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OBSERVATIONS

(Regional and Statewide)

Consumer and Case Counts

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2008, DSS had 24,018 open cases (1,849 adoption cases and 22,169 clinical cases). A total of 77,485 consumers¹ (36,769 adults and 40,716 children) were being served. Case counts ranged from 2,981 in the Boston Region to 5,197 in the Southeastern Region. **(Table 1** on page 6)
- From the 4th Quarter of FY'2007 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2008, consumer counts decreased 2% and case counts declined 1%. The consumer population typically drops in the summer quarter (Q1) then rises and levels off during the school quarters (Q2-Q4). This seasonal pattern is related to the rise and fall of child abuse and neglect reports and investigations throughout the year. **(Figs. 1 and 2** on page 7, **Figs. 20 and 21** on page 54)

Consumers in Placement

- There were 10,716 individuals in placement² on the last day of the 1st Quarter of FY'2008. Included in this count are 9,161 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,555 young adults (18 to 23 years old). **(Table 1)**
- The placement population was distributed across DSS service regions as follows: 22% in the Western Region, 19% 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, 22% (or 9,161) 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: 24% in the West, 23% in the Northeast, 22% in Metro, 22% in Boston, 21% in the Southeast, and 21% in Central. **(Table 2** on page 8)

¹ Total consumers include all individuals with an active case status on the last day of the quarter and were in a case with an assessment for services 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.

² Includes 175 children who had a service referral for placement that ended on 9/30/2007 and a service referral for placement that began on 10/1/2007. A review of the placement history of these children showed they were actually in continuous placement with the same provider. In prior Quarterly Reports, these children were counted as not in placement because they had left placement on the last day of the quarter.

- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield, Coastal, and Greenfield Area Offices had the highest proportions in placement. The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Plymouth and Van Wart Area Offices. (**Table 2**)
- From the 4th Quarter of FY'2007 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2008, the number of children in placement rose 6% statewide. Regionally, the fluctuations ranged from less than 1% in Metro to 14% in Boston. In the past, declines in quarterly counts of children in placement have occurred in the 4th and 1st Quarters (spanning the summer months). (**Fig. 3** on page 9)

Children Not in Placement

- From the 4th Quarter of FY'2007 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2008, counts of children not in placement decreased 4% statewide. Regional changes ranged from declines of 2% in both Central and Southeast to 9% in the Northeast. Quarterly counts of children not in placement display a fluctuating pattern with a distinct drop during the first quarter (summer vacation). (**Fig. 4** on page 9)

Age, Sex, Race, Hispanic Origin and Preferred Language of Consumers

- On the last day of the 1st Quarter of FY'2008, the consumer population included 40,716 (53%) children less than 18 years old and 36,769 (47%) adults 18 years or older. Fifty-two percent of all consumers were identified as female, 47% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Thirty-eight percent (15,395) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). (**Table 1, Fig. 5** on page 10)
 - Forty-eight percent of all children receiving DSS services were female. In contrast, 58% of all adults receiving services were female. (**Fig. 5**)
- The statewide caseload was comprised of 56% White, 16% Black, 2% Asian, 2% Multi-Racial, and less than 1% Native American consumers. The value "Unable to Determine" was recorded for 15% of consumers. Selection of "Unable to Determine" often coincides with self-identification as Hispanic/Latino. Race was not recorded for 9% of consumers. (**Table 3A** on page 11, **Figs. 6A and 6B** on page 12)
- Of the total consumer population, 24% (18,209 consumers) were of Hispanic origin. Regionally, the highest proportions (and numbers) of Hispanic consumers were in the West and Northeast. Hispanic origin could not be determined for 3% of DSS consumers. Hispanic origin was not recorded for 14% of DSS consumers. (**Table 3B** on page 11, **Figs. 6C and 6D** on page 13)
- The Boston Region's caseload was comprised of 45% Black and 23% White consumers (4,239 and 2,127 consumers, respectively). Asians were most prominent in the Northeast--6% of the caseload (787 consumers, mainly Cambodian). (**Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B**)

- A racial comparison of children receiving various services from DSS to children residing in Massachusetts is displayed in the Table A. Black children and Hispanic children are over-represented at all stages in the DSS system. However, the actual extent of racial and ethnic disproportionality is not known given the number of children whose race and/or ethnicity has not been recorded. Additionally, this comparison of statewide statistics does not take into consideration the significant differences in racial and ethnic composition among communities across the state.

Table A.	Children Less than 18 Years Old								
	State Census ³ 2000	DSS Not in Care 9/30/07	DSS All Substitute Care* 9/30/07	DSS Foster Care 9/30/07	DSS Congregate Care** 9/30/07	DSS All Care w/Goal of Adoption 9/30/07	DSS All Care w/Goal of Guardianship 9/30/07	DSS Adoptions Legalized FY'2007	DSS Guardianships Legalized FY'2007
White	79%	57%	59%	59%	62%	60%	63%	61%	58%
Black	7%	17%	18%	17%	20%	17%	14%	13%	25%
Asian	4%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	<1%	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	----	----	<1%	<1%
Multi-Racial	4%	4%	5%	5%	3%	7%	7%	8%	4%
Other/Unknown	6%	21%	16%	16%	13%	15%	15%	17%	11%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	1,500,064	31,555	9,161	6,822	1,852	2,485	460	790	521
Hispanic Origin ⁴ Yes	11%	29%	26%	26%	23%	27%	22%	27%	20%
Hispanic Origin No	89%	64%	69%	68%	72%	66%	75%	64%	75%
Hispanic Origin Unknown	----	7%	5%	6%	4%	7%	3%	8%	5%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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

*Substitute Care includes: foster care, congregated care, on the run from placement, and non-referral locations such as hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies. Despite placement with other state agencies, DSS retains custody of the child. **Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

- Table B on the following page displays the racial (and Hispanic origin) composition of children residing in the 11 largest cities in Massachusetts. There is a high minority representation in Boston, Springfield, and to a lesser degree, Brockton and Cambridge. Hispanic children are most prevalent in Springfield, and they are a notable presence in Lynn, Worcester, Boston, and Lowell. The proportion of Asian children is highest in Lowell and Quincy.

³ U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder (factfinder.census.gov), Decennial Census, Census 2000 Summary, File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data, Detailed Tables (P12, P12A-H), Select Geography.

⁴ Children of any race who are Hispanic

Table B. Census 2000: Children less than 18 Years old residing in the 11 largest cities in Massachusetts⁵

Race	Boston	Worcester	Springfield	Lowell	Lynn	Brockton	New Bedford	Fall River	Cambridge	Quincy	Newton
White	32%	65%	41%	56%	54%	48%	70%	84%	52%	72%	85%
Black	40%	10%	26%	5%	14%	24%	6%	5%	24%	3%	2%
Asian	7%	6%	2%	23%	10%	3%	1%	4%	9%	21%	9%
Native American	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	<1%
Multi-Racial	6%	6%	6%	6%	8%	12%	9%	4%	9%	3%	3%
Other/Unknown	14%	12%	24%	9%	14%	14%	14%	3%	6%	1%	1%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	116,559	40,727	44,027	28,341	24,051	26,254	23,327	22,179	13,447	15,381	17,811
Hispanic Origin ⁶ Yes	24%	26%	40%	21%	27%	12%	17%	7%	13%	3%	3%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder (factfinder.census.gov), Decennial Census, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data, Detailed Tables (P12, P12A-H), Select Geography.

⁵ Selection of cities was based on total population (adults and children).

⁶ Children of any race who are Hispanic

Preferred Language of Consumers

- The Western, Northeastern, and Boston Regions had the highest proportions (and numbers) of Spanish-speaking consumers, 7% (1,132 consumers), 8% (1,027), and 9% (872), respectively. Khmer (Cambodian) was the preferred language of 341 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, Boston, and Southeast), Vietnamese (Boston), Cape Verdean Creole (Southeast and Boston), Chinese (Metro), and Lao (Northeast). (**Table 4** on page 14)
- From 1987 to 1997, there were substantial increases in consumers whose preferred languages were Khmer, Lao, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and Spanish. 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 DSS 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 fluent in their native language make up a smaller proportion of their community. (See table below)

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Primary Language	Consumers Jul. 1987 No.	Consumers Jul. 1997 No.	Consumers Jun. 2007 No.	Consumers Sep. 2007	1987-1997 Change %	1997-2007 Change %
English/Unspecified*	60,784	66,404	71,398	70,351	9%	8%
Spanish	3,664	6,334	4,516	4,469	73%	-29%
Khmer Cambodian	253	851	356	341	236%	-58%
Portuguese	530	380	303	271	-28%	-20%
Haitian Creole	175	360	260	257	106%	-28%
Vietnamese	146	273	167	168	87%	-39%
Cape Verdean Creole	174	247	146	136	42%	-41%
Chinese	71	61	54	46	-14%	-11%
American Sign Language	47	23	41	33	-51%	78%
Lao	30	74	20	18	147%	-73%
Other	213	310	1,459	1,395	46%	371%
Total	66,087	75,317	78,720	77,485	14%	5%

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

TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DSS REGION: FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)

Case Counts:	DSS Geographic Region							Adoption		Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾		
Adoption	385	283	280	229	329	184	158	1	1,849	
Clinical	4,452	3,145	3,672	3,185	4,868	2,797	8	42	22,169	
Total	4,837	3,428	3,952	3,414	5,197	2,981	166	43	24,018	
Consumer Counts:										
Adults: ⁽³⁾										
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	262	145	332	227	296	239	---	20	1,521	
Other ⁽⁶⁾	3	4	4	2	2	5	---	---	20	
On the Run	4	1	1	1	4	3	---	---	14	
Total in Placement	269	150	337	230	302	247	---	20	1,555	
Not in Placement	7,179	5,326	5,502	4,947	8,063	4,188	1	8	35,214	
Total Adults	7,448	5,476	5,839	5,177	8,365	4,435	1	28	36,769	
Children:										
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	1,931	1,224	1,435	1,153	1,670	988	250	23	8,674	
Other ⁽⁶⁾	43	45	58	37	39	45	---	---	267	
On the Run	66	18	42	13	38	43	---	---	220	
Total in Placement	2,040	1,287	1,535	1,203	1,747	1,076	250	23	9,161	
Not in Placement	6,589	4,870	5,245	4,192	6,724	3,910	21	4	31,555	
Total Children	8,629	6,157	6,780	5,395	8,471	4,986	271	27	40,716	
Total	16,077	11,633	12,619	10,572	16,836	9,421	272	55	77,485	

⁽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 locations such as hospitals and other state agencies.

FIGURE 1. CASE COUNT BY DSS REGION
 (FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER to FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER)

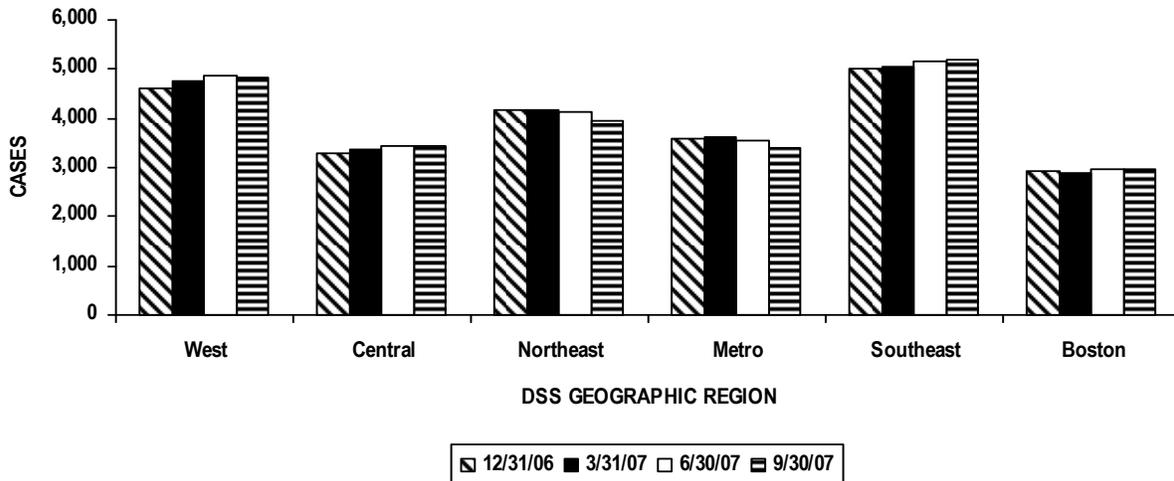


FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DSS REGION
 (FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER to FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER)

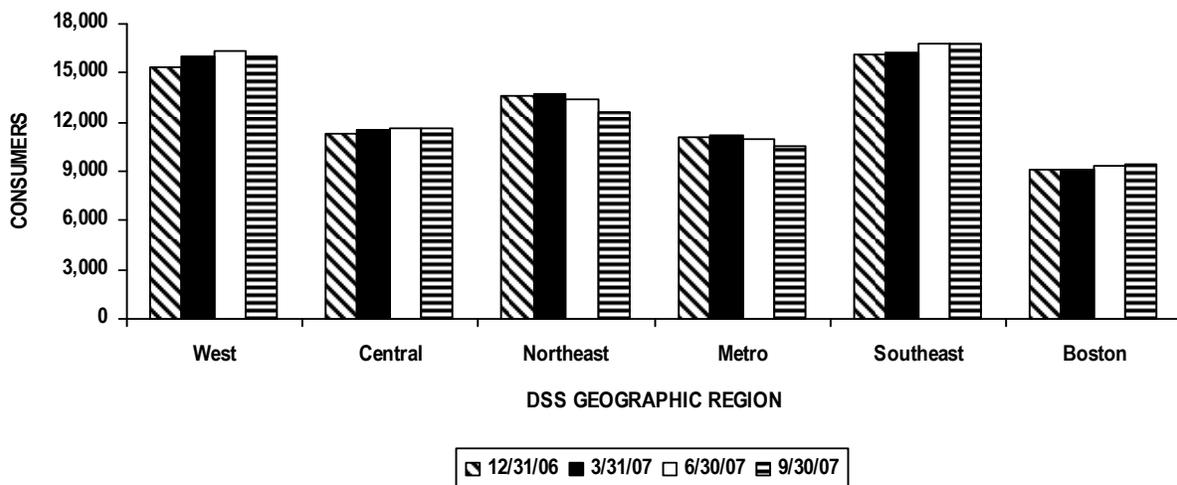
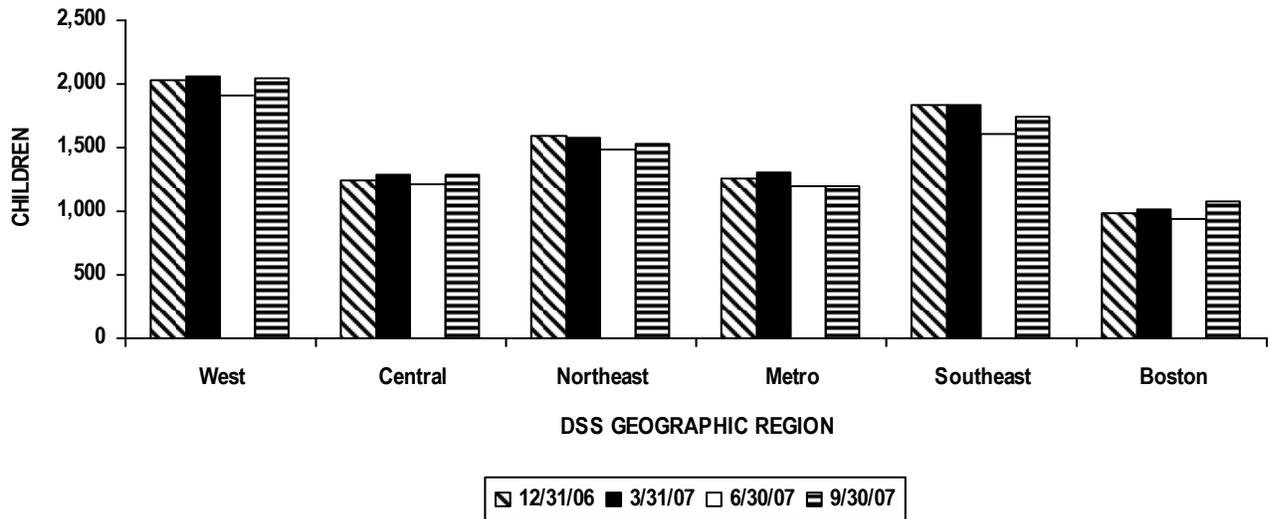


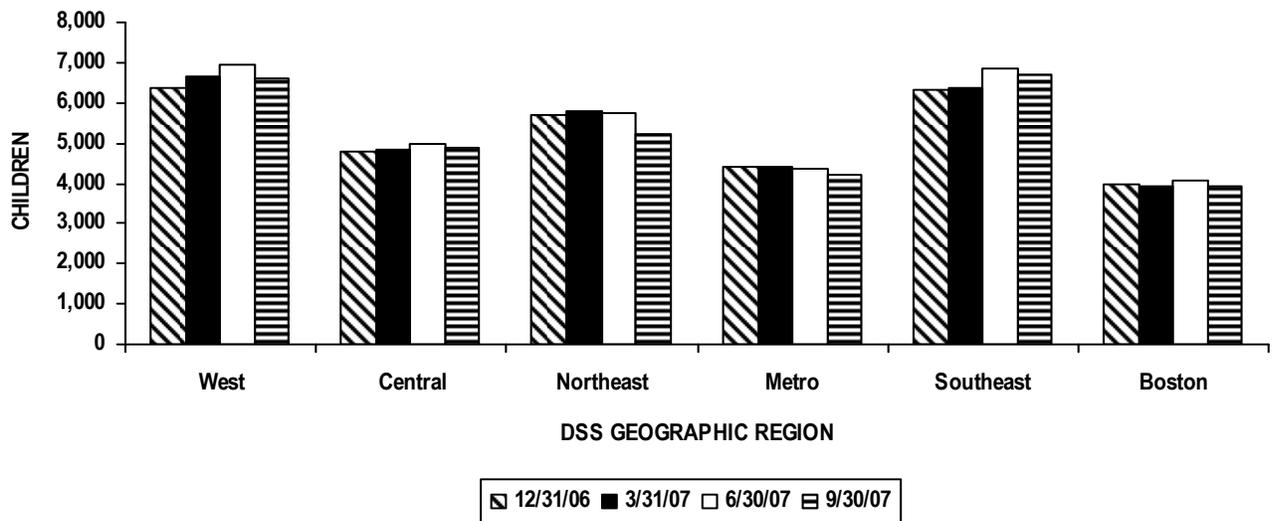
TABLE 2. CHILD⁽¹⁾ CASELOAD BY DSS: FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)

DSS Region/Area	Not in Placement	In Placement	Total Child Caseload	% in Placement
Greenfield	891	349	1,240	28%
Holyoke	1,411	382	1,793	21%
Pittsfield	909	414	1,323	31%
Robert Van Wart	1,860	374	2,234	17%
Springfield	1,502	518	2,020	26%
Contracted Agencies	16	3	19	16%
Western	6,589	2,040	8,629	24%
North Central	1,383	332	1,715	19%
South Central	1,097	269	1,366	20%
Worcester East	1,288	373	1,661	22%
Worcester West	1,094	311	1,405	22%
Contracted Agencies	8	2	10	20%
Central	4,870	1,287	6,157	21%
Cape Ann	890	281	1,171	24%
Haverhill	907	255	1,162	22%
Lawrence	1,247	349	1,596	22%
Lowell	1,202	371	1,573	24%
Lynn	990	279	1,269	22%
Contracted Agencies	9	---	9	---
Northeast	5,245	1,535	6,780	23%
Arlington	823	233	1,056	22%
Cambridge	718	174	892	20%
Coastal	737	310	1,047	30%
Framingham	776	215	991	22%
Malden	1,133	265	1,398	19%
Contracted Agencies	5	6	11	55%
Metro	4,192	1,203	5,395	22%
Attleboro	904	229	1,133	20%
Brockton	1,208	325	1,533	21%
Cape Cod	753	218	971	22%
Fall River	1,217	363	1,580	23%
New Bedford	1,594	400	1,994	20%
Plymouth	1,036	211	1,247	17%
Contracted Agencies	12	1	13	8%
Southeast	6,724	1,747	8,471	21%
Dimock Street	757	232	989	23%
Harbor	1,146	274	1,420	19%
Hyde Park	696	245	941	26%
Park Street	1,311	323	1,634	20%
Contracted Agencies	---	2	2	100%
Boston	3,910	1,076	4,986	22%
Adoption Contracts⁽²⁾	21	250	271	92%
Other⁽³⁾	4	23	27	85%
Total	31,555	9,161	40,716	22%
⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.				
⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.				
⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.				

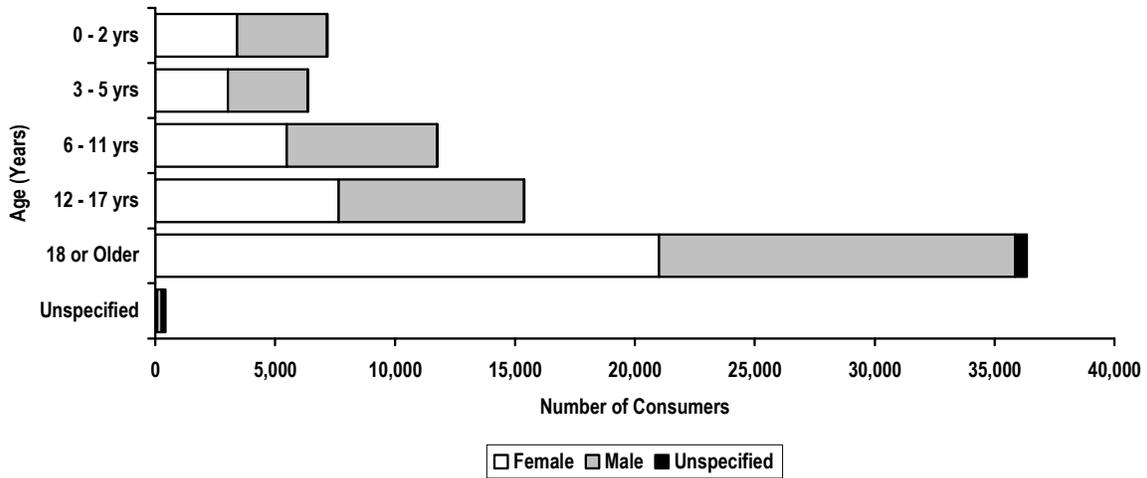
**FIGURE 3. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER to FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 4. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER to FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 5. AGE AND SEX OF CONSUMERS: STATEWIDE
FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)**



Age (Yrs)	Sex			Total
	Female	Male	Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	
0 - 2	3,409	3,748	27	7,184
3 - 5	3,026	3,329	14	6,369
6 - 11	5,487	6,260	10	11,757
12 - 17	7,640	7,735	20	15,395
18 or older	21,015	14,847	494	36,356
Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	87	178	159	424
Total	40,664	36,097	724	77,485

⁽¹⁾ Unspecified includes 413 individuals with the role "Consumer Adult" and 11 individuals with the role "Consumer Child" whose ages were unknown and 724 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.

TABLE 3A. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)

Race	DSS Geographic Region														Total			
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
White	9,262	58%	7,437	64%	7,153	57%	6,441	61%	10,735	64%	2,127	23%	135	50%	7	13%	43,297	56%
Black	1,750	11%	1,087	9%	930	7%	1,681	16%	2,297	14%	4,239	45%	53	19%	39	71%	12,076	16%
Asian	46	*	107	1%	787	6%	222	2%	146	1%	244	3%	5	2%	4	7%	1,561	2%
Native American	14	*	29	*	18	*	16	*	59	*	10	*	1	*	---	---	147	*
Other ⁽³⁾	6	*	6	*	8	*	5	*	11	*	6	*	---	---	---	---	42	*
Multi-Racial	392	2%	285	2%	319	3%	214	2%	477	3%	174	2%	24	9%	---	---	1,885	2%
Unable to Determine	2,578	16%	1,923	17%	2,510	20%	1,070	10%	1,365	8%	1,912	20%	54	20%	1	2%	11,413	15%
Missing	2,029	13%	759	7%	894	7%	923	9%	1,746	10%	709	8%	---	---	4	7%	7,064	9%
Total	16,077	100%	11,633	100%	12,619	100%	10,572	100%	16,836	100%	9,421	100%	272	100%	55	100%	77,485	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 and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 3B. HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)

Origin	DSS Geographic Region														Total			
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		Other ⁽³⁾		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	4,915	31%	2,888	25%	4,011	32%	1,547	15%	1,927	11%	2,848	30%	66	24%	7	13%	18,209	24%
Not Hispanic/Latino	8,219	51%	6,980	60%	7,052	56%	6,850	65%	11,464	68%	5,212	55%	196	72%	37	67%	46,010	59%
Unable to Determine	540	3%	436	4%	355	3%	386	4%	691	4%	290	3%	10	4%	2	4%	2,710	3%
Missing	2,403	15%	1,329	11%	1,201	10%	1,789	17%	2,754	16%	1,071	11%	---	---	9	16%	10,556	14%
Total	16,077	100%	11,633	100%	12,619	100%	10,572	100%	16,836	100%	9,421	100%	272	100%	55	100%	77,485	100%

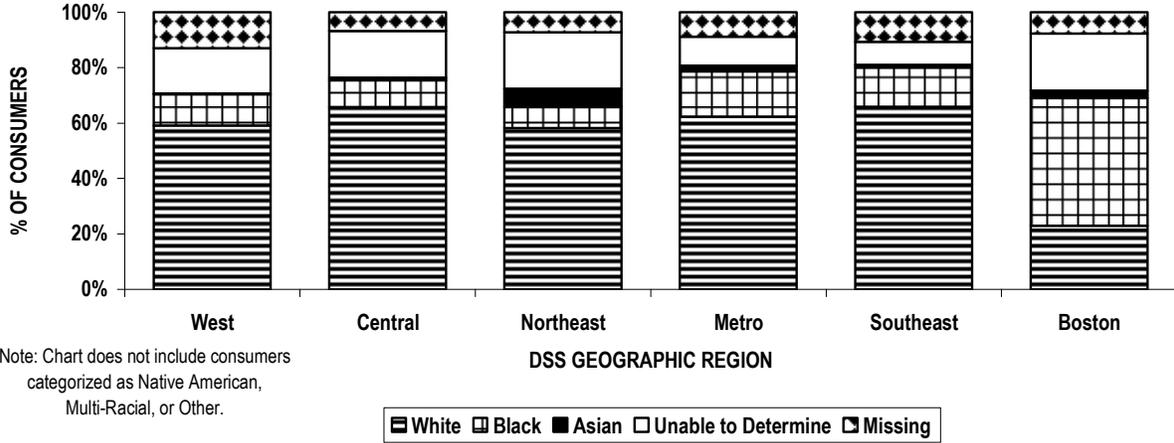
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

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

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

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

**FIGURE 6A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'08, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)**



**FIGURE 6B. REGIONAL COUNT OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'08, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)**

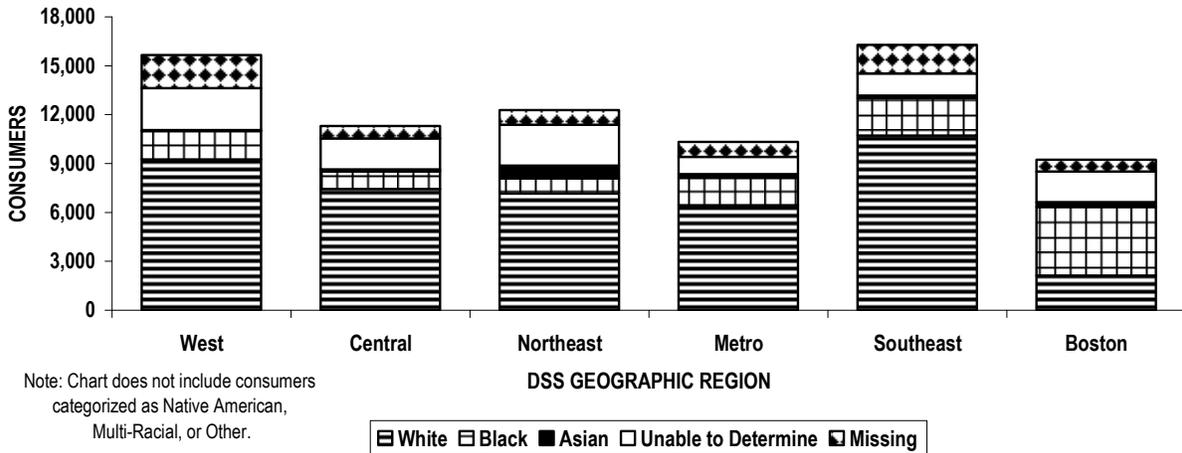


FIGURE 6C. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN
 FY'08, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)

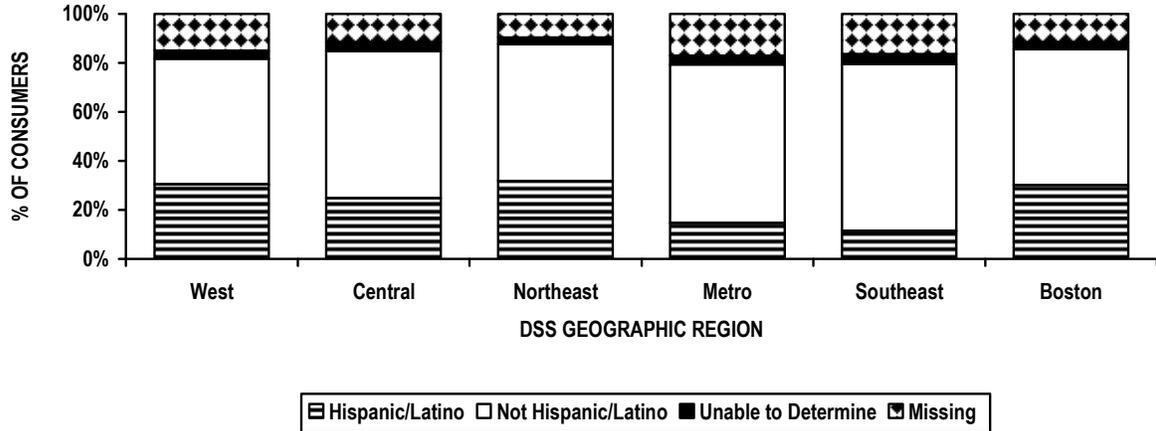


FIGURE 6D. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN
 FY'08, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)

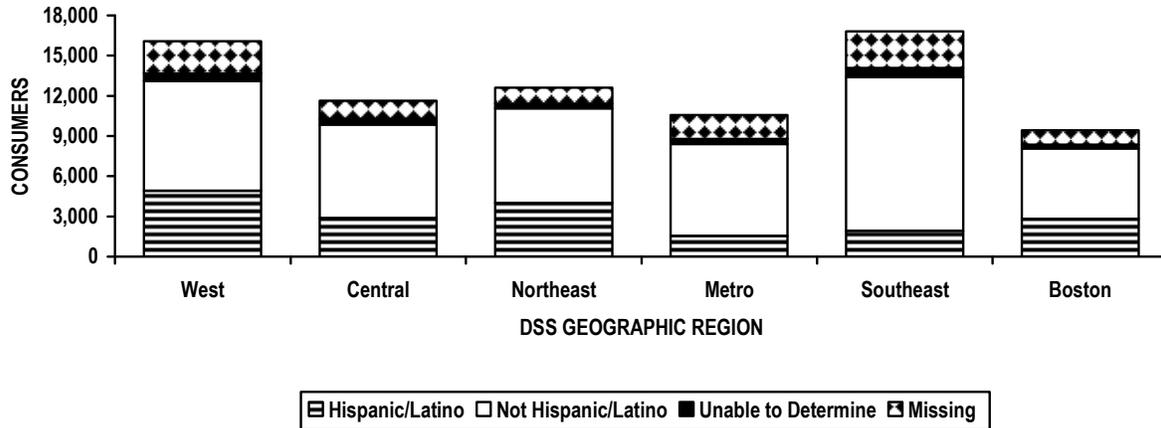


TABLE 4. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)

Primary Language	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.	%
Spanish	1,132	7%	622	5%	1,027	8%	411	4%	389	2%	872	9%	9	3%	7	13%	4,469	6%
Khmer (Cambodian)	5	*	1	*	273	2%	1	*	52	*	9	*	---	---	---	---	341	*
Portuguese	3	*	28	*	31	*	60	1%	122	1%	27	*	---	---	---	---	271	*
Haitian Creole	1	*	2	*	7	*	117	1%	62	*	68	1%	---	---	---	---	257	*
Vietnamese	2	*	39	*	20	*	27	*	5	*	72	1%	3	1%	---	---	168	*
Cape Verdean Creole	---	---	1	*	---	---	5	*	77	*	53	1%	---	---	---	---	136	*
Chinese	1	*	2	*	---	---	32	*	---	---	8	*	---	---	3	5%	46	*
Lao	---	---	---	---	17	*	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	18	*
American Sign Lang.	3	*	3	*	9	*	5	*	7	*	6	*	---	---	---	---	33	*
Other	368	2%	202	2%	135	1%	162	2%	333	2%	172	2%	2	1%	21	38%	1,395	2%
English\Unspecified	14,562	91%	10,733	92%	11,100	88%	9,752	92%	15,789	94%	8,133	86%	258	95%	24	44%	70,351	91%
Total	16,077	100%	11,633	100%	12,619	100%	10,572	100%	16,836	100%	9,421	100%	272	100%	55	100%	77,485	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 families served through Central Office contracts.

Profile of Consumers in Placement⁷

Foster and Congregate Care

- There were 7,954 consumers in foster care and 2,241 consumers in congregate care⁸ on the last day of the 1st Quarter of FY'2008. Foster care populations were highest in the Western and Southeastern Regions. The number of consumers in congregate care was greatest in the Northeastern, Metro, and Southeastern Regions. **(Table 5A)**
- The largest age group in foster care was 12-17 years (33-37% range across regions). Among regions, the West, Southeast, and Northeast had the highest numbers of adolescents in foster care, 651, 521, and 482, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Adolescents were the primary age group in congregate care, ranging from 66% to 72% across the regions. The Northeastern, Metro, and Southeastern Regions had the largest adolescent populations in congregate care, 320, 309, and 289, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Consumers in “Other” placement locations⁹ were primarily adolescents (72-83% regional range). **(Table 5A)**
- There were 2,024 consumers in “Intensive” foster care¹⁰ (IFC) and 5,930 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (39% of consumers), kinship (32%), child specific (10%), pre-adoptive (7%), and independent living (12%). **(Table 5B)**
- The Western and Northeastern Regions had the highest numbers of consumers in IFC **(Table 5B)**.
- A breakdown of Departmental foster care showed the West had the largest number of consumers in unrestricted, child-specific, and pre-adoptive foster care. The Southeast had the most consumers in kinship care. Consumers in independent living were highest in the Northeast and Southeast. **(Fig. 7B, Table 5B)**

⁷Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 to 23 years old.

⁸Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

⁹“Other” includes locations like hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies, as well as children on the run from placement.

¹⁰Intensive 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.

- 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. Metro had the largest proportion of consumers in kinship homes. Consumers in child-specific homes were most evident in the West, Metro, and Boston. The Central Region had the highest proportion of consumers in pre-adoptive homes. Consumers in independent living were proportionally higher in the Northeast as compared to the other regions. **(Fig. 7A)**
- The major congregate care programs were group homes (990 consumers), residential (904), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)¹¹ (347 consumers). **(Table 5C)**
- The proportions of consumers in different types of congregate care are shown for each region in Figure 8A. The Western Region had the highest proportion of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential placements was most significant in the Southeast and Boston. Children in STARR placements were more prevalent in the Southeastern Region. **(Fig. 8A)**
- The number of consumers in group homes was highest in the Northeast. The Northeast and Southeast had the most consumers in residential. The Southeast had the most children in the STARR program. **(Fig. 8B)**
- Consumers in the residential program were mostly situated in Residential schools.¹² **(Table 5C)**
- The primary models in the group home program were group home (402 consumers), behavioral treatment residence (BTR) (349), and independent living (239). **(Table 5C)**
- From the 4th Quarter of 2007 to 1st Quarter of FY'2008, there were statewide increases of 9% and 2% in foster care children and congregate care children, respectively. Regionally, the highest increase in foster children occurred in Boston (18%). The most significant gain in congregate care children also occurred in Boston (13%). **(Figs. 9 and 10).**

¹¹ Services focused on supporting a rapid reintegration or transition to a next placement.

¹² 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).

All Placement Locations (Combined Counts)

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2008, 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**). The proportions of male and female children in the placement population were the same as in the general population.¹³
- Statewide, 59% of all consumers in placement were White, 19% were Black, 2% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 5% were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 15% of the placement population. (**Table 6A, Fig. 11A**)
- The proportion of minority consumers in placement was highest in the Boston Region. (**Table 6A**)
- Of the total placement population, 25% (2,695 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 relatively large number of consumers in placement in the Western and Northeastern Regions. These high values may be attributable to the large number of Hispanic consumers in placement, who may 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 42% to 48%. (**Table 6B**)
- The number of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 150 in the Central Region to 337 in the Northeastern Region. (**Table 6B**)
- The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were “Family Reunification” (30% of all consumers in placement), “Adoption” (23%), and “Living Independently” (21%). Regionally, the Southeast and West had the highest numbers of consumers in placement with a goal of reunifying the family. The West had the highest number of consumers in placement with a goal of adoption. The largest numbers of consumers with a goal of “Independent Living” were evenly distributed over three regions--Southeast, Northeast, and West. (**Table 6B, Fig. 11B**)

¹³ Massachusetts child population: 51% male and 49% female (July 1, 2006). U.S. Census Bureau, State Population Estimates–Characteristics (www.census.gov/popest/states/asrh/tables/SC_EST2006-02-25.XLS)

- Statewide, 37% of the placement population had been in continuous care¹⁴ for more than 2 years, 22% between 1 and 2 years, and 41% for 1 year or less. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**
- The Northeastern Region had the highest proportion of consumers in continuous¹⁵ care for more than two years (42%). Metro and Central had the highest proportions of consumers in care for one year or less (46% each). The West and Southeast had the largest numbers of consumers in care for one year or less (905 and 851, respectively). The West had the largest number of consumers in care for more than two years (843). **(Table 6B)**
- 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 Black consumers to be in care for more than two years as compared to other races (41% for Black vs. 37% for White, 38% for Hispanic, 36% for Asian, 31% for Multi-Racial). **(Tables 7A and 7B)**
- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2008 (“snapshot” on 9/30/07), the median time in continuous care was 1.1 years and the median¹⁶ age was 12.3 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. (see table on next page)
- Median age of children in care rose from 9.2 years in 1992 to 12.2 years in 2003. For the past five years, median age has remained at the 12 year mark (fluctuations ranging from 12.2 to 12.6 years). Median time in placement has been fairly stable over the past 16 years (1.5 years in 1992 to 1.1 years in 2007). (See table on next page).

¹⁴ Length of stay in placement, as measured by a “point-in-time snapshot” of consumers residing in care, is not representative of all individuals who spend time in care during some specified period. It is biased because consumers in continuous long-term placement are over-represented in “snapshot” counts and many others who enter and leave placement quickly are not counted at all.

¹⁵ Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child’s most recent placement entry to the Quarter End Date (September 30, 2007).

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

Children in Placement*			
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
6/05	12.6	1.4	9,474
6/06	12.6	1.2	9,586
6/07	12.4	1.2	8,620
9/07	12.3	1.1	9,161

* = Children are less than 18 years old.

** = revised statistics

- A racial and Hispanic origin breakdown of children in placement is presented in the following table. The median age of minority children was greater than the median age of white children. Median time in care was similar for white and minority children. Older children are over-represented in “snapshot” counts of the placement population. On 9/30/07, 51% of children in placement were adolescents.

Children in Placement on 9/30/07*			
Race	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
White	12.0	1.1	5,441
Black	13.1	1.2	1,682
Asian	14.7	0.9	135
Native American	15.4	1.1	19
Pacific Islander	14.4	0.9	3
Multi-Racial	7.3	1.1	447
Unable to Determine	12.1	1.1	1,423
Missing	8.0	0.3	11
TOTAL	12.3	1.1	9,161
Hispanic Origin**	12.7	1.2	2,371

*= Children are less than 18 years old.

** = Children of any race who are Hispanic

Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,489 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,499 (60%) were White, 411 (17%) were Black, 13 (1%) were Asian, 3 (<1%) were Native American, and 179 (7%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 15%. Twenty-seven percent (672) of all consumers in placement with a goal of adoption were of Hispanic origin. **(Tables 8A and 8B, Fig. 12A)**
- The age distribution of 2,489 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 27% age 0-2 years, 23% age 3-5 years, 36% age 6-11 years, and 14% age 12-17 years. **(Table 8C, Fig. 12A)**
- Fifty-two percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 48% were female. **(Fig. 12A)**
- Forty-two 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)**
- Forty-five 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 children¹⁷ 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 on next page)
- 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 26-28% in 2006-2007. (See table on next page)

¹⁷ Children are less than 18 years old.

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%
6/05	9,474	2,569	27%
6/06	9,586	2,481	26%
6/07	8,620	2,408	28%
9/07	9,161	2,485	27%

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

* = revised statistics

- Of the 2,489 “waiting” consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 44% were legally free for adoption. Eighty-one percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. **(Fig. 12B)**
- The adolescent age group had the highest proportion of children who were legally free for adoption (see table on next page). The larger proportion of adolescents legally free is a reflection of the difficulty in achieving adoptions for older children. The younger children who are legally free are getting adopted while the adolescents who are legally free are “stuck” in placement. A separate analysis of adopted children showed that the proportion of older children (11-17 years old) who are adopted accounts for only 14% of all adoptions. The amount of time from legally freed to adoption is much longer for these older children.

Children in Placement 9/30/07			
	Children with Goal of Adoption & Legally Free for Adoption	All Children with Goal of Adoption	% Legally Free for Adoption
Age Group (years)	No.	No.	%
0 – 2	315	684	46%
3 – 5	241	571	42%
6 – 11	362	887	41%
12 – 17	177	343	52%
Total	1,095	2,485	44%

Note: These children are less than 18 years old. All children 18 years or older are free for adoption.

- Of those children who were not legally free for adoption (56%), 70% were matched to permanent families (**Fig. 12B**).
- The Southeastern and Boston Regions had the highest proportions (61% and 60%, respectively) of “waiting” children who were legally free for adoption. The proportion of legally free children ranged from 29% in the West to 61% in the Southeast. (**Fig. 12C**)
- The Western and Southeastern Regions had the highest proportions of “waiting” children who were matched to a permanent family (84% and 82%, respectively). The proportion of children matched to a permanent family ranged from 61% in the Northeast to 84% in the West. Matching a child to an adoptive family can occur before, during, or after the legal proceedings. (**Fig. 12D**)

TABLE 5A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION: FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)

DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾		Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other ⁽²⁾		
Age Group	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Western	1,870		323		116		2,309	
(0 - 2 yrs)	338	18%	---	---	1	1%	339	
(3 - 5 yrs)	270	14%	2	1%	2	2%	274	
(6 - 11 yrs)	413	22%	43	13%	10	9%	466	
(12 - 17 yrs)	651	35%	214	66%	96	83%	961	
18 or older	198	11%	64	20%	7	6%	269	
Central	1,100		269		68		1,437	
(0 - 2 yrs)	218	20%	---	---	2	3%	220	
(3 - 5 yrs)	158	14%	5	2%	4	6%	167	
(6 - 11 yrs)	236	21%	51	19%	8	12%	295	
(12 - 17 yrs)	367	33%	189	70%	49	72%	605	
18 or older	121	11%	24	9%	5	7%	150	
Northeast	1,300		467		105		1,872	
(0 - 2 yrs)	190	15%	---	---	9	9%	199	
(3 - 5 yrs)	138	11%	2	*	4	4%	144	
(6 - 11 yrs)	255	20%	48	10%	7	7%	310	
(12 - 17 yrs)	482	37%	320	69%	80	76%	882	
18 or older	235	18%	97	21%	5	5%	337	
Metro	949		431		53		1,433	
(0 - 2 yrs)	179	19%	---	---	1	2%	180	
(3 - 5 yrs)	114	12%	2	*	1	2%	117	
(6 - 11 yrs)	191	20%	39	9%	4	8%	234	
(12 - 17 yrs)	319	34%	309	72%	44	83%	672	
18 or older	146	15%	81	19%	3	6%	230	
Southeast	1,548		418		83		2,049	
(0 - 2 yrs)	309	20%	2	*	2	2%	313	
(3 - 5 yrs)	182	12%	6	1%	1	1%	189	
(6 - 11 yrs)	293	19%	68	16%	9	11%	370	
(12 - 17 yrs)	521	34%	289	69%	65	78%	875	
18 or older	243	16%	53	13%	6	7%	302	
Boston	895		332		96		1,323	
(0 - 2 yrs)	160	18%	2	1%	1	1%	163	
(3 - 5 yrs)	102	11%	3	1%	2	2%	107	
(6 - 11 yrs)	138	15%	28	8%	6	6%	172	
(12 - 17 yrs)	326	36%	229	69%	79	82%	634	
18 or older	169	19%	70	21%	8	8%	247	
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	249		1		---		250	
(0 - 2 yrs)	41	16%	---	---	---	---	41	
(3 - 5 yrs)	72	29%	---	---	---	---	72	
(6 - 11 yrs)	100	40%	---	---	---	---	100	
(12 - 17 yrs)	36	14%	1	100%	---	---	37	
Other ⁽⁴⁾	43		---		---		43	
(3 - 5 yrs)	2	5%	---	---	---	---	2	
(6 - 11 yrs)	3	7%	---	---	---	---	3	
(12 - 17 yrs)	18	42%	---	---	---	---	18	
18 or older	20	47%	---	---	---	---	20	
Total	7,954		2,241		521		10,716	

* = 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'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)

DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Foster Care							Foster Care Total
		Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
		Intensive Foster Care ⁽²⁾	Other ⁽³⁾	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
Western		448	5	169	125	368	106	649	1,870
	(0 - 2 yrs)	10	3	22	---	94	53	156	338
	(3 - 5 yrs)	26	1	22	---	66	29	126	270
	(6 - 11 yrs)	77	---	45	---	119	18	154	413
	(12 - 17 yrs)	292	---	68	8	83	6	194	651
	18 or older	43	1	12	117	6	---	19	198
Central		281	5	70	63	282	75	324	1,100
	(0 - 2 yrs)	2	1	8	---	75	30	102	218
	(3 - 5 yrs)	9	---	9	---	60	16	64	158
	(6 - 11 yrs)	57	---	20	---	68	25	66	236
	(12 - 17 yrs)	179	4	25	1	71	4	83	367
	18 or older	34	---	8	62	8	---	9	121
Northeast		406	24	79	166	298	37	290	1,300
	(0 - 2 yrs)	45	4	8	---	49	10	74	190
	(3 - 5 yrs)	27	---	6	---	59	5	41	138
	(6 - 11 yrs)	72	3	15	---	94	17	54	255
	(12 - 17 yrs)	212	12	42	10	95	5	106	482
	18 or older	50	5	8	156	1	---	15	235
Metro		212	4	81	84	289	54	225	949
	(0 - 2 yrs)	16	1	4	---	58	21	79	179
	(3 - 5 yrs)	13	---	9	---	58	11	23	114
	(6 - 11 yrs)	41	---	14	---	77	17	42	191
	(12 - 17 yrs)	121	2	40	1	86	5	64	319
	18 or older	21	1	14	83	10	---	17	146
Southeast		317	9	114	155	433	57	463	1,548
	(0 - 2 yrs)	10	---	15	---	102	32	150	309
	(3 - 5 yrs)	18	1	18	---	70	12	63	182
	(6 - 11 yrs)	54	---	24	---	107	8	100	293
	(12 - 17 yrs)	201	---	48	6	137	5	124	521
	18 or older	34	8	9	149	17	---	26	243
Boston		244	15	73	98	198	34	233	895
	(0 - 2 yrs)	15	3	12	---	44	21	65	160
	(3 - 5 yrs)	17	2	6	---	43	7	27	102
	(6 - 11 yrs)	45	3	11	---	44	4	31	138
	(12 - 17 yrs)	131	4	32	---	60	2	97	326
	18 or older	36	3	12	98	7	---	13	169
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾		54	---	12	---	49	41	93	249
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	4	---	11	7	19	41
	(3 - 5 yrs)	9	---	4	---	15	12	32	72
	(6 - 11 yrs)	25	---	3	---	19	16	37	100
	(12 - 17 yrs)	20	---	1	---	4	6	5	36
Other ⁽⁵⁾		---	---	11	8	2	---	22	43
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	2
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	2	---	---	---	1	3
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	7	1	---	---	10	18
	18 or older	---	---	---	7	2	---	11	20
Total		1,962	62	609	699	1,919	404	2,299	7,954

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

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

⁽³⁾ Other includes "Sibling Rate" model.

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

⁽⁵⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

TABLE 5C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION: FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)

DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Congregate Care					STARR ⁽³⁾	Total
	Group Home			Residential			
	Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential ⁽²⁾		
Western	92	46	27	86	18	54	323
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	2
(6 - 11 yrs)	5	4	---	19	4	11	43
(12 - 17 yrs)	84	24	2	52	11	41	214
18 or older	3	18	25	15	3	---	64
Central	52	50	6	103	5	53	269
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	2	---	---	---	3	5
(6 - 11 yrs)	9	5	---	25	---	12	51
(12 - 17 yrs)	38	39	4	66	4	38	189
18 or older	5	4	2	12	1	---	24
Northeast	74	74	78	187	4	50	467
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	2
(6 - 11 yrs)	12	6	---	26	1	3	48
(12 - 17 yrs)	60	57	25	131	3	44	320
18 or older	2	11	53	30	---	1	97
Metro	42	103	59	165	8	54	431
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	1	2
(6 - 11 yrs)	1	3	---	28	1	6	39
(12 - 17 yrs)	40	85	15	118	4	47	309
18 or older	1	15	44	18	3	---	81
Southeast	67	50	21	177	8	95	418
(0 - 2 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	1	2
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	6	6
(6 - 11 yrs)	23	2	---	26	1	16	68
(12 - 17 yrs)	40	41	8	125	5	70	289
18 or older	4	6	13	26	2	2	53
Boston	22	79	48	126	17	40	332
(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	2
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	3	3
(6 - 11 yrs)	8	2	---	10	---	8	28
(12 - 17 yrs)	14	67	12	93	16	27	229
18 or older	---	10	36	23	1	---	70
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
(12-17yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
Total	349	402	239	844	60	347	2,241

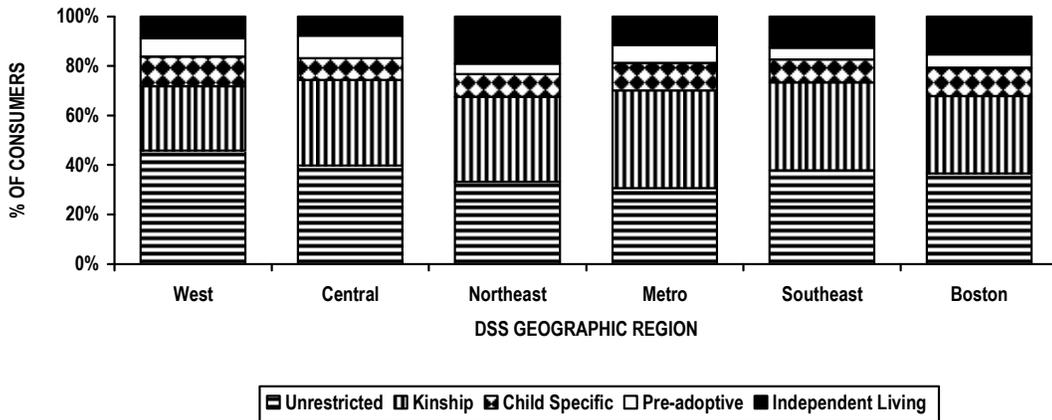
⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).

⁽²⁾ "Old" taxonomy includes bridge home (1), regular group home (28), chap. 766 (27), teen pregnancy/parenting group home (26), diagnostic (2), Other (27).

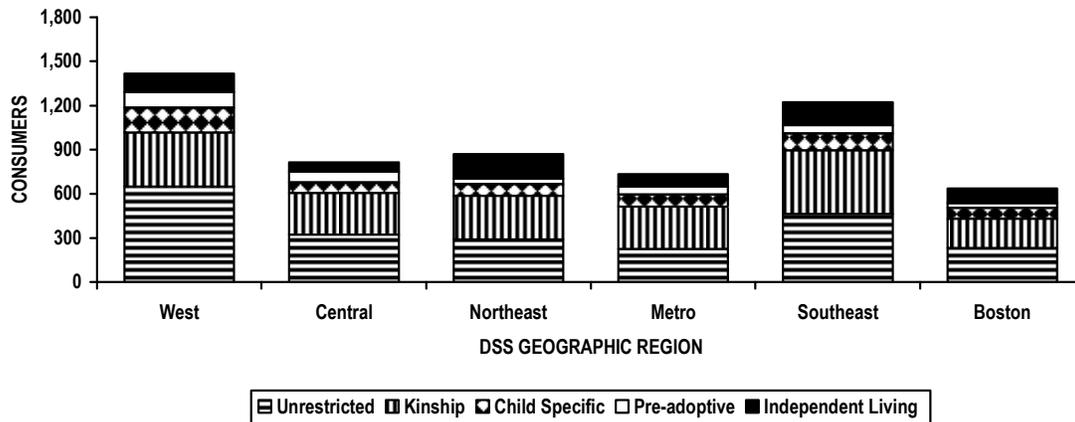
⁽³⁾ STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

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

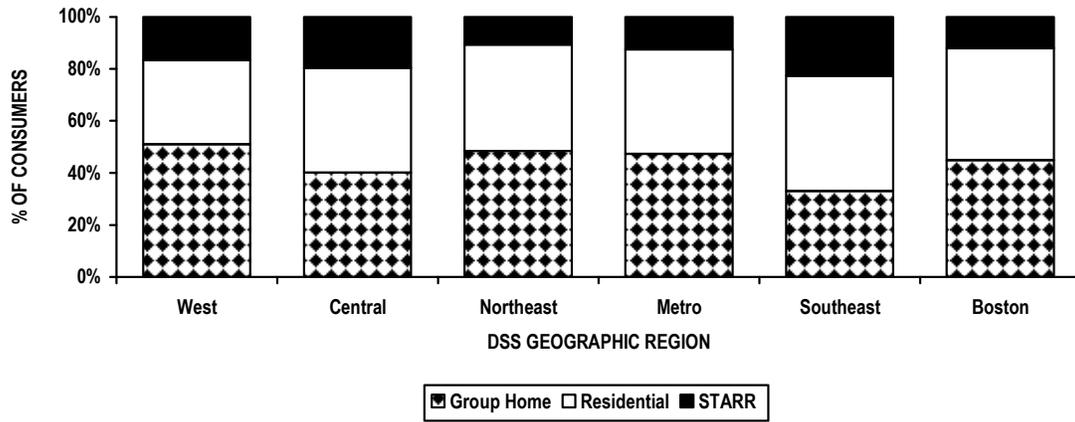
**FIGURE 7A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)**



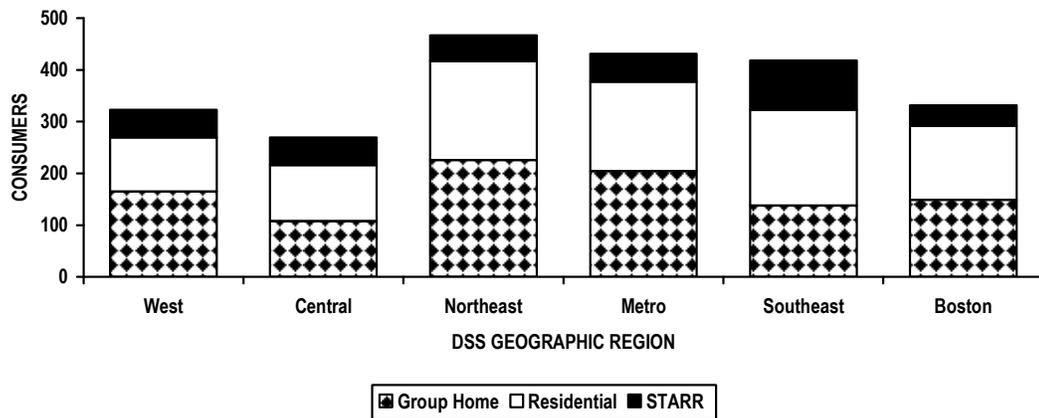
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IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)**



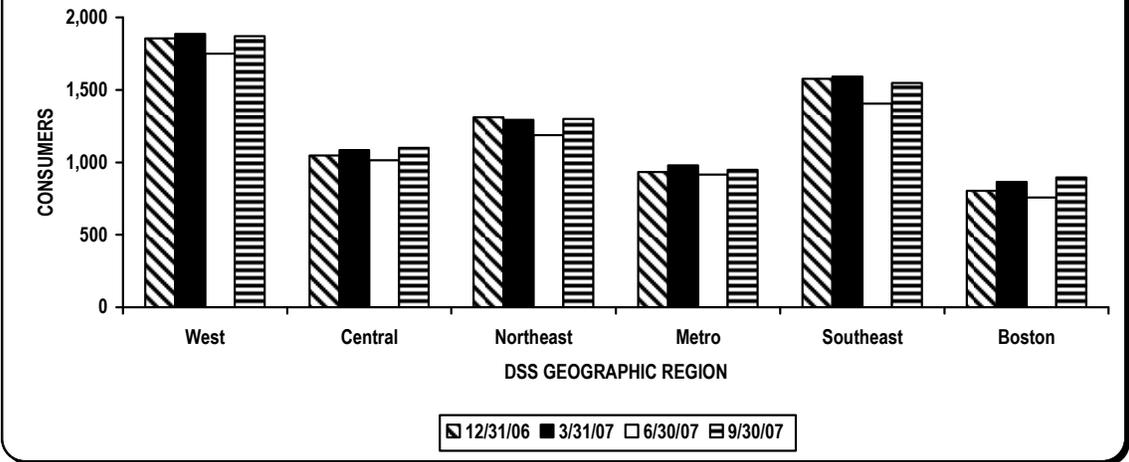
**FIGURE 8A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)**



**FIGURE 8B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)**



**FIGURE 9. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE BY DSS REGION
(FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER to FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 10. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE BY DSS REGION
(FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER to FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER)**

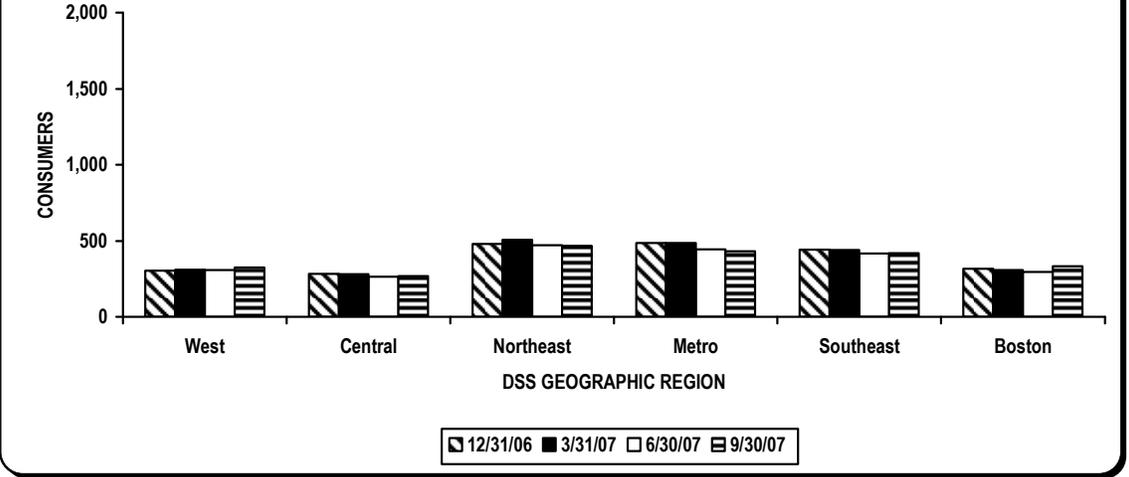


TABLE 6A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN BY DSS REGIONS AND STATE: FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)

Characteristics	DSS Geographic Region														Total			
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾				Other ⁽²⁾	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sex:																		
Female	1,104	48%	701	49%	906	48%	713	50%	989	48%	654	49%	122	49%	16	37%	5,205	49%
Male	1,205	52%	736	51%	966	52%	720	50%	1,060	52%	669	51%	128	51%	27	63%	5,511	51%
Total	2,309	100%	1,437	100%	1,872	100%	1,433	100%	2,049	100%	1,323	100%	250	100%	43	100%	10,716	100%
Race:																		
White	1,504	65%	980	68%	1,113	59%	953	67%	1,377	67%	301	23%	125	50%	3	7%	6,356	59%
Black	303	13%	164	11%	188	10%	254	18%	337	16%	731	55%	50	20%	32	74%	2,059	19%
Asian	4	*	6	*	92	5%	24	2%	16	1%	21	2%	5	2%	4	9%	172	2%
Native American	3	*	1	*	2	*	2	*	10	*	3	*	1	*	---	---	22	*
Other ⁽³⁾	1	*	3	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	*
Multi-Racial	108	5%	51	4%	86	5%	63	4%	120	6%	38	3%	20	8%	---	---	486	5%
Unable to Determine	382	17%	231	16%	391	21%	135	9%	188	9%	229	17%	49	20%	1	2%	1,606	15%
Missing	4	*	1	*	---	---	2	*	1	*	---	---	0	0%	3	7%	11	*
Total	2,309	100%	1,437	100%	1,872	100%	1,433	100%	2,049	100%	1,323	100%	250	100%	43	100%	10,716	100%
Hispanic/Latino Origin:																		
Hispanic/Latino	798	35%	393	27%	636	34%	205	14%	272	13%	326	25%	61	24%	4	9%	2,695	25%
Not Hispanic/Latino	1,384	60%	965	67%	1,167	62%	1,158	81%	1,660	81%	926	70%	181	72%	31	72%	7,472	70%
Unable to Determine	126	5%	78	5%	69	4%	68	5%	115	6%	71	5%	8	3%	1	2%	536	5%
Missing	1	*	1	*	---	---	2	*	2	*	---	---	---	---	7	16%	13	*
Total	2,309	100%	1,437	100%	1,872	100%	1,433	100%	2,049	100%	1,323	100%	250	100%	43	100%	10,716	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 families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 6B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE BY DSS REGIONS AND STATE:
FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)

Characteristics	DSS Geographic Region														Total			
	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)	339	15%	220	15%	199	11%	180	13%	313	15%	163	12%	41	16%	---	---	1,455	14%
(3 - 5 yrs)	274	12%	167	12%	144	8%	117	8%	189	9%	107	8%	72	29%	2	5%	1,072	10%
(6 - 11 yrs)	466	20%	295	21%	310	17%	234	16%	370	18%	172	13%	100	40%	3	7%	1,950	18%
(12 - 17 yrs)	961	42%	605	42%	882	47%	672	47%	875	43%	634	48%	37	15%	18	42%	4,684	44%
18 or older	269	12%	150	10%	337	18%	230	16%	302	15%	247	19%	---	---	20	47%	1,555	15%
Total	2,309	100%	1,437	100%	1,872	100%	1,433	100%	2,049	100%	1,323	100%	250	100%	43	100%	10,716	100%
Service Plan Goals:																		
Reunify Family	645	28%	455	32%	547	29%	492	34%	677	33%	402	30%	1	*	3	7%	3,222	30%
Adoption	598	26%	408	28%	360	19%	222	15%	418	20%	237	18%	246	98%	---	---	2,489	23%
Living Independently	411	18%	220	15%	438	23%	336	23%	455	22%	342	26%	---	---	28	65%	2,230	21%
Long-Term Substitute Care	269	12%	153	11%	244	13%	161	11%	186	9%	95	7%	---	---	5	12%	1,113	10%
Guardianship	112	5%	57	4%	68	4%	71	5%	99	5%	56	4%	1	*	---	---	464	4%
Stabilize Intact Family	97	4%	61	4%	93	5%	44	3%	75	4%	76	6%	---	---	---	---	446	4%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	69	3%	40	3%	71	4%	49	3%	89	4%	60	5%	---	---	---	---	378	4%
Other ⁽³⁾	---	---	1	*	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	12	*
Unspecified as of run-date	107	5%	42	3%	51	3%	55	4%	49	2%	49	4%	2	1%	7	16%	362	3%
Total	2,309	100%	1,437	100%	1,872	100%	1,433	100%	2,049	100%	1,323	100%	250	100%	43	100%	10,716	100%
Continuous Time in Care:																		
(.5 yr or less)	559	24%	387	27%	458	24%	390	27%	496	24%	360	27%	3	1%	4	9%	2,657	25%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	346	15%	270	19%	253	14%	279	19%	355	17%	229	17%	17	7%	7	16%	1,756	16%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	337	15%	174	12%	220	12%	165	12%	290	14%	143	11%	35	14%	8	19%	1,372	13%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	224	10%	130	9%	160	9%	110	8%	189	9%	107	8%	50	20%	4	9%	974	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	428	19%	268	19%	366	20%	260	18%	386	19%	225	17%	90	36%	17	40%	2,040	19%
> 4 yrs	415	18%	208	14%	414	22%	229	16%	332	16%	259	20%	55	22%	3	7%	1,915	18%
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*
Total	2,309	100%	1,437	100%	1,872	100%	1,433	100%	2,049	100%	1,323	100%	250	100%	43	100%	10,716	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

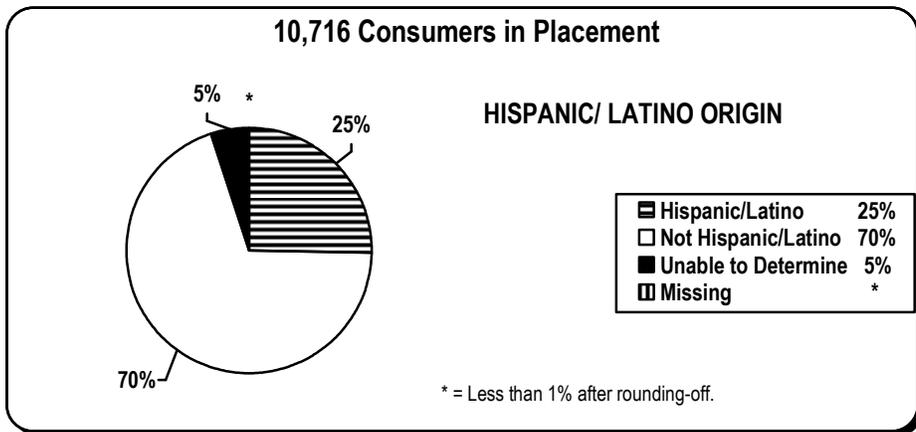
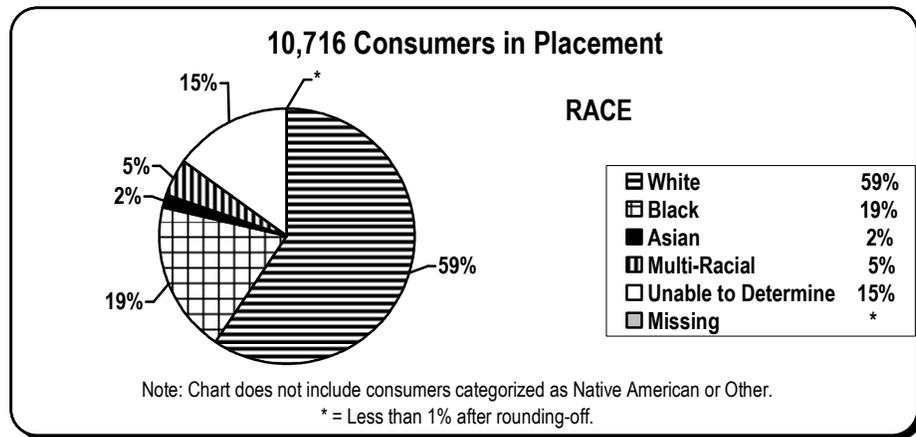
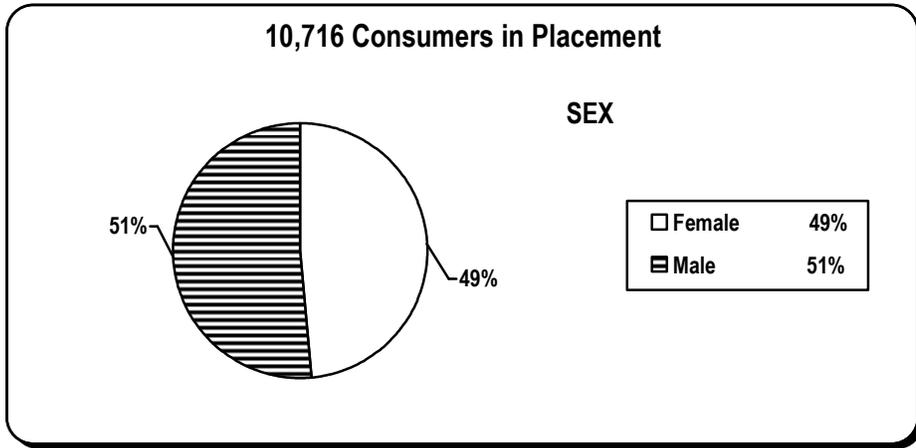
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

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

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

⁽³⁾ Other = invalid data entry

**FIGURE 11A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN
STATEWIDE: FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)**



**FIGURE 11B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL,
AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT
STATEWIDE: FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)**

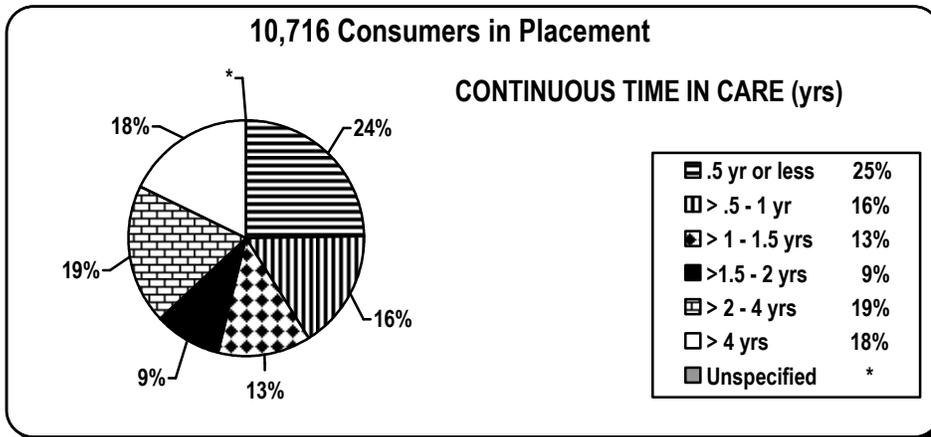
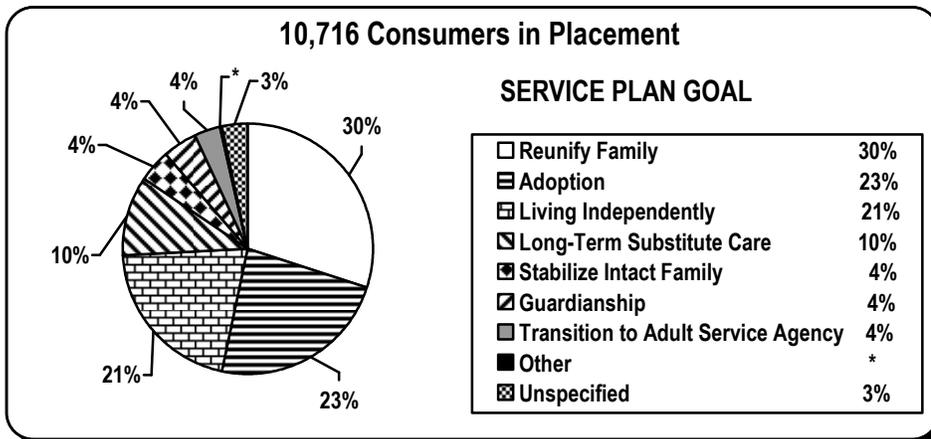
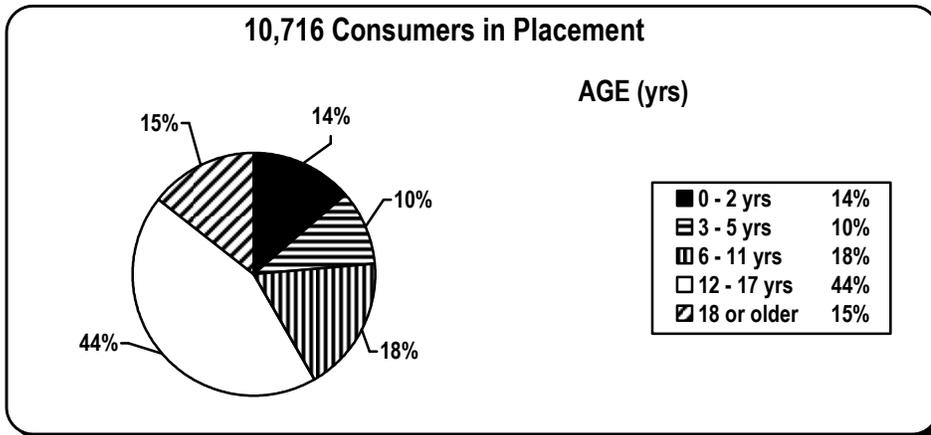


TABLE 7A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE: FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers														Total			
	White		Black		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine				Missing	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	1,559	25%	485	24%	47	27%	6	27%	2	50%	116	24%	435	27%	7	64%	2,657	25%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	1,048	16%	309	15%	34	20%	4	18%	1	25%	86	18%	272	17%	2	18%	1,756	16%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	828	13%	242	12%	14	8%	2	9%	---	---	84	17%	202	13%	---	---	1,372	13%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	578	9%	177	9%	15	9%	---	---	1	25%	51	10%	152	9%	---	---	974	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	1,197	19%	420	20%	29	17%	7	32%	---	---	83	17%	302	19%	2	18%	2,040	19%
> 4yrs	1,144	18%	426	21%	33	19%	3	14%	---	---	66	14%	243	15%	---	---	1,915	18%
Unspecified	2	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*
Total	6,356	100%	2,059	100%	172	100%	22	100%	4	100%	486	100%	1,606	100%	11	100%	10,716	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**TABLE 7B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE: STATEWIDE
FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)**

Continuous Time in Care	Hispanic/Latino Origin ⁽¹⁾ of Consumers								Total	
	Hispanic/Latino		Not Hispanic/Latino		Unable to Determine		Missing			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	657	24%	1,842	25%	152	28%	6	46%	2,657	25%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	433	16%	1,209	16%	112	21%	2	15%	1,756	16%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	321	12%	973	13%	77	14%	1	8%	1,372	13%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	265	10%	660	9%	48	9%	1	8%	974	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	543	20%	1,408	19%	86	16%	3	23%	2,040	19%
> 4yrs	476	18%	1,378	18%	61	11%	---	---	1,915	18%
Unspecified	---	---	2	*	---	---	---	---	2	*
Total	2,695	100%	7,472	100%	536	100%	13	100%	10,716	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'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers										Total No. %
	White No. %	Black No. %	Asian No. %	Native American No. %	Other ⁽¹⁾ No. %	Multi-Racial No. %	Unable to Determine No. %	Missing No. %			
Reunify Family	1,922 60%	560 17%	65 2%	5 *	1 *	155 5%	511 16%	3 *			3,222 100%
Adoption	1,499 60%	411 17%	13 1%	3 *	---	179 7%	384 15%	---			2,489 100%
Living Independently	1,261 57%	565 25%	46 2%	9 *	2	53 2%	293 13%	1			2,230 100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	674 61%	228 20%	22 2%	2 *	---	25 2%	162 15%	---			1,113 100%
Guardianship	294 63%	64 14%	8 2%	---	---	31 7%	67 14%	---			464 100%
Stabilize Intact Family	253 57%	86 19%	9 2%	1 *	1 *	18 4%	77 17%	1 *			446 100%
Long-Term Care w/ASA ⁽²⁾	256 68%	71 19%	4 1%	---	---	8 2%	39 10%	---			378 100%
Other ⁽³⁾	6 50%	4 33%	---	---	---	---	2 17%	---			12 100%
Unspecified as of run-date	191 53%	70 19%	5 1%	2 1%	---	17 5%	71 20%	6 2%			362 100%
Total	6,356 59%	2,059 19%	172 2%	22 *	4 *	486 5%	1,606 15%	11 *			10,716 100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

⁽²⁾ Adult Service Agency

⁽³⁾ Other = invalid data entry

TABLE 8B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)

Service Plan Goal	Hispanic/Latino Origin of Consumers					Total No. %
	Hispanic/ Latino No. %	Not Hispanic/ Latino No. %	Unable to Determine No. %	Missing No. %		
Reunify Family	758 24%	2,280 71%	183 6%	1 *	3,222 100%	
Adoption	672 27%	1,645 66%	172 7%	---	2,489 100%	
Living Independently	518 23%	1,630 73%	75 3%	7 *	2,230 100%	
Long-Term Substitute Care	328 29%	750 67%	35 3%	---	1,113 100%	
Guardianship	104 22%	347 75%	13 3%	---	464 100%	
Stabilize Intact Family	136 30%	287 64%	23 5%	---	446 100%	
Long-Term Care w/ASA ⁽²⁾	83 22%	285 75%	10 3%	---	378 100%	
Other ⁽³⁾	2 17%	10 83%	---	---	12 100%	
Unspecified as of run-date	94 26%	238 66%	25 7%	5 1%	362 100%	
Total	2,695 25%	7,472 70%	536 5%	13 *	10,716 100%	

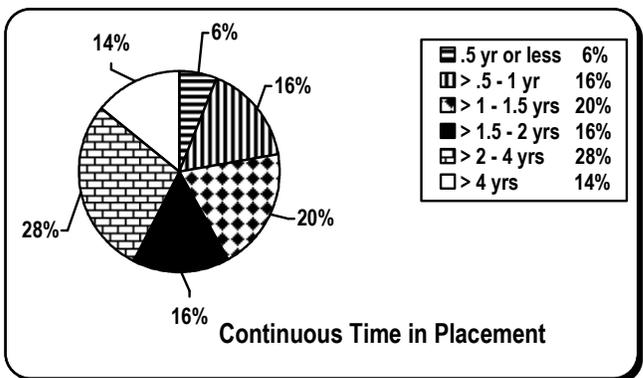
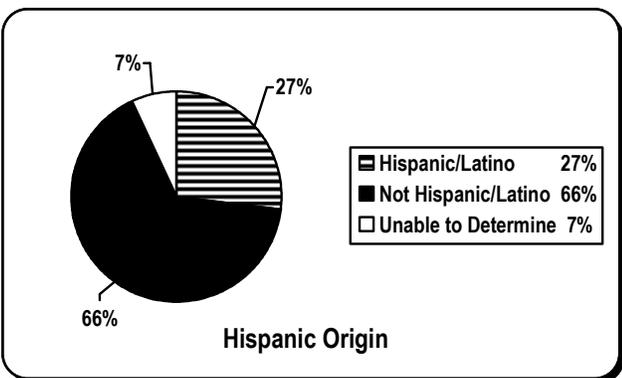
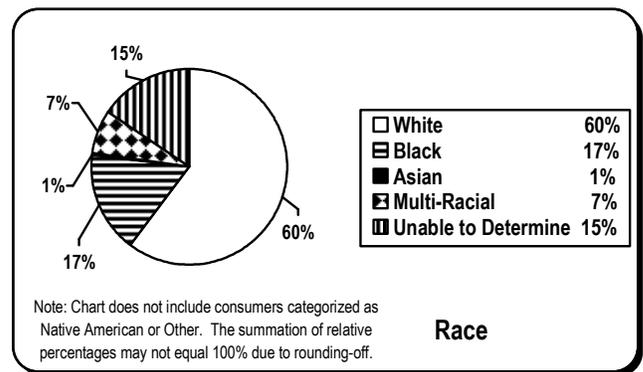
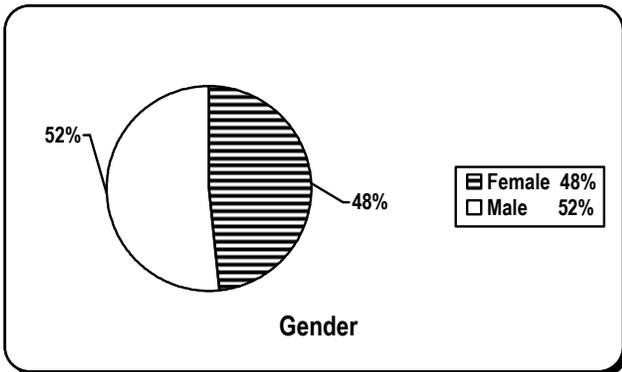
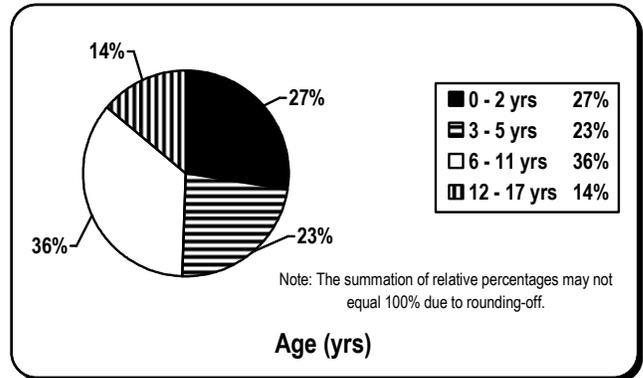
TABLE 8C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)

Service Plan Goal	Age Group of Consumers					Total No. %
	(0 - 2 yrs) No. %	(3 - 5 yrs) No. %	(6 - 11 yrs) No. %	(12 - 17 yrs) No. %	18 or older No. %	
Reunify Family	618 19%	382 12%	674 21%	1,524 47%	24 1%	3,222 100%
Adoption	684 27%	571 23%	887 36%	343 14%	4 *	2,489 100%
Living Independently	---	---	---	1,038 47%	1,192 53%	2,230 100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	3 *	2 *	92 8%	972 87%	44 4%	1,113 100%
Guardianship	26 6%	48 10%	156 34%	230 50%	4 1%	464 100%
Stabilize Intact Family	54 12%	39 9%	77 17%	251 56%	25 6%	446 100%
Long-Term Care w/ASA ⁽²⁾	---	---	6 2%	163 43%	209 55%	378 100%
Other ⁽³⁾	---	---	1 8%	7 58%	4 33%	12 100%
Unspecified as of run-date	70 19%	30 8%	57 16%	156 43%	49 14%	362 100%
Total	1,455 14%	1,072 10%	1,950 18%	4,684 44%	1,555 15%	10,716 100%

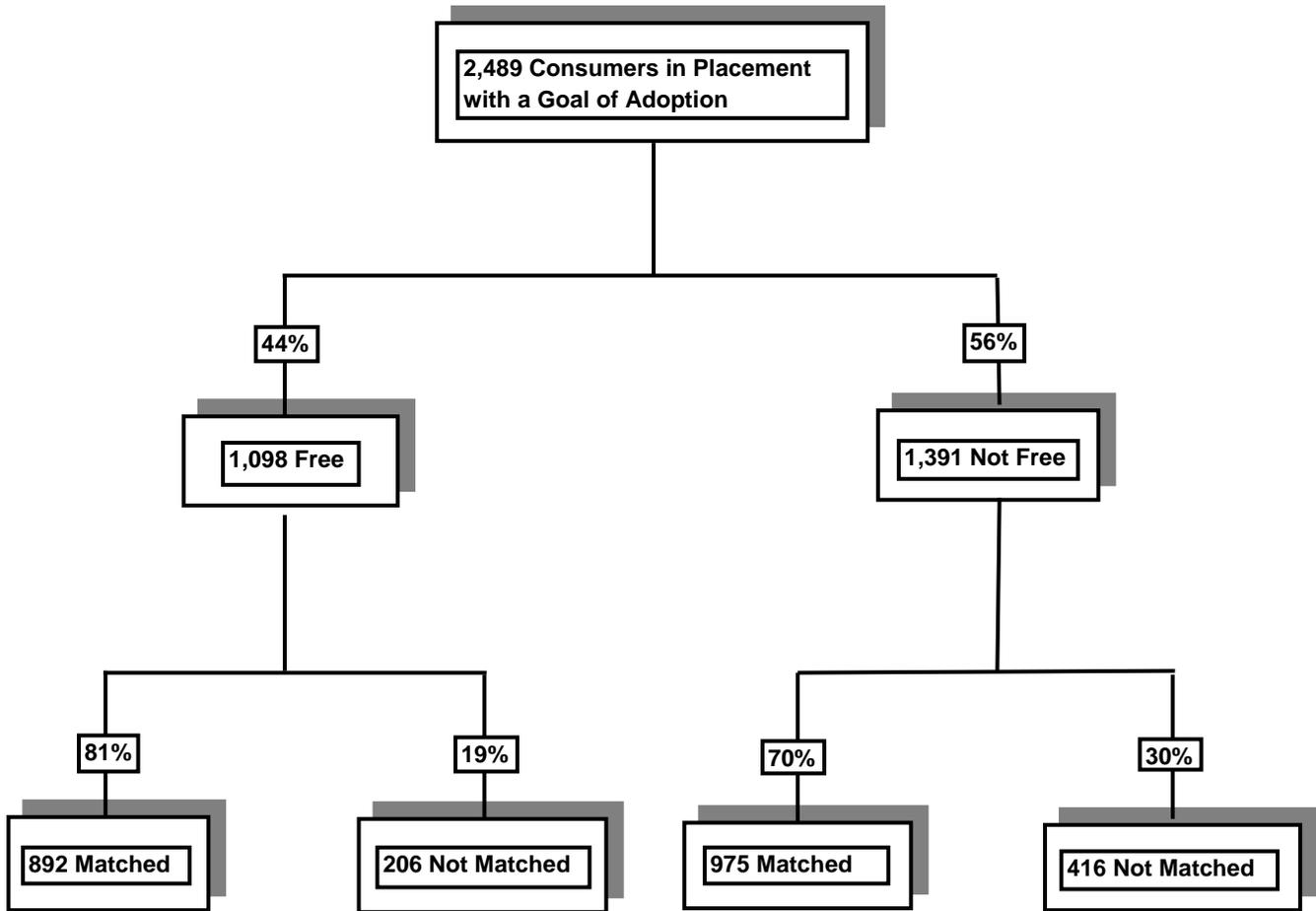
TABLE 8D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)

Service Plan Goal	Continuous Time in Placement							Total No. %
	(.5yr or less) No. %	(> .5 - 1 yr) No. %	(>1 - 1.5 yrs) No. %	(>1.5 - 2 yrs) No. %	(>2 - 4 yrs) No. %	> 4 yrs No. %	Unspecified No. %	
Reunify Family	1,603 50%	903 28%	397 12%	139 4%	153 5%	27 1%	---	3,222 100%
Adoption	154 6%	396 16%	496 20%	386 16%	705 28%	352 14%	---	2,489 100%
Living Independently	150 7%	193 9%	225 10%	196 9%	604 27%	862 39%	---	2,230 100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	112 10%	81 7%	104 9%	119 11%	322 29%	375 34%	---	1,113 100%
Guardianship	32 7%	65 14%	86 19%	76 16%	137 30%	68 15%	---	464 100%
Stabilize Intact Family	321 72%	66 15%	18 4%	16 4%	11 2%	12 3%	2 *	446 100%
Long-Term Care w/ASA ⁽²⁾	29 8%	23 6%	25 7%	28 7%	88 23%	185 49%	---	378 100%
Other ⁽³⁾	3 25%	2 17%	1 8%	2 17%	3 25%	1 8%	---	12 100%
Unspecified as of run-date	253 70%	27 7%	20 6%	12 3%	17 5%	33 9%	---	362 100%
Total	2,657 25%	1,756 16%	1,372 13%	974 9%	2,040 19%	1,915 18%	2 *	10,716 100%

Figure 12A. Age, Sex, Race, Hispanic Origin, and Continuous Time in Placement of Consumers with a Goal of Adoption FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)

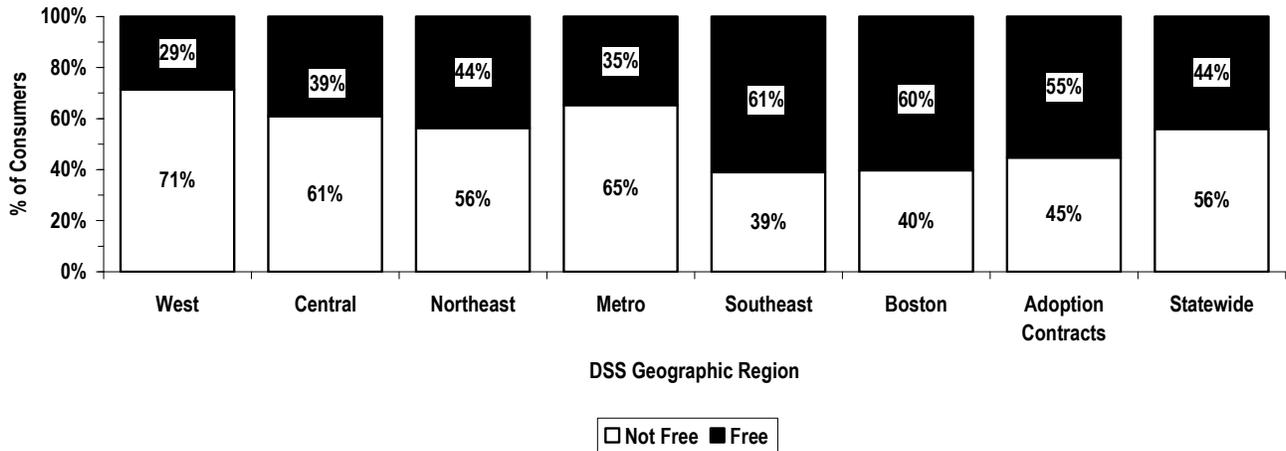


**Figure 12B. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption:
 Legal Status and Match Status
 FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)**

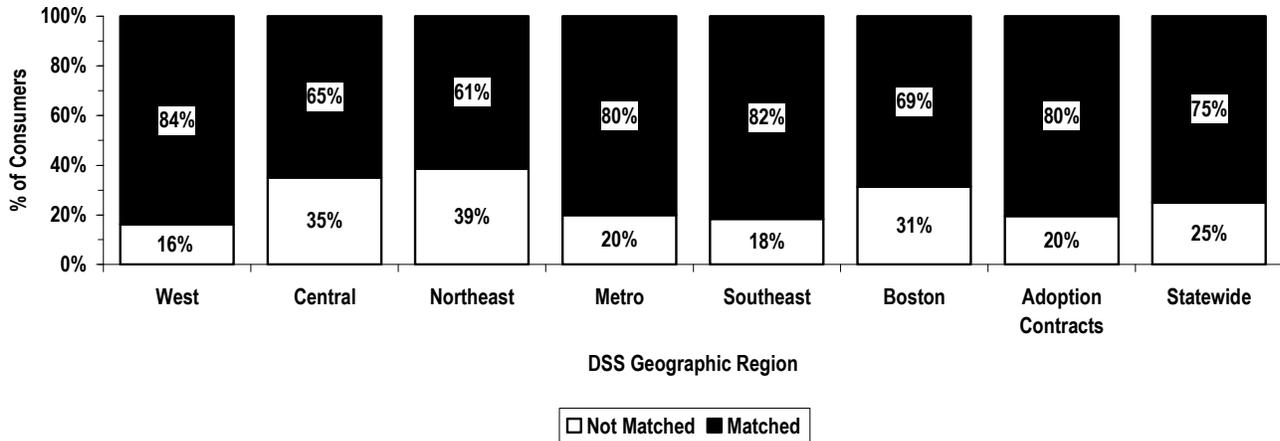


Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption
 Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 12C. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption and Legally Freed Status
FY'08, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)**



**FIGURE 12D. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption
and Whether Matched to a Permanent Family
FY'08, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07)**



Case Intakes (Openings)

- Beginning with the 1st Quarter of FY'2007, a programming change was made in order to pick up case openings missed in prior reports (short-term openings and closings within the quarter). Consequently, these intake statistics cannot be compared with previous quarters. Monitoring for trends will need to proceed from the 1st Quarter of FY'2007 (**Fig. 14**).
- During the 1st Quarter of FY'2008, there were 3,628 case openings (unduplicated) and 15,075 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-four percent of case intakes and 87% of consumer intakes were due to supported abuse/neglect reports. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 8% of case intakes and 6% of consumer intakes. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- CHINS referrals amounted to 5% of case intakes and 4% 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 82-88% of the total intakes for each region. The Boston and Central Regions had the largest proportion of CHINS referrals (6-8%). Voluntary requests ranged from 5% in the West to 11% in Metro. (**Fig. 13, Table 9A**)
- Counts of CHINS referrals were highest in Boston (39) and the West (38). Voluntary requests were highest in Metro (61 case openings). Case intakes via supported reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West (700) and Southeast (683). (**Table 9A**). The West and Southeast had the highest numbers of supported investigations during the 1st Quarter of FY'2008 (See **Table 14** on page 52).
- Statewide (and often regionally), case openings are lowest in the 1st quarter. (**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 54).

**TABLE 9A. CASE INTAKES⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DSS REGION:
FY'2008, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/07 - 9/30/07)**

DSS Geographic Region	Supported CA/N Reports		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Other ⁽²⁾		Unspecified		Total No.
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
West	700	88%	38	5%	43	5%	6	1%	11	1%	798
Central	439	82%	34	6%	45	8%	16	3%	1	*	535
Northeast	421	82%	22	4%	52	10%	14	3%	7	1%	516
Metro	442	82%	21	4%	61	11%	14	3%	---	---	538
Southeast	683	86%	35	4%	55	7%	21	3%	1	*	795
Boston	375	82%	39	8%	38	8%	8	2%	---	---	460
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	4	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4
Other ⁽⁴⁾	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Total	3,065	84%	189	5%	294	8%	79	2%	20	1%	3,647

⁽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 **3,628**.

⁽²⁾ Includes Court Referral, Institutional Abuse/Neglect, and Other.

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

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

**TABLE 9B. CONSUMER INTAKES⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DSS REGION:
FY'2008, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/07 - 9/30/07)**

DSS Geographic Region	Supported CA/N Reports		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Other ⁽²⁾		Unspecified		Total No.
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	3,013	91%	111	3%	145	4%	19	1%	13	*	3,301
Central	1,989	85%	140	6%	165	7%	47	2%	1	*	2,342
Northeast	1,883	87%	88	4%	156	7%	39	2%	10	*	2,176
Metro	1,862	85%	73	3%	211	10%	38	2%	---	---	2,184
Southeast	2,965	88%	120	4%	193	6%	72	2%	1	*	3,351
Boston	1,602	86%	139	7%	107	6%	18	1%	---	---	1,866
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	4	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4
Other ⁽⁴⁾	2	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
Total	13,320	87%	671	4%	977	6%	233	2%	25	*	15,226

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

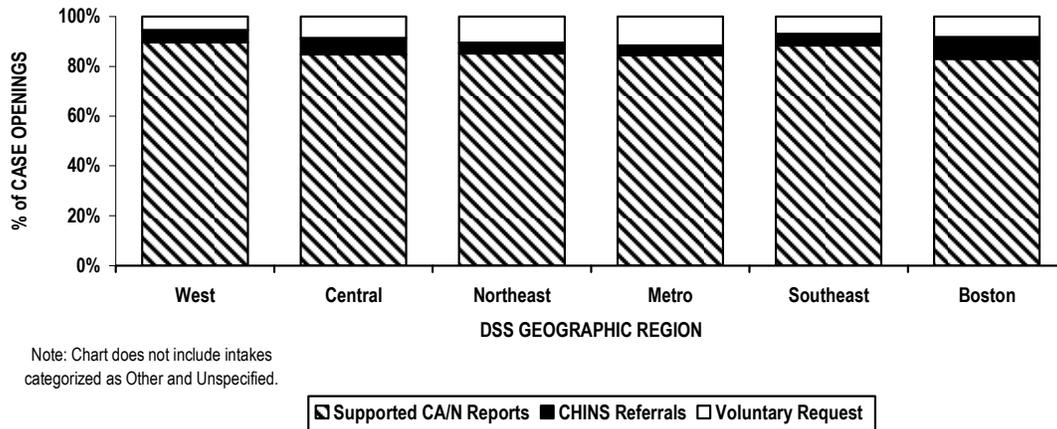
⁽¹⁾ Counts of consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases during the quarter. The total summation for each DSS Region is a duplicated count because some consumers had more than one type of initial contact during the quarter. The unduplicated count of total consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases is **15,075**.

⁽²⁾ Includes Court Referral, Institutional Abuse/Neglect, and Other.

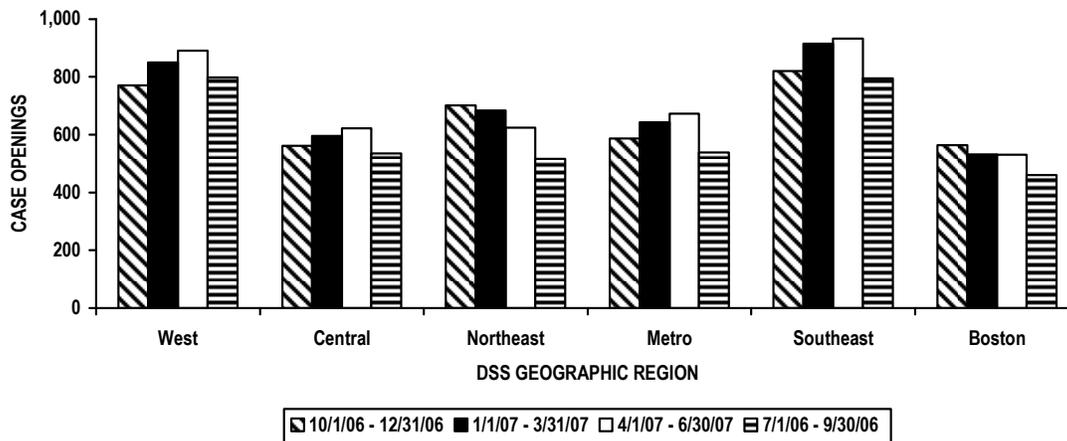
⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

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

**FIGURE 13. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DSS REGION
FY'2008, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/07 - 9/30/07)**



**FIGURE 14. INTAKES (CASE OPENINGS) BY DSS REGION
(FY'2007, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2008, 1ST QUARTER)**



NOTE: Due to a new selection criteria for case openings, counts for FY'2007, Q1 to Q4 cannot be compared to previous quarters.

Consumers Entering and Leaving Placement during the Quarter

- During the 1st Quarter of FY'2008, 2,099 consumers started at least one placement and 2,074 consumers left at least one placement.¹⁸ These counts of placement dynamics do not include consumers who changed placements during the quarter. (Tables 10 and 11)
- From the 4th Quarter of FY'2007 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2008, consumers entering placement rose 3% while consumers leaving placement fell 8%. The drop in consumers leaving care is related to a 13% decrease in children returned home (192 fewer children returned home).

Entries to Placement

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 1st Quarter of FY'2008, 63% were first-time entrants and 37% were re-entrants.¹⁹ Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 58% in Metro to 73% in Central. (Table 10, Fig. 15)
- There was a 5% increase in first-time entrants to placement during the 1st Quarter of FY'2008 as compared to the 4th Quarter of FY'2007. Re-entrants decreased 1% from the 4th Quarter of FY'2007 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2008. (Table 10)
- The 5% increase in first-time entrants to placement was due to a 10% gain in first-time entrants to foster care. The most significant increases occurred in the Central, Boston, and Southeastern Regions (gains of 54, 40, and 32 children, respectively). (Table 10)
- The largest proportion of consumers entering placement (first-time entrants and re-entrants combined) occurred in the West (23% of statewide entrants). (Table 10)
- Across the state, 73% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 22% were placed in congregate care,²⁰ and 5% were placed in non-referral locations.²¹ Regionally, foster care entrants ranged from 66% in Metro to 82% in the West. (Table 10, Fig. 16)
- 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 66% of re-entrants were placed in foster homes. Conversely, 27% of re-entrants and 19% of first-time entrants were placed in congregate care. (Table 10)

¹⁸ For individuals with multiple entries and exits during the quarter, only the first entry and last exit were selected.

¹⁹ Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

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

²¹ Non-referral locations include hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies.

Exits from Placement

- Statewide, 63% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 60% in both the Southeast and West to 69% in Central. **(Table 11)**
- Statewide, 9% of consumers leaving placement were adopted, 11% were emancipated, and 6% were granted guardianships. Regionally, the proportion of consumers adopted ranged from 6% in Boston to 12% in the Southeast; emancipated consumers ranged from 10% in Central to 13% in Boston; and consumers with guardianships ranged from 4% in Boston to 8% in Central. **(Table 11)**

TABLE 10. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DSS REGION:

FY'2008, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/07 - 9/31007)

Entry Type	Placement Location Started	DSS Geographic Region						Other ⁽¹⁾	Total
		West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston		
First-Time Entrants:		295	212	201	179	269	169	4	1,329
	Foster Care	250	177	150	128	198	129	4	1,036
	Congregate Care	37	27	41	47	62	33	---	247
	Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	8	8	10	4	9	7	---	46
Re-Entrants:		194	79	123	127	143	104	---	770
	Foster Care	149	55	74	74	93	60	---	505
	Congregate Care	33	17	33	46	46	33	---	208
	Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	12	7	16	7	4	11	---	57
Total		489	291	324	306	412	273	4	2,099

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

⁽²⁾ Includes hospitals and other state agencies.

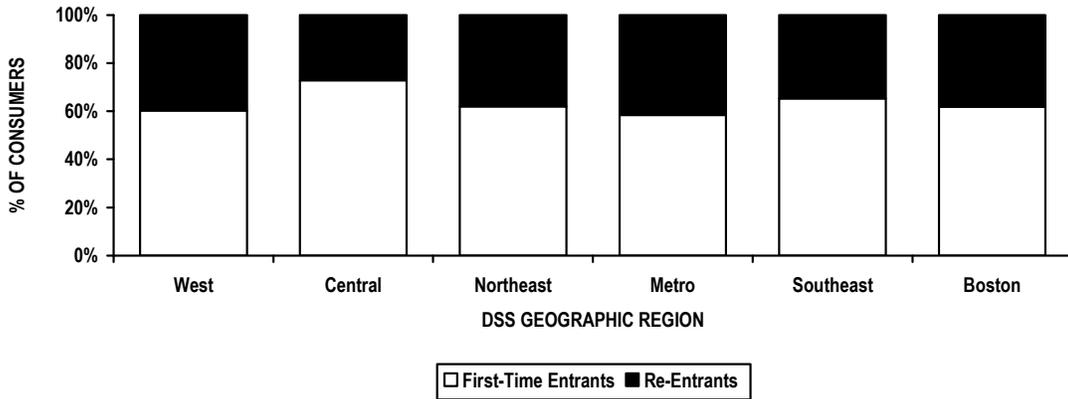
TABLE 11. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DSS REGION:

FY'2008, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/07 - 9/31007)

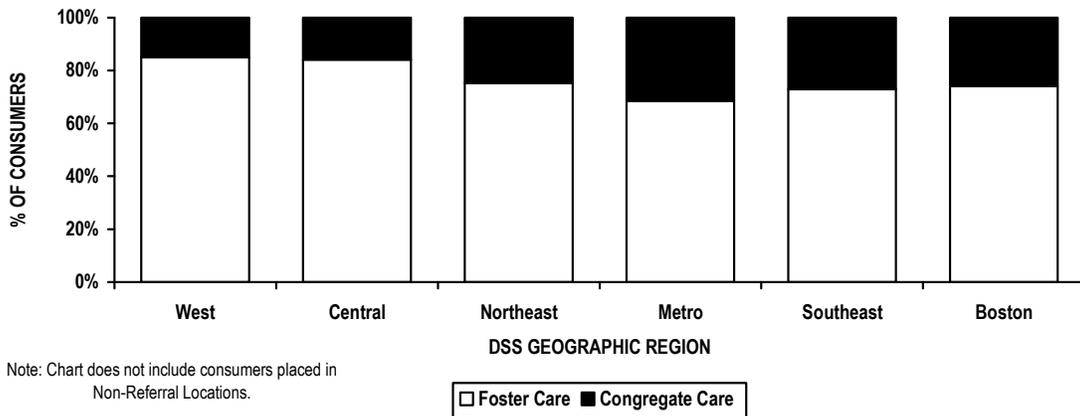
Reason Placement Ended	DSS Geographic Region						Other ⁽¹⁾	Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston		
Child Returned Home	273	185	223	229	257	146	---	1,313
Child 18 or Older	53	27	37	42	46	30	---	235
Consumer Adopted	46	18	33	26	51	14	---	188
Guardianship	21	21	17	17	31	8	---	115
Custody to Other Individual	28	5	25	18	13	17	---	106
Custody to Other Agency	2	---	6	3	4	1	---	16
Consumer Deceased	1	---	---	---	1	---	---	2
Unspecified	29	12	9	17	22	7	3	99
Total	453	268	350	352	425	223	3	2,074

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

**FIGURE 15. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT
DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS)
FY'2008, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/07 - 9/30/07)**

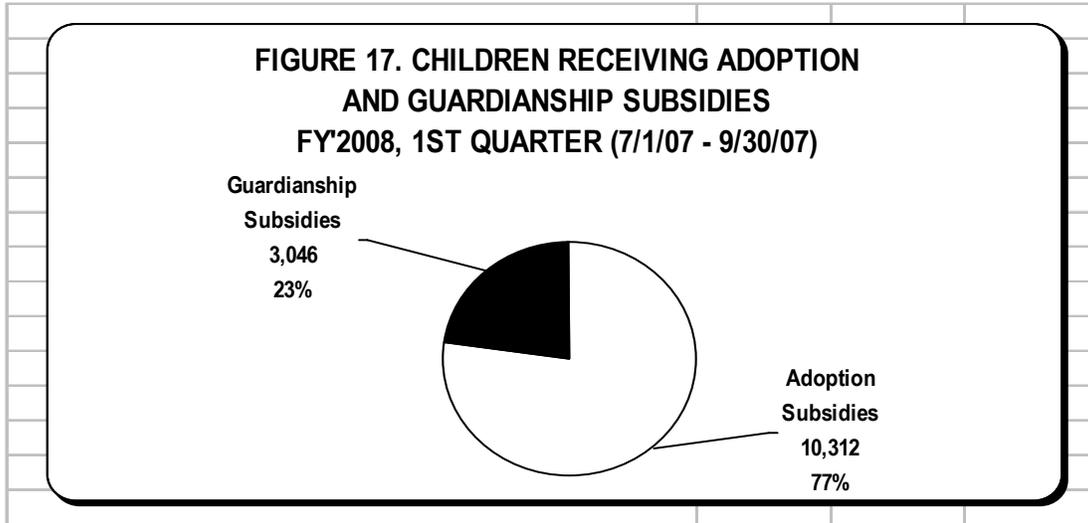


**FIGURE 16. ALL CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER
TO FOSTER AND CONGREGATE CARE
FY'2008, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/07 - 9/30/07)**



Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2008, the total number of children receiving adoption subsidies was 10,312. Guardianship subsidies totaled 3,046. **(Fig. 17)**



From the 4th Quarter of FY'2007 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2008, adoption subsidies rose 1% and guardianship subsidies increased 1%. Typically, adoption subsidies increase about 1% each quarter while guardianship subsidies increase around 1-3% (See table below). The declines in adoption and guardianship subsidies during the 1st Quarter of FY'2007 resulted from a concerted effort to close service referrals that were active but not disbursing funds.

Quarter	Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)			
	Adoption		Guardianship	
	No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change
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%
4 th	10,146	1%	3,083	1%
FY'2006 1 st	10,113	*	3,073	*
2 nd	10,224	1%	3,098	1%
3 rd	10,322	1%	3,119	1%
4 th	10,463	1%	3,115	*
FY'2007 1 st	10,149	-3%	3,017	-3%
2 nd	10,190	*	2,967	-2%
3 rd	10,287	1%	3,019	2%
4 th	10,184	-1%	3,016	*
FY'2008 1 st	10,312	1%	3,046	1%

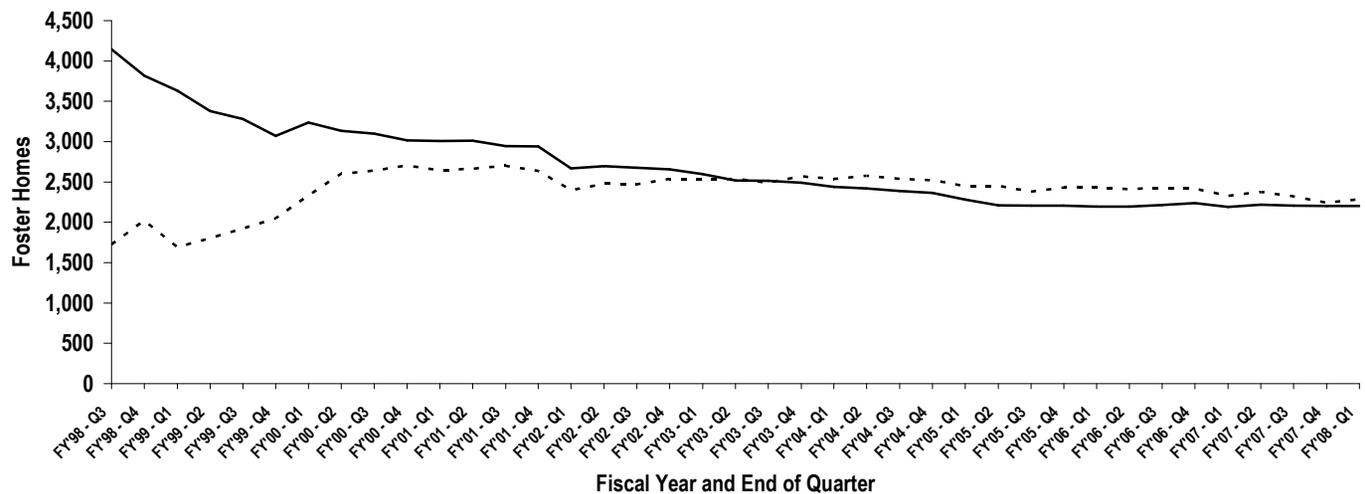
* = less than 1% after rounding-off

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2008, there were 4,487 foster homes under the direct supervision of DSS. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes²² as well as unrestricted homes.²³ There was a nearly equal number of restricted (2,285) and unrestricted (2,202) foster homes. **(Table 12A)**
- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'1998, 29% of all DSS foster homes were restricted homes. Restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes gradually reached a maximum level of 52% in the 2nd Quarter of FY'2004. Restricted homes remained at a 52-53% level through the 2nd Quarter of FY'2007. For the past three quarters, restricted homes have accounted for 50-51% of all foster homes. **(See graph on next page)**
- Statewide, 77% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were White and 62% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Statewide, 73% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White and 53% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Thirteen percent (579) of all foster homes were identified as Black (295 restricted and 284 unrestricted). **(Table 12A)**
- Fifteen percent (685) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (324 restricted and 361 unrestricted). **(Table 12B)**

²² 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 DSS 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.

²³ 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*
End of 3rd Quarter of FY'1998 (3/31/98) to End of 1st Quarter of FY'2008 (9/30/07)



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

— Unrestricted - - - - - Restricted

TABLE 12A. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DSS REGION: FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07) ⁽¹⁾

Provider Status	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	Total		
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%				
Restricted:	459		326		368		340		545		221		26	2,285		
White	370	81%	204	63%	276	75%	279	82%	444	81%	73	33%	17	65%	1,663	73%
Black	47	10%	12	4%	26	7%	33	10%	58	11%	113	51%	6	23%	295	13%
Asian	---	---	2	1%	18	5%	---	---	2	*	4	2%	---	---	26	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	1	*
Other ⁽³⁾	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	2	*	---	---	---	---	3	*
Multi-Racial	2	*	3	1%	4	1%	2	1%	1	*	---	---	---	---	12	1%
Unable to Determine*	29	6%	100	31%	37	10%	22	6%	28	5%	30	14%	3	12%	249	11%
Missing	11	2%	5	2%	6	2%	4	1%	9	2%	1	*	---	---	36	2%
Unrestricted:	498		330		275		334		501		181		83	2,202		
White	397	80%	276	84%	216	79%	290	87%	401	80%	48	27%	76	92%	1,704	77%
Black	58	12%	21	6%	12	4%	36	11%	41	8%	111	61%	5	6%	284	13%
Asian	1	*	---	---	12	4%	---	---	2	*	1	1%	---	---	16	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	7	1%	---	---	---	---	8	*
Multi-Racial	27	5%	2	1%	3	1%	---	---	2	*	1	1%	1	1%	36	2%
Unable to Determine*	15	3%	30	9%	30	11%	7	2%	48	10%	20	11%	1	1%	151	7%
Missing	---	---	1	*	2	1%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	*
Total	957		656		643		674		1,046		402		109	4,487		

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

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

* Unable to Determine is the category used when an individual does not know or declines to disclose his/her race.

TABLE 12B. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY HISPANIC ORIGIN AND DSS REGION: FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07) ⁽¹⁾

Provider Status	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	Total		
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%				
Restricted:	459		326		368		340		545		221		26	2,285		
Hispanic/Latino	79	17%	56	17%	77	21%	23	7%	38	7%	48	22%	3	12%	324	14%
Not Hispanic/Latino	356	78%	198	61%	274	74%	305	90%	482	88%	162	73%	20	77%	1,797	79%
Unable to Determine*	12	3%	66	20%	11	3%	8	2%	13	2%	10	5%	3	12%	123	5%
Missing	12	3%	6	3%	6	2%	4	1%	12	2%	1	1%	---	---	41	2%
Unrestricted:	498		330		275		334		501		181		83	2,202		
Hispanic/Latino	120	24%	50	15%	75	27%	16	5%	62	12%	34	19%	4	5%	361	16%
Not Hispanic/Latino	378	76%	275	83%	194	71%	311	93%	423	84%	146	81%	78	94%	1,805	82%
Unable to Determine*	---	---	5	2%	4	1%	7	2%	15	3%	1	1%	1	1%	33	1%
Missing	---	---	---	---	2	1%	---	---	1	0%	---	---	---	---	3	*
Total	957		656		643		674		1,046		402		109	4,487		

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

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

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

* Unable to Determine is the category used when an individual does not know or declines to disclose his/her Hispanic origin.

TABLE 12C. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DSS REGION: FY'2008, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/07) ⁽¹⁾

Provider Status	DSS Geographic Region										Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	Total				
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast			Boston		No.	%	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%			
Restricted:	459		326		368		340		545		221		26		2,285	
Married	264	58%	189	58%	196	53%	190	56%	294	54%	73	33%	16	62%	1,222	53%
Single	101	22%	78	24%	84	23%	85	25%	134	25%	107	48%	6	23%	595	26%
Divorced	60	13%	35	11%	39	11%	34	10%	66	12%	21	10%	4	15%	259	11%
Widowed	16	3%	10	3%	21	6%	18	5%	21	4%	9	4%	---	---	95	4%
Separated	15	3%	9	3%	22	6%	7	2%	22	4%	10	5%	---	---	85	4%
Unspecified	3	1%	5	2%	6	2%	6	2%	8	1%	1	*	---	---	29	1%
Unrestricted:	498		330		275		334		501		181		83		2,202	
Married	301	60%	236	72%	171	62%	212	63%	329	66%	55	30%	62	75%	1,366	62%
Single	100	20%	57	17%	67	24%	75	22%	87	17%	82	45%	19	23%	487	22%
Divorced	60	12%	30	9%	25	9%	33	10%	55	11%	26	14%	2	2%	231	10%
Widowed	20	4%	2	1%	9	3%	10	3%	20	4%	6	3%	---	---	67	3%
Separated	17	3%	5	2%	2	1%	3	1%	10	2%	12	7%	---	---	49	2%
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	1	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*
Total	957		656		643		674		1,046		402		109		4,487	

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

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

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

Child Maltreatment Reports, Investigations, and DA Referrals

Reports

- Statewide, 17,686 reports were recorded during the 1st Quarter of FY'2008. Sixty-five percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation. Eight percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. **(Table 13)**
- Among regions, reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West (3,523) and Southeast (2,610). The Judge Baker Children's Center (hotline) recorded 4,218 reports. Regional screen-in rates ranged from 56% in Metro to 66% in Boston. The screen-in rate at the Judge Baker Children's Center was 73%. **(Table 13 and Fig. 18)**
- The DSS Regions screened-in 1-3% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 26% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children's Center Hotline. **(Table 13)**
- Statewide, reports fell 9% from the 4th Quarter of FY'2007 to 1st Quarter of FY'2008. Regional changes ranged from -8% in the Southeast to -17% in Metro. Typically, report counts decline during the summer quarter (Q1) then rise during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). **(Fig. 20)**

Investigations

- The number of investigations completed during the 1st Quarter of FY'2008 was 9,451.²⁴ Fifty-eight percent of the investigations resulted in a supported finding. **(Table 14)**
- The Southeast and West conducted more investigations (1,859 and 1,775, respectively) than the other regions. Regional support rates went from a low of 48% in the Northeast to a high of 60% in Metro. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 74% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. **(Table 14, Fig. 19)**

²⁴ 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 Northeastern Region had the third highest screen-in rate (63%) and the lowest support rate (48%). Conversely, the Metro Region had the lowest screen-in rate (56%) and the highest support rate (60%). **(Table 14, Fig. 19)**
- Statewide, investigations decreased 10% from the 4th Quarter of FY'2007 to 1st Quarter of FY'2008. Over the same period, regional changes in investigations ranged from -7% in Central to -15% in the Northeast. **(Fig. 21)**

TABLE 13. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DSS REGION: FY'2008, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/07 - 9/30/07)

DSS Geographic Region	Screening Decision						Total	
	Screened Out		Screened-In					
	No.	%	Non-Emergency		Emergency		No.	%
West	1,361	39%	2,061	59%	101	3%	3,523	20%
Central	775	40%	1,130	59%	26	1%	1,931	11%
Northeast	784	37%	1,291	60%	60	3%	2,135	12%
Metro	742	44%	906	54%	35	2%	1,683	10%
Southeast	900	34%	1,620	62%	90	3%	2,610	15%
Boston	532	34%	985	63%	49	3%	1,566	9%
Judge Baker Children's Center	1,153	27%	1,982	47%	1,083	26%	4,218	24%
Special Investigations	6	30%	14	70%	---	---	20	*
Total	6,253	35%	9,989	56%	1,444	8%	17,686	100%

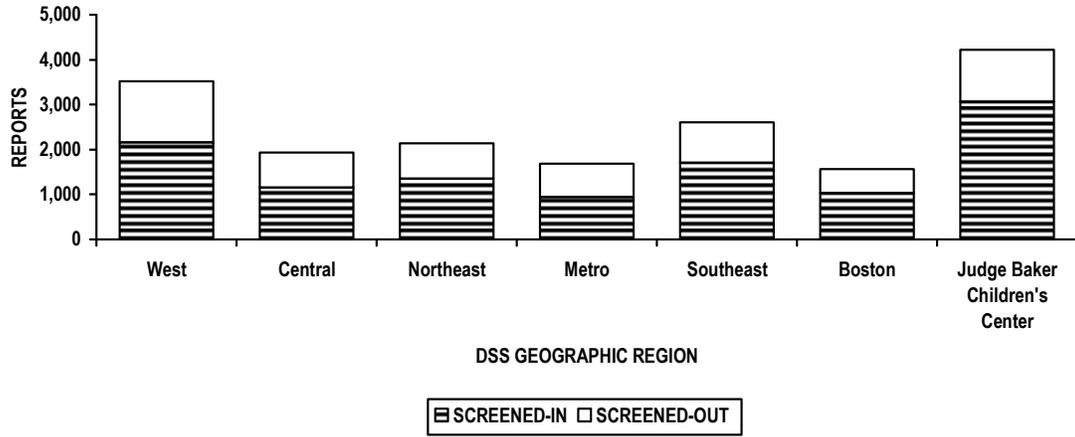
* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

TABLE 14. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DSS REGION: FY'2008, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/07 - 9/30/07)

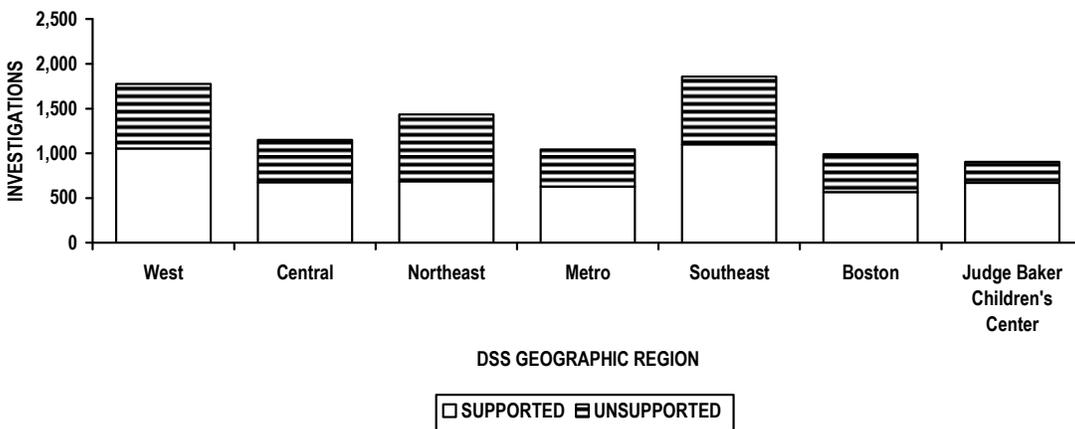
DSS Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Total	
	Supported		Unsupported			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
West	1,054	59%	721	41%	1,775	19%
Central	677	59%	476	41%	1,153	12%
Northeast	689	48%	744	52%	1,433	15%
Metro	627	60%	416	40%	1,043	11%
Southeast	1,101	59%	758	41%	1,859	20%
Boston	566	57%	426	43%	992	10%
Judge Baker Children's Center	669	74%	236	26%	905	10%
Special Investigations	62	21%	229	79%	291	3%
Total	5,445	58%	4,006	42%	9,451	100%

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

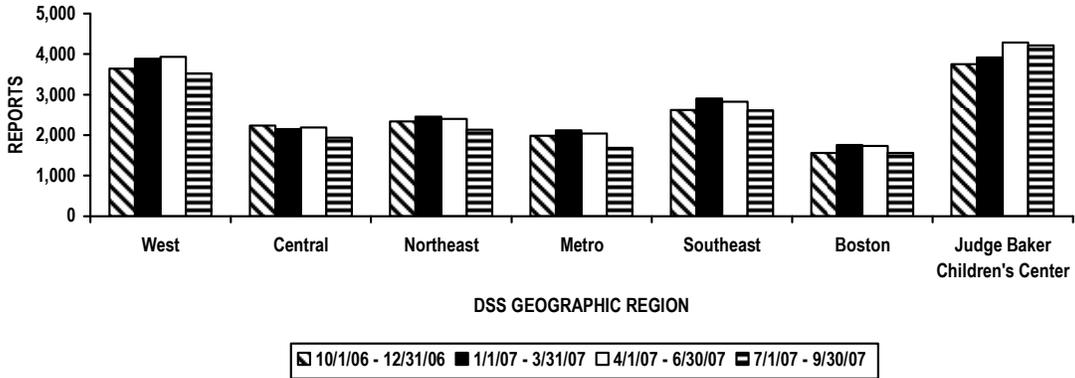
**FIGURE 18. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS
(SCREENING DECISION BY DSS REGION)
FY'2008, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/07 - 9/30/07)**



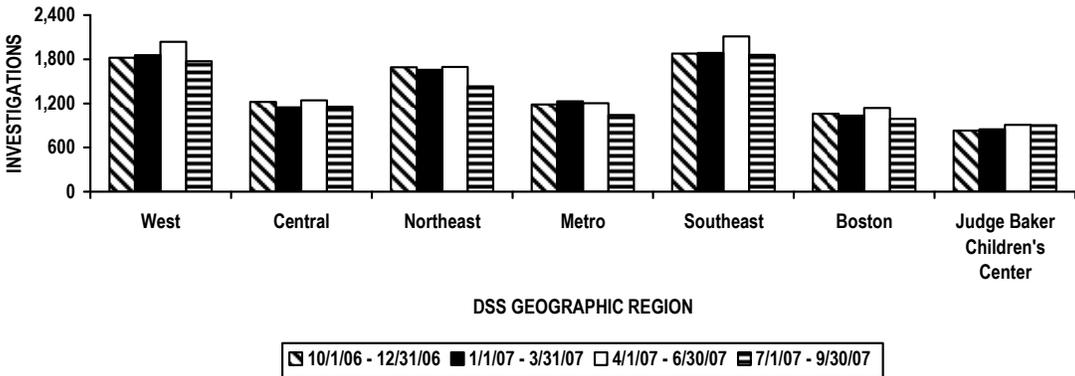
**FIGURE 19. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS
(INVESTIGATION DECISION BY DSS REGION)
FY'2008, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/07 - 9/30/07)**



**FIGURE 20. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DSS REGION
(FY'2007, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2008, 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 21. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DSS REGION
(FY'2007, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2008, 1ST QUARTER)**



DA Referrals

- During the 1st Quarter of FY'2008, 1,169 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (See table below). Forty-six percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals²⁵ and 54% were discretionary referrals²⁶ (**Fig. 22**).

Case Referrals*

Date	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.
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
FY'05, Q4	547	44%	701	56%	1,248
FY'06, Q1	490	44%	614	56%	1,104
FY'06, Q2	509	44%	659	56%	1,168
FY'06, Q3	518	44%	651	56%	1,169
FY'06, Q4	560	43%	742	57%	1,302
FY'07, Q1	532	49%	554	51%	1,086
FY'07, Q2	577	49%	606	51%	1,183
FY'07, Q3	559	47%	626	53%	1,185
FY'07, Q4	611	49%	645	51%	1,256
FY'08, Q1	538	46%	631	54%	1,169

* DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

²⁵ 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.

²⁶ 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.

- Sexual abuse accounted for 78% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals²⁷ during the 1st Quarter of FY'2008 (**Fig. 23, Table 15** on following pages). Twenty percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

Reasons for Mandatory Referrals

Date	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		Death ²⁸		Total No.
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
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
FY'05, Q4	444	78%	122	21%	2	*	568
FY'06, Q1	432	86%	66	13%	5	1%	503
FY'06, Q2	432	81%	99	19%	3	1%	534
FY'06, Q3	445	83%	82	15%	7	1%	534
FY'06, Q4	473	82%	95	16%	11	2%	579
FY'07, Q1	472	85%	78	14%	7	1%	557
FY'07, Q2	503	84%	90	15%	5	1%	598
FY'07, Q3	473	82%	93	16%	10	2%	576
FY'07, Q4	487	78%	129	21%	9	1%	625
FY'08, Q1	443	78%	114	20%	11	2%	568

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

²⁷ **A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason** (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

²⁸ 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. DSS publishes an annual report of child fatalities that includes an analysis of child deaths due to abuse or neglect.

- Table 16 (on page 59) displays a breakdown of case referrals by type and child's county of residence. In general, the number of referrals was directly related to the number of children under 18 years old in poverty²⁹ for the county. Referral counts were highest for the most populous counties, Essex, Suffolk, Worcester, Middlesex, and Hampden (encompassing the city of Springfield). Based on a comparison of county estimates for children in poverty, Berkshire County had a higher number of referrals than expected.
- Table 17 (on page 59) shows mandatory case referral reasons and child's county of residence. Essex, Worcester, and Suffolk Counties accounted for 50% of the mandatory case referrals for sexual abuse (includes sexual assault and sexual exploitation). Essex accounted for 48% of the mandatory case referrals for serious physical abuse.

²⁹ U.S. Census Bureau: State & County QuickFacts, Massachusetts QuickLinks, People QuickLinks, Population Estimates, 2004 Income & Poverty, Model-based Estimates for Massachusetts and Counties, Under Age 18 in Poverty, 2004. (quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/States/250001k.html)

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FIGURE 22. TYPE OF CASE REFERRAL (Case Count)

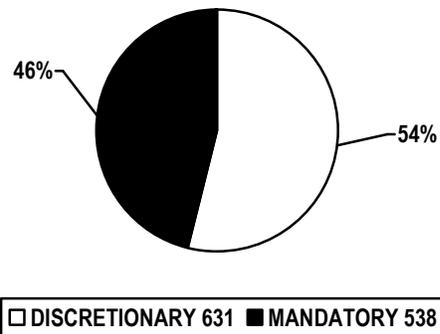
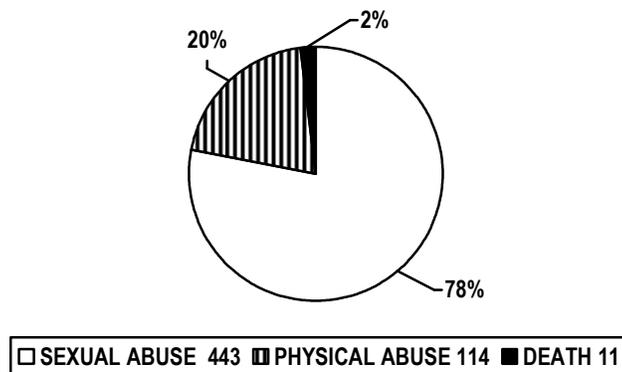


FIGURE 23. REASON FOR MANDATORY REFERRALS (Reason Count)



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

TABLE 15. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: ⁽¹⁾
 FY'2008, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/07 - 9/30/07)

Nature of Abuse	Reasons ⁽¹⁾	
	No.	%
Sexual Abuse:	443	78%
Sexual Assault	406	
Sexual Exploitation	37	
.....		
Serious Physical Abuse:	114	20%
.....		
Death:	11	2%
.....		
Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals	568	100%

TABLE 16. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY: FY'2008, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/07 - 9/30/07)

County ⁽²⁾	Case Referrals				Total No.	2004 Children Under 18 In Poverty
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Essex	139	48%	153	52%	292	24,443
Suffolk	122	64%	68	36%	190	31,923
Worcester	82	54%	69	46%	151	24,154
Middlesex	102	68%	47	32%	149	29,398
Hampden	62	63%	36	37%	98	24,418
Berkshire	16	23%	54	77%	70	3,959
Bristol	26	46%	30	54%	56	17,879
Norfolk	32	71%	13	29%	45	9,653
Plymouth	30	71%	12	29%	42	11,842
Hampshire	5	23%	17	77%	22	2,849
Barnstable	7	37%	12	63%	19	4,380
Franklin	---	---	17	100%	17	1,939
Dukes	---	---	1	100%	1	292
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---	88
OUT OF STATE	8	47%	9	53%	17	---
Total	631		538		1,169	187,216

TABLE 17. MANDATORY CASE REFERRAL REASONS BY COUNTY: ⁽¹⁾
 FY'2008, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/07 - 9/30/07)

County ⁽²⁾	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals ⁽¹⁾				Total
	Sexual Assault	Sexual Exploitation	Serious Physical Abuse/Injury	Death	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Essex	98	1	55	2	156
Worcester	59	9	3	3	74
Suffolk	46	2	19	3	70
Berkshire	42	3	12	---	57
Middlesex	37	2	8	2	49
Hampden	30	4	4	---	38
Bristol	25	7	4	1	37
Hampshire	13	3	2	---	18
Franklin	15	---	2	---	17
Barnstable	10	4	1	---	15
Plymouth	9	1	3	---	13
Norfolk	12	---	1	---	13
Dukes	1	---	---	---	1
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---
OUT OF STATE	9	1	---	---	10
Total:	406	37	114	11	568

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

⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.