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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/Attleboro
Boston	Dimock Street, Hyde Park, Harbor, Park Street

I. CONSUMER AND CASE COUNTS

- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2013, DCF had 20,771 open cases (1,702 adoption cases and 19,069 clinical cases) and 67,604 open consumers¹ (33,387 adults and 34,217 children). (**Table 1** on page 3)
- From the 2nd Quarter to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2013, both case counts and consumer counts increased less than 1%.
- 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 (-24%), children (-26%), children in placement (-17%), and adults (-21%) (**Fig. 1, Appendix Table A1**).
- From 1992 to 2009, the number of adult consumers gradually increased and approached the number of child consumers (**Fig. 1**). During this period, there was a slow decline in the number of children less than 18 years old in placement (**Fig. 1**). The decline in children in placement 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 decreased at different rates and steadily converged (**Fig 1**).
- A breakdown of consumers by gender showed female adults and male children have had similar numbers for at least the past eight years (**Fig. 2** on page 4).
- From 1999 to 2013, annual counts of male children have exceeded female children by more than 1,000 (1,500 the past 3 years). (**Fig. 2**)

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

- Compared to women and children, annual counts of male adults have risen from much lower numbers in the past to a stable 14,000-15,000 over the past four years (**Fig. 2**). At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2013, there were: 18,003 female adults, 17,803 male children, 16,266 female children, and 14,434 male adults.

A. Consumers in Placement

- There were 8,947 individuals in placement on the last day of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2013. Included in this count are 7,278 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,669 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, 21% in the Northern Region, and 12% in the Boston Region. (**Table 1**)
- From the 2nd Quarter to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2013, the number of children in placement decreased less than 1% statewide (**Appendix Table A1** on page 68). Regional changes ranged from -2% in the North to 1% in both the South and Boston (**table** below, **Fig. 14** on page 26).

QUARTERLY CHANGE IN COUNTS OF CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION

Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2012 - Q4	2,881	1%	1,564	*	1,874	-1%	873	3%	275	7,467	*
FY'2013 - Q1	2,864	-1%	1,516	-3%	1,921	3%	873	*	297	7,471	*
FY'2013 - Q2	2,827	-1%	1,454	-4%	1,867	-3%	860	-1%	294	7,302	-2%
FY'2013 - Q3	2,813	*	1,432	-2%	1,878	1%	866	1%	289	7,278	*

B. Children Not in Placement

- The majority of children in the DCF caseload do not require placement and receive services at home.
- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2013, there were 26,939 children less than 18 years old with an active case status who were not in placement (**Table 1**). From the 2nd Quarter to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2013, counts of children not in placement increased less than 1% statewide (**Appendix Table A1**, all children minus children in placement). Regional changes ranged from -3% in the South to 3% in the West (**table** on next page and **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 1st quarter. (**Appendix Table A1, Fig. 8** on page 12)

**QUARTERLY CHANGE IN COUNTS OF
CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION**

Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2012 - Q4	11,485	-2%	5,618	2%	6,876	-1%	3,590	8%	10	27,579	*
FY'2013 - Q1	10,778	-6%	5,201	-7%	6,502	-5%	3,556	-1%	13	26,050	-6%
FY'2013 - Q2	11,369	5%	5,152	-1%	6,622	2%	3,657	3%	12	26,812	3%
FY'2013 - Q3	11,688	3%	5,084	-1%	6,423	-3%	3,725	2%	19	26,939	*

**TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DCF REGION:
FY'2013, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**

Case Counts:	DCF Geographic Region						Adoption		Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾			
Adoption	636	318	422	166	157	3		1,702	
Clinical	7,508	3,926	4,890	2,608	5	132		19,069	
Total	8,144	4,244	5,312	2,774	162	135		20,771	
Consumer Counts:									
Adults: ⁽³⁾									
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	479	454	387	212	1	88		1,621	
Other ⁽⁶⁾	5	10	1	6	---	17		39	
On the Run	2	3	2	2	---	---		9	
Total in Placement	486	467	390	220	1	105		1,669	
Not in Placement	13,087	6,079	8,527	4,010		15		31,718	
Total Adults	13,573	6,546	8,917	4,230	1	120		33,387	
Children:									
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	2,720	1,363	1,824	828	250	34		7,019	
Other ⁽⁶⁾	48	44	32	12	1	4		141	
On the Run	45	25	22	26	---	---		118	
Total in Placement	2,813	1,432	1,878	866	251	38		7,278	
Not in Placement	11,688	5,084	6,423	3,725	9	10		26,939	
Total Children	14,501	6,516	8,301	4,591	260	48		34,217	
Total	28,074	13,062	17,218	8,821	261	168		67,604	

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

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

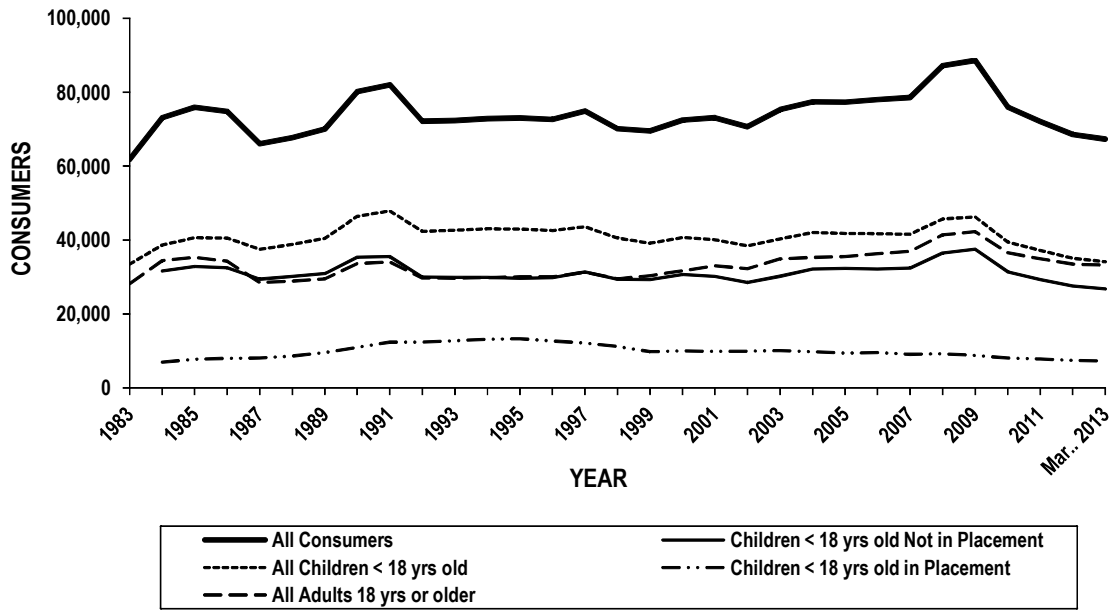
⁽³⁾ Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

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

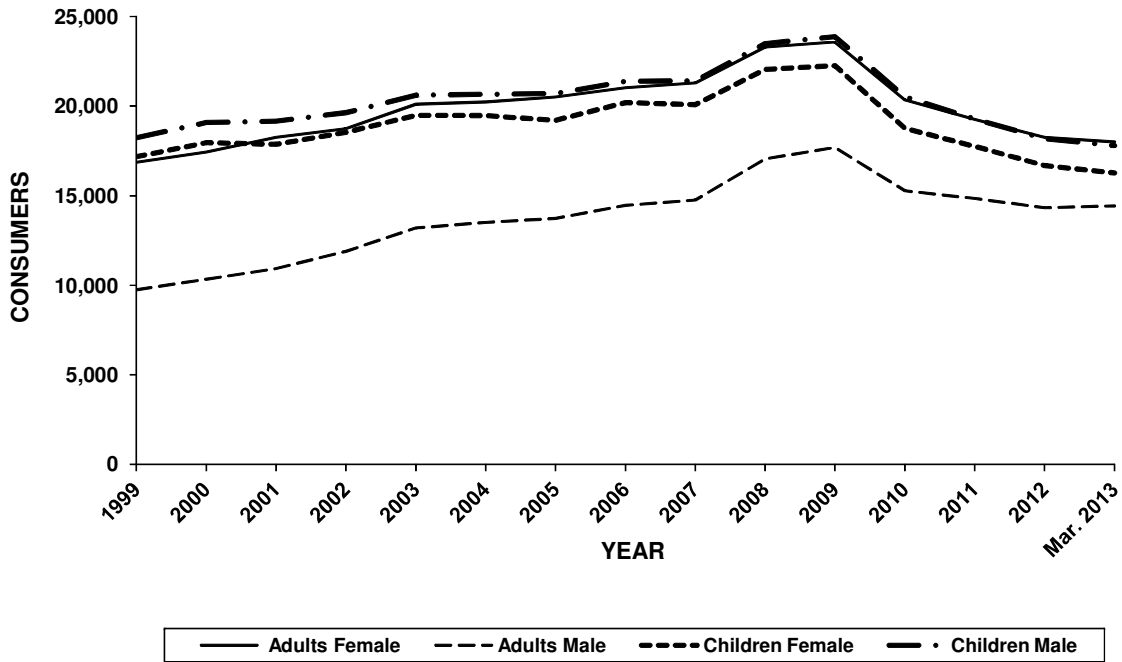
⁽⁵⁾ See Tables 17A, 17B and 17C for a breakdown by type of placement.

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

**FIGURE 1. ANNUAL COUNTS OF DCF CONSUMERS:
JUNE 1983 - JUNE 2012, MARCH 2013**



**FIGURE 2. ANNUAL COUNTS OF ADULT AND CHILD CONSUMERS
BY GENDER: JUNE 1999 - JUNE 2013, MARCH 2013**



II. CASE AND CONSUMER OPENINGS ²

- All counts are unduplicated; if a case or a consumer had more than one opening in the quarter, only the first one was selected.
- During the 3rd Quarter of FY'2013, there were 2,322 case openings (unduplicated) and 14,842 consumer openings (unduplicated). Case openings include both new cases and cases that reopened. Case members include consumers open for the first time and consumers who reopened. (**Tables 2A and 2B** on next page)
- From the 2nd Quarter to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2013, case openings increased 5% (**Appendix Table A4** on page 71, **Fig. 4** on page 7) and consumer openings increased 3%.
- Forty-nine percent of case openings and 54% of consumer openings were due to supported abuse/neglect reports (protective). (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- Thirty-six percent of case openings and 35% of consumer openings were the result of an initial assessment (alternative response). (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 4% of case openings and 3% of consumer openings. (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- Children Requiring Assistance (CRA) referrals accounted for 4% of case openings and 4% of consumer openings (**Tables 2A and 2B**). It should be noted that the CRA consumer counts include the children subject to the CRA petition, adult caretakers, and oftentimes non-CRA 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 39-65% of the total intakes for each region. Case openings by alternative response represented 25-42% of all intakes for each region. CRA referrals ranged from 1-6% of the total intakes for each region. Voluntary requests ranged from 3-6% 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 20% at Lynn to 69% at Dimock Street (**Appendix Table A2** case openings, **Appendix Table A3** consumer openings on pages 69-70).
- Case openings (statewide) are lowest in the 1st quarter. The quarterly trend in case openings is similar to the pattern for reports of child abuse/neglect (**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**).

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

**TABLE 2A. CASE OPENINGS⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2013, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/13 - 3/31/13)**

DCF Geographic Region	Case Openings ⁽¹⁾										Total No.		
	Protective ⁽²⁾		Alternative Response ⁽³⁾		CRA Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals			Other ⁽⁴⁾	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
Western	400	46%	367	42%	10	1%	28	3%	15	2%	50	6%	870
Northern	186	39%	177	37%	27	6%	31	6%	17	4%	42	9%	480
Southern	347	54%	205	32%	29	4%	24	4%	7	1%	36	6%	648
Boston	205	65%	78	25%	17	5%	8	3%	2	1%	5	2%	315
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	100%	1
Other ⁽⁶⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	8	100%	---	---	---	---	8
Total:	1,138	49%	827	36%	83	4%	99	4%	41	2%	134	6%	2,322

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

⁽²⁾ Outcome of an investigation.

⁽³⁾ Outcome of an initial assessment.

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

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

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

**TABLE 2B. CONSUMER OPENINGS⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2013, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/13 - 3/31/13)**

DCF Geographic Region	Consumer Openings ⁽¹⁾										Total No.		
	Protective ⁽²⁾		Alternative Response ⁽³⁾		CRA Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals			Other ⁽⁴⁾	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
Western	3,124	53%	2,304	39%	129	2%	168	3%	110	2%	101	2%	5,936
Northern	1,386	49%	1,007	35%	162	6%	116	4%	117	4%	68	2%	2,856
Southern	2,245	55%	1,402	34%	214	5%	80	2%	84	2%	65	2%	4,090
Boston	1,308	67%	424	22%	142	7%	27	1%	26	1%	22	1%	1,949
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	100%	3
Other ⁽⁶⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	8	100%	---	---	---	---	8
Total:	8,063	54%	5,137	35%	647	4%	399	3%	337	2%	259	2%	14,842

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

⁽²⁾ Outcome of an investigation.

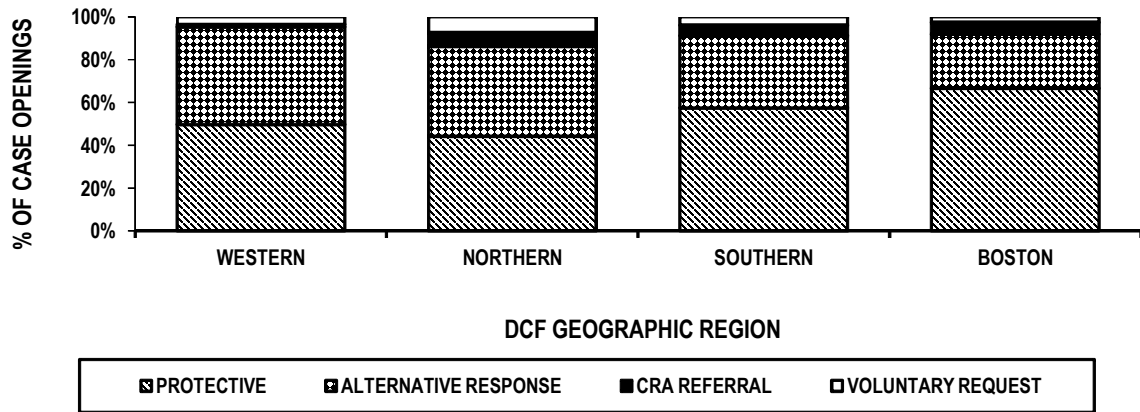
⁽³⁾ Outcome of an initial assessment.

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

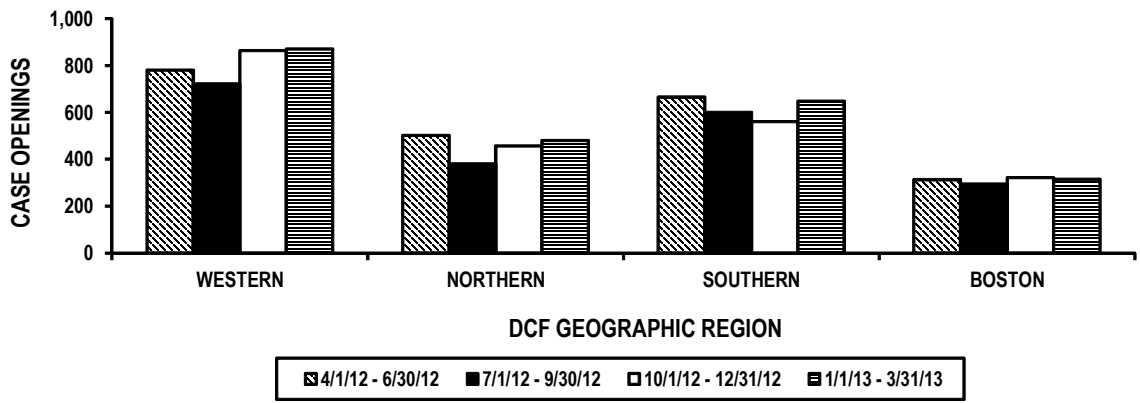
⁽⁵⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

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

**FIGURE 3. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION
FY'2013, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/13 - 3/31/13)**



**FIGURE 4. CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER to FY'2013, 3RD QUARTER)**



III. CHILD MALTREATMENT

In August 2009, DCF implemented an “Alternative Response” process for handling reports of child maltreatment. Reports can 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 allows DCF to engage families more quickly when the reported concern does not warrant a formal investigation of the allegation(s). The initial assessment response is not intended to be used for reports alleging sexual abuse, serious physical abuse, or serious neglect by a caretaker.

A. Reports

- Statewide, 20,427 reports were recorded during the 3rd Quarter of FY’2013. Thirty-three percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation and 22% were screened-in for initial assessment. Seven percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. (**Table 3** on page 10)
- Regionally, the proportion of reports screened-in for an investigation response ranged from 19% in the North to 44% in Boston. At the Judge Baker Children’s Center, 43% of the reports were screened-in for investigation. (**Table 3, Fig. 5** on page 11)
- The proportion of reports screened-in for an initial assessment response by region ranged from 15% in Boston to 27% in the Western region. Judge Baker screened-in 17% of the reports for initial assessment. (**Table 3, Fig. 5**)
- Worcester East, Hyde Park, Dimock Street, and Park Street Areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (44-50%). South Central, Cape Ann, Taunton/Attleboro, and Coastal Areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (33-37%). (**Appendix Table A5** on page 72)
- Framingham, Cape Ann, and Lynn Areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (8-11%). Park Street, Dimock Street, Malden, and Hyde Park Areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (13-14%). (**Appendix Table A5**)
- The DCF Regions screened-in 2-3% 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 declined 3% from the 2nd Quarter to the 3rd 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 3rd Quarter of FY'2013, 9,180 responses (investigations and initial assessments) were completed (**Table 4** on next page)—a decrease of 4% from the 2nd Quarter of FY'2013 (**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: 73% and 27% (Boston); 53% and 47% (West); 49% and 51% (South); 43% and 57% (North), respectively. (**Fig. 6** on page 11, **Table 4**)

Initial Assessments

- There were 3,908 initial assessments completed during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2013³. The assessment decision was “concern” for 48% of initial assessments and “minimal or no concern” for 52%. 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 Worcester West, Park Street, North Central, and Framingham Areas had the highest proportions of initial assessments which resulted in a finding of concern (70%, 69%, 65%, and 64%, respectively). (**Appendix Table A6** on page 73)
- Statewide, initial assessments decreased 4% from the 2nd Quarter to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2013 (**Appendix Table A7** on page 74).

Investigations

- The number of investigations conducted during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2013 was 5,272 (**Table 4**).³
- Sixty-one percent of the investigations resulted in supported allegations of maltreatment. (**Table 4**)
- Regional support rates went from a low of 56% in the North to a high of 65% in the South (and 70% at Judge Baker). (**Table 4**)
- The Van Wart, New Bedford, and Brockton Areas had the highest proportions of investigations which resulted in a supported allegation(s) (83%, 79%, and 76%, respectively). (**Appendix Table A6**)
- Statewide, investigations decreased 5% from the 2nd Quarter to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2013 (**Appendix Table A7**).

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

TABLE 3. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2013, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/13 - 3/31/13)

DCF Geographic Region	Screening Decision									Report Total	
	Screened-Out		Screened-In for Investigation				Screened-In for Investigation	Screened-In for Initial Assessment			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Total	No.	%	No.	%
Western	2,385	43%	1,529	28%	162	3%	1,691	1,478	27%	5,554	27%
Northern	2,089	57%	634	17%	83	2%	717	858	23%	3,664	18%
Southern	1,680	45%	943	25%	118	3%	1,061	981	26%	3,722	18%
Boston	598	40%	619	41%	49	3%	668	228	15%	1,494	7%
Judge Baker Children's Center	2,204	40%	1,335	24%	1,078	19%	2,413	948	17%	5,565	27%
Special Investigations	168	39%	257	60%	3	1%	260	0	0%	428	2%
Total	9,124	45%	5,317	26%	1,493	7%	6,810	4,493	22%	20,427	100%

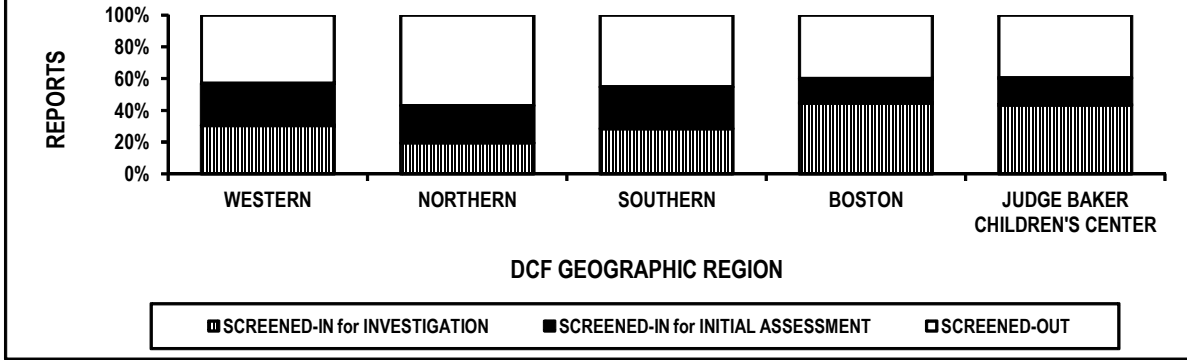
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TABLE 4. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION: FY'2013, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/12 - 3/31/13)

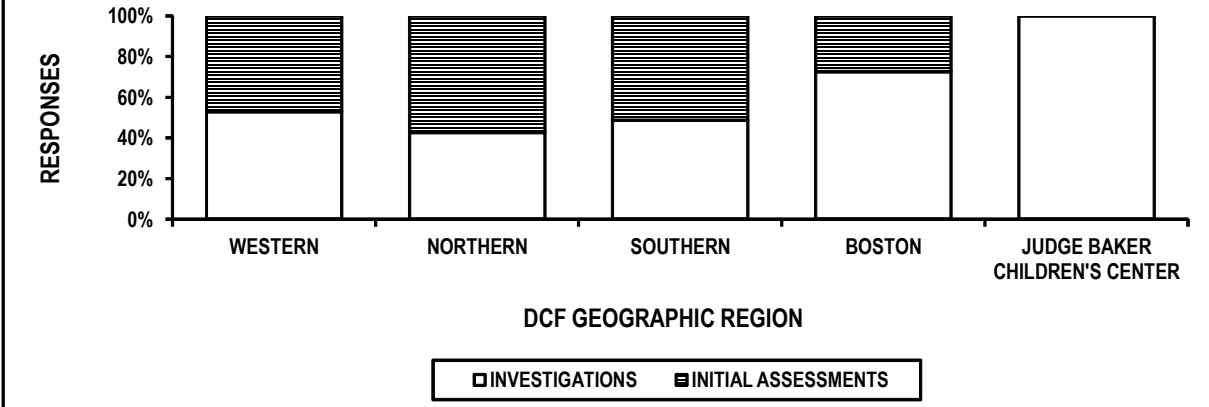
DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision					Initial Assessment Decision					Response Total	
	Supported		Unsupported		Inv Total	Concern		Min/No Concern		IA Total		
	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%	No.	%			
Western	1,057	64%	600	36%	1,657	748	51%	720	49%	1,468	3,125	34%
Northern	396	56%	311	44%	707	449	47%	503	53%	952	1,659	18%
Southern	761	65%	401	35%	1,162	534	44%	682	56%	1,216	2,378	26%
Boston	448	62%	275	38%	723	148	54%	124	46%	272	995	11%
Judge Baker Children's Center	531	70%	230	30%	761	---	---	---	---	---	761	8%
Special Investigations	39	15%	223	85%	262	---	---	---	---	---	262	3%
Total	3,232	61%	2,040	39%	5,272	1,879	48%	2,029	52%	3,908	9,180	100%

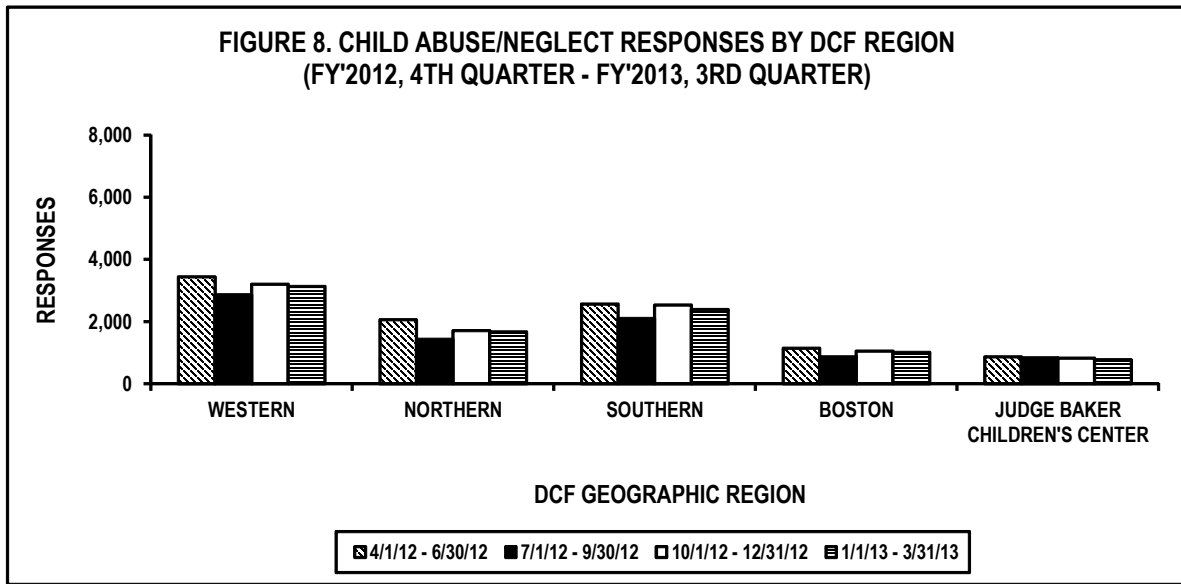
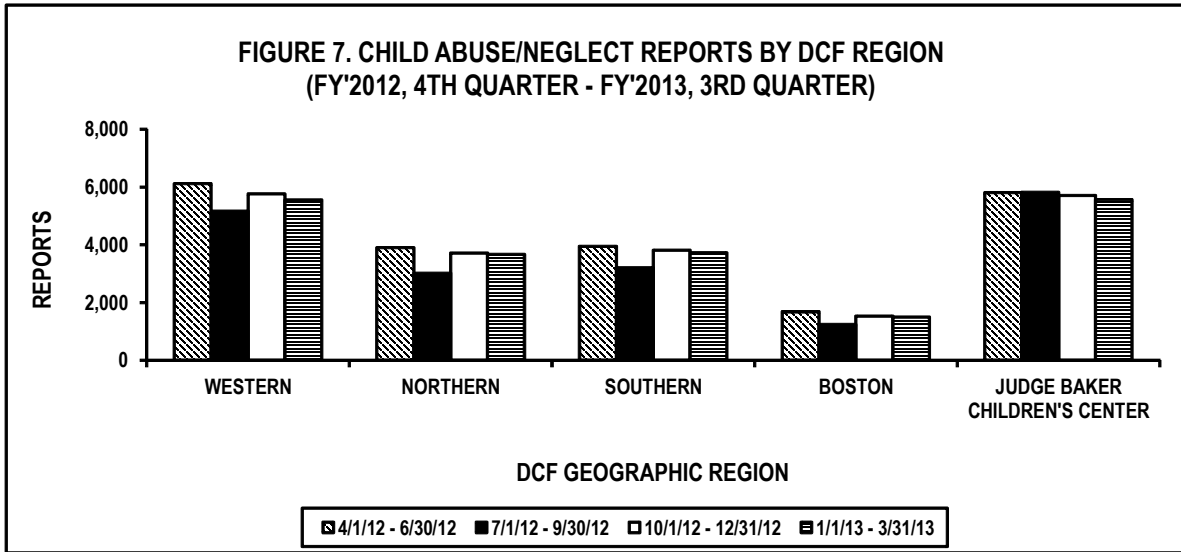
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**FIGURE 5. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS
SCREENING DECISION BY DCF REGION
FY'2013, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/13 - 3/31/13)**



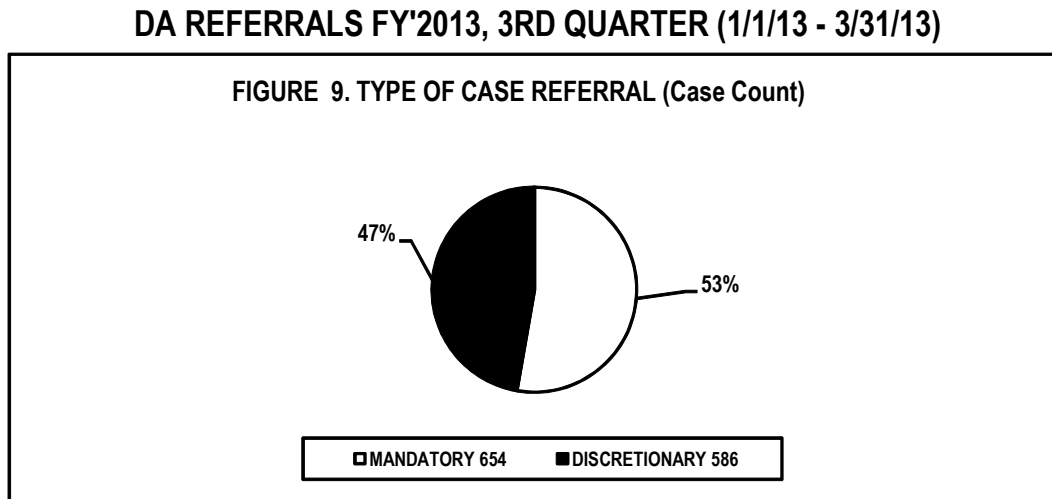
**FIGURE 6. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY TYPE AND DCF REGION
FY'2013 , 3RD QUARTER (1/1/13 - 3/31/13)**





C. District Attorney (DA) Referrals

- During the 3rd Quarter of FY'2013, 1,240 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (Fig. 9). Fifty-three percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals⁴ and 47% were discretionary referrals⁵ (Fig. 9, Appendix Table A8 on page 75).

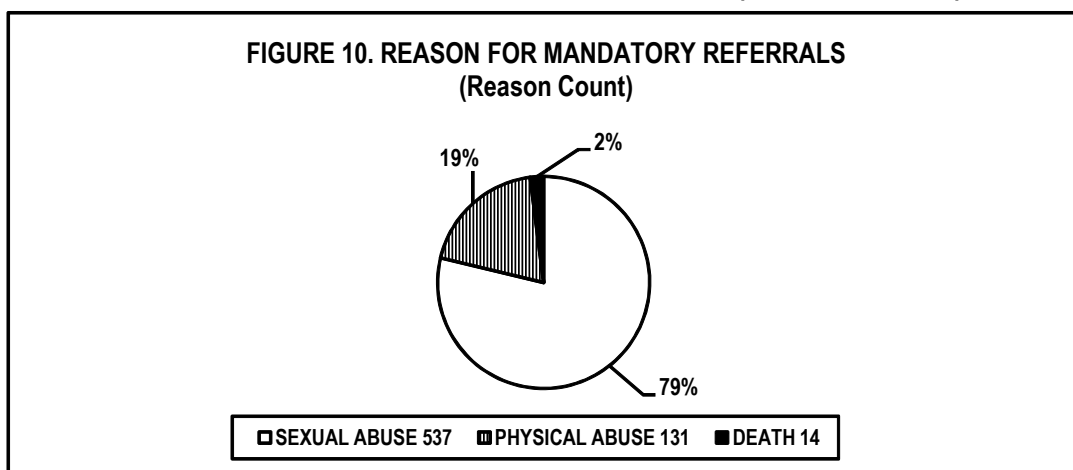


- Sexual abuse accounted for 79% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2013 (Fig. 10, Table 5 on next page). Nineteen percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

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

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

DA REFERRALS FY'2013, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/13 - 3/31/13)



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: ⁽¹⁾
FY'2013, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/13 - 3/31/13)**

Nature of Abuse	Reasons ⁽¹⁾	
	No.	%
Sexual Abuse:	537	79%
Sexual Assault	489	
Sexual Exploitation	48	
Serious Physical Abuse:	131	19%
Death:	14	2%
Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals	682	100%

⁽¹⁾ 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'2013, Q3) (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 estimates⁶ for children less than 18 years old, Berkshire and Hampden Counties⁷ 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 70% of the mandatory case referrals for sexual abuse (includes sexual assault and sexual exploitation). The same four counties accounted for 73% of the mandatory case referrals for serious physical abuse.

**TABLE 6. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY: ⁽¹⁾
FY'2013, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/13 - 3/31/13)**

County ⁽²⁾	Case Referrals				Total No.	2010 Children Less than 18 Years Old
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Essex	107	39%	166	61%	273	172,089
Middlesex	89	42%	121	58%	210	320,439
Worcester	90	49%	93	51%	183	187,231
Suffolk	90	55%	75	45%	165	126,275
Hampden	44	47%	49	53%	93	109,885
Bristol	28	39%	44	61%	72	122,409
Plymouth	44	70%	19	30%	63	119,475
Berkshire	34	55%	28	45%	62	25,624
Norfolk	46	78%	13	22%	59	152,132
Franklin	1	---	21	95%	22	14,068
Barnstable	7	47%	8	53%	15	37,249
Hampshire	4	29%	10	71%	14	26,766
Dukes	1	100%	---	---	1	3,173
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---	2,108
OUT OF STATE	1	13%	7	88%	8	---
Total	586		654		1,240	

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

⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.

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

⁷ Counties include cities with high reporting rates (Berkshire: North Adams and Pittsfield; Hampden: Holyoke, Springfield, Chicopee, West Springfield, and Westfield) [Felix III, A.C. 2010 Child Maltreatment Statistics. Massachusetts Department of Children & Families, November 2012, 52pp.]

**TABLE 7. MANDATORY CASE REFERRAL REASONS BY COUNTY:⁽¹⁾
FY'2013, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/13 - 3/31/13)**

County ⁽²⁾	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals ⁽¹⁾				Total No.
	Sexual Assault No.	Sexual Exploitation No.	Serious Physical Abuse/Injury No.	Death No.	
Essex	102	16	59	1	178
Middlesex	104	11	8	4	127
Worcester	75	6	12	4	97
Suffolk	56	4	16	---	76
Hampden	37	3	11	1	52
Bristol	35	2	8	1	46
Berkshire	21	1	6	---	28
Franklin	20	---	1	---	21
Plymouth	11	2	3	3	19
Norfolk	7	1	5	---	13
Hampshire	9	---	1	---	10
Barnstable	7	1	---	---	8
Dukes	---	---	---	---	---
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---
OUT OF STATE	5	1	1	---	7
Total:	489	48	131	14	682

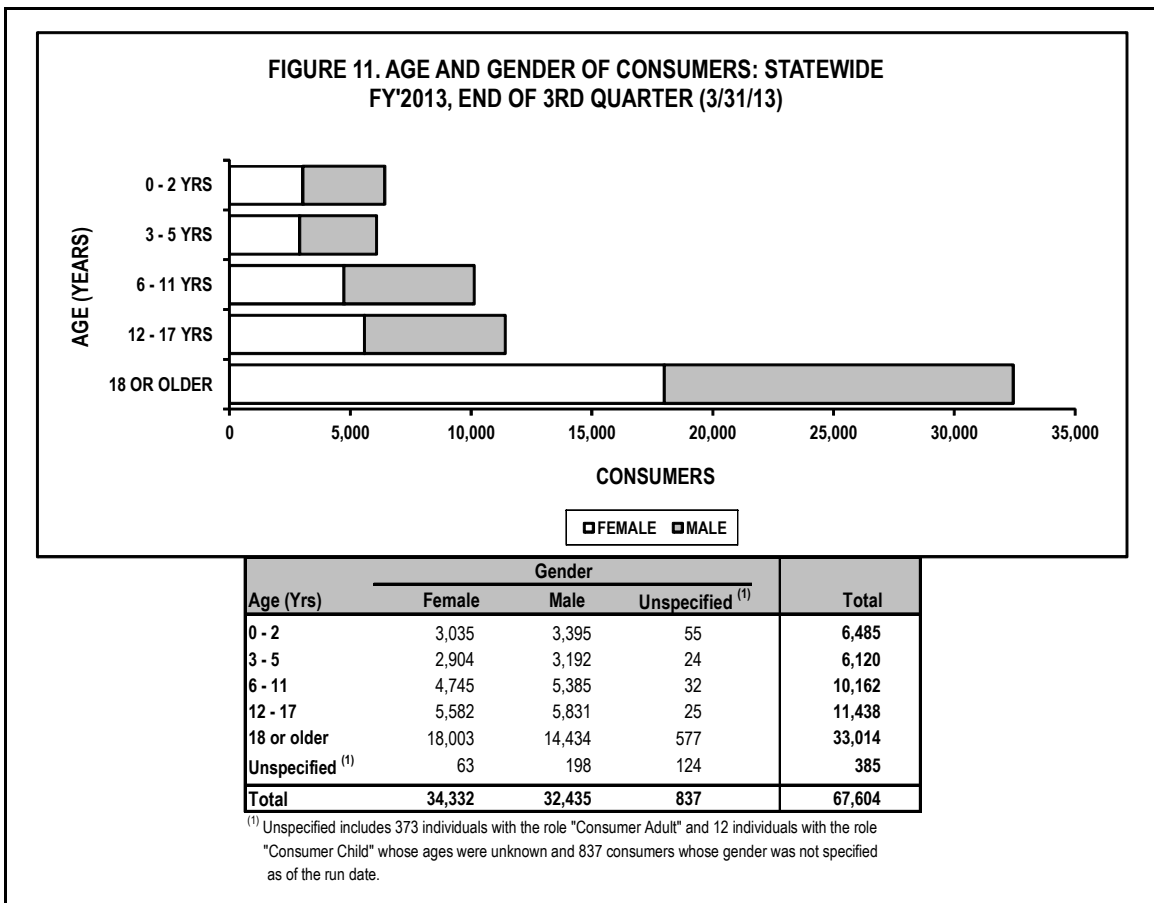
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⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.

IV. CONSUMER DEMOGRAPHICS

A. Age, Gender, and Race of All Consumers

- On the last day of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2013, the consumer population included 34,217 (51%) children less than 18 years old and 33,387 (49%) adults 18 years or older (**Table 1** on page 3). The proportion of adult consumers has gradually increased over the years (**Figs. 1A** and **1B** on page 4, **Appendix Table A1** on page 68). In 1992, 41% of all consumers were adults and 59% were children (**Fig. 1A, 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-three percent (11,438) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). (**Fig. 11**)
- Forty-eight percent of all children receiving DCF services were female. In contrast, 54% of all adults receiving services were female. (**Fig. 11**)



- The statewide caseload was comprised of 44% White, 26% 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 39% Black, 30% Hispanic/Latino, and 16% White consumers (3,456, 2,685, and 1,393 consumers, respectively). The proportion of Hispanic/Latino consumers was similar in 3 of the 4 regions (28-31%)—14% in the Southern Region. Asians were most prominent in the North--4% of the caseload (478 consumers, mainly Cambodian). (Table 8, Figs. 12A and 12B)

TABLE 8. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2013, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)

Race	DCF Geographic Region										Total			
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾				Other ⁽²⁾	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
White	12,556	45%	5,993	46%	9,568	56%	1,393	16%	139	53%	7	4%	29,656	44%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	8,704	31%	3,627	28%	2,403	14%	2,685	30%	60	23%	66	39%	17,545	26%
Black	2,380	8%	1,233	9%	2,296	13%	3,456	39%	37	14%	37	22%	9,439	14%
Asian	152	1%	478	4%	142	1%	203	2%	1	*	45	27%	1,021	2%
Native American	34	*	13	*	73	*	5	*	1	*	---	---	126	*
Other ⁽⁴⁾	20	*	12	*	2	*	2	*	---	---	---	---	36	*
Multi-Racial	711	3%	355	3%	665	4%	168	2%	15	6%	---	---	1,914	3%
Unable to Determine	1,008	4%	443	3%	677	4%	341	4%	8	3%	10	6%	2,487	4%
Missing	2,509	9%	908	7%	1,392	8%	568	6%	---	---	3	2%	5,380	8%
Total	28,074	100%	13,062	100%	17,218	100%	8,821	100%	261	100%	168	100%	67,604	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

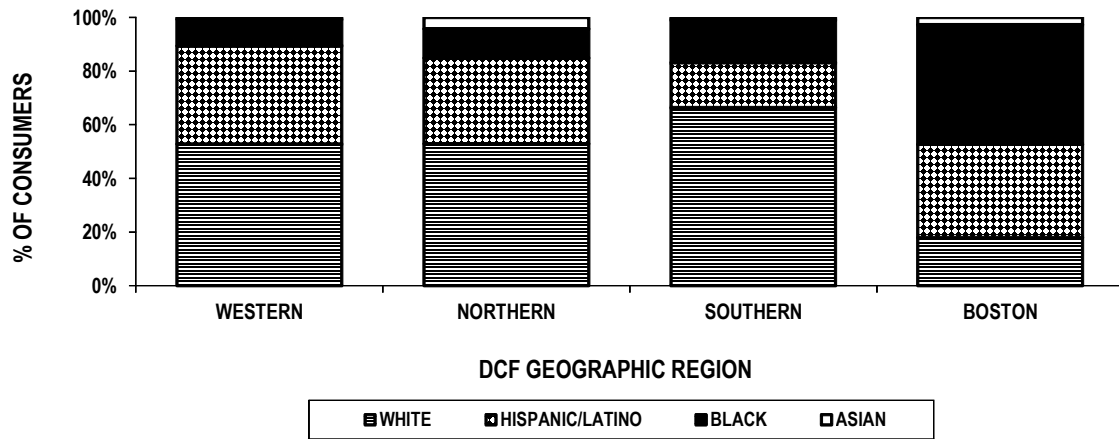
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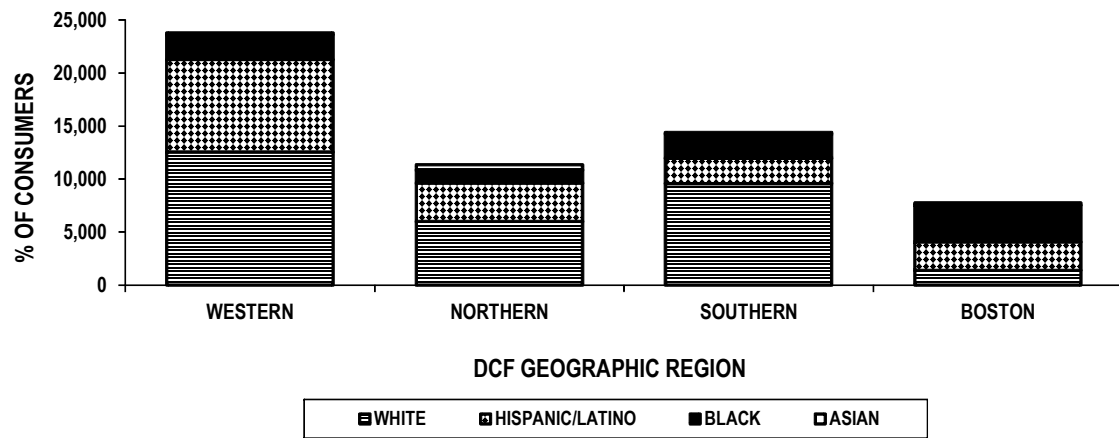
⁽³⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽⁴⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**FIGURE 12A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'2013, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**



**FIGURE 12B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'2013, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**



- A racial comparison of children receiving various services from DCF to children residing in Massachusetts⁸ 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 ⁸ 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
		3/31/13	3/31/13	3/31/13	3/31/13	3/31/13	3/31/13	FY'2012	FY'2012
White	67%	41%	47%	48%	45%	50%	52%	48%	48%
Hispanic***	15%	33%	26%	24%	27%	23%	22%	24%	24%
Black	7%	14%	15%	13%	20%	13%	15%	13%	17%
Asian	6%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	---
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	---	---	---	---
Multi-Racial	4%	4%	7%	7%	5%	8%	6%	8%	4%
Other/Unknown	1%	7%	4%	5%	3%	5%	3%	4%	5%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	1,418,923	26,939	7,278	5,697	1,322	2,228	633	758	390

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

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

*** Hispanic/Latino of any race.

- **Appendix Table 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.

⁸ 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 Consumers⁹

- The Western and Northern Regions had the highest numbers of Spanish-speaking consumers, 2,057 and 945 consumers, respectively (**Table 10**). Haitian Creole was the preferred language of 314 DCF consumers statewide. Khmer-speaking (Cambodian) consumers were mainly concentrated in the North. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Haitian Creole (South/Boston/North), Portuguese (South/North), Cape Verdean Creole (South/Boston), Vietnamese (Boston/West), and Lao (North) (**Table 10**).

TABLE 10. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2013, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)

Primary Language	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption				Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spanish	2,057	7%	945	7%	570	3%	870	10%	5	2%	65	39%	4,512	7%
Haitian Creole	8	*	87	1%	111	1%	107	1%	---	---	1	1%	314	*
Portuguese	37	*	85	1%	123	1%	11	*	---	---	---	---	256	*
Khmer (Cambodian)	5	*	122	1%	12	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	140	*
Cape Verdean Creole	3	*	9	*	124	1%	93	1%	---	---	---	---	229	*
Vietnamese	28	*	10	*	9	*	54	1%	---	---	---	---	101	*
Chinese	3	*	20	*	24	*	26	*	---	---	1	1%	74	*
Lao	1	*	15	*	1	*		*	---	---	---	---	17	*
American Sign Language	16	*	19	*	4	*	10	*	---	---	---	---	49	*
Other	474	2%	210	2%	236	1%	111	1%	---	---	67	40%	1,098	2%
English/Unspecified	25,442	91%	11,540	88%	16,004	93%	7,538	85%	256	98%	34	20%	60,814	90%
Total	28,074	100%	13,062	100%	17,218	100%	8,821	100%	261	100%	168	100%	67,604	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

- From 1987 to 1997, there were substantial increases in consumers whose preferred languages were Khmer, Lao, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and Spanish (**table** on next page). In the following decade (1997-2007), there were declines in consumers from all of these language groups. Although there was a decline in consumers with these preferred/primary languages, there was not a decline in DCF consumers from these ethnic groups. As with all immigrant groups, their children become fluent in English. The new immigrant communities continue to grow, but as time passes those who are only fluent in their native language make up a smaller proportion of their community.
- Comparing DCF consumers by preferred language on June 2007 and March 2013, showed an increase in some language groups and a decrease in others (**table** on next page). The most significant changes were: declines in Khmer (-61%), Vietnamese (-40%), Portuguese (-16%), Lao (-15%) and increases in Cape Verdean Creole (57%), Chinese (37%), Haitian Creole (21%). During this period, the count of total consumers decreased 14%.

⁹ Includes young adults 18 years or older as well as children less than 18 years old.

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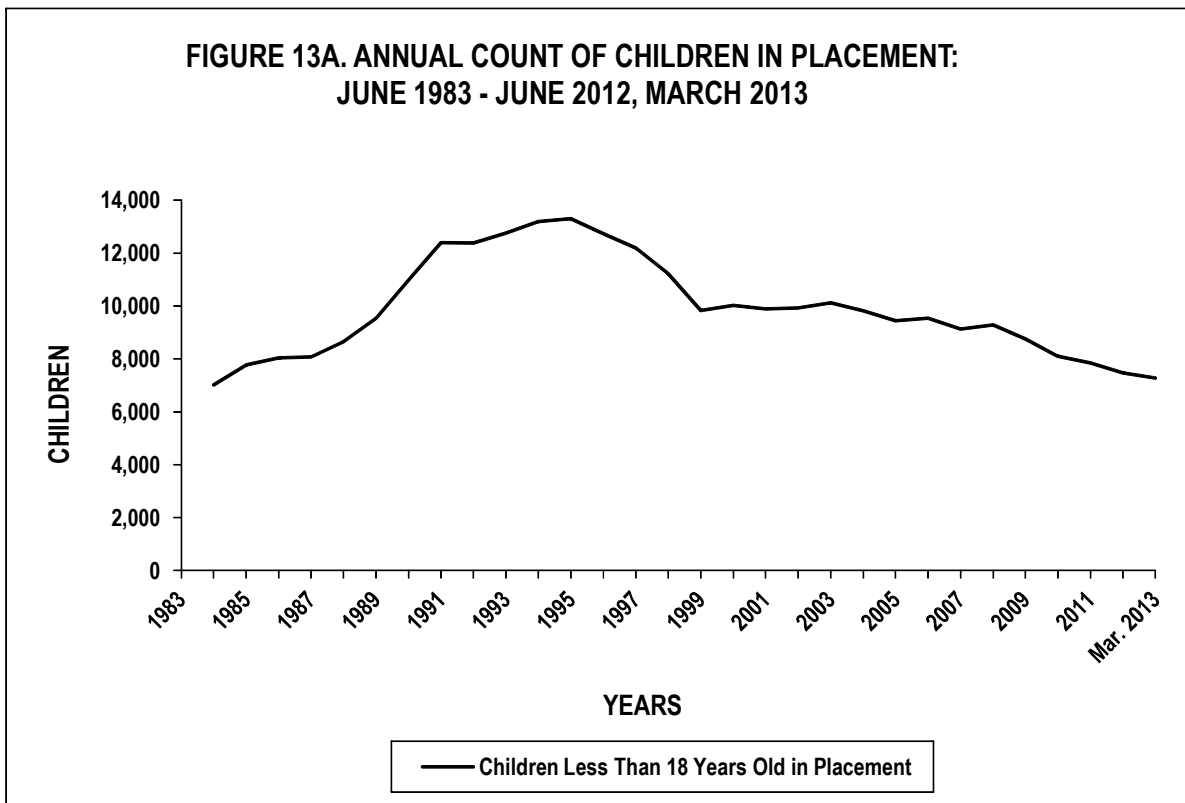
Primary Language	Consumers Jul. 1987 No.	Consumers Jul. 1997 No.	Consumers Jun. 2007 No.	Consumers Mar. 2013 No.	2007-2013 Change %
English/Unspecified	60,784	66,404	71,398	60,814	-15%
Spanish	3,664	6,334	4,516	4,512	*
Haitian Creole	175	360	260	314	21%
Portuguese	530	380	303	256	-16%
Cape Verdean Creole	174	247	146	229	57%
Khmer Cambodian	253	851	356	140	-61%
Vietnamese	146	273	167	101	-40%
Chinese	71	61	54	74	37%
American Sign Language	47	23	41	49	20%
Lao	30	74	20	17	-15%
Other	213	310	1,459	1,098	-25%
Total	66,087	75,317	78,720	67,604	-14%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

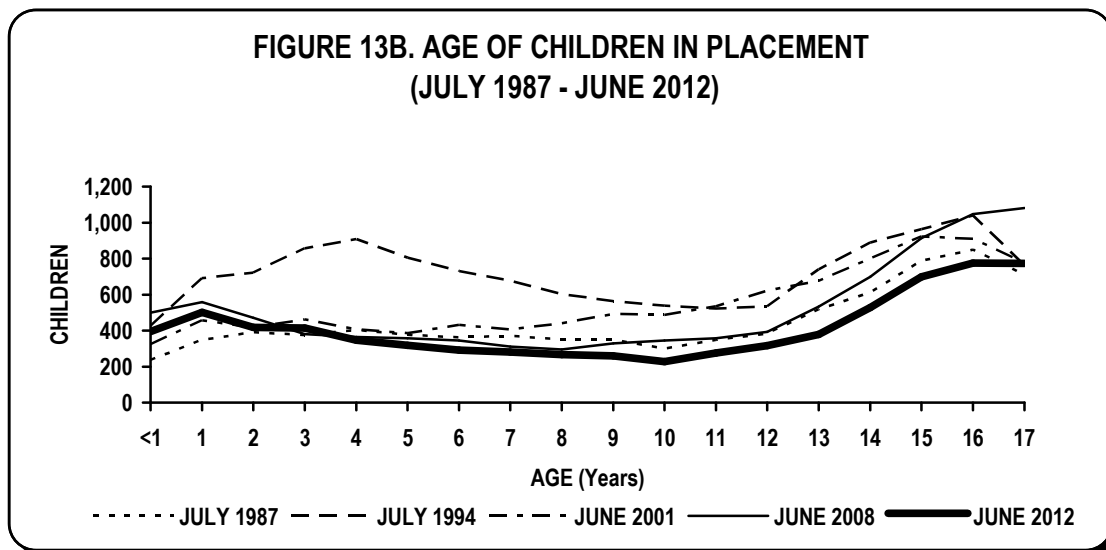
V. PROFILE OF CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT¹⁰

- The number of children less than 18 years old in placement (7,278) decreased less than 1% from the 2nd to the 3rd 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**)



¹⁰Consumers 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, 21% (or 7,278) 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 the South, 22% in the North, and 19% in both the West and Boston. (**Table 11** on next page)
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield and Lynn area offices had the highest proportions in placement (32% and 30%, respectively). The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Van Wart (15%), Cambridge (16%), and Springfield (16%) area offices. (**Table 11**)

TABLE 11. CHILD⁽¹⁾ CASELOAD BY DCF AREA OFFICE: FY'2013, End of 3RD QUARTER 3/31/13)

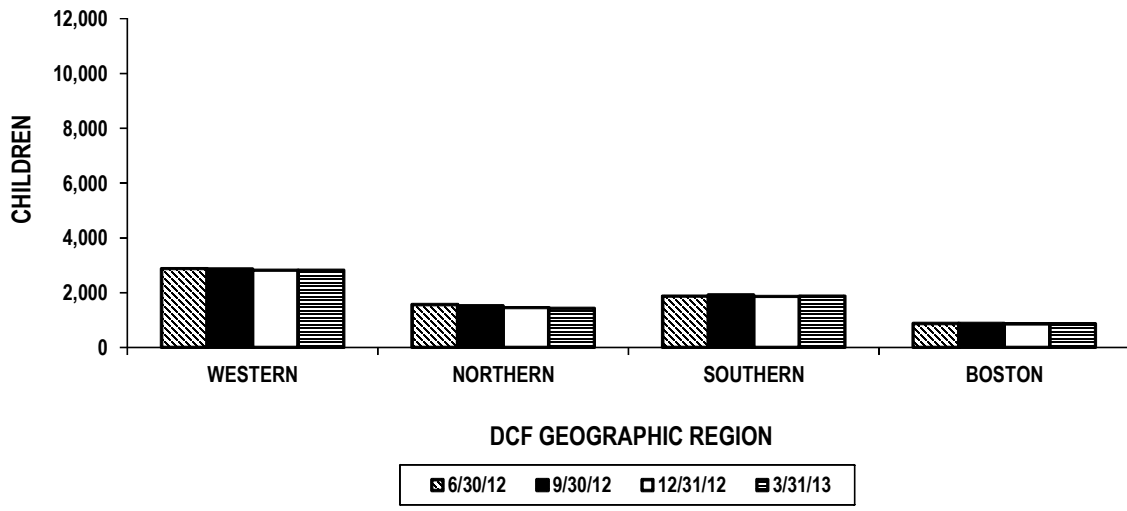
DCF Region/Area	Not in Placement	In Placement	Total Child Caseload	% in Placement
Greenfield	784	293	1,077	27%
Holyoke	1,052	253	1,305	19%
North Central	1,755	356	2,111	17%
Pittsfield	704	335	1,039	32%
Robert Van Wart	1,927	330	2,257	15%
South Central	1,087	291	1,378	21%
Springfield	1,946	377	2,323	16%
Worcester East	1,259	315	1,574	20%
Worcester West	1,164	258	1,422	18%
Contracted Agencies	10	5	15	33%
Western	11,688	2,813	14,501	19%
Cambridge	546	103	649	16%
Cape Ann	687	158	845	19%
Framingham	564	161	725	22%
Haverhill	420	131	551	24%
Lawrence	470	151	621	24%
Lowell	1,131	298	1,429	21%
Lynn	657	279	936	30%
Malden	608	151	759	20%
Contracted Agencies	1	---	1	---
Northern	5,084	1,432	6,516	22%
Arlington	483	149	632	24%
Brockton	959	201	1,160	17%
Cape Cod	590	236	826	29%
Coastal	639	194	833	23%
Fall River	865	314	1,179	27%
New Bedford	1,298	340	1,638	21%
Plymouth	738	235	973	24%
Taunton/Attleboro	839	206	1,045	20%
Contracted Agencies	12	3	15	20%
Southern	6,423	1,878	8,301	23%
Dimock Street	733	231	964	24%
Harbor	1,024	229	1,253	18%
Hyde Park	863	172	1,035	17%
Park Street	1,104	233	1,337	17%
Contracted Agencies	1	1	2	50%
Boston	3,725	866	4,591	19%
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	9	251	260	97%
Other ⁽³⁾	10	38	48	79%
Total	26,939	7,278	34,217	21%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.

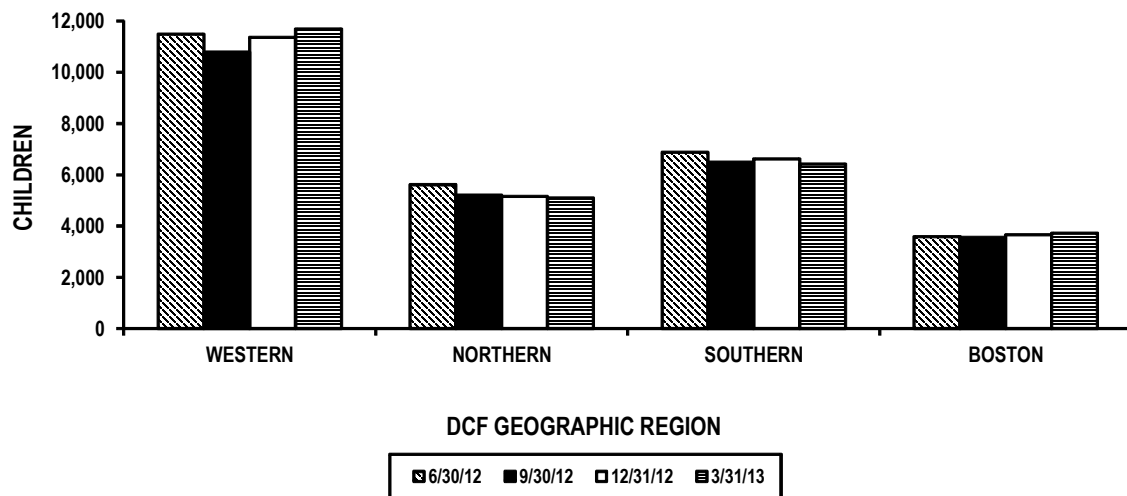
⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

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

**FIGURE 14. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER to FY'2013, END OF 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 15. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER to FY'2013, END OF 3RD QUARTER)**



A. Demographics of Consumers in Placement¹¹

(Combined Counts from All Types of Placement)

- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2013, the statewide placement population was comprised of 52% boys and 48% girls. Among DCF regions, 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.¹²
- Statewide, 46% of all consumers in placement were White, 16% were Black, 26% were Hispanic/Latino, 2% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 6% were multi-racial. Race was not identified for 4% of the placement population. (**Table 12A, Fig. 16A**)
- The proportion of minority consumers in placement, as with the local population, was highest in the Boston Region. (**Table 12A**)

**TABLE 12A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: GENDER AND RACE BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE:
FY'2013, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region										Total			
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾				Other ⁽²⁾	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Gender:														
Female	1,572	48%	903	48%	1,079	48%	565	52%	104	41%	43	30%	4,266	48%
Male	1,727	52%	996	52%	1,188	52%	521	48%	148	59%	100	70%	4,680	52%
Missing	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	3,299	100%	1,899	100%	2,268	100%	1,086	100%	252	100%	143	100%	8,947	100%
Race:														
White	1,558	47%	890	47%	1,334	59%	201	19%	136	54%	---	---	4,119	46%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	1,018	31%	581	31%	296	13%	291	27%	57	23%	61	43%	2,304	26%
Black	374	11%	189	10%	303	13%	507	47%	34	13%	33	23%	1,440	16%
Asian	10	*	69	4%	26	1%	14	1%	1	*	41	29%	161	2%
Native American	4	*	---	---	12	1%	1	*	1	*	---	---	18	*
Pacific Islander	1	*	2	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	*
Multi-Racial	186	6%	109	6%	197	9%	41	4%	15	6%	---	---	548	6%
Unable to Determine	148	4%	59	3%	100	4%	31	3%	8	3%	8	6%	354	4%
Total	3,299	100%	1,899	100%	2,268	100%	1,086	100%	252	100%	143	100%	8,947	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

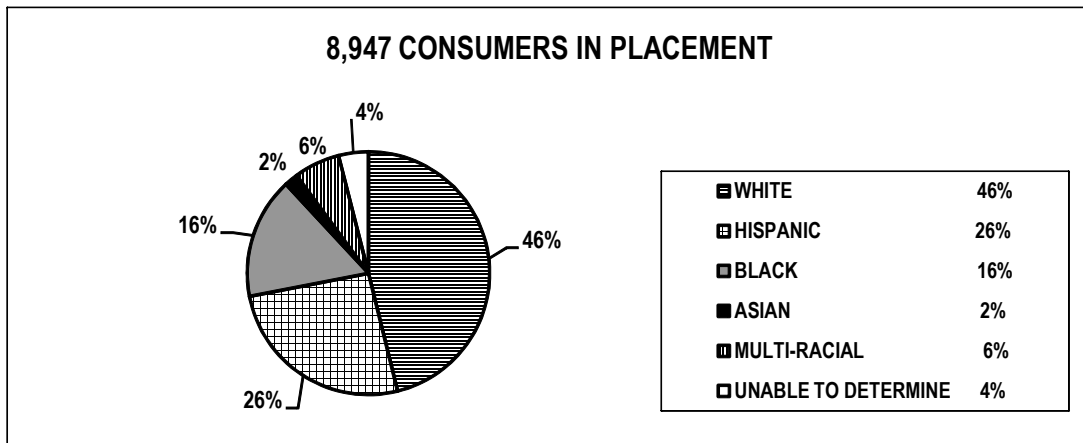
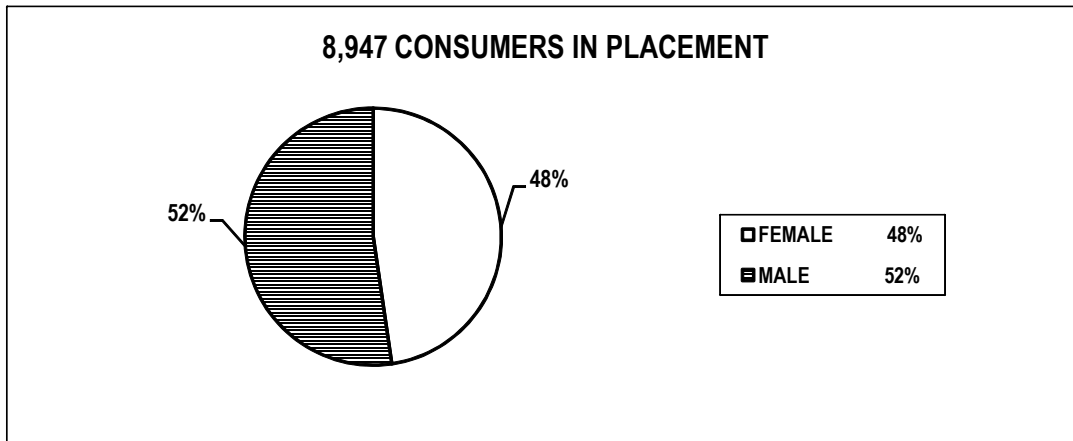
⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

⁽³⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

¹¹ "Consumers" includes children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 or older.

¹² Massachusetts Child Population 2010: 51% male (725,399) and 49% female (693,524). U.S. Census Bureau. Table DP-1. Profile of General Population and Housing Characteristics 2010, Demographic Profile Data Massachusetts (factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?src=bkmk)

**FIGURE 16A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY GENDER AND RACE
STATEWIDE: FY'2013, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**



- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DCF Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 35% to 40%. (**Table 12B** on page 30)
- The proportion of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 15% in the Western Region to 25% 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 (32% of all consumers in placement), Adoption (25%), and Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement¹³ (APPLA) (22%). The Northern Region had the highest proportion 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: Guardianship (7% of all consumers in placement), Permanent Care with Kin¹⁴ (7%), and Stabilization of Family (4%).
- On 3/31/2013, 38% of the statewide placement population had a length of stay of more than 2 years,¹⁵ 20% had been in continuous care between 1 and 2 years, and 42% for 1 year or less. (**Table 12B, Fig. 16B**)
- The North had the highest proportion of consumers in continuous care¹⁶ for more than two years (43%). The South had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (45%). (**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 (47% for Black vs. 37% for White, 38% for Hispanic, 28% 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 50% of all consumers in placement for more than 4 years and another 23% who were in placement for 2-4 years (**Table 13C** on page 32).
- Twenty-seven percent of Black consumers in placement had a goal of “Family Reunification,” compared to 32% for Hispanic and 33% 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—30% Black vs. 20% White and 22% Hispanic for APPLA; 20% Black vs. 23% Hispanic and 27% White for adoption.

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ The goal of permanent placement with kin is to provide children with a committed, nurturing, and lifelong relationship in a licensed kinship family setting.

¹⁵ 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.

¹⁶ Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child’s most recent home removal episode start date to the Quarter End Date (March 31, 2013).

**TABLE 12B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE
BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE: FY'2013, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region										Total No. %			
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾			Other ⁽²⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%	
Age Group:														
(0 - 2 yrs)	547	17%	216	11%	369	16%	165	15%	40	16%	---	---	1,337	15%
(3 - 5 yrs)	434	13%	182	10%	276	12%	110	10%	72	29%	---	---	1,074	12%
(6 - 11 yrs)	615	19%	287	15%	434	19%	156	14%	95	38%	7	5%	1,594	18%
(12 - 17 yrs)	1,217	37%	747	39%	799	35%	435	40%	44	17%	31	22%	3,273	37%
18 or older	486	15%	467	25%	390	17%	220	20%	1	0%	105	73%	1,669	19%
Total	3,299	100%	1,899	100%	2,268	100%	1,086	100%	252	100%	143	100%	8,947	100%
Service Plan Goals:														
Family Reunification	1,171	35%	515	27%	814	36%	368	34%	1	*	---	---	2,869	32%
Adoption	859	26%	404	21%	527	23%	202	19%	239	95%	---	---	2,231	25%
APPLA ⁽³⁾	580	18%	536	28%	470	21%	270	25%	---	---	68	48%	1,924	22%
Guardianship	185	6%	151	8%	194	9%	106	10%	10	4%	---	---	646	7%
Permanent Care with Kin	221	7%	167	9%	139	6%	61	6%	---	---	31	22%	619	7%
Stabilization of Family	181	5%	89	5%	77	3%	55	5%	---	---	---	---	402	4%
Unspecified as of run-date	102	3%	37	2%	47	2%	24	2%	2	1%	44	31%	256	3%
Total	3,299	100%	1,899	100%	2,268	100%	1,086	100%	252	100%	143	100%	8,947	100%
Continuous Time in Care:														
(.5yr or less)	820	25%	398	21%	541	24%	244	22%	1	*	22	15%	2,026	23%
(> .5-1yr)	622	19%	336	18%	480	21%	193	18%	22	9%	20	14%	1,673	19%
(>1-1.5yrs)	375	11%	176	9%	275	12%	146	13%	36	14%	17	12%	1,025	11%
(>1.5-2yrs)	287	9%	182	10%	195	9%	94	9%	35	14%	14	10%	807	9%
(>2-4yrs)	633	19%	357	19%	376	17%	190	17%	100	40%	37	26%	1,693	19%
> 4yrs	562	17%	450	24%	401	18%	219	20%	58	23%	33	23%	1,723	19%
Total	3,299	100%	1,899	100%	2,268	100%	1,086	100%	252	100%	143	100%	8,947	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

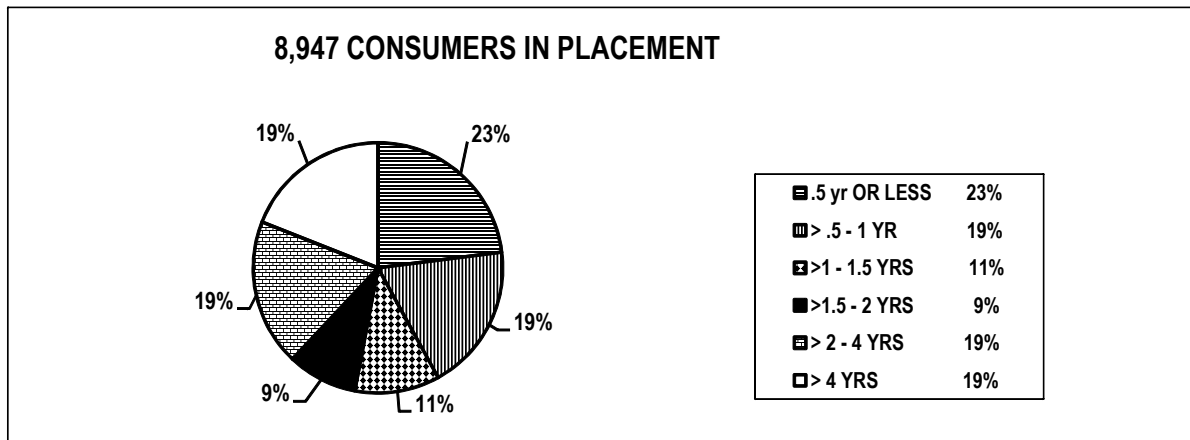
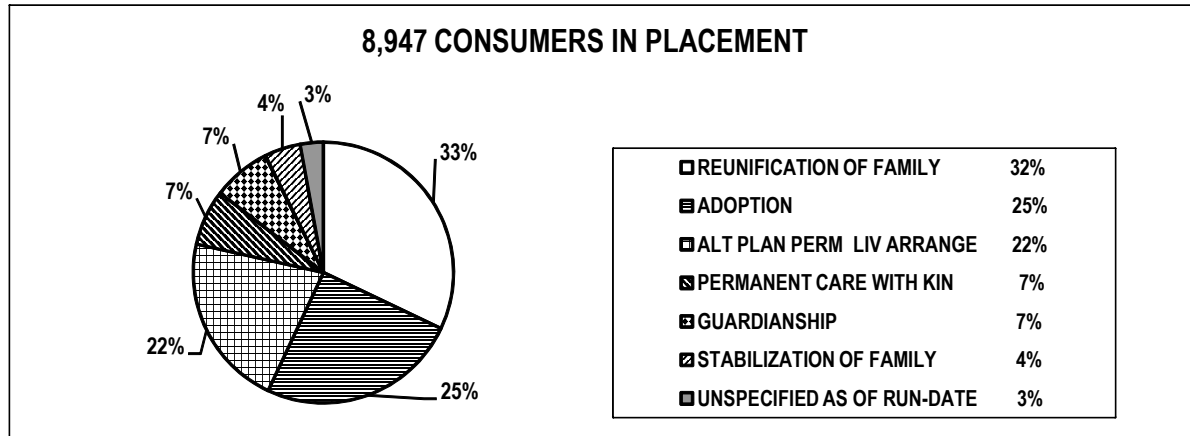
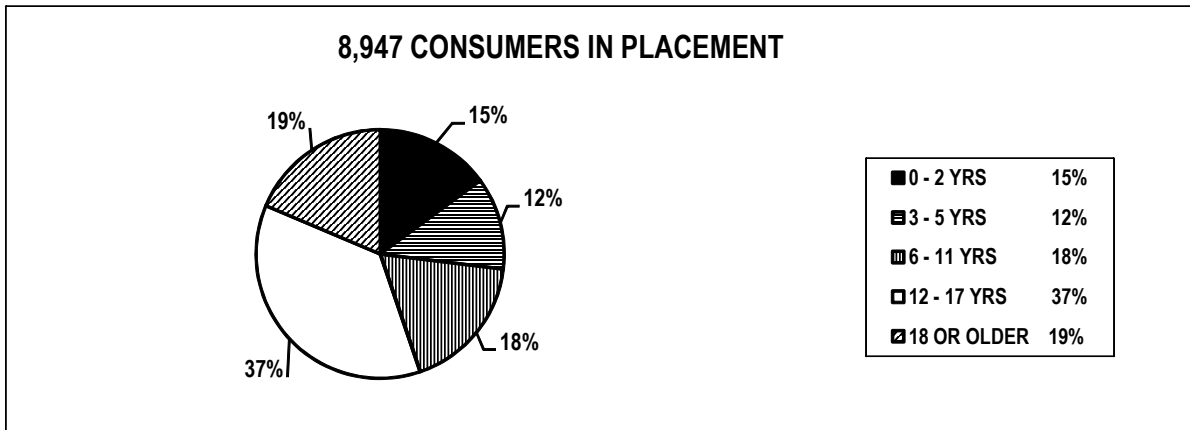
⁽³⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 13A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2013, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers										Total No. %							
	White		Hispanic/ Latino ⁽¹⁾		Black		Asian		Native American				Pacific Islander		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%			No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5yr or less)	934	23%	568	25%	263	18%	26	16%	6	33%	---	---	129	24%	100	28%	2,026	23%
(> .5-1yr)	832	20%	390	17%	225	16%	25	16%	---	---	1	33%	128	23%	72	20%	1,673	19%
(>1-1.5yrs)	470	11%	259	11%	158	11%	15	9%	3	17%	---	---	69	13%	51	14%	1,025	11%
(>1.5-2yrs)	348	8%	220	10%	123	9%	9	6%	2	11%	1	33%	69	13%	35	10%	807	9%
(>2-4yrs)	778	19%	431	19%	283	20%	41	25%	5	28%	---	---	95	17%	60	17%	1,693	19%
> 4yrs	757	18%	436	19%	388	27%	45	28%	2	11%	1	33%	58	11%	36	10%	1,723	19%
Total	4,119	100%	2,304	100%	1,440	100%	161	100%	18	100%	3	100%	548	100%	354	100%	8,947	100%

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

**FIGURE 16B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT
STATEWIDE: FY'2013, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**



**TABLE 13B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND AGE GROUP:
STATEWIDE FY'2013, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**

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	652	16%	522	13%	815	20%	1,440	35%	690	17%	4,119	100%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	296	13%	240	10%	373	16%	947	41%	448	19%	2,304	100%
Black	144	10%	132	9%	222	15%	560	39%	382	27%	1,440	100%
Asian	3	2%	10	6%	21	13%	62	39%	65	40%	161	100%
Native American	6	33%	3	17%	1	6%	6	33%	2	11%	18	100%
Pacific Islander	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	100%	---	---	3	100%
Multi-Racial	117	21%	104	19%	115	21%	166	30%	46	8%	548	100%
Unable to Determine	119	34%	63	18%	47	13%	89	25%	36	10%	354	100%
Total	1,337	15%	1,074	12%	1,594	18%	3,273	37%	1,669	19%	8,947	100%

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

**TABLE 13C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2013, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**

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.	%
(.5yr or less)	500	37%	230	21%	394	25%	794	24%	108	6%	2,026	23%
(> .5-1yr)	383	29%	266	25%	327	21%	572	17%	125	7%	1,673	19%
(>1-1.5yrs)	234	18%	140	13%	170	11%	361	11%	120	7%	1,025	11%
(>1.5-2yrs)	130	10%	139	13%	166	10%	267	8%	105	6%	807	9%
(>2-4yrs)	90	7%	260	24%	348	22%	617	19%	378	23%	1,693	19%
> 4yrs	---	---	39	4%	189	12%	662	20%	833	50%	1,723	19%
Total	1,337	100%	1,074	100%	1,594	100%	3,273	100%	1,669	100%	8,947	100%

**TABLE 14. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2013, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers														Total			
	White		Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾		Black		Asian		Native American		Pacific Islander		Multi-Racial				Unable to Determine	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	1,342	33%	746	32%	395	27%	38	24%	5	28%	1	33%	214	39%	128	36%	2,869	32%
Adoption	1,105	27%	519	23%	291	20%	14	9%	5	28%	---	---	184	34%	113	32%	2,231	25%
APPLA ⁽²⁾	807	20%	514	22%	438	30%	61	38%	3	17%	1	33%	64	12%	36	10%	1,924	22%
Guardianship	334	8%	142	6%	95	7%	10	6%	4	22%	---	---	39	7%	22	6%	646	7%
Permanent Care with Kin	282	7%	152	7%	119	8%	24	15%	---	---	---	---	23	4%	19	5%	619	7%
Stabilization of Family	158	4%	138	6%	69	5%	5	3%	---	---	1	33%	13	2%	18	5%	402	4%
Unspecified as of run-date	91	2%	93	4%	33	2%	9	6%	1	6%	---	---	11	2%	18	5%	256	3%
Total	4,119	100%	2,304	100%	1,440	100%	161	100%	18	100%	3	100%	548	100%	354	100%	8,947	100%

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽²⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 15. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2013, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**

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	592	21%	375	13%	584	20%	1,297	45%	21	1%	2,869	100%
Adoption	593	27%	557	25%	717	32%	361	16%	3	*	2,231	100%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	503	26%	1,421	74%	1,924	100%
Guardianship	48	7%	85	13%	175	27%	325	50%	13	2%	646	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	2	*	3	*	28	5%	470	76%	116	19%	619	100%
Stabilization of Family	50	12%	35	9%	55	14%	220	55%	42	10%	402	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	52	20%	19	7%	35	14%	97	38%	53	21%	256	100%
Total	1,337	15%	1,074	12%	1,594	18%	3,273	37%	1,669	19%	8,947	100%

⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 16. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2013, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**

Service Plan Goal	Continuous Time in Placement												Total No. %	
	(.5yr or less)		(> .5 - 1 yr)		(>1 - 1.5 yrs)		(>1.5 - 2 yrs)		(>2 - 4 yrs)		> 4 yrs			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Family Reunification	1,371	48%	898	31%	273	10%	126	4%	156	5%	45	2%	2,869	100%
Adoption	75	3%	388	17%	384	17%	367	16%	637	29%	380	17%	2,231	100%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	106	6%	156	8%	168	9%	143	7%	491	26%	860	45%	1,924	100%
Guardianship	13	2%	117	18%	116	18%	92	14%	210	33%	98	15%	646	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	11	2%	36	6%	43	7%	55	9%	170	27%	304	49%	619	100%
Stabilization of Family	269	67%	45	11%	26	6%	10	2%	20	5%	32	8%	402	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	181	71%	33	13%	15	6%	14	5%	9	4%	4	2%	256	100%
Total	2,026	23%	1,673	19%	1,025	11%	807	9%	1,693	19%	1,723	19%	8,947	100%

⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

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

- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2013 (3/31/13), the median time in continuous care was 1.1 years and the median¹⁷ age was 10.5 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 7,278 in March 2013. (See **table** on next page)

¹⁷ Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement			
Date	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
7/93	9.3	1.6	12,577
7/94	9.1	1.4	12,977
7/95	9.2	1.3	13,056
7/96	9.7	1.4	12,643
7/97	10.2	1.4	11,957
9/98	10.2	1.5	10,503
6/99	10.8	1.3	9,834
6/00	11.4	1.3	10,025
6/01	11.5	1.2	9,889
6/02	11.8	1.3	9,932
6/03	12.1	1.3	10,127
6/04	12.3	1.4	9,815
6/05	12.5	1.3	9,439
6/06	12.6	1.2	9,543
6/07	12.6	1.2	9,132
6/08	12.0	1.1	9,287
6/09	11.4	1.2	8,755
6/10	11.5	1.2	8,097
6/11	11.2	1.2	7,841
6/12	11.0	1.1	7,467
9/12	10.6	1.1	7,471
12/12	10.6	1.1	7,302
3/13	10.5	1.1	7,278

- An age breakdown of children in placement by race¹⁸ is presented in the following **table**. Minority children were a 2-4 years older than White children. Time in placement was 2 to 4 months longer for Black children compared to White and Hispanic children. (See **table** below). On 3/31/13, 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.

Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement on 3/31/13			
Race	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
White	9.9	1.0	3,429
Black	12.4	1.3	1,058
Hispanic/Latino	12.2	1.1	1,856
Asian	14.5	1.1	96
Native American	5.6	1.4	16
Pacific Islander	17.5	1.5	3
Multi-Racial	7.4	1.0	502
Unable to Determine	4.6	0.9	318
Total	10.5	1.1	7,278

¹⁸ Hispanic/Latino includes children of any race.

- The **table** below displays the median age and continuous time in care for all children less than 18 years old in placement on 3/31/2013. 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 5 children in Independent Living had the highest median age and lowest continuous time in care. All 5 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 total 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 23 children in this placement service (all between 16 and 18 years old). Eighty-four percent of total 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.

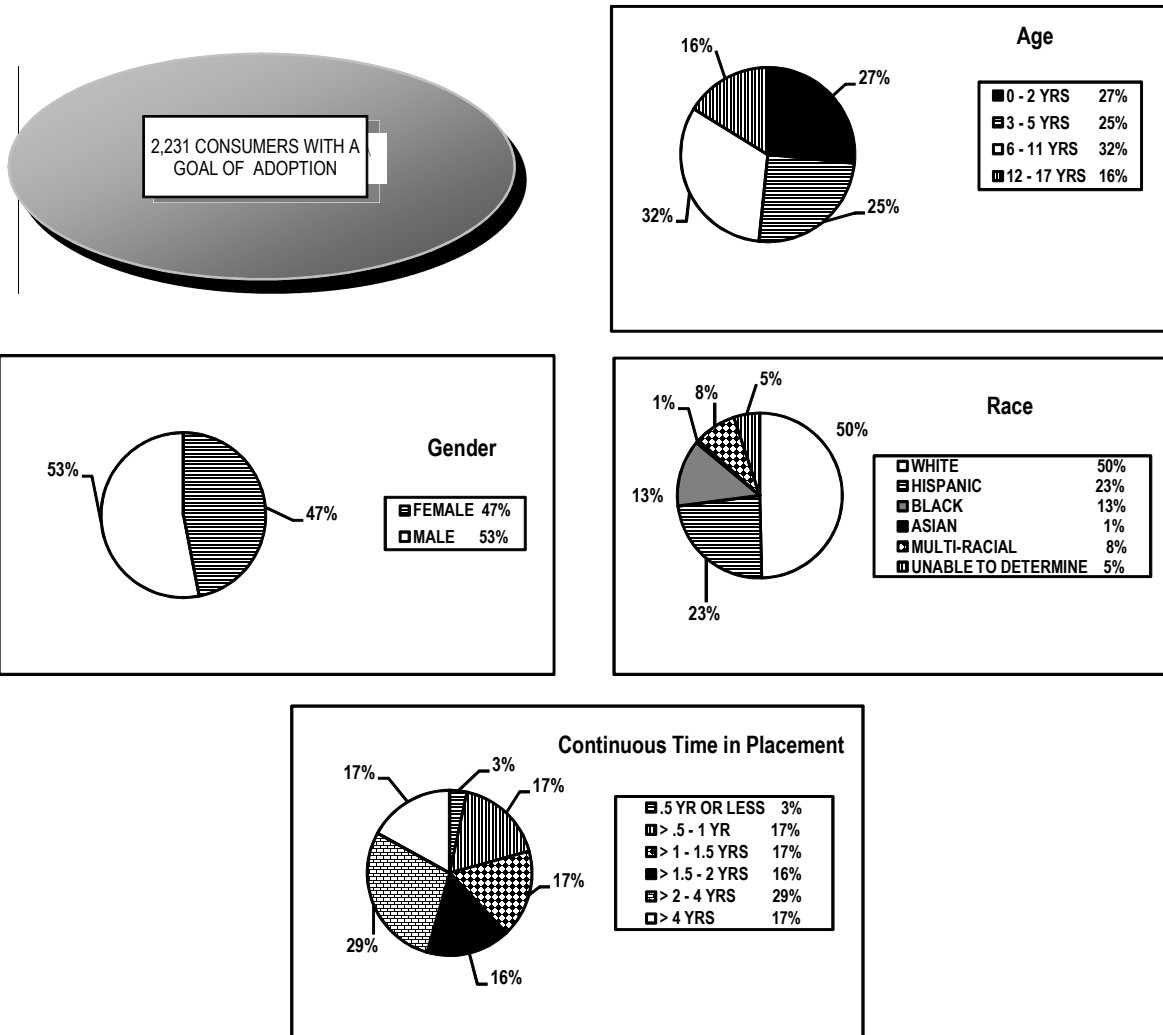
Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement

Placement Type as of 3/31/2013	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
Foster Care:			
Unrestricted	5.0	0.7	1,673
Kinship	6.3	0.9	1,776
Child Specific	9.7	1.2	380
Pre-Adoptive	4.5	2.3	409
Independent Living (< 18 years old)	17.8	1.3	5
IFC (contracted)	13.6	1.6	1,454
Congregate Care:			
Group Home	15.4	1.3	553
Residential	15.7	2.0	426
STARR	14.9	0.1	320
Independent Living (<18 years old)	17.7	2.4	23
On the Run & Non-Referral Locations	16.4	0.9	259
Total	10.5	1.1	7,278

D. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,231 consumers (includes 3 youths over 18 years old) in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,105 (50%) were White, 291 (13%) were Black, 519 (23%) were Hispanic/Latino, 14 (1%) were Asian, 5 (<1%) were Native American, and 184 (8%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 113 (5%) consumers. (**Table 14** on page 32, **Table 15** on page 33, **Fig. 17** on next page)
- The age distribution of 2,231 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 27% age 0-2 years, 25% age 3-5 years, 32% age 6-11 years, and 16% age 12-17 years. (**Table 15, Fig. 17**)
- Fifty-three percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 47% were female. (**Fig. 17**)
- Forty-six 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**)
- Forty-eight percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of guardianship had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (**Table 16**)

FIGURE 17. AGE, GENDER, RACE, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT OF CONSUMERS WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION FY'2013, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)



- There has been a decline in the number of children¹⁹ in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of 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 four 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%
12/12	7,302	2,255	31%
3/13	7,278	2,228	31%

NOTES: Children are less than 18 years old

¹⁹ Children are less than 18 years old.

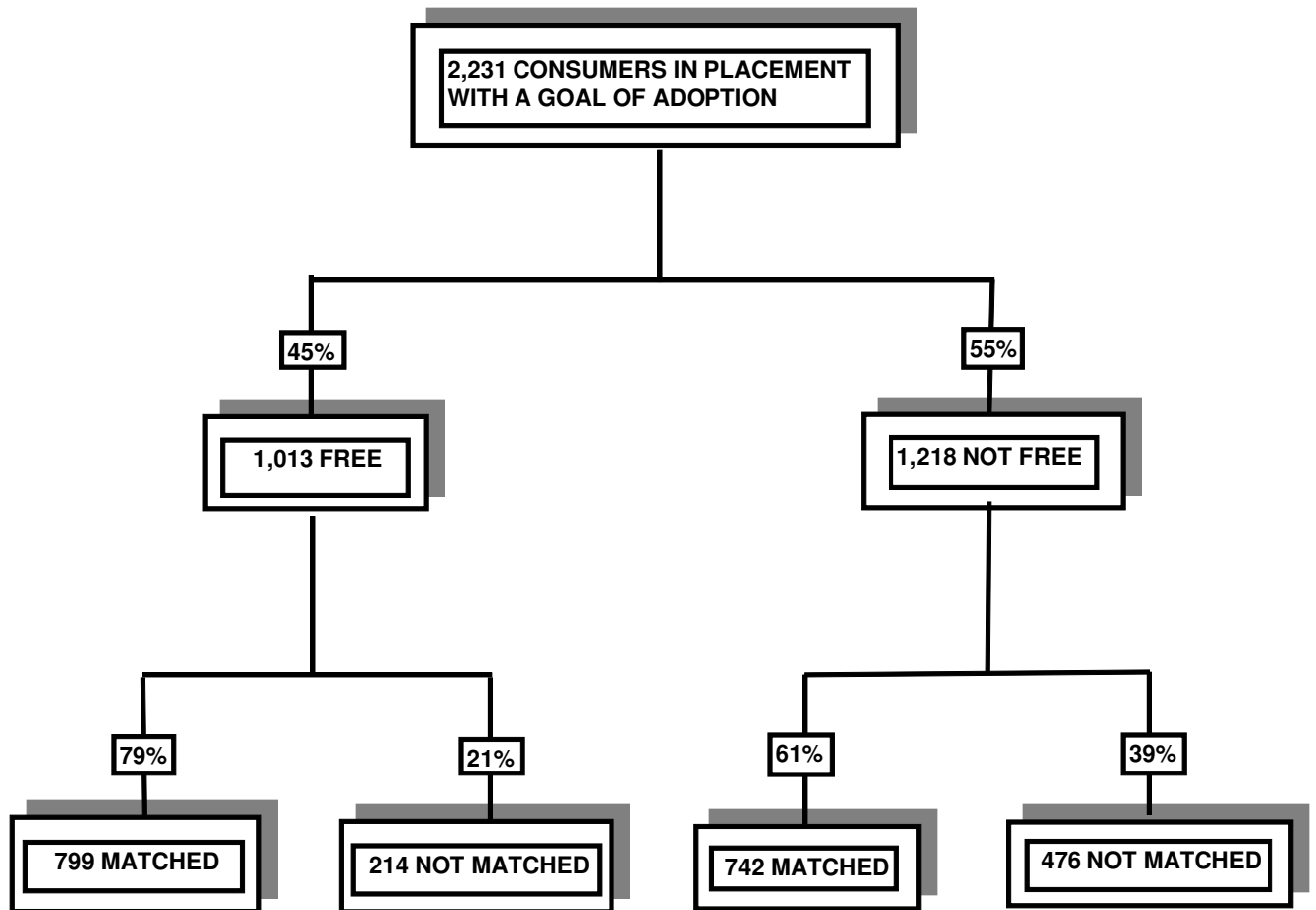
- Of the 2,231 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 45% were legally free for adoption. Seventy-nine percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. (**Fig. 18** on next page)
- The adolescent age group had the highest proportion of children who were legally free for adoption (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.

Children in Placement 3/31/13			
	Children with Goal of Adoption & Legally Free for Adoption	All Children with Goal of Adoption	% Legally Free for Adoption
Age Group (years)	No.	No.	%
0 – 2	205	593	35%
3 – 5	249	557	45%
6 – 11	355	717	50%
12 – 17	201	361	56%
Total	1,010	2,228	45%

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

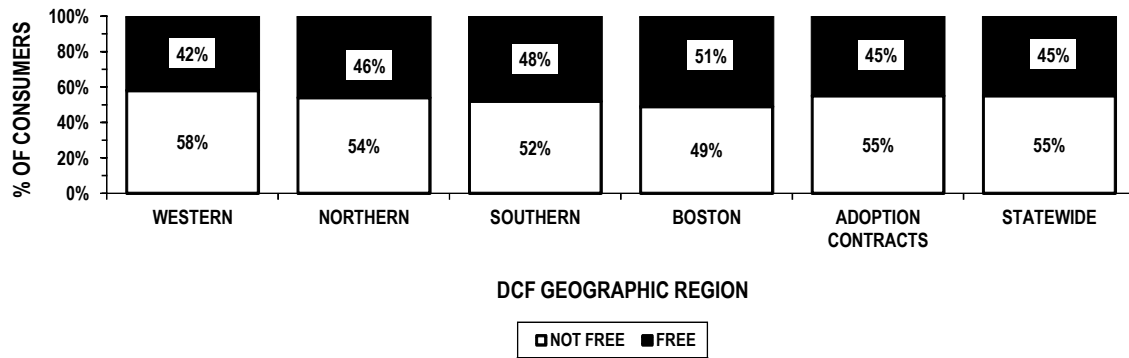
- Of those children with a goal of adoption who were not legally free for adoption (55%), 61% were matched to permanent families (**Fig. 18**).
- The proportion of children in placement with a goal of adoption who were legally free for adoption ranged from 42% in the West to 51% in Boston (**Fig. 19** on page 41). On an area office basis, the proportion of legally free children ranged from 14% in Cape Ann to 69% 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 66% in the North to 73% in 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 14% in Cape Ann to 90% in Coastal (**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 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**

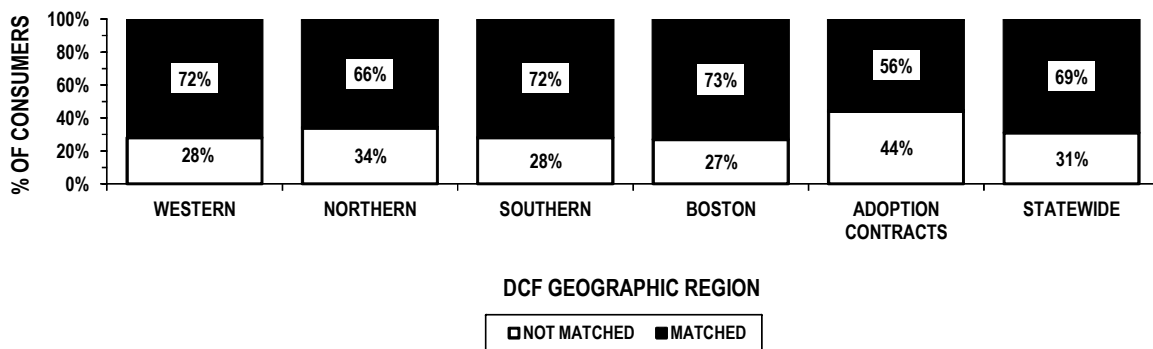


Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption
 Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 19. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS
FY'2013, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**



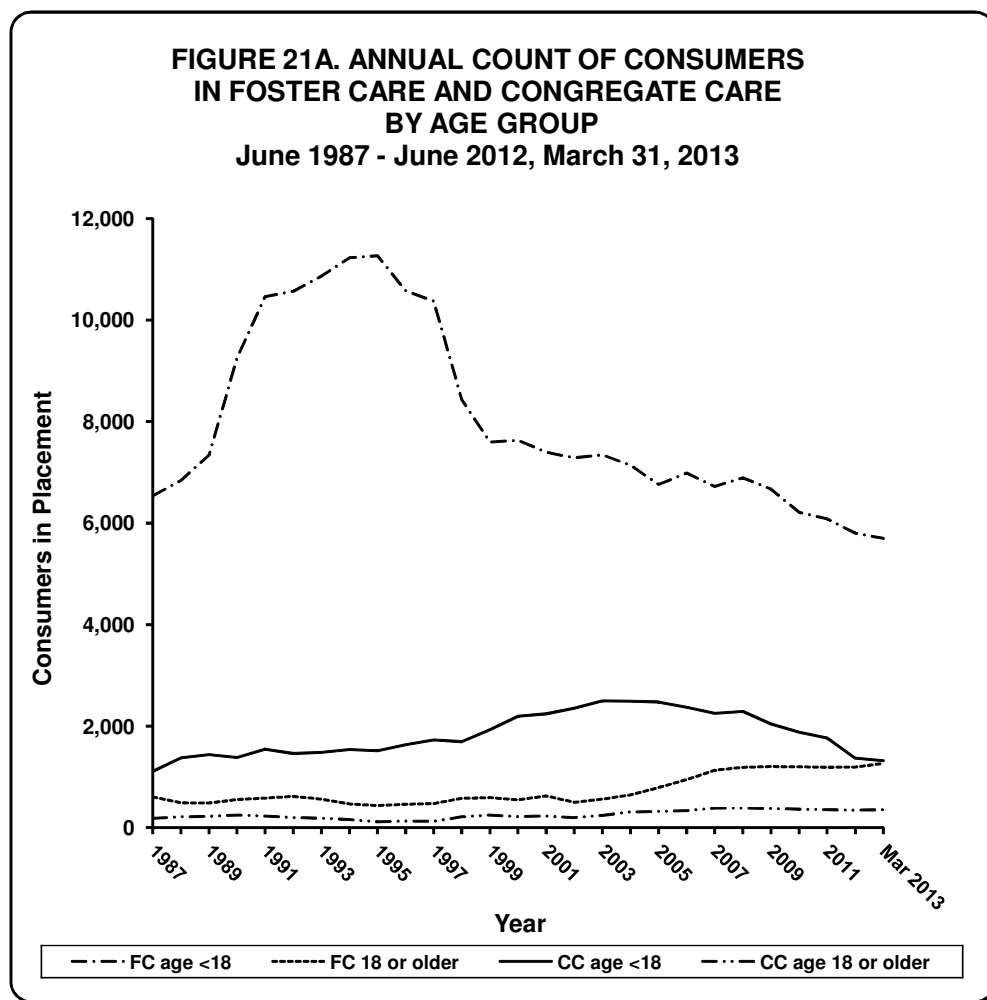
**FIGURE 20. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND WHETHER MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY
FY'2013, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**



E. Foster and Congregate Care

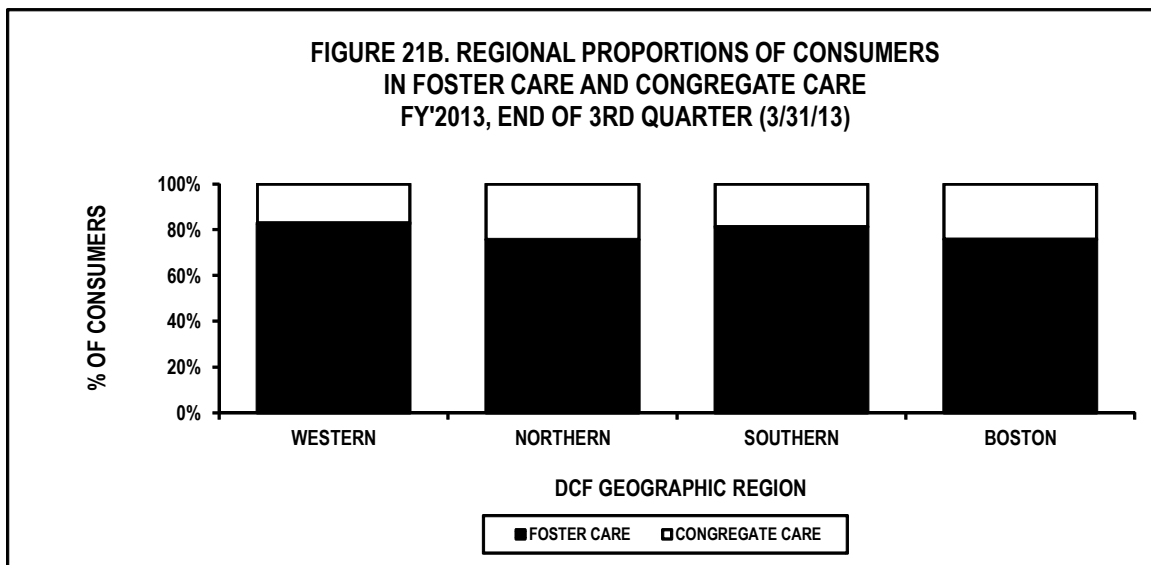
Trends

- 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 2013.

- 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 2013—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 or vocational training program (through age 23 for a Bachelor’s Degree).
- There were 6,965 consumers in foster care and 1,675 consumers in congregate care²⁰ on the last day of the 3rd Quarter of FY’2013. (**Table 17A** on page 45, **Fig. 21B**)



- Adolescents (12-17 years) were the primary age group in foster care (26-30% range across regions) and congregate care (65-70% range across regions). (**Table 17A**)
- Adolescents were also the primary age group in “Other” placement locations²¹ (73-75% regional range). (**Table 17A**)
- The foster care racial proportions ranged from: White—20% in Boston to 59% in the South; Black—9% in the North to 44% in Boston; and Hispanic/Latino—13% in the South to 31% in the 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).

²⁰Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

²¹“Other” includes locations like hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies, as well as children on the run from placement.

- There were 1,729 consumers in “Intensive” foster care²² (IFC) and 5,236 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (34% of consumers), kinship (35%), child specific (9%), pre-adoptive (8%), and independent living (14%).²³ (**Table 17B** on page 46 or **Table 18B** on page 49)
- A breakdown of the number of consumers in 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. The South 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 as compared to the other regions. The North and Boston had the largest proportions of consumers in intensive foster care. (**Fig. 22A**)
- The major congregate care programs were group homes (797 consumers), residential (555), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)²⁴ (323 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 North and West had the highest proportions of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential placements was most significant in the Boston Region. The proportion of children in STARR placements was greater in the South. (**Fig. 23A, Table 17C**)
- Regional counts of consumers in group home, residential, and STARR programs are presented in **Fig. 23B** on page 52 and **Table 17C**.
- Consumers in the residential program were mostly situated in Residential schools.²⁵ (**Table 17C**)
- The primary models in the group home program were behavioral treatment residence (BTR) (392 consumers), group home (263), and independent living (142). (**Table 17C**)

²²Intensive 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.

²³ 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.

²⁴ Services focused on supporting a rapid reintegration or transition to a next placement.

²⁵ Staff secure placement is for children who have not sufficiently internalized behavioral controls and require a more highly structured setting to help them manage their behavior. These facilities are licensed by the Department of Education. Special education services are provided according to the child’s Individual Education Plan (IEP).

**TABLE 17A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2013, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other ⁽²⁾		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western		2,654		545		100		3,299
	(0 - 2 yrs)	542	20%	1	*	4	4%	547
	(3 - 5 yrs)	427	16%	2	*	5	5%	434
	(6 - 11 yrs)	537	20%	67	12%	11	11%	615
	(12 - 17 yrs)	762	29%	382	70%	73	73%	1,217
	18 or older	386	15%	93	17%	7	7%	486
Northern		1,375		442		82		1,899
	(0 - 2 yrs)	216	16%	---	---	---	---	216
	(3 - 5 yrs)	179	13%	3	1%	---	---	182
	(6 - 11 yrs)	245	18%	33	7%	9	11%	287
	(12 - 17 yrs)	401	29%	286	65%	60	73%	747
	18 or older	334	24%	120	27%	13	16%	467
Southern		1,799		412		57		2,268
	(0 - 2 yrs)	365	20%	3	1%	1	2%	369
	(3 - 5 yrs)	269	15%	7	2%	---	---	276
	(6 - 11 yrs)	373	21%	51	12%	10	18%	434
	(12 - 17 yrs)	469	26%	287	70%	43	75%	799
	18 or older	323	18%	64	16%	3	5%	390
Boston		789		251		46		1,086
	(0 - 2 yrs)	162	21%	1	*	2	4%	165
	(3 - 5 yrs)	107	14%	3	1%	---	---	110
	(6 - 11 yrs)	131	17%	23	9%	2	4%	156
	(12 - 17 yrs)	235	30%	166	66%	34	74%	435
	18 or older	154	20%	58	23%	8	17%	220
Adoption Contracts⁽³⁾		249		2		1		252
	(0 - 2 yrs)	40	16%	---	---	---	---	40
	(3 - 5 yrs)	71	29%	---	---	1	100%	72
	(6 - 11 yrs)	94	38%	1	50%	---	---	95
	(12 - 17 yrs)	43	17%	1	50%	---	---	44
	18 or older	1	*	---	---	---	---	1
Other⁽⁴⁾		99		23		21		143
	(6 - 11 yrs)	6	6%	1	4%	---	---	7
	(12 - 17 yrs)	23	23%	4	17%	4	19%	31
	18 or older	70	71%	18	78%	17	81%	105
Total		6,965		1,675		307		8,947

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

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

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

**TABLE 17B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2013, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Foster Care							Foster Care Total
		Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
		Intensive Foster Care	Other	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
Western		609	36	198	215	656	176	764	2,654
	(0 - 2 yrs)	15	6	32	---	186	56	247	542
	(3 - 5 yrs)	37	4	35	---	150	50	151	427
	(6 - 11 yrs)	113	1	46	---	175	52	150	537
	(12 - 17 yrs)	352	17	63	3	128	16	183	762
	18 or older	92	8	22	212	17	2	33	386
Northern		360	27	76	228	331	48	305	1,375
	(0 - 2 yrs)	31	1	8	---	70	18	88	216
	(3 - 5 yrs)	30	8	12	---	57	11	61	179
	(6 - 11 yrs)	66	5	7	---	102	10	55	245
	(12 - 17 yrs)	182	6	33	1	92	8	79	401
	18 or older	51	7	16	227	10	1	22	334
Southern		361	20	112	189	556	102	459	1,799
	(0 - 2 yrs)	19	2	8	---	121	44	171	365
	(3 - 5 yrs)	25	3	12	---	125	28	76	269
	(6 - 11 yrs)	72	1	19	---	168	28	85	373
	(12 - 17 yrs)	186	3	50	1	124	1	104	469
	18 or older	59	11	23	188	18	1	23	323
Boston		206	11	47	96	221	31	177	789
	(0 - 2 yrs)	6	1	13	---	67	14	61	162
	(3 - 5 yrs)	16	3	8	---	43	4	33	107
	(6 - 11 yrs)	41	3	7	---	51	8	21	131
	(12 - 17 yrs)	111	4	12	---	53	5	50	235
	18 or older	32	---	7	96	7	---	12	154
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		61	---	15	---	65	56	52	249
	(0 - 2 yrs)	1	---	2	---	14	10	13	40
	(3 - 5 yrs)	14	---	6	---	17	18	16	71
	(6 - 11 yrs)	27	---	6	---	24	17	20	94
	(12 - 17 yrs)	19	---	1	---	9	11	3	43
	18 or older	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
Other ⁽³⁾		38	---	2	31	---	---	28	99
	(6 - 11 yrs)	5	---	---	---	---	---	1	6
	(12 - 17 yrs)	18	---	---	---	---	---	5	23
	18 or older	15	---	2	31	---	---	22	70
Total		1,635	94	450	759	1,829	413	1,785	6,965

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

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

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

**TABLE 17C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY2013, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Congregate Care					STARR ⁽³⁾	Total
		Group Home			Residential			
		Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential ⁽²⁾		
Western		161	96	19	152	6	111	545
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	1	---	1
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	2
	(6 - 11 yrs)	11	16	---	18	---	22	67
	(12 - 17 yrs)	137	54	---	101	4	86	382
	18 or older	13	26	19	33	1	1	93
Northern		91	68	76	122	7	78	442
	(3 - 5 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	2	3
	(6 - 11 yrs)	14	4	---	11	---	4	33
	(12 - 17 yrs)	69	51	13	78	4	71	286
	18 or older	7	13	63	33	3	1	120
Southern		84	55	20	147	6	100	412
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	3	3
	(3 - 5 yrs)	1	1	---	---	---	5	7
	(6 - 11 yrs)	21	3	---	13	---	14	51
	(12 - 17 yrs)	58	35	1	110	6	77	287
	18 or older	4	16	19	24	---	1	64
Boston		56	38	17	101	6	33	251
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	(3 - 5 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	2	3
	(6 - 11 yrs)	8	1	---	9	---	5	23
	(12 - 17 yrs)	38	28	8	65	2	25	166
	18 or older	9	9	9	27	4	---	58
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾		---	---	---	1	---	1	2
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
Other ⁽⁵⁾		---	6	10	7	---	---	23
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	1	1	2	---	---	4
	18 or older	---	5	9	4	---	---	18
Total		392	263	142	530	25	323	1,675

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

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

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

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

⁽⁵⁾ 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 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Race	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other ⁽²⁾		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western		2,654		545		100		3,299
	White	1,283	48%	243	45%	32	32%	1,558
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	778	29%	195	36%	45	45%	1,018
	Black	283	11%	76	14%	15	15%	374
	Asian	9	*	1	*	---	---	10
	Native American	4	*	---	---	---	---	4
	Pacific Islander	1	*	---	---	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	163	6%	18	3%	5	5%	186
	Unable to Determine	133	5%	12	2%	3	3%	148
Northern		1,375		442		82		1,899
	White	635	46%	226	51%	29	35%	890
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	427	31%	123	28%	31	38%	581
	Black	128	9%	52	12%	9	11%	189
	Asian	54	4%	10	2%	5	6%	69
	Pacific Islander	---	---	2	*	---	---	2
	Multi-Racial	81	6%	20	5%	8	10%	109
	Unable to Determine	50	4%	9	2%	---	---	59
Southern		1,799		412		57		2,268
	White	1,068	59%	241	58%	25	44%	1,334
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	230	13%	51	12%	15	26%	296
	Black	220	12%	73	18%	10	18%	303
	Asian	20	1%	5	1%	1	2%	26
	Native American	11	1%	1	*	---	---	12
	Multi-Racial	170	9%	24	6%	3	5%	197
	Unable to Determine	80	4%	17	4%	3	5%	100
Boston		789		251		46		1,086
	White	161	20%	37	15%	3	7%	201
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	210	27%	62	25%	19	41%	291
	Black	348	44%	140	56%	19	41%	507
	Asian	13	2%	---	---	1	2%	14
	Native American	1	*	---	---	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	32	4%	6	2%	3	7%	41
	Unable to Determine	24	3%	6	2%	1	2%	31
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾		249		2		1		252
	White	133	53%	2	100%	1	100%	136
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	57	23%	---	---	---	---	57
	Black	34	14%	---	---	---	---	34
	Asian	1	*	---	---	---	---	1
	Native American	1	*	---	---	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	15	6%	---	---	---	---	15
	Unable to Determine	8	3%	---	---	---	---	8
Other ⁽⁵⁾		99		23		21		143
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	33	33%	15	65%	13	62%	61
	Black	27	27%	4	17%	2	10%	33
	Asian	37	37%	1	4%	3	14%	41
	Unable to Determine	2	2%	3	13%	3	14%	8
Total		6,965		1,675		307		8,947

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

⁽³⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

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

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

**TABLE 18B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2013, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Foster Care						Foster Care Total	
		Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
		Intensive Foster Care	Other	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive		Unrestricted
Western		609	36	198	215	656	176	764	2,654
	White	238	19	104	97	379	95	351	1,283
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾	219	12	49	65	158	49	226	778
	Black	92	1	27	35	48	16	64	283
	Asian	3	1	---	---	---	2	3	9
	Native American	2	---	1	---	---	---	1	4
	Pacific Islander	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	39	2	6	9	41	8	58	163
	Unable to Determine	15	1	11	9	30	6	61	133
Northern		360	27	76	228	331	48	305	1,375
	White	149	15	40	101	195	16	119	635
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾	114	7	21	71	77	20	117	427
	Black	40	1	5	32	25	3	22	128
	Asian	12	2	1	17	9	1	12	54
	Multi-Racial	31	2	3	6	15	6	18	81
	Unable to Determine	14	0	6	1	10	2	17	50
Southern		361	20	112	189	556	102	459	1,799
	White	205	12	79	106	373	55	238	1,068
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾	59	3	8	28	49	12	71	230
	Black	55	4	8	38	49	8	58	220
	Asian	3	---	2	4	3	1	7	20
	Native American	1	---	1	---	6	2	1	11
	Multi-Racial	30	1	11	8	56	12	52	170
	Unable to Determine	8	---	3	5	20	12	32	80
Boston		206	11	47	96	221	31	177	789
	White	44	4	10	18	51	5	29	161
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾	60	3	11	24	50	7	55	210
	Black	88	3	16	51	100	17	73	348
	Asian	3	---	3	2	2	1	2	13
	Native American	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	8	1	2	---	13	---	8	32
	Unable to Determine	3	---	4	1	5	1	10	24
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		61	---	15	---	65	56	52	249
	White	33	---	11	---	46	20	23	133
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾	11	---	2	---	9	17	18	57
	Black	13	---	2	---	4	8	7	34
	Asian	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	1
	Native American	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	2	---	---	---	3	7	3	15
	Unable to Determine	2	---	---	---	2	3	1	8
Other ⁽⁴⁾		38	---	2	31	---	---	28	99
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾	12	---	---	13	---	---	8	33
	Black	6	---	2	6	---	---	13	27
	Asian	19	---	---	12	---	---	6	37
	Unable to Determine	1	---	---	---	---	---	1	2
Total		1,635	94	450	759	1,829	413	1,785	6,965

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

⁽²⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races.

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

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

**TABLE 18C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2013, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Congregate Care					STARR ⁽³⁾	Total
	Group Home		Residential				
	Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential ⁽²⁾		
Western	161	96	19	152	6	111	545
White	68	52	6	65	1	51	243
Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	51	31	6	64	5	38	195
Black	29	10	6	17	---	14	76
Asian	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
Multi-Racial	7	2	1	3	---	5	18
Unable to Determine	6	1	---	3	---	2	12
Northern	91	68	76	122	7	78	442
White	51	34	35	70	1	35	226
Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	26	14	23	26	5	29	123
Black	9	13	11	11	---	8	52
Asian	---	3	1	5	---	1	10
Pacific Islander	---	1	---	1	---	---	2
Multi-Racial	5	3	6	4	1	1	20
Unable to Determine	---	---	---	5	0	4	9
Southern	84	55	20	147	6	100	412
White	44	34	14	92	4	53	241
Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	8	8	---	16	2	17	51
Black	21	8	5	26	---	13	73
Asian	---	2	---	2	---	1	5
Native American	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
Multi-Racial	10	1	1	6	---	6	24
Unable to Determine	1	2	---	4	---	10	17
Boston	56	38	17	101	6	33	251
White	6	7	7	11	---	6	37
Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	13	11	4	24	3	7	62
Black	33	18	5	63	3	18	140
Multi-Racial	2	---	---	2	---	2	6
Unable to Determine	2	2	1	1	---	---	6
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	1	---	1	2
White	---	---	---	1	---	1	2
Other ⁽⁶⁾	---	6	10	7	---	---	23
Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	---	6	3	6	---	---	15
Black	---	---	4	---	---	---	4
Asian	---	---	1	---	---	---	1
Unable to Determine	---	---	2	1	---	---	3
Total	392	263	142	530	25	323	1,675

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

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

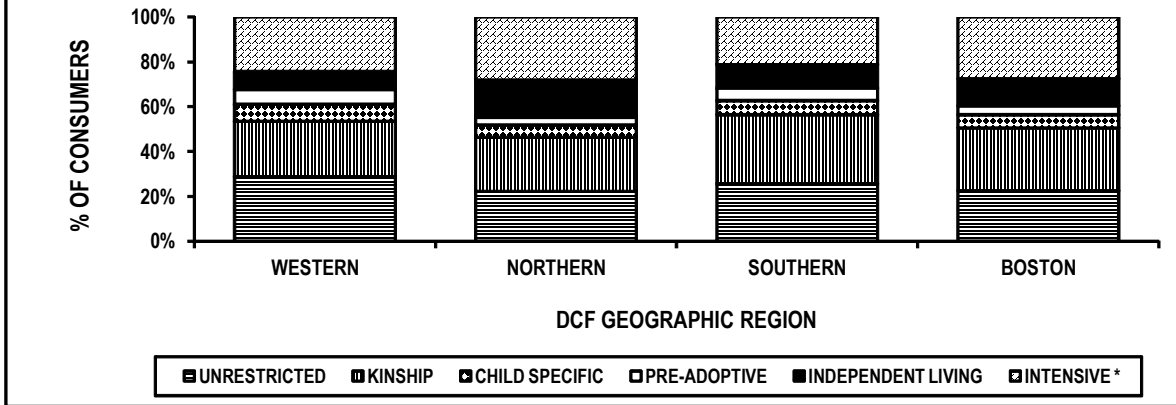
⁽³⁾ STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

⁽⁴⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races.

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

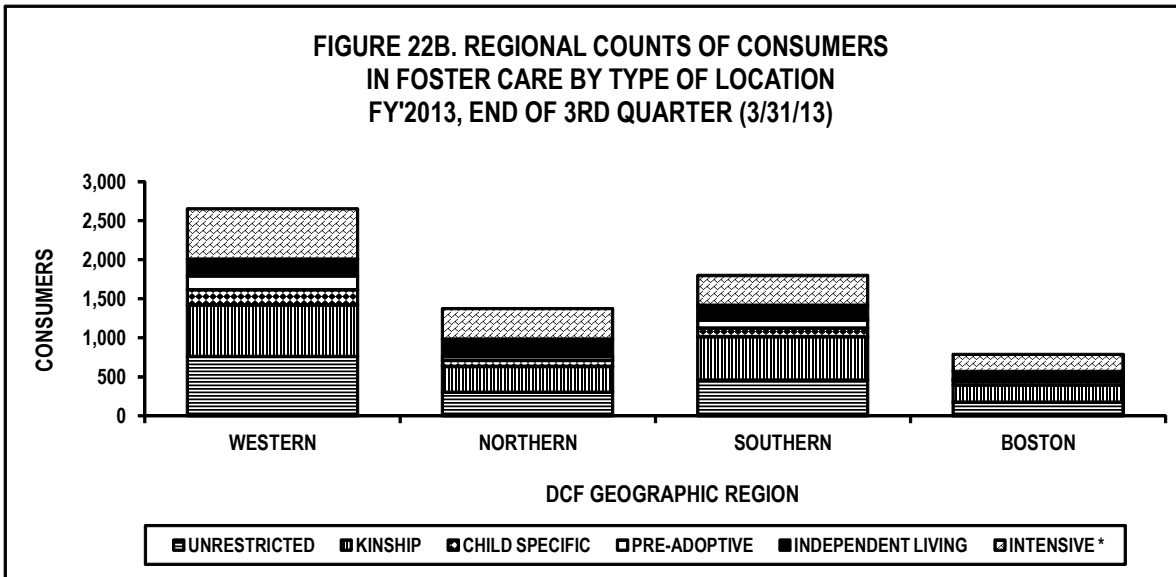
⁽⁶⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minors program.

**FIGURE 22A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2013, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**



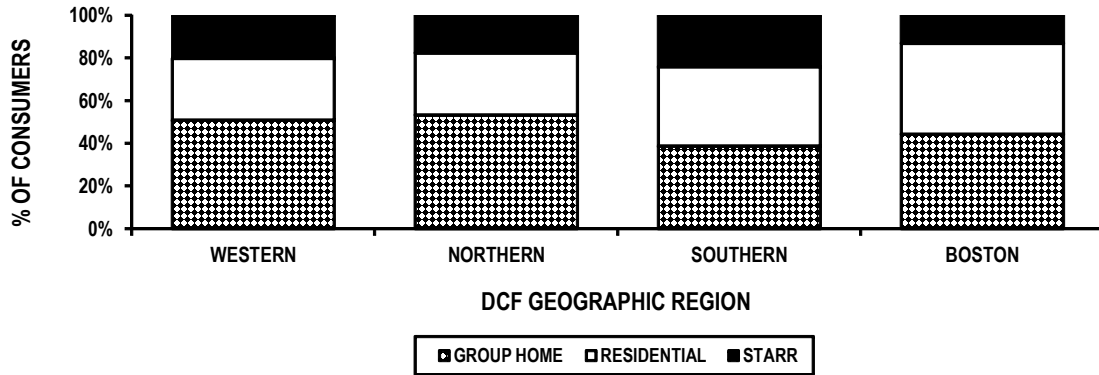
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**FIGURE 22B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2013, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**

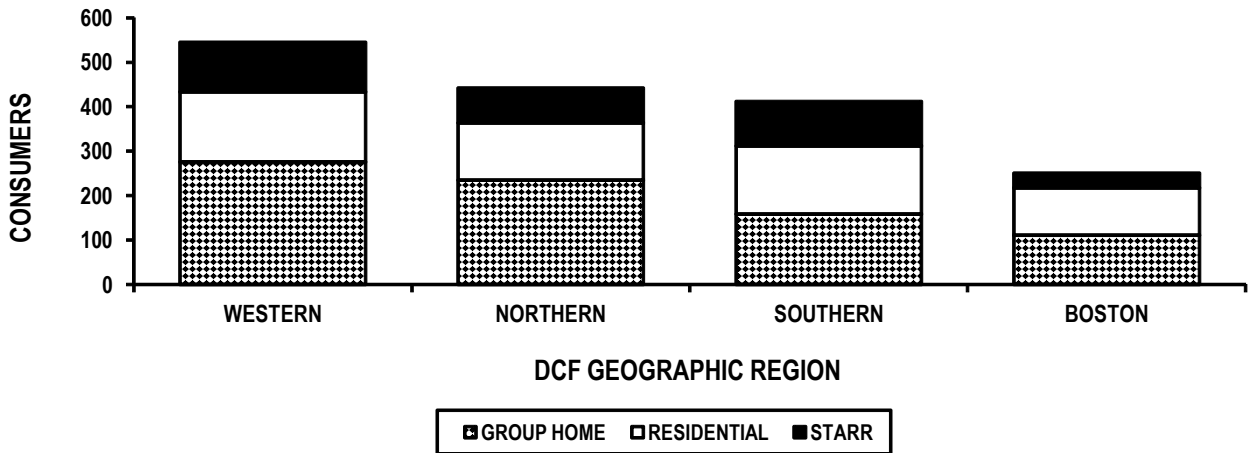


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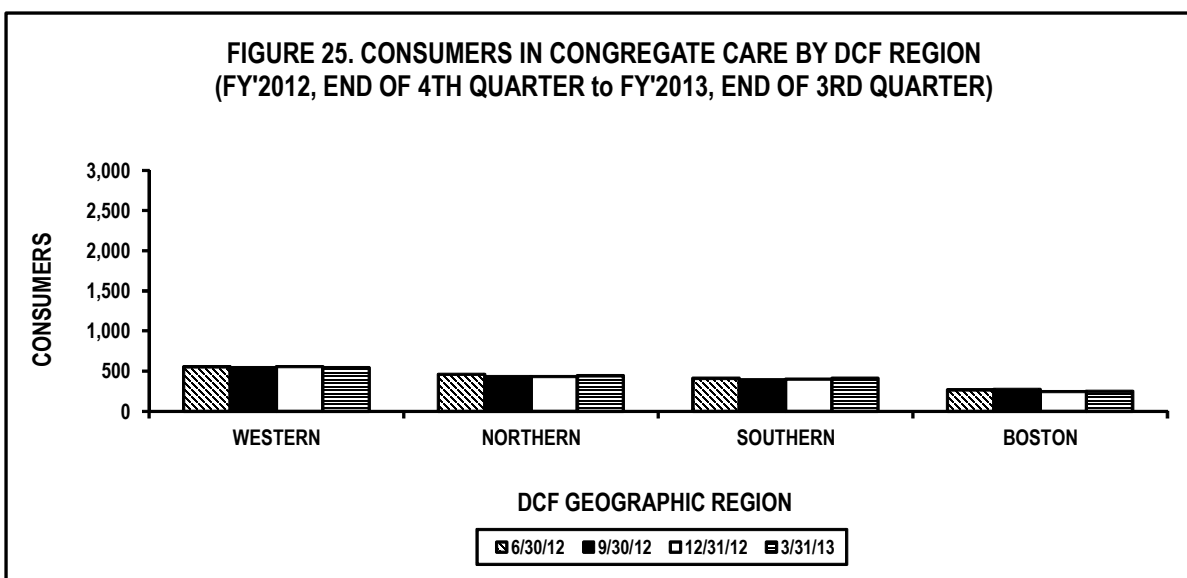
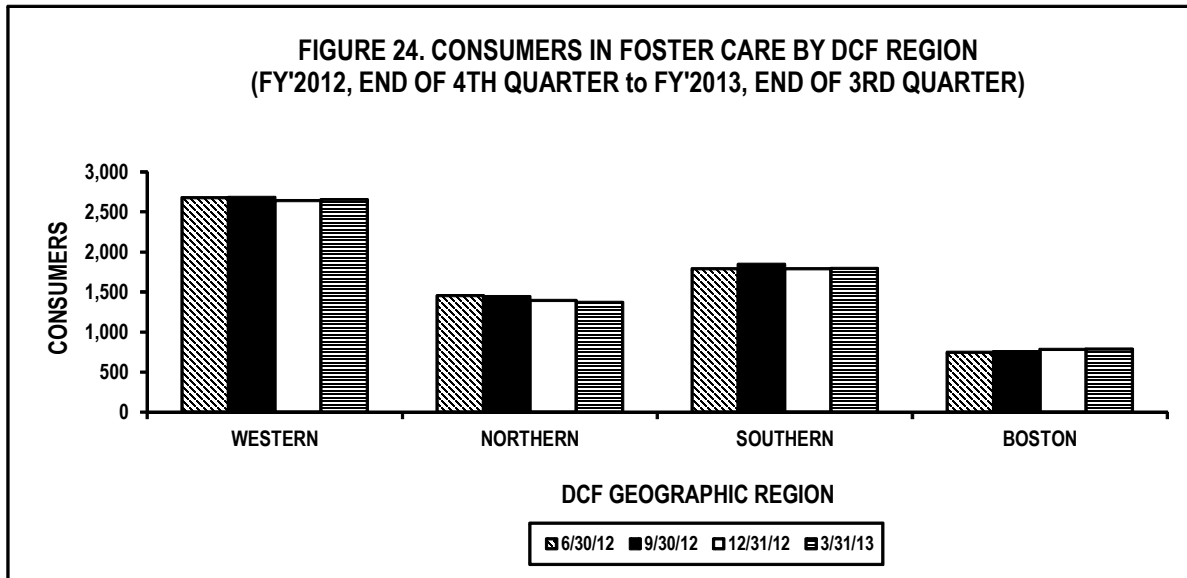
**FIGURE 23A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2013, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**



**FIGURE 23B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2013, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**



- From the 2nd Quarter to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2013, there was an increase of 1% in the congregate care population and an increase of less than 1% in the foster care population (Figs. 24 and 25).²⁶
- Declines in statewide numbers of consumers in placement, foster care, and congregate care most often occur in the 1st quarter (and 2nd quarter over the past 4 years). Seasonal variation is not the only contributing factor. Annual counts of placement children have shown a steady decline since 1995 (Fig. 13A on page 23, Fig. 21A on page 42, Appendix Table A1 on page 68).



²⁶ Both foster care and congregate care include young adults 18 years or older.

F. Independent Living

Of the 6,965 consumers in foster care, 759 were in the Departmental foster care category of “Independent Living.” These children are in a school or vocational program and need financial support to transition to living independently. They receive foster care payments directly to pay for room and board expenses as long as they fully participate in an educational or vocational program, and meet with their social worker as arranged. Placement services may be extended to the youth’s 23rd birthday if it is demonstrated that without DCF financial support the student will not complete a Bachelor’s program. On 3/31/2013, the ages of these children ranged from 17 to 24 years old.

Of the 1,675 consumers in congregate care, 142 were in the group home category of “Independent Living.” This placement service includes group homes as well as supervised or supported apartments designed for older adolescents who are developing the skills to live in the community in their own homes or apartments. On 3/31/2013, the ages of these children ranged from 16 to 22 years old.

- The Northern Region had the highest number of independent living children (228 in foster care and 76 in group homes). (See **table** below).
- Of the 759 youth in the Departmental foster care independent living model, 99% were 18 years or older, 59% were female, 42% were White, 21% were Black, 26% were Hispanic/Latino, and 72% had spent more than two years in continuous substitute care. (See **table** on next page)
- Of the 142 youth in independent living group homes, 84% were 18 years or older, 49% were female, 44% were White, 22% were Black, 25% 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 3rd Quarter (3/31/13)

Youth Receiving Foster Care Payment		DCF Region	Group Home	
No.	%		No.	%
215	28%	Western	19	13%
228	30%	Northern	76	54%
189	25%	Southern	20	14%
96	13%	Boston	17	12%
31	4%	Other*	10	7%
759	100%	TOTAL	142	100%

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

* Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minors program.

**Demographic Profile of Youth in the Independent Living Program
FY'2013, End of 3rd Quarter (3/31/13)**

Youth Receiving Foster Care Payment			Group Home	
No.	%		No.	%
		<i>Age Group</i>		
5	1%	16-17 years	23	16%
754	99%	18 years or Older	119	84%
		<i>Gender</i>		
308	41%	Male	73	51%
451	59%	Female	69	49%
		<i>Race</i>		
322	42%	White	62	44%
162	21%	Black	31	22%
201	26%	Hispanic/Latino	36	25%
35	5%	Asian	2	1%
---	---	Native American	---	---
23	3%	Multi-Racial	8	6%
16	2%	Undetermined	3	2%
		<i>Continuous Time in Care</i>		
118	16%	1 year or less	23	16%
93	12%	>1 – 2 years	26	18%
177	23%	>2 – 4 years	36	25%
371	49%	>4 years	57	40%

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

G. Children in Kinship Placement²⁷

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

- Statewide, 24% of all children in placement were in kinship foster care. The Fall River (36%) and Haverhill (34%) area offices had the highest proportions of placement children in kinship. **(Table 19A on next page)**
- Statewide, 30% of White, 18% 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, North Central (28%) and New Bedford (26%) had the largest proportions of Hispanic/Latino children in kinship care. **(Table 19B)**
- Of those area offices with more than 30 Black children in placement, Fall River (32%), New Bedford (26%), and Lynn (26%) had the largest proportions of Black children in kinship care. **(Table 19B)**
- Comparing kinship foster children to all children in Departmental foster care, rather than all children in placement, showed that 42% of all children in Departmental foster care were in kinship care (Table 19A). DCF areas with the largest proportions of kinship foster children were Haverhill (74%), Arlington (62%), and Harbor (58%) (Table 19A).

²⁷ Children are less than 18 years old.

TABLE 19A. CHILDREN ⁽¹⁾ IN KINSHIP PLACEMENT AS A PROPORTION OF ALL CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT AND AS A PROPORTION OF ALL CHILDREN IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE: FY'2013, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)

DCF Region/Area	Kinship Foster Care	All Placements	% Kinship in Placement	Departmental Foster Care	% Kinship in Departmental Foster Care
Greenfield	76	293	26%	200	38%
Holyoke	48	253	19%	155	31%
North Central	113	356	32%	233	48%
Pittsfield	105	335	31%	242	43%
Robert Van Wart	51	330	15%	170	30%
South Central	77	291	26%	214	36%
Springfield	46	377	12%	180	26%
Worcester East	73	315	23%	186	39%
Worcester West	49	258	19%	142	35%
Contracted Agencies	1	5	20%	1	100%
Western	639	2,813	23%	1,723	37%
Cambridge	22	103	21%	47	47%
Cape Ann	43	158	27%	79	54%
Framingham	27	161	17%	78	35%
Haverhill	45	131	34%	61	74%
Lawrence	25	151	17%	78	32%
Lowell	79	298	27%	173	46%
Lynn	59	279	21%	140	42%
Malden	21	151	14%	56	38%
Northern	321	1,432	22%	712	45%
Arlington	41	149	28%	66	62%
Brockton	33	201	16%	105	31%
Cape Cod	63	236	27%	147	43%
Coastal	60	194	31%	124	48%
Fall River	113	314	36%	215	53%
New Bedford	96	340	28%	216	44%
Plymouth	78	235	33%	158	49%
Taunton/Attleboro	53	206	26%	133	40%
Contracted Agencies	1	3	33%	1	100%
Southern	538	1,878	29%	1,165	46%
Dimock Street	57	231	25%	130	44%
Harbor	65	229	28%	112	58%
Hyde Park	38	172	22%	81	47%
Park Street	54	233	23%	127	43%
Contracted Agencies	---	1	---	---	---
Boston	214	866	25%	450	48%
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	64	251	25%	187	34%
Other ⁽³⁾	---	38	---	6	---
Total	1,776	7,278	24%	4,243	42%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.

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

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

**TABLE 19B. RACE OF CHILDREN ⁽¹⁾ IN KINSHIP PLACEMENTS COMPARED TO ALL PLACEMENTS:
FY'2013, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**

DCF Region/ Area Office	Children in Kinship			Total Children in Placement			% Kinship Placements		
	Race			Race			Race		
	White	Hispanic ⁽²⁾	Black	White	Hispanic ⁽²⁾	Black	White	Hispanic ⁽²⁾	Black
Greenfield	58	4	2	206	28	18	28%	14%	11%
Holyoke	16	30	2	79	137	21	20%	22%	10%
North Central	66	30	5	187	106	24	35%	28%	21%
Pittsfield	68	11	9	218	29	21	31%	38%	43%
Robert Van Wart	31	13	5	158	109	31	20%	12%	16%
South Central	57	11	2	210	52	8	27%	21%	25%
Springfield	9	22	9	57	199	89	16%	11%	10%
Worcester East	37	22	7	125	112	43	30%	20%	16%
Worcester West	26	10	6	104	93	32	25%	11%	19%
Contracted Agencies	1	---	---	1	2	1	100%	---	---
Western	369	153	47	1,345	867	288	27%	18%	16%
Cambridge	13	5	4	43	32	20	30%	16%	20%
Cape Ann	36	3	3	116	17	12	31%	18%	25%
Framingham	12	7	3	79	43	11	15%	16%	27%
Haverhill	32	5	---	86	26	6	37%	19%	---
Lawrence	9	15	---	41	103	2	22%	15%	---
Lowell	48	21	2	127	105	11	38%	20%	18%
Lynn	24	18	9	104	89	35	23%	20%	26%
Malden	17	1	2	80	33	17	21%	3%	12%
Northern	191	75	23	676	448	114	28%	17%	20%
Arlington	29	4	3	86	29	19	34%	14%	16%
Brockton	21	2	4	89	23	58	24%	9%	7%
Cape Cod	32	6	3	136	32	14	24%	19%	21%
Coastal	40	1	7	116	10	32	34%	10%	22%
Fall River	76	9	11	171	46	34	44%	20%	32%
New Bedford	57	17	10	186	66	39	31%	26%	26%
Plymouth	67	4	3	181	9	17	37%	44%	18%
Taunton/Attleboro	38	5	4	137	24	18	28%	21%	22%
Contracted Agencies	1	---	---	2	1	---	50%	---	---
Southern	361	48	45	1,104	240	231	33%	20%	19%
Dimock Street	7	12	32	28	53	130	25%	23%	25%
Harbor	29	22	8	92	91	23	32%	24%	35%
Hyde Park	3	4	28	16	32	115	19%	13%	24%
Park Street	11	11	27	31	61	115	35%	18%	23%
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---
Boston	50	49	95	168	237	383	30%	21%	25%
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	46	9	3	136	57	33	34%	16%	9%
Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	7	9	---	---	---
Total	1,017	334	213	3,429	1,856	1,058	30%	18%	20%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.

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

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

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

VI. CONSUMERS ENTERING AND LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER

- During the 3rd Quarter of FY'2013, 1,557 consumers entered placement and 1,487 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 2nd Quarter of FY'2013, there was a 5% increase in consumers entering placement and a 9% decrease in consumers leaving placement during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2013.

A. Entries to Placement

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2013, 63% were first-time entrants and 37% were re-entrants.²⁸ Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 58% in the North to 65% in both the West and South. (Table 20, Fig. 26 on next page)
- Across the state, 58% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 28% were placed in congregate care,²⁹ and 14% were placed in non-referral locations.³⁰
- Regionally, the proportion of all entrants placed in foster care ranged from 46% in the North to 66% in the West. In contrast, the proportion of all entrants placed in congregate care ranged from 20% in the West to 38% 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. Sixty-six percent of first-time entrants and 45% of re-entrants were placed in foster care. Conversely, 36% of re-entrants and 23% of first-time entrants were placed in congregate care. (Table 20)

²⁸ Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

²⁹ Congregate Care includes group home, residential treatment, and short-term residential placement.

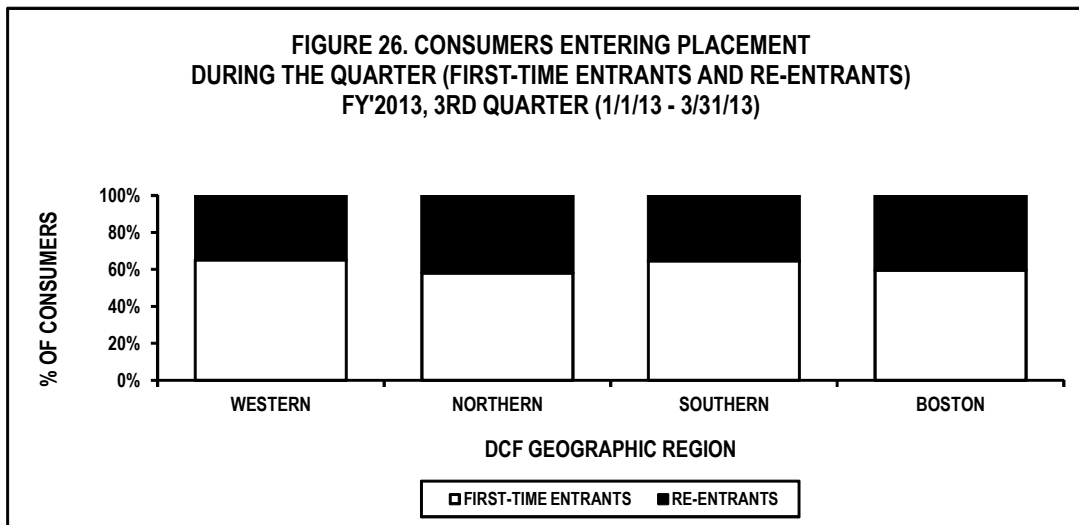
³⁰ Non-referral locations include hospitals, nursing homes, and placements supervised by other state agencies.

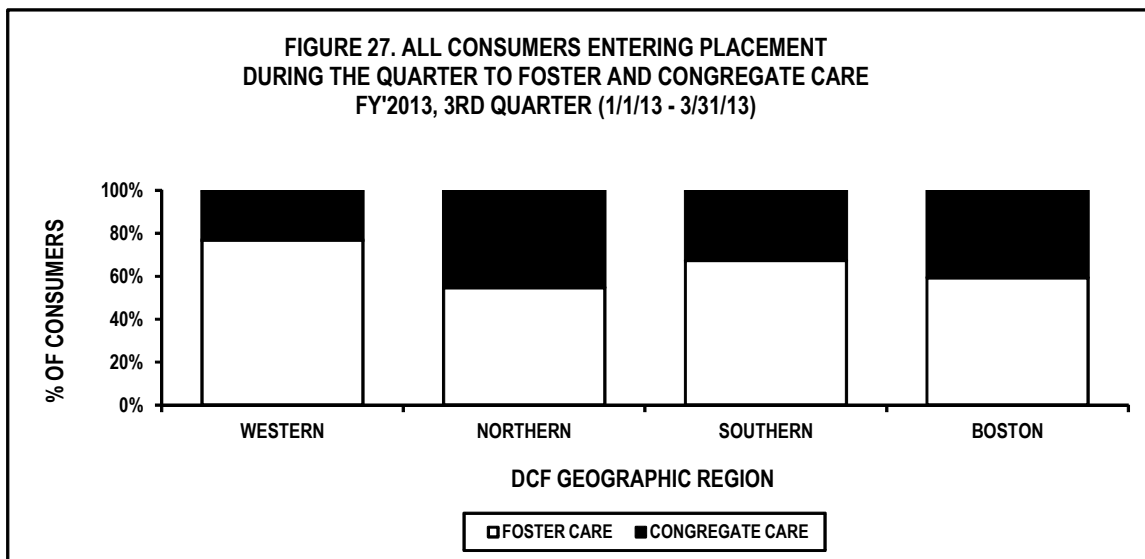
**TABLE 20. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2013, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/13 - 3/31/13)**

Entry Type: Placement Location Started	DCF Geographic Region					Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Other ⁽¹⁾	
First-Time Entrants:	421	189	259	103	8	980
Foster Care	307	104	183	56	---	650
Congregate Care	68	61	61	34	1	225
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	46	24	15	13	7	105
Re-Entrants:	226	137	142	70	2	577
Foster Care	118	46	62	30	1	257
Congregate Care	60	63	58	25	1	207
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	48	28	22	15	---	113
Total	646	326	401	173	10	1,557

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

⁽²⁾ Includes hospitals and placements paid by other state agencies.





B. Exits from Placement

- Statewide, 60% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 60% in the North to 62% in the South. **(Table 21)**
- Statewide, 16% of consumers leaving placement were adopted, and 14% were emancipated, and 6% were granted guardianships. **(Table 21)**
- Regionally, the proportion of consumers leaving placement who were adopted ranged from 12% in the South to 16% in both the West and North. The proportion emancipated ranged from 12% in the West to 18% in Boston. The proportion granted guardianships ranged from 4% in Boston to 8% in the South. **(Table 21)**

**TABLE 21. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2013, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/13 - 3/31/13)**

Reason Placement Ended	DCF Geographic Region				Adoption		Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
Child Returned Home	386	193	209	99	1	3	891
Consumer Adopted	102	52	42	24	17	---	237
Child 18 or Older	77	46	48	29	---	3	203
Guardianship	40	16	26	6	5	---	93
Custody to Other Individual	27	10	6	3	---	---	46
Custody to Other Agency	4	3	5	2	---	---	14
Child on the Run	2	---	1	---	---	---	3
Total	638	320	337	163	23	6	1,487

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

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

- Consumers who were returned home had one placement (median) and spent the least amount of time in continuous care (0.5 year median) (See **table** below). Emancipated consumers (18 years or older) spent the most time in continuous care (3.0 years median).
- Compared to other consumers leaving placement, emancipated consumers had a relatively large number of placements (9 median) during their entire history with the Department of Children and Families—from earliest placement entry to the most recent exit. As might be expected, children on the run from placement also had a high number of placements (9 median). (See **table** below)

Consumers Leaving Placement (1/1/2013 – 3/31/2013)

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	891	1	0.5	3
Emancipation (18 years or older)	203	2	3.0	9
Adoption	237	2	2.7	4
Guardianship	93	2	2.2	3
Custody to Other Individual or Agency	60	1	0.3	3.5
Child on the Run	3	2	3.6	9
Total	1,487	1	1.0	4

Number of Placements during Most Recent Continuous Time in Placement Prior to Leaving

Reason Left Placement	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Returned Home	783	103	4	1	---	891
Emancipation (18 years or older)	73	112	14	3	1	203
Adoption	72	163	2	---	---	237
Guardianship	35	58	---	---	---	93
Custody to Other Individual or Agency	52	8	---	---	---	60
Child on the Run	---	2	---	1	---	3
Total	1015	446	20	5	1	1487

- The above table shows that 88% of consumers returned home had 1 placement and 12% had 2 placements. Thirty-six percent of emancipated consumers had 1 placement and 55% had 2 placements. Thirty percent of adopted consumers had 1 placement and 69% had 2 placements. Thirty-eight percent of guardianship consumers had 1 placement and 62% had 2 placements.
- 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 consumers, a smaller proportion of Black consumers was returned home and a larger proportion was emancipated (See **table** on next page). Fifty-seven percent of Black, 59% of White, and 63% of Hispanic consumers were returned home. Eighteen percent of Black, 15% of Hispanic, and 13% of White consumers were emancipated.

Consumers Leaving Placement (1/1/2013 – 3/31/2013)

Reason Left Placement	White	Hispanic	Black	Asian	Multi-Racial	Other*	Total
Returned Home	407	257	123	15	45	44	891
Emancipation (18 years or older)	88	62	38	5	4	6	203
Adoption	115	52	33	6	21	10	237
Guardianship	53	17	11	---	6	6	93
Custody to Other Individual or Agency	24	18	11	1	1	5	60
Child on the Run	---	1	1	---	1	---	3
Total	687	407	217	27	78	71	1487

* Includes Native American, Pacific Islander, and Unspecified.

VII. FOSTER HOME DEMOGRAPHICS³¹

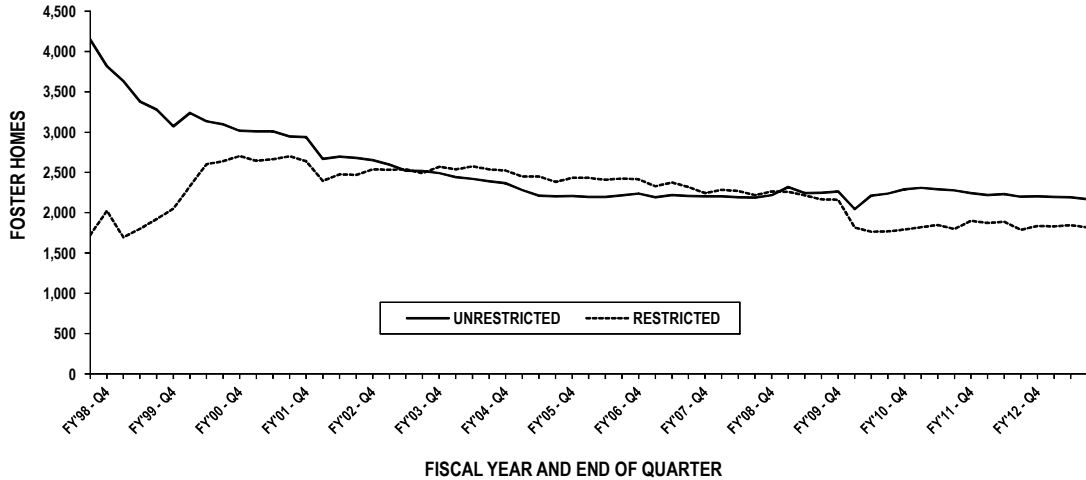
- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2013, there were 3,987 foster homes under the direct supervision of DCF. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes³² as well as unrestricted homes.³³ There were 1,818 restricted and 2,169 unrestricted foster homes at the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2013—declines of 1% for both restricted and unrestricted compared to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2013. Unrestricted foster homes were at their highest number in 1998 (4,146) while restricted homes peaked in 2004 (2,576). (**Table 22 and Fig. 28** on next page)
- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'1998, 29% of all DCF foster homes were restricted homes. Restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes rose above 50% in the 4th Quarter of FY'2003 and declined below 50% in the 1st Quarter of FY'2009. At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2013, restricted homes accounted for 46% of all foster homes (**Table 22 and Fig. 28**)
- Statewide, 64% of foster parents in unrestricted homes and 55% of foster parents in restricted were White (**Table 22**).
- Ten percent (404) of all foster homes were identified as Black (200 restricted and 204 unrestricted) (**Table 22**).
- Fifteen percent (590) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (225 restricted and 365 unrestricted) (**Table 22**).
- Statewide, 61% of foster parents in unrestricted homes and 50% of foster parents in restricted homes were married (**Table 23** on page 65).

³¹ 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.

³² 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.

³³ Unrestricted placements are those where DCF places a child with a non-relative foster family. Unlike restricted homes (child specific and kinship), the unrestricted home is not limited to a particular child.

**FIGURE 28. RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FOSTER HOMES
END OF 3RD QUARTER OF FY'1998 (3/31/98) TO END OF 3RD QUARTER OF FY'2013 (3/31/13)**



**TABLE 22. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2013, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region								Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		No.	%
Restricted	652		370		589		207		1,818	
White	353	54%	237	64%	354	60%	59	29%	1,003	55%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	98	15%	56	15%	31	5%	40	19%	225	12%
Black	38	6%	24	6%	44	7%	94	45%	200	11%
Asian	2	*	8	2%	2	0%	---	---	12	1%
Native American	1	*	---	---	4	1%	---	---	5	*
Multi-Racial	2	*	1	*	4	1%	---	---	7	*
Unable to Determine ⁽²⁾	158	24%	43	12%	150	25%	13	6%	364	20%
Missing	---	---	1	*	---	---	1	*	2	*
Unrestricted	865		448		659		197		2,169	
White	519	60%	293	65%	503	76%	67	34%	1,382	64%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	212	25%	68	15%	48	7%	37	19%	365	17%
Black	55	6%	24	5%	48	7%	77	39%	204	9%
Asian	1	*	9	2%	1	*	3	2%	14	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	3	*	---	---	3	*
Pacific Islander	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1%	1	*
Multi-Racial	8	1%	2	*	4	1%	2	1%	16	1%
Unable to Determine ⁽²⁾	70	8%	51	11%	51	8%	10	5%	182	8%
Missing	---	---	1	*	1	*	---	---	2	*
Total	1,517		818		1,248		404		3,987	

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽²⁾ 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 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**

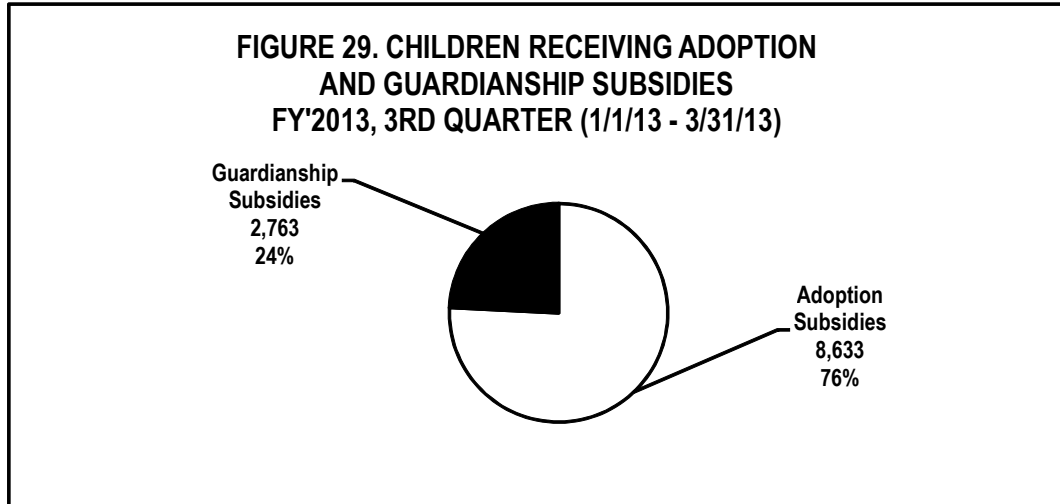
Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region								Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		No.	%
Restricted	652		370		589		207		1,818	
Married	340	52%	193	52%	326	55%	57	28%	916	50%
Single	200	31%	107	29%	164	28%	113	55%	584	32%
Divorced	72	11%	34	9%	61	10%	11	5%	178	10%
Widowed	18	3%	17	5%	21	4%	11	5%	67	4%
Separated	19	3%	18	5%	15	3%	14	7%	66	4%
Unspecified	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	1	*
Missing	3	*	---	---	2	*	1	*	6	*
Unrestricted	865		448		659		197		2,169	
Married	555	64%	263	59%	427	65%	82	42%	1,327	61%
Single	194	22%	109	24%	127	19%	76	39%	506	23%
Divorced	88	10%	55	12%	75	11%	29	15%	247	11%
Widowed	16	2%	11	2%	16	2%	6	3%	49	2%
Separated	12	1%	7	2%	13	2%	3	2%	35	2%
Missing	---	---	3	1%	1	*	1	1%	5	*
Total	1,517		818		1,248		404		3,987	

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

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

VIII. ADOPTION AND GUARDIANSHIP SUBSIDIES

At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2013, the total number of children receiving an adoption subsidy was 8,633 (**Fig. 29**). Guardianship subsidies totaled 2,763. These counts represent subsidies that had a payment during the quarter, i.e., the number with service referrals actively paying out.



From the 2nd Quarter to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2013, adoption subsidies declined 1% and guardianship subsidies decreased less than 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.

Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)					
Quarter	Adoption			Guardianship	
	No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change	
FY'2009	1 st	9,665	*	3,005	*
	2 nd	9,709	*	3,031	1%
	3 rd	9,676	*	3,082	2%
	4 th	9,647	*	3,111	1%
FY'2010	1 st	9,549	-1%	3,090	-1%
	2 nd	9,604	1%	3,059	-1%
	3 rd	9,518	-1%	3,032	-1%
	4 th	9,311	-2%	3,006	-1%
FY'2011	1 st	9,191	-1%	2,934	-2%
	2 nd	9,125	-1%	2,881	-2%
	3 rd	9,057	-1%	2,865	-1%
	4 th	9,002	-1%	2,872	*
FY'2012	1 st	8,887	-1%	2,818	-2%
	2 nd	8,887	---	2,807	*
	3 rd	8,825	-1%	2,788	-1%
	4 th	8,824	*	2,792	*
FY'2013	1 st	8,666	-2%	2,757	-1%
	2 nd	8,695	*	2,771	1%
	3 rd	8,633	-1%	2,763	*

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

IX. APPENDIX

TABLE A1. CONSUMER, CHILD, AND ADULT POPULATION TRENDS: 1983 - 2013

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	12/2012	67,334	34,114	7,302	33,220
1/1998	70,092	40,574	11,227	29,518	3/2013	67,604	34,217	7,278	33,387
9/1998	68,331	38,507	10,503	29,824					
6/1999	69,494	39,144	9,834	30,350					

Note: revised counts

Source: ASSIST 6/1983 - 1/1998) and FamilyNet (9/1998 - 3/2013)

**TABLE A2. CASE OPENINGS ⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2013, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/13 - 3/31/13)**

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Case Openings ⁽¹⁾											Total No.	
	Protective ⁽²⁾		Alternative Response ⁽³⁾		CRA Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other ⁽⁴⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.		%
Greenfield	19	32%	25	42%	---	---	2	3%	1	2%	12	20%	59
Holyoke	28	40%	32	46%	---	---	3	4%	1	1%	6	9%	70
North Central	59	46%	55	43%	1	1%	8	6%	3	2%	2	2%	128
Pittsfield	23	44%	14	27%	---	---	8	15%	---	---	7	13%	52
Robert Van Wart	38	30%	82	65%	---	---	1	1%	1	1%	5	4%	127
South Central	55	44%	65	52%	2	2%	3	2%	---	---	1	1%	126
Springfield	75	59%	41	32%	5	4%	1	1%	2	2%	4	3%	128
Worcester East	57	59%	24	25%	2	2%	1	1%	7	7%	6	6%	97
Worcester West	46	55%	29	35%	---	---	1	1%	---	---	7	8%	83
Western	400	46%	367	42%	10	1%	28	3%	15	2%	50	6%	870
Cambridge	18	31%	28	48%	3	5%	3	5%	1	2%	5	9%	58
Cape Ann	21	31%	28	42%	---	---	8	12%	4	6%	6	9%	67
Framingham	17	35%	23	48%	---	---	2	4%	6	13%	---	---	48
Haverhill	17	36%	16	34%	2	4%	7	15%	2	4%	3	6%	47
Lawrence	11	39%	4	14%	7	25%	---	---	1	4%	5	18%	28
Lowell	64	54%	33	28%	8	7%	3	3%	---	---	11	9%	119
Lynn	11	20%	24	44%	6	11%	4	7%	---	---	9	17%	54
Malden	27	46%	21	36%	1	2%	4	7%	3	5%	3	5%	59
Northern	186	39%	177	37%	27	6%	31	6%	17	4%	42	9%	480
Arlington	24	38%	21	33%	4	6%	11	17%	---	---	4	6%	64
Brockton	34	64%	12	23%	5	9%	---	---	---	---	2	4%	53
Cape Cod	26	39%	31	47%	2	3%	3	5%	1	2%	3	5%	66
Coastal	34	44%	33	43%	6	8%	2	3%	---	---	2	3%	77
Fall River	52	62%	13	15%	4	5%	5	6%	1	1%	9	11%	84
New Bedford	88	65%	39	29%	3	2%	---	---	---	---	5	4%	135
Plymouth	45	54%	31	37%	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	4%	83
Taunton/Attleboro	44	51%	25	29%	5	6%	3	3%	1	1%	8	9%	86
Southern	347	54%	205	32%	29	4%	24	4%	7	1%	36	6%	648
Dimock Street	58	69%	18	21%	5	6%	1	1%	---	---	2	2%	84
Harbor	54	64%	21	25%	5	6%	2	2%	1	1%	2	2%	85
Hyde Park	44	68%	14	22%	5	8%	1	2%	1	2%	---	---	65
Park Street	49	60%	25	31%	2	2%	4	5%	---	---	1	1%	81
Boston	205	65%	78	25%	17	5%	8	3%	2	1%	5	2%	315
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	100%	1
Other ⁽⁶⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	8	100%	---	---	---	---	8
Total:	1,138	49%	827	36%	83	4%	99	4%	41	2%	134	6%	2,322

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

⁽²⁾ Outcome of an investigation.

⁽³⁾ Outcome of an initial assessment.

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

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

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

**TABLE A3. CONSUMER OPENINGS⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2013, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/13 - 3/31/13)**

DCF Geographic Region	Case Openings ⁽¹⁾											Total No.	
	Protective ⁽²⁾		Alternative Response ⁽³⁾		CRA Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other ⁽⁴⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.		%
Greenfield	189	48%	169	43%	---	---	9	2%	3	1%	20	5%	390
Holyoke	235	46%	195	38%	17	3%	41	8%	10	2%	15	3%	513
North Central	434	54%	301	37%	10	1%	34	4%	23	3%	7	1%	809
Pittsfield	229	52%	143	33%	---	---	36	8%	10	2%	22	5%	440
Robert Van Wart	383	41%	505	54%	16	2%	10	1%	5	1%	8	1%	927
South Central	320	49%	292	45%	12	2%	26	4%	2	*	1	*	653
Springfield	601	60%	349	35%	42	4%	1	*	4	*	4	*	1,001
Worcester East	432	67%	116	18%	31	5%	8	1%	49	8%	13	2%	649
Worcester West	301	54%	234	42%	1	*	3	1%	4	1%	11	2%	554
Western	3,124	53%	2,304	39%	129	2%	168	3%	110	2%	101	2%	5,936
Cambridge	98	33%	160	54%	7	2%	19	6%	7	2%	5	2%	296
Cape Ann	129	32%	191	47%	1	*	33	8%	43	11%	10	2%	407
Framingham	134	45%	140	47%	5	2%	4	1%	14	5%	---	---	297
Haverhill	146	49%	98	33%	11	4%	24	8%	15	5%	2	1%	296
Lawrence	100	44%	68	30%	35	15%	---	---	14	6%	12	5%	229
Lowell	489	70%	122	18%	43	6%	16	2%	3	*	22	3%	695
Lynn	129	36%	159	45%	49	14%	5	1%	4	1%	11	3%	357
Malden	159	57%	69	25%	11	4%	15	5%	17	6%	6	2%	277
Contracted Agencies	2	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
Northern	1,386	49%	1,007	35%	162	6%	116	4%	117	4%	68	2%	2,856
Arlington	150	43%	131	38%	26	8%	26	8%	9	3%	4	1%	346
Brockton	260	63%	119	29%	31	7%	1	*	---	---	4	1%	415
Cape Cod	176	41%	196	46%	23	5%	8	2%	8	2%	18	4%	429
Coastal	212	44%	212	44%	47	10%	6	1%	7	1%	2	*	486
Fall River	335	62%	112	21%	45	8%	30	6%	7	1%	13	2%	542
New Bedford	540	63%	287	33%	13	2%	2	*	5	1%	10	1%	857
Plymouth	324	64%	147	29%	4	1%	---	---	28	6%	3	1%	506
Taunton/Attleboro	248	49%	198	39%	25	5%	7	1%	20	4%	11	2%	509
Southern	2,245	55%	1,402	34%	214	5%	80	2%	84	2%	65	2%	4,090
Dimock Street	309	71%	84	19%	34	8%	5	1%	4	1%	2	*	438
Harbor	304	62%	125	26%	41	8%	6	1%	10	2%	2	*	488
Hyde Park	296	67%	73	17%	48	11%	1	*	6	1%	17	4%	441
Park Street	392	68%	142	25%	19	3%	15	3%	6	1%	1	*	575
Contracted Agencies	3	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3
William E. Warren Center	4	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4
Boston	1,308	67%	424	22%	142	7%	27	1%	26	1%	22	1%	1,949
Adoption Contracts⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	100%	3
Other⁽⁶⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	8	100%	---	---	---	---	8
Total:	8,063	54%	5,137	35%	647	4%	399	3%	337	2%	259	2%	14,842

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off.

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

⁽²⁾ Outcome of an investigation.

⁽³⁾ Outcome of an initial assessment.

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

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

⁽⁶⁾ 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, 4TH QUARTER TO FY'2013, 3RD QUARTER**

TOTAL CASE OPENINGS ⁽¹⁾											
Quarters	West		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other⁽²⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
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%
FY'2013 - Q2	863	20%	457	20%	560	-7%	321	9%	11	2,212	10%
FY'2013 - Q3	870	1%	480	5%	648	16%	315	-2%	9	2,322	5%

PROTECTIVE CASE OPENINGS ⁽³⁾											
Quarters	West		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other⁽²⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
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%
FY'2013 - Q2	428	-10%	195	-12%	266	-33%	203	-4%	---	1,092	-16%
FY'2013 - Q3	400	-7%	186	-5%	347	30%	205	1%	---	1,138	4%

ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE CASE OPENINGS ⁽⁴⁾											
Quarters	West		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other⁽²⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2012 - Q4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
FY'2013 - Q1	132	---	75	---	108	---	31	---	---	346	---
FY'2013 - Q2	321	143%	163	117%	209	94%	73	135%	---	766	121%
FY'2013 - Q3	367	14%	177	9%	205	-2%	78	7%	---	827	8%

VOLUNTARY REQUESTS CASE OPENINGS											
Quarters	West		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other⁽²⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
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%
FY'2013 - Q2	15	-55%	26	24%	18	-25%	15	*	11	85	-17%
FY'2013 - Q3	28	87%	31	19%	24	33%	8	-47%	8	99	16%

CRA REFERRAL CASE OPENINGS											
Quarters	West		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other⁽²⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
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%
FY'2013 - Q2	29	61%	24	60%	24	-11%	18	-25%	---	95	13%
FY'2013 - Q3	10	-66%	27	13%	29	21%	17	-6%	---	83	-13%

COURT REFERRAL CASE OPENINGS											
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other⁽²⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
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%
FY'2013 - Q2	15	150%	13	18%	12	-14%	3	-25%	---	43	23%
FY'2013 - Q3	15	*	17	31%	7	-42%	2	-33%	---	41	-5%

OTHER CASE OPENINGS ⁽⁵⁾											
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other⁽²⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
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%
FY'2013 - Q2	55	-2%	36	-3%	31	7%	9	13%	---	131	-1%
FY'2013 - Q3	50	-9%	42	17%	36	16%	5	-44%	1	134	2%

% = change from prior quarter

NA = Not Available

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

⁽²⁾ 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.

⁽³⁾ Outcome of an investigation.

⁽⁴⁾ Outcome of an initial assessment.

⁽⁵⁾ Includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

TABLE A5. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2013, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/13 - 3/31/13)

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Screening Decision								Total No.
	Screened-Out		Screened-In for Investigation				Screened-In for Initial Assessment		
			Non-Emergency		Emergency				
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Greenfield	293	53%	61	11%	25	5%	169	31%	548
Holyoke	249	41%	206	34%	27	4%	123	20%	605
North Central	225	41%	182	33%	4	1%	138	25%	549
Pittsfield	407	54%	150	20%	3	*	192	26%	752
Robert Van Wart	370	49%	124	17%	13	2%	243	32%	750
South Central	204	32%	199	31%	1	*	236	37%	640
Springfield	283	39%	218	30%	28	4%	193	27%	722
Worcester East	148	31%	210	44%	30	6%	89	19%	477
Worcester West	206	40%	179	35%	31	6%	95	19%	511
Western	2,385	43%	1,529	28%	162	3%	1,478	27%	5,554
Cambridge	138	46%	66	22%	3	1%	94	31%	301
Cape Ann	259	55%	42	9%	6	1%	161	34%	468
Framingham	299	64%	33	7%	6	1%	127	27%	465
Haverhill	246	50%	104	21%	19	4%	124	25%	493
Lawrence	290	66%	55	13%	---	---	94	21%	439
Lowell	338	49%	205	30%	40	6%	103	15%	686
Lynn	282	65%	49	11%	1	*	100	23%	432
Malden	237	62%	80	21%	8	2%	55	14%	380
Northern	2,089	57%	634	17%	83	2%	858	23%	3,664
Arlington	208	60%	45	13%	5	1%	90	26%	348
Brockton	231	51%	121	27%	4	1%	97	21%	453
Cape Cod	237	49%	101	21%	13	3%	132	27%	483
Coastal	181	43%	94	22%	4	1%	140	33%	419
Fall River	208	41%	187	37%	18	4%	98	19%	511
New Bedford	200	36%	158	28%	34	6%	164	29%	556
Plymouth	252	48%	129	25%	22	4%	119	23%	522
Taunton/Attleboro	163	38%	108	25%	18	4%	141	33%	430
Southern	1,680	45%	943	25%	118	3%	981	26%	3,722
Dimock Street	146	40%	158	43%	13	4%	48	13%	365
Harbor	132	40%	123	37%	3	1%	75	23%	333
Hyde Park	141	37%	175	46%	16	4%	52	14%	384
Park Street	179	43%	163	40%	17	4%	53	13%	412
Boston	598	40%	619	41%	49	3%	228	15%	1,494
Judge Baker Children's Center	2,204	40%	1,335	24%	1,078	19%	948	17%	5,565
Special Investigation	168	39%	257	60%	3	1%	---	---	428
Total	9,124	45%	5,317	26%	1,493	7%	4,493	22%	20,427

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, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/12 - 3/31/13)

DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision					Initial Assessment Decision					Response Total No.
	Supported		Unsupported		Inv Total	Concern		Min/No Concern		IA Total	
	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%	No.	%		
Greenfield	50	63%	30	38%	80	80	50%	81	50%	161	241
Holyoke	92	44%	118	56%	210	58	49%	60	51%	118	328
North Central	135	69%	60	31%	195	98	65%	52	35%	150	345
Pittsfield	80	65%	43	35%	123	47	28%	118	72%	165	288
Robert Van Wart	117	83%	24	17%	141	150	61%	97	39%	247	388
South Central	119	63%	69	37%	188	105	47%	120	53%	225	413
Springfield	176	66%	90	34%	266	97	48%	106	52%	203	469
Worcester East	145	60%	97	40%	242	40	43%	54	57%	94	336
Worcester West	143	69%	65	31%	208	73	70%	32	30%	105	313
Contracted Agencies	0	0%	4	100%	4	---	---	---	---	---	4
Western	1,057	64%	600	36%	1,657	748	51%	720	49%	1,468	3,125
Cambridge	31	54%	26	46%	57	59	49%	62	51%	121	178
Cape Ann	33	65%	18	35%	51	67	39%	107	61%	174	225
Framingham	28	70%	12	30%	40	89	64%	50	36%	139	179
Haverhill	44	38%	73	62%	117	46	42%	63	58%	109	226
Lawrence	31	53%	27	47%	58	26	25%	78	75%	104	162
Lowell	137	56%	107	44%	244	56	47%	62	53%	118	362
Lynn	33	70%	14	30%	47	71	62%	43	38%	114	161
Malden	59	63%	34	37%	93	35	48%	38	52%	73	166
Northern	396	56%	311	44%	707	449	47%	503	53%	952	1,659
Arlington	51	62%	31	38%	82	50	39%	77	61%	127	209
Brockton	129	76%	41	24%	170	44	33%	90	67%	134	304
Cape Cod	43	49%	45	51%	88	79	56%	63	44%	142	230
Coastal	72	63%	42	37%	114	84	46%	98	54%	182	296
Fall River	112	56%	88	44%	200	39	33%	79	67%	118	318
New Bedford	160	79%	42	21%	202	101	55%	81	45%	182	384
Plymouth	105	65%	56	35%	161	65	42%	91	58%	156	317
Taunton/Attleboro	89	61%	56	39%	145	72	41%	103	59%	175	320
Southern	761	65%	401	35%	1,162	534	44%	682	56%	1,216	2,378
Dimock Street	84	56%	66	44%	150	34	54%	29	46%	63	213
Harbor	96	69%	43	31%	139	45	51%	44	49%	89	228
Hyde Park	131	58%	94	42%	225	22	42%	30	58%	52	277
Park Street	137	66%	72	34%	209	47	69%	21	31%	68	277
Boston	448	62%	275	38%	723	148	54%	124	46%	272	995
Judge Baker Children's Center	531	70%	230	30%	761	---	---	---	---	---	761
Special Investigations	39	15%	223	85%	262	---	---	---	---	---	262
Total	3,232	61%	2,040	39%	5,272	1,879	48%	2,029	52%	3,908	9,180

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, 4TH QUARTER TO FY'2013, 3RD QUARTER

CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS													
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Judge Baker Children's Center		Total		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Other ⁽¹⁾	No.	%
	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%
FY'2013 - Q2	5,765	11%	3,715	23%	3,818	19%	1,537	24%	5,712	-2%	443	20,990	12%
FY'2013 - Q3	5,554	-4%	3,664	-1%	3,722	-3%	1,494	-3%	5,565	-3%	428	20,427	-3%

CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS													
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Judge Baker Children's Center		Total		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Other ⁽¹⁾	No.	%
	FY'2012 - Q4	1,724	*	751	18%	1,290	13%	722	4%	856	5%	272	5,615
FY'2013 - Q1	1,592	-8%	646	-14%	1,068	-17%	576	-20%	832	-3%	288	5,002	-11%
FY'2013 - Q2	1,707	7%	709	10%	1,278	20%	736	28%	815	-2%	291	5,536	11%
FY'2013 - Q3	1,657	-3%	707	*	1,162	-9%	723	-2%	761	-7%	262	5,272	-5%

CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INITIAL ASSESSMENTS												
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Judge Baker Children's Center		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
	FY'2012 - Q4	1,709	-2%	1,296	24%	1,274	-5%	415	12%	---	---	4,694
FY'2013 - Q1	1,261	-26%	778	-40%	1,034	-19%	277	-33%	---	---	3,350	-29%
FY'2013 - Q2	1,496	19%	995	29%	1,249	21%	313	13%	---	---	4,053	21%
FY'2013 - Q3	1,468	-2%	952	-4%	1,216	-3%	272	-13%	---	---	3,908	-4%

* Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽¹⁾ 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 ⁽¹⁾

Time Period	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'2003 Total	2,089	47%	2,310	53%	4,399
FY'2004 Total	2,101	47%	2,399	53%	4,500
FY'2005 Total	2,122	46%	2,459	54%	4,581
FY'2006 Total	2,077	44%	2,666	56%	4,743
FY'2007 Total	2,279	48%	2,431	52%	4,710
FY'2008 Total	2,561	49%	2,652	51%	5,213
FY'2009 Total	2,927	51%	2,784	49%	5,711
FY'2010, Q1	649	53%	568	47%	1,217
FY'2010, Q2	727	54%	621	46%	1,348
FY'2010, Q3	787	56%	611	44%	1,398
FY'2010, Q4	870	54%	753	46%	1,623
FY'2010 Total	3,033	54%	2,553	46%	5,586
FY'2011, Q1	713	54%	603	46%	1,316
FY'2011, Q2	729	56%	583	44%	1,312
FY'2011, Q3	754	54%	650	46%	1,404
FY'2011, Q4	844	50%	835	50%	1,679
FY'2011 Total	3,040	53%	2,671	47%	5,711
FY'2012, Q1	630	51%	616	49%	1,246
FY'2012, Q2	764	50%	764	50%	1,528
FY'2012, Q3	788	52%	721	48%	1,509
FY'2012, Q4	659	50%	661	50%	1,320
FY'2012 Total	2,841	51%	2,762	49%	5,603
FY'2013, Q1	555	48%	598	52%	1,153
FY'2013, Q2	618	54%	529	46%	1,147
FY'2013, Q3	654	53%	586	47%	1,240

⁽¹⁾ 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 ⁽¹⁾		Unspecified		Total No.
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
FY'2003 Total	1,688	78%	461	21%	19	1%	---	---	2,168
FY'2004 Total	1,713	78%	450	21%	26	1%	---	---	2,189
FY'2005 Total	1,715	79%	456	21%	13	1%	---	---	2,184
FY'2006 Total	1,782	83%	342	16%	26	1%	---	---	2,150
FY'2007 Total	1,935	82%	390	17%	31	1%	---	---	2,356
FY'2008 Total	2,049	78%	552	21%	38	1%	---	---	2,639
FY'2009 Total	2,413	80%	572	19%	29	1%	---	---	3,014
FY'2010, Q1	541	81%	108	16%	15	2%	---	---	664
FY'2010, Q2	588	80%	137	19%	14	2%	---	---	739
FY'2010, Q3	639	79%	153	19%	12	1%	---	---	804
FY'2010, Q4	725	81%	161	18%	10	1%	---	---	896
FY'2010 Total	2,493	80%	559	18%	51	2%	---	---	3,103
FY'2011, Q1	602	83%	110	15%	15	2%	---	---	727
FY'2011, Q2	621	83%	111	15%	13	2%	---	---	745
FY'2011, Q3	637	83%	118	15%	10	1%	---	---	765
FY'2011, Q4	682	78%	179	21%	9	1%	---	---	870
FY'2011 Total	2,542	82%	518	17%	47	2%	---	---	3,107
FY'2012, Q1	537	84%	85	13%	21	3%	---	---	643
FY'2012, Q2	664	85%	111	14%	6	1%	---	---	781
FY'2012, Q3	673	83%	127	16%	8	1%	1	*	809
FY'2012, Q4	567	84%	94	14%	12	2%	---	---	673
FY'2012 Total	2,441	84%	417	14%	47	2%	---	---	2,906
FY'2013, Q1	477	84%	81	14%	9	2%	---	---	567
FY'2013, Q2	507	80%	118	19%	6	1%	---	---	631
FY'2013, Q3	537	79%	131	19%	14	2%	---	---	682

⁽¹⁾ 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.

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off.

**TABLE A10. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS BY DCF REGION AND AREA:
FY'2013, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**

DCF Region/Area	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				Total No.
	Not Legally Free		Legally Free		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	55	69%	25	31%	80
Holyoke	40	48%	44	52%	84
North Central	54	54%	46	46%	100
Pittsfield	68	60%	45	40%	113
Robert Van Wart	51	65%	27	35%	78
South Central	65	63%	39	38%	104
Springfield	65	56%	52	44%	117
Worcester East	52	53%	46	47%	98
Worcester West	44	53%	39	47%	83
Contracted Agencies	2	100%	---	---	2
Western	496	58%	363	42%	859
Cambridge	12	63%	7	37%	19
Cape Ann	6	86%	1	14%	7
Framingham	32	59%	22	41%	54
Haverhill	14	35%	26	65%	40
Lawrence	14	31%	31	69%	45
Lowell	37	47%	42	53%	79
Lynn	91	68%	43	32%	134
Malden	14	54%	12	46%	26
Northern	220	54%	184	46%	404
Arlington	17	85%	3	15%	20
Brockton	39	54%	33	46%	72
Cape Cod	14	38%	23	62%	37
Coastal	17	33%	35	67%	52
Fall River	49	49%	52	51%	101
New Bedford	66	58%	48	42%	114
Plymouth	26	51%	25	49%	51
Taunton/Attleboro	44	55%	36	45%	80
Southern	272	52%	255	48%	527
Dimock Street	53	57%	40	43%	93
Harbor	28	44%	35	56%	63
Park Street	18	39%	28	61%	46
Boston	99	49%	103	51%	202
Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾	131	55%	108	45%	239
Total	1,218	55%	1,013	45%	2,231

⁽¹⁾ 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 3RD QUARTER (3/31/13)**

DCF Region/Area	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				Total No.
	Not Matched		Matched		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	16	20%	64	80%	80
Holyoke	12	14%	72	86%	84
North Central	30	30%	70	70%	100
Pittsfield	32	28%	81	72%	113
Robert Van Wart	10	13%	68	87%	78
South Central	51	49%	53	51%	104
Springfield	41	35%	76	65%	117
Worcester East	37	38%	61	62%	98
Worcester West	13	16%	70	84%	83
Contracted Agencies	2	100%	---	---	2
Western	244	28%	615	72%	859
Cambridge	2	11%	17	89%	19
Cape Ann	6	86%	1	14%	7
Framingham	26	48%	28	52%	54
Haverhill	13	33%	27	68%	40
Lawrence	13	29%	32	71%	45
Lowell	20	25%	59	75%	79
Lynn	49	37%	85	63%	134
Malden	7	27%	19	73%	26
Northern	136	34%	268	66%	404
Arlington	5	25%	15	75%	20
Brockton	22	31%	50	69%	72
Cape Cod	8	22%	29	78%	37
Coastal	5	10%	47	90%	52
Fall River	49	49%	52	51%	101
New Bedford	32	28%	82	72%	114
Plymouth	11	22%	40	78%	51
Taunton/Attleboro	17	21%	63	79%	80
Southern	149	28%	378	72%	527
Dimock Street	12	13%	81	87%	93
Harbor	27	43%	36	57%	63
Park Street	16	35%	30	65%	46
Boston	55	27%	147	73%	202
Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾	106	44%	133	56%	239
Total	690	31%	1,541	69%	2,231

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

TABLE A12. Census 2010: Children Less Than 18 Years Old Residing in the 13 Largest Cities in Massachusetts¹

Race	Massachusetts						New				Fall			
	Total	Boston	Worcester	Springfield	Lowell	Cambridge	Bedford	Brockton	Quincy	Lynn	River	Newton	Lawrence	Somerville
White	74%	34%	56%	38%	48%	50%	64%	32%	56%	44%	77%	76%	37%	58%
Black	8%	37%	16%	25%	9%	24%	8%	39%	7%	16%	6%	3%	7%	12%
Asian	6%	7%	7%	3%	24%	11%	1%	2%	30%	8%	4%	14%	2%	8%
Native American	*	1%	1%	1%	*	*	1%	*	*	1%	*	*	1%	1%
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Multi-Racial	5%	7%	8%	8%	7%	11%	10%	11%	5%	9%	7%	6%	7%	8%
Other/Unknown	7%	14%	12%	25%	11%	4%	15%	15%	2%	22%	6%	2%	44%	13%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	1,418,923	103,710	39,942	41,328	25,260	12,028	22,063	24,127	15,303	22,484	19,069	18,416	22,182	9,134
Hispanic Origin²														
Yes	15%	30%	34%	55%	27%	12%	28%	14%	5%	45%	15%	5%	84%	22%

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

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

²Children of any race who are Hispanic.

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