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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 2nd Quarter of FY'2014, DCF had 22,536 open cases (1,694 adoption cases and 20,842 clinical cases) and 75,390 open consumers¹ (37,676 adults and 37,714 children). (**Table 1** on page 3)
- From the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2014, the case count increased 5% and the consumer count increased 6%.
- 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 was a decline in consumers that lasted through 2012. Consumer counts began to climb again in 2013. (**Fig. 1** on page 4, **Appendix Table A1** on page 70)
- From 1992 to 2009, the annual count of adult consumers gradually increased and approached the number of child consumers (**Fig. 1**). From 2009 to 2012, counts of all children (less than 18 years old) and adults (18 years or older) decreased at different rates and converged (**Fig 1**). In 2013, counts of children and adults increased.
- For the past two years, the annual count of female adults has been greater than the number of male children (**Fig. 2** on page 4).
- In 1999, the annual count of male children exceeded female children by more than 1,000. By the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2014, there were approximately 1,800 more male than female children. (**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 14,000-16,000 over the past four years (**Fig. 2**). At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2014, there were: 20,005 female adults, 19,692 male children, 17,834 female children, and 16,576 male adults.²

A. Consumers in Placement

- There were 9,442 individuals in placement on the last day of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2014. Included in this count are 7,677 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,765 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, 26% in the Southern Region, 21% in the Northern Region, and 12% in the Boston Region (**Table 1**).
- From the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2014, the number of children in placement increased 2% statewide (**table** below, **Appendix Table A1** on page 70). Regional changes ranged from -2% in Boston to 4% in the South (**table** below, **Fig. 14** on page 27).

QUARTERLY CHANGE IN COUNTS OF CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION

Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2013 - Q2	2,827	-2%	1,454	-7%	1,867	*	860	-1%	294	7,302	-2%
FY'2013 - Q3	2,813	*	1,432	-2%	1,878	1%	866	1%	289	7,278	0%
FY'2013 - Q4	2,859	2%	1,426	*	1,896	1%	918	6%	269	7,368	1%
FY'2014 - Q1	2,958	3%	1,466	3%	1,941	2%	924	1%	263	7,552	2%
FY'2014 - Q2	2,983	1%	1,496	2%	2,025	4%	909	-2%	264	7,677	2%

* Less than 1% after rounding-off

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 2nd Quarter of FY'2014, there were 30,037 children less than 18 years old with an active case status who were not in placement (**Table 1**). From the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2014, counts of children not in placement increased 7% statewide (**table** on next page, **Appendix Table A1**). Regional changes ranged from 5% in the West to 11% in Boston (**table** on next page, **Fig. 15** on page 27).

² There were 1,095 adults of unspecified gender and 188 children of unspecified gender at the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2014.

- 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** on page 70, **Appendix Table A7** on page 76).

**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'2013 - Q2	11,369	-1%	5,152	-8%	6,622	-4%	3,657	2%	12	26,812	-3%
FY'2013 - Q3	11,688	3%	5,084	-1%	6,423	-3%	3,725	2%	19	26,939	0%
FY'2013 - Q4	12,210	4%	5,350	5%	6,859	7%	3,887	4%	33	28,339	5%
FY'2014 - Q1	12,114	-1%	5,192	-3%	7,078	3%	3,748	-4%	35	28,167	-1%
FY'2014 - Q2	12,739	5%	5,574	7%	7,546	7%	4,159	11%	19	30,037	7%

* Less than 1% after rounding-off

**TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DCF REGION:
FY'2014, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)**

Case Counts:	DCF Geographic Region					Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston				
Adoption	652	312	430	155	141	4	1,694	
Clinical	8,137	4,199	5,478	2,878	4	146	20,842	
Total	8,789	4,511	5,908	3,033	145	150	22,536	
Consumer Counts:								
Adults: ⁽³⁾								
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	519	455	421	228	3	104	1,730	
Other ⁽⁶⁾	5	3	---	1	---	10	19	
On the Run	4	6	2	4	---	---	16	
Total in Placement	528	464	423	233	3	114	1,765	
Not in Placement	14,635	6,841	9,921	4,502	---	12	35,911	
Total Adults	15,163	7,305	10,344	4,735	3	126	37,676	
Children:								
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	2,888	1,447	1,981	864	223	39	7,442	
Other ⁽⁶⁾	56	33	23	21	2	---	135	
On the Run	39	16	21	24	---	---	100	
Total in Placement	2,983	1,496	2,025	909	225	39	7,677	
Not in Placement	12,739	5,574	7,546	4,159	10	9	30,037	
Total Children	15,722	7,070	9,571	5,068	235	48	37,714	
Total	30,885	14,375	19,915	9,803	238	174	75,390	

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

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

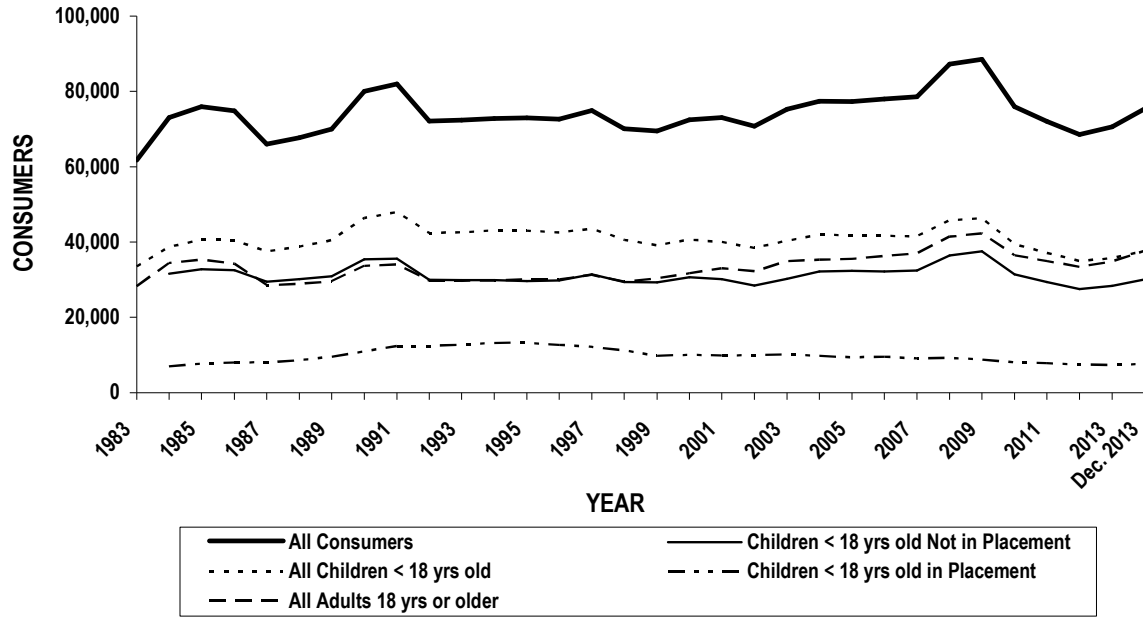
⁽³⁾ Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

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

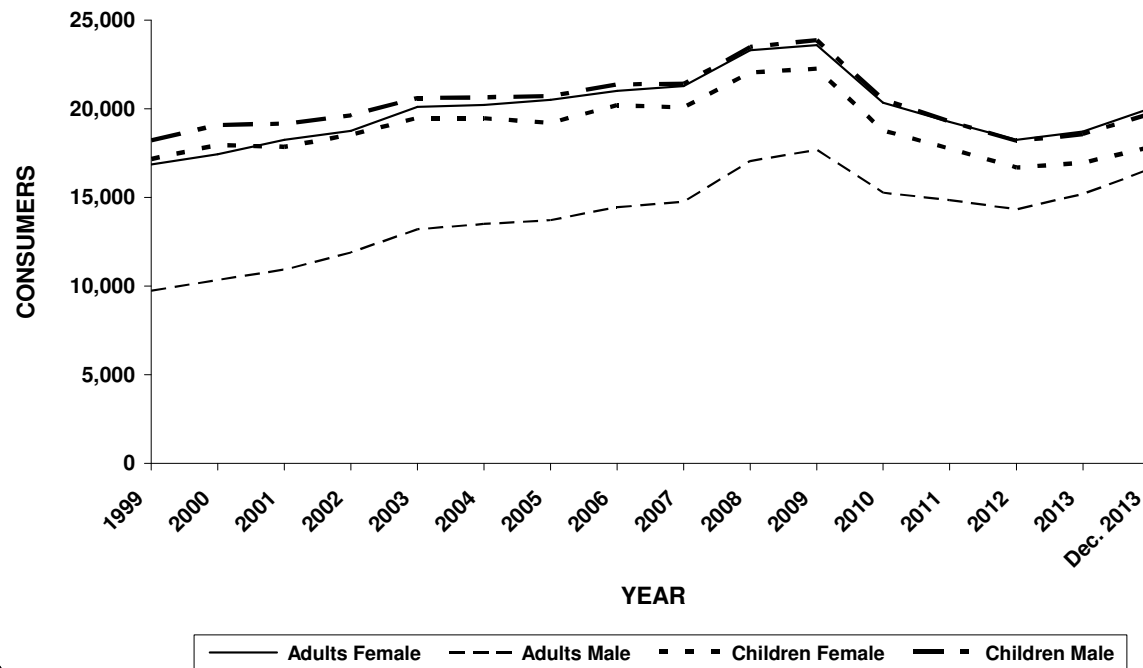
⁽⁵⁾ See Tables 5A, 5B, and 5C for a breakdown by type of placement.

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

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



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



II. CASE AND CONSUMER OPENINGS ³

- 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 2nd Quarter of FY'2014, there were 2,664 case openings (unduplicated) and 15,940 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 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2014, case openings increased 17% (**Appendix Table A4** on page 73, **Fig. 4** on page 7) and consumer openings increased 10%.
- Fifty-three percent of case openings and 56% of consumer openings were due to supported abuse/neglect reports (protective). (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- Thirty-four percent of case openings and 33% of consumer openings were the result of an initial assessment (alternative response). (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 3% of case openings and 2% of consumer openings. (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- “Children Requiring Assistance” (CRA) referrals accounted for 3% of case openings and 5% 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) and **Table 2A**. Supported reports of child abuse/neglect accounted for 46-65% of the total intakes for each region. Case openings by alternative response represented 20-38% of all intakes for each region. CRA referrals ranged from 2-5% of the total intakes for each region. Voluntary requests ranged from 2-3% 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 30% at Cape Ann to 78% at Dimock Street (**Appendix Table A2** case openings on page 71, **Appendix Table A3** consumer openings on page 72).
- Case openings (statewide) usually decline in the 1st quarter. This quarterly trend in case openings is similar to the pattern for reports of child abuse/neglect (**Fig. 4, Fig. 7** on page 13, **Appendix Table A4**).

³ 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 TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DCF REGION:
FY'2014, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/13 - 12/31/13)**

DCF Geographic Region	Case Counts ⁽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	494	52%	352	37%	15	2%	29	3%	10	1%	53	6%	953
Northern	255	46%	214	38%	21	4%	19	3%	15	3%	34	6%	558
Southern	413	53%	263	34%	27	3%	21	3%	12	2%	38	5%	774
Boston	241	65%	75	20%	19	5%	9	2%	6	2%	18	5%	368
Other ⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	11	100%	---	---	---	---	11
Total	1,403	53%	904	34%	82	3%	89	3%	43	2%	143	5%	2,664

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

**TABLE 2B. CONSUMER OPENINGS⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DCF REGION:
FY'2014, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/13 - 12/31/13)**

DCF Geographic Region	Consumer Counts ⁽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	3,269	55%	2,164	37%	161	3%	125	2%	91	2%	110	2%	5,920
Northern	1,685	50%	1,216	36%	193	6%	111	3%	118	3%	75	2%	3,398
Southern	2,533	57%	1,397	31%	232	5%	87	2%	106	2%	113	3%	4,468
Boston	1,475	69%	410	19%	147	7%	32	1%	40	2%	36	2%	2,140
Other ⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	10	71%	---	---	4	29%	14
Total	8,962	56%	5,187	33%	733	5%	365	2%	355	2%	338	2%	15,940

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

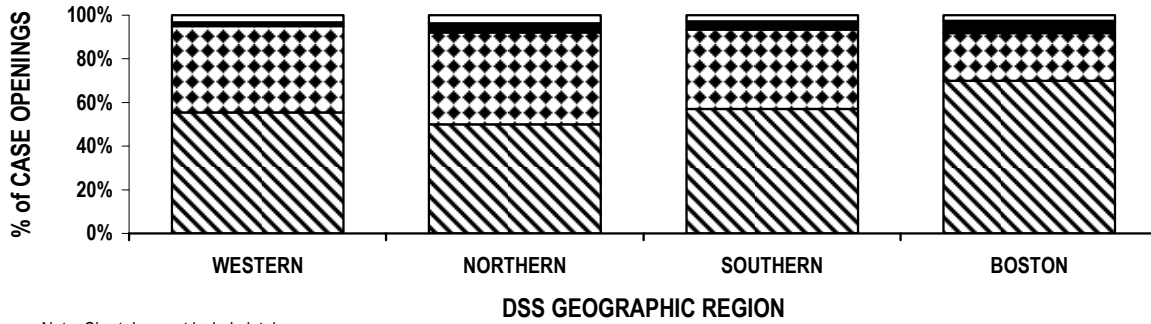
⁽²⁾ Outcome of an investigation.

⁽³⁾ Outcome of an initial assessment.

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

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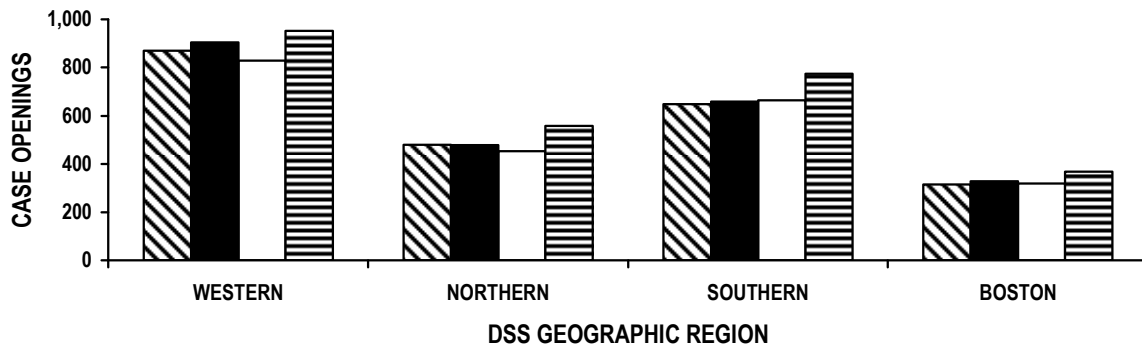
**FIGURE 3. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION
FY'2014, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/13 - 12/31/13)**



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

■ PROTECTIVE ■ ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE ■ CRA □ VOLUNTARY REQUEST

**FIGURE 4. INTAKES (CASE OPENINGS) BY DCF REGION
(FY'2013, 3RD QUARTER - FY'2014, 2ND QUARTER)**



■ 1/1/13 - 3/31/13 ■ 4/1/13 - 6/30/13 □ 7/1/13 - 9/30/13 ■ 10/1/13 - 12/31/13

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, 21,022 reports were recorded during the 2nd Quarter of FY’2014. Thirty-six percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation and 22% were screened-in for initial assessment. Eight percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. **(Table 3 on page 11)**
- There were 16,589 neglect reports, 4,534 physical abuse reports, and 1,906 sexual abuse reports, representing 79%, 22%, and 9% of total reports respectively. The summation of counts by allegation exceeds the count of total reports (summation of relative percentages is greater than 100%). This occurs because children allegedly subjected to more than one type of maltreatment are counted in each maltreatment category.
- Regionally, the proportion of reports screened-in for an investigation response ranged from 22% in the North to 48% in Boston. At the Judge Baker Children’s Center, 44% of the reports were screened-in for investigation. **(Table 3, Fig. 5 on page 12)**
- The proportion of reports screened-in for an initial assessment response by region ranged from 14% in Boston to 27% in the Southern region. Judge Baker screened-in 18% of the reports for initial assessment. **(Table 3, Fig. 5)**
- Dimock Street, Hyde Park, Worcester West, and Worcester East areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (45-60%). Coastal, Cape Ann, and Cambridge areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (33-36%). **(Appendix Table A5 on page 74)**
- Framingham, Van Wart, Arlington, and Cape Ann areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (11-15%). Dimock Street, Park Street, and Hyde Park areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (9-10%). **(Appendix Table A5)**
- The DCF Regions screened-in 3-6% 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 increased 7% from the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2014. Typically, report counts decline during the summer quarter (Q1) then rise during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). (**Appendix Table A7** on page 76, **Fig. 7** on page 13)

B. Investigation and Initial Assessment Responses

- During the 2nd Quarter of FY'2014, 9,801 responses (investigations and initial assessments) were completed (**Table 4** on page 11)—an increase of 10% from the 1st Quarter of FY'2014 (**Appendix Table A7, Fig. 8** on page 13).
- Investigations and initial assessments as a proportion of all responses for each region were: 76% and 24% (Boston); 54% and 46% (West); 54% and 46% (South); 46% and 54% (North), respectively. (**Fig. 6** on page 12, **Table 4**)

Initial Assessments

- There were 3,911 initial assessments completed during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2014³. The assessment decision was “concern” for 49% of initial assessments and “minimal or no concern” for 51%. 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**)
- Framingham and Lowell areas had the highest proportions of initial assessments which resulted in a finding of concern (67-68%). (**Appendix Table A6** on page 75)
- Statewide, initial assessments increased 13% from the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2014 (**Appendix Table A7**).
- Neglect was an alleged maltreatment in 3,463 initial assessments (89% of all initial assessments) while physical abuse was an alleged maltreatment in 783 initial assessments (20%).

Investigations

- The number of investigations conducted during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2014 was 5,890 (**Table 4**).⁴
- Sixty-five percent of the investigations resulted in supported allegations of maltreatment. (**Table 4**)

⁴ 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.

- Regional support rates went from a low of 62% in the North to a high of 68% in the West (and 75% at Judge Baker). (**Table 4** on page 11)
- The Van Wart, Framingham, and Lynn Areas had the highest proportions of investigations which resulted in a supported allegation(s) (77-90%). (**Appendix Table A6** on page 75)
- Statewide, investigations increased 8% from the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2014 (**Appendix Table A7** on page 76).
- There were 4,860 investigations of alleged neglect (83% of all investigations), 1,738 investigations of alleged physical abuse (30%), and 515 investigations of alleged sexual abuse (9%).

TABLE 3. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2014, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/13 - 12/31/13)

DCF Geographic Region	Screening Decision									Total	
	Screened-Out		Screened-In for Investigation				Screened-In for Initial Assessment				
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Total	No.	%	No.	%
Western	2,434	44%	1,585	29%	176	3%	1,761	1,362	25%	5,557	26%
Northern	1,954	53%	702	19%	110	3%	812	918	25%	3,684	18%
Southern	1,456	39%	1,145	30%	145	4%	1,290	1,012	27%	3,758	18%
Boston	628	39%	671	42%	94	6%	765	222	14%	1,615	8%
Judge Baker Children's Center	2,262	38%	1,498	25%	1,145	19%	2,643	1,050	18%	5,955	28%
Special Investigations	186	41%	266	59%	1	*	267	---	---	453	2%
Total	8,920	42%	5,867	28%	1,671	8%	7,538	4,564	22%	21,022	100%

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

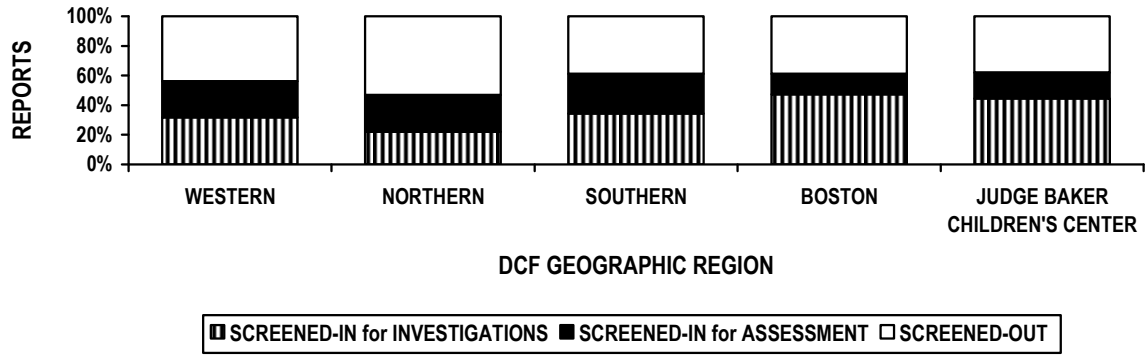
TABLE 4. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION: FY'2014, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/13 - 12/31/13)

DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision					Assessment Decision					Total	
	Supported		Unsupported		Total	Concern		Low/No Concern		Total		
	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
Western	1,174	68%	554	32%	1,728	759	52%	699	48%	1,458	3,186	33%
Northern	540	62%	325	38%	865	487	48%	521	52%	1,008	1,873	19%
Southern	886	64%	491	36%	1,377	540	46%	640	54%	1,180	2,557	26%
Boston	524	64%	298	36%	822	132	50%	133	50%	265	1,087	11%
Judge Baker Children's Center	624	75%	212	25%	836	---	---	---	---	---	836	9%
Special Investigations	60	23%	202	77%	262	---	---	---	---	---	262	3%
Total	3,808	65%	2,082	35%	5,890	1,918	49%	1,993	51%	3,911	9,801	100%

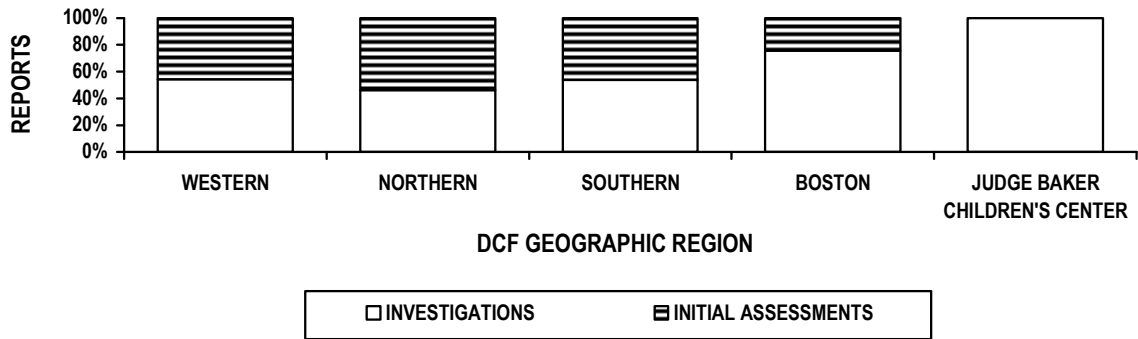
⁽¹⁾ provider agency

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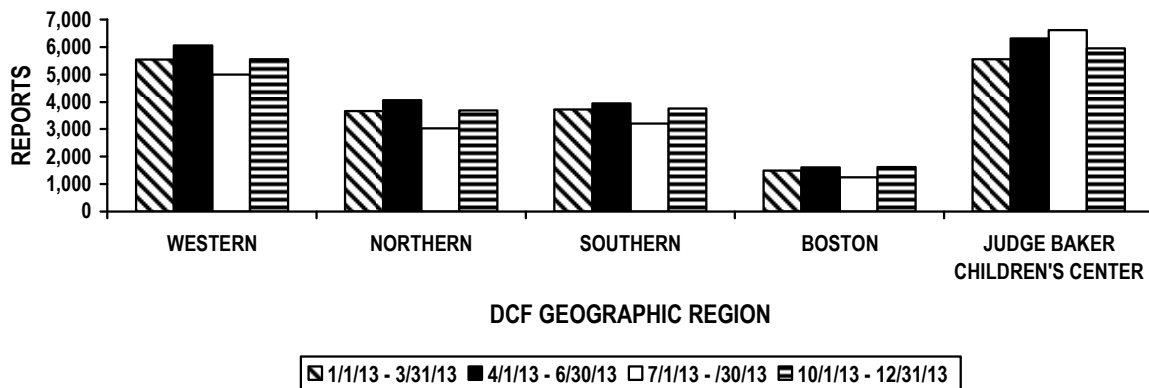
**FIGURE 5. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS
(SCREENING DECISION BY DCF REGION)
FY'2014, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/13 - 12/31/13)**



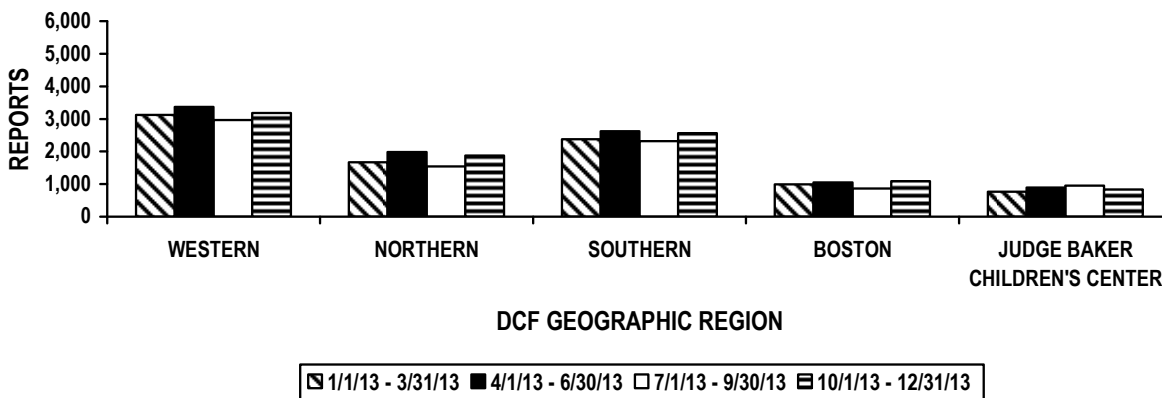
**FIGURE 6. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPOSSES BY TYPE AND DCF REGION
SCREENING DECISION BY DCF REGION
FY'2014, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/13 - 12/31/13)**



**FIGURE 7. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2013, 3RD QUARTER - FY'2014, 2ND QUARTER)**



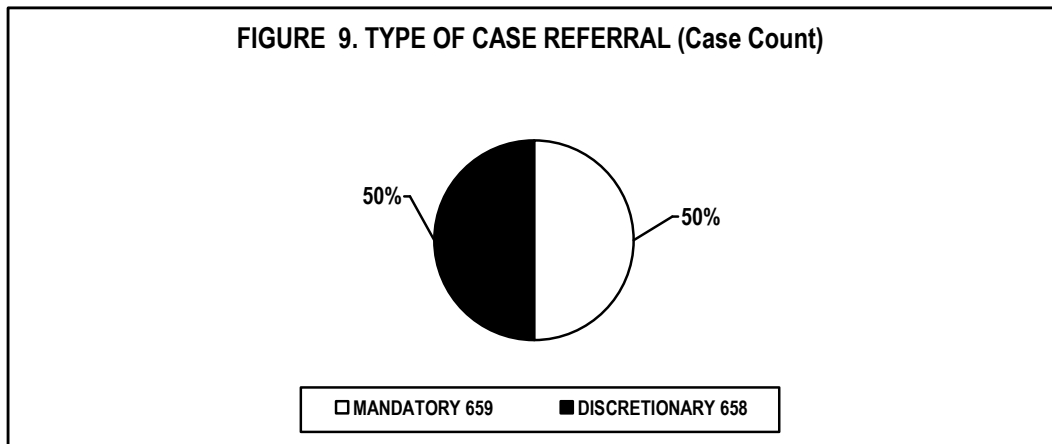
**FIGURE 8. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION
(FY'2013, 3RD QUARTER - FY'2014, 2ND QUARTER)**



C. District Attorney (DA) Referrals

- During the 2nd Quarter of FY'2014, 1,317 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (Fig. 9). Fifty percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals⁵ and 50% were discretionary referrals⁶ (Fig. 9, Appendix Table A8 on page 77).

DA REFERRALS FY'2014, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/13 - 12/31/13)

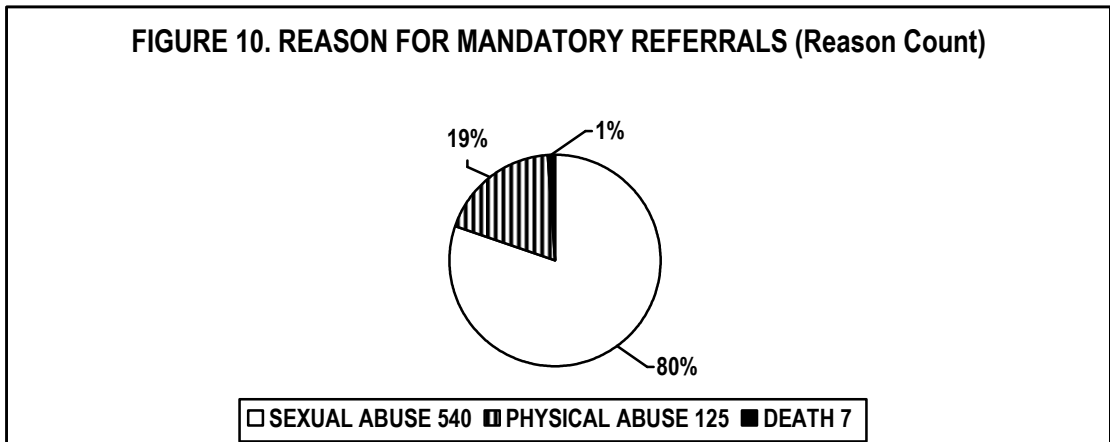


- The proportion of mandatory case referrals ranged from 44-49% of total referrals during FY'2003-2008 and ranged from 51-54% during FY'2009-2013 (Appendix Table A8).
- Sexual abuse accounted for 80% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2014 (Fig. 10, Table 5 on next page). Nineteen percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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'2014, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/13 - 12/31/13)



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:
FY'2014, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/13 - 12/31/13)**

Nature of Abuse	Reasons	
	No.	%
Sexual Abuse:	540	80%
Sexual Assault	502	
Sexual Exploitation	38	
Serious Physical Abuse:	125	19%
Death:	7	1%
Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals	672	100%

- Sexual abuse as a proportion of all reasons for mandatory referrals has ranged from 78% to 85% over the past 11 years (FY'2003 through FY'2014, Q2) (See **Appendix Table A9** on page 78).
- 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, Essex, Middlesex, Worcester, and Suffolk. However, based on a comparison of county estimates⁷ for children less than 18 years old, Hampden County⁸ had a 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. Essex, Middlesex, Worcester, and Suffolk Counties accounted for 65% of the mandatory case referrals for sexual abuse (including sexual assault and sexual exploitation). The same four counties accounted for 83% of the mandatory case referrals for serious physical abuse.

TABLE 6. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY:⁽¹⁾ FY’2014, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/13 - 12/31/13)

County ⁽²⁾	Case Referrals				Total No.	2010 Children Under 18 years
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Essex	119	43%	155	57%	274	172,089
Middlesex	107	46%	126	54%	233	320,439
Worcester	115	56%	92	44%	207	187,231
Suffolk	105	57%	79	43%	184	126,275
Hampden	40	48%	43	52%	83	109,885
Bristol	25	32%	52	68%	77	122,409
Plymouth	54	74%	19	26%	73	119,475
Norfolk	55	83%	11	17%	66	152,132
Berkshire	20	43%	26	57%	46	25,624
Hampshire	7	33%	14	67%	21	26,766
Franklin	0	0%	19	100%	19	14,068
Barnstable	7	64%	14	127%	11	37,249
Dukes	1	25%	3	75%	4	3,173
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---	2,108
OUT OF STATE	5	26%	14	74%	19	
Total	658		659		1,317	

⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.

⁷ U.S. Census Bureau, American Factfinder, 2010 Census Tables, (factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml)

⁸ Hampden County encompasses cities with high reporting rates: Holyoke, Springfield, Chicopee, West Springfield, and Westfield.

**TABLE 7. MANDATORY CASE REFERRAL REASONS BY COUNTY:⁽¹⁾
FY'2014, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/13 - 12/31/13)**

County ⁽²⁾	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals ⁽¹⁾				Total
	Sexual Assault No.	Sexual Exploitation No.	Serious Physical Abuse/Injury No.	Death No.	
Essex	90	6	58	2	156
Middlesex	111	5	11	---	127
Worcester	74	4	17	2	97
Suffolk	57	5	18	1	81
Bristol	46	3	4	---	53
Hampden	36	2	6	---	44
Berkshire	23	1	2	1	27
Franklin	19	---	---	---	19
Plymouth	14	1	4	---	19
Hampshire	9	5	1	---	15
Norfolk	7	---	4	---	11
Barnstable	4	1	---	1	6
Dukes	3	---	---	---	3
OUT OF STATE	9	5	---	---	14
Total:	502	38	125	7	672

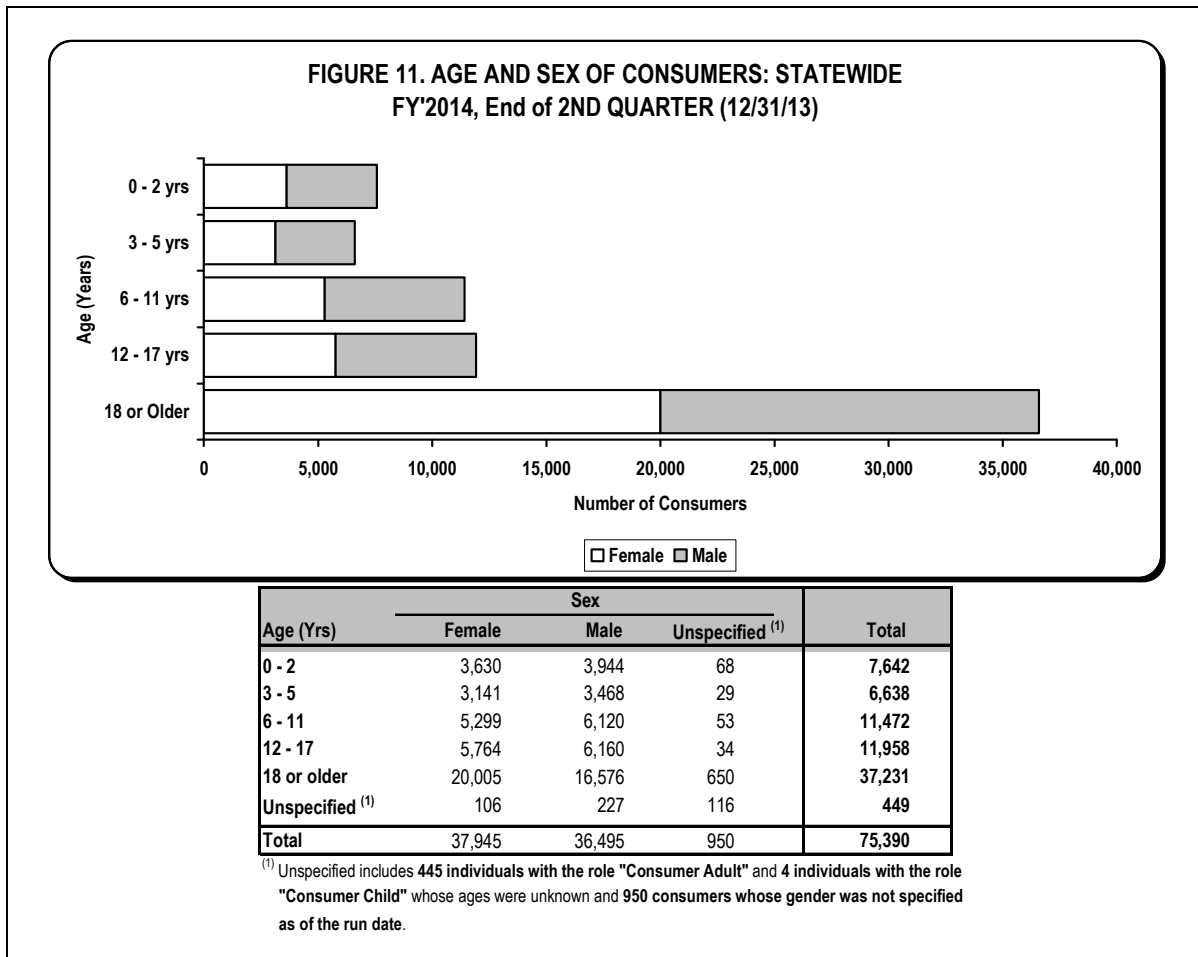
⁽¹⁾ A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.

IV. CONSUMER DEMOGRAPHICS

A. Age, Gender, and Race of All Consumers

- On the last day of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2014, the consumer population included 37,714 (50%) children less than 18 years old and 37,676 (50%) adults 18 years or older (**Table 1** on page 3). In 1992, 41% of all consumers were adults and 59% were children (**Fig. 1** on page 4, **Appendix Table A1** on page 70). The proportion of adult consumers has been on the rise since 1992 (**Fig. 1, Appendix Table A1**). Counts of children and adults peaked in 2009, declined for several years and increased after 2012 (**Fig. 2** on page 4, **Appendix Table A1**).
- Fifty percent of all consumers were identified as female, 48% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Thirty-two percent (11,958) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). (**Fig. 11**)
- Forty-seven percent of all children receiving DCF services were female. In contrast, 54% of all adults receiving services were female. (**Fig. 11**)



- The statewide caseload was comprised of 44% White, 26% Hispanic/Latino, 14% Black, 1% 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, 31% Hispanic/Latino, and 15% White consumers (3,835, 3,051, and 1,489 consumers, respectively). The proportion of Hispanic/Latino consumers was similar in 3 of the 4 regions (28-31%)—13% in the Southern Region. Asians were most prominent in the North--4% of the caseload (505 consumers, mainly Cambodian). (Table 8, Figs. 12A and 12B)

TABLE 8. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY’2014, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)

Race	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption				Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
White	13,780	45%	6,476	45%	10,969	55%	1,489	15%	117	49%	126	31%	32,840	44%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	9,493	31%	4,008	28%	2,615	13%	3,051	31%	52	22%	134	33%	19,301	26%
Black	2,673	9%	1,340	9%	2,723	14%	3,835	39%	36	15%	62	15%	10,633	14%
Asian	167	1%	505	4%	144	1%	167	2%	2	1%	37	9%	1,020	1%
Native American	42	*	15	*	80	*	7	*	1	*	1	*	145	*
Pacific Islander	14	*	5	*	6	*	2	*	---	---	---	---	27	*
Multi-Racial	747	2%	408	3%	755	4%	196	2%	21	9%	21	5%	2,127	3%
Unable to Determine	1,141	4%	573	4%	898	5%	372	4%	9	4%	27	7%	3,011	4%
Missing	2,828	9%	1,045	7%	1,725	9%	684	7%	---	---	4	1%	6,286	8%
Total	30,885	100%	14,375	100%	19,915	100%	9,803	100%	238	100%	412	100%	75,390	100%

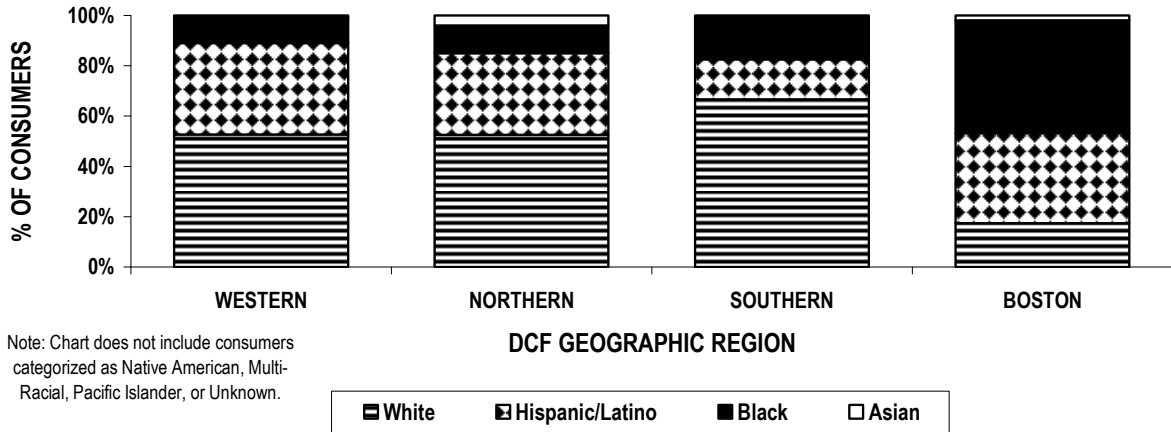
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⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

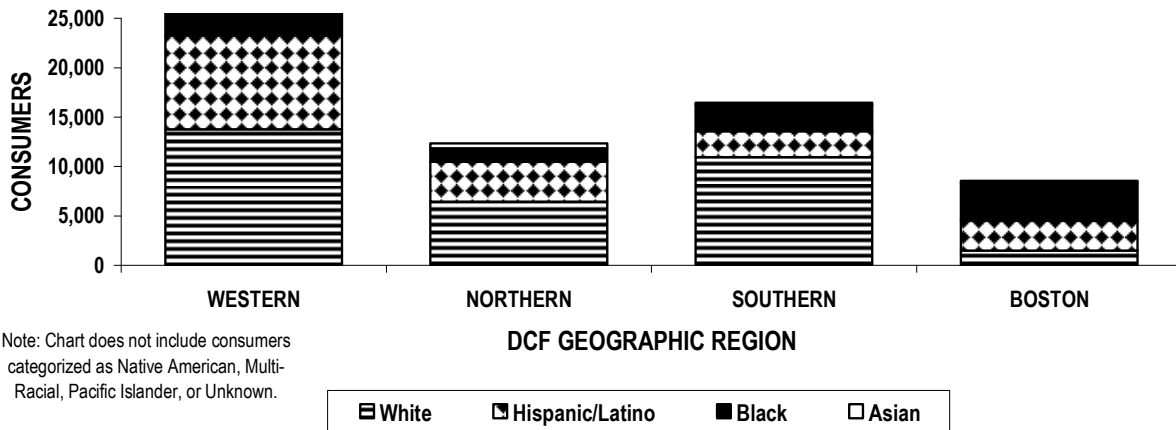
⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

**FIGURE 12A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'14, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)**



**FIGURE 12B. REGIONAL COUNT OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'14, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)**



- A racial comparison of children receiving various services from DCF to children residing in Massachusetts 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: CHILDREN RECEIVING DCF SERVICES VS. ALL CHILDREN RESIDING IN MASSACHUSETTS (CENSUS 2010)

Race	State Census ⁺ 2010	Children Less than 18 Years Old							
		DCF Not in Substitute Care 12/31/13	DCF All Substitute Care 12/31/13	DCF Foster Care 12/31/13	DCF Congregate Care 12/31/13	DCF All Care w/Goal of Adoption 12/31/13	DCF All Care w/Goal of Guardianship 12/31/13	DCF Adoptions Legalized FY'2013	DCF Guardianships Legalized FY'2013
White	67%	41%	47%	48%	45%	50%	51%	49%	52%
Hispanic ^{***}	15%	32%	26%	25%	26%	24%	21%	24%	23%
Black	7%	15%	14%	12%	20%	12%	16%	13%	14%
Asian	6%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%	1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	---	<1%	---	---	---	---
Multi-Racial	4%	4%	7%	8%	5%	10%	6%	8%	6%
Other/Unknown	1%	7%	5%	5%	4%	5%	5%	5%	4%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	1,418,923	30,037	7,677	6,060	1,382	2,233	639	815	345

⁺ SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Redistricting Data (Public Law 94 - 171) Summary File, Tables P1, P2, P3, and P4.

* Substitute Care includes: foster care, congregare 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 81 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.

B. Preferred Language of All Consumers

- The Western Region had the highest number of Spanish-speaking consumers (2,095) (**Table 10**). Spanish was also the primary language of 918 and 995 consumers in the Northern and Boston regions, respectively. Haitian Creole was the preferred language of 359 DCF consumers statewide. Khmer-speaking (Cambodian) consumers were mainly concentrated in the North. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Haitian Creole (Boston/South/North), Portuguese (South/North), Cape Verdean Creole (South/Boston), Vietnamese (Boston), and Lao (North) (**Table 10**).

TABLE 10. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2014, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)

Primary Language	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption				Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spanish	2,095	7%	918	6%	554	3%	995	10%	6	3%	83	48%	4,651	6%
Haitian Creole	19	*	98	1%	118	1%	124	1%	---	---	---	---	359	*
Portuguese	38	*	113	1%	137	1%	14	*	---	---	---	---	302	*
Cape Verdean Creole	4	*	15	*	148	1%	114	1%	---	---	---	---	281	*
Khmer (Cambodian)	2	*	129	1%	12	*	3	*	---	---	---	---	146	*
Vietnamese	26	*	15	*	6	*	51	1%	---	---	---	---	98	*
Chinese	6	*	14	*	22	*	9	*	---	---	1	1%	52	*
Lao	5	*	10	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	16	*
American Sign Language	17	*	13	*	8	*	8	*	---	---	---	---	46	*
Other	526	2%	189	1%	262	1%	128	1%	6	3%	57	33%	1,168	2%
English/Unspecified	28,147	91%	12,861	89%	18,647	94%	8,357	85%	226	95%	33	19%	68,271	91%
Total	30,885	100%	14,375	100%	19,915	100%	9,803	100%	238	100%	174	100%	75,390	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 Central Office contracts.

- From 1987 to 1997, there were substantial increases in consumers whose preferred languages were Khmer, Lao, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and Spanish (**table** on next page). In the following decade (1997-2007), there were declines in consumers from all of these language groups. Although there was a decline in consumers with these preferred/primary languages, there was not a decline in DCF consumers from these ethnic groups. As with all immigrant groups, their children become fluent in English. The new immigrant communities continue to grow, but as time passes those who are only fluent in their native language make up a smaller proportion of their community.
- Comparing DCF consumers by preferred language on June 2007 and December 2013, showed an increase in some language groups and a decrease in others (**table** on next page). The largest changes were: declines in Khmer (-59%), Vietnamese (-41%) and increases in Cape Verdean Creole (92%), Haitian Creole (38%). During this period, the count of total consumers decreased 4%.

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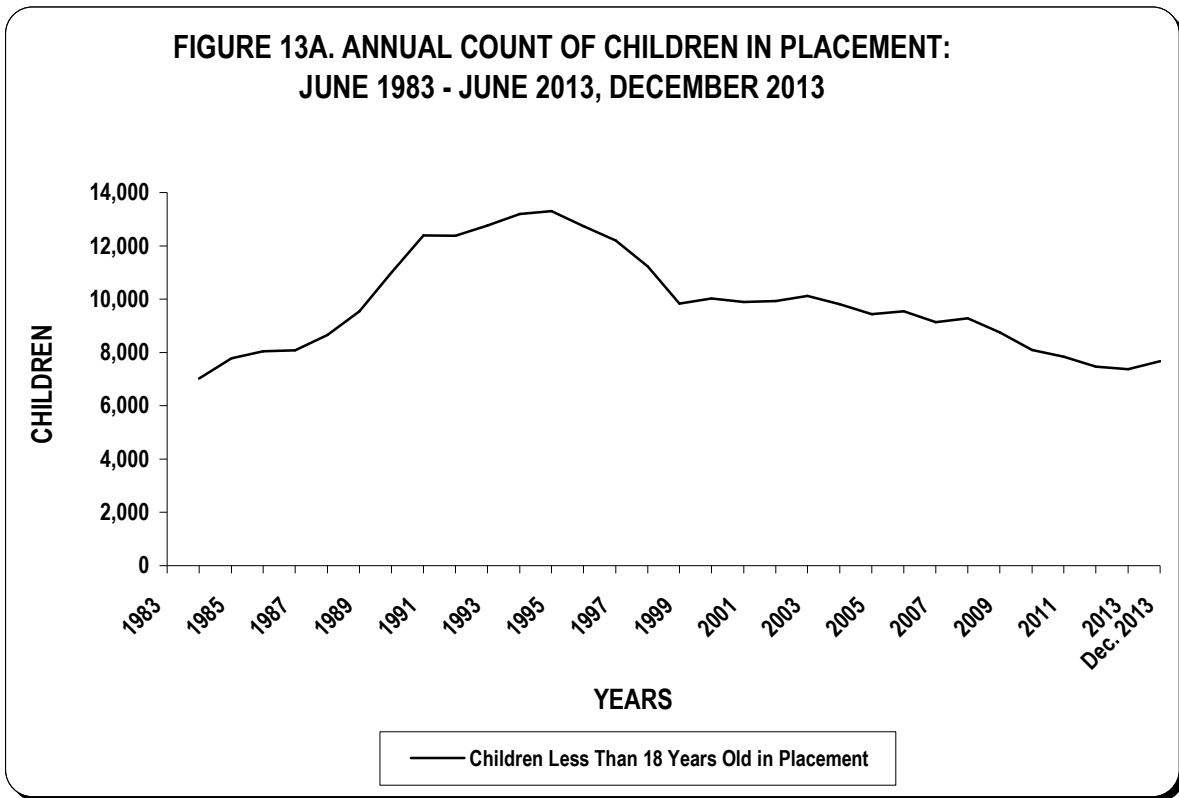
Primary Language	Consumers Jul. 1987 No.	Consumers Jul. 1997 No.	Consumers Jun. 2007 No.	Consumers Dec. 2013 No.	2007-2013 Change %
English/Unspecified	60,784	66,404	71,398	68,271	-4%
Spanish	3,664	6,334	4,516	4,651	3%
Haitian Creole	175	360	260	359	38%
Portuguese	530	380	303	302	*
Cape Verdean Creole	174	247	146	281	92%
Khmer Cambodian	253	851	356	146	-59%
Vietnamese	146	273	167	98	-41%
Chinese	71	61	54	52	-4%
American Sign Language	47	23	41	46	12%
Lao	30	74	20	16	-20%
Other	213	310	1,459	1,168	-20%
Total	66,087	75,317	78,720	75,390	-4%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

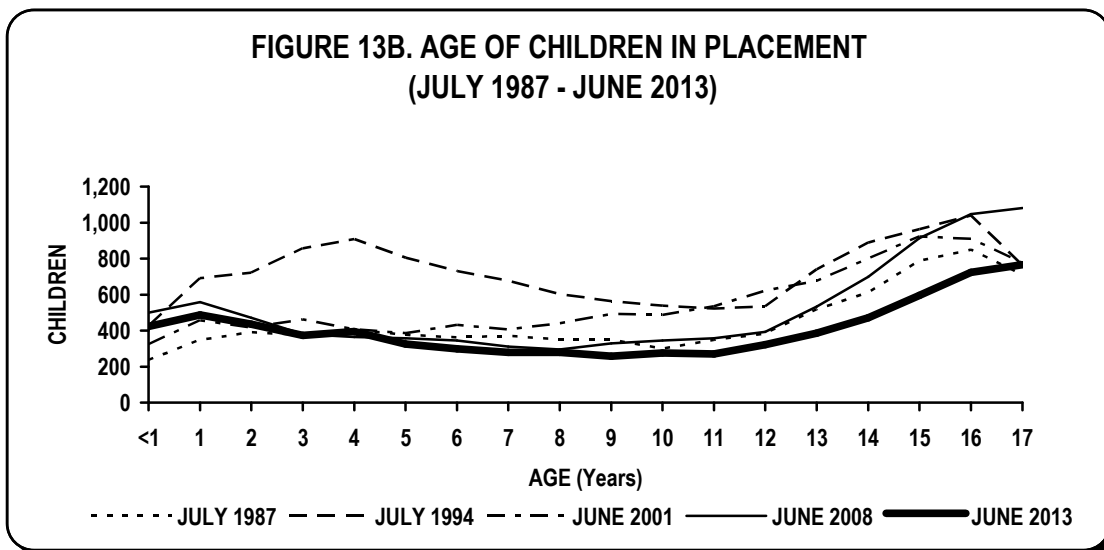
V. PROFILE OF CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT⁹

- The number of children less than 18 years old in placement (7,677) increased 2% from the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2014 (**Appendix Table A1** on page 70, **Fig. 14** on page 27). 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**)



⁹Consumers 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 2008-2013, 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 mostly all ages declined in 2013, especially among the oldest children. 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, 7,467 in 2012, and 7,368 in 2013.



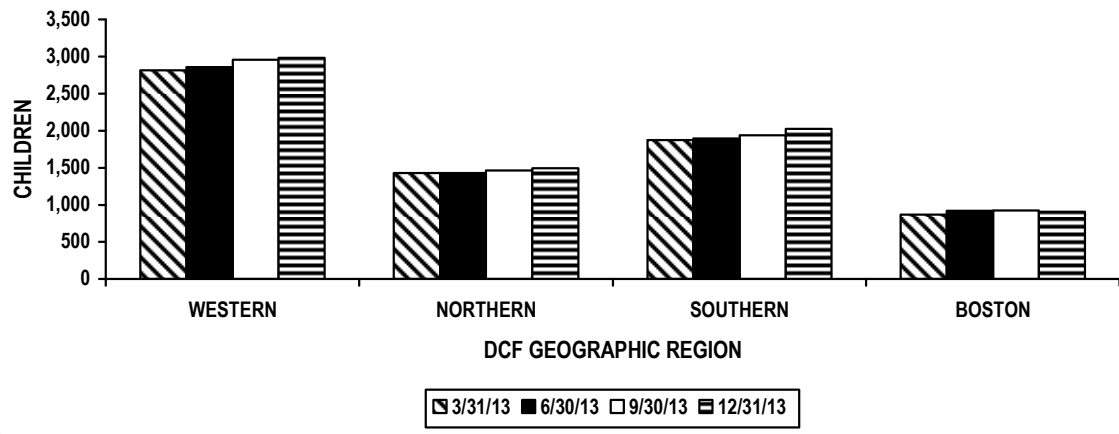
- Statewide, 20% (or 7,677) of all children (less than 18 years old) with open cases were in placement. The regional statistics for children in placement as a proportion of all children receiving services were: 21% in both the South and North, 19% in the West, and 18% in Boston. (**Table 11** on next page)
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield, Lynn, Greenfield, and Lawrence area offices had the highest proportions in placement (28-32%). The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Van Wart and Springfield area offices (14-15%). (**Table 11**)

TABLE 11. CHILD⁽¹⁾ CASELOAD BY DCF: FY'2013, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)

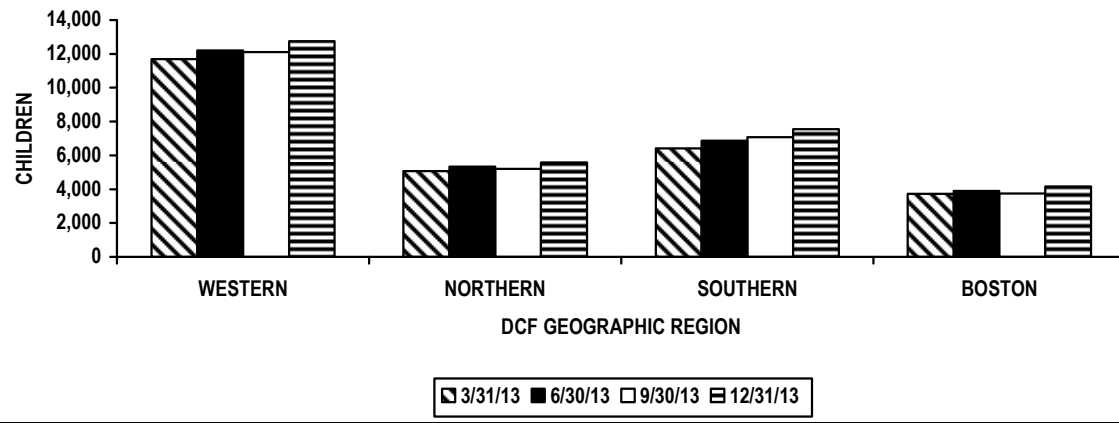
DCF Region/Area	Not in Placement	In Placement	Total Child Caseload	% in Placement
Greenfield	826	319	1,145	28%
Holyoke	978	254	1,232	21%
North Central	2,057	410	2,467	17%
Pittsfield	730	336	1,066	32%
Robert Van Wart	2,068	328	2,396	14%
South Central	1,262	298	1,560	19%
Springfield	2,205	377	2,582	15%
Worcester East	1,381	376	1,757	21%
Worcester West	1,220	280	1,500	19%
Contracted Agencies	12	5	17	29%
Western	12,739	2,983	15,722	19%
Cambridge	575	107	682	16%
Cape Ann	689	151	840	18%
Framingham	754	153	907	17%
Haverhill	520	124	644	19%
Lawrence	465	180	645	28%
Lowell	1,247	309	1,556	20%
Lynn	742	310	1,052	29%
Malden	580	161	741	22%
Contracted Agencies	2	1	3	33%
Northern	5,574	1,496	7,070	21%
Arlington	497	157	654	24%
Brockton	1,077	252	1,329	19%
Cape Cod	689	206	895	23%
Coastal	620	224	844	27%
Fall River	1,032	357	1,389	26%
New Bedford	1,735	384	2,119	18%
Plymouth	1,025	229	1,254	18%
Taunton/Attleboro	855	214	1,069	20%
Contracted Agencies	16	2	18	11%
Southern	7,546	2,025	9,571	21%
Dimock Street	883	237	1,120	21%
Harbor	1,149	224	1,373	16%
Hyde Park	915	168	1,083	16%
Park Street	1,206	280	1,486	19%
Contracted Agencies	6	---	---	---
Boston	4,159	909	5,068	18%
Adoption Contracts⁽²⁾	10	225	235	96%
Other⁽³⁾	9	39	48	81%
Total	30,037	7,677	37,714	20%

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

**FIGURE 14. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2013, END OF 3RD QUARTER to FY'2014, End OF 2ND QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 15. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2013, END OF 3RD QUARTER to FY'2014, End of 2ND QUARTER)**



A. Demographics of Consumers in Placement¹⁰

(Combined Counts from All Types of Placement)

- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2014, the statewide placement population was comprised of 52% boys and 48% girls. In 3 DCF regions, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state (**Table 12A, Fig. 16A** on next page). The fourth region, Boston, showed a reversal in gender—52% girls and 48% boys (**Table 12A**). The proportions of male and female children in the DCF placement population were similar to the general population.¹¹
- Statewide, 46% of all consumers in placement were White, 15% were Black, 26% were Hispanic/Latino, 2% were Asian, and 6% were multi-racial. Race was not identified for 5% 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'2014, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		Total	
	Western No.	Western %	Northern No.	Northern %	Southern No.	Southern %	Boston No.	Boston %	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sex:														
Female	1,694	48%	931	48%	1,170	48%	592	52%	89	39%	130	57%	4,517	48%
Male	1,817	52%	1,029	53%	1,278	52%	550	48%	139	61%	139	61%	4,925	52%
Total	3,511	100%	1,960	100%	2,448	100%	1,142	100%	228	100%	228	100%	9,442	100%
Race:														
White	1,697	48%	896	46%	1,409	58%	218	19%	110	48%	1	1%	4,331	46%
Black	351	10%	194	10%	335	14%	521	46%	33	14%	26	17%	1,460	15%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	1,084	31%	622	32%	331	14%	319	28%	52	23%	75	49%	2,483	26%
Asian	15	*	65	3%	17	1%	11	1%	2	1%	34	22%	144	2%
Native American	5	*	---	---	9	*	---	---	1	*	---	---	15	*
Pacific Islander	---	---	1	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*
Multi-Racial	191	5%	115	6%	212	9%	43	4%	21	9%	---	---	582	6%
Unable to Determine	168	5%	67	3%	134	5%	30	3%	9	4%	17	11%	425	5%
Total	3,511	100%	1,960	100%	2,448	100%	1,142	100%	228	100%	153	100%	9,442	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.

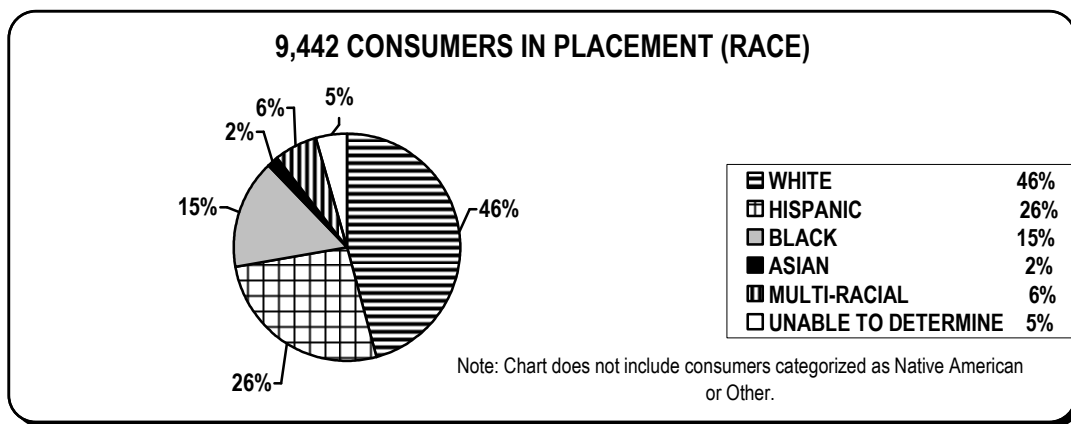
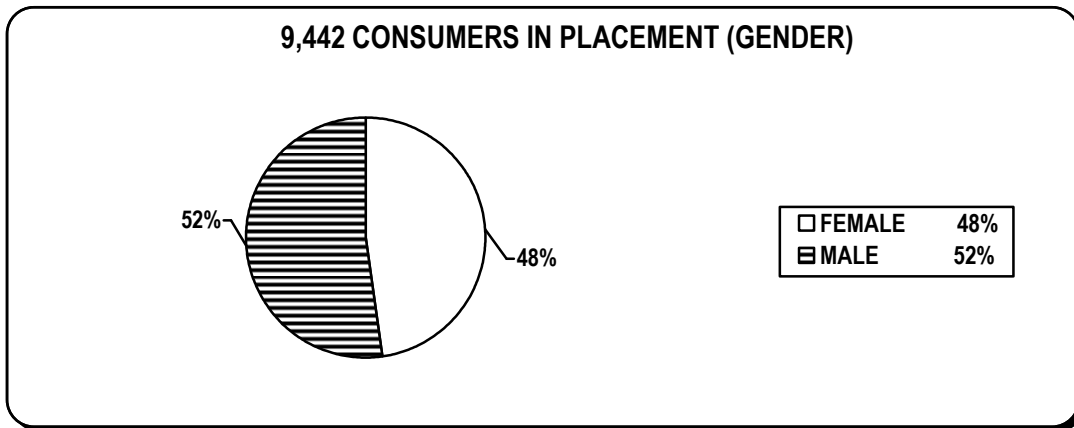
⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

¹⁰ “Consumers” includes children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 or older.

¹¹ 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'2014, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)**



- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DCF Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 32% to 37%. (**Table 12B** on page 31)
- The proportion of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 15% in the Western Region to 24% 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 (35% of all consumers in placement), Adoption (24%), and Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement¹² (APPLA) (21%). 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 32)
- The remaining service plan goals were: Guardianship (7% of all consumers in placement), Permanent Care with Kin¹³ (6%), and Stabilization of Family (4%).
- On 12/31/2013, 35% of the statewide placement population had a length of stay of more than 2 years,¹⁴ 21% had been in continuous care between 1 and 2 years, and 43% for 1 year or less. (**Table 12B, Fig. 16B**)
- The North had the highest proportion of consumers in continuous care¹⁵ for more than two years (41%). The South had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (46%). (**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 (44% for Black vs. 34% for White, 37% for Hispanic). This racial disparity is due to the larger proportion of Black consumers in placement who were 18 years or older (**Table 13B** on page 33). Consumers 18 years or older accounted for 47% of all consumers in placement for more than 4 years and another 24% who were in placement for 2-4 years (**Table 13C** on page 33).
- Thirty percent of Black consumers in placement had a goal of “Family Reunification,” compared to 36% for Hispanic and 36% for White consumers (**Table 14** on page 33). There was a greater proportion of Black consumers with a goal of “Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement” (APPLA) and a lower proportion with a goal of “Adoption” as compared to White and Hispanic consumers—30% Black vs. 19% White and 23% Hispanic for APPLA; 18% Black vs. 22% Hispanic and 26% White for adoption.

¹² 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.

¹³ The goal of permanent placement with kin is to provide children with a committed, nurturing, and lifelong relationship in a licensed kinship family setting.

¹⁴ 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.

¹⁵ Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child’s most recent home removal episode start date to the Quarter End Date (December 31, 2013).

**TABLE 12B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE
BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE: FY'2014, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region										Total			
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾				Other ⁽²⁾	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Age:														
(0 - 2 yrs)	595	17%	280	14%	468	19%	163	14%	32	14%	---	---	1,538	16%
(3 - 5 yrs)	491	14%	204	10%	322	13%	119	10%	63	28%	---	---	1,199	13%
(6 - 11 yrs)	695	20%	298	15%	453	19%	204	18%	81	36%	6	4%	1,737	18%
(12 - 17 yrs)	1,202	34%	713	36%	782	32%	423	37%	49	21%	33	22%	3,202	34%
18 or older	528	15%	464	24%	423	17%	233	20%	3	1%	114	75%	1,765	19%
Total	3,511	100%	1,960	100%	2,448	100%	1,142	100%	228	100%	153	100%	9,442	100%
Service Plan Goals:														
Family Reunification	1,311	37%	625	32%	978	40%	419	37%	2	1%	1	1%	3,336	35%
Adoption	901	26%	393	20%	535	22%	196	17%	210	92%	---	---	2,235	24%
APPLA ⁽³⁾	604	17%	527	27%	493	20%	267	23%	2	1%	107	70%	2,000	21%
Permanent Care with Kin Guardianship	201	6%	157	8%	106	4%	64	6%	5	2%	31	20%	564	6%
Stabilization of Family	215	6%	144	7%	177	7%	104	9%	5	2%	1	1%	646	7%
Unspecified as of run-date	167	5%	57	3%	92	4%	55	5%	---	---	---	---	371	4%
Unspecified as of run-date	112	3%	57	3%	67	3%	37	3%	4	2%	13	8%	290	3%
Total	3,511	100%	1,960	100%	2,448	100%	1,142	100%	228	100%	153	100%	9,442	100%
Continuous Time in Care:														
(.5 yr or less)	978	28%	478	24%	726	30%	292	26%	1	*	25	16%	2,500	26%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	648	18%	313	16%	422	17%	221	19%	10	4%	21	14%	1,635	17%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	388	11%	187	10%	328	13%	132	12%	31	14%	22	14%	1,088	12%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	329	9%	193	10%	223	9%	90	8%	24	11%	13	8%	872	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	616	18%	386	20%	385	16%	194	17%	100	44%	40	26%	1,721	18%
> 4 yrs	552	16%	403	21%	364	15%	213	19%	62	27%	32	21%	1,626	17%
Total	3,511	100%	1,960	100%	2,448	100%	1,142	100%	228	100%	153	100%	9,442	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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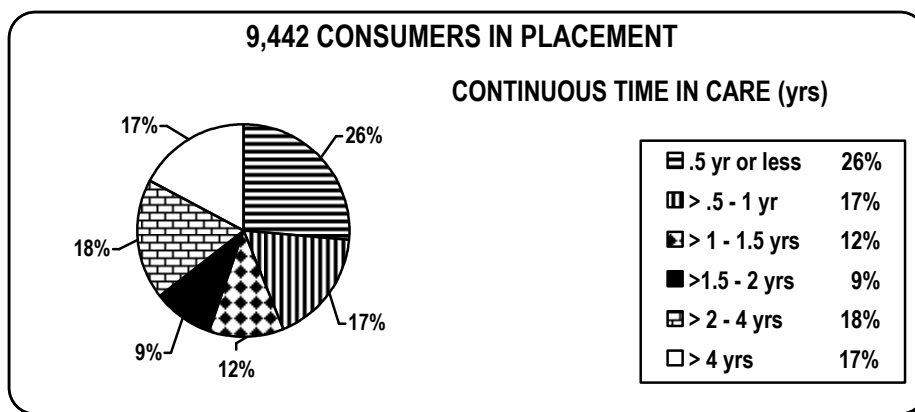
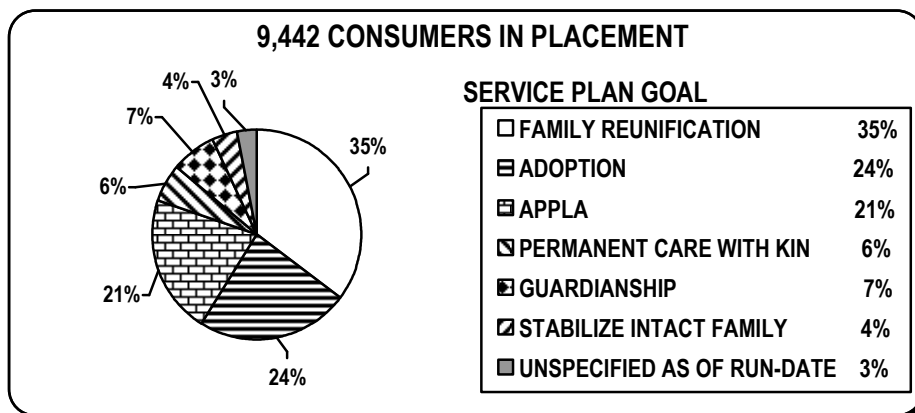
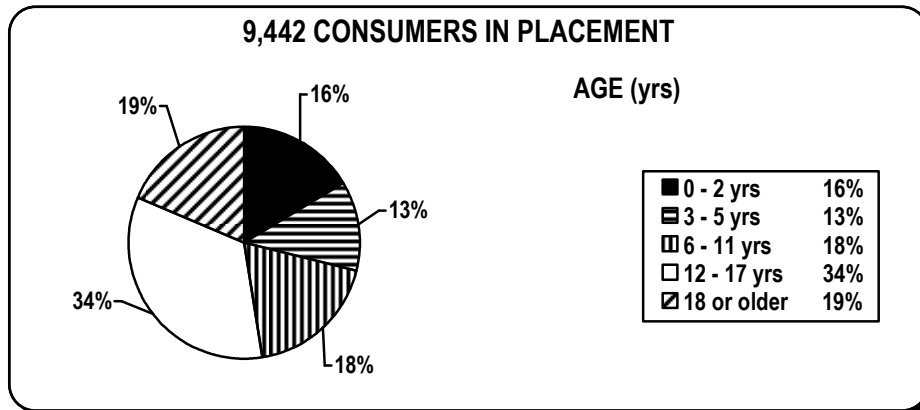
⁽³⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 13A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2014, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)**

Continuous Time in Care	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.	%
(.5yr or less)	1,166	27%	641	26%	345	24%	22	15%	4	27%	1	50%	166	29%	155	36%	2,500	26%
(> .5-1yr)	738	17%	479	19%	204	14%	19	13%	5	33%	---	---	110	19%	80	19%	1,635	17%
(>1-1.5yrs)	536	12%	264	11%	138	9%	14	10%	3	20%	---	---	84	14%	49	12%	1,088	12%
(>1.5-2yrs)	437	10%	194	8%	128	9%	17	12%	---	---	---	---	62	11%	34	8%	872	9%
(>2-4yrs)	761	18%	486	20%	282	19%	28	19%	2	13%	---	---	96	16%	66	16%	1,721	18%
> 4yrs	693	16%	419	17%	363	25%	44	31%	1	7%	1	50%	64	11%	41	10%	1,626	17%
Total	4,331	100%	2,483	100%	1,460	100%	144	100%	15	100%	2	100%	582	100%	425	100%	9,442	100%

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

**FIGURE 16B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT
STATEWIDE: FY'2014, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)**



**TABLE 13B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND AGE GROUP:
STATEWIDE FY'2014, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)**

Race	Age Group of Consumers										Total			
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older		Missing		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
White	780	18%	577	13%	860	20%	1,398	32%	716	17%	---	---	4,331	100%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	336	14%	293	12%	425	17%	928	37%	500	20%	1	*	2,483	100%
Black	148	10%	129	9%	241	17%	541	37%	401	27%	---	---	1,460	100%
Asian	5	3%	7	5%	18	13%	56	39%	58	40%	---	---	144	100%
Native American	6	40%	2	13%	3	20%	3	20%	1	7%	---	---	15	100%
Pacific Islander	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	50%	1	50%	---	---	2	100%
Multi-Racial	124	21%	128	22%	124	21%	156	27%	50	9%	---	---	582	100%
Unable to Determine	139	33%	63	15%	66	16%	119	28%	38	9%	---	---	425	100%
Total	1,538	16%	1,199	13%	1,737	18%	3,202	34%	1,765	19%	1	*	9,442	100%

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

**TABLE 13C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2014, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)**

Continuous Time in Care	Age Group of Consumers										Total			
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older		Missing		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
(.5 yr or less)	719	47%	337	28%	442	25%	857	27%	144	8%	1	100%	2,500	26%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	362	24%	249	21%	353	20%	556	17%	115	7%	---	---	1,635	17%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	230	15%	154	13%	233	13%	344	11%	127	7%	---	---	1,088	12%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	139	9%	164	14%	174	10%	277	9%	118	7%	---	---	872	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	88	6%	267	22%	368	21%	571	18%	427	24%	---	---	1,721	18%
> 4 yrs	---	---	28	2%	167	10%	597	19%	834	47%	---	---	1,626	17%
Total	1,538	100%	1,199	100%	1,737	100%	3,202	100%	1,765	100%	1	100%	9,442	100%

TABLE 14. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2014, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)

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	1,556	36%	905	36%	442	30%	30	21%	9	60%	1	50%	206	35%	187	44%	3,336	35%
APPLA ⁽²⁾	813	19%	569	23%	445	30%	57	40%	1	7%	---	---	70	12%	45	11%	2,000	21%
Adoption	1,107	26%	535	22%	258	18%	12	8%	3	20%	---	---	214	37%	106	25%	2,235	24%
Permanent Care with Kin	244	6%	145	6%	99	7%	30	21%	---	---	---	---	23	4%	23	5%	564	6%
Stabilize Intact Family	158	4%	120	5%	58	4%	2	1%	1	7%	1	50%	20	3%	11	3%	371	4%
Guardianship	326	8%	135	5%	105	7%	10	7%	1	7%	---	---	39	7%	30	7%	646	7%
Unspecified as of run-date	127	3%	74	3%	53	4%	3	2%	---	---	---	---	10	2%	23	5%	290	3%
Total	4,331	100%	2,483	100%	1,460	100%	144	100%	15	100%	2	100%	582	100%	425	100%	9,442	100%

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽²⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

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

- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2014 (12/31/13), the median time in continuous care was 1.0 year and the median¹⁶ age was 9.6 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. Median age was the lowest since the 1990s. Median time in continuous care has been declining over the years and is now the lowest it has ever been. (See **table** below)
- Over the past 21 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 1.0 and 1.6 years. The total population of children in placement has decreased from a high of 13,056 in 1995 to 7,677 in December 2013. (See **table** below)

<i>Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement</i>			
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
6/13	10.4	1.0	7,368
9/13	9.8	1.0	7,552
12/13	9.6	1.0	7,677

- An age breakdown of children in placement by race¹⁷ is presented in a **table** on the next page. The median age of White children was 9.0 years. Hispanic children were 11.0 years old, Black children were 12.2 years old, and Asian children were 14.4 years old. Hispanic children spent a median 10.8 months in continuous placement compared 12.0 months for White children, 13.2 months for Black children, and 16.8 months for Asian children. (See **table** on next page)

¹⁶ Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

¹⁷ Hispanic/Latino includes children of any race.

- On 12/31/13, 42% 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.

Race	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
White	9.0	1.0	3,615
Hispanic/Latino	11.0	0.9	1,983
Black	12.2	1.1	1,059
Asian	14.4	1.4	86
Native American	5.7	0.7	14
Pacific Islander	---	---	1
Multi-Racial	6.5	1.0	532
Unable to Determine	5.4	0.7	387
Total	9.6	1.0	7,677

- The **table** on the next page displays the median age and continuous time in care for all children less than 18 years old in placement on 12/31/2013. These children may have been in different types of placement prior to this quarter end-date.
- Foster children in Unrestricted, Kinship, Child Specific, and Pre-Adoptive homes are the youngest among all placement types. Pre-Adoptive foster children have the lowest median age but a relatively longer length of stay—waiting for termination of parental rights (See **table** on next page).
- Compared to other types of foster care, the 5 children in Independent Living had the highest median age (and lowest continuous time in care). Their ages were 16-17 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 foster children 18 years or older in independent living. Ninety-nine percent of total consumers in the foster care Independent Living model were 18 or older (See pages 56-57).
- Children in contracted Intensive Foster Care (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.
- The major congregate models are Intensive Group Home (490 children), Residential School (393), and Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (STARR) (320). (See **table** on next page)
- Children in the different congregate care programs were similar in age but differed in their length of stay. Children in a Residential Schools had the highest median time in placement (1.9 years).

- The group home model 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 10 children (16-17 years old) in the Independent Living/Pre-Independent Living programs. Ninety-three percent of total consumers in the congregate care Independent Living and Pre-Independent Living models were 18 years or older (See pages 56-57).
- The STARR program is a short-term residential placement service; this is reflected in the 0.2 year median length of stay.

Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement

<i>Placement Type as of 12/31/2013</i>	<i>Median Age (yrs)</i>	<i>Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)</i>	<i>Number of Children</i>
Foster Care:			
Unrestricted	4.7	0.7	1,812
Kinship	5.9	0.8	2,036
Child Specific	9.2	1.2	368
Pre-Adoptive	4.6	2.0	417
Independent Living	17.9	0.5	5
Intensive Foster Care (contracted)	13.5	1.6	1,422
Congregate Care:			
Group Home	16.4	1.5	159
Intensive Group Home	15.2	1.2	490
Pre-Independent Living Group Home	17.3	1.0	5
Independent Living Group Home	17.6	1.6	5
Residential School	15.5	1.9	393
STARR	15.1	0.2	320
Teen Parent Program	17.3	1.0	10
On the Run & Non-Referral Locations	16.1	0.9	235
Total	9.6	1.0	7,677

D. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,235 consumers (includes 2 youths 18 years or older) in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,107 (50%) were White, 535 (24%) were Hispanic/Latino, 258 (12%) were Black, 12 (1%) were Asian, 3 (<1%) were Native American, and 214 (10%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 106 (5%) consumers. (Table 14 on page 33, Table 15 on next page, Fig. 17 on page 38)
- The age distribution of 2,235 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 26% age 0-2 years, 26% age 3-5 years, 33% age 6-11 years, and 16% age 12-17 years. (Table 15, Fig. 17)

- Fifty-four percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 46% were female. (Fig. 17 on next page)
- Forty-four percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of adoption had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (Table 16 below, Fig. 17)
- Forty-three percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of guardianship had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (Table 16)

**TABLE 15. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2014, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)**

Service Plan Goal	Age Group of Consumers										Total			
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older				Missing	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	803	24%	482	14%	706	21%	1,314	39%	30	1%	1	*	3,336	100%
Adoption	575	26%	572	26%	738	33%	348	16%	2	*	---	---	2,235	100%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	492	25%	1,508	75%	---	---	2,000	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	1	*	4	1%	32	6%	399	71%	128	23%	---	---	564	100%
Guardianship	52	8%	86	13%	180	28%	321	50%	7	1%	---	---	646	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	50	13%	28	8%	46	12%	200	54%	47	13%	---	---	371	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	57	20%	27	9%	35	12%	128	44%	43	15%	---	---	290	100%
Total	1,538	16%	1,199	13%	1,737	18%	3,202	34%	1,765	19%	1	*	9,442	100%

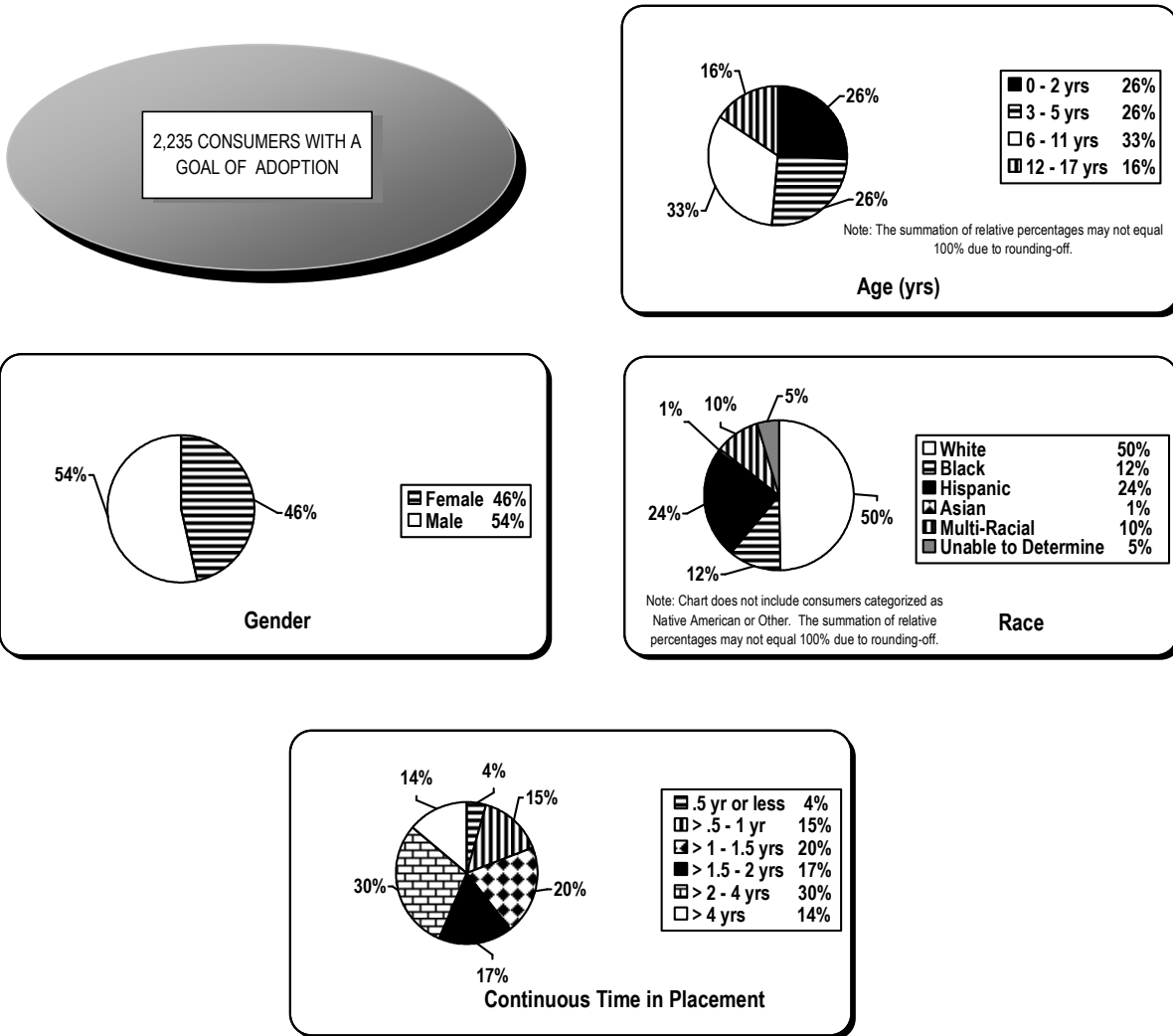
⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 16. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2014, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)**

Service Plan Goal	Continuous Time in Placement										Total			
	(.5yr or less)		(> .5 - 1 yr)		(>1 - 1.5 yrs)		(>1.5 - 2 yrs)		(>2 - 4 yrs)				> 4 yrs	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	1,772	53%	992	30%	273	8%	128	4%	132	4%	39	1%	3,336	100%
Adoption	100	4%	331	15%	449	20%	378	17%	668	30%	309	14%	2,235	100%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	128	6%	135	7%	184	9%	165	8%	515	26%	873	44%	2,000	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	11	2%	25	4%	37	7%	40	7%	177	31%	274	49%	564	100%
Guardianship	21	3%	96	15%	114	18%	137	21%	192	30%	86	13%	646	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	250	67%	35	9%	16	4%	13	4%	23	6%	34	9%	371	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	218	75%	21	7%	15	5%	11	4%	14	5%	11	4%	290	100%
Total	2,500	26%	1,635	17%	1,088	12%	872	9%	1,721	18%	1,626	17%	9,442	100%

⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**FIGURE 17. AGE, GENDER, RACE, HISPANIC ORIGIN, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT OF CONSUMERS WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
FY'2014, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)**



- There has been a decline in the number of children¹⁸ 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 23 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. At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY’2014, the proportion of children in placement with a goal of adoption was 29%. (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%
6/13	7,368	2,132	29%
9/13	7,552	2,230	30%
12/13	7,677	2,233	29%

NOTES: Children are less than 18 years old

¹⁸ Children are less than 18 years old.

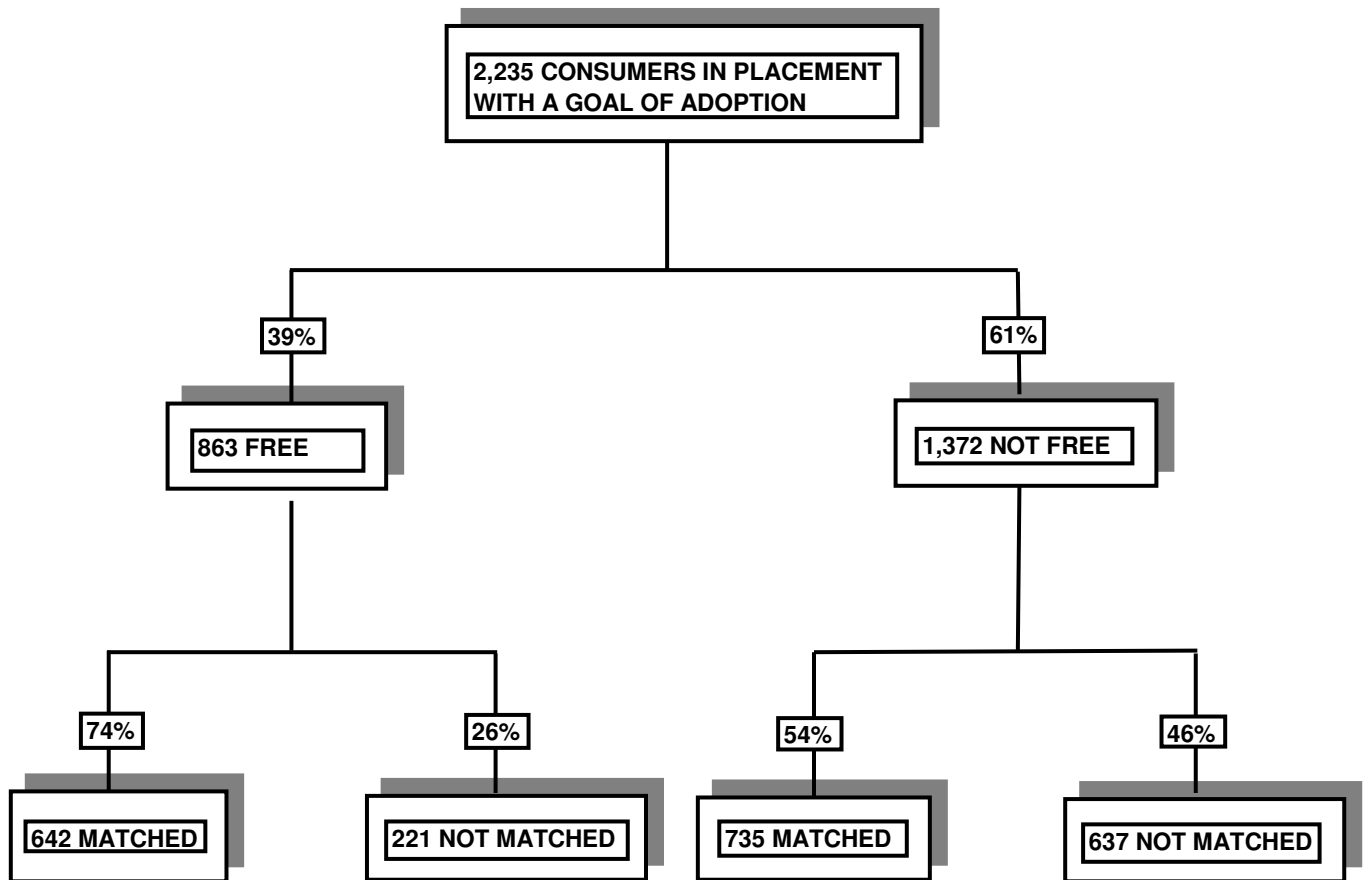
- The adolescent age group had the highest proportion of children who were legally free for adoption (see **table** below). The larger proportions of older children legally free is a reflection of the difficulty in achieving adoptions for older children. The younger children who are legally free are being adopted while the adolescents who are legally free are “stuck” in placement. A separate analysis of children adopted in FY’2013 showed that the proportion of older children (12-17 years old) who were adopted accounted for only 8% of all adoptions. The amount of time from being legally freed to adoption is much longer for these older children.

	Children in Placement 12/31/13		
	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	165	575	29%
3 – 5	222	572	39%
6 – 11	301	738	41%
12 – 17	174	348	50%
Total	862	2,233	39%

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

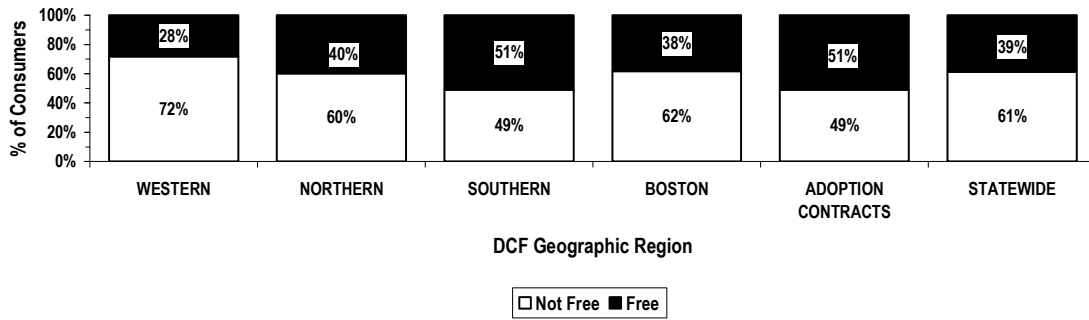
- Of the 2,233 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 39% were legally free for adoption (**table** above). Seventy-four percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. (**Fig. 18** on next page)
- Of those children with a goal of adoption who were not legally free for adoption (61%), 54% 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 28% in the West to 51% in the South (**Fig. 19** on page 42). On an area office basis, the proportion of legally free children ranged from 18% in Greenfield to 75% in Coastal (**Appendix Table A10** on page 79).
- The proportion of children in placement with a goal of adoption who were matched to a permanent family ranged from 46% in Boston to 67% in the South (**Fig. 20** on page 42). 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 33% in Worcester East to 92% in Coastal (**Appendix Table A11** on page 80).

**FIGURE 18. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION:
 LEGAL STATUS AND MATCH STATUS
 FY'2014, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)**

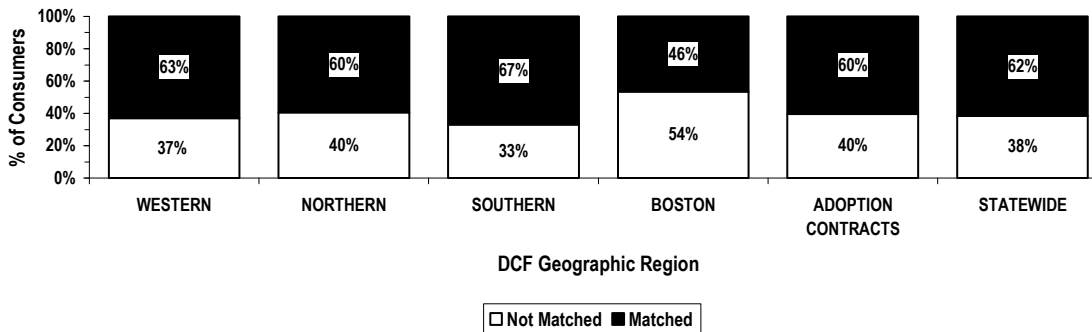


Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption
 Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 19. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS
FY'2014, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)**



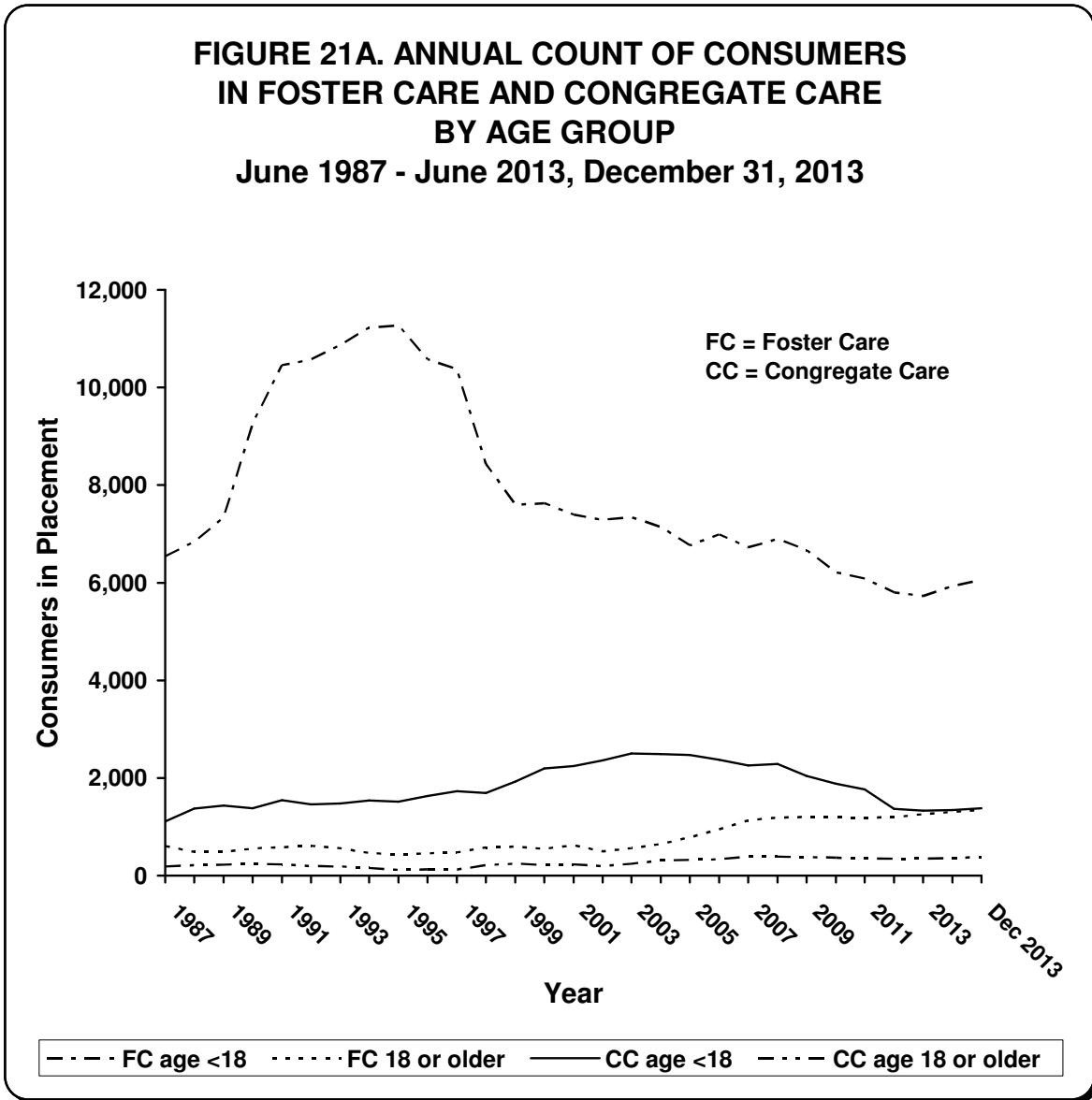
**FIGURE 20. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND WHETHER MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY
FY'14, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)**



E. Foster and Congregate Care

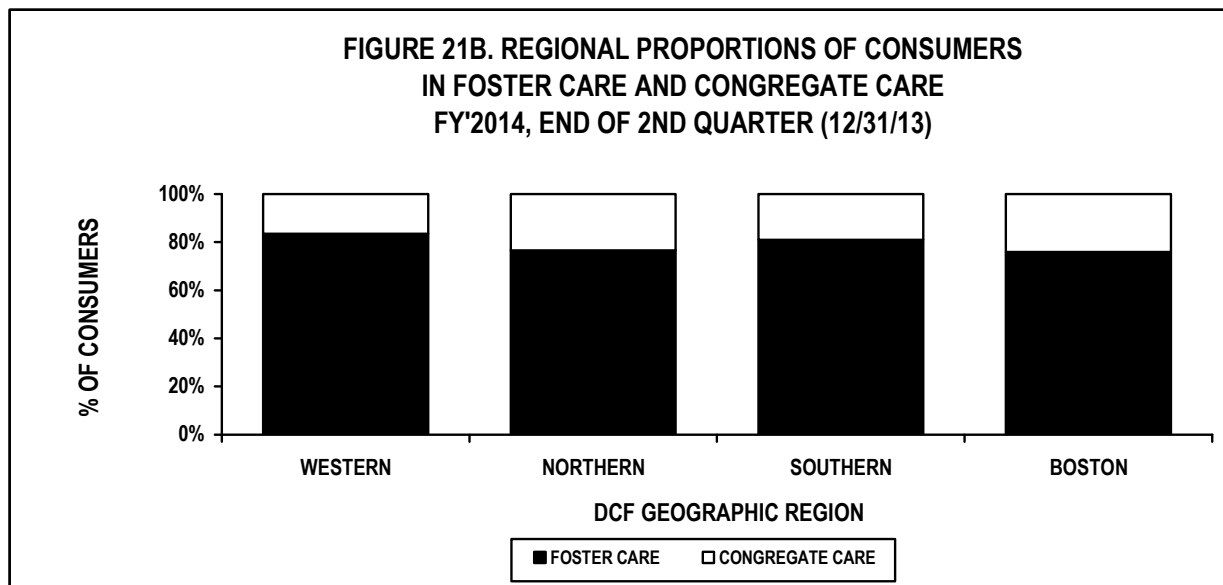
Trends

- Until the recent stabilization (2011-2013), foster and congregate care populations had 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 had 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 leveled-off in 2012-2013.

- The number of foster and congregate care children 18 years old or older fluctuated but remained relatively stable from 1987 to 2002 (**Fig. 21A** on previous page). In 2003, these populations of young adults began increasing and reached a plateau that extended from 2007 to 2013—1,351 individuals in foster care and 379 in congregate care on December 2013 (**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 7,411 consumers in foster care and 1,761 consumers in congregate care¹⁹ on the last day of the 2nd Quarter of FY’2014. (**Table 17A** on page 46, **Fig. 21B**)



- Adolescents (12-17 years) were the primary age group in foster care (22-27% range across regions) and congregate care (62-70% range across regions). (**Table 17A**)
- Adolescents were also the primary age group in “Other” placement locations²⁰ (70-83% regional range). (**Table 17A**)
- Among children not in placement, the 6-11 age group was marginally more prominent than the adolescent age group across the regions. (**Table 17D** on page 49)
- The foster care racial proportions ranged from: White—21% in Boston to 58% in the South; Black—9% in the North to 42% in Boston; and Hispanic/Latino—13% in the South to 32% in the North (**Table 18A** on page 50). The congregate care racial proportions by region were similar to those for foster care (**Table 18A**).

¹⁹Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

²⁰“Other” includes locations like hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies, as well as children on the run from placement.

- 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 51-52).
- There were 1,682 consumers in “Intensive” foster care²¹ (IFC) and 5,729 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (33% of consumers), kinship (37%), child specific (7%), pre-adoptive (7%), and independent living (15%).²² (**Table 17B** on page 47 or **Table 18B** on page 51)
- A breakdown of the number of consumers in foster care by region is displayed in **Fig. 22B** on page 53.
- The proportions of consumers in different types of foster care are shown for each region in **Figure 22A** (page 53). Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West. Boston had the largest proportion of consumers in kinship homes. The proportion of consumers in child-specific homes was highest in the West and Boston. The West had the largest 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 had the largest proportion of consumers in intensive foster care. (**Fig. 22A**)
- The major congregate care models were group homes (786 consumers, intensive and “regular” group homes), residential schools²³ (535), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)²⁴ (323 consumers). (**Table 17C** on page 48)
- The proportions of consumers in different types of congregate care are shown for each region in **Figure 23A** (on page 54). The North, West, and Boston 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 models are presented in **Fig. 23B** on page 54 and **Table 17C**.

²¹Intensive 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.

²² 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.

²³ 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).

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

**TABLE 17A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY2014, End of 2ND QUARTER 12/31/13)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other ⁽²⁾		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western		2,840		567		104		3,511
	(0 - 2 yrs)	591	21%	---	---	4	4%	595
	(3 - 5 yrs)	488	17%	1	*	2	2%	491
	(6 - 11 yrs)	601	21%	78	14%	16	15%	695
	(12 - 17 yrs)	746	26%	383	68%	73	70%	1,202
	18 or older	414	15%	105	19%	9	9%	528
Northern		1,456		446		58		1,960
	(0 - 2 yrs)	280	19%	---	---	---	---	280
	(3 - 5 yrs)	201	14%	3	1%	---	---	204
	(6 - 11 yrs)	256	18%	38	9%	4	7%	298
	(12 - 17 yrs)	390	27%	278	62%	45	78%	713
	18 or older	329	23%	126	28%	9	16%	464
Southern		1,945		457		46		2,448
	(0 - 2 yrs)	464	24%	2	*	2	4%	468
	(3 - 5 yrs)	316	16%	5	1%	1	2%	322
	(6 - 11 yrs)	385	20%	65	14%	3	7%	453
	(12 - 17 yrs)	426	22%	318	70%	38	83%	782
	18 or older	354	18%	67	15%	2	4%	423
Boston		828		264		50		1,142
	(0 - 2 yrs)	163	20%	---	---	---	---	163
	(3 - 5 yrs)	117	14%	1	*	1	2%	119
	(6 - 11 yrs)	176	21%	25	9%	3	6%	204
	(12 - 17 yrs)	204	25%	178	67%	41	82%	423
	18 or older	168	20%	60	23%	5	10%	233
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		224		2		2		228
	(0 - 2 yrs)	32	14%	---	---	---	---	32
	(3 - 5 yrs)	61	27%	---	---	2	100%	63
	(6 - 11 yrs)	81	36%	---	---	---	---	81
	(12 - 17 yrs)	47	21%	2	100%	---	---	49
	18 or older	3	1%	---	---	---	---	3
Other ⁽⁴⁾		118		25		10		153
	(6 - 11 yrs)	5	4%	1	4%	---	---	6
	(12 - 17 yrs)	30	25%	3	12%	---	---	33
	18 or older	83	70%	21	84%	10	100%	114
Total		7,411		1,761		270		9,442

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

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

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

**TABLE 17B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2014, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Foster Care					Foster Care Total	
		Intensive Foster Care ⁽²⁾	Departmental Foster Care					
			Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive		Unrestricted
Western		615	191	259	813	183	779	2,840
	(0 - 2 yrs)	9	29	---	230	68	255	591
	(3 - 5 yrs)	36	35	---	184	49	184	488
	(6 - 11 yrs)	125	42	---	226	51	157	601
	(12 - 17 yrs)	361	66	3	153	14	149	746
	18 or older	84	19	256	20	1	34	414
Northern		397	68	239	327	52	373	1,456
	(0 - 2 yrs)	52	7	---	81	18	122	280
	(3 - 5 yrs)	30	11	---	74	11	75	201
	(6 - 11 yrs)	81	13	---	81	15	66	256
	(12 - 17 yrs)	178	29	1	79	8	95	390
	18 or older	56	8	238	12	---	15	329
Southern		374	100	222	634	96	519	1,945
	(0 - 2 yrs)	37	16	---	164	34	213	464
	(3 - 5 yrs)	48	11	---	139	24	94	316
	(6 - 11 yrs)	70	14	---	175	35	91	385
	(12 - 17 yrs)	156	39	1	129	2	99	426
	18 or older	63	20	221	27	1	22	354
Boston		187	53	105	286	24	173	828
	(0 - 2 yrs)	8	6	---	81	11	57	163
	(3 - 5 yrs)	19	10	---	53	5	30	117
	(6 - 11 yrs)	43	12	---	87	7	27	176
	(12 - 17 yrs)	86	17	---	53	1	47	204
	18 or older	31	8	105	12	---	12	168
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		55	11	---	47	64	47	224
	(0 - 2 yrs)	1	2	---	8	7	14	32
	(3 - 5 yrs)	7	4	---	15	19	16	61
	(6 - 11 yrs)	25	4	---	18	26	8	81
	(12 - 17 yrs)	22	1	---	5	12	7	47
Other ⁽⁴⁾		54	2	33	---	---	28	117
	(6 - 11 yrs)	4	---	---	---	---	---	4
	(12 - 17 yrs)	24	---	---	---	---	6	30
	18 or older	26	2	33	---	---	22	83
Total		1,682	425	858	2,108	419	1,919	7,411

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

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

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

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

**TABLE 17C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2014, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Congregate Care							Total
	Group Home				Residential	STARR ⁽²⁾	Teen Parenting	
	Group Home	Intensive Group Home	Independent Living	Pre-Independent Living	Residential School			
Western	79	200	14	6	146	118	4	567
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	1
(6 - 11 yrs)	9	23	---	---	21	25	---	78
(12 - 17 yrs)	47	163	1	1	79	90	2	383
18 or older	23	14	13	5	46	2	2	105
Northern	71	124	37	4	138	68	4	446
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	2	---	3
(6 - 11 yrs)	2	17	---	---	12	7	---	38
(12 - 17 yrs)	36	89	2	---	89	59	3	278
18 or older	33	16	35	4	37	0	1	126
Southern	51	121	10	8	149	112	6	457
(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	2
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	5	---	5
(6 - 11 yrs)	1	30	---	---	18	16	---	65
(12 - 17 yrs)	36	86	2	3	101	88	2	318
18 or older	14	5	8	5	30	1	4	67
Boston	39	92	5	1	97	24	6	264
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	1
(6 - 11 yrs)	1	14	---	---	7	3	---	25
(12 - 17 yrs)	25	65	---	---	64	21	3	178
18 or older	13	12	5	1	26	0	3	60
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	2
(12 - 17yrs)	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	2
Other ⁽⁴⁾	5	4	6	6	4	---	---	25
(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
(12 - 17 yrs)	2	---	---	1	---	---	---	3
18 or older	3	4	6	5	3	---	---	21
Total	245	541	72	25	535	323	20	1,761

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

⁽²⁾ STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

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

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

**TABLE 17D. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2014, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Children ⁽²⁾ Not in Placement	
		No.	%
Western		12,739	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	2,610	20%
	(3 - 5 yrs)	2,389	19%
	(6 - 11 yrs)	4,136	32%
	(12 - 17 yrs)	3,604	28%
Northern		5,574	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	1,081	19%
	(3 - 5 yrs)	977	18%
	(6 - 11 yrs)	1,808	32%
	(12 - 17 yrs)	1,708	31%
Southern		7,546	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	1,608	21%
	(3 - 5 yrs)	1,340	18%
	(6 - 11 yrs)	2,396	32%
	(12 - 17 yrs)	2,201	29%
	Unspecified	1	*
Boston		4,159	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	801	19%
	(3 - 5 yrs)	724	17%
	(6 - 11 yrs)	1,390	33%
	(12 - 17 yrs)	1,242	30%
	Unspecified	2	*
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		10	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	2	20%
	(3 - 5 yrs)	5	50%
	(6 - 11 yrs)	3	30%
Other ⁽⁴⁾		9	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	2	22%
	(3 - 5 yrs)	4	44%
	(6 - 11 yrs)	2	22%
	(12 - 17 yrs)	1	11%
Total		30,037	

* = Less than 12% after rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case.

⁽²⁾ Children less than 18 years old with an active case status on the last day of the quarter who were in a case with a comprehensive assessment or a service plan, and were not in placement.

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

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

**TABLE 18A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2014, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other ⁽²⁾		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western		2,840		567		104		3,511
	White	1,387	49%	265	47%	45	43%	1,697
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	853	30%	186	33%	45	43%	1,084
	Black	270	10%	71	13%	10	10%	351
	Asian	12	*	2	*	1	1%	15
	Native American	2	*	2	*	1	1%	5
	Multi-Racial	169	6%	20	4%	2	2%	191
	Unable to Determine	147	5%	21	4%	---	---	168
Northern		1,456		446		58		1,960
	White	648	45%	224	50%	24	41%	896
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	470	32%	132	30%	20	34%	622
	Black	133	9%	53	12%	8	14%	194
	Asian	56	4%	8	2%	1	2%	65
	Pacific Islander	---	---	1	*	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	95	7%	17	4%	3	5%	115
	Unable to Determine	54	4%	11	2%	2	3%	67
Southern		1,945		457		46		2,448
	White	1,125	58%	264	58%	20	43%	1,409
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	253	13%	62	14%	16	35%	331
	Black	254	13%	77	17%	4	9%	335
	Asian	12	1%	5	1%	---	---	17
	Native American	8	*	1	*	---	---	9
	Pacific Islander	---	---	1	*	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	179	9%	28	6%	5	11%	212
	Unable to Determine	114	6%	19	4%	1	2%	134
Boston		828		264		50		1,142
	White	175	21%	32	12%	11	22%	218
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	237	29%	63	24%	19	38%	319
	Black	349	42%	156	59%	16	32%	521
	Asian	10	1%	1	*	---	---	11
	Multi-Racial	36	4%	6	2%	1	2%	43
	Unable to Determine	21	3%	6	2%	3	6%	30
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾		224		2		2		228
	White	106	47%	2	100%	2	100%	110
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	52	23%	---	---	---	---	52
	Black	33	15%	---	---	---	---	33
	Asian	2	1%	---	---	---	---	2
	Native American	1	*	---	---	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	21	9%	---	---	---	---	21
	Unable to Determine	9	4%	---	---	---	---	9
Other ⁽⁵⁾		118		25		10		153
	White	1	1%	---	---	---	---	1
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	52	44%	15	60%	8	80%	75
	Black	21	18%	4	16%	1	10%	26
	Asian	31	26%	3	12%	---	---	34
	Unable to Determine	13	11%	3	12%	1	10%	17
Total		7,411		1,761		270		9,442

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

* = Less than 1% after 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 Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 18B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2014, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Foster Care					Foster Care Total	
		Intensive Foster Care ⁽²⁾	Departmental Foster Care			Unrestricted		
			Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship			Pre-Adoptive
Western		615	191	259	813	183	779	2,840
	White	249	100	110	452	107	369	1,387
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	226	48	87	209	48	235	853
	Black	81	24	45	37	12	71	270
	Asian	4	---	1	1	---	6	12
	Native American	1	---	---	---	---	1	2
	Multi-Racial	35	8	9	58	7	52	169
	Unable to Determine	19	11	7	56	9	45	147
Northern		397	68	239	327	52	373	1,456
	White	164	34	94	181	23	152	648
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	132	21	78	78	18	143	470
	Black	42	3	39	18	2	29	133
	Asian	10	2	18	11	1	14	56
	Multi-Racial	33	4	8	24	4	22	95
	Unable to Determine	16	4	2	15	4	13	54
Southern		374	100	222	634	96	519	1,945
	White	194	68	115	409	55	284	1,125
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	54	7	35	68	9	80	253
	Black	54	10	51	72	12	55	254
	Asian	---	2	5	---	---	5	12
	Native American	2	---	---	5	---	1	8
	Multi-Racial	42	9	10	48	10	60	179
	Unable to Determine	28	4	6	32	10	34	114
Boston		187	53	105	286	24	173	828
	White	43	14	22	67	4	25	175
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	63	12	28	76	8	50	237
	Black	71	21	51	119	9	78	349
	Asian	1	2	2	---	1	4	10
	Multi-Racial	8	1	1	16	1	9	36
	Unable to Determine	1	3	1	8	1	7	21
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾		55	11	---	47	64	47	224
	White	25	9	---	27	32	13	106
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	15	---	---	11	12	14	52
	Black	10	2	---	4	7	10	33
	Asian	2	---	---	---	---	---	2
	Native American	---	---	---	---	1	---	1
	Multi-Racial	2	---	---	4	8	7	21
	Unable to Determine	1	---	---	1	4	3	9
Other ⁽⁵⁾		54	2	33	1	---	28	118
	White	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	23	---	15	---	---	14	52
	Black	6	2	8	---	---	5	21
	Asian	17	---	10	---	---	4	31
	Unable to Determine	8	---	---	---	---	5	13
Total		1,682	425	858	2,108	419	1,919	7,411

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⁾ IFC includes "Teen Parent Rate" model.

⁽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 Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 18C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2014, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Congregate Care							Total
	Group Home				Residential	STARR ⁽²⁾	Teen Parenting	
	Group Home	Group Home Intensive	Independent Living	Pre-Independent Living	Residential School			
Western	79	14	200	6	146	118	4	567
White	40	100	5	2	63	54	1	265
Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	28	57	4	2	57	35	3	186
Black	5	27	3	1	18	17	---	71
Asian	---	---	1	---	---	1	---	2
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	2
Multi-Racial	2	8	---	1	3	6	---	20
Unable to Determine	4	8	1	---	5	3	---	21
Northern	71	124	37	4	138	68	4	446
White	37	62	19	2	75	28	1	224
Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	24	42	9	---	33	22	2	132
Black	6	13	7	2	14	11	---	53
Asian	1	---	1	---	5	1	---	8
Pacific Islander	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
Multi-Racial	3	6	1	---	2	4	1	17
Unable to Determine	---	1	---	---	8	2	---	11
Southern	51	121	10	8	149	112	6	457
White	36	66	6	8	84	60	4	264
Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	5	16	1	---	22	16	2	62
Black	6	23	3	---	27	18	---	77
Asian	2	2	---	---	1	---	---	5
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	1
Pacific Islander	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	1
Multi-Racial	2	11	---	---	7	8	---	28
Unable to Determine	---	2	---	---	8	9	---	19
Boston	39	92	5	1	97	24	6	264
White	6	12	---	---	13	1	---	32
Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	9	22	2	---	21	6	3	63
Black	21	52	2	1	60	17	3	156
Asian	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	1
Multi-Racial	2	2	---	---	2	---	---	6
Unable to Determine	1	3	1	---	1	---	---	6
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	2
White	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	2
Other ⁽⁴⁾	5	4	6	6	4	---	---	25
Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	4	4	2	3	2	---	---	15
Black	1	---	1	2	---	---	---	4
Asian	---	---	3	---	---	---	---	3
Unable to Determine	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	2
Total	245	541	72	25	535	323	20	1,761

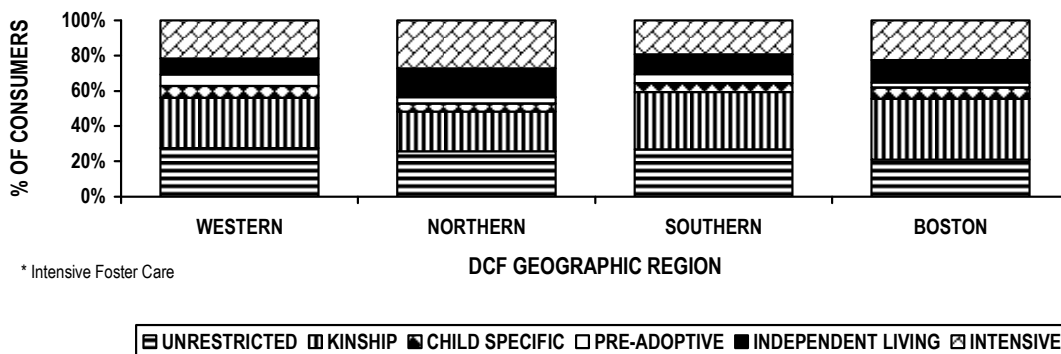
⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

⁽²⁾ STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

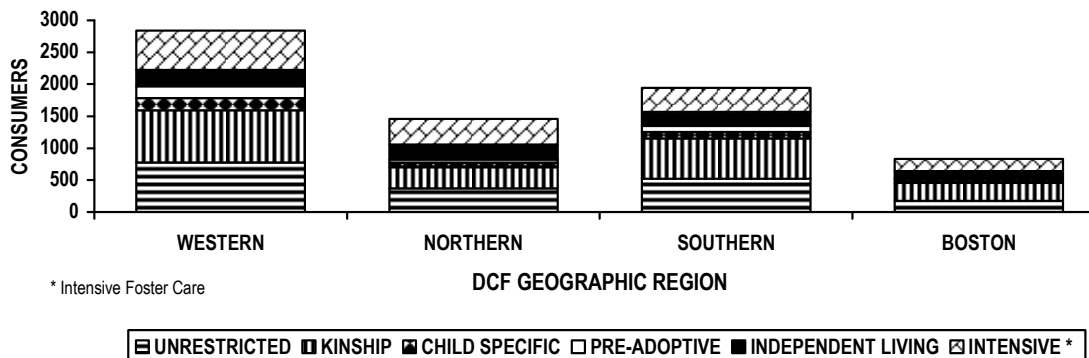
⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

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

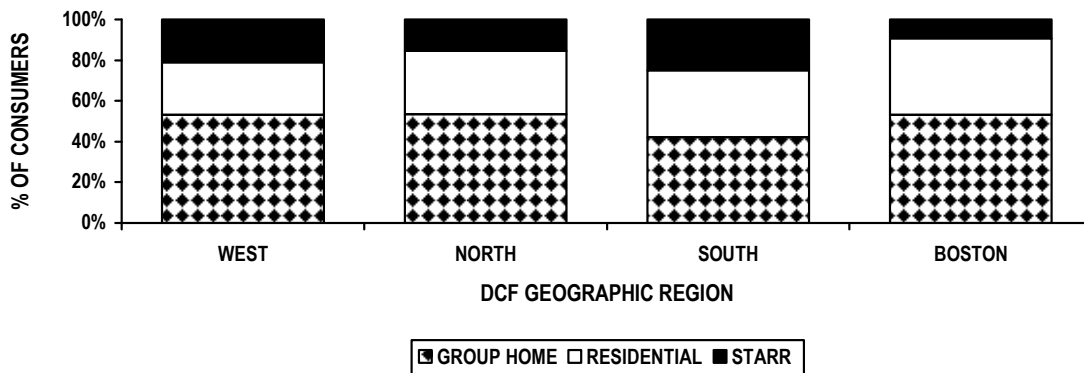
**FIGURE 22A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2014, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)**



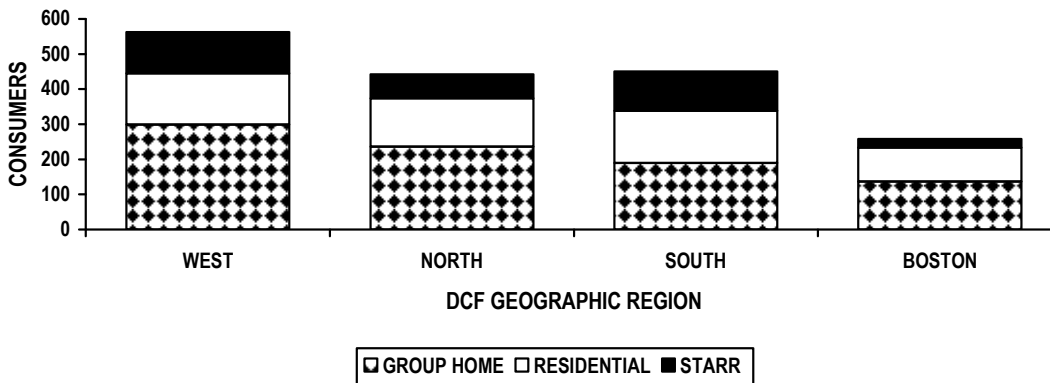
**FIGURE 22B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2014, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)**



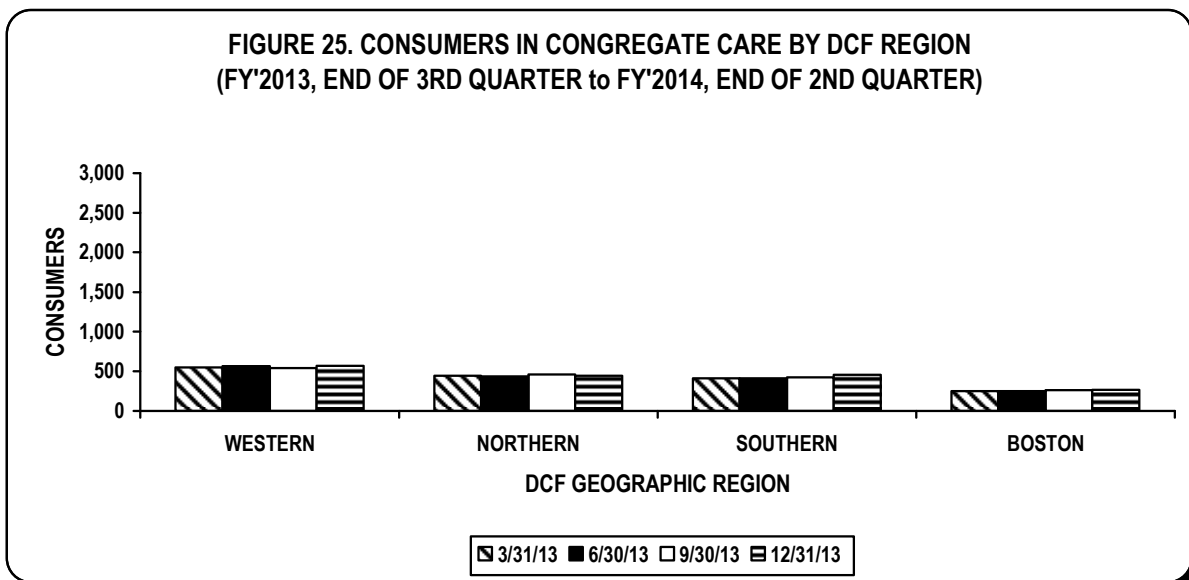
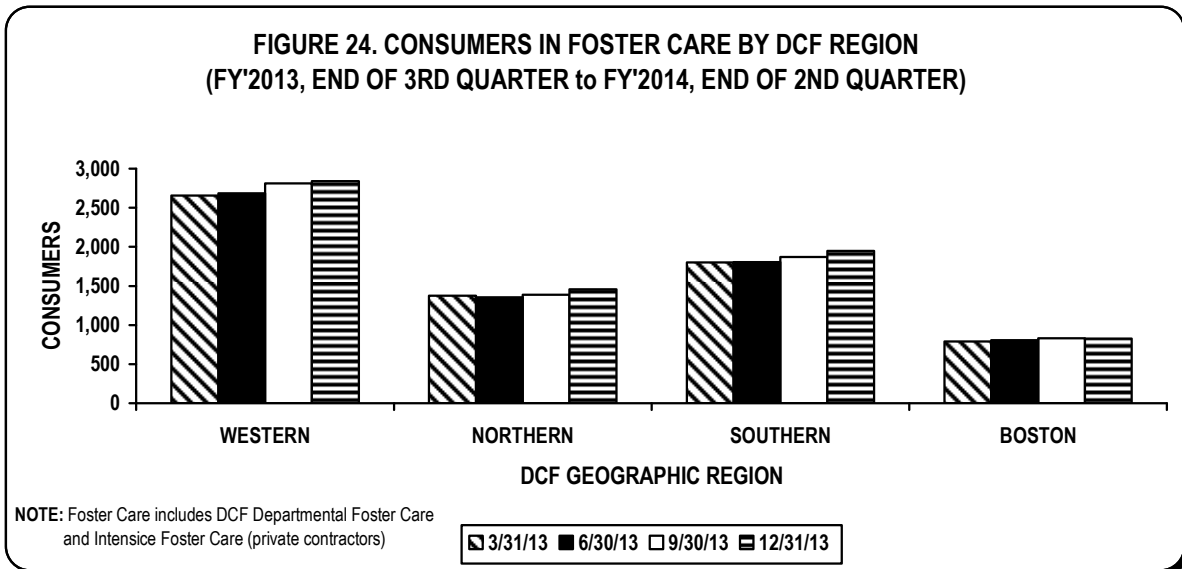
**FIGURE 23A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2014, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)**



**FIGURE 23B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2014, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)**



- From the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2014, there were increases of 2% in the foster care population and 3% in the congregate care population (Figs. 24 and 25).²⁵ Over the past four quarters, there have been small gains in the placement populations. These changes are reflected in Figures 13A and 21A (pages 24 and 43, respectively) which show a stabilization in placement counts. Prior to this stabilization, annual counts of placement children were on a mostly downward trend since 1995 (Fig. 13A, Fig. 21A).



²⁵ Both foster care and congregate care include young adults 18 years or older.

F. Independent Living

Of the 7,411 consumers in foster care, 858 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 12/31/2013, the ages of these children ranged from 17 to 25 years old.

Of the 1,761 consumers in congregate care, 97 were in the group home model of “Independent Living/Pre-Independent Living.” This placement service includes group homes as well as supervised or supported apartments designed for older adolescents who are developing the skills to live in the community in their own homes or apartments. On 12/31/2013, the ages of these children ranged from 17 to 22 years old.

- The Western Region had the highest number of independent living children in foster care while the Northern Region had the highest number in group homes. (See **table** below).
- Of the 858 youth in the Departmental foster care independent living model, 99% were 18 years or older, 60% were female, 40% were White, 23% were Black, 28% were Hispanic/Latino, and 69% had spent more than two years in continuous substitute care. (See **table** on next page)
- Of the 97 youth in independent living group homes, 90% were 18 years or older, 38% were female, 43% were White, 23% were Black, 24% were Hispanic/Latino, and 71% had spent more than two years in continuous substitute care. (See **table** on next page)

Regional Distribution of Youth in the Independent Living FY’2014, End of 2nd Quarter (12/31/13)

Youth Receiving Foster Care Payment		DCF Region	Group Home*	
No.	%		No.	%
259	30%	Western	20	21%
239	28%	Northern	41	42%
222	26%	Southern	18	19%
105	12%	Boston	6	6%
33	4%	Other**	12	12%
858	100%	TOTAL	97	100%

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

* Includes independent living and pre-independent living models.

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

**Demographic Profile of Youth in the Independent Living Program
FY'2014, End of 2nd Quarter (12/31/13)**

Youth Receiving Foster Care Payment			Group Home	
No.	%		No.	%
		<i>Age Group</i>		
5	1%	16-17 years	10	10%
853	99%	18 years or Older	87	90%
		<i>Gender</i>		
339	40%	Male	60	62%
519	60%	Female	37	38%
		<i>Race</i>		
341	40%	White	42	43%
194	23%	Black	22	23%
243	28%	Hispanic/Latino	23	24%
36	4%	Asian	5	5%
---	---	Native American	---	---
28	3%	Multi-Racial	2	2%
16	2%	Undetermined	3	3%
		<i>Continuous Time in Care</i>		
148	17%	1 year or less	15	15%
112	13%	>1 – 2 years	14	14%
217	25%	>2 – 4 years	27	29%
381	44%	>4 years	41	42%
858	100%	TOTAL	97	100%

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

G. Children in Kinship Placement²⁶

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 (i.e., Kinship foster care).

- Statewide, 27% of all children in placement were in kinship foster care. The North Central (39%), Fall River (34%), Pittsfield (34%) and Haverhill (33%) area offices had the highest proportions of placement children in Kinship foster care. (**Table 19A** on next page)
- Statewide, 30% of White, 21% of Hispanic/Latino, and 22% of Black children in placement were in Kinship foster care. (**Table 19B** on page 60)
- Of those area offices with more than 30 Hispanic children in placement, Fall River (35%) and Dimock Street (31%) had the largest proportions of Hispanic/Latino children in Kinship foster care. (**Table 19B**)
- Of those area offices with more than 30 Black children in placement, Lynn (32%), Coastal (32%), Park Street (31%), and Brockton (31%) had the largest proportions of Black children in Kinship foster care. (**Table 19B**)
- Comparing kinship foster children to all children in Departmental foster care, rather than all children in placement, showed that 44% of all children in Departmental foster care were in Kinship foster care (Table 19A). DCF areas with the largest proportions of Kinship foster children were Harbor (65%), Haverhill (61%), and Hyde Park (56%) (**Table 19A**).

²⁶ 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'2014, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)

DCF Region/Area	Kinship Foster Care	All Placements	% Kinship in Placement	Departmental Foster Care	% Kinship in Departmental Foster Care
Greenfield	83	319	26%	223	37%
Holyoke	66	254	26%	160	41%
North Central	158	410	39%	302	52%
Pittsfield	115	336	34%	242	48%
Robert Van Wart	56	328	17%	169	33%
South Central	90	298	30%	221	41%
Springfield	69	377	18%	195	35%
Worcester East	93	376	25%	212	44%
Worcester West	61	280	22%	169	36%
Contracted Agencies	2	5	40%	2	100%
Western	793	2,983	27%	1,895	42%
Cambridge	14	107	13%	44	32%
Cape Ann	35	151	23%	75	47%
Framingham	21	153	14%	79	27%
Haverhill	41	124	33%	67	61%
Lawrence	42	180	23%	112	38%
Lowell	81	309	26%	192	42%
Lynn	59	310	19%	157	38%
Malden	22	161	14%	60	37%
Contracted Agencies	---	1	---	---	---
Northern	315	1,496	21%	786	40%
Arlington	44	157	28%	84	52%
Brockton	74	252	29%	148	50%
Cape Cod	60	206	29%	133	45%
Coastal	69	224	31%	134	51%
Fall River	122	357	34%	252	48%
New Bedford	107	384	28%	232	46%
Plymouth	65	229	28%	155	42%
Taunton/Attleboro	65	214	30%	141	46%
Contracted Agencies	1	2	50%	1	100%
Southern	607	2,025	30%	1,280	47%
Dimock Street	68	237	29%	140	49%
Harbor	69	224	31%	106	65%
Hyde Park	50	168	30%	89	56%
Park Street	87	280	31%	169	51%
Boston	274	909	30%	504	54%
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	46	225	20%	166	28%
Other ⁽³⁾	1	39	3%	7	14%
Total	2,036	7,677	27%	4,638	44%

⁽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'2014, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)**

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	60	7	3	217	36	19	28%	19%	16%
Holyoke	25	35	1	87	135	15	29%	26%	7%
North Central	101	33	2	234	117	16	43%	28%	13%
Pittsfield	72	10	2	211	36	10	34%	28%	20%
Robert Van Wart	20	20	5	159	104	27	13%	19%	19%
South Central	76	4	2	213	52	10	36%	8%	20%
Springfield	16	32	12	76	181	88	21%	18%	14%
Worcester East	40	41	6	141	157	44	28%	26%	14%
Worcester West	29	22	4	120	99	30	24%	22%	13%
Ctr Human Dev (PAS West)	1	---	---	2	1	---	50%	---	---
Western	440	204	37	1,460	918	259	30%	22%	14%
Cambridge	6	7	---	42	29	19	14%	24%	---
Cape Ann	29	3	---	113	18	9	26%	17%	---
Framingham	10	5	2	86	41	7	12%	12%	29%
Haverhill	28	6	---	74	34	4	38%	18%	---
Lawrence	14	28	---	44	125	3	32%	22%	---
Lowell	45	18	1	129	104	17	35%	17%	6%
Lynn	27	6	13	121	95	41	22%	6%	32%
Malden	17	---	1	86	31	21	20%	---	5%
Northern	176	73	17	696	477	121	25%	15%	14%
Arlington	33	1	3	89	27	18	37%	4%	17%
Brockton	30	5	26	97	30	83	31%	17%	31%
Cape Cod	38	7	1	134	24	7	28%	29%	14%
Coastal	47	4	12	140	12	37	34%	33%	32%
Fall River	79	22	6	206	63	26	38%	35%	23%
New Bedford	62	17	15	192	80	55	32%	21%	27%
Plymouth	53	3	---	171	11	9	31%	27%	---
Taunton/Attleboro	49	5	4	137	21	16	36%	24%	25%
Solutions for Living (PAS SE)	1	---	---	1	1	---	100%	---	---
Southern	392	64	67	1,167	269	251	34%	24%	27%
Dimock Street	8	21	34	30	67	122	27%	31%	28%
Harbor	34	26	2	86	95	22	40%	27%	9%
Hyde Park	7	6	31	21	30	107	33%	20%	29%
Park Street	17	19	45	44	66	143	39%	29%	31%
Boston	66	72	112	181	258	394	36%	28%	28%
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	27	11	3	110	52	30	25%	21%	10%
Other ⁽⁴⁾	1	---	---	1	9	4	100%	---	---
Total	1,102	424	236	3,615	1,983	1,059	30%	21%	22%

⁽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 2nd Quarter of FY'2014, 1,805 consumers entered placement and 1,585 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 63)
- Compared to the 1st Quarter of FY'2014, there was a 4% decrease in consumers entering placement and a 1% decrease in consumers leaving placement during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2014.

A. Entries to Placement

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2014, 67% were first-time entrants and 33% were re-entrants.²⁷ Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 64% in the North to 72% in the South. (Table 20, Fig. 26 on next page)
- Across the state, 60% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 25% were placed in congregate care,²⁸ and 15% were placed in non-referral locations.²⁹
- Regionally, the proportion of all entrants placed in foster care ranged from 49% in the North to 65% in Boston. In contrast, the proportion of all entrants placed in congregate care ranged from 20% in the West to 29% in both the South and North. (Table 20, Fig. 27 on next page)
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Sixty-seven percent of first-time entrants and 45% of re-entrants were placed in foster care. Conversely, 36% of re-entrants and 19% of first-time entrants were placed in congregate care. (Table 20)

²⁷ Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

²⁸ Congregate Care includes group home, residential treatment, and short-term residential placement.

²⁹ Non-referral locations include hospitals, nursing homes, and placements supervised by other state agencies.

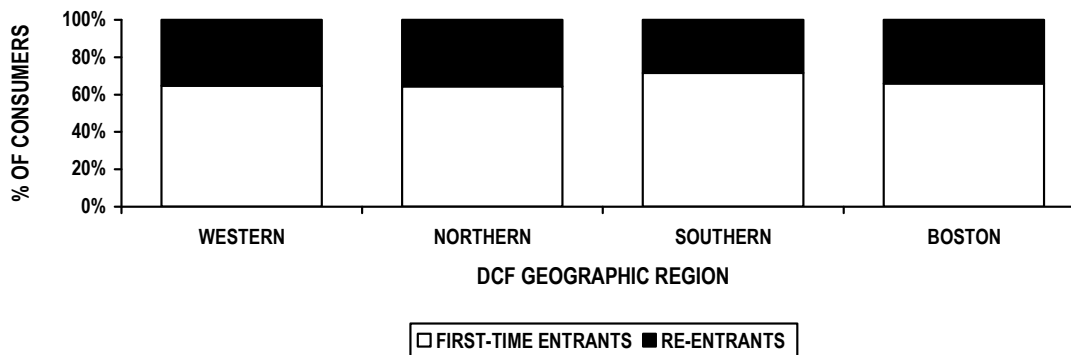
**TABLE 20. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2014, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/13 - 12/31/13)**

Entry Type: Placement Location Started	DCF Geographic Region					Other ⁽¹⁾	Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston			
First-Time Entrants:	445	242	365	145	11		1,208
Foster Care	321	134	252	104	4		815
Congregate Care	67	55	79	27	2		230
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	57	52	34	14	5		163
Re-Entrants:	242	134	145	75	1		597
Foster Care	120	50	58	40	---		268
Congregate Care	70	54	67	22	---		213
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	52	30	20	13	1		116
Total	687	376	510	220	12		1,805

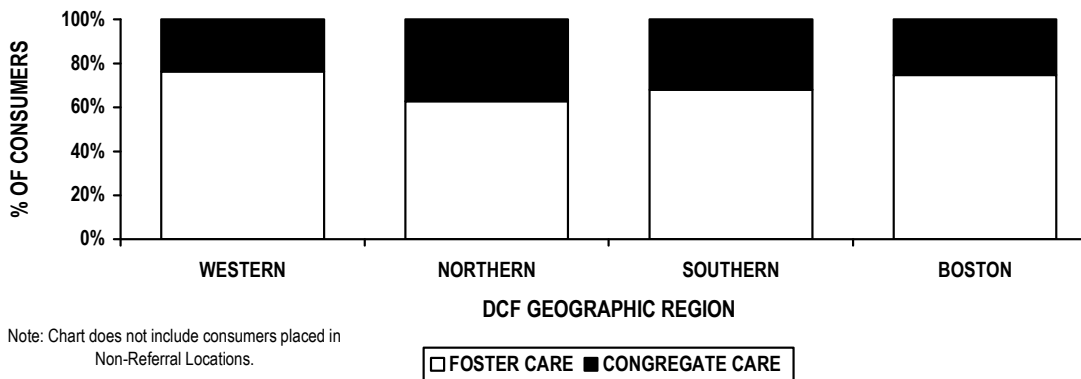
⁽¹⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽²⁾ Includes hospitals and other state agencies.

**FIGURE 26. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT
DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS)
FY'2014, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/13 - 12/31/13)**



**FIGURE 27. ALL CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER
TO FOSTER AND CONGREGATE CARE
FY'2014, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/13 - 12/31/13)**



B. Exits from Placement

- Statewide, 62% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 56% in Boston to 66% in the West. **(Table 21)**
- Statewide, 14% of consumers leaving placement were adopted, and 13% were emancipated (18 years or older), and 4% were granted guardianships. **(Table 21)**
- Regionally, the proportion of consumers leaving placement who were adopted ranged from 11% in the South to 15% in Boston. The proportion emancipated ranged from 8% in the West to 15% in Boston. The proportion granted guardianships ranged from 2% in the North to 7% in the South. **(Table 21)**

**TABLE 21. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2014, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/13 - 12/31/13)**

Reason Placement Ended	DCF Geographic Region						Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
Child Returned Home	402	209	257	119	1	---	988
Child 18 or Older	51	51	56	32	---	10	200
Consumer Adopted	85	44	46	32	19	---	226
Guardianship	22	6	30	12	---	---	70
Custody to Other Individual	39	18	12	11	---	---	80
Custody to Other Agency	5	---	4	4	---	---	13
Child on the Run	1	1	2	3	---	---	7
Consumer Deceased	1	---	---	---	---	---	1
Total	606	329	407	213	20	10	1,585

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

- Consumers who were returned home had one placement (median) and spent the least amount of time in continuous care (0.4 year median) (See **table** on next page). Adopted consumers spent the most time in continuous care (2.6 years median).
- Compared to other consumers leaving placement, emancipated consumers had a relatively large number of placements (8 median) during their entire history with the Department of Children and Families—from earliest placement entry to the most recent exit. As might be expected, children on the run from placement also had a relatively high number of placements (5 median). (See **table** on next page)

Consumers Leaving Placement (10/1/2013 – 12/31/2013)

Reason Left Placement	Most Recent Continuous Time in Placement Prior to Leaving			Total History w/DCF
	Number of Consumers	# Placements Median Count	Placement Duration Median Continuous Time in Placement (years)	# Placements Median Count
Returned Home	988	1	0.4	3
Emancipation (18 years or older)	200	2	2.4	8
Adoption	226	2	2.6	4
Guardianship	70	2	2.0	3
Custody to Other Individual or Agency	93	1	0.3	3
Child on the Run	7	1	0.6	5
Deceased	1	--	----	--
Total	1585	1	0.7	3

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

Reason Left Placement	1	2	3	4	7	Total
Returned Home	849	134	5	---	---	988
Emancipation (18 years or older)	86	99	12	2	1	200
Adoption	40	186	---	---	---	226
Guardianship	26	44	---	---	---	70
Custody to Other Individual or Agency	82	10	1	---	---	93
Child on the Run	6	1	---	---	---	7
Deceased	1	---	---	---	---	1
Total	1090	474	18	2	1	1585

- The above **table** shows that 86% of consumers returned home had 1 placement and 14% had 2 placements. Forty-three percent of emancipated consumers had 1 placement and 50% had 2 placements. Eighteen percent of adopted consumers had 1 placement and 82% had 2 placements. Thirty-seven percent of guardianship consumers had 1 placement and 63% had 2 placements.
- There was little difference among racial groups when comparing reasons for leaving placement (See **table** below). The proportions of White, Hispanic, and Black consumers were similar: 62-64% returned home, 12-13% emancipated, 11-15% adopted, 4-6% guardianship, 5-7% custody to “other,” and 0-1% on the run.

Consumers Leaving Placement (10/1/2013 – 12/31/2013)

Reason Left Placement	White	Hispanic	Black	Asian	Multi-Racial	Other*	Total
Returned Home	454	285	142	11	46	50	988
Emancipation (18 years or older)	94	58	28	6	9	5	200
Adoption	106	51	27	3	22	17	226
Guardianship	31	17	14	2	3	3	70
Custody to Other Individual or Agency	36	32	14	2	2	7	93
Child on the Run	2	1	3	---	---	1	7
Deceased	---	1	---	---	---	---	1
Total	723	445	228	24	82	83	1585

* Includes Native American, Pacific Islander, and Unspecified.

VII. FOSTER HOME DEMOGRAPHICS³⁰

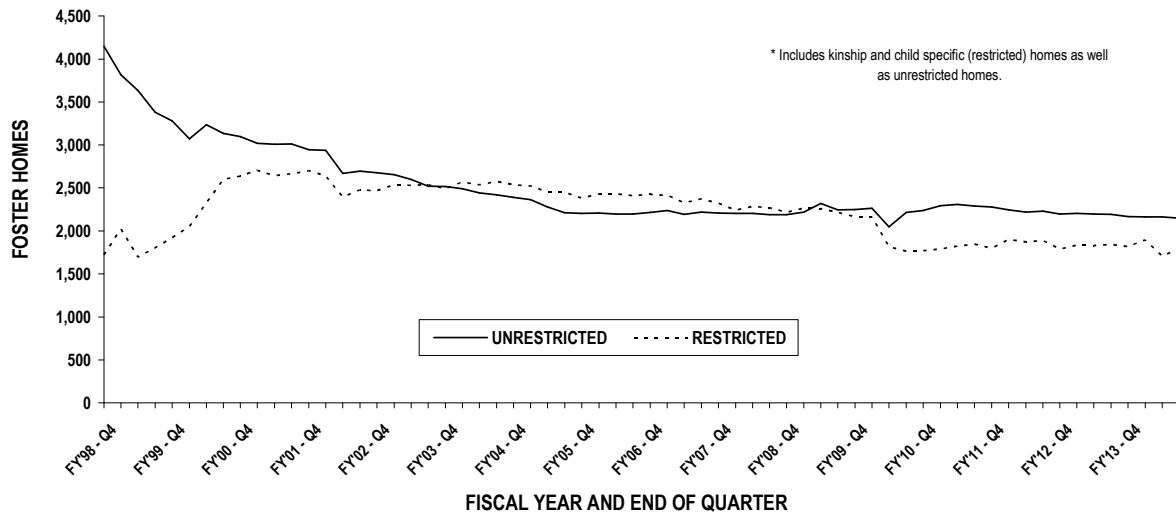
- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2014, there were 3,939 foster homes under the direct supervision of DCF. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes³¹ as well as unrestricted homes.³² There were 1,791 restricted and 2,148 unrestricted foster homes at the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2014—5% increase for restricted and a 1% decrease for unrestricted when compared to the 1st Quarter of FY'2014. 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)
- Beginning with the 1st Quarter of FY'2014, restricted foster homes included all approved homes and only non-approved homes with a child currently in placement. In prior quarters, restricted foster homes included all non-approved homes. Please note that the definition of unrestricted foster homes has not changed; it still includes only approved homes.
- 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 2nd Quarter of FY'2014, restricted homes accounted for 45% of all foster homes (**Table 22 and Fig. 28**)
- Statewide, 61% of foster parents in unrestricted homes and 53% of foster parents in restricted were White (**Table 22**).
- Ten percent (400) of all foster homes were identified as Black (198 restricted and 202 unrestricted) (**Table 22**).
- Sixteen percent (628) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (258 restricted and 370 unrestricted) (**Table 22**).
- Statewide, 60% of foster parents in unrestricted homes and 48% of foster parents in restricted homes were married (**Table 23** on page 67).

³⁰ 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.

³¹ 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.

³² 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 2ND QUARTER OF FY'2014 (12/31/13)**



**TABLE 22. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2014, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/103)⁽¹⁾**

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region								Total No. %	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Restricted:	633		334		602		222		1,791	
White	321	51%	213	64%	359	60%	56	25%	949	53%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾	123	19%	52	16%	42	7%	41	18%	258	14%
Black	27	4%	16	5%	55	9%	100	45%	198	11%
Asian	2	*	10	3%	2	*	1	*	15	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	8	1%	---	---	8	*
Pacific Islander	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	1	*
Multi-Racial	3	*	1	*	1	*	1	*	6	*
Unspecified	157	25%	42	13%	135	22%	22	10%	356	20%
Unrestricted:	852		444		662		190		2,148	
White	489	57%	281	63%	487	74%	59	31%	1,316	61%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾	208	43%	68	24%	58	12%	36	61%	370	17%
Black	53	6%	25	6%	42	6%	82	43%	202	9%
Asian	2	*	10	2%	1	*	3	2%	16	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	3	*	---	---	3	*
Pacific Islander	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1%	1	*
Multi-Racial	7	1%	2	*	3	*	1	1%	13	1%
Unspecified	93	11%	58	13%	68	10%	8	4%	227	11%
Total	1,485		778		1,264		412		3,939	

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

⁽²⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

**TABLE 23. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DCF REGION:
FY'2014, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13) ⁽¹⁾**

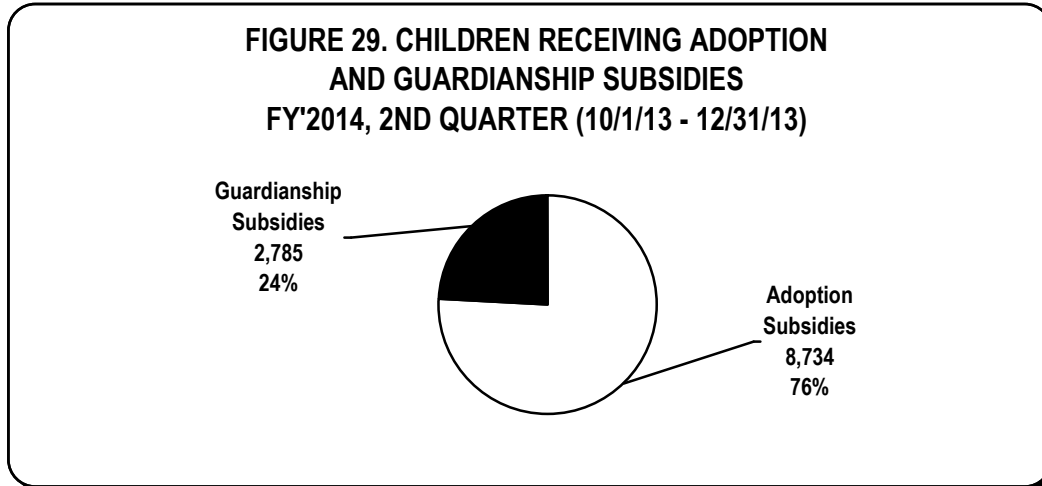
Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region								Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		No.	%
Restricted:	633		334		602		222		1,791	
Married	330	52%	161	48%	307	51%	64	29%	862	48%
Single	193	30%	104	31%	183	30%	132	59%	612	34%
Divorced	73	12%	44	13%	72	12%	9	4%	198	11%
Separated	15	2%	13	4%	19	3%	12	5%	59	3%
Widowed	22	3%	11	3%	19	3%	5	2%	57	3%
Unspecified	---	---	1	1%	2	1%	---	---	3	*
Unrestricted:	852		444		662		190		2,148	
Married	523	61%	267	60%	431	65%	72	38%	1,293	60%
Single	197	23%	103	23%	132	20%	78	41%	510	24%
Divorced	97	11%	56	13%	68	10%	28	15%	249	12%
Widowed	18	2%	10	2%	17	3%	8	4%	53	2%
Separated	15	2%	5	1%	12	2%	3	2%	35	2%
Unspecified	2	*	3	1%	2	*	1	1%	8	1%
Total	1,485		778		1,264		412		3,939	

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

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

VIII. ADOPTION AND GUARDIANSHIP SUBSIDIES

At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2014, the total number of children receiving an adoption subsidy was 8,734 (**Fig. 29**). Guardianship subsidies totaled 2,785. These counts represent subsidies that had a payment during the quarter, i.e., the number with service referrals actively paying out.



From the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2014, adoption subsidies increased less than 1% while guardianship subsidies decreased 1%. Quarterly fluctuations from -1% to 1% are typical for adoption and guardianship subsidies (See **table** below). Adoption subsidies fell below 9,000 in FY'2012 and guardianships declined below 3,000 in FY2011.

<i>Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)</i>					
Quarter	Adoption		Guardianship		
	No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change	
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	*
	4 th	8,775	2%	2,831	2%
FY'2014	1 st	8,703	-1%	2,813	-1%
	2 nd	8,734	*	2,785	-1%

* = 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	Children Not in Placement <18 yrs	All Adults >18 yrs
6/1983	61,786	33,516	NA	NA	28,270
6/1984	73,111	38,683	7,024	31,659	34,428
6/1985	75,935	40,628	7,779	32,849	35,307
6/1986	74,769	40,511	8,041	32,470	34,258
6/1987	66,033	37,497	8,075	29,422	28,536
6/1988	67,658	38,792	8,661	30,131	28,866
6/1989	70,052	40,497	9,544	30,953	29,555
6/1990	80,090	46,403	10,998	35,405	33,687
6/1991	81,975	47,922	12,392	35,530	34,053
6/1992	72,128	42,367	12,379	29,988	29,761
6/1993	72,340	42,656	12,763	29,893	29,684
6/1994	72,879	43,074	13,194	29,880	29,805
6/1995	73,032	42,997	13,302	29,695	30,035
6/1996	72,638	42,551	12,736	29,815	30,087
6/1997	74,921	43,570	12,193	31,377	31,351
1/1998	70,092	40,574	11,227	29,347	29,518
9/1998	68,331	38,507	10,503	28,004	29,824
6/1999	69,494	39,144	9,834	29,310	30,350
6/2000	72,423	40,691	10,025	30,666	31,732
6/2001	73,116	40,069	9,889	30,180	33,047
6/2002	70,688	38,442	9,932	28,510	32,246
6/2003	75,247	30,341	10,127	20,214	34,906
6/2004	77,368	42,023	9,815	32,208	35,345
6/2005	77,305	41,773	9,439	32,334	35,572
6/2006	78,014	41,690	9,543	32,147	36,324
6/2007	78,535	41,550	9,132	32,418	36,985
6/2008	87,176	45,730	9,287	36,443	41,446
6/2009	88,568	46,288	8,755	37,533	42,280
6/2010	76,003	39,479	8,097	31,382	36,524
6/2011	72,088	37,162	7,841	29,321	34,926
6/2012	68,521	35,046	7,467	27,579	33,475
9/2012	66,114	33,521	7,471	26,050	32,593
12/2012	67,334	34,114	7,302	26,812	33,220
3/2013	67,604	34,217	7,278	26,939	33,387
6/2013	70,573	35,707	7,368	28,339	34,866
9/30/13	71,163	35,719	7,552	28,167	35,444
12/31/13	75,390	37,714	7,677	30,037	37,676

Note: revised counts

Source: ASSIST 6/1983 - 1/1998) and FamilyNet (9/1998 - 12/31/13)

**TABLE A2. CASE OPENINGS ⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2014, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/13 - 12/31/13)**

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	21	34%	29	48%	1	2%	3	5%	---	---	7	11%	61
Holyoke	28	45%	21	34%	---	---	4	6%	1	2%	8	13%	62
North Central	78	48%	67	41%	2	1%	6	4%	1	1%	9	6%	163
Pittsfield	42	58%	22	31%	---	---	3	4%	1	1%	4	6%	72
Robert Van Wart	45	33%	87	64%	1	1%	---	---	1	1%	2	1%	136
South Central	60	48%	54	43%	4	3%	6	5%	2	2%	---	---	126
Springfield	103	64%	39	24%	2	1%	2	1%	3	2%	12	7%	161
Worcester East	42	60%	10	14%	5	7%	3	4%	---	---	10	14%	70
Worcester West	73	73%	23	23%	---	---	2	2%	1	1%	1	1%	100
Western	494	52%	352	37%	15	2%	29	3%	10	1%	53	6%	953
Cambridge	26	41%	30	47%	---	---	2	3%	---	---	6	9%	64
Cape Ann	24	30%	39	49%	---	---	7	9%	5	6%	5	6%	80
Framingham	27	36%	38	51%	4	5%	1	1%	1	1%	4	5%	75
Haverhill	25	53%	16	34%	2	4%	2	4%	---	---	2	4%	47
Lawrence	18	38%	17	36%	6	13%	1	2%	1	2%	4	9%	47
Lowell	68	63%	30	28%	4	4%	2	2%	1	1%	3	3%	108
Lynn	32	48%	22	33%	5	7%	---	---	3	4%	5	7%	67
Malden	35	50%	22	31%	---	---	4	6%	4	6%	5	7%	70
Northern	255	46%	214	38%	21	4%	19	3%	15	3%	34	6%	558
Arlington	25	41%	31	51%	3	5%	1	2%	1	2%	---	---	61
Brockton	72	75%	12	13%	4	4%	5	5%	1	1%	2	2%	96
Cape Cod	40	48%	28	33%	---	---	2	2%	3	4%	11	13%	84
Coastal	31	39%	38	48%	3	4%	4	5%	---	---	3	4%	79
Fall River	53	48%	45	41%	5	5%	4	4%	1	1%	3	3%	111
New Bedford	77	54%	47	33%	7	5%	2	1%	---	---	10	7%	143
Plymouth	71	66%	27	25%	1	1%	---	---	4	4%	4	4%	107
Taunton/Attleboro	43	47%	35	38%	4	4%	3	3%	2	2%	5	5%	92
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Southern	413	53%	263	34%	27	3%	21	3%	12	2%	38	5%	774
Dimock Street	81	78%	13	13%	5	5%	1	1%	---	---	4	4%	104
Harbor	64	54%	39	33%	4	3%	2	2%	---	---	10	8%	119
Hyde Park	52	70%	9	12%	8	11%	---	---	1	1%	4	5%	74
Park Street	44	62%	14	20%	2	3%	6	8%	5	7%	---	---	71
Boston	241	65%	75	20%	19	5%	9	2%	6	2%	18	5%	368
Other ⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	11	100%	---	---	---	---	11
Total:	1,403	53%	904	34%	82	3%	89	3%	43	2%	143	5%	2,664

⁽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⁾ 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'2014, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/13 - 12/031/13)**

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	191	45%	198	47%	4	1%	16	4%	---	---	13	3%	422
Holyoke	260	59%	142	32%	6	1%	13	3%	4	1%	19	4%	444
North Central	550	56%	349	35%	7	1%	49	5%	11	1%	20	2%	986
Pittsfield	225	61%	107	29%	7	2%	7	2%	16	4%	8	2%	370
Robert Van Wart	338	38%	518	59%	14	2%	1	*	6	1%	3	*	880
South Central	332	50%	286	43%	26	4%	11	2%	7	1%	---	---	662
Springfield	584	59%	331	34%	34	3%	6	1%	11	1%	20	2%	986
Worcester East	373	68%	54	10%	60	11%	9	2%	30	5%	23	4%	549
Worcester West	405	66%	179	29%	3	*	13	2%	6	1%	4	1%	610
Western	3,269	55%	2,164	37%	161	3%	125	2%	91	2%	110	2%	5,920
Cambridge	151	49%	119	38%	2	1%	23	7%	5	2%	11	4%	311
Cape Ann	166	35%	234	49%	6	1%	16	3%	42	9%	17	4%	481
Framingham	189	41%	217	47%	36	8%	4	1%	12	3%	7	2%	465
Haverhill	180	47%	167	44%	18	5%	6	2%	---	---	12	3%	383
Lawrence	128	42%	95	31%	58	19%	5	2%	8	3%	12	4%	306
Lowell	415	66%	142	23%	21	3%	35	6%	8	1%	6	1%	627
Lynn	182	45%	142	35%	52	13%	6	1%	16	4%	4	1%	402
Malden	274	65%	100	24%	---	---	16	4%	27	6%	6	1%	423
Northern	1,685	50%	1,216	36%	193	6%	111	3%	118	3%	75	2%	3,398
Arlington	128	39%	158	48%	28	8%	13	4%	3	1%	---	---	330
Brockton	444	74%	68	11%	65	11%	10	2%	2	*	9	2%	598
Cape Cod	216	46%	166	36%	17	4%	4	1%	37	8%	25	5%	465
Coastal	203	45%	203	45%	16	4%	17	4%	4	1%	7	2%	450
Fall River	386	59%	192	30%	31	5%	16	2%	9	1%	15	2%	649
New Bedford	536	60%	281	32%	43	5%	3	*	---	---	29	3%	892
Plymouth	431	65%	179	27%	9	1%	---	---	32	5%	10	2%	661
Taunton/Attleboro	185	44%	150	36%	23	5%	24	6%	19	5%	18	4%	419
Southern	2,533	57%	1,397	31%	232	5%	87	2%	106	2%	113	3%	4,468
Dimock Street	402	78%	73	14%	29	6%	3	1%	2	*	9	2%	518
Harbor	376	56%	213	32%	47	7%	13	2%	9	1%	11	2%	669
Hyde Park	318	71%	54	12%	57	13%	7	2%	4	1%	7	2%	447
Park Street	379	75%	70	14%	14	3%	9	2%	25	5%	9	2%	506
Boston	1,475	69%	410	19%	147	7%	32	1%	40	2%	36	2%	2,140
Other ⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	10	71%	---	---	4	29%	14
Total:	8,962	56%	5,187	33%	733	5%	365	2%	355	2%	338	2%	15,940

* = 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⁾ 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' 2013, 3RD QUARTER TO FY'2014, 2ND QUARTER**

TOTAL CASE OPENINGS ⁽¹⁾											
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other⁽²⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2013 - Q3	870	1%	480	5%	648	16%	315	-2%	9	2,322	10%
FY'2013 - Q4	905	4%	479	*	659	2%	328	4%	20	2,391	3%
FY'2014 - Q1	829	-8%	454	-5%	664	1%	319	-3%	9	2,275	-5%
FY'2014 - Q1	953	15%	558	23%	774	17%	368	15%	11	2,664	17%

PROTECTIVE CASE OPENINGS ⁽³⁾											
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other⁽²⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2013 - Q3	400	-7%	186	-5%	347	30%	205	1%	---	1,138	4%
FY'2013 - Q4	429	7%	186	0%	353	2%	218	6%	---	1,186	4%
FY'2014 - Q1	407	-5%	196	5%	350	-1%	209	-4%	---	1,162	-2%
FY'2014 - Q1	494	21%	255	30%	413	18%	241	15%	---	1,403	21%

ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE CASE OPENINGS ⁽⁴⁾											
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other⁽²⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2013 - Q3	367	14%	177	9%	205	-2%	78	7%	---	827	8%
FY'2013 - Q4	351	-4%	203	15%	187	-9%	58	-26%	---	799	-3%
FY'2014 - Q1	307	-13%	174	-14%	210	12%	57	-2%	---	748	-6%
FY'2014 - Q1	352	15%	214	23%	263	25%	75	32%	---	904	21%

VOLUNTARY REQUESTS CASE OPENINGS											
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other⁽²⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2013 - Q3	28	87%	31	19%	24	33%	8	-47%	8	99	16%
FY'2013 - Q4	31	11%	19	-39%	22	-8%	13	63%	15	100	1%
FY'2014 - Q1	27	-13%	20	5%	18	-18%	8	-38%	9	82	-18%
FY'2014 - Q1	29	7%	19	-5%	21	17%	9	13%	11	89	9%

CRA REFERRALS CASE OPENINGS											
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other⁽²⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2013 - Q3	10	-66%	27	13%	29	21%	17	-6%	---	83	13%
FY'2013 - Q4	21	110%	25	-7%	38	31%	26	53%	---	110	33%
FY'2014 - Q1	11	-48%	20	-20%	23	-39%	19	-27%	---	73	-34%
FY'2014 - Q1	15	36%	21	5%	27	17%	19	*	---	82	12%

COURT REFERRAL CASE OPENINGS											
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other⁽²⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2013 - Q3	15	*	17	31%	7	-42%	2	-33%	---	41	23%
FY'2013 - Q4	14	-7%	15	-12%	22	214%	4	100%	---	55	34%
FY'2014 - Q1	18	29%	12	-20%	13	-41%	6	50%	---	49	-11%
FY'2014 - Q1	10	-44%	15	25%	12	-8%	6	*	---	43	-12%

OTHER CASE OPENINGS ⁽⁵⁾											
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other⁽²⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2013 - Q3	50	-9%	42	17%	36	16%	5	-44%	1	134	2%
FY'2013 - Q4	59	18%	31	-26%	37	3%	9	80%	1	137	2%
FY'2014 - Q1	59	*	32	3%	50	35%	20	122%	---	161	18%
FY'2014 - Q1	53	-10%	34	6%	38	-24%	18	-10%	---	143	-11%

% = change from prior quarter

* = 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'2014, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/13 - 12/31/13)

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.	%	No.	
Greenfield	235	48%	89	18%	17	3%	145	30%	486
Holyoke	285	48%	181	30%	27	5%	103	17%	596
North Central	267	41%	235	36%	4	1%	153	23%	659
Pittsfield	369	52%	154	22%	2	*	184	26%	709
Robert Van Wart	434	57%	96	13%	9	1%	225	29%	764
South Central	255	39%	192	29%	---	---	215	32%	662
Springfield	250	35%	257	36%	41	6%	158	22%	706
Worcester East	181	37%	184	38%	36	7%	83	17%	484
Worcester West	158	32%	197	40%	40	8%	96	20%	491
Western	2,434	44%	1,585	29%	176	3%	1,362	25%	5,557
Cambridge	139	46%	60	20%	3	1%	98	33%	300
Cape Ann	247	51%	65	13%	12	2%	161	33%	485
Framingham	282	59%	47	10%	4	1%	143	30%	476
Haverhill	248	50%	107	22%	22	4%	117	24%	494
Lawrence	256	49%	95	18%	3	1%	169	32%	523
Lowell	323	53%	142	23%	59	10%	82	14%	606
Lynn	232	57%	85	21%	---	---	89	22%	406
Malden	227	58%	101	26%	7	2%	59	15%	394
Northern	1,954	53%	702	19%	110	3%	918	25%	3,684
Arlington	201	59%	44	13%	5	1%	89	26%	339
Brockton	232	48%	181	37%	9	2%	66	14%	488
Cape Cod	161	40%	121	30%	9	2%	116	29%	407
Coastal	133	31%	118	28%	21	5%	155	36%	427
Fall River	166	31%	193	36%	27	5%	148	28%	534
New Bedford	171	30%	185	33%	45	8%	162	29%	563
Plymouth	215	41%	168	32%	15	3%	122	23%	520
Taunton/Attleboro	177	37%	135	28%	14	3%	154	32%	480
Southern	1,456	39%	1,145	30%	145	4%	1,012	27%	3,758
Dimock Street	129	31%	227	54%	26	6%	36	9%	418
Harbor	123	33%	135	36%	13	3%	103	28%	374
Hyde Park	171	42%	173	42%	23	6%	42	10%	409
Park Street	205	50%	136	33%	32	8%	41	10%	414
Boston	628	39%	671	42%	94	6%	222	14%	1,615
Judge Bake Children's Center	2,262	38%	1,498	25%	1,145	19%	1,050	18%	5,955
Special Investigation	186	41%	266	59%	1	*	---	---	453
Total	8,920	42%	5,867	28%	1,671	8%	4,564	22%	21,022

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'2014, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/13 - 12/31/13)

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	75	64%	43	36%	118	80	49%	82	51%	162	280
Holyoke	114	52%	105	48%	219	49	47%	55	53%	104	323
North Central	172	74%	62	26%	234	114	64%	65	36%	179	413
Pittsfield	81	62%	50	38%	131	42	27%	116	73%	158	289
Robert Van Wart	101	90%	11	10%	112	151	61%	95	39%	246	358
South Central	125	74%	43	26%	168	124	55%	103	45%	227	395
Springfield	201	71%	84	29%	285	96	55%	77	45%	173	458
Worcester East	142	65%	76	35%	218	25	28%	64	72%	89	307
Worcester West	163	67%	79	33%	242	78	65%	42	35%	120	362
Contracted Agencies	---	---	1	100%	1	---	---	---	---	---	1
Western	1,174	68%	554	32%	1,728	759	52%	699	48%	1,458	3,186
Cambridge	44	59%	30	41%	74	43	39%	68	61%	111	185
Cape Ann	59	56%	47	44%	106	71	46%	83	54%	154	260
Framingham	46	77%	14	23%	60	116	68%	55	32%	171	231
Haverhill	61	57%	46	43%	107	56	42%	78	58%	134	241
Lawrence	42	51%	41	49%	83	29	17%	143	83%	172	255
Lowell	145	61%	92	39%	237	67	67%	33	33%	100	337
Lynn	58	77%	17	23%	75	62	64%	35	36%	97	172
Malden	85	69%	38	31%	123	43	62%	26	38%	69	192
Northern	540	62%	325	38%	865	487	48%	521	52%	1,008	1,873
Arlington	42	53%	38	48%	80	56	45%	68	55%	124	204
Brockton	153	68%	73	32%	226	29	33%	58	67%	87	313
Cape Cod	74	66%	38	34%	112	65	55%	54	45%	119	231
Coastal	85	56%	68	44%	153	82	46%	97	54%	179	332
Fall River	119	57%	90	43%	209	78	43%	103	57%	181	390
New Bedford	192	74%	66	26%	258	101	59%	69	41%	170	428
Plymouth	143	75%	48	25%	191	56	35%	102	65%	158	349
Taunton/Attleboro	78	53%	70	47%	148	73	45%	89	55%	162	310
Southern	886	64%	491	36%	1,377	540	46%	640	54%	1,180	2,557
Dimock Street	127	56%	99	44%	226	19	48%	21	53%	40	266
Harbor	122	73%	45	27%	167	63	47%	70	53%	133	300
Hyde Park	138	62%	85	38%	223	25	52%	23	48%	48	271
Park Street	136	66%	69	34%	205	25	57%	19	43%	44	249
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	1
Boston	524	64%	298	36%	822	132	50%	133	50%	265	1,087
Judge Baker Children's Center	624	75%	212	25%	836	---	---	---	---	---	836
Special Investigations	60	23%	202	77%	262	---	---	---	---	---	262
Total	3,808	65%	2,082	35%	5,890	1,918	49%	1,993	51%	3,911	9,801

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'2013, 3RD QUARTER TO FY'2014, 2ND 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'2013 - Q3	5,554	-4%	3,664	-1%	3,722	-3%	1,494	-3%	5,565	-3%	428	20,427 -3%
FY'2013 - Q4	6,065	9%	4,056	11%	3,948	6%	1,605	7%	6,322	14%	491	22,487 10%
FY'2014 - Q1	4,994	-18%	3,039	-25%	3,212	-19%	1,246	-22%	6,629	5%	475	19,595 -13%
FY'2014 - Q2	5,557	11%	3,684	21%	3,758	17%	1,615	30%	5,955	-10%	453	21,022 7%

CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS												
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Judge Baker Children's Center		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Other ⁽¹⁾	No. %
FY'2013 - Q3	1,657	-3%	707	*	1,162	-9%	723	-2%	761	-7%	262	5,272 -5%
FY'2013 - Q4	1,784	8%	863	22%	1,365	17%	783	8%	896	18%	324	6,015 14%
FY'2014 - Q1	1,637	-8%	742	-14%	1,176	-14%	657	-16%	950	6%	272	5,434 -10%
FY'2014 - Q2	1,728	6%	865	17%	1,377	17%	822	25%	836	-12%	262	5,890 8%

CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INITIAL ASSESSMENTS												
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Judge Baker Children's Center		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
FY'2013 - Q3	1,468	-2%	952	-4%	1,216	-3%	272	-13%	---	---	3,908	-4%
FY'2013 - Q4	1,582	8%	1,109	16%	1,259	4%	263	-3%	---	---	4,213	8%
FY'2014 - Q1	1,332	-16%	796	-28%	1,141	-9%	197	-25%	---	---	3,466	-18%
FY'2014 - Q2	1,458	9%	1,008	27%	1,180	3%	265	35%	---	---	3,911	13%

* 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'2014 ⁽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
FY'2013, Q4	659	50%	658	50%	1,317
FY'2013 Total	2,486	51%	2,371	49%	4,857
FY'2014, Q1	703	56%	551	44%	1,254
FY'2014, Q2	659	50%	658	50%	1,317

⁽¹⁾ DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

TABLE A9. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: FY2003 - FY2014

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
FY'2013, Q4	641	82%	133	17%	11	1%	---	---	785
FY'2013 Total	2,162	81%	463	17%	40	2%	---	---	2,665
FY'2014, Q1	577	80%	129	18%	12	2%	---	---	718
FY'2014, Q2	540	80%	125	19%	7	1%	---	---	672

⁽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'2014, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)**

DCF Region/Area	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				Total No.
	Not Legally Free		Legally Free		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	84	82%	18	18%	102
Holyoke	42	64%	24	36%	66
North Central	88	73%	33	27%	121
Pittsfield	79	66%	40	34%	119
Robert Van Wart	73	77%	22	23%	95
South Central	88	81%	21	19%	109
Springfield	83	66%	42	34%	125
Worcester East	58	67%	28	33%	86
Worcester West	52	68%	25	32%	77
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	1
Western	648	72%	253	28%	901
Cambridge	12	67%	6	33%	18
Cape Ann	2	100%	---	---	2
Framingham	33	61%	21	39%	54
Haverhill	28	65%	15	35%	43
Lawrence	24	56%	19	44%	43
Lowell	39	57%	30	43%	69
Lynn	81	59%	56	41%	137
Malden	18	67%	9	33%	27
Northern	237	60%	156	40%	393
Arlington	16	80%	4	20%	20
Brockton	29	40%	43	60%	72
Cape Cod	13	36%	23	64%	36
Coastal	13	25%	38	75%	51
Fall River	64	56%	50	44%	114
New Bedford	62	51%	59	49%	121
Plymouth	28	51%	27	49%	55
Taunton/Attleboro	38	58%	28	42%	66
Southern	263	49%	272	51%	535
Dimock Street	68	76%	21	24%	89
Harbor	20	38%	32	62%	52
Hyde Park	---	---	---	---	---
Park Street	33	60%	22	40%	55
Boston	121	62%	75	38%	196
Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾	103	49%	107	51%	210
Total	1,372	61%	863	39%	2,235

⁽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'2014, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/13)**

DCF Region/Area	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				Total No.
	Not Matched		Matched		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	31	30%	71	70%	102
Holyoke	13	20%	53	80%	66
North Central	45	37%	76	63%	121
Pittsfield	32	27%	87	73%	119
Robert Van Wart	38	40%	57	60%	95
South Central	50	46%	59	54%	109
Springfield	38	30%	87	70%	125
Worcester East	58	67%	28	33%	86
Worcester West	28	36%	49	64%	77
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	1
Western	334	37%	567	63%	901
Cambridge	3	17%	15	83%	18
Cape Ann	2	100%	---	---	2
Framingham	20	37%	34	63%	54
Haverhill	19	44%	24	56%	43
Lawrence	12	28%	31	72%	43
Lowell	35	51%	34	49%	69
Lynn	54	39%	83	61%	137
Malden	14	52%	13	48%	27
Northern	159	40%	234	60%	393
Arlington	4	20%	16	80%	20
Brockton	37	51%	35	49%	72
Cape Cod	10	28%	26	72%	36
Coastal	4	8%	47	92%	51
Fall River	46	40%	68	60%	114
New Bedford	35	29%	86	71%	121
Plymouth	22	40%	33	60%	55
Taunton/Attleboro	19	29%	47	71%	66
Southern	177	33%	358	67%	535
Dimock Street	47	53%	42	47%	89
Harbor	25	48%	27	52%	52
Hyde Park	---	---	---	---	---
Park Street	33	60%	22	40%	55
Boston	105	54%	91	46%	196
Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾	83	40%	127	60%	210
Total	858	38%	1,377	62%	2,235

⁽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