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PREFACE

- The Department of Children and Families (DCF) has four regions and 29 area offices.

| DCF REGIONAL OFFICES | DCF AREA OFFICES |
|----------------------|--|
| Western | Greenfield, Holyoke, Pittsfield, Springfield, Van Wart, Worcester East, Worcester West, South Central, North Central |
| Northern | Lowell, Framingham, Haverhill, Lawrence, Cambridge, Malden, Cape Ann, Lynn |
| Southern | Arlington, Coastal, Cape Cod, Plymouth, Fall River, New Bedford, Brockton, Taunton |
| Boston | Dimock Street, Hyde Park, Harbor, Park Street |

I. CONSUMER AND CASE COUNTS

- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2012, DCF had 21,135 open cases (1,742 adoption cases and 19,393 clinical cases) and 68,521 open consumers¹ (33,475 adults and 35,046 children). (**Table 1** on page 3)
- From the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY'2012, there was little change in case and consumer counts (<1%) (**Fig. 2** on page 4).
- From 1983 to 2009, there was a slow increase in the consumer population, punctuated by peak levels in 1985, 1991, and 2009. After reaching the highest number of consumers (88,568) in the Department's history at the end June 2009, there has been a mostly downward trend in consumers (**Fig. 1** on page 4, **Appendix Table A1** on page 67). Since June 2009, there have been significant declines in consumers (-23%), children (-24%), children in placement (-15%), and adults (-21%) (**Fig. 1, Appendix Table A1**).
- From 1992 to 2009, the number of adult consumers gradually increased and approached the number of child consumers (**Fig. 1**). During this period, there was a slow decline in the number of children less than 18 years old in placement (**Fig. 1**). The decline in children in placement has continued along with decreases in other DCF annual counts (all consumers, all children, adults 18 or older, and children not in placement receiving services at home) (**Fig. 1, Appendix Table A1**). From 2009 to 2012, counts of all children less than 18 years old and adults 18 years or older are decreasing and converging (**Fig 1**).

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

A. Consumers in Placement

- There were 9,051 individuals in placement on the last day of the 4th Quarter of FY'2012. Included in this count are 7,467 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,584 young adults (18 to 23 years old). (**Table 1** on page 3)
- The placement population was distributed across DCF service regions as follows: 37% in the Western Region, 25% in the Southern Region, 22% in the Northern Region, and 12% in the Boston Region. (**Table 1**)
- From the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY'2012, the number of children in placement increased less than 1% statewide (**Appendix Table A1** on page 67, **Fig. 14** on page 26). Prior to a 1% increase last quarter, the count of children in placement had been decreasing over four quarters (7,957 to 7,355) (**Fig. 14, Appendix Table A1**).

B. Children Not in Placement

- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2012, there were 27,579 children less than 18 years old with an active case status who were not in placement (**Table 1**). From the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY'2012, counts of children not in placement increased less than 1% statewide (**Fig. 15** on page 26, **Appendix Table A1**, all children minus children in placement). The count of children not in placement continues to fluctuate while on a downward trend (**Fig. 1** on page 4, **Fig. 15**).
- Significant declines in total consumers and children not in placement often occur with a drop in investigations and initial assessments (combined counts)—typically in the 1st quarter. (**Appendix Table A1, Fig. 8** on page 12)

**TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DCF REGION:
FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

| Case Counts: | DCF Geographic Region | | | | Adoption | | Total |
|---|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| | Western | Northern | Southern | Boston | Contracts ⁽¹⁾ | Other ⁽²⁾ | |
| Case Type | | | | | | | |
| Adoption | 672 | 354 | 420 | 152 | 141 | 3 | 1,742 |
| Clinical | 7,432 | 4,193 | 5,078 | 2,564 | 11 | 115 | 19,393 |
| Total | 8,104 | 4,547 | 5,498 | 2,716 | 152 | 118 | 21,135 |
| Consumer Counts: | | | | | | | |
| Adults: ⁽³⁾ | | | | | | | |
| In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾ | 453 | 436 | 374 | 204 | --- | 73 | 1,540 |
| Other ⁽⁶⁾ | 1 | 6 | 3 | 6 | --- | 17 | 33 |
| On the Run | 1 | 3 | 6 | 1 | --- | --- | 11 |
| Total in Placement | 455 | 445 | 383 | 211 | --- | 90 | 1,584 |
| Not in Placement | 12,613 | 6,545 | 8,741 | 3,980 | --- | 12 | 31,891 |
| Total Adults | 13,068 | 6,990 | 9,124 | 4,191 | --- | 102 | 33,475 |
| Children: | | | | | | | |
| In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾ | 2,783 | 1,482 | 1,825 | 812 | 235 | 35 | 7,172 |
| Other ⁽⁶⁾ | 57 | 54 | 21 | 23 | 3 | 2 | 160 |
| On the Run | 41 | 28 | 28 | 38 | --- | --- | 135 |
| Total in Placement | 2,881 | 1,564 | 1,874 | 873 | 238 | 37 | 7,467 |
| Not in Placement | 11,485 | 5,618 | 6,876 | 3,590 | 3 | 7 | 27,579 |
| Total Children | 14,366 | 7,182 | 8,750 | 4,463 | 241 | 44 | 35,046 |
| Total | 27,434 | 14,172 | 17,874 | 8,654 | 241 | 146 | 68,521 |

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

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

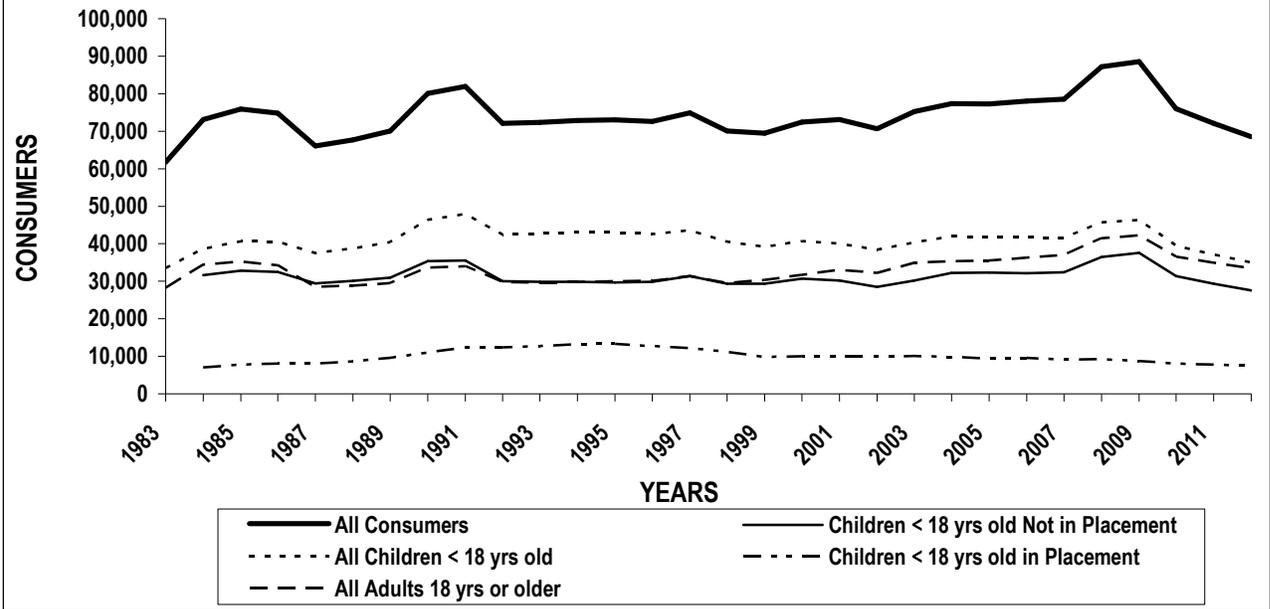
⁽³⁾ Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

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

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

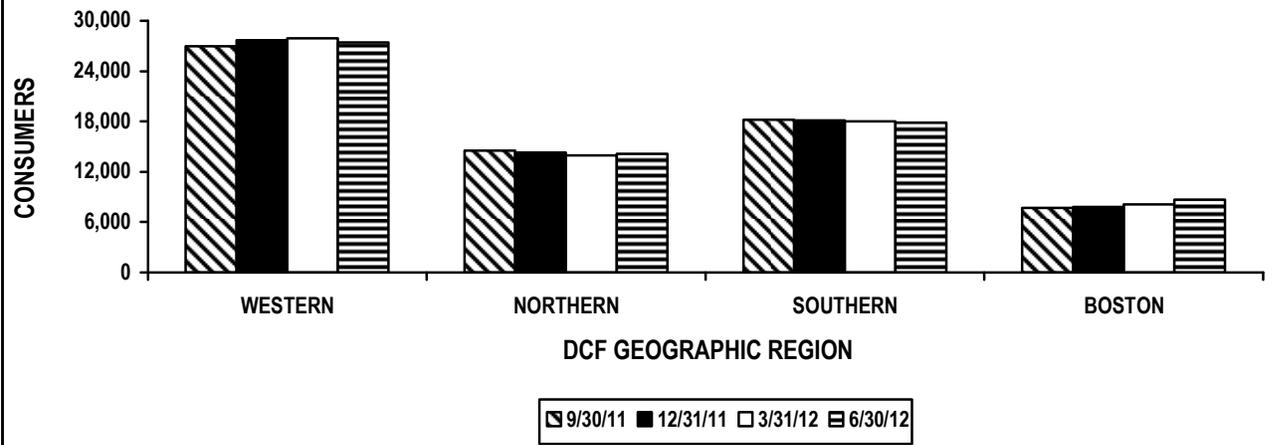
⁽⁶⁾ "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies.

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



— All Consumers
 ··· All Children < 18 yrs old
 - - - All Adults 18 yrs or older
 - · - Children < 18 yrs old Not in Placement
 - · - Children < 18 yrs old in Placement

**FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2012, END OF 1ST QUARTER to FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER)**



▨ 9/30/11 ■ 12/31/11 □ 3/31/12 ▩ 6/30/12

II. CASE AND CONSUMER OPENINGS ²

- All counts are unduplicated; if a case or a consumer had more than one opening in the quarter, only the first one was selected.
- During the 4th Quarter of FY'2012, there were 2,273 case openings (unduplicated) and 15,387 consumer openings (unduplicated). Case openings include both new cases and cases that reopened. Case members include consumers open for the first time and consumers who reopened. (**Tables 2A and 2B** on next page)
- From the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY'2012, case openings decreased 9% (**Fig. 4** on page 7) and consumer openings decreased 1%.
- Eighty-one percent of case openings and 86% of consumer openings were due to supported abuse/neglect reports. (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 4% of case openings and 3% of consumer openings. (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- CHINS referrals accounted for 6% of case openings and 6% of consumer openings (**Tables 2A and 2B**). It should be noted that the CHINS consumer counts include the children subject to the CHINS petition, adult caretakers, and oftentimes non-CHINS siblings.
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in **Fig. 3** on page 7. Supported reports of child abuse/neglect accounted for 79-84% of the total intakes for each region. CHINS referrals ranged from 4-11% of the total intakes for each region. Voluntary requests ranged from 3-5% of the total intakes for each region. (**Table 2A**)
- At an area level, the proportion of case openings that were protective (supported report) ranged from 55% at Lawrence to 93% at North Central (**Appendix Table A2** case openings, **Appendix Table A3** consumer openings on pages 68-69).
- Case openings (statewide) are lowest in the 1st quarter. The quarterly trend in case openings is similar to the pattern for reports of child abuse/neglect (**Figs. 4 and 7** on pages 7 and 12, respectively).

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

**TABLE 2A. CASE OPENINGS⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**

| DCF Geographic Region | Case Openings ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | | | | | | Total No. |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|--------------|
| | Protective ⁽²⁾ | | CHINS Referrals | | Voluntary Requests for Services | | Court Referrals | | Other ⁽³⁾ | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | |
| Western | 652 | 84% | 30 | 4% | 24 | 3% | 23 | 3% | 51 | 7% | 780 |
| Northern | 396 | 79% | 25 | 5% | 24 | 5% | 20 | 4% | 37 | 7% | 502 |
| Southern | 541 | 81% | 38 | 6% | 29 | 4% | 24 | 4% | 33 | 5% | 665 |
| Boston | 249 | 80% | 34 | 11% | 13 | 4% | 7 | 2% | 10 | 3% | 313 |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾ | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 6 | 100% | 6 |
| Other ⁽⁵⁾ | --- | --- | --- | --- | 7 | 100% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 7 |
| Total: | 1,838 | 81% | 127 | 6% | 97 | 4% | 74 | 3% | 137 | 6% | 2,273 |

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

⁽²⁾ The outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

⁽³⁾ Includes Alternative Response, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

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

⁽⁵⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program and Residential & Adolescent Services Unit.

**TABLE 2B. CONSUMER OPENINGS⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**

| DCF Geographic Region | Consumer Openings ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | | | | | | Total No. |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|---------------|
| | Protective ⁽²⁾ | | CHINS Referrals | | Voluntary Requests for Services | | Court Referrals | | Other ⁽³⁾ | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | |
| Western | 4,927 | 90% | 214 | 4% | 104 | 2% | 126 | 2% | 107 | 2% | 5,478 |
| Northern | 2,901 | 85% | 167 | 5% | 123 | 4% | 146 | 4% | 79 | 2% | 3,415 |
| Southern | 3,572 | 85% | 316 | 7% | 117 | 3% | 152 | 4% | 62 | 1% | 4,219 |
| Boston | 1,869 | 83% | 242 | 11% | 56 | 2% | 56 | 2% | 30 | 1% | 2,253 |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾ | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 12 | 100% | 12 |
| Other ⁽⁵⁾ | --- | --- | --- | --- | 10 | 100% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 10 |
| Total: | 13,268 | 86% | 939 | 6% | 410 | 3% | 480 | 3% | 290 | 2% | 15,387 |

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

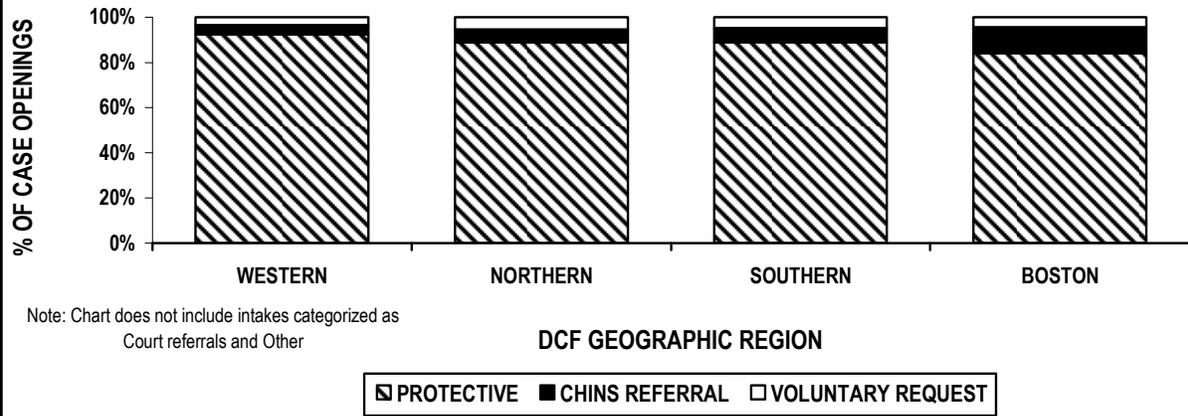
⁽²⁾ The outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

⁽³⁾ Includes Baby Safe Haven and Other.

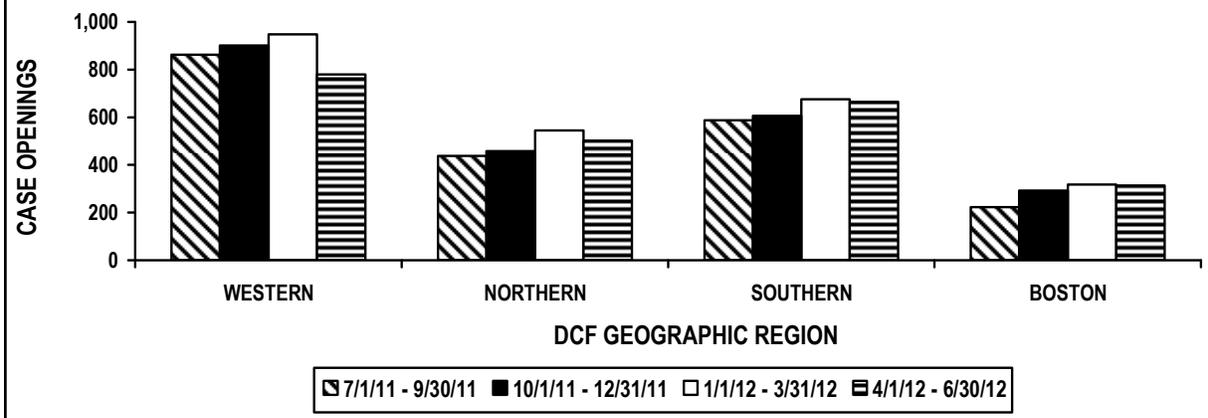
⁽⁴⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

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

**FIGURE 3. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION
FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**



**FIGURE 4. CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2012, 1ST QUARTER to FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER)**



III. CHILD MALTREATMENT

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

A. Reports

- Statewide, 21,801 reports were recorded during the 4th Quarter of FY’2012. Thirty-two percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation and 22% were screened-in for initial assessment. Seven percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. (**Table 3** on page 10)
- Regionally, the proportion of reports screened-in for an investigation response ranged from 19% in the North to 38% in Boston. At the Judge Baker Children’s Center, 43% of the reports were screened-in for investigation. (**Table 3, Fig. 5** on page 11)
- The proportion of reports screened-in for an initial assessment response by region ranged from 20% in Boston to 26% in the Northern region. Judge Baker screened-in 18% of the reports for initial assessment. (**Table 3, Fig. 5**)
- The Hyde Park, Worcester West, and Park Street areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (41-42%). South Central, Haverhill, and Lawrence Areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (32-33%). (**Appendix Table A4** on page 70)
- Cape Ann and Lawrence Areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (7-9%). The Lowell Area had the lowest proportion of reports screened-in for initial assessment (16%). (**Appendix Table A4**)
- The DCF Regions screened-in 2-3% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 19% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children’s Center Hotline. (**Table 3**)
- Statewide, reports decreased less than 1% from the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY’2012. Typically, report counts decline during the summer quarter (Q1) then rise during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). (**Fig. 7** on page 12)

B. Investigation and Initial Assessment Responses

- During the 4th Quarter of FY'2012, 10,309 total responses (investigations and initial assessments) were completed (**Table 4** on next page)—an increase of 5% from the 3rd Quarter of FY'2012 (**Fig. 8** on page 12).
- Investigations and initial assessments as a proportion of all responses for each region were: 64% and 36% (Boston); 50% and 50% (West); 50% and 50% (South); 37% and 63% (North), respectively. (**Fig. 6** on page 11, **Table 4**)

Initial Assessments

- There were 4,694 initial assessments completed during the 4th Quarter of FY'2012³. The assessment decision was “concern” for 44% of initial assessments and “minimal or no concern” for 56%. The assessment decisions are defined as “concerns of safety or risk that warrant DCF services” and “no concern or minimal risk of future abuse/neglect.” (**Table 4**, **Fig. 6**)
- The Fall River, Worcester West, and Malden areas had the highest proportion of responses which resulted in an initial assessment of concern (56-57%). (**Appendix Table A5** on page 71)
- Statewide, initial assessments increased 4% from the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY'2012.

Investigations

- The number of investigations conducted during the 4th Quarter of FY'2012 was 5,615 (**Table 4**).³ Of these investigations, 1 resulted from a report screened-in for initial assessment.
- Sixty-three percent of the investigations resulted in supported allegations of maltreatment. (**Table 4**)
- Regional support rates went from a low of 62% in the North to a high of 66% in Boston. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 74% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. (**Table 4**)
- Framingham, Park Street, and Van Wart areas had the highest proportion of responses that resulted in a supported investigation (74-79%). (**Appendix Table A5**)
- Statewide, investigations increased 6% from the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY'2012.

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

TABLE 3. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)

| DCF Geographic Region | Screening Decision | | | | | | | | | Report Total | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------|------------------------------------|--------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Screened-Out | | Screened-In for Investigation | | | | Screened-In for Initial Assessment | | | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | S/I Total | No. | % | No. | % |
| Western | 2,953 | 48% | 1,526 | 25% | 127 | 2% | 1,653 | 1,510 | 25% | 6,116 | 28% |
| Northern | 2,157 | 55% | 624 | 16% | 98 | 3% | 722 | 1,021 | 26% | 3,900 | 18% |
| Southern | 1,867 | 47% | 1,011 | 26% | 109 | 3% | 1,120 | 961 | 24% | 3,948 | 18% |
| Boston | 693 | 41% | 590 | 35% | 56 | 3% | 646 | 337 | 20% | 1,676 | 8% |
| Judge Baker Children's Center | 2,316 | 40% | 1,377 | 24% | 1,089 | 19% | 2,466 | 1,027 | 18% | 5,809 | 27% |
| Special Investigations | 111 | 32% | 240 | 68% | 1 | * | 241 | --- | --- | 352 | 2% |
| Total | 10,097 | 46% | 5,368 | 25% | 1,480 | 7% | 6,848 | 4,856 | 22% | 21,801 | 100% |

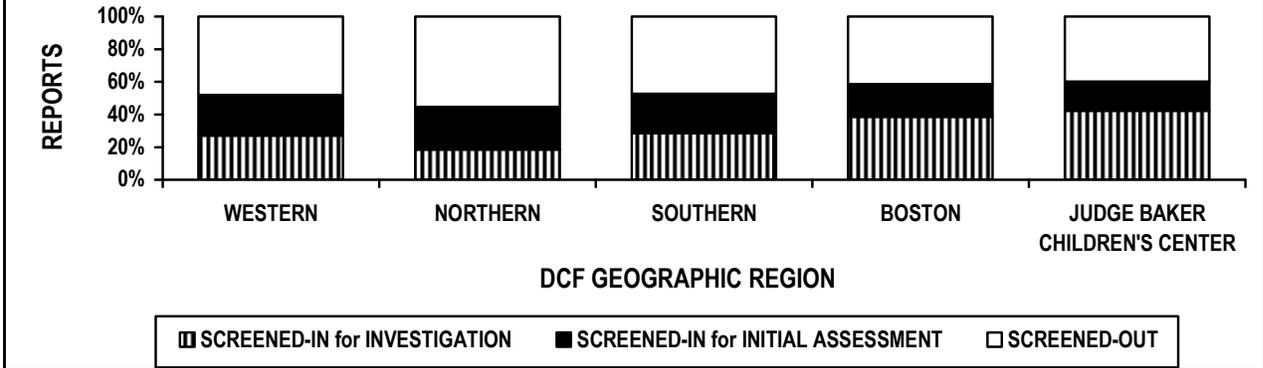
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

TABLE 4. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION: FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)

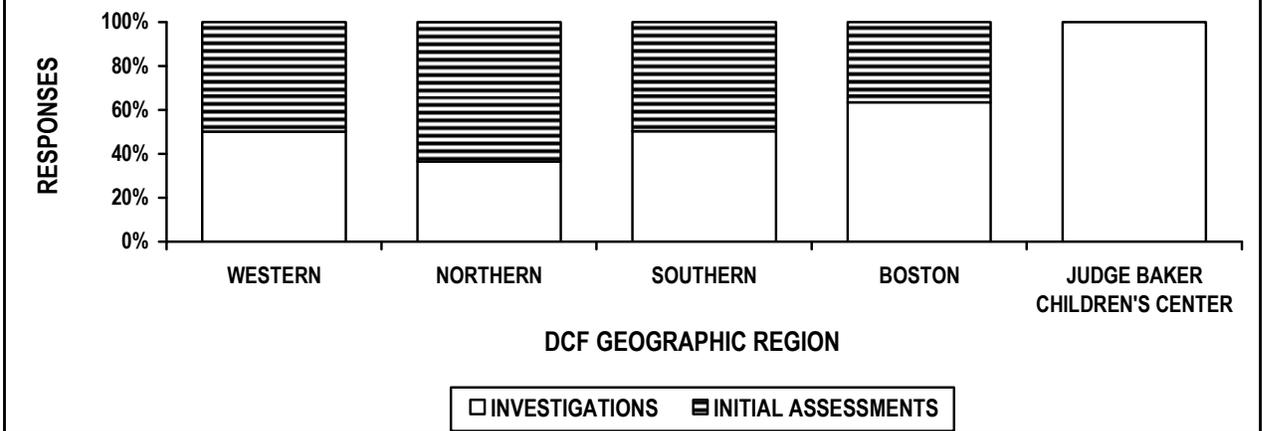
| DCF Geographic Region | Investigation Decision | | | | | Initial Assessment Decision | | | | | Response Total | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------------|------------|----------------|------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|
| | Supported | | Unsupported | | Inv Total | Concern | | Min/No Concern | | IA Total | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | | No. | % | No. | % | | No. | % |
| Western | 1,090 | 63% | 634 | 37% | 1,724 | 719 | 42% | 990 | 58% | 1,709 | 3,433 | 33% |
| Northern | 462 | 62% | 289 | 38% | 751 | 560 | 43% | 736 | 57% | 1,296 | 2,047 | 20% |
| Southern | 825 | 64% | 465 | 36% | 1,290 | 576 | 45% | 698 | 55% | 1,274 | 2,564 | 25% |
| Boston | 480 | 66% | 242 | 34% | 722 | 191 | 46% | 224 | 54% | 415 | 1,137 | 11% |
| Judge Baker Children's Center | 637 | 74% | 219 | 26% | 856 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 856 | 8% |
| Special Investigations | 42 | 15% | 230 | 85% | 272 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 272 | 3% |
| Total | 3,536 | 63% | 2,079 | 37% | 5,615 | 2,046 | 44% | 2,648 | 56% | 4,694 | 10,309 | 100% |

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

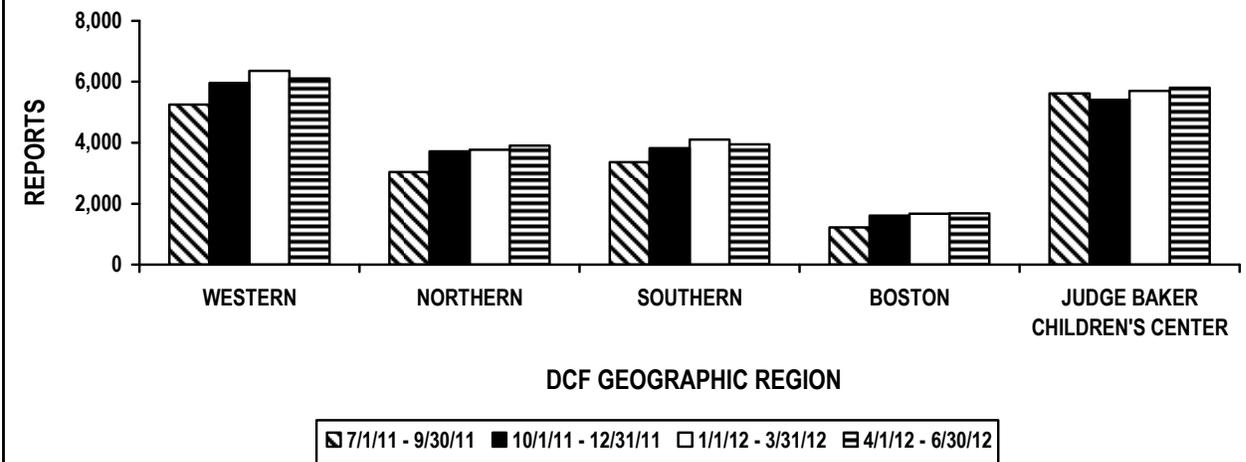
**FIGURE 5. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS
SCREENING DECISION BY DCF REGION
FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**



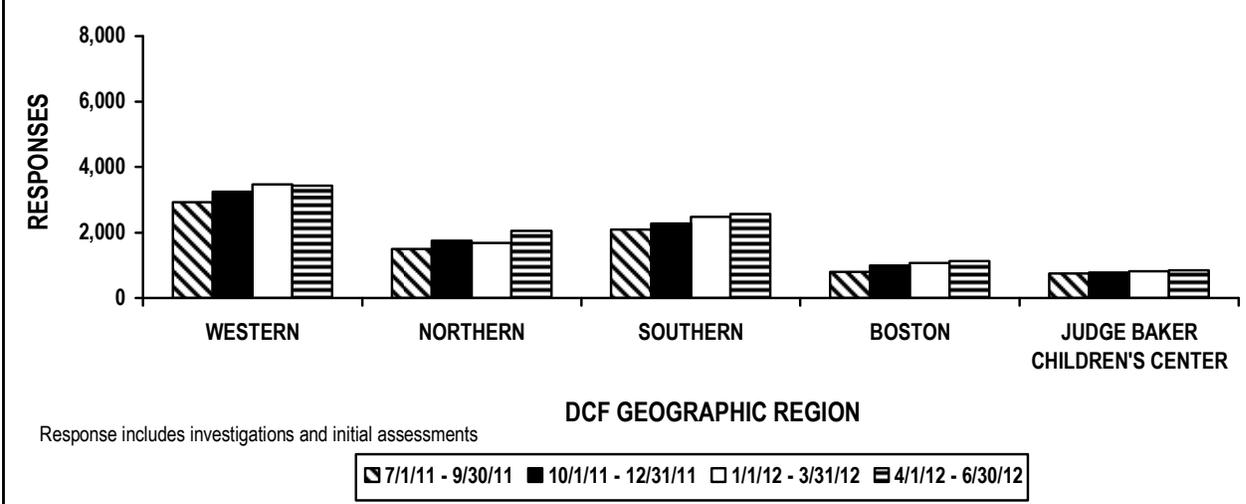
**FIGURE 6. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY TYPE AND DCF REGION
FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**



**FIGURE 7. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2012, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER)**



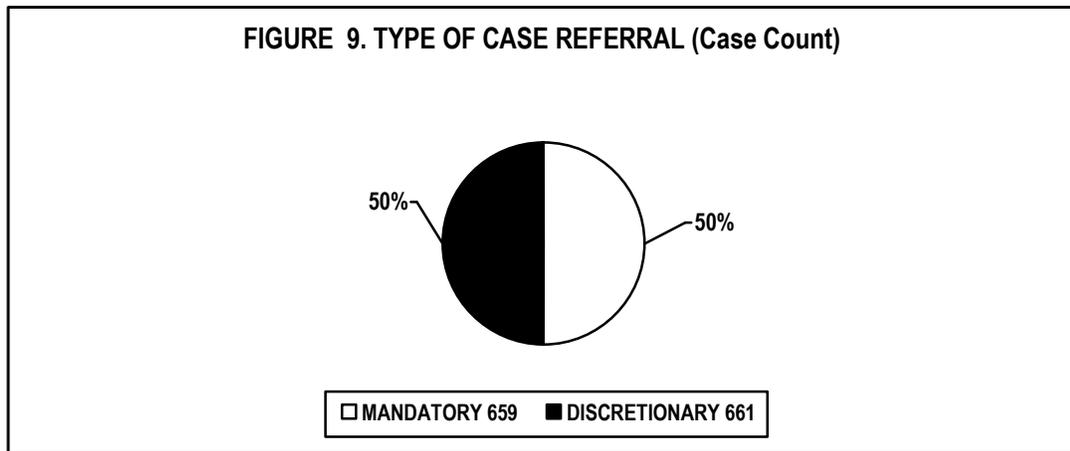
**FIGURE 8. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION
(FY'2012, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER)**



C. District Attorney (DA) Referrals

- During the 4th Quarter of FY'2012, 1,320 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (**Fig. 9**). Fifty percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals⁴ and 50% were discretionary referrals⁵ (**Fig. 9, Appendix Table A6** on page 72).

DA REFERRALS FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)

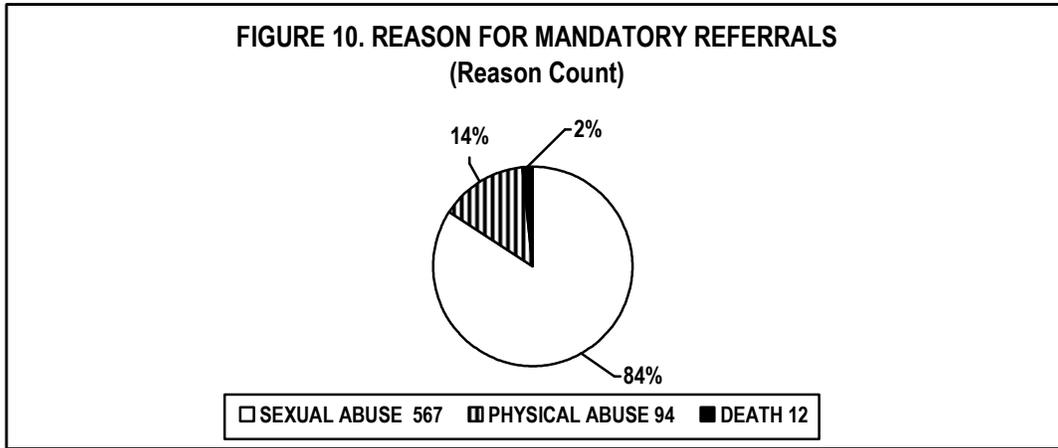


- Sexual abuse accounted for 84% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals during the 4th Quarter of FY'2012 (**Fig. 10, Table 5** on next page). Fourteen percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

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

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

DA REFERRALS FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)



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

**TABLE 5. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: ⁽¹⁾
FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**

| Nature of Abuse | Reasons ⁽¹⁾ | |
|--|------------------------|-------------|
| | No. | % |
| Sexual Abuse: | 567 | 84% |
| Sexual Assault | 541 | |
| Sexual Exploitation | 26 | |
| | | |
| Serious Physical Abuse: | 94 | 14% |
| | | |
| Death: | 12 | 2% |
| | | |
| Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals | 673 | 100% |

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

- Sexual abuse as a proportion of all reasons for mandatory referrals has ranged from 78% to 85% over the past 10 years (FY'2003 through FY'2012, Q4) (See **Appendix Table A7** on page 72).
- Not all DA referrals resulting from an allegation that a child's death was due to abuse or neglect lead to an ultimate finding the death was in fact due to abuse or neglect. **DCF publishes an annual report of child fatalities that includes an analysis of child deaths due to abuse or neglect.**

- **Table 6** displays a breakdown of case referrals by type and child's county of residence. Referral counts are usually the highest for the most populous counties, Middlesex, Worcester, Essex, and Suffolk. However, based on a comparison of county estimates⁶ for children less than 18 years old, Berkshire County had a significantly higher number of referrals than expected while Norfolk County had a lower number of referrals than expected.
- **Table 7** (on next page) shows mandatory case referral reasons and child's county of residence. Middlesex, Essex, Worcester, and Suffolk Counties accounted for 66% of the mandatory case referrals for sexual abuse (includes sexual assault and sexual exploitation). The same four counties accounted for 74% of the mandatory case referrals for serious physical abuse.

**TABLE 6. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY: ⁽¹⁾
FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**

| County ⁽²⁾ | Case Referrals | | | | Total No. | 2010 Children Less than 18 Years Old |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----|------------|------|--------------|---|
| | Discretionary | | Mandatory | | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | | |
| Middlesex | 91 | 39% | 144 | 61% | 235 | 320,439 |
| Essex | 79 | 39% | 123 | 61% | 202 | 172,089 |
| Berkshire | 144 | 77% | 44 | 23% | 188 | 25,624 |
| Worcester | 81 | 46% | 97 | 54% | 178 | 187,231 |
| Suffolk | 66 | 46% | 77 | 54% | 143 | 126,275 |
| Hampden | 41 | 41% | 58 | 59% | 99 | 109,885 |
| Plymouth | 52 | 68% | 25 | 32% | 77 | 119,475 |
| Norfolk | 47 | 72% | 18 | 28% | 65 | 152,132 |
| Bristol | 39 | 62% | 24 | 38% | 63 | 122,409 |
| Franklin | 2 | 8% | 22 | 92% | 24 | 14,068 |
| Hampshire | 7 | 30% | 16 | 70% | 23 | 26,766 |
| Barnstable | 8 | 57% | 6 | 43% | 14 | 37,249 |
| Dukes | --- | --- | 1 | 100% | 1 | 3,173 |
| Nantucket | --- | --- | 1 | 100% | 1 | 2,108 |
| OUT OF STATE | 4 | 57% | 3 | 43% | 7 | --- |
| Total | 661 | | 659 | | 1,320 | |

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

⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.

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

**TABLE 7. MANDATORY CASE REFERRAL REASONS BY COUNTY:⁽¹⁾
FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**

| County ⁽²⁾ | Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals ⁽¹⁾ | | | | Total No. |
|-----------------------|---|-------------------------------|--|--------------|--------------|
| | Sexual Assault No. | Sexual Exploitation No. | Serious Physical Abuse/Injury No. | Death No. | |
| Middlesex | 121 | 4 | 20 | --- | 145 |
| Essex | 91 | 7 | 24 | 4 | 126 |
| Worcester | 75 | 4 | 16 | 3 | 98 |
| Suffolk | 69 | 2 | 10 | --- | 81 |
| Hampden | 52 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 60 |
| Berkshire | 35 | --- | 7 | 2 | 44 |
| Bristol | 18 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 25 |
| Plymouth | 21 | --- | 3 | 1 | 25 |
| Franklin | 19 | --- | 3 | --- | 22 |
| Norfolk | 14 | --- | 4 | --- | 18 |
| Hampshire | 15 | 2 | --- | --- | 17 |
| Barnstable | 6 | 1 | --- | --- | 7 |
| Dukes | 1 | --- | --- | --- | 1 |
| Nantucket | 1 | --- | --- | --- | 1 |
| OUT OF STATE | 3 | --- | --- | --- | 3 |
| Total: | 541 | 26 | 94 | 12 | 673 |

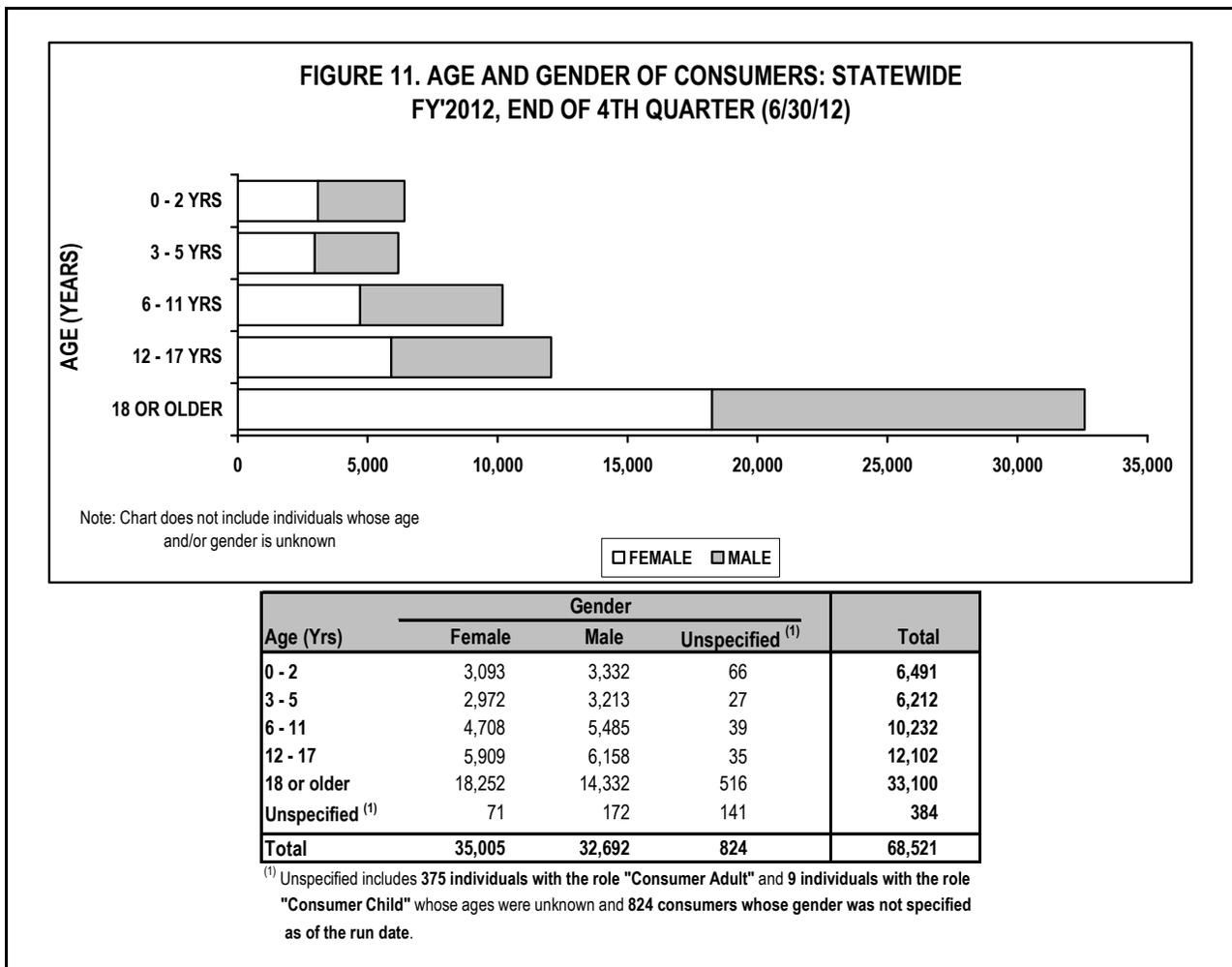
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⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.

IV. CONSUMER DEMOGRAPHICS

A. Age, Gender, and Race of All Consumers

- On the last day of the 4th Quarter of FY'2012, the consumer population included 35,046 (51%) children less than 18 years old and 33,475 (49%) adults 18 years or older (**Table 1** on page 3). The proportion of adult consumers has risen steadily from 41-42% in the 1990s to 49% at the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2012 (**Appendix Table A1** on page 67).
- Fifty-one percent of all consumers were identified as female, 48% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Thirty-five percent (12,102) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). (**Fig. 11**)
- Forty-eight percent of all children receiving DCF services were female. In contrast, 55% of all adults receiving services were female. (**Fig. 11**)



- The statewide caseload was comprised of 44% White, 26% Hispanic/Latino, 14% Black, 2% Asian, 3% Multi-Racial, and less than 1% for both Native American and Pacific Islander consumers. The category “Unable to Determine” was recorded for 4% of consumers. Race was not recorded (missing) for 8% of consumers. (Table 8, Figs. 12A and 12B on next page)
- The Boston Region’s caseload was comprised of 40% Black, 29% Hispanic/Latino, and 16% White consumers (3,445, 2,551, and 1,385 consumers, respectively). The proportion of Hispanic/Latino consumers was similar in 3 of the 4 regions (28-31%). Asians were most prominent in the North--4% of the caseload (566 consumers, mainly Cambodian). (Table 8, Figs. 12A and 12B)

TABLE 8. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)

| Race | DCF Geographic Region | | | | | | | | Adoption | | | | Total | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Western | | Northern | | Southern | | Boston | | Contracts ⁽¹⁾ | | Other ⁽²⁾ | | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| White | 12,310 | 45% | 6,410 | 45% | 10,103 | 57% | 1,385 | 16% | 103 | 43% | 3 | 2% | 30,314 | 44% |
| Black | 2,296 | 8% | 1,354 | 10% | 2,339 | 13% | 3,445 | 40% | 42 | 17% | 38 | 26% | 9,514 | 14% |
| Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾ | 8,539 | 31% | 3,947 | 28% | 2,326 | 13% | 2,551 | 29% | 68 | 28% | 53 | 36% | 17,484 | 26% |
| Asian | 165 | 1% | 566 | 4% | 215 | 1% | 192 | 2% | 1 | * | 43 | 29% | 1,182 | 2% |
| Native American | 43 | * | 21 | * | 59 | * | 7 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | 130 | * |
| Other ⁽⁴⁾ | 19 | * | 11 | * | 7 | * | 1 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | 38 | * |
| Multi-Racial | 681 | 2% | 368 | 3% | 644 | 4% | 152 | 2% | 16 | 7% | --- | --- | 1,861 | 3% |
| Unable to Determine | 960 | 3% | 521 | 4% | 690 | 4% | 343 | 4% | 11 | 5% | 7 | 5% | 2,532 | 4% |
| Missing | 2,421 | 9% | 974 | 7% | 1,491 | 8% | 578 | 7% | --- | --- | 2 | 1% | 5,466 | 8% |
| Total | 27,434 | 100% | 14,172 | 100% | 17,874 | 100% | 8,654 | 100% | 241 | 100% | 146 | 100% | 68,521 | 100% |

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

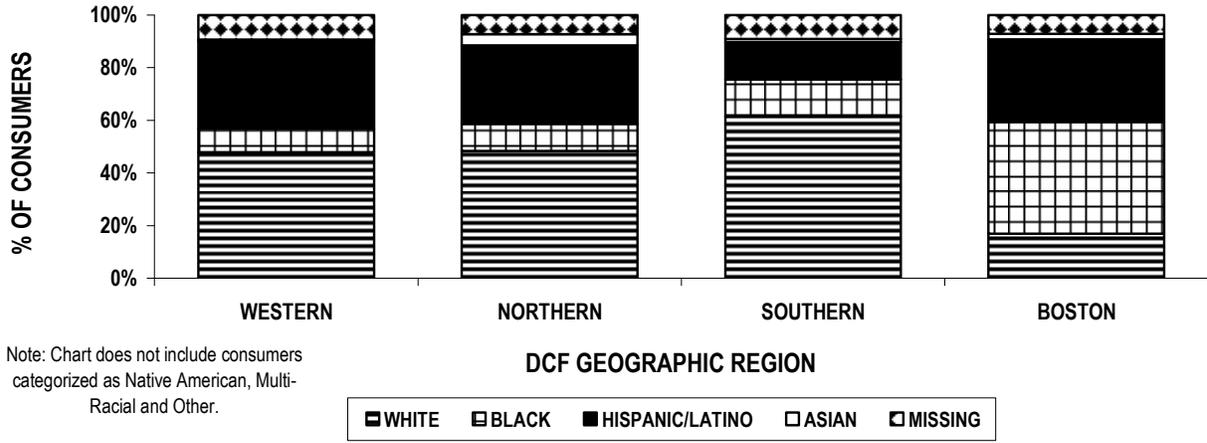
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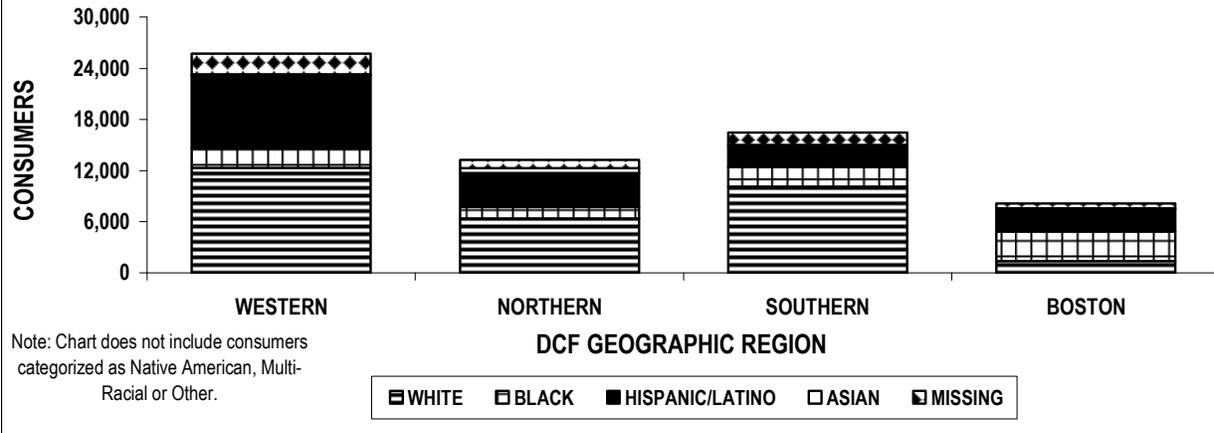
⁽³⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽⁴⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**FIGURE 12A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**



**FIGURE 12B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**



- A racial comparison of children receiving various services from DCF to children residing in Massachusetts⁷ is displayed in **Table 9**. Black children and Hispanic children are over-represented at all stages in the DCF system. However, this comparison of statewide statistics does not take into consideration the significant differences in racial and ethnic composition among communities across the state.

TABLE 9. RACIAL COMPARISON OF CHILDREN RECEIVING SERVICES FROM DCF TO ALL CHILDREN RESIDING IN MASSACHUSETTS (CENSUS 2010)

| Race | Children Less than 18 Years Old | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | State Census ⁷ 2010 | DCF Not in Substitute Care 6/30/12 | DCF All Substitute Care* 6/30/12 | DCF Foster Care 6/30/12 | DCF Congregate Care** 6/30/12 | DCF All Care w/Goal of Adoption 6/30/12 | DCF All Care w/Goal of Guardianship 6/30/12 | DCF Adoptions Legalized FY'2012 | DCF Guardianships Legalized FY'2012 |
| White | 67% | 42% | 47% | 48% | 47% | 48% | 51% | 48% | 48% |
| Hispanic*** | 15% | 32% | 26% | 25% | 25% | 25% | 23% | 24% | 24% |
| Black | 7% | 14% | 15% | 14% | 19% | 14% | 15% | 13% | 17% |
| Asian | 6% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 2% | 2% |
| Native American | <1% | <1% | <1% | <1% | <1% | <1% | <1% | <1% | --- |
| Pacific Islander | <1% | <1% | <1% | <1% | <1% | --- | <1% | --- | --- |
| Multi-Racial | 4% | 4% | 6% | 6% | 5% | 7% | 6% | 8% | 4% |
| Other/Unknown | 1% | 7% | 4% | 5% | 3% | 5% | 3% | 4% | 5% |
| TOTAL % | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| TOTAL # | 1,418,923 | 27,579 | 7,467 | 5,803 | 1,369 | 2,286 | 615 | 758 | 390 |

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

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

*** Hispanic/Latino of any race.

- **Appendix Table A10** on page 75 displays the racial composition (and Hispanic origin) of children residing in the 13 largest cities in Massachusetts. There is a high minority representation in Brockton, Boston, Lawrence, and Springfield. Hispanic children are most prevalent in Lawrence, Springfield, and Lynn. The relatively higher proportion of “Other/Unknown” race in Lawrence, Springfield, and Lynn is most likely a reflection of the large Hispanic/Latino population—many do not identify with any race. The proportion of Asian children is highest in Quincy and Lowell.

⁷ U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, Tables P1, P2, P3, and P4.

B. Preferred Language of All Consumers

- The Western and Northern Regions had the highest numbers of Spanish-speaking consumers, 2,087 and 1,057 consumers, respectively (**Table 10**). Haitian Creole was the preferred language of 346 DCF consumers (1% statewide). Khmer-speaking (Cambodian) consumers were mainly concentrated in the North. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Haitian Creole (North/South/Boston), Portuguese (South/North), Cape Verdean Creole (South/Boston), Vietnamese (Boston/West), and Lao (North) (**Table 10**).

TABLE 10. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)

| Primary Language | DCF Geographic Region | | | | | | | | Adoption | | | | Total | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Western | | Northern | | Southern | | Boston | | Contracts ⁽¹⁾ | | Other ⁽²⁾ | | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Spanish | 2,087 | 8% | 1,057 | 7% | 523 | 3% | 898 | 10% | 5 | 2% | 52 | 36% | 4,622 | 7% |
| Haitian Creole | 6 | * | 124 | 1% | 108 | 1% | 107 | 1% | --- | --- | 1 | 1% | 346 | 1% |
| Portuguese | 39 | * | 114 | 1% | 136 | 1% | 13 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | 302 | * |
| Khmer (Cambodian) | 2 | * | 150 | 1% | 12 | * | 5 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | 169 | * |
| Cape Verdean Creole | 1 | * | 13 | * | 143 | 1% | 96 | 1% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 253 | * |
| Vietnamese | 47 | * | 10 | * | 28 | * | 60 | 1% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 145 | * |
| Chinese | --- | --- | 13 | * | 47 | * | 32 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | 92 | * |
| Lao | 1 | * | 15 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 16 | * |
| American Sign Language | 14 | * | 18 | * | 5 | * | 9 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | 46 | * |
| Other | 477 | 2% | 198 | 1% | 262 | 1% | 110 | 1% | --- | --- | 65 | 45% | 1,112 | 2% |
| English\Unspecified | 24,760 | 90% | 12,460 | 88% | 16,610 | 93% | 7,324 | 85% | 236 | 98% | 28 | 19% | 61,418 | 90% |
| Total | 27,434 | 100% | 14,172 | 100% | 17,874 | 100% | 8,654 | 100% | 241 | 100% | 146 | 100% | 68,521 | 100% |

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

- From 1987 to 1997, there were substantial increases in consumers whose preferred languages were Khmer, Lao, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and Spanish (table on next page). In the following decade (1997-2007), there were declines in consumers from all of these language groups. Although there was a decline in consumers with these preferred/primary languages, there was not a decline in DCF consumers from these ethnic groups. As with all immigrant groups, their children become fluent in English. The new immigrant communities continue to grow, but as time passes those who are only fluent in their native language make up a smaller proportion of their community.
- Comparing DCF consumers by preferred language on June 2007 and June 2012, showed an increase in some language groups and a decrease in others (table on next page). The most significant changes were: a decline in Khmer (-53%) and increases in Cape Verdean Creole (73%), Chinese (70%), and Haitian Creole (33%). During this period, the count of total consumers decreased 13%.

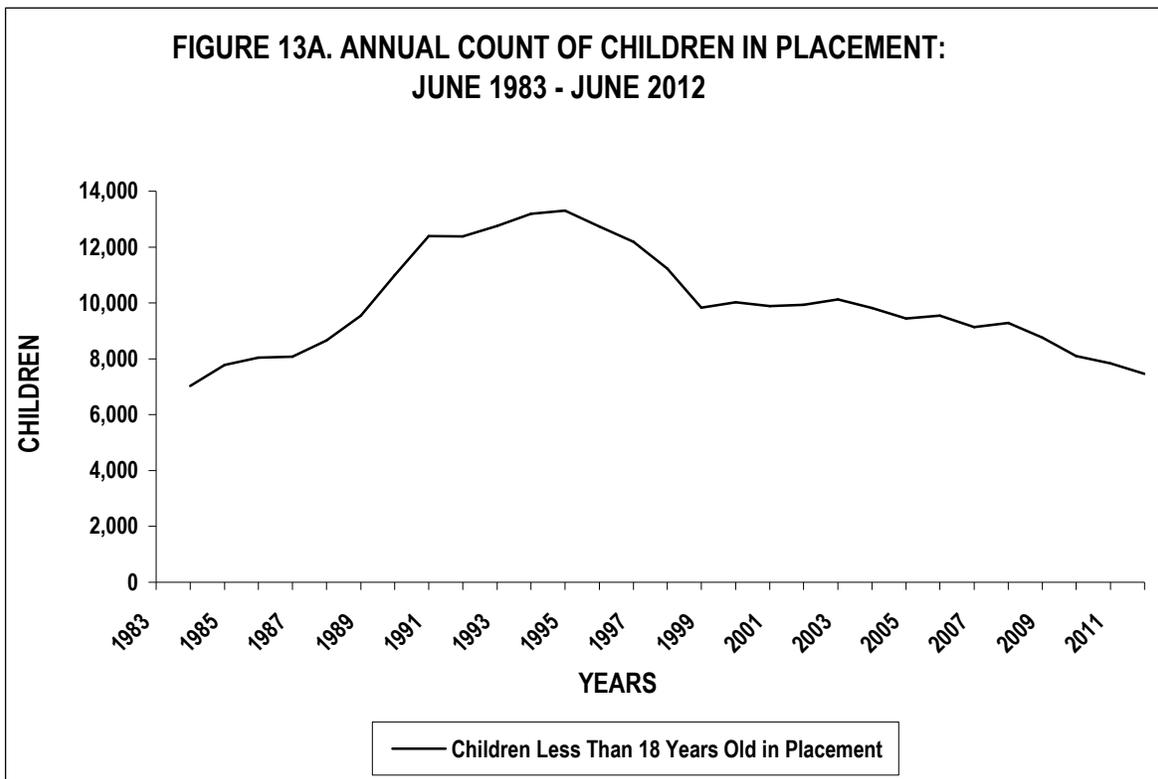
STATEWIDE:

| Primary Language | Consumers Jul. 1987 No. | Consumers Jul. 1997 No. | Consumers Jun. 2007 No. | Consumers Jun. 2012 No. | 2007-2012 Change % |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| English/Unspecified* | 60,784 | 66,404 | 71,398 | 61,418 | -14% |
| Spanish | 3,664 | 6,334 | 4,516 | 4,622 | 2% |
| Haitian Creole | 175 | 360 | 260 | 346 | 33% |
| Portuguese | 530 | 380 | 303 | 302 | --- |
| Cape Verdean Creole | 174 | 247 | 146 | 253 | 73% |
| Khmer Cambodian | 253 | 851 | 356 | 169 | -53% |
| Vietnamese | 146 | 273 | 167 | 145 | -13% |
| Chinese | 71 | 61 | 54 | 92 | 70% |
| American Sign Language | 47 | 23 | 41 | 46 | 12% |
| Lao | 30 | 74 | 20 | 16 | -20% |
| Other | 213 | 310 | 1,459 | 1,112 | -24% |
| Total | 66,087 | 75,317 | 78,720 | 68,521 | -13% |

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

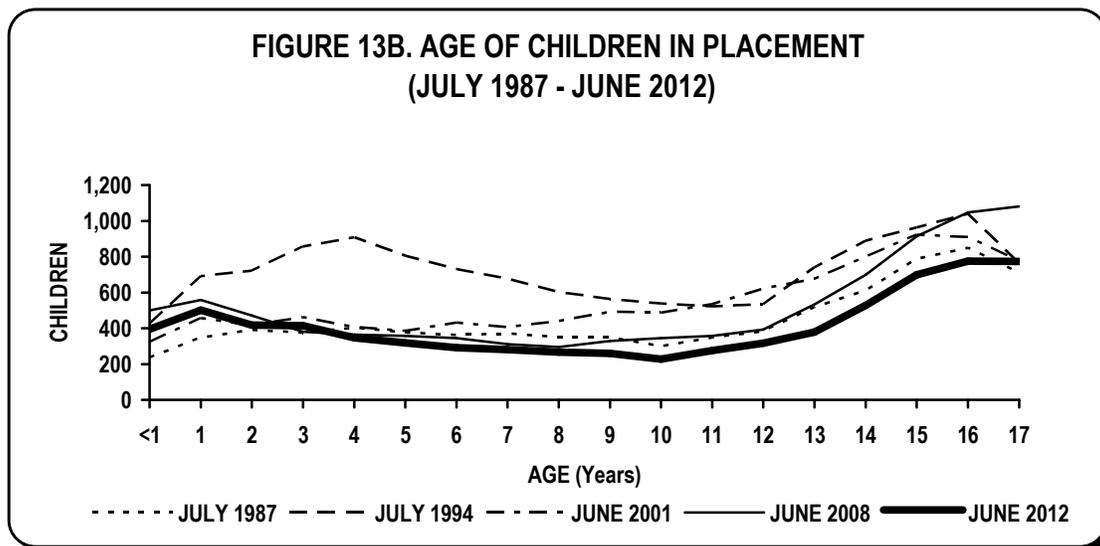
V. PROFILE OF CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT⁸

- The number of children less than 18 years old in placement (7,467) increased less than 1% from the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY'2012 (**Appendix Table A1** on page 67, **Fig. 14** on page 26). The highest number of children less than 18 years old in placement was recorded in 1995 (13,302 children). The annual count of children in placement has been on a downward trend since 1995. (**Fig. 13A, Appendix Table A1**)



⁸Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 to 23 years old.

- Figure 13B** shows the ages of children in placement at five points in time. From 1987 to 1994, the number of younger children in care increased at a faster rate than the number of adolescents. Peak numbers of young children were reached in 1994. Thereafter, the trend reversed as subsequent age curves showed a gradual reduction in the young child population. By the years 2008-2012, the age distributions of children in placement dropped to levels that approached the 1987 curve. In 2008, there was a resurgence at both extremes of the age distribution—16-17 years old and <1-2 years old. These increases were only temporary as all ages declined in 2012. It should be noted that the total number of children in care (less than 18 years old) at each point in time was 8,078 in 1987, 12,977 in 1994, 9,889 in 2001, 9,287 in 2008, and 7,467 in 2012.



- Statewide, 21% (or 7,467) 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: 22% in the North; 21% in the South; 20% in both Boston and the West. (**Table 11** on next page)
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield and Haverhill area offices had the highest proportions in placement (31% and 29%, respectively). The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Van Wart (15%) and Cambridge (14%) area offices. (**Table 11**)

TABLE 11. CHILD⁽¹⁾ CASELOAD BY DCF AREA OFFICE: FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)

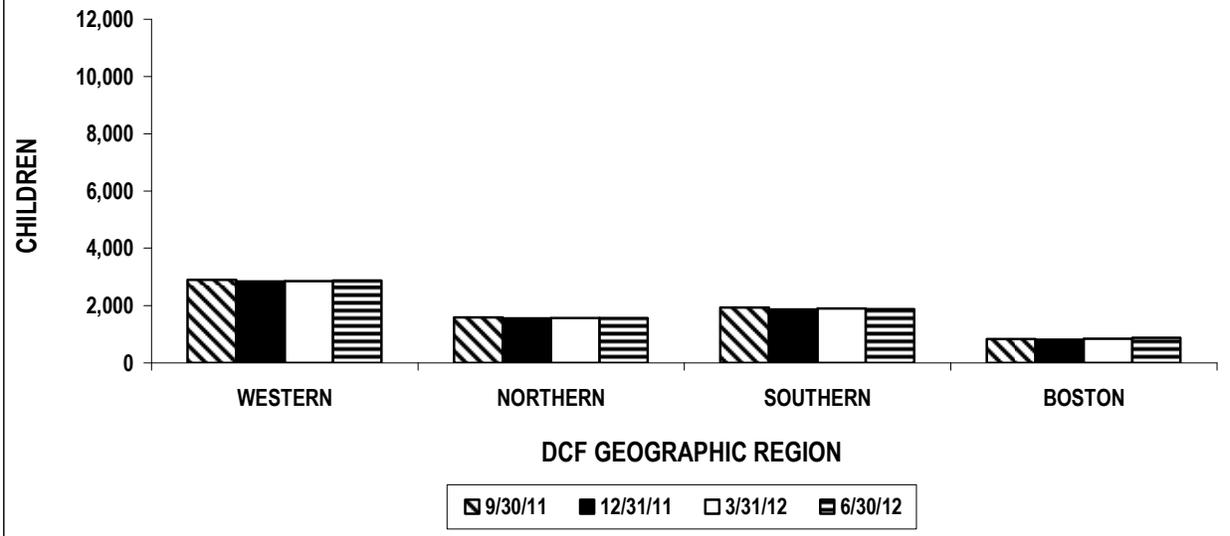
| DCF Region/Area | Not in Placement | In Placement | Total Child Caseload | % in Placement |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Greenfield | 796 | 270 | 1,066 | 25% |
| Holyoke | 1,160 | 288 | 1,448 | 20% |
| North Central | 1,589 | 366 | 1,955 | 19% |
| Pittsfield | 700 | 314 | 1,014 | 31% |
| Robert Van Wart | 1,963 | 337 | 2,300 | 15% |
| South Central | 1,002 | 260 | 1,262 | 21% |
| Springfield | 1,808 | 411 | 2,219 | 19% |
| Worcester East | 1,278 | 306 | 1,584 | 19% |
| Worcester West | 1,178 | 325 | 1,503 | 22% |
| Contracted Agencies | 11 | 4 | 15 | 27% |
| Western | 11,485 | 2,881 | 14,366 | 20% |
| Cambridge | 675 | 107 | 782 | 14% |
| Cape Ann | 753 | 206 | 959 | 21% |
| Framingham | 589 | 179 | 768 | 23% |
| Haverhill | 372 | 153 | 525 | 29% |
| Lawrence | 623 | 153 | 776 | 20% |
| Lowell | 1,178 | 359 | 1,537 | 23% |
| Lynn | 679 | 227 | 906 | 25% |
| Malden | 746 | 180 | 926 | 19% |
| Contracted Agencies | 3 | --- | 3 | --- |
| Northern | 5,618 | 1,564 | 7,182 | 22% |
| Arlington | 521 | 148 | 669 | 22% |
| Brockton | 1,014 | 223 | 1,237 | 18% |
| Cape Cod | 663 | 212 | 875 | 24% |
| Coastal | 718 | 204 | 922 | 22% |
| Fall River | 949 | 335 | 1,284 | 26% |
| New Bedford | 1,432 | 345 | 1,777 | 19% |
| Plymouth | 754 | 207 | 961 | 22% |
| Taunton/Attleboro | 812 | 198 | 1,010 | 20% |
| Contracted Agencies | 13 | 2 | 15 | 13% |
| Southern | 6,876 | 1,874 | 8,750 | 21% |
| Dimock Street | 733 | 240 | 973 | 25% |
| Harbor | 973 | 205 | 1,178 | 17% |
| Hyde Park | 774 | 195 | 969 | 20% |
| Park Street | 1,106 | 230 | 1,336 | 17% |
| Contracted Agencies | 4 | 3 | 7 | 43% |
| Boston | 3,590 | 873 | 4,463 | 20% |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾ | 3 | 238 | 241 | 99% |
| Other ⁽³⁾ | 7 | 37 | 44 | 84% |
| Total | 27,579 | 7,467 | 35,046 | 21% |

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.

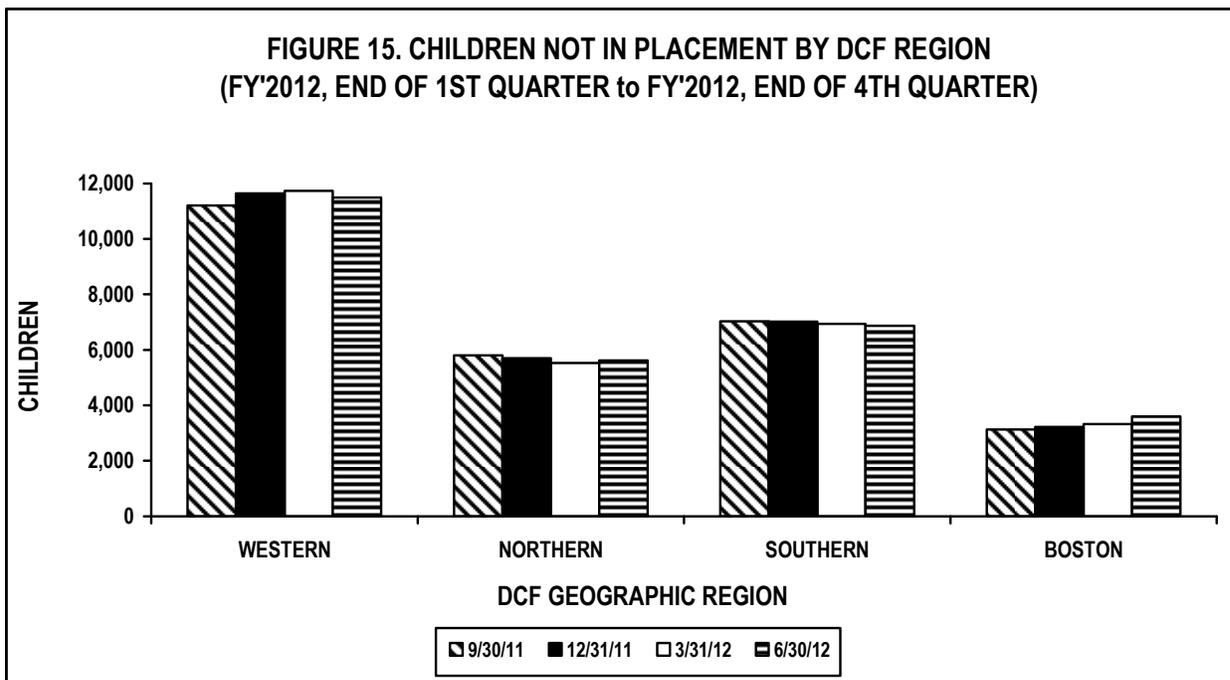
⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

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

**FIGURE 14. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2012, END OF 1ST QUARTER to FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 15. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2012, END OF 1ST QUARTER to FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER)**



A. Demographics of Consumers in Placement

(Combined Counts from All Types of Placement)

- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2012, the statewide placement population was comprised of 52% boys and 48% girls. Regionally, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state (**Table 12A, Fig. 16A** on next page). The proportions of male and female children in the placement population were similar to the general population.⁹
- Statewide, 46% of all consumers in placement were White, 17% were Black, 26% were Hispanic/Latino, 2% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 5% were multi-racial. Race had not been identified for 4% of the placement population. (**Table 12A, Fig. 16A**)
- The proportion of minority consumers in placement, as with the local population, was highest in the Boston Region. (**Table 12A**)

**TABLE 12A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: GENDER AND RACE BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE:
FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

| Characteristics | DCF Geographic Region | | | | | | | | | | Total | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|
| | Western | | Northern | | Southern | | Boston | | Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾ | | | | Other ⁽²⁾ | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Female | 1,575 | 47% | 961 | 48% | 1,062 | 47% | 559 | 52% | 109 | 46% | 44 | 35% | 4,310 | 48% |
| Male | 1,759 | 53% | 1,048 | 52% | 1,195 | 53% | 525 | 48% | 129 | 54% | 83 | 65% | 4,739 | 52% |
| Missing | 2 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 2 | * |
| Total | 3,336 | 100% | 2,009 | 100% | 2,257 | 100% | 1,084 | 100% | 238 | 100% | 127 | 100% | 9,051 | 100% |
| Race: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| White | 1,603 | 48% | 953 | 47% | 1,323 | 59% | 184 | 17% | 102 | 43% | --- | --- | 4,165 | 46% |
| Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾ | 1,037 | 31% | 605 | 30% | 303 | 13% | 282 | 26% | 66 | 28% | 46 | 36% | 2,339 | 26% |
| Black | 379 | 11% | 186 | 9% | 342 | 15% | 536 | 49% | 42 | 18% | 36 | 28% | 1,521 | 17% |
| Asian | 16 | * | 93 | 5% | 15 | 1% | 20 | 2% | 1 | * | 38 | 30% | 183 | 2% |
| Native American | 3 | * | 3 | * | 9 | * | 1 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | 16 | * |
| Other ⁽⁴⁾ | 2 | * | 2 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 4 | * |
| Multi-Racial | 167 | 5% | 102 | 5% | 159 | 7% | 35 | 3% | 16 | 7% | --- | --- | 479 | 5% |
| Unable to Determine | 129 | 4% | 65 | 3% | 106 | 5% | 26 | 2% | 11 | 5% | 7 | 6% | 344 | 4% |
| Total | 3,336 | 100% | 2,009 | 100% | 2,257 | 100% | 1,084 | 100% | 238 | 100% | 127 | 100% | 9,051 | 100% |

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

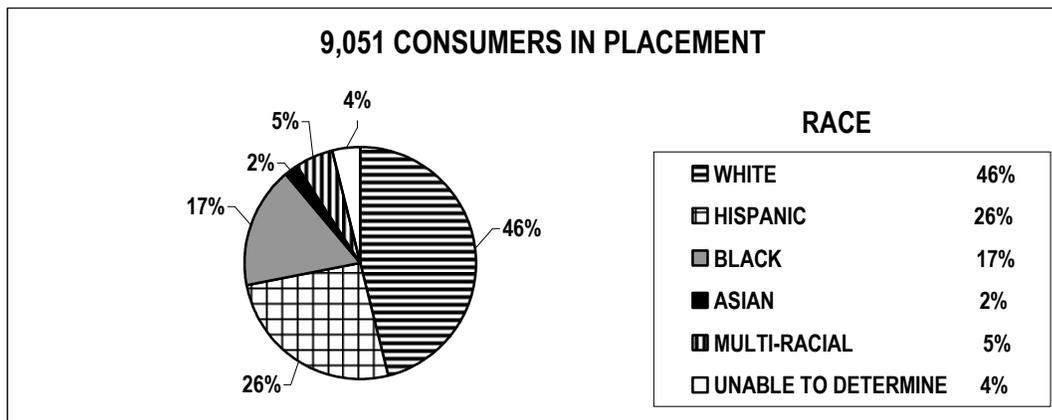
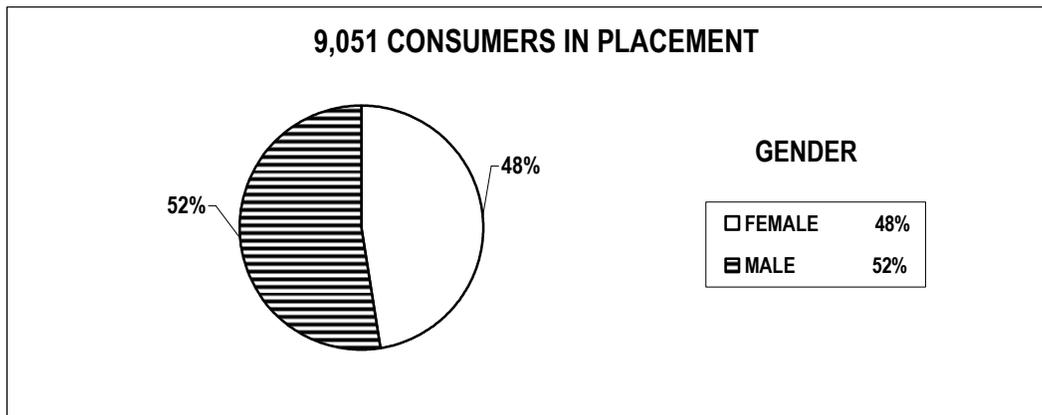
⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

⁽³⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽⁴⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

⁹ Massachusetts Child Population 2010: 51% male (725,399) and 49% female (693,524). U.S. Census Bureau. Table DP-1. Profile of General Population and Housing Characteristics 2010, Demographic Profile Data Massachusetts (factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?src=bkmk)

**FIGURE 16A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY GENDER AND RACE
STATEWIDE: FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**



- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DCF Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 36% to 44%. (**Table 12B** on page 30)
- The proportion of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 14% in the Western Region to 22% in the Northern Region. (**Table 12B**)

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

- The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were Family Reunification (32% of all consumers in placement), Adoption (25%), and Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement¹⁰ (APPLA) (21%). The Boston and Northern Regions had the highest proportions of consumers in placement with a goal of APPLA. (**Table 12B** on next page, **Fig. 16B** on page 31)
- The remaining service plan goals were: Permanent Care with Kin¹¹ (7% of all consumers in placement), Guardianship (7%), and Stabilization of Family (5%).
- On 6/30/2012, 39% of the statewide placement population had a length of stay of more than 2 years,¹² 20% had been in continuous care between 1 and 2 years, and 40% for 1 year or less. (**Table 12B, Fig. 16B**)
- The North and Boston had the highest proportions of consumers in continuous care¹³ for more than two years (45% and 40%, respectively). The South and West had the highest proportions of consumers in care for one year or less (43% and 42%, respectively). (**Table 12B**)
- **Table 13A** on the next page displays the race of consumers in placement by their length of time in continuous care. There was a tendency for a greater proportion of Black consumers to be in care for more than two years as compared to other races (47% for Black vs. 38% for White, 40% for Hispanic, 34% for Multi-Racial). This racial disparity is mainly due to the larger proportion of Black consumers in placement who were 18 years or older (**Table 13B** on page 33). Consumers 18 years or older accounted for 55% of all consumers in placement for more than 4 years and another 22% who were in placement for 2-4 years (**Table 13C** on page 33).
- Twenty-eight percent of Black consumers in placement had a goal of “Family Reunification,” compared to 32% for Hispanic and 33% for White consumers (**Table 14** on page 32). There was a greater proportion of Black consumers with a goal of “Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement” (APPLA) and a lower proportion with a goal of “Adoption” as compared to White and Hispanic consumers—29% Black vs. 19% White and 21% Hispanic for APPLA; 21% Black vs. 25% Hispanic and 26% White for adoption.

¹⁰ The APPLA goal is for youth 16 years or older to establish a lifelong permanent connection, as well as to obtain life skills training and a stable living environment that will support youth development into and through adulthood. This goal includes youths who will be transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health, Developmental Services, and Public Health upon turning 22 years old.

¹¹ The goal of permanent placement with kin is to provide children with a committed, nurturing, and lifelong relationship in a licensed kinship family setting.

¹² Length of stay in placement, as measured by a “point-in-time snapshot” of consumers residing in care, is not representative of all individuals who spend time in care during some specified period. It is biased because consumers in continuous long-term placement are over-represented in “snapshot” counts while many others who enter and leave placement quickly are not counted at all.

¹³ Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child’s most recent home removal episode start date to the Quarter End Date (June 30, 2012).

**TABLE 12B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE
BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE: FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

| Characteristics | DCF Geographic Region | | | | | | | | | | Total | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|
| | Western | | Northern | | Southern | | Boston | | Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾ | | | | Other ⁽²⁾ | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Age Group: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (0 - 2 yrs) | 552 | 17% | 239 | 12% | 342 | 15% | 143 | 13% | 38 | 16% | --- | --- | 1,314 | 15% |
| (3 - 5 yrs) | 412 | 12% | 209 | 10% | 300 | 13% | 98 | 9% | 58 | 24% | 2 | 2% | 1,079 | 12% |
| (6 - 11 yrs) | 622 | 19% | 291 | 14% | 430 | 19% | 160 | 15% | 93 | 39% | 6 | 5% | 1,602 | 18% |
| (12 - 17 yrs) | 1,295 | 39% | 825 | 41% | 802 | 36% | 472 | 44% | 49 | 21% | 29 | 23% | 3,472 | 38% |
| 18 or older | 455 | 14% | 445 | 22% | 383 | 17% | 211 | 19% | --- | --- | 90 | 71% | 1,584 | 18% |
| Total | 3,336 | 100% | 2,009 | 100% | 2,257 | 100% | 1,084 | 100% | 238 | 100% | 127 | 100% | 9,051 | 100% |
| Service Plan Goals: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Family Reunification | 1,136 | 34% | 586 | 29% | 791 | 35% | 363 | 33% | 3 | 1% | --- | --- | 2,879 | 32% |
| Adoption | 911 | 27% | 448 | 22% | 522 | 23% | 192 | 18% | 217 | 91% | --- | --- | 2,290 | 25% |
| APPLA ⁽³⁾ | 565 | 17% | 506 | 25% | 457 | 20% | 280 | 26% | 1 | * | 69 | 54% | 1,878 | 21% |
| Permanent Care with Kin | 223 | 7% | 175 | 9% | 153 | 7% | 57 | 5% | 2 | 1% | 30 | 24% | 640 | 7% |
| Guardianship | 207 | 6% | 136 | 7% | 172 | 8% | 100 | 9% | 13 | 5% | --- | --- | 628 | 7% |
| Stabilization of Family | 189 | 6% | 100 | 5% | 103 | 5% | 50 | 5% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 442 | 5% |
| Unspecified as of run-date | 105 | 3% | 58 | 3% | 59 | 3% | 42 | 4% | 2 | 1% | 28 | 22% | 294 | 3% |
| Total | 3,336 | 100% | 2,009 | 100% | 2,257 | 100% | 1,084 | 100% | 238 | 100% | 127 | 100% | 9,051 | 100% |
| Continuous Time in Care: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (.5 yr or less) | 865 | 26% | 486 | 24% | 578 | 26% | 272 | 25% | 4 | 2% | 20 | 16% | 2,225 | 25% |
| (> .5 - 1 yr) | 520 | 16% | 265 | 13% | 375 | 17% | 159 | 15% | 16 | 7% | 15 | 12% | 1,350 | 15% |
| (> 1 - 1.5 yrs) | 392 | 12% | 230 | 11% | 300 | 13% | 134 | 12% | 44 | 18% | 17 | 13% | 1,117 | 12% |
| (> 1.5 - 2 yrs) | 293 | 9% | 137 | 7% | 189 | 8% | 87 | 8% | 30 | 13% | 17 | 13% | 753 | 8% |
| (> 2 - 4 yrs) | 660 | 20% | 412 | 21% | 387 | 17% | 187 | 17% | 72 | 30% | 37 | 29% | 1,755 | 19% |
| > 4 yrs | 606 | 18% | 479 | 24% | 428 | 19% | 245 | 23% | 72 | 30% | 21 | 17% | 1,851 | 20% |
| Total | 3,336 | 100% | 2,009 | 100% | 2,257 | 100% | 1,084 | 100% | 238 | 100% | 127 | 100% | 9,051 | 100% |

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

⁽³⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

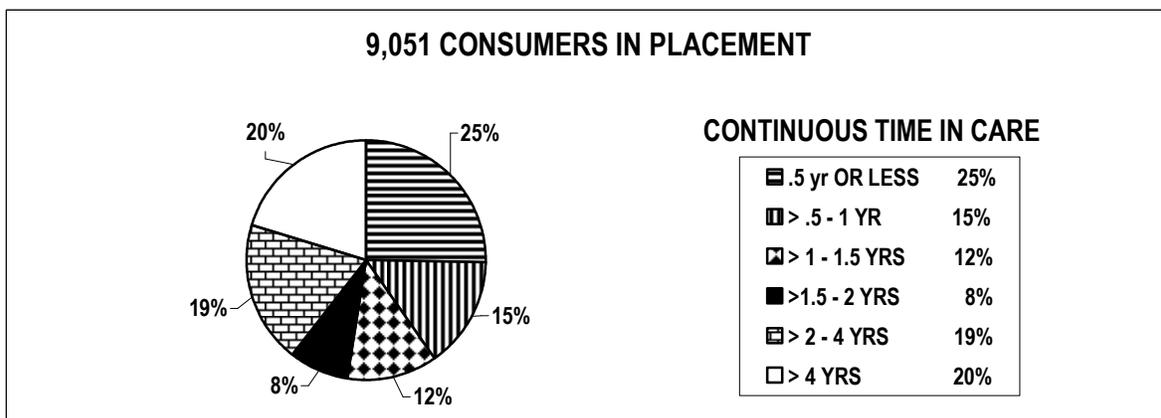
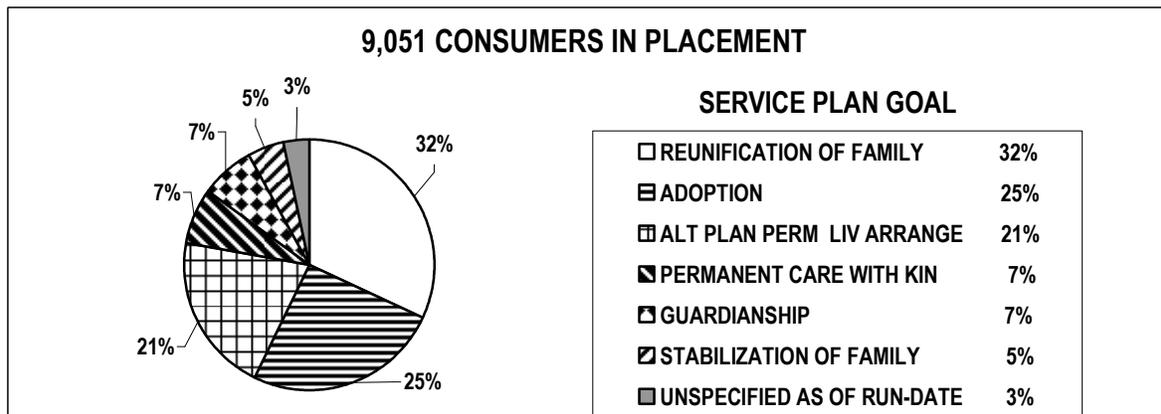
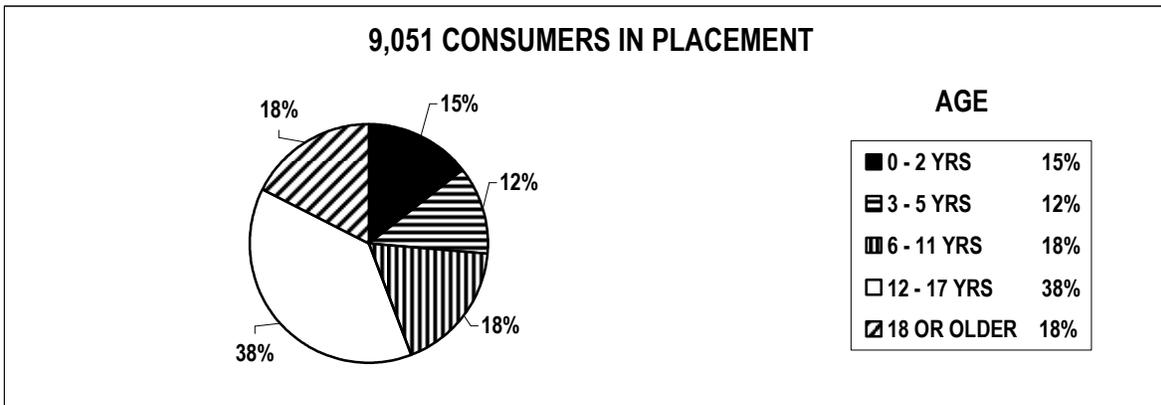
**TABLE 13A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

| Continuous Time in Care | Race of Consumers | | | | | | | | | | | | Total | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| | White | | Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾ | | Black | | Asian | | Native American | | Other ⁽²⁾ | | | | Multi-Racial | | Unable to Determine | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| (.5 yr or less) | 1,057 | 25% | 577 | 25% | 304 | 20% | 41 | 22% | 1 | 6% | 2 | 50% | 135 | 28% | 108 | 31% | 2,225 | 25% |
| (> .5 - 1 yr) | 647 | 16% | 355 | 15% | 202 | 13% | 16 | 9% | 5 | 31% | 1 | 25% | 61 | 13% | 63 | 18% | 1,350 | 15% |
| (> 1 - 1.5 yrs) | 521 | 13% | 283 | 12% | 175 | 12% | 25 | 14% | 3 | 19% | --- | --- | 74 | 15% | 36 | 10% | 1,117 | 12% |
| (> 1.5 - 2 yrs) | 347 | 8% | 184 | 8% | 135 | 9% | 12 | 7% | 1 | 6% | --- | --- | 47 | 10% | 27 | 8% | 753 | 8% |
| (> 2 - 4 yrs) | 781 | 19% | 462 | 20% | 284 | 19% | 60 | 33% | 4 | 25% | --- | --- | 96 | 20% | 68 | 20% | 1,755 | 19% |
| > 4 yrs | 812 | 19% | 478 | 20% | 421 | 28% | 29 | 16% | 2 | 13% | 1 | 25% | 66 | 14% | 42 | 12% | 1,851 | 20% |
| Total | 4,165 | 100% | 2,339 | 100% | 1,521 | 100% | 183 | 100% | 16 | 100% | 4 | 100% | 479 | 100% | 344 | 100% | 9,051 | 100% |

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽²⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**FIGURE 16B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT
STATEWIDE: FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**



**TABLE 14. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

| Service Plan Goal | Race of Consumers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Total | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| | White | | Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾ | | Black | | Asian | | Native American | | Other ⁽²⁾ | | Multi-Racial | | | | Unable to Determine | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Family Reunification | 1,361 | 33% | 758 | 32% | 425 | 28% | 41 | 22% | 4 | 25% | 2 | 50% | 177 | 37% | 111 | 32% | 2,879 | 32% |
| Adoption | 1,094 | 26% | 578 | 25% | 318 | 21% | 26 | 14% | 7 | 44% | --- | --- | 156 | 33% | 111 | 32% | 2,290 | 25% |
| APPLA ⁽³⁾ | 774 | 19% | 495 | 21% | 448 | 29% | 62 | 34% | 2 | 13% | --- | --- | 60 | 13% | 37 | 11% | 1,878 | 21% |
| Permanent Care with Kin | 299 | 7% | 153 | 7% | 121 | 8% | 27 | 15% | 2 | 13% | --- | --- | 14 | 3% | 24 | 7% | 640 | 7% |
| Guardianship | 318 | 8% | 147 | 6% | 97 | 6% | 9 | 5% | 1 | 6% | 1 | 25% | 35 | 7% | 20 | 6% | 628 | 7% |
| Stabilization of Family | 195 | 5% | 131 | 6% | 58 | 4% | 10 | 5% | --- | --- | 1 | 25% | 26 | 5% | 21 | 6% | 442 | 5% |
| Unspecified as of run-date | 124 | 3% | 77 | 3% | 54 | 4% | 8 | 4% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 11 | 2% | 20 | 6% | 294 | 3% |
| Total | 4,165 | 100% | 2,339 | 100% | 1,521 | 100% | 183 | 100% | 16 | 100% | 4 | 100% | 479 | 100% | 344 | 100% | 9,051 | 100% |

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽²⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

⁽³⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 15. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

| Service Plan Goal | Age Group of Consumers | | | | | | | | | | Total | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|---------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | | (3 - 5 yrs) | | (6 - 11 yrs) | | (12 - 17 yrs) | | 18 or older | | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Family Reunification | 575 | 20% | 368 | 13% | 575 | 20% | 1,333 | 46% | 28 | 1% | 2,879 | 100% |
| Adoption | 610 | 27% | 581 | 25% | 733 | 32% | 362 | 16% | 4 | * | 2,290 | 100% |
| APPLA ⁽¹⁾ | 2 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | 542 | 29% | 1,334 | 71% | 1,878 | 100% |
| Permanent Care with Kin | 2 | * | 5 | 1% | 28 | 4% | 485 | 76% | 120 | 19% | 640 | 100% |
| Guardianship | 36 | 6% | 82 | 13% | 160 | 25% | 337 | 54% | 13 | 2% | 628 | 100% |
| Stabilization of Family | 42 | 10% | 30 | 7% | 73 | 17% | 255 | 58% | 42 | 10% | 442 | 100% |
| Unspecified as of run-date | 47 | 16% | 13 | 4% | 33 | 11% | 158 | 54% | 43 | 15% | 294 | 100% |
| Total | 1,314 | 15% | 1,079 | 12% | 1,602 | 18% | 3,472 | 38% | 1,584 | 18% | 9,051 | 100% |

⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 16. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

| Service Plan Goal | Continuous Time in Placement | | | | | | | | | | Total | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------|---------------|------------|----------------|------------|----------------|-----------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| | (.5yr or less) | | (> .5 - 1 yr) | | (>1 - 1.5 yrs) | | (>1.5 - 2 yrs) | | (>2 - 4 yrs) | | | | > 4 yrs | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Family Reunification | 1,478 | 51% | 758 | 26% | 321 | 11% | 123 | 4% | 152 | 5% | 47 | 2% | 2,879 | 100% |
| Adoption | 88 | 4% | 289 | 13% | 435 | 19% | 314 | 14% | 738 | 32% | 426 | 19% | 2,290 | 100% |
| APPLA ⁽¹⁾ | 88 | 5% | 135 | 7% | 145 | 8% | 154 | 8% | 451 | 24% | 905 | 48% | 1,878 | 100% |
| Permanent Care with Kin | 19 | 3% | 31 | 5% | 46 | 7% | 51 | 8% | 170 | 27% | 323 | 50% | 640 | 100% |
| Guardianship | 18 | 3% | 67 | 11% | 133 | 21% | 101 | 16% | 206 | 33% | 103 | 16% | 628 | 100% |
| Stabilization of Family | 298 | 67% | 52 | 12% | 26 | 6% | 7 | 2% | 25 | 6% | 34 | 8% | 442 | 100% |
| Unspecified as of run-date | 236 | 80% | 18 | 6% | 11 | 4% | 3 | 1% | 13 | 4% | 13 | 4% | 294 | 100% |
| Total | 2,225 | 25% | 1,350 | 15% | 1,117 | 12% | 753 | 8% | 1,755 | 19% | 1,851 | 20% | 9,051 | 100% |

⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 13B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND AGE GROUP:
STATEWIDE FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

| Race | Age Group of Consumers | | | | | | | | | | Total | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|---------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | | (3 - 5 yrs) | | (6 - 11 yrs) | | (12 - 17 yrs) | | 18 or older | | No. | % |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | | |
| White | 648 | 16% | 525 | 13% | 784 | 19% | 1,548 | 37% | 660 | 16% | 4,165 | 100% |
| Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾ | 292 | 12% | 248 | 11% | 406 | 17% | 976 | 42% | 417 | 18% | 2,339 | 100% |
| Black | 157 | 10% | 148 | 10% | 243 | 16% | 601 | 40% | 372 | 24% | 1,521 | 100% |
| Asian | 9 | 5% | 19 | 10% | 18 | 10% | 74 | 40% | 63 | 34% | 183 | 100% |
| Native American | 6 | 38% | 4 | 25% | --- | --- | 5 | 31% | 1 | 6% | 16 | 100% |
| Other ⁽²⁾ | --- | --- | 1 | 25% | --- | --- | 3 | 75% | --- | --- | 4 | 100% |
| Multi-Racial | 97 | 20% | 84 | 18% | 100 | 21% | 160 | 33% | 38 | 8% | 479 | 100% |
| Unable to Determine | 105 | 31% | 50 | 15% | 51 | 15% | 105 | 31% | 33 | 10% | 344 | 100% |
| Total | 1,314 | 15% | 1,079 | 12% | 1,602 | 18% | 3,472 | 38% | 1,584 | 18% | 9,051 | 100% |

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽²⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**TABLE 13C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

| Continuous Time in Care | Age Group of Consumers | | | | | | | | | | Total | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | | (3 - 5 yrs) | | (6 - 11 yrs) | | (12 - 17 yrs) | | 18 or older | | No. | % |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | | |
| (.5 yr or less) | 503 | 38% | 277 | 26% | 399 | 25% | 950 | 27% | 96 | 6% | 2,225 | 25% |
| (> .5 - 1 yr) | 326 | 25% | 177 | 16% | 241 | 15% | 504 | 15% | 102 | 6% | 1,350 | 15% |
| (> 1 - 1.5 yrs) | 253 | 19% | 160 | 15% | 206 | 13% | 417 | 12% | 81 | 5% | 1,117 | 12% |
| (> 1.5 - 2 yrs) | 124 | 9% | 101 | 9% | 165 | 10% | 268 | 8% | 95 | 6% | 753 | 8% |
| (> 2 - 4 yrs) | 108 | 8% | 315 | 29% | 363 | 23% | 623 | 18% | 346 | 22% | 1,755 | 19% |
| > 4 yrs | --- | --- | 49 | 5% | 228 | 14% | 710 | 20% | 864 | 55% | 1,851 | 20% |
| Total | 1,314 | 100% | 1,079 | 100% | 1,602 | 100% | 3,472 | 100% | 1,584 | 100% | 9,051 | 100% |

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

- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2012 (6/30/12), the median time in continuous care was 1.1 years and the median¹⁴ age was 11.0 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. (See table on next page)
- Over the past 20 years, the median age of children in care has ranged from 9.1 to 12.6 years while median time in placement has fluctuated between 1.1 and 1.6 years. The total population of children in placement has decreased from a high of 13,056 in 1995 to 7,467 in 2012. (See table on next page)

¹⁴ Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

| Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Date | Median Age (yrs) | Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs) | Number of Children |
| 7/93 | 9.3 | 1.6 | 12,577 |
| 7/94 | 9.1 | 1.4 | 12,977 |
| 7/95 | 9.2 | 1.3 | 13,056 |
| 7/96 | 9.7 | 1.4 | 12,643 |
| 7/97 | 10.2 | 1.4 | 11,957 |
| 9/98 | 10.2 | 1.5 | 10,503 |
| 6/99 | 10.8 | 1.3 | 9,834 |
| 6/00 | 11.4 | 1.3 | 10,025 |
| 6/01 | 11.5 | 1.2 | 9,889 |
| 6/02 | 11.8 | 1.3 | 9,932 |
| 6/03 | 12.1 | 1.3 | 10,127 |
| 6/04 | 12.3 | 1.4 | 9,815 |
| 6/05 | 12.5 | 1.3 | 9,439 |
| 6/06 | 12.6 | 1.2 | 9,543 |
| 6/07 | 12.6 | 1.2 | 9,132 |
| 6/08 | 12.0 | 1.1 | 9,287 |
| 6/09 | 11.4 | 1.2 | 8,755 |
| 6/10 | 11.5 | 1.2 | 8,097 |
| 6/11 | 11.2 | 1.2 | 7,841 |
| 9/11 | 11.0 | 1.2 | 7,544 |
| 12/11 | 11.1 | 1.2 | 7,355 |
| 3/12 | 11.3 | 1.2 | 7,455 |
| 6/12 | 11.0 | 1.1 | 7,467 |

- An age breakdown of children in placement by race¹⁵ is presented in the following table. Minority children were a couple of years older than White children. Time in placement was a couple of months longer for Black children compared to White and Hispanic children. (See table below). On 6/30/12, 46% of children less than 18 years old in placement were adolescents. Please note that the statistics in the following table are for children less than 18 years old.

| Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement on 6/30/12 | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Race | Median Age (yrs) | Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs) | Number of Children |
| White | 10.3 | 1.1 | 3,505 |
| Black | 12.4 | 1.3 | 1,149 |
| Hispanic/Latino | 12.2 | 1.1 | 1,922 |
| Asian | 14.2 | 1.1 | 120 |
| Native American | 4.6 | 1.3 | 15 |
| Pacific Islander | ---- | ---- | 4 |
| Multi-Racial | 8.0 | 1.1 | 441 |
| Unable to Determine | 6.1 | 0.9 | 311 |
| Total | 11.0 | 1.1 | 7,467 |

¹⁵ Hispanic/Latino includes children of any race.

- The table below displays the median age and continuous time in care for all children less than 18 years old in placement on 6/30/2012. These children may have been in different types of placement prior to this quarter end-date.
- Excluding Pre-Adoptive foster children, Unrestricted, Kinship, and Child Specific foster children are the youngest and have spent the least amount of time in continuous care. Pre-Adoptive foster children have the lowest median age but a relatively longer length of stay—waiting for termination of parental rights.
- Compared to other types of foster care, the 8 children in Independent Living had the highest median age and lowest continuous time in care. One child was 16-17 years old and 7 children were 17-18 years old. They were in school or vocational programs and needed financial support to transition to living independently. Please note that this analysis does not include foster children 18 years or older in the independent living program. Ninety-nine percent of consumers in the foster care Independent Living program were 18 or older (pages 54-55).
- Children in contracted IFC were older and had spent more time in continuous care compared to children in most other types of foster care—the exception being Pre-adoptive foster children.
- Children in the different congregate care programs were similar in age but differed in their length of stay. Most of the Residential children were in residential schools. The group home category of Independent Living includes group homes as well as supervised or supported apartments designed for older adolescents who are developing the skills to live in the community in their own homes or apartments. There were 24 children in this placement service (5 sixteen year olds and 19 seventeen year olds). Eighty-three percent of consumers in the congregate care Independent Living program were 18 years or older (pages 54-55).
- The STARR program is a short-term residential placement service; this is reflected in the 0.1 year median length of stay.

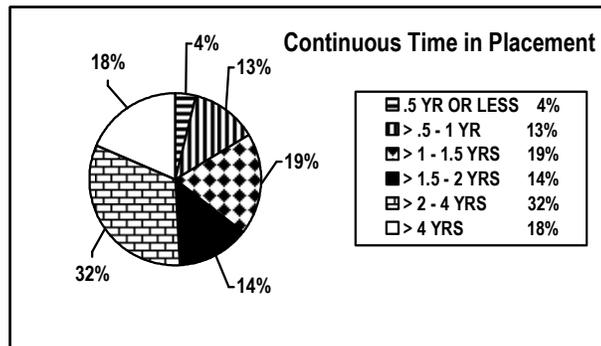
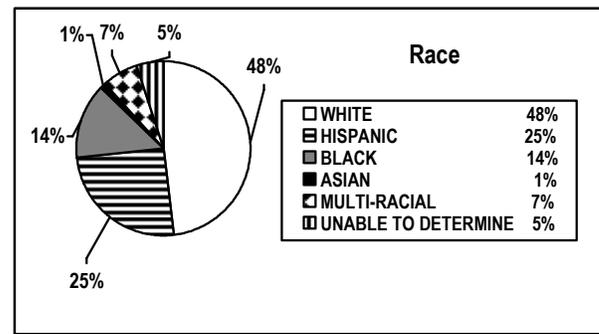
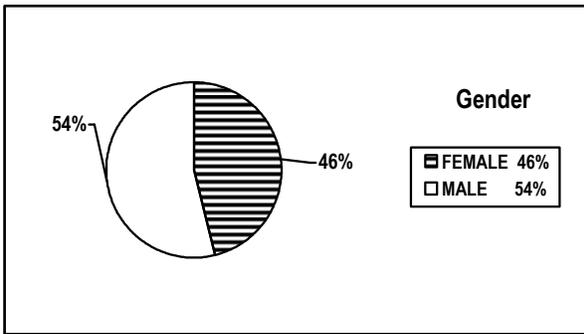
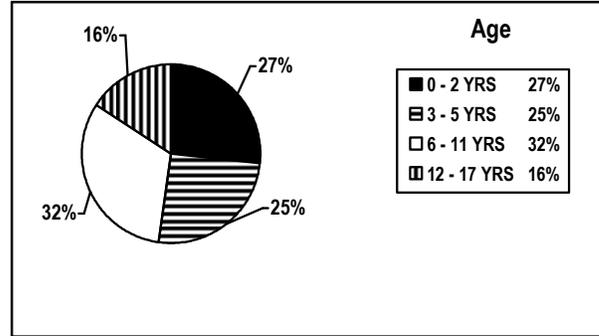
Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement

| Placement Type as of 6/30/2012 | Median Age (yrs) | Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs) | Number of Children |
|---|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Foster Care: | | | |
| Unrestricted | 5.4 | 0.8 | 1,676 |
| Kinship | 6.2 | 1.0 | 1,757 |
| Child Specific | 8.9 | 1.2 | 395 |
| Pre-Adoptive | 4.8 | 2.3 | 428 |
| Independent Living (< 18 yrs) | 17.6 | 0.4 | 8 |
| IFC (contracted) | 14.1 | 1.7 | 1,539 |
| Congregate Care: | | | |
| Group Home | 15.6 | 1.3 | 543 |
| Residential | 15.5 | 2.1 | 466 |
| STARR | 14.9 | 0.1 | 336 |
| Independent Living (<18 yrs) | 17.5 | 2.7 | 24 |
| On the Run & Non-Referral Locations | 16.3 | 0.8 | 295 |
| Total | 11.0 | 1.1 | 7,467 |

D. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,290 consumers (includes 4 youths over 18 years old) in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,094 (48%) were White, 318 (14%) were Black, 578 (25%) were Hispanic/Latino, 26 (1%) were Asian, 7 (<1%) were Native American, and 156 (7%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 111 (5%) consumers. (**Tables 14 and 15** on page 32, **Fig. 17** on next page)
- The age distribution of 2,290 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 27% age 0-2 years, 25% age 3-5 years, 32% age 6-11 years, and 16% age 12-17 years. (**Table 15, Fig. 17**)
- Fifty-four percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 46% were female. (**Fig. 17**)
- Fifty-one percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of adoption had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (**Table 16** on page 32, **Fig. 17**)
- Forty-nine percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of guardianship had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (**Table 16**)

**FIGURE 17. AGE, GENDER, RACE, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT OF CONSUMERS WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**



- There has been a decline in the number of children¹⁶ in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of children with a goal of adoption fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In 2001, children in placement with a goal of adoption dropped below 3,000. Over the years, changes in the number of children with a goal of adoption have often coincided with changes in the placement population. (See table below)
- Over the past 22 years, there have been relatively minor fluctuations in the proportion of children in placement with a goal of adoption—ranging from a high of 35% in 1994 to a low of 26% in 2006. For the past three years, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has been stable at 31-32%. (See table below)

Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement

| Date mo/yr | Children in Placement | Children in Placement with a Goal of Adoption | % of Children with a Goal of Adoption |
|---------------|-----------------------|---|---|
| 7/91 | 12,397 | 3,541 | 29% |
| 7/92 | 12,311 | 4,116 | 33% |
| 7/93 | 12,577 | 4,244 | 34% |
| 7/94 | 12,977 | 4,522 | 35% |
| 7/95 | 13,056 | 4,352 | 33% |
| 7/96 | 12,463 | 4,251 | 34% |
| 7/97 | 11,957 | 3,673 | 31% |
| 12/97 | 11,170 | 3,489 | 31% |
| 9/98 | 10,503 | 3,393 | 32% |
| 6/99 | 9,834 | 3,107 | 32% |
| 6/00 | 10,025 | 3,175 | 32% |
| 6/01 | 9,889 | 2,860 | 29% |
| 6/02 | 9,932 | 2,837 | 29% |
| 6/03 | 10,127 | 2,861 | 28% |
| 6/04 | 9,815 | 2,763 | 28% |
| 6/05 | 9,439 | 2,573 | 27% |
| 6/06 | 9,543 | 2,452 | 26% |
| 6/07 | 9,132 | 2,549 | 28% |
| 6/08 | 9,287 | 2,494 | 27% |
| 6/09 | 8,755 | 2,525 | 29% |
| 6/10 | 8,097 | 2,478 | 31% |
| 6/11 | 7,841 | 2,468 | 31% |
| 9/11 | 7,544 | 2,390 | 32% |
| 12/11 | 7,355 | 2,368 | 32% |
| 3/12 | 7,455 | 2,340 | 31% |
| 6/12 | 7,467 | 2,286 | 31% |

NOTES: Children are less than 18 years old

¹⁶ Children are less than 18 years old.

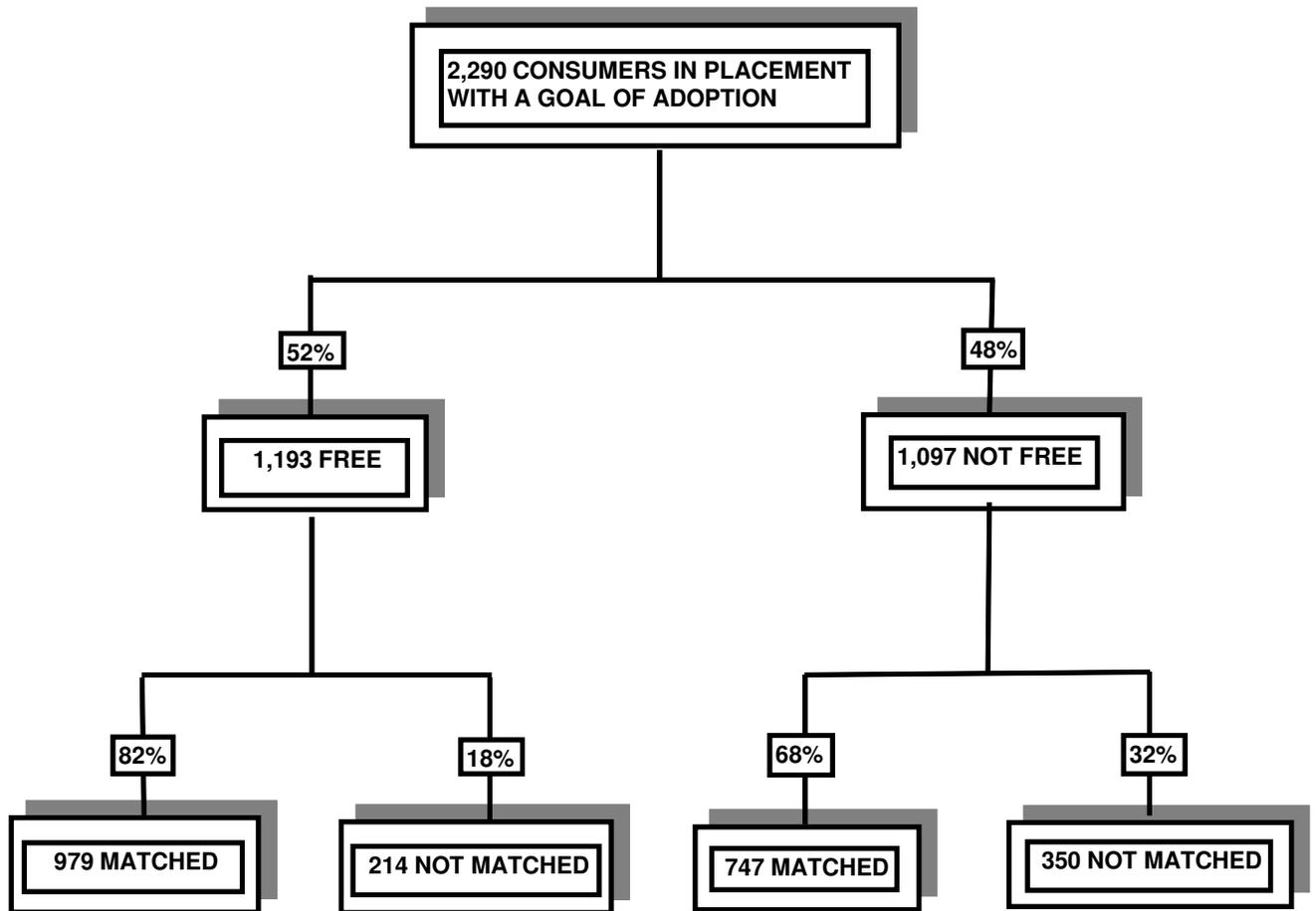
- Of the 2,290 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 52% were legally free for adoption. Eighty-two percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. (**Fig. 18** on next page)
- The adolescent age group had the highest proportion of children who were legally free for adoption (see table below). The larger proportions of older children legally free is a reflection of the difficulty in achieving adoptions for older children. The younger children who are legally free are being adopted while the adolescents who are legally free are “stuck” in placement. A separate analysis of children adopted in FY’2011 showed that the proportion of older children (12-17 years old) who were adopted accounted for only 7% of all adoptions. The amount of time from being legally freed to adoption is much longer for these older children.

| Children in Placement 6/30/12 | | | |
|--|---|---|--|
| | 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 | 251 | 610 | 41% |
| 3 – 5 | 323 | 581 | 56% |
| 6 – 11 | 404 | 733 | 55% |
| 12 – 17 | 212 | 362 | 59% |
| Total | 1,190 | 2,286 | 52% |

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

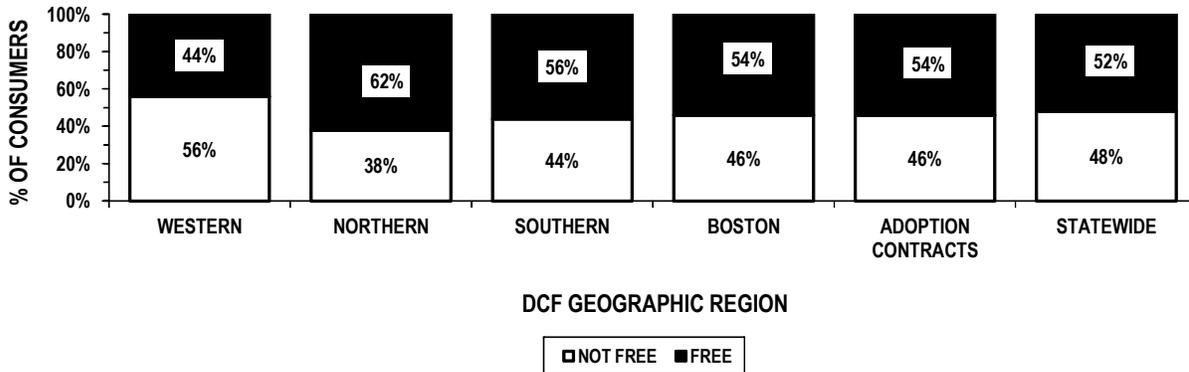
- Of those children with a goal of adoption who were not legally free for adoption (48%), 68% were matched to permanent families (**Fig. 18**).
- The proportion of children in placement with a goal of adoption who were legally free for adoption ranged from 44% in the West to 62% in the North (**Fig. 19** on page 41). On an area office basis, the proportion of legally free children ranged from 34% in North Central to 87% in Lawrence (**Appendix Table A8** on page 73).
- The proportion of children in placement with a goal of adoption who were matched to a permanent family ranged from 59% in Boston to 80% in the West (**Fig. 20** on page 41). Matching a child to an adoptive family can occur before, during, or after the legal proceedings to free a child for adoption. At the area level, the proportion of children matched to a permanent family ranged from 52% in Lynn (81 children) to 100% in Arlington (12 children) (**Appendix Table A9** on page 74).

**FIGURE 18. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION:
 LEGAL STATUS AND MATCH STATUS
 FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

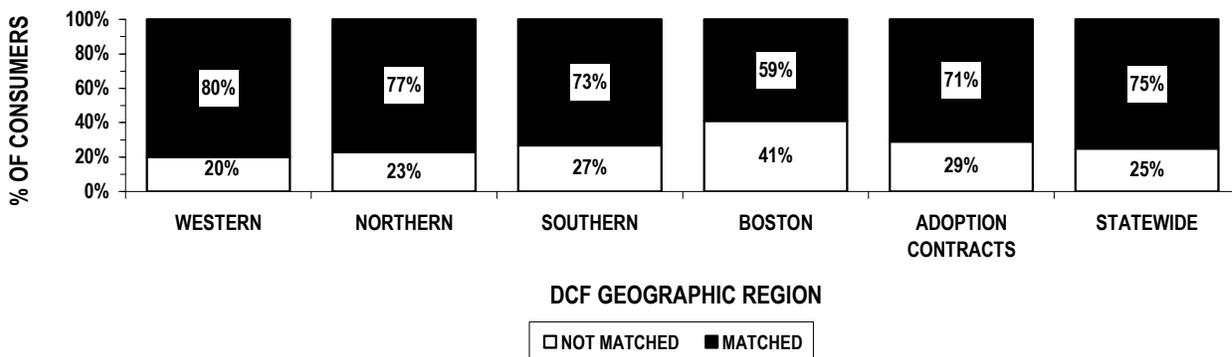


Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption
 Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 19. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS
FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**



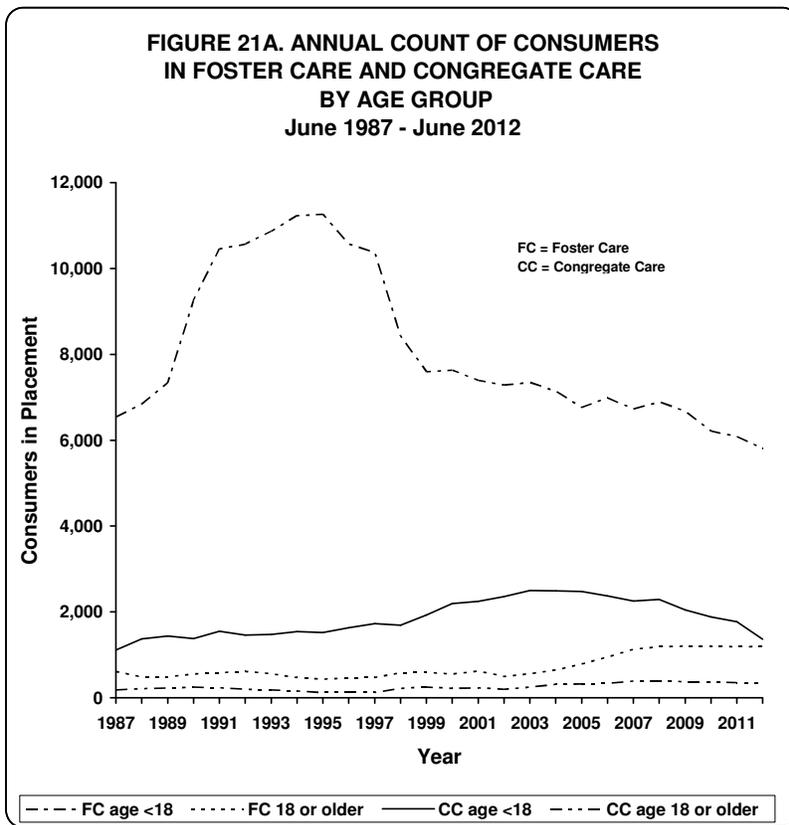
**FIGURE 20. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND WHETHER MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY
FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**



E. Foster and Congregate Care

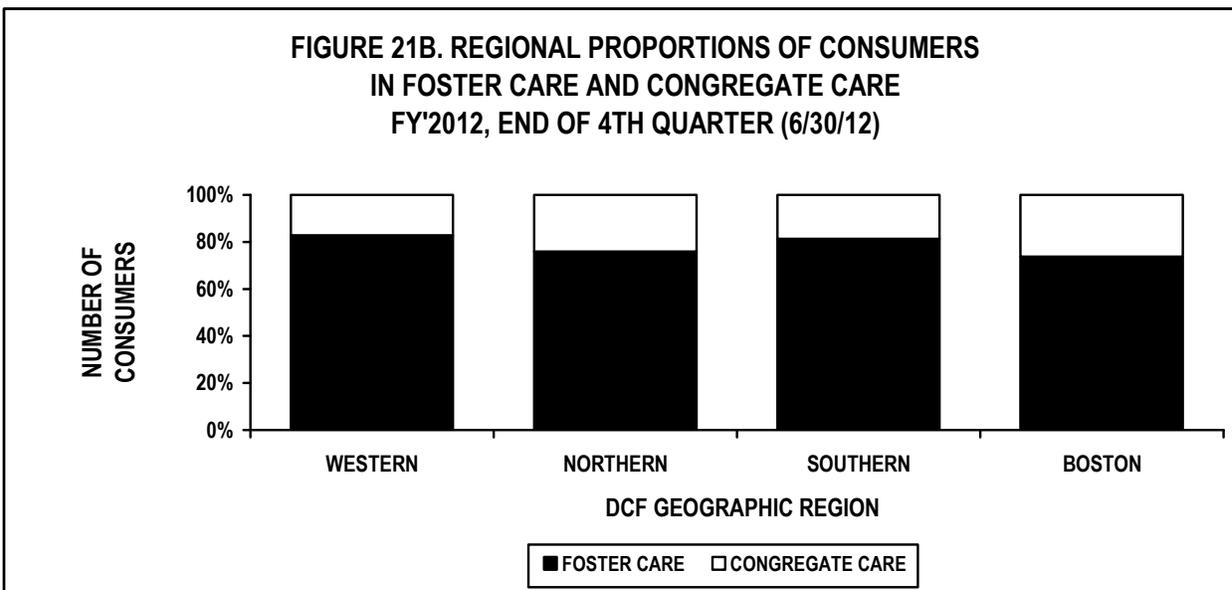
Trends

- The foster and congregate care populations have been declining at different rates for varying lengths of time (**Fig. 21A**). Further differences become evident when separate counts of foster and congregate care consumers are displayed by age group—less than 18 years old vs. 18 years or older (**Fig. 21A**).



- Annual counts of consumers less than 18 years old in foster care have been declining since 1995 (**Fig. 21A**). The most precipitous decline occurred from 1995 to 1999; thereafter, the decline progressed at a more moderate rate. Compared to foster care, counts of children less than 18 years old in congregate care have been more stable over the years (**Fig. 21A**). The congregate care population gradually increased during 1987 to 2003. In 2003, it began a downward trend which continued through 2012.
- The number of foster and congregate care children 18 years old or older fluctuated but remained relatively stable from 1987 to 2002 (**Fig. 21A**). In 2003, these populations of young adults began increasing and reached a plateau that extended from 2007 to 2012—around 1,200 individuals in foster care and 350-390 in congregate care (**Fig. 21A**). Children in DCF custody/care who are turning 18 years old have an opportunity to sign a voluntary placement agreement. They are supported by DCF until graduation from a full-time school and vocational training program (through age 23 for a Bachelor's Degree).

- There were 6,997 consumers in foster care and 1,715 consumers in congregate care¹⁷ on the last day of the 4th Quarter of FY'2012. (Table 17A on page 45, Fig. 21B)



- Adolescents (12-17 years) were the primary age group in foster care (27-31% range across regions) and congregate care (68-72% range across regions). (Table 17A)
- Adolescents were also the primary age group in “Other” placement locations¹⁸ (71-87% regional range). (Table 17A)
- The foster care racial proportions ranged from: White—19% in Boston to 60% in the South; Black—9% in the North to 49% in Boston; and Hispanic/Latino—13% in the South to 32% in the West (Table 18A on page 48). The congregate care racial proportions by region were similar to those for foster care (Table 18A).
- The racial distribution of the foster care and congregate care populations by region and type of program/model are presented in Tables 18B and 18C (pages 49-50).

¹⁷Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

¹⁸“Other” includes locations like hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies, as well as children on the run from placement.

- There were 1,790 consumers in “Intensive” foster care¹⁹ (IFC) and 5,207 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (34% of consumers), kinship (35%), child specific (9%), pre-adoptive (8%), and independent living (14%).²⁰ (**Table 17B** on page 46 or **Table 18B** on page 49)
- A breakdown of the number of consumers in Departmental foster care by region is displayed in **Fig. 22B** on page 51.
- The proportions of consumers in different types of foster care are shown for each region in **Figure 22A** (page 51). Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West and South. The South also had the largest proportion of consumers in kinship homes. The proportion of consumers in child-specific homes was similar among regions. The West had the highest proportion of consumers in pre-adoptive homes. Consumers in independent living were proportionally higher in the North and Boston as compared to the other regions. The North and Boston had the largest proportions of consumers in intensive foster care. (**Fig. 22A**)
- The major congregate care programs were group homes (781 consumers), residential (598), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)²¹ (336 consumers). (**Table 17C** on page 47)
- The proportions of consumers in different types of congregate care are shown for each region in **Figure 23A** (on page 52). The West and North had the highest proportions of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential placements was most significant in the Boston Region. The proportion of children in STARR placements was greater in the South. (**Fig. 23A, Table 17C**)
- Regional counts of consumers in group home, residential, and STARR programs are presented in **Fig. 23B** on page 52 and **Table 17C**.
- Consumers in the residential program were mostly situated in Residential schools.²² (**Table 17C**)
- The primary models in the group home program were behavioral treatment residence (BTR) (377 consumers), group home (265), and independent living (139). (**Table 17C**)

¹⁹Intensive 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.

²⁰ The Departmental foster care category of independent living represents payment of the foster care rate directly to youth to subsidize their room and board expenses.

²¹ Services focused on supporting a rapid reintegration or transition to a next placement.

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

**TABLE 17A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

| DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾ | Age Group | Placement Location of Consumers | | | | | | Total No. |
|--|---------------|---------------------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------|
| | | Foster Care | | Congregate Care | | Other ⁽²⁾ | | |
| | | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | |
| Western | | 2,681 | | 555 | | 100 | | 3,336 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 548 | 20% | --- | --- | 4 | 4% | 552 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 405 | 15% | 4 | 1% | 3 | 3% | 412 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 536 | 20% | 66 | 12% | 20 | 20% | 622 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 835 | 31% | 389 | 70% | 71 | 71% | 1,295 |
| | 18 or older | 357 | 13% | 96 | 17% | 2 | 2% | 455 |
| Northern | | 1,456 | | 462 | | 91 | | 2,009 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 236 | 16% | --- | --- | 3 | 3% | 239 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 204 | 14% | 2 | * | 3 | 3% | 209 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 256 | 18% | 27 | 6% | 8 | 9% | 291 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 437 | 30% | 320 | 69% | 68 | 75% | 825 |
| | 18 or older | 323 | 22% | 113 | 24% | 9 | 10% | 445 |
| Southern | | 1,789 | | 410 | | 58 | | 2,257 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 341 | 19% | --- | --- | 1 | 2% | 342 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 293 | 16% | 7 | 2% | --- | --- | 300 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 377 | 21% | 50 | 12% | 3 | 5% | 430 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 477 | 27% | 280 | 68% | 45 | 78% | 802 |
| | 18 or older | 301 | 17% | 73 | 18% | 9 | 16% | 383 |
| Boston | | 749 | | 267 | | 68 | | 1,084 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 143 | 19% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 143 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 96 | 13% | 2 | 1% | --- | --- | 98 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 139 | 19% | 19 | 7% | 2 | 3% | 160 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 221 | 30% | 192 | 72% | 59 | 87% | 472 |
| | 18 or older | 150 | 20% | 54 | 20% | 7 | 10% | 211 |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾ | | 229 | | 6 | | 3 | | 238 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 38 | 17% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 38 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 56 | 24% | 1 | 17% | 1 | 33% | 58 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 90 | 39% | 2 | 33% | 1 | 33% | 93 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 45 | 20% | 3 | 50% | 1 | 33% | 49 |
| Other ⁽⁴⁾ | | 93 | | 15 | | 19 | | 127 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 2 | 2% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 2 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 5 | 5% | 1 | 7% | --- | --- | 6 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 23 | 25% | 4 | 27% | 2 | 11% | 29 |
| | 18 or older | 63 | 68% | 10 | 67% | 17 | 89% | 90 |
| Total | Total | 6,997 | | 1,715 | | 339 | | 9,051 |

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

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

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

**TABLE 17B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

| DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾ | Age Group | Foster Care | | | | | | Foster Care Total | |
|--|---------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| | | Intensive Foster Care | | Departmental Foster Care | | | | | |
| | | Intensive Foster Care | Other | Child Specific | Independent Living | Kinship | Pre-Adoptive | | Unrestricted |
| Western | | 634 | 35 | 199 | 208 | 657 | 194 | 754 | 2,681 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 13 | 3 | 25 | --- | 189 | 67 | 251 | 548 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 31 | 3 | 40 | --- | 143 | 54 | 134 | 405 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 103 | 3 | 41 | --- | 167 | 54 | 168 | 536 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 409 | 18 | 73 | 5 | 144 | 16 | 170 | 835 |
| | 18 or older | 78 | 8 | 20 | 203 | 14 | 3 | 31 | 357 |
| Northern | | 406 | 31 | 100 | 217 | 337 | 58 | 307 | 1,456 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 40 | 2 | 15 | --- | 76 | 15 | 88 | 236 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 36 | 7 | 20 | --- | 73 | 22 | 46 | 204 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 72 | 3 | 11 | --- | 91 | 13 | 66 | 256 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 204 | 8 | 40 | --- | 88 | 8 | 89 | 437 |
| | 18 or older | 54 | 11 | 14 | 217 | 9 | --- | 18 | 323 |
| Southern | | 363 | 19 | 102 | 174 | 554 | 94 | 483 | 1,789 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 13 | 1 | 15 | --- | 121 | 37 | 154 | 341 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 24 | 3 | 13 | --- | 140 | 20 | 93 | 293 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 67 | 3 | 15 | --- | 161 | 31 | 100 | 377 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 210 | 4 | 34 | 3 | 114 | 5 | 107 | 477 |
| | 18 or older | 49 | 8 | 25 | 171 | 18 | 1 | 29 | 301 |
| Boston | | 198 | 10 | 51 | 99 | 213 | 30 | 148 | 749 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 6 | 4 | 18 | --- | 62 | 6 | 47 | 143 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 8 | 2 | 6 | --- | 38 | 10 | 32 | 96 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 48 | 2 | 7 | --- | 59 | 9 | 14 | 139 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 104 | 2 | 12 | --- | 49 | 5 | 49 | 221 |
| | 18 or older | 32 | --- | 8 | 99 | 5 | --- | 6 | 150 |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾ | | 64 | 1 | 10 | | 42 | 56 | 56 | 229 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 2 | --- | 2 | --- | 7 | 10 | 17 | 38 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 12 | --- | 1 | --- | 10 | 16 | 17 | 56 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 27 | 1 | 6 | --- | 19 | 20 | 17 | 90 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 23 | --- | 1 | --- | 6 | 10 | 5 | 45 |
| Other ⁽³⁾ | | 29 | --- | 2 | 23 | --- | --- | 39 | 93 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 2 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 3 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 2 | 5 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 14 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 9 | 23 |
| | 18 or older | 11 | --- | 2 | 23 | --- | --- | 27 | 63 |
| Total | | 1,694 | 96 | 464 | 721 | 1,803 | 432 | 1,787 | 6,997 |

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

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

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

**TABLE 17C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

| DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾ | Congregate Care | | | | | | Total |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| | Behavioral Treatment Residence | Group Home | | Residential | | STARR ⁽³⁾ | |
| | | Group Home | Independent Living | Residential School | Other Residential ⁽²⁾ | | |
| Western | 162 | 96 | 22 | 152 | 4 | 119 | 555 |
| (3 - 5 yrs) | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | 3 | 4 |
| (6 - 11 yrs) | 15 | 11 | --- | 19 | --- | 21 | 66 |
| (12 - 17 yrs) | 133 | 55 | --- | 104 | 2 | 95 | 389 |
| 18 or older | 14 | 29 | 22 | 29 | 2 | | 96 |
| Northern | 88 | 66 | 75 | 147 | 3 | 83 | 462 |
| (3 - 5 yrs) | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 2 | 2 |
| (6 - 11 yrs) | 8 | 3 | --- | 11 | --- | 5 | 27 |
| (12 - 17 yrs) | 72 | 50 | 13 | 107 | 2 | 76 | 320 |
| 18 or older | 8 | 13 | 62 | 29 | 1 | | 113 |
| Southern | 72 | 61 | 17 | 154 | 4 | 102 | 410 |
| (3 - 5 yrs) | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 7 | 7 |
| (6 - 11 yrs) | 12 | 3 | --- | 13 | --- | 22 | 50 |
| (12 - 17 yrs) | 55 | 42 | 3 | 106 | 1 | 73 | 280 |
| 18 or older | 5 | 16 | 14 | 35 | 3 | | 73 |
| Boston | 54 | 38 | 22 | 117 | 8 | 28 | 267 |
| (3 - 5 yrs) | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 2 |
| (6 - 11 yrs) | 5 | 2 | --- | 8 | --- | 4 | 19 |
| (12 - 17 yrs) | 43 | 30 | 8 | 83 | 5 | 23 | 192 |
| 18 or older | 5 | 6 | 14 | 26 | 3 | | 54 |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾ | 1 | --- | --- | 1 | --- | 4 | 6 |
| (3 - 5 yrs) | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 1 |
| (6 - 11 yrs) | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | 1 | 2 |
| (12 - 17 yrs) | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 2 | 3 |
| Other ⁽⁵⁾ | --- | 4 | 3 | 7 | 1 | --- | 15 |
| (6 - 11 yrs) | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | 1 |
| (12 - 17 yrs) | --- | 1 | --- | 3 | --- | --- | 4 |
| 18 or older | --- | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | --- | 10 |
| Total | 377 | 265 | 139 | 578 | 20 | 336 | 1,715 |

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

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

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

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

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

**TABLE 18A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

| DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾ | Race | Placement Location of Consumers | | | | | | Total No. |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------|
| | | Foster Care | | Congregate Care | | Other ⁽²⁾ | | |
| | | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | |
| Western | | 2,681 | | 555 | | 100 | | 3,336 |
| | White | 1,278 | 48% | 280 | 50% | 45 | 45% | 1,603 |
| | Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾ | 845 | 32% | 162 | 29% | 30 | 30% | 1,037 |
| | Black | 292 | 11% | 73 | 13% | 14 | 14% | 379 |
| | Asian | 14 | 1% | 1 | * | 1 | 1% | 16 |
| | Native American | 3 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | 3 |
| | Other ⁽⁴⁾ | 1 | * | --- | --- | 1 | 1% | 2 |
| | Multi-Racial | 135 | 5% | 25 | 5% | 7 | 7% | 167 |
| | Unable to Determine | 113 | 4% | 14 | 3% | 2 | 2% | 129 |
| Northern | | 1,456 | | 462 | | 91 | | 2,009 |
| | White | 677 | 46% | 236 | 51% | 40 | 44% | 953 |
| | Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾ | 447 | 31% | 130 | 28% | 28 | 31% | 605 |
| | Black | 130 | 9% | 50 | 11% | 6 | 7% | 186 |
| | Asian | 73 | 5% | 13 | 3% | 7 | 8% | 93 |
| | Native American | 2 | * | 1 | * | --- | --- | 3 |
| | Other ⁽⁴⁾ | 1 | * | 1 | * | --- | --- | 2 |
| | Multi-Racial | 73 | 5% | 20 | 4% | 9 | 10% | 102 |
| | Unable to Determine | 53 | 4% | 11 | 2% | 1 | 1% | 65 |
| Southern | | 1,789 | | 410 | | 58 | | 2,257 |
| | White | 1,066 | 60% | 229 | 56% | 28 | 48% | 1,323 |
| | Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾ | 236 | 13% | 52 | 13% | 15 | 26% | 303 |
| | Black | 250 | 14% | 82 | 20% | 10 | 17% | 342 |
| | Asian | 11 | 1% | 3 | 1% | 1 | 2% | 15 |
| | Native American | 9 | 1% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 9 |
| | Multi-Racial | 131 | 7% | 27 | 7% | 1 | 2% | 159 |
| | Unable to Determine | 86 | 5% | 17 | 4% | 3 | 5% | 106 |
| Boston | | 749 | | 267 | | 68 | | 1,084 |
| | White | 140 | 19% | 38 | 14% | 6 | 9% | 184 |
| | Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾ | 178 | 24% | 79 | 30% | 25 | 37% | 282 |
| | Black | 368 | 49% | 134 | 50% | 34 | 50% | 536 |
| | Asian | 15 | 2% | 4 | 1% | 1 | 1% | 20 |
| | Native American | 1 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 |
| | Multi-Racial | 29 | 4% | 5 | 2% | 1 | 1% | 35 |
| | Unable to Determine | 18 | 2% | 7 | 3% | 1 | 1% | 26 |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽⁵⁾ | | 229 | | 6 | | 3 | | 238 |
| | White | 97 | 42% | 4 | 67% | 1 | 33% | 102 |
| | Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾ | 63 | 28% | 1 | 17% | 2 | 67% | 66 |
| | Asian | 1 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 |
| | Black | 42 | 18% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 42 |
| | Multi-Racial | 15 | 7% | 1 | 17% | --- | --- | 16 |
| | Unable to Determine | 11 | 5% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 11 |
| Other ⁽⁶⁾ | | 93 | | 15 | | 19 | | 127 |
| | Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾ | 25 | 27% | 8 | 53% | 13 | 68% | 46 |
| | Black | 32 | 34% | 2 | 13% | 2 | 11% | 36 |
| | Asian | 35 | 38% | 2 | 13% | 1 | 5% | 38 |
| | Unable to Determine | 1 | 1% | 3 | 20% | 3 | 16% | 7 |
| Total | | 6,997 | | 1,715 | | 339 | | 9,051 |

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

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

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

⁽³⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽⁴⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

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

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

**TABLE 18B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

| DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾ | Age Group | Foster Care | | | | | | | Foster Care Total |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | | Intensive Foster Care | | Departmental Foster Care | | | | | |
| | | Intensive Foster Care | Other | Child Specific | Independent Living | Kinship | Pre-Adoptive | Unrestricted | |
| Western | | 634 | 35 | 199 | 208 | 657 | 194 | 754 | 2,681 |
| | White | 261 | 16 | 110 | 96 | 377 | 96 | 322 | 1,278 |
| | Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾ | 226 | 15 | 41 | 65 | 186 | 59 | 253 | 845 |
| | Black | 101 | 1 | 28 | 36 | 39 | 16 | 71 | 292 |
| | Asian | 4 | 1 | --- | --- | 1 | 1 | 7 | 14 |
| | Native American | --- | 1 | 1 | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 3 |
| | Other ⁽³⁾ | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 1 |
| | Multi-Racial | 27 | 1 | 9 | 9 | 25 | 12 | 52 | 135 |
| | Unable to Determine | 15 | --- | 10 | 2 | 29 | 10 | 47 | 113 |
| Northern | | 406 | 31 | 100 | 217 | 337 | 58 | 307 | 1,456 |
| | White | 168 | 13 | 51 | 96 | 200 | 21 | 128 | 677 |
| | Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾ | 131 | 9 | 26 | 67 | 82 | 24 | 108 | 447 |
| | Black | 45 | 4 | 7 | 35 | 18 | 3 | 18 | 130 |
| | Asian | 17 | 2 | 5 | 15 | 12 | 2 | 20 | 73 |
| | Native American | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | 2 |
| | Other ⁽³⁾ | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 |
| | Multi-Racial | 28 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 12 | 5 | 18 | 73 |
| | Unable to Determine | 15 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 13 | 2 | 15 | 53 |
| Southern | | 363 | 19 | 102 | 174 | 554 | 94 | 483 | 1,789 |
| | White | 212 | 13 | 69 | 98 | 354 | 50 | 270 | 1,066 |
| | Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾ | 52 | 2 | 7 | 28 | 65 | 10 | 72 | 236 |
| | Black | 61 | 4 | 11 | 32 | 58 | 8 | 76 | 250 |
| | Asian | 2 | --- | --- | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 11 |
| | Native American | 2 | --- | 2 | --- | 3 | --- | 2 | 9 |
| | Multi-Racial | 22 | --- | 5 | 8 | 47 | 11 | 38 | 131 |
| | Unable to Determine | 12 | --- | 8 | 4 | 26 | 13 | 23 | 86 |
| Boston | | 198 | 10 | 51 | 99 | 213 | 30 | 148 | 749 |
| | White | 41 | 3 | 7 | 16 | 42 | 11 | 20 | 140 |
| | Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾ | 56 | 3 | 12 | 26 | 50 | 2 | 29 | 178 |
| | Black | 86 | 3 | 22 | 53 | 108 | 14 | 82 | 368 |
| | Asian | 3 | --- | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 15 |
| | Native American | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 |
| | Multi-Racial | 9 | 1 | 6 | --- | 7 | 1 | 5 | 29 |
| | Unable to Determine | 3 | --- | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 18 |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾ | | 64 | 1 | 10 | --- | 42 | 56 | 56 | 229 |
| | White | 28 | 1 | 2 | --- | 24 | 23 | 19 | 97 |
| | Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾ | 10 | --- | 5 | --- | 10 | 17 | 21 | 63 |
| | Black | 15 | --- | 2 | --- | 6 | 9 | 10 | 42 |
| | Asian | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | 1 |
| | Multi-Racial | 5 | --- | --- | --- | 2 | 5 | 3 | 15 |
| | Unable to Determine | 6 | --- | 1 | --- | --- | 1 | 3 | 11 |
| Other ⁽⁵⁾ | | 29 | --- | 2 | 23 | --- | --- | 39 | 93 |
| | Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾ | 9 | --- | --- | 9 | --- | --- | 7 | 25 |
| | Black | 4 | --- | 2 | 10 | --- | --- | 16 | 32 |
| | Asian | 15 | --- | --- | 4 | --- | --- | 16 | 35 |
| | Unable to Determine | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 |
| Total | | 1,694 | 96 | 464 | 721 | 1,803 | 432 | 1,787 | 6,997 |

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

⁽²⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races.

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

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

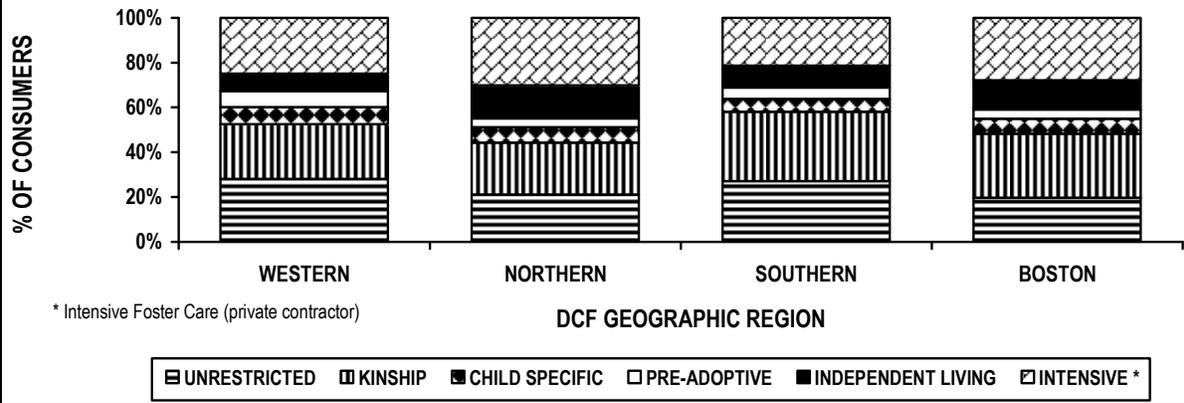
⁽⁵⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**TABLE 18C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

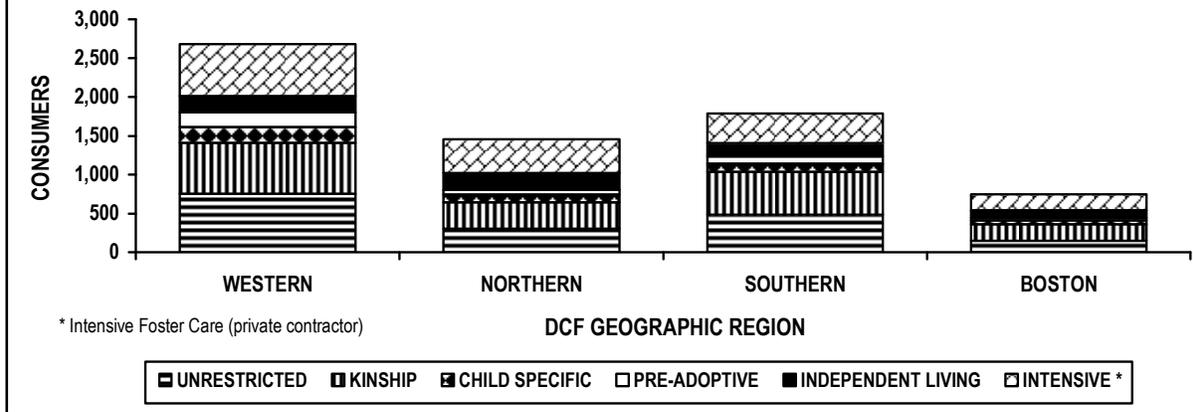
| DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾ | Congregate Care | | | | | | STARR ⁽³⁾ | Total |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------|
| | Group Home | | | Residential | | STARR ⁽³⁾ | | |
| | Behavioral Treatment Residence | Group Home | Independent Living | Residential School | Other Residential ⁽²⁾ | | | |
| Western | 162 | 96 | 22 | 152 | 4 | 119 | 555 | |
| White | 84 | 53 | 5 | 77 | 1 | 60 | 280 | |
| Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾ | 46 | 27 | 6 | 50 | 3 | 30 | 162 | |
| Black | 20 | 11 | 9 | 18 | --- | 15 | 73 | |
| Asian | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 1 | |
| Multi-Racial | 6 | 4 | 1 | 5 | --- | 9 | 25 | |
| Unable to Determine | 6 | 1 | 1 | 2 | --- | 4 | 14 | |
| Northern | 88 | 66 | 75 | 147 | 3 | 83 | 462 | |
| White | 53 | 33 | 36 | 82 | 2 | 30 | 236 | |
| Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾ | 23 | 14 | 24 | 39 | 1 | 29 | 130 | |
| Black | 6 | 10 | 12 | 14 | --- | 8 | 50 | |
| Asian | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 | --- | 4 | 13 | |
| Native American | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | |
| Other ⁽⁵⁾ | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | 1 | |
| Multi-Racial | 2 | 5 | 2 | 4 | --- | 7 | 20 | |
| Unable to Determine | 2 | 1 | --- | 3 | --- | 5 | 11 | |
| Southern | 72 | 61 | 17 | 154 | 4 | 102 | 410 | |
| White | 43 | 40 | 4 | 92 | 3 | 47 | 229 | |
| Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾ | 9 | 9 | 2 | 20 | 1 | 11 | 52 | |
| Black | 9 | 9 | 9 | 24 | --- | 31 | 82 | |
| Asian | --- | 1 | --- | 2 | --- | --- | 3 | |
| Multi-Racial | 8 | 2 | 1 | 8 | --- | 8 | 27 | |
| Unable to Determine | 3 | --- | 1 | 8 | --- | 5 | 17 | |
| Boston | 54 | 38 | 22 | 117 | 8 | 28 | 267 | |
| White | 8 | 5 | 5 | 16 | 1 | 3 | 38 | |
| Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾ | 17 | 9 | 7 | 34 | 3 | 9 | 79 | |
| Black | 24 | 19 | 7 | 66 | 4 | 14 | 134 | |
| Asian | 1 | 3 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 4 | |
| Multi-Racial | 1 | --- | 2 | 1 | --- | 1 | 5 | |
| Unable to Determine | 3 | 2 | 1 | --- | --- | 1 | 7 | |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽⁶⁾ | 1 | --- | --- | 1 | --- | 4 | 6 | |
| White | 1 | --- | --- | 1 | --- | 2 | 4 | |
| Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾ | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 1 | |
| Multi-Racial | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 1 | |
| Other ⁽⁷⁾ | --- | 4 | 3 | 7 | 1 | --- | 15 | |
| Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾ | --- | 2 | 1 | 5 | --- | --- | 8 | |
| Black | --- | 1 | 1 | --- | --- | --- | 2 | |
| Asian | --- | --- | 1 | --- | 1 | --- | 2 | |
| Unable to Determine | --- | 1 | --- | 2 | --- | --- | 3 | |
| Total | 377 | 265 | 139 | 578 | 20 | 336 | 1,715 | |

(1) Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).
(2) "Old" taxonomy includes teen pregnancy/parenting group home.
(3) STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)
(4) Hispanic/Latino includes all races.
(5) Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.
(6) Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.
(7) Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

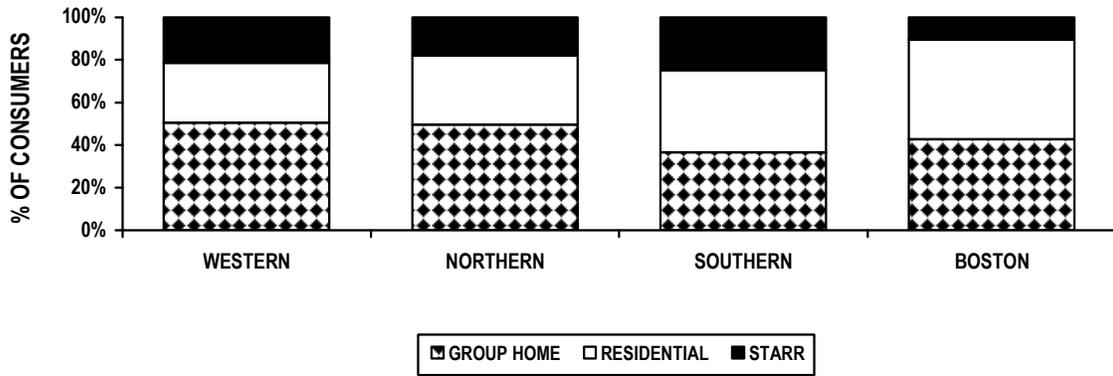
**FIGURE 22A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**



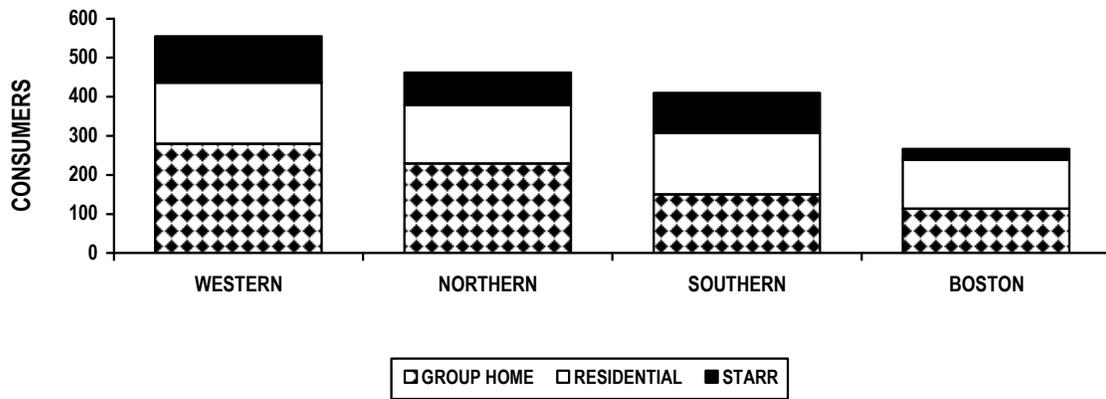
**FIGURE 22B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**



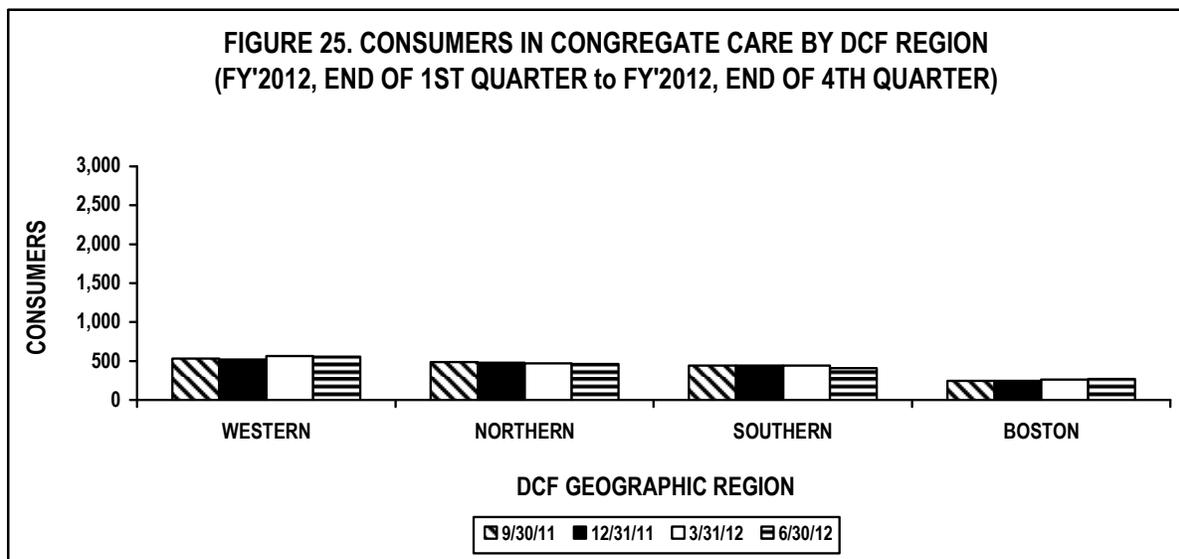
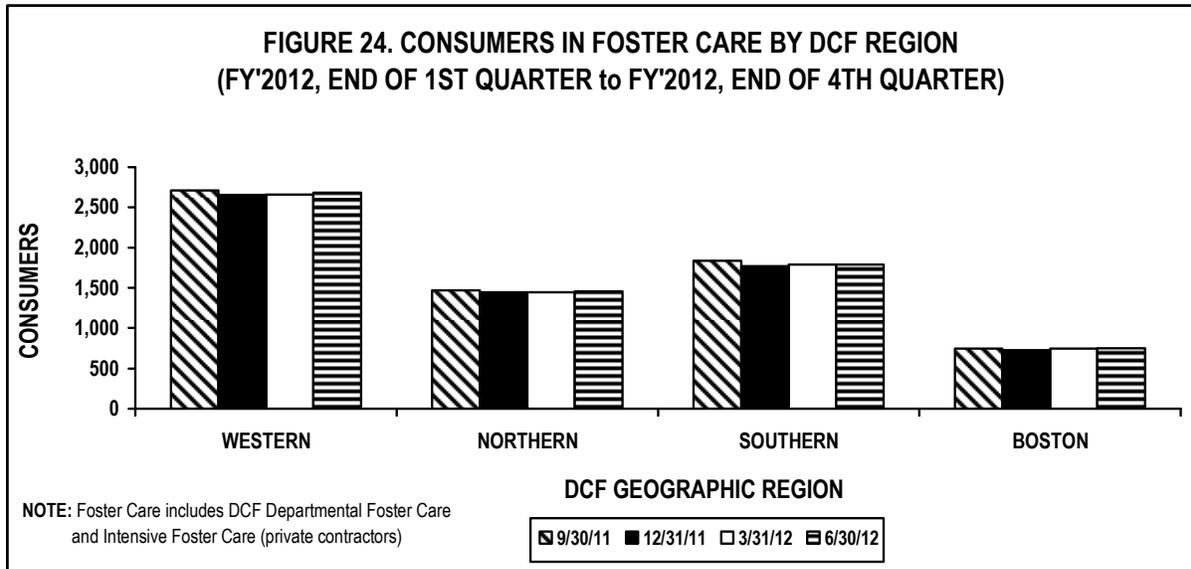
**FIGURE 23A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**



**FIGURE 23B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**



- From the 3rd to the 4th Quarter of FY'2012, there was a decrease of 1% in the congregate care population and an increase of 1% in the foster care population (Figs. 24, 25, and 21A on page 42).²³
- Declines in statewide numbers of consumers in placement, foster care, and congregate care most often occur in the 1st quarter (and 2nd quarter over the past 4 years). Seasonal variation is not the only contributing factor. Annual counts of placement children have shown a steady decline since 1995 (Fig. 13A on page 23, Appendix Table A1 on page 67).



²³ Both foster care and congregate care include young adults 18 years or older.

F. Independent Living

Of the 6,997 consumers in foster care, 721 were in the Departmental foster care category of “Independent Living.” These children are in a school or vocational program and need financial support to transition to living independently. They receive foster care payments directly to pay for room and board expenses as long as they fully participate in an educational or vocational program, and meet with their social worker as arranged. Placement services may be extended to the youth’s 23rd birthday if it is demonstrated that without DCF financial support the student will not complete a Bachelor’s program. On 6/30/2012, the ages of these children ranged from 16 to 23 years old.

Of the 1,715 consumers in congregate care, 139 were in the group home category of “Independent Living.” This placement service includes group homes as well as supervised or supported apartments designed for older adolescents who are developing the skills to live in the community in their own homes or apartments. On 6/30/2012, the ages of these children ranged from 16 to 22 years old.

- The Northern Region had the highest number of independent living children (217 in foster care and 75 in group homes). (See table below).
- Of the 721 youth in the Departmental foster care independent living model, 99% were 18 years or older, 62% were female, 42% were White, 23% were Black, 27% were Hispanic/Latino, and 75% had spent more than two years in continuous substitute care. (See table on next page)
- Of the 139 youth in independent living group homes, 83% were 18 years or older, 50% were female, 36% were White, 27% were Black, 29% were Hispanic/Latino, and 70% had spent more than two years in continuous substitute care. (See table on next page)

Regional Distribution of Youth in the Independent Living Program FY’2012, End of 4th Quarter (6/30/12)

| Departmental Foster Care | | DCF Region | Group Home | |
|--------------------------|------|----------------|------------|------|
| No. | % | | No. | % |
| 208 | 29% | Western | 22 | 16% |
| 217 | 30% | Northern | 75 | 54% |
| 174 | 24% | Southern | 17 | 12% |
| 99 | 14% | Boston | 22 | 16% |
| 23 | 3% | Central Office | 3 | 2% |
| 721 | 100% | TOTAL | 139 | 100% |

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

**Demographic Profile of Youth in the Independent Living Program
FY'2012, End of 4th Quarter (6/30/12)**

| Departmental Foster Care | | | Group Home | |
|---------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| No. | % | | No. | % |
| | | <i>Age Group</i> | | |
| 8 | 1% | 16-17 years | 24 | 17% |
| 713 | 99% | 18 years or Older | 115 | 83% |
| | | <i>Gender</i> | | |
| 277 | 38% | Male | 70 | 50% |
| 444 | 62% | Female | 69 | 50% |
| | | <i>Race</i> | | |
| 306 | 42% | White | 50 | 36% |
| 166 | 23% | Black | 38 | 27% |
| 195 | 27% | Hispanic/Latino | 40 | 29% |
| 26 | 4% | Asian | 2 | 1% |
| --- | --- | Native American | --- | --- |
| 20 | 3% | Multi-Racial | 6 | 4% |
| 8 | 1% | Undetermined | 3 | 2% |
| | | <i>Continuous Time in Care</i> | | |
| 99 | 14% | 1 year or less | 25 | 18% |
| 84 | 12% | >1 – 2 years | 17 | 12% |
| 172 | 24% | >2 – 4 years | 24 | 17% |
| 366 | 51% | >4 years | 73 | 53% |

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

G. Children in Kinship Placement²⁴

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

- Statewide, 24% of all children in placement were in kinship care. The Fall River (38%), Haverhill (34%), and Coastal (34%) area offices had the highest proportions of placement children in kinship. **(Table 19A on next page)**
- Statewide, 28% of White, 20% of Hispanic/Latino, and 19% of Black children in placement were in kinship placements. **(Table 19B on page 58)**
- Of those area offices with more than 30 Hispanic children in placement, Fall River (30%) and South Central (30%) had the largest proportions of Hispanic/Latino children in kinship care. **(Table 19B)**
- Of those area offices with more than 30 Black children in placement, Coastal (33%), Dimock Street (28%), Fall River (26%), and Hyde Park (26%) had the largest proportions of Black children in kinship care. **(Table 19B)**

²⁴ Children are less than 18 years old.

**TABLE 19A. CHILDREN ⁽¹⁾ IN KINSHIP PLACEMENT AS A PROPORTION OF ALL CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT:
FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

| DCF Region/Area | Kinship | Total Children in Placement | % in Kinship |
|--|----------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Greenfield | 82 | 270 | 30% |
| Holyoke | 71 | 288 | 25% |
| North Central | 112 | 366 | 31% |
| Pittsfield | 75 | 314 | 24% |
| Robert Van Wart | 68 | 337 | 20% |
| South Central | 59 | 260 | 23% |
| Springfield | 56 | 411 | 14% |
| Worcester East | 58 | 306 | 19% |
| Worcester West | 62 | 325 | 19% |
| Contracted Agencies | --- | 4 | --- |
| Western | 643 | 2,881 | 22% |
| Cambridge | 17 | 107 | 16% |
| Cape Ann | 47 | 206 | 23% |
| Framingham | 48 | 179 | 27% |
| Haverhill | 52 | 153 | 34% |
| Lawrence | 26 | 153 | 17% |
| Lowell | 71 | 359 | 20% |
| Lynn | 37 | 227 | 16% |
| Malden | 30 | 180 | 17% |
| Northern | 328 | 1,564 | 21% |
| Arlington | 38 | 148 | 26% |
| Brockton | 44 | 223 | 20% |
| Cape Cod | 55 | 212 | 26% |
| Coastal | 70 | 204 | 34% |
| Fall River | 126 | 335 | 38% |
| New Bedford | 84 | 345 | 24% |
| Plymouth | 66 | 207 | 32% |
| Taunton/Attleboro | 53 | 198 | 27% |
| Contracted Agencies | --- | 2 | --- |
| Southern | 536 | 1,874 | 29% |
| Dimock Street | 63 | 240 | 26% |
| Harbor | 50 | 205 | 24% |
| Hyde Park | 45 | 195 | 23% |
| Park Street | 50 | 230 | 22% |
| Contracted Agencies | --- | 3 | --- |
| Boston | 208 | 873 | 24% |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾ | 42 | 238 | 18% |
| Other ⁽³⁾ | --- | 37 | --- |
| Total | 1,757 | 7,467 | 24% |

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.

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

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

**TABLE 19B. RACE OF CHILDREN ⁽¹⁾ IN KINSHIP PLACEMENTS COMPARED TO ALL PLACEMENTS:
FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

| DCF Region/ Area Office | Children in Kinship | | | Total Children in Placement | | | % Kinship Placements | | |
|--|---------------------|------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| | Race | | | Race | | | Race | | |
| | White | Black | Hispanic ⁽²⁾ | White | Black | Hispanic ⁽²⁾ | White | Black | Hispanic ⁽²⁾ |
| Greenfield | 63 | 3 | 5 | 197 | 13 | 27 | 32% | 23% | 19% |
| Holyoke | 20 | 1 | 46 | 79 | 24 | 168 | 25% | 4% | 27% |
| North Central | 75 | 1 | 26 | 202 | 20 | 108 | 37% | 5% | 24% |
| Pittsfield | 59 | 4 | 7 | 218 | 20 | 23 | 27% | 20% | 30% |
| Robert Van Wart | 47 | 4 | 13 | 183 | 28 | 95 | 26% | 14% | 14% |
| South Central | 39 | 2 | 13 | 198 | 7 | 43 | 20% | 29% | 30% |
| Springfield | 8 | 11 | 31 | 58 | 101 | 211 | 14% | 11% | 15% |
| Worcester East | 30 | 6 | 20 | 121 | 44 | 112 | 25% | 14% | 18% |
| Worcester West | 26 | 6 | 23 | 138 | 36 | 118 | 19% | 17% | 19% |
| Contracted Agencies | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 2 | --- | --- | --- |
| Western | 367 | 38 | 184 | 1,394 | 293 | 907 | 26% | 13% | 20% |
| Cambridge | 9 | 2 | 5 | 42 | 21 | 34 | 21% | 10% | 15% |
| Cape Ann | 36 | 4 | 5 | 150 | 12 | 27 | 24% | 33% | 19% |
| Framingham | 24 | 6 | 11 | 98 | 15 | 39 | 24% | 40% | 28% |
| Haverhill | 41 | 1 | 7 | 105 | 5 | 31 | 39% | 20% | 23% |
| Lawrence | 9 | --- | 17 | 40 | --- | 107 | 23% | --- | 16% |
| Lowell | 36 | 2 | 23 | 149 | 17 | 122 | 24% | 12% | 19% |
| Lynn | 16 | 1 | 11 | 66 | 29 | 78 | 24% | 3% | 14% |
| Malden | 25 | --- | 1 | 97 | 23 | 35 | 26% | --- | 3% |
| Northern | 196 | 16 | 80 | 747 | 122 | 473 | 26% | 13% | 17% |
| Arlington | 26 | 1 | 6 | 81 | 22 | 30 | 32% | 5% | 20% |
| Brockton | 24 | 9 | 8 | 96 | 70 | 30 | 25% | 13% | 27% |
| Cape Cod | 38 | 3 | 4 | 134 | 13 | 17 | 28% | 23% | 24% |
| Coastal | 39 | 10 | 5 | 125 | 30 | 14 | 31% | 33% | 36% |
| Fall River | 82 | 10 | 17 | 185 | 39 | 57 | 44% | 26% | 30% |
| New Bedford | 47 | 9 | 15 | 190 | 50 | 65 | 25% | 18% | 23% |
| Plymouth | 52 | 4 | 3 | 163 | 17 | 7 | 32% | 24% | 43% |
| Taunton/Attleboro | 35 | 7 | 5 | 130 | 27 | 19 | 27% | 26% | 26% |
| Contracted Agencies | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- |
| Southern | 343 | 53 | 63 | 1,105 | 268 | 240 | 31% | 20% | 26% |
| Dimock Street | 7 | 36 | 15 | 28 | 129 | 62 | 25% | 28% | 24% |
| Harbor | 24 | 5 | 18 | 85 | 16 | 82 | 28% | 31% | 22% |
| Hyde Park | 2 | 36 | 7 | 14 | 138 | 38 | 14% | 26% | 18% |
| Park Street | 9 | 27 | 9 | 27 | 131 | 48 | 33% | 21% | 19% |
| Contracted Agencies | --- | --- | --- | 3 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Boston | 42 | 104 | 49 | 157 | 414 | 230 | 27% | 25% | 21% |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾ | 24 | 6 | 10 | 102 | 42 | 66 | 24% | 14% | 15% |
| Other ⁽⁴⁾ | --- | --- | --- | --- | 10 | 6 | --- | --- | --- |
| Total | 972 | 217 | 386 | 3,505 | 1,149 | 1,922 | 28% | 19% | 20% |

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.

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

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

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

VI. CONSUMERS ENTERING AND LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER

- During the 4th Quarter of FY'2012, 1,798 consumers entered placement and 2,100 consumers left placement. For individuals with multiple entries and exits during the quarter, only the first entry and last exit were selected. These counts of placement dynamics do not include consumers who changed placements during the quarter. (Table 20 on page 60, Table 21 on page 61)
- Compared to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2012, there was a 6% increase in consumers entering placement and an 11% increase in consumers leaving placement during the 4th Quarter of FY'2012.

A. Entries to Placement

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 4th Quarter of FY'2012, 63% were first-time entrants and 38% were re-entrants.²⁵ Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 57% in the North to 70% in the South. (Table 20, Fig. 26 on page 60)
- Across the state, 67% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 28% were placed in congregate care,²⁶ and 5% were placed in non-referral locations.²⁷
- Regionally, the proportion of all entrants placed in foster care ranged from 58% in the North to 75% in the West. In contrast, the proportion of all entrants placed in congregate care ranged from 21% in the West to 35% in the North. (Table 20, Fig. 27 on page 61)
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Seventy-three percent of first-time entrants and 57% of re-entrants were placed in foster care. Conversely, 36% of re-entrants and 24% of first-time entrants were placed in congregate care. (Table 20)

²⁵ Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

²⁶ Congregate Care includes group home, residential treatment, and short-term residential placement.

²⁷ Non-referral locations include hospitals, nursing homes, and placements supervised by other state agencies.

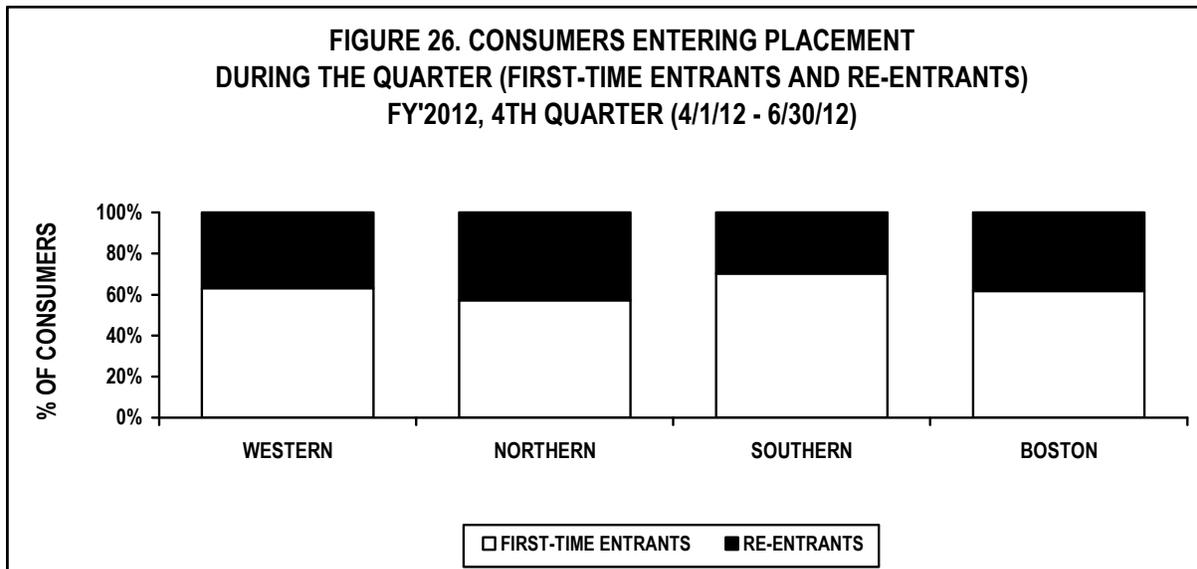
**TABLE 20. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**

| Entry Type: Placement Location Started | DCF Geographic Region | | | | | Total |
|---|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|--------------|
| | Western | Northern | Southern | Boston | Other ⁽¹⁾ | |
| First-Time Entrants: | 430 | 244 | 316 | 141 | 7 | 1,138 |
| Foster Care | 350 | 156 | 228 | 90 | 5 | 829 |
| Congregate Care | 71 | 70 | 85 | 42 | 1 | 269 |
| Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾ | 9 | 18 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 40 |
| Re-Entrants: | 252 | 183 | 133 | 87 | 5 | 660 |
| Foster Care | 164 | 91 | 72 | 50 | 2 | 379 |
| Congregate Care | 75 | 80 | 54 | 27 | 1 | 237 |
| Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾ | 13 | 12 | 7 | 10 | 2 | 44 |
| Total | 682 | 427 | 449 | 228 | 12 | 1,798 |

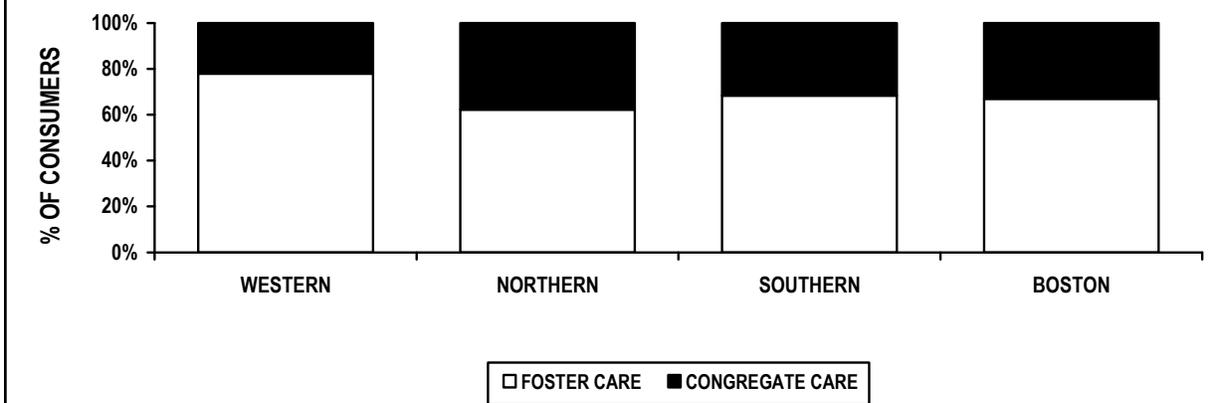
⁽¹⁾ Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

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

**FIGURE 26. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT
DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS)
FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**



**FIGURE 27. ALL CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT
DURING THE QUARTER TO FOSTER AND CONGREGATE CARE
FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**



B. Exits from Placement

- Statewide, 61% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 54% in Boston to 68% in the North. **(Table 21)**
- Statewide, 16% of consumers leaving placement were emancipated, 13% were adopted, and 7% were granted guardianships. **(Table 21)**
- Regionally, the proportion of consumers leaving placement who were emancipated ranged from 13% in the West to 20% in Boston. The proportion adopted ranged from 6% in the North to 14% in the South. The proportion granted guardianships was 6% in the North, 6% in Boston, 7% in the West, and 7% in the South. **(Table 21)**

**TABLE 21. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**

| Reason Placement Ended | DCF Geographic Region | | | | Adoption | | Total |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| | Western | Northern | Southern | Boston | Contracts ⁽¹⁾ | Other ⁽²⁾ | |
| Child Returned Home | 426 | 275 | 279 | 109 | 2 | 3 | 1,094 |
| Child 18 or Older | 83 | 61 | 84 | 40 | --- | 15 | 283 |
| Consumer Adopted | 78 | 25 | 67 | 26 | 29 | --- | 225 |
| Guardianship | 45 | 26 | 31 | 13 | 3 | --- | 118 |
| Custody to Other Individual | 18 | 14 | 9 | 10 | --- | --- | 51 |
| Child on the Run | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | --- | --- | 9 |
| Custody to Other Agency | 2 | --- | 2 | 3 | --- | --- | 7 |
| Consumer Deceased | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 |
| Total | 654 | 404 | 475 | 203 | 34 | 18 | 1,788 |

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

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

VII. FOSTER HOME DEMOGRAPHICS²⁸

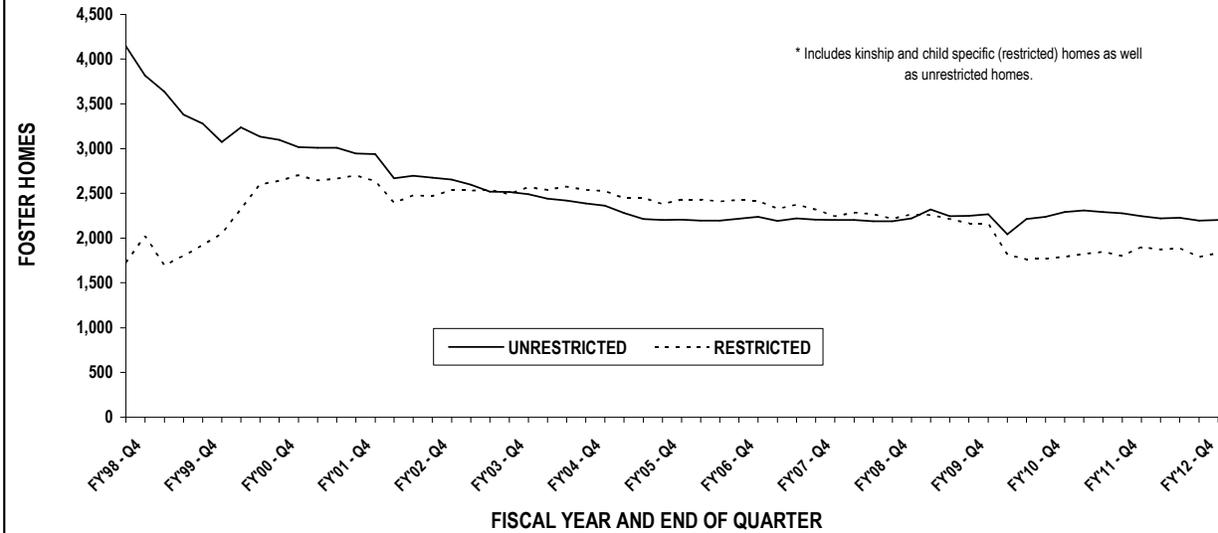
- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2012, there were 4,037 foster homes under the direct supervision of DCF. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes²⁹ as well as unrestricted homes.³⁰ There were 1,835 restricted and 2,202 unrestricted foster homes at the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2012—increases of 3% in restricted and less than 1% in unrestricted compared to the 3rd quarter. Unrestricted foster homes were at their highest number in 1998 (4,146) while restricted homes peaked in 2004 (2,576). (**Table 22 and Fig. 28** on next page)
- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'1998, 29% of all DCF foster homes were restricted homes. Restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes rose above 50% in the 4th Quarter of FY'2003 and declined below 50% in the 1st Quarter of FY'2009. At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2012, restricted homes accounted for 46% of all foster homes (**Table 22 and Fig. 28**)
- Statewide, 66% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were White (**Table 22**).
- Statewide, 56% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White (**Table 22**).
- Ten percent (414) of all foster homes were identified as Black (209 restricted and 205 unrestricted) (**Table 22**).
- Fifteen percent (609) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (237 restricted and 372 unrestricted) (**Table 22**).
- Statewide, 62% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were married (**Table 23** on page 64).
- Statewide, 49% of the foster parents in restricted homes were married (**Table 23**).

²⁸ Foster homes provide formal, temporary out-of-home placement to children who are in the care and custody of DCF. Foster families may be related or unrelated to the child.

²⁹ Child-specific and kinship placements occur (1) when a court orders a child to be placed in a specific foster home; or (2) when a child requires placement and the child or his/her parent(s) has proposed another home in which the child can be placed; or (3) when DCF places a child with relatives or with a caregiver who is known to the child's family. Placements in kinship and child-specific homes are limited to specified children.

³⁰ Unrestricted placements are those where DCF places a child with a non-relative foster family. Unlike restricted homes (child specific and kinship), the unrestricted home is not limited to a particular child.

**FIGURE 28. RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FOSTER HOMES
END OF 3RD QUARTER OF FY'1998 (3/31/98) TO END OF 4TH QUARTER OF FY'2012 (6/30/12)**



**TABLE 22. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

| Provider Status | DCF Geographic Region | | | | | | | | Total | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----|------------|-----|--------------|-----|------------|-----|--------------|-----|
| | Western | | Northern | | Southern | | Boston | | No. | % |
| Restricted | 662 | | 388 | | 586 | | 199 | | 1,835 | |
| White | 368 | 56% | 242 | 62% | 376 | 64% | 49 | 25% | 1,035 | 56% |
| Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾ | 108 | 16% | 61 | 16% | 29 | 5% | 39 | 20% | 237 | 13% |
| Black | 36 | 5% | 27 | 7% | 53 | 9% | 93 | 47% | 209 | 11% |
| Asian | 1 | * | 11 | 3% | 1 | * | 1 | 1% | 14 | 1% |
| Native American | 1 | * | --- | --- | 5 | 1% | --- | --- | 6 | * |
| Other ⁽²⁾ | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | * | --- | --- | 1 | 0% |
| Multi-Racial | 6 | 1% | 2 | 1% | 5 | 1% | --- | --- | 13 | 1% |
| Unable to Determine ⁽³⁾ | 142 | 21% | 44 | 11% | 116 | 20% | 16 | 8% | 318 | 17% |
| Missing | --- | --- | 1 | * | --- | --- | 1 | 1% | 2 | * |
| Unrestricted | 881 | | 460 | | 673 | | 188 | | 2,202 | |
| White | 558 | 63% | 307 | 67% | 518 | 77% | 60 | 32% | 1,443 | 66% |
| Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾ | 196 | 22% | 80 | 17% | 54 | 8% | 42 | 22% | 372 | 17% |
| Black | 61 | 7% | 20 | 4% | 52 | 8% | 72 | 38% | 205 | 9% |
| Asian | 2 | * | 11 | 2% | 1 | * | 3 | 2% | 17 | 1% |
| Native American | --- | --- | --- | --- | 4 | 1% | --- | --- | 4 | * |
| Other ⁽²⁾ | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 1% | 1 | * |
| Multi-Racial | 8 | 1% | 3 | 1% | 4 | 1% | 1 | 1% | 16 | 1% |
| Unable to Determine ⁽³⁾ | 56 | 6% | 39 | 8% | 38 | 6% | 9 | 5% | 142 | 6% |
| Missing | --- | --- | --- | --- | 2 | * | --- | --- | 2 | * |
| Total | 1,543 | | 848 | | 1,259 | | 387 | | 4,037 | |

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽²⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

⁽³⁾ Unable to Determine is the category used when an individual does not know or declines to disclose his/her race.

**TABLE 23. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DCF REGION:
FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

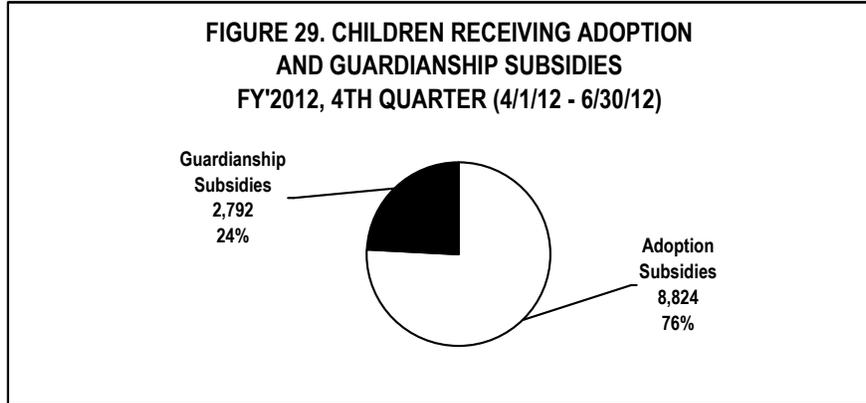
| Provider Status | DCF Geographic Region | | | | | | | | Total | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----|------------|-----|--------------|-----|------------|-----|--------------|-----|
| | Western | | Northern | | Southern | | Boston | | No. | % |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | | |
| Restricted | 662 | | 388 | | 586 | | 199 | | 1,835 | |
| Married | 335 | 51% | 211 | 54% | 302 | 52% | 60 | 30% | 908 | 49% |
| Single | 215 | 32% | 102 | 26% | 165 | 28% | 100 | 50% | 582 | 32% |
| Divorced | 67 | 10% | 44 | 11% | 75 | 13% | 20 | 10% | 206 | 11% |
| Widowed | 24 | 4% | 13 | 3% | 23 | 4% | 11 | 6% | 71 | 4% |
| Separated | 19 | 3% | 14 | 4% | 19 | 3% | 8 | 4% | 60 | 3% |
| Unspecified | 2 | * | 4 | 1% | 2 | * | --- | --- | 8 | * |
| Unrestricted | 881 | | 460 | | 673 | | 188 | | 2,202 | |
| Married | 572 | 65% | 279 | 61% | 439 | 65% | 76 | 40% | 1,366 | 62% |
| Single | 180 | 20% | 109 | 24% | 127 | 19% | 70 | 37% | 486 | 22% |
| Divorced | 93 | 11% | 55 | 12% | 76 | 11% | 30 | 16% | 254 | 12% |
| Widowed | 20 | 2% | 11 | 2% | 17 | 3% | 6 | 3% | 54 | 2% |
| Separated | 15 | 2% | 4 | 1% | 13 | 2% | 5 | 3% | 37 | 2% |
| Unspecified | 1 | * | 2 | * | 1 | * | 1 | 1% | 5 | * |
| Total | 1,543 | | 848 | | 1,259 | | 387 | | 4,037 | |

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

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

VIII. ADOPTION AND GUARDIANSHIP SUBSIDIES

At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2012, the total number of children receiving an adoption subsidy was 8,824 (**Fig. 29**). Guardianship subsidies totaled 2,792. These counts represent subsidies that had a payment during the quarter, i.e., the number with service referrals actively paying out.



From the 3rd Quarter to the 4th Quarter of FY'2012, adoption subsidies and guardianship subsidies each changed by less than 1%. Quarterly fluctuations from -1% to 1% are typical for adoption and guardianship subsidies (See table below). Adoption subsidies fell below 9,000 in FY'2012 and guardianships declined below 3,000 in FY2011.

| Subsidies (Active Service Referrals) | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|-------------------------|-----|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Quarter | Adoption | | | Guardianship | |
| | No. | Quarterly Change | | No. | Quarterly Change |
| FY'2008 | 1 st | 9,727 | * | 2,964 | * |
| | 2 nd | 9,820 | 1% | 2,971 | * |
| | 3 rd | 9,812 | * | 2,992 | 1% |
| | 4 th | 9,706 | -1% | 2,996 | * |
| FY'2009 | 1 st | 9,665 | * | 3,005 | * |
| | 2 nd | 9,709 | * | 3,031 | 1% |
| | 3 rd | 9,676 | * | 3,082 | 2% |
| | 4 th | 9,647 | * | 3,111 | 1% |
| FY'2010 | 1 st | 9,549 | -1% | 3,090 | -1% |
| | 2 nd | 9,604 | 1% | 3,059 | -1% |
| | 3 rd | 9,518 | -1% | 3,032 | -1% |
| | 4 th | 9,311 | -2% | 3,006 | -1% |
| FY'2011 | 1 st | 9,191 | -1% | 2,934 | -2% |
| | 2 nd | 9,125 | -1% | 2,881 | -2% |
| | 3 rd | 9,057 | -1% | 2,865 | -1% |
| | 4 th | 9,002 | -1% | 2,872 | * |
| FY'2012 | 1 st | 8,887 | -1% | 2,818 | -2% |
| | 2 nd | 8,887 | --- | 2,807 | * |
| | 3 rd | 8,825 | -1% | 2,788 | -1% |
| | 4 th | 8,824 | * | 2,792 | * |

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

IX. APPENDIX

TABLE A1. CONSUMER, CHILD, AND ADULT POPULATION TRENDS: 1983 - 2012

| Month/Year | All Consumers | All Children <18 yrs | Children in Placement <18 yrs | All Adults >18 yrs | Month/Year | All Consumers | All Children <18 yrs | Children in Placement <18 yrs | All Adults >18 yrs |
|------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 6/1983 | 61,786 | 33,516 | NA | 28,270 | 6/2000 | 72,423 | 40,691 | 10,025 | 31,732 |
| 6/1984 | 73,111 | 38,683 | 7,024 | 34,428 | 6/2001 | 73,116 | 40,069 | 9,889 | 33,047 |
| 6/1985 | 75,935 | 40,628 | 7,779 | 35,307 | 6/2002 | 70,688 | 38,442 | 9,932 | 32,246 |
| 6/1986 | 74,769 | 40,511 | 8,041 | 34,258 | 6/2003 | 75,247 | 30,341 | 10,127 | 34,906 |
| 6/1987 | 66,033 | 37,497 | 8,075 | 28,536 | 6/2004 | 77,368 | 42,023 | 9,815 | 35,345 |
| 6/1988 | 67,658 | 38,792 | 8,661 | 28,866 | 6/2005 | 77,305 | 41,773 | 9,439 | 35,572 |
| 6/1989 | 70,052 | 40,497 | 9,544 | 29,555 | 6/2006 | 78,014 | 41,690 | 9,543 | 36,324 |
| 6/1990 | 80,090 | 46,403 | 10,998 | 33,687 | 6/2007 | 78,535 | 41,550 | 9,132 | 36,985 |
| 6/1991 | 81,975 | 47,922 | 12,392 | 34,053 | 6/2008 | 87,176 | 45,730 | 9,287 | 41,446 |
| 6/1992 | 72,128 | 42,367 | 12,379 | 29,761 | 6/2009 | 88,568 | 46,288 | 8,755 | 42,280 |
| 6/1993 | 72,340 | 42,656 | 12,763 | 29,684 | 6/2010 | 76,003 | 39,479 | 8,097 | 36,524 |
| 6/1994 | 72,879 | 43,074 | 13,194 | 29,805 | 6/2011 | 72,088 | 37,162 | 7,841 | 34,926 |
| 6/1995 | 73,032 | 42,997 | 13,302 | 30,035 | 9/2011 | 67,805 | 34,724 | 7,544 | 33,081 |
| 6/1996 | 72,638 | 42,551 | 12,736 | 30,087 | 12/31/11 | 68,337 | 34,954 | 7,355 | 33,383 |
| 6/1997 | 74,921 | 43,570 | 12,193 | 31,351 | 3/31/12 | 68,389 | 34,968 | 7,455 | 33,421 |
| 1/1998 | 70,092 | 40,574 | 11,227 | 29,518 | 6/30/12 | 68,521 | 35,046 | 7,467 | 33,475 |
| 9/1998 | 68,331 | 38,507 | 10,503 | 29,824 | | | | | |
| 6/1999 | 69,494 | 39,144 | 9,834 | 30,350 | | | | | |

Note: revised counts

Source: ASSIST 6/1983 - 1/1998) and FamilyNet (9/1998 - 6/2012)

**TABLE A2. CASE OPENINGS ⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**

| DCF Geographic Region/Area | Case Openings ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | | | | | | Total No. |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|--------------|
| | Protective ⁽²⁾ | | CHINS Referrals | | Voluntary Requests for Services | | Court Referrals | | Other ⁽³⁾ | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | |
| Greenfield | 38 | 70% | 4 | 7% | 2 | 4% | --- | --- | 10 | 19% | 54 |
| Holyoke | 57 | 80% | 2 | 3% | 3 | 4% | 2 | 3% | 7 | 10% | 71 |
| North Central | 87 | 93% | 1 | 1% | 2 | 2% | 4 | 4% | --- | --- | 94 |
| Pittsfield | 38 | 75% | 4 | 8% | 2 | 4% | 2 | 4% | 5 | 10% | 51 |
| Robert Van Wart | 94 | 82% | 4 | 3% | 3 | 3% | --- | --- | 14 | 12% | 115 |
| South Central | 86 | 83% | 3 | 3% | 6 | 6% | 3 | 3% | 5 | 5% | 103 |
| Springfield | 118 | 88% | 6 | 4% | 1 | 1% | 3 | 2% | 6 | 4% | 134 |
| Worcester East | 53 | 76% | 5 | 7% | 3 | 4% | 6 | 9% | 3 | 4% | 70 |
| Worcester West | 80 | 92% | 1 | 1% | 2 | 2% | 3 | 3% | 1 | 1% | 87 |
| Contracted Agencies | 1 | 100% | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 |
| Western | 652 | 84% | 30 | 4% | 24 | 3% | 23 | 3% | 51 | 7% | 780 |
| Cambridge | 59 | 91% | 1 | 2% | 2 | 3% | 1 | 2% | 2 | 3% | 65 |
| Cape Ann | 46 | 62% | --- | --- | 9 | 12% | 11 | 15% | 8 | 11% | 74 |
| Framingham | 51 | 85% | 6 | 10% | 1 | 2% | 2 | 3% | --- | --- | 60 |
| Haverhill | 29 | 88% | --- | --- | 2 | 6% | --- | --- | 2 | 6% | 33 |
| Lawrence | 18 | 55% | 11 | 33% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 4 | 12% | 33 |
| Lowell | 80 | 85% | 3 | 3% | 1 | 1% | 1 | 1% | 9 | 10% | 94 |
| Lynn | 45 | 75% | 4 | 7% | 2 | 3% | 2 | 3% | 7 | 12% | 60 |
| Malden | 68 | 82% | --- | --- | 7 | 8% | 3 | 4% | 5 | 6% | 83 |
| Northern | 396 | 79% | 25 | 5% | 24 | 5% | 20 | 4% | 37 | 7% | 502 |
| Arlington | 43 | 68% | 3 | 5% | 12 | 19% | 2 | 3% | 3 | 5% | 63 |
| Brockton | 60 | 80% | 6 | 8% | 3 | 4% | --- | --- | 6 | 8% | 75 |
| Cape Cod | 53 | 75% | 5 | 7% | 1 | 1% | 8 | 11% | 4 | 6% | 71 |
| Coastal | 74 | 88% | 6 | 7% | 1 | 1% | 1 | 1% | 2 | 2% | 84 |
| Fall River | 92 | 82% | 5 | 4% | 6 | 5% | 2 | 2% | 7 | 6% | 112 |
| New Bedford | 86 | 91% | 3 | 3% | 2 | 2% | --- | --- | 4 | 4% | 95 |
| Plymouth | 69 | 90% | 4 | 5% | --- | --- | 2 | 3% | 2 | 3% | 77 |
| Taunton/Attleboro | 62 | 72% | 6 | 7% | 4 | 5% | 9 | 10% | 5 | 6% | 86 |
| Contracted Agencies | 2 | 100% | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 2 |
| Southern | 541 | 81% | 38 | 6% | 29 | 4% | 24 | 4% | 33 | 5% | 665 |
| Dimock Street | 66 | 84% | 7 | 9% | 4 | 5% | --- | --- | 2 | 3% | 79 |
| Harbor | 64 | 81% | 11 | 14% | 1 | 1% | --- | --- | 3 | 4% | 79 |
| Hyde Park | 50 | 74% | 11 | 16% | 3 | 4% | --- | --- | 4 | 6% | 68 |
| Park Street | 69 | 79% | 5 | 6% | 5 | 6% | 7 | 8% | 1 | 1% | 87 |
| Boston | 249 | 80% | 34 | 11% | 13 | 4% | 7 | 2% | 10 | 3% | 313 |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾ | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 6 | 100% | 6 |
| Other ⁽⁵⁾ | --- | --- | --- | --- | 7 | 100% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 7 |
| Total: | 1,838 | 81% | 127 | 6% | 97 | 4% | 74 | 3% | 137 | 6% | 2,273 |

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

⁽²⁾ The outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

⁽³⁾ Includes Alternative Response, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

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

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

**TABLE A3. CONSUMER OPENINGS DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY 2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**

| DCF Geographic Region/Area | Consumer Openings ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | | | | | | Total No. |
|--|----------------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|---------------|
| | Protective ⁽²⁾ | | CHINS Referrals | | Voluntary Requests for Services | | Court Referrals | | Other ⁽³⁾ | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | |
| Greenfield | 340 | 87% | 25 | 6% | 4 | 1% | --- | --- | 20 | 5% | 389 |
| Holyoke | 469 | 90% | 17 | 3% | 16 | 3% | 8 | 2% | 9 | 2% | 519 |
| North Central | 596 | 93% | 10 | 2% | 11 | 2% | 25 | 4% | --- | --- | 642 |
| Pittsfield | 375 | 87% | 16 | 4% | 17 | 4% | 16 | 4% | 8 | 2% | 432 |
| Robert Van Wart | 746 | 90% | 40 | 5% | 16 | 2% | --- | --- | 27 | 3% | 829 |
| South Central | 524 | 88% | 29 | 5% | 21 | 4% | 12 | 2% | 12 | 2% | 598 |
| Springfield | 909 | 94% | 25 | 3% | 4 | * | 10 | 1% | 16 | 2% | 964 |
| Worcester East | 437 | 84% | 26 | 5% | 12 | 2% | 33 | 6% | 14 | 3% | 522 |
| Worcester West | 527 | 91% | 26 | 4% | 3 | 1% | 22 | 4% | 1 | * | 579 |
| Contracted Agencies | 4 | 100% | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 4 |
| Western | 4,927 | 90% | 214 | 4% | 104 | 2% | 126 | 2% | 107 | 2% | 5,478 |
| Cambridge | 405 | 95% | 8 | 2% | 5 | 1% | 4 | 1% | 6 | 1% | 428 |
| Cape Ann | 338 | 67% | --- | --- | 61 | 12% | 86 | 17% | 17 | 3% | 502 |
| Framingham | 334 | 89% | 24 | 6% | --- | --- | 16 | 4% | --- | --- | 374 |
| Haverhill | 243 | 95% | 3 | 1% | 8 | 3% | --- | --- | 2 | 1% | 256 |
| Lawrence | 181 | 72% | 59 | 24% | --- | --- | 1 | * | 9 | 4% | 250 |
| Lowell | 542 | 89% | 29 | 5% | 12 | 2% | 4 | 1% | 22 | 4% | 609 |
| Lynn | 322 | 76% | 44 | 10% | 20 | 5% | 20 | 5% | 18 | 4% | 424 |
| Malden | 531 | 94% | --- | --- | 17 | 3% | 15 | 3% | 4 | 1% | 567 |
| Northern | 2,896 | 85% | 167 | 5% | 123 | 4% | 146 | 4% | 78 | 2% | 3,410 |
| Arlington | 297 | 77% | 18 | 5% | 58 | 15% | 7 | 2% | 7 | 2% | 387 |
| Brockton | 434 | 85% | 50 | 10% | 9 | 2% | 8 | 2% | 9 | 2% | 510 |
| Cape Cod | 349 | 80% | 35 | 8% | 1 | * | 41 | 9% | 8 | 2% | 434 |
| Coastal | 443 | 87% | 53 | 10% | 7 | 1% | 2 | * | 2 | * | 507 |
| Fall River | 581 | 86% | 56 | 8% | 16 | 2% | 12 | 2% | 11 | 2% | 676 |
| New Bedford | 687 | 92% | 26 | 3% | 12 | 2% | 4 | 1% | 14 | 2% | 743 |
| Plymouth | 439 | 89% | 31 | 6% | --- | --- | 21 | 4% | 5 | 1% | 496 |
| Taunton/Attleboro | 333 | 73% | 47 | 10% | 14 | 3% | 57 | 12% | 6 | 1% | 457 |
| Contracted Agencies | 9 | 100% | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 9 |
| Southern | 3,572 | 85% | 316 | 7% | 117 | 3% | 152 | 4% | 62 | 1% | 4,219 |
| Dimock Street | 412 | 84% | 48 | 10% | 20 | 4% | 10 | 2% | 2 | * | 492 |
| Harbor | 492 | 88% | 48 | 9% | 1 | * | 9 | 2% | 6 | 1% | 556 |
| Hyde Park | 353 | 79% | 65 | 15% | 19 | 4% | --- | --- | 11 | 2% | 448 |
| Park Street | 612 | 81% | 81 | 11% | 16 | 2% | 37 | 5% | 11 | 1% | 757 |
| Boston | 1,869 | 83% | 242 | 11% | 56 | 2% | 56 | 2% | 30 | 1% | 2,253 |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾ | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 12 | 100% | 12 |
| Other ⁽⁵⁾ | --- | --- | --- | --- | 9 | 100% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 9 |
| Missing | 4 | 67% | --- | --- | 1 | 17% | --- | --- | 1 | 17% | 6 |
| Total: | 13,268 | 86% | 939 | 6% | 410 | 3% | 480 | 3% | 290 | 2% | 15,387 |

* Less than 1% after rounding-off.

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

(2) The outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

(3) Includes Baby Safe Haven and Other.

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

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

TABLE A4. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)

| DCF Geographic Region/Area | Screening Decision | | | | | | | | Total No. |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------|------------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| | Screened-Out | | Screened-In for Investigation | | | | Screened-In for Initial Assessment | | |
| | | | Non-Emergency | | Emergency | | | | |
| No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | |
| Greenfield | 336 | 57% | 59 | 10% | 22 | 4% | 175 | 30% | 592 |
| Holyoke | 360 | 51% | 152 | 21% | 1 | 0% | 195 | 28% | 708 |
| North Central | 295 | 51% | 143 | 25% | 8 | 1% | 135 | 23% | 581 |
| Pittsfield | 475 | 51% | 184 | 20% | 8 | 1% | 256 | 28% | 923 |
| Robert Van Wart | 450 | 54% | 191 | 23% | 9 | 1% | 188 | 22% | 838 |
| South Central | 272 | 40% | 182 | 27% | 4 | 1% | 224 | 33% | 682 |
| Springfield | 337 | 44% | 247 | 32% | 26 | 3% | 159 | 21% | 769 |
| Worcester East | 213 | 42% | 184 | 36% | 23 | 4% | 93 | 18% | 513 |
| Worcester West | 215 | 42% | 184 | 36% | 26 | 5% | 85 | 17% | 510 |
| Western | 2,953 | 48% | 1,526 | 25% | 127 | 2% | 1,510 | 25% | 6,116 |
| Cambridge | 143 | 43% | 101 | 31% | 5 | 2% | 80 | 24% | 329 |
| Cape Ann | 362 | 63% | 25 | 4% | 15 | 3% | 174 | 30% | 576 |
| Framingham | 317 | 63% | 60 | 12% | 9 | 2% | 121 | 24% | 507 |
| Haverhill | 216 | 47% | 81 | 18% | 14 | 3% | 148 | 32% | 459 |
| Lawrence | 269 | 59% | 40 | 9% | 1 | * | 146 | 32% | 456 |
| Lowell | 433 | 58% | 155 | 21% | 47 | 6% | 118 | 16% | 753 |
| Lynn | 204 | 54% | 61 | 16% | 3 | 1% | 108 | 29% | 376 |
| Malden | 213 | 48% | 101 | 23% | 4 | 1% | 126 | 28% | 444 |
| Northern | 2,157 | 55% | 624 | 16% | 98 | 3% | 1,021 | 26% | 3,900 |
| Arlington | 221 | 57% | 42 | 11% | 11 | 3% | 114 | 29% | 388 |
| Brockton | 242 | 47% | 158 | 31% | 6 | 1% | 110 | 21% | 516 |
| Cape Cod | 287 | 56% | 130 | 25% | 11 | 2% | 86 | 17% | 514 |
| Coastal | 237 | 50% | 94 | 20% | 9 | 2% | 130 | 28% | 470 |
| Fall River | 169 | 35% | 178 | 37% | 13 | 3% | 118 | 25% | 478 |
| New Bedford | 213 | 37% | 163 | 29% | 32 | 6% | 162 | 28% | 570 |
| Plymouth | 292 | 52% | 138 | 25% | 17 | 3% | 111 | 20% | 558 |
| Taunton/Attleboro | 206 | 45% | 108 | 24% | 10 | 2% | 130 | 29% | 454 |
| Southern | 1,867 | 47% | 1,011 | 26% | 109 | 3% | 961 | 24% | 3,948 |
| Dimock Street | 222 | 51% | 134 | 31% | 6 | 1% | 74 | 17% | 436 |
| Harbor | 144 | 35% | 141 | 34% | 19 | 5% | 105 | 26% | 409 |
| Hyde Park | 161 | 40% | 157 | 39% | 13 | 3% | 69 | 17% | 400 |
| Park Street | 166 | 39% | 158 | 37% | 18 | 4% | 89 | 21% | 431 |
| Boston | 693 | 41% | 590 | 35% | 56 | 3% | 337 | 20% | 1,676 |
| Judge Baker Children's Center | 2,316 | 40% | 1,377 | 24% | 1,089 | 19% | 1,027 | 18% | 5,809 |
| Special Investigation | 111 | 32% | 240 | 68% | 1 | * | --- | --- | 352 |
| Total | 10,097 | 46% | 5,368 | 25% | 1,480 | 7% | 4,856 | 22% | 21,801 |

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

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

TABLE A5. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION: FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)

| DCF Geographic Region | Investigation Decision | | | | | Initial Assessment Decision | | | | | Response Total No. |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------------|------------|----------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|
| | Supported | | Unsupported | | Inv Total | Concern | | Min/No Concern | | IA Total | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | | No. | % | No. | % | | |
| Greenfield | 48 | 61% | 31 | 39% | 79 | 77 | 41% | 109 | 59% | 186 | 265 |
| Holyoke | 98 | 57% | 73 | 43% | 171 | 90 | 43% | 119 | 57% | 209 | 380 |
| North Central | 103 | 64% | 58 | 36% | 161 | 95 | 50% | 94 | 50% | 189 | 350 |
| Pittsfield | 106 | 62% | 66 | 38% | 172 | 46 | 18% | 210 | 82% | 256 | 428 |
| Robert Van Wart | 151 | 74% | 54 | 26% | 205 | 90 | 44% | 115 | 56% | 205 | 410 |
| South Central | 108 | 58% | 77 | 42% | 185 | 109 | 48% | 119 | 52% | 228 | 413 |
| Springfield | 193 | 63% | 111 | 37% | 304 | 101 | 50% | 100 | 50% | 201 | 505 |
| Worcester East | 138 | 62% | 86 | 38% | 224 | 46 | 38% | 74 | 62% | 120 | 344 |
| Worcester West | 145 | 65% | 78 | 35% | 223 | 65 | 57% | 50 | 43% | 115 | 338 |
| Western | 1,090 | 63% | 634 | 37% | 1,724 | 719 | 42% | 990 | 58% | 1,709 | 3,433 |
| Cambridge | 70 | 59% | 49 | 41% | 119 | 54 | 52% | 49 | 48% | 103 | 222 |
| Cape Ann | 25 | 66% | 13 | 34% | 38 | 96 | 43% | 125 | 57% | 221 | 259 |
| Framingham | 41 | 79% | 11 | 21% | 52 | 77 | 54% | 65 | 46% | 142 | 194 |
| Haverhill | 43 | 43% | 56 | 57% | 99 | 53 | 29% | 131 | 71% | 184 | 283 |
| Lawrence | 27 | 59% | 19 | 41% | 46 | 57 | 30% | 134 | 70% | 191 | 237 |
| Lowell | 137 | 64% | 76 | 36% | 213 | 55 | 42% | 76 | 58% | 131 | 344 |
| Lynn | 39 | 70% | 17 | 30% | 56 | 68 | 47% | 77 | 53% | 145 | 201 |
| Malden | 80 | 63% | 48 | 38% | 128 | 100 | 56% | 79 | 44% | 179 | 307 |
| Northern | 462 | 62% | 289 | 38% | 751 | 560 | 43% | 736 | 57% | 1,296 | 2,047 |
| Arlington | 46 | 68% | 22 | 32% | 68 | 77 | 44% | 99 | 56% | 176 | 244 |
| Brockton | 125 | 63% | 72 | 37% | 197 | 66 | 48% | 71 | 52% | 137 | 334 |
| Cape Cod | 70 | 62% | 43 | 38% | 113 | 54 | 46% | 64 | 54% | 118 | 231 |
| Coastal | 93 | 58% | 68 | 42% | 161 | 63 | 40% | 93 | 60% | 156 | 317 |
| Fall River | 137 | 61% | 88 | 39% | 225 | 77 | 57% | 57 | 43% | 134 | 359 |
| New Bedford | 174 | 73% | 65 | 27% | 239 | 121 | 53% | 109 | 47% | 230 | 469 |
| Plymouth | 97 | 60% | 65 | 40% | 162 | 54 | 39% | 86 | 61% | 140 | 302 |
| Taunton/Attleboro | 83 | 66% | 42 | 34% | 125 | 64 | 35% | 119 | 65% | 183 | 308 |
| Southern | 825 | 64% | 465 | 36% | 1,290 | 576 | 45% | 698 | 55% | 1,274 | 2,564 |
| Dimock Street | 106 | 67% | 52 | 33% | 158 | 39 | 46% | 45 | 54% | 84 | 242 |
| Harbor | 107 | 64% | 60 | 36% | 167 | 56 | 42% | 76 | 58% | 132 | 299 |
| Hyde Park | 119 | 60% | 78 | 40% | 197 | 39 | 41% | 56 | 59% | 95 | 292 |
| Park Street | 148 | 74% | 52 | 26% | 200 | 57 | 55% | 47 | 45% | 104 | 304 |
| Boston | 480 | 66% | 242 | 34% | 722 | 191 | 46% | 224 | 54% | 415 | 1,137 |
| Judge Baker Children's Center | 637 | 74% | 219 | 26% | 856 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 856 |
| Special Investigations | 42 | 15% | 230 | 85% | 272 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 272 |
| Total | 3,536 | 63% | 2,079 | 37% | 5,615 | 2,046 | 44% | 2,648 | 56% | 4,694 | 10,309 |

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

TABLE A6. MANDATORY AND DISCRETIONARY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: FY'2003 - FY'2012

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

DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

TABLE A7. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: FY'2003 - FY'2012

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

⁽¹⁾ Unspecified as of run-date:

* Note: Not all DA referrals resulting from an allegation that a child's death was due to abuse or neglect lead to an ultimate finding that the death was in fact due to abuse or neglect. DCF publishes an annual report of child fatalities that includes an analysis of child deaths due to abuse or neglect.

**TABLE A8. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS BY DCF REGION AND AREA:
FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

| DCF Region/Area | Consumers with a Goal of Adoption | | | | Total No. |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| | Not Legally Free | | Legally Free | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | |
| Greenfield | 47 | 58% | 34 | 42% | 81 |
| Holyoke | 48 | 50% | 48 | 50% | 96 |
| North Central | 69 | 66% | 36 | 34% | 105 |
| Pittsfield | 55 | 56% | 44 | 44% | 99 |
| Robert Van Wart | 57 | 56% | 45 | 44% | 102 |
| South Central | 53 | 53% | 47 | 47% | 100 |
| Springfield | 57 | 45% | 70 | 55% | 127 |
| Worcester East | 64 | 61% | 41 | 39% | 105 |
| Worcester West | 57 | 60% | 38 | 40% | 95 |
| Contracted Agencies | 1 | 100% | --- | --- | 1 |
| Western | 508 | 56% | 403 | 44% | 911 |
| Cambridge | 16 | 53% | 14 | 47% | 30 |
| Cape Ann | 21 | 54% | 18 | 46% | 39 |
| Framingham | 14 | 29% | 34 | 71% | 48 |
| Haverhill | 12 | 23% | 41 | 77% | 53 |
| Lawrence | 7 | 13% | 47 | 87% | 54 |
| Lowell | 39 | 35% | 71 | 65% | 110 |
| Lynn | 43 | 53% | 38 | 47% | 81 |
| Malden | 17 | 52% | 16 | 48% | 33 |
| Northern | 169 | 38% | 279 | 62% | 448 |
| Arlington | 7 | 58% | 5 | 42% | 12 |
| Brockton | 22 | 39% | 35 | 61% | 57 |
| Cape Cod | 12 | 29% | 29 | 71% | 41 |
| Coastal | 20 | 36% | 36 | 64% | 56 |
| Fall River | 38 | 39% | 60 | 61% | 98 |
| New Bedford | 74 | 52% | 68 | 48% | 142 |
| Plymouth | 20 | 37% | 34 | 63% | 54 |
| Taunton/Attleboro | 39 | 63% | 23 | 37% | 62 |
| Southern | 232 | 44% | 290 | 56% | 522 |
| Dimock Street | 37 | 47% | 41 | 53% | 78 |
| Harbor | 22 | 37% | 37 | 63% | 59 |
| Hyde Park ⁽¹⁾ | 1 | 100% | --- | --- | 1 |
| Park Street | 26 | 50% | 26 | 50% | 52 |
| Contracted Agencies | 2 | 100% | --- | --- | 2 |
| Boston | 88 | 46% | 104 | 54% | 192 |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾ | 100 | 46% | 117 | 54% | 217 |
| Total | 1,097 | 48% | 1,193 | 52% | 2,290 |

⁽¹⁾ Hyde Park does not have an adoption unit.

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

**TABLE A9. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION AND WHETHER
MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY BY DCF REGION AND AREA:
FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

| DCF Region/Area | Consumers with a Goal of Adoption | | | | Total No. |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| | Not Matched | | Matched | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | |
| Greenfield | 6 | 7% | 75 | 93% | 81 |
| Holyoke | 22 | 23% | 74 | 77% | 96 |
| North Central | 24 | 23% | 81 | 77% | 105 |
| Pittsfield | 23 | 23% | 76 | 77% | 99 |
| Robert Van Wart | 11 | 11% | 91 | 89% | 102 |
| South Central | 15 | 15% | 85 | 85% | 100 |
| Springfield | 28 | 22% | 99 | 78% | 127 |
| Worcester East | 27 | 26% | 78 | 74% | 105 |
| Worcester West | 21 | 22% | 74 | 78% | 95 |
| Contracted Agencies | 1 | 100% | --- | --- | 1 |
| Western | 178 | 20% | 733 | 80% | 911 |
| Cambridge | 5 | 17% | 25 | 83% | 30 |
| Cape Ann | 5 | 13% | 34 | 87% | 39 |
| Framingham | 6 | 13% | 42 | 88% | 48 |
| Haverhill | 12 | 23% | 41 | 77% | 53 |
| Lawrence | 11 | 20% | 43 | 80% | 54 |
| Lowell | 21 | 19% | 89 | 81% | 110 |
| Lynn | 39 | 48% | 42 | 52% | 81 |
| Malden | 3 | 9% | 30 | 91% | 33 |
| Northern | 102 | 23% | 346 | 77% | 448 |
| Arlington | --- | --- | 12 | 100% | 12 |
| Brockton | 19 | 33% | 38 | 67% | 57 |
| Cape Cod | 4 | 10% | 37 | 90% | 41 |
| Coastal | 13 | 23% | 43 | 77% | 56 |
| Fall River | 46 | 47% | 52 | 53% | 98 |
| New Bedford | 41 | 29% | 101 | 71% | 142 |
| Plymouth | 8 | 15% | 46 | 85% | 54 |
| Taunton/Attleboro | 12 | 19% | 50 | 81% | 62 |
| Southern | 143 | 27% | 379 | 73% | 522 |
| Dimock Street | 36 | 46% | 42 | 54% | 78 |
| Harbor | 19 | 32% | 40 | 68% | 59 |
| Hyde Park ⁽¹⁾ | 1 | 100% | --- | --- | 1 |
| Park Street | 20 | 38% | 32 | 62% | 52 |
| Contracted Agencies | 2 | 100% | --- | --- | 2 |
| Boston | 78 | 41% | 114 | 59% | 192 |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾ | 63 | 29% | 154 | 71% | 217 |
| Total | 564 | 25% | 1,726 | 75% | 2,290 |

⁽¹⁾ Hyde Park does not have an adoption unit.

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

TABLE A10. Census 2010: Children Less Than 18 Years Old Residing in the 13 Largest Cities in Massachusetts¹

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

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

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

²Children of any race who are Hispanic.

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