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OBSERVATIONS (Regional and Statewide)

Consumer and Case Counts

- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2005, DSS had 23,188 open cases (1,813 adoption cases and 21,375 clinical cases). A total of 74,705 consumers (34,829 adults and 39,876 children) were being served. Case counts ranged from 3,112 in the Boston Region to 4,756 in the Southeastern Region. **(Table 1)**
- Over the past four quarters, there was little overall change in the DSS client population (statewide). The typical pattern is a drop in consumers in the summer quarter (Q1) followed by a gradual rise in consumers during the school quarters (Q2-Q4). These quarterly fluctuations reflect the rise and fall of child abuse and neglect reports and investigations (especially, supported investigations) throughout the year. **(Figs. 1 and 2 on page 4, Fig. 21 on page 51)**

Consumers in Placement

- There were 10,940 individuals in placement on the last day of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2005. Included in this count are 9,808 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,132 young adults (18 to 23 years old). **(Table 1)**
- The placement population was distributed across DSS service regions as follows: 21% in the Western Region, 20% in the Southeastern Region, 17% in the Northeastern Region, 13% in the Central Region, 13% in the Metro Region, and 12% in the Boston Region. **(Table 1)**
- Statewide, 25% (9,808) 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: 28% in the West, 25% in the Southeast, 24% in Metro, 23% in the Northeast, 22% in Central, and 20% in Boston. **(Table 2)**
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield, Fall River, Holyoke, Lowell, Springfield, Greenfield, and Framingham Area Offices had the highest proportions in placement. The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Harbor, Malden, Lawrence, Park Street, and North Central Area Offices. **(Table 2)**
- Quarterly fluctuations in the number of children in placement, as well as the number of children not in placement, followed the same pattern noted above. Typically, there is a drop in consumers during the first quarter of each fiscal year. **(Figs. 3 and 4)**

Age, Sex, Race, and Preferred Language of Consumers

- On the last day of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2005, the consumer population included 39,876 (53%) children less than 18 years old and 34,829 (47%) adults 18 years or older. Fifty-three percent of all consumers were identified as female, 46% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Forty percent (15,915) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). **(Table 1, Fig. 5)**
- The number of female children in the DSS caseload was approximately equal to the number of male children. In contrast, the ratio of female to male adults was 1.5:1. **(Fig. 5)**
- The statewide caseload was comprised of 56% White, 16% Black, 2% Asian, and less than 1% Native American consumers. Race could not be determined for 13% of consumers and race was missing (Unspecified) for 10% of consumers. **(Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B)**
- Of the total consumer population, 22% (16,795 consumers) were of Hispanic origin. Regionally, the highest proportions of Hispanic consumers were in the West, Northeast, and Boston. **(Table 3B, Figs. 6C and 6D)**
- The Boston Region's caseload was comprised of 47% Black and 23% White consumers (4,604 and 2,219 consumers, respectively). Asians were most prominent in the Northeast--7% of the caseload (983 consumers, mainly Cambodian). **(Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B)**
- The Western, Northeastern, and Boston Regions had the highest proportions (and numbers) of Spanish-speaking consumers, 8% (1,141 consumers), 8% (1,085), and 8% (750), respectively. Khmer (Cambodian) was the preferred language of 447 DSS consumers (1%). Khmer-speaking consumers were mainly concentrated in the Northeast. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Portuguese (Southeast and Metro), Haitian Creole (Metro and Boston), Cape Verdean Creole (Southeast), Vietnamese (Boston, Central, and Northeast), and Lao (Northeast). **(Table 4)**

TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DSS REGION (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)

Case Counts:	DSS Geographic Region						Adoption		Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
Adoption	407	223	256	240	328	203	155	1	1,813
Clinical	3,911	2,976	3,892	3,227	4,428	2,909	3	29	21,375
Total	4,318	3,199	4,148	3,467	4,756	3,112	158	30	23,188
Adults: ⁽³⁾									
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾									
Foster/Residential Care ⁽⁵⁾	179	100	218	169	203	204	---	25	1,098
Other ⁽⁶⁾	9	4	4	3	6	8	---	---	34
Total in Placement	188	104	222	172	209	212	---	25	1,132
Not in Placement	6,058	4,974	6,040	5,109	7,300	4,213	---	3	33,697
Total Adults	6,246	5,078	6,262	5,281	7,509	4,425	---	28	34,829
Children:									
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾									
Foster/Residential Care ⁽⁵⁾	1,984	1,266	1,562	1,258	1,922	999	261	6	9,258
Other ⁽⁶⁾	46	37	73	25	55	43	2	---	281
On the Run	97	20	43	20	36	53	---	---	269
Total in Placement	2,127	1,323	1,678	1,303	2,013	1,095	263	6	9,808
Not in Placement	5,549	4,578	5,567	4,145	5,961	4,263	2	3	30,068
Total Children	7,676	5,901	7,245	5,448	7,974	5,358	265	9	39,876
Total	13,922	10,979	13,507	10,729	15,483	9,783	265	37	74,705

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

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

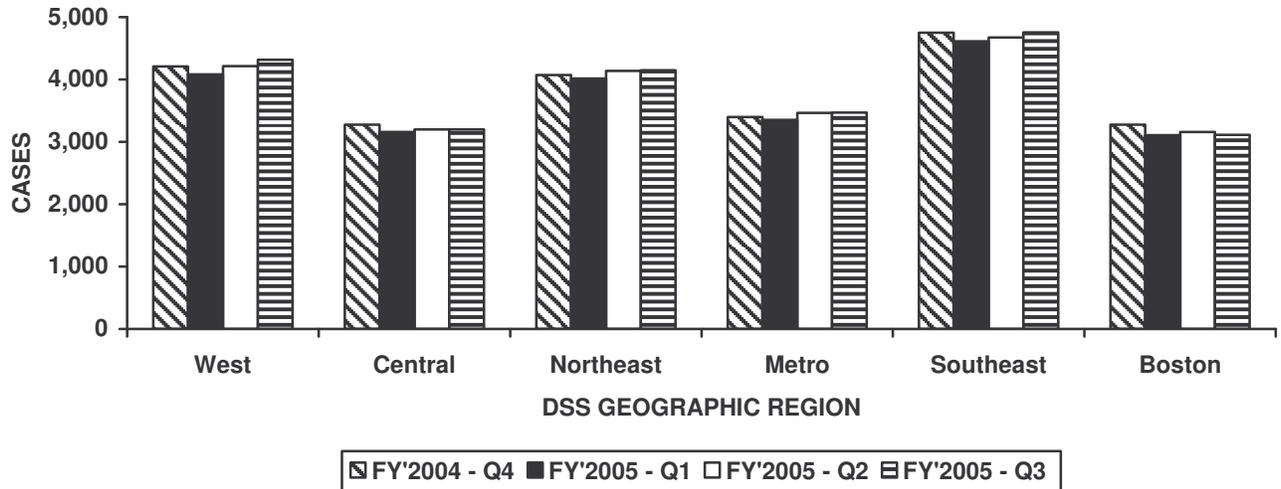
⁽³⁾ Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

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

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

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

**FIGURE 1. CASE COUNT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2004, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2004, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)**

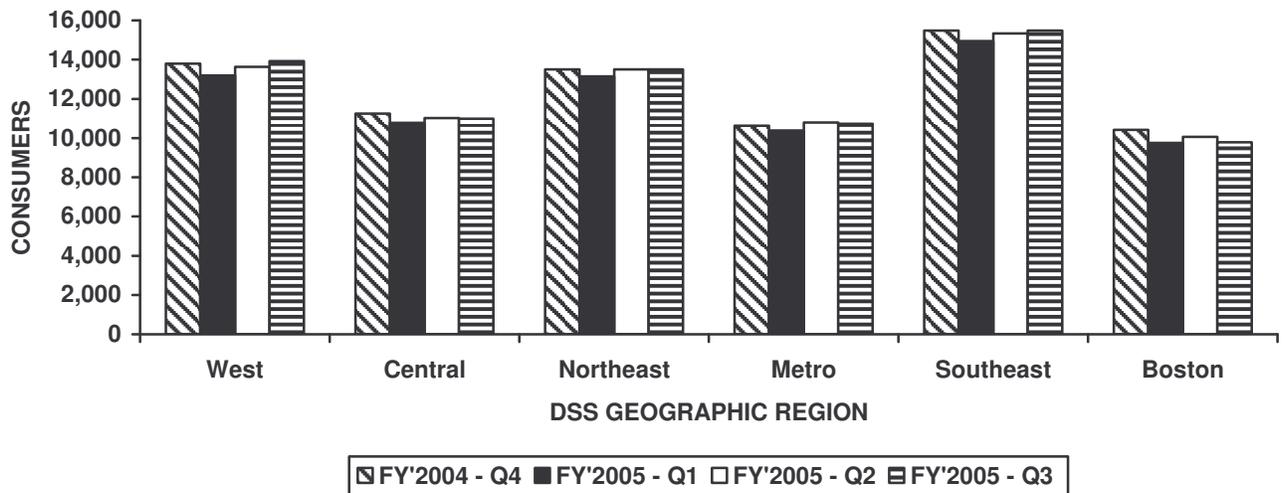


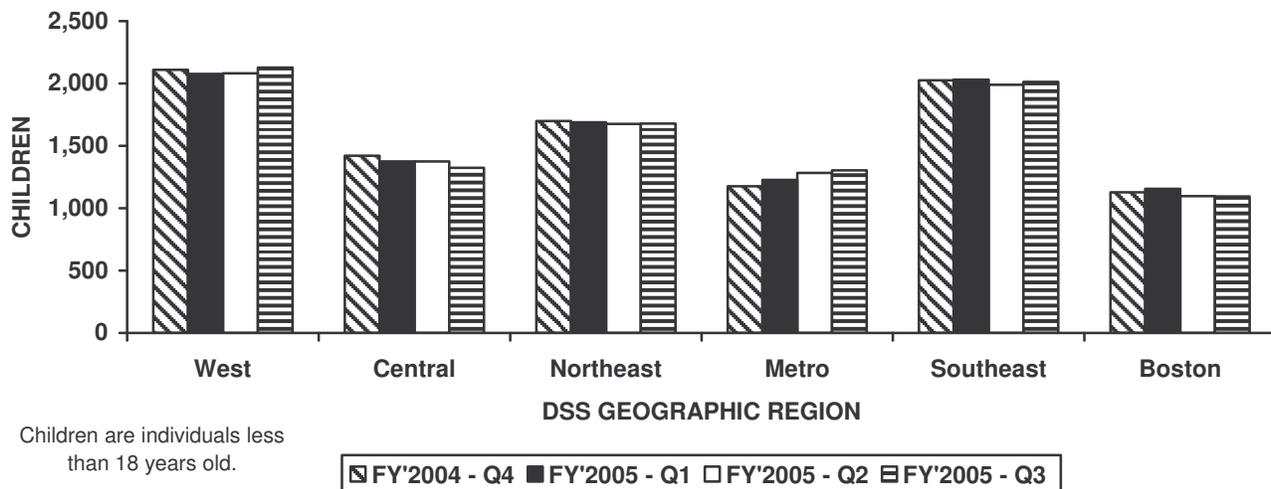
TABLE 2. CHILD⁽¹⁾ CASELOAD BY DSS AREA OFFICE (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)

DSS Region/Area	Not in Placement	In Placement	Total Child Caseload	% in Placement
Pittsfield	687	367	1,054	35%
Greenfield	816	314	1,130	28%
Holyoke	1,310	532	1,842	29%
Robert Van Wart	1,350	380	1,730	22%
Springfield	1,376	533	1,909	28%
Contracted Agencies	10	1	11	9%
Western	5,549	2,127	7,676	28%
North Central	1,721	405	2,126	19%
South Central	1,245	398	1,643	24%
Worcester	1,609	519	2,128	24%
Contracted Agencies	3	1	4	25%
Central	4,578	1,323	5,901	22%
Lowell	1,209	489	1,698	29%
Lawrence	1,466	322	1,788	18%
Cape Ann	993	299	1,292	23%
Haverhill	878	243	1,121	22%
Lynn	1,016	323	1,339	24%
Contracted Agencies	5	2	7	29%
Northeast	5,567	1,678	7,245	23%
Malden	1,167	255	1,422	18%
Framingham	676	261	937	28%
Cambridge	654	247	901	27%
Arlington	824	237	1,061	22%
Coastal	802	298	1,100	27%
Contracted Agencies	22	5	27	19%
Metro	4,145	1,303	5,448	24%
Attleboro	743	256	999	26%
Brockton	1,227	343	1,570	22%
New Bedford	1,372	470	1,842	26%
Fall River	1,026	460	1,486	31%
Plymouth	839	223	1,062	21%
Cape Cod	743	260	1,003	26%
Contracted Agencies	11	1	12	8%
Southeast	5,961	2,013	7,974	25%
Hyde Park	786	254	1,040	24%
Dimock Street	1,039	276	1,315	21%
Park Street	1,312	312	1,624	19%
Harbor	1,126	251	1,377	18%
Contracted Agencies	---	2	2	100%
Boston	4,263	1,095	5,358	20%
Adoption Contracts	2	263	265	99%
Other ⁽²⁾	3	6	9	67%
Total	30,068	9,808	39,876	25%

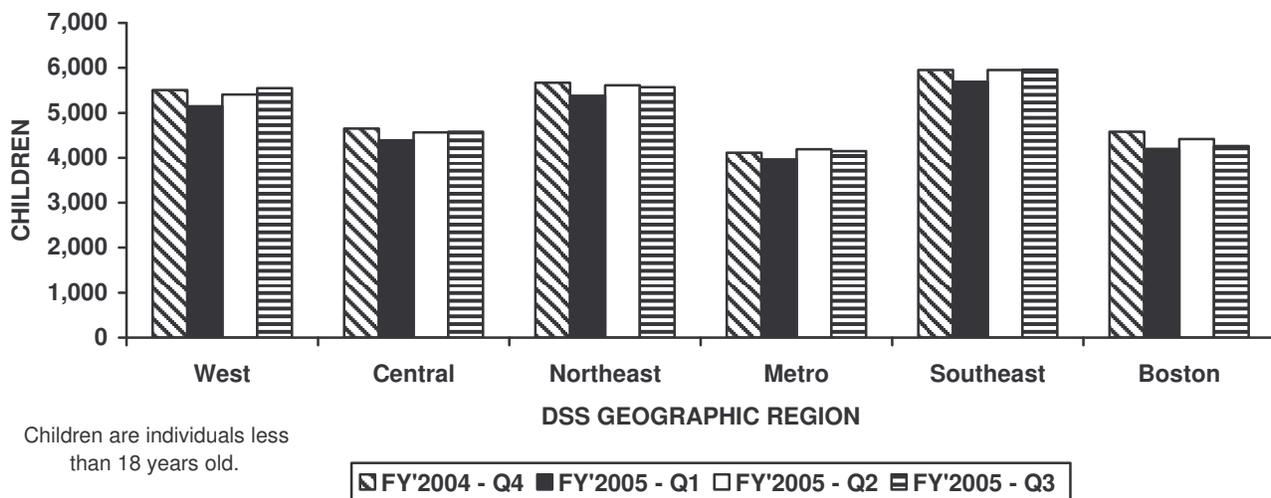
⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.

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

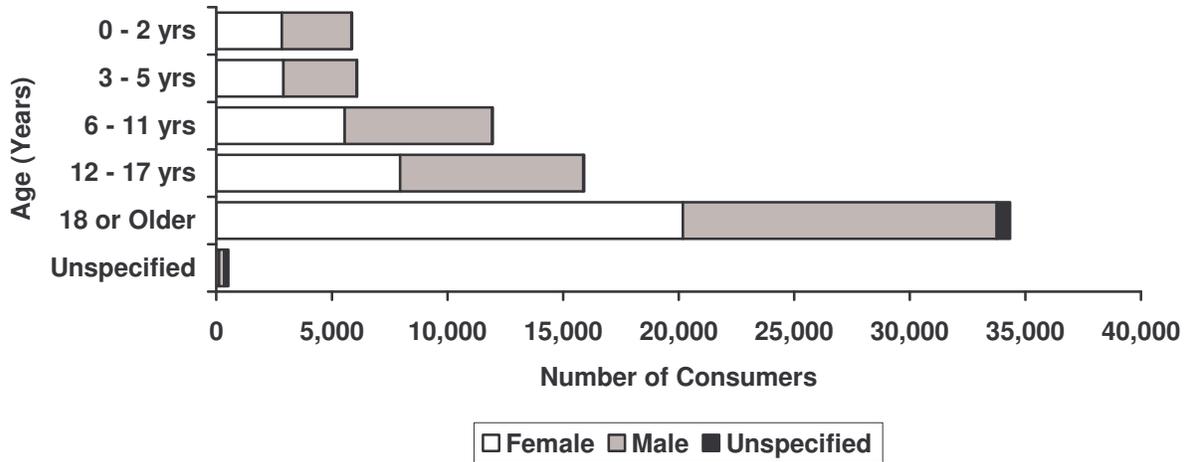
**FIGURE 3. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2004, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 4. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2004, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 5. AGE AND SEX OF CONSUMERS: STATEWIDE
(FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)**



Age (Yrs)	Sex			Total
	Female	Male	Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	
0 - 2	2,833	3,004	35	5,872
3 - 5	2,906	3,169	22	6,097
6 - 11	5,548	6,387	29	11,964
12 - 17	7,944	7,925	46	15,915
18 or older	20,192	13,571	571	34,334
Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	120	218	185	523
Total	39,543	34,274	888	74,705

⁽¹⁾ Unspecified includes 495 adults and 28 children whose ages were unknown and 888 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.

TABLE 3A. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)

Race	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
White	7,764	56%	7,196	66%	7,613	56%	6,859	64%	10,076	65%	2,219	23%	133	50%	2	5%	41,862	56%
Black	1,586	11%	879	8%	983	7%	1,629	15%	2,148	14%	4,604	47%	68	26%	30	81%	11,927	16%
Asian	69	*	159	1%	1,025	8%	219	2%	132	1%	220	2%	5	2%	---	---	1,829	2%
Native American	22	*	7	*	21	*	8	*	50	*	20	*	---	---	---	---	128	*
Other ⁽³⁾	22	*	6	*	7	*	9	*	10	*	7	*	1	*	---	---	62	*
Multi-Racial	297	2%	231	2%	307	2%	210	2%	285	2%	134	1%	17	6%	---	---	1,481	2%
Unable to Determine	2,115	15%	1,592	15%	2,417	18%	835	8%	1,146	7%	1,851	19%	40	15%	---	---	9,996	13%
Unspecified	2,047	15%	909	8%	1,134	8%	960	9%	1,636	11%	728	7%	1	*	5	14%	7,420	10%
Total	13,922	100%	10,979	100%	13,507	100%	10,729	100%	15,483	100%	9,783	100%	265	100%	37	100%	74,705	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 3B. HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)

Origin ⁽¹⁾	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Hispanic/Latino	4,478	32%	2,456	22%	4,037	30%	1,345	13%	1,623	10%	2,771	28%	85	32%	---	---	16,795	22%
Not Hispanic/Latino	6,709	48%	6,636	60%	7,639	57%	7,047	66%	10,527	68%	5,440	56%	167	63%	35	95%	44,200	59%
Unable to Determine	412	3%	363	3%	347	3%	332	3%	556	4%	311	3%	13	5%	---	---	2,334	3%
Unspecified	2,323	17%	1,524	14%	1,484	11%	2,005	19%	2,777	18%	1,261	13%	---	---	2	5%	11,376	15%
Total	13,922	100%	10,979	100%	13,507	100%	10,729	100%	15,483	100%	9,783	100%	265	100%	37	100%	74,705	100%

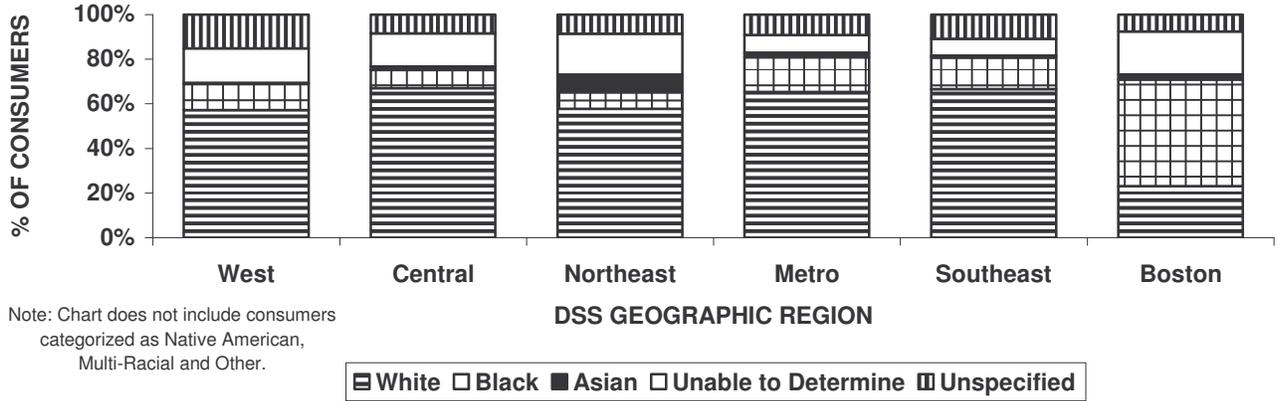
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⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

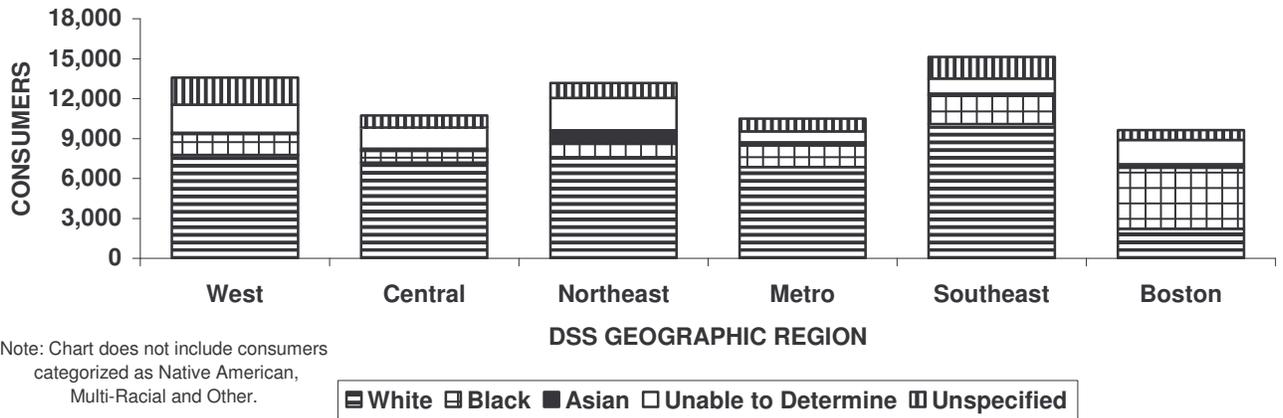
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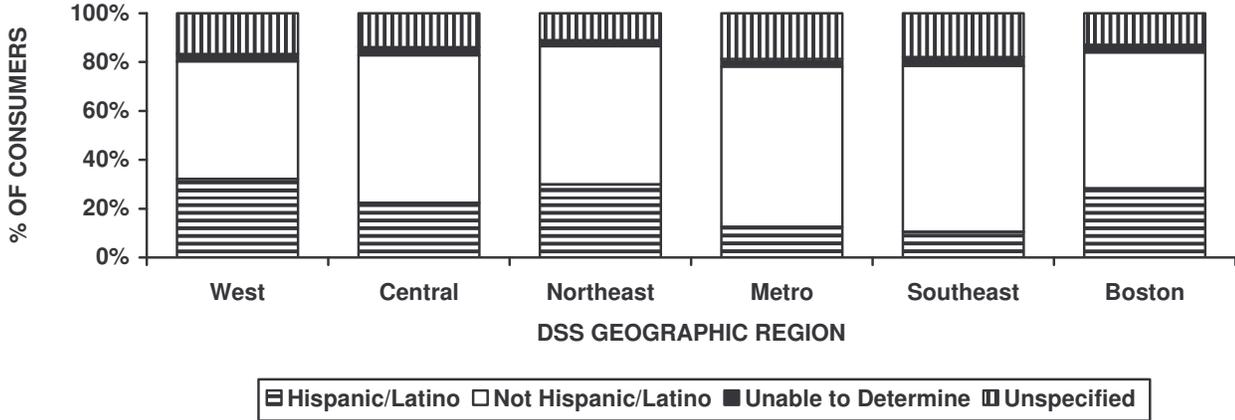
**Figure 6A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
BY RACE
(FY'05, 3RD QUARTER)**



**Figure 6B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
BY RACE
(FY'05, 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 6C. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN
(FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 6D. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN
(FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)**

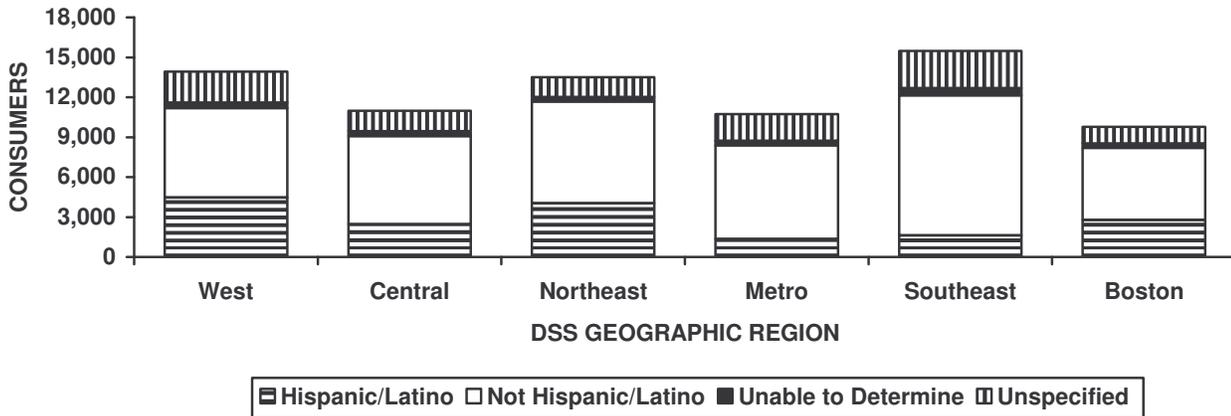


TABLE 4. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)

Primary Language	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spanish	1,141	8%	463	4%	1,085	8%	330	3%	291	2%	750	8%	16	6%	---	---	4,076	5%
Khmer (Cambodian)	14	*	9	*	357	3%	---	---	48	*	18	*	1	*	---	---	447	1%
Portuguese	2	*	8	*	46	*	70	1%	117	1%	36	*	---	---	---	---	279	*
Haitian Creole	3	*	1	*	11	*	91	1%	37	*	63	1%	---	---	---	---	206	*
Cape Verdean Creole	---	---	---	---	---	---	6	*	81	1%	29	*	---	---	---	---	116	*
Vietnamese	7	*	41	*	33	*	22	*	4	*	44	*	---	---	---	---	151	*
Chinese	---	---	1	*	---	---	20	*	---	---	16	*	---	---	---	---	37	*
Lao	1	*	1	*	14	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	16	*
American Sign Language	6	*	2	*	10	*	6	*	6	*	7	*	---	---	---	---	37	*
Other	427	3%	284	3%	221	2%	261	2%	400	3%	241	2%	2	1%	24	65%	1,860	2%
English\Unspecified	12,321	89%	10,169	93%	11,730	87%	9,923	92%	14,499	94%	8,579	88%	246	93%	13	35%	67,480	90%
Total	13,922	100%	10,979	100%	13,507	100%	10,729	100%	15,483	100%	9,783	100%	265	100%	37	100%	74,705	100%

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Profile of Consumers in Placement¹

Foster and Residential Care

- There were 7,743 consumers in foster care and 2,613 consumers in residential care on the last day of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2005. Foster care populations were highest in the Western and Southeastern Regions. The number of consumers in residential care was greatest in the Southeastern, Metro, and Northeastern Regions. **(Table 5A)**
- The largest age group in foster care was 12-17 years (35-43% range across regions). Among regions, the West, Southeast, and Northeast had the highest numbers of adolescents in foster care, 653, 563, and 516, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Adolescents were the primary age group in residential care, ranging from 67% to 80% across the regions. The Southeastern, Metro, and Northeastern Regions had the largest adolescent populations in residential care, 426, 397, and 369, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Consumers in non-referral locations² were primarily adolescents (82-90% regional range). **(Table 5A)**
- There were 1,762 consumers in “Contracted” foster care and 5,981 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Contracted foster care was primarily therapeutic (92% of the consumers). Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (40%), kinship (34%), child specific (12%), pre-adoptive (7%), and independent living (7%). **(Table 5B)**
- Regionally, the West had the largest numbers of consumers in unrestricted, pre-adoptive, and child-specific foster care. Consumers in kinship care were highest in the Southeast. The Northeast had the most consumers in independent living. **(Fig. 7B, Table 5B)**
- The proportions of consumers in different types of departmental foster care are displayed for each region in Figure 7A. Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West. The Southeast had the largest proportion of consumers in kinship homes. Consumers in child-specific homes were most evident in Metro. The Western Region had the highest proportion of consumers in pre-adoptive homes. Consumers in independent living were proportionally higher in Boston as compared to the other regions. **(Fig. 7A)**

¹ Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 to 23 years old.

² Non-referral locations include hospitals, other state agencies, and on the run from placement.

- The major residential programs were Commonworks³ (1,287 consumers), residential treatment (780 consumers), and group homes (455 consumers). **(Table 5C)**
- The proportions of consumers in different types of residential care are shown for each region in Figure 8A. The Western Region had the highest proportion of consumers in Commonworks. Boston and Central had the greatest proportions of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential treatment was most significant in the Northeast. **(Fig. 8A)**
- The Southeast had the greatest number of consumers in Commonworks. Metro and the Southeast had the largest numbers of clients in group homes. The Northeastern Region had the most consumers in residential treatment. **(Fig. 8B)**
- Consumers in residential treatment were mostly situated in Chapter 766 facilities⁴ while the leading group home models were regular⁵ and bridge.⁶ The major types of sub-referrals under Commonworks were Chapter 766 and regular group homes. **(Tables 5C and 5D)**
- Over the past four quarters, there was no significant change in the foster and residential care populations **(Figs. 9 and 10)**. However, incremental changes in these populations were noticeable over a 4³/₄ year period (FY'2001, Q1 to FY'2005, Q3): consumers in foster care dropped from 8,113 to 7,743 (-5%) and consumers in residential care rose from 2,235 to 2,613 (17%).

All Placement Locations (Combined Counts)

- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2005, the statewide placement population was comprised of 51% boys and 49% girls. Regionally, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state. **(Table 6A, Fig. 11A)**
- Statewide, 60% of all consumers in placement were White, 20% were Black, 2% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 4% were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 14% of the placement population. **(Table 6A, Fig. 11A)**

³ Commonworks is a community-based program that provides residential placement services, therapeutic foster care, and family support services to adolescents and their families.

⁴ Chapter 766 includes facilities geared toward children/adolescents who require special needs educational services on-site. These facilities are licensed by the Department of Education.

⁵ Regular is comprised of programs that provide services in home-like settings with typically 8 to 12 children/adolescents in residence.

⁶ Bridge Homes are small group home settings serving 6 to 10 infants and children up to 12 years old as well as sibling groups. Foster or house parents supervise the home.

- The proportion of minority consumers in placement was highest in the Boston Region. **(Table 6A).**
- Of the total placement population, 25% (2,737 consumers) self-identified as being of Hispanic origin. Hispanic consumers were most prevalent in the Western and Northeastern Regions. **(Table 6A, Fig. 11A)**
- Race could not be determined for a high number and proportion of consumers in placement in the Western and Northeastern Regions. These high values are attributable to the large number of Hispanic consumers in placement, who do not self-identify with any of the racial categories. **(Table 6A)**
- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DSS Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 44% in the West to 52% in the Northeast, Metro, and Boston. **(Table 6B)**
- The number of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 104 in Central to 222 in the Northeast. **(Table 6B)**
- The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were “Family Reunification” (31% of all consumers in placement) and “Adoption” (24%). Regionally, the Southeast had the highest number and proportion of consumers in placement with a goal of reunifying the family. The West had the highest number and proportion of consumers in placement with a goal of adoption. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**
- Statewide, 43% of the placement population had been in continuous care⁷ for more than 2 years, 21% between 1 and 2 years, and 37% for 1 year or less. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**
- The Western, Boston, and Northeastern Regions had the highest proportions of consumers in continuous⁸ care for more than two years (46%, 44%, and 43%, respectively). Metro had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (44%). The Southeast had the largest number of consumers in care for one year or less (886). The West had the largest number of consumers in care for more than two years (1,058). **(Table 6B)**

⁷ 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 and many others who enter and leave placement quickly are not counted at all.

⁸ Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child’s most recent placement entry to the Quarter End Date (March 31, 2005). In DSS Quarterly Reports prior to the 4th Quarter of FY’94, the time (non-continuous) from the child’s first placement entry to the program run-date was used.

- Tables 7A and 7B display the race and Hispanic origin of consumers in placement by their length of time in continuous care. There was a tendency for a greater proportion of minority consumers to be in care for more than two years as compared to White consumers (47% Asian, 46% Black, 44% Hispanic vs. 41% White). (Tables 7A and 7B)
- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2005 (“snapshot” on 3/31/05), the median⁹ time in continuous care was 1.4 years and median age was 12.7 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. Over the past 13 years, the median age of children in care has slowly increased while the median time in placement has been fairly stable (See table below).

All Children in Placement¹			
Date	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
7/92	9.2	1.5	12,311
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*	10.5	1.4	10,872
6/99*	11.0	1.2	10,134
6/00*	11.2	1.5	9,676
6/01*	11.5	1.4	9,955
6/02	11.9	1.5	10,033
6/03	12.2	1.5	10,233
6/04	12.3	1.5	9,829
9/04	12.4	1.5	9,807
12/04	12.6	1.4	9,760
3/05	12.7	1.4	9,808

*= revised statistics

Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,653 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,605 (60%) were White, 437 (16%) were Black, 23 (1%) were Asian, and 136 (5%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for the remaining 17%. Twenty-nine percent (782) of all consumers in placement with a goal of adoption were of Hispanic origin. (Tables 8A and 8B, Fig. 12A)
- The age distribution of 2,653 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 23% age 0-2 years, 25% age 3-5 years, 39% age 6-11 years, and 12% age 12-17 years. (Table 8C, Fig. 12A)

⁹ Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

- Fifty-two percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 48% were female. (Fig. 12A)
- Fifty-five percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of adoption had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (Table 8D, Fig. 12A)
- Fifty-three percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of guardianship had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (Table 8D)
- There has been a decline in the number of children¹⁰ in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of “waiting” children fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In general, changes in the number of children with a goal of adoption have coincided with changes in the placement population. (See table below)
- The proportion of “waiting” children reached its highest level in 1994 (35%). Since 1994, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has dropped to 27%. (See table below)

Date	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%
1/98	11,170	3,489	31%
9/98	10,872	NA	NA
6/99	10,134	3,118	31%
6/00	9,676	3,089	32%
6/01	9,955	2,859	29%
6/02	10,033	2,844	28%
6/03	10,233	2,864*	28%
6/04	9,829	2,761*	28%
9/04	9,807	2,738*	28%
12/04	9,760	2,627	27%
3/05	9,808	2,650	27%

Notes: **Children are less than 18 years old.**

Counts of children in placement have been updated for the years 6/99 – 6/01.

* = revised statistics

¹⁰ Children are less than 18 years old.

- Of the 2,653 “waiting” consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 41% were legally free for adoption. Seventy-eight percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. **(Fig. 12B)**
- The age distribution for consumers legally free for adoption was similar to the age group distribution for all consumers with a goal of adoption (see below and Fig. 12A). So there does not appear to be any age bias in the freeing of children for adoption.

Age Group (years)	Consumers Legally Free for Adoption	
	No.	%
0 – 2	244	23%
3 – 5	257	24%
6 – 11	408	38%
12 – 17	167	16%
Total	1076	100%

- Of those children who were not legally free for adoption (59%), 63% were matched to permanent families **(Fig. 12B)**.
- The Southeastern Region had the highest proportion (64%) of “waiting” children who were legally free for adoption. The Metro, Western, and Southeastern Regions had the highest proportions of “waiting” children who were matched to a permanent family, 80%, 79%, and 75%, respectively. **(Figs. 12C and 12D)**

TABLE 5A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)

DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Residential Care		Other ⁽²⁾		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western		1,862		301		152		2,315
	(0 - 2 yrs)	306	16%	2	1%	2	1%	310
	(3 - 5 yrs)	258	14%	4	1%	1	1%	263
	(6 - 11 yrs)	492	26%	29	10%	11	7%	532
	(12 - 17 yrs)	653	35%	240	80%	129	85%	1,022
	18 or older	153	8%	26	9%	9	6%	188
Central MA		1,036		330		61		1,427
	(0 - 2 yrs)	167	16%	---	---	1	2%	168
	(3 - 5 yrs)	145	14%	4	1%	---	---	149
	(6 - 11 yrs)	283	27%	42	13%	5	8%	330
	(12 - 17 yrs)	371	36%	254	77%	51	84%	676
	18 or older	70	7%	30	9%	4	7%	104
Northeast		1,261		519		120		1,900
	(0 - 2 yrs)	171	14%	---	---	5	4%	176
	(3 - 5 yrs)	147	12%	2	*	1	1%	150
	(6 - 11 yrs)	280	22%	77	15%	9	8%	366
	(12 - 17 yrs)	516	41%	369	71%	101	84%	986
	18 or older	147	12%	71	14%	4	3%	222
Metro		893		534		48		1,475
	(0 - 2 yrs)	134	15%	1	*	1	2%	136
	(3 - 5 yrs)	142	16%	3	1%	---	---	145
	(6 - 11 yrs)	191	21%	69	13%	1	2%	261
	(12 - 17 yrs)	321	36%	397	74%	43	90%	761
	18 or older	105	12%	64	12%	3	6%	172
Southeast		1,571		554		97		2,222
	(0 - 2 yrs)	261	17%	1	*	---	---	262
	(3 - 5 yrs)	247	16%	3	1%	2	2%	252
	(6 - 11 yrs)	358	23%	63	11%	9	9%	430
	(12 - 17 yrs)	563	36%	426	77%	80	82%	1,069
	18 or older	142	9%	61	11%	6	6%	209
Boston		831		372		104		1,307
	(0 - 2 yrs)	130	16%	---	---	2	2%	132
	(3 - 5 yrs)	85	10%	2	1%	1	1%	88
	(6 - 11 yrs)	156	19%	42	11%	2	2%	200
	(12 - 17 yrs)	335	40%	249	67%	91	88%	675
	18 or older	125	15%	79	21%	8	8%	212
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		258		3		2		263
	(0 - 2 yrs)	46	18%	---	---	---	---	46
	(3 - 5 yrs)	64	25%	---	---	---	---	64
	(6 - 11 yrs)	111	43%	2	67%	1	50%	114
	(12 - 17 yrs)	37	14%	1	33%	1	50%	39
Other ⁽⁴⁾		31		---		---		31
	(3 - 5 yrs)	1	3%	---	---	---	---	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	1	3%	---	---	---	---	1
	(12-17yrs)	4	13%	---	---	---	---	4
	18 or older	25	81%	---	---	---	---	25
Total		7,743		2,613		584		10,940

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

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

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

TABLE 5B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE: AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)

DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Foster Care											Foster Care Total
		Contracted Foster Care					Departmental Foster Care						
		Emergency Shelter	Enhanced Therapeutic	Family Residence	Independent Living	Therapeutic	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted		
Western		6	20	3	12	16	361	175	75	399	133	662	1,862
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	3	---	1	---	9	18	---	79	55	141	306
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	10	19	---	85	36	107	258
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	1	2	2	---	100	46	---	113	35	193	492
	(12 - 17 yrs)	6	15	1	9	1	219	83	5	110	6	198	653
	18 or older	---	---	---	---	15	23	9	70	12	1	23	153
Central		---	5	2	---	---	215	110	30	294	66	314	1,036
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	12	---	59	27	67	167
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	11	9	---	63	20	42	145
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	1	---	---	60	34	---	78	15	95	283
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	5	1	---	---	126	49	---	89	3	98	371
	18 or older	---	---	---	---	---	16	6	30	5	1	12	70
Northeast		2	2	4	9	---	341	100	88	330	32	353	1,261
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	14	5	---	58	12	81	171
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	22	18	---	50	7	49	147
	(6 - 11 yrs)	2	1	2	---	---	70	26	---	95	13	71	280
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	2	5	---	212	43	8	112	---	134	516
	18 or older	---	---	---	3	---	23	8	80	15	---	18	147
Metro		---	7	1	10	2	199	96	53	256	49	220	893
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	15	9	---	41	15	53	134
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	16	10	---	56	21	38	142
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	1	1	---	35	16	---	77	11	50	191
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	5	---	7	---	122	51	---	71	2	63	321
	18 or older	---	---	---	2	2	11	10	53	11	---	16	105
Southeast		---	8	---	4	---	253	146	83	514	64	499	1,571
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	7	15	---	94	21	124	261
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	11	23	---	99	27	87	247
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	53	24	---	148	13	119	358
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	7	---	4	---	165	69	5	159	3	151	563
	18 or older	---	---	---	---	---	17	15	78	14	---	18	142
Boston		---	15	5	6	---	208	78	72	167	32	248	831
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	12	13	---	34	16	55	130
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	9	12	---	23	6	35	85
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	1	2	1	---	50	15	---	39	8	40	156
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	12	3	3	---	123	30	---	64	2	98	335
	18 or older	---	2	---	2	---	14	8	72	7	---	20	125
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		---	---	---	---	---	46	26	---	44	62	80	258
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	4	6	---	11	5	20	46
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	7	5	---	13	21	18	64
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	21	8	---	17	31	34	111
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	14	7	---	3	5	8	37
Other ⁽³⁾		---	---	---	---	---	---	1	14	2	---	14	31
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	1
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	3	4
	18 or older	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	14	1	---	10	25
Total		8	57	15	41	18	1,623	732	415	2,006	438	2,390	7,743

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

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

⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

TABLE 5C. CONSUMERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE: AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)

DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Residential Care											Residential Care Total	
		Commonworks	Group Home					Residential Treatment				Shelter		
			Bridge Home	Independent Living	Other ⁽²⁾	Regular	Teen Pregnancy/ Parenting	Transitional Living	Ch. 766	Diagnostic	Non-766			Other ⁽²⁾
Western		189	18	6	3	8	3	---	45	7	1	8	13	301
	(0-2yrs)	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
	(3-5yrs)	---	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4
	(6-11yrs)	3	2	---	---	3	---	---	17	3	---	1	---	29
	(12-17yrs)	177	10	2	---	5	3	---	18	4	1	7	13	240
	18 or older	9	---	4	3	---	---	---	10	---	---	---	---	26
Central		127	15	4	---	52	3	---	99	4	2	18	6	330
	(3-5yrs)	---	3	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4
	(6-11yrs)	1	6	---	---	3	---	---	23	1	---	8	---	42
	(12-17yrs)	114	6	3	---	40	1	---	71	3	2	8	6	254
	18 or older	12	---	1	---	8	2	---	5	---	---	2	---	30
Northeast		237	10	17	2	41	1	---	148	46	---	13	4	519
	(3-5yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	2
	(6-11yrs)	9	8	---	---	4	---	---	47	4	---	5	---	77
	(12-17yrs)	189	2	7	---	36	---	---	85	42	---	4	4	369
	18 or older	38	---	10	2	1	1	---	16	---	---	3	---	71
Metro		240	16	15	---	57	4	5	122	23	5	17	30	534
	(0-2yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
	(3-5yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	1	---	---	---	3
	(6-11yrs)	5	8	---	---	7	---	---	39	2	---	6	2	69
	(12-17yrs)	195	7	9	---	47	3	4	70	20	5	10	27	397
	18 or older	40	---	6	---	3	1	1	11	---	---	1	1	64
Southeast		300	11	2	1	73	4	---	99	25	1	12	26	554
	(0-2yrs)	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
	(3-5yrs)	---	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3
	(6-11yrs)	4	2	---	---	17	---	---	29	6	---	5	---	63
	(12-17yrs)	247	6	2	---	54	4	---	62	19	1	5	26	426
	18 or older	49	---	---	1	1	---	---	8	---	---	2	---	61
Boston		193	21	7	---	44	9	1	77	5	---	3	12	372
	(3-5yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	2
	(6-11yrs)	2	10	---	---	9	---	---	21	---	---	---	---	42
	(12-17yrs)	153	10	1	---	24	6	---	39	4	---	1	11	249
	18 or older	38	---	6	---	11	3	1	16	1	---	2	1	79
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		1	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3
	(6-11yrs)	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
	(12-17yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Total		1,287	93	51	6	275	24	6	590	110	9	71	91	2,613

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

⁽²⁾ Sites/facilities that differ from the other types of group homes or residential treatment facilities.

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

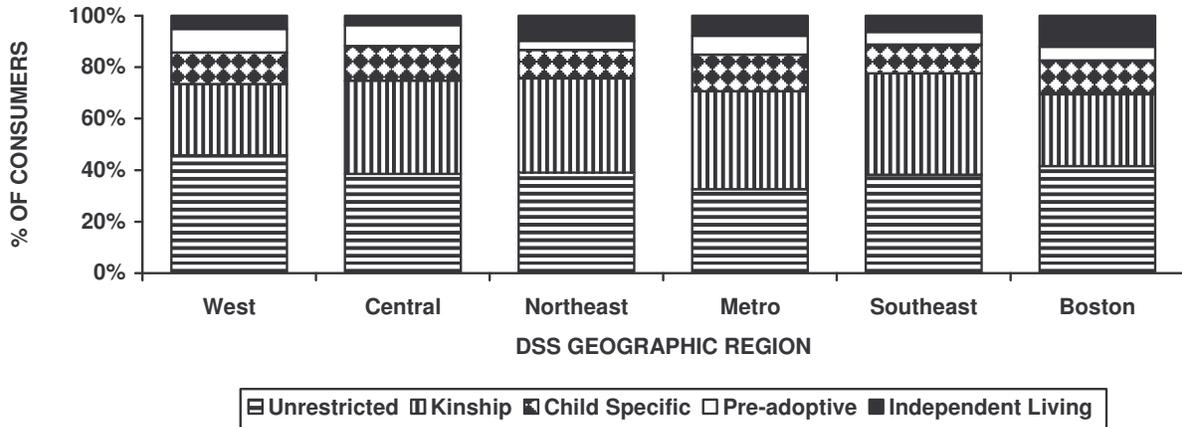
TABLE 5D. CONSUMERS IN COMMONWORKS (SUB-REFERRALS): AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)

DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Commonworks										Total
		Ch. 766	Diagnostic	Enhanced Therapeutic	Independent Living	Non-766	Other	Regular	Shelter	Therapeutic	Unspecified	
Western		38	---	1	4	99	2	13	---	31	1	189
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	3	---	---	---	---	---	3
	(12 - 17 yrs)	37	---	1	---	95	2	12	---	29	1	177
	18 or older	1	---	---	4	1	---	1	---	2	---	9
Central		43	1	---	4	17	---	45	4	11	2	127
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	1
	(12 - 17 yrs)	39	1	---	2	16	---	42	4	8	2	114
	18 or older	4	---	---	2	---	---	3	---	3	---	12
Northeast		99	---	---	28	23	---	52	3	27	5	237
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	8	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	9
	(12 - 17 yrs)	83	---	---	10	23	---	45	3	21	4	189
	18 or older	8	---	---	18	---	---	5	---	6	1	38
Metro		113	1	---	24	15	5	63	7	10	2	240
	(6 - 11 yrs)	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	5
	(12 - 17 yrs)	103	1	---	5	14	5	56	7	4	---	195
	18 or older	6	---	---	19	1	---	7	---	5	2	40
Southeast		143	8	---	15	4	---	65	21	42	2	300
	(6 - 11 yrs)	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4
	(12 - 17 yrs)	122	8	---	4	4	---	60	20	28	1	247
	18 or older	17	---	---	11	---	---	5	1	14	1	49
Boston		77	2	---	29	4	---	61	2	13	5	193
	(6 - 11 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	2
	(12 - 17 yrs)	69	2	---	9	4	---	53	2	11	3	153
	18 or older	7	---	---	20	---	---	8	---	2	1	38
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	1
Total		513	12	1	104	162	7	299	37	135	17	1,287

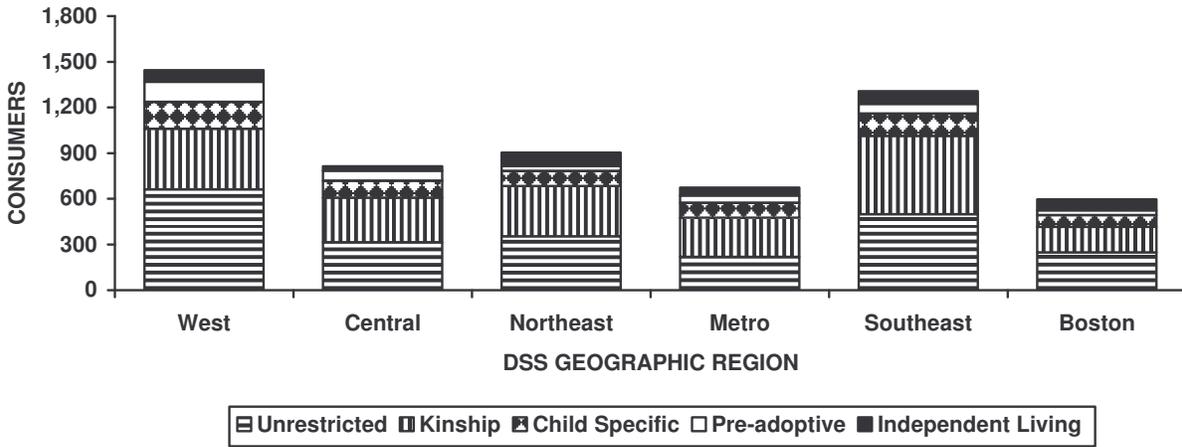
⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).

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

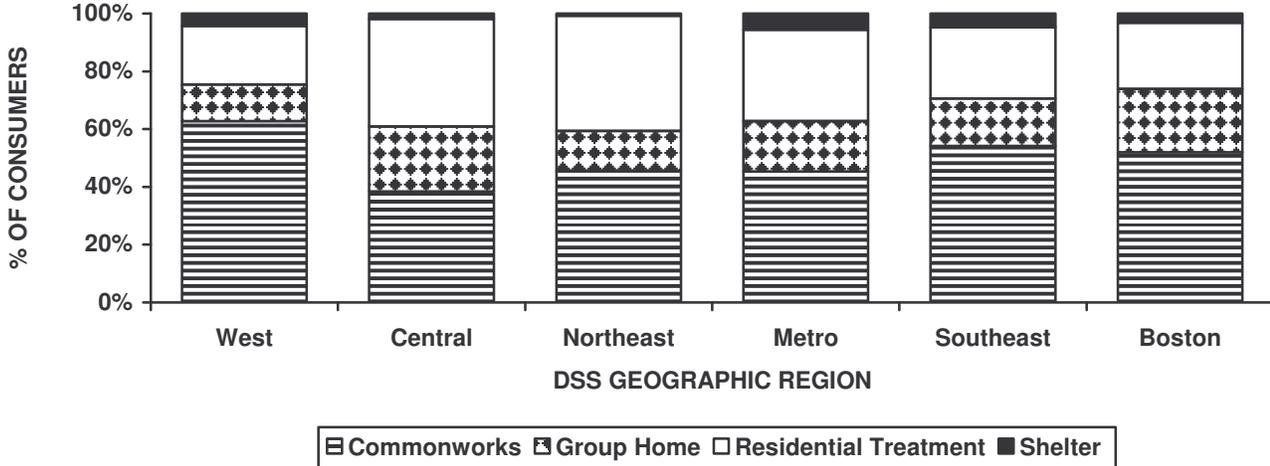
**FIGURE 7A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
(FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)**



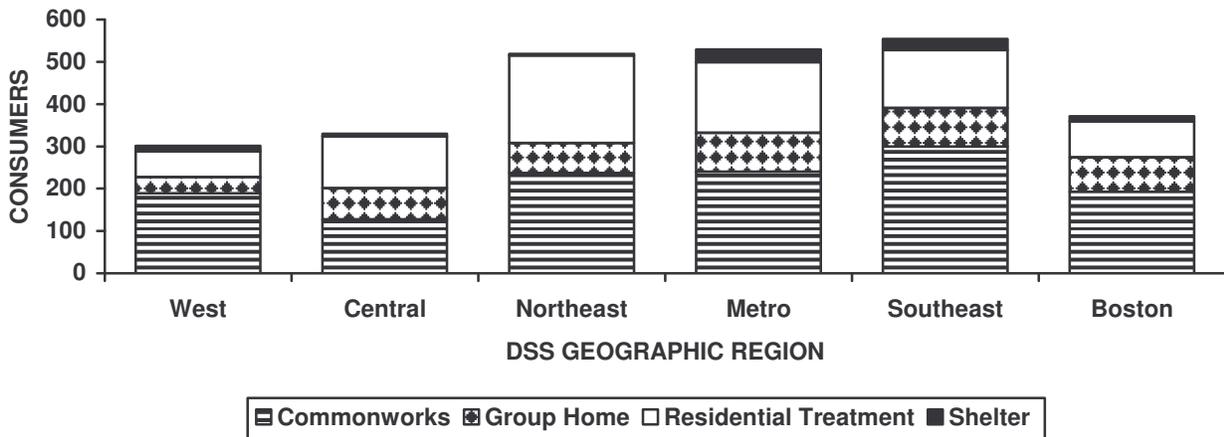
**FIGURE 7B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
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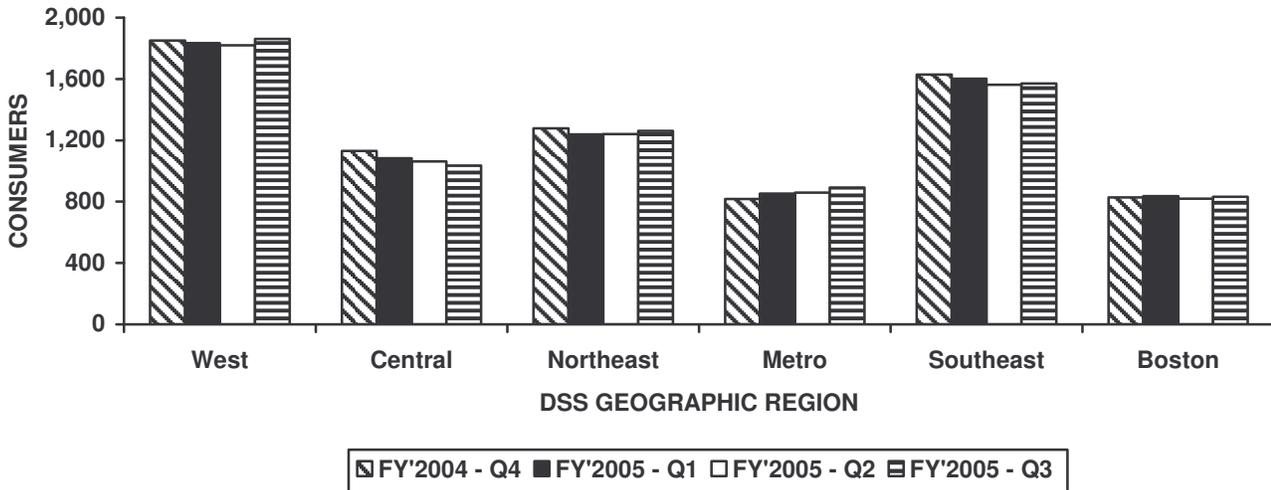
**FIGURE 8A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN RESIDENTIAL CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
(FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 8B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN RESIDENTIAL CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
(FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 9. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE BY DSS REGION
(FY'2004, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 10. CONSUMERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE BY DSS REGION
(FY'2004, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)**

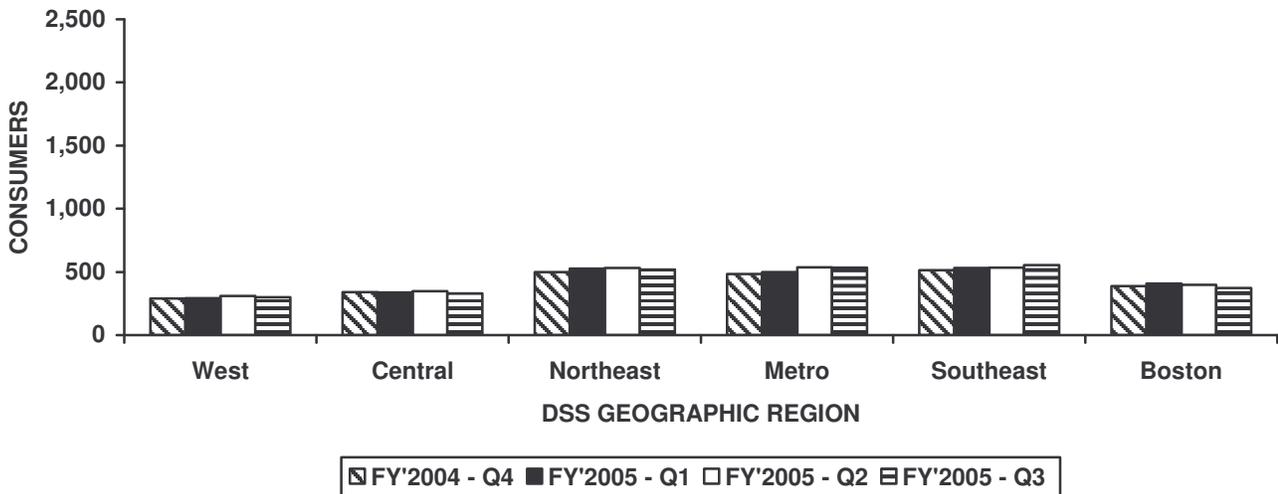


TABLE 6A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN BY DSS REGIONS AND STATE (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)

Characteristics	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption		Total No. %			
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾			Other ⁽²⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sex:																		
Female	1,114	48%	711	50%	927	49%	713	48%	1,097	49%	649	50%	115	44%	7	23%	5,333	49%
Male	1,201	52%	716	50%	973	51%	762	52%	1,125	51%	658	50%	148	56%	24	77%	5,607	51%
Total	2,315	100%	1,427	100%	1,900	100%	1,475	100%	2,222	100%	1,307	100%	263	100%	31	100%	10,940	100%
Race:																		
White	1,403	61%	1,015	71%	1,203	63%	996	68%	1,521	68%	317	24%	133	51%	---	---	6,588	60%
Black	347	15%	165	12%	181	10%	277	19%	379	17%	735	56%	67	25%	26	84%	2,177	20%
Asian	3	*	6	*	114	6%	19	1%	19	1%	16	1%	4	2%	---	---	181	2%
Native American	9	*	---	---	6	*	---	---	12	1%	6	*	---	---	---	---	33	*
Other ⁽³⁾	5	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	1	*	---	---	7	*
Multi-Racial	87	4%	42	3%	76	4%	66	4%	90	4%	34	3%	17	6%	---	---	412	4%
Unable to Determine	458	20%	199	14%	319	17%	117	8%	201	9%	198	15%	40	15%	---	---	1,532	14%
Unspecified	3	*	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	5	16%	10	*
Total	2,315	100%	1,427	100%	1,900	100%	1,475	100%	2,222	100%	1,307	100%	263	100%	31	100%	10,940	100%
Hispanic/Latino Origin:																		
Hispanic/Latino	889	38%	352	25%	617	32%	204	14%	294	13%	297	23%	84	32%	---	---	2,737	25%
Not Hispanic/Latino	1,301	56%	1,007	71%	1,247	66%	1,221	83%	1,814	82%	954	73%	166	63%	29	94%	7,739	71%
Unable to Determine	122	5%	68	5%	34	2%	49	3%	113	5%	56	4%	13	5%	---	---	455	4%
Unspecified	3	*	---	---	2	*	1	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	2	*	9	*
Total	2,315	100%	1,427	100%	1,900	100%	1,475	100%	2,222	100%	1,307	100%	263	100%	31	100%	10,940	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 6B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE BY DSS REGIONS AND STATE (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)

Characteristics	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption		Total			
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Age:																		
(0 - 2 yrs)	310	13%	168	12%	176	9%	136	9%	262	12%	132	10%	46	17%	---	---	1,230	11%
(3 - 5 yrs)	263	11%	149	10%	150	8%	145	10%	252	11%	88	7%	64	24%	1	3%	1,112	10%
(6 - 11 yrs)	532	23%	330	23%	366	19%	261	18%	430	19%	200	15%	114	43%	1	3%	2,234	20%
(12 - 17 yrs)	1,022	44%	676	47%	986	52%	761	52%	1,069	48%	675	52%	39	15%	4	13%	5,232	48%
18 or older	188	8%	104	7%	222	12%	172	12%	209	9%	212	16%	---	---	25	81%	1,132	10%
Total	2,315	100%	1,427	100%	1,900	100%	1,475	100%	2,222	100%	1,307	100%	263	100%	31	100%	10,940	100%
Service Plan Goals:																		
Reunify Family	599	26%	499	35%	617	32%	505	34%	854	38%	344	26%	---	---	---	---	3,418	31%
Adoption	655	28%	371	26%	373	20%	271	18%	452	20%	273	21%	258	98%	---	---	2,653	24%
Living Independently	359	16%	182	13%	357	19%	295	20%	353	16%	312	24%	---	---	26	84%	1,884	17%
Long-Term Substitute Care	383	17%	198	14%	336	18%	190	13%	267	12%	175	13%	---	---	---	---	1,549	14%
Guardianship	96	4%	83	6%	59	3%	73	5%	115	5%	59	5%	5	2%	---	---	490	4%
Stabilize Intact Family	116	5%	57	4%	79	4%	89	6%	86	4%	63	5%	---	---	---	---	490	4%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	49	2%	29	2%	56	3%	34	2%	84	4%	65	5%	---	---	---	---	317	3%
Unspecified	58	3%	8	1%	23	1%	18	1%	11	0%	16	1%	---	---	5	16%	139	1%
Total	2,315	100%	1,427	100%	1,900	100%	1,475	100%	2,222	100%	1,307	100%	263	100%	31	100%	10,940	100%
Continuous Time in Care:																		
(.5 yr or less)	477	21%	293	21%	407	21%	372	25%	516	23%	259	20%	7	3%	2	6%	2,333	21%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	335	14%	233	16%	309	16%	281	19%	370	17%	186	14%	11	4%	4	13%	1,729	16%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	257	11%	193	14%	202	11%	171	12%	262	12%	173	13%	37	14%	---	---	1,295	12%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	188	8%	120	8%	149	8%	132	9%	231	10%	108	8%	39	15%	1	3%	968	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	513	22%	333	23%	387	20%	282	19%	449	20%	280	21%	113	43%	6	19%	2,363	22%
> 4 yrs	545	24%	255	18%	445	23%	237	16%	394	18%	301	23%	56	21%	18	58%	2,251	21%
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	2,315	100%	1,427	100%	1,900	100%	1,475	100%	2,222	100%	1,307	100%	263	100%	31	100%	10,940	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

FIGURE 11A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN STATEWIDE, (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)

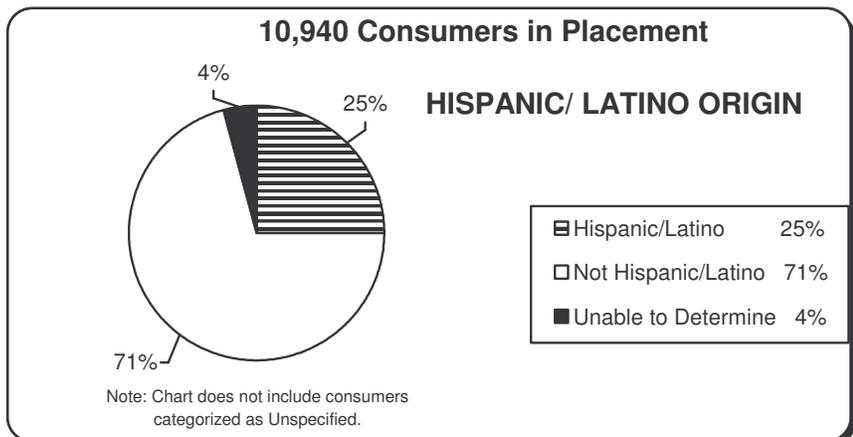
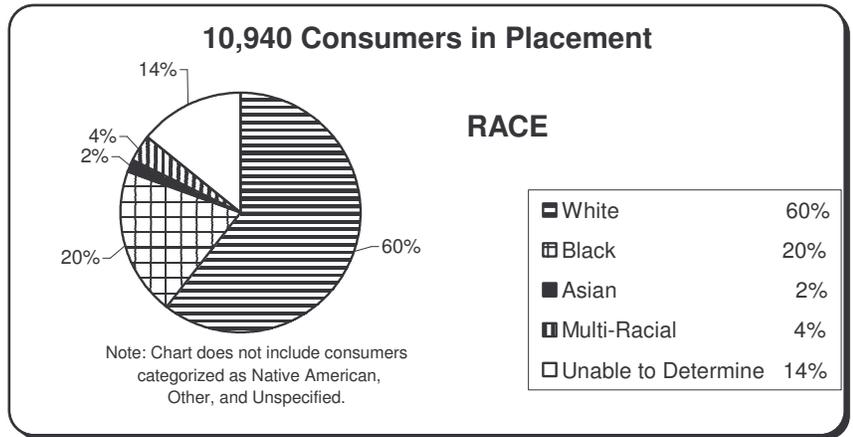
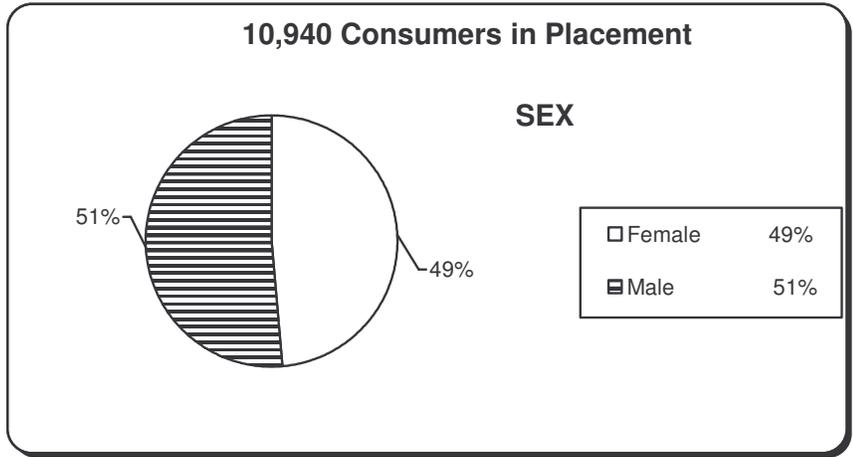


FIGURE 11B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT STATEWIDE. (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)

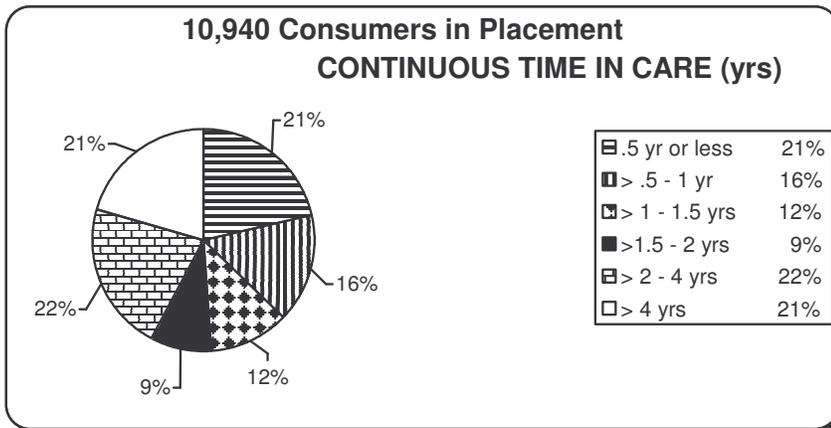
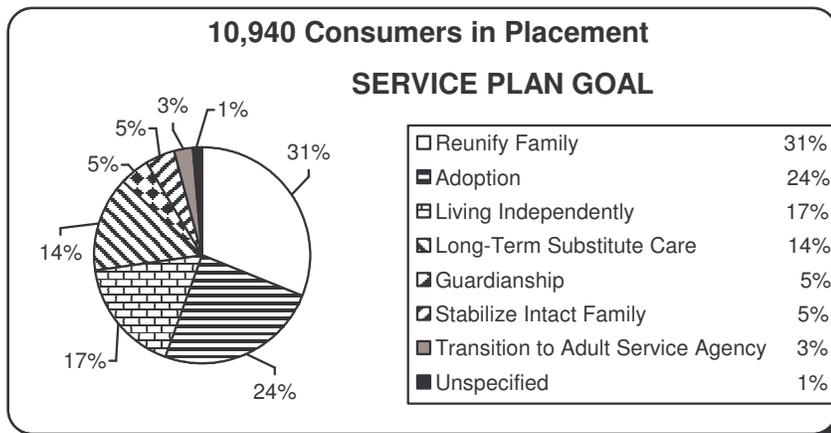
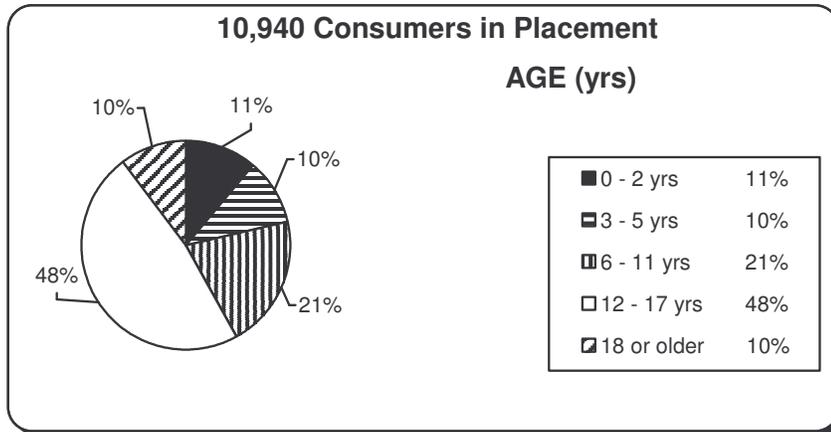


TABLE 7A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE: STATEWIDE (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers														Total			
	White		Black		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine				Unspecified	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	1,429	22%	434	20%	37	20%	6	18%	1	14%	100	24%	323	21%	3	30%	2,333	21%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	1,090	17%	297	14%	31	17%	8	24%	---	---	72	17%	228	15%	3	30%	1,729	16%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	753	11%	252	12%	16	9%	6	18%	1	14%	48	12%	219	14%	---	---	1,295	12%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	592	9%	190	9%	13	7%	5	15%	---	---	49	12%	119	8%	---	---	968	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	1,411	21%	487	22%	39	22%	2	6%	2	29%	84	20%	337	22%	1	10%	2,363	22%
> 4yrs	1,312	20%	517	24%	45	25%	6	18%	3	43%	59	14%	306	20%	3	30%	2,251	21%
Unspecified	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	0%
Total	6,588	100%	2,177	100%	181	100%	33	100%	7	100%	412	100%	1,532	100%	10	100%	10,940	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 7B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE: STATEWIDE (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)

Continuous Time in Care	Hispanic/Latino Origin ⁽¹⁾ of Consumers						Total			
	Hispanic/Latino		Not Hispanic/Latino		Unable to Determine				Unspecified	
(.5 yr or less)	562	21%	1,637	21%	127	28%	7	78%	2,333	21%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	381	14%	1,263	16%	83	18%	2	22%	1,729	16%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	366	13%	884	11%	45	10%	---	---	1,295	12%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	232	8%	695	9%	41	9%	---	---	968	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	578	21%	1,702	22%	83	18%	---	---	2,363	22%
> 4yrs	618	23%	1,557	20%	76	17%	---	---	2,251	21%
Unspecified	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	2,737	100%	7,739	100%	455	100%	9	100%	10,940	100%

⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

TABLE 8A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers														Total			
	White		Black		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine				Unspecified	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	2,104	62%	606	18%	67	2%	12	*	1	*	150	4%	478	14%	---	---	3,418	100%
Adoption	1,605	60%	437	16%	23	1%	9	*	3	*	136	5%	439	17%	1	*	2,653	100%
Living Independently	1,075	57%	505	27%	43	2%	4	*	2	*	42	2%	210	11%	3	*	1,884	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	918	59%	340	22%	24	2%	5	*	1	*	40	3%	221	14%	---	---	1,549	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	294	60%	100	20%	9	2%	2	*	---	---	20	4%	65	13%	---	---	490	100%
Guardianship	286	58%	97	20%	12	2%	1	*	---	---	18	4%	75	15%	1	*	490	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	215	68%	69	22%	3	1%	---	---	---	---	3	1%	27	9%	---	---	317	100%
Unspecified	91	65%	23	17%	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	2%	17	12%	5	4%	139	100%
Total	6,588	60%	2,177	20%	181	2%	33	*	7	*	412	4%	1,532	14%	10	*	10,940	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 8B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)

Service Plan Goal	Hispanic/Latino Origin ⁽¹⁾ of Consumers								Total	
	Hispanic/Latino		Not Hispanic/Latino		Unable to Determine		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	817	24%	2,438	71%	162	5%	1	*	3,418	100%
Adoption	782	29%	1,736	65%	135	5%	---	---	2,653	100%
Living Independently	373	20%	1,448	77%	63	3%	---	---	1,884	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	427	28%	1,067	69%	55	4%	---	---	1,549	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	96	20%	377	77%	17	3%	---	---	490	100%
Guardianship	137	28%	337	69%	13	3%	3	1%	490	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	63	20%	251	79%	3	1%	---	---	317	100%
Unspecified	42	30%	85	61%	7	5%	5	4%	139	100%
Total	2,737	25%	7,739	71%	455	4%	9	*	10,940	100%

⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic/Latino origin.

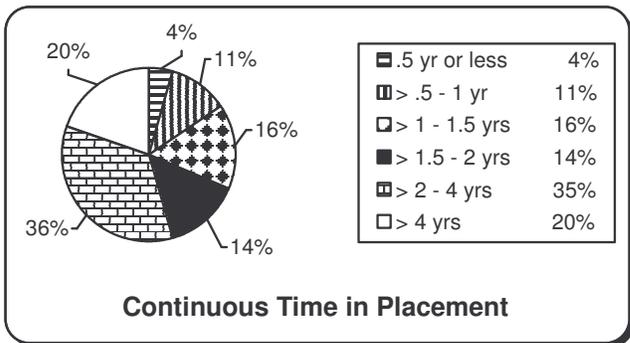
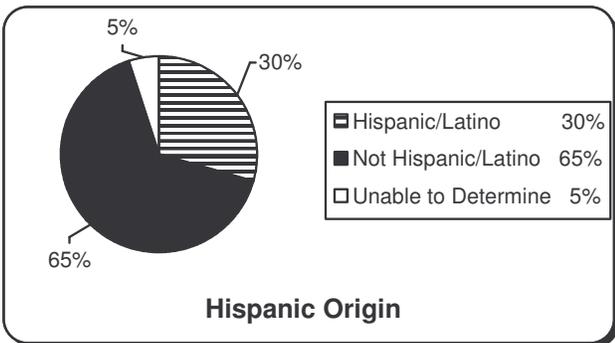
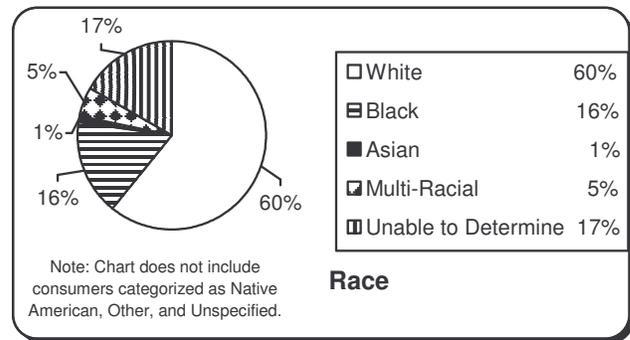
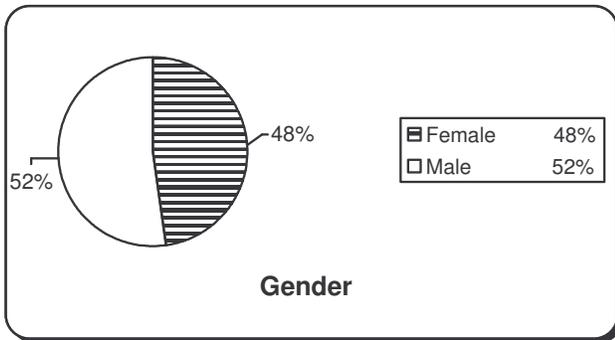
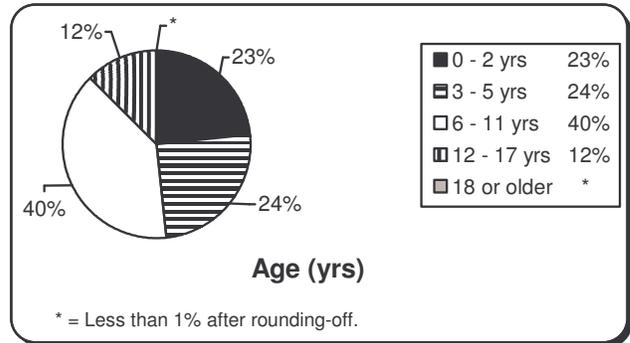
TABLE 8C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)

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.	%
Reunify Family	489	14%	359	11%	802	23%	1,754	51%	14	*	3,418	100%
Adoption	622	23%	659	25%	1,041	39%	328	12%	3	*	2,653	100%
Living Independently	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,025	54%	859	46%	1,884	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	2	*	3	*	163	11%	1,332	86%	49	3%	1,549	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	23	5%	40	8%	129	26%	294	60%	4	1%	490	100%
Guardianship	50	10%	42	9%	76	16%	310	63%	12	2%	490	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	---	---	---	---	8	3%	119	38%	190	60%	317	100%
Unspecified	44	32%	9	6%	15	11%	70	50%	1	1%	139	100%
Total	1,230	11%	1,112	10%	2,234	20%	5,232	48%	1,132	10%	10,940	100%

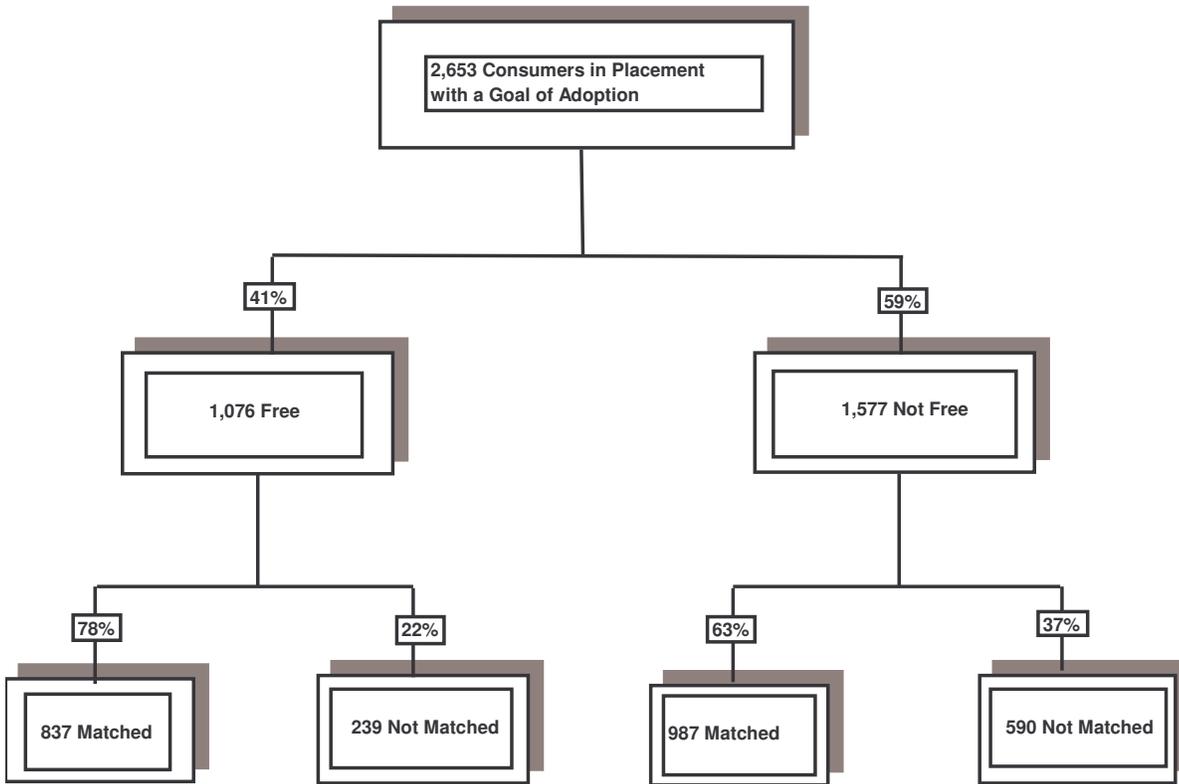
TABLE 8D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)

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		Unspecified		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Reunify Family	1,464	43%	1,089	32%	459	13%	184	5%	181	5%	41	1%	---	---	3,418	100%
Adoption	116	4%	299	11%	417	16%	375	14%	922	35%	524	20%	---	---	2,653	100%
Living Independently	95	5%	136	7%	157	8%	192	10%	548	29%	756	40%	---	---	1,884	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	107	7%	73	5%	139	9%	126	8%	467	30%	637	41%	---	---	1,549	100%
Guardianship	30	6%	49	10%	90	18%	63	13%	165	34%	93	19%	---	---	490	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	369	75%	58	12%	26	5%	10	2%	13	3%	13	3%	1	*	490	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	19	6%	19	6%	7	2%	18	6%	67	21%	187	59%	---	---	317	100%
Unspecified	133	96%	6	4%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	139	100%
Total	2,333	21%	1,729	16%	1,295	12%	968	9%	2,363	22%	2,251	21%	1	*	10,940	100%

Figure 12A. Age, Sex, Race, Hispanic Origin, and Continuous Time in Placement of Consumers with a Goal of Adoption (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)



**Figure 12B. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption:
Legal Status and Match Status
(FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)**



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

Figure 12C. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption and Legally Freed Status (FY'05, 3RD QUARTER)

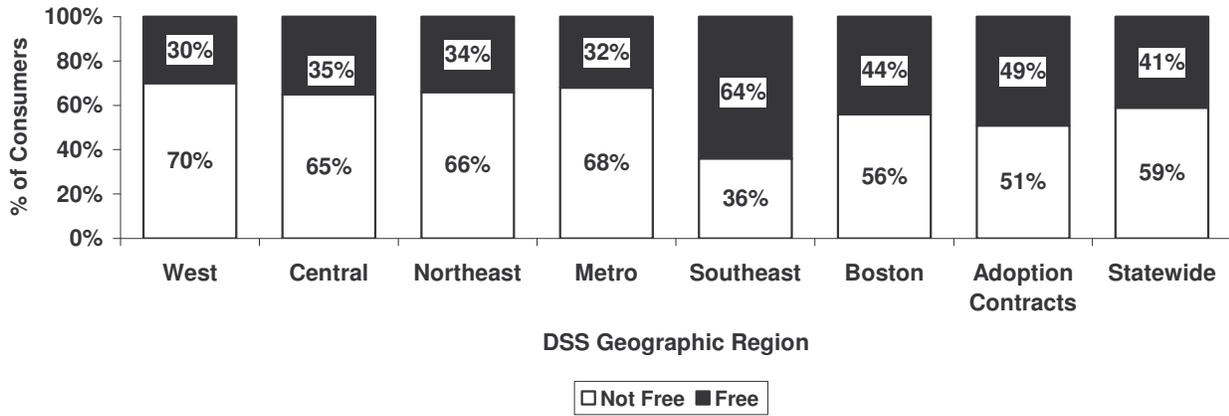
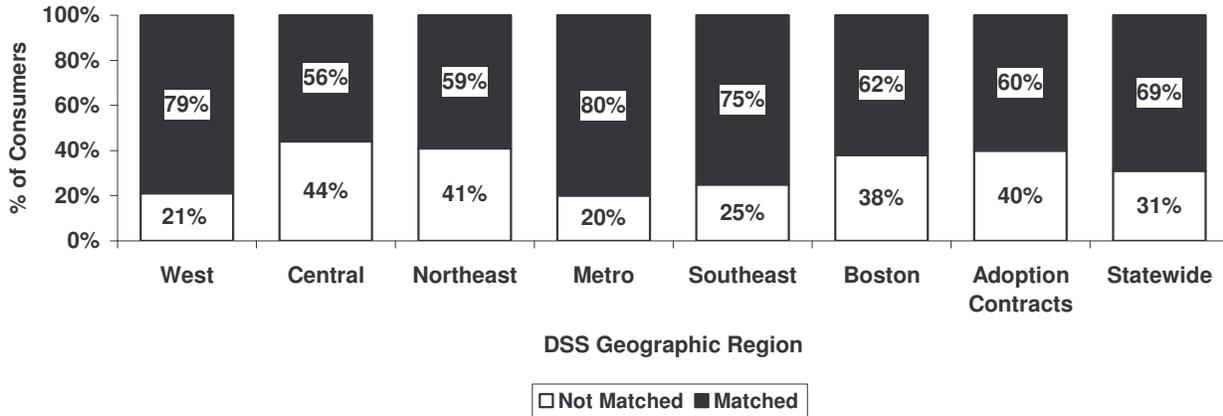


Figure 12D. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption and Whether Matched to a Permanent Family (FY'05, 3RD QUARTER)



Case Intakes (Openings)

- During the 3rd Quarter of FY'2005, there were 3,846 case openings (unduplicated) and 16,127 consumer openings (unduplicated). Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed by DSS. Consumers who entered the DSS system during the quarter include both members of new cases and new members of ongoing cases, as well as re-opened consumers (previously opened and closed). **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- Eighty-two percent of case intakes and 86% of consumer intakes were due to supported abuse/neglect reports. **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 7% of case intakes and 6% of consumer intakes. **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- CHINS referrals amounted to 8% of case intakes and 6% of consumer intakes. **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in Fig. 13. Supported reports accounted for 78-88% of the total intakes for each region. The Southeastern and Boston Regions had the largest proportions of CHINS referrals (9%). Voluntary requests were most significant (11%) in the Metro Region. **(Fig. 13, Table 9A)**
- The regional counts of CHINS referrals ranged from 27 (Metro) to 75 (Southeast) cases. Voluntary requests were highest in Metro. Case intakes via supported reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West and Southeast. **(Table 9A)**
- Regionally, case openings were lowest in the 1st Quarter of FY'2005. **(Fig. 14)**. This quarterly trend in case openings is driven by reports and investigations. Reports and investigations are lowest in the 1st quarter (summer vacation) then rise during the school year **(Figs. 20 and 21 on page 51)**.

TABLE 9A. CASE INTAKES DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DSS REGION (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)

DSS Geographic Region	Case Counts ⁽¹⁾												Total No.
	Supported CA/N Reports		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Safe Haven		Other ⁽²⁾		Unspecified		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	674	88%	63	8%	20	3%	---	---	11	1%	---	---	768
Central	413	82%	41	8%	34	7%	---	---	13	3%	---	---	501
Northeast	553	82%	52	8%	48	7%	1	*	16	2%	4	1%	674
Metro	509	84%	27	4%	65	11%	---	---	8	1%	---	---	609
Southeast	646	78%	75	9%	55	7%	---	---	53	6%	---	---	829
Boston	400	80%	46	9%	40	8%	---	---	10	2%	1	*	497
Total	3,195	82%	304	8%	262	7%	1	*	111	3%	5	*	3,878

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

⁽¹⁾ Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed. The total summation for each DSS Region is a duplicated count because some families had more than one case opening in a quarter by more than one type of initial contact. The unduplicated count of total case openings is **3,846**.

⁽²⁾ Examples are a court order to provide services or a request on behalf of a consumer by another agency.

TABLE 9B. CONSUMER INTAKES DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DSS REGION (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)

DSS Geographic Region	Consumer Counts ⁽¹⁾												Total No.
	Supported CA/N Reports		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Safe Haven		Other ⁽²⁾		Unspecified		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	2,955	92%	170	5%	65	2%	---	---	38	1%	---	---	3,228
Central	1,894	85%	149	7%	129	6%	---	---	46	2%	---	---	2,218
Northeast	2,466	86%	177	6%	165	6%	2	*	44	2%	5	*	2,859
Metro	2,120	86%	95	4%	237	10%	---	---	27	1%	---	---	2,479
Southeast	2,828	81%	255	7%	219	6%	---	---	186	5%	---	---	3,488
Boston	1,674	85%	133	7%	133	7%	---	---	37	2%	1	*	1,978
Total	13,937	86%	979	6%	948	6%	2	*	378	2%	6	*	16,250

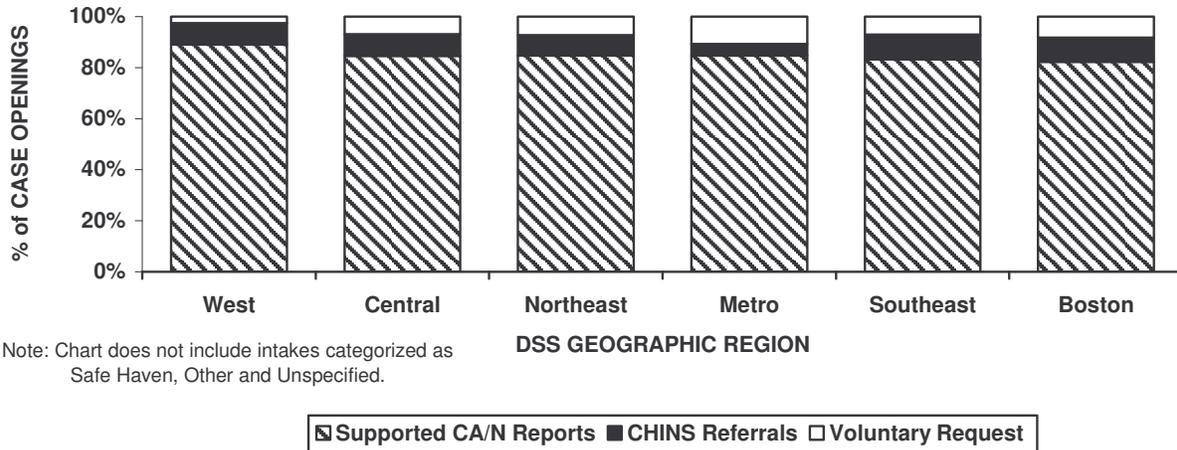
* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

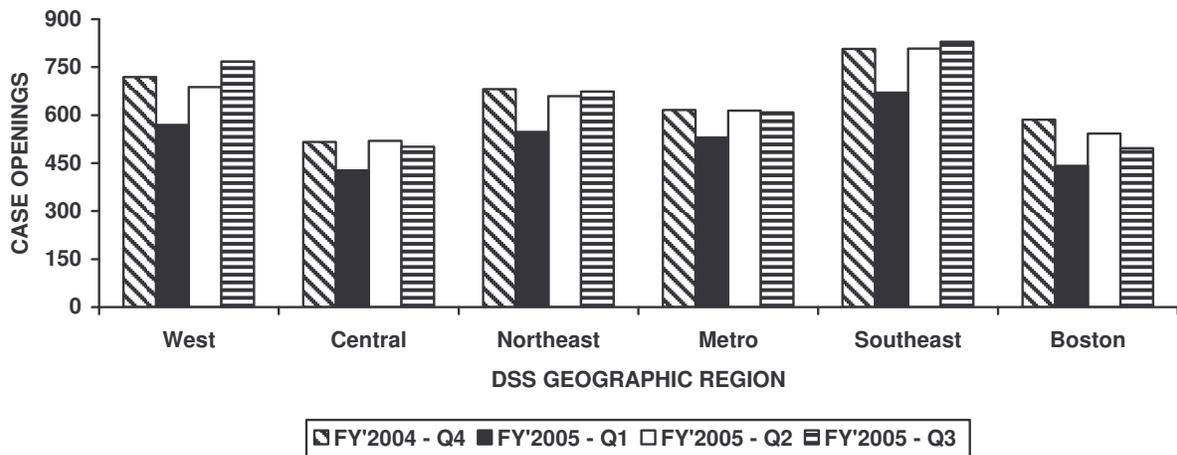
⁽¹⁾ Counts of consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases during the quarter. The total summation for each DSS Region is a duplicated count because some consumers had more than one type of initial contact during the quarter. The unduplicated count of total consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases is **16,127**.

⁽²⁾ Examples are a court order to provide services or a request on behalf of a consumer by another agency.

**FIGURE 13. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DSS REGION
(FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 14. INTAKES (CASE OPENINGS) BY DSS REGION
(FY'2004, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)**



Consumers with Placements Starting or Ending during the Quarter

- During the 3rd Quarter of FY'2005, 3,652 consumers started at least one placement and 1,695 consumers left at least one placement.¹¹ These counts of placement dynamics are not the same as consumer entries and exits to placement since they include consumers who changed placements during the quarter. **(Tables 10 and 11)**
- Of those consumers who started a placement setting during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2005, 33% were first-time entrants and 67% were re-entrants.¹² The re-entrant total includes consumers going from a home to a placement location and consumers changing placements.¹³ Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 29% in Boston to 39% in the both the Southeast and Northeast. **(Table 10, Fig. 15)**
- The largest influx to placement (first-time entrants and re-entrants combined) occurred in the West (21% of statewide entrants) and Southeast (19% of statewide entrants). **(Table 10)**
- Across the state, 66% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 26% were placed in residential care, and 8% were placed in non-referral locations.¹⁴ **(Table 10)**
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Seventy-eight percent of first-time entrants and 60% of re-entrants were placed in foster homes. Conversely, 30% of re-entrants and 17% of first-time entrants were placed in residential care. **(Table 10)**
- Compared to other regions, Metro placed a much higher proportion of both first-time entrants (35%) and re-entrants (48%) into residential care. **(Table 10, Fig. 16)**
- Metro was the only region where the number of re-entrants going into residential care (161) was greater than the number of re-entrants going into foster care (153). Statewide, 731 re-entrants were placed in residential care and 1,453 re-entrants were placed in foster care. **(Table 10)**

¹¹ For individuals with multiple entries and exits during the quarter, only the first entry and exit were selected.

¹² Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

¹³ Changing providers.

¹⁴ Non-referral locations include hospitals and other state agencies.

- Statewide, 33% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 29% in Boston to 43% in Metro. **(Table 11)**
- Excluding consumers changing placements from the list of consumers with placements ending during the quarter, leaves 890 consumers who actually left placement. Sixty-two percent of the 890 consumers leaving placement were returned home. **(Table 11)**

TABLE 10. CONSUMERS STARTING PLACEMENTS DURING THE QUARTER BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)

Entry Type	Placement Location Started	DSS Geographic Region						Adoption		Total
		West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
First-Time Entrants:		263	136	229	199	263	117	1	9	1,217
	Foster Care	226	109	180	122	213	91	1	6	948
	Residential	25	20	34	69	43	17	---	2	210
	Non-Referral Location ⁽³⁾	12	7	15	8	7	9	---	1	59
Re-Entrants:		510	265	362	338	418	287	26	229	2,435
	Foster Care	377	175	196	153	253	148	21	130	1,453
	Residential	78	65	129	161	136	90	3	69	731
	Non-Referral Location ⁽³⁾	55	25	37	24	29	49	2	30	251
Total		773	401	591	537	681	404	27	238	3,652

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

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

⁽³⁾ Includes hospitals and other state agencies.

TABLE 11. CONSUMERS ENDING PLACEMENTS DURING THE QUARTER BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)

Reason Placement Ended	DSS Geographic Region						Adoption		Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
Child Returned Home	101	70	92	114	95	59	---	22	553
New or Other Service Referral for Placement	120	46	66	74	97	62	9	41	515
New Sub-Contract Referral for Placement	25	18	31	29	26	23	1	20	173
Placement in Non-Referral Location	19	21	19	15	14	15	---	14	117
Child on the Run	21	4	18	7	8	21	---	14	93
Child 18 or Older	17	11	12	9	8	10	---	7	74
Consumer Adopted	18	15	6	6	18	4	2	4	73
Custody to Other Individual	18	4	11	9	1	10	---	5	58
Guardianship	2	5	---	---	3	---	---	24	34
Custody to Other Agency	---	1	2	---	---	---	---	---	3
Consumer Deceased	---	---	1	---	---	1	---	---	2
Total	341	195	258	263	270	205	12	151	1,695

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

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

FIGURE 15. CONSUMERS WITH PLACEMENTS STARTING DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS) (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)

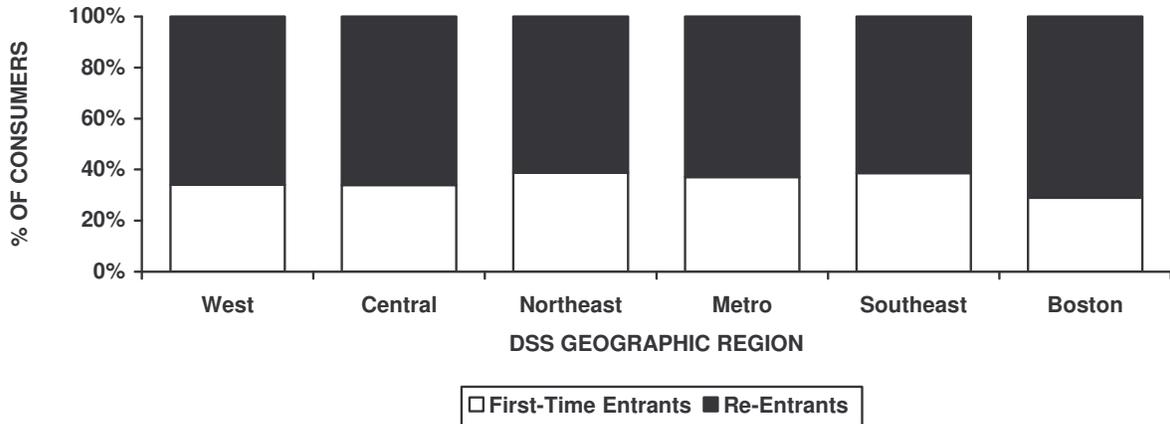
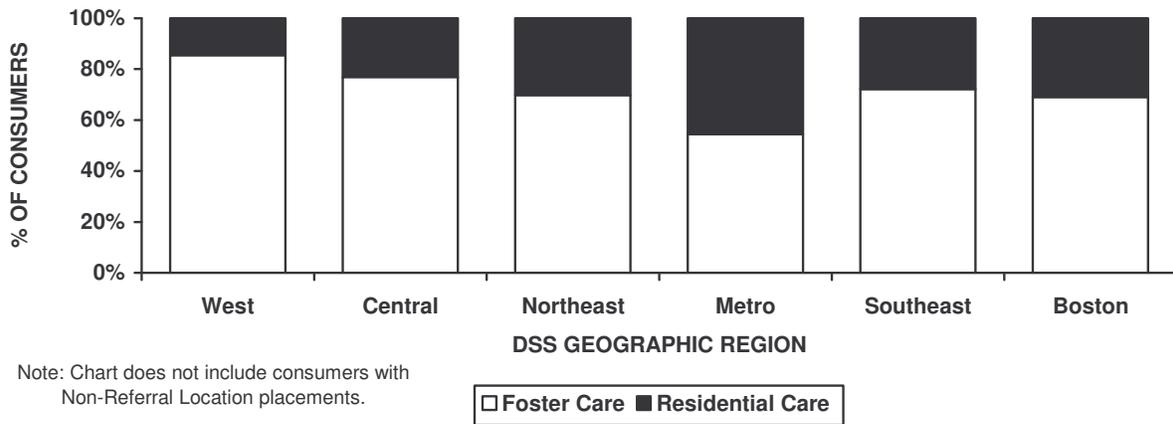
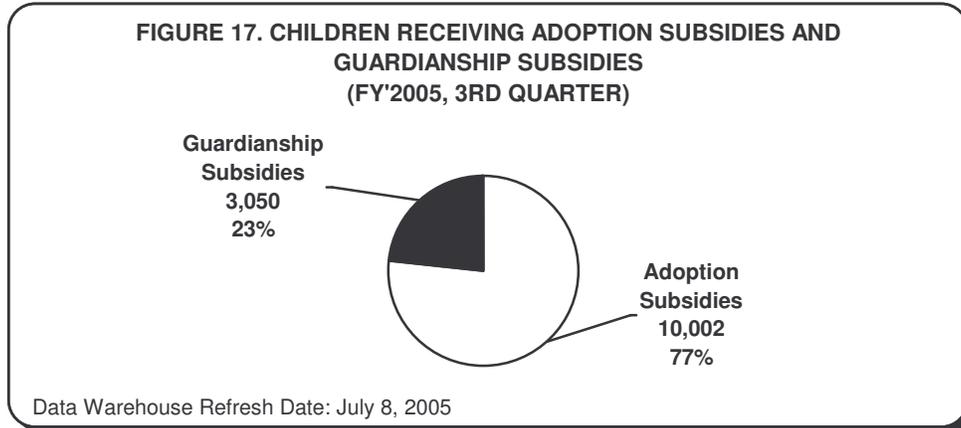


FIGURE 16. CONSUMERS WITH FOSTER AND RESIDENTIAL CARE PLACEMENTS STARTING DURING THE QUARTER (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)



Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies

- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2005, the total number of children receiving adoption subsidies was 10,002. Guardianship subsidies totaled 3,050. (Fig. 17)



From the 2nd to the 3rd Quarter, adoption and guardianship subsidies both declined approximately 1%. Typically, adoption subsidies increase about 1% each quarter while guardianship subsidies increase around 1-2%. The decline in subsidies from the 1st to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2003 is deceptive. It resulted from a mass cleanup of cases rather than a true reduction. (See table below)

	Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)			
	Adoption		Guardianship	
Quarter	No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change
FY' 2001: 1 st	8,775	1%	2,647	-1%
2 nd	8,910	2%	2,700	2%
3 rd	9,004	1%	2,754	2%
4 th	9,113	1%	2,773	1%
FY' 2002: 1 st	9,240	1%	2,789	1%
2 nd	9,361	1%	2,809	1%
3 rd	9,482	1%	2,863	2%
4 th	9,576	1%	2,944	3%
FY' 2003 1 st	9,696	1%	2,921	-1%
2 nd	9,240	-5%	2,738	-6%
3 rd	9,328	1%	2,779	1%
4 th	9,470	2%	2,838	2%
FY' 2004 1 st	9,605	1%	2,839	*
2 nd	9,616	*	2,866	1%
3 rd	9,712	1%	2,944	3%
4 th	9,859	2%	2,996	2%
FY' 2005 1 st	9,954	1%	3,002	*
2 nd	10,081	1%	3,081	3%
3 rd	10,002	-1%	3,050	-1%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Foster Homes¹⁵

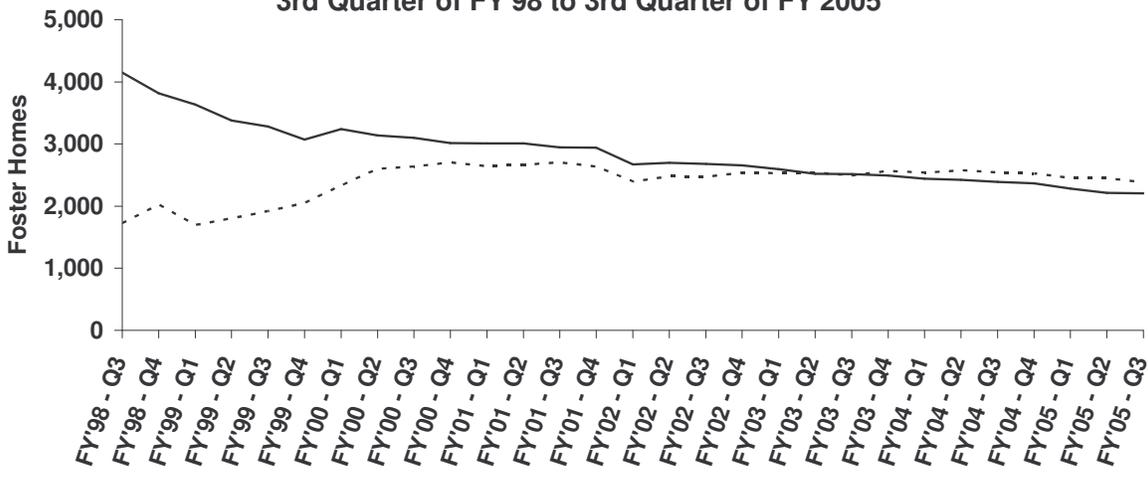
- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2005, there were 4,587 foster homes. Included in this total are all kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes¹⁶ as well as approved unrestricted homes.¹⁷ Approved unrestricted foster homes accounted for 48% (2,205) of the foster home total while restricted foster homes amounted to 52% (2,382). **(Table 12A)**
- From the 3rd Quarter of FY'1998 to 3rd Quarter of FY'2005, restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes gradually increased from 29% to 52%. **(See graph on next page)**
- Statewide, 78% of foster parents in approved unrestricted homes were White and 59% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Statewide, 76% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White and 50% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Thirteen percent (617) of all foster homes were identified as Black (329 restricted and 288 unrestricted). **(Table 12A)**
- Sixteen percent (718) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (361 restricted and 357 unrestricted). **(Table 12B)**

¹⁵ Foster homes provide formal, temporary out-of-home placement to children who are in the care/custody of DSS. Foster families may be related or unrelated to the child.

¹⁶ 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 selected another home in which the child chooses to live; or (3) when DSS places a child with relatives or with a caregiver who has a relationship with the child.

¹⁷ Unrestricted placements are those where DSS 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.

Restricted and Unrestricted Foster Homes *
3rd Quarter of FY'98 to 3rd Quarter of FY'2005



* Includes all kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes as well as approved unrestricted homes.

Fiscal Year and Quarter

— Unrestricted Restricted

TABLE 12A. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DSS REGION (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER) ⁽¹⁾

Provider Status	DSS Geographic Region										Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	Total				
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast				Boston			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%			No.	%		
Restricted:	457		344		379		312		620		234		36	2,382		
White	365	80%	284	83%	289	76%	260	83%	499	80%	84	36%	20	56%	1,801	76%
Black	57	12%	24	7%	14	4%	26	8%	71	11%	125	53%	12	33%	329	14%
Asian	---	---	2	1%	18	5%	1	*	2	*	2	1%	1	3%	26	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	6	1%	1	*	---	---	8	*
Other ⁽³⁾	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	2	*
Multi-Racial	7	2%	---	---	5	1%	---	---	2	*	1	*	1	3%	16	1%
Unable to Determine	25	5%	32	9%	48	13%	19	6%	36	6%	19	8%	2	6%	181	8%
Unspecified	2	*	2	1%	4	1%	6	2%	4	1%	1	*	---	---	19	1%
Unrestricted:	502		316		318		275		468		196		130	2,205		
White	391	78%	284	90%	256	81%	233	85%	396	85%	50	26%	110	85%	1,720	78%
Black	65	13%	15	5%	11	3%	32	12%	35	7%	117	60%	13	10%	288	13%
Asian	---	---	1	*	11	3%	---	---	2	*	---	---	1	1%	15	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	1%	---	---	---	---	4	*
Multi-Racial	41	8%	1	*	4	1%	1	*	3	1%	2	1%	---	---	52	2%
Unable to Determine	5	1%	15	5%	34	11%	9	3%	28	6%	27	14%	5	4%	123	6%
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	2	1%	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1%	3	*
Total	959		660		697		587		1,088		430		166	4,587		

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 12B. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY HISPANIC ORIGIN AND DSS REGION (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER) ⁽¹⁾

Provider Status	DSS Geographic Region										Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	Total				
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast				Boston			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%			No.	%		
Restricted:	457		344		379		312		620		234		36	2,382		
Hispanic/Latino	119	26%	49	14%	86	23%	26	8%	43	7%	34	15%	4	11%	361	15%
Not Hispanic/Latino	326	71%	286	83%	274	72%	271	87%	558	90%	192	82%	28	78%	1,935	81%
Unable to Determine	9	2%	7	2%	15	4%	7	2%	10	2%	6	3%	1	3%	55	2%
Unspecified	3	1%	2	1%	4	1%	8	3%	9	1%	2	1%	3	8%	31	1%
Unrestricted:	502		316		318		275		468		196		130	2,205		
Hispanic/Latino	125	25%	40	13%	81	25%	15	5%	46	10%	45	23%	5	4%	357	16%
Not Hispanic/Latino	376	75%	271	86%	226	71%	253	92%	410	88%	149	76%	124	95%	1,809	82%
Unable to Determine	1	*	4	1%	9	3%	7	3%	11	2%	2	1%	---	---	34	2%
Unspecified	---	---	1	*	2	1%	---	---	1	*	---	---	1	1%	5	*
Total	959		660		697		587		1,088		430		166	4,587		

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

TABLE 12C. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DSS REGION (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER) ⁽¹⁾

Provider Status	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		No.	%	No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%				
Restricted:	457		344		379		312		620		234		36		2,382	
Married	234	51%	190	55%	188	50%	151	48%	325	52%	86	37%	21	58%	1,195	50%
Single	119	26%	79	23%	106	28%	85	27%	166	27%	96	41%	7	19%	658	28%
Divorced	59	13%	48	14%	41	11%	37	12%	67	11%	24	10%	6	17%	282	12%
Separated	26	6%	13	4%	22	6%	11	4%	29	5%	15	6%	1	3%	117	5%
Widowed	18	4%	13	4%	19	5%	18	6%	30	5%	11	5%	1	3%	110	5%
Unrestricted:	502		316		318		275		468		196		130		2,205	
Married	283	56%	242	77%	177	56%	156	57%	296	63%	62	32%	87	67%	1,303	59%
Single	101	20%	36	11%	77	24%	74	27%	73	16%	82	42%	38	29%	481	22%
Divorced	72	14%	31	10%	29	9%	30	11%	60	13%	29	15%	5	4%	256	12%
Widowed	20	4%	3	1%	16	5%	11	4%	22	5%	11	6%	---	---	83	4%
Separated	26	5%	4	1%	18	6%	4	1%	17	4%	12	6%	---	---	81	4%
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	959		660		697		587		1,088		430		166		4,587	

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

Child Maltreatment Reports, Investigations, and DA Referrals

Reports

- Statewide, 17,583 reports were recorded during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2005. Sixty-three percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation. Six percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. **(Table 13)**
- Among regions, reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West (3,399) and Southeast (2,731). The Judge Baker Children's Center (hotline) recorded 3,548 reports. Regional screen-in rates ranged from 56% in both the West and Central to 72% in Boston. The screen-in rate at the Judge Baker Children's Center was 70%. **(Table 13 and Fig. 18)**
- The DSS Regions screened-in 1-2% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 22% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children's Center Hotline. **(Table 13)**
- Statewide, reports rose 9% from the 1st Quarter of FY'2005 to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2005. Increases ranged from 8% in the Southeast to 20% in Metro. Typically, report counts drop during the summer quarter (Q1) then climb during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). **(Fig. 20)**

Investigations

- The number of investigations completed during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2005 was 9,234.¹⁸ Fifty-seven percent of the investigations resulted in a supported finding. **(Table 14)**
- The Southeast conducted more investigations (1,814) than the other regions. Regional support rates went from a low of 54% in the Northeast to a high of 60% in both the West and Metro. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 70% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. **(Table 14, Fig. 19)**

¹⁸ The number of investigations is lower than the number of screened-in reports. This occurs because an investigation may be associated to multiple reports on the same incident or by reports received on separate but closely occurring incidents.

- The Boston (72%), Northeastern (65%), and Southeastern (63%) Regions had the highest screen-in rates. A high screen-in rate does not necessarily mean a high support rate. The regions with the lowest screen-in rates, West, Metro, and Central, had the highest support rates, 60%, 60%, and 58%, respectively. **(Table 14, Fig. 19)**
- Statewide, investigations increased 14% from the 1st to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2005 and decreased 9% from the 2nd to the 3rd Quarter. The statewide fluctuation in investigations was a reflection of what was occurring in each of the DSS Regions. **(Fig. 21)**

TABLE 13. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)

DSS Geographic Region	Screening Decision						Total	
	Screened Out		Screened-In					
	No.	%	Non-Emergency		Emergency		No.	%
West	1,498	44%	1,847	54%	54	2%	3,399	19%
Central	954	44%	1,172	54%	45	2%	2,171	12%
Northeast	807	34%	1,511	64%	35	1%	2,353	13%
Metro	723	39%	1,081	59%	37	2%	1,841	10%
Southeast	997	37%	1,672	61%	62	2%	2,731	16%
Boston	428	28%	1,069	70%	29	2%	1,526	9%
Judge Baker Children's Center	1,050	30%	1,704	48%	794	22%	3,548	20%
Special Investigations	5	36%	9	64%	---	---	14	*
Total	6,462	37%	10,065	57%	1,056	6%	17,583	100%

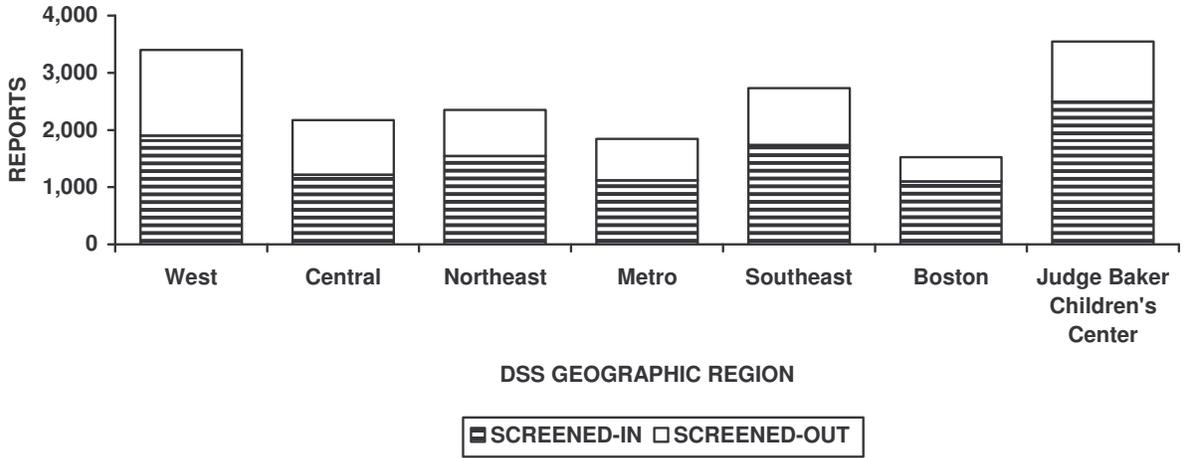
TABLE 14. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)

DSS Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Total	
	Supported		Unsupported			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
West	972	60%	654	40%	1,626	18%
Central	656	58%	481	42%	1,137	12%
Northeast	822	54%	700	46%	1,522	16%
Metro	674	60%	451	40%	1,125	12%
Southeast	996	55%	818	45%	1,814	20%
Boston	578	56%	457	44%	1,035	11%
Judge Baker Children's Center	462	70%	198	30%	660	7%
Special Investigations	80	25%	235	75%	315	3%
Total	5,240	57%	3,994	43%	9,234	100%

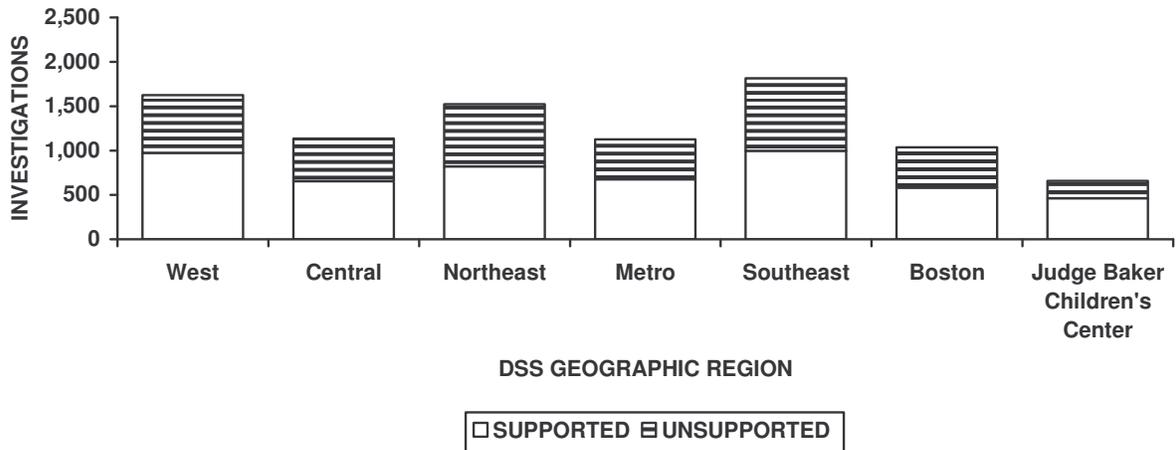
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Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

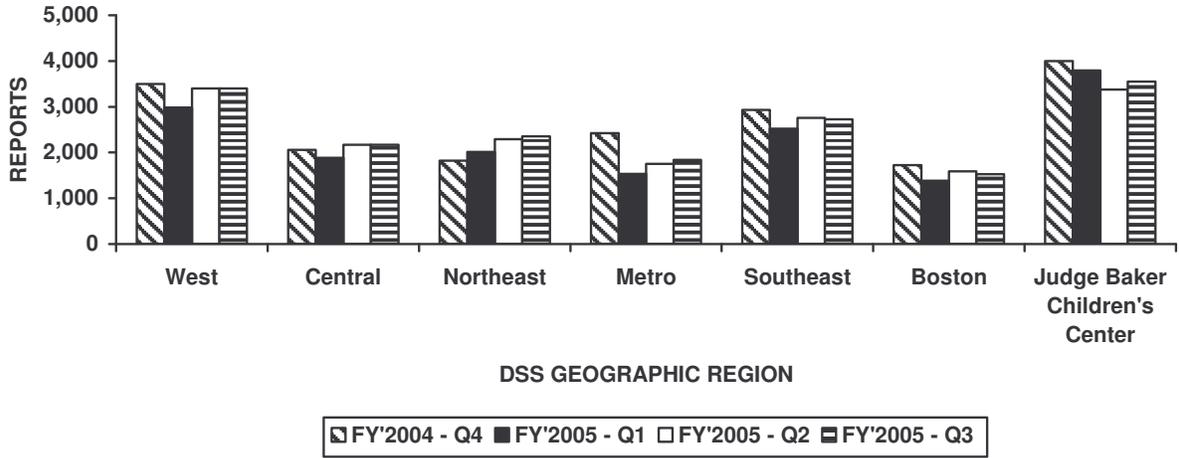
**FIGURE 18. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS
(SCREENING DECISION BY DSS REGION)
(FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)**



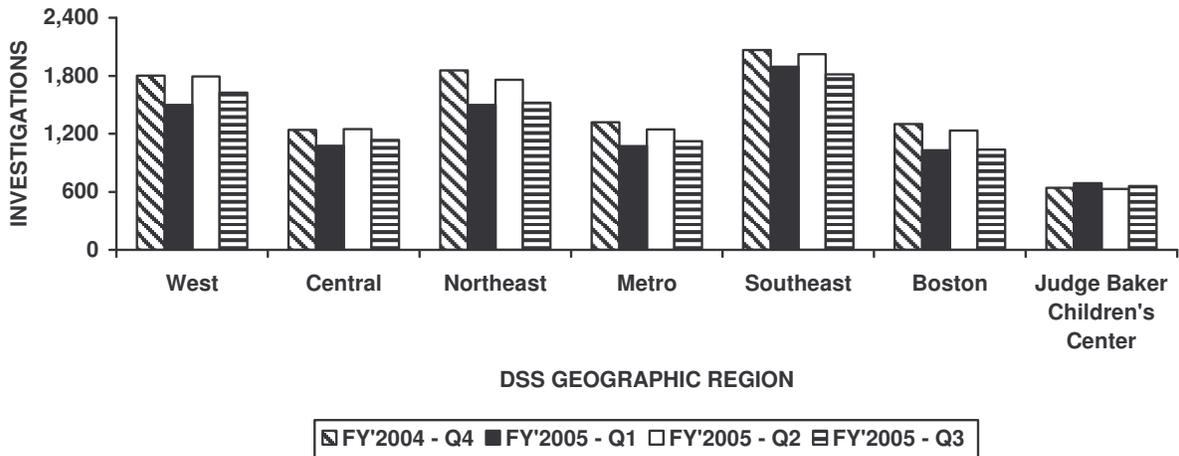
**FIGURE 19. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS
(INVESTIGATION DECISION BY DSS REGION)
(FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 20. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DSS REGION
(FY'2004, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 21. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DSS REGION
(FY'2004, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)**



DA Referrals

- During the 3rd Quarter of FY'2005, 1,212 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (See table below). Forty-seven percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals¹⁹ and 53% were discretionary referrals²⁰ (**Fig. 22**). There was a 10% increase in case referrals compared to the previous quarter.

Case Referrals*

Date	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'01, Q3	380	43%	504	57%	884
FY'01, Q4	435	48%	468	52%	903
FY'02, Q1	341	46%	403	54%	744
FY'02, Q2	421	45%	507	55%	928
FY'02, Q3	443	42%	614	58%	1,057
FY'02, Q4	494	45%	616	55%	1,110
FY'03, Q1	477	46%	555	54%	1,032
FY'03, Q2	488	48%	530	52%	1,018
FY'03, Q3	525	46%	611	54%	1,136
FY'03, Q4	599	49%	614	51%	1,213
FY'04, Q1	527	52%	489	48%	1,016
FY'04, Q2	489	45%	586	55%	1,075
FY'04, Q3	527	45%	655	55%	1,182
FY'04, Q4	558	45%	669	55%	1,227
FY'05, Q1	500	49%	518	51%	1,018
FY'05, Q2	500	45%	603	55%	1,103
FY'05, Q3	575	47%	637	53%	1,212

(*) DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

- Sexual abuse accounted for 79% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals²¹ during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2005 (**Fig. 23, Table 15** on following pages). Twenty-one percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

¹⁹ Mandatory referrals to District Attorneys (and local law enforcement authorities) are made following a DSS 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.

²⁰ There are two categories of discretionary referrals: (1) DSS may immediately report cases of serious physical injury to the District Attorney; or (2) DSS 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.

²¹ **A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason.**

- Table 16 (on page 56) displays a breakdown of case referrals by type and county. In general, the number of referrals was directly related to the population size for the county. Referral counts were highest for the largest counties, Essex, Middlesex, Worcester, and Suffolk. Based on a comparison of county populations, Hampden County (encompassing city of Springfield) had a higher number of referrals than expected and Norfolk County had a lower number.

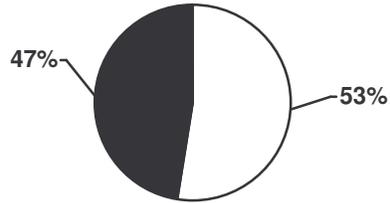
Reasons for Mandatory Referrals

Date	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		Death		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'01, Q3	303	75%	91	23%	8	2%	402
FY'01, Q4	346	77%	102	23%	3	1%	451
FY'02, Q1	295	83%	57	16%	5	1%	357
FY'02, Q2	329	75%	107	24%	5	1%	441
FY'02, Q3	361	78%	90	20%	9	2%	460
FY'02, Q4	398	78%	111	22%	3	1%	512
FY'03, Q1	409	82%	84	17%	8	2%	501
FY'03, Q2	412	82%	88	18%	--	--	500
FY'03, Q3	412	76%	123	23%	6	1%	541
FY'03, Q4	455	73%	166	27%	5	1%	626
FY'04, Q1	459	83%	87	16%	9	2%	555
FY'04, Q2	385	76%	114	23%	5	1%	504
FY'04, Q3	414	76%	127	23%	6	1%	547
FY'04, Q4	455	78%	122	21%	6	1%	583
FY'05, Q1	412	80%	97	19%	4	1%	513
FY'05, Q2	398	77%	113	22%	5	1%	516
FY'05, Q3	461	79%	124	21%	2	*	587

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

DA REFERRALS (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)

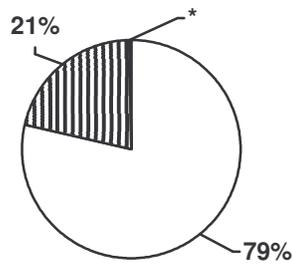
**FIGURE 22. TYPE OF CASE REFERRAL
(Case Count*)**



□ DISCRETIONARY 637 ■ MANDATORY 575

* A case referral may include more than one reason.

**FIGURE 23. REASON FOR MANDATORY REFERRALS
(Reason Count*)**



□ SEXUAL ABUSE 461 ▨ PHYSICAL ABUSE 124 ■ DEATH 2

TABLE 15. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)

Nature of Abuse	Reasons	
	No.	%
Sexual Abuse:	461	79%
Sexual Assault	435	
Sexual Exploitation	26	
.....		
Serious Physical Abuse:	124	21%
.....		
Death:	2	*
.....		
Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals	587	100%

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

TABLE 16. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY ⁽¹⁾ (FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER)

County ⁽²⁾	Case Referrals				Total No.
	Discretionary		Mandatory		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Essex	149	48%	161	52%	310
Middlesex	107	49%	110	51%	217
Worcester	102	62%	62	38%	164
Suffolk	70	55%	57	45%	127
Hampden	60	57%	46	43%	106
Bristol	36	49%	37	51%	73
Plymouth	25	45%	31	55%	56
Norfolk	24	56%	19	44%	43
Berkshire	16	40%	24	60%	40
Hampshire	15	71%	6	29%	21
Barnstable	12	67%	6	33%	18
Franklin	13	72%	5	28%	18
OUT OF STATE	8	42%	11	58%	19
Total	637		575		1,212

⁽¹⁾ DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

⁽²⁾ County where the child resided.