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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 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, DCF had 20,488 open cases (1,742 adoption cases and 18,746 clinical cases) and 66,114 open consumers<sup>1</sup> (32,593 adults and 33,521 children). (**Table 1** on page 3)
- From the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, case counts decreased 3% and consumer counts declined 4% (**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 68). Since June 2009, there have been significant declines in consumers (-25%), children (-28%), children in placement (-15%), and adults (-23%) (**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 continues 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**). From 2009 to 2012, counts of all children less than 18 years old and adults 18 years or older are decreasing and converging (**Fig 1**).

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

## A. Consumers in Placement

- There were 9,075 individuals in placement on the last day of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013. Included in this count are 7,471 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,604 young adults (18 to 23 years old). (**Table 1** on next page)
- 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 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, the number of children in placement increased less than 1% statewide (**Appendix Table A1** on page 68). Regional changes ranged from -3% in the North to 3% in the South (**Fig. 14** on page 26).

## B. Children Not in Placement

- At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, there were 26,050 children less than 18 years old with an active case status who were not in placement (**Table 1**). From the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, counts of children not in placement decreased 6% statewide (**Appendix Table A1**, all children minus children in placement). The count of children not in placement continues on a downward trend (**Fig. 1** on page 4). Regional changes ranged from -7% in the West to -1% in Boston (**Fig. 15** on page 26).
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. (**Appendix Table A1, Fig. 8** on page 12)



**TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2013, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**

Case Counts:	DCF Geographic Region				Adoption		Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>	Other <sup>(2)</sup>	
<b>Adoption</b>	653	359	413	160	154	3	<b>1,742</b>
<b>Clinical</b>	7,121	4,007	4,938	2,545	9	126	<b>18,746</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,774</b>	<b>4,366</b>	<b>5,351</b>	<b>2,705</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>20,488</b>
<b>Consumer Counts:</b>							
<b>Adults: <sup>(3)</sup></b>							
<b>In Placement: <sup>(4)</sup> Foster/Congregate Care <sup>(5)</sup></b>	461	439	372	211	---	75	<b>1,558</b>
<b>Other <sup>(6)</sup></b>	5	7	2	6	---	15	<b>35</b>
<b>On the Run</b>	2	2	4	3	---	---	<b>11</b>
<b>Total in Placement</b>	468	448	378	220	---	90	<b>1,604</b>
<b>Not in Placement</b>	12,180	6,226	8,593	3,970	---	20	<b>30,989</b>
<b>Total Adults</b>	12,648	6,674	8,971	4,190	---	110	<b>32,593</b>
<b>Children:</b>							
<b>In Placement: <sup>(4)</sup> Foster/Congregate Care <sup>(5)</sup></b>	2,763	1,437	1,868	819	257	35	<b>7,179</b>
<b>Other <sup>(6)</sup></b>	63	51	27	20	2	3	<b>166</b>
<b>On the Run</b>	38	28	26	34	---	---	<b>126</b>
<b>Total in Placement</b>	2,864	1,516	1,921	873	259	38	<b>7,471</b>
<b>Not in Placement</b>	10,778	5,201	6,502	3,556	5	8	<b>26,050</b>
<b>Total Children</b>	13,642	6,717	8,423	4,429	264	46	<b>33,521</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,290</b>	<b>13,391</b>	<b>17,394</b>	<b>8,619</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>66,114</b>

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

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

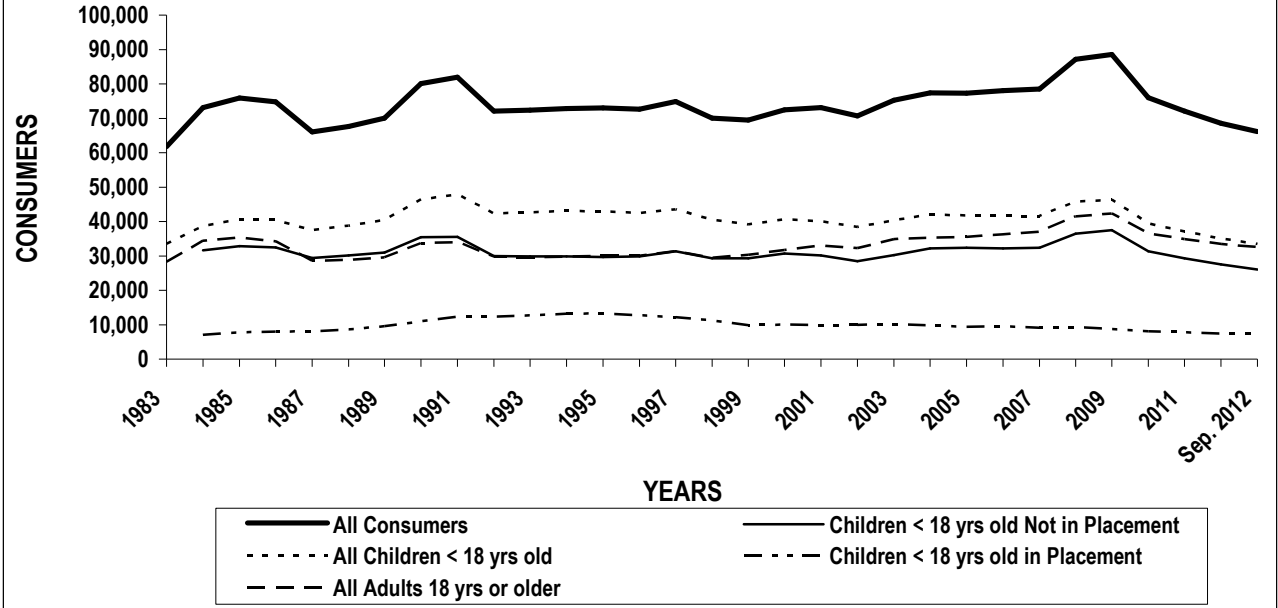
<sup>(3)</sup> Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

<sup>(4)</sup> Children and young adults in the care/custody of DCF. "Adults" in Foster/Residential Care are being transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and Developmental Services (DDS) or are supported by DCF until graduation from a full-time school or vocational training program (through age 23 for a Bachelor's Degree).

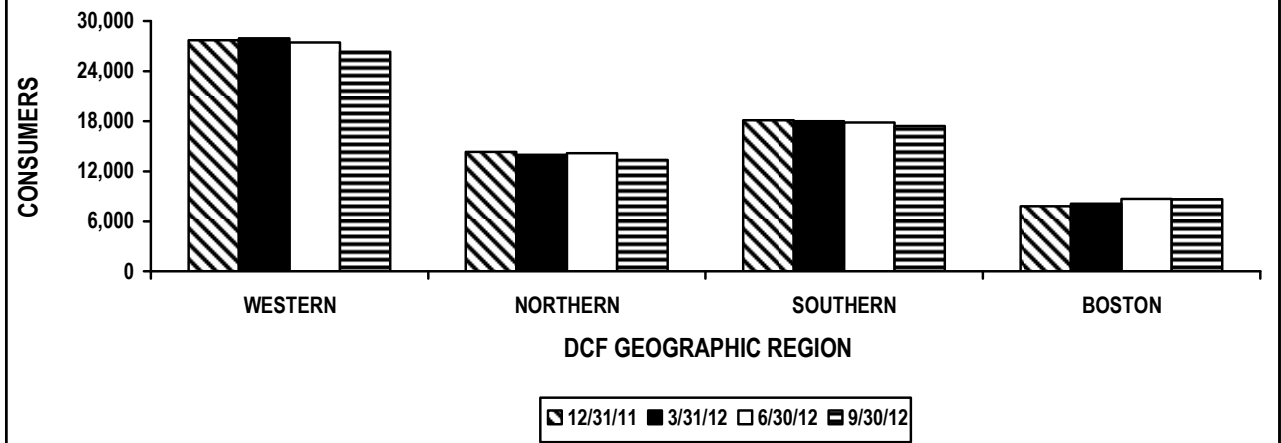
<sup>(5)</sup> See Tables 17A, 17B and 17C for a breakdown by type of placement.

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

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



**FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2012, END OF 2ND QUARTER to FY'2013, END OF 1ST QUARTER)**



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

- All counts are unduplicated; if a case or a consumer had more than one opening in the quarter, only the first one was selected.
- During the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, there were 2,006 case openings (unduplicated) and 12,647 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 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, case openings decreased 12% (**Appendix Table A4** on page 71, **Fig. 4** on page 7) and consumer openings decreased 18%.
- Sixty-five percent of case openings and 77% of consumer openings were due to supported abuse/neglect reports (protective). (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- Seventeen percent of case openings and 11% of consumer openings were the result of an initial assessment (alternative response). (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 5% of case openings and 3% of consumer openings. (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- CHINS referrals accounted for 4% of case openings and 5% 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 58-72% of the total intakes for each region. Case openings by alternative response represented 11-20% of all intakes for each region. CHINS referrals ranged from 3-8% of the total intakes for each region. Voluntary requests ranged from 4-6% 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 36% at Cape Ann to 78% at both New Bedford and Worcester East (**Appendix Table A2** case openings, **Appendix Table A3** consumer openings on pages 69-70).
- Case openings (statewide) are lowest in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. The quarterly trend in case openings is similar to the pattern for reports of child abuse/neglect (**Fig. 4, Fig. 7** on page 12, **Appendix Table A4**).
- The decline in Protective case openings may be partly related to the addition of Alternative Response as an intake type (**Appendix Tables A2 and A4**).

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

**TABLE 2A. CASE OPENINGS<sup>(1)</sup> DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2013, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/12 - 9/30/12)**

DCF Geographic Region	Case Openings <sup>(1)</sup>											Total No.	
	Protective <sup>(2)</sup>		Alternative Response <sup>(3)</sup>		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other <sup>(4)</sup>		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.		%
Western	475	66%	132	18%	18	3%	33	5%	6	1%	56	8%	720
Northern	221	58%	75	20%	15	4%	21	6%	11	3%	37	10%	380
Southern	398	66%	108	18%	27	5%	24	4%	14	2%	29	5%	600
Boston	212	72%	31	11%	24	8%	15	5%	4	1%	8	3%	294
Adoption Contracts <sup>(5)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	100%	2
Other <sup>(6)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	10	100%	---	---	---	---	10
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,306</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>2,006</b>

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Outcome of an investigation.

<sup>(3)</sup> Outcome of an initial assessment.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

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

<sup>(6)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program and Residential & Adolescent Services Unit.

**TABLE 2B. CONSUMER OPENINGS<sup>(1)</sup> DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2013, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/12 - 10/30/12)**

DCF Geographic Region	Consumer Openings <sup>(1)</sup>											Total No.	
	Protective <sup>(2)</sup>		Alternative Response <sup>(3)</sup>		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other <sup>(4)</sup>		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.		%
Western	3,987	80%	503	10%	148	3%	151	3%	67	1%	107	2%	4,963
Northern	1,853	74%	319	13%	103	4%	76	3%	101	4%	53	2%	2,505
Southern	2,634	75%	399	11%	198	6%	97	3%	116	3%	46	1%	3,490
Boston	1,327	79%	109	6%	134	8%	50	3%	37	2%	20	1%	1,677
Adoption Contracts <sup>(5)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	100%	2
Other <sup>(6)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	10	100%	---	---	---	---	10
<b>Total:</b>	<b>9,801</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>1,330</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>12,647</b>

\* Less than 1% after rounding-off.

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Outcome of an investigation.

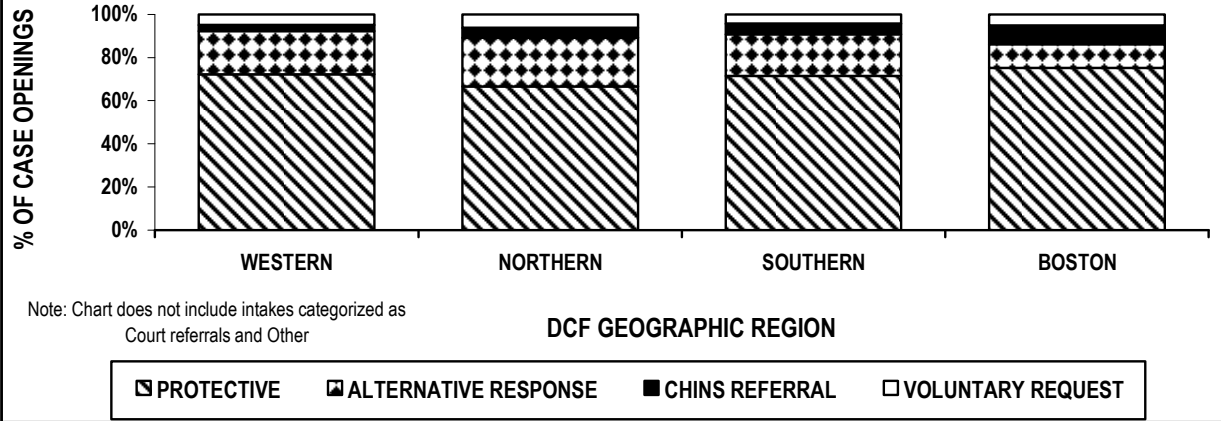
<sup>(3)</sup> Outcome of an initial assessment.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven and Other.

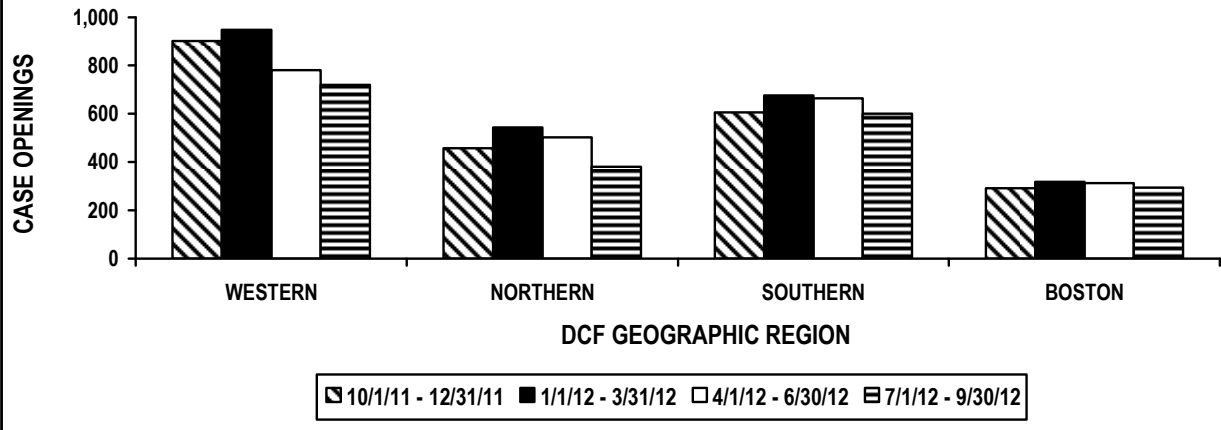
<sup>(5)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

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

**FIGURE 3. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION  
FY'2013, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/12 - 9/30/12)**



**FIGURE 4. CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2012, 2ND QUARTER to FY'2013, 1ST QUARTER)**



### III. CHILD MALTREATMENT

In August 2009, DCF implemented an “Alternative 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, 18,783 reports were recorded during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY’2013. Thirty-four percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation and 21% were screened-in for initial assessment. Eight 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 21% in the North to 42% in Boston. At the Judge Baker Children’s Center, 42% 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 by region ranged from 17% in Boston to 27% in the Southern region. Judge Baker screened-in 17% of the reports for initial assessment. (**Table 3, Fig. 5**)
- Worcester East, Worcester West, and Hyde Park Areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (44-50%). Taunton/Attleboro and Greenfield Areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (32-35%). (**Appendix Table A5** on page 72)
- Greenfield and Framingham Areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (8%). The Hyde Park and Dimock Street Areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (15-16%). (**Appendix Table A5**)
- The DCF Regions screened-in 2-4% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 19% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children’s Center Hotline. (**Table 3**)
- Statewide, reports decreased 14% from the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY’2012 to the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of FY’2013. Typically, report counts decline during the summer quarter (Q1) then rise during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). (**Appendix Table A7** on page 74, **Fig. 7** on page 12)

## B. Investigation and Initial Assessment Responses

- During the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, 8,352 total responses (investigations and initial assessments) were completed (**Table 4** on next page)—a decrease of 19% from the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012 (**Appendix Table A7** on page 74, **Fig. 8** on page 12).
- Investigations and initial assessments as a proportion of all responses for each region were: 68% and 32% (Boston); 56% and 50% (West); 51% and 49% (South); 45% and 55% (North), respectively. (**Fig. 6** on page 11, **Table 4**)

### Initial Assessments

- There were 3,350 initial assessments completed during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013<sup>3</sup>. The assessment decision was “concern” for 43% of initial assessments and “minimal or no concern” for 57%. 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**)
- The Framingham Area had the highest proportion of initial assessments which resulted in a finding of concern (69%). (**Appendix Table A6** on page 73)
- Statewide, initial assessments decreased -29% from the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013 (**Appendix Table A7** on page 74).

### Investigations

- The number of investigations conducted during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013 was 5,002 (**Table 4**).<sup>3</sup> Of these investigations, 1 resulted from a report screened-in for initial assessment.
- Sixty-four percent of the investigations resulted in supported allegations of maltreatment. (**Table 4**)
- Regional support rates went from a low of 58% in the North to a high of 73% in Boston (and Judge Baker). (**Table 4**)
- The Framingham Area had the highest proportion of investigations which resulted in a supported allegation(s) (84%). (**Appendix Table A6**)
- Statewide, investigations decreased 11% from the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013 (**Appendix Table A7**).

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

**TABLE 3. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2013, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/12 - 9/30/12)**

DCF Geographic Region	Screening Decision									Report Total	
	Screened-Out		Screened-In for Investigation				Screened-In for Initial Assessment				
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	S/I Total	No.	%	No.	%
Western	2,346	45%	1,500	29%	117	2%	1,617	1,210	23%	5,173	28%
Northern	1,743	58%	539	18%	78	3%	617	662	22%	3,022	16%
Southern	1,414	44%	851	27%	89	3%	940	851	27%	3,205	17%
Boston	505	41%	469	38%	49	4%	518	216	17%	1,239	7%
Judge Baker Children's Center	2,344	40%	1,356	23%	1,108	19%	2,464	1,016	17%	5,824	31%
Special Investigations	116	36%	204	64%	---	---	204	---	---	320	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,468</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>4,919</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>1,441</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>6,360</b>	<b>3,955</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>18,783</b>	<b>100%</b>

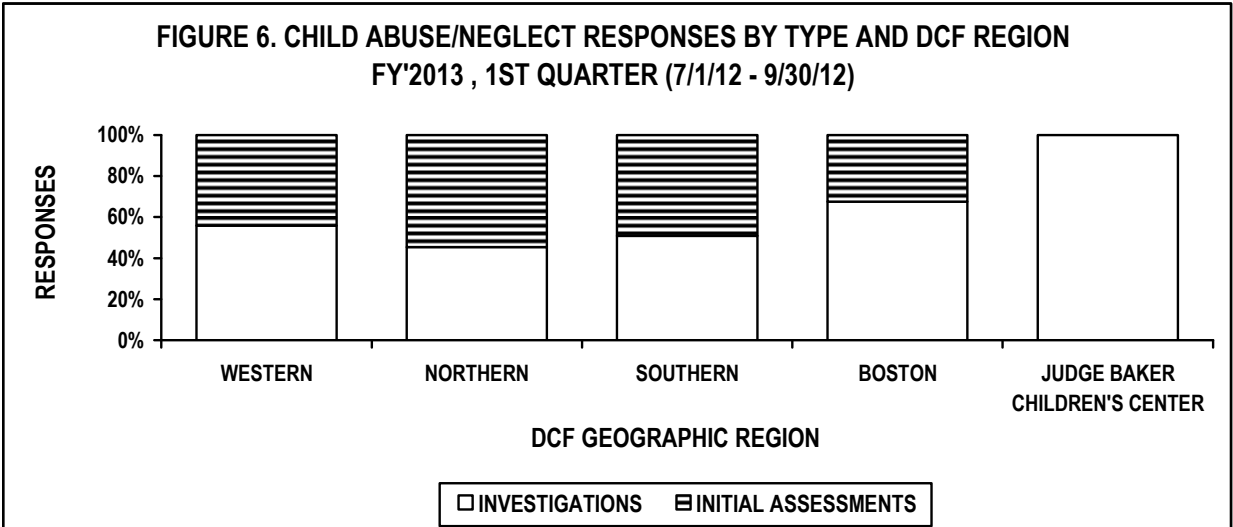
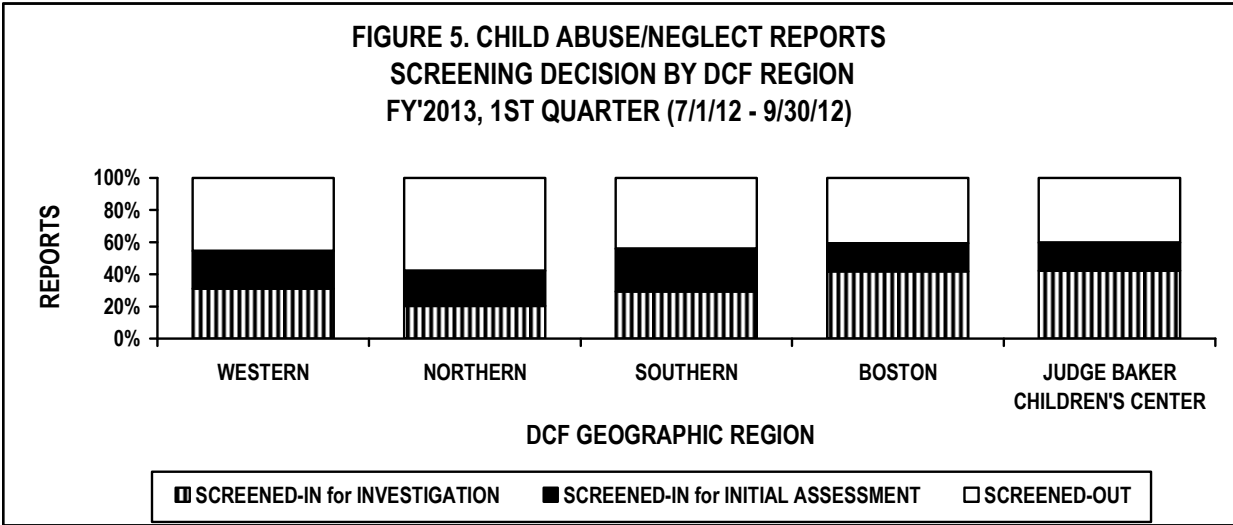
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**TABLE 4. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION: FY'2013, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/12 - 9/30/12)**

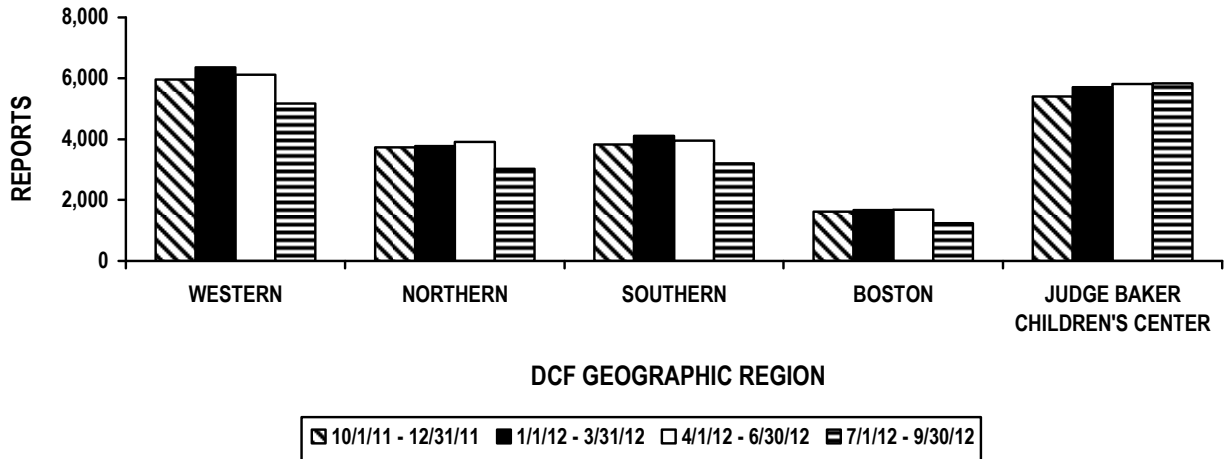
DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision					Initial Assessment Decision					Response Total	
	Supported		Unsupported		Inv Total	Concern		Min/No Concern		IA Total		
	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
Western	1,007	63%	585	37%	1,592	542	43%	719	57%	1,261	2,853	34%
Northern	376	58%	270	42%	646	351	45%	427	55%	778	1,424	17%
Southern	714	67%	354	33%	1,068	439	42%	595	58%	1,034	2,102	25%
Boston	423	73%	153	27%	576	121	44%	156	56%	277	853	10%
Judge Baker Children's Center	607	73%	225	27%	832	---	---	---	---	---	832	10%
Special Investigations	65	23%	223	77%	288	---	---	---	---	---	288	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,192</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>5,002</b>	<b>1,453</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>1,897</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>3,350</b>	<b>8,352</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

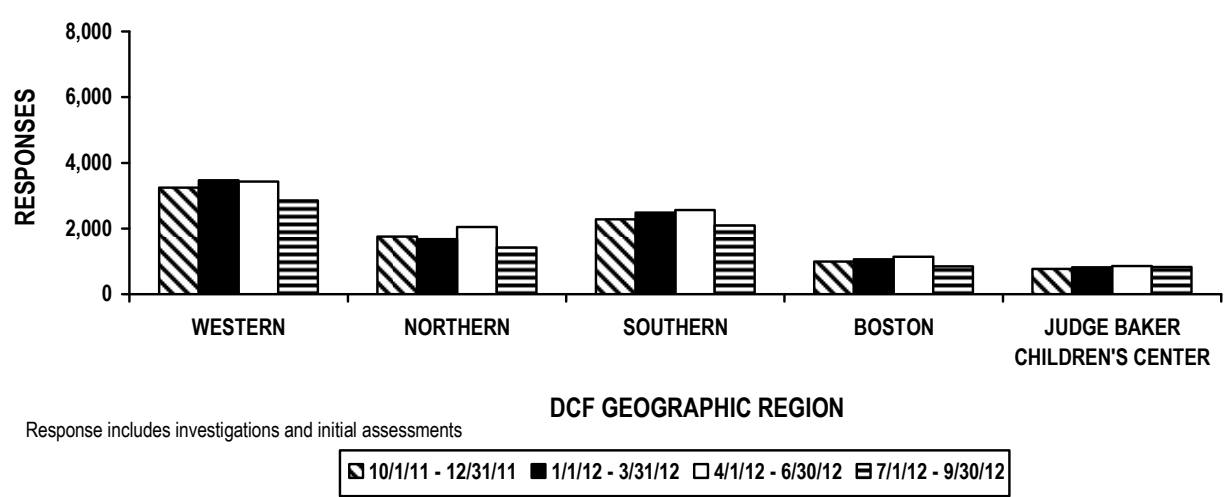




**FIGURE 7. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2012, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2013, 1ST QUARTER)**



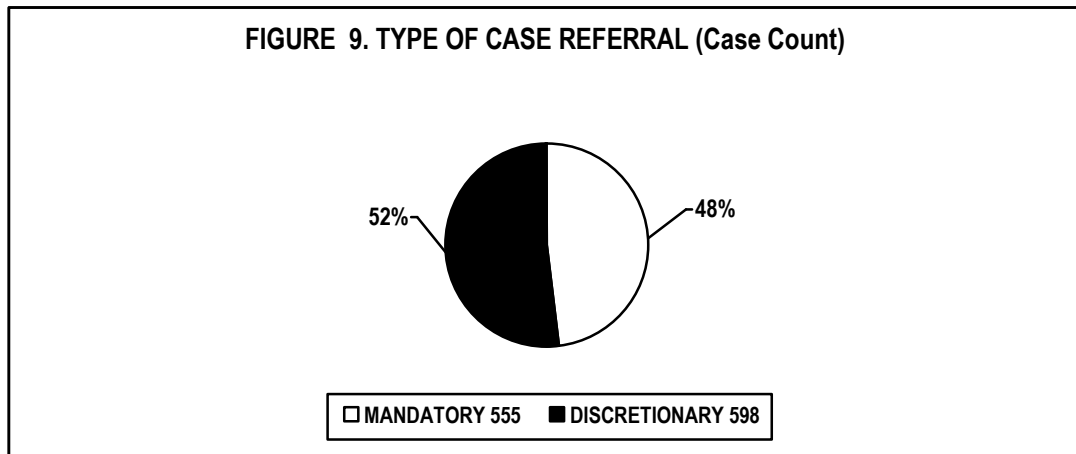
**FIGURE 8. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2012, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2013, 1ST QUARTER)**



### C. District Attorney (DA) Referrals

- During the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, 1,153 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (**Fig. 9**). Forty-eight percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals<sup>4</sup> and 52% were discretionary referrals<sup>5</sup> (**Fig. 9, Appendix Table A8** on page 75).

#### DA REFERRALS FY'2013, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/12 - 9/30/12)

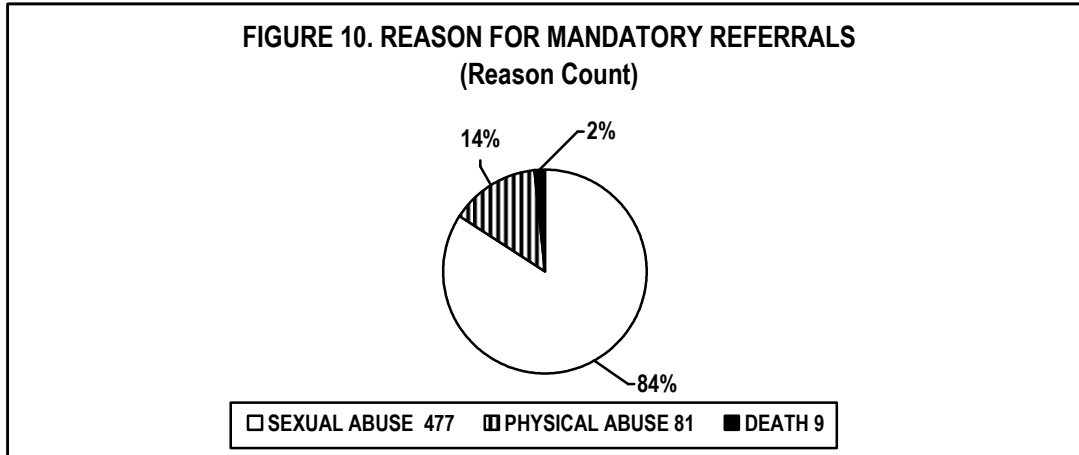


- Sexual abuse accounted for 84% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012 (**Fig. 10, Table 5** on next page). Fourteen percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

<sup>4</sup> Mandatory referrals to District Attorneys (and local law enforcement authorities) are made following a DCF investigation that results in a supported report of severe child maltreatment (sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, or death). Mandatory referrals are also made when a maltreatment report is either screened-out or unsupported, on the basis that the alleged perpetrator did not meet the definition of caretaker, but the allegations match one of the aforementioned maltreatment categories.

<sup>5</sup> There are two categories of discretionary referrals: (1) DCF may immediately report cases of serious physical injury to the District Attorney; or (2) DCF may refer other matters involving possible criminal conduct (including but not limited to cases of abuse or neglect) to the District Attorney, regardless of whether the maltreatment report is supported or unsupported.

## DA REFERRALS FY2013, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/12 - 9/30/12)



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

**TABLE 5. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: <sup>(1)</sup>**  
**FY'2013, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/12 - 9/30/12)**

Nature of Abuse	Reasons <sup>(1)</sup>	
	No.	%
<b>Sexual Abuse:</b>	477	84%
Sexual Assault	449	
Sexual Exploitation	28	
<b>Serious Physical Abuse:</b>	81	14%
<b>Death:</b>	9	2%
<b>Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals</b>		
	<b>567</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

- Sexual abuse as a proportion of all reasons for mandatory referrals has ranged from 78% to 85% over the past 10 years (FY'2003 through FY'2012, Q4) (See **Appendix Table A9** on page 76).
- 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. Referral counts are usually the highest for the most populous counties, Middlesex, Worcester, Essex, and Suffolk. However, based on a comparison of county estimates<sup>6</sup> for children less than 18 years old, Berkshire County had a significantly higher number of referrals than expected while Norfolk County had a lower number of referrals than expected.
- **Table 7** (on next page) shows mandatory case referral reasons and child's county of residence. Middlesex, Essex, Worcester, and Suffolk Counties accounted for 64% of the mandatory case referrals for sexual abuse (includes sexual assault and sexual exploitation). The same four counties accounted for 83% of the mandatory case referrals for serious physical abuse.

**TABLE 6. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY: <sup>(1)</sup>  
FY'2013, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/12 - 9/30/12)**

County <sup>(2)</sup>	Case Referrals				Total No.	2010 Children Less than 18 Years Old
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Middlesex	82	41%	119	59%	201	320,439
Essex	93	47%	106	53%	199	172,089
Worcester	86	47%	97	53%	183	187,231
Berkshire	106	72%	41	28%	147	25,624
Suffolk	58	54%	50	46%	108	126,275
Hampden	53	59%	37	41%	90	109,885
Bristol	36	52%	33	48%	69	122,409
Norfolk	42	72%	16	28%	58	152,132
Plymouth	21	53%	19	48%	40	119,475
Hampshire	6	35%	11	65%	17	26,766
Barnstable	8	47%	9	53%	17	37,249
Franklin	---	---	11	100%	11	14,068
Dukes	---	---	1	100%	1	3,173
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---	2,108
OUT OF STATE	7	58%	5	42%	12	---
<b>Total</b>	<b>598</b>		<b>555</b>		<b>1,153</b>	

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

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

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

**TABLE 7. MANDATORY CASE REFERRAL REASONS BY COUNTY:<sup>(1)</sup>  
FY'2013, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/12 - 9/30/12)**

County <sup>(2)</sup>	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals <sup>(1)</sup>				Total No.
	Sexual Assault No.	Sexual Exploitation No.	Serious Physical Abuse/Injury No.	Death No.	
Middlesex	98	8	12	2	120
Essex	67	9	28	3	107
Worcester	82	3	16	2	103
Suffolk	39	---	11	---	50
Hampden	39	2	---	1	42
Berkshire	35	2	1	---	38
Bristol	30	---	3	---	33
Plymouth	15	---	4	---	19
Franklin	15	2	1	---	18
Norfolk	10	---	1	---	11
Hampshire	7	1	2	1	11
Barnstable	7	1	1	---	9
Dukes	1	---	---	---	1
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---
OUT OF STATE	4	---	1	---	5
<b>Total:</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>567</b>

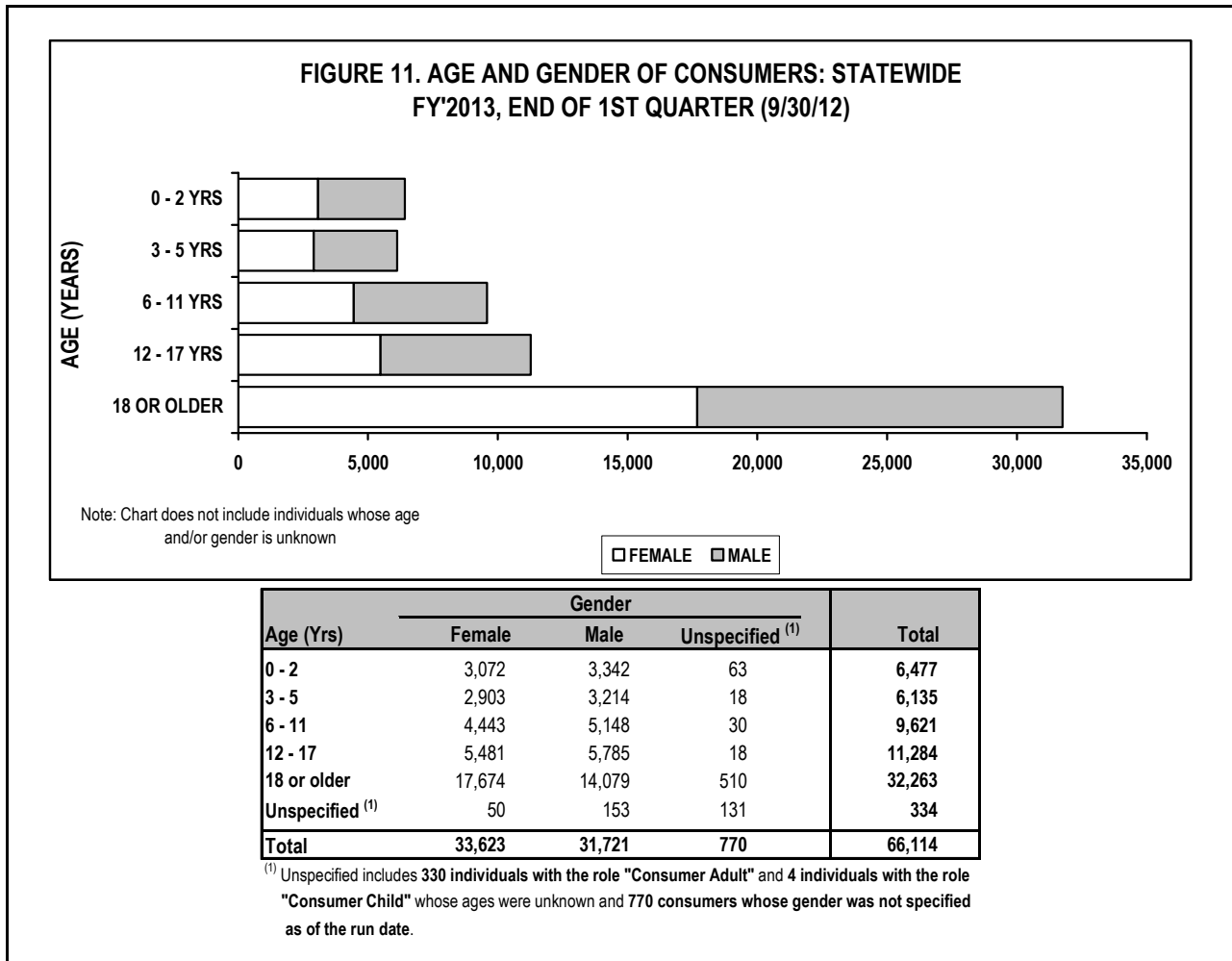
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## IV. CONSUMER DEMOGRAPHICS

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

- On the last day of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, the consumer population included 33,521 (51%) children less than 18 years old and 32,593 (49%) adults 18 years or older (**Table 1** on page 3). The proportion of adult consumers has gradually increased over the years (**Fig. 1** on page 4, **Appendix Table A1** on page 68). In 1992, 41% of all consumers were adults and 59% were children (**Fig. 1, Appendix Table A1**).
- 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 (11,284) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). (**Fig. 11**)
- Forty-seven 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 45% 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, 29% Hispanic/Latino, and 16% White consumers (3,455, 2,515, and 1,404 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 (517 consumers, mainly Cambodian). (Table 8, Figs. 12A and 12B)

**TABLE 8. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2013, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**

Race	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption				Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>		Other <sup>(2)</sup>			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
White	11,969	46%	6,173	46%	9,868	57%	1,404	16%	125	47%	3	2%	29,542	45%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	8,068	31%	3,729	28%	2,356	14%	2,515	29%	68	26%	61	39%	16,797	25%
Black	2,190	8%	1,225	9%	2,248	13%	3,455	40%	41	16%	38	24%	9,197	14%
Asian	155	1%	517	4%	179	1%	194	2%	1	*	44	28%	1,090	2%
Native American	35	*	21	*	64	*	7	*	---	---	---	---	127	*
Other <sup>(4)</sup>	20	*	12	*	9	*	2	*	---	---	---	---	43	*
Multi-Racial	661	3%	346	3%	615	4%	136	2%	19	7%	---	---	1,777	3%
Unable to Determine	924	4%	493	4%	639	4%	350	4%	10	4%	8	5%	2,424	4%
Missing	2,268	9%	875	7%	1,416	8%	556	6%	---	---	2	1%	5,117	8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,290</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13,391</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>17,394</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8,619</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>66,114</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

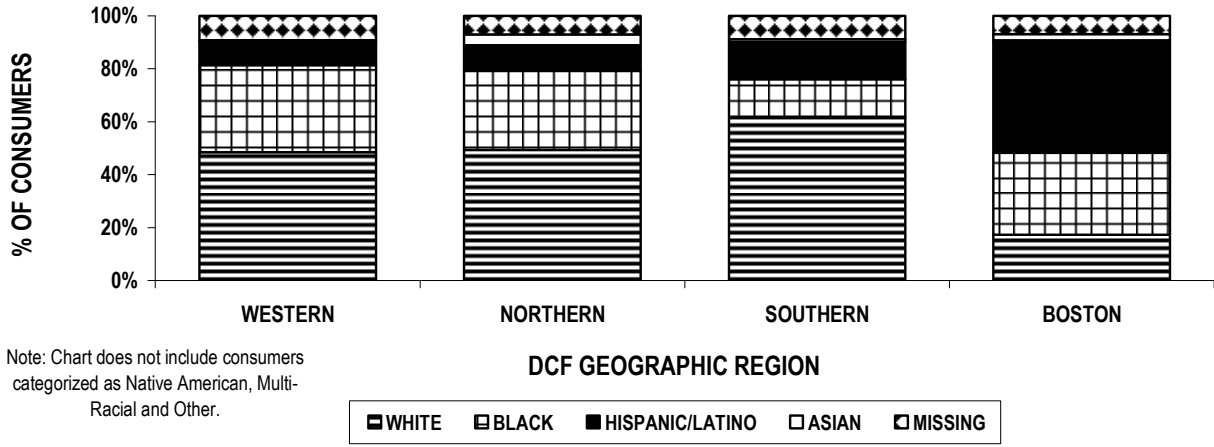
<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

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

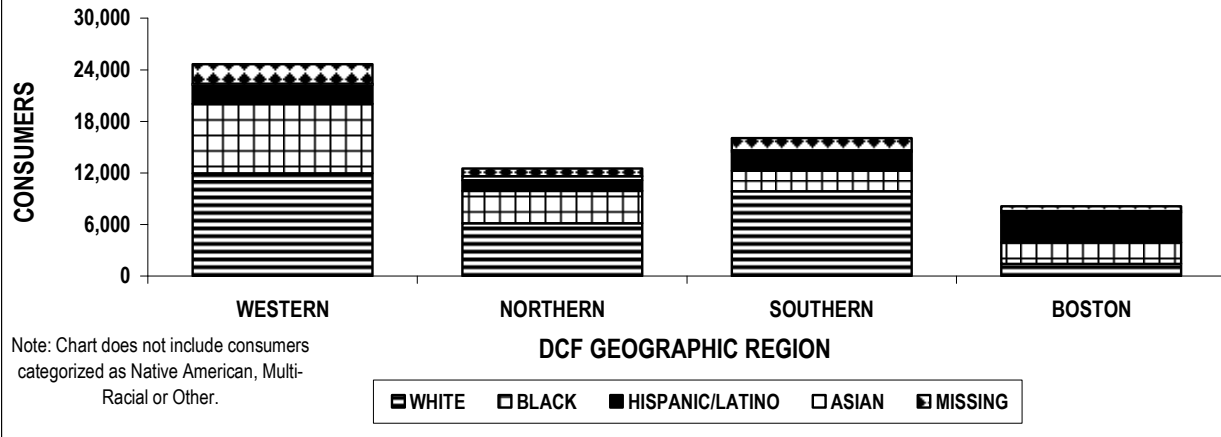
<sup>(4)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.



**FIGURE 12A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE  
FY'2013, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**



**FIGURE 12B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE  
FY'2013, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**



- A racial comparison of children receiving various services from DCF to children residing in Massachusetts<sup>7</sup> is displayed in **Table 9**. Black children and Hispanic children are over-represented at all stages in the DCF system. 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	State Census <sup>7</sup> 2010	Children Less than 18 Years Old							
		DCF Not in Substitute Care	DCF All Substitute Care	DCF Foster Care	DCF Congregate Care	DCF All Care w/Goal of Adoption	DCF All Care w/Goal of Guardianship	DCF Adoptions Legalized	DCF Guardianships Legalized
		9/30/12	9/30/12	9/30/12	9/30/12	9/30/12	9/30/12	FY'2012	FY'2012
White	67%	42%	48%	49%	48%	49%	52%	48%	48%
Hispanic <sup>***</sup>	15%	32%	25%	25%	25%	24%	24%	24%	24%
Black	7%	14%	15%	14%	19%	14%	14%	13%	17%
Asian	6%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	---
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	---	<1%	---	---
Multi-Racial	4%	4%	6%	7%	4%	7%	5%	8%	4%
Other/Unknown	1%	6%	4%	4%	3%	5%	3%	4%	5%
<b>TOTAL %</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>TOTAL #</b>	1,418,923	26,050	7,471	5,858	1,321	2,277	581	758	390

\* 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 A12** on page 79 displays the racial composition (and Hispanic origin) of children residing in the 13 largest cities in Massachusetts. There is a high minority representation in Brockton, Boston, Lawrence, and Springfield. Hispanic children are most prevalent in Lawrence, Springfield, and Lynn. The relatively higher proportion of “Other/Unknown” race in Lawrence, Springfield, and Lynn is most likely a reflection of the large Hispanic/Latino population—many do not identify with any race. The proportion of Asian children is highest in Quincy and Lowell.

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

## B. Preferred Language of All Consumers

- The Western and Northern Regions had the highest numbers of Spanish-speaking consumers, 1,930 and 1,005 consumers, respectively (**Table 10**). Haitian Creole was the preferred language of 299 DCF consumers statewide. Khmer-speaking (Cambodian) consumers were mainly concentrated in the North. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Haitian Creole (North/South/Boston), Portuguese (South/North), Cape Verdean Creole (South/Boston), Vietnamese (Boston/West), and Lao (North) (**Table 10**).

**TABLE 10. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2013, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**

Primary Language	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption				Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Spanish	1,930	7%	1,005	8%	530	3%	849	10%	5	2%	60	38%	4,379	7%
Haitian Creole	6	*	89	1%	97	1%	106	1%	---	---	1	1%	299	*
Portuguese	24	*	78	1%	125	1%	13	*	---	---	---	---	240	*
Khmer (Cambodian)	3	*	137	1%	14	*	5	*	---	---	---	---	159	*
Cape Verdean Creole	3	*	10	*	139	1%	84	1%	---	---	---	---	236	*
Vietnamese	38	*	11	*	21	*	65	1%	---	---	---	---	135	*
Chinese	1	*	18	*	36	*	28	*	---	---	1	1%	84	*
Lao	2	*	16	*	1	*		*	---	---	---	---	19	*
American Sign Language	12	*	22	*	7	*	10	*	---	---	---	---	51	*
Other	469	2%	184	1%	246	1%	122	1%	---	---	67	43%	1,088	2%
English\Unspecified	23,802	91%	11,821	88%	16,178	93%	7,337	85%	259	98%	27	17%	59,424	90%
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,290</b>		<b>13,391</b>		<b>17,394</b>		<b>8,619</b>		<b>264</b>		<b>156</b>		<b>66,114</b>	

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

- From 1987 to 1997, there were substantial increases in consumers whose preferred languages were Khmer, Lao, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and Spanish (table on next page). In the following decade (1997-2007), there were declines in consumers from all of these language groups. Although there was a decline in consumers with these preferred/primary languages, there was not a decline in DCF consumers from these ethnic groups. As with all immigrant groups, their children become fluent in English. The new immigrant communities continue to grow, but as time passes those who are only fluent in their native language make up a smaller proportion of their community.
- Comparing DCF consumers by preferred language on June 2007 and June 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 (-55%), Portuguese (-21%), Vietnamese (-19%) and increases in Cape Verdean Creole (62%), Chinese (56%), and Haitian Creole (15%). During this period, the count of total consumers decreased 16%.

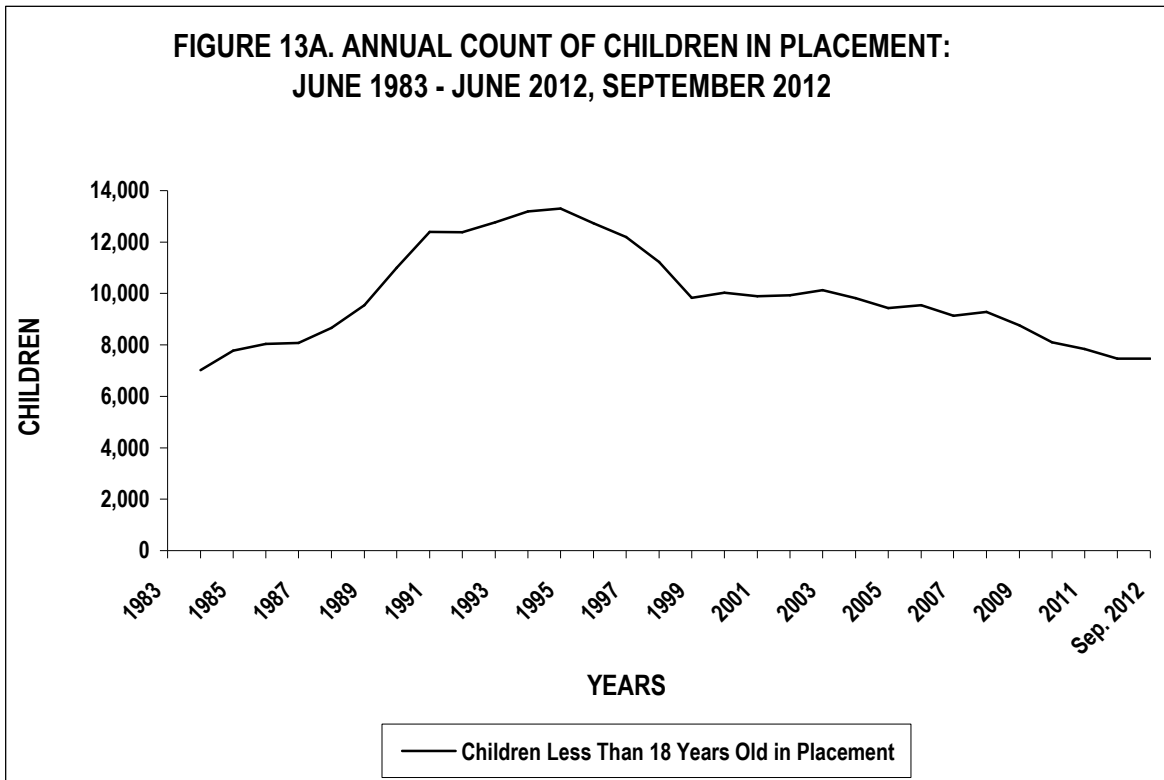
**STATEWIDE:**

<b>Primary Language</b>	<b>Consumers Jul. 1987 No.</b>	<b>Consumers Jul. 1997 No.</b>	<b>Consumers Jun. 2007 No.</b>	<b>Consumers Sep. 2012 No.</b>	<b>2007-2012 Change %</b>
English/Unspecified*	60,784	66,404	71,398	59,424	-17%
Spanish	3,664	6,334	4,516	4,379	-3%
Haitian Creole	175	360	260	299	15%
Portuguese	530	380	303	240	-21%
Cape Verdean Creole	174	247	146	236	62%
Khmer Cambodian	253	851	356	159	-55%
Vietnamese	146	273	167	135	-19%
Chinese	71	61	54	84	56%
American Sign Language	47	23	41	51	24%
Lao	30	74	20	19	-5%
Other	213	310	1,459	1,088	-25%
<b>Total</b>	<b>66,087</b>	<b>75,317</b>	<b>78,720</b>	<b>66,114</b>	<b>-16%</b>

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

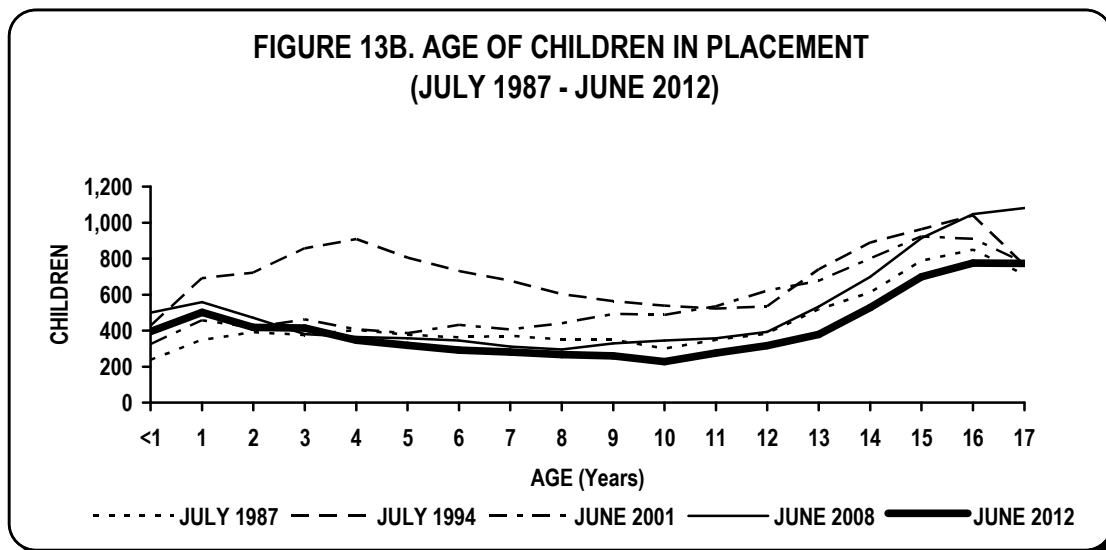
## V. PROFILE OF CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT<sup>8</sup>

- The number of children less than 18 years old in placement (7,471) increased less than 1% from the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013 (**Appendix Table A1** on page 68, **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**)



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

- Figure 13B** shows the ages of children in placement at five points in time. From 1987 to 1994, the number of younger children in care increased at a faster rate than the number of adolescents. Peak numbers of young children were reached in 1994. Thereafter, the trend reversed as subsequent age curves showed a gradual reduction in the young child population. By the years 2008-2012, 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 2012. 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 7,467 in 2012.



- Statewide, 22% (or 7,471) 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: 23% in both the North and South, 21% in the West, and 20% in Boston. (**Table 11** on next page)
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield and Haverhill area offices had the highest proportions in placement (33% and 30%, respectively). The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Van Wart (16%) and Cambridge (16%) area offices. (**Table 11**)

**TABLE 11. CHILD<sup>(1)</sup> CASELOAD BY DCF AREA OFFICE: FY'2013, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**

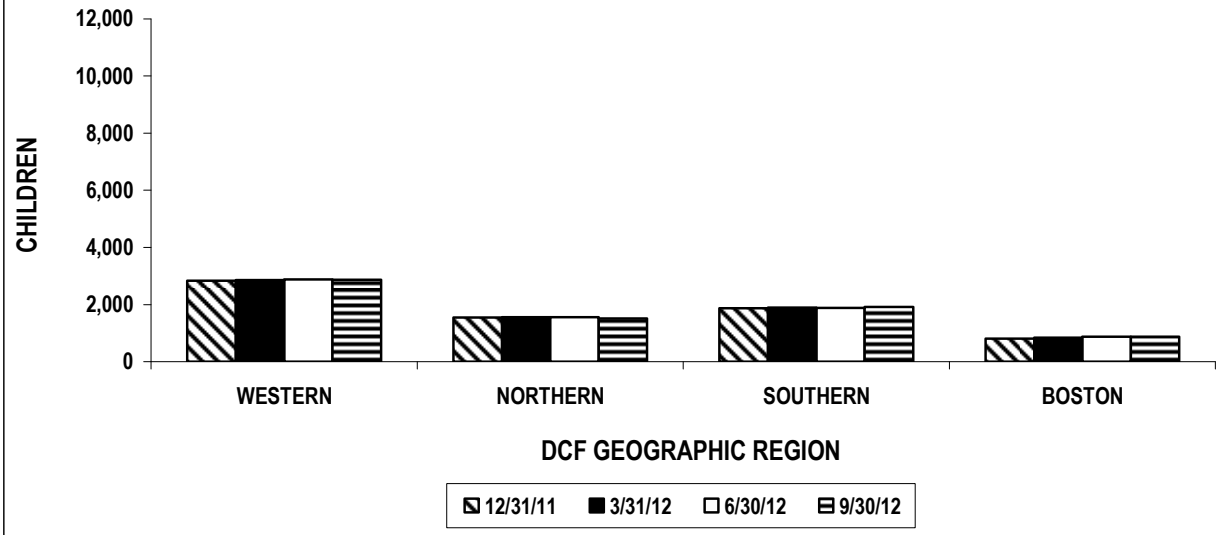
<b>DCF Region/Area</b>	<b>Not in Placement</b>	<b>In Placement</b>	<b>Total Child Caseload</b>	<b>% in Placement</b>
Greenfield	762	259	1,021	25%
Holyoke	1,014	261	1,275	20%
North Central	1,496	362	1,858	19%
Pittsfield	663	326	989	33%
Robert Van Wart	1,790	346	2,136	16%
South Central	1,020	263	1,283	20%
Springfield	1,697	391	2,088	19%
Worcester East	1,216	332	1,548	21%
Worcester West	1,105	320	1,425	22%
Contracted Agencies	15	4	19	21%
<b>Western</b>	<b>10,778</b>	<b>2,864</b>	<b>13,642</b>	<b>21%</b>
Cambridge	569	106	675	16%
Cape Ann	746	217	963	23%
Framingham	572	169	741	23%
Haverhill	341	148	489	30%
Lawrence	547	149	696	21%
Lowell	1,092	338	1,430	24%
Lynn	646	233	879	27%
Malden	686	156	842	19%
Contracted Agencies	2	---	2	---
<b>Northern</b>	<b>5,201</b>	<b>1,516</b>	<b>6,717</b>	<b>23%</b>
Arlington	512	139	651	21%
Brockton	975	216	1,191	18%
Cape Cod	642	213	855	25%
Coastal	641	207	848	24%
Fall River	918	334	1,252	27%
New Bedford	1,359	356	1,715	21%
Plymouth	689	237	926	26%
Taunton/Attleboro	750	217	967	22%
Contracted Agencies	16	2	18	11%
<b>Southern</b>	<b>6,502</b>	<b>1,921</b>	<b>8,423</b>	<b>23%</b>
Dimock Street	705	235	940	25%
Harbor	968	217	1,185	18%
Hyde Park	763	190	953	20%
Park Street	1,116	230	1,346	17%
Contracted Agencies	4	1	5	20%
<b>Boston</b>	<b>3,556</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>4,429</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	5	259	264	98%
<b>Other</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	8	38	46	83%
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,050</b>	<b>7,471</b>	<b>33,521</b>	<b>22%</b>

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

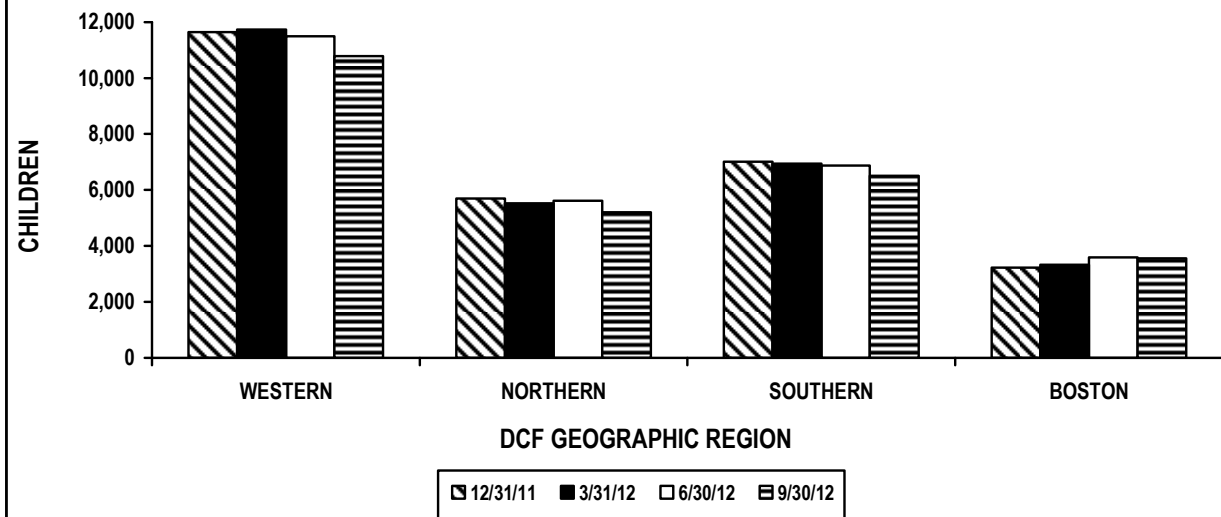
<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

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

**FIGURE 14. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2012, END OF 2ND QUARTER to FY'2013, END OF 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 15. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2012, END OF 2ND QUARTER to FY'2013, END OF 1ST QUARTER)**





## A. Demographics of Consumers in Placement

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

- At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, the statewide placement population was comprised of 52% boys and 48% girls. Regionally, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state (**Table 12A, Fig. 16A** on next page). The proportions of male and female children in the placement population were similar to the general population.<sup>9</sup>
- Statewide, 47% of all consumers in placement were White, 16% were Black, 25% 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:  
FY2013, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption				Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>		Other <sup>(2)</sup>			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Female</b>	1,581	47%	934	48%	1,088	47%	563	52%	110	42%	39	30%	<b>4,315</b>	<b>48%</b>
<b>Male</b>	1,751	53%	1,030	52%	1,211	53%	530	48%	149	58%	89	70%	<b>4,760</b>	<b>52%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,332</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,964</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,299</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,093</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,075</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Race:</b>														
<b>White</b>	1,614	48%	952	48%	1,397	61%	181	17%	124	48%	---	---	<b>4,268</b>	<b>47%</b>
<b>Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup></b>	1,017	31%	587	30%	291	13%	298	27%	65	25%	49	38%	<b>2,307</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Black</b>	382	11%	176	9%	318	14%	529	48%	41	16%	32	25%	<b>1,478</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Asian</b>	12	*	82	4%	16	1%	17	2%	1	*	39	30%	<b>167</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Native American</b>	2	*	3	*	13	1%	2	*	---	---	---	---	<b>20</b>	*
<b>Other <sup>(4)</sup></b>	2	*	3	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	<b>5</b>	*
<b>Multi-Racial</b>	166	5%	97	5%	171	7%	36	3%	19	7%	---	---	<b>489</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Unable to Determine</b>	137	4%	64	3%	93	4%	30	3%	9	3%	8	6%	<b>341</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,332</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,964</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,299</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,093</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,075</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

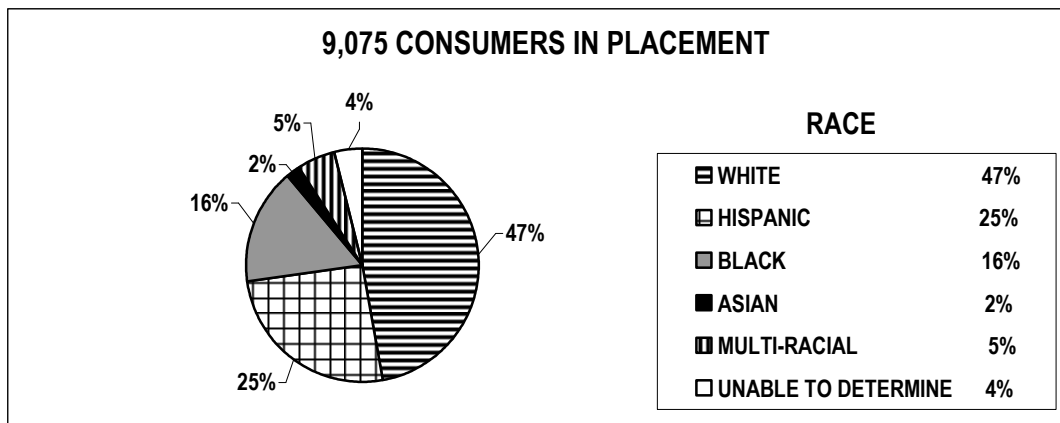
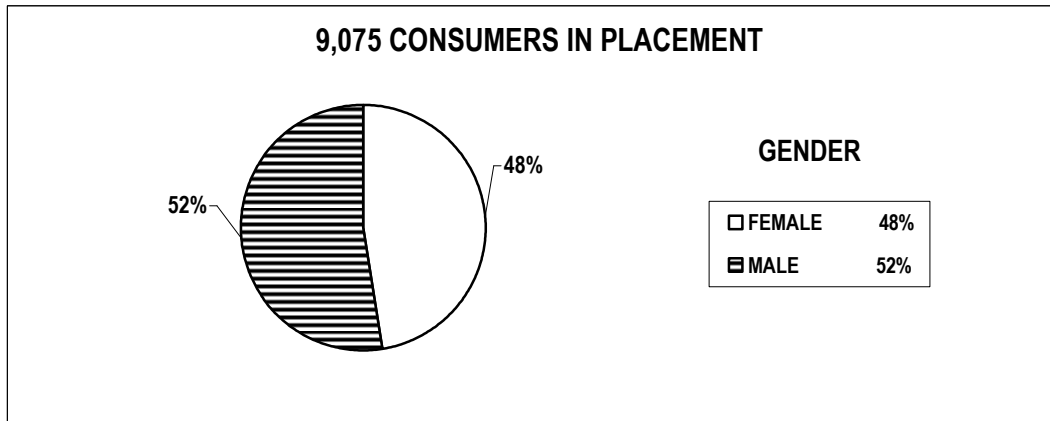
<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

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

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

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

**FIGURE 16A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY GENDER AND RACE  
STATEWIDE: FY'2013, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**



- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DCF Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 35% to 41%. (**Table 12B** on page 30)
- The proportion of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 14% in the Western Region to 23% 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 (33% of all consumers in placement), Adoption (25%), and Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement<sup>10</sup> (APPLA) (21%). The Boston and Northern Regions had the highest proportions of consumers in placement with a goal of APPLA. (**Table 12B** on next page, **Fig. 16B** on page 31)
- The remaining service plan goals were: Permanent Care with Kin<sup>11</sup> (7% of all consumers in placement), Guardianship (7%), and Stabilization of Family (4%).
- On 9/30/2012, 39% of the statewide placement population had a length of stay of more than 2 years,<sup>12</sup> 21% had been in continuous care between 1 and 2 years, and 41% for 1 year or less. (**Table 12B, Fig. 16B**)
- The North had the highest proportion of consumers in continuous care<sup>13</sup> for more than two years (44%). The South had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (44%). (**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 (46% for Black vs. 38% for White, 39% for Hispanic, 30% for Multi-Racial). This racial disparity is due to the larger proportion of Black consumers in placement who were 18 years or older (**Table 13B** on page 32). Consumers 18 years or older accounted for 53% of all consumers in placement for more than 4 years and another 21% who were in placement for 2-4 years (**Table 13C** on page 32).
- Twenty-eight percent of Black consumers in placement had a goal of “Family Reunification,” compared to 34% for Hispanic and 34% for White 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—29% Black vs. 18% White and 21% Hispanic for APPLA; 21% Black vs. 23% Hispanic and 26% White for adoption.

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<sup>10</sup> The APPLA goal is for youth 16 years or older to establish a lifelong permanent connection, as well as to obtain life skills training and a stable living environment that will support youth development into and through adulthood. This goal includes youths who will be transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health, Developmental Services, and Public Health upon turning 22 years old.

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

<sup>12</sup> Length of stay in placement, as measured by a “point-in-time snapshot” of consumers residing in care, is not representative of all individuals who spend time in care during some specified period. It is biased because consumers in continuous long-term placement are over-represented in “snapshot” counts while many others who enter and leave placement quickly are not counted at all.

<sup>13</sup> Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child’s most recent home removal episode start date to the Quarter End Date (September 30, 2012).

**TABLE 12B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE  
BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE: FY2013, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region										Total			
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Adoption Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>				Other <sup>(2)</sup>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Age Group:</b>														
( 0 - 2 yrs)	584	18%	241	12%	364	16%	159	15%	50	19%	---	---	1,398	15%
( 3 - 5 yrs)	424	13%	200	10%	314	14%	109	10%	63	24%	---	---	1,110	12%
( 6 - 11 yrs)	597	18%	278	14%	444	19%	153	14%	96	37%	8	6%	1,576	17%
(12 - 17 yrs)	1,259	38%	797	41%	799	35%	452	41%	50	19%	30	23%	3,387	37%
18 or older	468	14%	448	23%	378	16%	220	20%	---	---	90	70%	1,604	18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,332</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,964</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,299</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,093</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,075</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Service Plan Goals:</b>														
Family Reunification	1,188	36%	574	29%	871	38%	395	36%	3	1%	---	---	3,031	33%
Adoption	886	27%	437	22%	524	23%	200	18%	234	90%	---	---	2,281	25%
APPLA <sup>(3)</sup>	570	17%	517	26%	453	20%	265	24%	---	---	63	49%	1,868	21%
Permanent Care with Kin	220	7%	171	9%	149	6%	57	5%	1	*	30	23%	628	7%
Guardianship	182	5%	153	8%	157	7%	92	8%	13	5%	---	---	597	7%
Stabilization of Family	191	6%	75	4%	92	4%	50	5%	---	---	---	---	408	4%
Unspecified as of run-date	95	3%	37	2%	53	2%	34	3%	8	3%	35	27%	262	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,332</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,964</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,299</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,093</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,075</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Continuous Time in Care:</b>														
(.5 yr or less)	898	27%	475	24%	655	28%	284	26%	4	2%	19	15%	2,335	26%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	517	16%	255	13%	368	16%	184	17%	18	7%	16	13%	1,358	15%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	387	12%	223	11%	272	12%	105	10%	47	18%	17	13%	1,051	12%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	285	9%	138	7%	204	9%	100	9%	49	19%	17	13%	793	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	671	20%	400	20%	388	17%	181	17%	70	27%	33	26%	1,743	19%
> 4 yrs	574	17%	473	24%	412	18%	239	22%	71	27%	26	20%	1,795	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,332</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,964</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,299</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,093</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,075</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

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

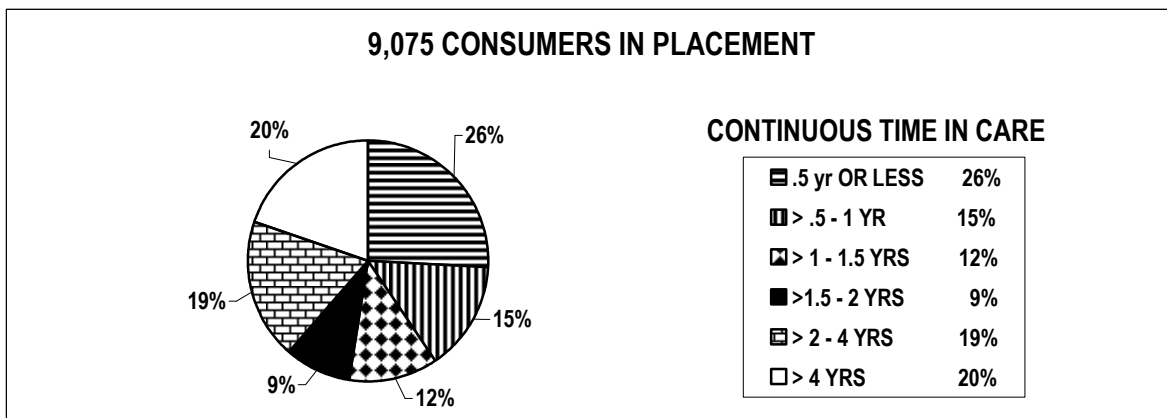
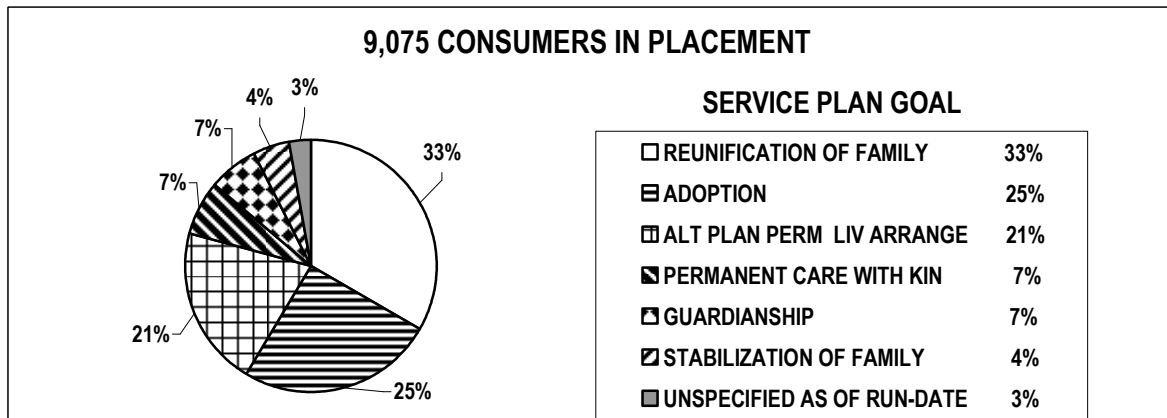
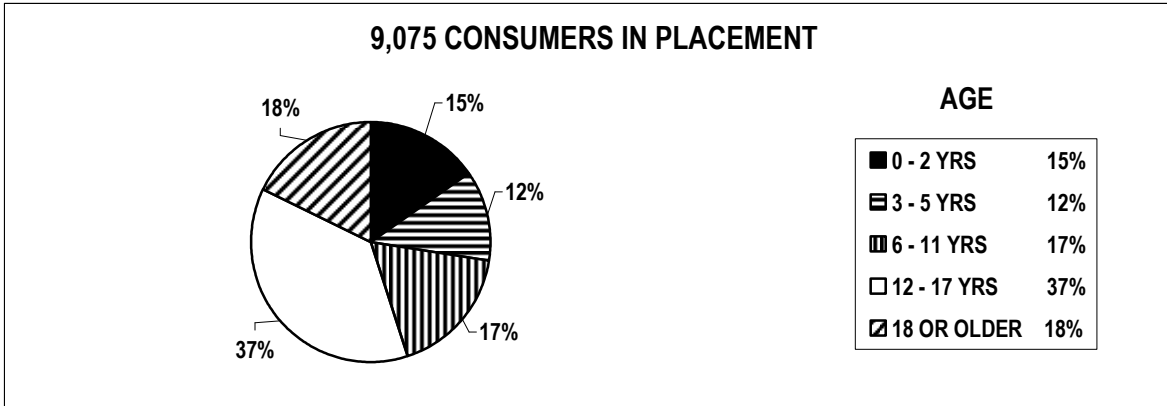
**TABLE 13A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:  
STATEWIDE FY2013, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers												Total					
	White		Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>		Black		Asian		Native American		Other <sup>(2)</sup>				Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	1,150	27%	597	26%	299	20%	30	18%	4	20%	2	40%	154	31%	99	29%	2,335	26%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	647	15%	348	15%	202	14%	22	13%	3	15%	1	20%	64	13%	71	21%	1,358	15%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	478	11%	280	12%	159	11%	14	8%	2	10%	1	20%	72	15%	45	13%	1,051	12%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	387	9%	185	8%	131	9%	14	8%	2	10%	---	---	56	11%	18	5%	793	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	813	19%	454	20%	269	18%	48	29%	7	35%	---	---	81	17%	71	21%	1,743	19%
> 4 yrs	793	19%	443	19%	418	28%	39	23%	2	10%	1	20%	62	13%	37	11%	1,795	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,268</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,307</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,478</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,075</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

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

**FIGURE 16B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT  
STATEWIDE: FY'2013, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**



**TABLE 13B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND AGE GROUP:  
STATEWIDE FY'2013, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**

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	698	16%	555	13%	802	19%	1,534	36%	679	16%	4,268	100%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>	309	13%	250	11%	375	16%	951	41%	422	18%	2,307	100%
Black	153	10%	143	10%	229	15%	582	39%	371	25%	1,478	100%
Asian	7	4%	17	10%	17	10%	61	37%	65	39%	167	100%
Native American	6	30%	5	25%	2	10%	6	30%	1	5%	20	100%
Other <sup>(2)</sup>	---	---	1	20%	---	---	4	80%	---	---	5	100%
Multi-Racial	112	23%	88	18%	105	21%	149	30%	35	7%	489	100%
Unable to Determine	113	33%	51	15%	46	13%	100	29%	31	9%	341	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,398</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>1,110</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>1,576</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>3,387</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>1,604</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>9,075</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

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

**TABLE 13C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:  
STATEWIDE FY'2013, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**

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)	565	40%	309	28%	448	28%	896	26%	117	7%	2,335	26%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	332	24%	165	15%	213	14%	541	16%	107	7%	1,358	15%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	229	16%	167	15%	200	13%	356	11%	99	6%	1,051	12%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	157	11%	109	10%	156	10%	281	8%	90	6%	793	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	115	8%	311	28%	347	22%	627	19%	343	21%	1,743	19%
> 4 yrs	---	---	49	4%	212	13%	686	20%	848	53%	1,795	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,398</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,110</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,576</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3,387</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,604</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,075</b>	<b>100%</b>

**TABLE 14. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:  
STATEWIDE FY'2013, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers														Total			
	White		Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>		Black		Asian		Native American		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		Multi-Racial				Unable to Determine	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	1,472	34%	782	34%	420	28%	38	23%	5	25%	1	20%	197	40%	116	34%	3,031	33%
Adoption	1,122	26%	540	23%	316	21%	24	14%	7	35%	---	---	161	33%	111	33%	2,281	25%
APPLA <sup>(3)</sup>	777	18%	495	21%	436	29%	63	38%	2	10%	1	20%	61	12%	33	10%	1,868	21%
Permanent Care with Kin Guardianship	291	7%	152	7%	120	8%	26	16%	1	5%	---	---	18	4%	20	6%	628	7%
Stabilization of Family	307	7%	142	6%	87	6%	8	5%	4	20%	1	20%	29	6%	19	6%	597	7%
Unspecified as of run-date	180	4%	129	6%	56	4%	4	2%	1	5%	2	40%	13	3%	23	7%	408	4%
Unspecified as of run-date	119	3%	67	3%	43	3%	4	2%	---	---	---	---	10	2%	19	6%	262	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,268</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,307</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,478</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,075</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

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

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

**TABLE 15. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:  
STATEWIDE FY'2013, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**

Service Plan Goal	Age Group of Consumers										Total No. %	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Family Reunification	645	21%	395	13%	608	20%	1,350	45%	33	1%	3,031	100%
Adoption	623	27%	580	25%	713	31%	361	16%	4	*	2,281	100%
APPLA <sup>(1)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	540	29%	1,328	71%	1,868	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	---	---	5	1%	32	5%	468	75%	123	20%	628	100%
Guardianship	39	7%	75	13%	140	23%	327	55%	16	3%	597	100%
Stabilization of Family	42	10%	36	9%	52	13%	227	56%	51	13%	408	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	49	19%	19	7%	31	12%	114	44%	49	19%	262	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,398</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>1,110</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>1,576</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>3,387</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>1,604</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>9,075</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

**TABLE 16. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:  
STATEWIDE FY'2013, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**

Service Plan Goal	Continuous Time in Placement										Total No. %			
	(.5vr or less)		(> .5 - 1 vr)		(>1 - 1.5 vrs)		(>1.5 - 2 vrs)		(>2 - 4 vrs)				> 4 vrs	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Family Reunification	1,651	54%	782	26%	285	9%	138	5%	138	5%	37	1%	3,031	100%
Adoption	90	4%	284	12%	411	18%	357	16%	721	32%	418	18%	2,281	100%
APPLA <sup>(1)</sup>	102	5%	148	8%	143	8%	148	8%	458	25%	869	47%	1,868	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	18	3%	20	3%	46	7%	47	7%	167	27%	330	53%	628	100%
Guardianship	14	2%	58	10%	110	18%	86	14%	227	38%	102	17%	597	100%
Stabilization of Family	264	65%	44	11%	32	8%	12	3%	22	5%	34	8%	408	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	196	75%	22	8%	24	9%	5	2%	10	4%	5	2%	262	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,335</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>1,358</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>1,051</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>1,743</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>1,795</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>9,075</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

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

- At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013 (9/30/12), the median time in continuous care was 1.1 years and the median<sup>14</sup> age was 10.6 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. The total population of children in placement has decreased from a high of 13,056 in 1995 to 7,467 in 2012. (See table on next page)

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

<b>Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Median Age (yrs)</b>	<b>Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>
7/93	9.3	1.6	12,577
7/94	9.1	1.4	12,977
7/95	9.2	1.3	13,056
7/96	9.7	1.4	12,643
7/97	10.2	1.4	11,957
9/98	10.2	1.5	10,503
6/99	10.8	1.3	9,834
6/00	11.4	1.3	10,025
6/01	11.5	1.2	9,889
6/02	11.8	1.3	9,932
6/03	12.1	1.3	10,127
6/04	12.3	1.4	9,815
6/05	12.5	1.3	9,439
6/06	12.6	1.2	9,543
6/07	12.6	1.2	9,132
6/08	12.0	1.1	9,287
6/09	11.4	1.2	8,755
6/10	11.5	1.2	8,097
6/11	11.2	1.2	7,841
6/12	11.0	1.1	7,467
9/12	10.6	1.1	7,471

- An age breakdown of children in placement by race<sup>15</sup> is presented in the following table. Minority children were a 2-3 years older than White children. Time in placement was a couple of months longer for Black children compared to White and Hispanic children. (See table below). On 9/30/12, 45% of children less than 18 years old in placement were adolescents. Please note that the statistics in the following table are for children less than 18 years old.

<b>Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement on 9/30/12</b>			
<b>Race</b>	<b>Median Age (yrs)</b>	<b>Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>
White	9.9	1.1	3,589
Black	12.6	1.4	1,107
Hispanic/Latino	12.1	1.1	1,885
Asian	14.0	1.2	102
Native American	5.2	1.5	19
Pacific Islander	16.4	0.5	5
Multi-Racial	7.0	1.1	454
Unable to Determine	5.3	0.9	310
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>7,471</b>

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



- The table below displays the median age and continuous time in care for all children less than 18 years old in placement on 9/30/2012. 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 6 children in Independent Living had the highest median age and lowest continuous time in care. All 6 children 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 this analysis does not include the majority of foster children 18 years or older in the independent living program. Ninety-nine percent of consumers in the foster care Independent Living program were 18 or older (See pages 54-55).
- 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 children in a Residential setting 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 25 children in this placement service (5 sixteen year olds and 20 seventeen year olds). Eighty-two percent of consumers in the congregate care Independent Living program were 18 years or older (See pages 54-55).
- 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**

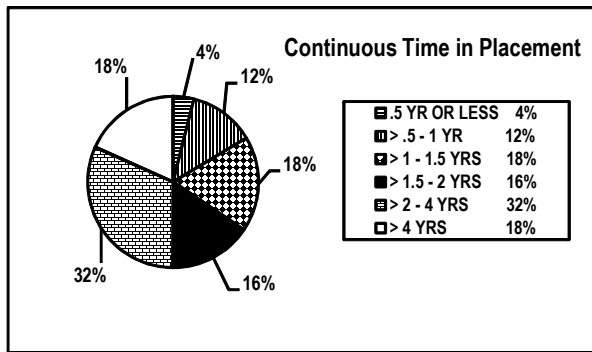
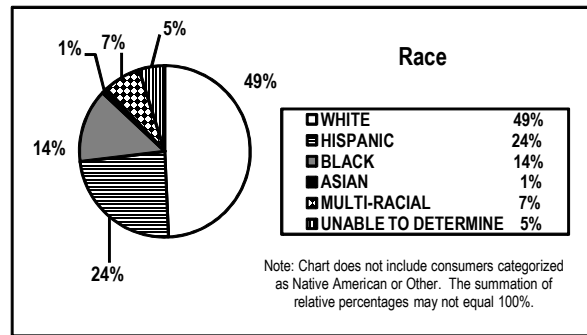
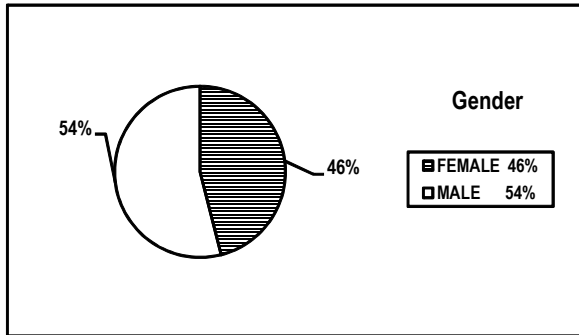
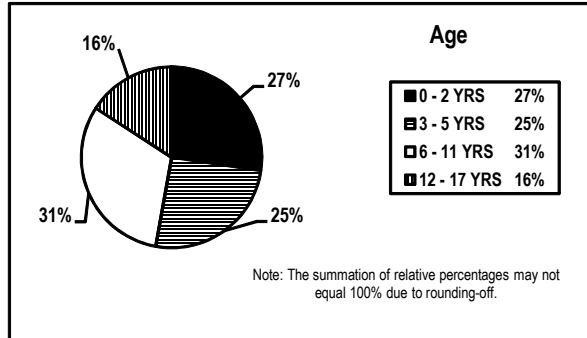
Placement Type as of 9/30/2012	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
Foster Care:			
Unrestricted	5.0	0.7	1,707
Kinship	6.1	0.9	1,842
Child Specific	9.6	1.3	375
Pre-Adoptive	4.5	2.4	434
Independent Living (< 18 years old)	17.8	0.8	6
IFC (contracted)	14.0	1.7	1,494
Congregate Care:			
Group Home	15.5	1.2	519
Residential	15.6	2.0	446
STARR	15.0	0.1	331
Independent Living (<18 years old)	17.4	1.8	25
On the Run & Non-Referral Locations	16.3	0.8	292
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>7,471</b>

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

- Out of 2,281 consumers (includes 4 youths over 18 years old) in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,122 (49%) were White, 316 (14%) were Black, 540 (24%) were Hispanic/Latino, 24 (1%) were Asian, 7 (<1%) were Native American, and 161 (7%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 111 (5%) consumers. (**Table 14** on page 32, **Table 15** on page 33, **Fig. 17** on next page)
- The age distribution of 2,281 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 27% age 0-2 years, 25% age 3-5 years, 31% 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 33, **Fig. 17**)
- Fifty-five 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'2013, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**

2,281 CONSUMERS WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION



- There has been a decline in the number of children<sup>16</sup> in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of children with a goal of adoption fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In 2001, children in placement with a goal of adoption dropped below 3,000. Over the years, changes in the number of children with a goal of adoption have often coincided with changes in the placement population. (See table below)
- Over the past 22 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 three years, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has been stable at 30-31%. (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%
6/12	7,467	2,286	31%
9/12	7,471	2,277	30%

NOTES: Children are less than 18 years old

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

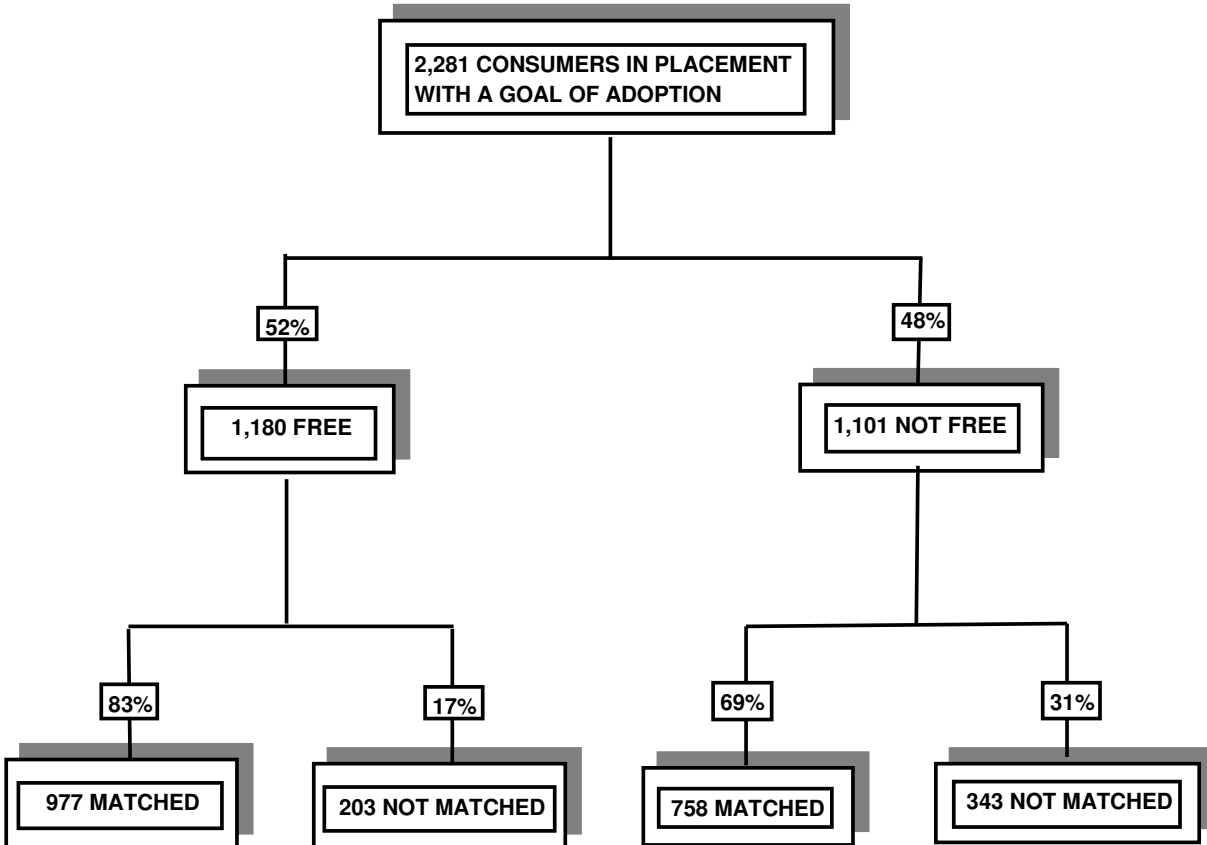
- Of the 2,281 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 52% were legally free for adoption. Eighty-three percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. (**Fig. 18** on next page)
- The adolescent age group had the highest proportion of children who were legally free for adoption (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’2012 showed that the proportion of older children (12-17 years old) who were adopted accounted for only 6% of all adoptions. The amount of time from being legally freed to adoption is much longer for these older children.

Age Group (years)	Children in Placement 9/30/12		% Legally Free for Adoption
	Children with Goal of Adoption & Legally Free for Adoption	All Children with Goal of Adoption	
	No.	No.	%
0 – 2	266	623	43%
3 – 5	313	580	54%
6 – 11	384	713	54%
12 – 17	216	361	60%
<b>Total</b>	1,179	2,277	52%

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

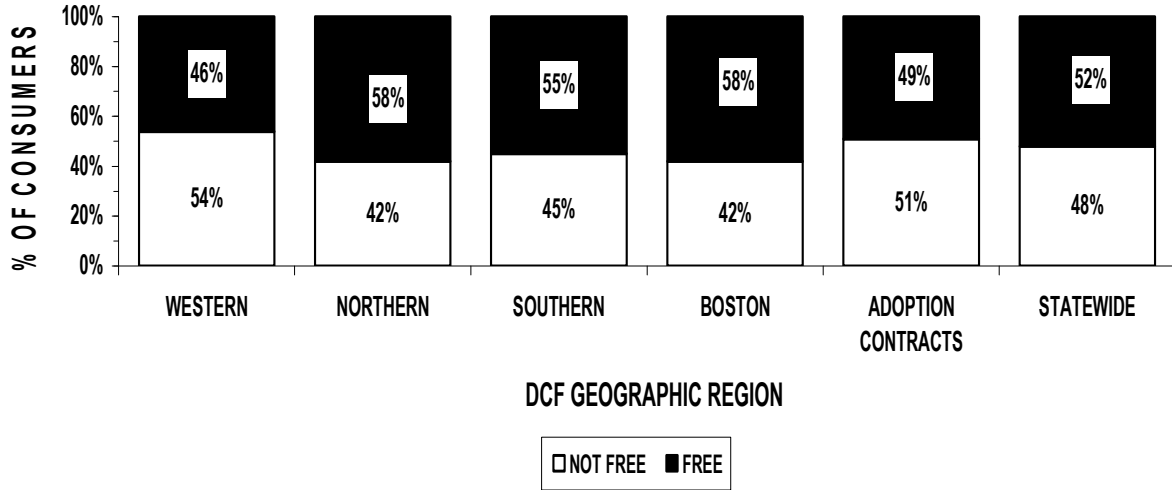
- Of those children with a goal of adoption who were not legally free for adoption (48%), 69% were matched to permanent families (**Fig. 18**).
- The proportion of children in placement with a goal of adoption who were legally free for adoption ranged from 46% in the West to 58% in both the North and Boston (**Fig. 19** on page 41). On an area office basis, the proportion of legally free children ranged from 33% in Cambridge to 84% in Lawrence (**Appendix Table A10** on page 77).
- The proportion of children in placement with a goal of adoption who were matched to a permanent family ranged from 74% in the South to 80% in both the West and Boston (**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 61% in Brockton to 93% in both Van Wart and Dimock Street (**Appendix Table A11** on page 78).

**FIGURE 18. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION:  
 LEGAL STATUS AND MATCH STATUS  
 FY'2013, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**

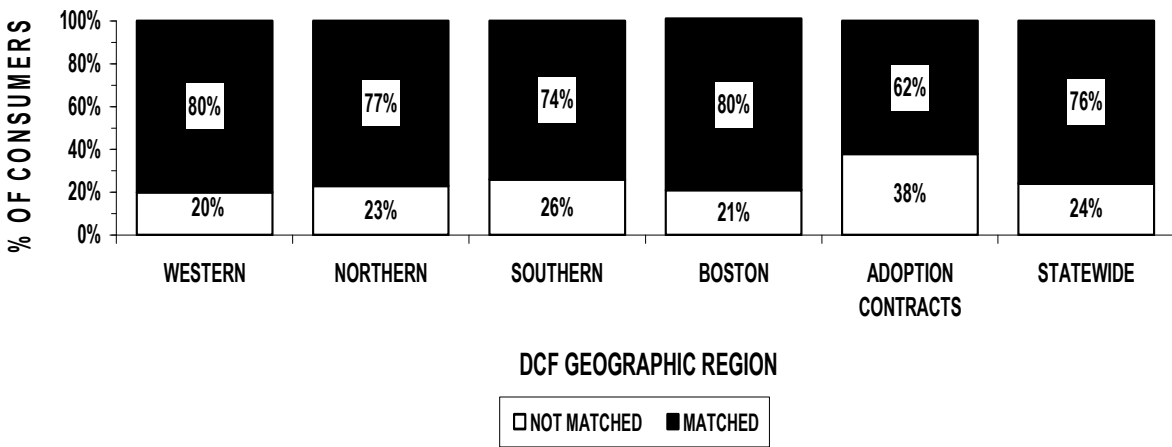


Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption  
 Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 19. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION  
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS  
FY'2013, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**



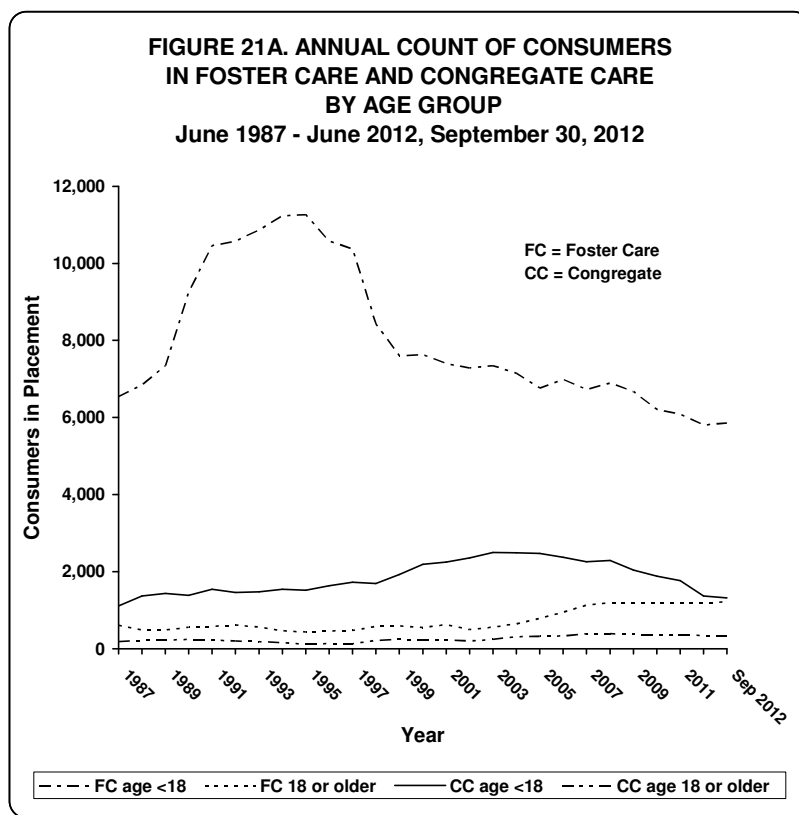
**FIGURE 20. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION  
AND WHETHER MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY  
FY'2013, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**



## E. Foster and Congregate Care

### Trends

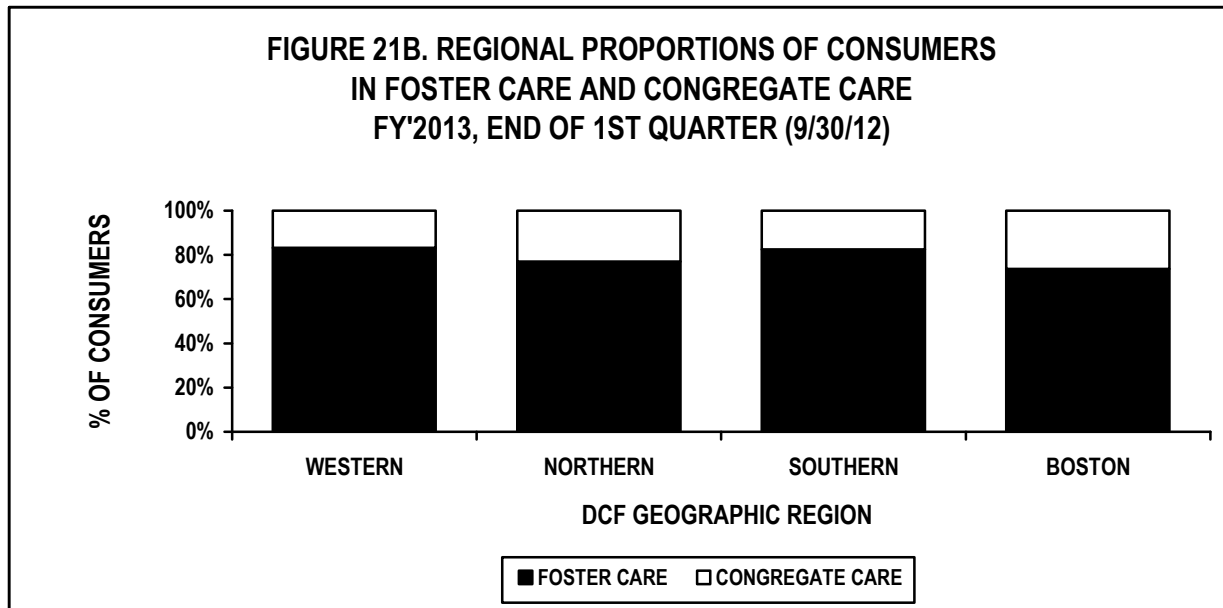
- The foster and congregate care populations have been declining at different rates for varying lengths of time (**Fig. 21A**). Further differences become evident when separate counts of foster and congregate care consumers are displayed by age group—less than 18 years old vs. 18 years or older (**Fig. 21A**).



- Annual counts of consumers less than 18 years old in foster care have been declining since 1995 (**Fig. 21A**). The most precipitous decline occurred from 1995 to 1999; thereafter, the decline progressed at a more moderate rate. Compared to foster care, counts of children less than 18 years old in congregate care have been more stable over the years (**Fig. 21A**). The congregate care population gradually increased during 1987 to 2003. In 2003, it began a downward trend which continued through 2012.
- The number of foster and congregate care children 18 years old or older fluctuated but remained relatively stable from 1987 to 2002 (**Fig. 21A**). In 2003, these populations of young adults began increasing and reached a plateau that extended from 2007 to 2012—around 1,190 individuals in foster care and 370 in congregate care (**Fig. 21A**). Children in DCF custody/care who are turning 18 years old have an opportunity to sign a voluntary placement agreement. They are supported by DCF until graduation from a full-time school and vocational training program (through age 23 for a Bachelor's Degree).



- There were 7,074 consumers in foster care and 1,663 consumers in congregate care<sup>17</sup> on the last day of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013. (Table 17A on page 45, Fig. 21B)



- Adolescents (12-17 years) were the primary age group in foster care (25-31% range across regions) and congregate care (67-73% range across regions). (Table 17A)
- Adolescents were also the primary age group in “Other” placement locations<sup>18</sup> (69-80% regional range). (Table 17A)
- The foster care racial proportions ranged from: White—18% in Boston to 61% in the South; Black—9% in the North to 48% in Boston; and Hispanic/Latino—13% in the South to 30% in both the West and North (Table 18A on page 48). 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 49-50).

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

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

- There were 1,747 consumers in “Intensive” foster care<sup>19</sup> (IFC) and 5,327 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (34% of consumers), kinship (35%), child specific (8%), pre-adoptive (8%), and independent living (14%).<sup>20</sup> (**Table 17B** on page 46 or **Table 18B** on page 49)
- A breakdown of the number of consumers in Departmental foster care by region is displayed in **Fig. 22B** on page 51.
- The proportions of consumers in different types of foster care are shown for each region in **Figure 22A** (page 51). 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 (755 consumers), residential (575), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)<sup>21</sup> (333 consumers). (**Table 17C** on page 47)
- The proportions of consumers in different types of congregate care are shown for each region in **Figure 23A** (on page 52). The West and North had the highest proportions of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential placements was most significant in the Boston Region. The proportion of children in STARR placements was 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 52 and **Table 17C**.
- Consumers in the residential program were mostly situated in Residential schools.<sup>22</sup> (**Table 17C**)
- The primary models in the group home program were behavioral treatment residence (BTR) (367 consumers), group home (251), and independent living (137). (**Table 17C**)

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<sup>19</sup>Intensive Foster Care encompasses and expands upon services formerly known as “Contracted” Foster Care (Therapeutic, Diagnostic, Independent Living, Emergency Shelter, and Other models). IFC programs provide therapeutic services and supports in a family-based placement setting to children and youth for whom a traditional foster care environment is not sufficiently supportive, who are transitioning from a residential/group home level of care and require the intensity of services available through this program, or who are being discharged from a hospital setting.

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

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

<sup>22</sup> Staff secure placement is for children who have not sufficiently internalized behavioral controls and require a more highly structured setting to help them manage their behavior. These facilities are licensed by the Department of Education. Special education services are provided according to the child’s Individual Education Plan (IEP).

**TABLE 17A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY2013, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Age Group	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
<b>Western</b>		<b>2,681</b>		<b>543</b>		<b>108</b>		<b>3,332</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	579	22%	1	*	4	4%	584
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	414	15%	4	1%	6	6%	424
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	506	19%	75	14%	16	15%	597
	(12 - 17 yrs)	818	31%	366	67%	75	69%	1,259
	18 or older	364	14%	97	18%	7	6%	468
<b>Northern</b>		<b>1,443</b>		<b>433</b>		<b>88</b>		<b>1,964</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	240	17%	---	---	1	1%	241
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	198	14%	1	*	1	1%	200
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	248	17%	23	5%	7	8%	278
	(12 - 17 yrs)	435	30%	292	67%	70	80%	797
	18 or older	322	22%	117	27%	9	10%	448
<b>Southern</b>		<b>1,847</b>		<b>393</b>		<b>59</b>		<b>2,299</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	361	20%	---	---	3	5%	364
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	309	17%	4	1%	1	2%	314
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	396	21%	44	11%	4	7%	444
	(12 - 17 yrs)	468	25%	286	73%	45	76%	799
	18 or older	313	17%	59	15%	6	10%	378
<b>Boston</b>		<b>759</b>		<b>271</b>		<b>63</b>		<b>1,093</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	156	21%	2	1%	1	2%	159
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	103	14%	6	2%	---	---	109
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	132	17%	18	7%	3	5%	153
	(12 - 17 yrs)	212	28%	190	70%	50	79%	452
	18 or older	156	21%	55	20%	9	14%	220
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup></b>		<b>253</b>		<b>4</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>259</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	50	20%	---	---	---	---	50
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	62	25%	1	25%	---	---	63
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	92	36%	2	50%	2	100%	96
	(12 - 17 yrs)	49	19%	1	25%	---	---	50
<b>Other <sup>(4)</sup></b>		<b>91</b>		<b>19</b>		<b>18</b>		<b>128</b>
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	7	8%	1	5%	---	---	8
	(12 - 17 yrs)	23	25%	4	21%	3	17%	30
	18 or older	61	67%	14	74%	15	83%	90
<b>Total</b>		<b>7,074</b>		<b>1,663</b>		<b>338</b>		<b>9,075</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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**TABLE 17B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2013, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Age Group	Foster Care							Foster Care Total
		Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
		Intensive Foster Care	Other	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
<b>Western</b>		<b>611</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>2,681</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	10	5	24	---	199	62	279	579
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	28	3	37	---	147	54	145	414
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	103	2	42	---	165	55	139	506
	(12 - 17 yrs)	388	19	66	5	147	14	179	818
	18 or older	82	8	19	208	12	3	32	364
<b>Northern</b>		<b>384</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>1,443</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	31	2	12	---	90	19	86	240
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	34	7	14	---	72	25	46	198
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	69	5	6	---	99	12	57	248
	(12 - 17 yrs)	200	7	39	---	97	7	85	435
	18 or older	50	10	15	216	8	---	23	322
<b>Southern</b>		<b>364</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>1,847</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	15	2	16	---	138	38	152	361
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	30	3	12	---	139	26	99	309
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	69	2	18	---	180	27	100	396
	(12 - 17 yrs)	198	3	43	1	121	3	99	468
	18 or older	52	8	22	185	19	1	26	313
<b>Boston</b>		<b>187</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>759</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	3	5	15	---	59	15	59	156
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	9	2	7	---	43	5	37	103
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	49	1	7	---	46	9	20	132
	(12 - 17 yrs)	94	4	10	---	45	6	53	212
	18 or older	32	---	7	103	4	---	10	156
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(2)</sup></b>		<b>72</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>253</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	3	---	2	---	11	12	22	50
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	16	---	---	---	14	17	15	62
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	28	1	5	---	22	17	19	92
	(12 - 17 yrs)	25	---	---	---	8	11	5	49
<b>Other <sup>(3)</sup></b>		<b>30</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>91</b>
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	4	---	---	---	---	---	3	7
	(12 - 17 yrs)	15	---	---	---	---	---	8	23
	18 or older	11	---	2	26	---	---	22	61
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,648</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>1,885</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>1,820</b>	<b>7,074</b>

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

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

**TABLE 17C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY2013, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Congregate Care						Total
	Group Home			Residential		STARR <sup>(3)</sup>	
	Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential <sup>(2)</sup>		
<b>Western</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>543</b>
( 0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	1	---	1
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	4	4
( 6 - 11 yrs)	17	13	---	22	---	23	75
(12 - 17 yrs)	122	56	---	103	2	83	366
18 or older	13	26	24	32	1	1	97
<b>Northern</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>433</b>
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
( 6 - 11 yrs)	9	3	---	7	---	4	23
(12 - 17 yrs)	71	41	15	92	3	70	292
18 or older	6	19	61	28	2	1	117
<b>Southern</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>393</b>
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	4	4
( 6 - 11 yrs)	13	3	---	10	---	18	44
(12 - 17 yrs)	50	41	5	102	3	85	286
18 or older	4	10	12	30	3	---	59
<b>Boston</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>271</b>
( 0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	2
( 3 - 5 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	5	6
( 6 - 11 yrs)	6	1	---	9	---	2	18
(12 - 17 yrs)	46	25	4	85	2	28	190
18 or older	7	11	10	25	2	---	55
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>1</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
( 6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	1	2
(12 - 17 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	---	1
<b>Other <sup>(5)</sup></b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>19</b>
( 6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	1	3	---	---	4
18 or older	1	2	5	5	1	---	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>1,663</b>

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

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

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

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

**TABLE 18A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2013, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Race	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
<b>Western</b>		<b>2,681</b>		<b>543</b>		<b>108</b>		<b>3,332</b>
	White	1,308	49%	261	48%	45	42%	1,614
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	800	30%	170	31%	47	44%	1,017
	Black	303	11%	72	13%	7	6%	382
	Asian	12	*	---	---	---	---	12
	Native American	2	*	---	---	---	---	2
	Other <sup>(4)</sup>	1	*	1	*	---	---	2
	Multi-Racial	139	5%	22	4%	5	5%	166
	Unable to Determine	116	4%	17	3%	4	4%	137
<b>Northern</b>		<b>1,443</b>		<b>433</b>		<b>88</b>		<b>1,964</b>
	White	684	47%	239	55%	29	33%	952
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	440	30%	112	26%	35	40%	587
	Black	125	9%	43	10%	8	9%	176
	Asian	65	5%	13	3%	4	5%	82
	Native American	2	*	1	*	---	---	3
	Other <sup>(4)</sup>	1	*	1	*	1	1%	3
	Multi-Racial	74	5%	16	4%	7	8%	97
	Unable to Determine	52	4%	8	2%	4	5%	64
<b>Southern</b>		<b>1,847</b>		<b>393</b>		<b>59</b>		<b>2,299</b>
	White	1,131	61%	237	60%	29	49%	1,397
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	233	13%	41	10%	17	29%	291
	Black	238	13%	73	19%	7	12%	318
	Asian	11	1%	4	1%	1	2%	16
	Native American	11	1%	2	1%	---	---	13
	Multi-Racial	149	8%	21	5%	1	2%	171
	Unable to Determine	74	4%	15	4%	4	7%	93
<b>Boston</b>		<b>759</b>		<b>271</b>		<b>63</b>		<b>1,093</b>
	White	133	18%	41	15%	7	11%	181
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	195	26%	80	30%	23	37%	298
	Black	364	48%	135	50%	30	48%	529
	Asian	13	2%	2	1%	2	3%	17
	Native American	2	*	---	---	---	---	2
	Multi-Racial	29	4%	7	3%	---	---	36
	Unable to Determine	23	3%	6	2%	1	2%	30
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(5)</sup></b>		<b>253</b>		<b>4</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>259</b>
	White	119	47%	4	100%	1	50%	124
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	64	25%	---	---	1	50%	65
	Black	41	16%	---	---	---	---	41
	Asian	1	*	---	---	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	19	8%	---	---	---	---	19
	Unable to Determine	9	4%	---	---	---	---	9
<b>Other <sup>(6)</sup></b>		<b>91</b>		<b>19</b>		<b>18</b>		<b>128</b>
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	27	30%	10	53%	12	67%	49
	Black	26	29%	4	21%	2	11%	32
	Asian	36	40%	2	11%	1	6%	39
	Unable to Determine	2	2%	3	16%	3	17%	8
<b>Total</b>		<b>7,074</b>		<b>1,663</b>		<b>338</b>		<b>9,075</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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**TABLE 18B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2013, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Age Group	Foster Care						Foster Care Total	
		Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
		Intensive Foster Care	Other	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive		Unrestricted
<b>Western</b>		<b>611</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>2,681</b>
	White	245	16	107	102	404	89	345	1,308
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(2)</sup>	211	15	39	65	168	58	244	800
	Black	104	2	26	35	42	18	76	303
	Asian	5	1	---	---	---	1	5	12
	Native American	---	1	1	---	---	---	---	2
	Other <sup>(3)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	Multi-Racial	32	1	4	8	30	15	49	139
	Unable to Determine	14	1	11	3	26	7	54	116
<b>Northern</b>		<b>384</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>1,443</b>
	White	154	13	45	101	226	27	118	684
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(2)</sup>	126	10	22	65	85	22	110	440
	Black	45	3	7	31	16	3	20	125
	Asian	18	2	1	14	10	3	17	65
	Native American	1	---	---	---	---	1	---	2
	Other <sup>(3)</sup>	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	27	2	4	3	16	5	17	74
	Unable to Determine	12	1	7	2	13	2	15	52
<b>Southern</b>		<b>364</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>1,847</b>
	White	216	12	79	109	393	52	270	1,131
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(2)</sup>	51	3	10	28	63	9	69	233
	Black	63	3	12	36	58	8	58	238
	Asian	2	---	---	5	1	2	1	11
	Native American	1	---	1	---	6	1	2	11
	Multi-Racial	22	---	7	5	55	10	50	149
	Unable to Determine	9	---	2	3	21	13	26	74
<b>Boston</b>		<b>187</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>759</b>
	White	38	2	6	16	36	9	26	133
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(2)</sup>	50	6	14	28	44	8	45	195
	Black	83	3	18	56	103	16	85	364
	Asian	2	---	2	2	2	1	4	13
	Native American	---	---	1	---	1	---	---	2
	Multi-Racial	12	1	3	1	7	1	4	29
	Unable to Determine	2	---	2	---	4	---	15	23
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(4)</sup></b>		<b>72</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>253</b>
	White	31	1	3	---	39	22	23	119
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(2)</sup>	13	---	2	---	10	21	18	64
	Black	16	---	2	---	6	7	10	41
	Asian	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	1
	Multi-Racial	6	---	---	---	---	6	7	19
	Unable to Determine	6	---	---	---	---	---	3	9
<b>Other <sup>(5)</sup></b>		<b>30</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>91</b>
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(2)</sup>	11	---	---	11	---	---	5	27
	Black	4	---	2	6	---	---	14	26
	Asian	14	---	---	9	---	---	13	36
	Unable to Determine	1	---	---	---	---	---	1	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,648</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>1,885</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>1,820</b>	<b>7,074</b>

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**TABLE 18C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY2013, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Congregate Care						Total
	Group Home			Residential		STARR <sup>(3)</sup>	
	Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential <sup>(2)</sup>		
<b>Western</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>543</b>
White	72	51	6	73	---	59	261
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(4)</sup>	40	30	6	59	4	31	170
Black	25	8	10	19	---	10	72
Other <sup>(5)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
Multi-Racial	7	3	2	4	---	6	22
Unable to Determine	8	3		2	---	4	17
<b>Northern</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>433</b>
White	50	34	38	72	3	42	239
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(4)</sup>	25	16	22	30	2	17	112
Black	5	6	12	12	---	8	43
Asian	1	4	1	5	---	2	13
Native American	---	1	---	---	---	---	1
Other <sup>(5)</sup>	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
Multi-Racial	3	2	3	4	---	4	16
Unable to Determine	2	---	---	3	---	3	8
<b>Southern</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>393</b>
White	41	36	8	87	3	62	237
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(4)</sup>	1	5	---	18	3	14	41
Black	15	11	6	22	---	19	73
Asian	---	1	---	2	---	1	4
Native American	---	---	---	1	---	1	2
Multi-Racial	6	---	3	5	---	7	21
Unable to Determine	4	1	---	7	---	3	15
<b>Boston</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>271</b>
White	9	5	3	16	1	7	41
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(4)</sup>	17	7	5	34	3	14	80
Black	29	20	5	68	---	13	135
Asian	---	2	---	---	---	---	2
Multi-Racial	3	1	---	---	---	3	7
Unable to Determine	2	2	1	1	---	---	6
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(6)</sup></b>	<b>1</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
White	1	---	---	1	---	2	4
<b>Other <sup>(7)</sup></b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>19</b>
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(4)</sup>	1	2	---	7	---	---	10
Black	---	---	3	1	---	---	4
Asian	---	---	1	---	1	---	2
Unable to Determine	---	---	2	1	---	---	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>1,663</b>

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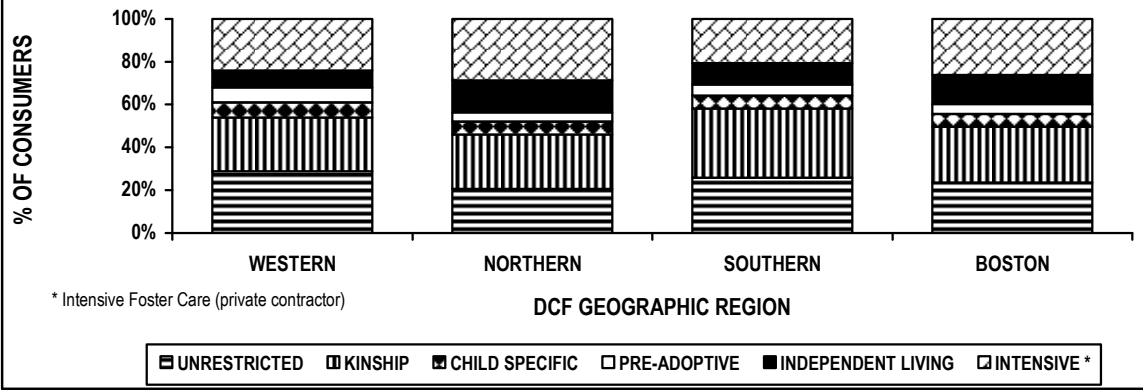
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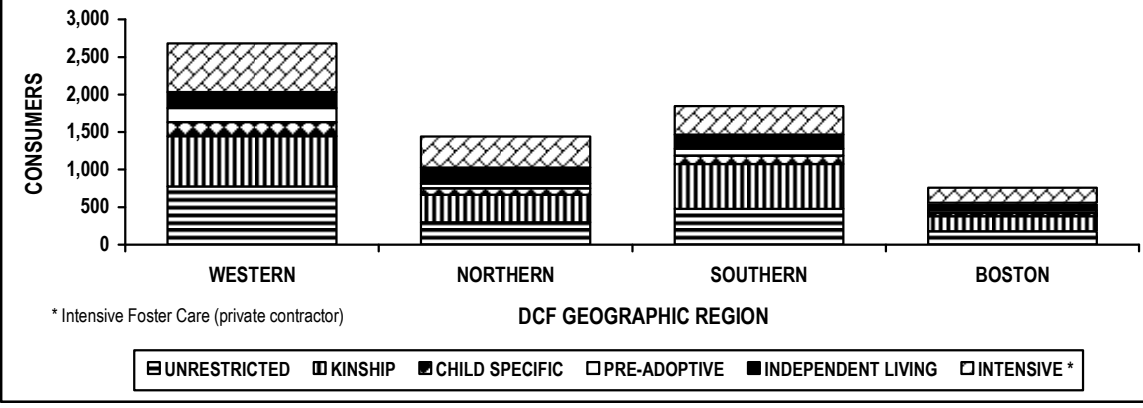
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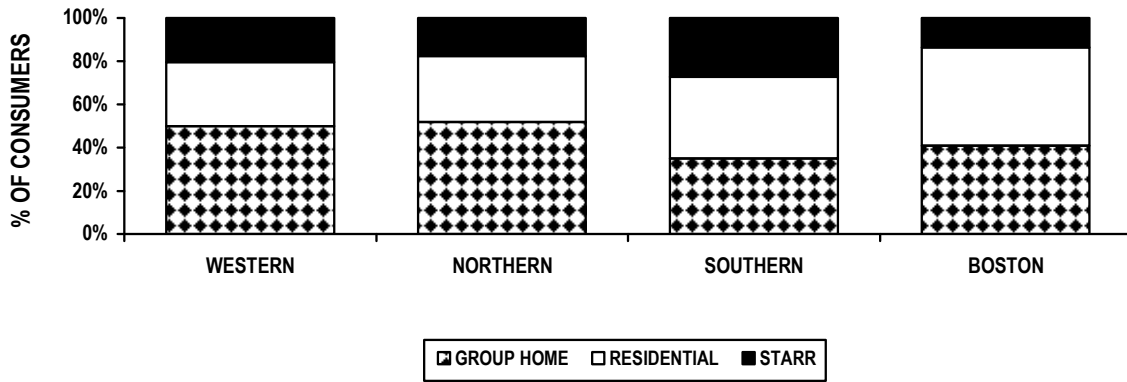
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IN FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2013, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**



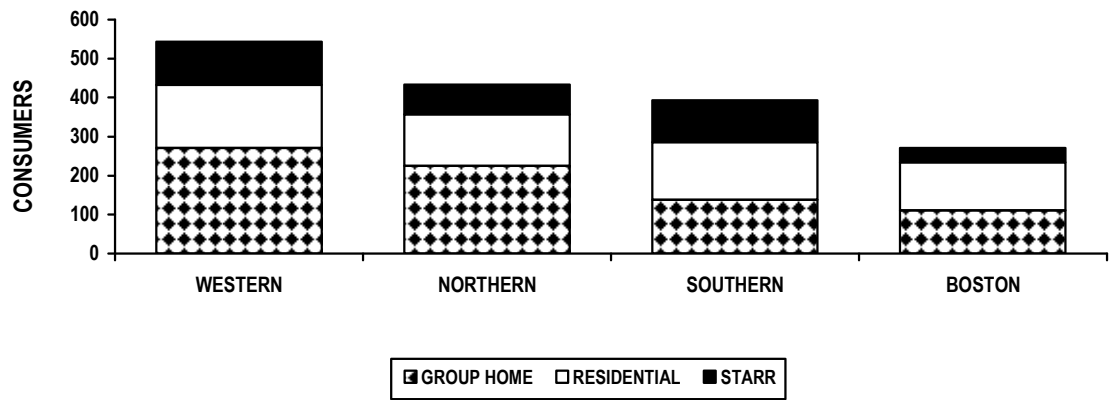
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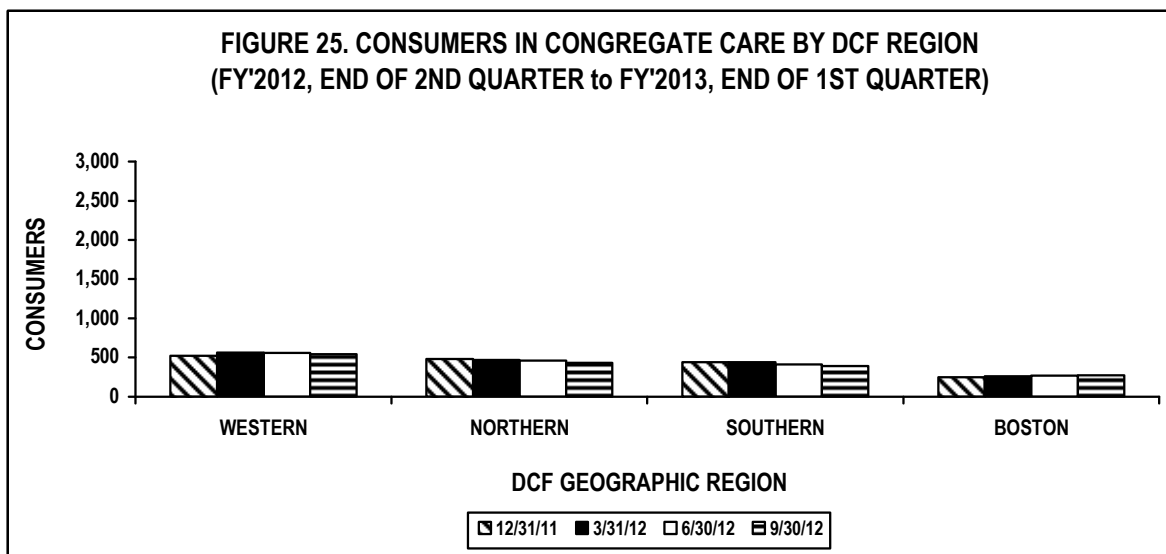
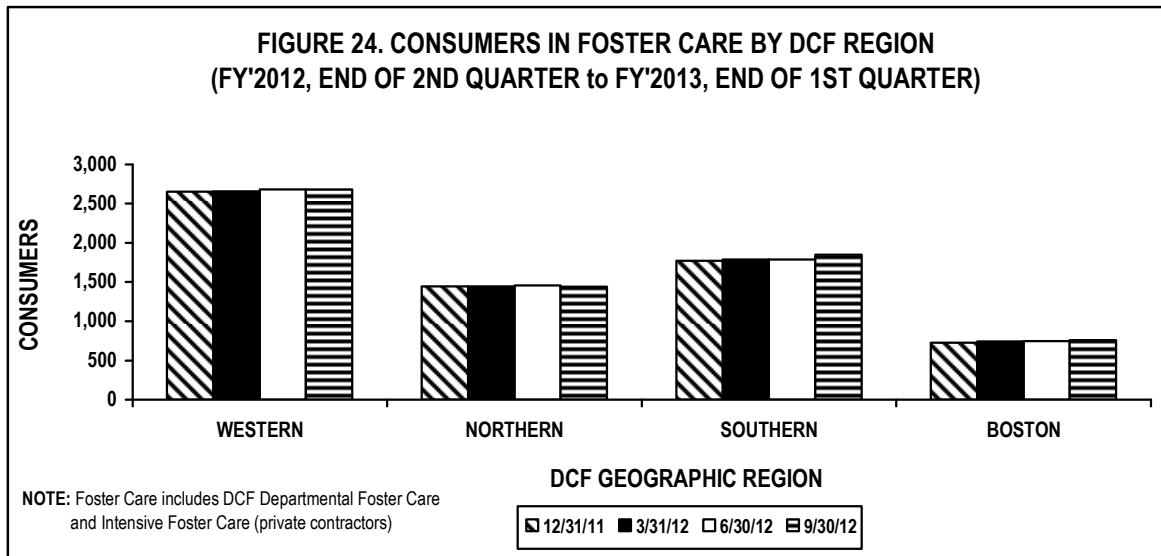
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- From the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, there was a decrease of 3% in the congregate care population and an increase of 1% in the foster care population (Figs. 24, 25, and 21A on page 42).<sup>23</sup>
- Declines in statewide numbers of consumers in placement, foster care, and congregate care most often occur in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter over the past 4 years). Seasonal variation is not the only contributing factor. Annual counts of placement children have shown a steady decline since 1995 (Fig. 13A on page 23, Appendix Table A1 on page 68).



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

## F. Independent Living

Of the 7,074 consumers in foster care, 744 were in the Departmental foster care category of “Independent Living.” These children are in a school or vocational program and need financial support to transition to living independently. They receive foster care payments directly to pay for room and board expenses as long as they fully participate in an educational or vocational program, and meet with their social worker as arranged. Placement services may be extended to the youth’s 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday if it is demonstrated that without DCF financial support the student will not complete a Bachelor’s program. On 9/30/2012, the ages of these children ranged from 17 to 23 years old.

Of the 1,663 consumers in congregate care, 137 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 9/30/2012, the ages of these children ranged from 16 to 22 years old.

- The Northern Region had the highest number of independent living children (216 in foster care and 76 in group homes). (See table below).
- Of the 744 youth in the Departmental foster care independent living model, 99% were 18 years or older, 61% were female, 44% were White, 22% were Black, 26% were Hispanic/Latino, and 74% had spent more than two years in continuous substitute care. (See table on next page)
- Of the 137 youth in independent living group homes, 82% were 18 years or older, 50% were female, 40% were White, 26% were Black, 24% were Hispanic/Latino, and 65% 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’2013, End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (9/30/12)

Departmental Foster Care		DCF Region	Group Home	
No.	%		No.	%
213	29%	Western	24	18%
216	29%	Northern	76	55%
186	25%	Southern	17	12%
103	14%	Boston	14	10%
26	3%	Central Office	6	4%
744	100%	TOTAL	137	100%

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

**Demographic Profile of Youth in the Independent Living Program  
FY'2013, End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (9/30/12)**

<b>Departmental Foster Care</b>			<b>Group Home</b>	
<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>		<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
		<i><b>Age Group</b></i>		
6	1%	<b>16-17 years</b>	25	18%
738	99%	<b>18 years or Older</b>	112	82%
		<i><b>Gender</b></i>		
293	39%	<b>Male</b>	69	50%
451	61%	<b>Female</b>	68	50%
		<i><b>Race</b></i>		
328	44%	<b>White</b>	55	40%
164	22%	<b>Black</b>	36	26%
197	26%	<b>Hispanic/Latino</b>	33	24%
30	4%	<b>Asian</b>	2	1%
---	---	<b>Native American</b>	---	---
17	2%	<b>Multi-Racial</b>	8	6%
8	1%	<b>Undetermined</b>	3	2%
		<i><b>Continuous Time in Care</b></i>		
109	15%	<b>1 year or less</b>	23	17%
90	12%	<b>&gt;1 – 2 years</b>	25	18%
169	23%	<b>&gt;2 – 4 years</b>	32	23%
376	51%	<b>&gt;4 years</b>	57	42%

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

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

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

- Statewide, 25% of all children in placement were in kinship care. The Haverhill (39%) and Fall River (37%) area offices had the highest proportions of placement children in kinship. **(Table 19A on next page)**
- Statewide, 30% of White, 19% of Hispanic/Latino, and 20% of Black children in placement were in kinship placements. **(Table 19B on page 58)**
- Of those area offices with more than 30 Hispanic children in placement, Fall River (27%) and Brockton (27%) 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 (31%) and Dimock Street (29%) had the largest proportions of Black children in kinship care. **(Table 19B)**

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

**TABLE 19A. CHILDREN <sup>(1)</sup> IN KINSHIP PLACEMENT AS A PROPORTION OF ALL CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT:  
FY'2013, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**

<b>DCF Region/Area</b>	<b>Kinship</b>	<b>Total Children in Placement</b>	<b>% in Kinship</b>
Greenfield	71	259	27%
Holyoke	61	261	23%
North Central	111	362	31%
Pittsfield	93	326	29%
Robert Van Wart	68	346	20%
South Central	70	263	27%
Springfield	41	391	10%
Worcester East	79	332	24%
Worcester West	63	320	20%
Contracted Agencies	1	4	25%
<b>Western</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>2,864</b>	<b>23%</b>
Cambridge	22	106	21%
Cape Ann	53	217	24%
Framingham	40	169	24%
Haverhill	57	148	39%
Lawrence	22	149	15%
Lowell	88	338	26%
Lynn	50	233	21%
Malden	26	156	17%
<b>Northern</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>1,516</b>	<b>24%</b>
Arlington	39	139	28%
Brockton	51	216	24%
Cape Cod	60	213	28%
Coastal	67	207	32%
Fall River	124	334	37%
New Bedford	96	356	27%
Plymouth	78	237	33%
Taunton/Attleboro	63	217	29%
Contracted Agencies	---	2	---
<b>Southern</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>1,921</b>	<b>30%</b>
Dimock Street	62	235	26%
Harbor	47	217	22%
Hyde Park	33	190	17%
Park Street	51	230	22%
Contracted Agencies	---	1	---
<b>Boston</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>55</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>Other <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>---</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,842</b>	<b>7,471</b>	<b>25%</b>

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

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

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

**TABLE 19B. RACE OF CHILDREN <sup>(1)</sup> IN KINSHIP PLACEMENTS COMPARED TO ALL PLACEMENTS:  
FY'2013, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**

DCF Region/ Area Office	Children in Kinship			Total Children in Placement			% Kinship Placements		
	Race			Race			Race		
	White	Hispanic <sup>(2)</sup>	Black	White	Hispanic <sup>(2)</sup>	Black	White	Hispanic <sup>(2)</sup>	Black
Greenfield	51	6	3	192	25	13	27%	24%	23%
Holyoke	24	33	1	73	144	27	33%	23%	4%
North Central	72	28	1	196	109	20	37%	26%	5%
Pittsfield	66	11	7	220	28	20	30%	39%	35%
Robert Van Wart	48	11	6	191	103	29	25%	11%	21%
South Central	53	9	4	201	38	11	26%	24%	36%
Springfield	10	18	9	67	195	93	15%	9%	10%
Worcester East	42	30	2	128	124	41	33%	24%	5%
Worcester West	30	18	9	135	115	39	22%	16%	23%
Contracted Agencies	1	---	---	1	2	---	---	---	---
<b>Western</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1,404</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>14%</b>
Cambridge	13	6	2	44	33	21	30%	18%	10%
Cape Ann	42	6	4	154	34	13	27%	18%	31%
Framingham	21	8	4	89	34	17	24%	24%	24%
Haverhill	42	6	1	100	30	4	42%	20%	25%
Lawrence	7	15	---	41	99	---	17%	---	---
Lowell	50	25	2	143	115	12	35%	22%	17%
Lynn	23	15	2	78	78	28	29%	19%	7%
Malden	24	2	---	90	32	19	27%	---	---
<b>Northern</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>13%</b>
Arlington	29	5	2	80	25	19	36%	20%	11%
Brockton	26	9	11	94	33	62	28%	27%	18%
Cape Cod	40	4	2	143	20	12	28%	20%	17%
Coastal	38	4	10	126	11	30	30%	36%	33%
Fall River	84	14	11	190	51	36	44%	27%	31%
New Bedford	53	18	8	193	68	47	27%	26%	17%
Plymouth	62	3	5	189	7	19	33%	43%	26%
Taunton/Attleboro	48	5	4	153	19	20	31%	26%	20%
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	1	1	---	---	---	---
<b>Southern</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>1,169</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>22%</b>
Dimock Street	7	13	38	22	60	132	32%	22%	29%
Harbor	20	18	6	90	84	21	22%	21%	29%
Hyde Park	2	4	26	14	44	124	14%	9%	21%
Park Street	7	8	30	26	52	127	27%	15%	24%
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Boston</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>39</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Other <sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,074</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>3,589</b>	<b>1,885</b>	<b>1,107</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>20%</b>

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

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

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

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



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

- During the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, 1,745 consumers entered placement and 1,716 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 next page, Table 21 on page 61)
- Compared to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, there was a 3% decrease in consumers entering placement and a 4% decrease in consumers leaving placement<sup>25</sup> during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013.

### A. Entries to Placement

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, 62% were first-time entrants and 38% were re-entrants.<sup>26</sup> Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 55% in the North to 66% in the West. (Table 20, Fig. 26 on next page)
- Across the state, 72% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 24% were placed in congregate care,<sup>27</sup> and 3% were placed in non-referral locations.<sup>28</sup>
- Regionally, the proportion of all entrants placed in foster care ranged from 62% in the North to 79% in the West. In contrast, the proportion of all entrants placed in congregate care ranged from 18% in the West to 33% in the North. (Table 20, Fig. 27 on page 61)
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Seventy-seven percent of first-time entrants and 64% of re-entrants were placed in foster care. Conversely, 32% of re-entrants and 20% of first-time entrants were placed in congregate care. (Table 20)

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<sup>25</sup> Modifications in programming logic resulted in a more accurate determination of consumers leaving placement. During the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, 1,788 consumers left placement.

<sup>26</sup> Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

<sup>27</sup> Congregate Care includes group home, residential treatment, and short-term residential placement.

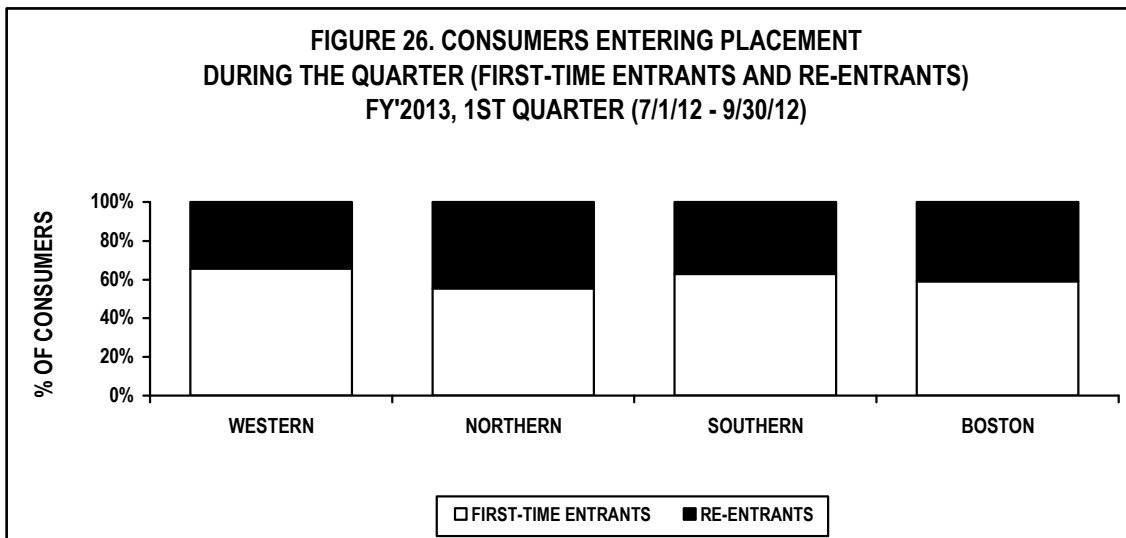
<sup>28</sup> Non-referral locations include hospitals, nursing homes, and placements supervised by other state agencies.

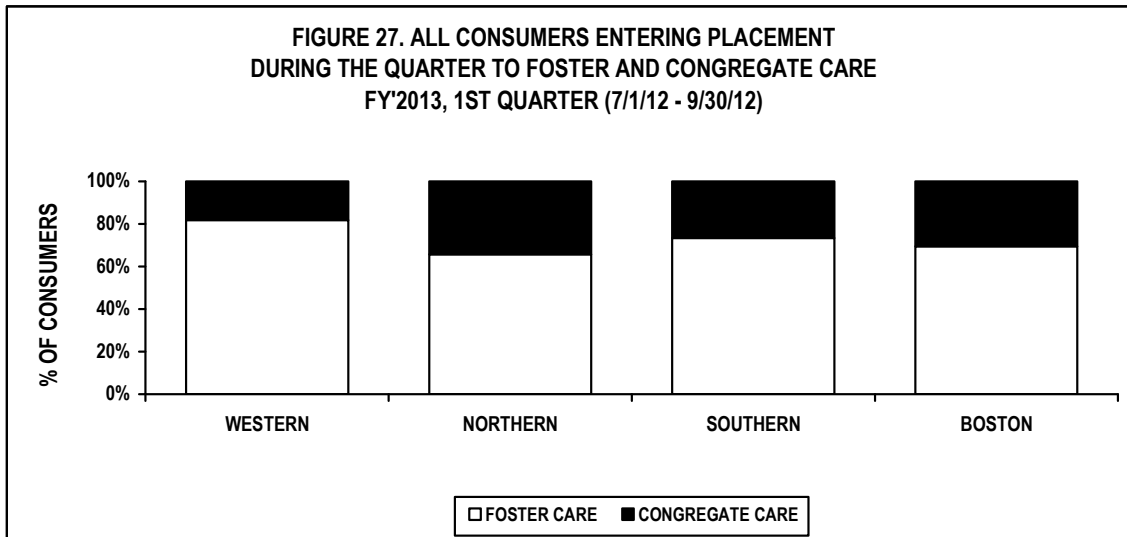
**TABLE 20. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2013, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/12 - 9/30/12)**

Entry Type: Placement Location Started	DCF Geographic Region					Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Other <sup>(1)</sup>	
<b>First-Time Entrants:</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1,086</b>
Foster Care	376	124	250	86	4	840
Congregate Care	62	55	63	29	3	212
Non-Referral Location <sup>(2)</sup>	14	8	7	2	3	34
<b>Re-Entrants:</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>659</b>
Foster Care	170	87	113	48	2	420
Congregate Care	59	55	69	30	---	213
Non-Referral Location <sup>(2)</sup>	7	9	7	3	---	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1,745</b>

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

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





## B. Exits from Placement

- Statewide, 64% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 53% in Boston to 68% in both the North and West. **(Table 21)**
- Statewide, 16% of consumers leaving placement were emancipated, 10% were adopted, and 6% were granted guardianships. **(Table 21)**
- Regionally, the proportion of consumers leaving placement who were emancipated ranged from 12% in the West to 25% in Boston. The proportion adopted ranged from 2% in Boston to 12% in the South. The proportion granted guardianships ranged from 3% in the North to 11% in Boston. **(Table 21)**

**TABLE 21. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2013, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/12 - 9/30/12)**

Reason Placement Ended	DCF Geographic Region						Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Adoption Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>	Other <sup>(2)</sup>	
Child Returned Home	459	256	290	91	1	2	1,099
Child 18 or Older	82	66	73	42	---	7	270
Consumer Adopted	71	31	53	3	18	---	176
Guardianship	44	10	29	19	4	---	106
Custody to Other Individual	21	9	6	15	2	---	53
Custody to Other Agency	---	3	4	---	---	---	7
Child on the Run	2	---	2	---	---	---	4
Consumer Deceased	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1,716</b>

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

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

- Consumers returned home had one placement (median) and spent the least amount of time in continuous care (0.5 year median) (See table below). Emancipated children (18 years or older) spent the most time in continuous care (3.3 years median).
- Compared to other consumers leaving placement, emancipated children had a relatively large number of placements (8 median) during their entire history with the Department of Children and Families—from earliest placement entry to the most recent exit. (See table below)

### Consumers Leaving Placement (7/1/2012 – 9/30/2012)

Reason Left Placement	Number of Consumers	Most Recent Continuous Time in Placement Prior to Leaving		Total History w/DCF
		# Placements Median Count	Placement Duration Median Continuous Time in Placement (years)	# Placements Median Count
Returned Home	1,099	1	0.5	3
Emancipation (18 years or older)	270	2	3.3	8
Adoption	176	2	2.9	4
Guardianship	106	2	2.0	3
Custody to Other Individual or Agency	60	---	---	---
Other*	5	---	---	---
<b>Total</b>	1,716	1	0.9	4

\* Child was “on the run” from placement or deceased.

- The most significant differences among racial groups, when comparing reasons for leaving placement, were the proportions returned home and the proportions emancipated. Compared to Hispanic and White children, a smaller proportion of Black children were returned home and a larger proportion were emancipated (See table below). Fifty-six percent of Black, 64% of White, and 66% of Hispanic children were returned home. Twenty-two percent of Black, 15% of White, and 15% of Hispanic children were emancipated.

### Consumers Leaving Placement (7/1/2012 – 9/30/2012)

Reason Left Placement	White	Hispanic	Black	Asian	Multi-Racial	Other**	Total
Returned Home	486	327	147	20	61	58	1099
Emancipation (18 years or older)	112	73	58	8	14	5	270
Adoption	84	49	18	3	14	8	176
Guardianship	52	25	21	1	4	3	106
Custody to Other Individual or Agency	20	15	19	---	3	3	60
Other*	---	3	1	---	1	---	5
<b>Total</b>	754	492	264	32	97	77	1716

\* Child was “on the run” from placement or deceased.

\*\* Includes Native American, Pacific Islander, and Unspecified.

## VII. FOSTER HOME DEMOGRAPHICS<sup>29</sup>

- At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, there were 4,025 foster homes under the direct supervision of DCF. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes<sup>30</sup> as well as unrestricted homes.<sup>31</sup> There were 1,830 restricted and 2,195 unrestricted foster homes at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013—decreases of less than 1% in both restricted and unrestricted compared to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012. Unrestricted foster homes were at their highest number in 1998 (4,146) while restricted homes peaked in 2004 (2,576). (**Table 22 and Fig. 28** on next page)
- At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'1998, 29% of all DCF foster homes were restricted homes. Restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes rose above 50% in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2003 and declined below 50% in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2009. At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, restricted homes accounted for 45% of all foster homes (**Table 22 and Fig. 28**)
- Statewide, 65% 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 (414) of all foster homes were identified as Black (205 restricted and 209 unrestricted) (**Table 22**).
- Fifteen percent (594) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (225 restricted and 369 unrestricted) (**Table 22**).
- Statewide, 62% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were married (**Table 23** on page 65).
- Statewide, 51% of the foster parents in restricted homes were married (**Table 23**).

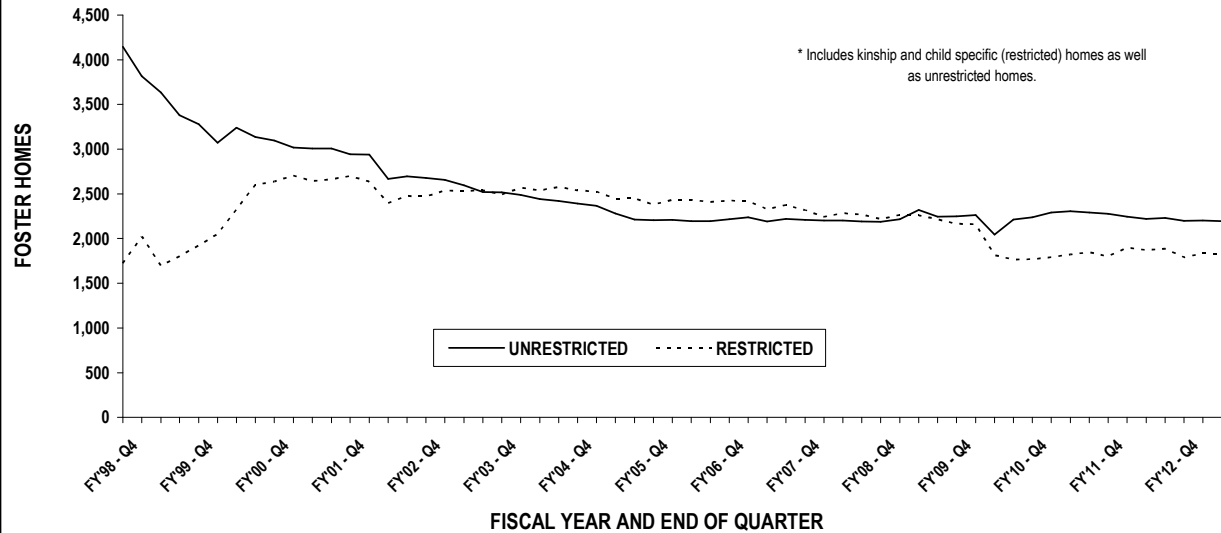
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<sup>29</sup> Foster homes provide formal, temporary out-of-home placement to children who are in the care and custody of DCF. Foster families may be related or unrelated to the child.

<sup>30</sup> Child-specific and kinship placements occur (1) when a court orders a child to be placed in a specific foster home; or (2) when a child requires placement and the child or his/her parent(s) has proposed another home in which the child can be placed; or (3) when DCF places a child with relatives or with a caregiver who is known to the child's family. Placements in kinship and child-specific homes are limited to specified children.

<sup>31</sup> Unrestricted placements are those where DCF places a child with a non-relative foster family. Unlike restricted homes (child specific and kinship), the unrestricted home is not limited to a particular child.

**FIGURE 28. RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FOSTER HOMES  
END OF 3RD QUARTER OF FY'1998 (3/31/98) TO END OF 4TH QUARTER OF FY'2013 (9/30/12)**



**TABLE 22. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2013, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region								Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		No.	%
<b>Restricted</b>	<b>683</b>		<b>381</b>		<b>572</b>		<b>194</b>		<b>1,830</b>	
White	369	54%	256	67%	365	64%	48	25%	1,038	57%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>	103	15%	52	14%	31	5%	39	20%	225	12%
Black	37	5%	23	6%	54	9%	91	47%	205	11%
Asian	1	*	13	3%	1	*	1	1%	16	1%
Native American	1	*	---	---	5	1%	---	---	6	*
Multi-Racial	4	1%	1	*	4	1%	---	---	9	*
Unable to Determine <sup>(3)</sup>	168	25%	35	9%	112	20%	14	7%	329	18%
Missing	---	---	1	0%	---	---	1	1%	2	*
<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>866</b>		<b>460</b>		<b>671</b>		<b>198</b>		<b>2,195</b>	
White	541	62%	301	65%	510	76%	65	33%	1,417	65%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>	198	23%	78	17%	54	8%	39	20%	369	17%
Black	61	7%	22	5%	48	7%	78	39%	209	10%
Asian	1	*	10	2%	1	*	3	2%	15	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	3	*	---	---	3	*
Other <sup>(2)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1%	1	*
Multi-Racial	8	1%	3	1%	4	1%	2	1%	17	1%
Unable to Determine <sup>(3)</sup>	57	7%	46	10%	50	7%	10	5%	163	7%
Missing	---	---	---	---	1	0%	---	---	1	*
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,549</b>		<b>841</b>		<b>1,243</b>		<b>392</b>		<b>4,025</b>	

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

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

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

**TABLE 23. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2013, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**

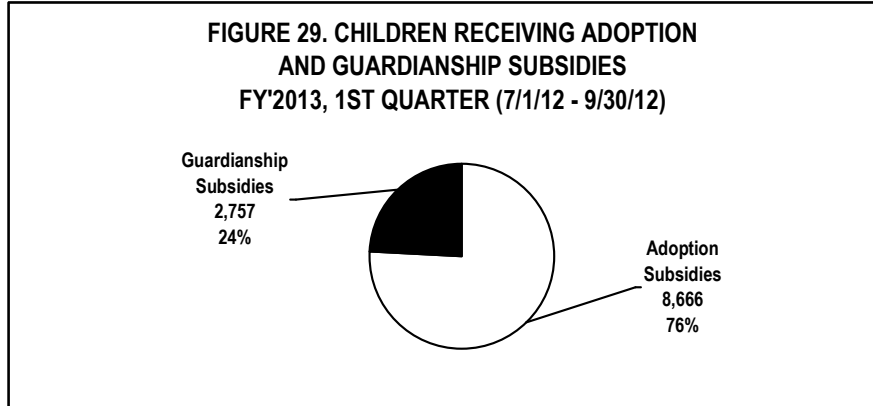
Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region								Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		No.	%
<b>Restricted</b>	<b>683</b>		<b>381</b>		<b>572</b>		<b>194</b>		<b>1,830</b>	
<b>Married</b>	357	52%	200	52%	307	54%	61	31%	<b>925</b>	<b>51%</b>
<b>Single</b>	217	32%	108	28%	159	28%	94	48%	<b>578</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>Divorced</b>	71	10%	42	11%	68	12%	17	9%	<b>198</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Widowed</b>	21	3%	15	4%	19	3%	11	6%	<b>66</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Separated</b>	14	2%	15	4%	17	3%	11	6%	<b>57</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Unspecified</b>	3	*	1	*	2	*	0	0%	<b>6</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>866</b>		<b>460</b>		<b>671</b>		<b>198</b>		<b>2,195</b>	
<b>Married</b>	563	65%	276	60%	437	65%	81	41%	<b>1,357</b>	<b>62%</b>
<b>Single</b>	176	20%	112	24%	124	18%	76	38%	<b>488</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>Divorced</b>	94	11%	54	12%	80	12%	30	15%	<b>258</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Widowed</b>	19	2%	11	2%	16	2%	6	3%	<b>52</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Separated</b>	13	2%	4	1%	13	2%	4	2%	<b>34</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Unspecified</b>	1	*	3	1%	1	*	1	1%	<b>6</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,549</b>		<b>841</b>		<b>1,243</b>		<b>392</b>		<b>4,025</b>	

\* = less than 1% after rounding-off

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

## VIII. ADOPTION AND GUARDIANSHIP SUBSIDIES

At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, the total number of children receiving an adoption subsidy was 8,666 (**Fig. 29**). Guardianship subsidies totaled 2,757. These counts represent subsidies that had a payment during the quarter, i.e., the number with service referrals actively paying out.



From the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2013, adoption subsidies declined 2% and guardianship subsidies decreased 1%. Quarterly fluctuations from -1% to 1% are typical for adoption and guardianship subsidies (See table below). Adoption subsidies fell below 9,000 in FY'2012 and guardianships declined below 3,000 in FY2011.

<b>Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)</b>					
Quarter	Adoption			Guardianship	
	No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change	
FY'2008	1 <sup>st</sup>	9,727	*	2,964	*
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9,820	1%	2,971	*
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9,812	*	2,992	1%
	4 <sup>th</sup>	9,706	-1%	2,996	*
FY'2009	1 <sup>st</sup>	9,665	*	3,005	*
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9,709	*	3,031	1%
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9,676	*	3,082	2%
	4 <sup>th</sup>	9,647	*	3,111	1%
FY'2010	1 <sup>st</sup>	9,549	-1%	3,090	-1%
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9,604	1%	3,059	-1%
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9,518	-1%	3,032	-1%
	4 <sup>th</sup>	9,311	-2%	3,006	-1%
FY'2011	1 <sup>st</sup>	9,191	-1%	2,934	-2%
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9,125	-1%	2,881	-2%
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9,057	-1%	2,865	-1%
	4 <sup>th</sup>	9,002	-1%	2,872	*
FY'2012	1 <sup>st</sup>	8,887	-1%	2,818	-2%
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8,887	---	2,807	*
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8,825	-1%	2,788	-1%
	4 <sup>th</sup>	8,824	*	2,792	*
FY'2013	1 <sup>st</sup>	8,666	-2%	2,757	-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	6/2012	68,521	35,046	7,467	33,475
6/1996	72,638	42,551	12,736	30,087	9/2012	66,114	33,521	7,471	32,593
6/1997	74,921	43,570	12,193	31,351					
1/1998	70,092	40,574	11,227	29,518					
9/1998	68,331	38,507	10,503	29,824					
6/1999	69,494	39,144	9,834	30,350					

Note: revised counts

Source: ASSIST 6/1983 - 1/1998) and FamilyNet (9/1998 - 9/2012)

**TABLE A2. CASE OPENINGS <sup>(1)</sup> DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2013, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/12 - 9/30/12)**

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Case Openings <sup>(1)</sup>										Total No.		
	Protective <sup>(2)</sup>		Alternative Response <sup>(3)</sup>		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals			Other <sup>(4)</sup>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
Greenfield	26	57%	12	26%	1	2%	2	4%	---	---	5	11%	46
Holyoke	34	68%	8	16%	1	2%	3	6%	---	---	4	8%	50
North Central	72	70%	15	15%	---	---	10	10%	2	2%	4	4%	103
Pittsfield	46	77%	2	3%	2	3%	---	---	---	---	10	17%	60
Robert Van Wart	60	55%	36	33%	4	4%	2	2%	---	---	7	6%	109
South Central	49	55%	25	28%	5	6%	6	7%	---	---	4	4%	89
Springfield	76	66%	21	18%	2	2%	4	3%	1	1%	12	10%	116
Worcester East	61	78%	5	6%	3	4%	1	1%	3	4%	5	6%	78
Worcester West	51	74%	8	12%	---	---	5	7%	---	---	5	7%	69
<b>Western</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>720</b>
Cambridge	18	60%	9	30%	---	---	2	7%	1	3%	---	---	30
Cape Ann	19	36%	11	21%	---	---	8	15%	3	6%	12	23%	53
Framingham	25	56%	15	33%	2	4%	---	---	2	4%	1	2%	45
Haverhill	14	54%	4	15%	3	12%	3	12%	1	4%	1	4%	26
Lawrence	16	55%	1	3%	4	14%	---	---	2	7%	6	21%	29
Lowell	67	74%	11	12%	2	2%	2	2%	---	---	8	9%	90
Lynn	16	46%	9	26%	4	11%	5	14%	---	---	1	3%	35
Malden	46	64%	15	21%	---	---	1	1%	2	3%	8	11%	72
<b>Northern</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>380</b>
Arlington	30	57%	17	32%	2	4%	3	6%	1	2%	---	---	53
Brockton	49	71%	11	16%	5	7%	3	4%	---	---	1	1%	69
Cape Cod	31	51%	12	20%	5	8%	3	5%	4	7%	6	10%	61
Coastal	44	62%	14	20%	5	7%	5	7%	---	---	3	4%	71
Fall River	57	63%	14	16%	2	2%	6	7%	1	1%	10	11%	90
New Bedford	80	78%	13	13%	2	2%	2	2%	---	---	6	6%	103
Plymouth	60	71%	13	15%	4	5%	1	1%	5	6%	1	1%	84
Taunton/Attleboro	47	68%	14	20%	2	3%	1	1%	3	4%	2	3%	69
<b>Southern</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>600</b>
Dimock Street	45	76%	7	12%	5	8%	---	---	1	2%	1	2%	59
Harbor	60	74%	11	14%	9	11%	1	1%	---	---	---	---	81
Hyde Park	41	64%	3	5%	9	14%	9	14%	1	2%	1	2%	64
Park Street	66	73%	10	11%	1	1%	5	6%	2	2%	6	7%	90
<b>Boston</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>294</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(5)</sup></b>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	100%	2
<b>Other <sup>(6)</sup></b>	---	---	---	---	---	---	10	100%	---	---	---	---	10
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,306</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>2,006</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off.

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Outcome of an investigation.

<sup>(3)</sup> Outcome of an initial assessment.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

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

<sup>(6)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Residential & Adolescent Services Unit.

**TABLE A3. CONSUMER OPENINGS<sup>(1)</sup> DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2013, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/12 - 9/30/12)**

DCF Geographic Region	Case Openings <sup>(1)</sup>											Total No.	
	Protective <sup>(2)</sup>		Alternative Response <sup>(3)</sup>		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other <sup>(4)</sup>		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.		%
Greenfield	281	70%	48	12%	8	2%	13	3%	2	*	10	2%	401
Holyoke	286	77%	43	12%	11	3%	19	5%	5	1%	9	2%	373
North Central	513	86%	63	11%	1	*	37	6%	8	1%	14	2%	597
Pittsfield	456	85%	29	5%	14	3%	14	3%	10	2%	14	3%	537
Robert Van Wart	456	73%	120	19%	33	5%	5	1%	---	---	9	1%	623
South Central	384	80%	49	10%	19	4%	13	3%	3	1%	13	3%	481
Springfield	715	82%	91	10%	33	4%	17	2%	1	*	17	2%	874
Worcester East	494	81%	25	4%	25	4%	18	3%	35	6%	10	2%	607
Worcester West	402	86%	35	7%	4	1%	15	3%	3	1%	11	2%	470
<b>Western</b>	<b>3,987</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>4,963</b>
Cambridge	173	76%	34	15%	6	3%	2	1%	12	5%	1	*	228
Cape Ann	151	54%	40	14%	---	---	32	11%	41	15%	16	6%	280
Framingham	224	70%	65	20%	7	2%	3	1%	22	7%	1	*	322
Haverhill	143	69%	27	13%	19	9%	8	4%	8	4%	1	*	206
Lawrence	131	66%	11	6%	31	16%	---	---	11	6%	13	7%	197
Lowell	524	86%	38	6%	17	3%	20	3%	---	---	9	1%	608
Lynn	218	69%	61	19%	23	7%	10	3%	1	*	4	1%	317
Malden	289	83%	43	12%	---	---	1	*	6	2%	8	2%	347
<b>Northern</b>	<b>1,853</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>2,505</b>
Arlington	196	65%	55	18%	20	7%	27	9%	5	2%	---	---	303
Brockton	372	83%	22	5%	44	10%	5	1%	4	1%	1	*	448
Cape Cod	219	67%	40	12%	24	7%	10	3%	26	8%	7	2%	326
Coastal	303	71%	47	11%	40	9%	19	4%	12	3%	4	1%	425
Fall River	346	74%	69	15%	17	4%	17	4%	3	1%	16	3%	468
New Bedford	550	85%	54	8%	19	3%	9	1%	---	---	15	2%	647
Plymouth	347	74%	55	12%	13	3%	8	2%	42	9%	1	*	466
Taunton/Attleboro	299	74%	57	14%	21	5%	2	*	24	6%	2	*	405
Contracted Agencies	2	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
<b>Southern</b>	<b>2,634</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3,490</b>
Dimock Street	247	77%	24	7%	38	12%	1	*	8	2%	4	1%	322
Harbor	386	83%	27	6%	46	10%	7	2%	---	---	---	---	466
Hyde Park	287	75%	11	3%	44	11%	29	8%	3	1%	9	2%	383
Park Street	407	80%	47	9%	6	1%	13	3%	26	5%	7	1%	506
<b>Boston</b>	<b>1,327</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1,677</b>
Adoption Contracts <sup>(5)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	100%	2
Other <sup>(6)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	10	100%	---	---	---	---	10
<b>Total:</b>	<b>9,801</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>1,330</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>12,647</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off.

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Outcome of an investigation.

<sup>(3)</sup> Outcome of an initial assessment.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

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

<sup>(6)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Residential & Adolescent Services Unit.

**TABLE A4. CASE OPENINGS DURING THE LAST FOUR QUARTERS BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:  
FY' 2012, 2ND QUARTER TO FY'2013, 1ST QUARTER**

<b>TOTAL CASE OPENINGS</b>											
<b>Quarters</b>	<b>West</b>		<b>Northern</b>		<b>Southern</b>		<b>Boston</b>		<b>Other<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>	
	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>		<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
FY'2012 - Q2	902	5%	458	5%	606	3%	292	32%	10	2,268	7%
FY'2012 - Q3	948	5%	544	19%	676	12%	318	9%	9	2,495	10%
FY'2012 - Q4	780	-18%	502	-8%	665	-2%	313	-2%	13	2,273	-9%
FY'2013 - Q1	720	-8%	380	-24%	600	-10%	294	-6%	12	2,006	-12%

<b>PROTECTIVE CASE OPENINGS</b>											
<b>Quarters</b>	<b>West</b>		<b>Northern</b>		<b>Southern</b>		<b>Boston</b>		<b>Other<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>	
	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>		<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
FY'2012 - Q2	785	7%	386	8%	499	-1%	249	36%	---	1,919	8%
FY'2012 - Q3	810	3%	438	13%	575	15%	275	10%	---	2,098	9%
FY'2012 - Q4	652	-20%	396	-10%	541	-6%	249	-9%	---	1,838	-12%
FY'2013 - Q1	475	-27%	221	-44%	398	-26%	212	-15%	---	1,306	-29%

<b>ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE CASE OPENINGS</b>											
<b>Quarters</b>	<b>West</b>		<b>Northern</b>		<b>Southern</b>		<b>Boston</b>		<b>Other<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>	
	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>		<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
FY'2012 - Q2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
FY'2012 - Q3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
FY'2012 - Q4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
FY'2013 - Q1	132	---	75	---	108	---	31	---	NA	346	---

<b>VOLUNTARY REQUESTS CASE OPENINGS</b>											
<b>Quarters</b>	<b>West</b>		<b>Northern</b>		<b>Southern</b>		<b>Boston</b>		<b>Other<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>	
	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>		<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
FY'2012 - Q2	35	119%	19	27%	32	113%	7	-13%	7	100	64%
FY'2012 - Q3	23	-34%	28	47%	20	-38%	14	100%	7	92	-8%
FY'2012 - Q4	24	4%	24	-14%	29	45%	13	-7%	7	97	5%
FY'2013 - Q1	33	38%	21	-13%	24	-17%	15	15%	10	103	6%

<b>CHINS CASE OPENINGS</b>											
<b>Quarters</b>	<b>West</b>		<b>Northern</b>		<b>Southern</b>		<b>Boston</b>		<b>Other<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>	
	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>		<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
FY'2012 - Q2	26	-28%	15	-12%	41	32%	24	9%	---	106	*
FY'2012 - Q3	32	23%	28	87%	40	-2%	22	-8%	---	122	15%
FY'2012 - Q4	30	-6%	25	-11%	38	-5%	34	55%	---	127	4%
FY'2013 - Q1	18	-40%	15	-40%	27	-29%	24	-29%	---	84	-34%

<b>COURT REFERRAL CASE OPENINGS</b>											
<b>Quarters</b>	<b>Western</b>		<b>Northern</b>		<b>Southern</b>		<b>Boston</b>		<b>Other<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>	
	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>		<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
FY'2012 - Q2	18	-22%	8	-43%	12	-8%	8	100%	---	46	-15%
FY'2012 - Q3	17	-6%	20	150%	21	75%	2	-75%	---	60	30%
FY'2012 - Q4	23	35%	20	*	24	14%	7	250%	---	74	23%
FY'2013 - Q1	6	-74%	11	-45%	14	-42%	4	-43%	---	35	-53%

<b>OTHER CASE OPENINGS <sup>(2)</sup></b>											
<b>Quarters</b>	<b>Western</b>		<b>Northern</b>		<b>Southern</b>		<b>Boston</b>		<b>Other<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>	
	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>		<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
FY'2012 - Q2	38	-31%	30	-6%	22	-19%	4	-20%	3	97	-20%
FY'2012 - Q3	66	74%	30	*	20	-9%	5	25%	2	123	27%
FY'2012 - Q4	51	-23%	36	20%	32	60%	10	100%	6	135	10%
FY'2013 - Q1	56	10%	37	3%	29	-9%	8	-20%	2	132	-2%

% = change from prior quarter

NA = Not Available

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes Adoption Contracts (licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services) and Families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minors Program.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

**TABLE A5. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2013 1ST QUARTER (7/1/12 - 9/30/12)**

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Screening Decision								Total No.
	Screened-Out		Screened-In for Investigation				Screened-In for Initial Assessment		
	No.	%	Non-Emergency		Emergency		No.	%	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	280	56%	38	8%	19	*	162	32%	499
Holyoke	265	47%	162	29%	4	1%	132	23%	563
North Central	235	44%	188	35%	4	1%	104	20%	531
Pittsfield	460	54%	208	25%	2	*	178	21%	848
Robert Van Wart	347	55%	100	16%	10	2%	173	27%	630
South Central	237	40%	189	32%	2	*	172	29%	600
Springfield	208	34%	246	40%	20	3%	145	23%	619
Worcester East	144	33%	182	42%	33	8%	71	17%	430
Worcester West	170	38%	187	41%	23	5%	73	16%	453
<b>Western</b>	<b>2,346</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>1,210</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>5,173</b>
Cambridge	142	58%	46	19%	5	2%	53	22%	246
Cape Ann	245	59%	40	10%	7	2%	121	29%	413
Framingham	271	67%	33	8%	2	*	100	25%	406
Haverhill	202	57%	85	24%	8	2%	61	17%	356
Lawrence	231	59%	78	20%	1	*	81	21%	391
Lowell	255	48%	130	24%	41	8%	105	20%	531
Lynn	204	61%	54	16%	2	1%	77	23%	337
Malden	193	56%	73	21%	12	4%	64	19%	342
<b>Northern</b>	<b>1,743</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>3,022</b>
Arlington	145	54%	41	15%	5	2%	79	29%	270
Brockton	172	44%	119	31%	4	1%	95	24%	390
Cape Cod	257	56%	81	18%	11	2%	113	24%	462
Coastal	158	46%	81	23%	11	3%	96	28%	346
Fall River	180	39%	188	41%	9	2%	87	19%	464
New Bedford	175	39%	138	30%	21	5%	119	26%	453
Plymouth	193	45%	99	23%	12	3%	127	29%	431
Taunton/Attleboro	134	34%	104	27%	16	4%	135	35%	389
<b>Southern</b>	<b>1,414</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>3,205</b>
Dimock Street	110	45%	89	37%	6	2%	38	16%	243
Harbor	121	38%	128	40%	6	2%	65	20%	320
Hyde Park	130	41%	128	40%	14	4%	48	15%	320
Park Street	144	40%	124	35%	23	6%	65	18%	356
<b>Boston</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>1,239</b>
Judge Baker Children's Center	2,344	40%	1,356	23%	1,108	19%	1,016	17%	5,824
Special Investigation	116	36%	204	64%	---	---	---	---	320
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,468</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>4,919</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>1,441</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>3,955</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>18,783</b>

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

\* = less than 1% after rounding-off

**TABLE A6. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION: FY'2013, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/12 - 9/30/12)**

DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Inv Total	Initial Assessment Decision				Response Total No.	
	Supported No.	%	Unsupported No.	%		Concern No.	%	Min/No Concern No.	%		IA Total
Greenfield	44	70%	19	30%	63	80	47%	90	53%	170	233
Holyoke	79	53%	70	47%	149	50	38%	80	62%	130	279
North Central	130	62%	80	38%	210	51	44%	64	56%	115	325
Pittsfield	98	65%	52	35%	150	35	22%	122	78%	157	307
Robert Van Wart	103	74%	37	26%	140	101	54%	86	46%	187	327
South Central	99	56%	78	44%	177	90	49%	93	51%	183	360
Springfield	176	64%	101	36%	277	77	49%	81	51%	158	435
Worcester East	147	65%	80	35%	227	28	34%	54	66%	82	309
Worcester West	131	66%	66	34%	197	30	38%	49	62%	79	276
Contracted Agencies	---	---	2	100%	2	---	---	---	---	---	2
<b>Western</b>	<b>1,007</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>1,592</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>1,261</b>	<b>2,853</b>
Cambridge	34	52%	31	48%	65	38	53%	34	47%	72	137
Cape Ann	27	50%	27	50%	54	50	33%	100	67%	150	204
Framingham	32	84%	6	16%	38	77	69%	35	31%	112	150
Haverhill	35	37%	59	63%	94	22	29%	55	71%	77	171
Lawrence	30	43%	40	57%	70	31	33%	62	67%	93	163
Lowell	106	62%	64	38%	170	54	49%	57	51%	111	281
Lynn	42	72%	16	28%	58	42	46%	50	54%	92	150
Malden	70	72%	27	28%	97	37	52%	34	48%	71	168
<b>Northern</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>1,424</b>
Arlington	46	74%	16	26%	62	48	39%	74	61%	122	184
Brockton	113	71%	47	29%	160	50	44%	64	56%	114	274
Cape Cod	52	63%	30	37%	82	48	40%	71	60%	119	201
Coastal	61	60%	40	40%	101	60	43%	79	57%	139	240
Fall River	128	60%	84	40%	212	56	50%	57	50%	113	325
New Bedford	131	74%	46	26%	177	70	48%	77	52%	147	324
Plymouth	91	72%	36	28%	127	58	42%	81	58%	139	266
Taunton/Attleboro	92	63%	55	37%	147	49	35%	92	65%	141	288
<b>Southern</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>1,068</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>1,034</b>	<b>2,102</b>
Dimock Street	76	75%	26	25%	102	23	43%	30	57%	53	155
Harbor	114	66%	59	34%	173	22	37%	37	63%	59	232
Hyde Park	103	77%	31	23%	134	41	49%	42	51%	83	217
Park Street	130	78%	37	22%	167	35	43%	47	57%	82	249
<b>Boston</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>853</b>
Judge Baker Children's Center	607	73%	225	27%	832	---	---	---	---	---	832
Special Investigations	65	23%	223	77%	288	---	---	---	---	---	288
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,192</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>5,002</b>	<b>1,453</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>1,897</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>3,350</b>	<b>8,352</b>

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

**TABLE A7. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND INITIAL ASSESSMENTS DURING THE LAST FOUR QUARTERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2012, 2ND QUARTER TO FY'2013, 1ST QUARTER**

<b>CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS</b>												
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Judge Baker Children's Center		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Other <sup>(1)</sup>	No. %
FY'2012 - Q2	5,959	13%	3,721	23%	3,821	14%	1,606	32%	5,404	-4%	16	20,527 11%
FY'2012 - Q3	6,363	7%	3,772	1%	4,103	7%	1,666	4%	5,703	6%	203	21,810 6%
FY'2012 - Q4	6,116	-4%	3,900	3%	3,948	-4%	1,676	1%	5,809	2%	352	21,801 *
FY'2013 - Q1	5,173	-15%	3,022	-23%	3,205	-19%	1,239	-26%	5,824	*	320	18,783 -14%

<b>CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS</b>												
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Judge Baker Children's Center		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Other <sup>(1)</sup>	No. %
FY'2012 - Q2	1,754	*	662	13%	1,178	17%	635	23%	779	5%	264	5,272 7%
FY'2012 - Q3	1,731	-1%	636	-4%	1,144	-3%	695	9%	816	5%	263	5,285 *
FY'2012 - Q4	1,724	*	751	18%	1,290	13%	722	4%	856	5%	272	5,615 6%
FY'2013 - Q1	1,592	-8%	646	-14%	1,068	-17%	576	-20%	832	-3%	288	5,002 -11%

<b>CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INITIAL ASSESSMENTS</b>												
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Judge Baker Children's Center		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
FY'2012 - Q2	1,498	28%	1,091	20%	1,101	2%	361	29%	---	---	4,051	18%
FY'2012 - Q3	1,744	16%	1,047	-4%	1,338	22%	370	2%	1	---	4,500	11%
FY'2012 - Q4	1,709	-2%	1,296	24%	1,274	-5%	415	12%	---	---	4,694	4%
FY'2013 - Q1	1,261	-26%	778	-40%	1,034	-19%	277	-33%	---	---	3,350	-29%

\* Less than 1% after rounding-off

<sup>(1)</sup> Reports filed by the DCF Special Investigation Unit during the course of an investigation.

When a DCF area office screens in a report involving certain institutional settings, the area director immediately notifies the Central Office Special Investigation Unit. Institutional settings include foster homes, pre-adoptive homes (DCF and other state or private agency), day care centers, family day care homes, school-age child care programs, day schools or residential facilities (public and private), day or overnight camps, pediatric nursing homes, temporary shelters, hospitals, and respite facilities. (DCF Policy #85-005)



**TABLE A8. MANDATORY AND DISCRETIONARY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: FY'2003 - FY'2013 <sup>(1)</sup>**

Time Period	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.
<b>FY'2003 Total</b>	<b>2,089</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>2,310</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>4,399</b>
<b>FY'2004 Total</b>	<b>2,101</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>2,399</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>4,500</b>
<b>FY'2005 Total</b>	<b>2,122</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>2,459</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>4,581</b>
<b>FY'2006 Total</b>	<b>2,077</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>2,666</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>4,743</b>
<b>FY'2007 Total</b>	<b>2,279</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>2,431</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>4,710</b>
<b>FY'2008 Total</b>	<b>2,561</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>2,652</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>5,213</b>
<b>FY'2009 Total</b>	<b>2,927</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>2,784</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>5,711</b>
FY'2010, Q1	649	53%	568	47%	1,217
FY'2010, Q2	727	54%	621	46%	1,348
FY'2010, Q3	787	56%	611	44%	1,398
FY'2010, Q4	870	54%	753	46%	1,623
<b>FY'2010 Total</b>	<b>3,033</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>2,553</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>5,586</b>
FY'2011, Q1	713	54%	603	46%	1,316
FY'2011, Q2	729	56%	583	44%	1,312
FY'2011, Q3	754	54%	650	46%	1,404
FY'2011, Q4	844	50%	835	50%	1,679
<b>FY'2011 Total</b>	<b>3,040</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>2,671</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>5,711</b>
FY'2012, Q1	630	51%	616	49%	1,246
FY'2012, Q2	764	50%	764	50%	1,528
FY'2012, Q3	788	52%	721	48%	1,509
FY'2012, Q4	659	50%	661	50%	1,320
<b>FY'2012 Total</b>	<b>2,841</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>2,762</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>5,603</b>
FY'2013, Q1	555	48%	598	52%	1,153

<sup>(1)</sup> DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

**TABLE A9. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS:  
FY'2003 - FY'2013**

Time Period	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		Death <sup>(1)</sup>		Unspecified <sup>(2)</sup>		Total No.
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
<b>FY'2003 Total</b>	<b>1,688</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>2,168</b>
<b>FY'2004 Total</b>	<b>1,713</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>2,189</b>
<b>FY'2005 Total</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>2,184</b>
<b>FY'2006 Total</b>	<b>1,782</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>2,150</b>
<b>FY'2007 Total</b>	<b>1,935</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>2,356</b>
<b>FY'2008 Total</b>	<b>2,049</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>2,639</b>
<b>FY'2009 Total</b>	<b>2,413</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>3,014</b>
FY'2010, Q1	541	81%	108	16%	15	2%	---	---	664
FY'2010, Q2	588	80%	137	19%	14	2%	---	---	739
FY'2010, Q3	639	79%	153	19%	12	1%	---	---	804
FY'2010, Q4	725	81%	161	18%	10	1%	---	---	896
<b>FY'2010 Total</b>	<b>2,493</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>2%</b>	---	---	<b>3,103</b>
FY'2011, Q1	602	83%	110	15%	15	2%	---	---	727
FY'2011, Q2	621	83%	111	15%	13	2%	---	---	745
FY'2011, Q3	637	83%	118	15%	10	1%	---	---	765
FY'2011, Q4	682	78%	179	21%	9	1%	---	---	870
<b>FY'2011 Total</b>	<b>2,542</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>2%</b>	---	---	<b>3,107</b>
FY'2012, Q1	537	84%	85	13%	21	3%	---	---	643
FY'2012, Q2	664	85%	111	14%	6	1%	---	---	781
FY'2012, Q3	673	83%	127	16%	8	1%	1	*	809
FY'2012, Q4	567	84%	94	14%	12	2%	---	---	673
<b>FY'2012 Total</b>	<b>2,441</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>2%</b>	---	---	<b>2,906</b>
FY'2013, Q1	477	84%	81	14%	9	2%	---	---	567

<sup>(1)</sup> 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.

<sup>(2)</sup> Unspecified as of run-date

**TABLE A10. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION  
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS BY DCF REGION AND AREA:  
FY'2013, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**

DCF Region/Area	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				Total No.
	Not Legally Free		Legally Free		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	42	57%	32	43%	74
Holyoke	41	43%	55	57%	96
North Central	64	64%	36	36%	100
Pittsfield	56	55%	46	45%	102
Robert Van Wart	43	48%	47	52%	90
South Central	51	52%	47	48%	98
Springfield	60	49%	62	51%	122
Worcester East	60	57%	45	43%	105
Worcester West	59	61%	38	39%	97
Contracted Agencies	2	100%	---	---	2
<b>Western</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>886</b>
Cambridge	20	67%	10	33%	30
Cape Ann	25	60%	17	40%	42
Framingham	17	34%	33	66%	50
Haverhill	8	19%	35	81%	43
Lawrence	7	16%	38	84%	45
Lowell	39	38%	65	63%	104
Lynn	52	58%	38	42%	90
Malden	17	52%	16	48%	33
<b>Northern</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>437</b>
Arlington	9	64%	5	36%	14
Brockton	29	48%	32	52%	61
Cape Cod	14	36%	25	64%	39
Coastal	18	34%	35	66%	53
Fall River	36	36%	64	64%	100
New Bedford	63	48%	67	52%	130
Plymouth	21	36%	37	64%	58
Taunton/Attleboro	44	64%	25	36%	69
<b>Southern</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>524</b>
Dimock Street	40	47%	46	53%	86
Harbor	20	33%	40	67%	60
Hyde Park <sup>(1)</sup>	1	100%	---	---	1
Park Street	23	43%	30	57%	53
<b>Boston</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>120</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,101</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>2,281</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Hyde Park does not have an adoption unit.

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

**TABLE A11. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION AND WHETHER  
MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY BY DCF REGION AND AREA:  
FY'2013, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/12)**

DCF Region/Area	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				Total No.
	Not Matched		Matched		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	13	18%	61	82%	74
Holyoke	23	24%	73	76%	96
North Central	23	23%	77	77%	100
Pittsfield	21	21%	81	79%	102
Robert Van Wart	6	7%	84	93%	90
South Central	22	22%	76	78%	98
Springfield	36	30%	86	70%	122
Worcester East	22	21%	83	79%	105
Worcester West	12	12%	85	88%	97
Contracted Agencies	2	100%	---	---	2
<b>Western</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>886</b>
Cambridge	5	17%	25	83%	30
Cape Ann	8	19%	34	81%	42
Framingham	10	20%	40	80%	50
Haverhill	10	23%	33	77%	43
Lawrence	9	20%	36	80%	45
Lowell	21	20%	83	80%	104
Lynn	34	38%	56	62%	90
Malden	3	9%	30	91%	33
<b>Northern</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>437</b>
Arlington	3	21%	11	79%	14
Brockton	24	39%	37	61%	61
Cape Cod	6	15%	33	85%	39
Coastal	13	25%	40	75%	53
Fall River	30	30%	70	70%	100
New Bedford	38	29%	92	71%	130
Plymouth	10	17%	48	83%	58
Taunton/Attleboro	11	16%	58	84%	69
<b>Southern</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>524</b>
Dimock Street	6	7%	80	93%	86
Harbor	15	25%	45	75%	60
Hyde Park <sup>(1)</sup>	---	---	1	100%	1
Park Street	20	38%	33	62%	53
<b>Boston</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>90</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>1,735</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>2,281</b>

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**TABLE A12. Census 2010: Children Less Than 18 Years Old Residing in the 13 Largest Cities in Massachusetts<sup>1</sup>**

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

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

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

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