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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 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, DCF had 26,283 open cases (1,802 adoption cases and 24,481 clinical cases) and 90,611 open consumers<sup>1</sup> (45,442 adults and 45,169 children). (**Table 1** on page 3)
- From the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, the case count increased 7% and the consumer count increased 8%.
- 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 and reached a new all time high in 2014—90,611 consumers. (**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. A resurgence in these counts began in 2013 and continued in 2014 (**Fig 1**). At the end of June 2014, the number of adults exceeded children--45,442 adults vs. 45,169 children (**Appendix Table A1**).
- From 2012-2014, the annual count of female adults has been marginally greater than the number of male children (**Fig. 2** on page 4).
- In 1999, the annual count of male children exceeded female children by 1,052. By the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, there were 1,907 more male than female children. (**Fig. 2**)

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

- Compared to women and children, annual counts of male adults have risen from much lower numbers in the past (**Fig. 2**). At the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, there were: 23,892 female adults, 23,356 children, 21,449 female children, and 20,096 male adults. There were an additional 1,818 individuals with unspecified age and/or gender at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014.

### A. Consumers in Placement

- There were 10,414 individuals in placement on the last day of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014. Included in this count are 8,622 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,792 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 13% in the Boston Region (**Table 1**).
- From the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, the number of children in placement increased 4% statewide (**table** below, **Appendix Table A1** on page 70). Regional changes ranged from 1% in the South to 8% in Boston (**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'2014 - Q1	2,958	5%	1,466	2%	1,941	3%	924	7%	263	7,552	4%
FY'2014 - Q2	2,983	1%	1,496	2%	2,025	4%	909	-2%	264	7,677	2%
FY'2014 - Q3	3,198	7%	1,588	6%	2,212	9%	1,019	12%	258	8,275	8%
FY'2014 - Q4	3,336	4%	1,694	7%	2,236	1%	1,096	8%	260	8,622	4%

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, there were 36,547 children less than 18 years old with an active case status who were not in placement (**Table 1**). From the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, counts of children not in placement increased 9% statewide (**table** on next page, **Appendix Table A1**). Regional changes ranged from 4% in Boston to 10% in both the North and West (**table** on next page, **Fig. 15** on page 27).



**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'2014 - Q1	12,114	4%	5,192	2%	7,078	10%	3,748	1%	35	28,167	5%
FY'2014 - Q2	12,739	5%	5,574	7%	7,546	7%	4,159	11%	19	30,037	7%
FY'2014 - Q3	14,237	12%	6,343	14%	8,406	11%	4,491	8%	25	33,502	12%
FY'2014 - Q4	15,728	10%	7,004	10%	9,140	9%	4,652	4%	23	36,547	9%

**TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2014, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**

Case Counts:	DCF Geographic Region				Adoption Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>	Other <sup>(2)</sup>	Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston			
<b>Adoption</b>	713	324	459	171	131	4	<b>1,802</b>
<b>Clinical</b>	9,678	5,054	6,399	3,192	8	150	<b>24,481</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,391</b>	<b>5,378</b>	<b>6,858</b>	<b>3,363</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>26,283</b>
<b>Consumer Counts:</b>							
<b>Adults: <sup>(3)</sup></b>							
<b>In Placement: <sup>(4)</sup> Foster/Congregate Care <sup>(5)</sup></b>	523	468	434	226	1	104	<b>1,756</b>
<b>Other <sup>(6)</sup></b>	9	6	1	3	---	8	<b>27</b>
<b>On the Run</b>	3	1	1	4	---	---	<b>9</b>
<b>Total in Placement</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>1,792</b>
<b>Not in Placement</b>	17,963	8,573	11,957	5,133	4	20	<b>43,650</b>
<b>Total Adults</b>	<b>18,498</b>	<b>9,048</b>	<b>12,393</b>	<b>5,366</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>45,442</b>
<b>Children:</b>							
<b>In Placement: <sup>(4)</sup> Foster/Congregate Care <sup>(5)</sup></b>	3,223	1,619	2,180	1,018	226	32	<b>8,298</b>
<b>Other <sup>(6)</sup></b>	73	47	29	38	1	1	<b>189</b>
<b>On the Run</b>	40	28	27	40	---	---	<b>135</b>
<b>Total in Placement</b>	<b>3,336</b>	<b>1,694</b>	<b>2,236</b>	<b>1,096</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>8,622</b>
<b>Not in Placement</b>	15,728	7,004	9,140	4,652	16	7	<b>36,547</b>
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>19,064</b>	<b>8,698</b>	<b>11,376</b>	<b>5,748</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>45,169</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,562</b>	<b>17,746</b>	<b>23,769</b>	<b>11,114</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>90,611</b>

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

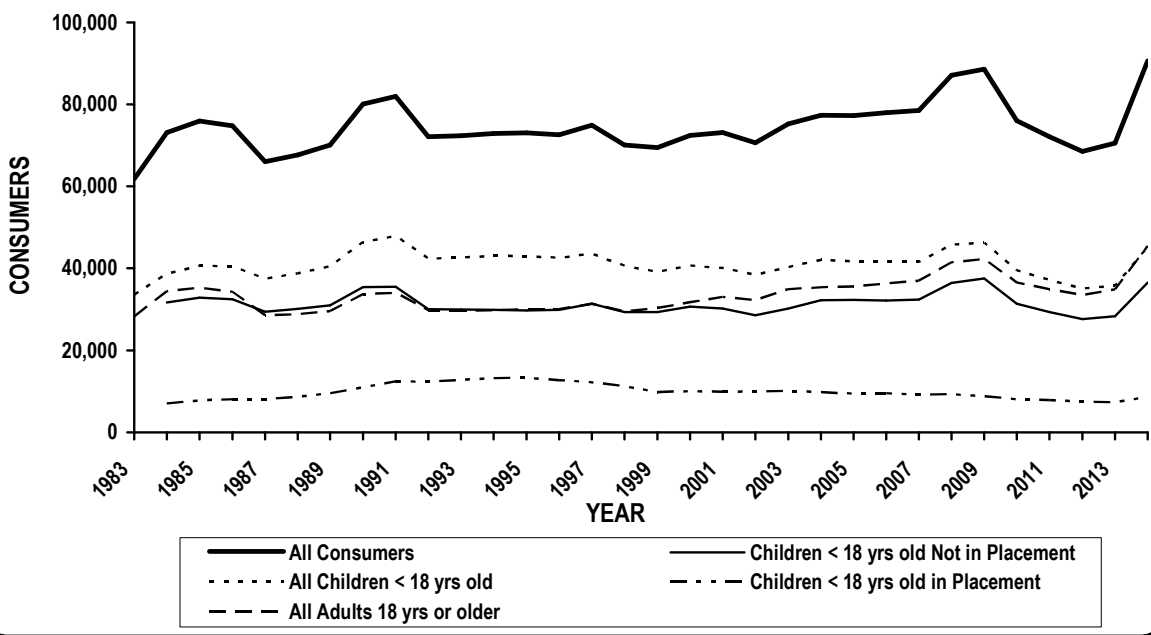
<sup>(3)</sup> Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

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

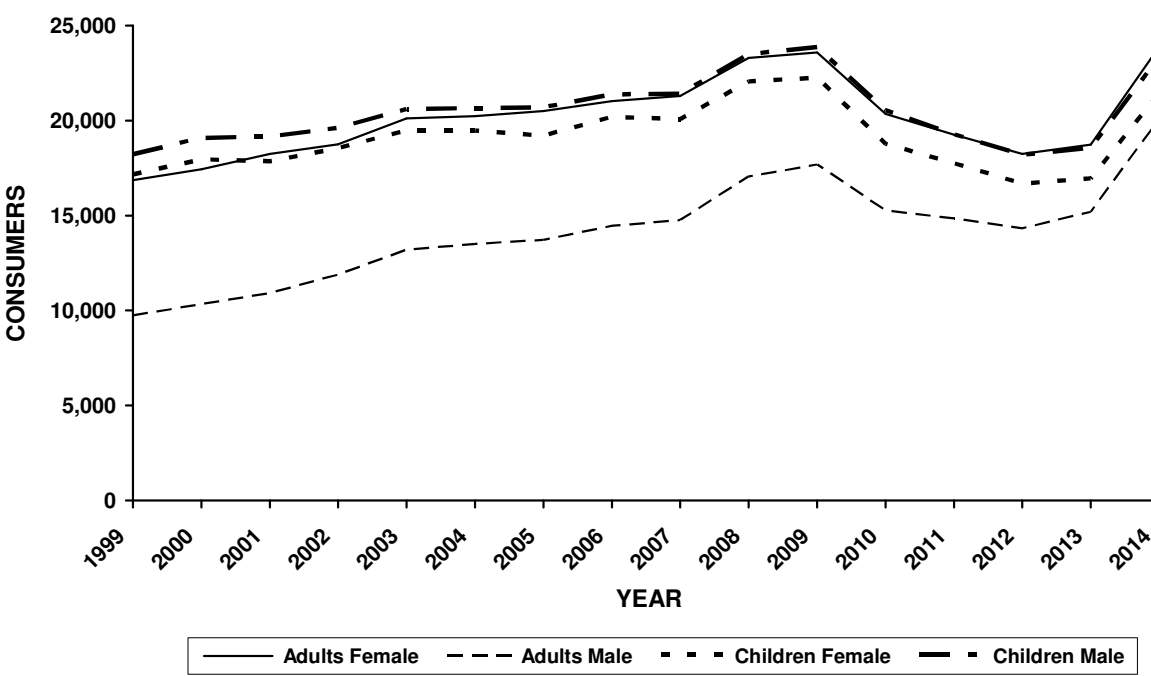
<sup>(5)</sup> See Tables 5A, 5B, and 5C for a breakdown by type of placement.

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

**FIGURE 1. ANNUAL COUNTS OF DCF CONSUMERS:  
JUNE 1983 - JUNE 2014**



**FIGURE 2. ANNUAL COUNTS OF ADULT AND CHILD CONSUMERS  
BY GENDER: JUNE 1999 - JUNE 2014**



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

- All counts are unduplicated; if a case or a consumer had more than one opening in the quarter, only the first one was selected.
- During the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, there were 3,050 case openings (unduplicated) and 19,057 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, case openings decreased 3% (**Appendix Table A4** on page 73, **Fig. 4** on page 7) and consumer openings decreased 1%.
- There has been a distinct shift from initial assessments (alternative response) to investigations (supported report) as a reason for case/consumer openings:

INITIAL CONTACT <sup>1</sup>		FY'2014		
		Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Protective:</b> <sup>2</sup>	% of Case Openings	53%	71%	73%
	% of Consumer Openings	56%	73%	73%
<b>Alternative Response:</b> <sup>3</sup>	% Case Openings	34%	16%	15%
	% of Consumer Openings	33%	18%	17%

<sup>1</sup> See Tables 2A and 2B

<sup>2</sup> Outcome of an investigation (supported report)

<sup>3</sup> Outcome of an initial assessment

- Seventy-three percent of case openings and 73% of consumer openings were due to supported abuse/neglect reports (protective). Fifteen percent of case openings and 17% 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 4% of case openings and 4% of consumer openings (**Tables 2A and 2B**). It should be noted that the CRA consumer counts include the children subject to the CRA petition, adult caretakers, and oftentimes non-CRA siblings.
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in **Fig. 3** (on page 7) and **Table 2A**. Supported reports of child abuse/neglect accounted for 69-80% of the total intakes for each region. Case openings by alternative response represented 10-19% of all intakes for each region. CRA referrals ranged from 2-6% of the total intakes for each region. Voluntary requests ranged from 2-3% of the total intakes for each region. (**Table 2A**)

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

- At an area level, the proportion of case openings that were protective (supported report) ranged from 50% at Greenfield to 88% at both Fall River and Park Street (**Appendix Table A2** case openings on page 71, **Appendix Table A3** consumer openings on page 72).
- Total case openings (statewide) usually decline in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. This quarterly trend in case openings is similar to the pattern for reports of child abuse/neglect (**Fig. 4** on page 7, **Fig. 7** on page 13, **Appendix Tables A4** on page 73 and **A7** on page 76).

**TABLE 2A. CASE OPENINGS<sup>(1)</sup> DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2014, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/14 - 6/30/14)**

DCF Geographic Region	Case Counts <sup>(1)</sup>										Total No.		
	Protective <sup>(2)</sup>		Alternative Response <sup>(3)</sup>		CRA Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals			Other <sup>(4)</sup>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
Western	790	71%	207	19%	22	2%	29	3%	9	1%	52	5%	1,109
Northern	477	69%	98	14%	29	4%	20	3%	21	3%	44	6%	689
Southern	652	75%	116	13%	35	4%	20	2%	10	1%	39	4%	872
Boston	299	80%	37	10%	21	6%	7	2%	2	1%	9	2%	375
Adoption Contracts <sup>(5)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	100%	4
Other <sup>(6)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	100%	---	---	---	---	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,218</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>3,050</b>

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

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

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

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

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

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

**TABLE 2B. CONSUMER OPENINGS<sup>(1)</sup> DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2014, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/14 - 6/30/14)**

DCF Geographic Region	Consumer Counts <sup>(1)</sup>										Total No.		
	Protective <sup>(2)</sup>		Alternative Response <sup>(3)</sup>		CRA Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals			Other <sup>(4)</sup>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
Western	5,454	72%	1,532	20%	185	2%	156	2%	82	1%	134	2%	7,543
Northern	2,957	71%	716	17%	187	4%	86	2%	144	3%	96	2%	4,186
Southern	3,856	74%	755	15%	242	5%	79	2%	144	3%	109	2%	5,185
Boston	1,691	79%	248	12%	133	6%	21	1%	21	1%	18	1%	2,132
Adoption Contracts <sup>(5)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	100%	5
Other <sup>(6)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	100%	---	---	---	---	2
Missing	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	100%	---	---	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,980</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>3,251</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>19,057</b>

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

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

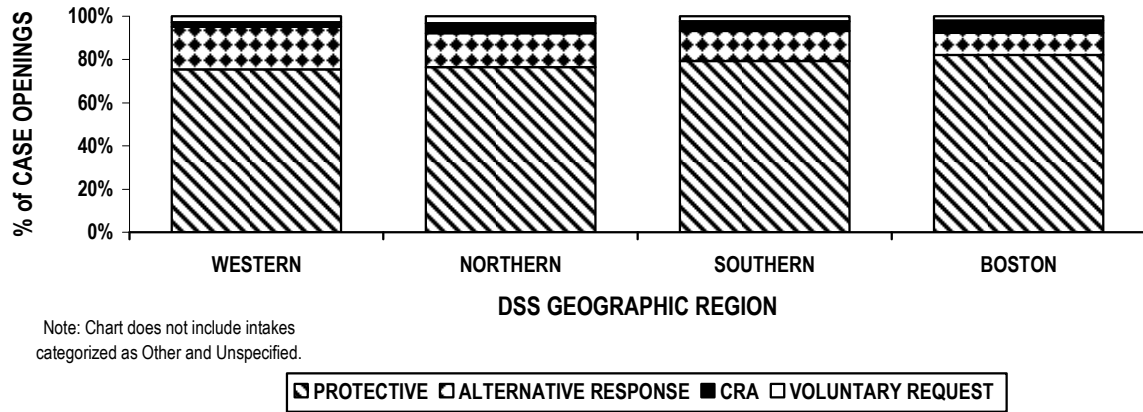
<sup>(3)</sup> Outcome of an initial assessment.

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

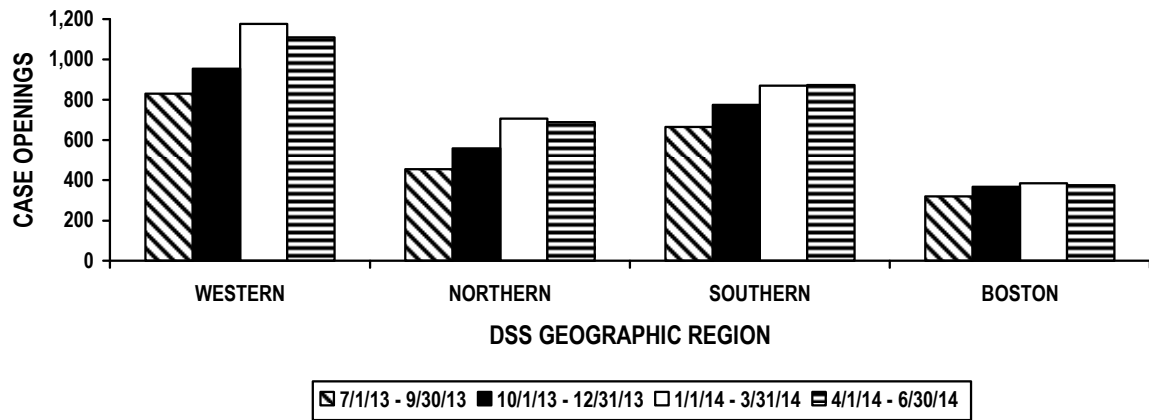
<sup>(5)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

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

**FIGURE 3. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION  
FY'2014, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/14 - 6/30/14)**



**FIGURE 4. INTAKES (CASE OPENINGS) BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2014, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2014, 4TH QUARTER)**



### III. CHILD MALTREATMENT

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

#### A. Reports

- Statewide, 24,875 reports were recorded during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY’2014. Fifty-five percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation and 12% were screened-in for initial assessment. Ten percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. (**Table 3** on page 11)
- There were 19,682 neglect reports, 5,085 physical abuse reports, and 2,235 sexual abuse reports, representing 79%, 20%, 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 46% in the North to 58% in Boston. At the Judge Baker Children’s Center, 63% 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 9% in Boston to 15% in both the Northern and Western regions. Judge Baker screened-in 8% of the reports for initial assessment. (**Table 3, Fig. 5**)
- Fall River, Dimock Street, and Springfield areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (70-72%). South Central, Greenfield, Lawrence, and Harbor areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (23-24%). (**Appendix Table A5** on page 74)
- Framingham and Arlington areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (29-33%). Park Street, Dimock Street, and Malden areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (3-5%). (**Appendix Table A5**)
- The DCF Regions screened-in 4-6% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 24% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children’s Center Hotline. (**Table 3**)

- Statewide, reports increased 8% from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to the 4<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>3</sup>.**

- During the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, 13,915 responses (investigations and initial assessments) were completed (**Table 4** on page 11)—an increase of 13% from the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: 86% and 14% (Boston); 77% and 23% (West); 77% and 23% (South); 74% and 26% (North), respectively. (**Fig. 6** on page 12, **Table 4**)

### **Initial Assessments**

- There were 2,786 initial assessments completed during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014. The assessment decision was “concern” for 46% of initial assessments and “minimal or no concern” for 54%. The assessment decisions are defined as “concerns of safety or risk that warrant DCF services” and “no concern or minimal risk of future abuse/neglect.” (**Table 4, Fig. 6**)
- Springfield, North Central, and Park Street had the highest proportions of initial assessments which resulted in a finding of concern (67-69%). (**Appendix Table A6** on page 75)
- Statewide, initial assessments decreased 4% from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014 (**Appendix Table A7**). There has been a shift from initial assessments to investigations.
- Neglect was an alleged maltreatment in 2,444 initial assessments (88% of all initial assessments) while physical abuse was an alleged maltreatment in 624 initial assessments (22%). An initial assessment may involve more than one type of alleged maltreatment.

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

## Investigations

- The number of investigations conducted during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014 was 11,129 (**Table 4** on page 11).
- Sixty-one percent of the investigations resulted in supported allegations of maltreatment. (**Table 4**)
- Regional support rates went from a low of 58% in the North to a high of 65% in Boston (75% at Judge Baker). (**Table 4**)
- The Framingham, Park Street, and North Central Areas had the highest proportions of investigations which resulted in a supported allegation(s) (70-72%). (**Appendix Table A6** on page 75)
- Statewide, investigations increased 18% from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014 (**Appendix Table A7** on page 76).
- There were 9,418 investigations involving alleged neglect (85% of all investigations), 2,846 investigations involving alleged physical abuse (26%), and 689 investigations involving alleged sexual abuse (6%). Please note that an investigation may involve more than one type of alleged maltreatment.



**TABLE 3. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2014, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/14 - 6/30/14)**

DCF Geographic Region	Screening Decision									Total	
	Screened-Out		Screened-In for Investigation				Screened-In for Initial Assessment				
	No.	%	Non-Emergency		Emergency		S/I Total	No.	%	No.	%
Western	1,968	30%	3,316	51%	271	4%	3,587	967	15%	6,522	26%
Northern	1,720	39%	1,838	42%	176	4%	2,014	651	15%	4,385	18%
Southern	1,505	35%	1,969	46%	194	5%	2,163	615	14%	4,283	17%
Boston	595	32%	963	52%	111	6%	1,074	168	9%	1,837	7%
Judge Baker Children's Center	2,094	29%	2,849	39%	1,714	24%	4,563	618	8%	7,275	29%
Special Investigations	225	39%	347	61%	1	*	348	---	---	573	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,107</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>11,282</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>2,467</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>13,749</b>	<b>3,019</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>24,875</b>	<b>100%</b>

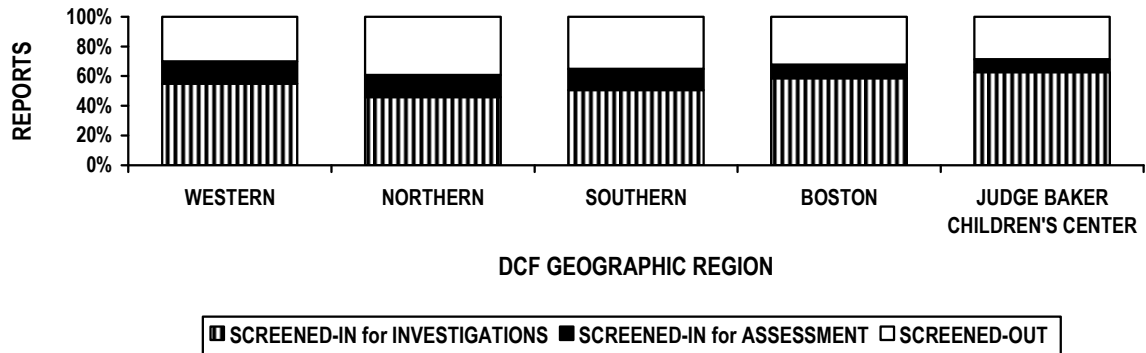
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**TABLE 4. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION: FY'2014, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/14 - 6/30/14)**

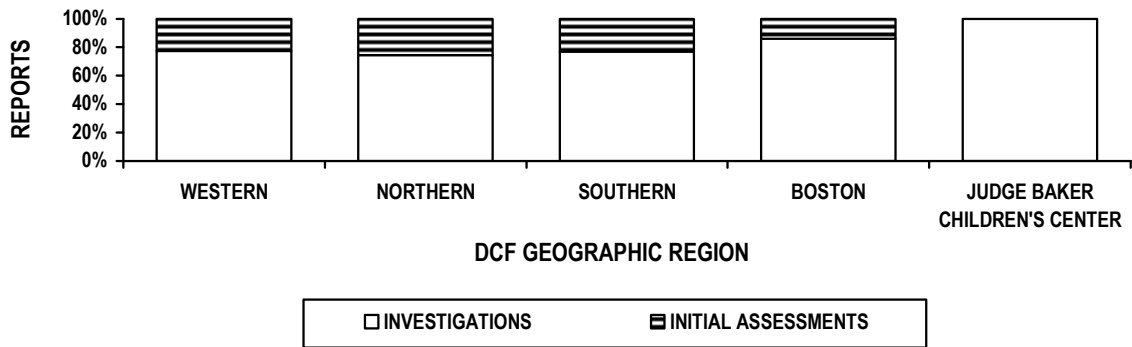
DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision					Assessment Decision					Total	
	Supported		Unsupported		Total	Concern		Low/No Concern		Total		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	No.	%	No.	%	No.	No.	%
Western	2,203	61%	1,406	39%	3,609	565	53%	492	47%	1,057	4,666	34%
Northern	1,268	58%	936	42%	2,204	328	43%	427	57%	755	2,959	21%
Southern	1,569	59%	1,105	41%	2,674	296	37%	499	63%	795	3,469	25%
Boston	708	65%	379	35%	1,087	87	49%	92	51%	179	1,266	9%
Judge Baker Children's Center	952	75%	314	25%	1,266	---	---	---	---	---	1,266	9%
Special Investigations	52	18%	237	82%	289	---	---	---	---	---	289	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,752</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>4,377</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>11,129</b>	<b>1,276</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>1,510</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>2,786</b>	<b>13,915</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

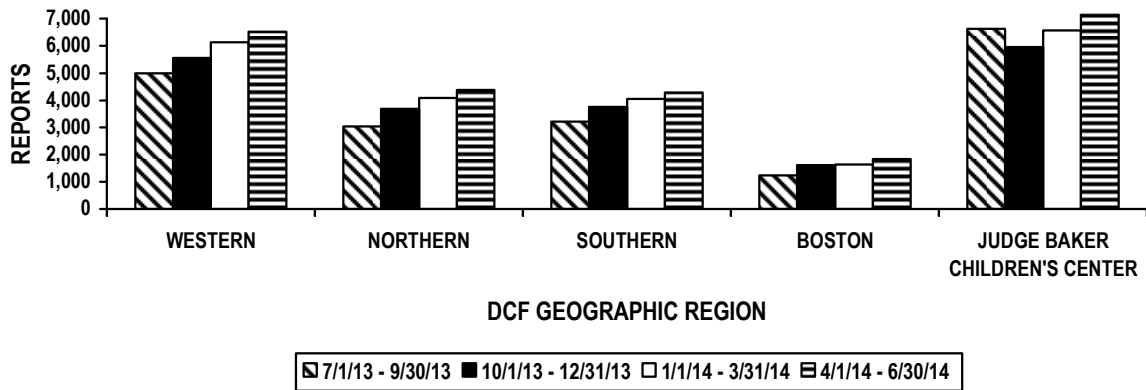
**FIGURE 5. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS  
(SCREENING DECISION BY DCF REGION)  
FY'2014, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/14 - 6/30/14)**



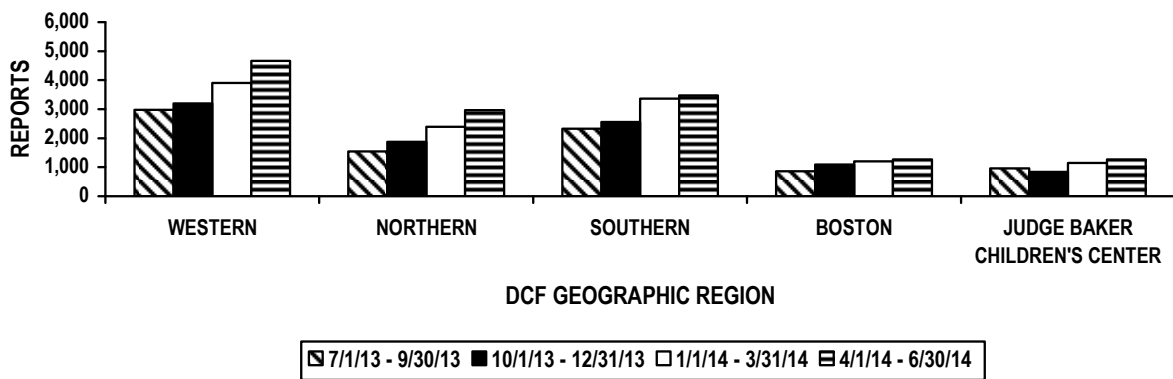
**FIGURE 6. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPOSSES BY TYPE AND DCF REGION  
SCREENING DECISION BY DCF REGION  
FY'2014, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/14 - 6/30/14)**



**FIGURE 7. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2014, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2014, 4TH QUARTER)**



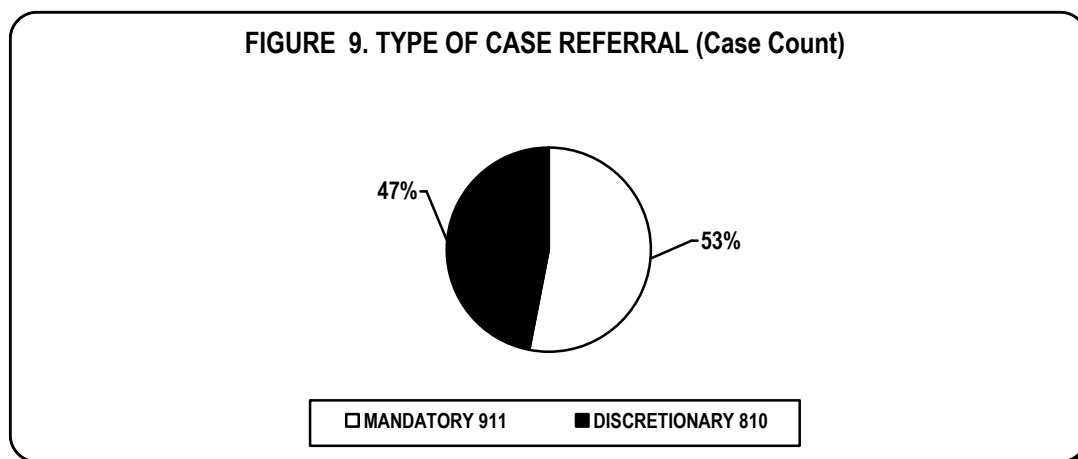
**FIGURE 8. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2014, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2014, 4TH QUARTER)**



## C. District Attorney (DA) Referrals

- During the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, 1,721 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (Fig. 9). Fifty-three percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals<sup>4</sup> and 47% were discretionary referrals<sup>5</sup> (Fig. 9, Appendix Table A8 on page 77).

### DA REFERRALS FY'2014, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/14 - 6/30/14)

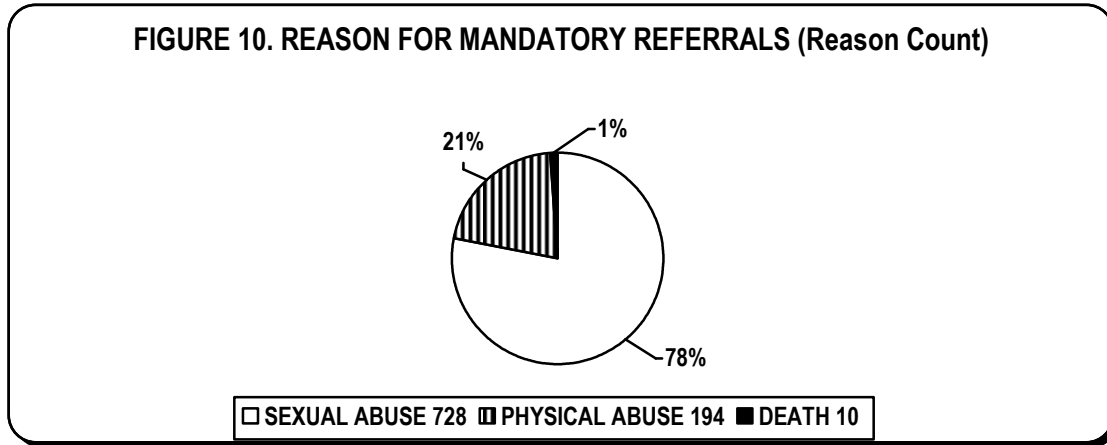


- The proportion of mandatory case referrals ranged from 44-49% of total referrals during FY'2003-2008 and ranged from 51-56% during FY'2009-2014 (Appendix Table A8).
- Sexual abuse accounted for 78% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014 (Fig. 10 and Table 5 on next page). Twenty-one percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

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

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

## DA REFERRALS FY'2014, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/14 - 6/30/14)



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, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/14 - 6/30/14)**

Nature of Abuse	Reasons	
	No.	%
<b>Sexual Abuse:</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>78%</b>
Sexual Assault	683	
Sexual Exploitation	45	
.....		
<b>Serious Physical Abuse:</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>21%</b>
.....		
<b>Death:</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>100%</b>

- Sexual abuse as a proportion of all reasons for mandatory referrals has ranged from 78% to 85% over the past 12 years (FY'2003 through FY'2014) (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, Middlesex, Worcester, Essex, and Suffolk. However, based on a comparison of county estimates<sup>6</sup> for children less than 18 years old, Berkshire County<sup>7</sup> 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 59% of the mandatory case referrals for sexual abuse (including sexual assault and sexual exploitation). The same four counties accounted for 80% of the mandatory case referrals for serious physical abuse.

**TABLE 6. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY:<sup>(1)</sup> FY'2014, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/14 - 6/30/14)**

County <sup>(2)</sup>	Case Referrals				Total No.	2010 Children Under 18 years
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Essex	158	43%	211	57%	369	172,089
Worcester	139	50%	138	50%	277	187,231
Middlesex	114	47%	127	53%	241	320,439
Suffolk	108	52%	101	48%	209	126,275
Hampden	42	33%	86	67%	128	109,885
Berkshire	50	44%	64	56%	114	25,624
Bristol	42	37%	71	63%	113	122,409
Plymouth	64	76%	20	24%	84	119,475
Norfolk	63	78%	18	22%	81	152,132
Hampshire	7	19%	30	81%	37	26,766
Franklin	8	25%	24	75%	32	14,068
Barnstable	6	40%	9	60%	15	37,249
Nantucket	---	---	1	100%	1	2,108
Dukes	---	---	1	100%	1	3,173
OUT OF STATE	9	47%	10	53%	19	---
<b>Total</b>	<b>810</b>		<b>911</b>		<b>1,721</b>	<b>1,418,923</b>

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

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

<sup>7</sup> Berkshire County encompasses some towns with high maltreatment reporting rates: North Adams and Pittsfield.

**TABLE 7. MANDATORY CASE REFERRAL REASONS BY COUNTY:<sup>(1)</sup>  
FY'2014, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/14 - 6/30/14)**

County <sup>(2)</sup>	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals <sup>(1)</sup>				Total
	Sexual Assault No.	Sexual Exploitation No.	Serious Physical Abuse/Injury No.	Death No.	
Essex	118	11	87	2	218
Middlesex	109	8	13	1	131
Worcester	98	2	37	3	140
Suffolk	79	4	18	---	101
Bristol	50	7	14	2	73
Hampden	80	4	3	1	88
Berkshire	56	2	8	---	66
Franklin	21	1	2	---	24
Plymouth	12	---	8	---	20
Hampshire	29	1	---	---	30
Norfolk	15	1	2	---	18
Barnstable	7	2	1	1	11
Dukes	1	---	---	---	1
Nantucket	---	1	---	---	1
OUT OF STATE	8	1	1	---	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>932</b>

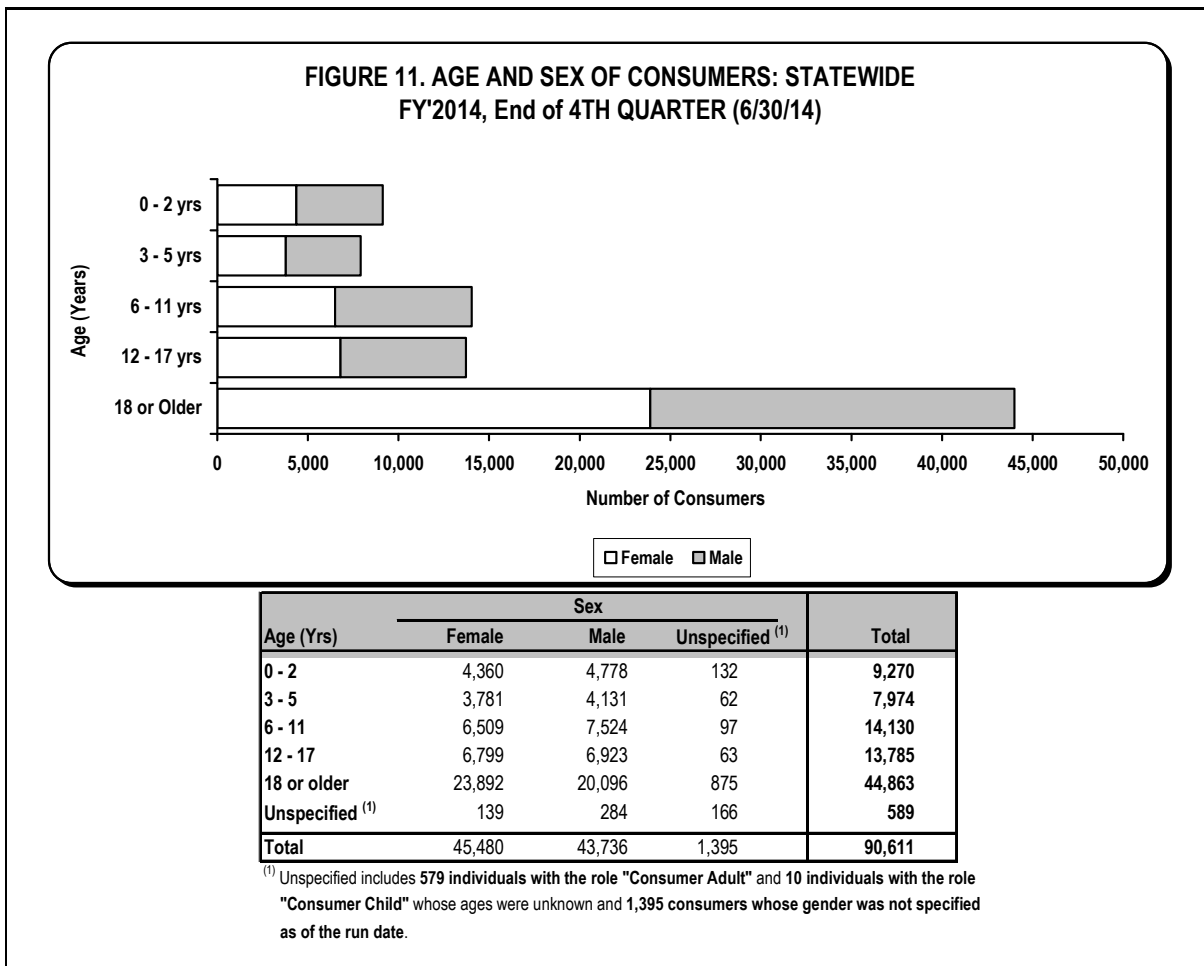
<sup>(1)</sup> A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

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

## IV. CONSUMER DEMOGRAPHICS

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

- On the last day of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, the consumer population included 45,169 (50%) children less than 18 years old and 45,442 (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 in 2013-2014 (**Fig. 2** on page 4, **Appendix Table A1**).
- Fifty percent of all consumers were identified as female, 48% as male, and 2% were unspecified as of the run-date. Thirty-one percent (13,785) 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, 53% of all adults receiving services were female. (**Fig. 11**)





- The statewide caseload was comprised of 43% White, 26% Hispanic/Latino, 13% 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 9% of consumers. (Table 8, Figs. 12A and 12B on next page)
- The Boston Region’s caseload was comprised of 39% Black, 31% Hispanic/Latino, and 14% White consumers (4,316, 3,489, and 1,601 consumers, respectively). The proportion of Hispanic/Latino consumers was similar in 3 of the 4 regions (29-31%)—13% in the Southern Region. Asians were most prominent in the North—3% of the caseload (597 consumers, mainly Cambodian). (Table 8, Figs. 12A and 12B)

**TABLE 8. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2014, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**

Race	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption				Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
White	16,249	43%	7,801	44%	12,765	54%	1,601	14%	114	46%	119	28%	38,535	43%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	11,741	31%	5,071	29%	3,170	13%	3,489	31%	58	23%	136	32%	23,607	26%
Black	3,109	8%	1,561	9%	3,098	13%	4,316	39%	32	13%	62	15%	12,146	13%
Asian	243	1%	597	3%	202	1%	199	2%	5	2%	39	9%	1,280	1%
Native American	53	*	19	*	84	*	10	*	3	1%	3	1%	169	*
Pacific Islander	23	*	4	*	6	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	34	*
Multi-Racial	871	2%	470	3%	940	4%	221	2%	23	9%	23	5%	2,525	3%
Unable to Determine	1,407	4%	775	4%	1,159	5%	469	4%	12	5%	35	8%	3,845	4%
Missing	3,866	10%	1,448	8%	2,345	10%	808	7%	1	*	3	1%	8,470	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,562</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>17,746</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>23,769</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11,114</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>90,611</b>	<b>100%</b>

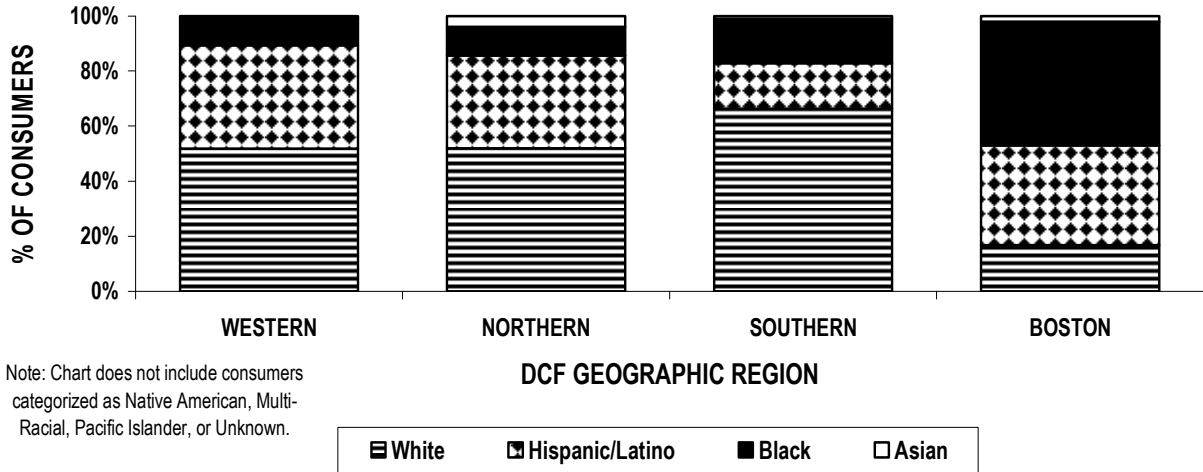
\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

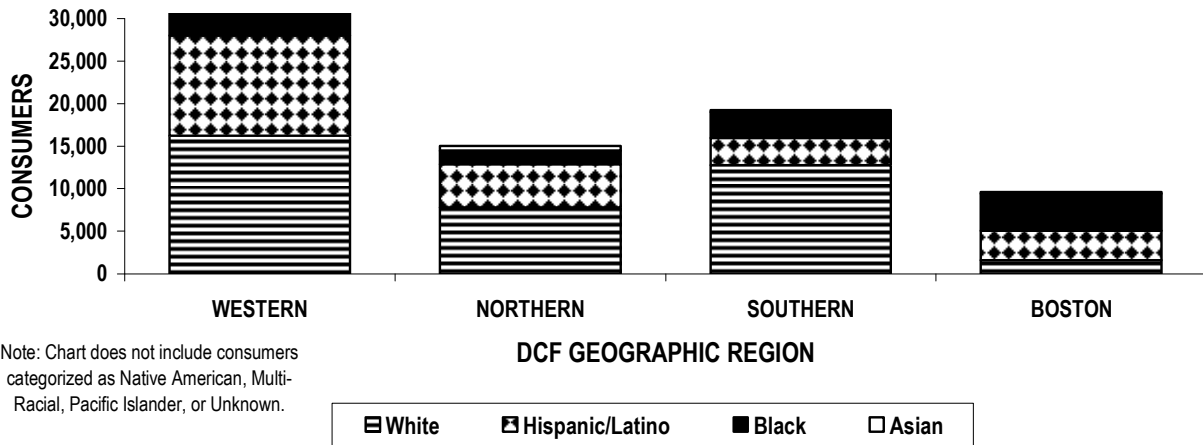
<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

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

**FIGURE 12A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE**  
**FY'14, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**



**FIGURE 12B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE**  
**FY'14, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**



- 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	Children Less than 18 Years Old								
	State Census <sup>+</sup> 2010	DCF Not in Substitute Care	DCF All Substitute Care	DCF Foster Care	DCF Congregate Care	DCF All Care w/Goal of Adoption	DCF All Care w/Goal of Guardianship	DCF Adoptions Legalized	DCF Guardianships Legalized
		6/30/14	6/30/14	6/30/14	6/30/14	6/30/14	6/30/14	FY'2014	FY'2014
White	67%	40%	46%	47%	46%	50%	50%	49%	54%
Hispanic <sup>***</sup>	15%	32%	25%	25%	26%	24%	21%	22%	17%
Black	7%	14%	14%	12%	19%	10%	16%	11%	14%
Asian	6%	1%	1%	1%	1%	<1%	1%	1%	1%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	---	<1%	<1%	<1%	---
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	---	---	---	---
Multi-Racial	4%	4%	7%	8%	4%	10%	7%	9%	9%
Other/Unknown	1%	9%	6%	6%	4%	5%	4%	6%	4%
<b>TOTAL %</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>TOTAL #</b>	1,418,923	36,547	8,622	6,799	1,499	2,401	680	611	348

<sup>+</sup>**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, congregative care, on the run from placement, and non-referral locations such as hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies where DCF retains custody of the child.

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

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

- **Appendix Table A12** on page 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 (2,442) (**Table 10**). Spanish was also the primary language of 1,241 and 1,102 consumers in the Northern and Boston regions, respectively. Haitian Creole was the preferred language of 394 DCF consumers statewide. Khmer-speaking (Cambodian) consumers were mainly concentrated in the North. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Haitian Creole (South/Boston/North), Portuguese (South/North), Cape Verdean Creole (South/Boston), Vietnamese (Boston), and Lao (North) (**Table 10**). There was not much difference in the numbers of Chinese- and Vietnamese-speakers across regions.

**TABLE 10. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2014, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**

Primary Language	DCF Geographic Region										Total			
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Adoption Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Spanish	2,442	7%	1,241	7%	672	3%	1,102	10%	6	2%	79	46%	5,542	6%
Haitian Creole	17	*	117	1%	133	1%	127	1%	---	---	---	---	394	*
Portuguese	58	*	143	1%	165	1%	20	*	---	---	---	---	386	*
Cape Verdean Creole	4	*	10	*	170	1%	125	1%	---	---	---	---	309	*
Khmer (Cambodian)	4	*	120	1%	15	*	6	*	---	---	---	---	145	*
Vietnamese	32	*	13	*	10	*	38	*	---	---	---	---	93	*
Chinese	11	*	26	*	21	*	26	*	---	---	1	1%	85	*
Lao	4	*	12	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	16	*
American Sign Lang.	22	*	16	*	8	*	9	*	---	---	---	---	55	*
Other	611	2%	248	1%	318	1%	144	1%	9	4%	61	35%	1,391	2%
English\Unspecified	34,357	91%	15,800	89%	22,257	94%	9,517	86%	233	94%	31	18%	82,195	91%
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,562</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>17,746</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>23,769</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11,114</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>90,611</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through 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 June 2014, 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 (-44%), Lao (-20%) and increases in Cape Verdean Creole (112%), Haitian Creole (52%), Chinese (57%). During this period, the count of total consumers increased 15%.

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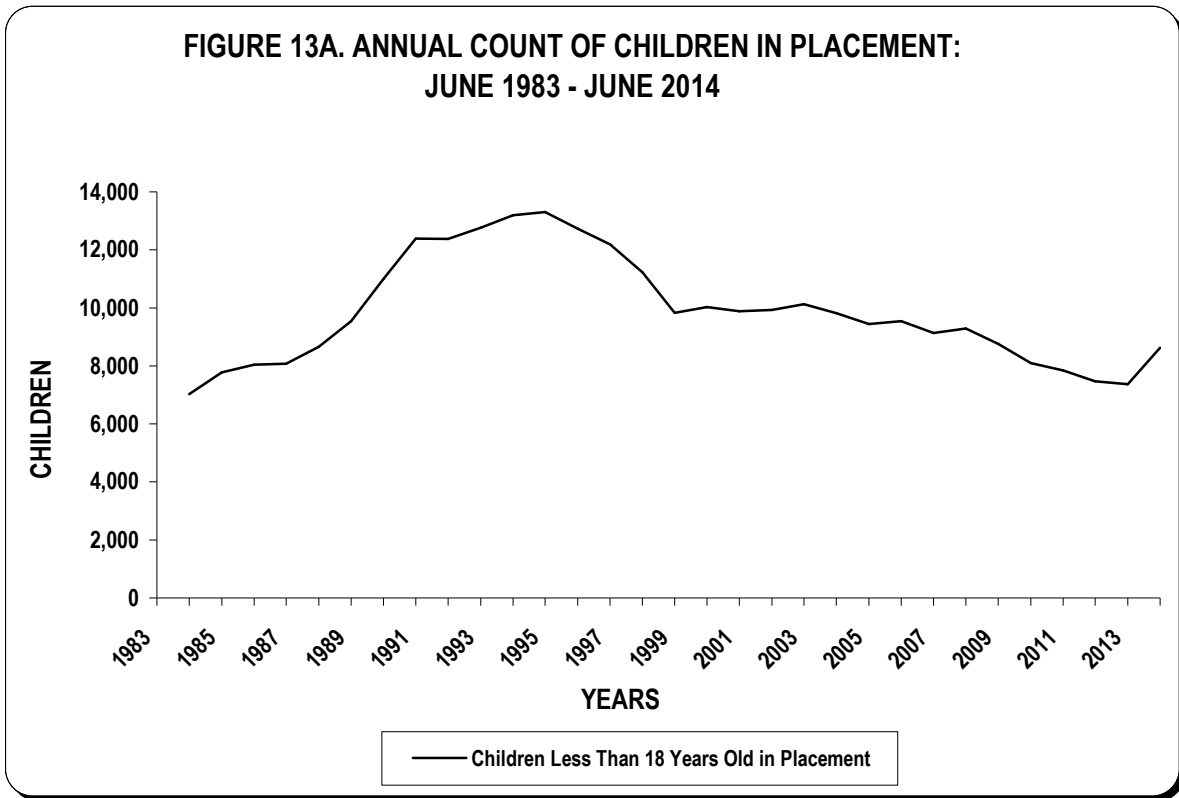
Primary Language	Consumers Jul. 1987 No.	Consumers Jul. 1997 No.	Consumers Jun. 2007 No.	Consumers Jun. 2014 No.	2007-2014 Change %
English/Unspecified	60,784	66,404	71,398	82,195	15%
Spanish	3,664	6,334	4,516	5,542	23%
Haitian Creole	175	360	260	394	52%
Portuguese	530	380	303	386	27%
Cape Verdean Creole	174	247	146	309	112%
Khmer Cambodian	253	851	356	145	-59%
Vietnamese	146	273	167	93	-44%
Chinese	71	61	54	85	57%
American Sign Language	47	23	41	55	34%
Lao	30	74	20	16	-20%
Other	213	310	1,459	1,391	-5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>66,087</b>	<b>75,317</b>	<b>78,720</b>	<b>90,611</b>	<b>15%</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

- The number of children less than 18 years old in placement (8,622) increased 4% from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> 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). Prior to 2014, the annual count of children in placement had been on a mostly downward trend since 1995. During FY'2014, the number of children in placement (and not in placement) has increased each quarter. (**Appendix Table A1, Figs. 13A, 14, and 15**)



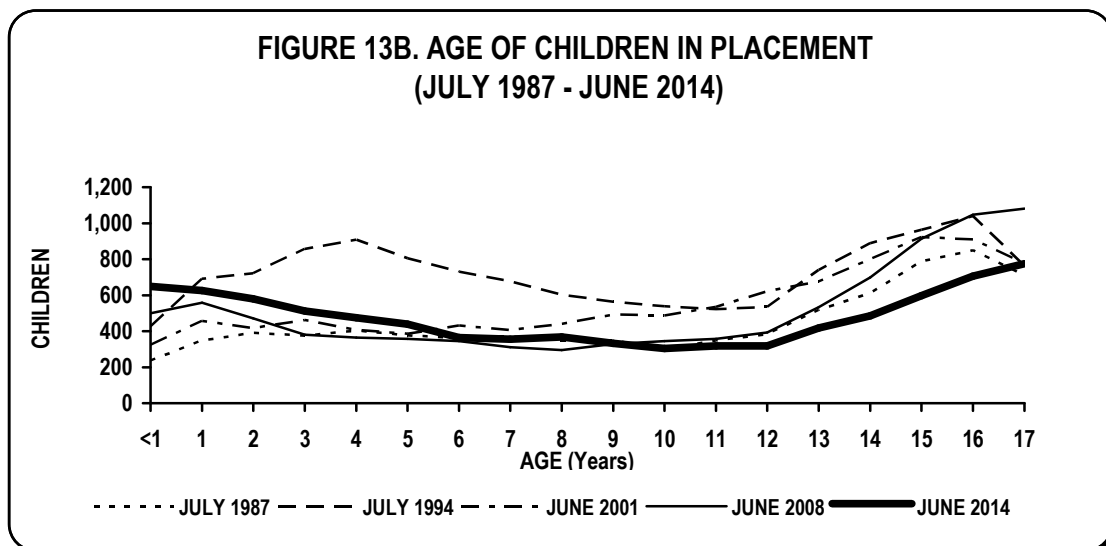
<sup>8</sup>Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 to 23 years old.

- **Figure 13B** shows the ages of children in placement at five points in time. From 1987 to 1994, the number of younger children in care increased at a faster rate than the number of adolescents.

Peak numbers of young children were reached in 1994. Thereafter, the trend reversed as subsequent age curves showed a gradual reduction in the young child population. By year 2008, the age distribution of children in placement dropped to a level that approached the 1987 curve. However, there was a resurgence in 2008 at both extremes of the age distribution—16-17 years old and <1-2 years old.

The number of infants in placement in 2014 was greater than in any previous year. Counts of children 5 years and younger were at their highest levels since July 1994. Conversely, children 9 and older were at their lowest levels.

It should be noted that the total number of children in care (less than 18 years old) at each point in time was 8,078 in 1987, 12,977 in 1994, 9,889 in 2001, 9,287 in 2008, and 8,622 in 2014.



- Statewide, 19% (or 8,622) 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: 20% in the South, 19% in the North, 17% in the West, and 19% in Boston. (**Table 11** on next page)
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Lynn, Greenfield, Pittsfield, and Coastal area offices had the highest proportions in placement (25-29%). The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Van Wart, Springfield, Framingham, and Cambridge area offices (12-15%). (**Table 11**)

**TABLE 11. CHILD<sup>(1)</sup> CASELOAD BY DCF: FY'2013, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**

DCF Region/Area	Not in Placement	In Placement	Total Child Caseload	% in Placement
Greenfield	875	350	1,225	29%
Holyoke	1,252	270	1,522	18%
North Central	2,342	495	2,837	17%
Pittsfield	1,056	354	1,410	25%
Robert Van Wart	2,653	357	3,010	12%
South Central	1,457	335	1,792	19%
Springfield	2,906	424	3,330	13%
Worcester East	1,777	433	2,210	20%
Worcester West	1,399	314	1,713	18%
Contracted Agencies	11	4	15	27%
<b>Western</b>	<b>15,728</b>	<b>3,336</b>	<b>19,064</b>	<b>17%</b>
Cambridge	658	114	772	15%
Cape Ann	914	198	1,112	18%
Framingham	953	156	1,109	14%
Haverhill	677	145	822	18%
Lawrence	684	201	885	23%
Lowell	1,478	344	1,822	19%
Lynn	881	363	1,244	29%
Malden	754	173	927	19%
Contracted Agencies	5	---	5	---
<b>Northern</b>	<b>7,004</b>	<b>1,694</b>	<b>8,698</b>	<b>19%</b>
Arlington	670	189	859	22%
Brockton	1,165	263	1,428	18%
Cape Cod	848	243	1,091	22%
Coastal	735	243	978	25%
Fall River	1,305	414	1,719	24%
New Bedford	2,163	404	2,567	16%
Plymouth	1,161	231	1,392	17%
Taunton/Attleboro	1,077	244	1,321	18%
Contracted Agencies	16	5	21	24%
<b>Southern</b>	<b>9,140</b>	<b>2,236</b>	<b>11,376</b>	<b>20%</b>
Dimock Street	1,082	271	1,353	20%
Harbor	1,268	260	1,528	17%
Hyde Park	997	220	1,217	18%
Park Street	1,300	343	1,643	21%
Contracted Agencies	5	2	2	100%
<b>Boston</b>	<b>4,652</b>	<b>1,096</b>	<b>5,748</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	16	227	243	93%
<b>Other</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	7	33	40	83%
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,547</b>	<b>8,622</b>	<b>45,169</b>	<b>19%</b>

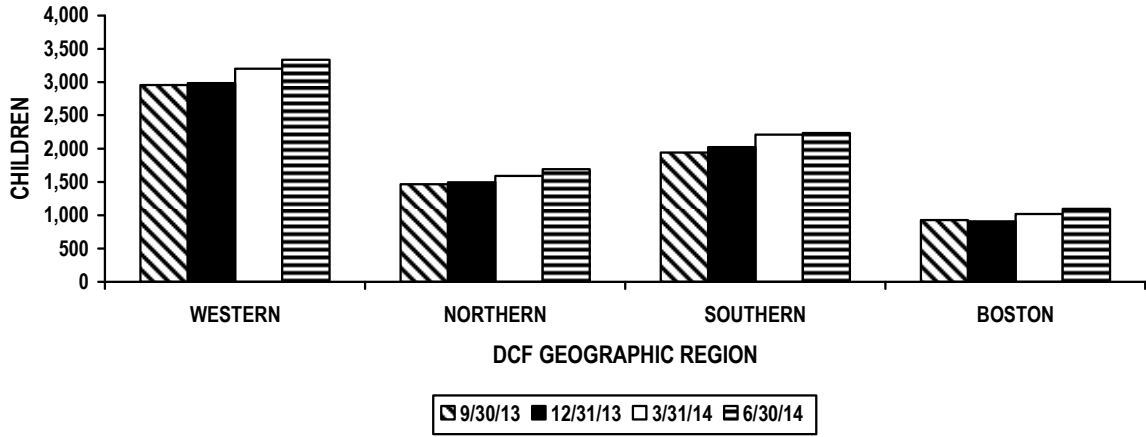
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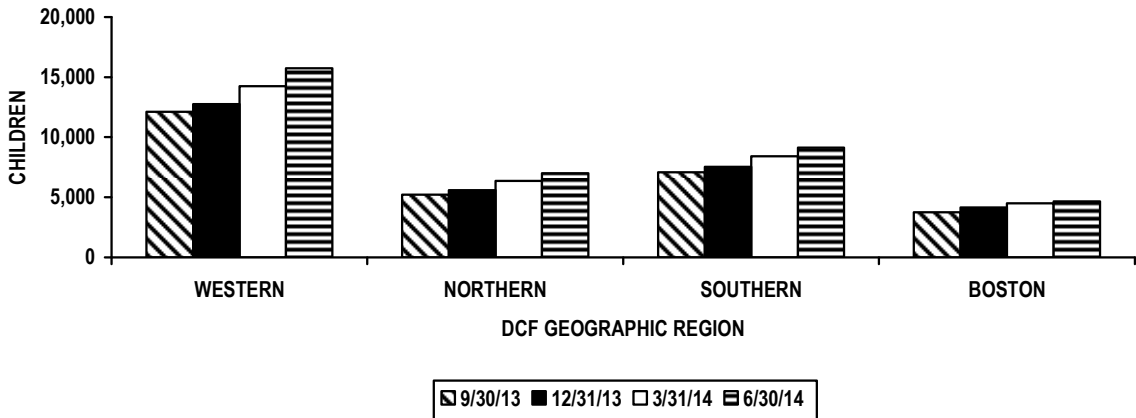
<sup>(3)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.



**FIGURE 14. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2014, END OF 1ST QUARTER to FY'2014, End OF 4TH QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 15. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2014, END OF 1ST QUARTER to FY'2014, End of 4TH QUARTER)**



## A. Demographics of Consumers in Placement<sup>9</sup>

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

- At the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, the statewide placement population was comprised of 51% boys and 49% girls. In 3 DCF regions, the gender difference was the same as 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.<sup>10</sup>
- 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 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption		Total			
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>				Other <sup>(2)</sup>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Sex:</b>														
Female	1,890	49%	1,052	49%	1,305	49%	695	52%	95	42%	38	26%	5,075	49%
Male	1,981	51%	1,117	51%	1,367	51%	634	48%	133	58%	107	74%	5,339	51%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,871</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,169</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,672</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,329</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10,414</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Race:</b>														
White	1,883	49%	995	46%	1,522	57%	237	18%	106	46%	---	---	4,743	46%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	1,186	31%	681	31%	335	13%	372	28%	57	25%	68	47%	2,699	26%
Black	358	9%	196	9%	378	14%	601	45%	25	11%	26	18%	1,584	15%
Asian	18	*	75	3%	16	1%	18	1%	5	2%	30	21%	162	2%
Native American	3	*	---	---	11	*	---	---	3	1%	---	---	17	*
Pacific Islander	1	*	1	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	*
Multi-Racial	235	6%	131	6%	233	9%	49	4%	19	8%	---	---	667	6%
Unable to Determine	187	5%	90	4%	176	7%	52	4%	12	5%	21	14%	538	5%
Missing	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	0%	---	---	1	*
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,871</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,169</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,672</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,329</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10,414</b>	<b>100%</b>

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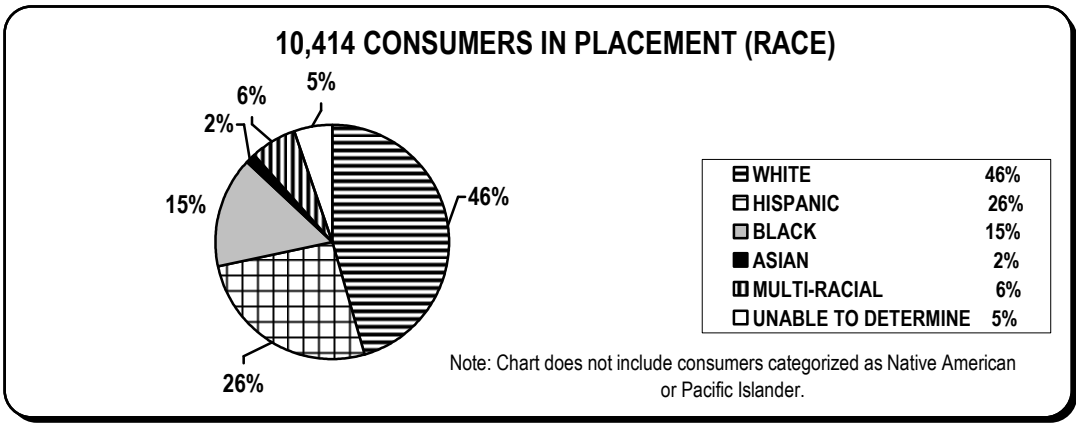
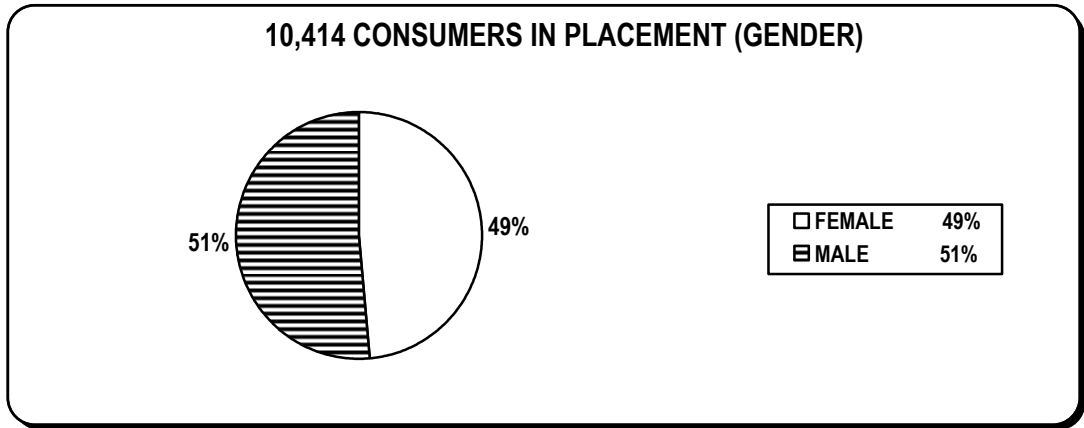
<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

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

<sup>9</sup> “Consumers” includes children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 or older.

<sup>10</sup> Massachusetts Child Population 2010: 51% male (725,399) and 49% female (693,524). U.S. Census Bureau. Table DP-1. Profile of General Population and Housing Characteristics 2010, Demographic Profile Data Massachusetts (factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?src=bkmmk)

**FIGURE 16A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY GENDER AND RACE  
STATEWIDE: FY'2014, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**



- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DCF Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 30% to 35%. (**Table 12B** on page 31)
- The proportion of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 14% in the Western Region to 22% in the Northern Region. (**Table 12B**)

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

- The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were Family Reunification (38% of all consumers in placement), Adoption (23%), and Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement<sup>11</sup> (APPLA) (20%). The Northern Region had the highest proportion (22%) 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 Kin<sup>12</sup> (5%), and Stabilization of Family (5%).
- On 6/30/2014, 33% of the statewide placement population had a length of stay of more than 2 years,<sup>13</sup> 21% had been in continuous care between 1 and 2 years, and 46% for 1 year or less. (**Table 12B**, **Fig. 16B**)
- The North had the highest proportion of consumers in continuous care<sup>14</sup> for more than two years (38%). The South had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (49%). (**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 (41% for Black vs. 32% for White, 33% 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 46% of all consumers in placement for more than 4 years and another 26% who were in placement for 2-4 years (**Table 13C** on page 33).
- Thirty-seven percent of Black consumers in placement had a goal of “Family Reunification,” compared to 38% for Hispanic and 38% 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—27% Black vs. 18% White and 22% Hispanic for APPLA; 16% Black vs. 21% Hispanic and 25% White for adoption.

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<sup>11</sup> The APPLA goal is for youth 16 years or older to establish a lifelong permanent connection, as well as to obtain life skills training and a stable living environment that will support youth development into and through adulthood. This goal includes youths who will be transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health, Developmental Services, and Public Health upon turning 22 years old.

<sup>12</sup> The goal of permanent placement with kin is to provide children with a committed, nurturing, and lifelong relationship in a licensed kinship family setting.

<sup>13</sup> Length of stay in placement, as measured by a “point-in-time snapshot” of consumers residing in care, is not representative of all individuals who spend time in care during some specified period. It is biased because consumers in continuous long-term placement are over-represented in “snapshot” counts while many others who enter and leave placement quickly are not counted at all.

<sup>14</sup> Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child’s most recent home removal episode start date to the Quarter End Date (June 30, 2014).

**TABLE 12B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE  
BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE: FY'2014, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region										Total			
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Adoption Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>				Other <sup>(2)</sup>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Age:</b>														
( 0 - 2 yrs)	728	19%	331	15%	562	21%	196	15%	37	16%	---	---	1,854	18%
( 3 - 5 yrs)	585	15%	254	12%	357	13%	169	13%	60	26%	---	---	1,425	14%
( 6 - 11 yrs)	807	21%	361	17%	521	19%	261	20%	89	39%	3	2%	2,042	20%
(12 - 17 yrs)	1,216	31%	748	34%	796	30%	470	35%	41	18%	30	21%	3,301	32%
18 or older	535	14%	475	22%	436	16%	233	18%	1	*	112	77%	1,792	17%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,871</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,169</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,672</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,329</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10,414</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Service Plan Goals:</b>														
Family Reunification	1,471	38%	781	36%	1,125	42%	555	42%	7	3%	1	1%	3,940	38%
Adoption	1,008	26%	412	19%	571	21%	211	16%	200	88%	---	---	2,402	23%
APPLA <sup>(3)</sup>	616	16%	524	24%	512	19%	286	22%	2	1%	95	66%	2,035	20%
Guardianship	247	6%	140	6%	192	7%	105	8%	8	4%	---	---	692	7%
Permanent Care with Kin	211	5%	146	7%	95	4%	65	5%	5	2%	27	19%	549	5%
Stabilization of Family	209	5%	92	4%	110	4%	71	5%	---	---	---	---	482	5%
Unspecified as of run-date	109	3%	74	3%	67	3%	36	3%	6	3%	22	15%	314	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,871</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,169</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,672</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,329</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10,414</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Continuous Time in Care:</b>														
(.5 yr or less)	1,094	28%	596	27%	819	31%	403	30%	4	2%	14	10%	2,930	28%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	713	18%	357	16%	485	18%	234	18%	28	12%	21	14%	1,838	18%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	507	13%	244	11%	326	12%	168	13%	32	14%	19	13%	1,296	12%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	315	8%	155	7%	255	10%	108	8%	36	16%	21	14%	890	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	653	17%	407	19%	424	16%	202	15%	83	36%	45	31%	1,814	17%
> 4 yrs	589	15%	410	19%	363	14%	214	16%	45	20%	25	17%	1,646	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,871</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,169</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,672</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,329</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10,414</b>	<b>100%</b>

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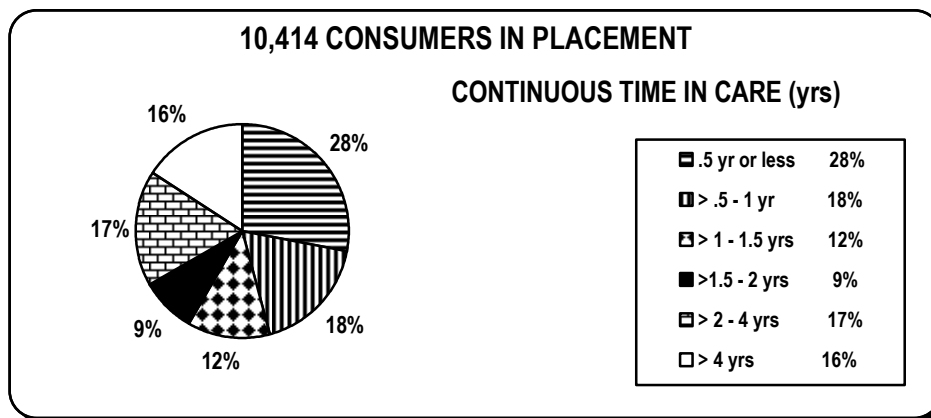
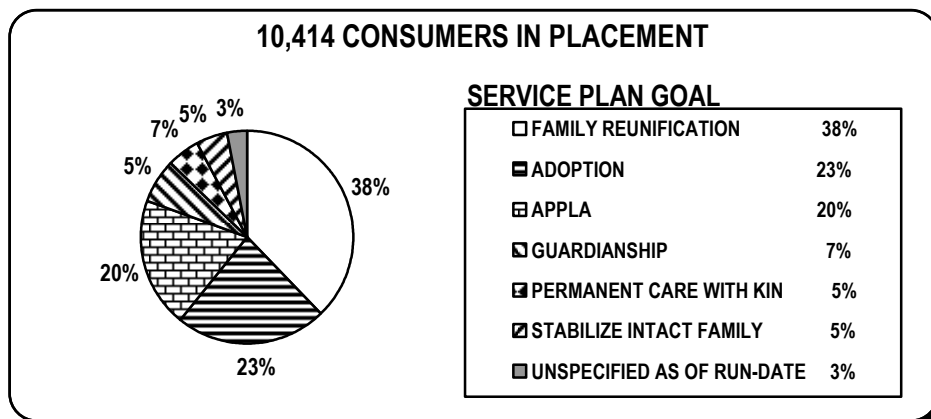
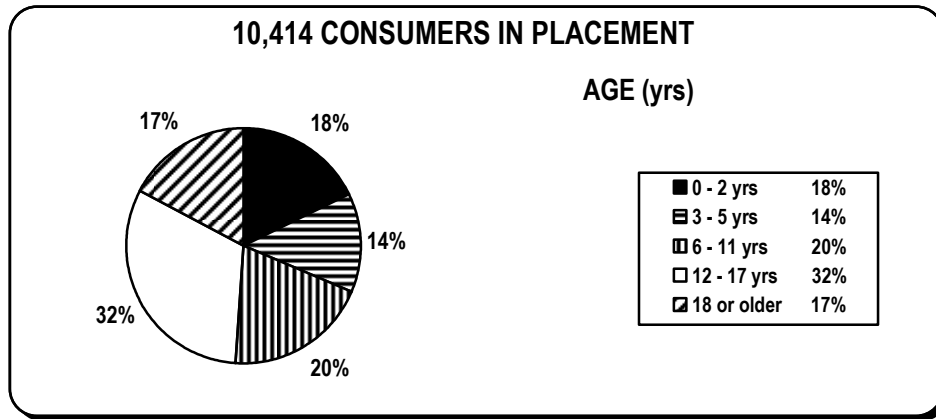
<sup>(3)</sup> Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 13A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:  
STATEWIDE FY'2014, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers												Total					
	White		Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>		Black		Asian		Native American		Pacific Islander				Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5yr or less)	1,323	28%	741	27%	436	28%	46	28%	4	24%	1	33%	174	26%	205	38%	2,930	28%
(> .5-1yr)	868	18%	462	17%	243	15%	12	7%	2	12%	1	33%	137	21%	113	21%	1,838	18%
(>1-1.5yrs)	587	12%	380	14%	152	10%	17	10%	5	29%	---	---	91	14%	64	12%	1,296	12%
(>1.5-2yrs)	428	9%	211	8%	114	7%	13	8%	2	12%	---	---	80	12%	42	8%	890	9%
(>2-4yrs)	812	17%	471	17%	311	20%	34	21%	3	18%	---	---	115	17%	68	13%	1,814	17%
> 4yrs	725	15%	434	16%	328	21%	40	25%	1	6%	1	33%	70	10%	47	9%	1,646	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,743</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,699</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,584</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10,414</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> 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 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**



**TABLE 13B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND AGE GROUP:  
STATEWIDE FY'2014, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**

Race	Age Group of Consumers										Total	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
White	906	19%	689	15%	985	21%	1,429	30%	734	15%	4,743	100%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>	417	15%	347	13%	489	18%	931	34%	515	19%	2,699	100%
Black	176	11%	143	9%	299	19%	584	37%	382	24%	1,584	100%
Asian	9	6%	11	7%	23	14%	61	38%	58	36%	162	100%
Native American	6	35%	---	---	7	41%	3	18%	1	6%	17	100%
Pacific Islander	---	---	---	---	1	33%	1	33%	1	33%	3	100%
Multi-Racial	149	22%	147	22%	162	24%	154	23%	55	8%	667	100%
Unable to Determine	190	35%	88	16%	76	14%	138	26%	46	9%	538	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,854</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>2,042</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>3,301</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>1,792</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>10,414</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

**TABLE 13C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:  
STATEWIDE FY'2014, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**

Continuous Time in Care	Age Group of Consumers										Total	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	825	44%	452	32%	592	29%	948	29%	113	6%	2,930	28%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	529	29%	282	20%	343	17%	544	16%	140	8%	1,838	18%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	239	13%	226	16%	318	16%	393	12%	120	7%	1,296	12%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	151	8%	135	9%	200	10%	267	8%	137	8%	890	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	110	6%	300	21%	397	19%	548	17%	459	26%	1,814	17%
> 4 yrs	---	---	30	2%	192	9%	601	18%	823	46%	1,646	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,854</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,042</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3,301</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,792</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10,414</b>	<b>100%</b>

**TABLE 14. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2014, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers										Total							
	White		Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>		Black		Asian		Native American				Pacific Islander		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Family Reunification	1,785	38%	1,023	38%	579	37%	42	26%	8	47%	2	67%	241	36%	260	48%	3,940	38%
Adoption	1,197	25%	566	21%	251	16%	10	6%	4	24%	---	---	246	37%	128	24%	2,402	23%
APPLA <sup>(2)</sup>	844	18%	588	22%	420	27%	53	33%	2	12%	---	---	76	11%	52	10%	2,035	20%
Guardianship	349	7%	145	5%	107	7%	11	7%	3	18%	---	---	48	7%	29	5%	692	7%
Permanent Care with Kin	240	5%	145	5%	87	5%	29	18%	---	---	---	---	25	4%	23	4%	549	5%
Stabilize Intact Family	195	4%	142	5%	88	6%	9	6%	---	---	1	33%	24	4%	23	4%	482	5%
Unspecified as of run-date	133	3%	90	3%	52	3%	8	5%	---	---	---	---	7	1%	24	4%	314	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,743</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,699</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,584</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10,414</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

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

- At the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014 (6/30/14), the median time in continuous care was 0.9 year and the median<sup>15</sup> age was 8.8 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. Median age and median time in continuous care have been declining over the years and are now at their lowest levels. (See **table** below)
- Over the past 22 years, the median age of children in care has ranged from 8.8 to 12.6 years while median time in placement has fluctuated between 0.9 and 1.6 years. The total population of children in placement has ranged from a high of 13,056 in 1995 to a low of 7,368 in June 2013 (See **table** below). The placement population of children less than 18 years old was 8,622 on June 30, 2014—and increase of 4% from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014.

<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
3/14	9.3	0.9	8,275
6/14	8.8	0.9	8,622

- An age breakdown of children in placement by race<sup>16</sup> is presented in a **table** on the next page. The median age of White children was 8.4 years. Hispanic children were 10.0 years old, Black children were 11.6 years old, and Asian children were 13.6 years old. Despite differences in median age, the median time spent in continuous placement was 0.9 years for each of the aforementioned racial groups: White, Hispanic, Black, and Asian. (See **table** on next page)

<sup>15</sup> Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

<sup>16</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes children of any race.



- On 6/30/14, 38% 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.

<i>Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement on 6/30/14</i>			
<b>Race</b>	<b>Median Age (yrs)</b>	<b>Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>
White	8.4	0.9	4,009
Hispanic/Latino	10.0	0.9	2,184
Black	11.6	0.9	1,202
Asian	13.6	0.9	104
Native American	6.9	1.2	16
Pacific Islander	---	---	2
Multi-Racial	6.3	1.0	612
Unable to Determine	4.3	0.7	493
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>8,622</b>

- 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 6/30/2014. 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 4 children in Independent Living had the highest median age. These 17 year olds 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. Of the total consumers in the foster care Independent Living model 99%<sup>+</sup> 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 (555 children), Residential School (398), and Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (STARR) (353). (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 and Group Homes had the longest median time in placement (1.7 and 1.5 years, respectively).

- 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 9 children (16-17 years old) in the Independent Living/Pre-Independent Living programs. Ninety-one 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 6/30/2014</i>	<i>Median Age (yrs)</i>	<i>Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)</i>	<i>Number of Children</i>
Foster Care:			
Unrestricted	4.8	0.7	2,054
Kinship	5.7	0.8	2,396
Child Specific	8.5	1.1	438
Pre-Adoptive	4.0	1.9	473
Independent Living	17.7	0.3	4
Intensive Foster Care (contracted)	12.0	1.4	1,434
Congregate Care:			
Group Home	16.2	1.5	169
Intensive Group Home	14.9	1.2	555
Pre-Independent Living Group Home	17.4	1.5	8
Independent Living Group Home	----	---	1
Residential School	15.4	1.7	398
STARR	14.8	0.2	353
Teen Parent Program	17.2	0.4	15
On the Run & Non-Referral Locations	16.0	0.6	324
<b>Total</b>	8.8	0.9	8,622

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

- Out of 2,402 consumers (includes 1 youth 18 years or older) in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,197 (50%) were White, 566 (24%) were Hispanic/Latino, 251 (10%) were Black, 10 (<1%) were Asian, 4 (<1%) were Native American, and 246 (10%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 128 (5%) consumers. (Table 14 on page 33, Table 15 on next page, Fig. 17 on page 38)
- The age distribution of 2,402 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 28% age 0-2 years, 25% age 3-5 years, 32% age 6-11 years, and 14% age 12-17 years. (Table 15, Fig. 17)

- Fifty-two percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 48% 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 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**

Service Plan Goal	Age Group of Consumers										Total	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	1,001	25%	635	16%	908	23%	1,361	35%	35	1%	3,940	100%
Adoption	676	28%	606	25%	779	32%	340	14%	1	*	2,402	100%
APPLA <sup>(1)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	503	25%	1,532	75%	2,035	100%
Guardianship	53	8%	99	14%	205	30%	323	47%	12	2%	692	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	1	*	4	1%	39	7%	378	69%	127	23%	549	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	58	12%	58	12%	73	15%	247	51%	46	10%	482	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	65	21%	23	7%	38	12%	149	47%	39	12%	314	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,854</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>2,042</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>3,301</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>1,792</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>10,414</b>	<b>100%</b>

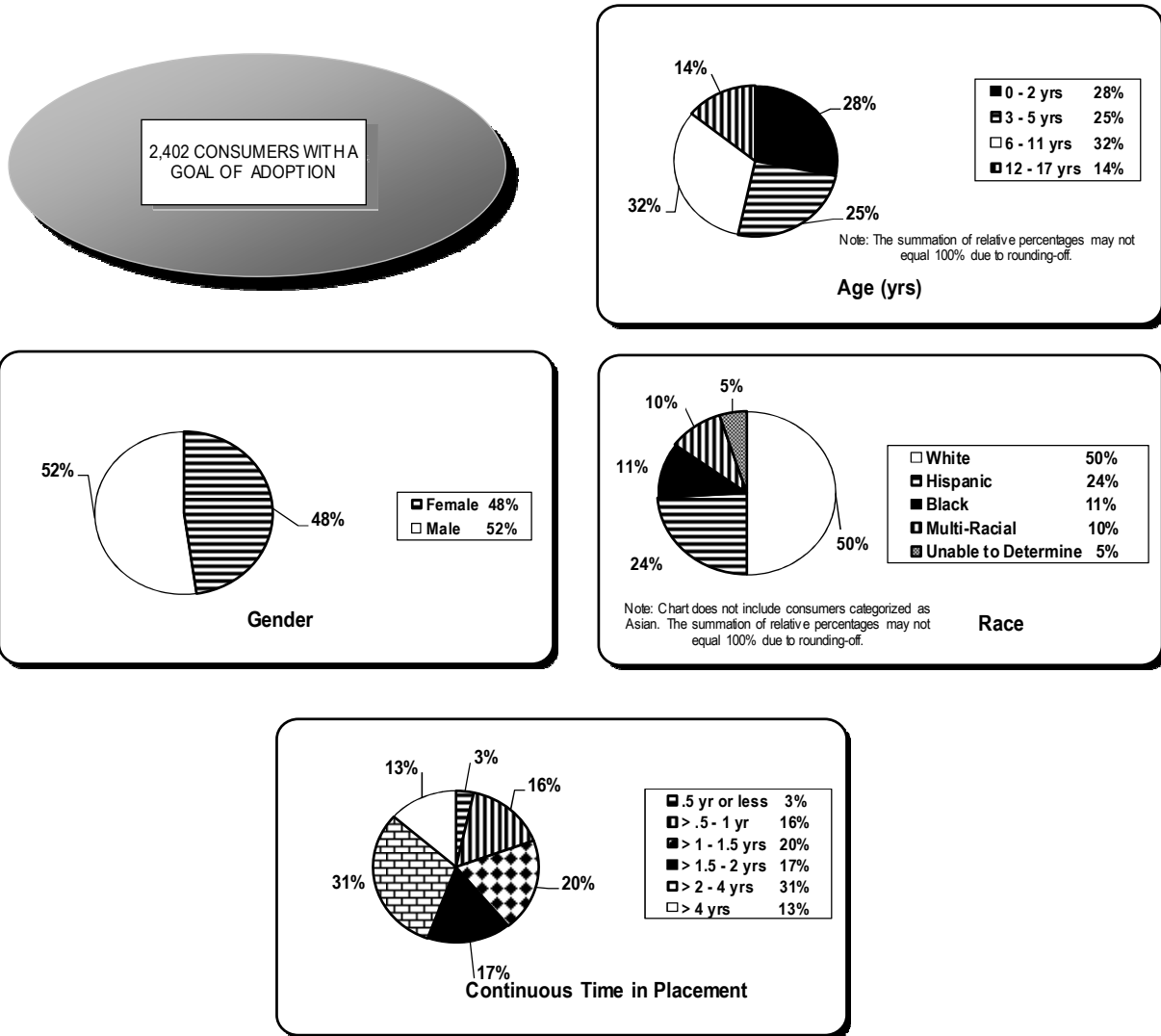
<sup>(1)</sup> Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 16. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:  
STATEWIDE FY'2014, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**

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	2,142	54%	1,079	27%	390	10%	134	3%	151	4%	44	1%	3,940	100%
Adoption	83	3%	383	16%	472	20%	398	17%	742	31%	324	13%	2,402	100%
APPLA <sup>(1)</sup>	113	6%	180	9%	170	8%	188	9%	537	26%	847	42%	2,035	100%
Guardianship	12	2%	101	15%	175	25%	107	15%	196	28%	101	15%	692	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	12	2%	27	5%	43	8%	37	7%	139	25%	291	53%	549	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	329	68%	48	10%	30	6%	16	3%	27	6%	32	7%	482	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	239	76%	20	6%	16	5%	10	3%	22	7%	7	2%	314	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,930</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>1,838</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>1,296</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>1,814</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>1,646</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>10,414</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> 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 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**



- There has been a decline in the number of children<sup>17</sup> in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of children with a goal of adoption fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In 2001, children in placement with a goal of adoption dropped below 3,000. Over the years, changes in the number of children with a goal of adoption have often coincided with changes in the placement population. (See **table** below)
- Over the past 24 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 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY’2014, the proportion of children in placement with a goal of adoption was 28%. (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%
3/14	8,275	2,366	29%
6/14	8,622	2,401	28%

NOTES: Children are less than 18 years old

<sup>17</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

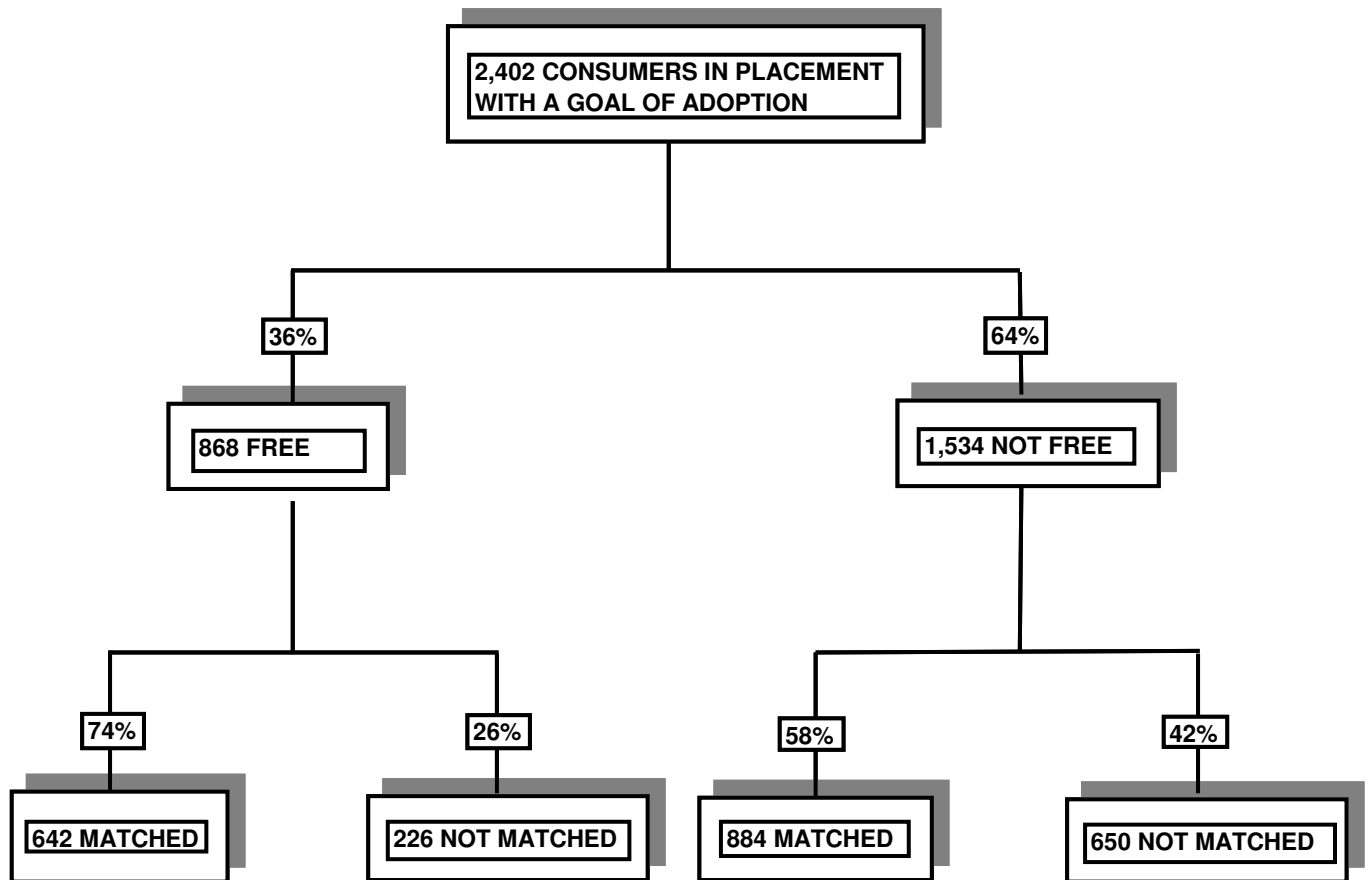
- The adolescent age group had the highest proportion of children who were legally free for adoption (see **table** below). The larger proportions of older children legally free is a reflection of the difficulty in achieving adoptions for older children. The younger children who are legally free are being adopted while the adolescents who are legally free are “stuck” in placement. A separate analysis of children adopted in FY’2014 showed that the proportion of older children (12-17 years old) who were adopted accounted for only 7% of all adoptions. The amount of time from being legally freed to adoption is much longer for these older children.

<b>Children in Placement 6/30/14</b>			
	<b>Children with Goal of Adoption &amp; Legally Free for Adoption</b>	<b>All Children with Goal of Adoption</b>	<b>% Legally Free for Adoption</b>
<b>Age Group (years)</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
0 – 2	186	676	28%
3 – 5	225	606	37%
6 – 11	294	779	38%
12 – 17	163	340	48%
<b>Total</b>	868	2,401	36%

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

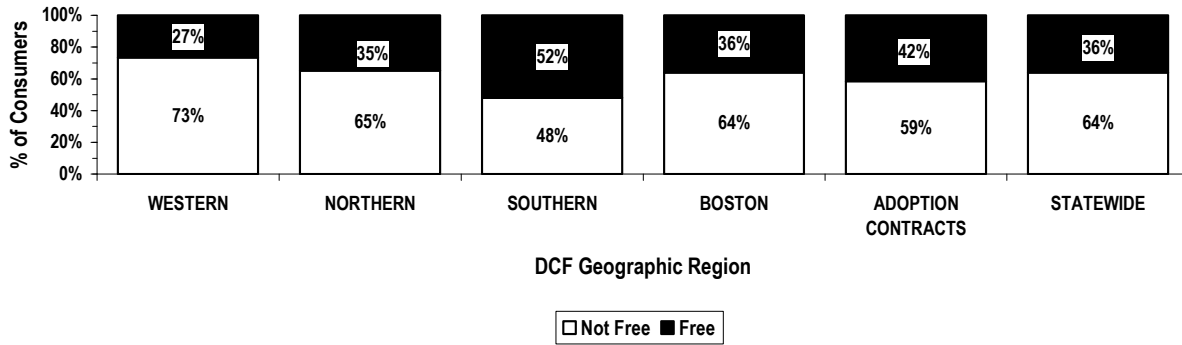
- Of the 2,402 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 36% were legally free for adoption. Seventy-four percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. (**Fig. 18** on next page)
- Of those children with a goal of adoption who were not legally free for adoption (64%), 58% were 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 27% in the West to 52% in the South (**Fig. 19** on page 42). On an area office basis, the proportion of legally free children ranged from 17% in South Central to 67% in Cape & Islands (**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 63% in the West to 68% 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 24% in Worcester East to 84% in Taunton/Attleboro (**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 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**

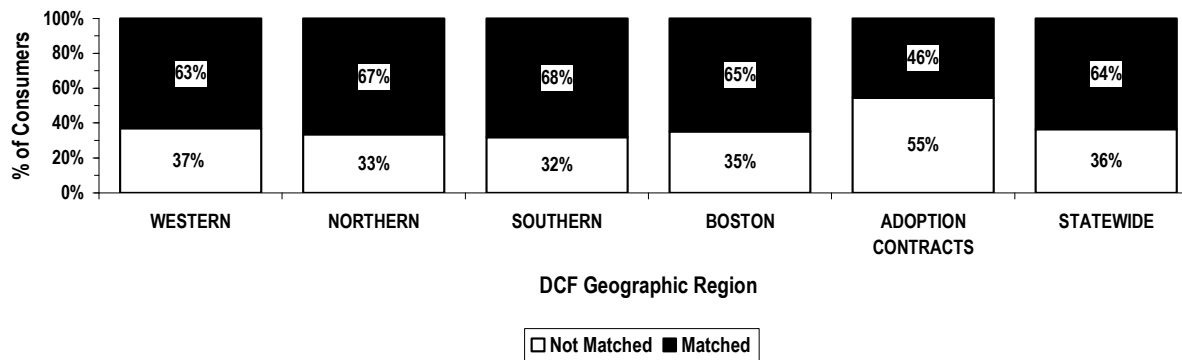


Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption  
 Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 19. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION  
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS  
FY'2014, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**



**FIGURE 20. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION  
AND WHETHER MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY  
FY'14, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**

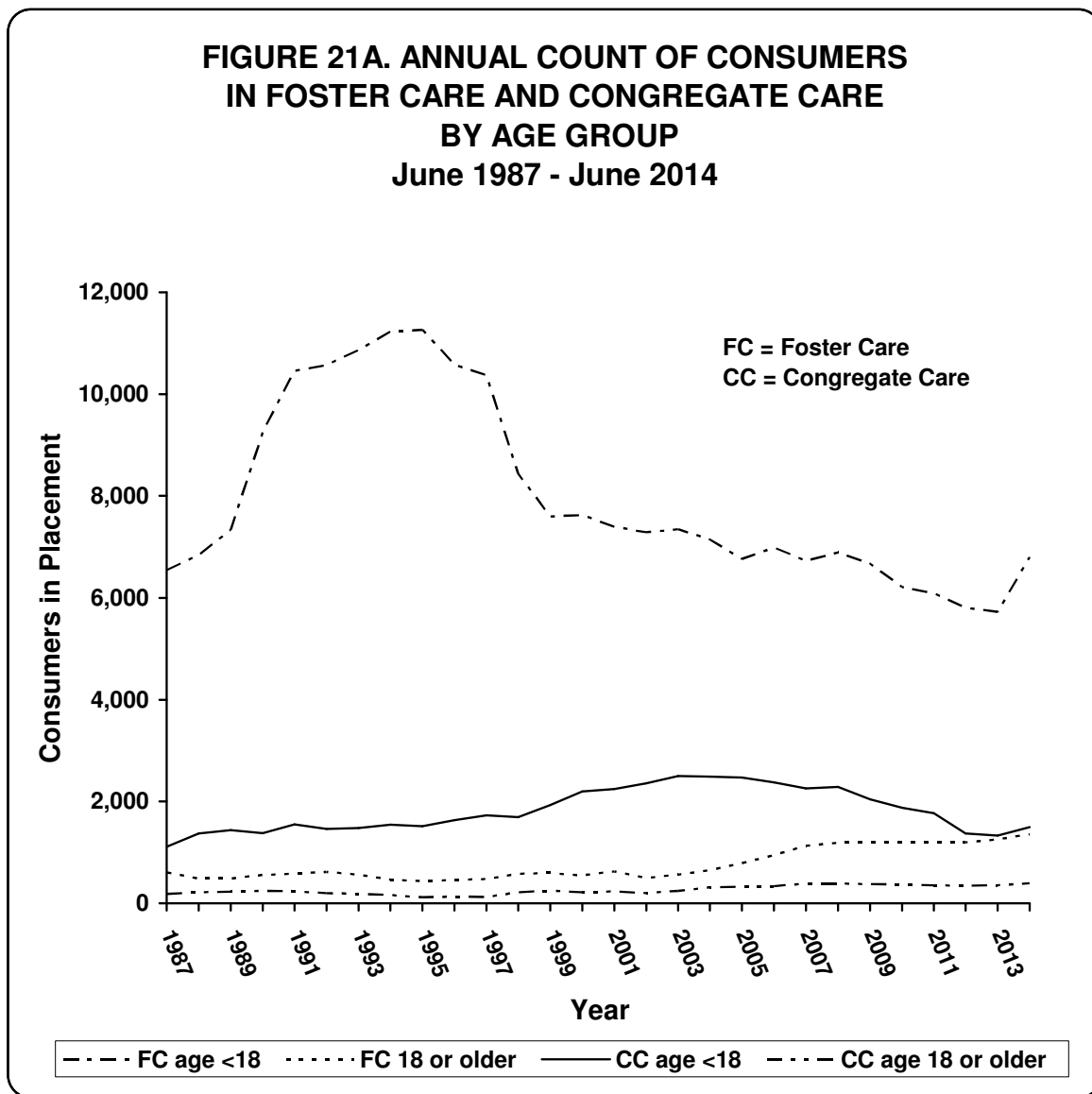




## E. Foster and Congregate Care

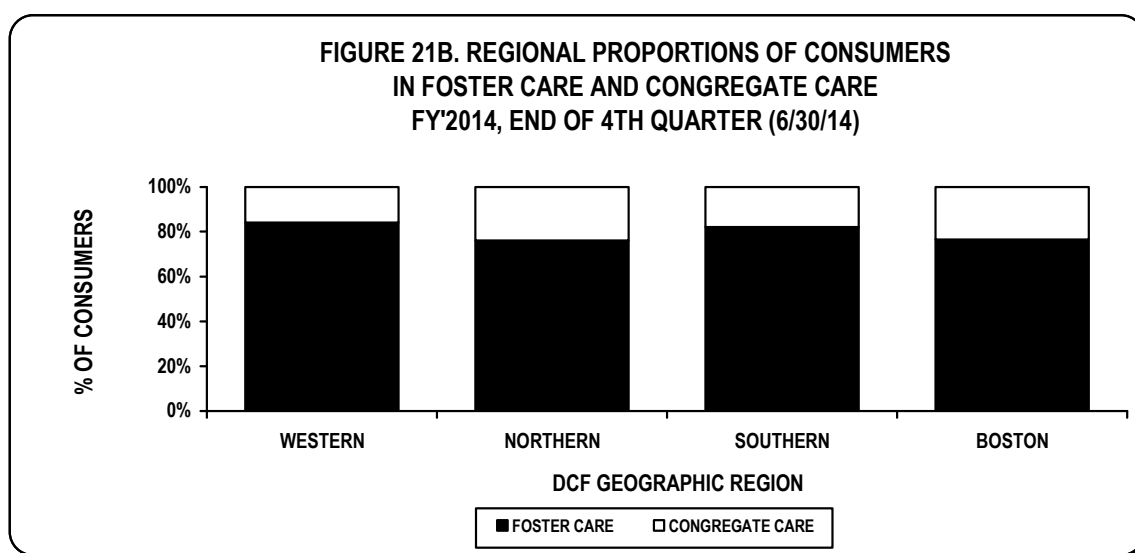
### Trends

- From 2013 to 2014, there was a sudden increase in the foster and congregate care populations after a long period of decline (**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 before rising in 2014.

- 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 (**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).
- From 2013 to 2014, counts of children in foster care increased 19% (ages <18) and 8% (ages 18 or older) while congregate care children increased 13% (ages <18) and 13% (ages 18 or older) (**Figs. 24 and 25** on page 55).
- There were 8,158 consumers in foster care and 1,896 consumers in congregate care<sup>18</sup> on the last day of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY’2014. (**Table 17A** on page 46, **Fig. 21B**)



- Regionally, adolescents (12-17 years) accounted for 20-23% of foster children and 64-68% of congregate care children. (**Table 17A**)
- Adolescents were the primary age group in “Other” placement locations<sup>19</sup> (67-78% regional range). (**Table 17A**)
- Among children not in placement, the 6-11 age group (32-34% regional range) was larger than the adolescent age group (28-30% regional range). (**Table 17D** on page 49)
- The foster care racial proportions ranged from: White—14% in Boston to 57% in the South; Black—10% in the West to 56% in Boston; and Hispanic/Latino—13% in the South to 32% in the West (**Table 18A** on page 50). The congregate care racial proportions by region were similar to those for foster care (**Table 18A**).

<sup>18</sup>Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

<sup>19</sup>“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 1,697 consumers in “Intensive” foster care<sup>20</sup> (IFC) and 6,461 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into kinship (38% of consumers), unrestricted (33%), child specific (8%), pre-adoptive (7%), and independent living (13%).<sup>21</sup> (**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 and South. Boston had the largest proportion of consumers in kinship homes. The proportion of consumers in child-specific homes was highest in the West. 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 (867 consumers, intensive and “regular” group homes), residential schools<sup>22</sup> (540), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)<sup>23</sup> (354 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 West had the highest proportion 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**.

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<sup>20</sup>Intensive Foster Care encompasses and expands upon services formerly known as “Contracted” Foster Care (Therapeutic, Diagnostic, Independent Living, Emergency Shelter, and Other models). IFC programs provide therapeutic services and supports in a family-based placement setting to children and youth for whom a traditional foster care environment is not sufficiently supportive, who are transitioning from a residential/group home level of care and require the intensity of services available through this program, or who are being discharged from a hospital setting.

<sup>21</sup> The Departmental foster care category of independent living represents payment of the foster care rate directly to youth to subsidize their room and board expenses.

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

<sup>23</sup> Services focused on supporting a rapid reintegration or transition to a next placement.

**TABLE 17A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2014, End of 4TH QUARTER 6/30/14)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Age Group	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
<b>Western</b>		<b>3,149</b>		<b>597</b>		<b>125</b>		<b>3,871</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	722	23%	1	*	5	4%	728
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	579	18%	2	*	4	3%	585
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	705	22%	82	14%	20	16%	807
	(12 - 17 yrs)	726	23%	406	68%	84	67%	1,216
	18 or older	417	13%	106	18%	12	10%	535
<b>Northern</b>		<b>1,588</b>		<b>499</b>		<b>82</b>		<b>2,169</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	327	21%	---	---	4	5%	331
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	250	16%	2	*	2	2%	254
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	300	19%	53	11%	8	10%	361
	(12 - 17 yrs)	366	23%	321	64%	61	74%	748
	18 or older	345	22%	123	25%	7	9%	475
<b>Southern</b>		<b>2,143</b>		<b>471</b>		<b>58</b>		<b>2,672</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	558	26%	2	*	2	3%	562
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	344	16%	11	2%	2	3%	357
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	447	21%	67	14%	7	12%	521
	(12 - 17 yrs)	438	20%	313	66%	45	78%	796
	18 or older	356	17%	78	17%	2	3%	436
<b>Boston</b>		<b>951</b>		<b>293</b>		<b>85</b>		<b>1,329</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	192	20%	1	*	3	4%	196
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	163	17%	5	2%	1	1%	169
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	217	23%	36	12%	8	9%	261
	(12 - 17 yrs)	217	23%	187	64%	66	78%	470
	18 or older	162	17%	64	22%	7	8%	233
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup></b>		<b>222</b>		<b>5</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>228</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	37	17%	---	---	---	---	37
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	60	27%	---	---	---	---	60
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	86	39%	2	40%	1	100%	89
	(12 - 17 yrs)	38	17%	3	60%	---	---	41
	18 or older	1	*	---	---	---	---	1
<b>Other <sup>(4)</sup></b>		<b>105</b>		<b>31</b>		<b>9</b>		<b>145</b>
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	1	1%	2	6%	---	---	3
	(12 - 17 yrs)	26	25%	3	10%	1	11%	30
	18 or older	78	74%	26	84%	8	89%	112
<b>Total</b>		<b>8,158</b>		<b>1,896</b>		<b>360</b>		<b>10,414</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

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

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 17B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2014, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Age Group	Foster Care					Foster Care Total	
		Intensive Foster Care <sup>(2)</sup>	Departmental Foster Care					
			Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive		Unrestricted
<b>Western</b>		<b>606</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>3,149</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	23	32	---	265	101	301	722
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	40	44	---	212	68	215	579
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	147	54	---	260	48	196	705
	(12 - 17 yrs)	306	69	4	162	14	171	726
	18 or older	90	21	257	17	2	30	417
<b>Northern</b>		<b>406</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>1,588</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	62	10	---	102	25	128	327
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	49	9	---	104	11	77	250
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	91	20	---	95	20	74	300
	(12 - 17 yrs)	150	31	---	87	8	90	366
	18 or older	54	11	250	10	---	20	345
<b>Southern</b>		<b>368</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>2,143</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	43	25	---	229	30	231	558
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	46	20	---	140	26	112	344
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	76	21	---	199	37	114	447
	(12 - 17 yrs)	140	40	---	138	5	115	438
	18 or older	63	22	217	30	1	23	356
<b>Boston</b>		<b>210</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>951</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	17	5	---	93	15	62	192
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	33	12	---	77	6	35	163
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	54	12	---	108	4	39	217
	(12 - 17 yrs)	80	18	---	71	1	47	217
	18 or older	26	8	106	10	---	12	162
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup></b>		<b>54</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>222</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	2	5	---	7	10	13	37
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	7	3	---	20	18	12	60
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	27	7	---	24	15	13	86
	(12 - 17 yrs)	18	1	---	3	11	5	38
<b>Other <sup>(4)</sup></b>		<b>53</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>105</b>
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	---	1
	(12 - 17 yrs)	22	---	---	---	---	4	26
	18 or older	30	2	26	---	---	20	78
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,697</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>2,463</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>2,160</b>	<b>8,158</b>

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

<sup>(2)</sup> IFC includes "Teen Parent Rate" model.

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

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

TABLE 17C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2014, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Congregate Care							Total
	Group Home				Residential	STARR <sup>(2)</sup>		
	Group Home	Intensive Group Home	Independent Living	Pre-Independent Living	Residential School	Teen Parenting		
<b>Western</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>597</b>
( 0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	1
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	2
( 6 - 11 yrs)	7	35	---	---	11	29	---	82
(12 - 17 yrs)	59	175	1	---	78	90	3	406
18 or older	20	16	13	4	49	1	3	106
<b>Northern</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>499</b>
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	2
( 6 - 11 yrs)	2	31	---	---	16	4	---	53
(12 - 17 yrs)	37	102	---	1	93	84	4	321
18 or older	26	20	36	2	33	---	6	123
<b>Southern</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>471</b>
( 0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	2
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	2	8	---	11
( 6 - 11 yrs)	1	37	---	---	16	13	---	67
(12 - 17 yrs)	32	88	---	6	102	81	4	313
18 or older	14	8	12	9	32	---	3	78
<b>Boston</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>293</b>
( 0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	1
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	2	---	---	---	3	---	5
( 6 - 11 yrs)	1	18	---	---	12	5	---	36
(12 - 17 yrs)	30	63	---	1	64	25	4	187
18 or older	15	12	8	1	25	---	3	64
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>---</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>5</b>
( 6 - 11 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	1	---	2
( 12 - 17yrs)	---	---	---	---	1	2	---	3
<b>Other <sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>31</b>
( 6 - 11 yrs)	---	1	---	---	1	---	---	2
(12 - 17 yrs)	---	1	---	---	2	---	---	3
18 or older	8	4	6	5	3	---	---	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1,896</b>

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

<sup>(2)</sup> STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

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

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 17D. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2014, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Age Group	Children <sup>(2)</sup> Not in Placement	
		No.	%
<b>Western</b>		<b>15,728</b>	
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	3,129	20%
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	2,889	18%
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	5,288	34%
	(12 - 17 yrs)	4,419	28%
	Unspecified	3	*
<b>Northern</b>		<b>7,004</b>	
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	1,406	20%
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	1,195	17%
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	2,288	33%
	(12 - 17 yrs)	2,112	30%
	Unspecified	3	*
<b>Southern</b>		<b>9,140</b>	
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	2,018	22%
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	1,666	18%
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	2,910	32%
	(12 - 17 yrs)	2,544	28%
	Unspecified	2	*
<b>Boston</b>		<b>4,652</b>	
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	860	18%
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	791	17%
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	1,597	34%
	(12 - 17 yrs)	1,402	30%
	Unspecified	2	*
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup></b>		<b>16</b>	
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	3	19%
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	4	25%
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	3	19%
	(12 - 17 yrs)	6	38%
<b>Other <sup>(4)</sup></b>		<b>7</b>	
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	4	57%
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	2	29%
	(12 - 17 yrs)	1	14%
<b>Total</b>		<b>36,547</b>	

<sup>(1)</sup> Region having responsibility for the case.

<sup>(2)</sup> 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.

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

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

**TABLE 18A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2014, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Race	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
<b>Western</b>		<b>597</b>		<b>3,149</b>		<b>125</b>		<b>3,871</b>
	White	301	50%	1,530	49%	52	42%	1,883
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	194	32%	943	30%	49	39%	1,186
	Black	61	10%	281	9%	16	13%	358
	Asian	4	1%	13	*	1	1%	18
	Native American	---	---	2	*	1	1%	3
	Pacific Islander	---	---	1	*	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	16	3%	213	7%	6	5%	235
	Unable to Determine	21	4%	166	5%	---	---	187
<b>Northern</b>		<b>499</b>		<b>1,588</b>		<b>82</b>		<b>2,169</b>
	White	246	49%	720	45%	29	35%	995
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	147	29%	500	31%	34	41%	681
	Black	56	11%	130	8%	10	12%	196
	Asian	11	2%	60	4%	4	5%	75
	Pacific Islander	1	*	---	---	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	19	4%	107	7%	5	6%	131
	Unable to Determine	19	4%	71	4%	---	---	90
<b>Southern</b>		<b>471</b>		<b>2,143</b>		<b>58</b>		<b>2,672</b>
	White	270	57%	1,225	57%	27	47%	1,522
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	62	13%	261	12%	12	21%	335
	Black	89	19%	280	13%	9	16%	378
	Asian	2	*	14	1%	---	---	16
	Native American	---	---	11	1%	---	---	11
	Pacific Islander	1	*	---	---	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	30	6%	198	9%	5	9%	233
	Unable to Determine	17	4%	154	7%	5	9%	176
<b>Boston</b>		<b>293</b>		<b>951</b>		<b>85</b>		<b>1,329</b>
	White	40	14%	185	19%	12	14%	237
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	75	26%	271	28%	26	31%	372
	Black	164	56%	394	41%	43	51%	601
	Asian	4	1%	14	1%	---	---	18
	Multi-Racial	5	2%	42	4%	2	2%	49
	Unable to Determine	5	2%	44	5%	2	2%	51
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(4)</sup></b>		<b>5</b>		<b>222</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>228</b>
	White	1	20%	104	47%	1	100%	106
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	1	20%	56	25%	---	---	57
	Black	1	20%	24	11%	---	---	25
	Asian	---	---	5	2%	---	---	5
	Native American	---	---	3	1%	---	---	3
	Multi-Racial	2	40%	17	8%	---	---	19
	Unable to Determine	---	---	13	6%	---	---	13
<b>Other <sup>(5)</sup></b>		<b>31</b>		<b>105</b>		<b>9</b>		<b>145</b>
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	17	55%	45	43%	6	67%	68
	Black	5	16%	19	18%	2	22%	26
	Asian	5	16%	25	24%	---	---	30
	Unable to Determine	4	13%	16	15%	1	11%	21
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,896</b>		<b>8,158</b>		<b>360</b>		<b>10,414</b>

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

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

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

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.



**TABLE 18B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2014, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Race	Foster Care						Foster Care Total
		Intensive Foster Care <sup>(2)</sup>	Departmental Foster Care				Unrestricted	
			Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive		
<b>Western</b>		<b>606</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>3,149</b>
	White	239	123	112	510	129	417	1,530
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	226	59	83	225	58	292	943
	Black	68	18	46	52	11	86	281
	Asian	6	---	1	2	---	4	13
	Native American	1	---	1	---	---	---	2
	Pacific Islander	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	38	10	9	71	20	65	213
	Unable to Determine	28	10	9	55	15	49	166
<b>Northern</b>		<b>406</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>1,588</b>
	White	163	40	105	230	33	149	720
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	130	28	80	90	13	159	500
	Black	45	4	36	21	3	21	130
	Asian	12	1	16	13	1	17	60
	Multi-Racial	38	3	10	24	9	23	107
	Unable to Determine	18	5	3	20	5	20	71
<b>Southern</b>		<b>368</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>2,143</b>
	White	188	78	125	468	62	304	1,225
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	53	15	31	64	4	94	261
	Black	61	13	42	78	11	75	280
	Asian	---	3	3	1	---	7	14
	Native American	1	2	---	5	---	3	11
	Multi-Racial	35	9	10	64	15	65	198
	Unable to Determine	30	8	6	56	7	47	154
<b>Boston</b>		<b>210</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>951</b>
	White	38	17	19	76	5	30	185
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	73	10	36	97	10	45	271
	Black	79	24	47	142	8	94	394
	Asian	3	2	3	1	---	5	14
	Multi-Racial	11	---	---	24	1	6	42
	Unable to Determine	6	2	1	19	2	15	45
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(4)</sup></b>		<b>54</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>222</b>
	White	21	7	---	34	31	11	104
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	16	2	---	11	12	15	56
	Black	7	1	---	4	4	8	24
	Asian	5	---	---	---	---	---	5
	Native American	1	1	---	1	---	---	3
	Multi-Racial	3	5	---	---	4	5	17
	Unable to Determine	---	---	---	---	---	---	0
<b>Other <sup>(5)</sup></b>		<b>53</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>105</b>
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	24	---	13	---	---	8	45
	Black	6	2	5	---	---	6	19
	Asian	14	---	8	---	---	3	25
	Unable to Determine	9	---	---	---	---	7	16
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,697</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>2,463</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>2,160</b>	<b>8,158</b>

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

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

<sup>(2)</sup> IFC includes "Teen Parent Rate" model.

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

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

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 18C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2014, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**

		Congregate Care							
DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Race	Group Home			Pre-Independent Living	Residential	STARR <sup>(2)</sup>	Teen Parenting	Total
		Group Home	Group Home Intensive	Independent Living		Residential School			
<b>Western</b>		<b>86</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>597</b>
	White	50	6	117	---	66	61	1	301
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	26	7	70	3	49	37	2	194
	Black	5	---	27	---	15	12	2	61
	Asian	1	1	---	---	---	2	---	4
	Multi-Racial	2	---	4	1	5	3	1	16
	Unable to Determine	2	---	8	---	3	8	---	21
<b>Northern</b>		<b>65</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>499</b>
	White	32	18	83	3	71	36	3	246
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	18	10	46	---	36	33	4	147
	Black	8	7	11	---	19	10	1	56
	Asian	1	1	2	---	5	2	---	11
	Pacific Islander	---	---	0	---	1	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	5	---	6	---	4	2	2	19
	Unable to Determine	1	---	5	---	6	7	0	19
<b>Southern</b>		<b>47</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>471</b>
	White	32	7	77	12	83	56	3	270
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	5	2	19	1	20	13	2	62
	Black	6	3	26	2	27	24	1	89
	Asian	1	---	---	---	1	---	---	2
	Pacific Islander	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	2	---	10	---	10	7	1	30
	Unable to Determine	1	---	1	---	11	4	---	17
<b>Boston</b>		<b>46</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>293</b>
	White	5	1	11	---	14	7	2	40
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	12	2	30	---	19	8	4	75
	Black	26	5	49	2	63	18	1	164
	Asian	1	---	1	---	1	1	---	4
	Multi-Racial	2	---	1	---	2	---	---	5
	Unable to Determine	---	---	3	---	2	---	---	5
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup></b>		<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>5</b>
	White	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	1
	Black	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	1
	Multi-Racial	---	---	1	---	---	1	---	2
<b>Other <sup>(4)</sup></b>		<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>31</b>
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	5	2	4	2	4	---	---	17
	Black	2	1	---	2	---	---	---	5
	Asian	---	3	2	---	---	---	---	5
	Unable to Determine	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>252</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1,896</b>

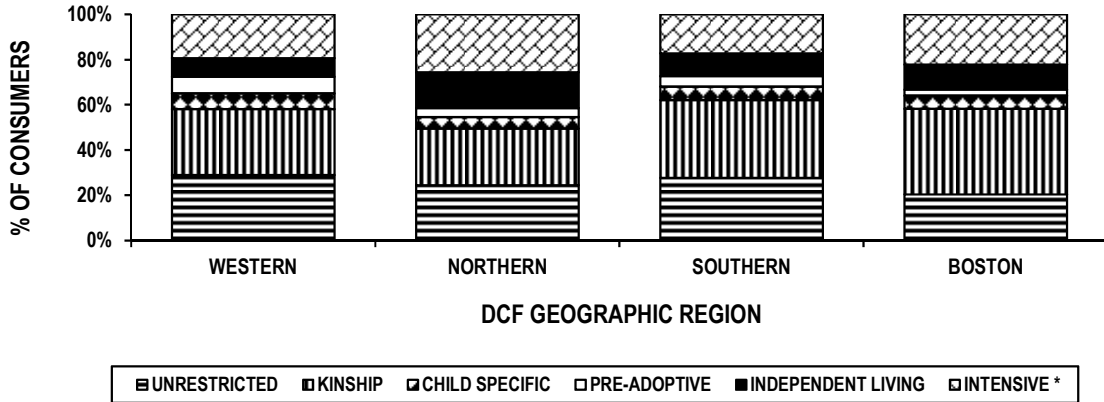
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<sup>(2)</sup> STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

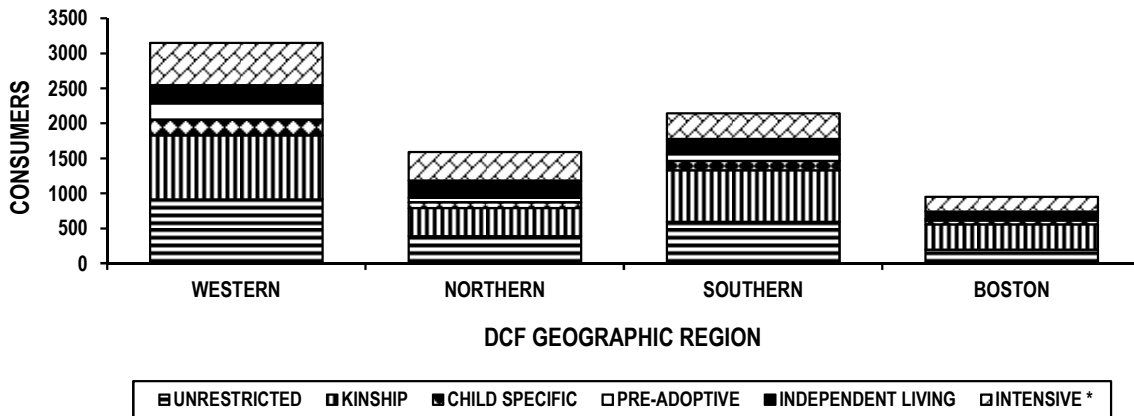
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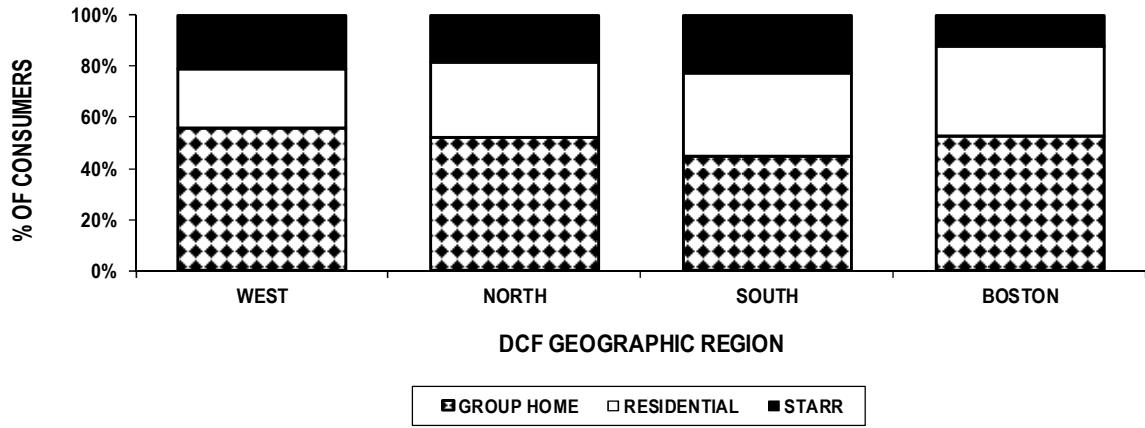
**FIGURE 22A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS  
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2014, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**



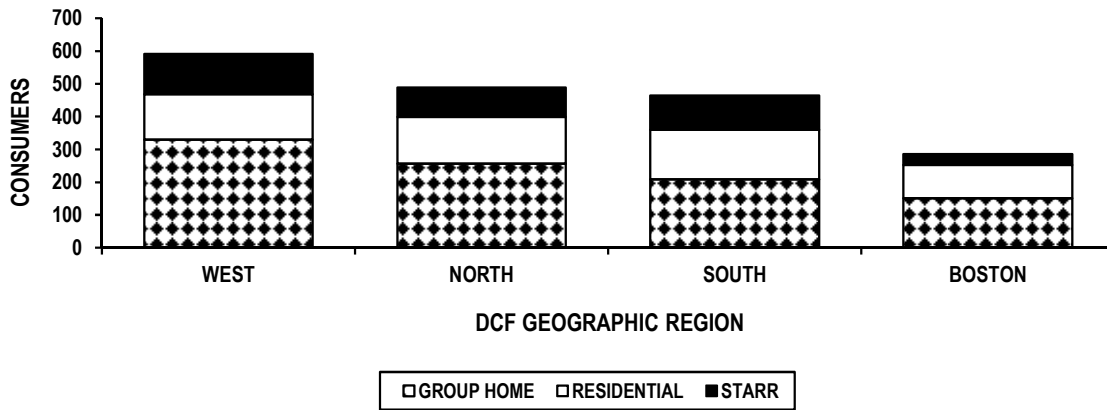
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IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2014, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**



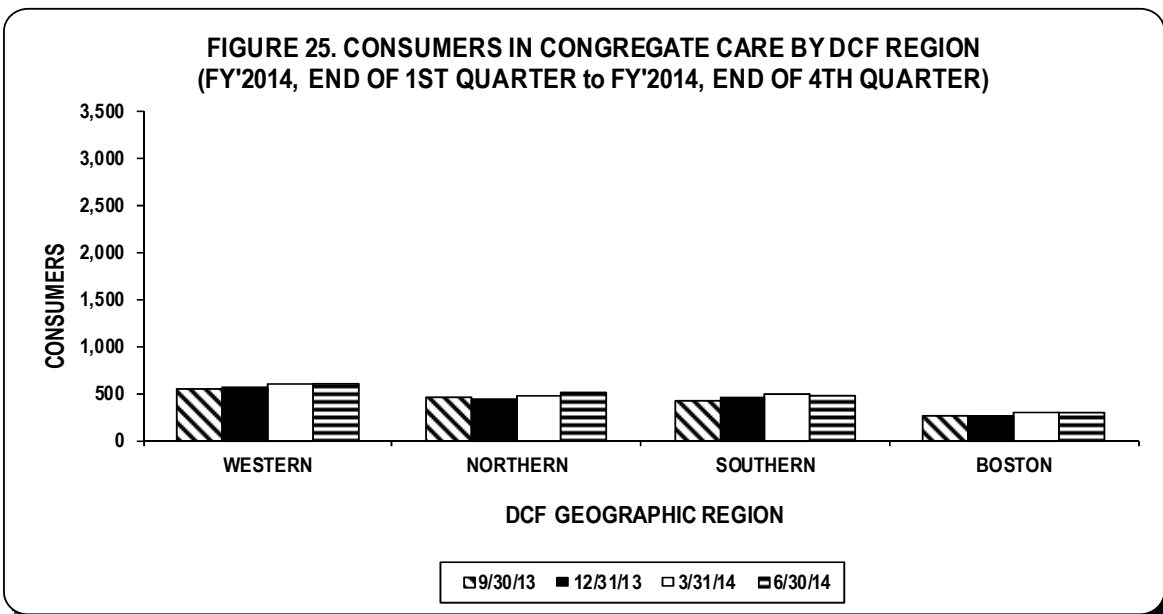
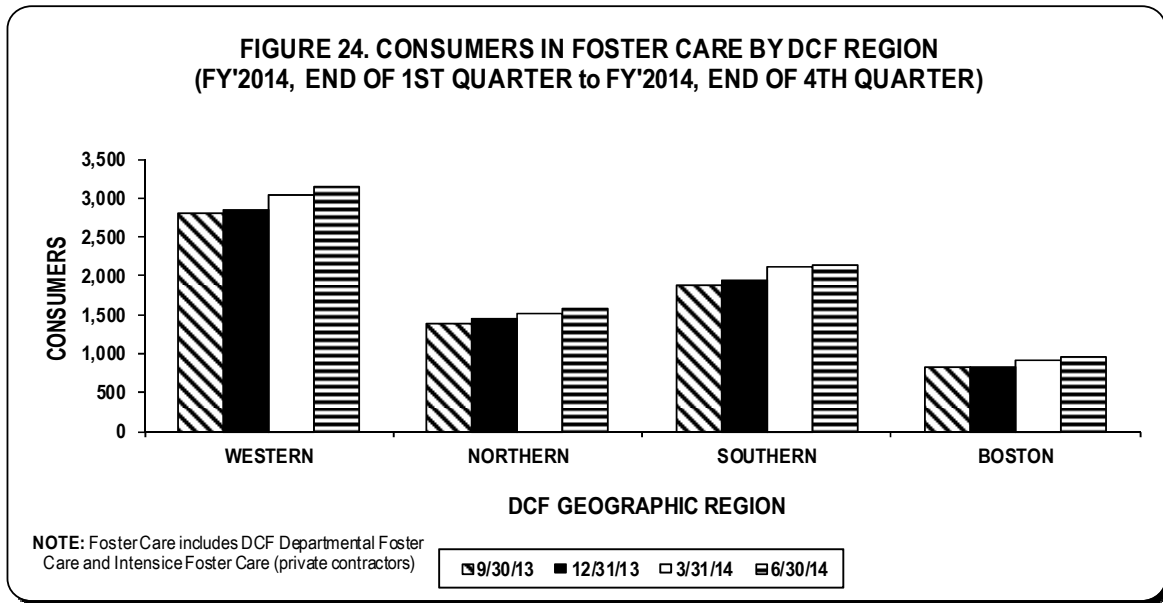
**FIGURE 23A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS  
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2014, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**



**FIGURE 23B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS  
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2014, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**



- From the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, there were increases of 3% in the foster care population and 1% in the congregate care population (Figs. 24 and 25).<sup>24</sup> Continued gains over the quarters have resulted in the stabilization and growth of the placement population (Figs. 13A and 21A on pages 24 and 43, respectively). Prior to this stabilization, annual counts of children in substitute care were on a mostly downward trend (Fig. 13A, Fig. 21A).



<sup>24</sup> Both foster care and congregate care include young adults 18 years or older.

## F. Independent Living

Of the 8,158 consumers in foster care, 860 were in the Departmental foster care category of “Independent Living.” These children are in a school or vocational program and need financial support to transition to living independently. They receive foster care payments directly to pay for room and board expenses as long as they fully participate in an educational or vocational program, and meet with their social worker as arranged. Placement services may be extended to the youth’s 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday if it is demonstrated that without DCF financial support the student will not complete a Bachelor’s program. On 6/30/2014, the ages of these children ranged from 17 to 25 years old.

Of the 1,896 consumers in congregate care, 105 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 6/30/2014, the ages of these children ranged from 16 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 860 youth in the Departmental foster care independent living model, 99%<sup>+</sup> were 18 years or older, 65% were female, 42% were White, 20% 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 105 youth in independent living group homes, 91% were 18 years or older, 48% were female, 45% were White, 21% were Black, 28% were Hispanic/Latino, and 70% had spent more than two years in continuous substitute care. (See **table** on next page)

### Regional Distribution of Youth in the Independent Living FY’2014, End of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter (6/30/14)

Youth Receiving Foster Care Payment		DCF Region	Group Home*	
No.	%		No.	%
261	30%	Western	18	17%
250	29%	Northern	39	37%
217	25%	Southern	27	26%
106	12%	Boston	10	10%
26	3%	Other**	11	10%
860	100%	TOTAL	105	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 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter (3/31/14)**

<b>Youth Receiving Foster Care Payment</b>			<b>Group Home</b>	
<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>		<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
		<i><b>Age Group</b></i>		
4	*	<b>16-17 years</b>	9	9%
856	99% <sup>+</sup>	<b>18 years or Older</b>	96	91%
		<i><b>Gender</b></i>		
303	35%	<b>Male</b>	55	52%
557	65%	<b>Female</b>	50	48%
		<i><b>Race</b></i>		
361	42%	<b>White</b>	47	45%
176	20%	<b>Black</b>	22	21%
243	28%	<b>Hispanic/Latino</b>	29	28%
31	4%	<b>Asian</b>	5	5%
1	*	<b>Native American</b>	---	---
29	3%	<b>Multi-Racial</b>	1	1%
19	2%	<b>Undetermined</b>	1	1%
		<i><b>Continuous Time in Care</b></i>		
159	18%	<b>1 year or less</b>	17	16%
106	12%	<b>&gt;1 – 2 years</b>	15	14%
227	26%	<b>&gt;2 – 4 years</b>	31	30%
368	43%	<b>&gt;4 years</b>	42	40%
860	100%	<b>TOTAL</b>	105	100%

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

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

## G. Children in Kinship Placement<sup>25</sup>

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

- Statewide, 28% of all children in placement were in kinship foster care. The North Central (37%), Coastal (36%), and Haverhill (36%) area offices had the highest proportions of placement children in Kinship foster care. (**Table 19A** on next page)
- Statewide, 32% of White, 22% of Hispanic/Latino, and 24% 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, Hyde Park (42%), Dimock Street (34%), and Park Street (30%) 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, Park Street (33%), Hyde Park (30%), and Brockton (29%) 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 45% 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 (67%), Haverhill (66%), and Hyde Park (64%) (**Table 19A**).

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<sup>25</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.



**TABLE 19A. CHILDREN <sup>(1)</sup> IN KINSHIP PLACEMENT AS A PROPORTION OF ALL CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT AND AS A PROPORTION OF ALL CHILDREN IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE: FY'2014, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**

DCF Region/Area	Kinship Foster Care	All Placements	% Kinship in Placement	Departmental Foster Care	% Kinship in Departmental Foster Care
Greenfield	98	350	28%	254	39%
Holyoke	69	270	26%	173	40%
North Central	185	495	37%	383	48%
Pittsfield	112	354	32%	267	42%
Robert Van Wart	66	357	18%	202	33%
South Central	108	335	32%	246	44%
Springfield	89	424	21%	235	38%
Worcester East	111	433	26%	250	44%
Worcester West	60	314	19%	204	29%
Contracted Agencies	1	4	25%	2	50%
<b>Western</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>3,336</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>2,216</b>	<b>41%</b>
Cambridge	15	114	13%	46	33%
Cape Ann	58	198	29%	103	56%
Framingham	26	156	17%	80	33%
Haverhill	52	145	36%	79	66%
Lawrence	42	201	21%	133	32%
Lowell	98	344	28%	215	46%
Lynn	75	363	21%	177	42%
Malden	22	173	13%	58	38%
<b>Northern</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>1,694</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>44%</b>
Arlington	56	189	30%	110	51%
Brockton	77	263	29%	159	48%
Cape Cod	71	243	29%	153	46%
Coastal	87	243	36%	172	51%
Fall River	142	414	34%	304	47%
New Bedford	120	404	30%	255	47%
Plymouth	71	231	31%	162	44%
Taunton/Attleboro	79	244	32%	164	48%
Contracted Agencies	3	5	60%	3	100%
<b>Southern</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>2,236</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>1,482</b>	<b>48%</b>
Dimock Street	82	271	30%	153	54%
Harbor	83	260	32%	123	67%
Hyde Park	74	220	34%	116	64%
Park Street	110	343	32%	211	52%
<b>Boston</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>1,096</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>58%</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(2)</sup></b>	54	227	24%	167	32%
<b>Other <sup>(3)</sup></b>	---	33	---	4	---
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,396</b>	<b>8,622</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>5,365</b>	<b>45%</b>

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

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

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

**TABLE 19B. RACE OF CHILDREN <sup>(1)</sup> IN KINSHIP PLACEMENTS COMPARED TO ALL PLACEMENTS:  
FY'2014, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**

DCF Region/ Area Office	Children in Kinship			Total Children in Placement			% Kinship Placements		
	Race			Race			Race		
	White	Hispanic <sup>(2)</sup>	Black	White	Hispanic <sup>(2)</sup>	Black	White	Hispanic <sup>(2)</sup>	Black
Greenfield	77	7	2	243	44	17	32%	16%	12%
Holyoke	33	30	1	112	124	14	29%	24%	7%
North Central	121	38	1	284	139	18	43%	27%	6%
Pittsfield	70	9	---	225	36	17	31%	25%	---
Robert Van Wart	30	14	8	172	109	27	17%	13%	30%
South Central	81	14	5	238	54	13	34%	26%	38%
Springfield	19	44	18	67	230	90	28%	19%	20%
Worcester East	41	45	13	169	160	47	24%	28%	28%
Worcester West	28	19	3	132	112	29	21%	17%	10%
Contracted Agency	---	---	1	---	1	2	---	---	50%
<b>Western</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1,642</b>	<b>1,009</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>19%</b>
Cambridge	7	6	2	49	34	21	14%	18%	10%
Cape Ann	45	9	0	140	35	5	32%	26%	0%
Framingham	11	7	4	83	37	12	13%	19%	33%
Haverhill	38	5	---	90	30	7	42%	17%	---
Lawrence	17	23	---	46	138	3	37%	17%	---
Lowell	58	19	1	143	114	17	41%	17%	6%
Lynn	36	16	10	141	113	41	26%	14%	24%
Malden	16	1	3	98	32	21	16%	3%	14%
<b>Northern</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>16%</b>
Arlington	35	4	10	101	28	29	35%	14%	34%
Brockton	39	2	23	107	27	79	36%	7%	29%
Cape Cod	45	4	---	145	27	8	31%	15%	---
Coastal	64	5	10	149	15	47	43%	33%	21%
Fall River	90	17	6	231	63	40	39%	27%	15%
New Bedford	70	18	15	208	75	58	34%	24%	26%
Plymouth	54	2	4	175	11	13	31%	18%	31%
Taunton/Attleboro	54	6	3	152	27	18	36%	22%	17%
Contracted Agency	1	---	---	2	1	---	50%	---	---
<b>Southern</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>24%</b>
Dimock Street	11	25	32	36	73	133	31%	34%	24%
Harbor	43	29	2	101	111	20	43%	26%	10%
Hyde Park	5	16	42	19	38	142	26%	42%	30%
Park Street	15	25	60	44	82	183	34%	30%	33%
<b>Boston</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>28%</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup></b>	34	11	4	106	57	24	32%	19%	17%
<b>Other <sup>(4)</sup></b>	---	---	---	---	7	6	---	---	---
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,288</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>4,009</b>	<b>2,184</b>	<b>1,202</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>24%</b>

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

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

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

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

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

- During the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, 2,221 consumers entered placement and 1,846 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, there was a 3% increase in consumers entering placement and a 27% increase in consumers leaving placement during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014. From the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, the placement population rose 3%.

### A. Entries to Placement

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, 67% were first-time entrants and 33% were re-entrants.<sup>26</sup> Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 66% in both the West and North to 70% in the South. (Table 20, Fig. 26 on next page)
- Across the state, 66% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 22% were placed in congregate care,<sup>27</sup> and 12% were placed in non-referral locations.<sup>28</sup>
- Regionally, the proportion of all entrants placed in foster care ranged from 53% in the North to 77% in both the West and South. In contrast, the proportion of all entrants placed in congregate care ranged from 17% in the West to 33% in the 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. Seventy-two percent of first-time entrants and 53% of re-entrants were placed in foster care. Conversely, 32% of re-entrants and 18% of first-time entrants were placed in congregate care. (Table 20)

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

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

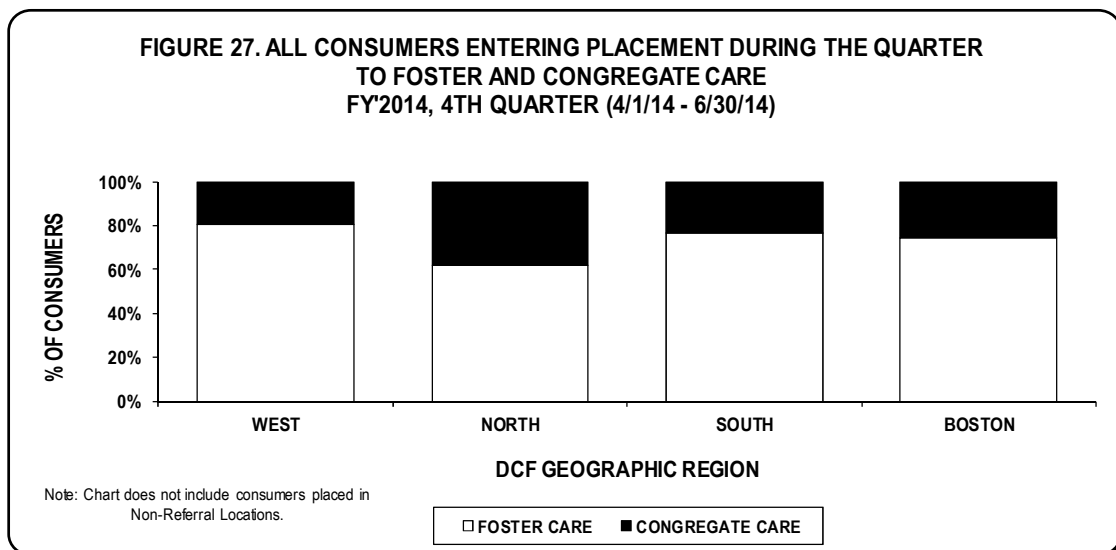
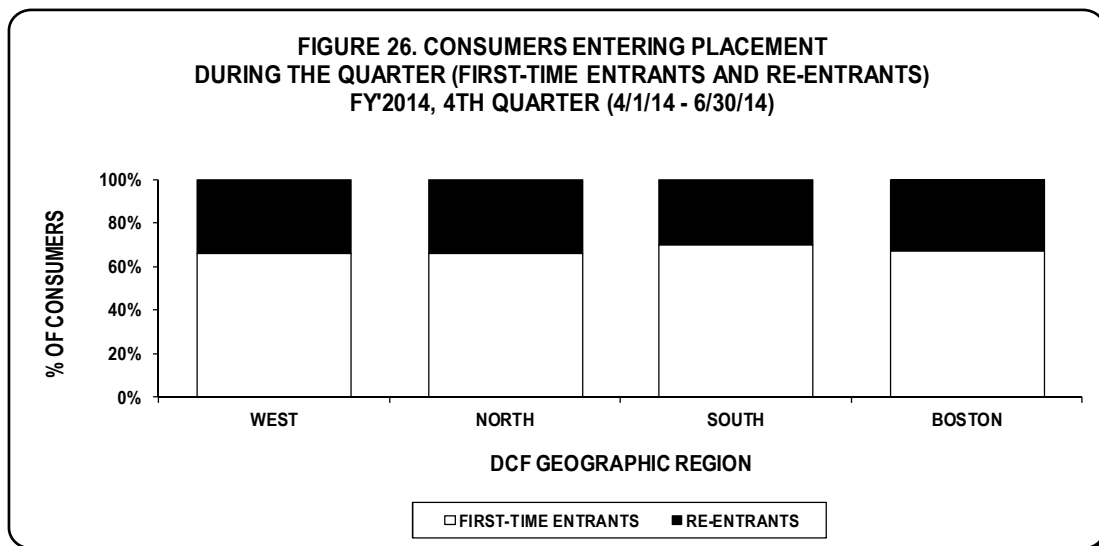
<sup>28</sup> Non-referral locations include hospitals, nursing homes, and placements supervised by other state agencies.

**TABLE 20. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2014, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/14 - 6/30/14)**

Entry Type: Placement Location Started	DCF Geographic Region				Other <sup>(1)</sup>	Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston		
<b>First-Time Entrants:</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1,490</b>
Foster Care	434	201	308	129	1	1,073
Congregate Care	78	97	64	26	---	265
Non-Referral Location <sup>(2)</sup>	57	46	21	27	1	152
<b>Re-Entrants:</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>731</b>
Foster Care	183	77	93	35	---	388
Congregate Care	69	74	58	30	---	231
Non-Referral Location <sup>(2)</sup>	43	28	18	23	---	112
<b>Total</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2,221</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

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



## B. Exits from Placement

- Statewide, 64% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 63% in the North to 68% in Boston. **(Table 21)**
- Statewide, 9% of consumers leaving placement were adopted, and 15% were emancipated (18 years or older), and 7% were granted guardianships. **(Table 21)**

**TABLE 21. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2014, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/14 - 6/30/14)**

Reason Placement Ended	DCF Geographic Region					Adoption		Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>	Other <sup>(2)</sup>		
Child Returned Home	457	269	311	140	1	2	1,180	
Child 18 or Older	88	74	59	32	---	16	269	
Consumer Adopted	57	28	44	9	37	---	175	
Guardianship	57	24	35	8	1	---	125	
Custody to Other Individual	20	26	17	12	---	---	75	
Custody to Other Agency	3	3	3	1	---	1	11	
Child on the Run	2	1	3	3	---	---	9	
Consumer Deceased	---	---	1	1	---	---	2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1,846</b>	

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

- Consumers who were returned home had one placement (median) and spent 0.4 year in continuous care (median) (See first **table** on next page). Only consumers with a custody transfer to another agency/individual spent less time in care (0.2 years) and had one placement. Emancipated and adopted consumers spent the most time in continuous care (3.0 years median for both groups).
- 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 (7 median). (See first **table** on next page)

**Consumers Leaving Placement (4/1/2014 – 6/30/2014)**

Reason Left Placement	Number of Consumers	Most Recent Continuous Time in Placement Prior to Leaving		Total History w/DCF
		# Placements Median Count	Placement Duration Median Continuous Time in Placement (years)	# Placements Median Count
Returned Home	1180	1	0.4	3
Emancipation (18 years or older)	269	2	3.0	8
Adoption	175	2	3.0	4
Guardianship	125	2	2.1	4
Custody to Other Individual or Agency	86	1	0.2	3
Child on the Run	9	1	0.4	7
Deceased	2	--	----	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>1846</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>3</b>

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

Reason Left Placement	1	2	3	4	5	7	Total
Returned Home	1017	156	3	3	1	--	1180
Emancipation (18 years or older)	75	184	6	3	--	1	269
Adoption	28	147	--	--	--	--	175
Guardianship	41	83	1	--	--	--	125
Custody to Other Individual or Agency	80	5	1	--	--	--	86
Child on the Run	7	1	1	--	--	--	9
Deceased	1	1	--	--	--	--	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1249</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1846</b>

- The above **table** shows that 86% of consumers returned home had 1 placement and 13% had 2 placements. Twenty-eight percent of emancipated consumers had 1 placement and 68% had 2 placements. Sixteen percent of adopted consumers had 1 placement and 84% had 2 placements. Thirty-three percent of guardianship consumers had 1 placement and 66% had 2 placements.
- There was little difference between Hispanic and Black consumers when comparing reasons for leaving placement (See **table** below). The proportions of Hispanic and Black consumers were similar: 66-68% returned home, 17% emancipated, 6-7% adopted, and 3-6% granted guardianships. White consumers differed—lower proportions for returned home and emancipated (59% and 14%, respectively) and higher proportions adopted and granted guardianships (12% and 10% , respectively).

**Consumers Leaving Placement (4/1/2014 – 6/30/2014)**

Reason Left Placement	White	Hispanic	Black	Asian	Multi-Racial	Other*	Total
Returned Home	473	371	191	12	47	86	1180
Emancipation (18 years or older)	113	90	49	7	7	3	269
Adoption	92	40	17	1	17	8	175
Guardianship	79	14	16	2	12	2	125
Custody to Other Individual or Agency	37	27	13	--	2	7	86
Child on the Run	4	2	1	--	1	1	9
Deceased	--	--	1	--	1	--	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1846</b>

\* Includes Native American and Unspecified.

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

- At the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, there were 4,191 foster homes under the direct supervision of DCF. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes<sup>30</sup> as well as unrestricted homes.<sup>31</sup> There were 2,038 restricted and 2,153 unrestricted foster homes at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014—7% increase for restricted and a 3% increase for unrestricted when compared to the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'1998, 29% of all DCF foster homes were restricted homes. Restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes rose above 50% in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2003 and declined below 50% in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2009. At the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, restricted homes accounted for 49% of all foster homes (**Table 22 and Fig. 28**)
- Statewide, 60% of foster parents in unrestricted homes and 53% of foster parents in restricted were White (**Table 22**).
- Ten percent (427) of all foster homes were identified as Black (233 restricted and 194 unrestricted) (**Table 22**).
- Fifteen percent (642) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (266 restricted and 376 unrestricted) (**Table 22**).
- Statewide, 60% of foster parents in unrestricted homes and 47% of foster parents in restricted homes were married (**Table 23** on page 67).

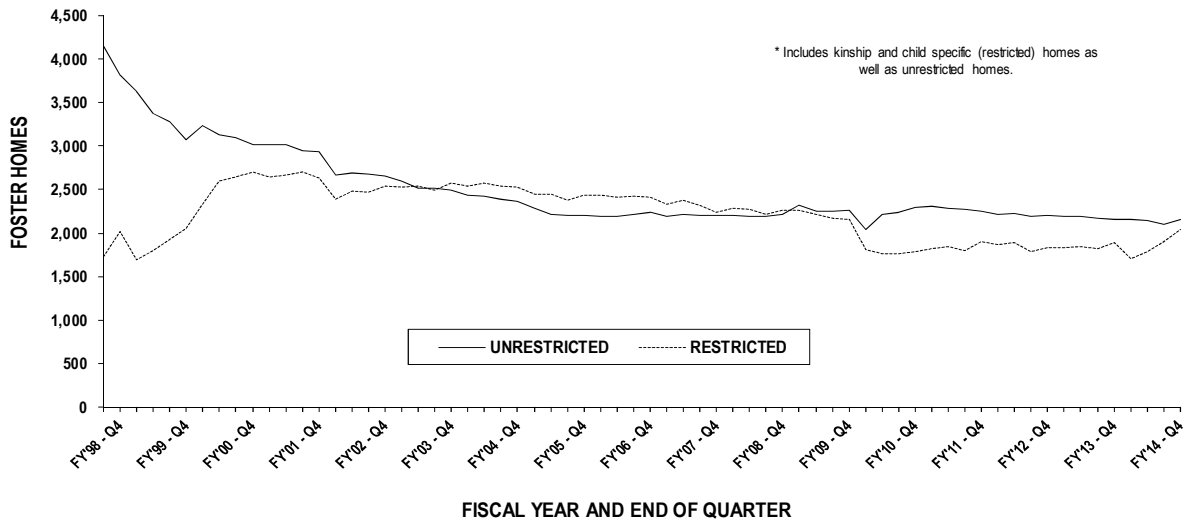
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<sup>29</sup> Foster homes provide formal, temporary out-of-home placement to children who are in the care and custody of DCF. Foster families may be related or unrelated to the child.

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

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

**FIGURE 28. RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FOSTER HOMES  
END OF 3RD QUARTER OF FY\*1998 (3/31/98) TO END OF 4TH QUARTER OF FY\*2014 (6/30/14)**



**TABLE 22. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DCF REGION:  
FY\*2014, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14) <sup>(1)</sup>**

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region								Total No. %	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
<b>Restricted:</b>	<b>695</b>		<b>426</b>		<b>670</b>		<b>247</b>		<b>2,038</b>	
White	351	51%	274	64%	393	59%	60	24%	1,078	53%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(2)</sup>	118	17%	61	14%	39	6%	48	19%	266	13%
Black	38	5%	21	5%	59	9%	115	47%	233	11%
Asian	1	*	10	2%	2	*	---	---	13	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	6	1%	---	---	6	*
Multi-Racial	2	*	2	*	2	*	1	*	7	*
Unspecified	185	27%	58	14%	169	25%	23	9%	435	21%
<b>Unrestricted:</b>	<b>867</b>		<b>444</b>		<b>669</b>		<b>173</b>		<b>2,153</b>	
White	501	58%	277	62%	473	71%	49	28%	1,300	60%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(2)</sup>	205	41%	69	25%	68	14%	34	69%	376	17%
Black	54	6%	22	5%	42	6%	76	44%	194	9%
Asian	3	*	6	1%	1	*	3	2%	13	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	3	*	---	---	3	*
Pacific Islander	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1%	1	*
Multi-Racial	8	1%	3	1%	2	*	1	1%	14	1%
Unspecified	96	11%	67	15%	80	12%	9	5%	252	12%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,562</b>		<b>870</b>		<b>1,339</b>		<b>420</b>		<b>4,191</b>	

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

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



**TABLE 23. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2014, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14) <sup>(1)</sup>**

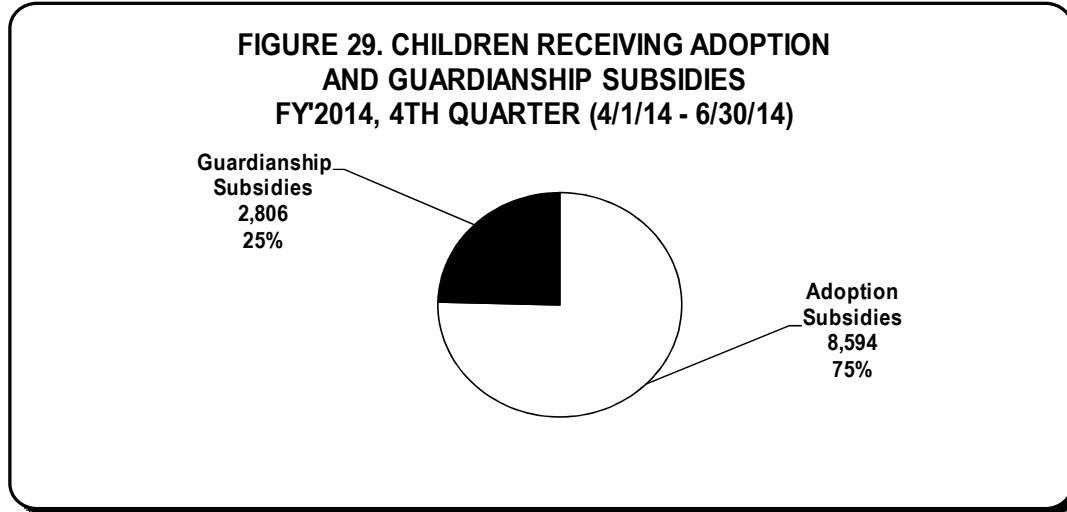
Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region								Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		No.	%
<b>Restricted:</b>	<b>695</b>		<b>426</b>		<b>670</b>		<b>247</b>		<b>2,038</b>	
<b>Married</b>	339	49%	202	47%	348	52%	75	30%	<b>964</b>	<b>47%</b>
<b>Single</b>	239	34%	129	30%	206	31%	142	57%	<b>716</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>Divorced</b>	75	11%	55	13%	77	11%	11	4%	<b>218</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Separated</b>	17	2%	20	5%	16	2%	11	4%	<b>64</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Widowed</b>	25	4%	18	4%	23	3%	8	3%	<b>74</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Unspecified</b>	---	---	2	1%	---	---	---	---	<b>2</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Unrestricted:</b>	<b>867</b>		<b>444</b>		<b>669</b>		<b>173</b>		<b>2,153</b>	
<b>Married</b>	524	60%	268	60%	438	65%	63	36%	<b>1,293</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>Single</b>	208	24%	100	23%	136	20%	76	44%	<b>520</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>Divorced</b>	95	11%	54	12%	64	10%	23	13%	<b>236</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Widowed</b>	20	2%	12	3%	13	2%	6	3%	<b>51</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Separated</b>	17	2%	6	1%	17	3%	4	2%	<b>44</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Unspecified</b>	3	1%	4	1%	1	*	1	2%	<b>9</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,562</b>		<b>870</b>		<b>1,339</b>		<b>420</b>		<b>4,191</b>	

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

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

## VIII. ADOPTION AND GUARDIANSHIP SUBSIDIES

At the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, the total number of children receiving an adoption subsidy was 8,594 (**Fig. 29**). Guardianship subsidies totaled 2,806. These counts represent subsidies that had a payment during the quarter, i.e., the number with service referrals actively paying out.



From the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2014, adoption subsidies decreased less than 1% and guardianship subsidies increased 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'2011 1 <sup>st</sup>	9,191	-1%	2,934	-2%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9,125	-1%	2,881	-2%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9,057	-1%	2,865	-1%
4 <sup>th</sup>	9,002	-1%	2,872	*
FY'2012 1 <sup>st</sup>	8,887	-1%	2,818	-2%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8,887	---	2,807	*
3 <sup>rd</sup>	8,825	-1%	2,788	-1%
4 <sup>th</sup>	8,824	*	2,792	*
FY'2013 1 <sup>st</sup>	8,666	-2%	2,757	-1%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8,695	*	2,771	1%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	8,633	-1%	2,763	*
4 <sup>th</sup>	8,775	2%	2,831	2%
FY'2014 1 <sup>st</sup>	8,703	-1%	2,813	-1%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8,734	*	2,785	-1%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	8,627	-1%	2,765	-1%
4 <sup>th</sup>	8,594	*	2,806	1%

\* = less than 1% after rounding-off

## **IX. APPENDIX**

**TABLE A1. CONSUMER, CHILD, AND ADULT POPULATION TRENDS: 1983 - 2014**

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
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
3/31/14	83,921	41,777	8,275	33,502	42,144
6/30/14	90,611	45,169	8,622	36,547	45,442

Note: revised counts

Source: ASSIST 6/1983 - 1/1998) and FamilyNet (9/1998 - 6/30/14)

**TABLE A2. CASE OPENINGS <sup>(1)</sup> DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2014, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/14 - 6/30/14)**

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Case Openings <sup>(1)</sup>										Total No.		
	Protective <sup>(2)</sup>		Alternative Response <sup>(3)</sup>		CRA Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals			Other <sup>(4)</sup>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
Greenfield	32	50%	17	27%	2	3%	2	3%	---	---	11	17%	64
Holyoke	76	78%	7	7%	2	2%	3	3%	---	---	9	9%	97
North Central	95	75%	25	20%	1	1%	3	2%	1	1%	1	1%	126
Pittsfield	70	84%	6	7%	1	1%	1	1%	---	---	5	6%	83
Robert Van Wart	106	61%	55	32%	2	1%	3	2%	3	2%	5	3%	174
South Central	90	66%	36	26%	3	2%	5	4%	1	1%	1	1%	136
Springfield	139	81%	19	11%	4	2%	1	1%	---	---	8	5%	171
Worcester East	98	64%	30	20%	5	3%	8	5%	3	2%	8	5%	152
Worcester West	84	79%	12	11%	2	2%	3	3%	1	1%	4	4%	106
<b>Western</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>1,109</b>
Cambridge	47	64%	20	27%	2	3%	---	---	1	1%	4	5%	74
Cape Ann	47	64%	8	11%	1	1%	3	4%	8	11%	7	9%	74
Framingham	72	64%	28	25%	6	5%	2	2%	2	2%	3	3%	113
Haverhill	55	83%	4	6%	5	8%	2	3%	---	---	---	---	66
Lawrence	49	69%	11	15%	6	8%	1	1%	---	---	4	6%	71
Lowell	94	71%	17	13%	2	2%	5	4%	1	1%	14	11%	133
Lynn	44	60%	8	11%	6	8%	6	8%	---	---	9	12%	73
Malden	69	81%	2	2%	1	1%	1	1%	9	11%	3	4%	85
<b>Northern</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>689</b>
Arlington	61	62%	23	23%	9	9%	---	---	---	---	6	6%	99
Brockton	87	84%	6	6%	3	3%	3	3%	---	---	4	4%	103
Cape Cod	69	69%	14	14%	4	4%	6	6%	2	2%	5	5%	100
Coastal	69	68%	20	20%	5	5%	3	3%	---	---	5	5%	102
Fall River	120	88%	8	6%	---	---	2	1%	3	2%	4	3%	137
New Bedford	108	76%	17	12%	6	4%	3	2%	1	1%	7	5%	142
Plymouth	70	80%	9	10%	4	5%	---	---	1	1%	3	3%	87
Taunton/Attleboro	67	66%	19	19%	4	4%	3	3%	3	3%	5	5%	101
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
<b>Southern</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>872</b>
Dimock Street	83	82%	6	6%	5	5%	3	3%	---	---	4	4%	101
Harbor	68	65%	23	22%	7	7%	3	3%	---	---	3	3%	104
Hyde Park	81	86%	5	5%	5	5%	---	---	1	1%	2	2%	94
Park Street	67	88%	3	4%	4	5%	1	1%	1	1%	---	---	76
<b>Boston</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>375</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(5)</sup></b>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	100%	4
<b>Other <sup>(6)</sup></b>	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	100%	---	---	---	---	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2,218</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>3,050</b>

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

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

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

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

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

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

**TABLE A3. CONSUMER OPENINGS<sup>(1)</sup> DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2014, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/14 - 6/30/14)**

DCF Geographic Region	Case Openings <sup>(1)</sup>												Total No.
	Protective <sup>(2)</sup>		Alternative Response <sup>(3)</sup>		CRA Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other <sup>(4)</sup>		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	302	63%	141	29%	11	2%	8	2%	1	*	15	3%	478
Holyoke	473	72%	107	16%	22	3%	19	3%	15	2%	23	3%	659
North Central	725	70%	255	25%	15	1%	28	3%	3	*	4	*	1,030
Pittsfield	523	79%	77	12%	7	1%	9	1%	22	3%	20	3%	658
Robert Van Wart	784	68%	326	28%	20	2%	16	1%	7	1%	5	0%	1,158
South Central	470	64%	195	26%	18	2%	28	4%	9	1%	20	3%	740
Springfield	1,027	80%	210	16%	32	2%	4	*	---	---	16	1%	1,289
Worcester East	606	72%	136	16%	48	6%	27	3%	11	1%	17	2%	845
Worcester West	544	79%	85	12%	12	2%	17	2%	14	2%	14	2%	686
<b>Western</b>	<b>5,454</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>1,532</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>7,543</b>
Cambridge	232	66%	103	29%	8	2%	---	---	3	1%	4	1%	350
Cape Ann	317	57%	161	29%	3	1%	6	1%	61	11%	8	1%	556
Framingham	373	59%	174	28%	36	6%	21	3%	15	2%	9	1%	628
Haverhill	335	78%	64	15%	23	5%	6	1%	---	---	---	---	428
Lawrence	257	64%	83	21%	47	12%	3	1%	2	*	10	2%	402
Lowell	685	82%	53	6%	27	3%	29	3%	14	2%	24	3%	832
Lynn	278	66%	68	16%	32	8%	11	3%	3	1%	30	7%	422
Malden	480	85%	10	2%	11	2%	10	2%	46	8%	11	2%	568
<b>Northern</b>	<b>2,957</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>4,186</b>
Arlington	278	64%	94	22%	53	12%	---	---	---	---	7	2%	432
Brockton	529	86%	34	6%	20	3%	9	1%	5	1%	20	3%	617
Cape Cod	360	70%	81	16%	34	7%	6	1%	19	4%	14	3%	514
Coastal	361	65%	134	24%	31	6%	21	4%	3	1%	7	1%	557
Fall River	677	83%	46	6%	19	2%	13	2%	45	6%	16	2%	816
New Bedford	783	80%	118	12%	32	3%	6	1%	17	2%	21	2%	977
Plymouth	436	70%	126	20%	34	5%	2	*	14	2%	9	1%	621
Taunton/Attleboro	422	66%	122	19%	19	3%	22	3%	41	6%	15	2%	641
<b>Southern</b>	<b>3,856</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>5,185</b>
Dimock Street	356	80%	36	8%	34	8%	9	2%	2	*	6	1%	443
Harbor	454	69%	151	23%	45	7%	6	1%	0	0%	2	*	658
Hyde Park	404	86%	23	5%	36	8%	---	---	2	*	3	1%	468
Park Street	476	85%	38	7%	18	3%	6	1%	17	3%	7	1%	562
William E. Warren Center	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
<b>Boston</b>	<b>1,691</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2,132</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(5)</sup></b>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	100%	5
<b>Other <sup>(6)</sup></b>	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	100%	---	---	---	---	2
<b>Missing</b>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	100%	---	---	4
<b>Total:</b>	<b>13,958</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>3,251</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>19,057</b>

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

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

(2) Outcome of an investigation.

(3) Outcome of an initial assessment.

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

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

(6) Includes primarily families served through the Residential & Adolescent Services Unit.

**TABLE A4. CASE OPENINGS DURING THE LAST FOUR QUARTERS BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:  
FY' 2014, 1ST QUARTER TO FY'2014, 4TH QUARTER**

<b>TOTAL CASE OPENINGS <sup>(1)</sup></b>											
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other <sup>(2)</sup>	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2014 - Q1	829	-8%	454	-5%	664	1%	319	-3%	9	2,275	-5%
FY'2014 - Q2	953	15%	558	23%	774	17%	368	15%	11	2,664	17%
FY'2014 - Q3	1,176	23%	705	26%	869	385%	385	5%	15	3,150	18%
FY'2014 - Q4	1,109	-6%	689	-2%	872	0%	375	-3%	5	3,050	-3%

<b>PROTECTIVE CASE OPENINGS <sup>(3)</sup></b>											
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other <sup>(2)</sup>	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2014 - Q1	407	-5%	196	5%	350	-1%	209	-4%	---	1,162	-2%
FY'2014 - Q2	494	21%	255	30%	413	18%	241	15%	---	1,403	21%
FY'2014 - Q3	819	66%	481	89%	642	55%	303	26%	---	2,245	60%
FY'2014 - Q4	790	-4%	477	-1%	652	2%	299	-1%	---	2,218	-1%

<b>ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE CASE OPENINGS <sup>(4)</sup></b>											
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other <sup>(2)</sup>	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2014 - Q1	307	-13%	174	-14%	210	12%	57	-2%	---	748	-3%
FY'2014 - Q2	352	15%	214	23%	263	25%	75	32%	---	904	21%
FY'2014 - Q3	236	-33%	96	-55%	133	-49%	35	-53%	---	500	-45%
FY'2014 - Q4	207	-12%	98	2%	116	-13%	37	6%	---	458	-8%

<b>VOLUNTARY REQUESTS CASE OPENINGS</b>											
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other <sup>(2)</sup>	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2014 - Q1	27	-13%	20	5%	18	-18%	8	-38%	9	73	-18%
FY'2014 - Q2	29	7%	19	-5%	21	17%	9	13%	11	78	7%
FY'2014 - Q3	32	10%	26	37%	18	-14%	12	33%	1	88	13%
FY'2014 - Q4	29	-9%	20	-23%	20	11%	7	-42%	1	77	-13%

<b>CRA REFERRALS CASE OPENINGS</b>											
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other <sup>(2)</sup>	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2014 - Q1	11	-48%	20	-20%	23	-39%	19	53%	---	73	-34%
FY'2014 - Q2	15	36%	21	5%	27	17%	19	0%	---	82	12%
FY'2014 - Q3	22	47%	36	71%	20	-26%	17	-11%	---	95	16%
FY'2014 - Q4	22	0%	29	-19%	35	75%	21	24%	---	107	13%

<b>COURT REFERRAL CASE OPENINGS</b>											
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other <sup>(2)</sup>	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2014 - Q1	18	29%	12	-2%	13	-41%	6	50%	---	49	-11%
FY'2014 - Q2	10	-44%	15	25%	12	-8%	6	0%	---	43	-12%
FY'2014 - Q3	13	30%	19	27%	10	-17%	2	-67%	---	44	2%
FY'2014 - Q4	9	-31%	21	11%	10	0%	2	0%	---	42	-5%

<b>OTHER CASE OPENINGS <sup>(5)</sup></b>											
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other <sup>(2)</sup>	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2014 - Q1	59	*	32	3%	50	35%	20	122%	---	161	18%
FY'2014 - Q2	53	-10%	34	6%	38	-24%	18	-10%	---	143	-11%
FY'2014 - Q3	54	2%	47	38%	46	21%	16	-11%	---	167	17%
FY'2014 - Q4	52	-4%	44	-6%	39	-15%	9	-44%	4	148	-11%

% = change from prior quarter

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes Adoption Contracts (licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services) and Families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minors Program.

<sup>(3)</sup> Outcome of an investigation.

<sup>(4)</sup> Outcome of an initial assessment.

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

**TABLE A5. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2014, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/14 - 6/30/14)**

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	240	40%	199	33%	23	4%	144	24%	606
Holyoke	221	33%	334	50%	59	9%	59	9%	673
North Central	232	31%	425	56%	9	1%	91	12%	757
Pittsfield	331	43%	359	47%	10	1%	71	9%	771
Robert Van Wart	286	31%	413	45%	16	2%	194	21%	909
South Central	179	25%	374	51%	1	*	175	24%	729
Springfield	212	24%	555	62%	71	8%	61	7%	899
Worcester East	134	22%	326	53%	55	9%	97	16%	612
Worcester West	133	23%	331	58%	27	5%	75	13%	566
<b>Western</b>	<b>1,968</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>3,316</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>967</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>6,522</b>
Cambridge	133	39%	139	41%	3	1%	64	19%	339
Cape Ann	222	39%	209	37%	31	5%	103	18%	565
Framingham	292	49%	169	28%	6	1%	128	22%	595
Haverhill	222	41%	247	45%	28	5%	47	9%	544
Lawrence	169	29%	272	47%	---	---	133	23%	574
Lowell	309	38%	349	43%	80	10%	76	9%	814
Lynn	208	43%	193	40%	1	*	77	16%	479
Malden	165	35%	260	55%	27	6%	23	5%	475
<b>Northern</b>	<b>1,720</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>1,838</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>4,385</b>
Arlington	233	47%	153	31%	12	2%	99	20%	497
Brockton	214	42%	224	44%	18	4%	53	10%	509
Cape Cod	197	38%	219	42%	13	3%	88	17%	517
Coastal	155	33%	208	44%	14	3%	92	20%	469
Fall River	103	17%	395	67%	30	5%	63	11%	591
New Bedford	145	22%	368	57%	66	10%	72	11%	651
Plymouth	280	51%	181	33%	20	4%	68	12%	549
Taunton/Attleboro	178	36%	221	44%	21	4%	80	16%	500
<b>Southern</b>	<b>1,505</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>1,969</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>4,283</b>
Dimock Street	111	24%	304	65%	32	7%	22	5%	469
Harbor	104	23%	220	49%	22	5%	103	23%	449
Hyde Park	162	37%	229	52%	23	5%	28	6%	442
Park Street	218	46%	210	44%	34	7%	15	3%	477
<b>Boston</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>1,837</b>
Judge Bake Children's Center	2,094	29%	2,849	39%	1,714	24%	618	8%	7,275
Special Investigation	225	39%	347	61%	1	*	---	---	573
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,107</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>11,282</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>2,467</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>3,019</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>24,875</b>

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

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off



**TABLE A6. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION: FY'2014, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/14 - 6/30/14)**

DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Inv Total	Initial Assessment Decision					Response Total No.
	Supported		Unsupported			Concern		Min/No Concern		IA	
	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%	No.	%	Total	
Greenfield	129	55%	106	45%	235	60	41%	86	59%	146	381
Holyoke	191	49%	198	51%	389	39	57%	29	43%	68	457
North Central	287	70%	123	30%	410	69	67%	34	33%	103	513
Pittsfield	198	57%	150	43%	348	36	41%	51	59%	87	435
Robert Van Wart	319	66%	161	34%	480	115	63%	67	37%	182	662
South Central	225	58%	162	42%	387	85	46%	101	54%	186	573
Springfield	410	68%	194	32%	604	75	69%	34	31%	109	713
Worcester East	230	62%	143	38%	373	48	52%	45	48%	93	466
Worcester West	214	56%	169	44%	383	38	46%	45	54%	83	466
<b>Western</b>	<b>2,203</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>1,406</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>3,609</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>1,057</b>	<b>4,666</b>
Cambridge	88	48%	94	52%	182	37	45%	46	55%	83	265
Cape Ann	141	48%	150	52%	291	54	34%	103	66%	157	448
Framingham	143	72%	57	29%	200	85	56%	67	44%	152	352
Haverhill	149	54%	129	46%	278	21	38%	34	62%	55	333
Lawrence	112	48%	122	52%	234	34	31%	75	69%	109	343
Lowell	275	65%	151	35%	426	32	44%	40	56%	72	498
Lynn	173	66%	90	34%	263	60	58%	43	42%	103	366
Malden	187	57%	143	43%	330	5	21%	19	79%	24	354
<b>Northern</b>	<b>1,268</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>2,204</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>2,959</b>
Arlington	122	54%	103	46%	225	51	36%	90	64%	141	366
Brockton	198	67%	96	33%	294	17	33%	35	67%	52	346
Cape Cod	149	59%	102	41%	251	48	43%	64	57%	112	363
Coastal	148	50%	149	50%	297	51	43%	68	57%	119	416
Fall River	299	61%	194	39%	493	19	25%	57	75%	76	569
New Bedford	314	58%	225	42%	539	40	42%	55	58%	95	634
Plymouth	157	63%	94	37%	251	24	28%	61	72%	85	336
Taunton/Attleboro	182	56%	142	44%	324	46	40%	69	60%	115	439
<b>Southern</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>2,674</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>3,469</b>
Dimock Street	180	62%	111	38%	291	13	62%	8	38%	21	312
Harbor	145	64%	80	36%	225	50	44%	64	56%	114	339
Hyde Park	184	63%	107	37%	291	12	46%	14	54%	26	317
Park Street	199	71%	81	29%	280	12	67%	6	33%	18	298
<b>Boston</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>1,087</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>1,266</b>
Judge Baker Children's Center	952	75%	314	25%	1,266	---	---	---	---	---	1,266
Special Investigations	52	18%	237	82%	289	---	---	---	---	---	289
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,752</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>4,377</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>11,129</b>	<b>1,276</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>1,510</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>2,786</b>	<b>13,915</b>

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

**TABLE A7. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND INITIAL ASSESSMENTS DURING THE LAST FOUR QUARTERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2014, 1ST QUARTER TO FY'2014, 4TH QUARTER**

<b>CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS</b>													
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Judge Baker Children's Center		Other <sup>(1)</sup>	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
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%
FY'2014 - Q3	6,131	10%	4,085	11%	4,049	8%	1,641	2%	6,574	10%	518	22,998	9%
FY'2014 - Q4	6,522	6%	4,385	7%	4,283	6%	1,837	12%	7,275	11%	573	24,875	8%

<b>CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS</b>													
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Judge Baker Children's Center		Other <sup>(1)</sup>	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
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%
FY'2014 - Q3	2,844	65%	1,716	98%	2,419	76%	967	18%	1,146	37%	316	9,408	60%
FY'2014 - Q4	3,609	27%	2,204	28%	2,674	11%	1,087	12%	1,266	10%	289	11,129	18%

<b>CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INITIAL ASSESSMENTS</b>												
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Judge Baker Children's Center		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
FY'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%
FY'2014 - Q3	1,060	-27%	666	-34%	944	-20%	229	-14%	---	---	2,899	-26%
FY'2014 - Q4	1,057	*	755	13%	795	-16%	179	-22%	---	---	2,786	-4%

\* Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

**TABLE A8. MANDATORY AND DISCRETIONARY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: FY'2003 - FY'2014 <sup>(1)</sup>**

Time Period	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total No.
	No.	%	No.	%	
<b>FY'2003 Total</b>	<b>2,089</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>2,310</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>4,399</b>
<b>FY'2004 Total</b>	<b>2,101</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>2,399</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>4,500</b>
<b>FY'2005 Total</b>	<b>2,122</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>2,459</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>4,581</b>
<b>FY'2006 Total</b>	<b>2,077</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>2,666</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>4,743</b>
<b>FY'2007 Total</b>	<b>2,279</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>2,431</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>4,710</b>
<b>FY'2008 Total</b>	<b>2,561</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>2,652</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>5,213</b>
<b>FY'2009 Total</b>	<b>2,927</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>2,784</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>5,711</b>
FY'2010, Q1	649	53%	568	47%	1,217
FY'2010, Q2	727	54%	621	46%	1,348
FY'2010, Q3	787	56%	611	44%	1,398
FY'2010, Q4	870	54%	753	46%	1,623
<b>FY'2010 Total</b>	<b>3,033</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>2,553</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>5,586</b>
FY'2011, Q1	713	54%	603	46%	1,316
FY'2011, Q2	729	56%	583	44%	1,312
FY'2011, Q3	754	54%	650	46%	1,404
FY'2011, Q4	844	50%	835	50%	1,679
<b>FY'2011 Total</b>	<b>3,040</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>2,671</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>5,711</b>
FY'2012, Q1	630	51%	616	49%	1,246
FY'2012, Q2	764	50%	764	50%	1,528
FY'2012, Q3	788	52%	721	48%	1,509
FY'2012, Q4	659	50%	661	50%	1,320
<b>FY'2012 Total</b>	<b>2,841</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>2,762</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>5,603</b>
FY'2013, Q1	555	48%	598	52%	1,153
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
<b>FY'2013 Total</b>	<b>2,486</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>2,371</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>4,857</b>
FY'2014, Q1	703	56%	551	44%	1,254
FY'2014, Q2	659	50%	658	50%	1,317
FY'2014, Q3	780	53%	690	47%	1,470
FY'2014, Q4	911	53%	810	47%	1,721
<b>FY'2014 Total</b>	<b>3,053</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>2,709</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>5,762</b>

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

**TABLE A9. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: FY'2003 - FY'2014**

Time Period	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		Death <sup>(1)</sup>		Unspecified		Total No.
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
<b>FY'2003 Total</b>	<b>1,688</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>2,168</b>
<b>FY'2004 Total</b>	<b>1,713</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>2,189</b>
<b>FY'2005 Total</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>2,184</b>
<b>FY'2006 Total</b>	<b>1,782</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>2,150</b>
<b>FY'2007 Total</b>	<b>1,935</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>2,356</b>
<b>FY'2008 Total</b>	<b>2,049</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>2,639</b>
<b>FY'2009 Total</b>	<b>2,413</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>3,014</b>
FY'2010, Q1	541	81%	108	16%	15	2%	---	---	664
FY'2010, Q2	588	80%	137	19%	14	2%	---	---	739
FY'2010, Q3	639	79%	153	19%	12	1%	---	---	804
FY'2010, Q4	725	81%	161	18%	10	1%	---	---	896
<b>FY'2010 Total</b>	<b>2,493</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>2%</b>	---	---	<b>3,103</b>
FY'2011, Q1	602	83%	110	15%	15	2%	---	---	727
FY'2011, Q2	621	83%	111	15%	13	2%	---	---	745
FY'2011, Q3	637	83%	118	15%	10	1%	---	---	765
FY'2011, Q4	682	78%	179	21%	9	1%	---	---	870
<b>FY'2011 Total</b>	<b>2,542</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>2%</b>	---	---	<b>3,107</b>
FY'2012, Q1	537	84%	85	13%	21	3%	---	---	643
FY'2012, Q2	664	85%	111	14%	6	1%	---	---	781
FY'2012, Q3	673	83%	127	16%	8	1%	1	*	809
FY'2012, Q4	567	84%	94	14%	12	2%	---	---	673
<b>FY'2012 Total</b>	<b>2,441</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>2%</b>	---	---	<b>2,906</b>
FY'2013, Q1	477	84%	81	14%	9	2%	---	---	567
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
<b>FY'2013 Total</b>	<b>2,162</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>2%</b>	---	---	<b>2,665</b>
FY'2014, Q1	577	80%	129	18%	12	2%	---	---	718
FY'2014, Q2	540	80%	125	19%	7	1%	---	---	672
FY'2014, Q3	664	83%	127	16%	11	1%	---	---	802
FY'2014, Q4	728	78%	194	21%	10	1%	---	---	932
<b>FY'2014 Total</b>	<b>2,509</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>3,124</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Not all DA referrals resulting from an allegation that a child's death was due to abuse or neglect lead to an ultimate finding that the death was in fact due to abuse or neglect. DCF publishes an annual report of child fatalities that includes an analysis of child deaths due to abuse or neglect.

\* = 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 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**

DCF Region/Area	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				Total No.
	Not Legally Free		Legally Free		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	91	78%	26	22%	117
Holyoke	60	71%	24	29%	84
North Central	119	79%	31	21%	150
Pittsfield	82	67%	41	33%	123
Robert Van Wart	81	73%	30	27%	111
South Central	83	83%	17	17%	100
Springfield	87	64%	50	36%	137
Worcester East	72	74%	25	26%	97
Worcester West	64	72%	25	28%	89
<b>Western</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>1,008</b>
Cambridge	12	71%	5	29%	17
Cape Ann	2	50%	2	50%	4
Framingham	44	71%	18	29%	62
Haverhill	21	57%	16	43%	37
Lawrence	22	55%	18	45%	40
Lowell	48	64%	27	36%	75
Lynn	106	67%	52	33%	158
Malden	14	74%	5	26%	19
<b>Northern</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>412</b>
Arlington	19	70%	8	30%	27
Brockton	33	46%	38	54%	71
Cape Cod	14	33%	28	67%	42
Coastal	21	38%	35	63%	56
Fall River	60	50%	61	50%	121
New Bedford	63	51%	61	49%	124
Plymouth	25	42%	35	58%	60
Taunton/Attleboro	38	55%	31	45%	69
<b>Southern</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>571</b>
Dimock Street	72	75%	24	25%	96
Harbor	26	48%	28	52%	54
Hyde Park	---	---	---	---	---
Park Street	37	61%	24	39%	61
<b>Boston</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>211</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	117	59%	83	42%	200
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,534</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>2,402</b>

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

**TABLE A11. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION AND WHETHER MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY BY DCF REGION AND AREA: FY'2014, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/14)**

DCF Region/Area	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				Total No.
	Not Matched		Matched		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	26	22%	91	78%	117
Holyoke	18	21%	66	79%	84
North Central	47	31%	103	69%	150
Pittsfield	41	33%	82	67%	123
Robert Van Wart	58	52%	53	48%	111
South Central	21	21%	79	79%	100
Springfield	44	32%	93	68%	137
Worcester East	74	76%	23	24%	97
Worcester West	44	49%	45	51%	89
<b>Western</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>1,008</b>
Cambridge	3	18%	14	82%	17
Cape Ann	1	25%	3	75%	4
Framingham	17	27%	45	73%	62
Haverhill	18	49%	19	51%	37
Lawrence	11	28%	29	73%	40
Lowell	21	28%	54	72%	75
Lynn	61	39%	97	61%	158
Malden	6	32%	13	68%	19
<b>Northern</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>412</b>
Arlington	11	41%	16	59%	27
Brockton	23	32%	48	68%	71
Cape Cod	15	36%	27	64%	42
Coastal	11	20%	45	80%	56
Fall River	48	40%	73	60%	121
New Bedford	40	32%	84	68%	124
Plymouth	22	37%	38	63%	60
Taunton/Attleboro	11	16%	58	84%	69
<b>Southern</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>571</b>
Dimock Street	29	30%	67	70%	96
Harbor	32	59%	22	41%	54
Park Street	13	21%	48	79%	61
<b>Boston</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>211</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>109</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>1,526</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>2,402</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> 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 Massachusetts<sup>1</sup>**

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

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

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

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

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