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PREFACE

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

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

I. CONSUMER AND CASE COUNTS

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY’2015, DCF had 26,291 open cases (1,855 adoption cases and 24,436 clinical cases) and 90,494 open consumers¹ (45,532 adults and 44,962 children). (**Table 1** on page 3)
- From the 4th Quarter of FY’2014 to the 1st Quarter of FY’2015, the case count increased less than 1% and the consumer count decreased less than 1%.
- 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 of June 2009, there was a decline in consumers that lasted through 2012. Consumer counts began to climb again in 2013 and reached a new all time high at the end of June 2014—90,611 consumers. (**Fig. 1** on page 4, **Appendix Table A1** on page 70)
- From 1992 to 2009, the annual count of adult consumers gradually increased and approached the number of child consumers (**Fig. 1**). From 2009 to 2012, counts of all children (less than 18 years old) and adults (18 years or older) decreased. A resurgence in these counts began in 2013 and continued in 2014 (**Fig 1**). At the end of June 2014, the number of adults exceeded children--45,442 adults vs. 45,169 children (**Appendix Table A1**).
- From 2012-2014, the annual count of female adults has been marginally greater than the number of male children (**Fig. 2** on page 4).
- In 1999, the annual count of male children exceeded female children by 1,052. By the end of the 4th Quarter of FY’2014, there were 1,907 more male than female children. (**Fig. 2**)

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

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

A. Consumers in Placement

- There were 10,466 individuals in placement on the last day of the 1st Quarter of FY'2015. Included in this count are 8,705 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,761 young adults (18 to 23 years old). (**Table 1** on next page)
- The placement population was distributed across DCF service regions as follows: 39% in the Western Region, 27% in the Southern Region, 21% in the Northern Region, and 13% in the Boston Region (**Table 1**).
- From the 4th Quarter of FY'2014 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2015, the number of children in placement increased 1% statewide (**table** below, **Appendix Table A1** on page 70). Regional changes ranged from less than 1% in the West to 3% in the South (**table** below, **Fig. 14** on page 27).

QUARTERLY CHANGE IN COUNTS OF CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION

Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2014 - Q2	2,983	1%	1,496	2%	2,025	4%	909	-2%	264	7,677	2%
FY'2014 - Q3	3,198	7%	1,588	6%	2,212	9%	1,019	12%	258	8,275	8%
FY'2014 - Q4	3,336	4%	1,694	7%	2,236	1%	1,096	8%	260	8,622	4%
FY'2015 - Q1	3,346	---	1,681	-1%	2,298	3%	1,079	-2%	301	8,705	1%

* Less than 1% after rounding-off

B. Children Not in Placement

- The majority of children in the DCF caseload do not require placement and receive services at home.
- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2015, there were 36,257 children less than 18 years old with an active case status who were not in placement (**Table 1**). From the 4th Quarter of FY'2014 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2015, counts of children not in placement decreased 1% statewide (**table** on next page, **Appendix Table A1**). Regional changes ranged from less than 1% in the West to -3% in the South (**table** on next page, **Fig. 15** on page 27).

**QUARTERLY CHANGE IN COUNTS OF
CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION**

Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2014 - Q2	12,739	5%	5,574	7%	7,546	7%	4,159	11%	19	30,037	7%
FY'2014 - Q3	14,237	12%	6,343	14%	8,406	11%	4,491	8%	25	33,502	12%
FY'2014 - Q4	15,728	10%	7,004	10%	9,140	9%	4,652	4%	23	36,547	9%
FY'2015 - Q1	15,730	---	6,851	-2%	8,907	-3%	4,744	2%	25	36,257	-1%

* Less than 1% after rounding-off

**TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DCF REGION:
FY'2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)**

Case Counts:	DCF Geographic Region					Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston				
Adoption	708	325	490	174		154	4	1,855
Clinical	9,744	4,954	6,348	3,234		9	147	24,436
Total	10,452	5,279	6,838	3,408		163	151	26,291
Consumer Counts:								
Adults: ⁽³⁾								
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	531	456	427	208		---	101	1,723
Other ⁽⁶⁾	6	8	1	5		---	7	27
On the Run	1	3	1	6		---	---	11
Total in Placement	538	467	429	219		---	108	1,761
Not in Placement	18,201	8,396	11,868	5,288		3	15	43,771
Total Adults	18,739	8,863	12,297	5,507		3	123	45,532
Children:								
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	3,240	1,607	2,239	1,029		261	34	8,410
Other ⁽⁶⁾	69	57	37	31		2	4	200
On the Run	37	17	22	19		---	---	95
Total in Placement	3,346	1,681	2,298	1,079		263	38	8,705
Not in Placement	15,730	6,851	8,907	4,744		18	7	36,257
Total Children	19,076	8,532	11,205	5,823		281	45	44,962
Total	37,815	17,395	23,502	11,330		284	168	90,494

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

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

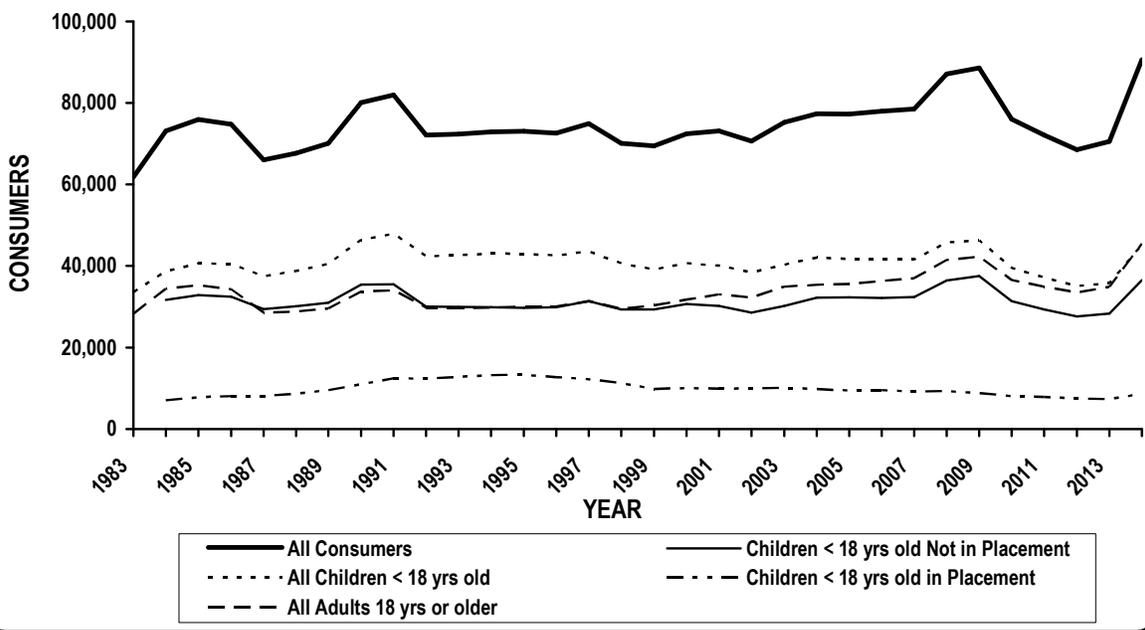
⁽³⁾ Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

⁽⁴⁾ Children and young adults in the care/custody of DCF. "Adults" in Foster/Residential Care are being transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and 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).

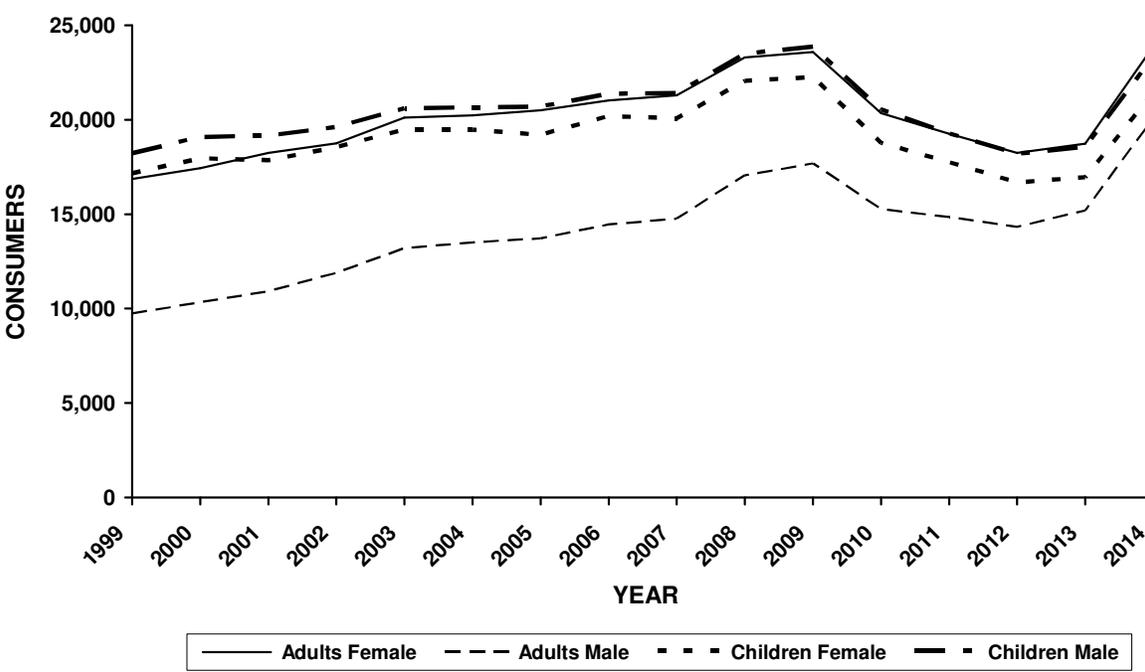
⁽⁵⁾ See Tables 5A, 5B, and 5C for a breakdown by type of placement.

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

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



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



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 1st Quarter of FY’2015, there were 2,651 case openings (unduplicated) and 15,291 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 4th Quarter of FY’2014 to the 1st Quarter of FY’2015, case openings decreased 13% (**Appendix Table A4** on page 73, **Fig. 4** on page 7) and consumer openings decreased 20%.
- There has been a distinct shift from initial assessments (alternative response) to investigations (supported report) as a reason for case/consumer openings:

INITIAL CONTACT ¹		FY’2014			FY’2015
		Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Protective: ²	% of Case Openings	53%	71%	73%	74%
	% of Consumer Openings	56%	73%	73%	77%
Alternative Response: ³	% of Case Openings	34%	16%	15%	13%
	% of Consumer Openings	33%	18%	17%	14%

¹ See Tables 2A and 2B

² Outcome of an investigation (supported report)

³ Outcome of an initial assessment

- Seventy-four percent of case openings and 77% of consumer openings were due to supported abuse/neglect reports (protective). Thirteen percent of case openings and 14% of consumer openings were the result of an initial assessment (alternative response). (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 2% of case openings and 2% of consumer openings. (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- “Children Requiring Assistance” (CRA) referrals accounted for 2% of case openings and 3% of consumer openings (**Tables 2A and 2B**). It should be noted that the CRA consumer counts include the children subject to the CRA petition, adult caretakers, and oftentimes non-CRA siblings.
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in **Fig. 3** (on page 7) and **Table 2A**. Supported reports of child abuse/neglect accounted for 69-79% of the total intakes for each region. Case openings by alternative response represented 12-16% of all intakes for each region. CRA referrals ranged from 2-4% of the total intakes for each region. Voluntary requests ranged from 1-3% of the total intakes for each region. (**Table 2A**)

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.

- At an area level, the proportion of case openings that were protective (supported report) ranged from 54% at both Arlington and Lawrence to 89% at both Park Street and Worcester West (**Appendix Table A2** case openings on page 71, **Appendix Table A3** consumer openings on page 72).
- Total case openings (statewide) usually decline in the 1st quarter. This quarterly trend in case openings is similar to the pattern for reports of child abuse/neglect (**Fig. 4** on page 7, **Fig. 7** on page 13, **Appendix Tables A4** on page 73 and **A7** on page 76).

**TABLE 2A. CASE OPENINGS⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DCF REGION:
FY'2015, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/14 - 9/30/14)**

DCF Geographic Region	Case Counts ⁽¹⁾											Total No.	
	Protective ⁽²⁾		Alternative Response ⁽³⁾		CRA Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other ⁽⁴⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.		%
Western	693	74%	146	16%	17	2%	18	2%	9	1%	50	5%	933
Northern	392	69%	71	12%	22	4%	17	3%	16	3%	54	9%	572
Southern	606	76%	91	11%	12	2%	12	2%	23	3%	55	7%	799
Boston	265	79%	36	11%	9	3%	2	1%	3	1%	19	6%	334
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	100%	2
Other ⁽⁶⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	11	100%	---	---	---	---	11
Total	1,956	74%	344	13%	60	2%	60	2%	51	2%	180	7%	2,651

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

⁽²⁾ Outcome of an investigation.

⁽³⁾ Outcome of an initial assessment.

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

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

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

**TABLE 2B. CONSUMER OPENINGS⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DCF REGION:
FY'2015, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/14 - 9/30/14)**

DCF Geographic Region	Consumer Counts ⁽¹⁾											Total No.	
	Protective ⁽²⁾		Alternative Response ⁽³⁾		CRA Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other ⁽⁴⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.		%
Western	4,284	76%	949	17%	144	3%	103	2%	69	1%	100	2%	5,649
Northern	2,482	76%	398	12%	130	4%	66	2%	101	3%	96	3%	3,273
Southern	3,344	76%	582	13%	136	3%	50	1%	154	3%	141	3%	4,407
Boston	1,600	82%	167	9%	105	5%	20	1%	26	1%	30	2%	1,948
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	100%	2
Other ⁽⁶⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	12	100%	---	---	---	---	12
Total	11,710	77%	2,096	14%	515	3%	251	2%	350	2%	369	2%	15,291

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

⁽²⁾ Outcome of an investigation.

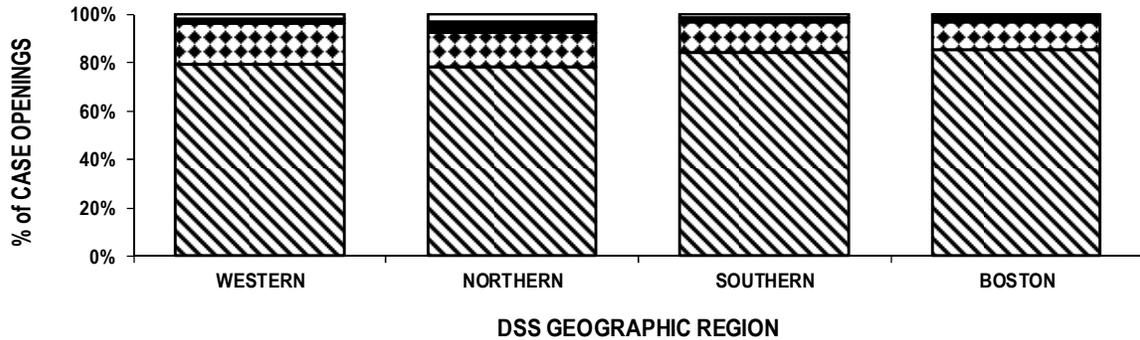
⁽³⁾ Outcome of an initial assessment.

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

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

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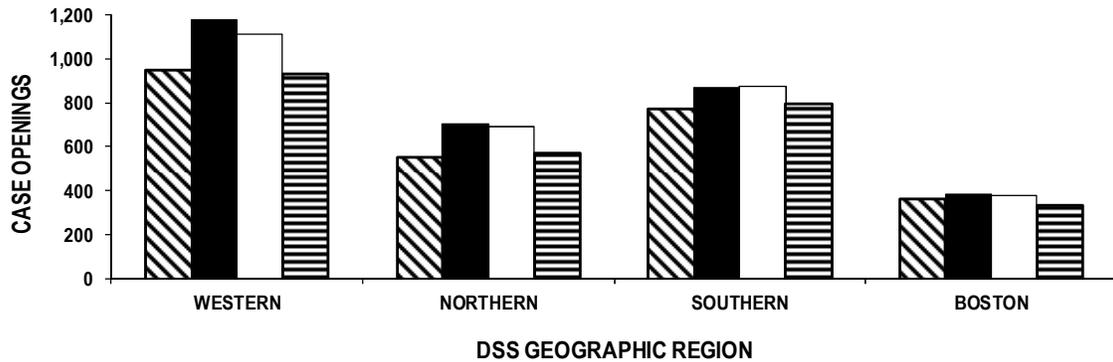
**FIGURE 3. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION
FY'2015, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/14 - 9/30/14)**



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

PROTECTIVE
 ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE
 CRA
 VOLUNTARY REQUEST

**FIGURE 4. INTAKES (CASE OPENINGS) BY DCF REGION
(FY'2014, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2015, 1ST QUARTER)**



10/1/13 - 12/31/13
 1/1/14 - 3/31/14
 4/1/14 - 6/30/14
 7/1/13 - 9/30/13

III. CHILD MALTREATMENT

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

A. Reports

- Statewide, 20,887 reports were recorded during the 1st Quarter of FY’2015. Fifty-six percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation and 11% were screened-in for initial assessment. Ten percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. (**Table 3** on page 11)
- There were 16,699 neglect reports, 3,949 physical abuse reports, and 1,776 sexual abuse reports, representing 80%, 19%, and 9% of total reports respectively. The summation of counts by allegation exceeds the count of total reports (summation of relative percentages is greater than 100%). This occurs because children allegedly subjected to more than one type of maltreatment are counted in each maltreatment category.
- Regionally, the proportion of reports screened-in for an investigation response ranged from 46% in the North to 64% in Boston. (**Table 3, Fig. 5** on page 12).
- The proportion of reports screened-in for an initial assessment response by region ranged from 8% in Boston to 12% in the Northern region. (**Table 3, Fig. 5**)
- The Springfield area had the highest proportion of reports screened-in for investigation (80%). Harbor area had the highest proportion of reports screened-in for initial assessment (20%). (**Appendix Table A5** on page 74)
- Framingham and Arlington areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (30-33%). Park Street, Malden, Hyde Park, and Holyoke areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (3% each). (**Appendix Table A5**)
- The DCF Regions screened-in 9-12% of all reports as emergencies. (**Table 3**)
- Statewide, reports decreased 16% from the 4th Quarter of FY’2014 to the 1st Quarter of FY’2015. Typically, report counts decline during the summer quarter (Q1) then rise during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). (**Appendix Table A7** on page 76, **Fig. 7** on page 13)

B. Investigation and Initial Assessment Responses³.

- During the 1st Quarter of FY'2015, 11,573 responses (investigations and initial assessments) were completed (**Table 4** on page 11)—a decrease of 17% from the 4th Quarter of FY'2014 (**Appendix Table A7, Fig. 8** on page 13).
- Investigations and initial assessments as a proportion of all responses for each region were: 89% and 11% (Boston); 84% and 16% (West); 81% and 19% (South); 79% and 21% (North), respectively. (**Fig. 6** on page 12, **Table 4**)

Initial Assessments

- There were 1,943 initial assessments completed during the 1st Quarter of FY'2015. The assessment decision was “concern” for 45% of initial assessments and “minimal or no concern” for 55%. 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**)
- Van Wart and Park Street had the highest proportions of initial assessments which resulted in a finding of concern (62-63%). (**Appendix Table A6** on page 75)
- Statewide, initial assessments decreased 30% from the 4th Quarter of FY'2014 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2015 (**Appendix Table A7**). There has been a shift from initial assessments to investigations.
- Neglect was an alleged maltreatment in 1,722 initial assessments (89% of all initial assessments) while physical abuse was an alleged maltreatment in 444 initial assessments (23%). An initial assessment may involve more than one type of alleged maltreatment.

Investigations

- The number of investigations conducted during the 1st Quarter of FY'2015 was 9,630 (**Table 4** on page 11).
- Sixty-one percent of the investigations resulted in supported allegations of maltreatment. (**Table 4**)
- Regional support rates went from a low of 59% in the North to a high of 65% in the South. (**Table 4**)

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.

- The Harbor, Framingham, and Park Street areas had the highest proportions of investigations which resulted in a supported allegation(s) (72-73%). (**Appendix Table A6** on page 75)
- Statewide, investigations decreased 13% from the 4th Quarter of FY'2014 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2015 (**Appendix Table A7** on page 76).
- There were 8,216 investigations involving alleged neglect (85% of all investigations), 2,095 investigations involving alleged physical abuse (22%), and 578 investigations involving alleged sexual abuse (6%). Please note that an investigation may involve more than one type of alleged maltreatment.

TABLE 3. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2015, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/14 - 9/30/14)

DCF Geographic Region	Screening Decision									Total	
	Screened-Out		Screened-In for Investigation				Screened-In for Initial Assessment				
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	S/I Total	No.	%	No.	%
Western	2,009	28%	3,631	50%	775	11%	4,406	822	11%	7,237	35%
Northern	2,101	41%	1,853	36%	523	10%	2,376	622	12%	5,099	24%
Southern	1,974	35%	2,531	45%	512	9%	3,043	589	11%	5,606	27%
Boston	601	28%	1,126	52%	266	12%	1,392	163	8%	2,156	10%
Special Investigations	304	39%	471	60%	14	2%	485	---	---	789	4%
Total	6,989	33%	9,612	46%	2,090	10%	11,702	2,196	11%	20,887	100%

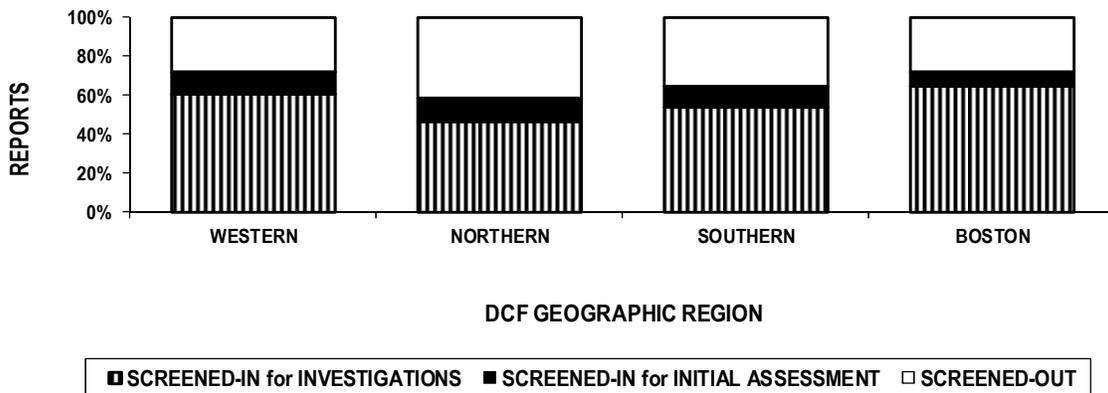
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

TABLE 4. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION: FY'2015, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/14 - 9/30/14)

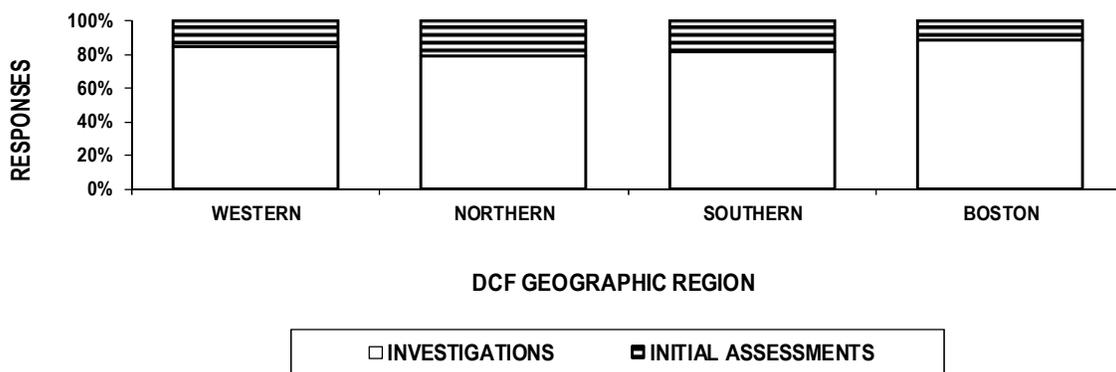
DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision					Assessment Decision				Total		
	Supported		Unsupported		Total No.	Concern		Low/No Concern				
	No.	%	No.	%		No.	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Western	2,241	61%	1,418	39%	3,659	349	50%	349	50%	698	4,357	38%
Northern	1,208	59%	832	41%	2,040	237	44%	301	56%	538	2,578	22%
Southern	1,571	65%	847	35%	2,418	219	40%	333	60%	552	2,970	26%
Boston	776	64%	430	36%	1,206	64	41%	91	59%	155	1,361	12%
Special Investigations	70	23%	237	77%	307	---	---	---	---	---	307	3%
Total	5,866	61%	3,764	39%	9,630	869	45%	1,074	55%	1,943	11,573	100%

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

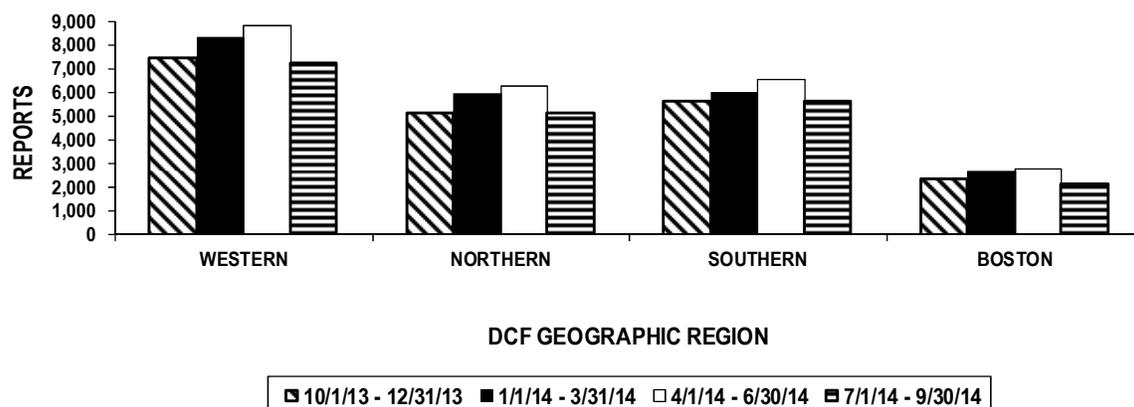
**FIGURE 5. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS
(SCREENING DECISION BY DCF REGION)
FY'2015, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/14 - 9/30/14)**



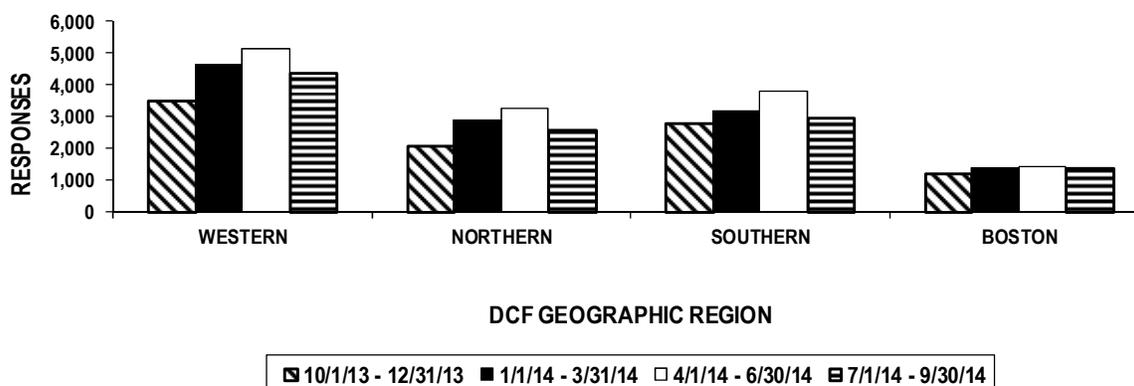
**FIGURE 6. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY TYPE AND DCF REGION
SCREENING DECISION BY DCF REGION
FY'2015, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/14 - 9/30/14)**



**FIGURE 7. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2014, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2015, 1ST QUARTER)**

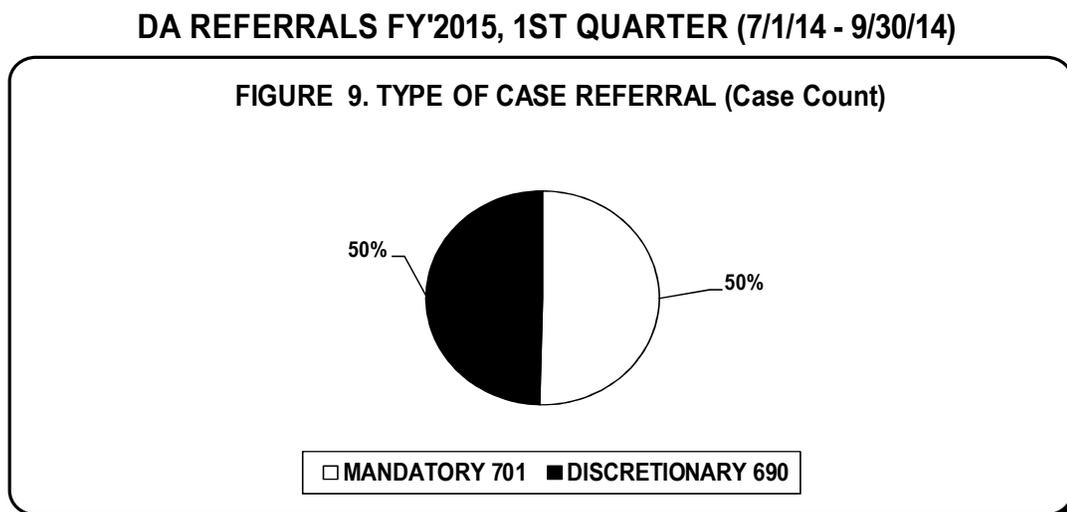


**FIGURE 8. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION
(FY'2014, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2015, 1ST QUARTER)**



C. District Attorney (DA) Referrals

- During the 1st Quarter of FY'2015, 1,391 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (Fig. 9). Approximately half of the case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals⁴ and half were discretionary referrals⁵ (Fig. 9, Appendix Table A8 on page 77).

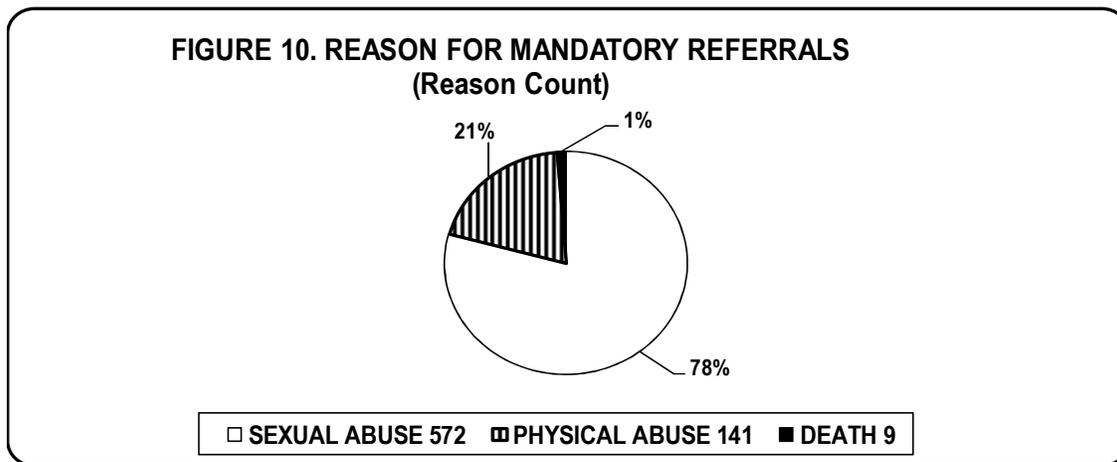


- The proportion of mandatory case referrals ranged from 44-49% of total referrals during FY'2003-2008 and ranged from 50-56% during FY'2009-2015 (Appendix Table A8).
- Sexual abuse accounted for 78% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals during the 1st Quarter of FY'2015 (Fig. 10 and Table 5 on next page). Twenty-one 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'2015, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/14 - 9/30/14)



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

**TABLE 5. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS:
FY'2015, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/14 - 9/30/14)**

Nature of Abuse	Reasons	
	No.	%
Sexual Abuse:	572	79%
Sexual Assault	532	
Sexual Exploitation	40	
Serious Physical Abuse:	141	20%
Death:	9	1%
Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals	722	100%

- Sexual abuse as a proportion of all reasons for mandatory referrals has ranged from 78% to 85% over the past 12 years (FY'2003 through FY'2015) (See **Appendix Table A9** on page 78).
- Not all DA referrals resulting from an allegation that a child's death was due to abuse or neglect lead to an ultimate finding the death was in fact due to abuse or neglect. **DCF publishes an annual report of child fatalities that includes an analysis of child deaths due to abuse or neglect.**

- **Table 6** displays a breakdown of case referrals by type and child’s county of residence. Referral counts are usually the highest for the most populous counties, Middlesex, Worcester, Essex, and Suffolk. However, based on a comparison of county estimates⁶ for children less than 18 years old, Berkshire County⁷ had a higher number of referrals than expected while Norfolk County had a lower number of referrals than expected.
- **Table 7** (on next page) shows mandatory case referral reasons and child’s county of residence. Essex, Middlesex, Worcester, and Suffolk Counties accounted for 62% of the mandatory case referrals for sexual abuse (including sexual assault and sexual exploitation). The same four counties accounted for 73% of the mandatory case referrals for serious physical abuse.

TABLE 6. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY:⁽¹⁾ FY2015, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/14 - 9/30/14)

County ⁽²⁾	Case Referrals				Total No.	2010 Children Under 18 years
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Essex	139	50%	139	50%	278	172,089
Worcester	137	55%	111	45%	248	187,231
Middlesex	86	43%	113	57%	199	320,439
Suffolk	83	49%	88	51%	171	126,275
Hampden	26	27%	72	73%	98	109,885
Bristol	40	45%	49	55%	89	122,409
Berkshire	44	51%	43	49%	87	25,624
Norfolk	64	79%	17	21%	81	152,132
Plymouth	40	74%	14	26%	54	119,475
Hampshire	2	8%	23	92%	25	26,766
Barnstable	18	72%	7	28%	25	37,249
Franklin	3	18%	14	82%	17	14,068
Nantucket	---	---	1	100%	1	2,108
Dukes	1	100%	---	---	1	3,173
OUT OF STATE	7	41%	10	59%	17	
Total	690		701		1,391	

⁽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)

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

**TABLE 7. MANDATORY CASE REFERRAL REASONS BY COUNTY:⁽¹⁾
FY'2015, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/14 - 9/30/14)**

County ⁽²⁾	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals ⁽¹⁾				Total
	Sexual Assault No.	Sexual Exploitation No.	Physical Abuse/Injury No.	Serious Death No.	
Essex	89	2	51	1	143
Worcester	86	8	19	2	115
Middlesex	93	6	13	2	114
Suffolk	68	4	20	1	93
Hampden	56	10	7	---	73
Bristol	37	2	9	2	50
Berkshire	36	2	6	---	44
Hampshire	18	2	4	---	24
Norfolk	13	1	3	1	18
Franklin	11	1	2	---	14
Plymouth	10	---	4	---	14
Barnstable	5	1	3	---	9
Nantucket	---	1	---	---	1
OUT OF STATE	10	---	---	---	10
Total	532	40	141	9	722

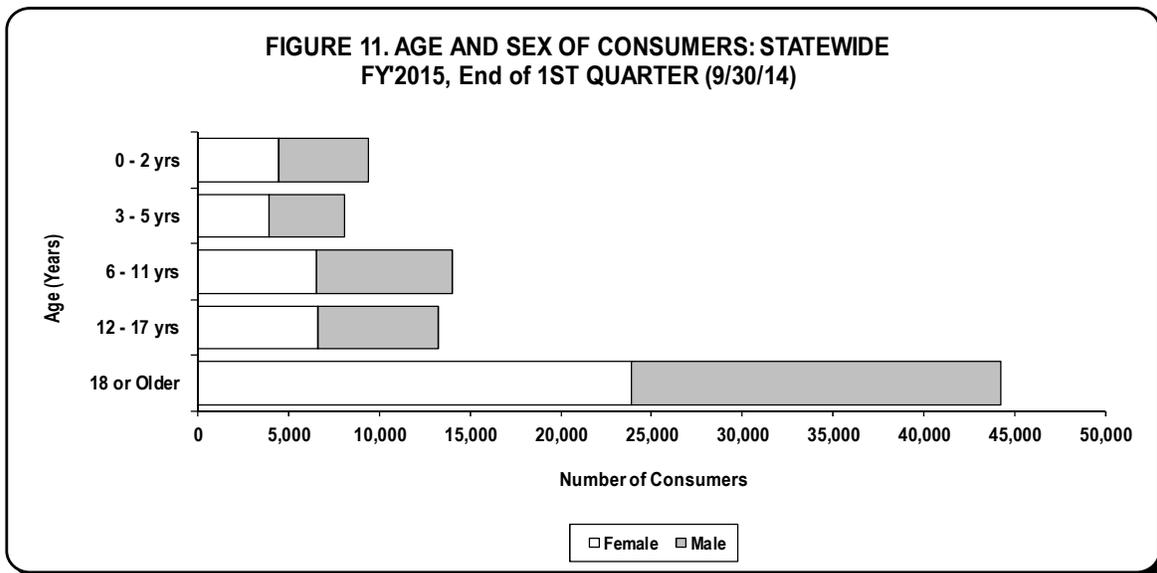
⁽¹⁾ A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.

IV. CONSUMER DEMOGRAPHICS

A. Age, Gender, and Race of All Consumers

- On the last day of the 1st Quarter of FY'2015, the consumer population included 44,962 (50%) children less than 18 years old and 45,532 (50%) adults 18 years or older (**Table 1** on page 3). In 1992, 41% of all consumers were adults and 59% were children (**Fig. 1** on page 4, **Appendix Table A1** on page 70). The proportion of adult consumers has been on the rise since 1992 (**Fig. 1, Appendix Table A1**). Counts of children and adults peaked in 2009, declined for several years, and increased in 2013-2014 (**Fig. 2** on page 4, **Appendix Table A1**).
- Fifty percent of all consumers were identified as female, 48% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Thirty percent (13,289) 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, 53% of all adults receiving services were female. (**Fig. 11**)



Age (Yrs)	Sex			Total
	Female	Male	Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	
0 - 2	4,463	4,908	65	9,436
3 - 5	3,907	4,183	37	8,127
6 - 11	6,538	7,508	59	14,105
12 - 17	6,619	6,631	39	13,289
18 or older	23,868	20,356	813	45,037
Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	108	256	136	500
Total	45,503	43,842	1,149	90,494

⁽¹⁾ Unspecified includes 495 individuals with the role "Consumer Adult" and 5 individuals with the role "Consumer Child" whose ages were unknown and 1,149 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.

- The statewide caseload was comprised of 42% White, 26% Hispanic/Latino, 14% Black, 1% Asian, 3% Multi-Racial, and less than 1% for both Native American and Pacific Islander consumers. The category “Unable to Determine” was recorded for 4% of consumers. Race was not recorded (missing) for 9% of consumers. (Table 8, Figs. 12A and 12B on next page)
- The Boston Region’s caseload was comprised of 39% Black, 31% Hispanic/Latino, and 15% White consumers (4,418, 3,536, and 1,672 consumers, respectively). The proportion of Hispanic/Latino consumers was similar in 3 of the 4 regions (30-31%)—13% in the Southern Region. Asians were most prominent in the North—3% of the caseload (551 consumers, mainly Cambodian). (Table 8, Figs. 12A and 12B)

TABLE 8. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY’2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)

Race	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption				Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
White	16,364	43%	7,588	44%	12,567	53%	1,672	15%	130	46%	4	2%	38,325	42%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	11,910	31%	5,149	30%	3,162	13%	3,536	31%	71	25%	82	49%	23,910	26%
Black	3,222	9%	1,513	9%	3,155	13%	4,418	39%	32	11%	28	17%	12,368	14%
Asian	235	1%	551	3%	180	1%	194	2%	5	2%	31	18%	1,196	1%
Native American	56	*	24	*	88	*	14	*	3	1%	---	---	185	*
Pacific Islander	19	*	6	*	9	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	35	*
Multi-Racial	911	2%	478	3%	1,033	4%	228	2%	29	10%	---	---	2,679	3%
Unable to Determine	1,491	4%	768	4%	1,180	5%	465	4%	14	5%	21	13%	3,939	4%
Missing	3,607	10%	1,318	8%	2,128	9%	802	7%	0	0%	2	1%	7,857	9%
Total	37,815	100%	17,395	100%	23,502	100%	11,330	100%	284	100%	168	100%	90,494	100%

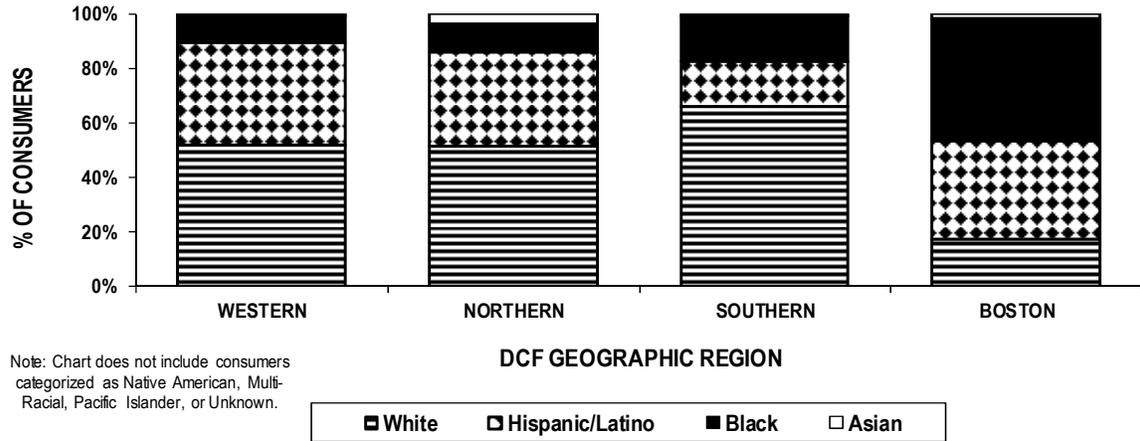
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⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

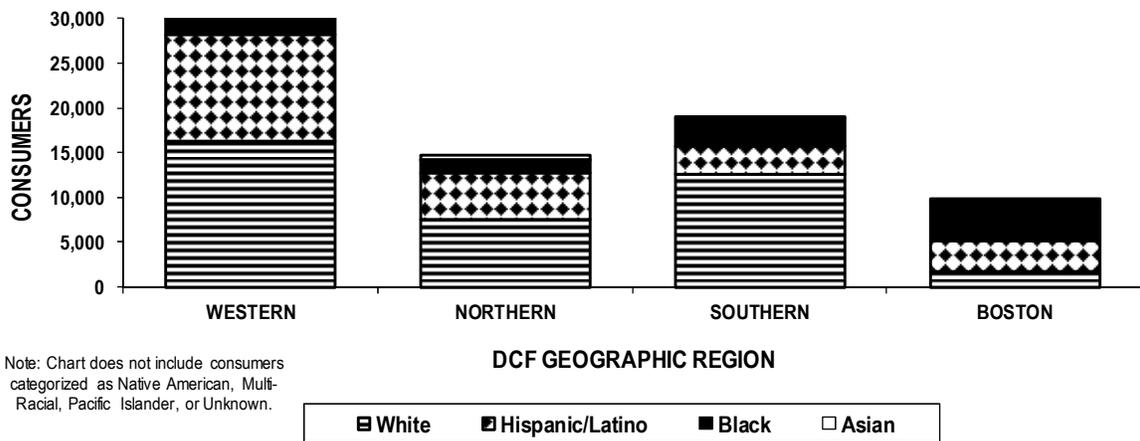
⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

**FIGURE 12A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'15, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)**



**FIGURE 12B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'15, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)**



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

TABLE 9. RACIAL COMPARISON: CHILDREN RECEIVING DCF SERVICES VS. ALL CHILDREN RESIDING IN MASSACHUSETTS (CENSUS 2010)

Race	State Census ⁺ 2010	Children Less than 18 Years Old							
		DCF Not in Substitute Care 9/30/14	DCF All Substitute Care [*] 9/30/14	DCF Foster Care 9/30/14	DCF Congregate Care ^{**} 9/30/14	DCF All Care w/Goal of Adoption 9/30/14	DCF All Care w/Goal of Guardianship 9/30/14	DCF Adoptions Legalized FY'2014	DCF Guardianships Legalized FY'2014
White	67%	40%	46%	47%	46%	49%	48%	49%	54%
Hispanic ^{***}	15%	33%	26%	25%	25%	24%	22%	22%	17%
Black	7%	14%	14%	12%	20%	11%	16%	11%	14%
Asian	6%	1%	1%	1%	1%	<1%	1%	1%	1%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	---	<1%	<1%	<1%	---
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	---	---	---	---	---
Multi-Racial	4%	4%	7%	8%	4%	10%	7%	9%	9%
Other/Unknown	1%	8%	6%	6%	4%	6%	5%	6%	4%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	1,418,923	36,257	8,705	6,907	1,188	2,530	705	611	348

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

*Substitute Care includes: foster care, 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 A12** on page 81 displays the racial composition (and Hispanic origin) of children residing in the 13 largest cities in Massachusetts. There is a high minority representation in Brockton, Boston, Lawrence, and Springfield. Hispanic children are most prevalent in Lawrence, Springfield, and Lynn. The relatively higher proportion of “Other/Unknown” race in Lawrence, Springfield, and Lynn is most likely a reflection of the large Hispanic/Latino population—many do not identify with any race. The proportion of Asian children is highest in Quincy and Lowell.

B. Preferred Language of All Consumers

- The Western Region had the highest number of Spanish-speaking consumers (2,426) (**Table 10**). Spanish was also the primary language of 1,279 and 1,097 consumers in the Northern and Boston regions, respectively. Haitian Creole was the preferred language of 394 DCF consumers statewide. Khmer-speaking (Cambodian) consumers were mainly concentrated in the North. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Haitian Creole (Boston/South/North), Portuguese (South/North), and Cape Verdean Creole (South/Boston) (**Table 10**).

TABLE 10. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)

Primary Language	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption				Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spanish	2,426	6%	1,279	7%	612	3%	1,097	10%	3	1%	83	49%	5,500	6%
Portuguese	64	*	143	1%	178	1%	21	*	---	---	---	---	406	*
Haitian Creole	18	*	104	1%	118	1%	120	1%	---	---	---	---	360	*
Cape Verdean Creole	4	*	9	*	165	1%	109	1%	---	---	---	---	287	*
Khmer (Cambodian)	5	*	117	1%	15	*	4	*	---	---	---	---	141	*
Chinese	10	*	28	*	27	*	30	*	---	---	1	1%	96	*
Vietnamese	40	*	10	*	9	*	35	*	---	---	---	---	94	*
Lao	5	*	5	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	10	*
American Sign Lang.	25	*	15	*	8	*	10	*	---	---	---	---	58	*
Other	631	2%	254	1%	286	1%	145	1%	8	3%	58	35%	1,382	2%
English\Unspecified	34,587	91%	15,431	89%	22,084	94%	9,759	86%	273	96%	26	15%	82,160	91%
Total	37,815	100%	17,395	100%	23,502	100%	11,330	100%	284	100%	168	100%	90,494	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

- From 1987 to 1997, there were substantial increases in consumers whose preferred languages were Khmer, Lao, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and Spanish (**table** on next page). In the following decade (1997-2007), there were declines in consumers from all of these language groups. Although there was a decline in consumers with these preferred/primary languages, there was not a decline in DCF consumers from these ethnic groups. As with all immigrant groups, their children become fluent in English. The new immigrant communities continue to grow, but as time passes those who are only fluent in their native language make up a smaller proportion of their community.

- Comparing DCF consumers by preferred language on June 2007 and September 2014, showed an increase in some language groups and a decrease in others (**table** on next page). The largest changes were: declines in Khmer (-60%), Vietnamese (-44%), Lao (-50%) and increases in Cape Verdean Creole (97%), Chinese (78%), Haitian Creole (38%), and Portuguese (34%). During this period, the count of total consumers increased 15%.

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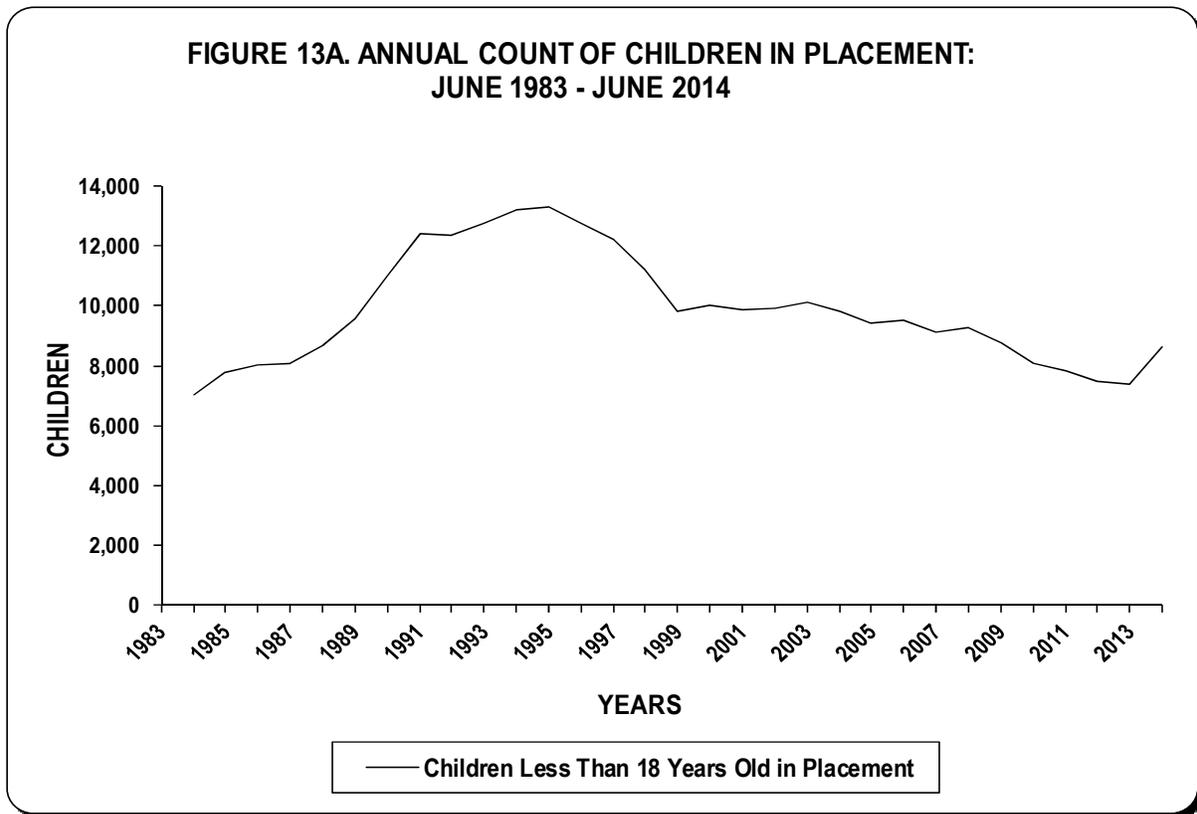
Primary Language	Consumers Jul. 1987 No.	Consumers Jul. 1997 No.	Consumers Jun. 2007 No.	Consumers Sep. 2014 No.	2007-2014 Change %
English/Unspecified	60,784	66,404	71,398	82,160	15%
Spanish	3,664	6,334	4,516	5,500	22%
Haitian Creole	175	360	260	360	38%
Portuguese	530	380	303	406	34%
Cape Verdean Creole	174	247	146	287	97%
Khmer Cambodian	253	851	356	141	-60%
Vietnamese	146	273	167	94	-44%
Chinese	71	61	54	96	78%
American Sign Language	47	23	41	58	41%
Lao	30	74	20	10	-50%
Other	213	310	1,459	1,382	-5%
Total	66,087	75,317	78,720	90,494	15%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: 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 (8,705) increased 1% from the 4th Quarter of FY'2014 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2015 (**Appendix Table A1** on page 70, **Fig. 14** on page 27). The highest number of children less than 18 years old in placement was recorded in 1995 (13,302 children). Prior to 2014, the annual count of children in placement had been on a mostly downward trend since 1995. During FY'2014-2015, the number of children in placement has increased each quarter. (**Appendix Table A1, Figs. 13A, 14, and 15**)



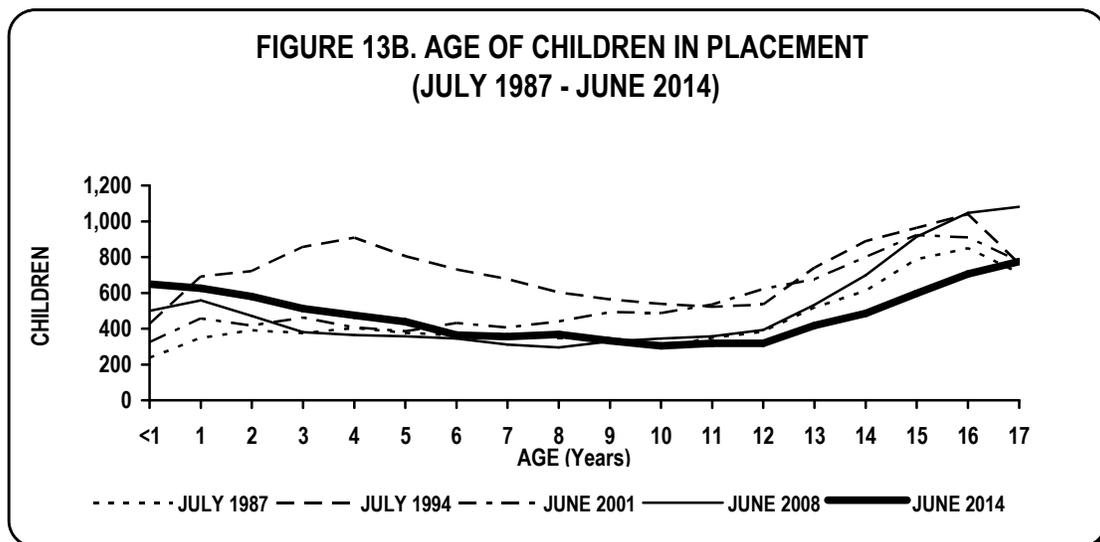
⁸Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 to 23 years old.

- **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 year 2008, the age distribution of children in placement dropped to a level that approached the 1987 curve. However, there was a resurgence in 2008 at both extremes of the age distribution—16-17 years old and <1-2 years old.

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

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



- Statewide, 19% (or 8,075) of all children (less than 18 years old) with open cases were in placement. The regional statistics for children in placement as a proportion of all children receiving services were: 21% in the South, 20% in the North, 18% in the West, and 19% in Boston. (**Table 11** on next page)
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Greenfield, Lynn, and Fall River area offices had the highest proportions in placement (26-29%). The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Van Wart and Springfield area offices (11-13%). (**Table 11**)

TABLE 11. CHILD⁽¹⁾ CASELOAD BY DCF: FY'2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)

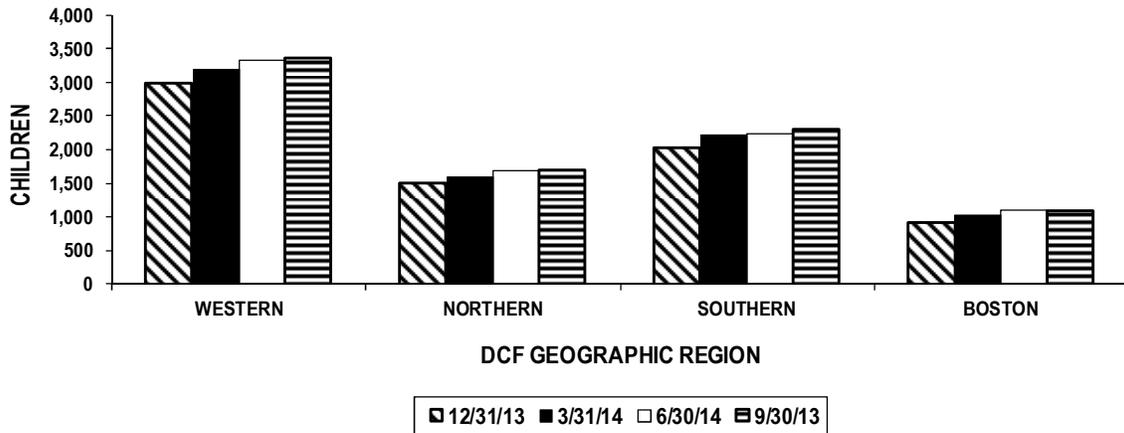
DCF Region/Area	Not in Placement	In Placement	Total Child Caseload	% in Placement
Greenfield	865	356	1,221	29%
Holyoke	1,260	275	1,535	18%
North Central	2,211	505	2,716	19%
Pittsfield	1,044	353	1,397	25%
Robert Van Wart	2,699	342	3,041	11%
South Central	1,512	342	1,854	18%
Springfield	2,764	431	3,195	13%
Worcester East	1,957	397	2,354	17%
Worcester West	1,403	342	1,745	20%
Contracted Agencies West	15	3	18	17%
Western	15,730	3,346	19,076	18%
Cambridge	638	118	756	16%
Cape Ann	844	166	1,010	16%
Framingham	896	183	1,079	17%
Haverhill	684	148	832	18%
Lawrence	707	204	911	22%
Lowell	1,453	339	1,792	19%
Lynn	902	357	1,259	28%
Malden	722	166	888	19%
Contracted Agencies Northeast	5	---	5	---
Northern	6,851	1,681	8,532	20%
Arlington	665	188	853	22%
Brockton	1,167	281	1,448	19%
Cape Cod	828	243	1,071	23%
Coastal	720	239	959	25%
Fall River	1,237	432	1,669	26%
New Bedford	2,135	427	2,562	17%
Plymouth	1,071	239	1,310	18%
Taunton/Attleboro	1,069	246	1,315	19%
Contracted Agencies Southeast	15	3	18	17%
Southern	8,907	2,298	11,205	21%
Dimock Street	1,023	289	1,312	22%
Harbor	1,279	235	1,514	16%
Hyde Park	1,105	222	1,327	17%
Park Street	1,334	331	1,665	20%
Contracted Agencies Boston	3	2	2	100%
Boston	4,744	1,079	5,823	19%
Adoption Contracts⁽²⁾	18	263	281	94%
Other⁽³⁾	7	38	45	84%
Total	36,257	8,705	44,962	19%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.

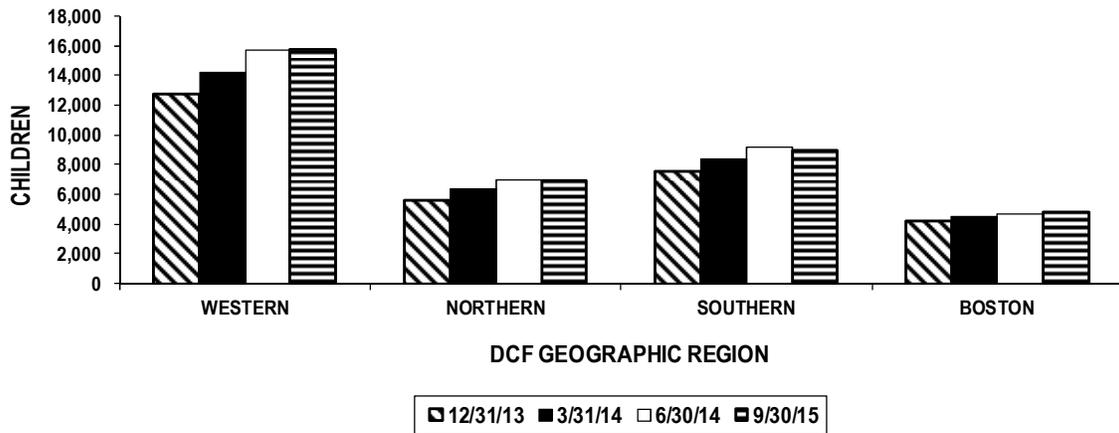
⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

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

**FIGURE 14. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2014, END OF 2ND QUARTER to FY'2015, END OF 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 15. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2014, END OF 2ND QUARTER to FY'2015, END OF 1ST QUARTER)**



A. Demographics of Consumers in Placement⁹

(Combined Counts from All Types of Placement)

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2015, the statewide placement population was comprised of 52% boys and 48% girls. In 3 DCF regions, the gender difference was the same as the state (**Table 12A, Fig. 16A** on next page). The fourth region, Boston, showed a reversal in gender—51% girls and 49% boys (**Table 12A**). The proportions of male and female children in the DCF placement population were similar to the general population.¹⁰
- Statewide, 45% of all consumers in placement were White, 15% were Black, 26% were Hispanic/Latino, 2% were Asian, and 6% were multi-racial. Race was not identified for 5% of the placement population. (**Table 12A, Fig. 16A**)
- The proportion of minority consumers in placement, as with the local population, was highest in the Boston Region. (**Table 12A**)

**TABLE 12A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: GENDER AND RACE BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE:
FY'2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption		Total			
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾				Other ⁽²⁾	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sex:														
Female	1,886	49%	1,039	48%	1,331	49%	667	51%	112	43%	39	27%	5,074	48%
Male	1,997	51%	1,108	52%	1,396	51%	631	49%	151	57%	107	73%	5,390	52%
Missing	1	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*
Total	3,884	100%	2,148	100%	2,727	100%	1,298	100%	263	100%	146	100%	10,466	100%
Race:														
White	1,886	49%	980	46%	1,531	56%	243	19%	122	46%	---	---	4,762	45%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	1,204	31%	674	31%	357	13%	355	27%	67	25%	73	50%	2,730	26%
Black	368	9%	199	9%	378	14%	580	45%	24	9%	26	18%	1,575	15%
Asian	15	*	77	4%	17	1%	21	2%	5	2%	27	18%	162	2%
Native American	3	*	---	---	11	*	1	*	3	1%	---	---	18	*
Pacific Islander	1	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*
Multi-Racial	225	6%	127	6%	252	9%	43	3%	28	11%	---	---	675	6%
Unable to Determine	181	5%	90	4%	181	7%	55	4%	14	5%	20	14%	541	5%
Missing	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	3,884	100%	2,148	100%	2,727	100%	1,298	100%	263	100%	146	100%	10,466	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

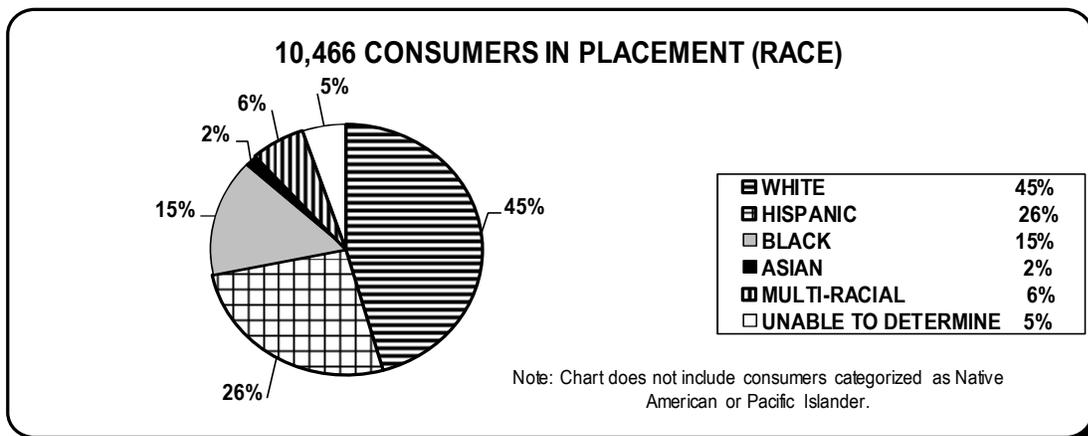
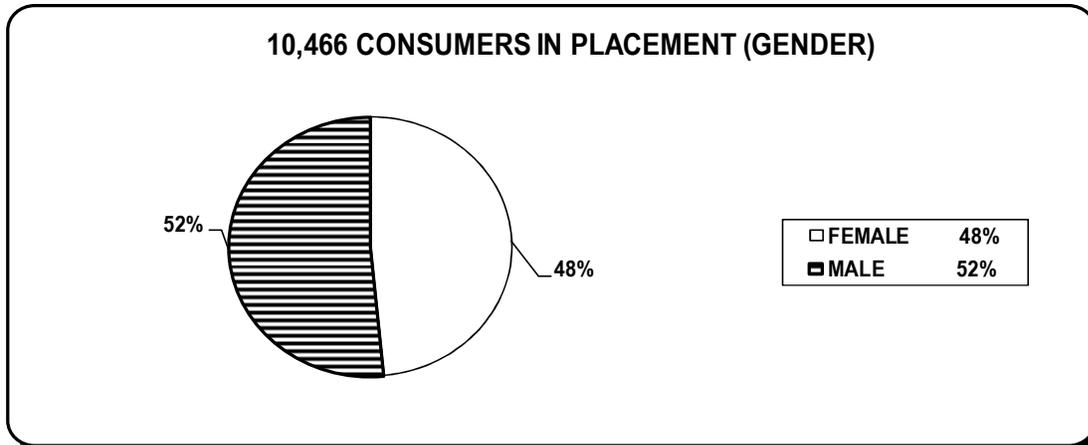
⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

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

¹⁰ 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'2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)**



- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DCF Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 29% to 34%. (**Table 12B** on page 31)
- The proportion of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 14% in the Western Region to 22% in the Northern Region. (**Table 12B**)

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

- The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were Family Reunification (38% of all consumers in placement), Adoption (24%), and Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement¹¹ (APPLA) (19%). The Northern Region had the highest proportion (24%) of consumers in placement with a goal of APPLA. (**Table 12B** on next page, **Fig. 16B** on page 32)
- The remaining service plan goals were: Guardianship (7% of all consumers in placement), Permanent Care with Kin¹² (5%), and Stabilization of Family (4%).
- On 9/30/2014, 33% of the statewide placement population had a length of stay of more than 2 years,¹³ 23% had been in continuous care between 1 and 2 years, and 44% for 1 year or less. (**Table 12B**, **Fig. 16B**)
- The North had the highest proportion of consumers in continuous care¹⁴ for more than two years (38%). The South had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (47%). (**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 (40% for Black vs. 33% for White, 33% for Hispanic). This racial disparity is due to the larger proportion of Black consumers in placement who were 18 years or older (**Table 13B** on page 33). Consumers 18 years or older accounted for 45% of all consumers in placement for more than 4 years and another 27% who were in placement for 2-4 years (**Table 13C** on page 33).
- Thirty-seven percent of Black consumers in placement had a goal of “Family Reunification,” compared to 38% for Hispanic and 38% for White consumers (**Table 14** on page 33). There was a greater proportion of Black consumers with a goal of “Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement” (APPLA) and a lower proportion with a goal of “Adoption” as compared to White and Hispanic consumers—26% Black vs. 18% White and 21% Hispanic for APPLA; 17% Black vs. 22% Hispanic and 26% White for adoption.

¹¹ 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.

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

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ 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 (September 30, 2014).

TABLE 12B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE: FY'2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region										Total			
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾				Other ⁽²⁾	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Age:														
(0 - 2 yrs)	753	19%	331	15%	588	22%	206	16%	57	22%	---	---	1,935	18%
(3 - 5 yrs)	570	15%	261	12%	386	14%	168	13%	69	26%	---	---	1,454	14%
(6 - 11 yrs)	825	21%	361	17%	521	19%	258	20%	96	37%	2	1%	2,063	20%
(12 - 17 yrs)	1,198	31%	728	34%	803	29%	447	34%	41	16%	36	25%	3,253	31%
18 or older	538	14%	467	22%	429	16%	219	17%	---	---	108	74%	1,761	17%
Total	3,884	100%	2,148	100%	2,727	100%	1,298	100%	263	100%	146	100%	10,466	100%
Service Plan Goals:														
Family Reunification	1,522	39%	793	37%	1,126	41%	525	40%	4	2%	2	1%	3,972	38%
Adoption	1,009	26%	428	20%	623	23%	233	18%	240	91%	---	---	2,533	24%
APPLA ⁽³⁾	602	15%	510	24%	508	19%	276	21%	---	---	91	62%	1,987	19%
Guardianship	237	6%	140	7%	219	8%	110	8%	8	3%	---	---	714	7%
Permanent Care with Kin	201	5%	144	7%	96	4%	67	5%	6	2%	24	16%	538	5%
Stabilization of Family	200	5%	71	3%	100	4%	57	4%	---	---	---	---	428	4%
Unspecified as of run-date	113	3%	62	3%	55	2%	30	2%	5	2%	29	20%	294	3%
Total	3,884	100%	2,148	100%	2,727	100%	1,298	100%	263	100%	146	100%	10,466	100%
Continuous Time in Care:														
(.5 yr or less)	1,093	28%	575	27%	720	26%	337	26%	3	1%	13	9%	2,741	26%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	679	17%	348	16%	560	21%	256	20%	36	14%	23	16%	1,902	18%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	541	14%	260	12%	361	13%	176	14%	62	24%	22	15%	1,422	14%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	330	8%	158	7%	244	9%	108	8%	32	12%	18	12%	890	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	675	17%	421	20%	482	18%	225	17%	89	34%	43	29%	1,935	18%
> 4 yrs	566	15%	386	18%	360	13%	196	15%	41	16%	27	18%	1,576	15%
Total	3,884	100%	2,148	100%	2,727	100%	1,298	100%	263	100%	146	100%	10,466	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.

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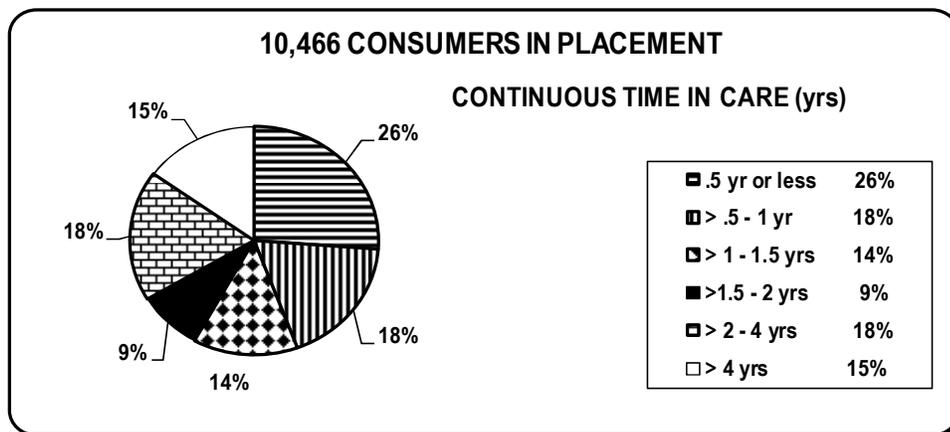
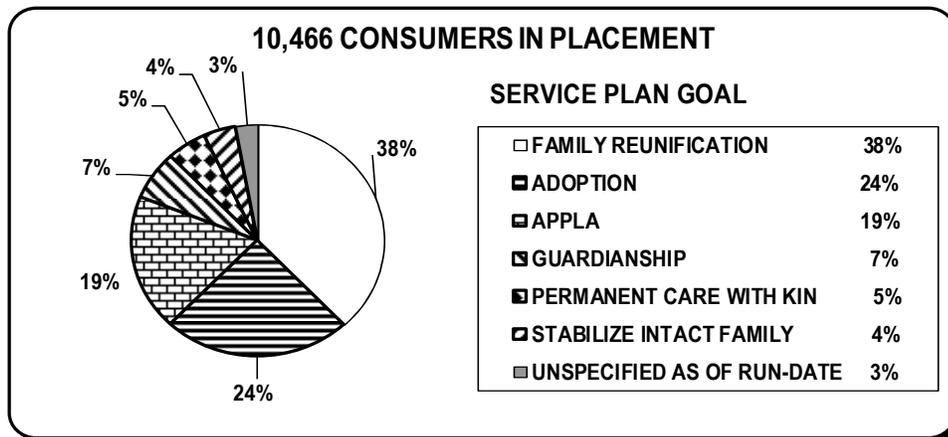
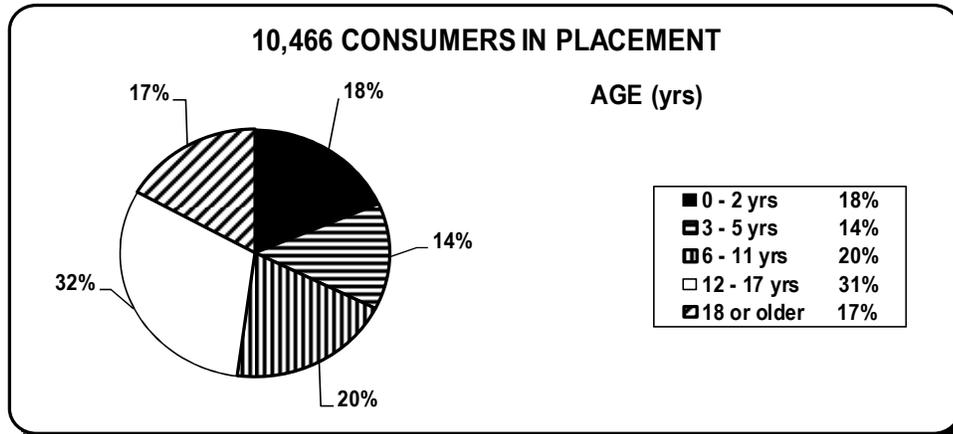
⁽³⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

TABLE 13A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE: STATEWIDE FY'2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers												Total					
	White		Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾		Black		Asian		Native American		Pacific Islander				Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5yr or less)	1,244	26%	736	27%	390	25%	36	22%	4	22%	---	---	158	23%	173	32%	2,741	26%
(> .5-1yr)	890	19%	456	17%	272	17%	25	15%	3	17%	1	50%	129	19%	126	23%	1,902	18%
(>1-1.5yrs)	652	14%	386	14%	173	11%	11	7%	4	22%	---	---	110	16%	86	16%	1,422	14%
(>1.5-2yrs)	409	9%	250	9%	107	7%	14	9%	3	17%	---	---	71	11%	36	7%	890	9%
(>2-4yrs)	870	18%	493	18%	318	20%	38	23%	3	17%	---	---	140	21%	73	13%	1,935	18%
> 4yrs	697	15%	409	15%	315	20%	38	23%	1	6%	1	50%	67	10%	48	9%	1,576	15%
Total	4,762	100%	2,730	100%	1,575	100%	162	100%	18	100%	2	100%	675	100%	542	100%	10,466	100%

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

**FIGURE 16B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT
STATEWIDE: FY'2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)**



**TABLE 13B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND AGE GROUP:
STATEWIDE FY'2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)**

Race	Age Group of Consumers										Total	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
White	942	20%	688	14%	989	21%	1,414	30%	729	15%	4,762	100%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	436	16%	371	14%	503	18%	910	33%	510	19%	2,730	100%
Black	178	11%	154	10%	298	19%	582	37%	363	23%	1,575	100%
Asian	10	6%	12	7%	26	16%	59	36%	55	34%	162	100%
Native American	6	33%	1	6%	7	39%	3	17%	1	6%	18	100%
Pacific Islander	---	---	---	---	1	50%	---	---	1	50%	2	100%
Multi-Racial	159	24%	141	21%	161	24%	158	23%	56	8%	675	100%
Unable to Determine	204	38%	87	16%	78	14%	126	23%	46	9%	541	100%
Missing	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	100%	---	---	1	100%
Total	1,935	18%	1,454	14%	2,063	20%	3,253	31%	1,761	17%	10,466	100%

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

**TABLE 13C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)**

Continuous Time in Care	Age Group of Consumers										Total	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	784	41%	401	28%	549	27%	884	27%	123	7%	2,741	26%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	535	28%	303	21%	369	18%	561	17%	134	8%	1,902	18%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	331	17%	246	17%	318	15%	399	12%	128	7%	1,422	14%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	153	8%	141	10%	212	10%	274	8%	110	6%	890	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	132	7%	331	23%	435	21%	562	17%	475	27%	1,935	18%
> 4 yrs	---	---	32	2%	180	9%	573	18%	791	45%	1,576	15%
Total	1,935	100%	1,454	100%	2,063	100%	3,253	100%	1,761	100%	10,466	100%

TABLE 14. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers										Total									
	White	Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	Black	Asian	Native American	Pacific Islander	Multi-Racial	Unable to Determine	Missing											
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%								
Family Reunification	1,799	38%	1,027	38%	589	37%	44	27%	10	56%	1	50%	258	38%	244	45%	---	---	3,972	38%
Adoption	1,251	26%	607	22%	270	17%	13	8%	2	11%	---	---	249	37%	141	26%	---	---	2,533	24%
APPLA ⁽²⁾	835	18%	567	21%	405	26%	52	32%	2	11%	---	---	74	11%	52	10%	---	---	1,987	19%
Guardianship	346	7%	155	6%	112	7%	10	6%	4	22%	---	---	49	7%	38	7%	---	---	714	7%
Permanent Care with Kin	236	5%	141	5%	85	5%	27	17%	---	---	---	---	25	4%	24	4%	---	---	538	5%
Stabilize Intact Family	173	4%	143	5%	75	5%	3	2%	---	---	1	50%	15	2%	18	3%	---	---	428	4%
Unspecified as of run-date	122	3%	90	3%	39	2%	13	8%	---	---	---	---	5	1%	24	4%	1	100%	294	3%
Total	4,762	100%	2,730	100%	1,575	100%	162	100%	18	100%	2	100%	675	100%	541	100%	1	100%	10,466	100%

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽²⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

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

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2015 (9/30/14), the median time in continuous care was 1.0 year and the median¹⁵ age was 8.6 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. Median age and median time in continuous care have been declining over the years and are now at their lowest levels. (See **table** below)
- Over the past 22 years, the median age of children in care has ranged from 8.6 to 12.6 years while median time in placement has fluctuated between 0.9 and 1.6 years. The total population of children in placement has ranged from a high of 13,056 in 1995 to a low of 7,368 in June 2013 (See **table** below). The placement population of children less than 18 years old was 8,705 on September 30, 2014—and increase of 1% from the 4th Quarter of FY'2014 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2015.

<i>Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement</i>			
Date	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
7/93	9.3	1.6	12,577
7/94	9.1	1.4	12,977
7/95	9.2	1.3	13,056
7/96	9.7	1.4	12,643
7/97	10.2	1.4	11,957
9/98	10.2	1.5	10,503
6/99	10.8	1.3	9,834
6/00	11.4	1.3	10,025
6/01	11.5	1.2	9,889
6/02	11.8	1.3	9,932
6/03	12.1	1.3	10,127
6/04	12.3	1.4	9,815
6/05	12.5	1.3	9,439
6/06	12.6	1.2	9,543
6/07	12.6	1.2	9,132
6/08	12.0	1.1	9,287
6/09	11.4	1.2	8,755
6/10	11.5	1.2	8,097
6/11	11.2	1.2	7,841
6/12	11.0	1.1	7,467
6/13	10.4	1.0	7,368
6/14	8.8	0.9	8,622
9/14	8.6	1.0	8,705

- An age breakdown of children in placement by race¹⁶ is presented in a **table** on the next page. The median ages by race were: 8.2 years for White, 9.4 years for Hispanic, 11.4 years for Black, and 13.5 years for Asian. Despite differences in median age, the median time spent in continuous placement was 1.0 year for each of the aforementioned racial groups: White, Hispanic, Black, and Asian. (See **table** on next page)

¹⁵ Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

¹⁶ Hispanic/Latino includes children of any race.

- On 9/30/14, 37% of children less than 18 years old in placement were adolescents. Please note that the statistics in the following **table** are for children less than 18 years old.

<i>Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement on 9/30/14</i>			
Race	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
White	8.2	1.0	4,033
Hispanic/Latino	9.4	1.0	2,220
Black	11.4	1.0	1,212
Asian	13.5	1.0	107
Native American	6.8	1.3	17
Pacific Islander	---	---	1
Multi-Racial	6.2	1.1	619
Unable to Determine	4.0	0.8	496
Total	8.6	1.0	8,705

- The **table** on the next page displays the median age and continuous time in care for all children less than 18 years old in placement on 9/30/2014. These children may have been in different types of placement prior to this quarter end-date.
- Foster children in Unrestricted, Kinship, Child Specific, and Pre-Adoptive homes are the youngest among all placement types. Pre-Adoptive foster children have the lowest median age but a relatively longer length of stay—waiting for termination of parental rights (See **table** on next page).
- Compared to other types of foster care, the 5 children in Independent Living had the highest median age. These 17 year olds were in school or vocational programs and needed financial support to transition to living independently. Please note this analysis does not include foster children 18 years or older in independent living. Of the total consumers in the foster care Independent Living model 99% were 18 or older (See pages 56-57).
- Children in contracted Intensive Foster Care (IFC) were older and had spent more time in continuous care compared to children in most other types of foster care—the exception being Pre-adoptive foster children.
- The major congregate models are Intensive Group Home (559 children), Residential School (389), and Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (STARR) (340). (See **table** on next page)
- Children in the different congregate care programs were similar in age but differed in their length of stay. Children in a Residential Schools and Group Homes had the longest median time in placement (1.7 and 1.6 years, respectively).

- The group home model of Independent Living includes group homes as well as supervised or supported apartments designed for older adolescents who are developing the skills to live in the community in their own homes or apartments. There were 14 children (16-17 years old) in the Independent Living/Pre-Independent Living programs. Eighty-eight percent of total consumers in the congregate care Independent Living and Pre-Independent Living models were 18 years or older (See pages 56-57).
- The STARR program is a short-term residential placement service; this is reflected in the 0.2 year median length of stay.
- The Continuum Adjusted Group Home model includes both long-term and short-term out-of-home care. These out-of-home care services are provided with community-based wraparound services for the youth and family.

Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement

<i>Placement Type as of 9/30/2014</i>	<i>Median Age (yrs)</i>	<i>Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)</i>	<i>Number of Children</i>
Foster Care:			
Unrestricted	4.6	0.7	2,056
Kinship	5.6	0.8	2,486
Child Specific	8.6	1.2	442
Pre-Adoptive	3.9	1.9	503
Independent Living	17.8	0.8	5
Intensive Foster Care (contracted)	11.6	1.4	1,415
Congregate Care:			
Group Home	16.2	1.6	162
Intensive Group Home	14.7	1.4	559
Pre-Independent Living Group Home	17.6	1.8	13
Independent Living Group Home	----	---	1
Residential School	15.5	1.7	389
STARR	15.1	0.2	340
Teen Parent Program	16.9	0.9	16
Continuum Adjusted Group Home	14.7	0.3	23
On the Run & Non-Referral Locations	15.9	0.6	295
Total	8.6	1.0	8,705

D. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,533 consumers (includes 3 youths 18 years or older) in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,251 (49%) were White, 607 (24%) were Hispanic/Latino, 270 (10%) were Black, 13 (<1%) were Asian, 2 (<1%) were Native American, and 249 (10%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 141 (5%) consumers. (**Table 14** on page 33, **Table 15** on next page, **Fig. 17** on page 38)

- The age distribution of 2,533 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 29% age 0-2 years, 26% age 3-5 years, 31% age 6-11 years, and 14% age 12-17 years. (Table 15, Fig. 17)
- Fifty-two percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 48% were female. (Fig. 17 on next page)
- Forty-six percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of adoption had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (Table 16 below, Fig. 17)
- Forty-four percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of guardianship had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (Table 16)

**TABLE 15. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)**

Service Plan Goal	Age Group of Consumers										Total	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	1,026	26%	642	16%	915	23%	1,356	34%	33	1%	3,972	100%
Adoption	740	29%	646	26%	794	31%	350	14%	3	*	2,533	100%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	495	25%	1,492	75%	1,987	100%
Guardianship	64	9%	104	15%	215	30%	322	45%	9	1%	714	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	1	*	4	1%	38	7%	365	68%	130	24%	538	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	55	13%	38	9%	54	13%	235	55%	46	11%	428	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	49	17%	20	7%	47	16%	130	44%	48	16%	294	100%
Total	1,935	18%	1,454	14%	2,063	20%	3,253	31%	1,761	17%	10,466	100%

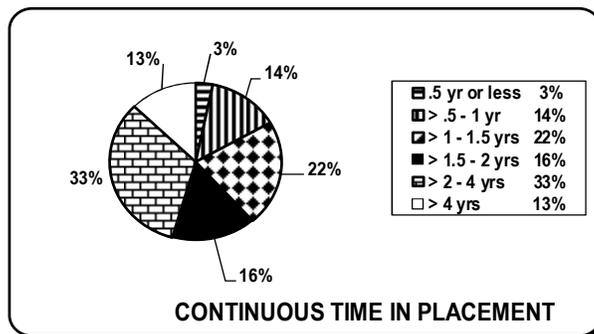
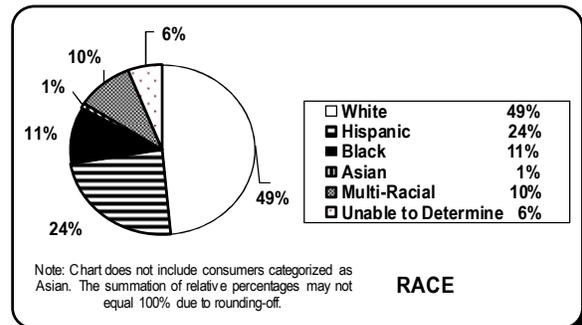
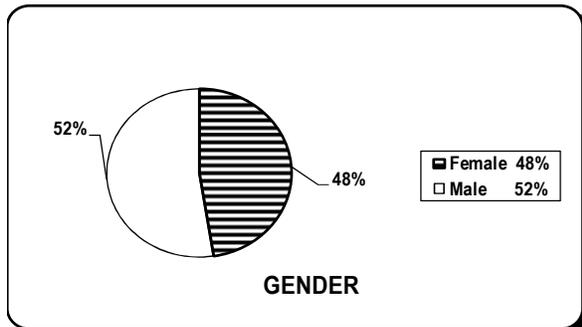
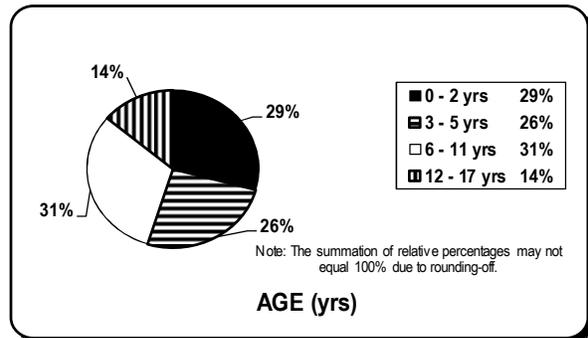
⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 16. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)**

Service Plan Goal	Continuous Time in Placement										Total			
	(.5yr or less)		(> .5 - 1 yr)		(>1 - 1.5 yrs)		(>1.5 - 2 yrs)		(>2 - 4 yrs)				> 4 yrs	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	2,031	51%	1,201	30%	402	10%	157	4%	147	4%	34	1%	3,972	100%
Adoption	82	3%	342	14%	550	22%	404	16%	835	33%	320	13%	2,533	100%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	108	5%	176	9%	191	10%	154	8%	556	28%	802	40%	1,987	100%
Guardianship	12	2%	88	12%	206	29%	99	14%	211	30%	98	14%	714	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	11	2%	22	4%	42	8%	48	9%	133	25%	282	52%	538	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	294	69%	46	11%	18	4%	11	3%	26	6%	33	8%	428	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	203	69%	27	9%	13	4%	17	6%	27	9%	7	2%	294	100%
Total	2,741	26%	1,902	18%	1,422	14%	890	9%	1,935	18%	1,576	15%	10,466	100%

⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**FIGURE 17. AGE, GENDER, RACE, HISPANIC ORIGIN, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT OF CONSUMERS WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
FY'2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)**



- There has been a decline in the number of children¹⁷ in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of children with a goal of adoption fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In 2001, children in placement with a goal of adoption dropped below 3,000. Over the years, changes in the number of children with a goal of adoption have often coincided with changes in the placement population. (See **table** below)
- Over the past 24 years, there have been relatively minor fluctuations in the proportion of children in placement with a goal of adoption—ranging from a high of 35% in 1994 to a low of 26% in 2006. At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY’2015, the proportion of children in placement with a goal of adoption was 29%. (See **table** below)

Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement

Date mo/yr	Children in Placement	Children in Placement with a Goal of Adoption	% of Children with a Goal of Adoption
7/91	12,397	3,541	29%
7/92	12,311	4,116	33%
7/93	12,577	4,244	34%
7/94	12,977	4,522	35%
7/95	13,056	4,352	33%
7/96	12,463	4,251	34%
7/97	11,957	3,673	31%
12/97	11,170	3,489	31%
9/98	10,503	3,393	32%
6/99	9,834	3,107	32%
6/00	10,025	3,175	32%
6/01	9,889	2,860	29%
6/02	9,932	2,837	29%
6/03	10,127	2,861	28%
6/04	9,815	2,763	28%
6/05	9,439	2,573	27%
6/06	9,543	2,452	26%
6/07	9,132	2,549	28%
6/08	9,287	2,494	27%
6/09	8,755	2,525	29%
6/10	8,097	2,478	31%
6/11	7,841	2,468	31%
6/12	7,467	2,286	31%
6/13	7,368	2,132	29%
6/14	8,622	2,401	28%
9/14	8,705	2,530	29%

NOTES: Children are less than 18 years old

¹⁷ Children are less than 18 years old.

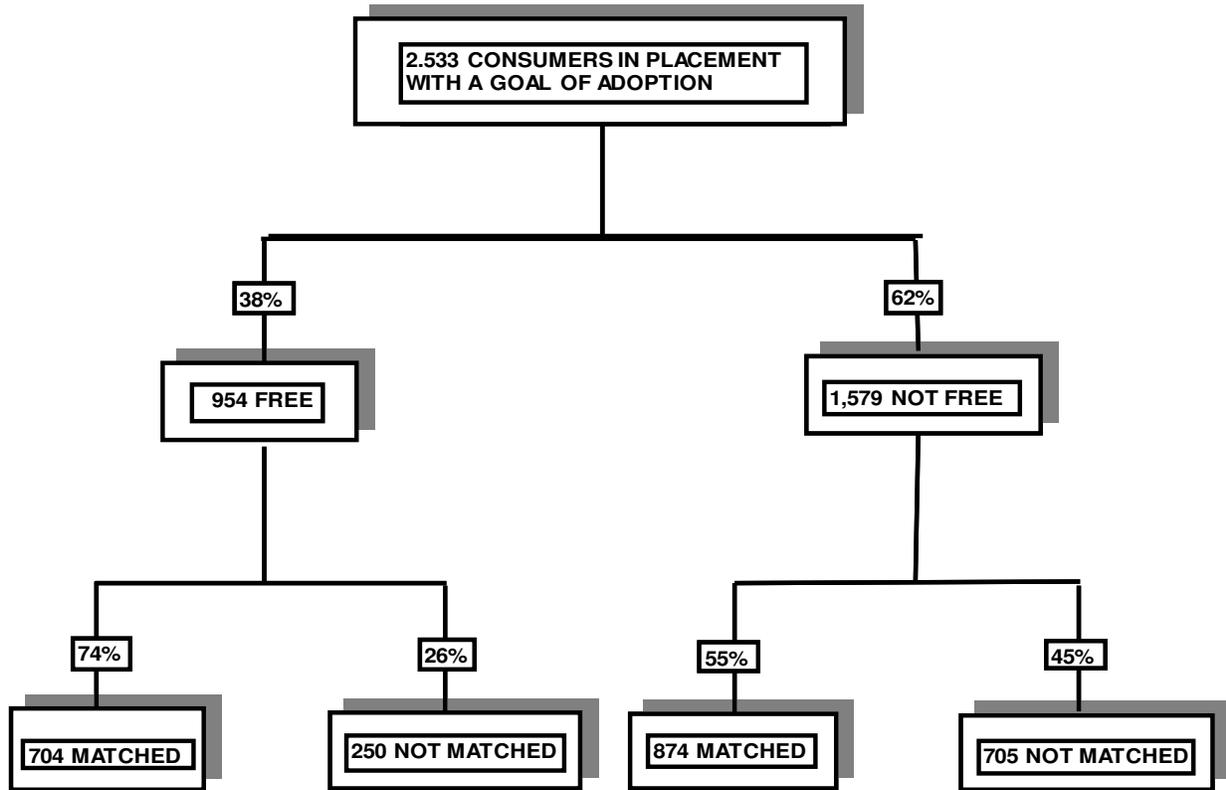
- The adolescent age group had the highest proportion of children who were legally free for adoption (see **table** below). The larger proportions of older children legally free is a reflection of the difficulty in achieving adoptions for older children. The younger children who are legally free are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

Children in Placement 9/30/14			
	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	234	740	32%
3 – 5	251	646	39%
6 – 11	299	794	38%
12 – 17	170	350	49%
Total	954	2,530	38%

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

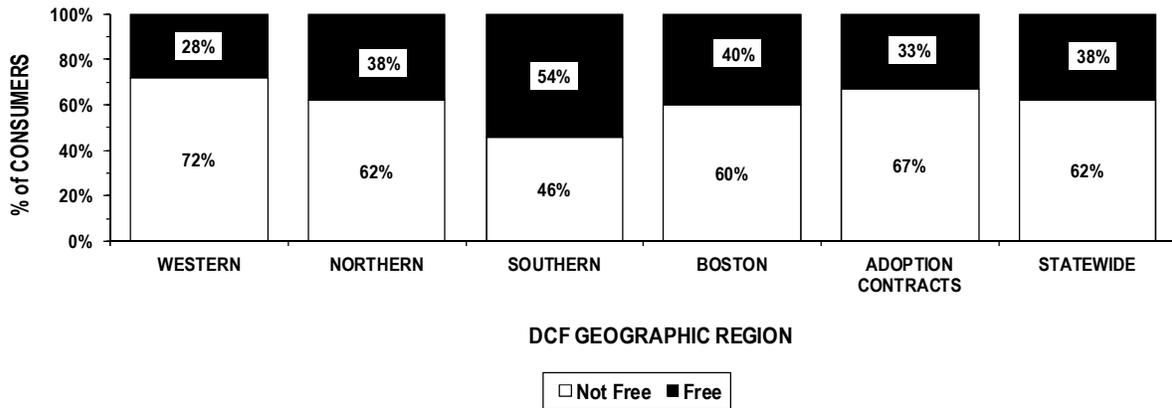
- Of the 2,533 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 38% were legally free for adoption. Seventy-four percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. (**Fig. 18** on next page)
- Of those children with a goal of adoption who were not legally free for adoption (62%), 55% were matched to permanent families (**Fig. 18**).
- The proportion of children in placement with a goal of adoption who were legally free for adoption ranged from 28% in the West to 54% in the South (**Fig. 19** on page 42). On an area office basis, the proportion of legally free children ranged from 17% at South Central to 63% at Coastal (**Appendix Table A10** on page 79).
- The proportion of children in placement with a goal of adoption who were matched to a permanent family ranged from 61% in Boston to 70% in the North (**Fig. 20** on page 42). Matching a child to an adoptive family can occur before, during, or after the legal proceedings to free a child for adoption. At the area level, the proportion of children matched to a permanent family ranged from 35% at Van Wart East to 89% at Cambridge (**Appendix Table A11** on page 80).

**FIGURE 18. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION:
 LEGAL STATUS AND MATCH STATUS
 FY'2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)**

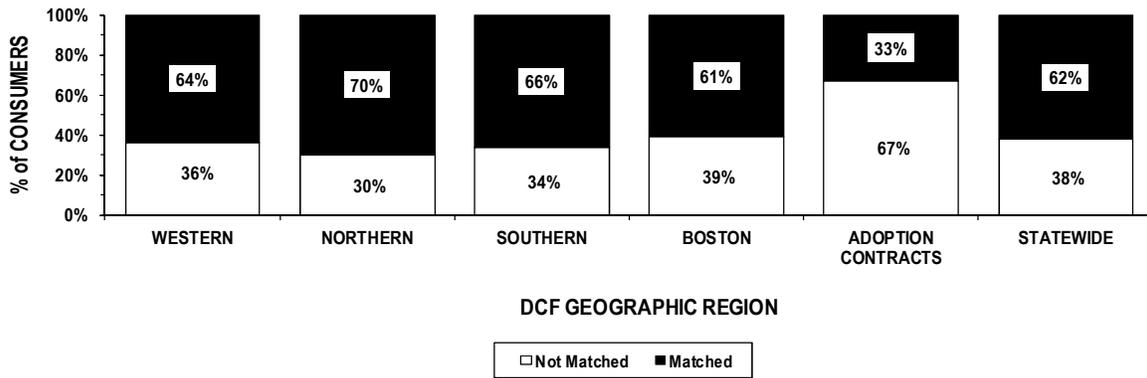


Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption
 Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 19. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS
FY2015, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)**



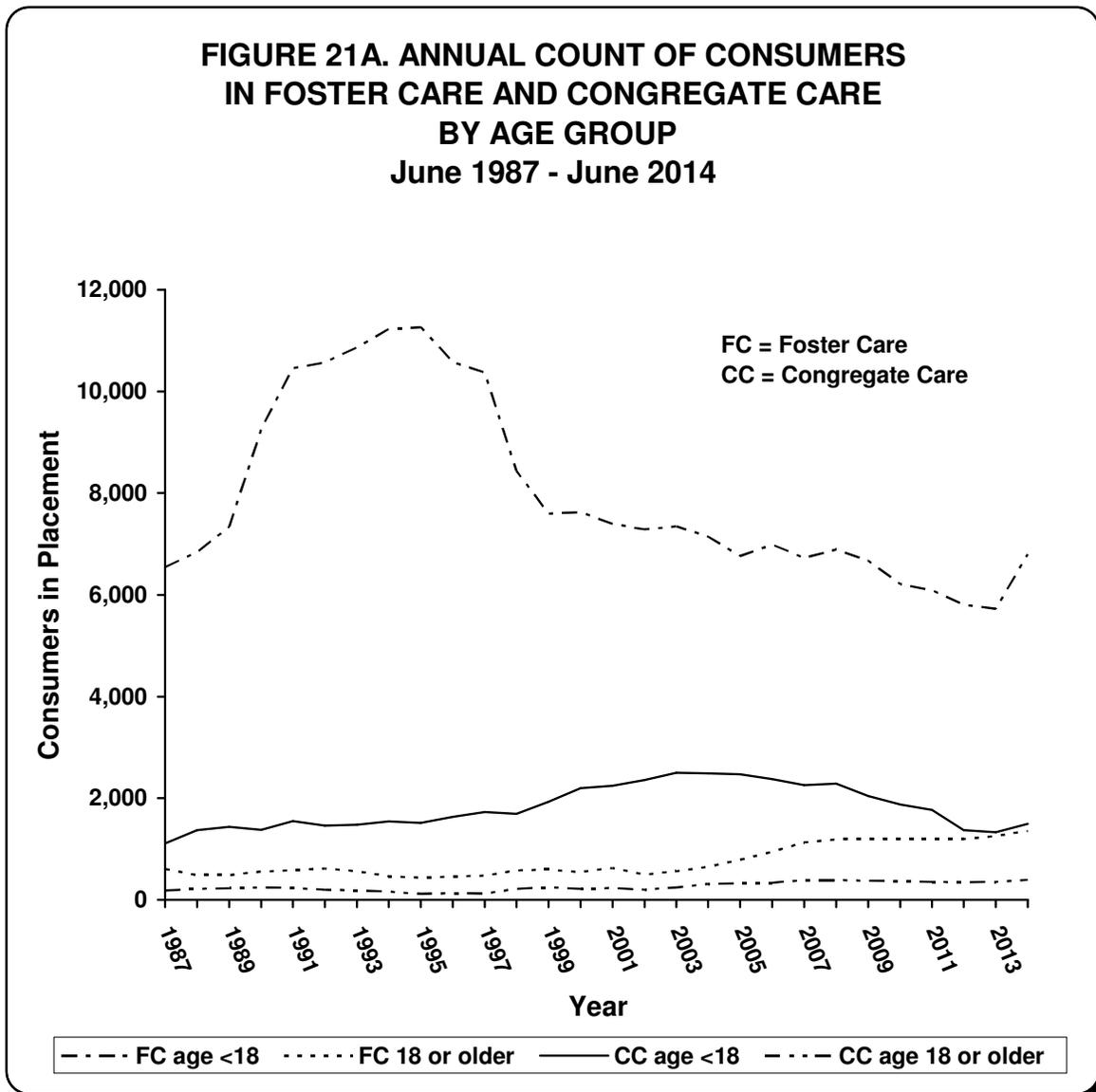
**FIGURE 20. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION AND WHETHER MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY
FY'15, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)**



E. Foster and Congregate Care

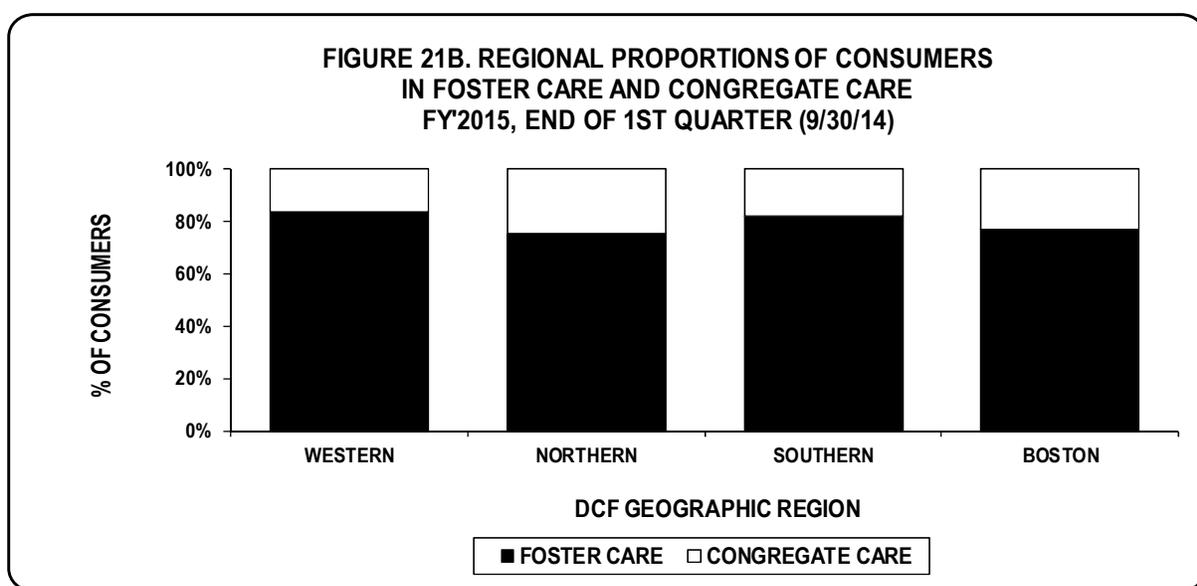
Trends

- From 2013 to 2014, there was a sudden increase in the foster and congregate care populations after a long period of decline (**Fig. 21A**).



- Annual counts of consumers less than 18 years old in foster care had been declining since 1995 (**Fig. 21A**). The most precipitous decline occurred from 1995 to 1999; thereafter, the decline progressed at a more moderate rate. Compared to foster care, counts of children less than 18 years old in congregate care have been more stable over the years (**Fig. 21A**). The congregate care population gradually increased during 1987 to 2003. In 2003, it began a downward trend which leveled-off in 2012-2013 before rising in 2014.

- The number of foster and congregate care children 18 years old or older fluctuated but remained relatively stable from 1987 to 2002 (**Fig. 21A** on previous page). In 2003, these populations of young adults began increasing and reached a plateau that extended from 2007 to 2013 (**Fig. 21A**). Children in DCF custody/care who are turning 18 years old have an opportunity to sign a voluntary placement agreement. They are supported by DCF until graduation from a full-time school or vocational training program (through age 23 for a Bachelor’s Degree).
- From 2013 to 2014, counts of children in foster care increased 19% (ages <18) and 8% (ages 18 or older) while congregate care children increased 13% (ages <18) and 13% (ages 18 or older) (**Figs. 24 and 25** on page 55).
- There were 8,218 consumers in foster care and 1,915 consumers in congregate care¹⁸ on the last day of the 1st Quarter of FY’2015. (**Table 17A** on page 46, **Fig. 21B**)



- Regionally, adolescents (12-17 years) accounted for 20-24% of foster children and 64-67% of congregate care children. (**Table 17A**)
- Adolescents were the primary age group in “Other” placement locations¹⁹ (64-84% regional range). (**Table 17A**)
- Among children not in placement, the 6-11 age group (32-34% regional range) was larger than the adolescent age group (27-29% regional range). (**Table 17D** on page 49)
- The foster care racial proportions ranged from: White—21% in Boston to 57% in the South; Black—8% in the North to 40% in Boston; and Hispanic/Latino—13% in the South to 32% in the North (**Table 18A** on page 50). The congregate care racial proportions by region were similar to those for foster care (**Table 18A**).

¹⁸Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

¹⁹“Other” includes locations like hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies, as well as children on the run from placement.

- The racial distribution of the foster care and congregate care populations by region and type of program/model are presented in **Tables 18B** and **18C** (pages 51-52).
- There were 1,637 consumers in “Intensive” foster care²⁰ (IFC) and 6,581 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into kinship (39% of consumers), unrestricted (33%), child specific (8%), pre-adoptive (8%), and independent living (13%).²¹ (**Table 17B** on page 47 or **Table 18B** on page 51)
- A breakdown of the number of consumers in foster care by region is displayed in **Fig. 22B** on page 53.
- The proportions of consumers in different types of foster care are shown for each region in **Figure 22A** (page 53). Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West and South. Boston had the largest proportion of consumers in kinship homes. The proportion of consumers in child-specific homes was highest in the West. The West had the largest proportion of consumers in pre-adoptive homes. Consumers in independent living were proportionally higher in the North as compared to the other regions. The North had the largest proportion of consumers in intensive foster care. (**Fig. 22A**)
- The major congregate care models were group homes (864 consumers, intensive and “regular” group homes), residential schools²² (535), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)²³ (344 consumers). (**Table 17C** on page 48)
- The proportions of consumers in different types of congregate care are shown for each region in **Figure 23A** (on page 54). The West had the highest proportion of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential placements was most significant in the Boston Region. The proportion of children in STARR placements was greater in the South. (**Fig. 23A, Table 17C**)
- Regional counts of consumers in group home, residential, and STARR programs are presented in **Fig. 23B** on page 54 and **Table 17C**.

²⁰Intensive 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.

²¹ 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.

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 Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Special education services are provided according to the child’s Individual Education Plan (IEP).

²³ Services focused on supporting a rapid reintegration or transition to a next placement.

**TABLE 17A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other ⁽²⁾		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western		3,162		609		113		3,884
	(0 - 2 yrs)	748	24%	---	---	5	4%	753
	(3 - 5 yrs)	559	18%	6	1%	5	4%	570
	(6 - 11 yrs)	729	23%	73	12%	23	20%	825
	(12 - 17 yrs)	714	23%	411	67%	73	65%	1,198
	18 or older	412	13%	119	20%	7	6%	538
Northern		1,557		506		85		2,148
	(0 - 2 yrs)	327	21%	---	---	4	5%	331
	(3 - 5 yrs)	258	17%	1		2	2%	261
	(6 - 11 yrs)	296	19%	52	*	13	15%	361
	(12 - 17 yrs)	351	23%	322	64%	55	65%	728
	18 or older	325	21%	131	26%	11	13%	467
Southern		2,187		479		61		2,727
	(0 - 2 yrs)	584	27%	2	*	2	3%	588
	(3 - 5 yrs)	377	17%	7	1%	2	3%	386
	(6 - 11 yrs)	446	20%	71	15%	4	7%	521
	(12 - 17 yrs)	434	20%	318	66%	51	84%	803
	18 or older	346	16%	81	17%	2	3%	429
Boston		953		284		61		1,298
	(0 - 2 yrs)	203	21%	---	---	3	5%	206
	(3 - 5 yrs)	162	17%	3	1%	3	5%	168
	(6 - 11 yrs)	213	22%	40	14%	5	8%	258
	(12 - 17 yrs)	224	24%	184	65%	39	64%	447
	18 or older	151	16%	57	20%	11	18%	219
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		257		4		2		263
	(0 - 2 yrs)	57	22%	---	---	---	---	57
	(3 - 5 yrs)	69	27%	---	---	---	---	69
	(6 - 11 yrs)	93	36%	2	50%	1	50%	96
	(12 - 17 yrs)	38	15%	2	50%	1	50%	41
Other ⁽⁴⁾		102		33		11		146
	(6 - 11 yrs)	1	1%	1	3%	---	---	2
	(12 - 17 yrs)	24	24%	8	24%	4	36%	36
	18 or older	77	75%	24	73%	7	64%	108
Total		8,218		1,915		333		10,466

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

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

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

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

**TABLE 17B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Foster Care					Foster Care Total	
		Departmental Foster Care						
		Intensive Foster Care ⁽²⁾	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive		Unrestricted
Western		598	215	272	946	249	882	3,162
	(0 - 2 yrs)	23	36	---	272	98	319	748
	(3 - 5 yrs)	39	38	---	224	76	182	559
	(6 - 11 yrs)	163	49	---	267	58	192	729
	(12 - 17 yrs)	293	75	4	168	15	159	714
	18 or older	80	17	268	15	2	30	412
Northern		364	87	244	409	67	386	1,557
	(0 - 2 yrs)	55	14	---	107	22	129	327
	(3 - 5 yrs)	52	10	---	102	14	80	258
	(6 - 11 yrs)	83	19	---	102	24	68	296
	(12 - 17 yrs)	133	33	1	88	7	89	351
	18 or older	41	11	243	10	---	20	325
Southern		361	120	230	769	101	606	2,187
	(0 - 2 yrs)	50	21	---	239	41	233	584
	(3 - 5 yrs)	51	19	---	157	26	124	377
	(6 - 11 yrs)	77	22	---	207	30	110	446
	(12 - 17 yrs)	132	39	---	141	4	118	434
	18 or older	51	19	230	25	---	21	346
Boston		213	52	103	356	33	196	953
	(0 - 2 yrs)	19	9	---	93	15	67	203
	(3 - 5 yrs)	33	13	---	74	10	32	162
	(6 - 11 yrs)	50	9	---	104	7	43	213
	(12 - 17 yrs)	87	15	---	74	1	47	224
	18 or older	24	6	103	11	---	7	151
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		55	21	0	67	55	59	257
	(0 - 2 yrs)	5	4	---	16	11	21	57
	(3 - 5 yrs)	9	4	---	22	19	15	69
	(6 - 11 yrs)	24	11	---	26	13	19	93
	(12 - 17 yrs)	17	2	---	3	12	4	38
Other ⁽⁴⁾		46	2	29	0	0	25	102
	(6 - 11 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	---	1
	(12 - 17 yrs)	19	---	---	---	---	5	24
	18 or older	26	2	29	---	---	20	77
Total		1,637	497	878	2,547	505	2,154	8,218

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

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

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

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

**TABLE 17C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Congregate Care								Total
	Group Home				Continuum	Residential	STARR ⁽²⁾	Teen	
	Group Home	Intensive Group Home	Independent Living	Pre-Independent Living	Adjusted Group Home	Residential School		Parenting	
Western	78	227	16	11	7	139	124	7	609
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	5	---	6
(6 - 11 yrs)	6	37	---	---	2	10	18	---	73
(12 - 17 yrs)	55	166	1	4	5	77	99	4	411
18 or older	17	23	15	7	---	52	2	3	119
Northern	63	156	38	6	8	139	87	9	506
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
(6 - 11 yrs)	2	30	---	---	---	16	4	---	52
(12 - 17 yrs)	34	104	---	2	8	86	83	5	322
18 or older	27	22	38	4	---	36	---	4	131
Southern	49	149	12	12	---	148	102	7	479
(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	2
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	2	---	---	---	---	5	---	7
(6 - 11 yrs)	1	40	---	---	---	16	14	---	71
(12 - 17 yrs)	36	96	---	6	---	98	79	3	318
18 or older	12	11	12	6	---	34	2	4	81
Boston	39	95	7	2	9	101	28	3	284
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	2	---	3
(6 - 11 yrs)	1	22	---	---	2	11	4	---	40
(12 - 17 yrs)	27	58	---	1	6	68	22	2	184
18 or older	11	14	7	1	1	22	---	1	57
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	---	---	---	---	---	1	3	---	4
(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	2
(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	2
Other ⁽⁴⁾	4	4	9	5	---	7	---	4	33
(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
(12 - 17 yrs)	---	2	---	---	---	4	---	2	8
18 or older	4	2	9	5	---	2	---	2	24
Total	233	631	82	36	24	535	344	30	1,915

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

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

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

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

**TABLE 17D. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Children ⁽²⁾ Not in Placement	
		No.	%
Western		15,730	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	3,172	20%
	(3 - 5 yrs)	2,985	19%
	(6 - 11 yrs)	5,323	34%
	(12 - 17 yrs)	4,249	27%
	Unspecified	1	0%
Northern		6,851	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	1,417	21%
	(3 - 5 yrs)	1,218	18%
	(6 - 11 yrs)	2,252	33%
	(12 - 17 yrs)	1,963	29%
	Unspecified	1	
Southern		8,907	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	1,991	22%
	(3 - 5 yrs)	1,651	19%
	(6 - 11 yrs)	2,835	32%
	(12 - 17 yrs)	2,428	27%
	Unspecified	2	0%
Boston		4,744	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	919	19%
	(3 - 5 yrs)	812	17%
	(6 - 11 yrs)	1,621	34%
	(12 - 17 yrs)	1,391	29%
	Unspecified	1	0%
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		18	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	1	6%
	(3 - 5 yrs)	4	22%
	(6 - 11 yrs)	9	50%
	(12 - 17 yrs)	4	22%
Other ⁽⁴⁾		7	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	1	14%
	(3 - 5 yrs)	3	43%
	(6 - 11 yrs)	2	29%
	(12 - 17 yrs)	1	14%
Total		36,257	

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case.

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

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

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

**TABLE 18A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Race	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other ⁽²⁾		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western		3,162		609		113		3,884
	White	1,535	49%	305	50%	46	41%	1,886
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	956	30%	204	33%	44	39%	1,204
	Black	291	9%	66	11%	11	10%	368
	Asian	10	*	3	*	2	2%	15
	Native American	2	*	---	---	1	1%	3
	Pacific Islander	1	*	---	---	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	205	6%	14	2%	6	5%	225
	Unable to Determine	162	5%	17	3%	3	3%	182
Northern		1,557		506		85		2,148
	White	693	45%	256	51%	31	36%	980
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	502	32%	138	27%	34	40%	674
	Black	129	8%	58	11%	12	14%	199
	Asian	63	4%	12	2%	2	2%	77
	Pacific Islander	---	---	1	*	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	98	6%	23	5%	6	7%	127
	Unable to Determine	72	5%	18	4%	0	0%	90
Southern		2,187		479		61		2,727
	White	1,241	57%	265	55%	25	41%	1,531
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	278	13%	63	13%	16	26%	357
	Black	275	13%	89	19%	14	23%	378
	Asian	15	1%	2	*	---	---	17
	Native American	11	1%	---	---	---	---	11
	Multi-Racial	207	9%	41	9%	4	7%	252
	Unable to Determine	160	7%	19	4%	2	3%	181
Boston		953		284		61		1,298
	White	197	21%	38	13%	8	13%	243
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	270	28%	72	25%	13	21%	355
	Black	382	40%	160	56%	38	62%	580
	Asian	16	2%	4	1%	1	2%	21
	Native American	1	*	---	---	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	39	4%	3	1%	1	2%	43
	Unable to Determine	48	5%	7	2%	---	---	55
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾		257		4		2		263
	White	121	47%	1	25%	---	---	122
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	64	25%	2	50%	1	50%	67
	Black	24	9%	---	---	---	---	24
	Asian	5	2%	---	---	---	---	5
	Native American	3	1%	---	---	---	---	3
	Multi-Racial	26	10%	1	25%	1	50%	28
	Unable to Determine	14	5%	---	---	---	---	14
Other ⁽⁵⁾		102		33		11		146
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	46	45%	18	55%	9	82%	73
	Black	19	19%	5	15%	2	18%	26
	Asian	23	23%	4	12%	---	---	27
	Unable to Determine	14	14%	6	18%	---	---	20
Western		8,218		1,915		333		10,466

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

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

⁽³⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races.

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

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

**TABLE 18B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Race	Foster Care					Foster Care Total	
		Intensive Foster Care ⁽²⁾	Departmental Foster Care			Unrestricted		
			Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship			
Western		598	215	272	946	249	882	3,162
	White	241	118	117	521	133	405	1,535
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	211	59	89	225	66	306	956
	Black	75	17	46	70	13	70	291
	Asian	3	---	2	2	---	3	10
	Native American	1	---	1	---	---	---	2
	Pacific Islander	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	40	12	9	73	19	52	205
	Unable to Determine	27	9	8	54	18	46	162
Northern		364	87	244	409	67	386	1,557
	White	148	41	93	237	33	141	693
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	120	32	84	90	12	164	502
	Black	38	3	36	25	4	23	129
	Asian	10	2	17	14	2	18	63
	Multi-Racial	32	3	10	22	12	19	98
	Unable to Determine	16	6	4	21	4	21	72
Southern		361	120	230	769	101	606	2,187
	White	190	66	134	487	63	301	1,241
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	55	17	35	71	7	93	278
	Black	60	14	44	74	9	74	275
	Asian	---	3	3	1	---	8	15
	Native American	2	2	---	6	---	1	11
	Multi-Racial	32	9	8	65	16	77	207
	Unable to Determine	22	9	6	65	6	52	160
Boston		213	52	103	356	33	196	953
	White	38	16	15	85	11	32	197
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	71	12	36	89	10	52	270
	Black	80	19	48	144	9	82	382
	Asian	3	2	3	2	---	6	16
	Native American	1	---	---	---	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	12	1	---	19	1	6	39
	Unable to Determine	8	2	1	17	2	18	48
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾		55	21	---	67	55	59	257
	White	21	8	---	43	27	22	121
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	12	6	---	14	15	17	64
	Black	11	1	---	3	3	6	24
	Asian	5	---	---	---	---	---	5
	Native American	1	1	---	1	---	---	3
	Multi-Racial	3	5	---	2	7	9	26
	Unable to Determine	2	---	---	4	3	5	14
Other ⁽⁵⁾		46	2	29	---	---	25	102
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	21	---	14	---	---	11	46
	Black	5	2	5	---	---	7	19
	Asian	12	---	10	---	---	1	23
	Unable to Determine	8	---	---	---	---	6	14
Total		1,637	497	878	2,547	505	2,154	8,218

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

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

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

⁽³⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races.

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

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

**TABLE 18C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Race	Congregate Care								Total
		Group Home				Continuum Adjusted	Residential	STARR ⁽²⁾	Teen Parenting	
		Group Home	Intensive Group Home	Independent Living	Pre-Independent Living	Group Home	Residential School			
Western		78	227	16	11	7	139	124	7	609
	White	45	120	7	4	4	69	54	2	305
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	25	63	7	4	1	48	51	5	204
	Black	3	31	1	2	1	16	12	---	66
	Asian	1	---	1	---	1	---	---	---	3
	Multi-Racial	3	3	---	1	---	3	4	---	14
	Unable to Determine	1	10	---	---	---	3	3	---	17
Northern		63	156	38	6	8	139	87	9	506
	White	34	78	23	5	4	76	34	2	256
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	14	46	9	---	3	33	29	4	138
	Black	7	15	5	---	---	17	13	1	58
	Asian	1	2	1	---	---	5	3	---	12
	Pacific Islander	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	5	8	---	---	1	3	4	2	23
	Unable to Determine	2	7	---	1	---	4	4	---	18
Southern		49	149	12	12	---	148	102	7	479
	White	27	83	7	10	---	83	53	2	265
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	7	16	2	2	---	20	14	2	63
	Black	11	35	3	---	---	21	17	2	89
	Asian	1	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	2
	Multi-Racial	3	13	---	---	---	12	12	1	41
	Unable to Determine	---	2	---	---	---	11	6	---	19
Boston		39	95	7	2	9	101	28	3	284
	White	5	12	1	---	2	13	4	1	38
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	8	30	2	---	2	19	9	2	72
	Black	24	48	4	2	5	64	13	---	160
	Asian	---	2	---	---	---	1	1	---	4
	Multi-Racial	1	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	3
	Unable to Determine	1	3	---	---	---	2	1	---	7
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾		---	---	---	---	---	1	3	---	4
	White	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	2
	Multi-Racial	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	1
Other ⁽⁵⁾		4	4	9	5	---	7	---	4	33
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	2	1	5	2	---	5	---	3	18
	Black	2	---	2	1	---	---	---	---	5
	Asian	---	2	2	---	---	---	---	---	4
	Unable to Determine	---	1	---	2	---	2	---	1	6
Total		233	631	82	36	24	535	344	30	1,915

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

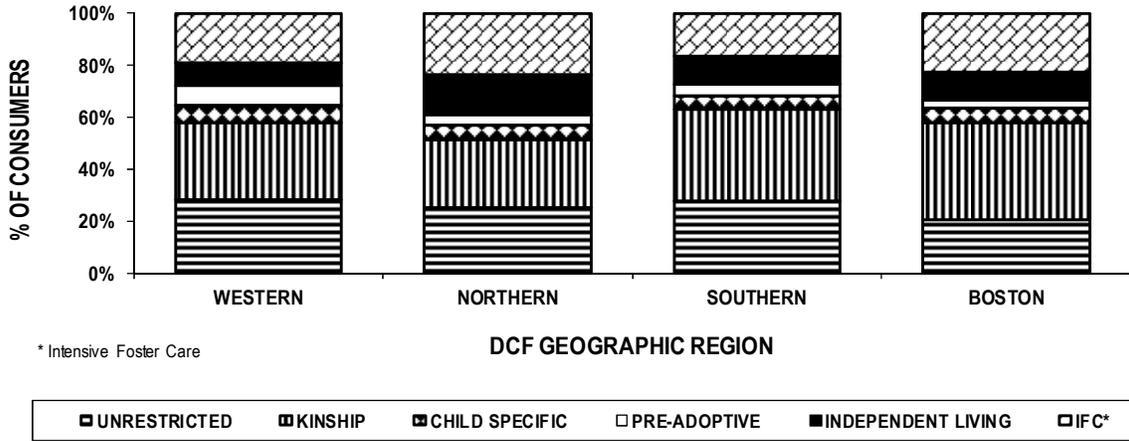
⁽²⁾ STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

⁽³⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races.

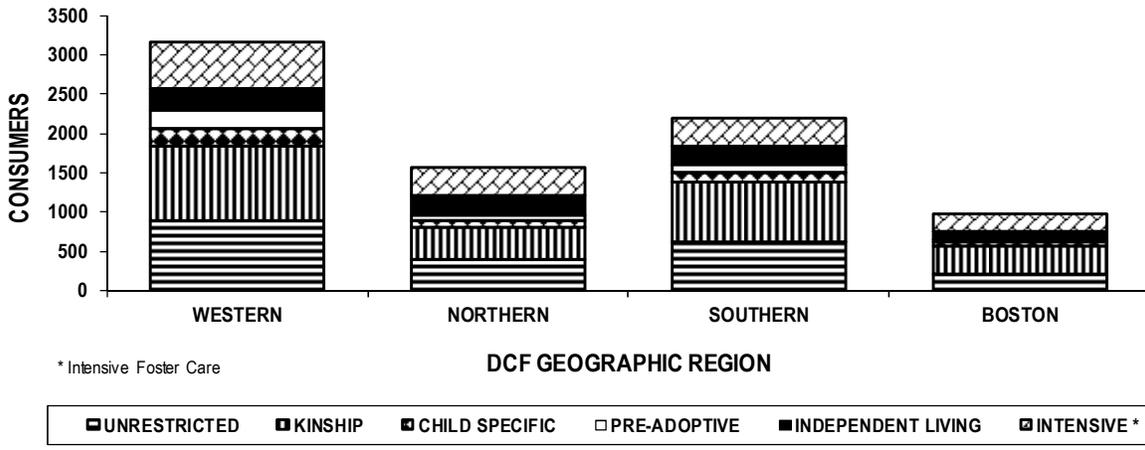
⁽⁴⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

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

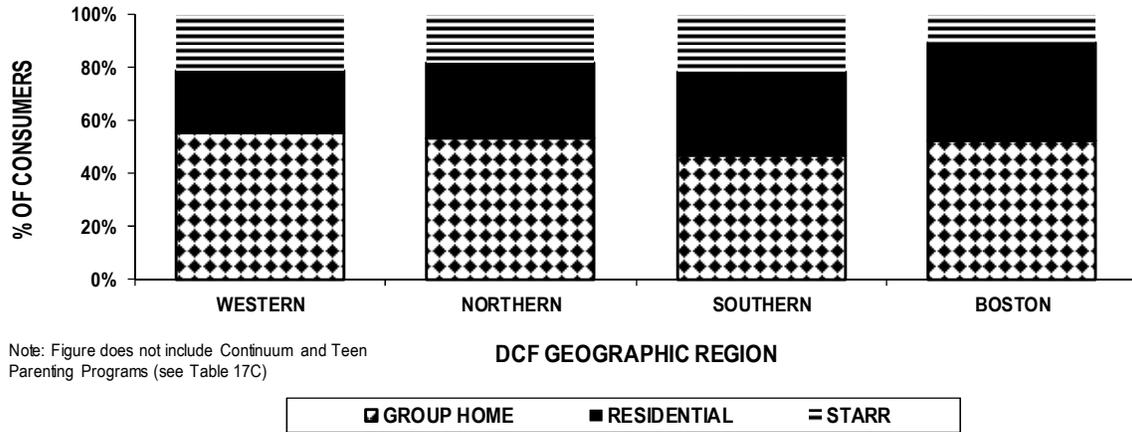
**FIGURE 22A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)**



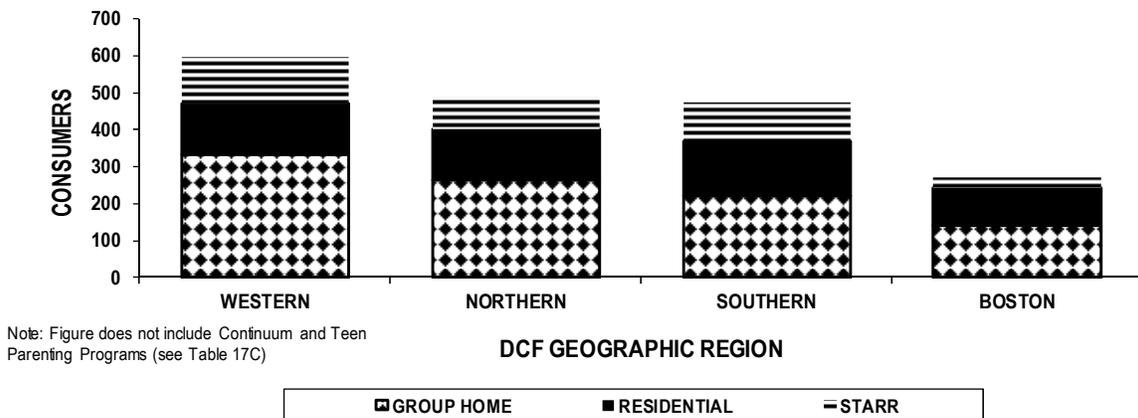
**FIGURE 22B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)**



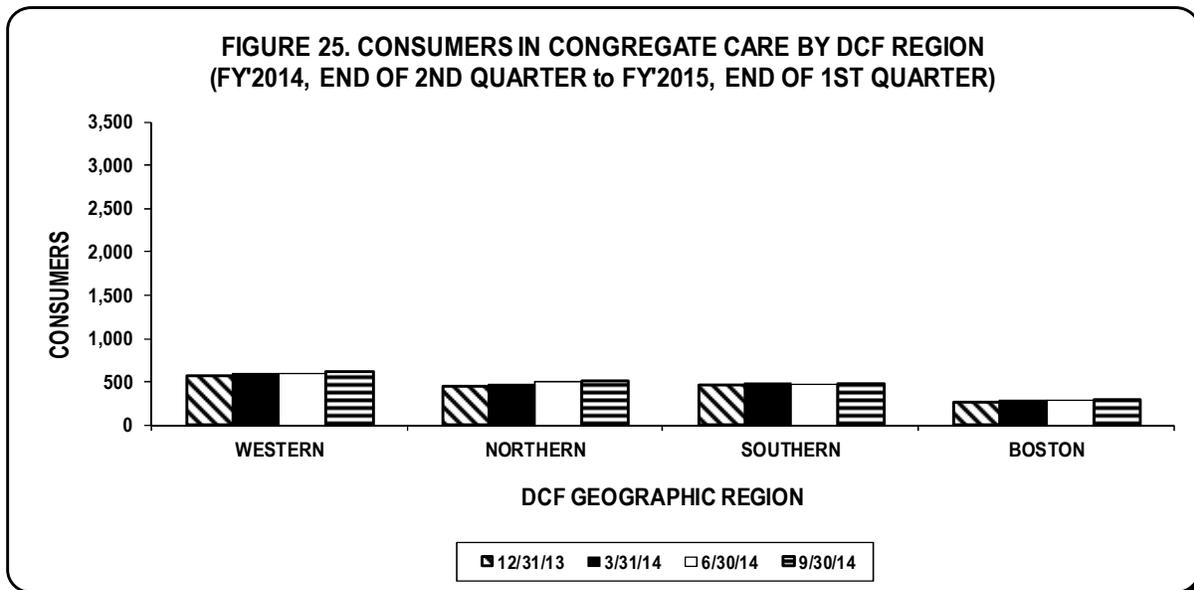
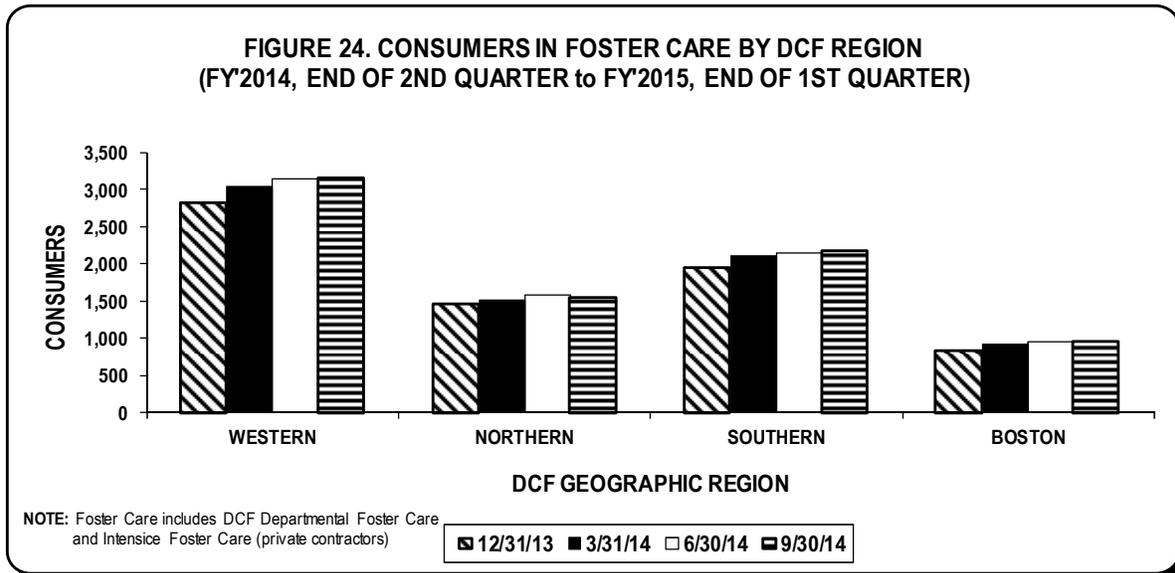
**FIGURE 23A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)**



**FIGURE 23B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)**



- From the 4th Quarter of FY'2014 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2015, there were increases of 1% in the foster care population and 1% in the congregate care population (Figs. 24 and 25).²⁴



²⁴ Both foster care and congregate care include young adults 18 years or older.

F. Independent Living

Of the 8,218 consumers in foster care, 878 were in the Departmental foster care category of “Independent Living” (**Table 18B** on page 51). 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 9/30/2014, the ages of these children ranged from 17 to 25 years old.

Of the 1,915 consumers in congregate care, 118 were in the group home model of “Independent Living/Pre-Independent Living” (**Table 18C** on page 52). 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 9/30/2014, the ages of these children ranged from 16 to 22 years old.

- The Western Region had the highest number of independent living children in foster care while the Northern Region had the highest number in group homes. (See **table** below).
- Of the 878 youth in the Departmental foster care independent living model, 99% were 18 years or older, 65% were female, 41% were White, 20% were Black, 29% were Hispanic/Latino, and 70% had spent more than two years in continuous substitute care. (See **table** on next page)
- Of the 118 youth in independent living group homes, 88% were 18 years or older, 53% were female, 48% were White, 17% were Black, 28% were Hispanic/Latino, and 69% had spent more than two years in continuous substitute care. (See **table** on next page)

Regional Distribution of Youth in the Independent Living FY’2015, End of 1st Quarter (9/30/14)

Youth Receiving Foster Care Payment		DCF Region	Group Home*	
No.	%		No.	%
272	31%	Western	27	23%
244	28%	Northern	44	37%
230	26%	Southern	24	20%
103	12%	Boston	9	8%
29	3%	Other**	14	12%
878	100%	TOTAL	118	100%

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

* Includes independent living and pre-independent living models.

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

**Demographic Profile of Youth in the Independent Living Program
FY'2015, End of 1st Quarter (9/30/14)**

Youth Receiving Foster Care Payment			Group Home	
No.	%		No.	%
		<i>Age Group</i>		
5	1%	16-17 years	14	12%
873	99%	18 years or Older	104	88%
		<i>Gender</i>		
308	35%	Male	56	47%
570	65%	Female	62	53%
		<i>Race</i>		
359	41%	White	57	48%
179	20%	Black	20	17%
258	29%	Hispanic/Latino	33	28%
35	4%	Asian	4	3%
1	*	Native American	---	---
27	3%	Multi-Racial	1	1%
19	2%	Undetermined	3	3%
		<i>Continuous Time in Care</i>		
156	18%	1 year or less	23	19%
111	13%	>1 – 2 years	14	12%
251	29%	>2 – 4 years	34	29%
360	41%	>4 years	47	40%
878	100%	TOTAL	118	100%

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

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

G. Children in Kinship Placement²⁵

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

- Statewide, 29% of all children in placement were in kinship foster care. The Fall River (39%), North Central (38%), and Coastal (37%) area offices had the highest proportions of placement children in Kinship foster care. (**Table 19A** on next page)
- Statewide, 33% of White, 21% of Hispanic/Latino, and 25% of Black children in placement were in Kinship foster care. (**Table 19B** on page 60)
- Of those area offices with more than 30 Hispanic children in placement, Park Street (35%), Dimock Street (34%), and South Central (34%) had the largest proportions of Hispanic/Latino children in Kinship foster care. (**Table 19B**)
- Of those area offices with more than 30 Black children in placement, Park Street (35%), Worcester East (34%), and Hyde Park (31%) had the largest proportions of Black children in Kinship foster care. (**Table 19B**)
- Comparing kinship foster children to all children in Departmental foster care, rather than all children in placement, showed that 45% of all children in Departmental foster care were in Kinship foster care (Table 19A). DCF areas with the largest proportions of Kinship foster children were Hyde Park (67%), Harbor (64%), and Haverhill (62%) (**Table 19A**).

²⁵ Children are less than 18 years old.

TABLE 19A. CHILDREN ⁽¹⁾ IN KINSHIP PLACEMENT AS A PROPORTION OF ALL CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT AND AS A PROPORTION OF ALL CHILDREN IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE: FY'2015, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)

DCF Region/Area	Kinship Foster Care	All Placements	% Kinship in Placement	Departmental Foster Care	% Kinship in Departmental Foster Care
Greenfield	112	356	31%	269	42%
Holyoke	72	275	26%	186	39%
North Central	193	505	38%	396	49%
Pittsfield	121	353	34%	262	46%
Robert Van Wart	59	342	17%	186	32%
South Central	119	342	35%	250	48%
Springfield	90	431	21%	246	37%
Worcester East	93	397	23%	219	42%
Worcester West	71	342	21%	217	33%
Contracted Agencies	1	3	33%	1	100%
Western	931	3,346	28%	2,232	42%
Cambridge	18	118	15%	52	35%
Cape Ann	52	166	31%	88	59%
Framingham	29	183	16%	95	31%
Haverhill	52	148	35%	84	62%
Lawrence	44	204	22%	135	33%
Lowell	105	339	31%	217	48%
Lynn	75	357	21%	181	41%
Malden	24	166	14%	57	42%
Northern	399	1,681	24%	433	92%
Arlington	59	188	31%	111	53%
Brockton	81	281	29%	164	49%
Cape Cod	65	243	27%	147	44%
Coastal	89	239	37%	170	52%
Fall River	168	432	39%	320	53%
New Bedford	121	427	28%	274	44%
Plymouth	76	239	32%	175	43%
Taunton/Attleboro	83	246	34%	168	49%
Contracted Agencies	2	3	67%	2	100%
Southern	744	2,298	32%	1,531	49%
Dimock Street	88	289	30%	173	51%
Harbor	71	235	30%	111	64%
Hyde Park	77	222	35%	115	67%
Park Street	109	331	33%	212	51%
Boston	345	1,079	32%	613	56%
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	67	263	25%	202	33%
Other ⁽³⁾	---	38	---	5	---
Total	2,486	8,705	29%	5,492	45%

⁽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'2015, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)**

DCF Region/ Area Office	Children in Kinship			Total Children in Placement			% Kinship Placements		
	Race			Race			Race		
	White	Hispanic ⁽²⁾	Black	White	Hispanic ⁽²⁾	Black	White	Hispanic ⁽²⁾	Black
Greenfield	90	5	2	248	44	17	36%	11%	12%
Holyoke	33	32	3	109	132	14	30%	24%	21%
North Central	120	41	6	275	158	21	44%	26%	29%
Pittsfield	74	9	2	229	32	12	32%	28%	17%
Robert Van Wart	28	16	6	161	106	31	17%	15%	19%
South Central	88	18	6	244	53	15	36%	34%	40%
Springfield	17	45	19	67	229	92	25%	20%	21%
Worcester East	35	32	16	164	141	47	21%	23%	34%
Worcester West	28	24	8	146	127	34	19%	19%	24%
Contracted Agency	---	---	1	---	1	1	---	---	100%
Western	513	222	69	1,643	1,023	284	31%	22%	24%
Cambridge	11	3	3	58	28	21	19%	11%	14%
Cape Ann	42	6	0	116	34	6	36%	18%	0%
Framingham	13	8	4	95	46	17	14%	17%	24%
Haverhill	37	6	0	90	34	9	41%	18%	0%
Lawrence	17	25	0	46	139	3	37%	18%	0%
Lowell	56	22	2	138	108	18	41%	20%	11%
Lynn	39	15	11	139	110	42	28%	14%	26%
Malden	18	3	3	94	33	19	19%	9%	16%
Northern	233	88	23	776	532	135	30%	17%	17%
Arlington	36	4	9	95	27	32	38%	15%	28%
Brockton	42	2	22	113	28	91	37%	7%	24%
Cape Cod	44	3	0	148	26	10	30%	12%	0%
Coastal	68	5	8	146	17	42	47%	29%	19%
Fall River	109	17	8	249	60	35	44%	28%	23%
New Bedford	66	22	14	204	94	59	32%	23%	24%
Plymouth	58	2	5	176	8	16	33%	25%	31%
Taunton/Attleboro	51	10	3	153	32	12	33%	31%	25%
Contracted Agency	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---
Southern	474	65	69	1,285	292	297	37%	22%	23%
Dimock Street	14	26	39	42	77	145	33%	34%	27%
Harbor	45	20	1	98	93	22	46%	22%	5%
Hyde Park	8	14	41	22	44	131	36%	32%	31%
Park Street	14	28	58	44	80	167	32%	35%	35%
Boston	81	88	139	207	294	466	39%	30%	30%
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	43	14	3	122	67	24	35%	21%	13%
Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	12	6	---	---	---
Total	1,344	477	303	4,033	2,220	1,212	33%	21%	25%

⁽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 1st Quarter of FY'2015, 1,927 consumers entered placement and 1,868 consumers left placement. For individuals with multiple entries and exits during the quarter, only the first entry and last exit were selected. These counts of placement dynamics do not include consumers who changed placements during the quarter. (Table 20 on next page, Table 21 on page 63)
- Compared to the 4th Quarter of FY'2014, there was a 13% decline in consumers entering placement and a 1% increase in consumers leaving placement during the 1st Quarter of FY'2015. From the 4th Quarter of FY'2014 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2015, the placement population rose less than 1%.

A. Entries to Placement

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 1st Quarter of FY'2015, 67% were first-time entrants and 33% were re-entrants.²⁶ Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 60% in the North to 69% in the West. (Table 20, Fig. 26 on next page)
- Across the state, 63% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 23% were placed in congregate care,²⁷ and 14% were placed in non-referral locations.²⁸
- Regionally, the proportion of all entrants placed in foster care ranged from 49% in the North to 69% in both the West and South. In contrast, the proportion of all entrants placed in congregate care ranged from 18% in the West to 33% in the North. (Table 20, Fig. 27 on next page)
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Seventy-one percent of first-time entrants and 49% of re-entrants were placed in foster care. Conversely, 33% of re-entrants and 17% of first-time entrants were placed in congregate care. (Table 20)

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

²⁷ Congregate Care includes group home, residential treatment, and short-term residential placement.

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

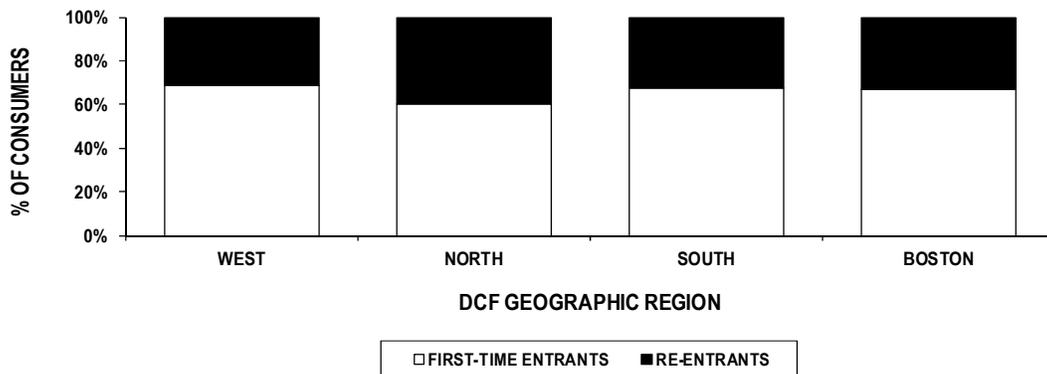
**TABLE 20. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2015, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/14 - 9/30/14)**

Entry Type: Placement Location Started	DCF Geographic Region				Other ⁽¹⁾	Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston		
First-Time Entrants:	535	243	348	146	11	1,283
Foster Care	405	132	267	97	4	905
Congregate Care	68	64	63	28	1	224
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	62	47	18	21	6	154
Re-Entrants:	245	159	167	72	1	644
Foster Care	132	63	88	35	---	318
Congregate Care	72	68	54	19	---	213
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	41	28	25	18	1	113
Total	780	402	515	218	12	1,927

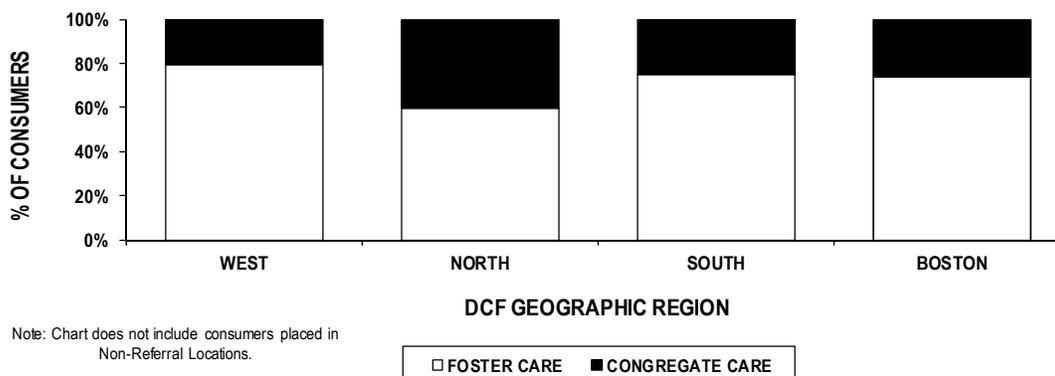
⁽¹⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽²⁾ Includes hospitals and other state agencies.

**FIGURE 26. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT
DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS)
FY'2015, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/14 - 9/30/14)**



**FIGURE 27. ALL CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER
TO FOSTER AND CONGREGATE CARE
FY'2015, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/14 - 9/30/14)**



B. Exits from Placement

- Statewide, 64% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 64% in the West to 68% in the North. **(Table 21)**
- Statewide, 9% of consumers leaving placement were adopted, and 15% were emancipated (18 years or older), and 5% were granted guardianships. **(Table 21)**

**TABLE 21. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2015, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/14 - 9/30/14)**

Reason Placement Ended	DCF Geographic Region				Adoption		Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
Child Returned Home	458	269	315	157	1	2	1,202
Child 18 or Older	84	75	63	44	---	11	277
Consumer Adopted	72	11	43	12	24	1	163
Guardianship	56	12	18	6	3	---	95
Custody to Other Individual	32	21	17	16	2	---	88
Custody to Other Agency	8	3	5	1	---	---	17
Child on the Run	8	5	4	4	---	---	21
Consumer Deceased	1	---	---	---	---	---	1
Unspecified	1	1	2	---	---	---	4
Total	720	397	467	240	30	14	1,868

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

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

- Consumers who were returned home had one placement (median) and spent 0.5 year in continuous care (median) (See first **table** on next page). Only consumers with a custody transfer to another agency/individual spent less time in care (0.2 years) and had one placement. Emancipated and adopted consumers spent the most time in continuous care (2.9 years median for emancipated and 3.2 years median for adopted).
- Compared to other consumers leaving placement, emancipated consumers had a relatively large number of placements (9 median) during their entire history with the Department of Children and Families—from earliest placement entry to the most recent exit. As might be expected, children on the run from placement also had a relatively high number of placements (8 median). (See first **table** on next page)

Consumers Leaving Placement (7/1/2014 – 9/30/2014)

Reason Left Placement	Number of Consumers	Most Recent Continuous Time in Placement Prior to Leaving		Total History w/DCF
		# Placements Median Count	Placement Duration Median Continuous Time in Placement (years)	# Placements Median Count
Returned Home	1202	1	0.5	3
Emancipation (18 years or older)	277	2	2.9	9
Adoption	163	2	3.2	4
Guardianship	95	2	2.2	3
Custody to Other Individual or Agency	105	1	0.2	2
Child on the Run	21	1	1.0	8
Deceased	1	--	----	--
Unspecified	4	--	----	--
Total	1868	1	0.8	3

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

Reason Left Placement	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Returned Home	1059	135	5	---	3	---	1202
Emancipation (18 years or older)	96	164	10	6	1	---	277
Adoption	36	125	1	1	---	---	163
Guardianship	25	68	1	1	---	---	95
Custody to Other Individual or Agency	95	10	---	---	---	---	105
Child on the Run	11	9	---	---	---	1	21
Deceased	--	1	---	---	---	---	1
Unspecified	--	4	---	---	---	---	4
Total	1322	516	17	8	4	1	1868

- The above **table** shows that 88% of consumers returned home had 1 placement and 11% had 2 placements. Thirty-five percent of emancipated consumers had 1 placement and 59% had 2 placements. Twenty-two percent of adopted consumers had 1 placement and 77% had 2 placements. Twenty-six percent of guardianship consumers had 1 placement and 72% had 2 placements.
- There was little difference between Hispanic and Black consumers when comparing reasons for leaving placement (See **table** below). The proportions of Hispanic and Black consumers were similar: 65% returned home, 16-21% emancipated, 6-7% adopted, and 3% granted guardianships. White consumers differed—lower proportions for returned home and emancipated (62% and 14%, respectively) and higher proportions adopted and granted guardianships (11% and 7% , respectively).

Consumers Leaving Placement (7/1/2014 – 9/30/2014)

Reason Left Placement	White	Hispanic	Black	Asian	Multi-Racial	Other*	Total
Returned Home	510	323	191	19	67	92	1202
Emancipation (18 years or older)	111	81	62	6	9	8	277
Adoption	89	31	20	---	17	6	163
Guardianship	56	16	10	---	12	1	95
Custody to Other Individual or Agency	45	32	10	1	4	13	105
Child on the Run	5	10	3	---	2	1	21
Deceased	---	1	---	---	---	---	1
Unspecified	3	---	---	---	1	---	4
Total	819	494	296	26	112	121	1868

* Includes Native American, Pacific Islander, and Unspecified.

VII. FOSTER HOME DEMOGRAPHICS²⁹

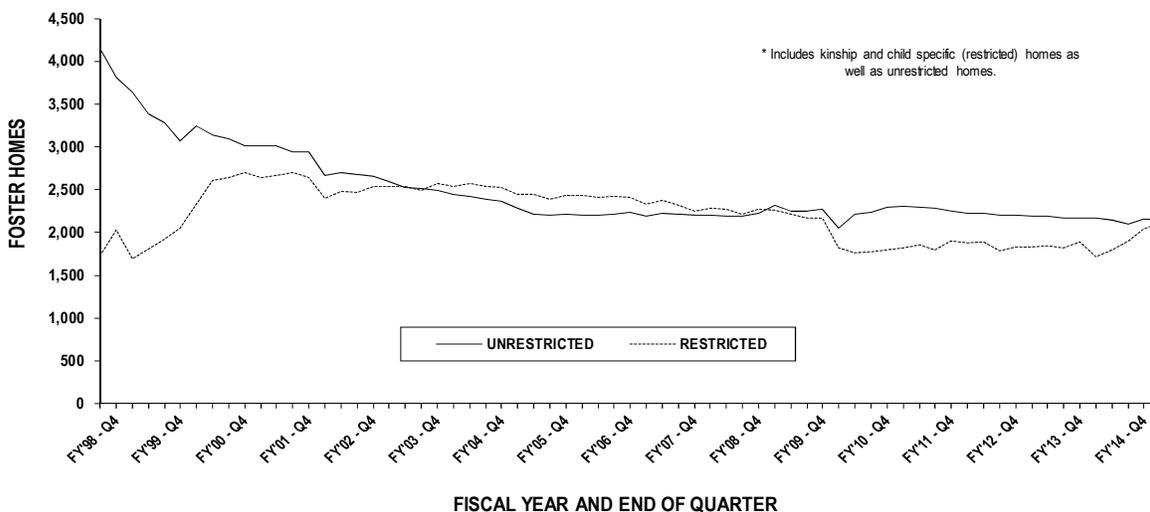
- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2015, there were 4,258 foster homes under the direct supervision of DCF. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes³⁰ as well as unrestricted homes.³¹ There were 2,113 restricted and 2,145 unrestricted foster homes at the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2015—a 4% increase for restricted and a less than 1% decrease for unrestricted when compared to the 4th Quarter of FY'2014. Unrestricted foster homes were at their highest number in 1998 (4,146) while restricted homes peaked in 2004 (2,576). (**Table 22 and Fig. 28** on next page)
- Beginning with the 1st Quarter of FY'2014, restricted foster homes included all approved homes and only non-approved homes with a child currently in placement. In prior quarters, restricted foster homes included all non-approved homes. Please note that the definition of unrestricted foster homes has not changed; it still includes only approved homes.
- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'1998, 29% of all DCF foster homes were restricted homes. Restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes rose above 50% in the 4th Quarter of FY'2003 and declined below 50% in the 1st Quarter of FY'2009. At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2015, restricted homes accounted for approximately 50% of all foster homes (**Table 22 and Fig. 28**)
- Statewide, 60% of foster parents in unrestricted homes and 53% of foster parents in restricted were White (**Table 22**).
- Ten percent (435) of all foster homes were identified as Black (238 restricted and 197 unrestricted) (**Table 22**).
- Fifteen percent (630) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (261 restricted and 369 unrestricted) (**Table 22**).
- Statewide, 60% of foster parents in unrestricted homes and 48% of foster parents in restricted homes were married (**Table 23** on page 67).

²⁹ 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.

³⁰ 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.

³¹ 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 1ST QUARTER OF FY'2015 (9/30/14)**



**TABLE 22. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14) ⁽¹⁾**

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region								Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Restricted:	733		437		689		254		2,113	
White	369	50%	292	67%	409	59%	59	23%	1,129	53%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾	118	16%	55	13%	40	6%	48	19%	261	12%
Black	42	6%	21	5%	58	8%	117	46%	238	11%
Asian	1	*	10	2%	3	*	---	---	14	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	5	1%	---	---	5	*
Multi-Racial	3	*	4	1%	2	*	3	1%	12	1%
Unspecified	200	27%	55	13%	172	25%	27	11%	454	21%
Unrestricted:	862		436		668		179		2,145	
White	501	58%	268	61%	474	71%	51	28%	1,294	60%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾	202	40%	66	25%	67	14%	34	67%	369	17%
Black	54	6%	21	5%	43	6%	79	44%	197	9%
Asian	3	*	6	1%	1	*	2	1%	12	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	4	1%	---	---	4	*
Pacific Islander	---	---	---	---	1	*	1	1%	2	*
Multi-Racial	7	1%	2	*	2	*	2	1%	13	1%
Unspecified	95	11%	73	17%	76	11%	10	6%	254	12%
Total	1,595		873		1,357		433		4,258	

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

⁽²⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

**TABLE 23. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DCF REGION:
FY'2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14) ⁽¹⁾**

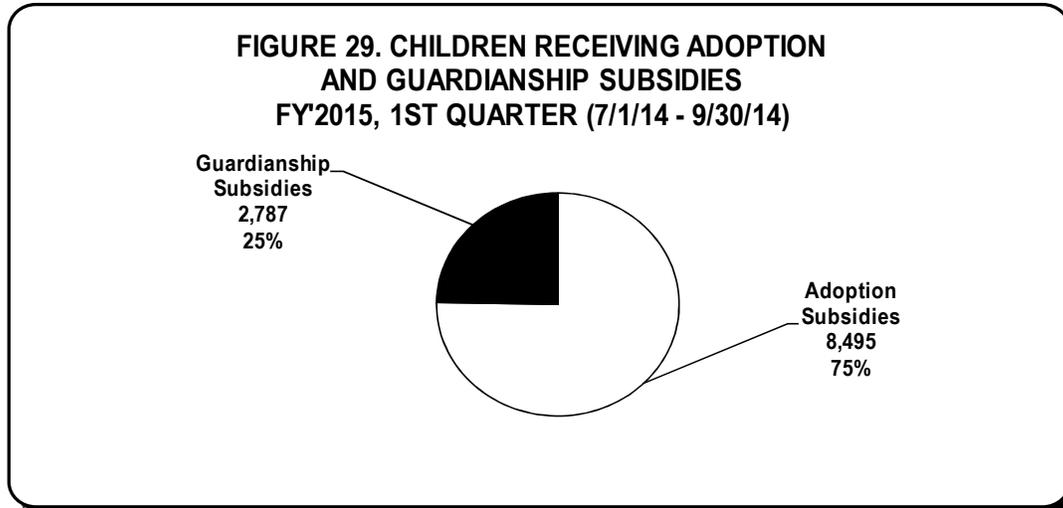
Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region								Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Restricted:	733		437		689		254		2,113	
Married	356	49%	213	49%	364	53%	74	29%	1,007	48%
Single	253	35%	131	30%	204	30%	149	59%	737	35%
Divorced	77	11%	50	11%	76	11%	14	6%	217	10%
Separated	18	2%	17	4%	19	3%	9	4%	63	3%
Widowed	27	4%	24	5%	26	4%	8	3%	85	4%
Unspecified	2	1%	2	1%	---	---	---	---	4	*
Unrestricted:	862		436		668		179		2,145	
Married	530	61%	271	62%	428	64%	63	35%	1,292	60%
Single	200	23%	90	21%	142	21%	79	44%	511	24%
Divorced	93	11%	55	13%	66	10%	24	13%	238	11%
Widowed	20	2%	10	2%	13	2%	7	4%	50	2%
Separated	17	2%	7	2%	18	3%	5	3%	47	2%
Unspecified	2	*	3	1%	1	*	1	2%	7	1%
Total	1,595		873		1,357		433		4,258	

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

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

VIII. ADOPTION AND GUARDIANSHIP SUBSIDIES

At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2015, the total number of children receiving an adoption subsidy was 8,495 (**Fig. 29**). Guardianship subsidies totaled 2,787. These counts represent subsidies that had a payment during the quarter, i.e., the number with service referrals actively paying out.



From the 4th Quarter of FY'2014 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2015, adoption subsidies and guardianship subsidies each decreased 1%. Quarterly fluctuations from -1% to 1% are typical for adoption and guardianship subsidies (See **table** below). Adoption subsidies fell below 9,000 in FY'2012 and guardianships declined below 3,000 in FY2011.

<i>Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)</i>				
Quarter	Adoption		Guardianship	
	No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change
FY'2011 1 st	9,191	-1%	2,934	-2%
2 nd	9,125	-1%	2,881	-2%
3 rd	9,057	-1%	2,865	-1%
4 th	9,002	-1%	2,872	*
FY'2012 1 st	8,887	-1%	2,818	-2%
2 nd	8,887	---	2,807	*
3 rd	8,825	-1%	2,788	-1%
4 th	8,824	*	2,792	*
FY'2013 1 st	8,666	-2%	2,757	-1%
2 nd	8,695	*	2,771	1%
3 rd	8,633	-1%	2,763	*
4 th	8,775	2%	2,831	2%
FY'2014 1 st	8,703	-1%	2,813	-1%
2 nd	8,734	*	2,785	-1%
3 rd	8,627	-1%	2,765	-1%
4 th	8,594	*	2,806	1%
FY'2015 1 st	8,495	-1%	2,787	-1%

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

IX. APPENDIX

TABLE A1. CONSUMER, CHILD, AND ADULT POPULATION TRENDS: 1983 - 2015 (Revised Counts)

Month/Year	All Consumers	All Children <18 yrs	Children in Placement <18 yrs	Children Not in Placement <18 yrs	All Adults >18 yrs
6/1983	61,786	33,516	NA	NA	28,270
6/1984	73,111	38,683	7,024	31,659	34,428
6/1985	75,935	40,628	7,779	32,849	35,307
6/1986	74,769	40,511	8,041	32,470	34,258
6/1987	66,033	37,497	8,075	29,422	28,536
6/1988	67,658	38,792	8,661	30,131	28,866
6/1989	70,052	40,497	9,544	30,953	29,555
6/1990	80,090	46,403	10,998	35,405	33,687
6/1991	81,975	47,922	12,392	35,530	34,053
6/1992	72,128	42,367	12,379	29,988	29,761
6/1993	72,340	42,656	12,763	29,893	29,684
6/1994	72,879	43,074	13,194	29,880	29,805
6/1995	73,032	42,997	13,302	29,695	30,035
6/1996	72,638	42,551	12,736	29,815	30,087
6/1997	74,921	43,570	12,193	31,377	31,351
1/1998	70,092	40,574	11,227	29,347	29,518
9/1998	68,331	38,507	10,503	28,004	29,824
6/1999	69,494	39,144	9,834	29,310	30,350
6/2000	72,423	40,691	10,025	30,666	31,732
6/2001	73,116	40,069	9,889	30,180	33,047
6/2002	70,688	38,442	9,932	28,510	32,246
6/2003	75,247	30,341	10,127	20,214	34,906
6/2004	77,368	42,023	9,815	32,208	35,345
6/2005	77,305	41,773	9,439	32,334	35,572
6/2006	78,014	41,690	9,543	32,147	36,324
6/2007	78,535	41,550	9,132	32,418	36,985
6/2008	87,176	45,730	9,287	36,443	41,446
6/2009	88,568	46,288	8,755	37,533	42,280
6/2010	76,003	39,479	8,097	31,382	36,524
6/2011	72,088	37,162	7,841	29,321	34,926
6/2012	68,521	35,046	7,467	27,579	33,475
6/2013	70,573	35,707	7,368	28,339	34,866
9/30/13	71,163	35,719	7,552	28,167	35,444
12/31/13	75,390	37,714	7,677	30,037	37,676
3/31/14	83,921	41,777	8,275	33,502	42,144
6/30/14	90,611	45,169	8,622	36,547	45,442
9/30/14	90,494	44,962	8,705	36,257	45,532

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

**TABLE A2. CASE OPENINGS ⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2015, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/14 - 9/30/14)**

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Case Openings ⁽¹⁾										Total No.		
	Protective ⁽²⁾		Alternative Response ⁽³⁾		CRA Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals			Other ⁽⁴⁾	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
Greenfield	43	55%	13	17%	4	5%	3	4%	---	---	15	19%	78
Holyoke	56	85%	1	2%	3	5%	1	2%	---	---	5	8%	66
North Central	81	85%	9	9%	---	---	2	2%	---	---	3	3%	95
Pittsfield	65	72%	8	9%	---	---	3	3%	3	3%	11	12%	90
Robert Van Wart	86	63%	47	35%	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	2%	136
South Central	82	69%	23	19%	---	---	5	4%	3	3%	5	4%	118
Springfield	117	84%	18	13%	2	1%	---	---	---	---	3	2%	140
Worcester East	80	68%	21	18%	7	6%	2	2%	3	3%	4	3%	117
Worcester West	83	89%	6	6%	1	1%	2	2%	---	---	1	1%	93
Western	693	74%	146	16%	17	2%	18	2%	9	1%	50	5%	933
Cambridge	35	76%	8	17%	1	2%	1	2%	1	2%	---	---	46
Cape Ann	39	59%	9	14%	---	---	5	8%	5	8%	8	12%	66
Framingham	45	56%	17	21%	6	8%	1	1%	3	4%	8	10%	80
Haverhill	36	75%	---	---	2	4%	2	4%	1	2%	7	15%	48
Lawrence	30	54%	8	14%	5	9%	1	2%	1	2%	11	20%	56
Lowell	89	74%	18	15%	1	1%	2	2%	1	1%	9	8%	120
Lynn	51	65%	11	14%	7	9%	1	1%	2	3%	6	8%	78
Malden	67	86%	---	---	---	---	4	5%	2	3%	5	6%	78
Northern	392	69%	71	12%	22	4%	17	3%	16	3%	54	9%	572
Arlington	43	54%	21	27%	4	5%	---	---	2	3%	9	11%	79
Brockton	96	83%	7	6%	2	2%	1	1%	3	3%	6	5%	115
Cape Cod	58	73%	7	9%	---	---	2	3%	11	14%	1	1%	79
Coastal	61	69%	20	22%	---	---	3	3%	---	---	5	6%	89
Fall River	103	84%	9	7%	---	---	2	2%	---	---	9	7%	123
New Bedford	106	83%	8	6%	1	1%	2	2%	1	1%	9	7%	127
Plymouth	71	76%	10	11%	1	1%	---	---	4	4%	7	8%	93
Taunton/Attleboro	67	73%	9	10%	4	4%	2	2%	2	2%	8	9%	92
Contracted Agencies	1	50%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	50%	2
Southern	606	76%	91	11%	12	2%	12	2%	23	3%	55	7%	799
Dimock Street	53	83%	6	9%	1	2%	---	---	---	---	4	6%	64
Harbor	70	65%	26	24%	3	3%	1	1%	---	---	8	7%	108
Hyde Park	72	87%	2	2%	4	5%	---	---	---	---	5	6%	83
Park Street	70	89%	2	3%	1	1%	1	1%	3	4%	2	3%	79
Boston	265	79%	36	11%	9	3%	2	1%	3	1%	19	6%	334
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	100%	2
Other ⁽⁶⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	11	100%	---	---	---	---	11
Total:	1,956	74%	344	13%	60	2%	60	2%	51	2%	180	7%	2,651

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

⁽²⁾ Outcome of an investigation.

⁽³⁾ Outcome of an initial assessment.

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

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

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

**TABLE A3. CONSUMER OPENINGS⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2015, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/14 - 9/30/14)**

DCF Geographic Region	Case Openings ⁽¹⁾												Total No.
	Protective ⁽²⁾		Alternative Response ⁽³⁾		CRA Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other ⁽⁴⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	219	60%	95	26%	22	6%	9	2%	---	---	22	6%	367
Holyoke	325	87%	9	2%	14	4%	5	1%	9	2%	10	3%	372
North Central	487	74%	136	21%	3	0%	15	2%	5	1%	8	1%	654
Pittsfield	475	79%	73	12%	4	1%	15	2%	15	2%	22	4%	604
Robert Van Wart	487	66%	222	30%	10	1%	13	2%	1	0%	10	1%	743
South Central	480	68%	155	22%	4	1%	21	3%	26	4%	15	2%	701
Springfield	847	84%	122	12%	28	3%	9	1%	---	---	7	1%	1,013
Worcester East	492	73%	113	17%	49	7%	9	1%	9	1%	5	1%	677
Worcester West	472	91%	24	5%	10	2%	7	1%	4	1%	1	*	518
Western	4,284	76%	949	17%	144	3%	103	2%	69	1%	100	2%	5,649
Cambridge	235	81%	45	16%	3	1%	3	1%	4	1%	---	---	290
Cape Ann	273	66%	70	17%	---	---	22	5%	42	10%	9	2%	416
Framingham	257	62%	82	20%	42	10%	7	2%	15	4%	11	3%	414
Haverhill	270	82%	29	9%	7	2%	4	1%	8	2%	13	4%	331
Lawrence	193	72%	27	10%	27	10%	---	---	2	1%	19	7%	268
Lowell	574	82%	81	12%	12	2%	17	2%	6	1%	13	2%	703
Lynn	311	71%	48	11%	36	8%	5	1%	13	3%	26	6%	439
Malden	369	90%	16	4%	3	1%	8	2%	11	3%	5	1%	412
Northern	2,482	76%	398	12%	130	4%	66	2%	101	3%	96	3%	3,273
Arlington	229	63%	73	20%	36	10%	---	---	10	3%	13	4%	361
Brockton	445	79%	35	6%	44	8%	9	2%	13	2%	16	3%	562
Cape Cod	326	69%	56	12%	5	1%	3	1%	67	14%	14	3%	471
Coastal	298	62%	133	28%	7	1%	19	4%	8	2%	16	3%	481
Fall River	613	89%	48	7%	2	0%	4	1%	4	1%	19	3%	690
New Bedford	684	83%	86	10%	17	2%	2	1%	7	1%	31	4%	827
Plymouth	420	77%	79	15%	10	2%	---	---	17	3%	18	3%	544
Taunton/Attleboro	324	70%	72	15%	15	3%	13	3%	28	6%	13	3%	465
Southern	3,344	76%	582	13%	136	3%	50	1%	154	3%	141	3%	4,407
Dimock Street	300	84%	25	7%	25	7%	2	1%	3	1%	4	1%	359
Harbor	371	67%	119	22%	38	7%	6	1%	3	1%	15	3%	552
Hyde Park	436	88%	5	1%	37	7%	9	2%	3	1%	8	2%	498
Park Street	493	91%	18	3%	5	1%	3	1%	17	3%	3	1%	539
Boston	1,600	82%	167	9%	105	5%	20	1%	26	1%	30	2%	1,948
Adoption Contracts⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	100%	2
Other⁽⁶⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	12	100%	---	---	---	---	12
Total:	11,710	77%	2,096	14%	515	3%	251	2%	350	2%	369	2%	15,291

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off.

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

⁽²⁾ Outcome of an investigation.

⁽³⁾ Outcome of an initial assessment.

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

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

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

**TABLE A4. CASE OPENINGS DURING THE LAST FOUR QUARTERS BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY' 2014, 2ND QUARTER TO FY'2015, 1ST QUARTER**

TOTAL CASE OPENINGS ⁽¹⁾											
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other⁽²⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2014 - Q2	953	15%	558	23%	774	17%	368	15%	11	2,664	17%
FY'2014 - Q3	1,176	23%	705	26%	869	385%	385	5%	15	3,150	18%
FY'2014 - Q4	1,109	-6%	689	-2%	872	*	375	-3%	5	3,050	-3%
FY'2015 - Q1	933	-16%	572	-17%	799	-8%	334	-11%	13	2,651	-13%

PROTECTIVE CASE OPENINGS ⁽³⁾											
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other⁽²⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2014 - Q2	494	21%	255	30%	413	18%	241	15%	---	1,403	21%
FY'2014 - Q3	819	66%	481	89%	642	55%	303	26%	---	2,245	60%
FY'2014 - Q4	790	-4%	477	-1%	652	2%	299	-1%	---	2,218	-1%
FY'2015 - Q1	693	-12%	392	-18%	606	-7%	265	-11%	---	1,956	-12%

ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE CASE OPENINGS ⁽⁴⁾											
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other⁽²⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2014 - Q2	352	15%	214	23%	263	25%	75	32%	---	904	21%
FY'2014 - Q3	236	-33%	96	-55%	133	-49%	35	-53%	---	500	-45%
FY'2014 - Q4	207	-12%	98	2%	116	-13%	37	6%	---	458	-8%
FY'2015 - Q1	146	-29%	71	-28%	91	-22%	36	-3%	---	344	-25%

VOLUNTARY REQUESTS CASE OPENINGS											
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other⁽²⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2014 - Q2	29	7%	19	-5%	21	17%	9	13%	11	78	9%
FY'2014 - Q3	32	10%	26	37%	18	-14%	12	33%	---	88	13%
FY'2014 - Q4	29	-9%	20	-23%	20	11%	7	-42%	11	87	-1%
FY'2015 - Q1	18	-38%	17	-15%	12	-40%	2	-71%	11	60	-31%

CRA REFERRALS CASE OPENINGS											
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other⁽²⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2014 - Q2	15	36%	21	5%	27	17%	19	*	---	82	12%
FY'2014 - Q3	22	47%	36	71%	20	-26%	17	-11%	---	95	16%
FY'2014 - Q4	22	*	29	-19%	35	75%	21	24%	---	107	13%
FY'2015 - Q1	17	-23%	22	-24%	12	-66%	9	-57%	---	60	-44%

COURT REFERRAL CASE OPENINGS											
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other⁽²⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2014 - Q2	10	-44%	15	25%	12	-8%	6	*	---	43	-12%
FY'2014 - Q3	13	30%	19	27%	10	-17%	2	-67%	---	44	2%
FY'2014 - Q4	9	-31%	21	11%	10	*	2	0%	---	42	-5%
FY'2015 - Q1	9	*	16	-24%	23	130%	3	50%	---	51	21%

OTHER CASE OPENINGS ⁽⁵⁾											
Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other⁽²⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
FY'2014 - Q2	53	-10%	34	6%	38	-24%	18	-10%	---	143	-11%
FY'2014 - Q3	54	2%	47	38%	46	21%	16	-11%	---	167	17%
FY'2014 - Q4	52	-4%	44	-6%	39	-15%	9	-44%	4	148	-11%
FY'2015 - Q1	50	-4%	54	23%	55	41%	19	111%	2	180	22%

% = change from prior quarter

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

⁽³⁾ Outcome of an investigation.

⁽⁴⁾ Outcome of an initial assessment.

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

TABLE A5. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2015, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/14 - 9/30/14)

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Screening Decision								Total No.
	Screened-Out		Screened-In for Investigation				Screened-In for Initial Assessment		
			Non-Emergency		Emergency				
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	
Greenfield	272	40%	223	32%	71	10%	121	18%	687
Holyoke	157	22%	417	60%	102	15%	24	3%	700
North Central	209	25%	457	56%	64	8%	90	11%	820
Pittsfield	315	39%	385	47%	42	5%	70	9%	812
Robert Van Wart	308	33%	379	41%	70	8%	174	19%	931
South Central	251	30%	371	44%	66	8%	155	18%	843
Springfield	158	15%	711	66%	147	14%	62	6%	1,078
Worcester East	200	28%	344	48%	88	12%	91	13%	723
Worcester West	139	22%	344	53%	125	19%	35	5%	643
Western	2,009	28%	3,631	50%	775	11%	822	11%	7,237
Cambridge	153	38%	144	36%	44	11%	63	16%	404
Cape Ann	242	40%	195	32%	53	9%	116	19%	606
Framingham	384	54%	165	23%	48	7%	115	16%	712
Haverhill	284	43%	262	40%	74	11%	40	6%	660
Lawrence	178	30%	264	45%	54	9%	92	16%	588
Lowell	381	38%	353	35%	157	16%	117	12%	1,008
Lynn	240	44%	207	38%	37	7%	62	11%	546
Malden	239	42%	263	46%	56	10%	17	3%	575
Northern	2,101	41%	1,853	36%	523	10%	622	12%	5,099
Arlington	288	50%	158	27%	33	6%	102	18%	581
Brockton	282	41%	304	44%	63	9%	46	7%	695
Cape Cod	311	44%	271	38%	63	9%	63	9%	708
Coastal	217	32%	272	41%	61	9%	120	18%	670
Fall River	162	22%	458	61%	61	8%	66	9%	747
New Bedford	211	23%	519	57%	120	13%	58	6%	908
Plymouth	299	43%	275	39%	57	8%	66	9%	697
Taunton/Attleboro	204	34%	274	46%	54	9%	68	11%	600
Southern	1,974	35%	2,531	45%	512	9%	589	11%	5,606
Dimock Street	130	26%	294	58%	58	11%	27	5%	509
Harbor	109	22%	237	47%	55	11%	101	20%	502
Hyde Park	190	32%	317	53%	72	12%	19	3%	598
Park Street	172	31%	278	51%	81	15%	16	3%	547
Boston	601	28%	1,126	52%	266	12%	163	8%	2,156
Special Investigation	304	39%	471	60%	14	2%	---	---	789
Total	6,989	33%	9,612	46%	2,090	10%	2,196	11%	20,887

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

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

TABLE A6. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION: FY'2015, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/14 - 9/30/14)

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	141	56%	110	44%	251	44	44%	55	56%	99	350
Holyoke	210	50%	212	50%	422	9	39%	14	61%	23	445
North Central	263	66%	133	34%	396	36	51%	34	49%	70	466
Pittsfield	178	57%	133	43%	311	16	34%	31	66%	47	358
Robert Van Wart	250	66%	129	34%	379	87	63%	52	37%	139	518
South Central	244	65%	129	35%	373	72	46%	83	54%	155	528
Springfield	452	62%	280	38%	732	24	56%	19	44%	43	775
Worcester East	256	61%	161	39%	417	45	56%	36	44%	81	498
Worcester West	247	65%	131	35%	378	16	39%	25	61%	41	419
Western	2,241	61%	1,418	39%	3,659	349	50%	349	50%	698	4,357
Cambridge	93	60%	62	40%	155	21	40%	31	60%	52	207
Cape Ann	113	51%	108	49%	221	24	29%	59	71%	83	304
Framingham	136	73%	51	27%	187	66	58%	48	42%	114	301
Haverhill	153	60%	101	40%	254	9	35%	17	65%	26	280
Lawrence	109	40%	164	60%	273	16	19%	69	81%	85	358
Lowell	320	66%	167	34%	487	55	56%	43	44%	98	585
Lynn	142	70%	60	30%	202	38	59%	26	41%	64	266
Malden	142	54%	119	46%	261	8	50%	8	50%	16	277
Northern	1,208	59%	832	41%	2,040	237	44%	301	56%	538	2,578
Arlington	106	60%	71	40%	177	34	35%	64	65%	98	275
Brockton	202	70%	88	30%	290	16	36%	28	64%	44	334
Cape Cod	162	64%	93	36%	255	29	46%	34	54%	63	318
Coastal	165	61%	107	39%	272	50	46%	58	54%	108	380
Fall River	278	66%	144	34%	422	21	31%	47	69%	68	490
New Bedford	319	67%	155	33%	474	23	37%	39	63%	62	536
Plymouth	180	67%	87	33%	267	20	42%	28	58%	48	315
Taunton/Attleboro	159	61%	102	39%	261	26	43%	35	57%	61	322
Southern	1,571	65%	847	35%	2,418	219	40%	333	60%	552	2,970
Dimock Street	200	52%	184	48%	384	7	39%	11	61%	18	402
Harbor	178	73%	67	27%	245	46	44%	58	56%	104	349
Hyde Park	201	66%	103	34%	304	3	15%	17	85%	20	324
Park Street	197	72%	76	28%	273	8	62%	5	38%	13	286
Boston	776	64%	430	36%	1,206	64	41%	91	59%	155	1,361
Special Investigations	70	23%	237	77%	307	---	---	---	---	---	307
Total	5,866	61%	3,764	39%	9,630	869	45%	1,074	55%	1,943	11,573

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

TABLE A7. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND INITIAL ASSESSMENTS DURING THE LAST FOUR QUARTERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2014, 2ND QUARTER TO FY'2015, 1ST QUARTER

CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS

Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other ⁽¹⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	No.	%
FY'2014 - Q2	7,300	1%	5,145	1%	5,609	0%	2,370	10%	598	21,022	1%
FY'2014 - Q3	8,157	12%	5,949	16%	5,989	7%	2,673	13%	753	23,521	12%
FY'2014 - Q4	8,625	6%	6,239	5%	6,514	9%	2,747	3%	750	24,875	6%
FY'2015 - Q1	7,237	-16%	5,099	-18%	5,606	-14%	2,156	-22%	789	20,887	-16%

CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS

Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other ⁽¹⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	No.	%
FY'2014 - Q2	2,021	-45%	1,073	-47%	1,598	-34%	937	-22%	261	5,890	-39%
FY'2014 - Q3	3,664	81%	2,106	96%	2,582	62%	1,193	27%	300	9,845	67%
FY'2014 - Q4	4,070	11%	2,510	19%	3,005	16%	1,249	5%	295	11,129	13%
FY'2015 - Q1	3,659	-10%	2,040	-19%	2,418	-20%	1,206	-3%	307	9,630	-13%

CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INITIAL ASSESSMENTS

Quarters	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Other ⁽¹⁾	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	No.	%
FY'2014 - Q2	1,458	109%	1,008	87%	1,180	114%	265	71%	---	3,911	101%
FY'2014 - Q3	983	-33%	794	-21%	595	-50%	200	-25%	---	2,572	-34%
FY'2014 - Q4	1,057	8%	755	-5%	795	34%	179	-11%	---	2,786	8%
FY'2015 - Q1	698	-34%	538	-29%	552	-31%	155	-13%	---	1,943	-30%

* Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

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

TABLE A8. MANDATORY AND DISCRETIONARY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: FY'2003 - FY'2015 ⁽¹⁾

Time Period	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'2003 Total	2,089	47%	2,310	53%	4,399
FY'2004 Total	2,101	47%	2,399	53%	4,500
FY'2005 Total	2,122	46%	2,459	54%	4,581
FY'2006 Total	2,077	44%	2,666	56%	4,743
FY'2007 Total	2,279	48%	2,431	52%	4,710
FY'2008 Total	2,561	49%	2,652	51%	5,213
FY'2009 Total	2,927	51%	2,784	49%	5,711
FY2010, Q1	649	53%	568	47%	1,217
FY2010, Q2	727	54%	621	46%	1,348
FY2010, Q3	787	56%	611	44%	1,398
FY2010, Q4	870	54%	753	46%	1,623
FY'2010 Total	3,033	54%	2,553	46%	5,586
FY2011, Q1	713	54%	603	46%	1,316
FY2011, Q2	729	56%	583	44%	1,312
FY2011, Q3	754	54%	650	46%	1,404
FY2011, Q4	844	50%	835	50%	1,679
FY'2011 Total	3,040	53%	2,671	47%	5,711
FY2012, Q1	630	51%	616	49%	1,246
FY2012, Q2	764	50%	764	50%	1,528
FY2012, Q3	788	52%	721	48%	1,509
FY2012, Q4	659	50%	661	50%	1,320
FY'2012 Total	2,841	51%	2,762	49%	5,603
FY2013, Q1	555	48%	598	52%	1,153
FY2013, Q2	618	54%	529	46%	1,147
FY2013, Q3	654	53%	586	47%	1,240
FY2013, Q4	659	50%	658	50%	1,317
FY'2013 Total	2,486	51%	2,371	49%	4,857
FY2014, Q1	703	56%	551	44%	1,254
FY2014, Q2	659	50%	658	50%	1,317
FY2014, Q3	780	53%	690	47%	1,470
FY2014, Q4	911	53%	810	47%	1,721
FY'2014 Total	3,053	53%	2,709	47%	5,762
FY2015, Q1	701	50%	690	50%	1,391

⁽¹⁾ DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

TABLE A9. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: FY'2003 - FY'2015

Time Period	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		Death ⁽¹⁾		Unspecified		Total No.
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
FY'2003 Total	1,688	78%	461	21%	19	1%	---	---	2,168
FY'2004 Total	1,713	78%	450	21%	26	1%	---	---	2,189
FY'2005 Total	1,715	79%	456	21%	13	1%	---	---	2,184
FY'2006 Total	1,782	83%	342	16%	26	1%	---	---	2,150
FY'2007 Total	1,935	82%	390	17%	31	1%	---	---	2,356
FY'2008 Total	2,049	78%	552	21%	38	1%	---	---	2,639
FY'2009 Total	2,413	80%	572	19%	29	1%	---	---	3,014
FY2010, Q1	541	81%	108	16%	15	2%	---	---	664
FY2010, Q2	588	80%	137	19%	14	2%	---	---	739
FY2010, Q3	639	79%	153	19%	12	1%	---	---	804
FY2010, Q4	725	81%	161	18%	10	1%	---	---	896
FY'2010 Total	2,493	80%	559	18%	51	2%	---	---	3,103
FY2011, Q1	602	83%	110	15%	15	2%	---	---	727
FY2011, Q2	621	83%	111	15%	13	2%	---	---	745
FY2011, Q3	637	83%	118	15%	10	1%	---	---	765
FY2011, Q4	682	78%	179	21%	9	1%	---	---	870
FY'2011 Total	2,542	82%	518	17%	47	2%	---	---	3,107
FY2012, Q1	537	84%	85	13%	21	3%	---	---	643
FY2012, Q2	664	85%	111	14%	6	1%	---	---	781
FY2012, Q3	673	83%	127	16%	8	1%	1	*	809
FY2012, Q4	567	84%	94	14%	12	2%	---	---	673
FY'2012 Total	2,441	84%	417	14%	47	2%	---	---	2,906
FY2013, Q1	477	84%	81	14%	9	2%	---	---	567
FY2013, Q2	507	80%	118	19%	6	1%	---	---	631
FY2013, Q3	537	79%	131	19%	14	2%	---	---	682
FY2013, Q4	641	82%	133	17%	11	1%	---	---	785
FY'2013 Total	2,162	81%	463	17%	40	2%	---	---	2,665
FY2014, Q1	577	80%	129	18%	12	2%	---	---	718
FY2014, Q2	540	80%	125	19%	7	1%	---	---	672
FY2014, Q3	664	83%	127	16%	11	1%	---	---	802
FY2014, Q4	572	79%	141	20%	9	1%	---	---	722
FY'2014 Total	2,353	81%	522	18%	39	1%	---	---	2,914
FY2015, Q1	572	79%	141	20%	9	1%	---	---	722

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

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off.

**TABLE A10. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS BY DCF REGION AND AREA:
FY'2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)**

DCF Region/Area	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				Total No.
	Not Legally Free		Legally Free		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	92	76%	29	24%	121
Holyoke	54	64%	31	36%	85
North Central	124	78%	35	22%	159
Pittsfield	71	63%	42	37%	113
Robert Van Wart	75	69%	34	31%	109
South Central	91	83%	18	17%	109
Springfield	86	63%	51	37%	137
Worcester East	65	76%	21	24%	86
Worcester West	68	76%	22	24%	90
Western	726	72%	283	28%	1,009
Cambridge	13	68%	6	32%	19
Cape Ann	4	100%	---	---	4
Framingham	34	57%	26	43%	60
Haverhill	23	59%	16	41%	39
Lawrence	22	45%	27	55%	49
Lowell	50	68%	24	32%	74
Lynn	110	66%	56	34%	166
Malden	10	59%	7	41%	17
Northern	266	62%	162	38%	428
Arlington	25	78%	7	22%	32
Brockton	30	41%	44	59%	74
Cape Cod	19	39%	30	61%	49
Coastal	20	37%	34	63%	54
Fall River	52	41%	75	59%	127
New Bedford	67	47%	77	53%	144
Plymouth	26	42%	36	58%	62
Taunton/Attleboro	47	58%	34	42%	81
Southern	286	46%	337	54%	623
Dimock Street	75	69%	34	31%	109
Harbor	32	55%	26	45%	58
Park Street	33	50%	33	50%	66
Boston	140	60%	93	40%	233
Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾	161	67%	79	33%	240
Total	1,579	62%	954	38%	2,533

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

TABLE A11. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION AND WHETHER MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY BY DCF REGION AND AREA: FY'2015, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/14)

DCF Region/Area	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				Total No.
	Not Matched		Matched		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	27	22%	94	78%	121
Holyoke	25	29%	60	71%	85
North Central	51	32%	108	68%	159
Pittsfield	32	28%	81	72%	113
Robert Van Wart	71	65%	38	35%	109
South Central	35	32%	74	68%	109
Springfield	45	33%	92	67%	137
Worcester East	31	36%	55	64%	86
Worcester West	47	52%	43	48%	90
Western	364	36%	645	64%	1,009
Cambridge	2	11%	17	89%	19
Cape Ann	3	75%	1	25%	4
Framingham	15	25%	45	75%	60
Haverhill	17	44%	22	56%	39
Lawrence	11	22%	38	78%	49
Lowell	24	32%	50	68%	74
Lynn	52	31%	114	69%	166
Malden	5	29%	12	71%	17
Northern	129	30%	299	70%	428
Arlington	16	50%	16	50%	32
Brockton	22	30%	52	70%	74
Cape Cod	20	41%	29	59%	49
Coastal	10	19%	44	81%	54
Fall River	44	35%	83	65%	127
New Bedford	47	33%	97	67%	144
Plymouth	30	48%	32	52%	62
Taunton/Attleboro	21	26%	60	74%	81
Southern	210	34%	413	66%	623
Dimock Street	44	40%	65	60%	109
Harbor	33	57%	25	43%	58
Park Street	14	21%	52	79%	66
Boston	91	39%	142	61%	233
Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾	161	67%	79	33%	240
Total	955	38%	1,578	62%	2,533

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

TABLE A12. Census 2010: Children Less Than 18 Years Old Residing in the 13 Largest Cities in Massachusetts¹

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

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

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

²Children of any race who are Hispanic.

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