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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 3rd Quarter of FY'2014, DCF had 24,627 open cases (1,732 adoption cases and 22,895 clinical cases) and 83,921 open consumers¹ (42,144 adults and 41,777 children). (**Table 1** on page 3)
- From the 2nd Quarter to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2014, the case count increased 9% and the consumer count increased 11%.
- From 1983 to 2009, there was a slow increase in the consumer population, punctuated by peak levels in 1985, 1991, and 2009. After reaching the highest number of consumers (88,568) in the Department's history at the end June 2009, there was a decline in consumers that lasted through 2012. Consumer counts began to climb again in 2013. (**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 2013, counts of all children (less than 18 years old) and adults (18 years or older) decreased at different rates and converged (**Fig 1**). At the end of March 2014, there were 41,777 children less than 18 years old and 42,144 adults 18 years or older (**Appendix Table A1**).
- From 2012-2014, the annual count of female adults has been 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 3rd Quarter of FY'2014, there were 1,836 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 3rd Quarter of FY'2014, there were: 22,212 female adults, 21,657 children, 19,821 female children, and 18,537 male adults. There were an additional 1,694 individuals with unspecified age and/or gender at the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2014.

A. Consumers in Placement

- There were 10,081 individuals in placement on the last day of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2014. Included in this count are 8,275 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,806 young adults (18 to 23 years old). (**Table 1** on next page)
- The placement population was distributed across DCF service regions as follows: 37% in the Western Region, 26% in the Southern Region, 20% in the Northern Region, and 13% in the Boston Region (**Table 1**).
- From the 2nd Quarter to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2014, the number of children in placement increased 8% statewide (**table below, Appendix Table A1** on page 70). Regional changes ranged from 6% in the North to 12% in Boston (**table below, Fig. 14** on page 27).

QUARTERLY CHANGE IN COUNTS OF CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION

| Quarters | Western | | Northern | | Southern | | Boston | | Other | Total | |
|--------------|---------|----|----------|----|----------|----|--------|-----|-------|-------|----|
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | | No. | % |
| FY'2013 - Q4 | 2,859 | 2% | 1,426 | * | 1,896 | 1% | 918 | 6% | 269 | 7,368 | 1% |
| FY'2014 - Q1 | 2,958 | 3% | 1,466 | 3% | 1,941 | 2% | 924 | 1% | 263 | 7,552 | 2% |
| 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% |

* 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 3rd Quarter of FY'2014, there were 33,502 children less than 18 years old with an active case status who were not in placement (**Table 1**). From the 2nd Quarter to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2014, counts of children not in placement increased 12% statewide (**table on next page, Appendix Table A1**). Regional changes ranged from 8% in Boston to 14% in the North (**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'2013 - Q4 | 12,210 | 4% | 5,350 | 5% | 6,859 | 7% | 3,887 | 4% | 33 | 28,339 | 5% |
| FY'2014 - Q1 | 12,114 | -1% | 5,192 | -3% | 7,078 | 3% | 3,748 | -4% | 35 | 28,167 | -1% |
| 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% |

* Less than 1% after rounding-off

**TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DCF REGION:
FY'2014, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)**

| Case Counts: | DCF Geographic Region | | | | Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾ | Other ⁽²⁾ | Total |
|--|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| | Western | Northern | Southern | Boston | | | |
| Adoption | 678 | 314 | 450 | 156 | 130 | 4 | 1,732 |
| Clinical | 8,937 | 4,662 | 6,050 | 3,088 | 7 | 151 | 22,895 |
| Total | 9,615 | 4,976 | 6,500 | 3,244 | 137 | 155 | 24,627 |
| Consumer Counts: | | | | | | | |
| Adults: ⁽³⁾ | | | | | | | |
| In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾ | 524 | 463 | 430 | 243 | 1 | 112 | 1,773 |
| Other ⁽⁶⁾ | 10 | 6 | 1 | 1 | --- | 10 | 28 |
| On the Run | 2 | 1 | 2 | --- | --- | --- | 5 |
| Total in Placement | 536 | 470 | 433 | 244 | 1 | 122 | 1,806 |
| Not in Placement | 16,453 | 7,807 | 11,199 | 4,871 | --- | 8 | 40,338 |
| Total Adults | 16,989 | 8,277 | 11,632 | 5,115 | 1 | 130 | 42,144 |
| Children: | | | | | | | |
| In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾ | 3,105 | 1,520 | 2,169 | 967 | 215 | 41 | 8,017 |
| Other ⁽⁶⁾ | 58 | 50 | 23 | 26 | 1 | 1 | 159 |
| On the Run | 35 | 18 | 20 | 26 | --- | --- | 99 |
| Total in Placement | 3,198 | 1,588 | 2,212 | 1,019 | 216 | 42 | 8,275 |
| Not in Placement | 14,237 | 6,343 | 8,406 | 4,491 | 18 | 7 | 33,502 |
| Total Children | 17,435 | 7,931 | 10,618 | 5,510 | 234 | 49 | 41,777 |
| Total | 34,424 | 16,208 | 22,250 | 10,625 | 235 | 179 | 83,921 |

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

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

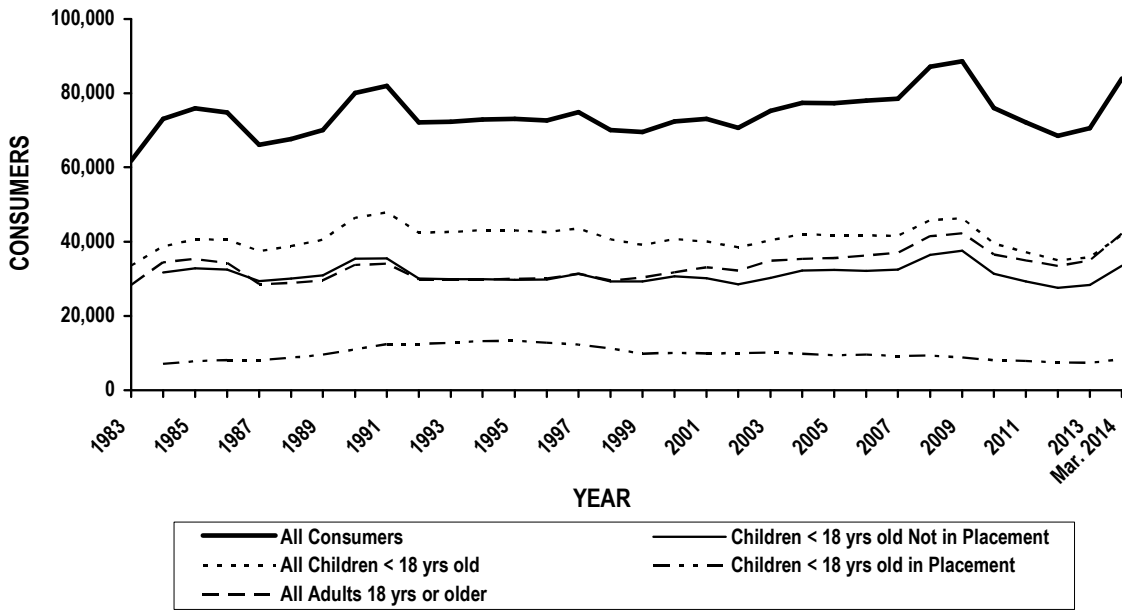
⁽³⁾ Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

⁽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 Mental Retardation (DMR) or are supported by DCF until graduation from a full-time school or vocational training program (through age 23 for a Bachelor's Degree).

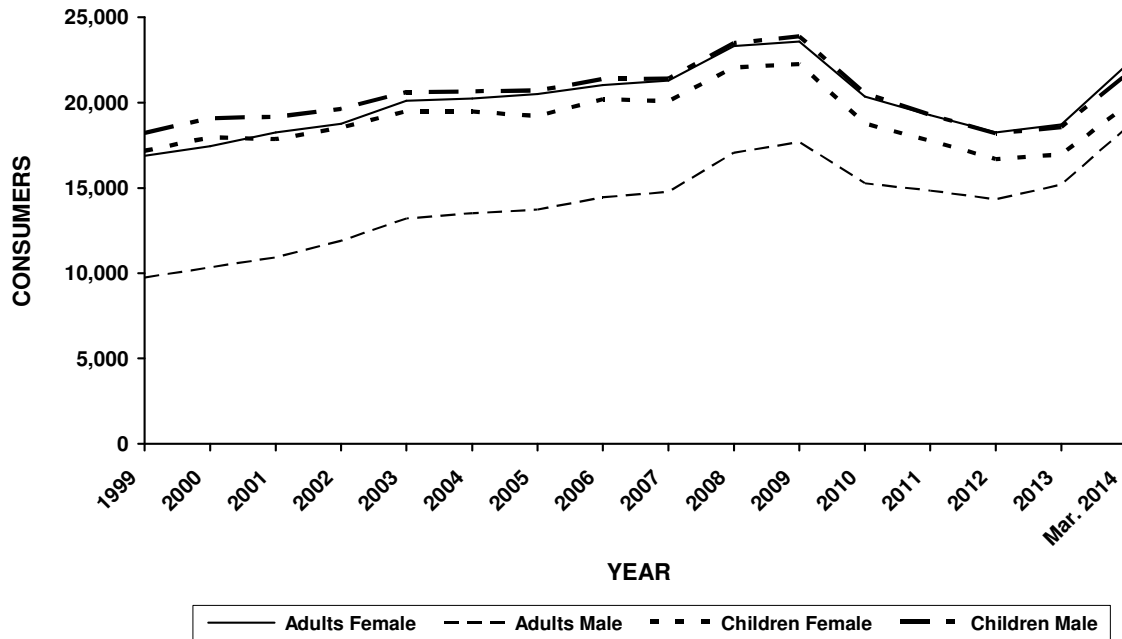
⁽⁵⁾ See Tables 5A, 5B, and 5C for a breakdown by type of placement.

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

**FIGURE 1. ANNUAL COUNTS OF DCF CONSUMERS:
JUNE 1983 - JUNE 2013, MARCH 2014**



**FIGURE 2. ANNUAL COUNTS OF ADULT AND CHILD CONSUMERS
BY GENDER: JUNE 1999 - JUNE 2013, MARCH 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 3rd Quarter of FY'2014, there were 3,150 case openings (unduplicated) and 19,199 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 2nd Quarter to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2014, case openings increased 18% (**Appendix Table A4** on page 73, **Fig. 4** on page 7) and consumer openings increased 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 | |
|---|------------------------|---------|-----|
| | | Q2 | Q3 |
| Protective: ² | % of Case Openings | 53% | 71% |
| | % of Consumer Openings | 56% | 73% |
| Alternative Response: ³ | % Case Openings | 34% | 16% |
| | % of Consumer Openings | 33% | 18% |

¹ See Tables 2A and 2B

² Outcome of an investigation (supported report)

³ Outcome of an initial assessment

- Seventy-one percent of case openings and 73% of consumer openings were due to supported abuse/neglect reports (protective). Sixteen percent of case openings and 18% of consumer openings were the result of an initial assessment (alternative response). (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 3% of case openings and 2% of consumer openings. (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- “Children Requiring Assistance” (CRA) referrals accounted for 3% of case openings and 4% of consumer openings (**Tables 2A and 2B**). It should be noted that the CRA consumer counts include the children subject to the CRA petition, adult caretakers, and oftentimes non-CRA siblings.
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in **Fig. 3** (on page 7) and **Table 2A**. Supported reports of child abuse/neglect accounted for 68-79% of the total intakes for each region. Case openings by alternative response represented 9-20% of all intakes for each region. CRA referrals ranged from 2-5% of the total intakes for each region. Voluntary requests ranged from 2-4% 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 Arlington to 89% at Hyde Park (**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'2014, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/14 - 3/31/14)**

| 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 | 819 | 70% | 236 | 20% | 22 | 2% | 32 | 3% | 13 | 1% | 54 | 5% | 1,176 |
| Northern | 481 | 68% | 96 | 14% | 36 | 5% | 26 | 4% | 19 | 3% | 47 | 7% | 705 |
| Southern | 642 | 74% | 133 | 15% | 20 | 2% | 18 | 2% | 10 | 1% | 46 | 5% | 869 |
| Boston | 303 | 79% | 35 | 9% | 17 | 4% | 12 | 3% | 2 | 1% | 16 | 4% | 385 |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾ | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 4 | 100% | 4 |
| Other ⁽⁵⁾ | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 11 | 100% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 11 |
| Total | 2,245 | 71% | 500 | 16% | 95 | 3% | 99 | 3% | 44 | 1% | 167 | 5% | 3,150 |

⁽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⁾ 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'2014, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/14 - 3/31/14)**

| 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 | 5,443 | 71% | 1,647 | 22% | 182 | 2% | 135 | 2% | 103 | 1% | 129 | 2% | 7,639 |
| Northern | 2,915 | 72% | 570 | 14% | 214 | 5% | 118 | 3% | 122 | 3% | 96 | 2% | 4,035 |
| Southern | 3,879 | 74% | 894 | 17% | 166 | 3% | 89 | 2% | 82 | 2% | 159 | 3% | 5,269 |
| Boston | 1,743 | 78% | 289 | 13% | 118 | 5% | 42 | 2% | 22 | 1% | 23 | 1% | 2,237 |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽⁵⁾ | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 6 | 100% | 6 |
| Other ⁽⁶⁾ | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 13 | 100% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 13 |
| Total | 13,980 | 73% | 3,400 | 18% | 680 | 4% | 397 | 2% | 329 | 2% | 413 | 2% | 19,199 |

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

⁽²⁾ Outcome of an investigation.

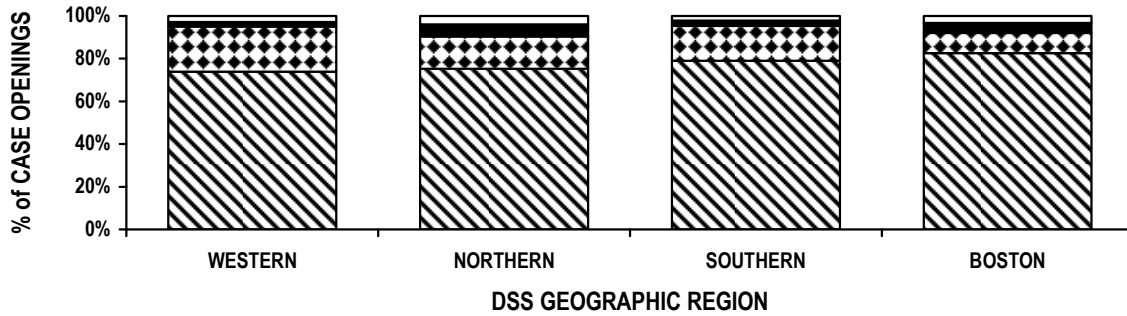
⁽³⁾ Outcome of an initial assessment.

⁽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 Lutheran Refugee Minor program and Residential & Adolescent Services Unit.

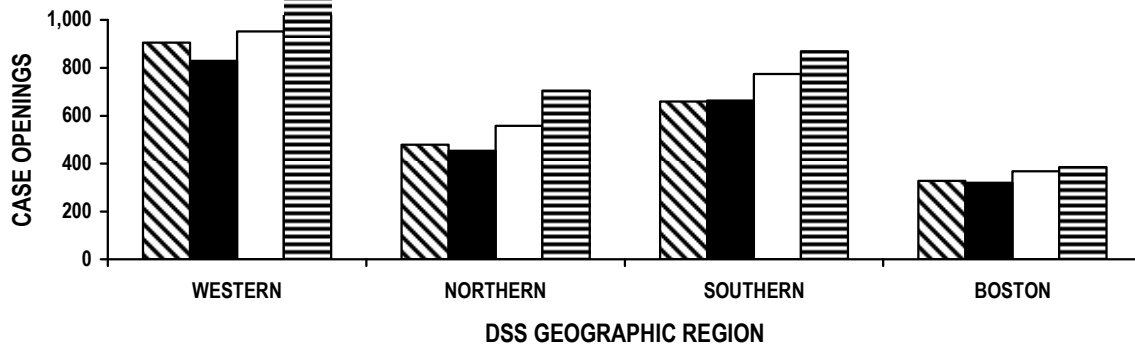
**FIGURE 3. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION
FY'2014, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/14 - 3/31/14)**



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'2013, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2014, 3RD QUARTER)**



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

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, 22,998 reports were recorded during the 3rd Quarter of FY’2014. Fifty-nine percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation and 13% were screened-in for initial assessment. Ten percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. (**Table 3** on page 11)
- There were 18,424 neglect reports, 4,989 physical abuse reports, and 2,011 sexual abuse reports, representing 80%, 22%, 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 51% in the North to 61% in Boston. At the Judge Baker Children’s Center, 67% of the reports were screened-in for investigation (**Table 3, Fig. 5** on page 12). These rates were much lower in the prior quarter: 22% in the North, 48% in Boston, and 44% at Judge Baker.
- The proportion of reports screened-in for an initial assessment response by region ranged from 10% in Boston to 17% in the Southern region. Judge Baker screened-in 10% of the reports for initial assessment. (**Table 3, Fig. 5**)
- Dimock Street, New Bedford, and Fall River areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (75-76%). Arlington and Harbor areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (28-32%). (**Appendix Table A5** on page 74)
- Arlington and Framingham areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (32-35%). Malden, Park Street, Hyde Park, and Dimock Street areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (4-6%). (**Appendix Table A5**)
- The DCF Regions screened-in 3-5% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 24% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children’s Center Hotline. (**Table 3**)

- Statewide, reports increased 9% from the 2nd Quarter to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2014. Typically, report counts decline during the summer quarter (Q1) then rise during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). (**Appendix Table A7** on page 76, **Fig. 7** on page 13)

B. Investigation and Initial Assessment Responses³.

- During the 3rd Quarter of FY'2014, 12,307 responses (investigations and initial assessments) were completed (**Table 4** on page 11)—an increase of 26% from the 2nd Quarter of FY'2014 (**Appendix Table A7, Fig. 8** on page 13). This large rise in responses resulted in a 60% increase in protective case openings (**Appendix Tables A4 and A7**).
- Investigations and initial assessments as a proportion of all responses for each region were: 81% and 9% (Boston); 73% and 27% (West); 72% and 28% (South); 72% and 28% (North), respectively. (**Fig. 6** on page 12, **Table 4**)

Initial Assessments

- There were 2,899 initial assessments completed during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2014. The assessment decision was “concern” for 51% of initial assessments and “minimal or no concern” for 49%. The assessment decisions are defined as “concerns of safety or risk that warrant DCF services” and “no concern or minimal risk of future abuse/neglect.” (**Table 4, Fig. 6**)
- Springfield, North Central, and Van Wart had the highest proportions of initial assessments which resulted in a finding of concern (71-75%). (**Appendix Table A6** on page 75)
- Statewide, initial assessments decreased 26% from the 2nd Quarter to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2014 (**Appendix Table A7**). There has been a shift from initial assessments to investigations.
- Neglect was an alleged maltreatment in 2,556 initial assessments (88% of all initial assessments) while physical abuse was an alleged maltreatment in 600 initial assessments (21%).

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.

Investigations

- The number of investigations conducted during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2014 was 9,408 (**Table 4** on page 11).
- Sixty-three percent of the investigations resulted in supported allegations of maltreatment. (**Table 4**)
- Regional support rates went from a low of 58% in the North to a high of 66% in the West (78% at Judge Baker). (**Table 4**)
- The Springfield, North Central, and Park Street Areas had the highest proportions of investigations which resulted in a supported allegation(s) (74-76%). (**Appendix Table A6** on page 75)
- Statewide, investigations increased 60% from the 2nd Quarter to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2014 (**Appendix Table A7** on page 76). A high screen-in rate contributed to the large number of investigations--compare the 9,408 investigations in the 3rd Quarter to the 5,890 investigations in the 2nd quarter (**Appendix Table A7**).
- There were 8,142 investigations of alleged neglect (87% of all investigations), 2,428 investigations of alleged physical abuse (26%), and 590 investigations of alleged sexual abuse (6%).

TABLE 3. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2014, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/14 - 3/31/14)

| 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 | 1,664 | 27% | 3,271 | 53% | 200 | 3% | 3,471 | 996 | 16% | 6,131 | 27% |
| Northern | 1,446 | 35% | 1,912 | 47% | 147 | 4% | 2,059 | 580 | 14% | 4,085 | 18% |
| Southern | 984 | 24% | 2,216 | 55% | 177 | 4% | 2,393 | 672 | 17% | 4,049 | 18% |
| Boston | 464 | 28% | 917 | 56% | 88 | 5% | 1,005 | 172 | 10% | 1,641 | 7% |
| Judge Baker Children's Center | 1,545 | 24% | 2,817 | 43% | 1,585 | 24% | 4,402 | 627 | 10% | 6,574 | 29% |
| Special Investigations | 188 | 36% | 326 | 63% | 4 | 1% | 330 | --- | --- | 518 | 2% |
| Total | 6,291 | 27% | 11,459 | 50% | 2,201 | 10% | 13,660 | 3,047 | 13% | 22,998 | 100% |

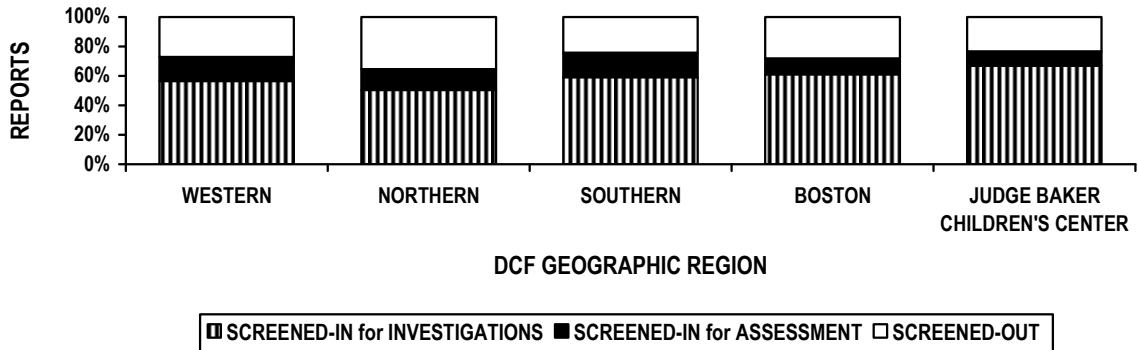
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

TABLE 4. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION: FY'2014, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/14 - 3/31/14)

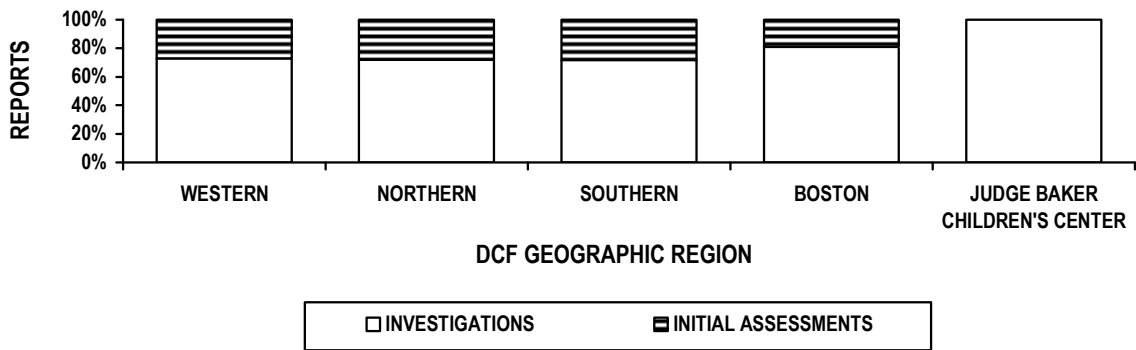
| DCF Geographic Region | Investigation Decision | | | | | Assessment Decision | | | | Total | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------------|------------|----------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Supported | | Unsupported | | Total | Concern | | Low/No Concern | | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Western | 1,875 | 66% | 969 | 34% | 2,844 | 639 | 60% | 421 | 40% | 1,060 | 32% |
| Northern | 989 | 58% | 727 | 42% | 1,716 | 313 | 47% | 353 | 53% | 666 | 19% |
| Southern | 1,448 | 60% | 971 | 40% | 2,419 | 415 | 44% | 529 | 56% | 944 | 27% |
| Boston | 627 | 65% | 340 | 35% | 967 | 124 | 54% | 105 | 46% | 229 | 10% |
| Judge Baker Children's Center | 898 | 78% | 248 | 22% | 1,146 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 9% |
| Special Investigations | 63 | 20% | 253 | 80% | 316 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 3% |
| Total | 5,899 | 63% | 3,509 | 37% | 9,408 | 1,491 | 51% | 1,408 | 49% | 2,899 | 100% |

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

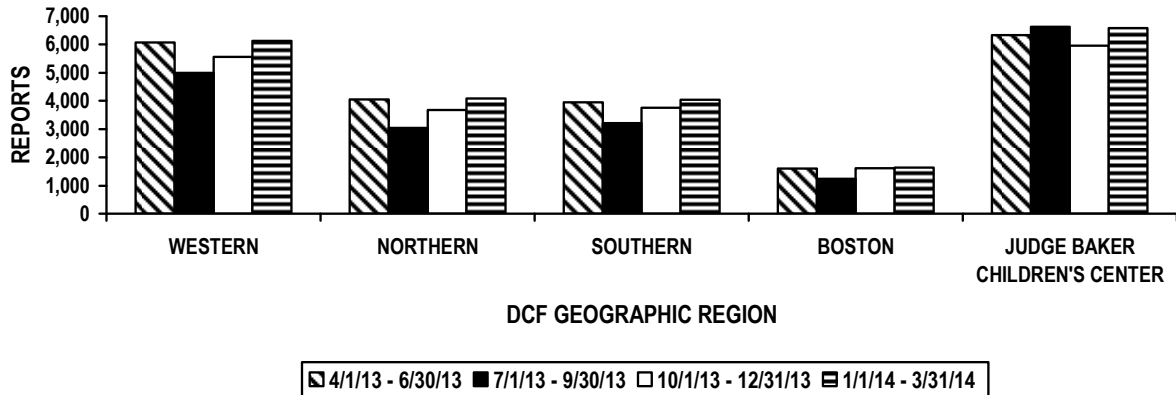
**FIGURE 5. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS
(SCREENING DECISION BY DCF REGION)
FY'2014, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/14 - 3/31/14)**



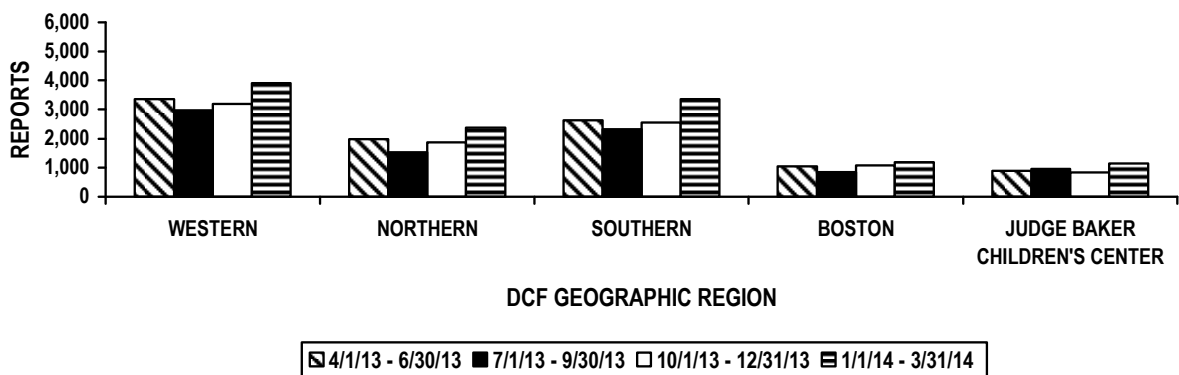
**FIGURE 6. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPOSSES BY TYPE AND DCF REGION
SCREENING DECISION BY DCF REGION
FY'2014, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/14 - 3/31/14)**



**FIGURE 7. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2013, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2014, 3RD QUARTER)**



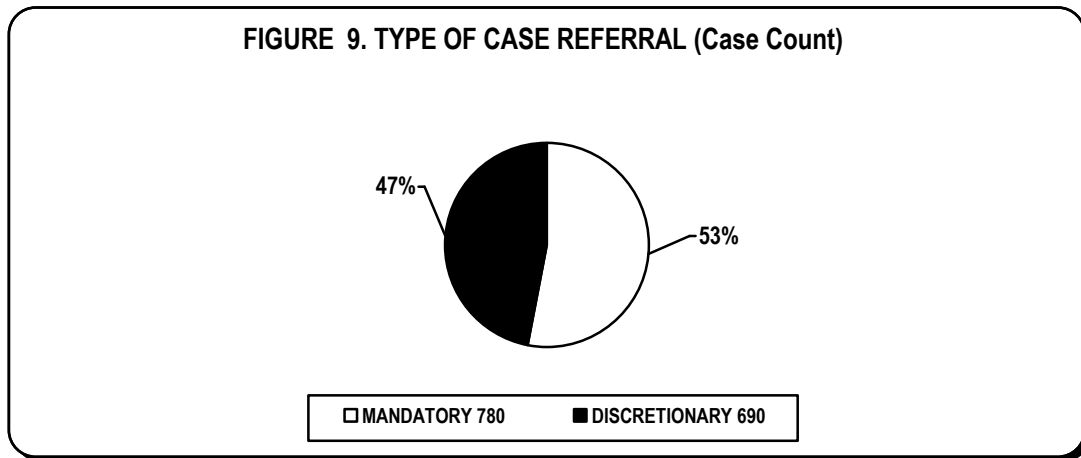
**FIGURE 8. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION
(FY'2013, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2014, 3RD QUARTER)**



C. District Attorney (DA) Referrals

- During the 3rd Quarter of FY'2014, 1,470 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (**Fig. 9**). Fifty-three percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals⁴ and 47% were discretionary referrals⁵ (**Fig. 9, Appendix Table A8** on page 77).

DA REFERRALS FY'2014, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/14 - 3/31/14)

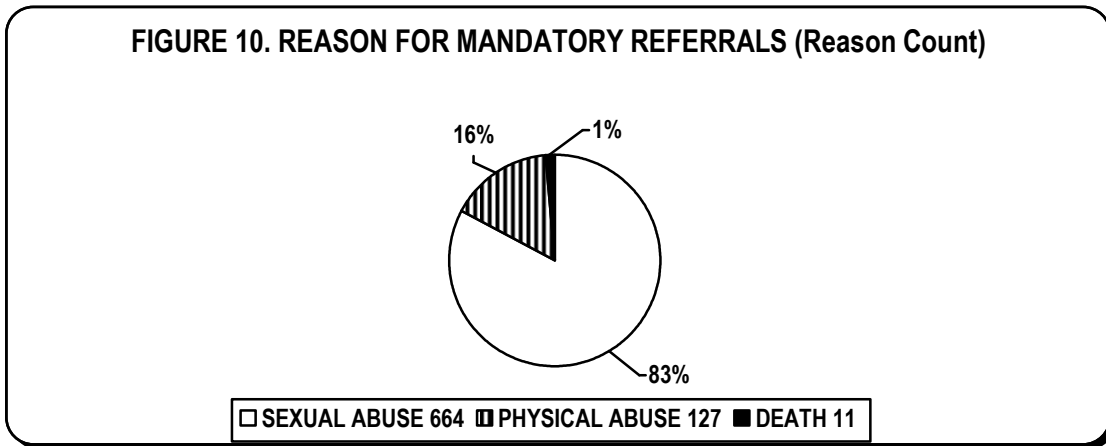


- The proportion of mandatory case referrals ranged from 44-49% of total referrals during FY'2003-2008 and ranged from 51-56% during FY'2009-2014 (**Appendix Table A8**).
- Sexual abuse accounted for 83% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2014 (**Fig. 10** and **Table 5** on next page). Sixteen 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'2014, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/14 - 3/31/14)



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

**TABLE 5. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS:
FY'2014, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/14 - 3/31/14)**

| Nature of Abuse | Reasons | |
|--|------------|-------------|
| | No. | % |
| Sexual Abuse: | 664 | 83% |
| Sexual Assault | 596 | |
| Sexual Exploitation | 68 | |
| | | |
| Serious Physical Abuse: | 127 | 16% |
| | | |
| Death: | 11 | 1% |
| Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals | 802 | 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'2014, Q2) (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 64% of the mandatory case referrals for sexual abuse (including sexual assault and sexual exploitation). The same four counties accounted for 71% of the mandatory case referrals for serious physical abuse.

TABLE 6. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY:⁽¹⁾ FY'2014, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/14 - 3/31/14)

| County ⁽²⁾ | Case Referrals | | | | Total No. | 2010 Children Under 18 years |
|-----------------------|----------------|------|------------|-----|--------------|---------------------------------|
| | Discretionary | | Mandatory | | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | | |
| Essex | 118 | 39% | 182 | 61% | 300 | 172,089 |
| Worcester | 130 | 52% | 118 | 48% | 248 | 187,231 |
| Middlesex | 104 | 44% | 130 | 56% | 234 | 320,439 |
| Suffolk | 101 | 56% | 78 | 44% | 179 | 126,275 |
| Bristol | 30 | 31% | 68 | 69% | 98 | 122,409 |
| Berkshire | 26 | 28% | 66 | 72% | 92 | 25,624 |
| Hampden | 39 | 43% | 52 | 57% | 91 | 109,885 |
| Norfolk | 60 | 71% | 24 | 29% | 84 | 152,132 |
| Plymouth | 52 | 74% | 18 | 26% | 70 | 119,475 |
| Hampshire | 7 | 29% | 17 | 71% | 24 | 26,766 |
| Franklin | 3 | 13% | 20 | 87% | 23 | 14,068 |
| Barnstable | 13 | 76% | 4 | 24% | 17 | 37,249 |
| Nantucket | 1 | 100% | --- | --- | 1 | 2,108 |
| Dukes | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 3,173 |
| OUT OF STATE | 6 | 67% | 3 | 33% | 9 | --- |
| Total | 690 | | 780 | | 1,470 | |

⁽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'2014, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/14 - 3/31/14)**

| County ⁽²⁾ | Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals ⁽¹⁾ | | | | Total |
|-----------------------|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| | Sexual Assault No. | Sexual Exploitation No. | Serious Physical Abuse/Injury No. | Death No. | |
| Essex | 114 | 15 | 54 | 2 | 185 |
| Middlesex | 111 | 16 | 6 | 1 | 134 |
| Worcester | 91 | 7 | 20 | 3 | 121 |
| Suffolk | 62 | 8 | 10 | --- | 80 |
| Bristol | 50 | 6 | 13 | 2 | 71 |
| Hampden | 42 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 55 |
| Berkshire | 55 | 2 | 9 | --- | 66 |
| Franklin | 18 | --- | 2 | --- | 20 |
| Plymouth | 15 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 20 |
| Hampshire | 16 | --- | 1 | --- | 17 |
| Norfolk | 16 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 25 |
| Barnstable | 3 | 1 | --- | --- | 4 |
| OUT OF STATE | 3 | 1 | --- | --- | 4 |
| Total: | 596 | 68 | 127 | 11 | 802 |

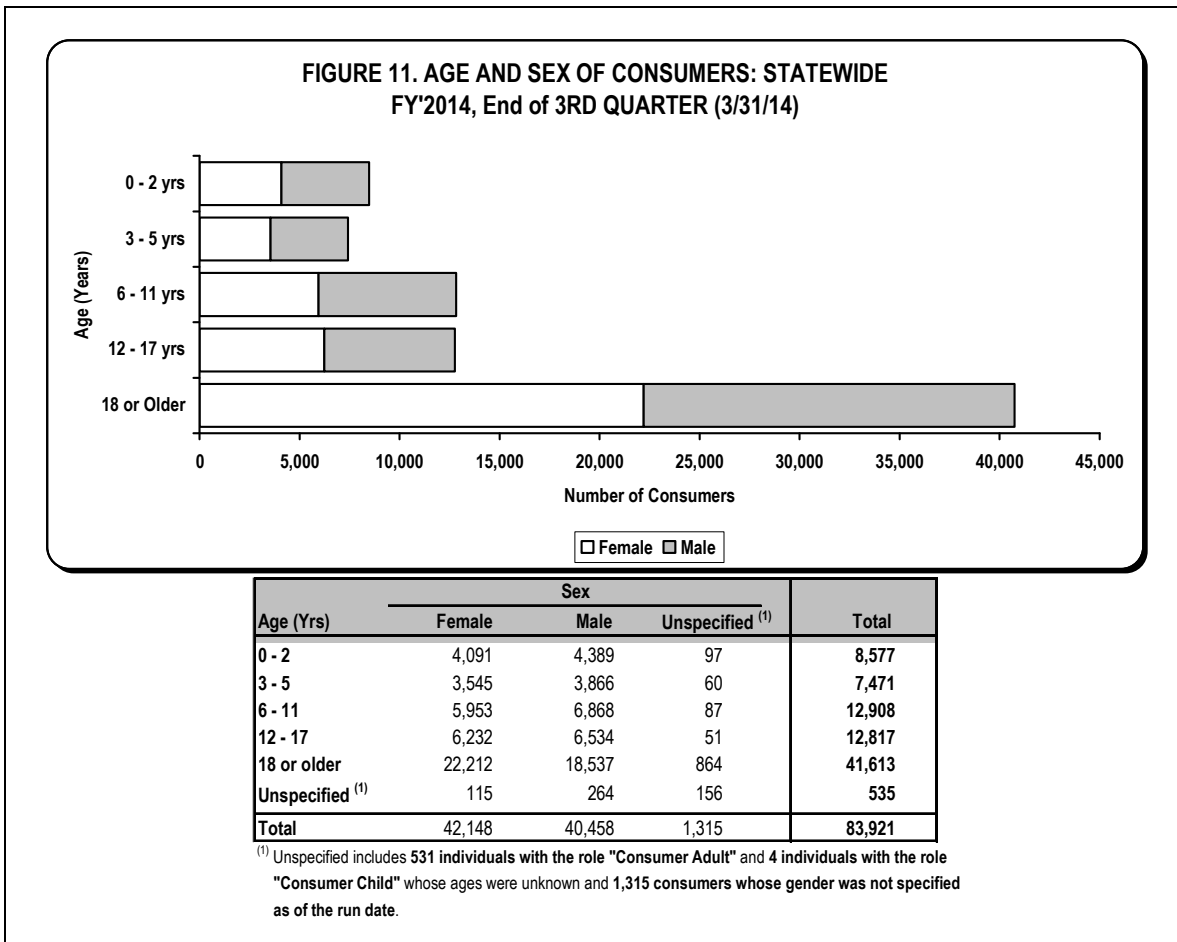
⁽¹⁾ A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.

IV. CONSUMER DEMOGRAPHICS

A. Age, Gender, and Race of All Consumers

- On the last day of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2014, the consumer population included 41,777 (50%) children less than 18 years old and 42,144 (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 after 2012 (**Fig. 2** on page 4, **Appendix Table A1**).
- Fifty percent of all consumers were identified as female, 48% as male, and 2% were unspecified as of the run-date. Thirty-one percent (12,817) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). (**Fig. 11**)
- Forty-seven percent of all children receiving DCF services were female. In contrast, 53% of all adults receiving services were female. (**Fig. 11**)



- The statewide caseload was comprised of 43% White, 26% Hispanic/Latino, 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 40% Black, 31% Hispanic/Latino, and 14% White consumers (4,203, 3,306, and 1,536 consumers, respectively). The proportion of Hispanic/Latino consumers was similar in 3 of the 4 regions (28-31%)—13% in the Southern Region. Asians were most prominent in the North--3% of the caseload (503 consumers, mainly Cambodian). (Table 8, Figs. 12A and 12B)

TABLE 8. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2014, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)

| Race | DCF Geographic Region | | | | | | | | Adoption | | | | Total | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Western | | Northern | | Southern | | Boston | | Contracts ⁽¹⁾ | | Other ⁽²⁾ | | No. | % |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| White | 15,093 | 44% | 7,166 | 44% | 12,221 | 55% | 1,536 | 14% | 111 | 47% | 117 | 28% | 36,133 | 43% |
| Hispanic/Latino⁽³⁾ | 10,571 | 31% | 4,572 | 28% | 2,814 | 13% | 3,306 | 31% | 55 | 23% | 137 | 33% | 21,400 | 26% |
| Black | 2,910 | 8% | 1,521 | 9% | 2,949 | 13% | 4,203 | 40% | 35 | 15% | 64 | 15% | 11,647 | 14% |
| Asian | 208 | 1% | 503 | 3% | 169 | 1% | 184 | 2% | 2 | 1% | 39 | 9% | 1,103 | 1% |
| Native American | 48 | * | 12 | * | 85 | * | 6 | * | 1 | * | 1 | * | 152 | * |
| Pacific Islander | 15 | * | 6 | * | 4 | * | 1 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | 26 | * |
| Multi-Racial | 810 | 2% | 427 | 3% | 838 | 4% | 205 | 2% | 22 | 9% | 22 | 5% | 2,302 | 3% |
| Unable to Determine | 1,257 | 4% | 681 | 4% | 996 | 4% | 410 | 4% | 9 | 4% | 32 | 8% | 3,376 | 4% |
| Missing | 3,512 | 10% | 1,320 | 8% | 2,174 | 10% | 774 | 7% | 0 | 0% | 2 | 0% | 7,782 | 9% |
| Total | 34,424 | 100% | 16,208 | 100% | 22,250 | 100% | 10,625 | 100% | 235 | 100% | 414 | 100% | 83,921 | 100% |

* = Less than 1% after 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

FIGURE 12A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
 FY'14, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)

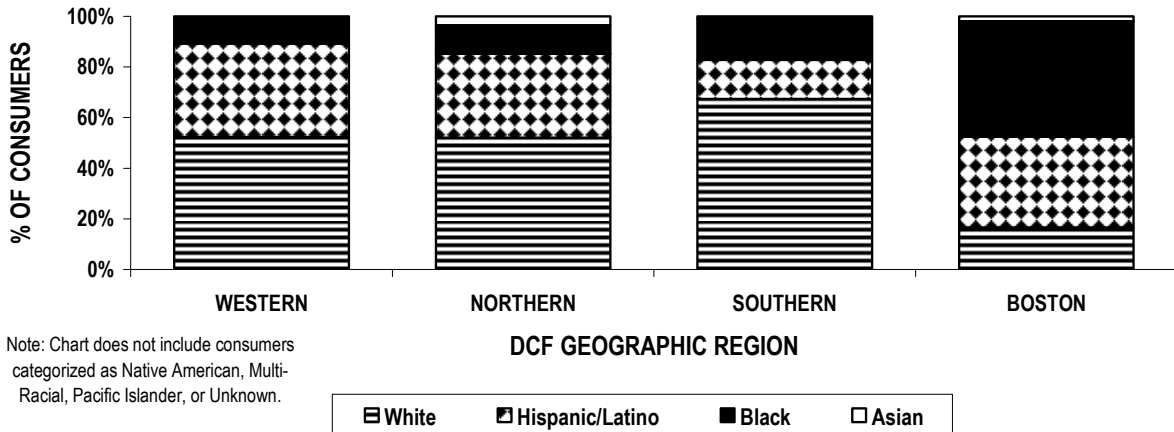
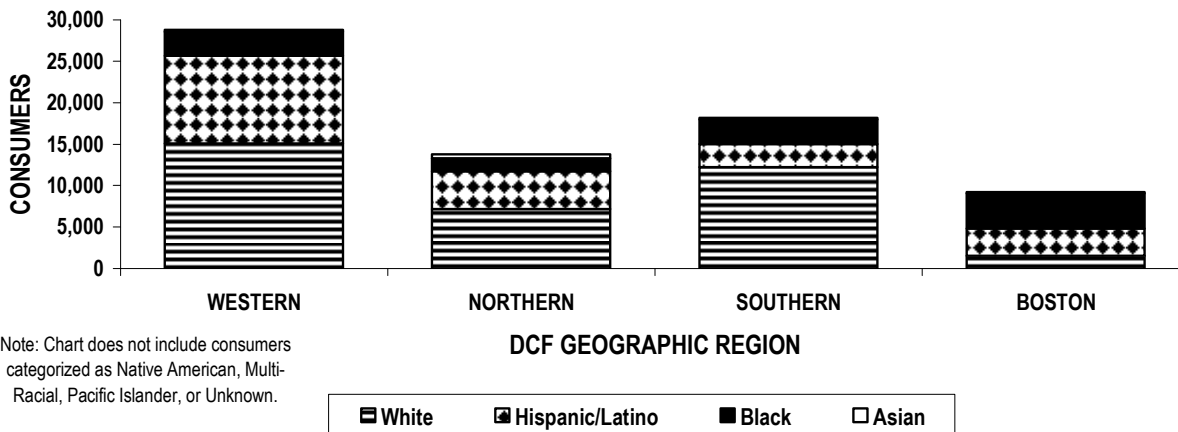


FIGURE 12B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
 FY'14, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)



- 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 | DCF All Substitute Care | DCF Foster Care | DCF Congregate Care | DCF All Care w/Goal of Adoption | DCF All Care w/Goal of Guardianship | DCF Adoptions Legalized | DCF Guardianships Legalized |
| | | 3/31/14 | 3/31/14 | 3/31/14 | 3/31/14 | 3/31/14 | 3/31/14 | FY'2014 | FY'2014 |
| White | 67% | 40% | 47% | 48% | 45% | 50% | 52% | 49% | 54% |
| Hispanic ^{***} | 15% | 32% | 25% | 25% | 27% | 24% | 20% | 22% | 17% |
| Black | 7% | 15% | 14% | 13% | 20% | 11% | 15% | 11% | 14% |
| Asian | 6% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Native American | <1% | <1% | <1% | <1% | <1% | <1% | <1% | <1% | --- |
| Pacific Islander | <1% | <1% | <1% | <1% | <1% | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Multi-Racial | 4% | 4% | 7% | 7% | 5% | 10% | 7% | 9% | 9% |
| Other/Unknown | 1% | 8% | 5% | 6% | 3% | 5% | 4% | 6% | 4% |
| TOTAL % | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| TOTAL # | 1,418,923 | 33,502 | 8,275 | 6,531 | 1,486 | 2,366 | 675 | 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, congregare 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 (2,241) (**Table 10**). Spanish was also the primary language of 1,103 and 1,060 consumers in the Northern and Boston regions, respectively. Haitian Creole was the preferred language of 393 DCF consumers statewide. Khmer-speaking (Cambodian) consumers were mainly concentrated in the North. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Haitian Creole (South/Boston/North), Portuguese (South/North), Cape Verdean Creole (South/Boston), Vietnamese (Boston), and Lao (North) (**Table 10**).

TABLE 10. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2014, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)

| Primary Language | DCF Geographic Region | | | | | | | | Adoption | | | | Total | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Western | | Northern | | Southern | | Boston | | Contracts ⁽¹⁾ | | Other ⁽²⁾ | | No. | % |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | | |
| Spanish | 2,241 | 7% | 1,103 | 7% | 580 | 3% | 1,060 | 10% | 6 | 3% | 81 | 45% | 5,071 | 6% |
| Haitian Creole | 17 | * | 113 | 1% | 133 | 1% | 130 | 1% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 393 | * |
| Portuguese | 51 | * | 122 | 1% | 154 | 1% | 15 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | 342 | * |
| Cape Verdean Creole | 4 | * | 11 | * | 156 | 1% | 112 | 1% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 283 | * |
| Khmer (Cambodian) | 2 | * | 110 | 1% | 11 | * | 3 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | 126 | * |
| Vietnamese | 30 | * | 13 | * | 8 | * | 48 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | 99 | * |
| Chinese | 12 | * | 15 | * | 27 | * | 20 | * | --- | --- | 1 | 1% | 75 | * |
| Lao | 3 | * | 13 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 16 | * |
| American Sign Lang. | 16 | * | 15 | * | 4 | * | 8 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | 43 | * |
| Other | 558 | 2% | 227 | 1% | 299 | 1% | 143 | 1% | 6 | 3% | 63 | 35% | 1,296 | 2% |
| English(Unspecified) | 31,490 | 91% | 14,466 | 89% | 20,878 | 94% | 9,086 | 86% | 223 | 95% | 34 | 19% | 76,177 | 91% |
| Total | 34,424 | 100% | 16,208 | 100% | 22,250 | 100% | 10,625 | 100% | 235 | 100% | 179 | 100% | 83,921 | 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 March 2014, showed an increase in some language groups and a decrease in others (**table** on next page). The largest changes were: declines in Khmer (-65%), Vietnamese (-41%), Lao (-20%) and increases in Cape Verdean Creole (94%), Haitian Creole (51%), Chinese (39%). During this period, the count of total consumers increased 7%.

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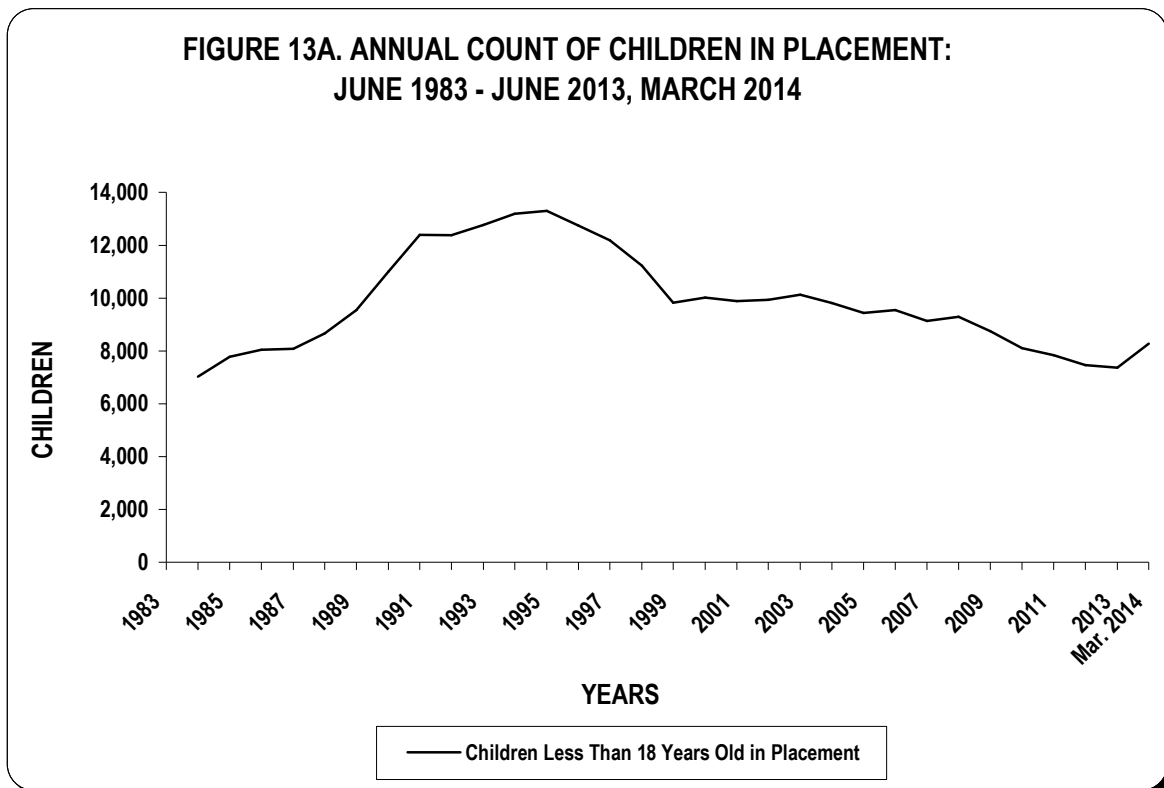
| Primary Language | Consumers Jul. 1987 No. | Consumers Jul. 1997 No. | Consumers Jun. 2007 No. | Consumers Mar. 2014 No. | 2007-2014 Change % |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| English/Unspecified | 60,784 | 66,404 | 71,398 | 76,177 | 7% |
| Spanish | 3,664 | 6,334 | 4,516 | 5,071 | 12% |
| Haitian Creole | 175 | 360 | 260 | 393 | 51% |
| Portuguese | 530 | 380 | 303 | 342 | 13% |
| Cape Verdean Creole | 174 | 247 | 146 | 283 | 94% |
| Khmer Cambodian | 253 | 851 | 356 | 126 | -65% |
| Vietnamese | 146 | 273 | 167 | 99 | -41% |
| Chinese | 71 | 61 | 54 | 75 | 39% |
| American Sign Language | 47 | 23 | 41 | 43 | 5% |
| Lao | 30 | 74 | 20 | 16 | -20% |
| Other | 213 | 310 | 1,459 | 1,296 | -11% |
| Total | 66,087 | 75,317 | 78,720 | 83,921 | 7% |

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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

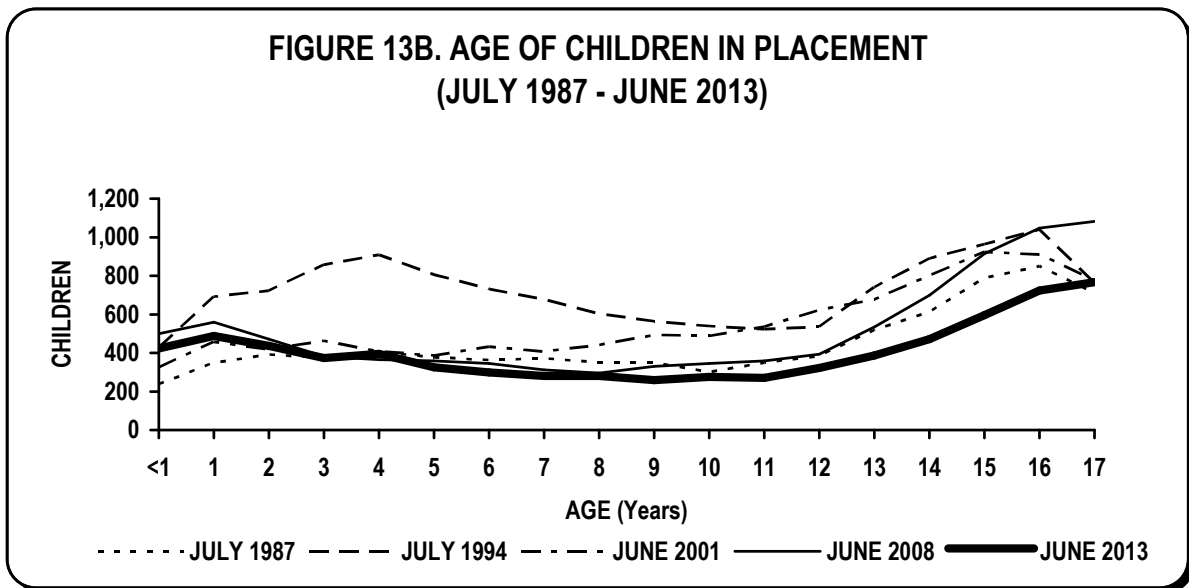
V. PROFILE OF CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT⁸

- The number of children less than 18 years old in placement (8,275) increased 8% from the 2nd Quarter to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2014 (**Appendix Table A1** on page 70, **Fig. 14** on page 27). The highest number of children less than 18 years old in placement was recorded in 1995 (13,302 children). Excluding the most recent quarter (FY'2014), the annual count of children in placement has been on a downward trend since 1995. (**Fig. 13A, Appendix Table A1**)



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

- Figure 13B** shows the ages of children in placement at five points in time. From 1987 to 1994, the number of younger children in care increased at a faster rate than the number of adolescents. Peak numbers of young children were reached in 1994. Thereafter, the trend reversed as subsequent age curves showed a gradual reduction in the young child population. By the years 2008-2013, the age distributions of children in placement dropped to levels that approached the 1987 curve. In 2008, there was a resurgence at both extremes of the age distribution—16-17 years old and <1-2 years old. These increases were only temporary as mostly all ages declined in 2013, especially among the oldest children. 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, 7,467 in 2012, and 7,368 in 2013.



- Statewide, 20% (or 8,275) 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 18% in Boston. (**Table 11** on next page)
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Lynn, Greenfield, and Fall River area offices had the highest proportions in placement (27-29%). The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Van Wart and Springfield area offices (13-14%). (**Table 11**)

TABLE 11. CHILD⁽¹⁾ CASELOAD BY DCF: FY'2013, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)

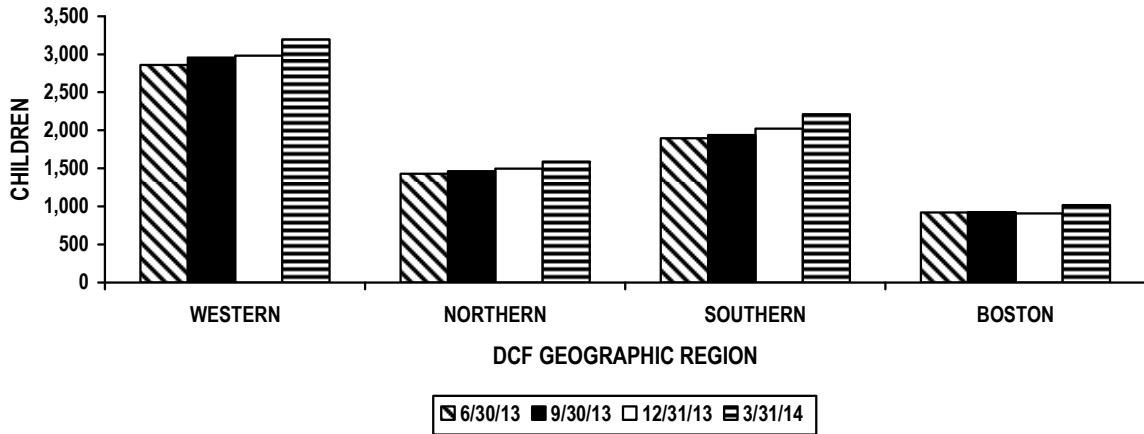
| DCF Region/Area | Not in Placement | In Placement | Total Child Caseload | % in Placement |
|--|------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Greenfield | 851 | 336 | 1,187 | 28% |
| Holyoke | 1,075 | 258 | 1,333 | 19% |
| North Central | 2,227 | 456 | 2,683 | 17% |
| Pittsfield | 974 | 346 | 1,320 | 26% |
| Robert Van Wart | 2,336 | 347 | 2,683 | 13% |
| South Central | 1,344 | 328 | 1,672 | 20% |
| Springfield | 2,665 | 422 | 3,087 | 14% |
| Worcester East | 1,482 | 416 | 1,898 | 22% |
| Worcester West | 1,272 | 286 | 1,558 | 18% |
| Contracted Agencies | 11 | 3 | 14 | 21% |
| Western | 14,237 | 3,198 | 17,435 | 18% |
| Cambridge | 645 | 110 | 755 | 15% |
| Cape Ann | 842 | 176 | 1,018 | 17% |
| Framingham | 820 | 166 | 986 | 17% |
| Haverhill | 612 | 137 | 749 | 18% |
| Lawrence | 553 | 179 | 732 | 24% |
| Lowell | 1,386 | 322 | 1,708 | 19% |
| Lynn | 790 | 328 | 1,118 | 29% |
| Malden | 692 | 169 | 861 | 20% |
| Contracted Agencies | 3 | 1 | 4 | 25% |
| Northern | 6,343 | 1,588 | 7,931 | 20% |
| Arlington | 614 | 178 | 792 | 22% |
| Brockton | 1,144 | 291 | 1,435 | 20% |
| Cape Cod | 791 | 222 | 1,013 | 22% |
| Coastal | 664 | 227 | 891 | 25% |
| Fall River | 1,080 | 407 | 1,487 | 27% |
| New Bedford | 1,965 | 415 | 2,380 | 17% |
| Plymouth | 1,139 | 249 | 1,388 | 18% |
| Taunton/Attleboro | 995 | 221 | 1,216 | 18% |
| Contracted Agencies | 14 | 2 | 16 | 13% |
| Southern | 8,406 | 2,212 | 10,618 | 21% |
| Dimock Street | 1,028 | 258 | 1,286 | 20% |
| Harbor | 1,207 | 249 | 1,456 | 17% |
| Hyde Park | 967 | 203 | 1,170 | 17% |
| Park Street | 1,283 | 309 | 1,592 | 19% |
| Contracted Agencies | 6 | --- | --- | --- |
| Boston | 4,491 | 1,019 | 5,510 | 18% |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾ | 18 | 216 | 234 | 92% |
| Other ⁽³⁾ | 7 | 42 | 49 | 86% |
| Total | 33,502 | 8,275 | 41,777 | 20% |

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.

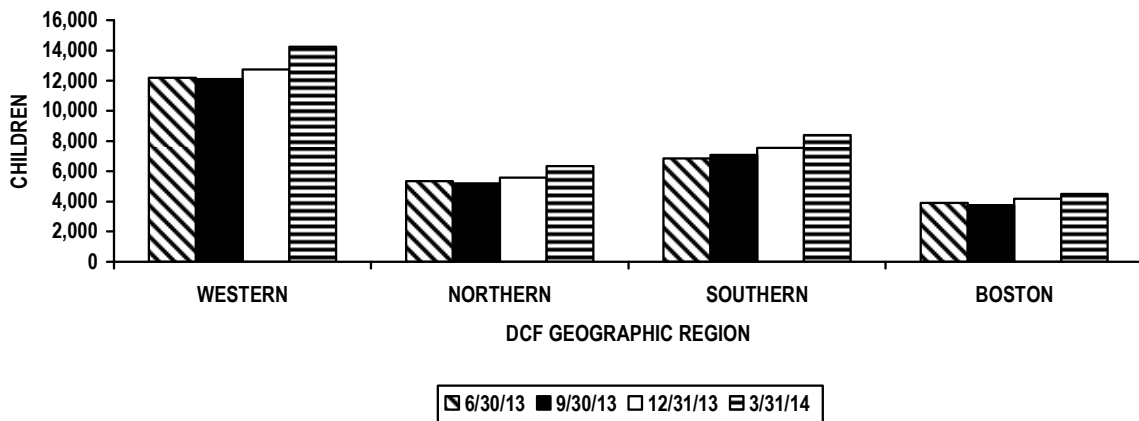
⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

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

**FIGURE 14. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2013, END OF 4TH QUARTER to FY'2014, End OF 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 15. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2013, END OF 4TH QUARTER to FY'2014, End of 3RD QUARTER)**



A. Demographics of Consumers in Placement⁹

(Combined Counts from All Types of Placement)

- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2014, the statewide placement population was comprised of 52% boys and 48% girls. In 3 DCF regions, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state (**Table 12A, Fig. 16A** on next page). The fourth region, Boston, showed a reversal in gender—54% girls and 46% boys (**Table 12A**). The proportions of male and female children in the DCF placement population were similar to the general population.¹⁰
- Statewide, 46% of all consumers in placement were White, 16% were Black, 26% were Hispanic/Latino, 2% were Asian, and 6% were multi-racial. Race was not identified for 5% of the placement population. (**Table 12A, Fig. 16A**)
- The proportion of minority consumers in placement, as with the local population, was highest in the Boston Region. (**Table 12A**)

**TABLE 12A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: GENDER AND RACE BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE:
FY'2014, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)**

| Characteristics | DCF Geographic Region | | | | | | | | Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾ | | Other ⁽²⁾ | | Total | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Western No. | Western % | Northern No. | Northern % | Southern No. | Southern % | Boston No. | Boston % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Sex: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Female | 1,817 | 49% | 983 | 48% | 1,278 | 48% | 679 | 54% | 83 | 38% | 127 | 33% | 4,884 | 48% |
| Male | 1,917 | 51% | 1,075 | 52% | 1,367 | 52% | 584 | 46% | 134 | 62% | 254 | 67% | 5,197 | 52% |
| Total | 3,734 | 100% | 2,058 | 100% | 2,645 | 100% | 1,263 | 100% | 217 | 100% | 381 | 100% | 10,081 | 100% |
| Race: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| White | 1,839 | 49% | 939 | 46% | 1,526 | 58% | 230 | 18% | 98 | 45% | 98 | 26% | 4,632 | 46% |
| Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾ | 1,155 | 31% | 641 | 31% | 328 | 12% | 351 | 28% | 52 | 24% | 130 | 34% | 2,605 | 26% |
| Black | 351 | 9% | 199 | 10% | 385 | 15% | 572 | 45% | 34 | 16% | 63 | 17% | 1,570 | 16% |
| Asian | 15 | * | 70 | 3% | 12 | * | 18 | 1% | 2 | 1% | 38 | 10% | 153 | 2% |
| Native American | 4 | * | 1 | * | 11 | * | --- | --- | 1 | * | 1 | * | 17 | * |
| Pacific Islander | 1 | * | 1 | * | 1 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 3 | * |
| Multi-Racial | 202 | 5% | 127 | 6% | 225 | 9% | 45 | 4% | 22 | 10% | 22 | 6% | 621 | 6% |
| Unable to Determine | 167 | 4% | 80 | 4% | 157 | 6% | 47 | 4% | 8 | 4% | 29 | 8% | 480 | 5% |
| Total | 3,734 | 100% | 2,058 | 100% | 2,645 | 100% | 1,263 | 100% | 217 | 100% | 381 | 100% | 10,081 | 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.

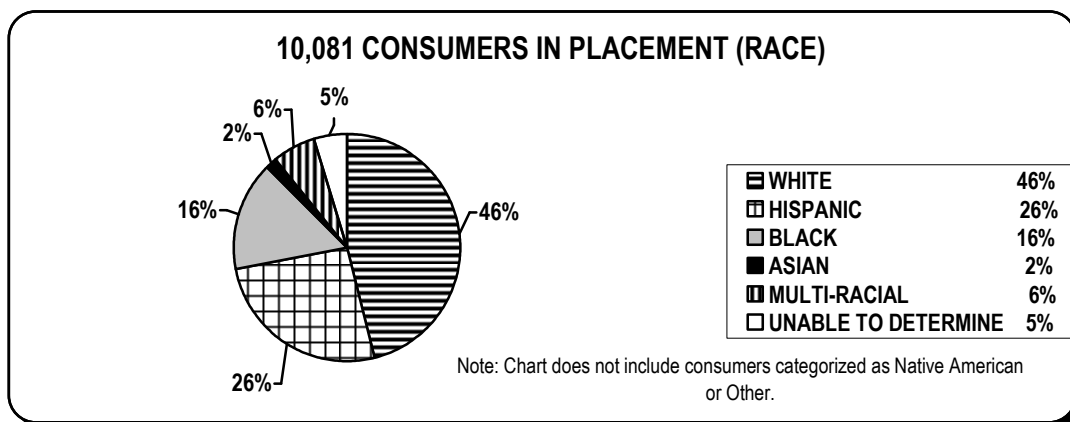
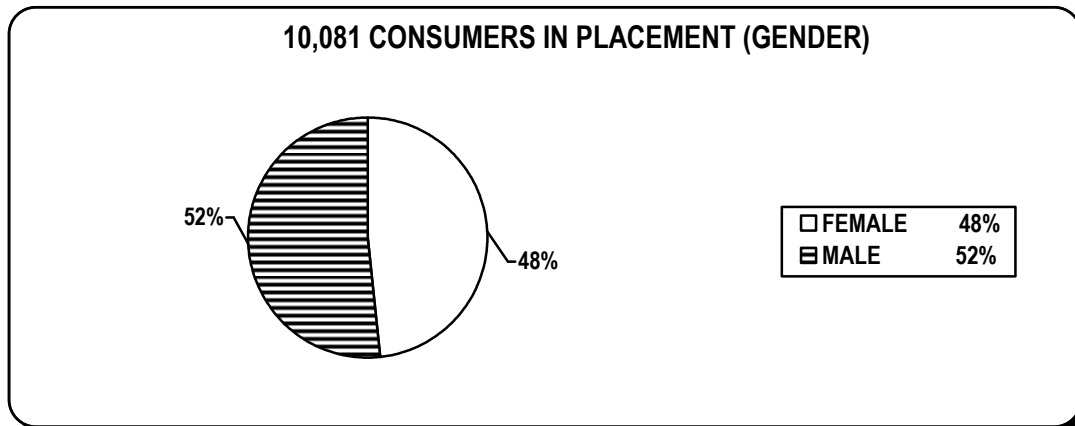
⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽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'2014, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)**



- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DCF Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 31% to 36%. (**Table 12B** on page 31)
- The proportion of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 14% in the Western Region to 23% 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 (36% of all consumers in placement), Adoption (23%), and Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement¹¹ (APPLA) (20%). The Northern Region had the highest proportion (26%) 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 (6%), and Stabilization of Family (4%).
- On 3/31/2014, 33% of the statewide placement population had a length of stay of more than 2 years,¹³ 21% had been in continuous care between 1 and 2 years, and 46% for 1 year or less. (**Table 12B, Fig. 16B**)
- The North had the highest proportion of consumers in continuous care¹⁴ for more than two years (38%). The South had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (49%). (**Table 12B**)
- **Table 13A** on the next page displays the race of consumers in placement by their length of time in continuous care. There was a tendency for a greater proportion of Black consumers to be in care for more than two years as compared to other races (41% for Black vs. 33% for White, 35% 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 47% of all consumers in placement for more than 4 years and another 24% who were in placement for 2-4 years (**Table 13C** on page 33).
- Thirty-four percent of Black consumers in placement had a goal of “Family Reunification,” compared to 36% for Hispanic and 37% 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—28% Black vs. 18% White and 23% Hispanic for APPLA; 17% Black vs. 21% Hispanic and 25% 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 (March 31, 2014).

**TABLE 12B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE
BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE: FY'2014, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)**

| 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) | 663 | 18% | 292 | 14% | 539 | 20% | 181 | 14% | 27 | 12% | 1 | 1% | 1,703 | 17% |
| (3 - 5 yrs) | 545 | 15% | 225 | 11% | 358 | 14% | 144 | 11% | 61 | 28% | 1 | 1% | 1,334 | 13% |
| (6 - 11 yrs) | 765 | 20% | 328 | 16% | 494 | 19% | 239 | 19% | 78 | 36% | 5 | 3% | 1,909 | 19% |
| (12 - 17 yrs) | 1,225 | 33% | 743 | 36% | 821 | 31% | 455 | 36% | 50 | 23% | 35 | 21% | 3,329 | 33% |
| 18 or older | 536 | 14% | 470 | 23% | 433 | 16% | 244 | 19% | 1 | * | 122 | 74% | 1,806 | 18% |
| Total | 3,734 | 100% | 2,058 | 100% | 2,645 | 100% | 1,263 | 100% | 217 | 100% | 164 | 100% | 10,081 | 100% |
| Service Plan Goals: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Family Reunification | 1,383 | 37% | 695 | 34% | 1,072 | 41% | 508 | 40% | 1 | * | 1 | 1% | 3,660 | 36% |
| Adoption | 970 | 26% | 400 | 19% | 591 | 22% | 201 | 16% | 205 | 94% | --- | --- | 2,367 | 23% |
| APPLA ⁽³⁾ | 628 | 17% | 529 | 26% | 505 | 19% | 288 | 23% | 1 | * | 108 | 66% | 2,059 | 20% |
| Guardianship | 254 | 7% | 137 | 7% | 180 | 7% | 104 | 8% | 6 | 3% | 2 | 1% | 683 | 7% |
| Permanent Care with Kin | 209 | 6% | 155 | 8% | 98 | 4% | 67 | 5% | 2 | 1% | 31 | 19% | 562 | 6% |
| Stabilization of Family | 174 | 5% | 65 | 3% | 128 | 5% | 49 | 4% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 416 | 4% |
| Unspecified as of run-date | 116 | 3% | 77 | 4% | 71 | 3% | 46 | 4% | 2 | 1% | 22 | 13% | 334 | 3% |
| Total | 3,734 | 100% | 2,058 | 100% | 2,645 | 100% | 1,263 | 100% | 217 | 100% | 164 | 100% | 10,081 | 100% |
| Continuous Time in Care: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (.5 yr or less) | 993 | 27% | 531 | 26% | 797 | 30% | 365 | 29% | --- | --- | 23 | 14% | 2,709 | 27% |
| (> .5 - 1 yr) | 758 | 20% | 340 | 17% | 491 | 19% | 239 | 19% | 15 | 7% | 26 | 16% | 1,869 | 19% |
| (> 1 - 1.5 yrs) | 413 | 11% | 198 | 10% | 314 | 12% | 134 | 11% | 22 | 10% | 19 | 12% | 1,100 | 11% |
| (> 1.5 - 2 yrs) | 356 | 10% | 206 | 10% | 283 | 11% | 117 | 9% | 26 | 12% | 20 | 12% | 1,008 | 10% |
| (> 2 - 4 yrs) | 627 | 17% | 368 | 18% | 405 | 15% | 197 | 16% | 90 | 41% | 45 | 27% | 1,732 | 17% |
| > 4 yrs | 587 | 16% | 415 | 20% | 355 | 13% | 211 | 17% | 64 | 29% | 31 | 19% | 1,663 | 16% |
| Total | 3,734 | 100% | 2,058 | 100% | 2,645 | 100% | 1,263 | 100% | 217 | 100% | 164 | 100% | 10,081 | 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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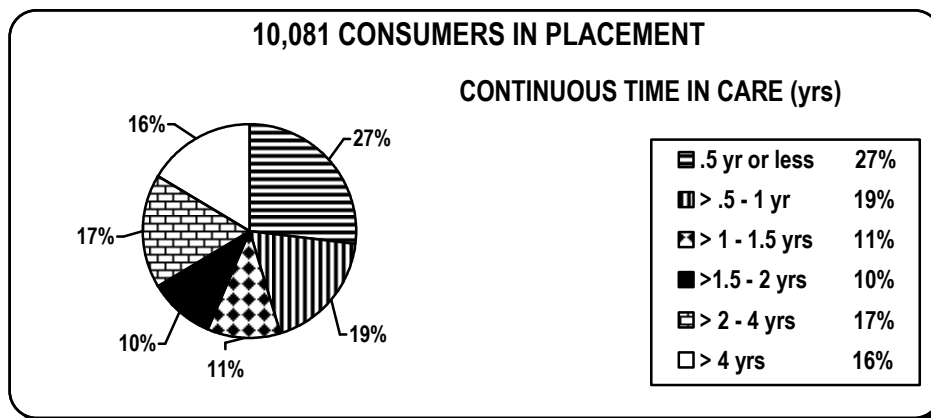
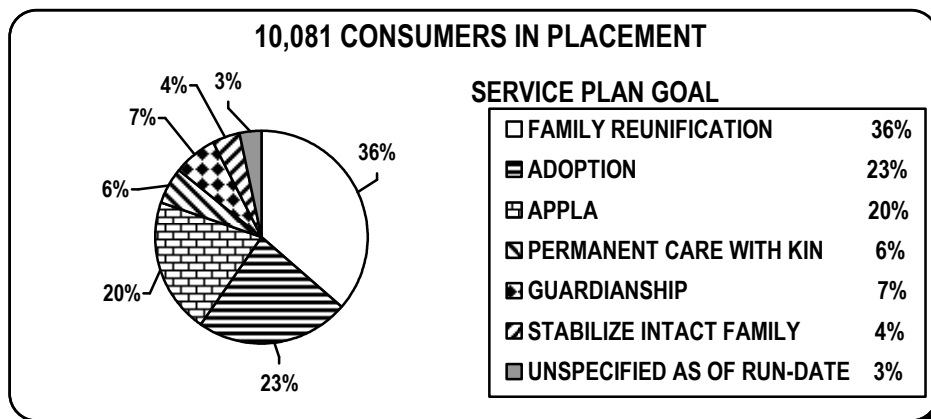
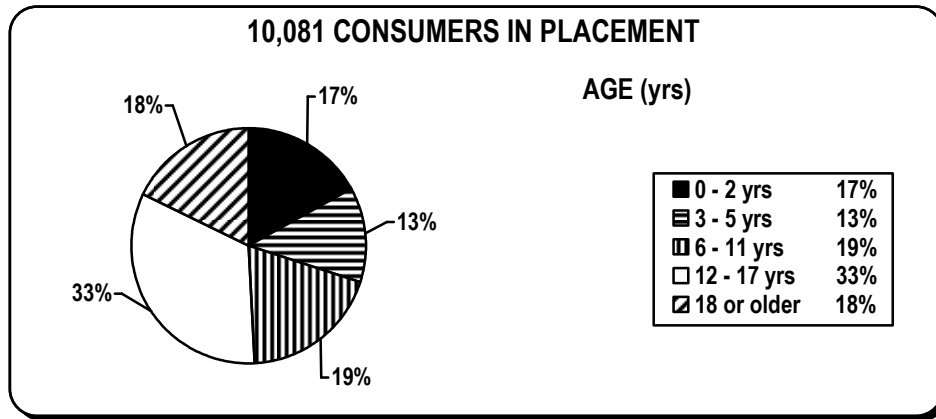
⁽³⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 13A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2014, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)**

| 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) | 1,227 | 26% | 682 | 26% | 429 | 27% | 34 | 22% | 4 | 24% | 2 | 67% | 157 | 25% | 174 | 36% | 2,709 | 27% |
| (> .5-1yr) | 882 | 19% | 498 | 19% | 233 | 15% | 13 | 8% | 5 | 29% | --- | --- | 122 | 20% | 116 | 24% | 1,869 | 19% |
| (>1-1.5yrs) | 522 | 11% | 298 | 11% | 136 | 9% | 14 | 9% | 4 | 24% | --- | --- | 85 | 14% | 41 | 9% | 1,100 | 11% |
| (>1.5-2yrs) | 505 | 11% | 217 | 8% | 133 | 8% | 19 | 12% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 89 | 14% | 45 | 9% | 1,008 | 10% |
| (>2-4yrs) | 776 | 17% | 476 | 18% | 296 | 19% | 26 | 17% | 3 | 18% | --- | --- | 94 | 15% | 61 | 13% | 1,732 | 17% |
| > 4yrs | 720 | 16% | 434 | 17% | 343 | 22% | 47 | 31% | 1 | 6% | 1 | 33% | 74 | 12% | 43 | 9% | 1,663 | 16% |
| Total | 4,632 | 100% | 2,605 | 100% | 1,570 | 100% | 153 | 100% | 17 | 100% | 3 | 100% | 621 | 100% | 480 | 100% | 10,081 | 100% |

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

**FIGURE 16B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT
STATEWIDE: FY'2014, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)**



**TABLE 13B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND AGE GROUP:
STATEWIDE FY'2014, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)**

| 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 | 862 | 19% | 659 | 14% | 930 | 20% | 1,446 | 31% | 735 | 16% | 4,632 | 100% |
| Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾ | 365 | 14% | 315 | 12% | 462 | 18% | 950 | 36% | 513 | 20% | 2,605 | 100% |
| Black | 164 | 10% | 137 | 9% | 283 | 18% | 587 | 37% | 399 | 25% | 1,570 | 100% |
| Asian | 6 | 4% | 9 | 6% | 21 | 14% | 58 | 38% | 59 | 39% | 153 | 100% |
| Native American | 6 | 35% | --- | --- | 6 | 35% | 4 | 24% | 1 | 6% | 17 | 100% |
| Pacific Islander | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 33% | 1 | 33% | 1 | 33% | 3 | 100% |
| Multi-Racial | 133 | 21% | 137 | 22% | 142 | 23% | 156 | 25% | 53 | 9% | 621 | 100% |
| Unable to Determine | 167 | 35% | 77 | 16% | 64 | 13% | 127 | 26% | 45 | 9% | 480 | 100% |
| Total | 1,703 | 17% | 1,334 | 13% | 1,909 | 19% | 3,329 | 33% | 1,806 | 18% | 10,081 | 100% |

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

**TABLE 13C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2014, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)**

| 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) | 752 | 44% | 387 | 29% | 507 | 27% | 925 | 28% | 138 | 8% | 2,709 | 27% |
| (> .5 - 1 yr) | 472 | 28% | 299 | 22% | 387 | 20% | 575 | 17% | 136 | 8% | 1,869 | 19% |
| (>1 - 1.5 yrs) | 226 | 13% | 153 | 11% | 242 | 13% | 363 | 11% | 116 | 6% | 1,100 | 11% |
| (>1.5 - 2 yrs) | 169 | 10% | 189 | 14% | 216 | 11% | 292 | 9% | 142 | 8% | 1,008 | 10% |
| (>2 - 4 yrs) | 84 | 5% | 274 | 21% | 372 | 19% | 571 | 17% | 431 | 24% | 1,732 | 17% |
| > 4 yrs | --- | --- | 32 | 2% | 185 | 10% | 603 | 18% | 843 | 47% | 1,663 | 16% |
| Total | 1,703 | 100% | 1,334 | 100% | 1,909 | 100% | 3,329 | 100% | 1,806 | 100% | 10,081 | 100% |

TABLE 14. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2014, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)

| Service Plan Goal | 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. | % | | |
| Family Reunification | 1,701 | 37% | 949 | 36% | 540 | 34% | 31 | 20% | 9 | 53% | 2 | 67% | 207 | 33% | 221 | 46% | 3,660 | 36% |
| Adoption | 1,174 | 25% | 559 | 21% | 260 | 17% | 15 | 10% | 5 | 29% | --- | --- | 231 | 37% | 123 | 26% | 2,367 | 23% |
| APPLA ⁽²⁾ | 844 | 18% | 593 | 23% | 442 | 28% | 55 | 36% | 2 | 12% | --- | --- | 75 | 12% | 48 | 10% | 2,059 | 20% |
| Guardianship | 353 | 8% | 140 | 5% | 104 | 7% | 9 | 6% | 1 | 6% | --- | --- | 47 | 8% | 29 | 6% | 683 | 7% |
| Permanent Care with Kin | 247 | 5% | 148 | 6% | 91 | 6% | 30 | 20% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 22 | 4% | 24 | 5% | 562 | 6% |
| Stabilize Intact Family | 184 | 4% | 117 | 4% | 70 | 4% | 4 | 3% | --- | --- | 1 | 33% | 26 | 4% | 14 | 3% | 416 | 4% |
| Unspecified as of run-date | 129 | 3% | 99 | 4% | 63 | 4% | 9 | 6% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 13 | 2% | 21 | 4% | 334 | 3% |
| Total | 4,632 | 100% | 2,605 | 100% | 1,570 | 100% | 153 | 100% | 17 | 100% | 3 | 100% | 621 | 100% | 480 | 100% | 10,081 | 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 3rd Quarter of FY'2014 (3/31/14), the median time in continuous care was 0.9 year and the median¹⁵ age was 9.3 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. Median age was the lowest since the 1990s. Median time in continuous care has been declining over the years and is now the lowest it has ever been. (See **table** below)
- Over the past 22 years, the median age of children in care has ranged from 9.1 to 12.6 years while median time in placement has fluctuated between 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 8,275 on March 31, 2014—and increase of 8% from the 2nd to 3rd Quarter of FY'2014.

| <i>Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement</i> | | | |
|---|---------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Date | Median Age (yrs) | Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs) | Number of Children |
| 7/93 | 9.3 | 1.6 | 12,577 |
| 7/94 | 9.1 | 1.4 | 12,977 |
| 7/95 | 9.2 | 1.3 | 13,056 |
| 7/96 | 9.7 | 1.4 | 12,643 |
| 7/97 | 10.2 | 1.4 | 11,957 |
| 9/98 | 10.2 | 1.5 | 10,503 |
| 6/99 | 10.8 | 1.3 | 9,834 |
| 6/00 | 11.4 | 1.3 | 10,025 |
| 6/01 | 11.5 | 1.2 | 9,889 |
| 6/02 | 11.8 | 1.3 | 9,932 |
| 6/03 | 12.1 | 1.3 | 10,127 |
| 6/04 | 12.3 | 1.4 | 9,815 |
| 6/05 | 12.5 | 1.3 | 9,439 |
| 6/06 | 12.6 | 1.2 | 9,543 |
| 6/07 | 12.6 | 1.2 | 9,132 |
| 6/08 | 12.0 | 1.1 | 9,287 |
| 6/09 | 11.4 | 1.2 | 8,755 |
| 6/10 | 11.5 | 1.2 | 8,097 |
| 6/11 | 11.2 | 1.2 | 7,841 |
| 6/12 | 11.0 | 1.1 | 7,467 |
| 6/13 | 10.4 | 1.0 | 7,368 |
| 9/13 | 9.8 | 1.0 | 7,552 |
| 12/13 | 9.6 | 1.0 | 7,677 |
| 3/14 | 9.3 | 0.9 | 8,275 |

- An age breakdown of children in placement by race¹⁶ is presented in a **table** on the next page. The median age of White children was 8.6 years. Hispanic children were 10.7 years old, Black children were 12.0 years old, and Asian children were 14.0 years old. Black children spent a median 10.8 months in continuous placement compared 1.0 year for White, 1.0 year for Hispanic, and 14.4 months for Asian children. (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 3/31/14, 40% 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 3/31/14</i> | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Race | Median Age (yrs) | Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs) | Number of Children |
| White | 8.6 | 1.0 | 3,897 |
| Hispanic/Latino | 10.7 | 1.0 | 2,092 |
| Black | 12.0 | 0.9 | 1,171 |
| Asian | 14.0 | 1.2 | 94 |
| Native American | 6.6 | 1.0 | 16 |
| Pacific Islander | --- | --- | 2 |
| Multi-Racial | 6.7 | 1.1 | 568 |
| Unable to Determine | 4.7 | 0.7 | 435 |
| Total | 9.3 | 0.9 | 8,275 |

- 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 3/31/2014. 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 3 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 (532 children), Residential School (396), and Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (STARR) (364). (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 highest median time in placement (1.8 years).

- 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 11 children (16-17 years old) in the Independent Living/Pre-Independent Living programs. Eighty-nine percent of total consumers in the congregate care Independent Living and Pre-Independent Living models were 18 years or older (See pages 56-57).
- The STARR program is a short-term residential placement service; this is reflected in the 0.2 year median length of stay.

| Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| <i>Placement Type as of 3/31/2014</i> | <i>Median Age (yrs)</i> | <i>Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)</i> | <i>Number of Children</i> |
| Foster Care: | | | |
| Unrestricted | 4.8 | 0.7 | 1,970 |
| Kinship | 5.9 | 0.8 | 2,247 |
| Child Specific | 9.1 | 1.1 | 402 |
| Pre-Adoptive | 4.4 | 1.9 | 438 |
| Independent Living | 17.8 | 2.1 | 3 |
| Intensive Foster Care (contracted) | 13.0 | 1.4 | 1,471 |
| Congregate Care: | | | |
| Group Home | 16.5 | 1.8 | 161 |
| Intensive Group Home | 14.9 | 1.1 | 532 |
| Pre-Independent Living Group Home | 17.5 | 1.4 | 8 |
| Independent Living Group Home | 17.8 | 1.1 | 3 |
| Residential School | 15.5 | 1.8 | 396 |
| STARR | 15.0 | 0.2 | 364 |
| Teen Parent Program | 17.1 | 0.5 | 22 |
| On the Run & Non-Referral Locations | 16.0 | 0.6 | 258 |
| Total | 9.3 | 0.9 | 8,275 |

D. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,367 consumers (includes 1 youth 18 years or older) in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,174 (50%) were White, 559 (24%) were Hispanic/Latino, 260 (11%) were Black, 15 (1%) were Asian, 5 (<1%) were Native American, and 231 (10%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 123 (5%) consumers. (**Table 14** on page 33, **Table 15** on next page, **Fig. 17** on page 38)
- The age distribution of 2,367 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 27% age 0-2 years, 25% age 3-5 years, 33% age 6-11 years, and 15% age 12-17 years. (**Table 15, Fig. 17**)

- Fifty-three percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 47% were female. (Fig. 17 on next page)
- Forty-three 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 percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of guardianship had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (Table 16)

**TABLE 15. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2014, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)**

| 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 | 913 | 25% | 566 | 15% | 801 | 22% | 1,348 | 37% | 32 | 1% | 3,660 | 100% |
| Adoption | 630 | 27% | 597 | 25% | 774 | 33% | 365 | 15% | 1 | * | 2,367 | 100% |
| APPLA ⁽¹⁾ | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 523 | 25% | 1,536 | 75% | 2,059 | 100% |
| Guardianship | 51 | 7% | 95 | 14% | 198 | 29% | 331 | 48% | 8 | 1% | 683 | 100% |
| Permanent Care with Kin | 2 | * | 5 | 1% | 37 | 7% | 385 | 69% | 133 | 24% | 562 | 100% |
| Stabilize Intact Family | 44 | 11% | 39 | 9% | 52 | 13% | 233 | 56% | 48 | 12% | 416 | 100% |
| Unspecified as of run-date | 63 | 19% | 32 | 10% | 47 | 14% | 144 | 43% | 48 | 14% | 334 | 100% |
| Total | 1,703 | 17% | 1,334 | 13% | 1,909 | 19% | 3,329 | 33% | 1,806 | 18% | 10,081 | 100% |

⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽²⁾ old taxonomy

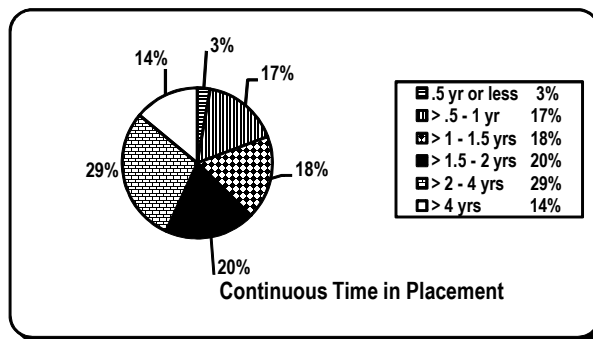
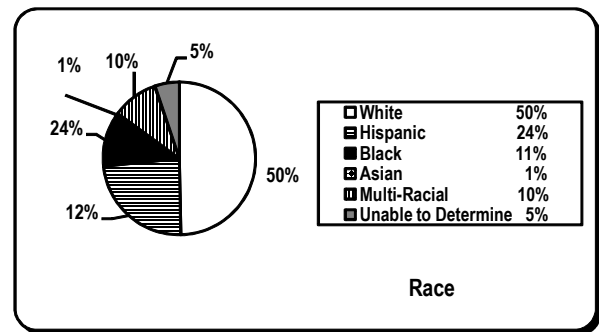
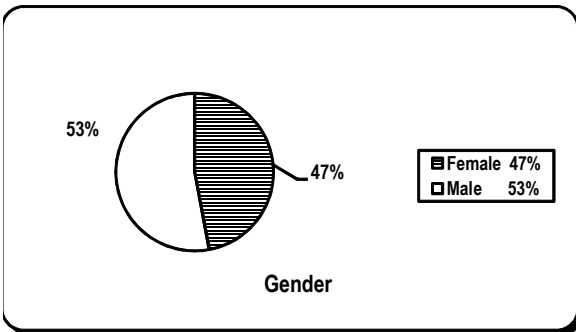
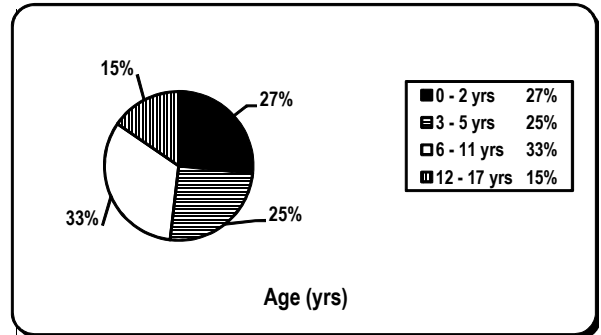
**TABLE 16. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2014, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)**

| 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 | 1,935 | 53% | 1,096 | 30% | 311 | 8% | 139 | 4% | 135 | 4% | 44 | 1% | 3,660 | 100% |
| Adoption | 65 | 3% | 392 | 17% | 426 | 18% | 463 | 20% | 689 | 29% | 332 | 14% | 2,367 | 100% |
| APPLA ⁽¹⁾ | 138 | 7% | 172 | 8% | 168 | 8% | 192 | 9% | 520 | 25% | 869 | 42% | 2,059 | 100% |
| Guardianship | 25 | 4% | 117 | 17% | 114 | 17% | 151 | 22% | 185 | 27% | 91 | 13% | 683 | 100% |
| Permanent Care with Kin | 10 | 2% | 29 | 5% | 46 | 8% | 43 | 8% | 158 | 28% | 276 | 49% | 562 | 100% |
| Stabilize Intact Family | 281 | 68% | 41 | 10% | 20 | 5% | 12 | 3% | 26 | 6% | 36 | 9% | 416 | 100% |
| Unspecified as of run-date | 255 | 76% | 22 | 7% | 15 | 4% | 8 | 2% | 19 | 6% | 15 | 4% | 334 | 100% |
| Total | 2,709 | 27% | 1,869 | 19% | 1,100 | 11% | 1,008 | 10% | 1,732 | 17% | 1,663 | 16% | 10,081 | 100% |

⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽²⁾ old taxonomy

**FIGURE 17. AGE, GENDER, RACE, HISPANIC ORIGIN, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT OF CONSUMERS WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
FY'2014, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)**



- 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 3rd Quarter of FY’2014, 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% |
| 9/13 | 7,552 | 2,230 | 30% |
| 12/13 | 7,677 | 2,233 | 29% |
| 3/14 | 8,275 | 2,366 | 29% |

NOTES: Children are less than 18 years old

¹⁷ Children are less than 18 years old.

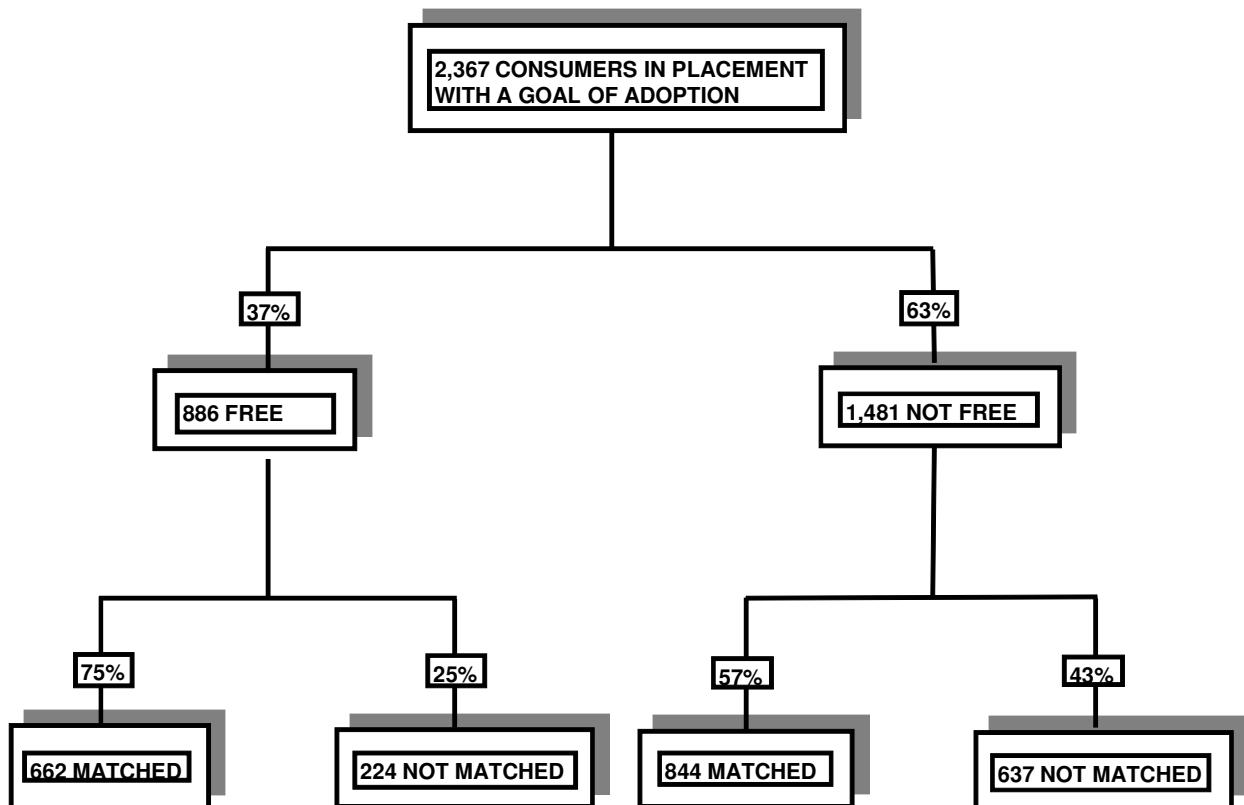
- The adolescent age group had the highest proportion of children who were legally free for adoption (see **table** below). The larger proportions of older children legally free is a reflection of the difficulty in achieving adoptions for older children. The younger children who are legally free are 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 3/31/14 | | |
|-------------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| | 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 | 179 | 630 | 28% |
| 3 – 5 | 229 | 597 | 38% |
| 6 – 11 | 302 | 774 | 39% |
| 12 – 17 | 176 | 365 | 48% |
| Total | 886 | 2,366 | 37% |

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

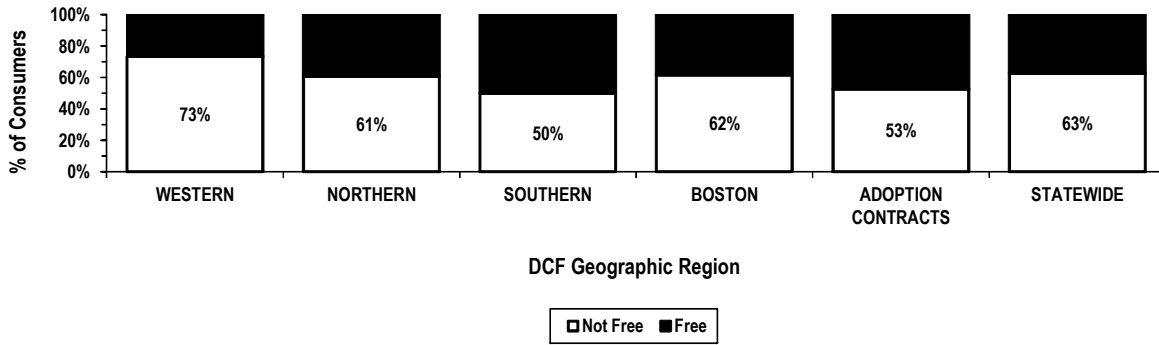
- Of the 2,367 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 37% were legally free for adoption. Sixty-three percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. (**Fig. 18** on next page)
- Of those children with a goal of adoption who were not legally free for adoption (63%), 57% were matched to permanent families (**Fig. 18**).
- The proportion of children in placement with a goal of adoption who were legally free for adoption ranged from 27% in the West to 50% in the South (**Fig. 19** on page 42). On an area office basis, the proportion of legally free children ranged from 16% in both Greenfield and South Central to 63% in Harbor (**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 53% in Boston to 69% in the South (**Fig. 20** on page 42). Matching a child to an adoptive family can occur before, during, or after the legal proceedings to free a child for adoption. At the area level, the proportion of children matched to a permanent family ranged from 26% in Worcester East to 89% in Cambridge (**Appendix Table A11** on page 80).

**FIGURE 18. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION:
 LEGAL STATUS AND MATCH STATUS
 FY'2014, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)**

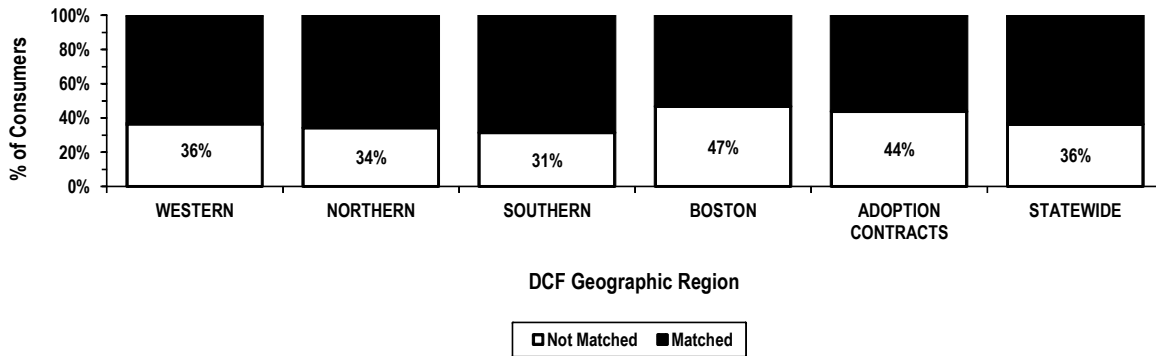


Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption
 Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 19. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS
FY'2014, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)**



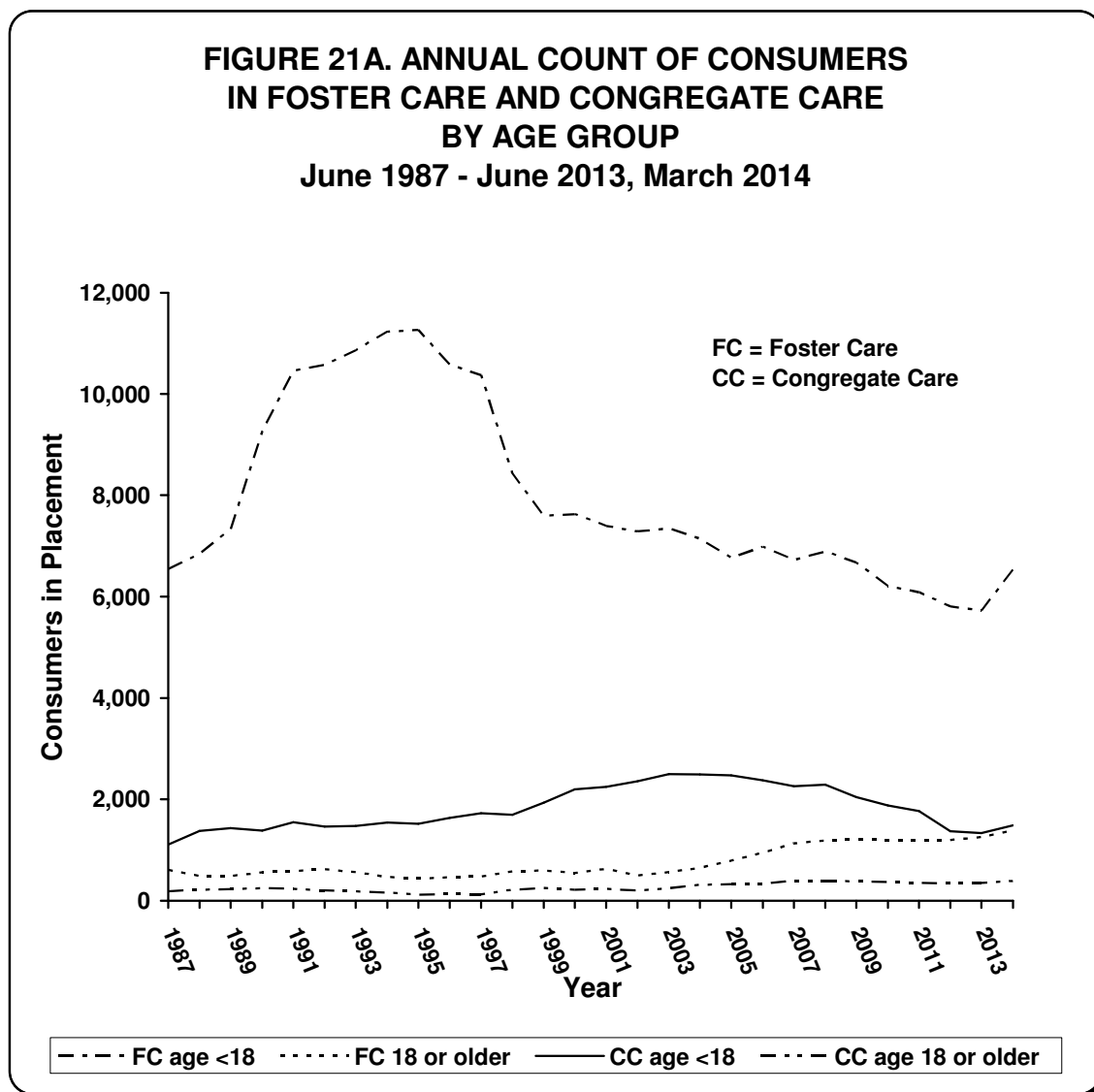
**FIGURE 20. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND WHETHER MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY
FY'14, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)**



E. Foster and Congregate Care

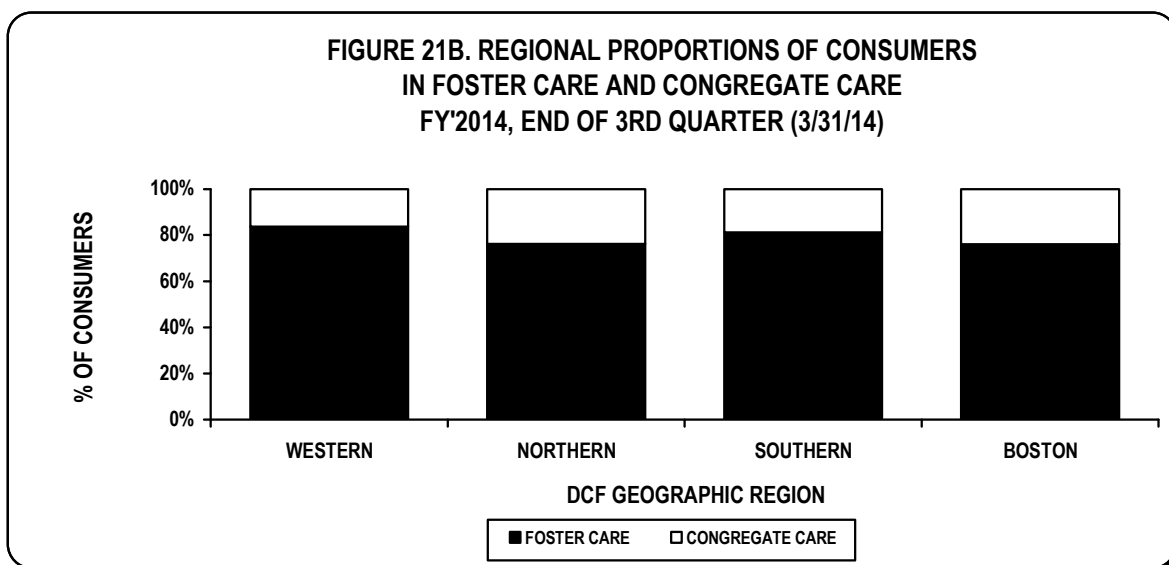
Trends

- Until the recent stabilization and growth (2011-2014), foster and congregate care populations had been declining at different rates for varying lengths of time (**Fig. 21A**). Further differences become evident when separate counts of foster and congregate care consumers are displayed by age group—less than 18 years old vs. 18 years or older (**Fig. 21A**).



- Annual counts of consumers less than 18 years old in foster care 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 14% (ages <18) and 10% (ages 18 or older) while congregate care children increased 12% (ages <18) and 10% (ages 18 or older) (**Figs. 24 and 25** on page 55).
- There were 7,917 consumers in foster care and 1,873 consumers in congregate care¹⁸ on the last day of the 3rd Quarter of FY’2014. (**Table 17A** on page 46, **Fig. 21B**)



- Adolescents (12-17 years) were the largest age group in foster care (21-26% range across regions) and congregate care (63-69% range across regions). (**Table 17A**)
- Adolescents were also the primary age group in “Other” placement locations¹⁹ (63-92% regional range). (**Table 17A**)
- Among children not in placement, the 6-11 age group was larger than the adolescent age group across the regions. (**Table 17D** on page 49)
- The foster care racial proportions ranged from: White—21% in Boston to 58% in the South; Black—9% in both the North and West to 41% in Boston; and Hispanic/Latino—12% 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 1,774 consumers in “Intensive” foster care²⁰ (IFC) and 6,173 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into kinship (38% of consumers), unrestricted (34%), child specific (7%), pre-adoptive (7%), and independent living (14%).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. Boston had the largest proportion of consumers in kinship homes. The proportion of consumers in child-specific homes was highest in the West and Boston. 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 (832 consumers, intensive and “regular” group homes), residential schools²² (545), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)²³ (365 consumers). (**Table 17C** on page 48)
- The proportions of consumers in different types of congregate care are shown for each region in **Figure 23A** (on page 54). The West had the highest proportion of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential placements was most significant in the Boston Region. The proportion of children in STARR placements was greater in the South. (**Fig. 23A, Table 17C**)
- Regional counts of consumers in group home, residential, and STARR models are presented in **Fig. 23B** on page 54 and **Table 17C**.

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 Education. 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:
FY2014, End of 3RD QUARTER 3/31/14)**

| DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾ | Age Group | Placement Location of Consumers | | | | | | Total No. |
|--|---------------|---------------------------------|-----|-----------------|------|----------------------|------|---------------|
| | | Foster Care | | Congregate Care | | Other ⁽²⁾ | | |
| | | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | |
| Western | | 3,037 | | 592 | | 105 | | 3,734 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 657 | 22% | --- | --- | 6 | 6% | 663 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 538 | 18% | 3 | 1% | 4 | 4% | 545 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 665 | 22% | 83 | 14% | 17 | 16% | 765 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 753 | 25% | 406 | 69% | 66 | 63% | 1,225 |
| | 18 or older | 424 | 14% | 100 | 17% | 12 | 11% | 536 |
| Northern | | 1,512 | | 471 | | 75 | | 2,058 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 291 | 19% | --- | --- | 1 | 1% | 292 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 223 | 15% | 1 | * | 1 | 1% | 225 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 269 | 18% | 48 | 10% | 11 | 15% | 328 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 390 | 26% | 298 | 63% | 55 | 73% | 743 |
| | 18 or older | 339 | 22% | 124 | 26% | 7 | 9% | 470 |
| Southern | | 2,110 | | 489 | | 46 | | 2,645 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 534 | 25% | 4 | 1% | 1 | 2% | 539 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 346 | 16% | 10 | 2% | 2 | 4% | 358 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 424 | 20% | 67 | 14% | 3 | 7% | 494 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 449 | 21% | 335 | 69% | 37 | 80% | 821 |
| | 18 or older | 357 | 17% | 73 | 15% | 3 | 7% | 433 |
| Boston | | 920 | | 290 | | 53 | | 1,263 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 179 | 19% | 1 | * | 1 | 2% | 181 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 138 | 15% | 6 | 2% | --- | --- | 144 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 205 | 22% | 32 | 11% | 2 | 4% | 239 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 221 | 24% | 185 | 64% | 49 | 92% | 455 |
| | 18 or older | 177 | 19% | 66 | 23% | 1 | 2% | 244 |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾ | | 214 | | 2 | | 1 | | 217 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 27 | 13% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 27 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 60 | 28% | --- | --- | 1 | 100% | 61 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 78 | 36% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 78 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 48 | 22% | 2 | 100% | --- | --- | 50 |
| | 18 or older | 1 | 0% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 |
| Other ⁽⁴⁾ | | 124 | | 29 | | 11 | | 164 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 1 | 1% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 1 | 1% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 4 | 3% | 1 | 3% | --- | --- | 5 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 30 | 24% | 4 | 14% | 1 | 9% | 35 |
| | 18 or older | 88 | 71% | 24 | 83% | 10 | 91% | 122 |
| Total | | 7,917 | | 1,873 | | 291 | | 10,081 |

* = 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'2014, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)**

| DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾ | Age Group | Foster Care | | | | | Foster Care Total | |
|--|---------------|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| | | Intensive Foster Care ⁽²⁾ | Departmental Foster Care | | | | | |
| | | | Child Specific | Independent Living | Kinship | Pre-Adoptive | | Unrestricted |
| Western | | 621 | 203 | 263 | 881 | 197 | 872 | 3,037 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 12 | 32 | --- | 248 | 81 | 284 | 657 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 39 | 42 | --- | 200 | 51 | 206 | 538 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 140 | 44 | --- | 256 | 46 | 179 | 665 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 340 | 65 | 1 | 158 | 18 | 171 | 753 |
| | 18 or older | 90 | 20 | 262 | 19 | 1 | 32 | 424 |
| Northern | | 406 | 77 | 242 | 363 | 60 | 364 | 1,512 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 60 | 7 | --- | 84 | 27 | 113 | 291 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 37 | 14 | --- | 86 | 11 | 75 | 223 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 87 | 14 | --- | 93 | 16 | 59 | 269 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 164 | 34 | 1 | 88 | 6 | 97 | 390 |
| | 18 or older | 58 | 8 | 241 | 12 | --- | 20 | 339 |
| Southern | | 396 | 111 | 221 | 710 | 97 | 575 | 2,110 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 46 | 22 | --- | 204 | 30 | 232 | 534 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 54 | 15 | --- | 144 | 26 | 107 | 346 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 78 | 14 | --- | 197 | 37 | 98 | 424 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 153 | 43 | 1 | 132 | 3 | 117 | 449 |
| | 18 or older | 65 | 17 | 220 | 33 | 1 | 21 | 357 |
| Boston | | 213 | 53 | 110 | 319 | 28 | 197 | 920 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 17 | 7 | --- | 84 | 14 | 57 | 179 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 26 | 10 | --- | 65 | 7 | 30 | 138 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 53 | 12 | --- | 94 | 6 | 40 | 205 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 85 | 16 | --- | 63 | 1 | 56 | 221 |
| | 18 or older | 32 | 8 | 110 | 13 | --- | 14 | 177 |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾ | | 50 | 11 | --- | 49 | 58 | 46 | 214 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 1 | 2 | --- | 7 | 6 | 11 | 27 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 5 | 3 | --- | 15 | 19 | 18 | 60 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 24 | 5 | --- | 19 | 21 | 9 | 78 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 20 | 1 | --- | 8 | 12 | 7 | 48 |
| Other ⁽⁴⁾ | | 58 | 2 | 34 | 2 | --- | 28 | 124 |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | 1 |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | 1 |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 4 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 4 |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 26 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 4 | 30 |
| | 18 or older | 28 | 2 | 34 | --- | --- | 24 | 88 |
| Total | | 1,744 | 457 | 870 | 2,324 | 440 | 2,082 | 7,917 |

⁽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 2014, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)**

| DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾ | Congregate Care | | | | | | | Total |
|--|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Group Home | | | | Residential | STARR ⁽²⁾ | | |
| | Group Home | Intensive Group Home | Independent Living | Pre-Independent Living | Residential School | | Teen Parenting | |
| Western | 86 | 227 | 13 | 5 | 134 | 122 | 5 | 592 |
| (3 - 5 yrs) | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 3 | --- | 3 |
| (6 - 11 yrs) | 8 | 36 | --- | --- | 10 | 29 | --- | 83 |
| (12 - 17 yrs) | 56 | 177 | 1 | 1 | 78 | 90 | 3 | 406 |
| 18 or older | 22 | 14 | 12 | 4 | 46 | 0 | 2 | 100 |
| Northern | 63 | 132 | 36 | 3 | 145 | 80 | 12 | 471 |
| (3 - 5 yrs) | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | 1 |
| (6 - 11 yrs) | 2 | 21 | --- | --- | 17 | 8 | --- | 48 |
| (12 - 17 yrs) | 37 | 92 | 1 | 1 | 89 | 70 | 8 | 298 |
| 18 or older | 24 | 19 | 35 | 2 | 39 | 1 | 4 | 124 |
| Southern | 48 | 128 | 11 | 10 | 156 | 127 | 9 | 489 |
| (0 - 2 yrs) | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 4 | --- | 4 |
| (3 - 5 yrs) | --- | 2 | --- | --- | --- | 8 | --- | 10 |
| (6 - 11 yrs) | 1 | 32 | --- | --- | 16 | 18 | --- | 67 |
| (12 - 17 yrs) | 33 | 86 | 1 | 5 | 106 | 97 | 7 | 335 |
| 18 or older | 14 | 8 | 10 | 5 | 34 | 0 | 2 | 73 |
| Boston | 37 | 98 | 7 | 2 | 104 | 35 | 7 | 290 |
| (0 - 2 yrs) | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | 1 |
| (3 - 5 yrs) | --- | 2 | --- | --- | --- | 4 | --- | 6 |
| (6 - 11 yrs) | 1 | 16 | --- | --- | 9 | 6 | --- | 32 |
| (12 - 17 yrs) | 21 | 67 | --- | 1 | 68 | 24 | 4 | 185 |
| 18 or older | 15 | 13 | 7 | 1 | 27 | --- | 3 | 66 |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾ | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 1 | --- | 2 |
| (12 - 17 yrs) | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 1 | --- | 2 |
| Other ⁽⁴⁾ | 7 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 | --- | --- | 29 |
| (6 - 11 yrs) | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | 1 |
| (12 - 17 yrs) | 2 | 1 | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | 4 |
| 18 or older | 5 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 3 | --- | --- | 24 |
| Total | 241 | 591 | 73 | 25 | 545 | 365 | 33 | 1,873 |

⁽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'2014, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)**

| DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾ | Age Group | Children ⁽²⁾ Not in Placement | |
|--|---------------|---|-----|
| | | No. | % |
| Western | | 14,237 | |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 2,925 | 21% |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 2,688 | 19% |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 4,701 | 33% |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 3,922 | 28% |
| | Unspecified | 1 | 0% |
| Northern | | 6,343 | |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 1,264 | 20% |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 1,129 | 18% |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 2,052 | 32% |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 1,896 | 30% |
| | Unspecified | 2 | |
| Southern | | 8,406 | |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 1,833 | 22% |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 1,528 | 18% |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 2,714 | 32% |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 2,331 | 28% |
| Boston | | 4,491 | |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 847 | 19% |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 782 | 17% |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 1,524 | 34% |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 1,337 | 30% |
| | Unspecified | 1 | 0% |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾ | | 18 | |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 4 | 22% |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 7 | 39% |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 6 | 33% |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 1 | 6% |
| Other ⁽⁴⁾ | | 7 | |
| | (0 - 2 yrs) | 1 | 14% |
| | (3 - 5 yrs) | 3 | 43% |
| | (6 - 11 yrs) | 2 | 29% |
| | (12 - 17 yrs) | 1 | 14% |
| Total | | 33,502 | |

⁽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'2014, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)**

| DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾ | Age Group | Placement Location of Consumers | | | | | | Total No. |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|----------------------|------|---------------|
| | | Foster Care | | Congregate Care | | Other ⁽²⁾ | | |
| | | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | |
| Western | | 3,037 | | 592 | | 105 | | 3,734 |
| | White | 1,503 | 49% | 296 | 50% | 40 | 38% | 1,839 |
| | Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾ | 911 | 30% | 198 | 33% | 46 | 44% | 1,155 |
| | Black | 279 | 9% | 60 | 10% | 12 | 11% | 351 |
| | Asian | 13 | * | 2 | * | --- | --- | 15 |
| | Native American | 2 | * | --- | --- | 2 | 2% | 4 |
| | Pacific Islander | 1 | * | --- | --- | 0 | 0% | 1 |
| | Multi-Racial | 180 | 6% | 17 | 3% | 5 | 5% | 202 |
| | Unable to Determine | 148 | 5% | 19 | 3% | --- | --- | 167 |
| Northern | | 1,512 | | 471 | | 75 | | 2,058 |
| | White | 679 | 45% | 225 | 48% | 35 | 47% | 939 |
| | Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾ | 477 | 32% | 143 | 30% | 21 | 28% | 641 |
| | Black | 136 | 9% | 55 | 12% | 8 | 11% | 199 |
| | Asian | 56 | 4% | 9 | 2% | 5 | 7% | 70 |
| | Native American | --- | --- | 1 | * | --- | --- | 1 |
| | Pacific Islander | --- | --- | 1 | * | --- | --- | 1 |
| | Multi-Racial | 102 | 7% | 22 | 5% | 3 | 4% | 127 |
| | Unable to Determine | 62 | 4% | 15 | 3% | 3 | 4% | 80 |
| Southern | | 2,110 | | 489 | | 46 | | 2,645 |
| | White | 1,228 | 58% | 274 | 56% | 24 | 52% | 1,526 |
| | Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾ | 252 | 12% | 66 | 13% | 10 | 22% | 328 |
| | Black | 283 | 13% | 95 | 19% | 7 | 15% | 385 |
| | Asian | 9 | * | 3 | 1% | --- | --- | 12 |
| | Native American | 11 | 1% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 11 |
| | Pacific Islander | --- | --- | 1 | * | --- | --- | 1 |
| | Multi-Racial | 190 | 9% | 33 | 7% | 2 | 4% | 225 |
| | Unable to Determine | 137 | 6% | 17 | 3% | 3 | 7% | 157 |
| Boston | | 920 | | 290 | | 53 | | 1,263 |
| | White | 189 | 21% | 31 | 11% | 10 | 19% | 230 |
| | Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾ | 259 | 28% | 78 | 27% | 14 | 26% | 351 |
| | Black | 381 | 41% | 166 | 57% | 25 | 47% | 572 |
| | Asian | 12 | 1% | 5 | 2% | 1 | 2% | 18 |
| | Multi-Racial | 39 | 4% | 4 | 1% | 2 | 4% | 45 |
| | Unable to Determine | 40 | 4% | 6 | 2% | 1 | 2% | 47 |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾ | | 214 | | 2 | | 1 | | 217 |
| | White | 96 | 45% | 1 | 50% | 1 | 100% | 98 |
| | Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾ | 52 | 24% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 52 |
| | Black | 33 | 15% | 1 | 50% | --- | --- | 34 |
| | Asian | 2 | 1% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 2 |
| | Native American | 1 | * | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 |
| | Multi-Racial | 22 | 10% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 22 |
| | Unable to Determine | 8 | 4% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 8 |
| Other ⁽⁵⁾ | | 124 | | 29 | | 11 | | 164 |
| | Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾ | 53 | 43% | 17 | 59% | 8 | 73% | 78 |
| | Black | 24 | 19% | 4 | 14% | 1 | 9% | 29 |
| | Asian | 32 | 26% | 4 | 14% | --- | --- | 36 |
| | Unable to Determine | 47 | 38% | 8 | 28% | 2 | 18% | 57 |
| Total | | 7,917 | | 1,873 | | 291 | | 10,081 |

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'2014, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)**

| DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾ | Age Group | Foster Care | | | | | Foster Care Total | |
|--|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| | | Intensive Foster Care ⁽²⁾ | Departmental Foster Care | | | Unrestricted | | |
| | | | Child Specific | Independent Living | Kinship | | | Pre-Adoptive |
| Western | | 621 | 203 | 263 | 881 | 197 | 872 | 3,037 |
| | White | 249 | 107 | 115 | 491 | 122 | 419 | 1,503 |
| | Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾ | 225 | 56 | 84 | 227 | 50 | 269 | 911 |
| | Black | 77 | 22 | 46 | 49 | 10 | 75 | 279 |
| | Asian | 8 | --- | 1 | 1 | --- | 3 | 13 |
| | Native American | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 2 |
| | Pacific Islander | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | 1 |
| | Multi-Racial | 38 | 9 | 10 | 58 | 8 | 57 | 180 |
| | Unable to Determine | 23 | 9 | 7 | 54 | 7 | 48 | 148 |
| Northern | | 406 | 77 | 242 | 363 | 60 | 364 | 1,512 |
| | White | 171 | 34 | 97 | 202 | 28 | 147 | 679 |
| | Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾ | 126 | 25 | 78 | 83 | 18 | 147 | 477 |
| | Black | 45 | 9 | 38 | 18 | 2 | 24 | 136 |
| | Asian | 12 | 2 | 16 | 12 | 1 | 13 | 56 |
| | Multi-Racial | 33 | 4 | 10 | 28 | 8 | 19 | 102 |
| | Unable to Determine | 19 | 3 | 3 | 20 | 3 | 14 | 62 |
| Southern | | 396 | 111 | 221 | 710 | 97 | 575 | 2,110 |
| | White | 207 | 70 | 120 | 470 | 59 | 302 | 1,228 |
| | Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾ | 57 | 12 | 32 | 63 | 6 | 82 | 252 |
| | Black | 66 | 11 | 48 | 78 | 12 | 68 | 283 |
| | Asian | --- | 2 | 3 | --- | --- | 4 | 9 |
| | Native American | 2 | 2 | --- | 4 | --- | 3 | 11 |
| | Multi-Racial | 35 | 10 | 11 | 54 | 11 | 69 | 190 |
| | Unable to Determine | 29 | 4 | 7 | 41 | 9 | 47 | 137 |
| Boston | | 213 | 53 | 110 | 319 | 28 | 197 | 920 |
| | White | 46 | 16 | 24 | 74 | 6 | 23 | 189 |
| | Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾ | 75 | 13 | 32 | 81 | 9 | 49 | 259 |
| | Black | 79 | 18 | 48 | 130 | 9 | 97 | 381 |
| | Asian | 1 | 2 | 4 | --- | 1 | 4 | 12 |
| | Multi-Racial | 8 | 1 | 1 | 18 | 1 | 10 | 39 |
| | Unable to Determine | 4 | 3 | 1 | 16 | 2 | 14 | 40 |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾ | | 50 | 11 | --- | 49 | 58 | 46 | 214 |
| | White | 21 | 8 | --- | 27 | 29 | 11 | 96 |
| | Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾ | 15 | --- | --- | 11 | 11 | 15 | 52 |
| | Black | 9 | 3 | --- | 5 | 6 | 10 | 33 |
| | Asian | 2 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 2 |
| | Native American | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | 1 |
| | Multi-Racial | 2 | --- | --- | 4 | 8 | 8 | 22 |
| | Unable to Determine | 1 | --- | --- | 1 | 4 | 2 | 8 |
| Other ⁽⁵⁾ | | 58 | 2 | 34 | 2 | --- | 28 | 124 |
| | Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾ | 23 | --- | 16 | 2 | --- | 12 | 53 |
| | Black | 9 | 2 | 8 | --- | --- | 5 | 24 |
| | Asian | 18 | --- | 10 | --- | --- | 4 | 32 |
| | Unable to Determine | 8 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 7 | 15 |
| Total | | 1,744 | 457 | 870 | 2,324 | 440 | 2,082 | 7,917 |

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'2014, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)**

| DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾ | Congregate Care | | | | | | | Total |
|--|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Group Home | | | | Residential | STARR ⁽²⁾ | | |
| | Group Home | Group Home Intensive | Independent Living | Pre-Independent Living | Residential School | | Teen Parenting | |
| Western | 86 | 227 | 13 | 5 | 134 | 122 | 5 | 592 |
| White | 48 | 6 | 110 | 1 | 62 | 69 | --- | 296 |
| Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾ | 29 | 5 | 71 | 3 | 50 | 36 | 4 | 198 |
| Black | 4 | --- | 30 | --- | 15 | 11 | --- | 60 |
| Asian | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | 2 |
| Multi-Racial | 2 | --- | 7 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 17 |
| Unable to Determine | 3 | 1 | 9 | --- | 3 | 3 | --- | 19 |
| Northern | 63 | 36 | 132 | 3 | 145 | 80 | 12 | 471 |
| White | 33 | 19 | 67 | 2 | 75 | 27 | 2 | 225 |
| Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾ | 18 | 10 | 43 | 1 | 35 | 29 | 7 | 143 |
| Black | 6 | 6 | 12 | --- | 18 | 12 | 1 | 55 |
| Asian | 1 | 1 | 1 | --- | 5 | 1 | --- | 9 |
| Native American | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 |
| Pacific Islander | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | 1 |
| Multi-Racial | 4 | --- | 6 | --- | 3 | 7 | 2 | 22 |
| Unable to Determine | 1 | --- | 2 | --- | 8 | 4 | --- | 15 |
| Southern | 48 | 11 | 128 | 10 | 156 | 127 | 9 | 489 |
| White | 33 | 8 | 73 | 9 | 83 | 65 | 3 | 274 |
| Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾ | 4 | 1 | 17 | --- | 22 | 19 | 3 | 66 |
| Black | 7 | 2 | 23 | 1 | 29 | 32 | 1 | 95 |
| Asian | 2 | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | 3 |
| Pacific Islander | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 |
| Multi-Racial | 1 | --- | 13 | --- | 9 | 8 | 2 | 33 |
| Unable to Determine | 1 | --- | 1 | --- | 12 | 3 | --- | 17 |
| Boston | 37 | 7 | 98 | 2 | 104 | 35 | 7 | 290 |
| White | 4 | --- | 11 | --- | 13 | 2 | 1 | 31 |
| Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾ | 9 | 2 | 30 | --- | 20 | 13 | 4 | 78 |
| Black | 23 | 4 | 53 | 2 | 67 | 15 | 2 | 166 |
| Asian | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | 4 | --- | 5 |
| Multi-Racial | 1 | --- | 1 | --- | 2 | --- | --- | 4 |
| Unable to Determine | --- | 1 | 2 | --- | 2 | 1 | --- | 6 |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾ | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 1 | --- | 2 |
| White | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | 1 |
| Black | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | 1 |
| Other ⁽⁴⁾ | 7 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 | --- | --- | 29 |
| Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾ | 5 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 3 | --- | --- | 17 |
| Black | 1 | 1 | --- | 2 | --- | --- | --- | 4 |
| Asian | --- | 3 | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 4 |
| Unable to Determine | 1 | --- | --- | 1 | 2 | --- | --- | 4 |
| Total | 241 | 73 | 591 | 25 | 545 | 365 | 33 | 1,873 |

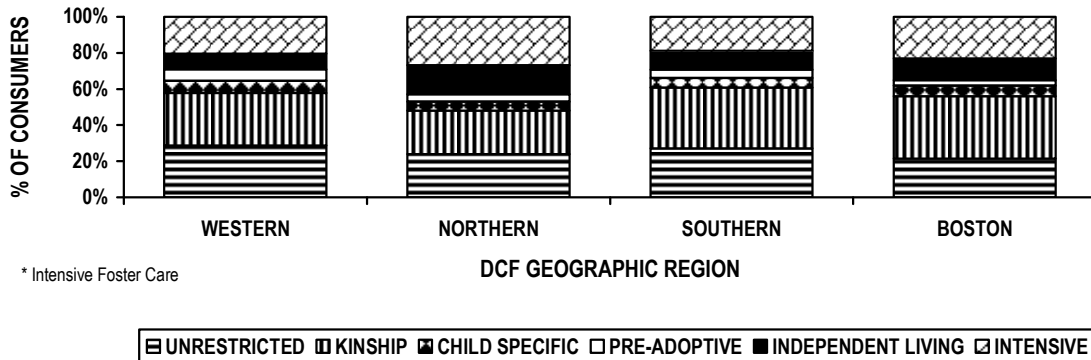
⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

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

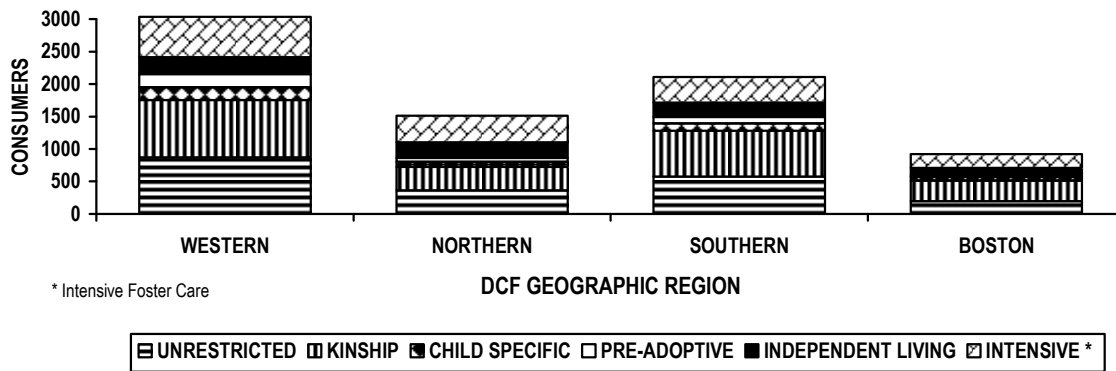
⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

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

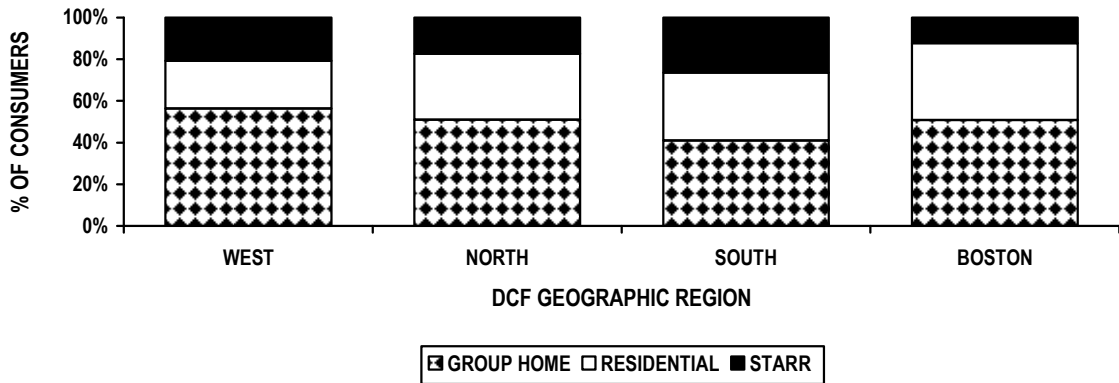
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IN FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION** FY'2014,
End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)



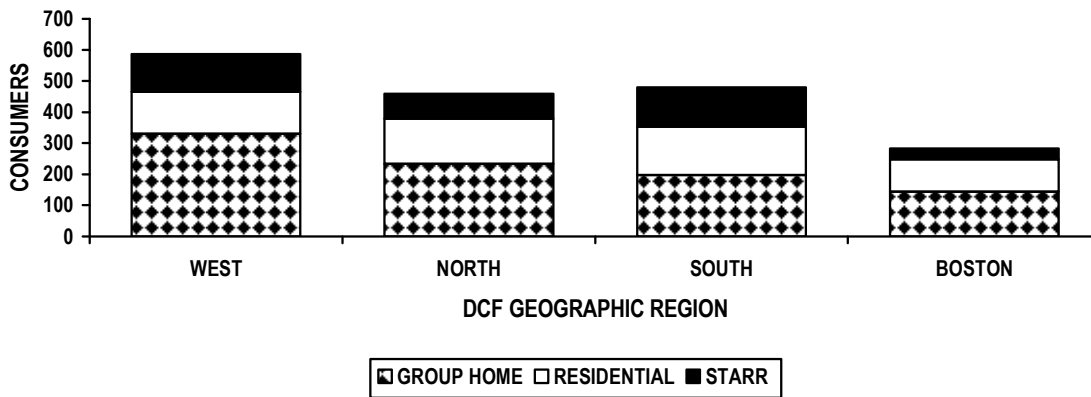
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IN FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION** FY'2014,
End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)



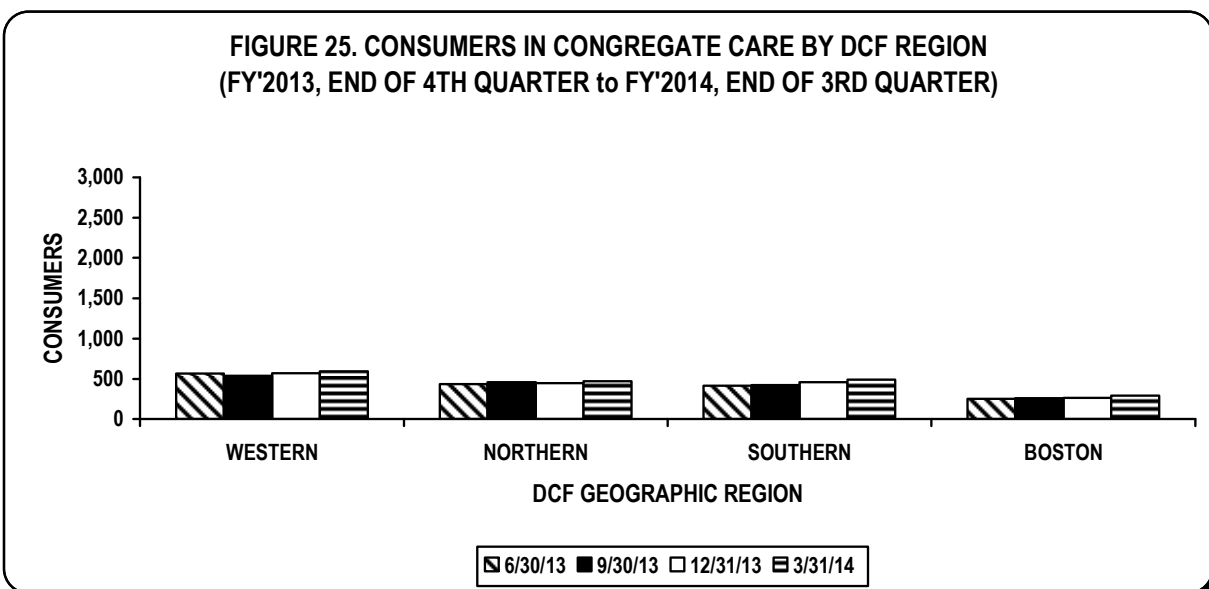
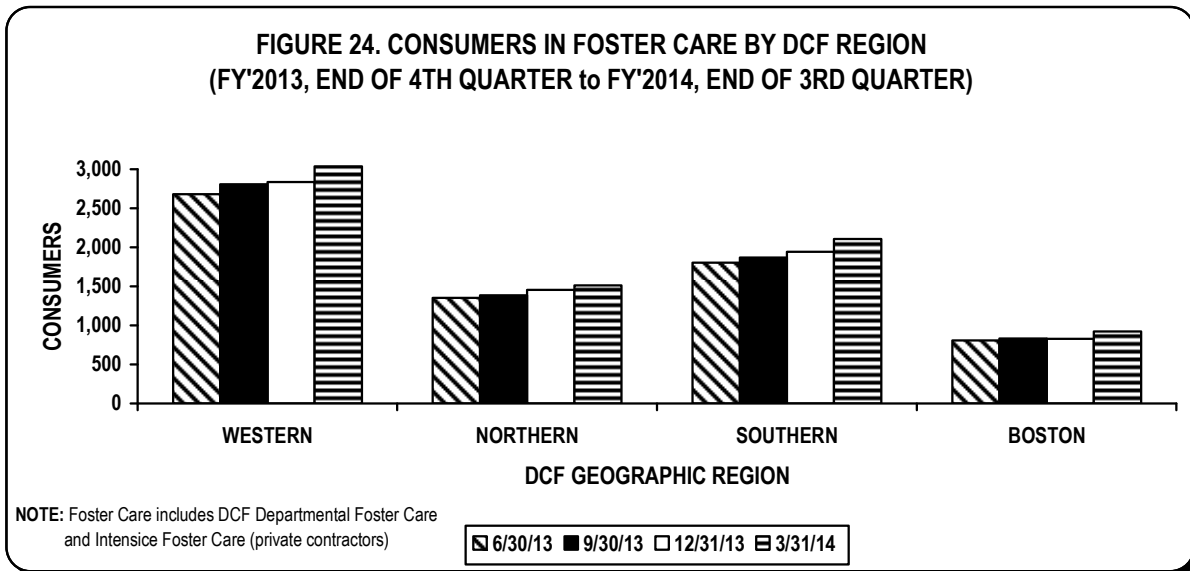
**FIGURE 23A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2014, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)**



**FIGURE 23B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2014, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)**



- From the 2nd Quarter to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2014, there were increases of 7% in the foster care population and 6% in the congregate care population (Figs. 24 and 25).²⁴ Continued gains over the quarters have resulted in the stabilization and growth of the placement population (Figs. 13A and 21A on pages 24 and 43, respectively). Prior to this stabilization, annual counts of children in substitute care were on a mostly downward trend (Fig. 13A, Fig. 21A).



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

F. Independent Living

Of the 7,917 consumers in foster care, 870 were in the Departmental foster care category of “Independent Living.” These children are in a school or vocational program and need financial support to transition to living independently. They receive foster care payments directly to pay for room and board expenses as long as they fully participate in an educational or vocational program, and meet with their social worker as arranged. Placement services may be extended to the youth’s 23rd birthday if it is demonstrated that without DCF financial support the student will not complete a Bachelor’s program. On 3/31/2014, the ages of these children ranged from 17 to 25 years old.

Of the 1,873 consumers in congregate care, 98 were in the group home model of “Independent Living/Pre-Independent Living.” This placement service includes group homes as well as supervised or supported apartments designed for older adolescents who are developing the skills to live in the community in their own homes or apartments. On 3/31/2014, 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 870 youth in the Departmental foster care independent living model, 99%⁺ were 18 years or older, 62% were female, 41% were White, 22% were Black, 28% were Hispanic/Latino, and 69% had spent more than two years in continuous substitute care. (See **table** on next page)
- Of the 98 youth in independent living group homes, 89% were 18 years or older, 44% were female, 46% were White, 18% were Black, 27% were Hispanic/Latino, and 74% had spent more than two years in continuous substitute care. (See **table** on next page)

Regional Distribution of Youth in the Independent Living FY’2014, End of 3rd Quarter (3/31/14)

| Youth Receiving Foster Care Payment | | DCF Region | Group Home* | |
|--|------|------------|-------------|------|
| No. | % | | No. | % |
| 263 | 30% | Western | 18 | 18% |
| 242 | 28% | Northern | 39 | 40% |
| 221 | 25% | Southern | 21 | 21% |
| 110 | 13% | Boston | 9 | 9% |
| 34 | 4% | Other** | 11 | 11% |
| 870 | 100% | TOTAL | 98 | 100% |

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

* Includes independent living and pre-independent living models.

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

**Demographic Profile of Youth in the Independent Living Program
FY'2014, End of 3rd Quarter (3/31/14)**

| Youth Receiving Foster Care Payment | | | Group Home | |
|--|------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| No. | % | | No. | % |
| | | <i>Age Group</i> | | |
| 3 | * | 16-17 years | 11 | 11% |
| 867 | 99% ⁺ | 18 years or Older | 87 | 89% |
| | | <i>Gender</i> | | |
| 329 | 38% | Male | 55 | 56% |
| 541 | 62% | Female | 43 | 44% |
| | | <i>Race</i> | | |
| 356 | 41% | White | 45 | 46% |
| 188 | 22% | Black | 18 | 18% |
| 242 | 28% | Hispanic/Latino | 26 | 27% |
| 34 | 4% | Asian | 5 | 5% |
| --- | --- | Native American | --- | --- |
| 32 | 4% | Multi-Racial | 1 | 1% |
| 18 | 2% | Undetermined | 3 | 3% |
| | | <i>Continuous Time in Care</i> | | |
| 150 | 17% | 1 year or less | 13 | 13% |
| 118 | 14% | >1 – 2 years | 13 | 13% |
| 213 | 24% | >2 – 4 years | 31 | 32% |
| 389 | 45% | >4 years | 41 | 42% |
| 870 | 100% | TOTAL | 98 | 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, 27% of all children in placement were in kinship foster care. The North Central (39%), Taunton/Attleboro (34%), and Haverhill (34%) area offices had the highest proportions of placement children in Kinship foster care. (**Table 19A** on next page)
- Statewide, 31% of White, 21% of Hispanic/Latino, and 23% 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, Cape Ann (35%), North Central (32%), and Park Street (32%) 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 (30%), Hyde Park (30%), and Coastal (30%) 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 44% of all children in Departmental foster care were in Kinship foster care (Table 19A). DCF areas with the largest proportions of Kinship foster children were Harbor (65%) and Hyde Park (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'2014, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)

| DCF Region/Area | Kinship Foster Care | All Placements | % Kinship in Placement | Departmental Foster Care | % Kinship in Departmental Foster Care |
|--|---------------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Greenfield | 89 | 336 | 26% | 237 | 38% |
| Holyoke | 62 | 258 | 24% | 164 | 38% |
| North Central | 178 | 456 | 39% | 345 | 52% |
| Pittsfield | 114 | 346 | 33% | 265 | 43% |
| Robert Van Wart | 65 | 347 | 19% | 189 | 34% |
| South Central | 98 | 328 | 30% | 251 | 39% |
| Springfield | 86 | 422 | 20% | 225 | 38% |
| Worcester East | 110 | 416 | 26% | 233 | 47% |
| Worcester West | 59 | 286 | 21% | 172 | 34% |
| Contracted Agencies | 1 | 3 | 33% | 1 | 100% |
| Western | 862 | 3,198 | 27% | 2,082 | 41% |
| Cambridge | 15 | 110 | 14% | 45 | 33% |
| Cape Ann | 47 | 176 | 27% | 92 | 51% |
| Framingham | 29 | 166 | 17% | 91 | 32% |
| Haverhill | 46 | 137 | 34% | 80 | 58% |
| Lawrence | 38 | 179 | 21% | 110 | 35% |
| Lowell | 84 | 322 | 26% | 187 | 45% |
| Lynn | 67 | 328 | 20% | 162 | 41% |
| Malden | 25 | 169 | 15% | 58 | 43% |
| Contracted Agencies | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- |
| Northern | 351 | 1,588 | 22% | 825 | 43% |
| Arlington | 50 | 178 | 28% | 96 | 52% |
| Brockton | 84 | 291 | 29% | 166 | 51% |
| Cape Cod | 64 | 222 | 29% | 136 | 47% |
| Coastal | 75 | 227 | 33% | 146 | 51% |
| Fall River | 133 | 407 | 33% | 300 | 44% |
| New Bedford | 120 | 415 | 29% | 262 | 46% |
| Plymouth | 75 | 249 | 30% | 168 | 45% |
| Taunton/Attleboro | 75 | 221 | 34% | 147 | 51% |
| Contracted Agencies | 1 | 2 | 50% | 1 | 100% |
| Southern | 677 | 2,212 | 31% | 1,422 | 48% |
| Dimock Street | 67 | 258 | 26% | 143 | 47% |
| Harbor | 79 | 249 | 32% | 122 | 65% |
| Hyde Park | 66 | 203 | 33% | 106 | 62% |
| Park Street | 94 | 309 | 30% | 191 | 49% |
| Boston | 306 | 1,019 | 30% | 562 | 54% |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾ | 49 | 216 | 23% | 163 | 30% |
| Other ⁽³⁾ | 2 | 42 | 5% | 6 | 33% |
| Total | 2,247 | 8,275 | 27% | 5,060 | 44% |

⁽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'2014, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)**

| 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 | 69 | 6 | 2 | 235 | 43 | 17 | 29% | 14% | 12% |
| Holyoke | 29 | 27 | 1 | 96 | 130 | 15 | 30% | 21% | 7% |
| North Central | 113 | 42 | 1 | 260 | 133 | 14 | 43% | 32% | 7% |
| Pittsfield | 71 | 11 | 2 | 222 | 38 | 12 | 32% | 29% | 17% |
| Robert Van Wart | 28 | 18 | 8 | 180 | 103 | 26 | 16% | 17% | 31% |
| South Central | 78 | 7 | 5 | 239 | 51 | 13 | 33% | 14% | 38% |
| Springfield | 17 | 49 | 13 | 72 | 229 | 90 | 24% | 21% | 14% |
| Worcester East | 43 | 45 | 12 | 158 | 162 | 48 | 27% | 28% | 25% |
| Worcester West | 31 | 17 | 5 | 130 | 98 | 27 | 24% | 17% | 19% |
| Contracted Agency | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Western | 479 | 222 | 49 | 1,592 | 988 | 262 | 30% | 22% | 19% |
| Cambridge | 7 | 6 | 1 | 46 | 28 | 24 | 15% | 21% | 4% |
| Cape Ann | 32 | 11 | --- | 129 | 31 | 6 | 25% | 35% | --- |
| Framingham | 15 | 8 | 2 | 97 | 39 | 7 | 15% | 21% | 29% |
| Haverhill | 31 | 4 | --- | 79 | 36 | 5 | 39% | 11% | --- |
| Lawrence | 13 | 24 | --- | 41 | 124 | 2 | 32% | 19% | --- |
| Lowell | 55 | 11 | 1 | 141 | 99 | 16 | 39% | 11% | 6% |
| Lynn | 27 | 13 | 10 | 116 | 102 | 44 | 23% | 13% | 23% |
| Malden | 17 | 1 | 3 | 89 | 31 | 24 | 19% | 3% | 13% |
| Northern | 197 | 78 | 17 | 739 | 490 | 128 | 27% | 16% | 13% |
| Arlington | 40 | 1 | 3 | 105 | 28 | 23 | 38% | 4% | 13% |
| Brockton | 38 | 8 | 23 | 117 | 34 | 90 | 32% | 24% | 26% |
| Cape Cod | 38 | 6 | --- | 140 | 23 | 10 | 27% | 26% | --- |
| Coastal | 52 | 2 | 15 | 135 | 11 | 50 | 39% | 18% | 30% |
| Fall River | 90 | 16 | 7 | 228 | 63 | 38 | 39% | 25% | 18% |
| New Bedford | 72 | 19 | 18 | 218 | 76 | 62 | 33% | 25% | 29% |
| Plymouth | 63 | 1 | 1 | 190 | 11 | 8 | 33% | 9% | 13% |
| Taunton/Attleboro | 57 | 4 | 4 | 144 | 21 | 15 | 40% | 19% | 27% |
| Contracted Agency | 1 | --- | --- | 1 | 1 | --- | 100% | --- | --- |
| Southern | 451 | 57 | 71 | 1,278 | 268 | 296 | 35% | 21% | 24% |
| Dimock Street | 7 | 18 | 32 | 35 | 65 | 133 | 20% | 28% | 24% |
| Harbor | 43 | 26 | 2 | 97 | 106 | 22 | 44% | 25% | 9% |
| Hyde Park | 8 | 10 | 40 | 18 | 37 | 132 | 44% | 27% | 30% |
| Park Street | 14 | 24 | 48 | 40 | 74 | 160 | 35% | 32% | 30% |
| Boston | 72 | 78 | 122 | 190 | 282 | 447 | 38% | 28% | 27% |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾ | 27 | 11 | 5 | 98 | 52 | 33 | 28% | 21% | 15% |
| Other ⁽⁴⁾ | --- | 2 | --- | --- | 12 | 5 | --- | 17% | --- |
| Total | 1,226 | 448 | 264 | 3,897 | 2,092 | 1,171 | 31% | 21% | 23% |

⁽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 3rd Quarter of FY'2014, 2,158 consumers entered placement and 1,456 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 2nd Quarter of FY'2014, there was a 20% increase in consumers entering placement and an 8% decrease in consumers leaving placement during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2014. The increase in consumers entering placement and the decrease in consumers leaving placement contributed to the 11% increase in the placement population from the 2nd to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2014.

A. Entries to Placement

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2014, 69% were first-time entrants and 31% were re-entrants.²⁶ Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 63% in Boston to 72% in the West. (Table 20, Fig. 26 on next page)
- Across the state, 64% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 21% were placed in congregate care,²⁷ and 15% were placed in non-referral locations.²⁸
- Regionally, the proportion of all entrants placed in foster care ranged from 51% in the North to 71% in the West. In contrast, the proportion of all entrants placed in congregate care ranged from 15% in the West to 29% 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 percent of first-time entrants and 51% of re-entrants were placed in foster care. Conversely, 30% of re-entrants and 16% 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.

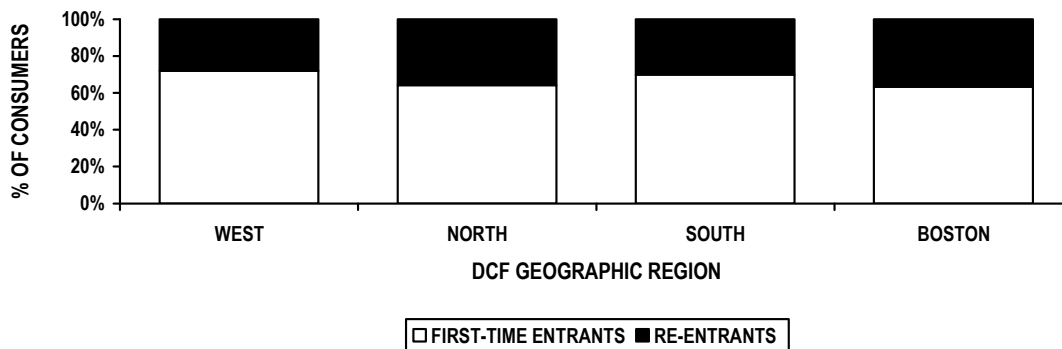
**TABLE 20. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2014, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/14 - 3/31/14)**

| Entry Type: Placement Location Started | DCF Geographic Region | | | | | Other ⁽¹⁾ | Total |
|---|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|--------------|
| | Western | Northern | Southern | Boston | | | |
| First-Time Entrants: | 585 | 280 | 425 | 183 | 12 | | 1,485 |
| Foster Care | 448 | 158 | 315 | 111 | 2 | | 1,034 |
| Congregate Care | 72 | 68 | 72 | 31 | 2 | | 245 |
| Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾ | 65 | 54 | 38 | 41 | 8 | | 206 |
| Re-Entrants: | 228 | 156 | 183 | 106 | --- | | 673 |
| Foster Care | 131 | 64 | 86 | 64 | --- | | 345 |
| Congregate Care | 51 | 60 | 76 | 18 | --- | | 205 |
| Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾ | 46 | 32 | 21 | 24 | --- | | 123 |
| Total | 813 | 436 | 608 | 289 | 12 | | 2,158 |

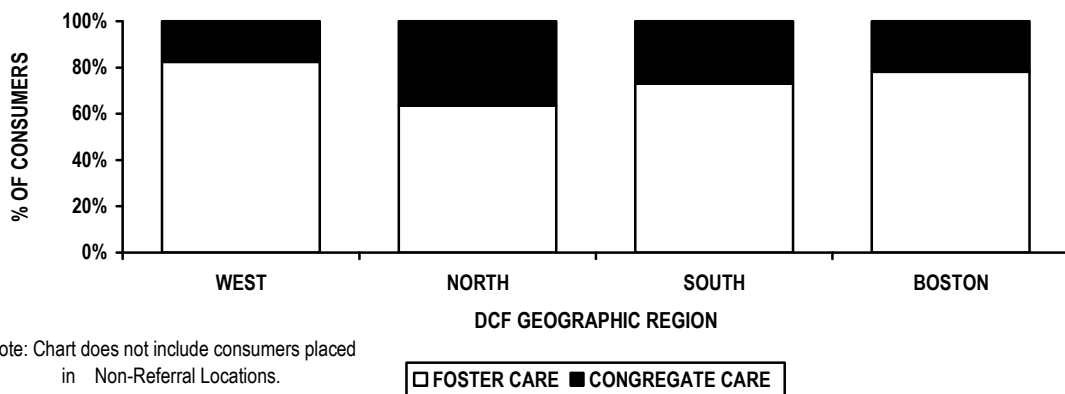
⁽¹⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽²⁾ Includes hospitals and other state agencies.

**FIGURE 26. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT
DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS)
FY'2014, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/13 - 3/31/14)**



**FIGURE 27. ALL CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER
TO FOSTER AND CONGREGATE CARE
FY'2014, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/13 - 3/31/14)**



Note: Chart does not include consumers placed in Non-Referral Locations.

B. Exits from Placement

- Statewide, 63% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 58% in Boston to 68% in the South. (Table 21)
- Statewide, 8% of consumers leaving placement were adopted, and 15% were emancipated (18 years or older), and 5% were granted guardianships. (Table 21)
- Regionally, the proportion of consumers leaving placement who were adopted ranged from 5% in both the South and Boston to 10% in the West. The proportion emancipated ranged from 12% in the West to 20% in Boston. The proportion granted guardianships ranged from 2% in the North to 8% in the South. (Table 21)

**TABLE 21. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2014, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/14 - 3/31/14)**

| Reason Placement Ended | DCF Geographic Region | | | | | Adoption | | Total |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------|
| | Western | Northern | Southern | Boston | Contracts ⁽¹⁾ | Other ⁽²⁾ | | |
| Child Returned Home | 367 | 216 | 255 | 85 | --- | 1 | 924 | |
| Child 18 or Older | 71 | 59 | 59 | 29 | --- | 3 | 221 | |
| Consumer Adopted | 55 | 19 | 18 | 8 | 20 | --- | 120 | |
| Guardianship | 29 | 8 | 29 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 78 | |
| Custody to Other Individual | 41 | 22 | 8 | 10 | 1 | --- | 82 | |
| Custody to Other Agency | 8 | 4 | 3 | 3 | --- | 1 | 19 | |
| Child on the Run | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | --- | --- | 9 | |
| Consumer Deceased | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | 1 | 2 | |
| Unspecified | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | 1 | |
| Total | 574 | 331 | 375 | 146 | 23 | 7 | 1,456 | |

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

- Consumers who were returned home had one placement (median) and spent the least amount of time in continuous care (0.4 year median) (See table on next page). Adopted consumers spent the most time in continuous care (2.9 years median).
- Compared to other consumers leaving placement, emancipated consumers had a relatively large number of placements (10 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 (5 median). (See table on next page)

Consumers Leaving Placement (1/1/2014 – 3/31/2014)

| Reason Left Placement | Most Recent Continuous Time in Placement Prior to Leaving | | Total History w/DCF |
|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|--|
| | Number of Consumers | # Placements Median Count | Placement Duration Median Continuous Time in Placement (years) |
| Returned Home | 924 | 1 | 0.4 |
| Emancipation (18 years or older) | 221 | 2 | 2.4 |
| Adoption | 120 | 2 | 2.9 |
| Guardianship | 78 | 2 | 2.1 |
| Custody to Other Individual or Agency | 101 | 1 | 0.2 |
| Child on the Run | 9 | 1 | 0.3 |
| Deceased | 2 | -- | ---- |
| Unspecified | 1 | -- | ---- |
| Total | 1456 | 1 | 0.6 |

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

| Reason Left Placement | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Total |
|---------------------------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Returned Home | 826 | 93 | 4 | 1 | --- | 924 |
| Emancipation (18 years or older) | 95 | 109 | 14 | 1 | 2 | 221 |
| Adoption | 37 | 83 | --- | --- | --- | 120 |
| Guardianship | 35 | 43 | --- | --- | --- | 78 |
| Custody to Other Individual or Agency | 95 | 6 | --- | --- | --- | 101 |
| Child on the Run | 5 | 4 | --- | --- | --- | 9 |
| Deceased | 1 | 1 | --- | --- | --- | 2 |
| Unspecified | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | 1 |
| Total | 1094 | 340 | 18 | 2 | 2 | 1456 |

- The above **table** shows that 89% of consumers returned home had 1 placement and 10% had 2 placements. Forty-three percent of emancipated consumers had 1 placement and 49% had 2 placements. Thirty-one percent of adopted consumers had 1 placement and 69% had 2 placements. Forty-five percent of guardianship consumers had 1 placement and 55% had 2 placements.
- There was little difference among racial groups when comparing reasons for leaving placement (See **table** below). The proportions of White, Hispanic, and Black consumers were similar: 60-67% returned home, 14-21% emancipated, 5-9% adopted, and 3-7% guardianship.

Consumers Leaving Placement (1/1/2014 – 3/31/2014)

| Reason Left Placement | White | Hispanic | Black | Asian | Multi-Racial | Other* | Total |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----------|-------|-------|--------------|--------|-------|
| Returned Home | 408 | 276 | 141 | 10 | 37 | 52 | 924 |
| Emancipation (18 years or older) | 97 | 58 | 50 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 221 |
| Adoption | 58 | 26 | 12 | 2 | 10 | 12 | 120 |
| Guardianship | 45 | 15 | 8 | --- | 5 | 5 | 78 |
| Custody to Other Individual or Agency | 31 | 32 | 21 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 101 |
| Child on the Run | 4 | 3 | 2 | --- | --- | --- | 9 |
| Deceased | 1 | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | 2 |
| Unspecified | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 |
| Total | 645 | 410 | 235 | 19 | 65 | 82 | 1456 |

* Includes Native American, Pacific Islander, and Unspecified.

VII. FOSTER HOME DEMOGRAPHICS²⁹

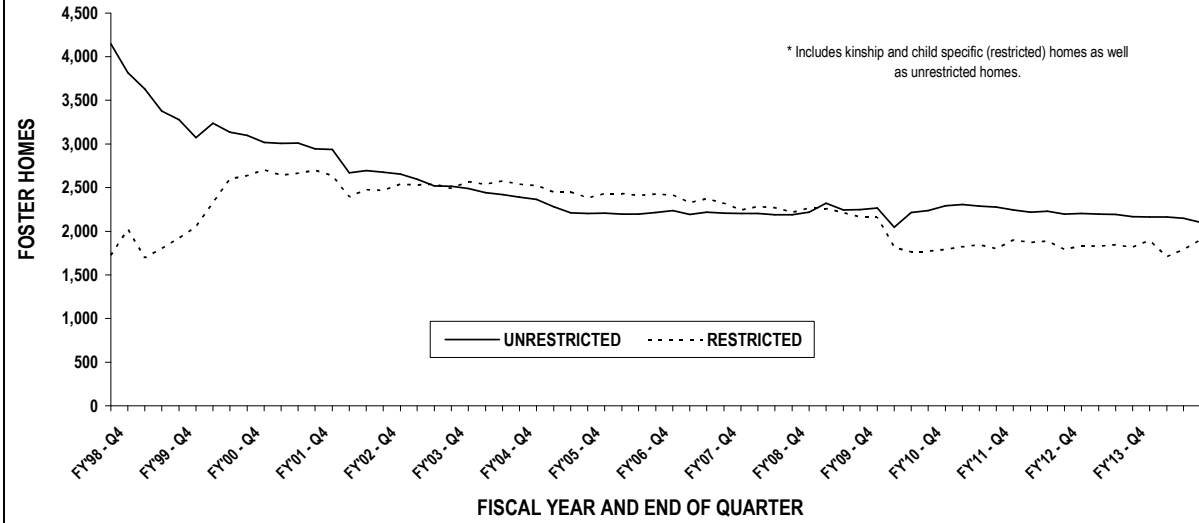
- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2014, there were 4,001 foster homes under the direct supervision of DCF. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes³⁰ as well as unrestricted homes.³¹ There were 1,901 restricted and 2,100 unrestricted foster homes at the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2014—6% increase for restricted and a 2% decrease for unrestricted when compared to the 2nd 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 3rd Quarter of FY'2014, restricted homes accounted for 48% of all foster homes (**Table 22 and Fig. 28**)
- Statewide, 61% of foster parents in unrestricted homes and 52% of foster parents in restricted were White (**Table 22**).
- Ten percent (412) of all foster homes were identified as Black (218 restricted and 194 unrestricted) (**Table 22**).
- Sixteen percent (626) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (260 restricted and 366 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 3RD QUARTER OF FY'2014 (3/31/14)**



**TABLE 22. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2014, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14) ⁽¹⁾**

| Provider Status | DCF Geographic Region | | | | | | | | Total | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----|------------|-----|--------------|-----|------------|-----|--------------|-----|
| | Western | | Northern | | Southern | | Boston | | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Restricted: | 644 | | 379 | | 649 | | 229 | | 1,901 | |
| White | 318 | 49% | 240 | 63% | 377 | 58% | 56 | 24% | 991 | 52% |
| Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾ | 128 | 20% | 56 | 15% | 38 | 6% | 38 | 17% | 260 | 14% |
| Black | 30 | 5% | 18 | 5% | 59 | 9% | 111 | 48% | 218 | 11% |
| Asian | 2 | * | 9 | 2% | 3 | * | --- | --- | 14 | 1% |
| Native American | --- | --- | --- | --- | 9 | 1% | --- | --- | 9 | * |
| Pacific Islander | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | * | 1 | * |
| Multi-Racial | 2 | * | 2 | 1% | 2 | * | 2 | 1% | 8 | * |
| Unspecified | 164 | 25% | 54 | 14% | 161 | 25% | 21 | 9% | 400 | 21% |
| Unrestricted: | 837 | | 440 | | 642 | | 181 | | 2,100 | |
| White | 484 | 58% | 282 | 64% | 466 | 73% | 55 | 30% | 1,287 | 61% |
| Hispanic/Latino ⁽²⁾ | 205 | 42% | 66 | 23% | 59 | 13% | 36 | 65% | 366 | 17% |
| Black | 53 | 6% | 22 | 5% | 41 | 6% | 78 | 43% | 194 | 9% |
| Asian | 2 | * | 7 | 2% | 1 | * | 3 | 2% | 13 | 1% |
| Native American | --- | --- | --- | --- | 3 | * | --- | --- | 3 | * |
| Pacific Islander | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 1% | 1 | * |
| Multi-Racial | 6 | 1% | 3 | 1% | 3 | 0% | 1 | 1% | 13 | 1% |
| Unspecified | 87 | 10% | 60 | 14% | 69 | 11% | 7 | 4% | 223 | 11% |
| Total | 1,481 | | 819 | | 1,291 | | 410 | | 4,001 | |

⁽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'2014, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14) ⁽¹⁾**

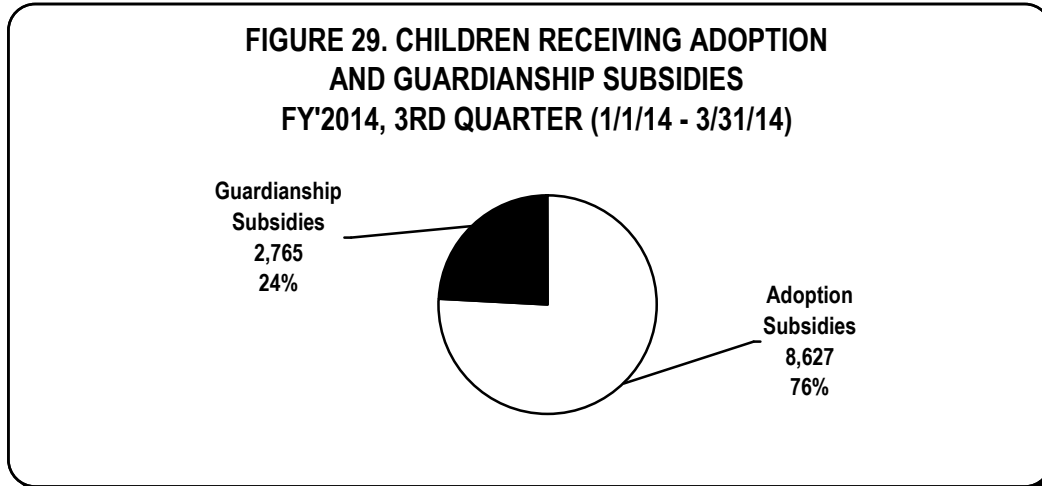
| Provider Status | DCF Geographic Region | | | | | | | | Total | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----|------------|-----|--------------|-----|------------|-----|--------------|------------|
| | Western | | Northern | | Southern | | Boston | | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Restricted: | 644 | | 379 | | 649 | | 229 | | 1,901 | |
| Married | 320 | 50% | 191 | 50% | 333 | 51% | 67 | 29% | 911 | 48% |
| Single | 213 | 33% | 113 | 30% | 203 | 31% | 134 | 59% | 663 | 35% |
| Divorced | 67 | 10% | 46 | 12% | 74 | 11% | 11 | 5% | 198 | 10% |
| Separated | 17 | 3% | 16 | 4% | 16 | 2% | 11 | 5% | 60 | 3% |
| Widowed | 26 | 4% | 12 | 3% | 22 | 3% | 6 | 3% | 66 | 3% |
| Unspecified | 1 | * | 1 | 1% | 1 | * | --- | --- | 3 | * |
| Unrestricted: | 837 | | 440 | | 642 | | 181 | | 2,100 | |
| Married | 507 | 61% | 271 | 62% | 420 | 65% | 66 | 36% | 1,264 | 60% |
| Single | 202 | 24% | 97 | 22% | 134 | 21% | 76 | 42% | 509 | 24% |
| Divorced | 93 | 11% | 53 | 12% | 61 | 10% | 27 | 15% | 234 | 11% |
| Widowed | 17 | 2% | 12 | 3% | 14 | 2% | 7 | 4% | 50 | 2% |
| Separated | 16 | 2% | 4 | 1% | 12 | 2% | 4 | 2% | 36 | 2% |
| Unspecified | 2 | * | 3 | 1% | 1 | 0% | 1 | 2% | 7 | 1% |
| Total | 1,481 | | 819 | | 1,291 | | 410 | | 4,001 | |

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 3rd Quarter of FY'2014, the total number of children receiving an adoption subsidy was 8,627 (**Fig. 29**). Guardianship subsidies totaled 2,765. These counts represent subsidies that had a payment during the quarter, i.e., the number with service referrals actively paying out.



From the 2nd Quarter to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2014, adoption subsidies decreased 1% and guardianship subsidies 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'2010 1 st | 9,549 | -1% | 3,090 | -1% |
| 2 nd | 9,604 | 1% | 3,059 | -1% |
| 3 rd | 9,518 | -1% | 3,032 | -1% |
| 4 th | 9,311 | -2% | 3,006 | -1% |
| FY'2011 1 st | 9,191 | -1% | 2,934 | -2% |
| 2 nd | 9,125 | -1% | 2,881 | -2% |
| 3 rd | 9,057 | -1% | 2,865 | -1% |
| 4 th | 9,002 | -1% | 2,872 | * |
| FY'2012 1 st | 8,887 | -1% | 2,818 | -2% |
| 2 nd | 8,887 | --- | 2,807 | * |
| 3 rd | 8,825 | -1% | 2,788 | -1% |
| 4 th | 8,824 | * | 2,792 | * |
| 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% |

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

IX. APPENDIX

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

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

Note: revised counts

Source: ASSIST 6/1983 - 1/1998) and FamilyNet (9/1998 - 3/2014)

**TABLE A2. CASE OPENINGS ⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2014, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/14 - 3/31/14)**

| 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 | 38 | 58% | 14 | 21% | --- | --- | 4 | 6% | --- | --- | 10 | 15% | 66 |
| Holyoke | 70 | 79% | 10 | 11% | --- | --- | 4 | 4% | 3 | 3% | 2 | 2% | 89 |
| North Central | 100 | 66% | 39 | 26% | 1 | 1% | 7 | 5% | 5 | 3% | --- | --- | 152 |
| Pittsfield | 83 | 75% | 13 | 12% | --- | --- | 5 | 5% | 2 | 2% | 7 | 6% | 110 |
| Robert Van Wart | 126 | 75% | 38 | 23% | 1 | 1% | 2 | 1% | --- | --- | 1 | 1% | 168 |
| South Central | 100 | 65% | 46 | 30% | --- | --- | 4 | 3% | 1 | 1% | 3 | 2% | 154 |
| Springfield | 149 | 73% | 42 | 20% | 4 | 2% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 10 | 5% | 205 |
| Worcester East | 87 | 64% | 23 | 17% | 14 | 10% | 3 | 2% | --- | --- | 10 | 7% | 137 |
| Worcester West | 66 | 69% | 11 | 12% | 2 | 2% | 3 | 3% | 2 | 2% | 11 | 12% | 95 |
| Western | 819 | 70% | 236 | 20% | 22 | 2% | 32 | 3% | 13 | 1% | 54 | 5% | 1,176 |
| Cambridge | 39 | 71% | 10 | 18% | 2 | 4% | 1 | 2% | 1 | 2% | 2 | 4% | 55 |
| Cape Ann | 52 | 60% | 19 | 22% | --- | --- | 5 | 6% | 4 | 5% | 6 | 7% | 86 |
| Framingham | 60 | 64% | 22 | 23% | 4 | 4% | 2 | 2% | 3 | 3% | 3 | 3% | 94 |
| Haverhill | 49 | 80% | 8 | 13% | 3 | 5% | 1 | 2% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 61 |
| Lawrence | 35 | 55% | 8 | 13% | 8 | 13% | --- | --- | 1 | 2% | 12 | 19% | 64 |
| Lowell | 106 | 74% | 10 | 7% | 7 | 5% | 7 | 5% | 2 | 1% | 12 | 8% | 144 |
| Lynn | 57 | 62% | 11 | 12% | 12 | 13% | 4 | 4% | 1 | 1% | 7 | 8% | 92 |
| Malden | 82 | 76% | 8 | 7% | --- | --- | 6 | 6% | 7 | 6% | 5 | 5% | 108 |
| Northern | 481 | 68% | 96 | 14% | 36 | 5% | 26 | 4% | 19 | 3% | 47 | 7% | 705 |
| Arlington | 52 | 54% | 33 | 34% | 4 | 4% | 1 | 1% | --- | --- | 6 | 6% | 96 |
| Brockton | 74 | 79% | 5 | 5% | 5 | 5% | 6 | 6% | --- | --- | 4 | 4% | 94 |
| Cape Cod | 70 | 72% | 12 | 12% | 1 | 1% | 1 | 1% | 5 | 5% | 8 | 8% | 97 |
| Coastal | 57 | 69% | 20 | 24% | 3 | 4% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 3 | 4% | 83 |
| Fall River | 99 | 85% | 10 | 9% | 1 | 1% | --- | --- | 3 | 3% | 4 | 3% | 117 |
| New Bedford | 107 | 80% | 15 | 11% | 1 | 1% | 4 | 3% | --- | --- | 7 | 5% | 134 |
| Plymouth | 102 | 78% | 19 | 15% | 1 | 1% | --- | --- | 2 | 2% | 7 | 5% | 131 |
| Taunton/Attleboro | 81 | 69% | 19 | 16% | 4 | 3% | 6 | 5% | --- | --- | 7 | 6% | 117 |
| Southern | 642 | 74% | 133 | 15% | 20 | 2% | 18 | 2% | 10 | 1% | 46 | 5% | 869 |
| Dimock Street | 84 | 85% | 6 | 6% | 4 | 4% | 2 | 2% | --- | --- | 3 | 3% | 99 |
| Harbor | 70 | 69% | 21 | 21% | 1 | 1% | 2 | 2% | --- | --- | 8 | 8% | 102 |
| Hyde Park | 74 | 89% | --- | --- | 5 | 6% | 2 | 2% | --- | --- | 2 | 2% | 83 |
| Park Street | 75 | 74% | 8 | 8% | 7 | 7% | 6 | 6% | 2 | 2% | 3 | 3% | 101 |
| Boston | 303 | 79% | 35 | 9% | 17 | 4% | 12 | 3% | 2 | 1% | 16 | 4% | 385 |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽⁵⁾ | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 4 | 100% | 4 |
| Other ⁽⁶⁾ | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 11 | 100% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 11 |
| Total: | 2,245 | 71% | 500 | 16% | 95 | 3% | 99 | 3% | 44 | 1% | 167 | 5% | 3,150 |

⁽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'2014, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/14 - 3/31/14)**

| 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 | 266 | 67% | 105 | 26% | 2 | 1% | 13 | 3% | 1 | * | 13 | 3% | 400 |
| Holyoke | 356 | 75% | 74 | 16% | 6 | 1% | 11 | 2% | 17 | 4% | 12 | 3% | 476 |
| North Central | 702 | 66% | 296 | 28% | 5 | * | 27 | 3% | 35 | 3% | --- | --- | 1,065 |
| Pittsfield | 707 | 80% | 130 | 15% | 4 | * | 24 | 3% | 16 | 2% | 7 | 1% | 888 |
| Robert Van Wart | 809 | 71% | 280 | 25% | 15 | 1% | 11 | 1% | 10 | 1% | 12 | 1% | 1,137 |
| South Central | 523 | 65% | 224 | 28% | 21 | 3% | 8 | 1% | 3 | * | 26 | 3% | 805 |
| Springfield | 1,090 | 75% | 324 | 22% | 19 | 1% | 3 | * | --- | --- | 23 | 2% | 1,459 |
| Worcester East | 530 | 66% | 119 | 15% | 103 | 13% | 26 | 3% | 8 | 1% | 17 | 2% | 803 |
| Worcester West | 460 | 76% | 95 | 16% | 7 | 1% | 12 | 2% | 13 | 2% | 19 | 3% | 606 |
| Western | 5,443 | 71% | 1,647 | 22% | 182 | 2% | 135 | 2% | 103 | 1% | 129 | 2% | 7,639 |
| Cambridge | 194 | 63% | 93 | 30% | 6 | 2% | 6 | 2% | 5 | 2% | 4 | 1% | 308 |
| Cape Ann | 337 | 65% | 128 | 25% | 2 | * | 18 | 3% | 32 | 6% | 5 | 1% | 522 |
| Framingham | 317 | 68% | 107 | 23% | 22 | 5% | 2 | * | 11 | 2% | 10 | 2% | 469 |
| Haverhill | 357 | 80% | 53 | 12% | 28 | 6% | 3 | 1% | 4 | 1% | --- | --- | 445 |
| Lawrence | 208 | 62% | 43 | 13% | 49 | 15% | 1 | * | 9 | 3% | 25 | 7% | 335 |
| Lowell | 676 | 80% | 56 | 7% | 44 | 5% | 34 | 4% | 17 | 2% | 19 | 2% | 846 |
| Lynn | 266 | 61% | 59 | 14% | 63 | 14% | 17 | 4% | 9 | 2% | 23 | 5% | 437 |
| Malden | 556 | 83% | 31 | 5% | --- | --- | 37 | 6% | 35 | 5% | 10 | 1% | 669 |
| Northern | 2,915 | 72% | 570 | 14% | 214 | 5% | 118 | 3% | 122 | 3% | 96 | 2% | 4,035 |
| Arlington | 255 | 53% | 158 | 33% | 34 | 7% | 15 | 3% | 4 | 1% | 18 | 4% | 484 |
| Brockton | 549 | 83% | 32 | 5% | 54 | 8% | 16 | 2% | 0 | 0% | 14 | 2% | 665 |
| Cape Cod | 421 | 73% | 93 | 16% | 17 | 3% | 5 | 1% | 26 | 5% | 14 | 2% | 576 |
| Coastal | 324 | 62% | 156 | 30% | 12 | 2% | 12 | 2% | --- | --- | 21 | 4% | 525 |
| Fall River | 566 | 79% | 93 | 13% | 10 | 1% | 8 | 1% | 24 | 3% | 11 | 2% | 712 |
| New Bedford | 761 | 82% | 109 | 12% | 8 | 1% | 11 | 1% | 11 | 1% | 33 | 4% | 933 |
| Plymouth | 544 | 76% | 125 | 17% | 2 | * | --- | --- | 17 | 2% | 29 | 4% | 717 |
| Taunton/Attleboro | 459 | 70% | 128 | 19% | 29 | 4% | 22 | 3% | 0 | 0% | 19 | 3% | 657 |
| Southern | 3,879 | 74% | 894 | 17% | 166 | 3% | 89 | 2% | 82 | 2% | 159 | 3% | 5,269 |
| Dimock Street | 397 | 81% | 48 | 10% | 27 | 6% | 11 | 2% | 2 | * | 4 | 1% | 489 |
| Harbor | 405 | 65% | 163 | 26% | 28 | 5% | 13 | 2% | 5 | 1% | 8 | 1% | 622 |
| Hyde Park | 398 | 85% | 28 | 6% | 27 | 6% | 10 | 2% | --- | --- | 8 | 2% | 471 |
| Park Street | 539 | 83% | 50 | 8% | 36 | 6% | 8 | 1% | 15 | 2% | 3 | * | 651 |
| William E. Warren Center | 4 | 100% | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 4 |
| Boston | 1,743 | 78% | 289 | 13% | 118 | 5% | 42 | 2% | 22 | 1% | 23 | 1% | 2,237 |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽⁵⁾ | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 6 | 100% | 6 |
| Other ⁽⁶⁾ | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 13 | 100% | --- | --- | --- | --- | 13 |
| Total: | 13,980 | 73% | 3,400 | 18% | 680 | 4% | 397 | 2% | 329 | 2% | 413 | 2% | 19,199 |

* = 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' 2013, 4TH QUARTER TO FY'2014, 3RD QUARTER**

| TOTAL CASE OPENINGS ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|---------------|----------|----------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Quarters | Western | | Northern | | Southern | | Boston | | Other⁽²⁾ | Total | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | | No. | % |
| FY'2013 - Q4 | 905 | 4% | 479 | * | 659 | 2% | 328 | 4% | 20 | 2,391 | 3% |
| FY'2014 - Q1 | 829 | -8% | 454 | -5% | 664 | 1% | 319 | -3% | 9 | 2,275 | -5% |
| FY'2014 - Q2 | 953 | 15% | 558 | 23% | 774 | 17% | 368 | 15% | 11 | 2,664 | 17% |
| FY'2014 - Q3 | 1,176 | 23% | 705 | 26% | 869 | 12% | 385 | 5% | 15 | 3,150 | 18% |

| PROTECTIVE CASE OPENINGS ⁽³⁾ | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|---------------|----------|----------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Quarters | Western | | Northern | | Southern | | Boston | | Other⁽²⁾ | Total | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | | No. | % |
| FY'2013 - Q4 | 429 | 7% | 186 | * | 353 | 2% | 218 | 6% | --- | 1,186 | 4% |
| FY'2014 - Q1 | 407 | -5% | 196 | 5% | 350 | -1% | 209 | -4% | --- | 1,162 | -2% |
| FY'2014 - Q2 | 494 | 21% | 255 | 30% | 413 | 18% | 241 | 15% | --- | 1,403 | 21% |
| FY'2014 - Q3 | 819 | 66% | 481 | 89% | 642 | 55% | 303 | 26% | --- | 2,245 | 60% |

| ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE CASE OPENINGS ⁽⁴⁾ | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|---------------|----------|----------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Quarters | Western | | Northern | | Southern | | Boston | | Other⁽²⁾ | Total | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | | No. | % |
| FY'2013 - Q4 | 351 | -4% | 203 | 15% | 187 | -9% | 58 | -26% | --- | 799 | -3% |
| FY'2014 - Q1 | 307 | -13% | 174 | -14% | 210 | 12% | 57 | -2% | --- | 748 | -6% |
| 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% |

| VOLUNTARY REQUESTS CASE OPENINGS | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|---------------|----------|----------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Quarters | Western | | Northern | | Southern | | Boston | | Other⁽²⁾ | Total | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | | No. | % |
| FY'2013 - Q4 | 31 | 11% | 19 | -39% | 22 | -8% | 13 | 63% | 15 | 100 | 1% |
| FY'2014 - Q1 | 27 | -13% | 20 | 5% | 18 | -18% | 8 | -38% | 9 | 82 | -18% |
| FY'2014 - Q2 | 29 | 7% | 19 | -5% | 21 | 17% | 9 | 13% | 11 | 89 | 9% |
| FY'2014 - Q3 | 32 | 10% | 26 | 37% | 18 | -14% | 12 | 33% | 11 | 99 | 11% |

| CRA REFERRALS CASE OPENINGS | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|---------------|----------|----------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Quarters | Western | | Northern | | Southern | | Boston | | Other⁽²⁾ | Total | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | | No. | % |
| FY'2013 - Q4 | 21 | 110% | 25 | -7% | 38 | 31% | 26 | 53% | --- | 110 | 13% |
| FY'2014 - Q1 | 11 | -48% | 20 | -20% | 23 | -39% | 19 | -27% | --- | 73 | -34% |
| FY'2014 - Q2 | 15 | 36% | 21 | 5% | 27 | 17% | 19 | * | --- | 82 | 12% |
| FY'2014 - Q3 | 22 | 47% | 36 | 71% | 20 | -26% | 17 | * | --- | 95 | 16% |

| COURT REFERRAL CASE OPENINGS | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|---------------|----------|----------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Quarters | Western | | Northern | | Southern | | Boston | | Other⁽²⁾ | Total | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | | No. | % |
| FY'2013 - Q4 | 14 | -7% | 15 | -12% | 22 | 214% | 4 | 100% | --- | 55 | 34% |
| FY'2014 - Q1 | 18 | 29% | 12 | -20% | 13 | -41% | 6 | 50% | --- | 49 | -11% |
| FY'2014 - Q2 | 10 | -44% | 15 | 25% | 12 | -8% | 6 | * | --- | 43 | -12% |
| FY'2014 - Q3 | 13 | 30% | 19 | 27% | 10 | -17% | 2 | * | --- | 44 | 2% |

| OTHER CASE OPENINGS ⁽⁵⁾ | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|---------------|----------|----------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Quarters | Western | | Northern | | Southern | | Boston | | Other⁽²⁾ | Total | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | | No. | % |
| FY'2013 - Q4 | 59 | 18% | 31 | -26% | 37 | 3% | 9 | 80% | 1 | 137 | 2% |
| FY'2014 - Q1 | 59 | * | 32 | 3% | 50 | 35% | 20 | 122% | --- | 161 | 18% |
| FY'2014 - Q2 | 53 | -10% | 34 | 6% | 38 | -24% | 18 | -10% | --- | 143 | -11% |
| FY'2014 - Q3 | 54 | 2% | 47 | 38% | 46 | 21% | 16 | -11% | --- | 167 | 17% |

% = 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'2014, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/14 - 3/31/14)

| 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 | 209 | 38% | 226 | 41% | 19 | 3% | 101 | 18% | 555 |
| Holyoke | 178 | 31% | 310 | 53% | 37 | 6% | 56 | 10% | 581 |
| North Central | 182 | 26% | 394 | 57% | 4 | 1% | 111 | 16% | 691 |
| Pittsfield | 251 | 32% | 413 | 53% | 1 | * | 116 | 15% | 781 |
| Robert Van Wart | 261 | 31% | 443 | 53% | 12 | 1% | 117 | 14% | 833 |
| South Central | 182 | 26% | 352 | 50% | 1 | * | 171 | 24% | 706 |
| Springfield | 208 | 24% | 487 | 55% | 43 | 5% | 146 | 17% | 884 |
| Worcester East | 98 | 18% | 319 | 57% | 43 | 8% | 100 | 18% | 560 |
| Worcester West | 95 | 18% | 327 | 61% | 40 | 7% | 78 | 14% | 540 |
| Western | 1,664 | 27% | 3,271 | 53% | 200 | 3% | 996 | 16% | 6,131 |
| Cambridge | 95 | 28% | 185 | 54% | 7 | 2% | 58 | 17% | 345 |
| Cape Ann | 198 | 39% | 172 | 34% | 28 | 6% | 108 | 21% | 506 |
| Framingham | 264 | 46% | 196 | 34% | 5 | 1% | 114 | 20% | 579 |
| Haverhill | 187 | 37% | 249 | 49% | 29 | 6% | 40 | 8% | 505 |
| Lawrence | 161 | 31% | 247 | 47% | --- | --- | 117 | 22% | 525 |
| Lowell | 206 | 29% | 365 | 52% | 67 | 9% | 68 | 10% | 706 |
| Lynn | 165 | 37% | 222 | 50% | 1 | * | 54 | 12% | 442 |
| Malden | 170 | 36% | 276 | 58% | 10 | 2% | 21 | 4% | 477 |
| Northern | 1,446 | 35% | 1,912 | 47% | 147 | 4% | 580 | 14% | 4,085 |
| Arlington | 157 | 36% | 126 | 29% | 13 | 3% | 140 | 32% | 436 |
| Brockton | 189 | 38% | 257 | 52% | 7 | 1% | 38 | 8% | 491 |
| Cape Cod | 111 | 24% | 253 | 55% | 9 | 2% | 89 | 19% | 462 |
| Coastal | 105 | 22% | 235 | 50% | 25 | 5% | 109 | 23% | 474 |
| Fall River | 71 | 13% | 348 | 66% | 46 | 9% | 64 | 12% | 529 |
| New Bedford | 71 | 11% | 421 | 68% | 52 | 8% | 78 | 13% | 622 |
| Plymouth | 166 | 31% | 277 | 51% | 14 | 3% | 85 | 16% | 542 |
| Taunton/Attleboro | 114 | 23% | 299 | 61% | 11 | 2% | 69 | 14% | 493 |
| Southern | 984 | 24% | 2,216 | 55% | 177 | 4% | 672 | 17% | 4,049 |
| Dimock Street | 79 | 18% | 305 | 70% | 27 | 6% | 24 | 6% | 435 |
| Harbor | 82 | 22% | 170 | 45% | 17 | 5% | 106 | 28% | 375 |
| Hyde Park | 113 | 29% | 244 | 62% | 14 | 4% | 22 | 6% | 393 |
| Park Street | 190 | 43% | 198 | 45% | 30 | 7% | 20 | 5% | 438 |
| Boston | 464 | 28% | 917 | 56% | 88 | 5% | 172 | 10% | 1,641 |
| Judge Bake Children's Center | 1,545 | 24% | 2,817 | 43% | 1,585 | 24% | 627 | 10% | 6,574 |
| Special Investigation | 188 | 36% | 326 | 63% | 4 | 1% | --- | --- | 518 |
| Total | 6,291 | 27% | 11,459 | 50% | 2,201 | 10% | 3,047 | 13% | 22,998 |

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

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

TABLE A6. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION: FY'2014, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/14 - 3/31/14)

| 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 | 90 | 52% | 84 | 48% | 174 | 64 | 47% | 73 | 53% | 137 | 311 |
| Holyoke | 137 | 55% | 114 | 45% | 251 | 31 | 53% | 28 | 47% | 59 | 310 |
| North Central | 273 | 76% | 87 | 24% | 360 | 100 | 75% | 33 | 25% | 133 | 493 |
| Pittsfield | 205 | 68% | 98 | 32% | 303 | 62 | 52% | 57 | 48% | 119 | 422 |
| Robert Van Wart | 268 | 70% | 115 | 30% | 383 | 95 | 71% | 39 | 29% | 134 | 517 |
| South Central | 169 | 63% | 101 | 37% | 270 | 98 | 55% | 79 | 45% | 177 | 447 |
| Springfield | 355 | 76% | 112 | 24% | 467 | 102 | 75% | 34 | 25% | 136 | 603 |
| Worcester East | 180 | 63% | 104 | 37% | 284 | 39 | 44% | 49 | 56% | 88 | 372 |
| Worcester West | 198 | 56% | 153 | 44% | 351 | 48 | 62% | 29 | 38% | 77 | 428 |
| Contracted Agencies | --- | --- | 1 | 100% | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 |
| Western | 1,875 | 66% | 969 | 34% | 2,844 | 639 | 60% | 421 | 40% | 1,060 | 3,904 |
| Cambridge | 78 | 48% | 86 | 52% | 164 | 43 | 57% | 33 | 43% | 76 | 240 |
| Cape Ann | 99 | 66% | 51 | 34% | 150 | 62 | 48% | 66 | 52% | 128 | 278 |
| Framingham | 112 | 62% | 69 | 38% | 181 | 53 | 49% | 55 | 51% | 108 | 289 |
| Haverhill | 143 | 53% | 129 | 47% | 272 | 32 | 48% | 34 | 52% | 66 | 338 |
| Lawrence | 92 | 47% | 105 | 53% | 197 | 28 | 24% | 88 | 76% | 116 | 313 |
| Lowell | 194 | 64% | 109 | 36% | 303 | 42 | 58% | 31 | 42% | 73 | 376 |
| Lynn | 106 | 65% | 57 | 35% | 163 | 33 | 55% | 27 | 45% | 60 | 223 |
| Malden | 165 | 58% | 121 | 42% | 286 | 20 | 51% | 19 | 49% | 39 | 325 |
| Northern | 989 | 58% | 727 | 42% | 1,716 | 313 | 47% | 353 | 53% | 666 | 2,382 |
| Arlington | 98 | 59% | 69 | 41% | 167 | 64 | 37% | 111 | 63% | 175 | 342 |
| Brockton | 194 | 62% | 118 | 38% | 312 | 17 | 40% | 26 | 60% | 43 | 355 |
| Cape Cod | 144 | 62% | 90 | 38% | 234 | 49 | 43% | 64 | 57% | 113 | 347 |
| Coastal | 137 | 46% | 158 | 54% | 295 | 73 | 46% | 85 | 54% | 158 | 453 |
| Fall River | 237 | 63% | 142 | 37% | 379 | 42 | 40% | 62 | 60% | 104 | 483 |
| New Bedford | 296 | 65% | 160 | 35% | 456 | 62 | 52% | 57 | 48% | 119 | 575 |
| Plymouth | 178 | 61% | 114 | 39% | 292 | 53 | 44% | 68 | 56% | 121 | 413 |
| Taunton/Attleboro | 163 | 58% | 120 | 42% | 283 | 55 | 50% | 56 | 50% | 111 | 394 |
| Contracted Agencies | 1 | 100% | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 |
| Southern | 1,448 | 60% | 971 | 40% | 2,419 | 415 | 44% | 529 | 56% | 944 | 3,363 |
| Dimock Street | 175 | 61% | 110 | 39% | 285 | 19 | 61% | 12 | 39% | 31 | 316 |
| Harbor | 136 | 69% | 61 | 31% | 197 | 68 | 54% | 59 | 46% | 127 | 324 |
| Hyde Park | 142 | 57% | 108 | 43% | 250 | 14 | 39% | 22 | 61% | 36 | 286 |
| Park Street | 173 | 74% | 61 | 26% | 234 | 23 | 66% | 12 | 34% | 35 | 269 |
| Contracted Agencies | --- | --- | 1 | 100% | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 |
| Boston | 626 | 65% | 341 | 35% | 967 | 124 | 54% | 105 | 46% | 229 | 1,196 |
| Judge Baker Children's Center | 898 | 78% | 248 | 22% | 1,146 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1,146 |
| Special Investigations | 63 | 20% | 253 | 80% | 316 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 316 |
| Total | 5,899 | 63% | 3,509 | 37% | 9,408 | 1,491 | 51% | 1,408 | 49% | 2,899 | 12,307 |

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'2013, 4TH QUARTER TO FY'2014, 3RD QUARTER

| CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|------|----------|------|----------|------|--------|------|----------------------------------|------|----------------------|-------------|
| Quarters | Western | | Northern | | Southern | | Boston | | Judge Baker Children's Center | | Total | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | Other ⁽¹⁾ | No. % |
| FY'2013 - Q4 | 6,065 | 9% | 4,056 | 11% | 3,948 | 9% | 1,605 | 7% | 6,322 | 14% | 491 | 22,487 10% |
| FY'2014 - Q1 | 4,994 | -18% | 3,039 | -25% | 3,212 | -19% | 1,246 | -22% | 6,629 | 5% | 475 | 19,595 -13% |
| FY'2014 - Q2 | 5,557 | 11% | 3,684 | 21% | 3,758 | 17% | 1,615 | 30% | 5,955 | -10% | 453 | 21,022 7% |
| FY'2014 - Q3 | 6,131 | 10% | 4,085 | 11% | 4,049 | 8% | 1,641 | 2% | 6,574 | 10% | 518 | 22,998 9% |

| CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------|-----|----------|------|----------|------|--------|------|----------------------------------|------|----------------------|------------|
| Quarters | Western | | Northern | | Southern | | Boston | | Judge Baker Children's Center | | Total | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | Other ⁽¹⁾ | No. % |
| FY'2013 - Q4 | 1,784 | 8% | 863 | 22% | 1,365 | 17% | 783 | 8% | 896 | 18% | 324 | 6,015 14% |
| FY'2014 - Q1 | 1,637 | -8% | 742 | -14% | 1,176 | -14% | 657 | -16% | 950 | 6% | 272 | 5,434 -10% |
| FY'2014 - Q2 | 1,728 | 6% | 865 | 17% | 1,377 | 17% | 822 | 25% | 836 | -12% | 262 | 5,890 8% |
| FY'2014 - Q3 | 2,844 | 65% | 1,716 | 98% | 2,419 | 76% | 967 | 18% | 1,146 | 37% | 316 | 9,408 60% |

| CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INITIAL ASSESSMENTS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|------|----------|------|----------|------|--------|------|----------------------------------|-----|-------|------|
| Quarters | Western | | Northern | | Southern | | Boston | | Judge Baker Children's Center | | Total | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| FY'2013 - Q4 | 1,582 | 8% | 1,109 | 16% | 1,259 | 4% | 263 | 3% | --- | --- | 4,213 | -4% |
| FY'2014 - Q1 | 1,332 | -16% | 796 | -28% | 1,141 | -9% | 197 | -25% | --- | --- | 3,466 | -18% |
| FY'2014 - Q2 | 1,458 | 9% | 1,008 | 27% | 1,180 | 3% | 265 | 35% | --- | --- | 3,911 | 13% |
| FY'2014 - Q3 | 1,060 | -27% | 666 | -34% | 944 | -20% | 229 | -14% | --- | --- | 2,899 | -26% |

* 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'2014 ⁽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 |
| FY'2010, Q1 | 649 | 53% | 568 | 47% | 1,217 |
| FY'2010, Q2 | 727 | 54% | 621 | 46% | 1,348 |
| FY'2010, Q3 | 787 | 56% | 611 | 44% | 1,398 |
| FY'2010, Q4 | 870 | 54% | 753 | 46% | 1,623 |
| FY'2010 Total | 3,033 | 54% | 2,553 | 46% | 5,586 |
| FY'2011, Q1 | 713 | 54% | 603 | 46% | 1,316 |
| FY'2011, Q2 | 729 | 56% | 583 | 44% | 1,312 |
| FY'2011, Q3 | 754 | 54% | 650 | 46% | 1,404 |
| FY'2011, Q4 | 844 | 50% | 835 | 50% | 1,679 |
| FY'2011 Total | 3,040 | 53% | 2,671 | 47% | 5,711 |
| FY'2012, Q1 | 630 | 51% | 616 | 49% | 1,246 |
| FY'2012, Q2 | 764 | 50% | 764 | 50% | 1,528 |
| FY'2012, Q3 | 788 | 52% | 721 | 48% | 1,509 |
| FY'2012, Q4 | 659 | 50% | 661 | 50% | 1,320 |
| FY'2012 Total | 2,841 | 51% | 2,762 | 49% | 5,603 |
| FY'2013, Q1 | 555 | 48% | 598 | 52% | 1,153 |
| FY'2013, Q2 | 618 | 54% | 529 | 46% | 1,147 |
| FY'2013, Q3 | 654 | 53% | 586 | 47% | 1,240 |
| FY'2013, Q4 | 659 | 50% | 658 | 50% | 1,317 |
| FY'2013 Total | 2,486 | 51% | 2,371 | 49% | 4,857 |
| FY'2014, Q1 | 703 | 56% | 551 | 44% | 1,254 |
| FY'2014, Q2 | 659 | 50% | 658 | 50% | 1,317 |
| FY'2014, Q3 | 780 | 53% | 690 | 47% | 1,470 |

⁽¹⁾ DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

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

| Time Period | Sexual Abuse | | Physical Abuse | | Death ⁽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 |
| FY'2010, Q1 | 541 | 81% | 108 | 16% | 15 | 2% | --- | --- | 664 |
| FY'2010, Q2 | 588 | 80% | 137 | 19% | 14 | 2% | --- | --- | 739 |
| FY'2010, Q3 | 639 | 79% | 153 | 19% | 12 | 1% | --- | --- | 804 |
| FY'2010, Q4 | 725 | 81% | 161 | 18% | 10 | 1% | --- | --- | 896 |
| FY'2010 Total | 2,493 | 80% | 559 | 18% | 51 | 2% | --- | --- | 3,103 |
| FY'2011, Q1 | 602 | 83% | 110 | 15% | 15 | 2% | --- | --- | 727 |
| FY'2011, Q2 | 621 | 83% | 111 | 15% | 13 | 2% | --- | --- | 745 |
| FY'2011, Q3 | 637 | 83% | 118 | 15% | 10 | 1% | --- | --- | 765 |
| FY'2011, Q4 | 682 | 78% | 179 | 21% | 9 | 1% | --- | --- | 870 |
| FY'2011 Total | 2,542 | 82% | 518 | 17% | 47 | 2% | --- | --- | 3,107 |
| FY'2012, Q1 | 537 | 84% | 85 | 13% | 21 | 3% | --- | --- | 643 |
| FY'2012, Q2 | 664 | 85% | 111 | 14% | 6 | 1% | --- | --- | 781 |
| FY'2012, Q3 | 673 | 83% | 127 | 16% | 8 | 1% | 1 | * | 809 |
| FY'2012, Q4 | 567 | 84% | 94 | 14% | 12 | 2% | --- | --- | 673 |
| FY'2012 Total | 2,441 | 84% | 417 | 14% | 47 | 2% | --- | --- | 2,906 |
| FY'2013, Q1 | 477 | 84% | 81 | 14% | 9 | 2% | --- | --- | 567 |
| FY'2013, Q2 | 507 | 80% | 118 | 19% | 6 | 1% | --- | --- | 631 |
| FY'2013, Q3 | 537 | 79% | 131 | 19% | 14 | 2% | --- | --- | 682 |
| FY'2013, Q4 | 641 | 82% | 133 | 17% | 11 | 1% | --- | --- | 785 |
| FY'2013 Total | 2,162 | 81% | 463 | 17% | 40 | 2% | --- | --- | 2,665 |
| FY'2014, Q1 | 577 | 80% | 129 | 18% | 12 | 2% | --- | --- | 718 |
| FY'2014, Q2 | 540 | 80% | 125 | 19% | 7 | 1% | --- | --- | 672 |
| FY'2014, Q3 | 664 | 83% | 127 | 16% | 11 | 1% | --- | --- | 802 |

⁽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'2014, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)**

| DCF Region/Area | Consumers with a Goal of Adoption | | | | Total No. |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| | Not Legally Free | | Legally Free | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | |
| Greenfield | 98 | 84% | 19 | 16% | 117 |
| Holyoke | 53 | 70% | 23 | 30% | 76 |
| North Central | 95 | 71% | 38 | 29% | 133 |
| Pittsfield | 84 | 65% | 46 | 35% | 130 |
| Robert Van Wart | 74 | 74% | 26 | 26% | 100 |
| South Central | 98 | 84% | 18 | 16% | 116 |
| Springfield | 86 | 68% | 41 | 32% | 127 |
| Worcester East | 66 | 73% | 25 | 27% | 91 |
| Worcester West | 57 | 71% | 23 | 29% | 80 |
| Western | 711 | 73% | 259 | 27% | 970 |
| Cambridge | 13 | 68% | 6 | 32% | 19 |
| Cape Ann | 3 | 100% | --- | --- | 3 |
| Framingham | 38 | 67% | 19 | 33% | 57 |
| Haverhill | 24 | 57% | 18 | 43% | 42 |
| Lawrence | 23 | 55% | 19 | 45% | 42 |
| Lowell | 43 | 61% | 28 | 39% | 71 |
| Lynn | 85 | 58% | 61 | 42% | 146 |
| Malden | 14 | 70% | 6 | 30% | 20 |
| Northern | 243 | 61% | 157 | 39% | 400 |
| Arlington | 23 | 82% | 5 | 18% | 28 |
| Brockton | 28 | 38% | 46 | 62% | 74 |
| Cape Cod | 15 | 38% | 24 | 62% | 39 |
| Coastal | 21 | 38% | 34 | 62% | 55 |
| Fall River | 69 | 55% | 56 | 45% | 125 |
| New Bedford | 68 | 50% | 67 | 50% | 135 |
| Plymouth | 35 | 51% | 33 | 49% | 68 |
| Taunton/Attleboro | 36 | 54% | 31 | 46% | 67 |
| Southern | 295 | 50% | 296 | 50% | 591 |
| Dimock Street | 65 | 73% | 24 | 27% | 89 |
| Harbor | 19 | 37% | 32 | 63% | 51 |
| Hyde Park | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Park Street | 40 | 66% | 21 | 34% | 61 |
| Boston | 124 | 62% | 77 | 38% | 201 |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾ | 108 | 53% | 97 | 47% | 205 |
| Total | 1,481 | 63% | 886 | 37% | 2,367 |

⁽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'2014, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/14)**

| DCF Region/Area | Consumers with a Goal of Adoption | | | | Total No. |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| | Not Matched | | Matched | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | |
| Greenfield | 21 | 18% | 96 | 82% | 117 |
| Holyoke | 17 | 22% | 59 | 78% | 76 |
| North Central | 36 | 27% | 97 | 73% | 133 |
| Pittsfield | 42 | 32% | 88 | 68% | 130 |
| Robert Van Wart | 44 | 44% | 56 | 56% | 100 |
| South Central | 61 | 53% | 55 | 47% | 116 |
| Springfield | 36 | 28% | 91 | 72% | 127 |
| Worcester East | 67 | 74% | 24 | 26% | 91 |
| Worcester West | 30 | 38% | 50 | 63% | 80 |
| Western | 354 | 36% | 616 | 64% | 970 |
| Cambridge | 2 | 11% | 17 | 89% | 19 |
| Cape Ann | 3 | 100% | --- | --- | 3 |
| Framingham | 20 | 35% | 37 | 65% | 57 |
| Haverhill | 16 | 38% | 26 | 62% | 42 |
| Lawrence | 12 | 29% | 30 | 71% | 42 |
| Lowell | 25 | 35% | 46 | 65% | 71 |
| Lynn | 50 | 34% | 96 | 66% | 146 |
| Malden | 9 | 45% | 11 | 55% | 20 |
| Northern | 137 | 34% | 263 | 66% | 400 |
| Arlington | 11 | 39% | 17 | 61% | 28 |
| Brockton | 21 | 28% | 53 | 72% | 74 |
| Cape Cod | 14 | 36% | 25 | 64% | 39 |
| Coastal | 9 | 16% | 46 | 84% | 55 |
| Fall River | 47 | 38% | 78 | 62% | 125 |
| New Bedford | 44 | 33% | 91 | 67% | 135 |
| Plymouth | 26 | 38% | 42 | 62% | 68 |
| Taunton/Attleboro | 14 | 21% | 53 | 79% | 67 |
| Southern | 186 | 31% | 405 | 69% | 591 |
| Dimock Street | 23 | 26% | 66 | 74% | 89 |
| Harbor | 28 | 55% | 23 | 45% | 51 |
| Hyde Park | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Park Street | 43 | 70% | 18 | 30% | 61 |
| Boston | 94 | 47% | 107 | 53% | 201 |
| Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾ | 90 | 44% | 115 | 56% | 205 |
| Total | 861 | 36% | 1,506 | 64% | 2,367 |

⁽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