹⁾
FY'2012, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/12 - 3/31/12)**

County ⁽²⁾	Case Referrals				Total No.	2010 Children Less than 18 Years Old
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Essex	112	44%	142	56%	254	172,089
Suffolk	118	49%	123	51%	241	126,275
Worcester	113	47%	126	53%	239	187,231
Middlesex	80	38%	131	62%	211	320,439
Berkshire	72	55%	60	45%	132	25,624
Hampden	59	54%	50	46%	109	109,885
Plymouth	54	60%	36	40%	90	119,475
Bristol	40	49%	41	51%	81	122,409
Norfolk	49	67%	24	33%	73	152,132
Franklin	2	7%	25	93%	27	14,068
Hampshire	9	41%	13	59%	22	26,766
Barnstable	7	41%	10	59%	17	37,249
Dukes	1	50%	1	50%	2	3,173
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---	2,108
OUT OF STATE	5	45%	6	55%	11	---
Total	721		788		1,509	

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

⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.

⁶ 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:⁽¹⁾
FY'2012, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/12 - 3/31/12)**

County ⁽²⁾	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals ⁽¹⁾					Total No.
	Sexual Assault No.	Sexual Exploitation No.	Serious Physical Abuse/Injury No.	Death No.	Unspecified ⁽³⁾	
Essex	92	13	42	2	---	149
Middlesex	103	13	19	1	---	136
Worcester	100	10	18	1	---	129
Suffolk	103	7	13	3	---	126
Berkshire	52	---	8	---	---	60
Hampden	43	3	5	---	---	51
Bristol	31	4	6	---	1	42
Plymouth	28	2	5	1	---	36
Franklin	22	1	2	---	---	25
Norfolk	17	2	6	---	---	25
Hampshire	10	1	2	---	---	13
Barnstable	9	---	1	---	---	10
Dukes	1	---	---	---	---	1
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---	---
OUT OF STATE	6	---	---	---	---	6
Total:	617	56	127	8	1	809

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

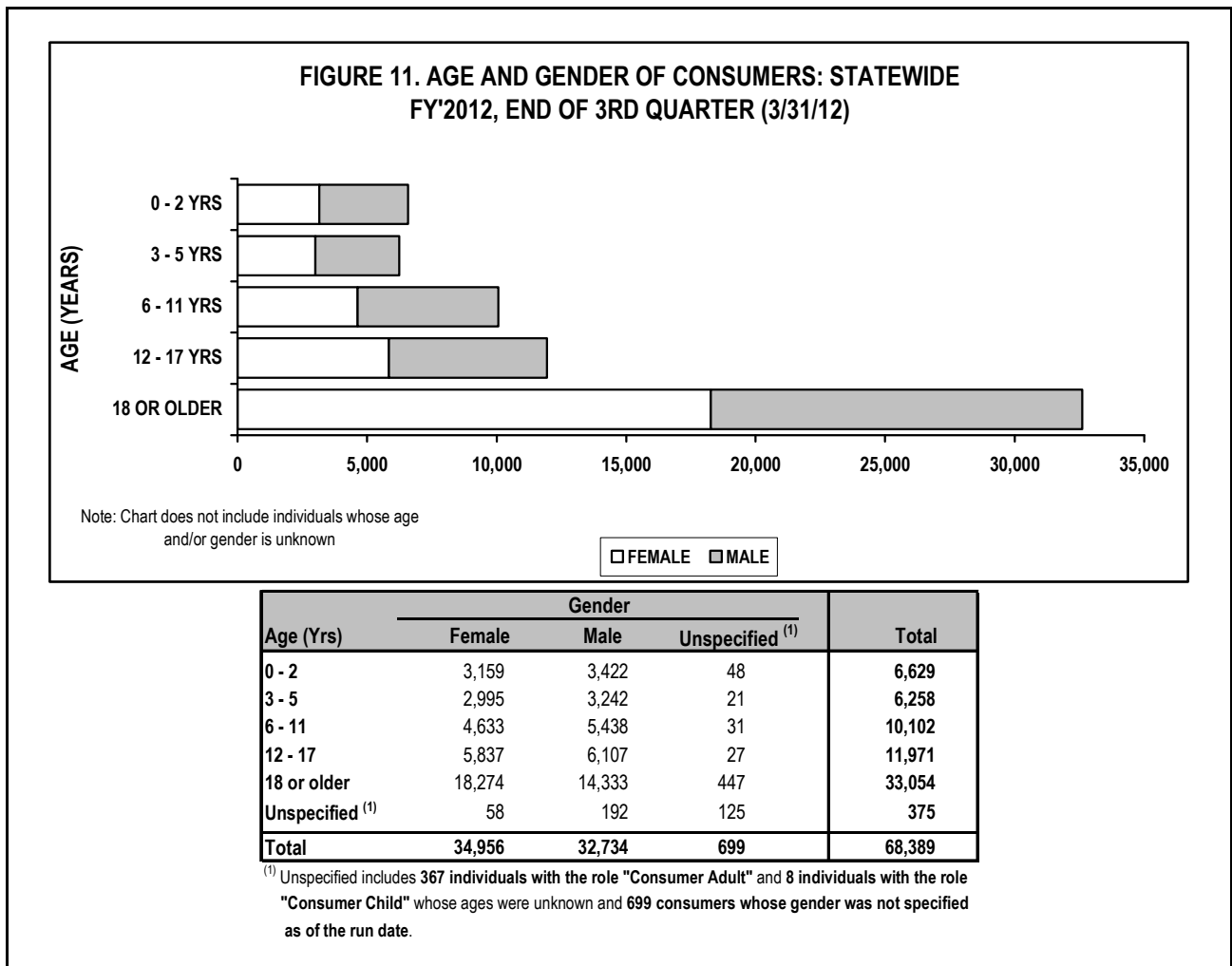
⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.

⁽³⁾ Unspecified as of run-date.

IV. CONSUMER DEMOGRAPHICS

A. Age, Gender, and Race of All Consumers

- On the last day of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2012, the consumer population included 34,968 (51%) children less than 18 years old and 33,421 (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 (11,971) 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, 55% 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 8% of consumers. (Table 8, Figs. 12A and 12B on next page)
- The Boston Region’s caseload was comprised of 40% Black, 30% Hispanic/Latino, and 15% White consumers (3,230, 2,413, and 1,246 consumers, respectively). The proportion of Hispanic/Latino consumers was similar in 3 of the 4 regions (28-31%). Asians were most prominent in the North--4% of the caseload (604 consumers, mainly Cambodian). (Table 8, Figs. 12A and 12B)

TABLE 8. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2012, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)

Race	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption				Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
White	12,552	45%	6,319	45%	10,150	56%	1,246	15%	109	42%	3	2%	30,379	44%
Black	2,336	8%	1,322	9%	2,407	13%	3,230	40%	51	20%	41	29%	9,387	14%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	8,609	31%	3,851	28%	2,354	13%	2,413	30%	68	26%	49	35%	17,344	25%
Asian	149	1%	604	4%	220	1%	174	2%	1	*	41	29%	1,189	2%
Native American	36	*	22	*	47	*	7	*	---	---	---	---	112	*
Other ⁽⁴⁾	17	*	7	*	7	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	32	*
Multi-Racial	642	2%	375	3%	629	3%	118	1%	18	7%	---	---	1,782	3%
Unable to Determine	957	3%	489	3%	703	4%	317	4%	13	5%	7	5%	2,486	4%
Missing	2,607	9%	991	7%	1,484	8%	596	7%	---	---	---	---	5,678	8%
Total	27,905	100%	13,980	100%	18,001	100%	8,102	100%	260	100%	141	100%	68,389	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

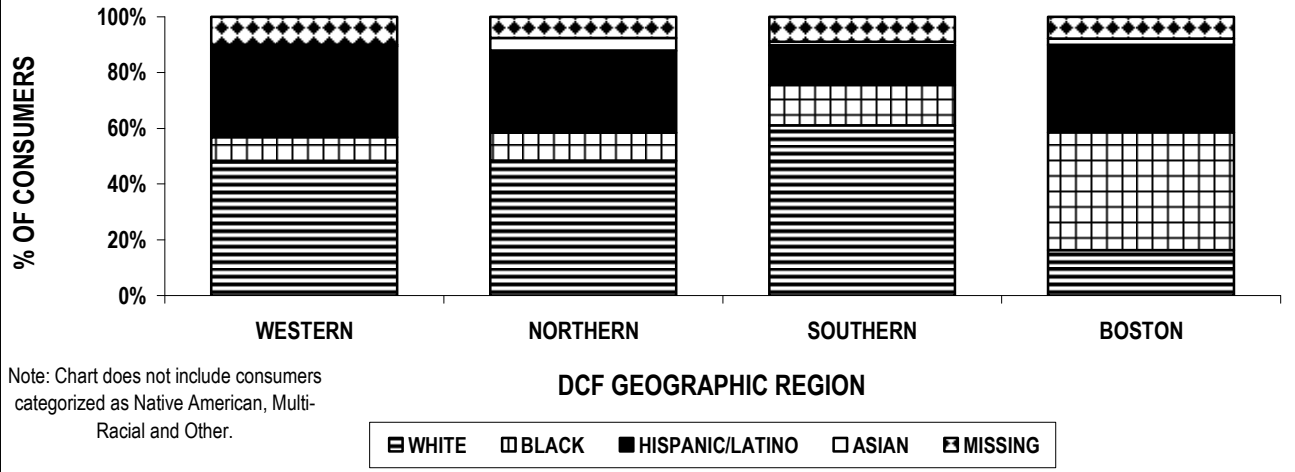
⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

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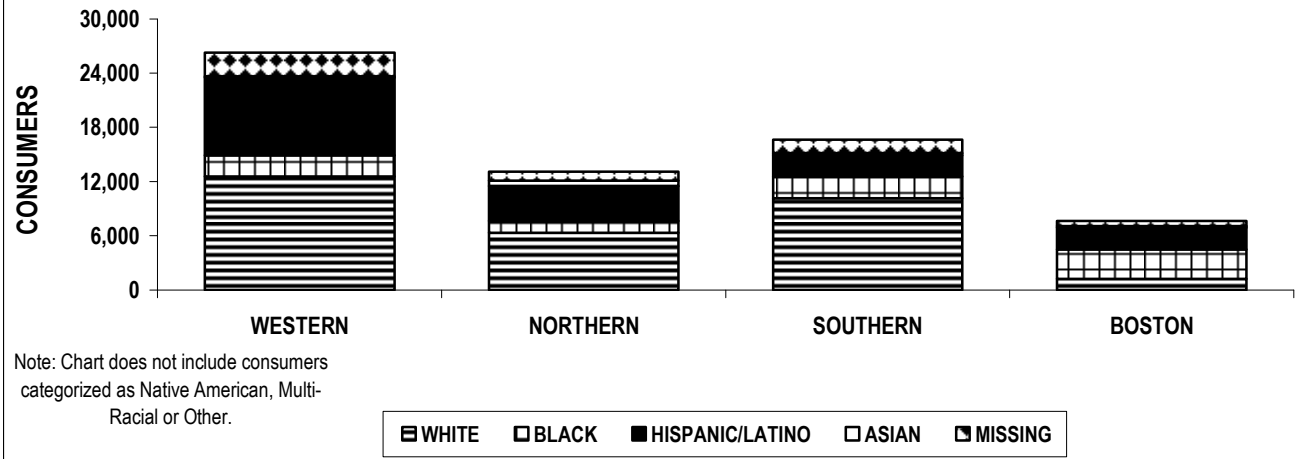
⁽³⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽⁴⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**FIGURE 12A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'2012, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**



**FIGURE 12B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'2012, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**



- A racial comparison of children receiving various services from DCF to children residing in Massachusetts⁷ 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 ⁷ 2010	DCF Not in Substitute Care 3/31/12	DCF All Substitute Care* 3/31/12	DCF Foster Care 3/31/12	DCF Congregate Care** 3/31/12	DCF All Care w/Goal of Adoption 3/31/12	DCF All Care w/Goal of Guardianship 3/31/12	DCF Adoptions Legalized FY'2011	DCF Guardianships Legalized FY'2011
White	67%	42%	47%	47%	49%	47%	50%	50%	56%
Hispanic***	15%	31%	26%	26%	24%	26%	25%	24%	17%
Black	7%	14%	16%	15%	18%	14%	16%	13%	14%
Asian	6%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	---	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	---	<1%	---	---	---	---
Multi-Racial	4%	4%	5%	5%	5%	7%	5%	8%	5%
Other/Unknown	1%	7%	4%	5%	2%	5%	3%	5%	7%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	1,418,923	27,513	7,455	5,754	1,391	2,340	618	685	371

*Substitute Care includes: foster care, congregative 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.

** Congregative 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.

⁷ 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, 2,187 and 992 consumers, respectively (**Table 10**). Haitian Creole was the preferred language of 354 DCF consumers (1% statewide). Khmer-speaking (Cambodian) consumers were mainly concentrated in the North. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Haitian Creole (South/Boston/North), Portuguese (South/North), Cape Verdean Creole (South), Vietnamese (West/Boston), and Lao (North) (**Table 10**).

TABLE 10. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2012, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)

Primary Language	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption				Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spanish	2,187	8%	992	7%	500	3%	832	10%	4	2%	46	33%	4,561	7%
Haitian Creole	9	*	103	1%	127	1%	113	1%	---	---	2	1%	354	1%
Portuguese	42	*	115	1%	133	1%	13	*	---	---	---	---	303	*
Khmer (Cambodian)	11	*	153	1%	19	*	6	*	---	---	---	---	189	*
Cape Verdean Creole	1	*	8	*	128	1%	85	1%	---	---	---	---	222	*
Vietnamese	43	*	15	*	21	*	42	1%	---	---	---	---	121	*
Chinese	1	*	16	*	49	*	33	*	---	---	---	---	99	*
Lao	1	*	19	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	21	*
American Sign Language	13	*	18	*	3	*	7	*	---	---	---	---	41	*
Other	464	2%	205	1%	243	1%	105	1%	---	---	65	46%	1,082	2%
English\Unspecified	25,133	90%	12,336	88%	16,777	93%	6,866	85%	256	98%	28	20%	61,396	90%
Total	27,905	100%	13,980	100%	18,001	100%	8,102	100%	260	100%	141	100%	68,389	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through 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 March 2012, showed an increase in some language groups and a decrease in others (table on next page). The most significant changes were: declines in Khmer (-47%) and Vietnamese (-28%); increases in Chinese (83%), Cape Verdean Creole (52%), and Haitian Creole (36%). During this period, the count of total consumers decreased 13%.

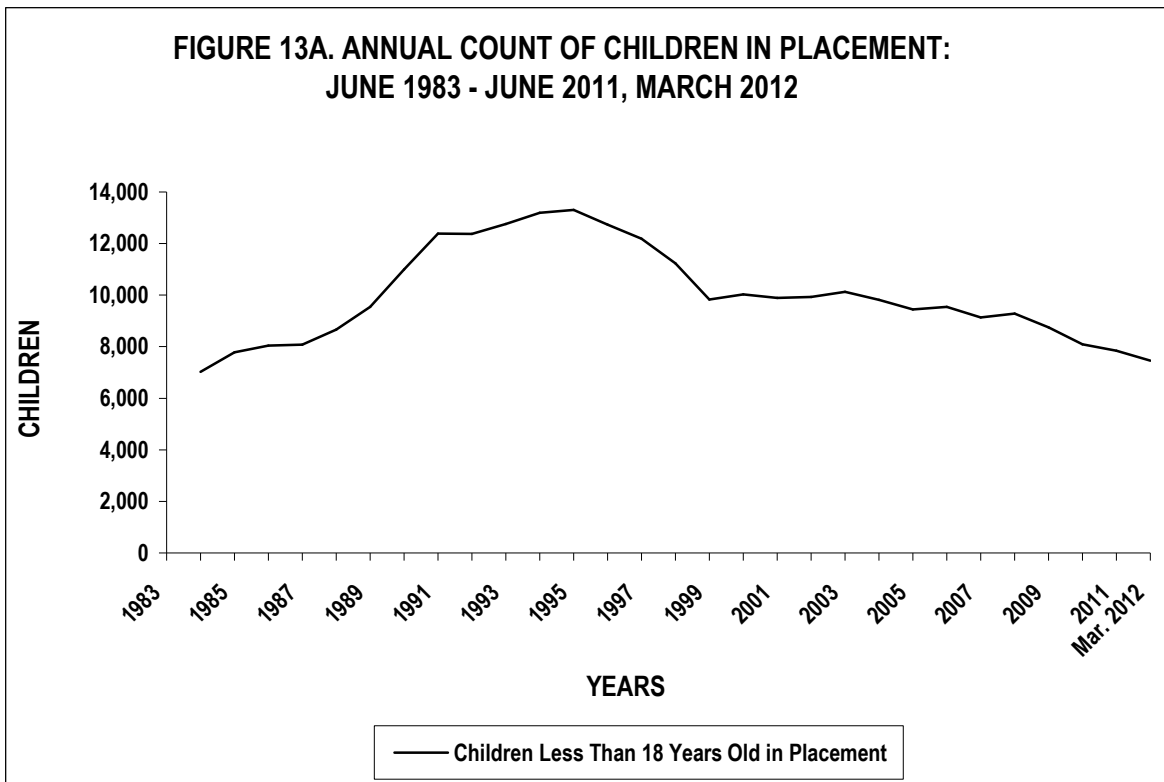
STATEWIDE:

Primary Language	Consumers Jul. 1987 No.	Consumers Jul. 1997 No.	Consumers Jun. 2007 No.	Consumers Mar. 2012 No.	2007-2012 Change %
English/Unspecified*	60,784	66,404	71,398	61,396	-14%
Spanish	3,664	6,334	4,516	4,561	1%
Haitian Creole	175	360	260	354	36%
Portuguese	530	380	303	303	---
Cape Verdean Creole	174	247	146	222	52%
Khmer Cambodian	253	851	356	189	-47%
Vietnamese	146	273	167	121	-28%
Chinese	71	61	54	99	83%
American Sign Language	47	23	41	41	---
Lao	30	74	20	21	5%
Other	213	310	1,459	1,082	-26%
Total	66,087	75,317	78,720	68,389	-13%

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

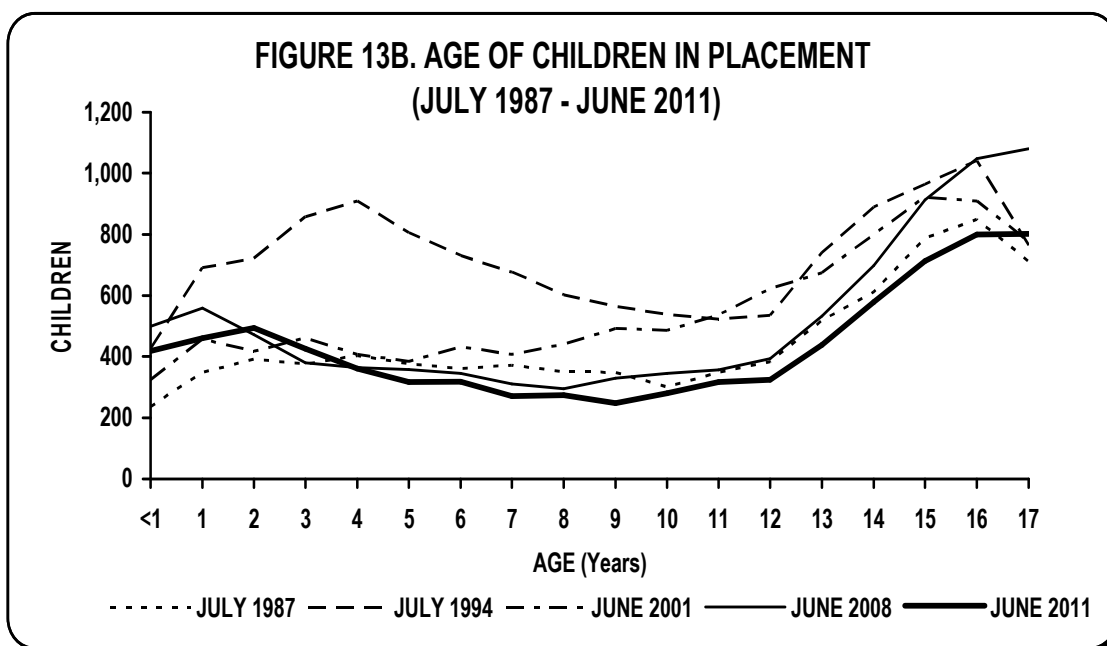
V. PROFILE OF CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT⁸

- The number of children less than 18 years old in placement (7,455) increased 1% from the 2nd to the 3rd 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 annual count of children in placement has been on a downward trend since 1995. (**Fig. 13A, Appendix Table A1**)



⁸Consumers 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 7,455) 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: 22% in the North; 21% in both the South and Boston; 20% in the West. (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 Van Wart (14%) and Cambridge (15%) Area Offices (15%). (Table 11)

TABLE 11. CHILD⁽¹⁾ CASELOAD BY DCF AREA OFFICE: FY'2012, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)

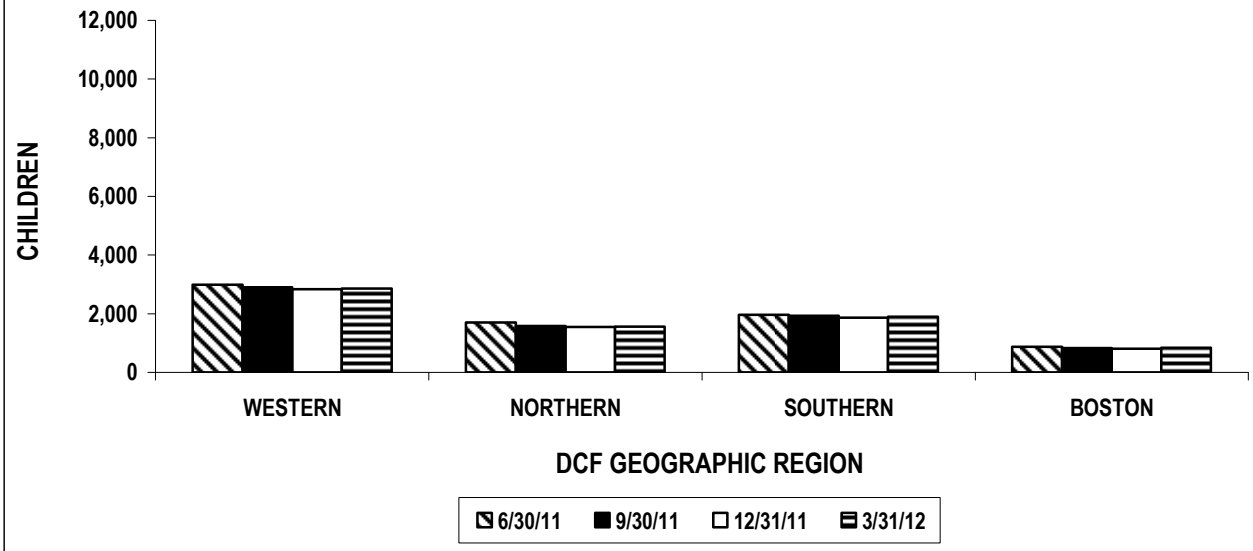
DCF Region/Area	Not in Placement	In Placement	Total Child Caseload	% in Placement
Greenfield	851	262	1,147	23%
Holyoke	1,194	297	1,530	19%
North Central	1,668	342	2,010	17%
Pittsfield	725	302	1,107	27%
Robert Van Wart	2,031	347	2,406	14%
South Central	934	254	1,120	23%
Springfield	1,814	414	2,080	20%
Worcester East	1,312	315	1,608	20%
Worcester West	1,186	325	1,454	22%
Contracted Agencies	12	4	17	24%
Western	11,727	2,862	14,479	20%
Cambridge	676	121	790	15%
Cape Ann	716	191	922	21%
Framingham	588	194	788	25%
Haverhill	423	140	601	23%
Lawrence	629	156	761	20%
Lowell	1,214	358	1,572	23%
Lynn	634	205	929	22%
Malden	636	194	875	22%
Contracted Agencies	3	---	3	---
Northern	5,519	1,559	7,241	22%
Arlington	559	148	710	21%
Brockton	1,041	240	1,321	18%
Cape Cod	635	226	852	27%
Coastal	706	195	854	23%
Fall River	903	332	1,208	27%
New Bedford	1,492	357	1,919	19%
Plymouth	799	195	997	20%
Taunton/Attleboro	796	198	1,008	20%
Contracted Agencies	10	2	13	15%
Southern	6,941	1,893	8,882	21%
Dimock Street	718	223	858	26%
Harbor	914	214	1,123	19%
Hyde Park	707	191	857	22%
Park Street	975	213	1,188	18%
Contracted Agencies	4	3	5	60%
Boston	3,318	844	4,031	21%
Adoption Contracts⁽²⁾	1	259	276	94%
Other⁽³⁾	7	38	45	84%
Total	27,513	7,455	34,954	21%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.

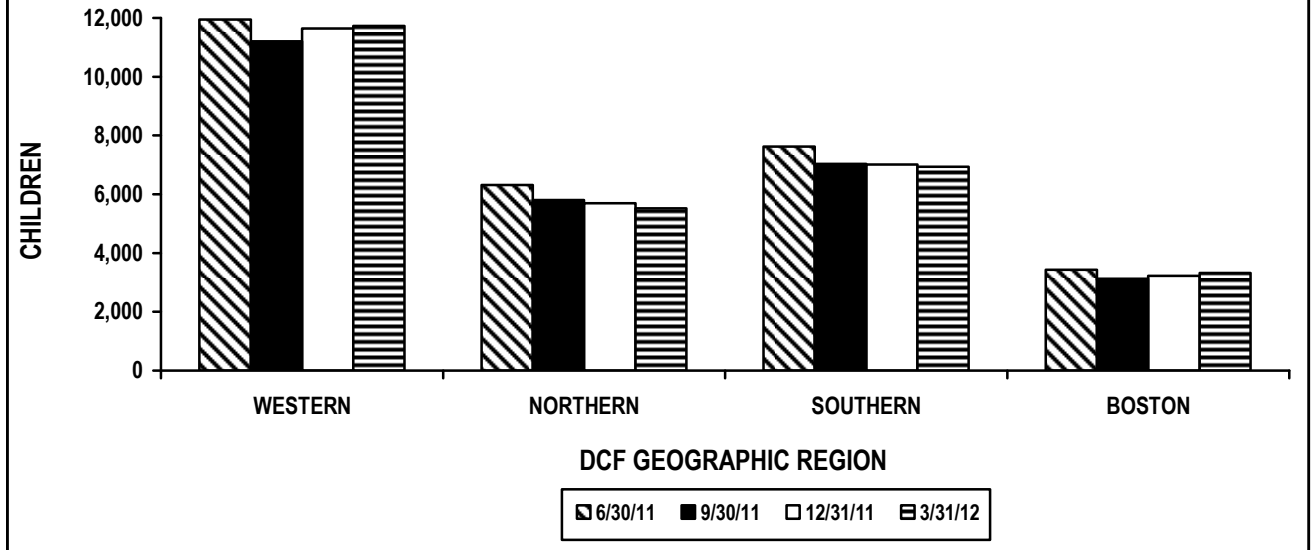
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**FIGURE 14. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2011, END OF 4TH QUARTER to FY'2012, END OF 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 15. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2011, END OF 4TH QUARTER to FY'2012, END OF 3RD QUARTER)**



A. Demographics of Consumers in Placement

(Combined Counts from All Types of Placement)

- At the end of the 3rd 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.⁹
- 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 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption				Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Female	1,591	48%	954	48%	1,097	48%	543	51%	116	45%	42	34%	4,343	48%
Male	1,728	52%	1,043	52%	1,199	52%	520	49%	143	55%	80	66%	4,713	52%
Missing	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	3,320	100%	1,997	100%	2,296	100%	1,063	100%	259	100%	122	100%	9,057	100%
Race:														
White	1,567	47%	987	49%	1,327	58%	178	17%	108	42%	0	0%	4,167	46%
Black	389	12%	187	9%	365	16%	522	49%	51	20%	35	29%	1,549	17%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	1,068	32%	603	30%	306	13%	285	27%	68	26%	42	34%	2,372	26%
Asian	16	*	85	4%	21	1%	23	2%	1	*	39	32%	185	2%
Native American	3	*	3	*	9	*	3	*	---	---	---	---	18	*
Other ⁽⁴⁾	1	*	2	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	*
Multi-Racial	134	4%	79	4%	160	7%	29	3%	18	7%	---	---	420	5%
Unable to Determine	142	4%	51	3%	108	5%	23	2%	13	5%	6	5%	343	4%
Total	3,320	100%	1,997	100%	2,296	100%	1,063	100%	259	100%	122	100%	9,057	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

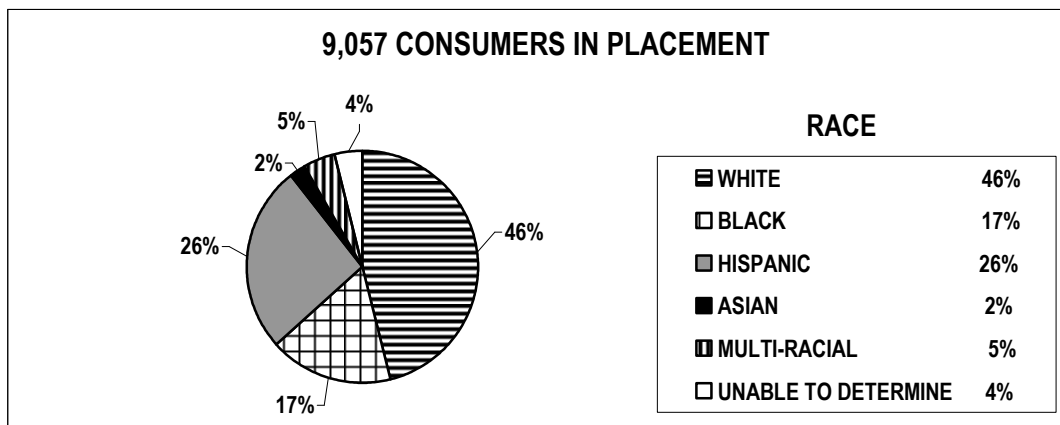
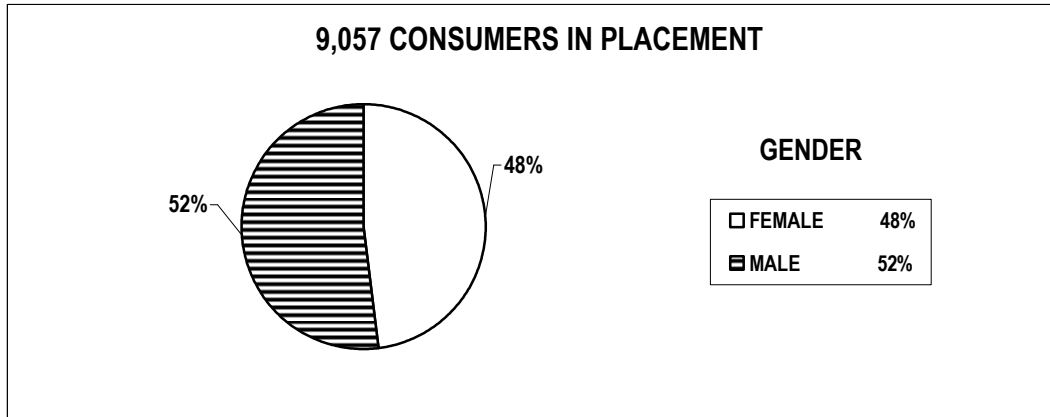
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⁽³⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

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⁹ 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)

**FIGURE 16A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY GENDER AND RACE
STATEWIDE: FY'2012, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**



- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DCF Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 37% to 42%. (**Table 12B** on page 30)
- The proportion of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 14% in the Western Region to 22% 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 Arrangement¹⁰ (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 Kin¹¹ (8% of all consumers in placement), Guardianship (7%), and Stabilization of Family (5%).
- On 3/31/2012, 41% of the statewide placement population had a length of stay of more than 2 years,¹² 21% 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 care¹³ for more than two years (44% and 43%, respectively). The South and West had the highest proportions of consumers in care for one year or less (42% and 41%, 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 (48% for Black vs. 38% for White, 40% for Hispanic, 37% 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 53% 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 both White and 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; 21% Black vs. 27% White and 26% Hispanic for adoption.

¹⁰ 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.

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

¹² 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.

¹³ 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 (March 31, 2012).

**TABLE 12B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE
BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE: FY'2012, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region										Total			
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾				Other ⁽²⁾	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(0 - 2 yrs)	521	16%	244	12%	334	15%	150	14%	46	18%	---	---	1,295	14%
(3 - 5 yrs)	405	12%	200	10%	298	13%	93	9%	61	24%	1	1%	1,058	12%
(6 - 11 yrs)	639	19%	280	14%	415	18%	150	14%	101	39%	6	5%	1,591	18%
(12 - 17 yrs)	1,297	39%	835	42%	846	37%	451	42%	51	20%	31	25%	3,511	39%
18 or older	458	14%	438	22%	403	18%	219	21%	---	---	84	69%	1,602	18%
Total	3,320	100%	1,997	100%	2,296	100%	1,063	100%	259	100%	122	100%	9,057	100%
Service Plan Goals:														
Family Reunification	1,134	34%	564	28%	791	34%	326	31%	---	---	---	---	2,815	31%
Adoption	906	27%	455	23%	537	23%	197	19%	250	97%	---	---	2,345	26%
APPLA ⁽³⁾	550	17%	494	25%	475	21%	299	28%	---	---	72	59%	1,890	21%
Permanent Care with Kin	237	7%	179	9%	181	8%	65	6%	1	*	27	22%	690	8%
Guardianship	212	6%	153	8%	169	7%	94	9%	5	2%	---	---	633	7%
Stabilization of Family	183	6%	93	5%	87	4%	48	5%	---	---	---	---	411	5%
Unspecified as of run-date	98	3%	59	3%	56	2%	34	3%	3	1%	23	19%	273	3%
Total	3,320	100%	1,997	100%	2,296	100%	1,063	100%	259	100%	122	100%	9,057	100%
Continuous Time in Care:														
(.5 yr or less)	792	24%	421	21%	548	24%	250	24%	5	2%	13	11%	2,029	22%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	574	17%	317	16%	418	18%	148	14%	20	8%	17	14%	1,494	16%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	382	12%	196	10%	253	11%	133	13%	42	16%	19	16%	1,025	11%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	324	10%	180	9%	236	10%	79	7%	33	13%	14	11%	866	10%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	642	19%	403	20%	412	18%	200	19%	88	34%	38	31%	1,783	20%
> 4 yrs	606	18%	480	24%	429	19%	253	24%	71	27%	21	17%	1,860	21%
Total	3,320	100%	1,997	100%	2,296	100%	1,063	100%	259	100%	122	100%	9,057	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

⁽³⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

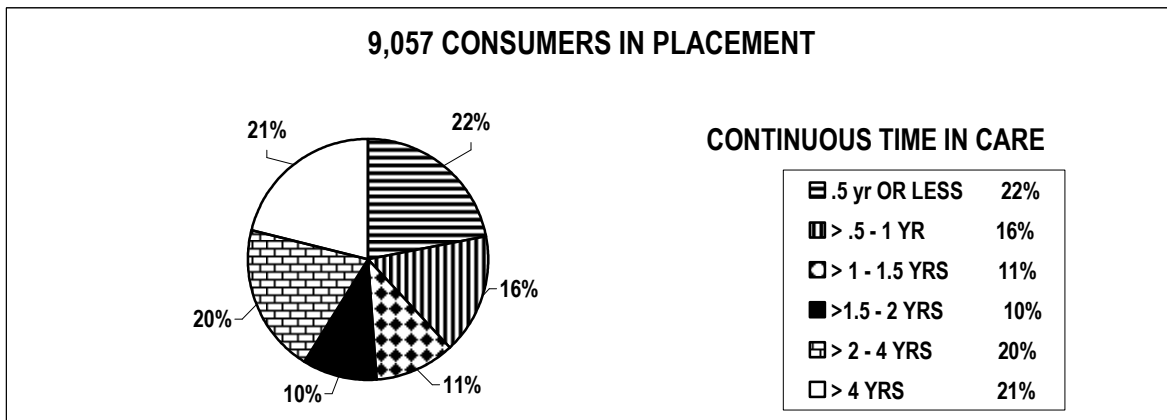
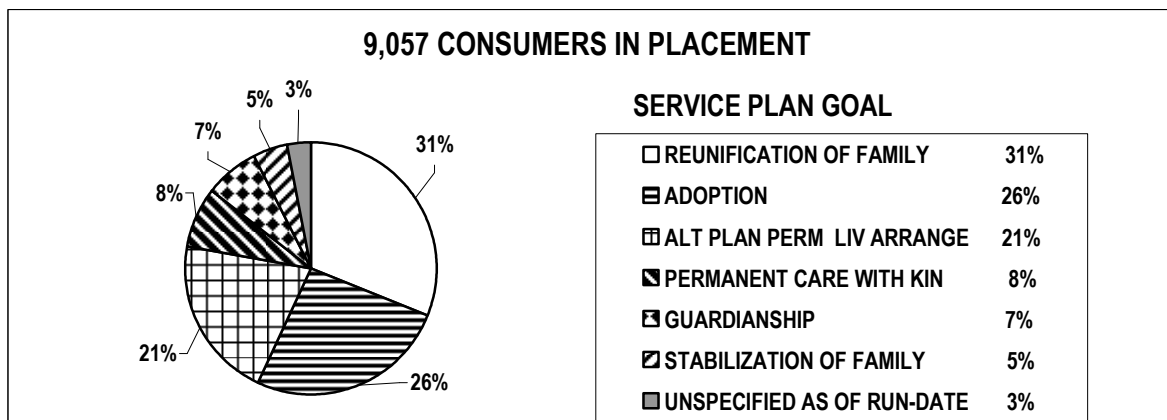
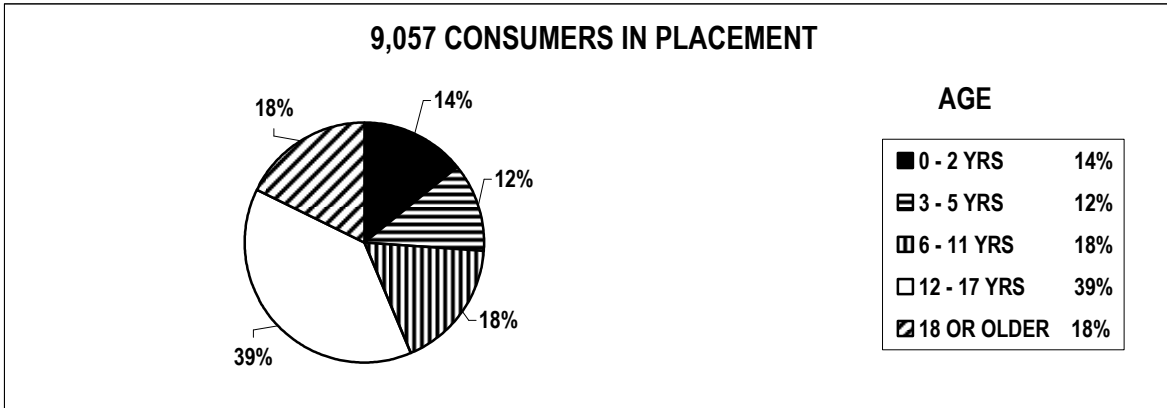
**TABLE 13A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2012, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers										Total							
	White		Black		Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾		Asian		Native American				Other ⁽²⁾		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	962	23%	298	19%	533	22%	31	17%	6	33%	1	33%	84	20%	114	33%	2,029	22%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	705	17%	218	14%	408	17%	23	12%	3	17%	1	33%	75	18%	61	18%	1,494	16%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	498	12%	170	11%	242	10%	17	9%	2	11%	---	---	64	15%	32	9%	1,025	11%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	427	10%	115	7%	231	10%	13	7%	3	17%	---	---	38	9%	39	11%	866	10%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	757	18%	323	21%	481	20%	70	38%	3	17%	---	---	94	22%	55	16%	1,783	20%
> 4 yrs	818	20%	425	27%	477	20%	31	17%	1	6%	1	33%	65	15%	42	12%	1,860	21%
Total	4,167	100%	1,549	100%	2,372	100%	185	100%	18	100%	3	100%	420	100%	343	100%	9,057	100%

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽²⁾ 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 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**



**TABLE 14. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2012, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers														Total			
	White		Black		Hispanic/ Latino ⁽¹⁾		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽²⁾		Multi-Racial				Unable to Determine	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	1,340	32%	424	27%	758	32%	36	19%	5	28%	2	67%	126	30%	124	36%	2,815	31%
Adoption	1,112	27%	325	21%	609	26%	27	15%	6	33%	---	---	155	37%	111	32%	2,345	26%
APPLA ⁽³⁾	780	19%	460	30%	486	20%	69	37%	1	6%	---	---	64	15%	30	9%	1,890	21%
Permanent Care with Kin	323	8%	128	8%	169	7%	26	14%	3	17%	---	---	18	4%	23	7%	690	8%
Guardianship	314	8%	104	7%	155	7%	9	5%	1	6%	---	---	30	7%	20	6%	633	7%
Stabilization of Family	190	5%	60	4%	117	5%	8	4%	---	---	1	33%	19	5%	16	5%	411	5%
Unspecified as of run-date	108	3%	48	3%	78	3%	10	5%	2	11%	---	---	8	2%	19	6%	273	3%
Total	4,167	100%	1,549	100%	2,372	100%	185	100%	18	100%	3	100%	420	100%	343	100%	9,057	100%

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽²⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

⁽³⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 15. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2012, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**

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	562	20%	350	12%	539	19%	1,335	47%	29	1%	2,815	100%
Adoption	607	26%	587	25%	767	33%	379	16%	5	*	2,345	100%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	2	*	---	---	1	*	545	29%	1,342	71%	1,890	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	3	*	3	*	29	4%	525	76%	130	19%	690	100%
Guardianship	34	5%	78	12%	172	27%	334	53%	15	2%	633	100%
Stabilization of Family	46	11%	21	5%	54	13%	251	61%	39	9%	411	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	41	15%	19	7%	29	11%	142	52%	42	15%	273	100%
Total	1,295	14%	1,058	12%	1,591	18%	3,511	39%	1,602	18%	9,057	100%

⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 16. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2012, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**

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	1,361	48%	845	30%	289	10%	138	5%	134	5%	48	2%	2,815	100%
Adoption	68	3%	328	14%	410	17%	373	16%	741	32%	425	18%	2,345	100%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	94	5%	133	7%	145	8%	159	8%	473	25%	886	47%	1,890	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	8	1%	36	5%	45	7%	61	9%	192	28%	348	50%	690	100%
Guardianship	20	3%	76	12%	106	17%	124	20%	198	31%	109	17%	633	100%
Stabilization of Family	271	66%	50	12%	20	5%	8	2%	28	7%	34	8%	411	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	207	76%	26	10%	10	4%	3	1%	17	6%	10	4%	273	100%
Total	2,029	22%	1,494	16%	1,025	11%	866	10%	1,783	20%	1,860	21%	9,057	100%

⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 13B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND AGE GROUP:
STATEWIDE FY'2012, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**

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	622	15%	488	12%	768	18%	1,610	39%	679	16%	4,167	100%
Black	163	11%	154	10%	232	15%	624	40%	376	24%	1,549	100%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	304	13%	269	11%	432	18%	945	40%	422	18%	2,372	100%
Asian	10	5%	21	11%	16	9%	78	42%	60	32%	185	100%
Native American	7	39%	4	22%	---	---	7	39%	---	---	18	100%
Other ⁽²⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	100%	---	---	3	100%
Multi-Racial	82	20%	69	16%	89	21%	142	34%	38	9%	420	100%
Unable to Determine	107	31%	53	15%	54	16%	102	30%	27	8%	343	100%
Total	1,295	14%	1,058	12%	1,591	18%	3,511	39%	1,602	18%	9,057	100%

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽²⁾ 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 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**

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)	484	37%	211	20%	321	20%	917	26%	96	6%	2,029	22%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	331	26%	227	21%	291	18%	560	16%	85	5%	1,494	16%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	230	18%	131	12%	186	12%	395	11%	83	5%	1,025	11%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	146	11%	144	14%	171	11%	297	8%	108	7%	866	10%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	104	8%	299	28%	388	24%	619	18%	373	23%	1,783	20%
> 4 yrs	---	---	46	4%	234	15%	723	21%	857	53%	1,860	21%
Total	1,295	100%	1,058	100%	1,591	100%	3,511	100%	1,602	100%	9,057	100%

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

- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2012 (3/31/12), the median time in continuous care was 1.2 years and the median¹⁴ age was 11.3 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. (See table on next page)
- Over the past 20 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)

¹⁴ Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement			
Date	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
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
3/12	11.3	1.2	7,455

- An age breakdown of children in placement by race¹⁵ 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 3/31/12, 47% of children less than 18 years old in placement were adolescents. Please note that the statistics in the following table are for children less than 18 years old.

Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement			
Race	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
White	11.1	1.1	3,488
Black	12.7	1.3	1,173
Hispanic/Latino	11.7	1.2	1,950
Asian	14.4	1.2	125
Native American	4.5	0.9	18
Pacific Islander	----	----	3
Multi-Racial	8.4	1.2	382
Unable to Determine	5.6	0.8	316
Total	11.3	1.2	7,455

¹⁵ Hispanic/Latino includes children of any race.

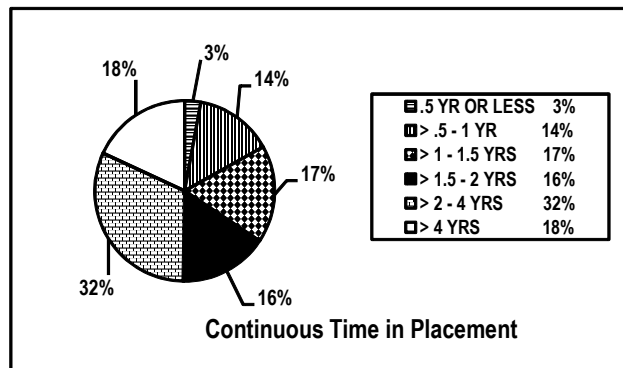
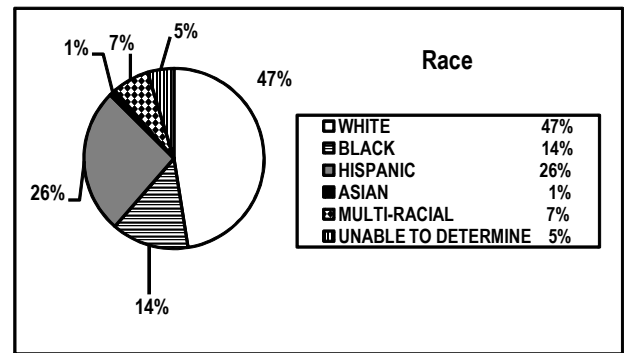
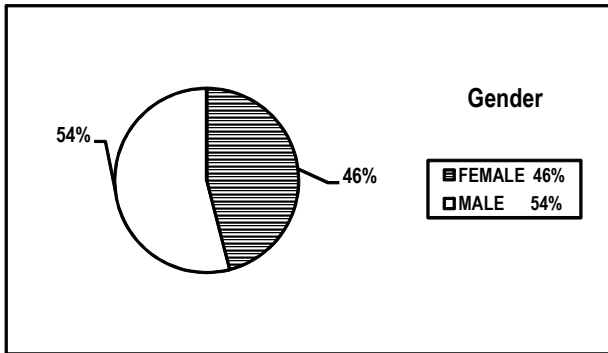
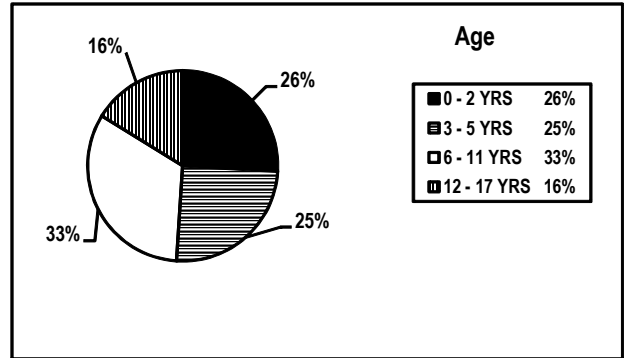
- The table below displays the median age and continuous time in care for all children less than 18 years old in placement on 3/31/2012. These children may have been in different types of placement prior to this quarter end-date.
- Excluding Pre-Adoptive foster children, Unrestricted, Kinship, and Child Specific 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 nine children in Independent Living had the highest median age and lowest continuous time in care. All of the children in Independent Living were between 17 and 18 years old. They were in school or vocational programs and needed financial support to transition to living independently. Please note that this analysis does not include foster 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—the exception being Pre-adoptive 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 group home category of Independent Living 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. There were 26 children in this placement service (4 sixteen year olds and 22 seventeen year olds). The STARR program is a short-term residential placement service; this is reflected in the 0.1 year median length of stay.

Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement			
Placement Type as of 3/31/2012	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
Foster Care:			
Unrestricted	5.4	0.8	1,654
Kinship	6.3	1.0	1,722
Child Specific	10.5	1.3	387
Pre-Adoptive	4.8	2.3	442
Independent Living (< 18 yrs)	17.8	0.4	9
IFC (contracted)	14.2	1.9	1,540
Congregate Care:			
Group Home	15.7	1.2	563
Residential	15.6	2.2	463
STARR	14.7	0.1	339
Independent Living (< 18 yrs)	17.5	1.5	26
On the Run & Non-Referral Locations	15.9	1.0	310
Total	11.3	1.2	7,455

D. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,345 consumers (includes 5 youths over 18 years old) in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,112 (47%) were White, 325 (14%) were Black, 609 (26%) were Hispanic/Latino, 27 (1%) were Asian, 6 (<1%) were Native American, and 155 (7%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 111 (5%) consumers. (Tables 14 and 15 on page 32, Fig. 17 on next page)
- The age distribution of 2,345 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 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)
- Forty-eight 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 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**



- There has been a decline in the number of children¹⁶ 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%
3/12	7,455	2,340	31%

NOTES: Children are less than 18 years old

¹⁶ Children are less than 18 years old.

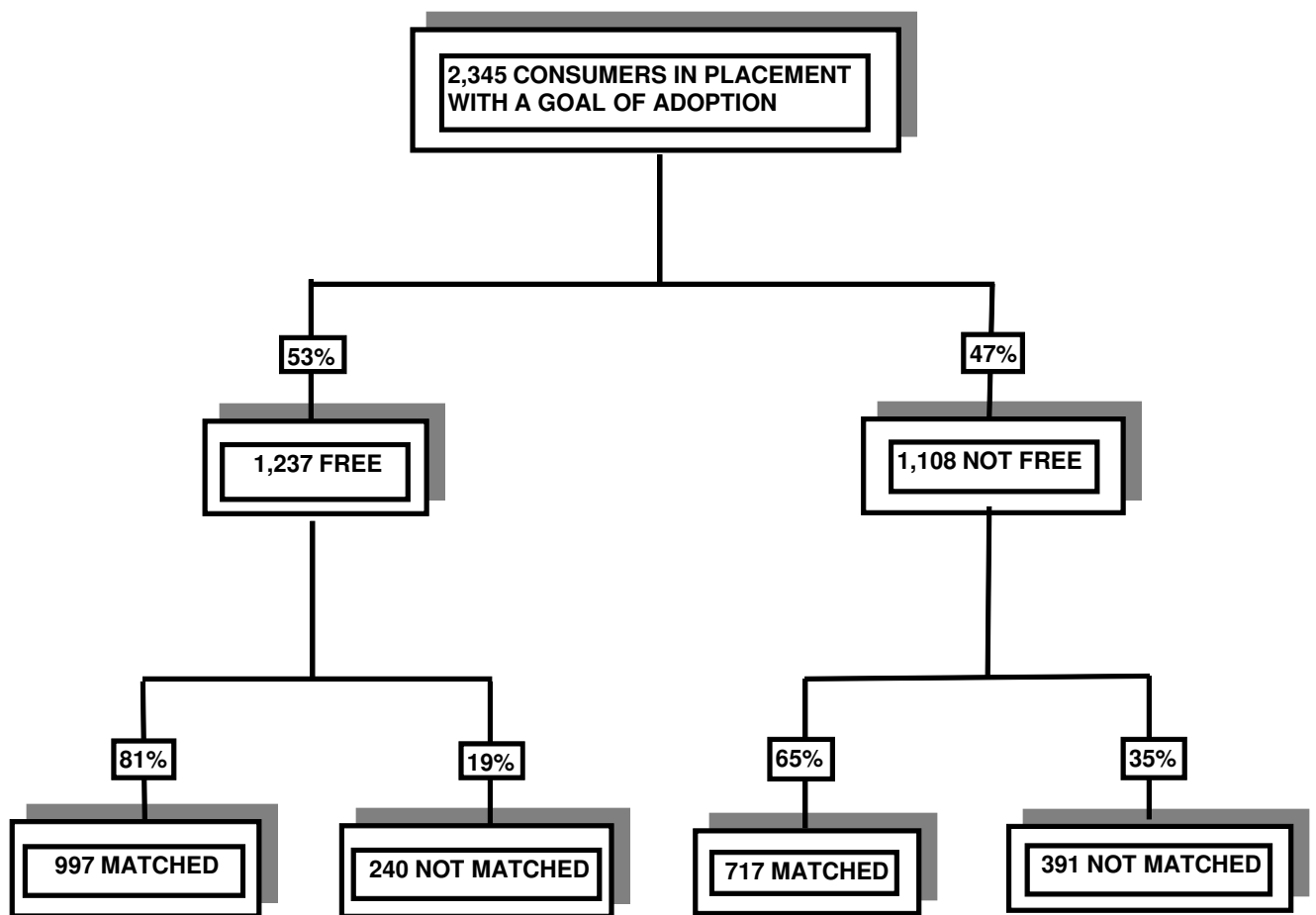
- Of the 2,345 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 53% were legally free for adoption. Eighty-one percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. (**Fig. 18** on next page)
- The adolescent age group had the highest proportion of children who were legally free for adoption (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 3/31/12		
	Children with Goal of Adoption & Legally Free for Adoption	All Children with Goal of Adoption	% Legally Free for Adoption
	No.	No.	%
0 – 2	280	607	46%
3 – 5	321	587	55%
6 – 11	415	767	54%
12 – 17	218	379	58%
Total	1,234	2,340	53%

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

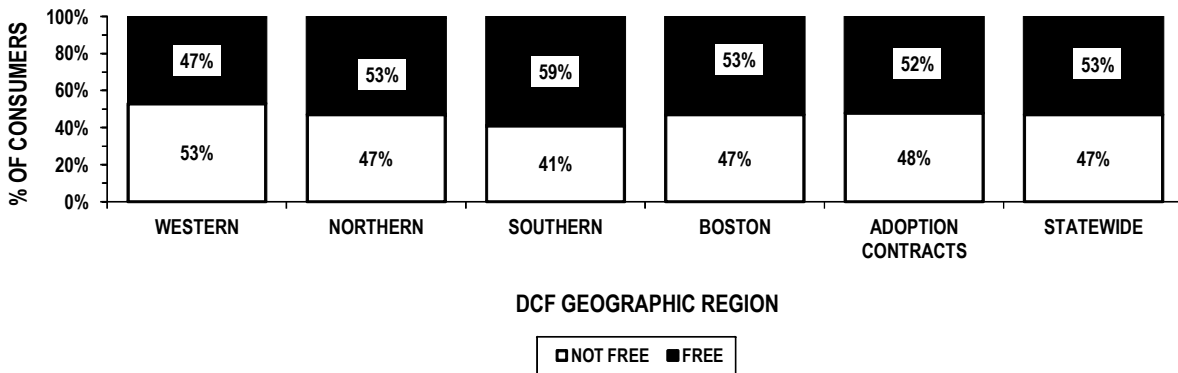
- Of those children with a goal of adoption who were not legally free for adoption (47%), 65% were matched to permanent families (**Fig. 18**).
- The Southern Region had the highest proportion (59%) of children in placement with a goal of adoption who were legally free for adoption. The proportion of legally free children ranged from 47% in the West to 59% in the South (**Fig. 19** on page 41). On an area office basis, the proportion of legally free children ranged from 37% in North Central to 70% in Framingham (**Appendix Table A8** on page 72).
- The Western Region had the highest proportion of children in placement with a goal of adoption who were matched to a permanent family (78%). The proportion of children matched to a permanent family ranged from 66% in Boston to 78% in the West (**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. At the area level, the proportion of children matched to a permanent family ranged from 49% in Lynn to 94% in Malden (**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 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**

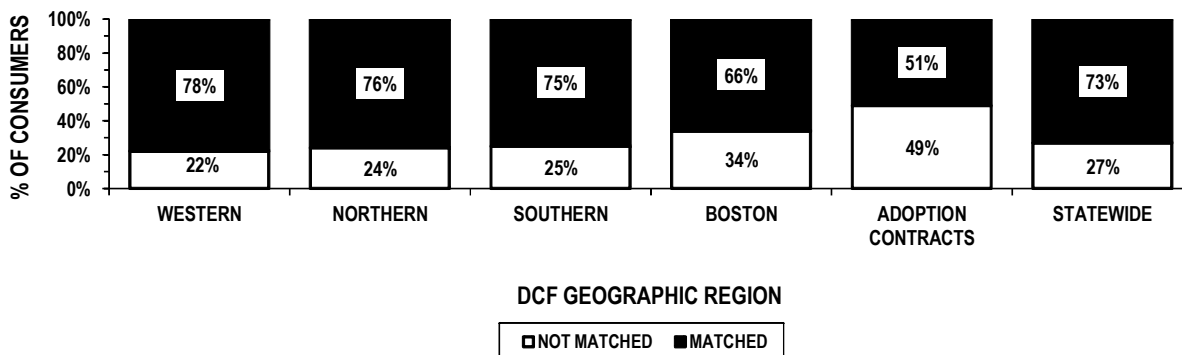


Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption
 Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 19. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS
FY'2012, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**

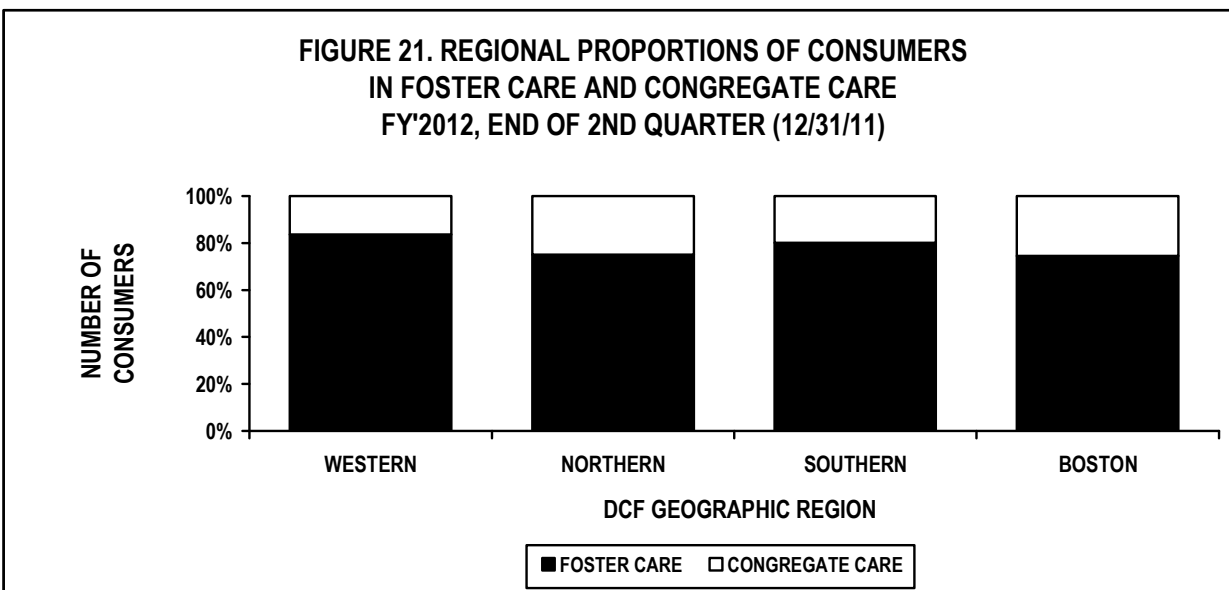


**FIGURE 20. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION AND WHETHER MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY
FY'2012, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**



E. Foster and Congregate Care

- There were 6,958 consumers in foster care and 1,735 consumers in congregate care¹⁷ on the last day of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2012. (Table 17A on page 44, Fig. 21)



- Adolescents (12-17 years) were the primary age group in foster care (27-31% range across regions) and congregate care (69-72% range across regions). (Table 17A)
- Adolescents were also the primary age group in “Other” placement locations¹⁸ (71-88% regional range). (Table 17A)
- The foster care racial proportions ranged from: White—18% in Boston to 58% in the South; Black—9% in the North to 49% in Boston; and Hispanic/Latino—14% 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).

¹⁷Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

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

- There were 1,785 consumers in “Intensive” foster care¹⁹ (IFC) and 5,173 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (34% of consumers), kinship (34%), child specific (9%), pre-adoptive (9%), and independent living (14%).²⁰ (**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 had the largest proportion of consumers in intensive foster care. (**Fig. 22A**)
- The major congregate care programs were group homes (798 consumers), residential (598), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)²¹ (339 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 North and West 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 greater in the South. (**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.²² (**Table 17C**)
- The primary models in the group home program were behavioral treatment residence (BTR) (387 consumers), group home (269), and independent living (142). (**Table 17C**)

¹⁹Intensive 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.

²⁰ 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.

²¹ Services focused on supporting a rapid reintegration or transition to a next placement.

²² 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 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other ⁽²⁾		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western		2,657		563		100		3,320
	(0 - 2 yrs)	516	19%	---	---	5	5%	521
	(3 - 5 yrs)	401	15%	2	*	2	2%	405
	(6 - 11 yrs)	557	21%	68	12%	14	14%	639
	(12 - 17 yrs)	821	31%	401	71%	75	75%	1,297
	18 or older	362	14%	92	16%	4	4%	458
Northern		1,446		469		82		1,997
	(0 - 2 yrs)	242	17%	---	---	2	2%	244
	(3 - 5 yrs)	195	13%	1	*	4	5%	200
	(6 - 11 yrs)	249	17%	25	5%	6	7%	280
	(12 - 17 yrs)	441	30%	336	72%	58	71%	835
	18 or older	319	22%	107	23%	12	15%	438
Southern		1,789		440		67		2,296
	(0 - 2 yrs)	332	19%	---	---	2	3%	334
	(3 - 5 yrs)	293	16%	5	1%	---	---	298
	(6 - 11 yrs)	369	21%	40	9%	6	9%	415
	(12 - 17 yrs)	484	27%	308	70%	54	81%	846
	18 or older	311	17%	87	20%	5	7%	403
Boston		746		259		58		1,063
	(0 - 2 yrs)	148	20%	1	*	1	2%	150
	(3 - 5 yrs)	90	12%	3	1%	---	---	93
	(6 - 11 yrs)	132	18%	17	7%	1	2%	150
	(12 - 17 yrs)	220	29%	180	69%	51	88%	451
	18 or older	156	21%	58	22%	5	9%	219
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		251		4		4		259
	(0 - 2 yrs)	46	18%	---	---	---	---	46
	(3 - 5 yrs)	60	24%	---	---	1	25%	61
	(6 - 11 yrs)	97	39%	3	75%	1	25%	101
	(12 - 17 yrs)	48	19%	1	25%	2	50%	51
Other ⁽⁴⁾		69		---		53		122
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	1	*	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	1	1%	---	---	5	9%	6
	(12 - 17 yrs)	12	17%	---	---	19	36%	31
	18 or older	56	81%	---	---	28	53%	84
Total		6,958		1,735		364		9,057

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

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

⁽⁴⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**TABLE 17B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY2012, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	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
Western		637	34	186	210	637	187	766	2,657
	(0 - 2 yrs)	15	1	28	---	158	68	246	516
	(3 - 5 yrs)	31	2	37	---	143	49	139	401
	(6 - 11 yrs)	111	5	32	---	178	51	180	557
	(12 - 17 yrs)	402	18	68	3	144	17	169	821
	18 or older	78	8	21	207	14	2	32	362
Northern		404	38	88	211	351	65	289	1,446
	(0 - 2 yrs)	31	5	17	---	83	24	82	242
	(3 - 5 yrs)	36	5	10	---	75	18	51	195
	(6 - 11 yrs)	70	6	13	---	93	15	52	249
	(12 - 17 yrs)	209	11	35	2	91	8	85	441
	18 or older	58	11	13	209	9	---	19	319
Southern		378	19	112	178	523	102	477	1,789
	(0 - 2 yrs)	15	---	13	---	120	32	152	332
	(3 - 5 yrs)	29	4	16	---	124	32	88	293
	(6 - 11 yrs)	74	2	13	---	155	30	95	369
	(12 - 17 yrs)	212	4	43	3	107	6	109	484
	18 or older	48	9	27	175	17	2	33	311
Boston		191	16	51	105	202	32	149	746
	(0 - 2 yrs)	6	3	16	---	60	5	58	148
	(3 - 5 yrs)	5	6	5	---	41	14	19	90
	(6 - 11 yrs)	39	1	7	---	62	10	13	132
	(12 - 17 yrs)	109	6	16	1	34	3	51	220
	18 or older	32	---	7	104	5	---	8	156
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		67	---	16	---	54	60	54	251
	(0 - 2 yrs)	2	---	2	---	9	10	23	46
	(3 - 5 yrs)	13	---	2	---	15	19	11	60
	(6 - 11 yrs)	29	---	7	---	24	23	14	97
	(12 - 17 yrs)	23	---	5	---	6	8	6	48
Other ⁽³⁾		1	---	2	27	---	---	39	69
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	2	---	---	---	10	12
	18 or older	1	---	---	27	---	---	28	56
Total		1,678	107	455	731	1,767	446	1,774	6,958

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

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

⁽³⁾ 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 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Congregate Care					STARR ⁽³⁾	Total
	Group Home			Residential			
	Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential ⁽²⁾		
Western	161	94	25	157	5	121	563
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	2
(6 - 11 yrs)	14	9	---	21	---	24	68
(12 - 17 yrs)	135	58	---	111	2	95	401
18 or older	12	27	25	25	3	---	92
Northern	102	63	74	147	3	80	469
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
(6 - 11 yrs)	9	2	---	9	---	5	25
(12 - 17 yrs)	86	51	16	107	2	74	336
18 or older	7	10	58	31	1	---	107
Southern	68	70	22	165	5	110	440
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	5	5
(6 - 11 yrs)	13	3	---	14	---	10	40
(12 - 17 yrs)	49	49	4	109	2	95	308
18 or older	6	18	18	42	3	---	87
Boston	55	42	21	109	6	26	259
(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	3	3
(6 - 11 yrs)	5	2	---	8	---	2	17
(12 - 17 yrs)	45	32	6	74	3	20	180
18 or older	5	8	15	27	3	---	58
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾	1	---	---	1	---	2	4
(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	2	3
(12 - 17 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	---	1
Total	387	269	142	579	19	339	1,735

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

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

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

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

**TABLE 18A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2012, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Race	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other ⁽²⁾		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western		2,657		563		100		3,320
	White	1,244	47%	282	50%	41	41%	1,567
	Black	297	11%	76	13%	16	16%	389
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	867	33%	166	29%	35	35%	1,068
	Asian	14	1%	2	*	---	---	16
	Native American	3	*	---	---	---	---	3
	Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	1	1%	1
	Multi-Racial	107	4%	23	4%	4	4%	134
	Unable to Determine	125	5%	14	2%	3	3%	142
Northern		1,446		469		82		1,997
	White	686	47%	256	55%	45	55%	987
	Black	134	9%	47	10%	6	7%	187
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	454	31%	128	27%	21	26%	603
	Asian	68	5%	10	2%	7	9%	85
	Native American	2	*	1	*	---	---	3
	Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	2	*	---	---	2
	Multi-Racial	60	4%	16	3%	3	4%	79
	Unable to Determine	42	3%	9	2%	---	---	51
Southern		1,789		440		67		2,296
	White	1,029	58%	259	59%	39	58%	1,327
	Black	278	16%	77	18%	10	15%	365
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	244	14%	52	12%	10	15%	306
	Asian	13	1%	6	1%	2	3%	21
	Native American	8	*	1	*	---	---	9
	Multi-Racial	126	7%	32	7%	2	3%	160
	Unable to Determine	91	5%	13	3%	4	6%	108
Boston		746		259		58		1,063
	White	137	18%	38	15%	3	5%	178
	Black	366	49%	129	50%	27	47%	522
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	181	24%	77	30%	27	47%	285
	Asian	18	2%	4	2%	1	2%	23
	Native American	3	*	---	---	---	---	3
	Multi-Racial	24	3%	5	2%	---	---	29
	Unable to Determine	17	2%	6	2%	---	---	23
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁵⁾		251		4		4		259
	White	104	41%	3	75%	1	25%	108
	Black	51	20%	---	---	---	---	51
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	64	25%	1	25%	3	75%	68
	Asian	1	*	---	---	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	18	7%	---	---	---	---	18
	Unable to Determine	13	5%	---	---	---	---	13
Other ⁽⁶⁾		69		---		53		122
	Black	28	41%	---	---	7	13%	35
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	19	28%	---	---	23	43%	42
	Asian	22	32%	---	---	17	32%	39
	Unable to Determine	---	---	---	---	6	11%	6
Total		6,958		1,735		364		9,057

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

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

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

⁽³⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽⁴⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

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

⁽⁶⁾ 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 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	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	
Western		637	34	186	210	637	187	766	2,657
	White	275	18	92	94	359	88	318	1,244
	Black	96	1	25	40	45	18	72	297
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾	221	12	52	67	182	63	270	867
	Asian	4	1	1	---	1	---	7	14
	Native American	---	1	1	---	---	---	1	3
	Multi-Racial	28	---	6	7	17	8	41	107
	Unable to Determine	13	1	9	2	33	10	57	125
Northern		404	38	88	211	351	65	289	1,446
	White	171	17	39	101	198	28	132	686
	Black	49	6	5	33	19	3	19	134
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾	124	12	30	61	105	24	98	454
	Asian	19	2	3	13	10	2	19	68
	Native American	1	---	---	---	---	1	---	2
	Multi-Racial	25	1	6	3	11	4	10	60
	Unable to Determine	15	---	5	---	8	3	11	42
Southern		378	19	112	178	523	102	477	1,789
	White	207	11	71	102	325	59	254	1,029
	Black	65	4	16	33	62	7	91	278
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾	63	3	10	28	63	13	64	244
	Asian	2	---	1	4	1	2	3	13
	Native American	2	---	2	---	2	---	2	8
	Multi-Racial	24	1	6	7	41	12	35	126
	Unable to Determine	15	---	6	4	29	9	28	91
Boston		191	16	51	105	202	32	149	746
	White	33	3	8	17	46	12	18	137
	Black	90	3	25	59	98	13	78	366
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾	51	9	11	25	44	3	38	181
	Asian	5	---	3	3	2	1	4	18
	Native American	1	---	1	---	1	---	---	3
	Multi-Racial	7	---	3	---	7	2	5	24
	Unable to Determine	4	1	---	1	4	1	6	17
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		67	---	16	---	54	60	54	251
	White	28	---	5	---	28	25	18	104
	Black	16	---	2	---	11	10	12	51
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾	12	---	6	---	12	18	16	64
	Asian	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	1
	Multi-Racial	5	---	1	---	3	5	4	18
	Unable to Determine	6	---	2	---	---	1	4	13
Other ⁽⁴⁾		1	---	2	27	---	---	39	69
	Black	---	---	2	10	---	---	16	28
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾	1	---	---	12	---	---	6	19
	Asian	---	---	---	5	---	---	17	22
Total		1,678	107	455	731	1,767	446	1,774	6,958

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

⁽²⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races.

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

⁽⁴⁾ 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 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Congregate Care						STARR ⁽³⁾	Total
	Group Home			Residential		STARR ⁽³⁾		
	Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential ⁽²⁾			
Western	161	94	25	157	5	121	563	
White	80	55	4	82	---	61	282	
Black	21	8	12	18	1	16	76	
Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	50	23	7	49	4	33	166	
Asian	---	1	---	---	---	1	2	
Multi-Racial	6	5	1	5	---	6	23	
Unable to Determine	4	2	1	3	---	4	14	
Northern	102	63	74	147	3	80	469	
White	64	35	36	78	1	42	256	
Black	6	9	10	17	---	5	47	
Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	25	11	25	39	2	26	128	
Asian	2	1	1	5	---	1	10	
Native American	---	1	---	---	---	---	1	
Other ⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	1	---	1	2	
Multi-Racial	4	4	2	3	---	3	16	
Unable to Determine	1	2	---	4	---	2	9	
Southern	68	70	22	165	5	110	440	
White	37	44	8	102	3	65	259	
Black	11	10	10	25	1	20	77	
Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	8	10	2	22	---	10	52	
Asian	1	2	---	2	---	1	6	
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	
Multi-Racial	9	3	1	7	1	11	32	
Unable to Determine	2	1	1	7	---	2	13	
Boston	55	42	21	109	6	26	259	
White	7	8	4	16	---	3	38	
Black	23	21	6	60	3	16	129	
Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	21	10	8	29	3	6	77	
Asian	1	1	---	1	---	1	4	
Multi-Racial	1	---	2	2	---	---	5	
Unable to Determine	2	2	1	1	---	---	6	
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁶⁾	1	---	---	1	---	2	4	
White	1	---	---	1	---	1	3	
Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	
Total	387	269	142	579	19	339	1,735	

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

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

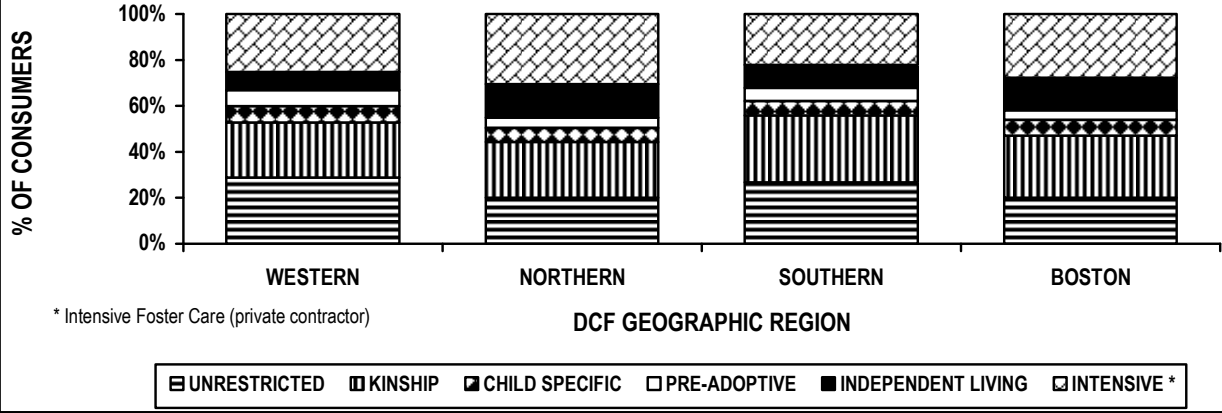
⁽³⁾ STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

⁽⁴⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races.

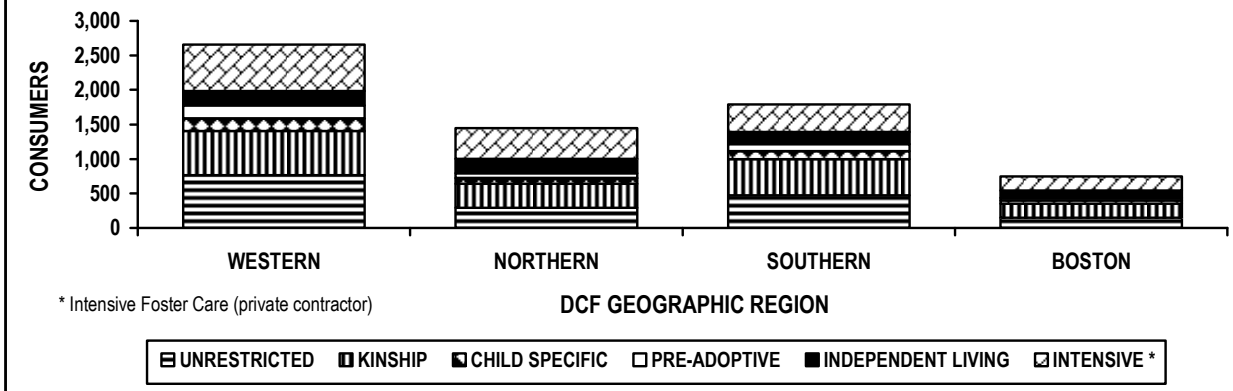
⁽⁵⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

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

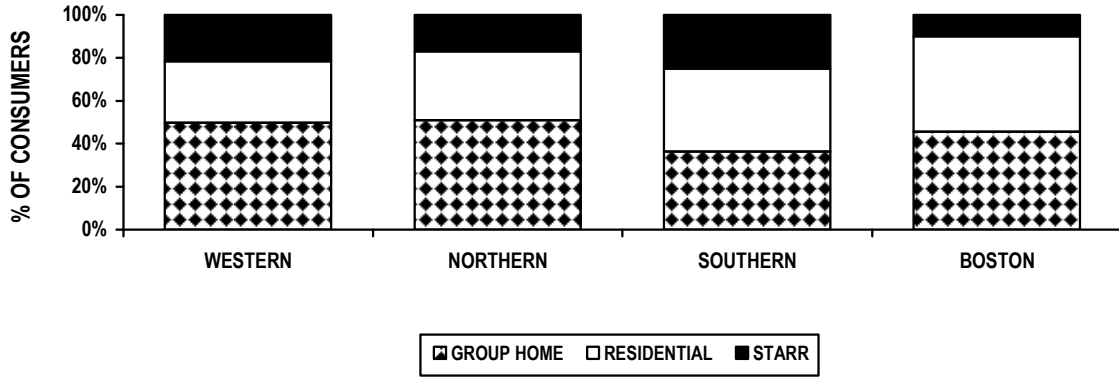
**FIGURE 22A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2012, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**



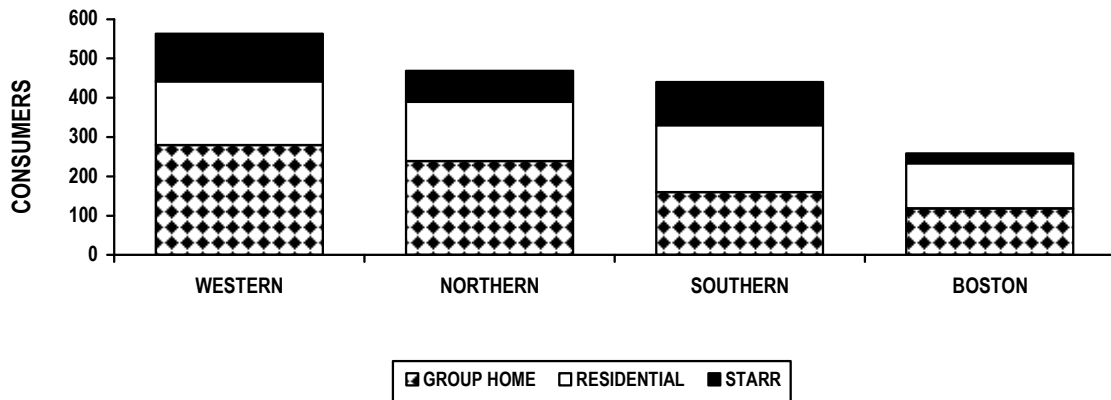
**FIGURE 22B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
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FY'2012, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**



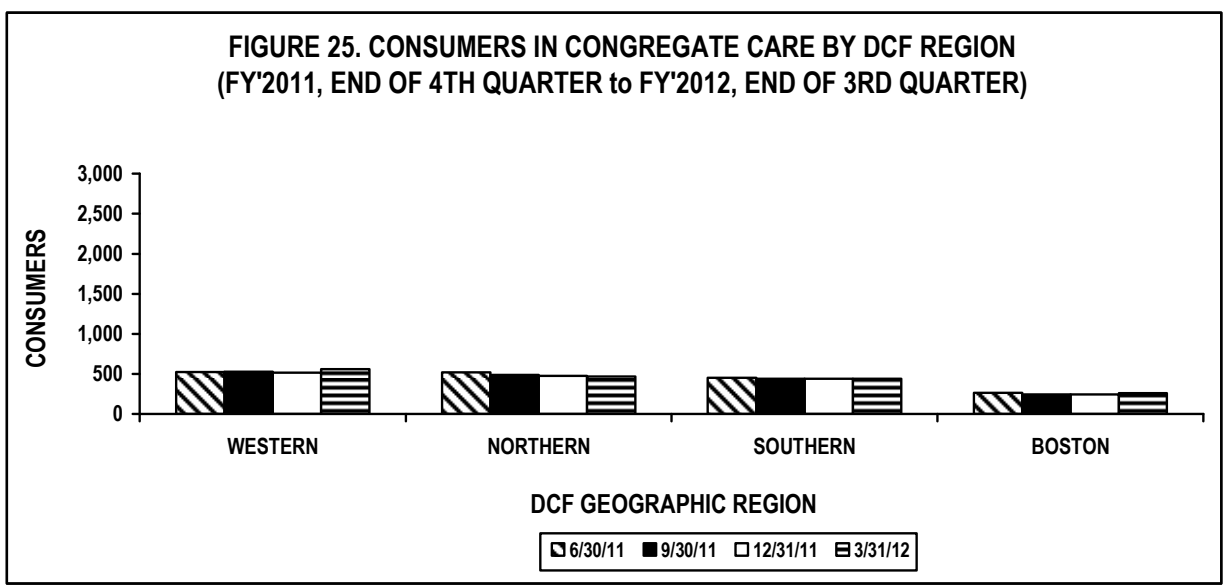
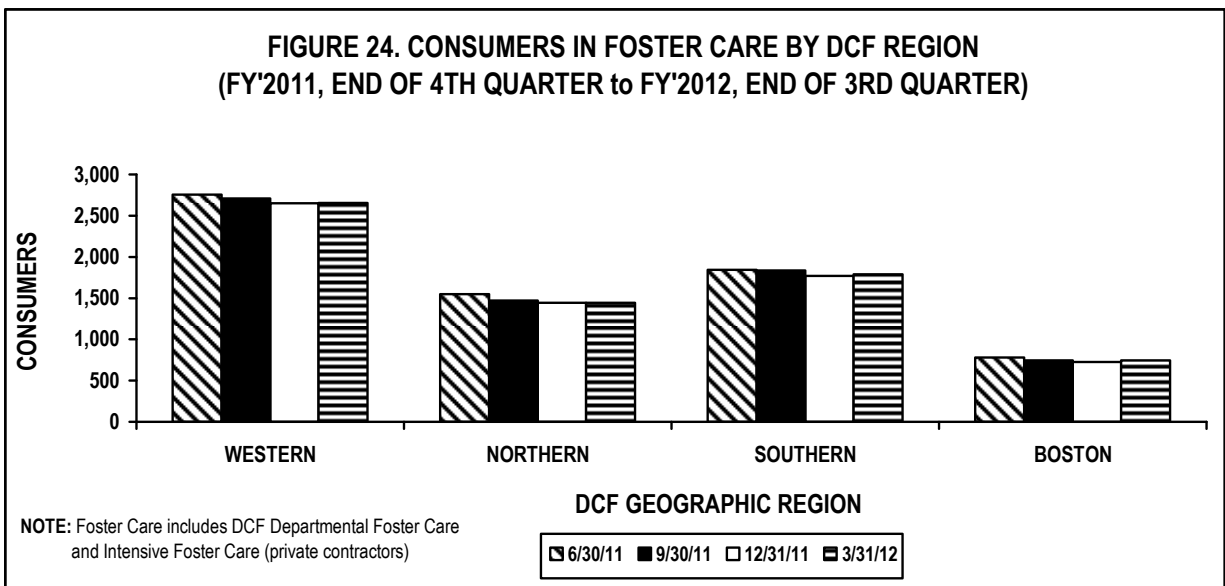
**FIGURE 23A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
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FY'2012, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**



**FIGURE 23B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2012, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**



- From the 2nd to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2012, there were increases of 3% and less than 1% in the congregate care and foster care populations, respectively (Figs. 24 and 25).²³
- Declines in statewide numbers of consumers in placement, foster care, and congregate care most often occur in the 1st quarter (and 2nd 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).



²³ Both foster care and congregate care include young adults 18 years or older.

F. Independent Living

Of the 6,958 consumers in foster care, 731 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 23rd birthday if it is demonstrated that without DCF financial support the student will not complete a Bachelor’s program. On 3/31/2012, the ages of these children ranged from 17 to 23 years old.

Of the 1,735 consumers in congregate care, 142 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 3/31/2012, the ages of these children ranged from 16 to 22 years old.

- The Northern Region had the highest number of independent living children (211 in foster care and 74 in group homes). (See table below).
- Of the 731 youth in the Departmental foster care independent living model, 99% were 18 years or older, 62% were female, 43% were White, 24% 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 142 youth in independent living group homes, 82% were 18 years or older, 51% were female, 37% were White, 27% were Black, 30% were Hispanic/Latino, and 70% 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 3rd Quarter (3/31/12)

Departmental Foster Care		DCF Region	Group Home	
No.	%		No.	%
210	29%	Western	25	18%
211	29%	Northern	74	52%
178	24%	Southern	22	15%
105	14%	Boston	21	15%
27	4%	Central Office	---	---
731	100%	TOTAL	142	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 3rd Quarter (3/31/12)**

Departmental Foster Care			Group Home	
No.	%		No.	%
		<i>Age Group</i>		
9	1%	16-17 years	26	18%
722	99%	18 years or Older	116	82%
		<i>Gender</i>		
277	38%	Male	70	49%
454	62%	Female	72	51%
		<i>Race</i>		
314	43%	White	52	37%
175	24%	Black	38	27%
193	26%	Hispanic/Latino	42	30%
25	3%	Asian	1	1%
---	---	Native American	---	---
17	2%	Multi-Racial	6	4%
7	1%	Undetermined	3	2%
		<i>Continuous Time in Care</i>		
97	13%	1 year or less	24	17%
87	12%	>1 – 2 years	18	13%
193	26%	>2 – 4 years	31	22%
354	48%	>4 years	69	49%

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

G. Children in Kinship Placement²⁴

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, 23% of all children in placement were in kinship care. The Fall River (36%), Haverhill (36%), and Cape Cod (31%) Area Offices had the highest proportions of placement children in kinship. (**Table 19A** on next page)
- Statewide, 27% of White, 20% of Hispanic/Latino, and 19% 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, Framingham (37%), South Central (33%), and Greenfield (31%) had the largest proportions of Hispanic/Latino children in kinship care. (**Table 19B**)
- Of those area offices with more than 30 Black children in placement, Fall River (32%) and Dimock Street (28%) had the largest proportions of Black children in kinship care. (**Table 19B**)

²⁴ Children are less than 18 years old.

**TABLE 19A. CHILDREN ⁽¹⁾ IN KINSHIP PLACEMENT AS A PROPORTION OF ALL CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT:
FY'2012, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**

DCF Region/Area	Kinship	Total Children in Placement	% in Kinship
Greenfield	71	262	27%
Holyoke	67	297	23%
North Central	94	342	27%
Pittsfield	73	302	24%
Robert Van Wart	71	347	20%
South Central	73	254	29%
Springfield	58	414	14%
Worcester East	55	315	17%
Worcester West	61	325	19%
Contracted Agencies	---	4	---
Western	623	2,862	22%
Cambridge	27	121	22%
Cape Ann	40	191	21%
Framingham	46	194	24%
Haverhill	51	140	36%
Lawrence	30	156	19%
Lowell	82	358	23%
Lynn	31	205	15%
Malden	35	194	18%
Northern	342	1,559	22%
Arlington	33	148	22%
Brockton	42	240	18%
Cape Cod	69	226	31%
Coastal	49	195	25%
Fall River	118	332	36%
New Bedford	89	357	25%
Plymouth	53	195	27%
Taunton/Attleboro	53	198	27%
Contracted Agencies	---	2	---
Southern	506	1,893	27%
Dimock Street	55	223	25%
Harbor	50	214	23%
Hyde Park	48	191	25%
Park Street	44	213	21%
Contracted Agencies	---	3	---
Boston	197	844	23%
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	54	259	21%
Other ⁽³⁾	---	38	---
Total	1,722	7,455	23%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.

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

⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**TABLE 19B. RACE OF CHILDREN ⁽¹⁾ IN KINSHIP PLACEMENTS COMPARED TO ALL PLACEMENTS:
FY'2012, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**

DCF Region/ Area Office	Children in Kinship			Total Children in Placement			% Kinship Placements		
	Race			Race			Race		
	White	Black	Hispanic ⁽²⁾	White	Black	Hispanic ⁽²⁾	White	Black	Hispanic ⁽²⁾
Greenfield	49	2	12	180	15	39	27%	13%	31%
Holyoke	20	2	35	83	20	172	24%	10%	20%
North Central	67	2	19	196	19	100	34%	11%	19%
Pittsfield	57	5	6	209	20	23	27%	25%	26%
Robert Van Wart	42	4	22	184	29	106	23%	14%	21%
South Central	52	2	14	194	4	43	27%	50%	33%
Springfield	6	12	34	54	109	216	11%	11%	16%
Worcester East	26	11	18	121	50	119	21%	22%	15%
Worcester West	30	3	21	140	35	112	21%	9%	19%
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	---
Western	349	43	181	1,361	301	932	26%	14%	19%
Cambridge	16	2	7	51	23	37	31%	9%	19%
Cape Ann	27	3	6	143	9	22	19%	33%	27%
Framingham	19	6	18	109	18	49	17%	33%	37%
Haverhill	40	1	8	100	5	27	40%	20%	30%
Lawrence	7	---	23	39	1	111	18%	---	21%
Lowell	39	3	30	155	17	124	25%	18%	24%
Lynn	16	2	9	68	26	76	24%	8%	12%
Malden	29	1	1	113	25	30	26%	4%	---
Northern	193	18	102	778	124	476	25%	15%	21%
Arlington	21	1	5	77	19	32	27%	5%	16%
Brockton	22	10	7	102	75	30	22%	13%	23%
Cape Cod	47	3	7	143	16	17	33%	19%	41%
Coastal	28	7	2	126	30	7	22%	23%	29%
Fall River	70	14	15	176	44	57	40%	32%	26%
New Bedford	50	12	16	187	59	69	27%	20%	23%
Plymouth	42	4	3	146	23	7	29%	17%	43%
Taunton/Attleboro	34	7	6	133	20	22	26%	35%	27%
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	1	---	1	---	---	---
Southern	314	58	61	1,091	286	242	29%	20%	25%
Dimock Street	11	34	6	30	123	54	37%	28%	11%
Harbor	21	5	21	84	20	90	25%	25%	23%
Hyde Park	3	34	10	10	136	39	30%	25%	26%
Park Street	11	21	6	23	119	45	48%	18%	13%
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	3	---	---	---	---	---
Boston	46	94	43	150	398	228	31%	24%	19%
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	28	11	12	108	51	68	26%	22%	18%
Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	13	4	---	---	---
Total	930	224	399	3,488	1,173	1,950	27%	19%	20%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.

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

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

⁽⁴⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

VI. CONSUMERS ENTERING AND LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER

- During the 3rd Quarter of FY'2012, 1,694 consumers entered placement and 1,897 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 2nd Quarter of FY'2012, there was an 12% increase in consumers entering placement and a 4% decrease in consumers leaving placement during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2012.

A. Entries to Placement

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2012, 61% were first-time entrants and 39% were re-entrants.²⁵ Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 53% in the North to 68% in the South. (Table 20, Fig. 26 on page 59)
- Across the state, 67% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 29% were placed in congregate care,²⁶ and 4% were placed in non-referral locations.²⁷
- Regionally, the proportion of all entrants placed in foster care ranged from 57% in the North to 73% in the West. In contrast, the proportion of all entrants placed in congregate care ranged from 24% in the West to 38% 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 58% of re-entrants were placed in foster care. Conversely, 38% of re-entrants and 24% of first-time entrants were placed in congregate care. (Table 20)

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

²⁶ Congregate Care includes group home, residential treatment, and short-term residential placement.

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

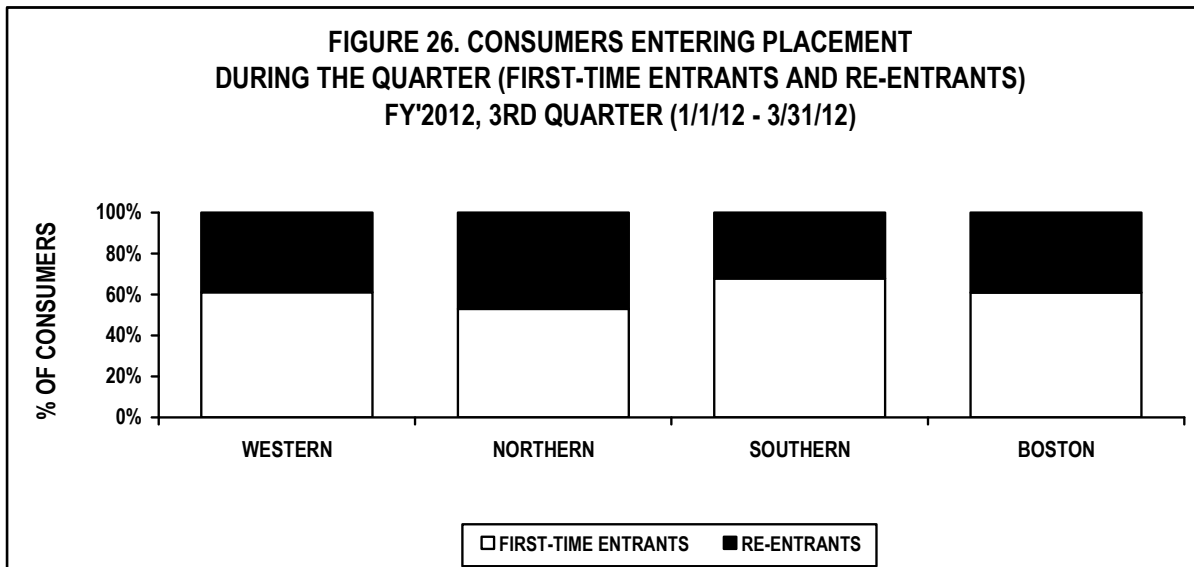
**TABLE 20. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2012, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/12 - 3/31/12)**

Entry Type: Placement Location Started	DCF Geographic Region					Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Other ⁽¹⁾	
First-Time Entrants:	417	203	293	114	9	1,036
Foster Care	324	131	208	79	4	746
Congregate Care	77	65	78	32	---	252
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	16	7	7	3	5	38
Re-Entrants:	265	180	139	73	1	658
Foster Care	171	87	75	47	1	381
Congregate Care	87	81	60	19	---	247
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	7	12	4	7	---	30
Total	682	383	432	187	10	1,694

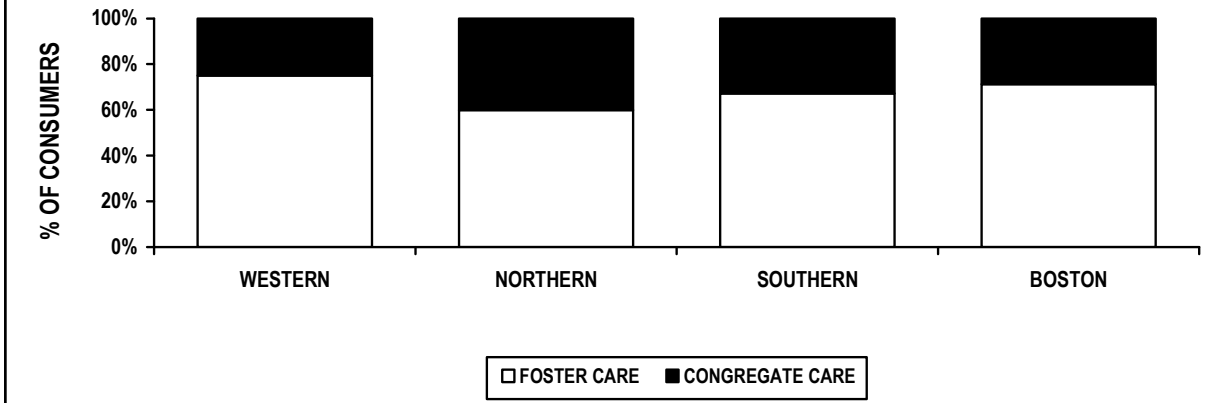
⁽¹⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

⁽²⁾ 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, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/12 - 3/31/12)**



**FIGURE 27. ALL CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT
DURING THE QUARTER TO FOSTER AND CONGREGATE CARE
FY'2012, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/12 - 3/31/12)**



B. Exits from Placement

- Statewide, 60% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 56% in the South to 64% in both the North and Boston. **(Table 21)**
- Statewide, 9% 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% in the West to 12% in the North. The proportion adopted ranged from 6% in the North to 13% in the West. The proportion granted guardianships ranged from 2% in the North to 7% in the South. **(Table 21)**

**TABLE 21. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2012, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/12 - 3/31/12)**

Reason Placement Ended	DCF Geographic Region					Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Other ⁽¹⁾	
Child Returned Home	457	286	275	118	1	1,137
Consumer Adopted	98	28	61	17	---	204
Child 18 or Older	56	55	42	21	6	180
Guardianship	33	10	32	5	---	80
Custody to Other Individual	22	17	11	3	---	54
Child on the Run	4	2	4	1	---	11
Custody to Other Agency	3	3	3	---	---	9
Consumer Deceased	---	2	---	---	---	2
Unspecified	86	46	64	18	6	220
Total	759	450	492	183	13	1,897

⁽¹⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

VII. FOSTER HOME DEMOGRAPHICS²⁸

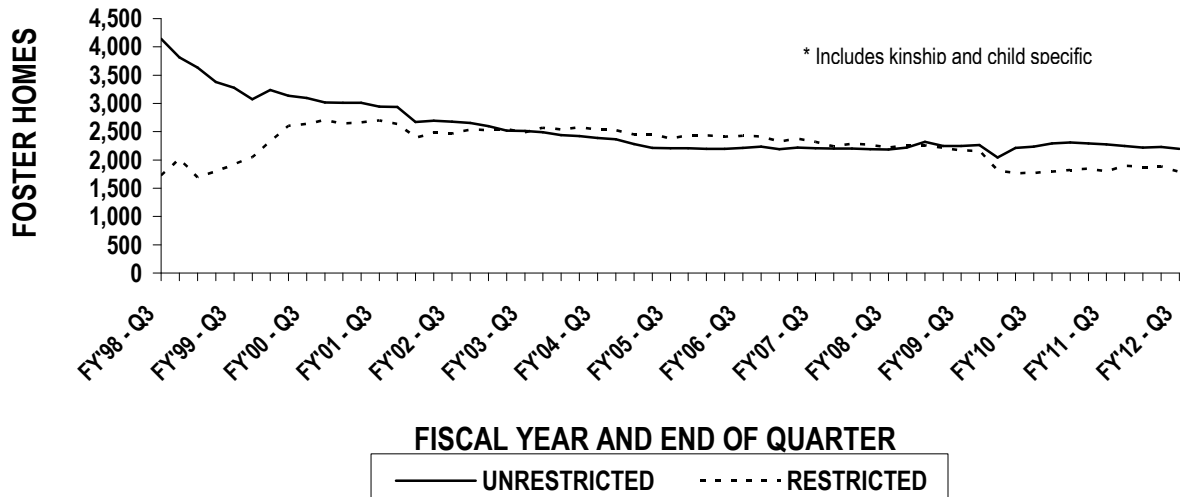
- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2012, there were 3,987 foster homes under the direct supervision of DCF. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes²⁹ as well as unrestricted homes.³⁰ There were 1,789 restricted and 2,198 in unrestricted foster homes at the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2012—decreases of 5% in restricted and 1% in unrestricted compared to the 2nd quarter. 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 3rd 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 4th Quarter of FY'2003 and declined below 50% in the 1st Quarter of FY'2009. At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2012, restricted homes accounted for 45% of all foster homes (**Table 22 and Fig. 28**)
- Statewide, 66% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were White (**Table 22**).
- Statewide, 57% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White (**Table 22**).
- Ten percent (409) of all foster homes were identified as Black (203 restricted and 206 unrestricted) (**Table 22**).
- Fifteen percent (605) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (230 restricted and 375 unrestricted) (**Table 22**).
- Statewide, 60% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were married (**Table 23** on page 63).
- Statewide, 48% of the foster parents in restricted homes were married (**Table 23**).

²⁸ 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.

²⁹ 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.

³⁰ 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 3RD QUARTER OF FY'1998 (3/31/98) TO END OF 3RD
QUARTER OF FY'2012 (3/31/12)**



**TABLE 22. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2012, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region								Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		No.	%
Restricted	646		387		573		183		1,789	
White	345	53%	249	64%	378	66%	41	22%	1,013	57%
Black	33	5%	23	6%	52	9%	95	52%	203	11%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	111	17%	63	16%	28	5%	28	15%	230	13%
Asian	2	*	12	3%	1	*	1	1%	16	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	5	1%	---	---	5	*
Other ⁽²⁾	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Multi-Racial	8	1%	3	1%	6	1%	---	---	17	1%
Unable to Determine ⁽³⁾	146	23%	36	9%	103	18%	17	9%	302	17%
Missing	---	---	1	*	---	---	1	1%	2	*
Unrestricted	860		468		670		200		2,198	
White	551	64%	313	67%	523	78%	63	32%	1,450	66%
Black	56	7%	21	4%	51	8%	78	39%	206	9%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	195	23%	83	18%	49	7%	48	24%	375	17%
Asian	2	*	11	2%	1	*	3	2%	17	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	4	1%	---	---	4	*
Other ⁽²⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1%	1	*
Multi-Racial	6	1%	2	*	4	1%	1	1%	13	1%
Unable to Determine ⁽³⁾	50	6%	38	8%	36	5%	6	3%	130	6%
Missing	---	---	---	---	2	*	---	---	2	*
Total	1,506		855		1,243		383		3,987	

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽²⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

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

**TABLE 23. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DCF REGION:
FY'2012, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**

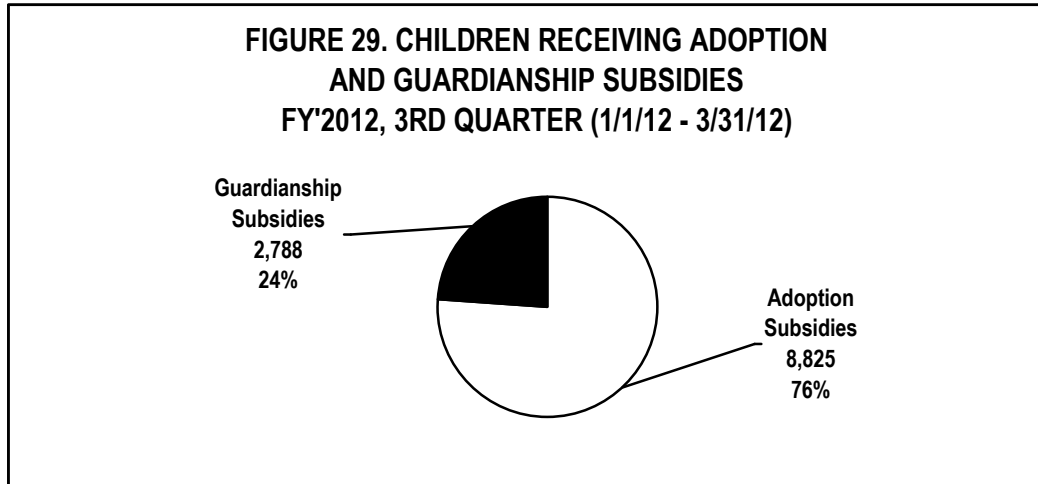
Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region								Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		No.	%
Restricted	646		387		573		183		1,789	
Married	314	49%	193	50%	294	51%	49	27%	850	48%
Single	195	30%	102	26%	148	26%	91	50%	536	30%
Divorced	65	10%	39	10%	70	12%	14	8%	188	11%
Widowed	20	3%	15	4%	21	4%	7	4%	63	4%
Separated	12	2%	12	3%	18	3%	9	5%	51	3%
Unspecified	40	6%	26	7%	22	4%	13	7%	101	6%
Unrestricted	860		468		670		200		2,198	
Married	540	63%	271	58%	424	63%	76	38%	1,311	60%
Single	155	18%	104	22%	118	18%	73	37%	450	20%
Divorced	80	9%	53	11%	69	10%	28	14%	230	10%
Widowed	18	2%	9	2%	18	3%	6	3%	51	2%
Separated	10	1%	5	1%	14	2%	6	3%	35	2%
Unspecified	57	7%	26	6%	27	4%	11	6%	121	6%
Total	1,506		855		1,243		383		3,987	

* = 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 3rd Quarter of FY'2012, the total number of children receiving an adoption subsidy was 8,825 (**Fig. 29**). Guardianship subsidies totaled 2,788. These counts represent subsidies that had a payment during the quarter, i.e., the number with service referrals actively paying out.



From the 2nd Quarter to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2012, adoption subsidies and guardianship subsidies decreased 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 st	9,727	*	2,964	*
	2 nd	9,820	1%	2,971	*
	3 rd	9,812	*	2,992	1%
	4 th	9,706	-1%	2,996	*
FY'2009	1 st	9,665	*	3,005	*
	2 nd	9,709	*	3,031	1%
	3 rd	9,676	*	3,082	2%
	4 th	9,647	*	3,111	1%
FY'2010	1 st	9,549	-1%	3,090	-1%
	2 nd	9,604	1%	3,059	-1%
	3 rd	9,518	-1%	3,032	-1%
	4 th	9,311	-2%	3,006	-1%
FY'2011	1 st	9,191	-1%	2,934	-2%
	2 nd	9,125	-1%	2,881	-2%
	3 rd	9,057	-1%	2,865	-1%
	4 th	9,002	-1%	2,872	*
FY'2012	1 st	8,887	-1%	2,818	-2%
	2 nd	8,887	---	2,807	*
	3 rd	8,825	-1%	2,788	-1%

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

IX. APPENDIX

TABLE A1. CONSUMER, CHILD, AND ADULT POPULATION TRENDS: 1983 - 2012

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	3/31/12	68,389	34,968	7,455	33,421
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 - 3/2012)

**TABLE A2. CASE OPENINGS ⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2012, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/12 - 3/31/12)**

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Case Openings ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Protective ⁽²⁾		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other ⁽³⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	40	66%	2	3%	2	3%	1	2%	16	26%	61
Holyoke	81	76%	2	2%	3	3%	4	4%	16	15%	106
North Central	101	91%	--	--	6	5%	3	3%	1	1%	111
Pittsfield	62	87%	--	--	4	6%	1	1%	4	6%	71
Robert Van Wart	109	87%	9	7%	--	--	--	--	8	6%	126
South Central	101	87%	8	7%	3	3%	--	--	4	3%	116
Springfield	126	92%	5	4%	--	--	--	--	6	4%	137
Worcester East	94	78%	6	5%	3	2%	8	7%	10	8%	121
Worcester West	96	97%	--	--	2	2%	--	--	1	1%	99
Western	810	85%	32	3%	23	2%	17	2%	66	7%	948
Cambridge	71	86%	1	1%	2	2%	1	1%	8	10%	83
Cape Ann	47	69%	--	--	10	15%	10	15%	1	1%	68
Framingham	61	88%	6	9%	--	--	1	1%	1	--	69
Haverhill	24	92%	1	4%	1	4%	--	--	--	--	26
Lawrence	40	74%	11	20%	1	2%	--	--	2	4%	54
Lowell	95	83%	5	4%	4	3%	1	1%	10	9%	115
Lynn	34	64%	4	8%	5	9%	4	8%	6	11%	53
Malden	66	87%	--	--	5	7%	3	4%	2	3%	76
Northern	438	81%	28	5%	28	5%	20	4%	30	6%	544
Arlington	60	82%	2	3%	8	11%	1	1%	2	3%	73
Brockton	83	89%	7	8%	1	1%	--	--	2	2%	93
Cape Cod	64	78%	7	9%	1	1%	5	6%	5	6%	82
Coastal	65	86%	9	12%	--	--	1	1%	1	1%	76
Fall River	67	83%	7	9%	1	1%	2	2%	4	5%	81
New Bedford	91	88%	2	2%	5	5%	1	1%	4	4%	103
Plymouth	71	89%	2	3%	--	--	7	9%	--	--	80
Taunton/Attleboro	74	84%	4	5%	4	5%	4	5%	2	2%	88
Southern	575	85%	40	6%	20	3%	21	3%	20	3%	676
Dimock St.	73	92%	4	5%	1	1%	--	--	1	1%	79
Harbor	69	86%	6	8%	3	--	--	--	2	3%	80
Hyde Park	66	88%	4	5%	3	4%	--	--	2	3%	75
Park Street	67	80%	8	10%	7	8%	2	2%	--	--	84
Boston	275	86%	22	7%	14	4%	2	1%	5	2%	318
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	100%	2
Other ⁽⁵⁾	--	--	--	--	7	100%	--	--	--	--	7
Total:	2,098		122		92		60		123		2,495

⁽¹⁾ An unduplicated count of case openings during the quarter.

⁽²⁾ The outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

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

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

⁽⁵⁾ 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, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/12 - 3/31/12)**

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Consumer Openings ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Protective ⁽²⁾		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other ⁽³⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	416	87%	35	7%	2	*	3	1%	20	4%	476
Holyoke	568	87%	16	2%	18	3%	18	3%	31	5%	651
North Central	657	92%	20	3%	13	2%	23	3%	1	0%	714
Pittsfield	538	92%	2	*	20	3%	12	2%	15	3%	587
Robert Van Wart	697	91%	58	8%	---	---	---	---	7	1%	762
South Central	552	91%	41	7%	4	1%	---	---	7	1%	604
Springfield	952	94%	37	4%	6	1%	2	*	17	*	1,014
Worcester East	553	86%	29	5%	18	3%	23	4%	17	3%	640
Worcester West	644	89%	44	6%	4	1%	33	5%	1	*	726
Contracted Agencies	2	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
Western	5,579	90%	282	5%	85	1%	114	2%	116	2%	6,176
Cambridge	379	92%	11	3%	11	3%	3	1%	8	2%	412
Cape Ann	280	70%	---	---	31	8%	85	21%	2	1%	398
Framingham	332	87%	29	8%	6	2%	8	2%	7	---	382
Haverhill	255	93%	10	4%	6	2%	1	*	2	1%	274
Lawrence	268	81%	52	16%	2	1%	1	*	7	2%	330
Lowell	610	90%	44	6%	5	1%	9	1%	12	2%	680
Lynn	240	77%	29	9%	8	3%	21	7%	12	4%	310
Malden	414	91%	---	---	17	4%	17	4%	5	*	453
Northern	2,778	86%	175	5%	86	3%	145	4%	55	2%	3,239
Arlington	333	80%	17	4%	52	13%	11	3%	2	---	415
Brockton	510	88%	50	9%	6	1%	2	*	11	*	579
Cape Cod	420	85%	29	6%	9	2%	23	5%	12	2%	493
Coastal	414	85%	68	14%	---	---	4	1%	3	1%	489
Fall River	417	82%	67	13%	---	---	10	2%	12	2%	506
New Bedford	635	91%	35	5%	17	2%	6	---	7	1%	700
Plymouth	458	84%	40	7%	2	*	39	7%	9	2%	548
Taunton/Attleboro	413	83%	47	9%	12	2%	24	5%	2	*	498
Contracted Agencies	2	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
Southern	3,602	85%	353	8%	98	2%	119	3%	58	1%	4,230
Dimock Street	430	93%	26	6%	5	1%	---	---	3	1%	464
Harbor	391	89%	33	8%	11	3%	---	---	2	*	437
Hyde Park	358	86%	30	7%	19	5%	1	*	6	1%	414
Park Street	453	81%	60	11%	24	4%	25	4%		*	562
Boston	1,632	87%	149	8%	59	3%	26	1%	11	1%	1,877
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	100%	3
Other ⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	---	5	100%	---	---	---	---	5
Missing	2	13%	---	---	---	---	---	---	13	87%	15
Total:	13,593	87%	959	6%	333	2%	404	3%	256	2%	15,545

* Less than 1% after rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ An unduplicated count of consumer openings during the quarter.

⁽²⁾ The outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

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

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

⁽⁵⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minors program.

TABLE A4. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2012, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/12 - 3/31/12)

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	276	48%	98	17%	24	4%	179	31%	577
Holyoke	309	40%	253	33%	3	*	203	26%	768
North Central	354	52%	94	14%	5	1%	227	33%	680
Pittsfield	389	43%	248	28%	15	2%	247	27%	899
Robert Van Wart	418	54%	100	13%	17	2%	246	31%	781
South Central	293	42%	216	31%	14	2%	180	26%	703
Springfield	327	37%	280	32%	44	5%	228	26%	879
Worcester East	182	36%	172	34%	42	8%	104	21%	500
Worcester West	199	35%	233	40%	32	6%	112	19%	576
Western	2,747	43%	1,694	27%	196	3%	1,726	27%	6,363
Cambridge	126	39%	74	23%	10	3%	113	35%	323
Cape Ann	313	63%	26	5%	11	2%	148	30%	498
Framingham	329	67%	43	9%	3	1%	114	23%	489
Haverhill	224	49%	53	12%	10	2%	166	37%	453
Lawrence	281	58%	44	9%	---	---	156	32%	481
Lowell	340	50%	176	26%	45	7%	118	17%	679
Lynn	229	61%	38	10%	1	*	105	28%	373
Malden	224	47%	125	26%	10	2%	117	25%	476
Northern	2,066	55%	579	15%	90	2%	1,037	27%	3,772
Arlington	247	59%	42	10%	5	1%	127	30%	421
Brockton	224	44%	149	29%	9	2%	130	25%	512
Cape Cod	264	48%	128	23%	10	2%	145	27%	547
Coastal	246	52%	91	19%	12	3%	123	26%	472
Fall River	185	38%	192	39%	18	4%	97	20%	492
New Bedford	215	37%	161	28%	24	4%	182	31%	582
Plymouth	289	52%	104	19%	12	2%	150	27%	555
Taunton/Attleboro	207	40%	121	23%	8	2%	186	36%	522
Southern	1,877	46%	988	24%	98	2%	1,140	28%	4,103
Dimock Street	178	41%	187	43%	11	3%	58	13%	434
Harbor	154	42%	114	31%	12	3%	88	24%	368
Hyde Park	195	45%	119	27%	10	2%	114	26%	438
Park Street	196	46%	154	36%	20	5%	56	13%	426
Boston	723	43%	574	34%	53	3%	316	19%	1,666
Judge Baker Children's Center	2,348	41%	1,295	23%	1,009	18%	1,051	18%	5,703
Special Investigation	80	39%	123	61%	---	---	---	---	203
Total	9,841	45%	5,253	24%	1,446	7%	5,270	24%	21,810

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, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/12 - 3/31/12)

DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Initial Assessment Decision				Total No.
	Supported		Unsupported		Concern		Min/No Concern		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	67	25%	34	13%	75	28%	95	35%	271
Holyoke	122	29%	89	21%	103	25%	100	24%	414
North Central	79	21%	53	14%	132	35%	108	29%	372
Pittsfield	124	31%	84	21%	43	11%	151	38%	402
Robert Van Wart	83	22%	29	8%	155	41%	110	29%	377
South Central	104	27%	85	22%	97	25%	103	26%	389
Springfield	173	32%	112	21%	123	23%	135	25%	543
Worcester East	145	46%	76	24%	43	14%	53	17%	317
Worcester West	183	47%	89	23%	59	15%	59	15%	390
Western	1,080	31%	651	19%	830	24%	914	26%	3,475
Cambridge	49	25%	41	21%	59	30%	51	26%	200
Cape Ann	26	15%	10	6%	62	35%	79	45%	177
Framingham	32	20%	13	8%	68	43%	45	28%	158
Haverhill	29	12%	29	12%	59	25%	122	51%	239
Lawrence	24	12%	15	8%	67	35%	87	45%	193
Lowell	134	41%	78	24%	50	15%	61	19%	323
Lynn	21	15%	12	8%	66	46%	43	30%	142
Malden	68	27%	55	22%	61	24%	67	27%	251
Northern	383	23%	253	15%	492	29%	555	33%	1,683
Arlington	40	15%	22	8%	71	27%	129	49%	262
Brockton	106	34%	57	18%	77	24%	75	24%	315
Cape Cod	66	24%	49	18%	76	28%	79	29%	270
Coastal	85	27%	68	22%	66	21%	91	29%	310
Fall River	118	41%	65	22%	50	17%	58	20%	291
New Bedford	165	40%	49	12%	91	22%	111	27%	416
Plymouth	73	24%	51	17%	72	24%	103	34%	299
Taunton/Attleboro	82	26%	48	15%	97	30%	92	29%	319
Southern	735	30%	409	16%	600	24%	738	30%	2,482
Dimock Street	129	46%	77	27%	32	11%	43	15%	281
Harbor	98	38%	53	21%	45	17%	62	24%	258
Hyde Park	92	35%	58	22%	50	19%	66	25%	266
Park Street	112	43%	75	29%	32	12%	40	15%	259
Solutions for Living	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Boston	432	41%	263	25%	159	15%	211	20%	1,065
Judge Baker Children's Center	572	70%	244	30%	---	---	1	*	817
Special Investigations	42	16%	221	84%	---	---	---	---	263
Total	3,244	33%	2,041	21%	2,081	21%	2,419	25%	9,785

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

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

Time Period	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'2003 Total	2,089	47%	2,310	53%	4,399
FY'2004 Total	2,101	47%	2,399	53%	4,500
FY'2005 Total	2,122	46%	2,459	54%	4,581
FY'2006 Total	2,077	44%	2,666	56%	4,743
FY'2007 Total	2,279	48%	2,431	52%	4,710
FY'2008 Total	2,561	49%	2,652	51%	5,213
FY'2009 Total	2,927	51%	2,784	49%	5,711
FY'2010, Q1	649	53%	568	47%	1,217
FY'2010, Q2	727	54%	621	46%	1,348
FY'2010, Q3	787	56%	611	44%	1,398
FY'2010, Q4	870	54%	753	46%	1,623
FY'2010 Total	3,033	54%	2,553	46%	5,586
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
FY'2011 Total	3,040	53%	2,671	47%	5,711
FY'2012, Q1	630	51%	616	49%	1,246
FY'2012, Q2	764	50%	764	50%	1,528
FY'2012, Q3	788	52%	721	48%	1,509

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*		Unspecified ⁽¹⁾		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'2003 Total	1,688	78%	461	21%	19	1%	---	---	2,168
FY'2004 Total	1,713	78%	450	21%	26	1%	---	---	2,189
FY'2005 Total	1,715	79%	456	21%	13	1%	---	---	2,184
FY'2006 Total	1,782	83%	342	16%	26	1%	---	---	2,150
FY'2007 Total	1,935	82%	390	17%	31	1%	---	---	2,356
FY'2008 Total	2,049	78%	552	21%	38	1%	---	---	2,639
FY'2009 Total	2,413	80%	572	19%	29	1%	---	---	3,014
FY'2010, Q1	541	81%	108	16%	15	2%	---	---	664
FY'2010, Q2	588	80%	137	19%	14	2%	---	---	739
FY'2010, Q3	639	79%	153	19%	12	1%	---	---	804
FY'2010, Q4	725	81%	161	18%	10	1%	---	---	896
FY'2010 Total	2,493	80%	559	18%	51	2%	---	---	3,103
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
FY'2011 Total	2,542	82%	518	17%	47	2%	---	---	3,107
FY'2012, Q1	537	84%	85	13%	21	3%	---	---	643
FY'2012, Q2	664	85%	111	14%	6	1%	---	---	781
FY'2012, Q3	673	83%	127	16%	8	1%	1	*	809

⁽¹⁾ Unspecified as of run-date:

* 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 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**

DCF Region/Area	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				Total No.
	Not Legally Free		Legally Free		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	43	52%	39	48%	82
Holyoke	49	49%	50	51%	99
North Central	61	63%	36	37%	97
Pittsfield	39	49%	41	51%	80
Robert Van Wart	62	54%	53	46%	115
South Central	54	56%	42	44%	96
Springfield	62	46%	72	54%	134
Worcester East	57	53%	50	47%	107
Worcester West	56	59%	39	41%	95
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	1
Western	484	53%	422	47%	906
Cambridge	12	46%	14	54%	26
Cape Ann	20	47%	23	53%	43
Framingham	14	30%	33	70%	47
Haverhill	20	39%	31	61%	51
Lawrence	20	34%	38	66%	58
Lowell	54	46%	64	54%	118
Lynn	44	54%	37	46%	81
Malden	11	35%	20	65%	31
Northern	195	43%	260	57%	455
Arlington	8	53%	7	47%	15
Brockton	21	38%	35	63%	56
Cape Cod	16	33%	32	67%	48
Coastal	21	33%	43	67%	64
Fall River	37	36%	66	64%	103
New Bedford	63	47%	72	53%	135
Plymouth	23	38%	37	62%	60
Taunton/Attleboro	29	52%	27	48%	56
Southern	218	41%	319	59%	537
Dimock Street	40	53%	36	47%	76
Harbor	22	33%	44	67%	66
Hyde Park ⁽¹⁾	---	---	---	---	---
Park Street	28	53%	25	47%	53
Contracted Agencies	2	100%	---	---	2
Boston	92	47%	105	53%	197
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	119	48%	131	52%	250
Total	1,108	47%	1,237	53%	2,345

⁽¹⁾ Hyde Park does not have an adoption unit.

⁽²⁾ 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 3RD QUARTER (3/31/12)**

DCF Region/Area	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				Total No.
	Not Matched		Matched		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	14	17%	68	83%	82
Holyoke	18	18%	81	82%	99
North Central	28	29%	69	71%	97
Pittsfield	13	16%	67	84%	80
Robert Van Wart	20	17%	95	83%	115
South Central	21	22%	75	78%	96
Springfield	32	24%	102	76%	134
Worcester East	32	30%	75	70%	107
Worcester West	20	21%	75	79%	95
Contracted Agencies	1	100%		---	1
Western	199	22%	707	78%	906
Cambridge	5	19%	21	81%	26
Cape Ann	8	19%	35	81%	43
Framingham	5	11%	42	89%	47
Haverhill	10	20%	41	80%	51
Lawrence	16	28%	42	72%	58
Lowell	24	20%	94	80%	118
Lynn	41	51%	40	49%	81
Malden	2	6%	29	94%	31
Northern	111	24%	344	76%	455
Arlington	4	27%	11	73%	15
Brockton	24	43%	32	57%	56
Cape Cod	8	17%	40	83%	48
Coastal	14	22%	50	78%	64
Fall River	38	37%	65	63%	103
New Bedford	31	23%	104	77%	135
Plymouth	10	17%	50	83%	60
Taunton/Attleboro	4	7%	52	93%	56
Southern	133	25%	404	75%	537
Dimock Street	27	36%	49	64%	76
Harbor	20	30%	46	70%	66
Hyde Park ⁽¹⁾	---	---	---	---	---
Park Street	17	32%	36	68%	53
Contracted Agencies	2	100%	---	---	2
Boston	66	34%	131	66%	197
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	122	49%	128	51%	250
Total	631	27%	1,714	73%	2,345

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⁽²⁾ 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 Massachusetts¹

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%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	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
Hispanic Origin²														
Yes	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.

¹Selection of cities was based on total population (adults and children).

²Children 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