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OBSERVATIONS (Regional and Statewide)

Consumer and Case Counts

- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2009, DCF had 25,939 open cases (1,834 adoption cases and 24,105 clinical cases). A total of 86,776 consumers¹ (41,386 adults and 45,390 children) were being served. Case counts ranged from 3,390 in the Boston Region to 5,444 in the Southeastern Region. (**Table 1** on page 7)
- From the 2nd to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2009, consumer counts increased less than 1% and case counts rose 1%. The consumer population typically drops in the summer quarter (Q1) then rises and levels off during the school quarters (Q2-Q4). This seasonal pattern is related to the rise and fall of child abuse and neglect reports and investigations throughout the year. (**Figs. 1 and 2** on page 8, **Figs. 20 and 21** on page 55)
- The number of children less than 18 years old in placement increased 1% from the 2nd to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2009 (see table below). The highest number of children less than 18 years old in placement was recorded in 1995 (13,302, see below).
- The count of open consumers surged to 87,176 in the 4th quarter of FY'2008 and has remained at record levels during the subsequent three quarters (see table below). This peak value can be attributed to: a prolonged growth in the numbers of adults 18 years or older, and youth 18 years or older in placement; and a more recent surge in children not in placement.

Month/Year	All Consumers	All Children <18 yrs	Children in Placement <18 yrs	Month/Year	All Consumers	All Children <18 yrs	Children in Placement <18 yrs
6/1983	61,786	33,516	NA	1/1998	70,092	40,574	11,227
6/1984	73,111	38,683	7,024	9/1998	68,331	38,507	10,872
6/1985	75,935	40,628	7,779	6/1999	69,494	39,144	10,134
6/1986	74,769	40,511	8,041	6/2000	72,423	40,691	9,676
6/1987	66,033	37,497	8,075	6/2001	73,116	40,069	9,955
6/1988	67,658	38,792	8,661	6/2002	70,688	38,442	10,033
6/1989	70,052	40,497	9,544	6/2003	75,247	40,341	10,233
6/1990	80,090	46,403	10,998	6/2004	77,368*	42,023*	9,967*
6/1991	81,975	47,922	12,392	6/2005	77,305*	41,773*	9,709*
6/1992	72,128	42,367	12,379	6/2006	78,014*	41,690*	9,459*
6/1993	72,340	42,656	12,763	6/2007	78,535*	41,550*	9,109*
6/1994	72,879	43,074	13,194	6/2008	87,176	45,730	9,281
6/1995	73,032	42,997	13,302	9/2008	85,056	44,528	8,963
6/1996	72,638	42,551	12,736	12/2008	86,371	45,184	8,729
6/1997	74,921	43,570	12,193	3/2009	86,776	45,390	8,794

* revised counts

Source: ASSIST (6/1983-1/1998) and FamilyNet (9/1998-3/2009)

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

Consumers in Placement

- There were 10,424 individuals in placement on the last day of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2009. Included in this count are 8,794 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,630 young adults (18 to 23 years old). (Table 1)
- The placement population was distributed across DCF service regions as follows: 20% in the Western Region, 20% in the Southeastern Region, 17% in the Northeastern Region, 14% in the Central Region, 13% in the Metro Region, and 13% in the Boston Region. (Table 1)
- Statewide, 19% (or 8,794) 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: 20% in Metro, 19% in the West, 19% in Central, 19% in the Southeast, 18% in the Northeast, and 18% in Boston. (Table 2 on page 9)
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield, Greenfield, Coastal, and Fall River Area Offices had the highest proportions in placement. The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Van Wart, Harbor, Plymouth, and Lawrence Area Offices. (Table 2)
- From the 2nd to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2009, the number of children in placement rose 1% statewide. Regional changes ranged from -2% in Central to 5% in the Southeast. In the past, decreases in quarterly counts of children in placement occurred most often in the 1st and 4th quarters while increases were more common in the 3rd quarter. (Fig. 3 on page 10)

Children Not in Placement

- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2009, there were 36,596 children less than 18 years old with an active case status who were not in placement. From the 2nd to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2009, counts of children not in placement increased less than 1% statewide. Regional changes ranged from -2% in Metro to 4% in Boston. Quarterly counts of children not in placement display a fluctuating pattern with a distinct drop during the first quarter (summer vacation). (Fig. 4 on page 10)

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

- On the last day of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2009, the consumer population included 45,390 (52%) children less than 18 years old and 41,386 (48%) adults 18 years or older. Fifty-two percent of all consumers were identified as female, 47% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Thirty-five percent (16,102) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). (Table 1, Fig. 5 on page 11)
- Forty-eight percent of all children receiving DCF services were female. In contrast, 56% of all adults receiving services were female. (Fig. 5)

- The statewide caseload was comprised of 55% White, 16% Black, 2% Asian, 3% Multi-Racial, and less than 1% Native American consumers. The category “Unable to Determine” was recorded for 14% of consumers. Selection of “Unable to Determine” for race often coincides with self-identification as Hispanic/Latino. Race was not recorded (missing) for 9% of consumers. **(Table 3A on page 12, Figs. 6A and 6B on page 13)**
- Of the total consumer population, 25% (21,740 consumers) were of Hispanic origin. Regionally, the highest proportions (and numbers) of Hispanic consumers were in the West and Northeast. Hispanic origin could not be determined for 3% of DCF consumers. Hispanic origin was not recorded (missing) for 12% of DCF consumers. **(Table 3B on page 12, Figs. 6C and 6D on page 14)**
- The Boston Region’s caseload was comprised of 45% Black and 21% White consumers (5,159 and 2,448 consumers, respectively). Asians were most prominent in the Northeast--7% of the caseload (964 consumers, mainly Cambodian). **(Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B)**
- The West, Northeast, Boston, and Central Regions had the highest numbers (and proportions) of consumers who were Hispanic/Latino and whose race could not be determined. **(Figs. 3A and 3B)**

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

Race	Children Less than 18 Years Old								
	State Census ² 2000	DCF Not in Substitute Care 3/31/09	DCF All in Substitute Care* 3/31/09	DCF Foster Care 3/31/09	DCF Congregate Care** 3/31/09	DCF All Care w/Goal of Adoption 3/31/09	DCF All Care w/Goal of Guardianship 3/31/09	DCF Adoptions Legalized FY'2008	DCF Guardianships Legalized FY'2008
White	79%	56%	59%	59%	60%	59%	59%	62%	61%
Black	7%	17%	19%	18%	22%	18%	20%	15%	17%
Asian	4%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	<1%	2%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	----	----	----
Multi-Racial	4%	4%	6%	6%	4%	9%	5%	8%	5%
Other/Unknown	6%	21%	14%	15%	12%	13%	14%	14%	15%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	1,500,064	36,596	8,794	6,679	1,707	2,437	566	780	543
Hispanic Origin ³ Yes	11%	31%	26%	27%	23%	25%	28%	27%	25%
Hispanic Origin No	89%	62%	69%	68%	73%	69%	68%	66%	72%
Hispanic Origin Unknown	----	7%	5%	5%	4%	7%	4%	7%	3%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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

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

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

² U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder (factfinder.census.gov), Decennial Census, Census 2000 Summary, File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data, Detailed Tables (P12, P12A-H), Select Geography.

³ Children of any race who are Hispanic

Table B. Census 2000: Children less than 18 Years old residing in the 11 largest cities in Massachusetts⁴

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

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

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

⁴ Selection of cities was based on total population (adults and children).

⁵ Children of any race who are Hispanic

Preferred Language of Consumers

- The Western, Northeastern, and Boston Regions had the highest proportions (and numbers) of Spanish-speaking consumers, 8% (1,380 consumers), 8% (1,179), and 10% (1,105), respectively. Khmer (Cambodian) was the preferred language of 331 DCF consumers (<1%). Khmer-speaking consumers were mainly concentrated in the Northeast. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Portuguese (Southeast and Metro), Haitian Creole (Metro and Boston), Cape Verdean Creole (Southeast and Boston), Vietnamese (Boston), Chinese (Metro), and Lao (Northeast). (Table 4 on page 15)
- From 1987 to 1997, there were substantial increases in consumers whose preferred languages were Khmer, Lao, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and Spanish. In the following decade (1997-2007), there were declines in consumers from all of these language groups. Although there was a decline in consumers with these preferred /primary languages, there was not a decline in 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 fluent in their native language make up a smaller proportion of their community. (See table below)
- Comparing DCF consumers by type of preferred language on June 2007 and March 2009, showed an increase in consumers with the following languages: Spanish 16%, Portuguese 12%, Haitian Creole 18%, Cape Verdean Creole 48%, Chinese 59%, and Lao 120% (See table below). The large growth in some of the language groups may reflect a greater effort being made to identify and record the preferred language of these consumers. During this period, the count of total consumers increased 10% (mostly due to English-speaking consumers).

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Primary Language	Consumers Jul. 1987 No.	Consumers Jul. 1997 No.	Consumers Jun. 2007 No.	Consumers Mar. 2009 No.	1987-1997 Change %	1997-2007 Change %
English/Unspecified*	60,784	66,404	71,398	78,640	9%	8%
Spanish	3,664	6,334	4,516	5,229	73%	-29%
Khmer Cambodian	253	851	356	331	236%	-58%
Portuguese	530	380	303	338	-28%	-20%
Haitian Creole	175	360	260	308	106%	-28%
Cape Verdean Creole	174	247	146	216	42%	-41%
Vietnamese	146	273	167	142	87%	-39%
Chinese	71	61	54	86	-14%	-11%
American Sign Language	47	23	41	52	-51%	78%
Lao	30	74	20	44	147%	-73%
Other	213	310	1,459	1,390	46%	371%
Total	66,087	75,317	78,720	86,776	14%	5%

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

TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DSS REGION: FY'2009, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)

Case Counts:	DCF Geographic Region						Adoption		Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
Adoption	371	275	266	242	347	183	149	1	1,834
Clinical	4,805	3,399	4,185	3,344	5,097	3,207	3	65	24,105
Total	5,176	3,674	4,451	3,586	5,444	3,390	152	66	25,939
Consumer Counts:									
Adults: ⁽³⁾									
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	254	172	357	229	307	245	---	29	1,593
Other ⁽⁶⁾	3	1	6	3	3	8	---	2	26
On the Run	---	3	1	2	1	4	---	---	11
Total in Placement	257	176	364	234	311	257	---	31	1,630
Not in Placement	8,114	5,720	6,427	5,426	8,724	5,326	---	19	39,756
Total Adults	8,371	5,896	6,791	5,660	9,035	5,583	---	50	41,386
Children:									
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	1,771	1,259	1,342	1,088	1,688	987	228	23	8,386
Other ⁽⁶⁾	48	36	58	30	36	33	---	---	241
On the Run	48	12	30	19	29	28	1	---	167
Total in Placement	1,867	1,307	1,430	1,137	1,753	1,048	229	23	8,794
Not in Placement	7,777	5,509	6,431	4,570	7,478	4,819	8	4	36,596
Total Children	9,644	6,816	7,861	5,707	9,231	5,867	237	27	45,390
Total	18,015	12,712	14,652	11,367	18,266	11,450	237	77	86,776

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

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

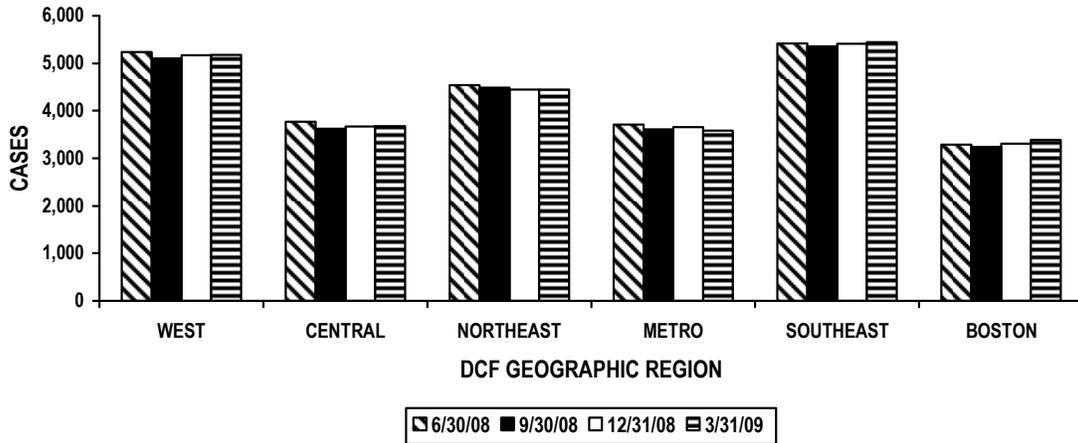
⁽³⁾ Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

⁽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. CASE COUNT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, END OF 4TH QUARTER TO FY'2009, END OF 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, END OF 4TH QUARTER TO FY'2009, END OF 3RD QUARTER)**

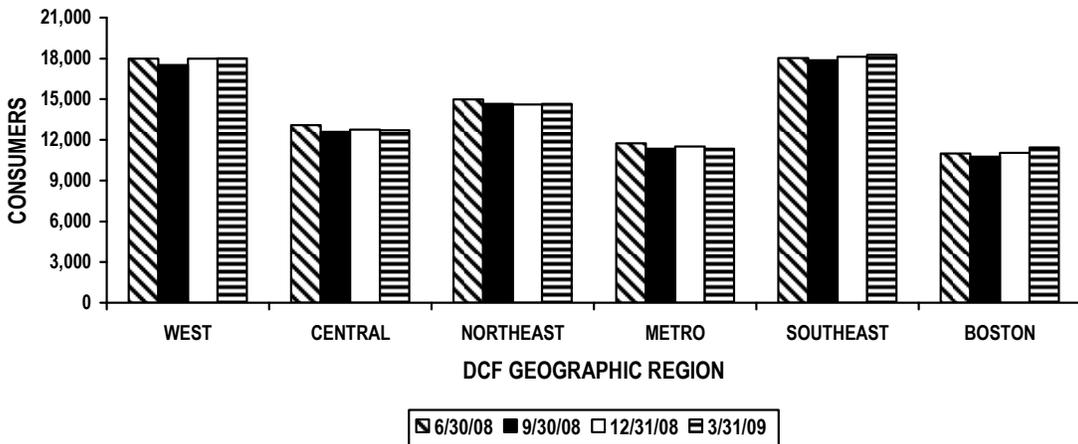
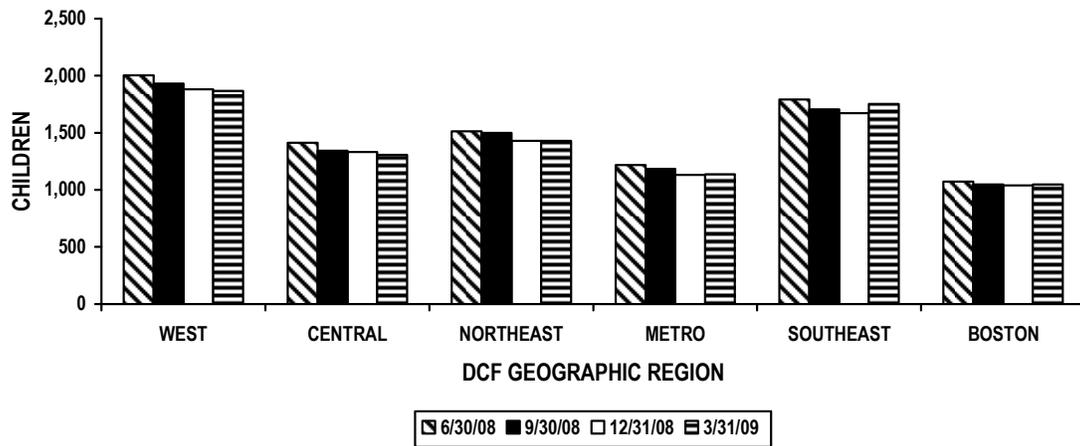


TABLE 2. CHILD⁽¹⁾ CASELOAD BY DCF AREA OFFICE: FY'2009, End of 2ND QUARTER 12/31/08)

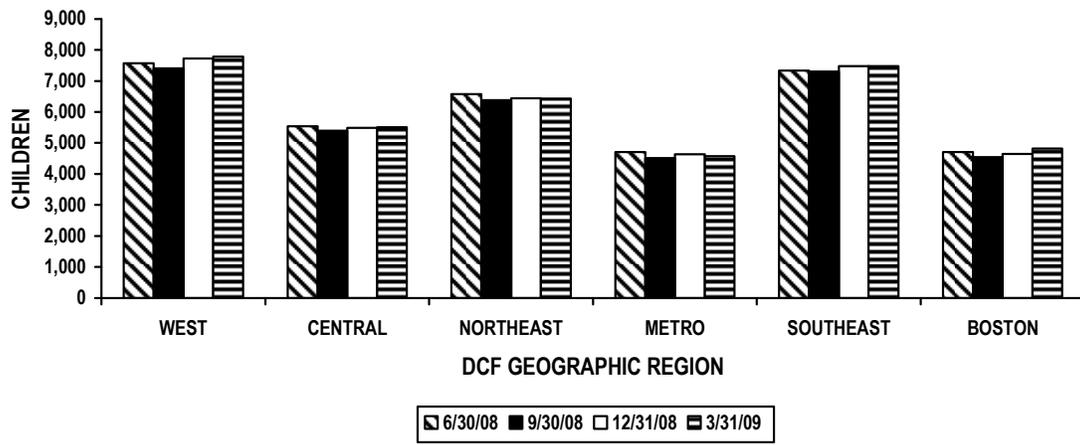
DCF Region/Area	Not in Placement	In Placement	Total Child Caseload	% in Placement
Greenfield	973	295	1,268	23%
Holyoke	1,618	383	2,001	19%
Pittsfield	973	380	1,353	28%
Robert Van Wart	2,171	352	2,523	14%
Springfield	1,980	466	2,446	19%
Contracted Agencies	15	5	15	33%
West	7,730	1,881	9,611	20%
North Central	1,577	337	1,914	18%
South Central	1,190	278	1,468	19%
Worcester East	1,522	400	1,922	21%
Worcester West	1,184	314	1,498	21%
Contracted Agencies	7	4	11	36%
Central	5,480	1,333	6,813	20%
Cape Ann	992	223	1,215	18%
Haverhill	956	229	1,185	19%
Lawrence	1,397	290	1,687	17%
Lowell	1,898	405	2,303	18%
Lynn	1,191	282	1,473	19%
Contracted Agencies	3	---	3	---
Northeast	6,437	1,429	7,866	18%
Arlington	839	228	1,067	21%
Cambridge	697	164	861	19%
Coastal	958	291	1,249	23%
Framingham	894	208	1,102	19%
Malden	1,246	234	1,480	16%
Contracted Agencies	10	6	16	38%
Metro	4,644	1,131	5,775	20%
Attleboro	975	215	1,190	18%
Brockton	1,418	277	1,695	16%
Cape Cod	897	203	1,100	18%
Fall River	1,181	341	1,522	22%
New Bedford	1,694	423	2,117	20%
Plymouth	1,301	207	1,508	14%
Contracted Agencies	16	4	20	20%
Southeast	7,482	1,670	9,152	18%
Dimock Street	893	231	1,124	21%
Harbor	1,297	226	1,523	15%
Hyde Park	888	242	1,130	21%
Park Street	1,570	339	1,909	18%
Contracted Agencies	---	2	2	100%
Boston	4,648	1,040	5,688	18%
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	28	222	250	89%
Other ⁽³⁾	6	23	29	79%
Total	36,455	8,729	45,184	19%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

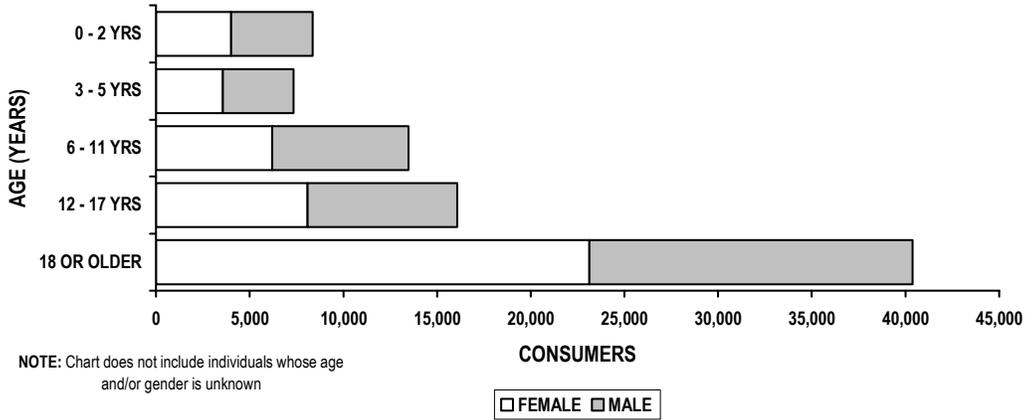
**FIGURE 3. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, END OF 4TH QUARTER TO FY'2009, END OF 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 4. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, END OF 4TH QUARTER TO FY'2009, END OF 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 5. AGE AND SEX OF CONSUMERS: STATEWIDE
FY'2009, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)**



Age (Yrs)	Sex			Total
	Female	Male	Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	
0 - 2	4,000	4,347	44	8,391
3 - 5	3,569	3,783	32	7,384
6 - 11	6,209	7,254	33	13,496
12 - 17	8,089	7,983	30	16,102
18 or older	23,128	17,256	540	40,924
Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	69	204	206	479
Total	45,064	40,827	885	86,776

⁽¹⁾ Unspecified includes 462 individuals with the role "Consumer Adult" and 17 individuals with the role "Consumer Child" whose ages were unknown and 885 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.

TABLE 3A. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2009, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)

Race	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption		Total No. %			
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾			Other ⁽²⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%	
White	9,764	54%	8,124	64%	8,553	58%	6,890	61%	12,137	66%	2,448	21%	103	43%	7	9%	48,026	55%
Black	1,977	11%	1,097	9%	1,169	8%	1,881	17%	2,642	14%	5,159	45%	43	18%	52	68%	14,020	16%
Asian	78	*	124	1%	964	7%	303	3%	104	1%	265	2%	4	2%	16	21%	1,858	2%
Native American	20	*	31	*	24	*	14	*	71	*	13	*	1	*	---	---	174	*
Other ⁽³⁾	24	*	7	*	13	*	4	*	15	*	9	*	---	---	---	---	72	*
Multi-Racial	490	3%	424	3%	507	3%	280	2%	625	3%	178	2%	29	12%	---	---	2,533	3%
Unable to Determine	3,284	18%	1,993	16%	2,667	18%	1,042	9%	1,107	6%	2,382	21%	57	24%	2	3%	12,534	14%
Missing	2,378	13%	912	7%	755	5%	953	8%	1,565	9%	996	9%	---	---	---	---	7,559	9%
Total	18,015	100%	12,712	100%	14,652	100%	11,367	100%	18,266	100%	11,450	100%	237	100%	77	100%	86,776	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

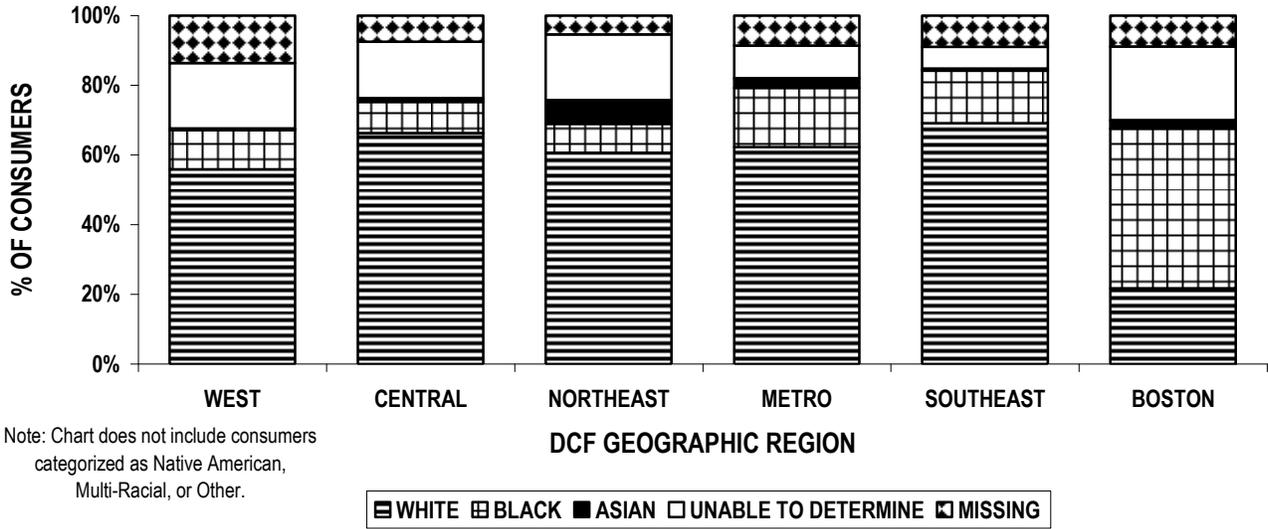
⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.**TABLE 3B. HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2009, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)**

Origin	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption		Total No. %			
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽²⁾			Other ⁽³⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%	
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	5,850	32%	3,483	27%	4,809	33%	1,649	15%	2,262	12%	3,607	32%	67	28%	13	17%	21,740	25%
Not Hispanic/Latino	8,853	49%	7,523	59%	8,304	57%	7,541	66%	12,960	71%	6,073	53%	148	62%	59	77%	51,461	59%
Unable to Determine	743	4%	417	3%	452	3%	454	4%	585	3%	358	3%	22	9%	1	1%	3,032	3%
Missing	2,569	14%	1,289	10%	1,087	7%	1,723	15%	2,459	13%	1,412	12%	---	---	4	5%	10,543	12%
Total	18,015	100%	12,712	100%	14,652	100%	11,367	100%	18,266	100%	11,450	100%	237	100%	77	100%	86,776	100%

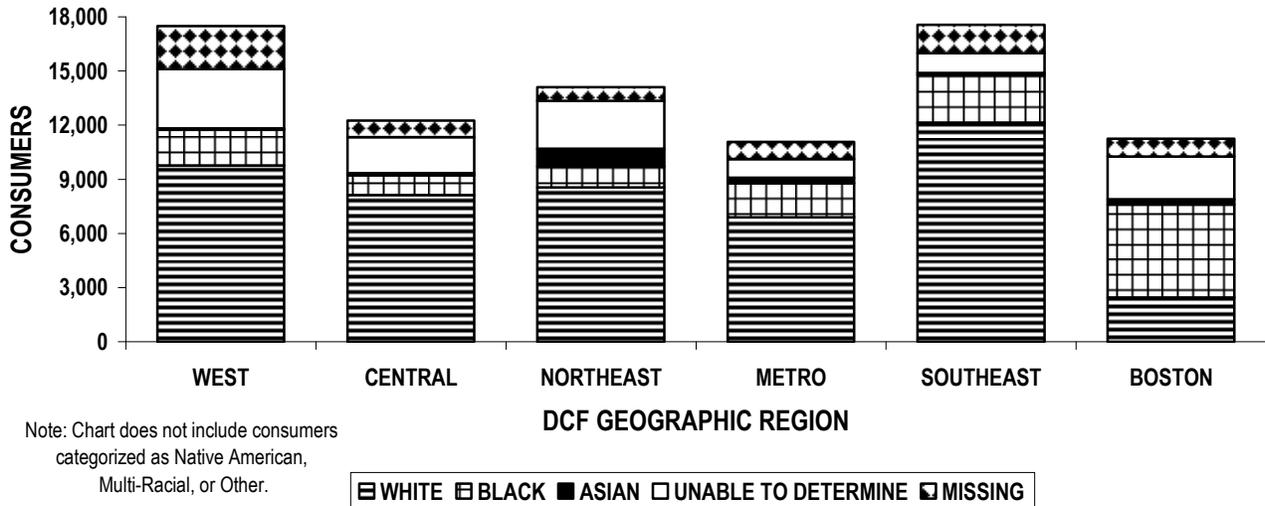
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

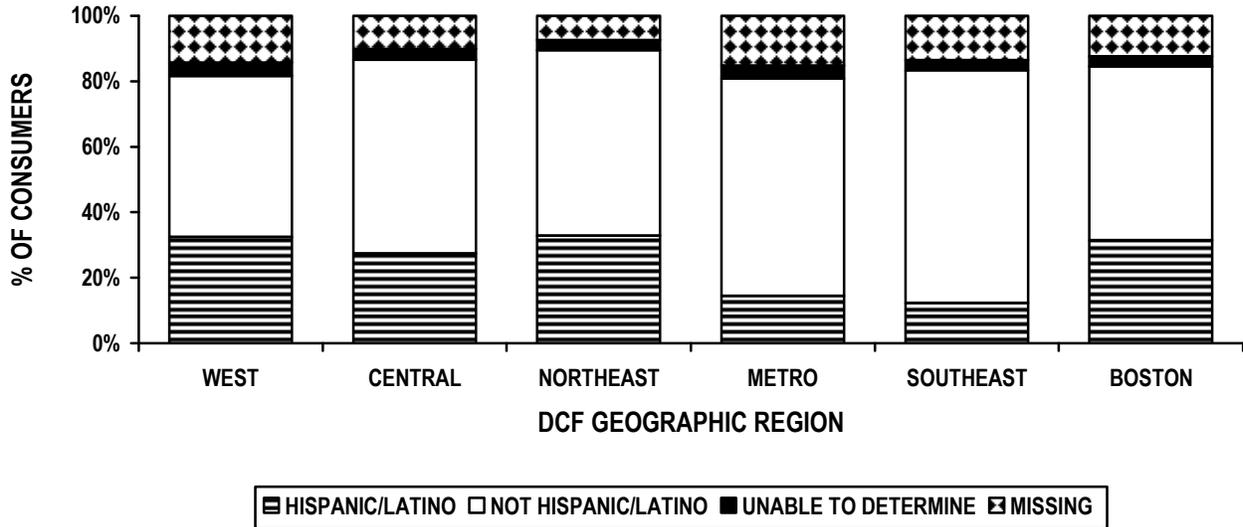
**FIGURE 6A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'09, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)**



**FIGURE 6B. REGIONAL COUNT OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'09, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)**



**FIGURE 6C. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN
FY'09, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)**



**FIGURE 6D. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN
FY'09, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)**

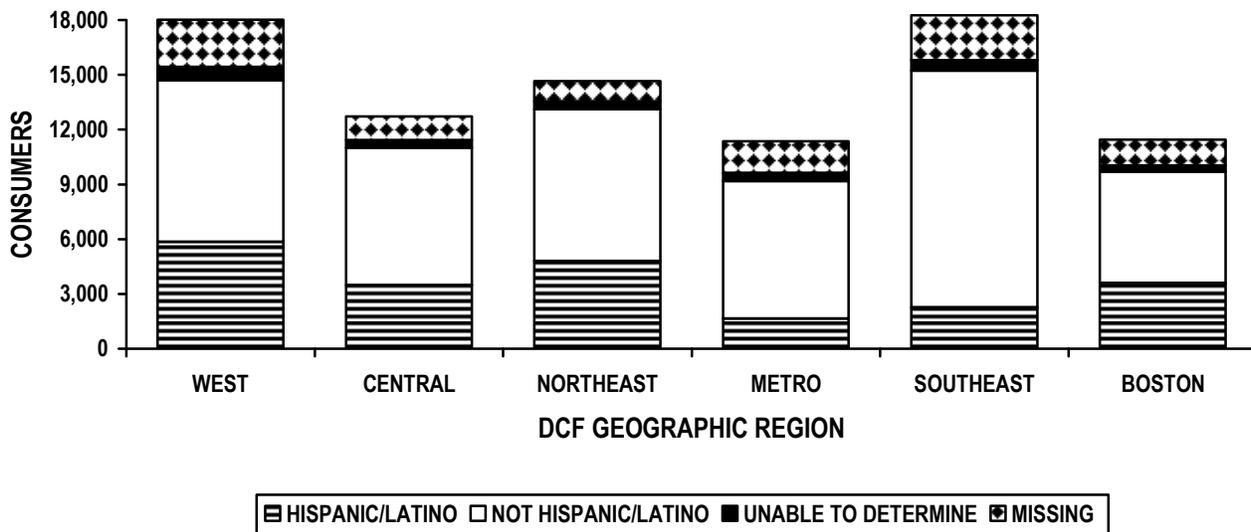


TABLE 4. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2009, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)

Primary Language	DCF Geographic Region														Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾ Other ⁽²⁾		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston							
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Spanish	1,380	8%	728	6%	1,179	8%	417	4%	396	2%	1,105	10%	10	4%	14	18%	5,229	6%
Khmer (Cambodian)	8	*	3	*	264	2%	4	*	38	*	14	*	---	---	---	---	331	*
Portuguese	2	*	40	*	30	*	112	1%	117	1%	37	*	---	---	---	---	338	*
Haitian Creole	1	*	5	*	14	*	139	1%	58	*	91	1%	---	---	---	---	308	*
Cape Verdean Creole	---	---	---	---	3	*	3	*	110	1%	100	1%	---	---	---	---	216	*
Vietnamese	7	*	23	*	14	*	30	*	---	---	68	1%	---	---	---	---	142	*
Chinese	---	---	5	*	13	*	49	*	3	*	13	*	---	---	3	4%	86	*
Lao	2	*	3	*	39	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	44	*
American Sign Language	7	*	6	*	10	*	10	*	9	*	10	*	---	---	---	---	52	*
Other	351	2%	200	2%	153	1%	182	2%	295	2%	174	2%	1	*	34	44%	1,390	2%
English\Unspecified	16,257	90%	11,699	92%	12,933	88%	10,421	92%	17,240	94%	9,838	86%	226	95%	26	34%	78,640	91%
Total	18,015	100%	12,712	100%	14,652	100%	11,367	100%	18,266	100%	11,450	100%	237	100%	77	100%	86,776	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.

Profile of Consumers in Placement⁶

Foster and Congregate Care

- There were 7,902 consumers in foster care and 2,007 consumers in congregate care⁷ on the last day of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2009. Foster care populations were highest in the Western and Southeastern Regions. The number of consumers in congregate care was greatest in the Southeastern, Metro, and Northeastern Regions. **(Table 5A on page 24)**
- The largest age group in foster care was 12-17 years (30-34% range across regions). Among regions, the West, Southeast, and Northeast had the highest numbers of adolescents in foster care, 564, 468, and 439, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Adolescents were the primary age group in congregate care, ranging from 64% to 75% across the regions. The Southeastern and Metro Regions had the largest adolescent populations in congregate care, 301 and 297, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Consumers in “Other” placement locations⁸ were primarily adolescents (75-84% regional range). **(Table 5A)**
- There were 2,095 consumers in “Intensive” foster care⁹ (IFC) and 5,807 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (39% of consumers), kinship (31%), child specific (10%), pre-adoptive (8%), and independent living (13%). **(Table 5B on page 25)**
- The West (430), Northeast (364), and Southeast (348) had the highest numbers of consumers in IFC. **(Table 5B)**.
- A breakdown of Departmental foster care showed the West had the largest number of consumers in unrestricted, child-specific, and pre-adoptive foster care. The Southeast had the most consumers in kinship care. Consumers in independent living were highest in the Northeast. **(Fig. 7B on page 27, Table 5B)**

⁶Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 to 23 years old.

⁷Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

⁸“Other” includes locations like hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies, as well as children on the run from placement.

⁹Intensive Foster Care encompasses and expands upon services formerly known as “Contracted” Foster Care (Therapeutic, Diagnostic, Independent Living, Emergency Shelter, and Other models). IFC programs provide therapeutic services and supports in a family-based placement setting to children and youth for whom a traditional foster care environment is not sufficiently supportive, who are transitioning from a residential/group home level of care and require the intensity of services available through this program, or who are being discharged from a hospital setting.

- The proportions of consumers in different types of departmental foster care are displayed for each region in Figure 7A. Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West. Metro, Central, Southeast, and Northeast had the largest proportions of consumers in kinship homes. Consumers in child-specific homes were most evident in Central. The Metro, Central, and Western Regions had the highest proportions of consumers in pre-adoptive homes. Consumers in independent living were proportionally higher in the Northeast as compared to the other regions. (**Fig. 7A** on page 27)
- The major congregate care programs were group homes (898 consumers), residential (833), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)¹⁰ (346 consumers). (**Table 5C** on page 26)
- The proportions of consumers in different types of congregate care are shown for each region in Figure 8A. The Northeastern and Western Regions had the highest proportions of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential placements was most significant in Boston. Children in STARR placements were more prevalent in the Southeastern Region. (**Fig. 8A** on page 28)
- The number of consumers in group homes was highest in the Northeast. The Southeast and Metro had the most consumers in residential. The Southeast had the most children in the STARR program. (**Fig. 8B** on page 28)
- Consumers in the residential program were mostly situated in Residential schools.¹¹ (**Table 5C**)
- The primary models in the group home program were behavioral treatment residence (BTR) (381 consumers), group home (353), and independent living (164). (**Table 5C**)
- From the 2nd to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2009, there was a statewide increase of 2% in foster care children and a decrease of -3% in congregate care children.¹² Regional changes in the foster care population ranged from -2% in the West to 6% in the Southeast. Changes in the congregate care population ranged from less than 1% in the West to -6% in Central. (**Figs. 9 and 10** on page 29).

¹⁰ Services focused on supporting a rapid reintegration or transition to a next placement.

¹¹ 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).

¹² Both foster care and congregate care include young adults 18 years or older.

- Declines in the numbers of consumers in placement, foster care, and congregate care most often occur in the 4th and 1st quarters. Seasonal variation is not the only contributing factor. Counts of placement children have shown a steady decline since at least 2003 (See table on page 1). In contrast, declines in quarterly counts of children not in placement and total consumers (adults and children) occur predominantly in the 4th quarter. This seasonal decline coincides with the pattern for reports, investigations, and case intakes via child maltreatment.

All Placement Locations (Combined Counts)

- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2009, the statewide placement population was comprised of 52% boys and 48% girls. Regionally, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state (**Table 6A** on page 30, **Fig. 11A** on page 32). The proportions of male and female children in the placement population were similar to the general population.¹³
- Statewide, 58% of all consumers in placement were White, 20% were Black, 2% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 5% were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 14% of the placement population. (**Table 6A, Fig. 11A**)
- The proportion of minority consumers in placement, as with the local population, was highest in the Boston Region. (**Table 6A**)
- Of the total placement population, 26% (2,673 consumers) self-identified as being of Hispanic origin. Hispanic consumers were most prevalent in the Northeastern and Western Regions. (**Table 6A, Fig. 11A**)
- Race could not be determined for a relatively large number of consumers in placement in the Western, Northeastern, Central, and Boston Regions. These high values may be attributable to the large number of Hispanic consumers in placement, who may not self-identify with any of the racial categories. (**Table 6A**)
- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DCF Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 40% to 46%. (**Table 6B** on page 31)
- The number of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 176 in the Central Region to 364 in the Northeastern Region. (**Table 6B**)

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

- The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were Family Reunification (34% of all consumers in placement), Adoption (23%), and Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement¹⁴ (APPLA) (21%). Regionally, the Southeast and West had the highest numbers of consumers in placement with a goal of reunifying the family. The West had the highest number of consumers in placement with a goal of adoption. The Northeast and Southeast had the most consumers in placement with a goal of APPLA. (**Table 6B, Fig. 11B** on page 33)
- The remaining service plan goals were: Permanent Care with Kin¹⁵ (7% of all consumers in placement), Guardianship (6%), and Stabilization of Family (5%).
- On 3/31/2009, 36% of the statewide placement population had a length of stay of 2 or more years¹⁶, 21% had been in continuous care between 1 and 2 years, and 43% for 1 year or less. (**Table 6B, Fig. 11B**)
- The Northeast had the highest proportion of consumers in continuous care¹⁷ for more than two years (39%). Central had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (47%). The Southeast and West had the largest numbers of consumers in care for one year or less (954 and 876, respectively). The West and Northeast had the largest numbers of consumers in care for more than two years (771 and 702, respectively). (**Table 6B**)
- Tables 7A and 7B display the race and Hispanic origin of consumers in placement by their length of time in continuous care. There was a tendency for a greater proportion of Black consumers to be in care for more than two years as compared to other races (39% for Black vs. 36% for White, 35% for Hispanic, 33% for Unable to Determine, 31% for Multi-Racial). (**Tables 7A and 7B** on page 34)

¹⁴ 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.

¹⁵ Goal is to provide children with a committed, nurturing, and lifelong relationship in a licensed kinship family setting.

¹⁶ 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.

¹⁷ Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child’s most recent placement entry (home removal) to the Quarter End Date (March 31, 2009).

- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY’2009 (“snapshot” on 3/31/09), the median time in continuous care was 1.1 years and the median¹⁸ age was 11.7 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. (See table below)
- Over the past 17 years, the median age of children in care rose from 9 to 12 years while median time in placement remained fairly stable (1.6 to 1.1 years). Median age of children in placement dropped from 11.9 years on December 2008 to 11.7 years on March 2009. The minor change in median age had no effect on the median length of time in care—1.1 years. (See table below)

Children in Placement*			
Date	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
7/92	9.2	1.5	12,311
7/93	9.3	1.6	12,577
7/94	9.1	1.4	12,977
7/95	9.2	1.3	13,056
7/96	9.7	1.4	12,643
7/97	10.2	1.4	11,957
9/98**	10.5	1.4	10,872
6/99**	11.0	1.2	10,134
6/00**	11.2	1.5	9,676
6/01**	11.5	1.4	9,955
6/02	11.9	1.5	10,033
6/03	12.2	1.5	10,233
6/04**	12.5	1.5	9,967
6/05**	12.7	1.4	9,709
6/06**	12.7	1.2	9,459
6/07**	12.6	1.2	9,109
6/08	12.1	1.1	9,281
9/08	11.7	1.1	8,963
12/08	11.9	1.1	8,729
3/09	11.7	1.1	8,794

¹⁸ Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

- An age breakdown of children in placement by race and Hispanic origin is presented in the following table. The median ages of Black and Asian children were greater than the median ages of White and Hispanic children. Median time in care for minority children was similar to the median time in care for White children. On 3/31/09, 49% of children less than 18 years old in placement were adolescents. Please note that the statistics in the following table are for children less than 18 years old.

Children in Placement on 3/31/09*			
Race	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
White	11.7	1.0	5,181
Black	13.2	1.1	1,681
Asian	14.9	0.8	160
Native American	9.5	0.8	19
Pacific Islander	10.0	1.9	4
Multi-Racial	6.8	1.1	503
Unable to Determine	11.0	1.0	1,243
Missing	4.2	**	3
TOTAL	11.7	1.1	8,794
Hispanic Origin***	11.8	1.1	2,307

* = Children are less than 18 years old.

** = less than 0.1% after rounding-off

*** = Children of any race who are Hispanic

Service Plan Goals of Consumers in Placement

- Twenty-nine percent of Black consumers in placement had a goal of “Family Reunification,” compared to 35% for White and Hispanic consumers (**Tables 8A and 8B** on page 35). 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—27% Black vs. 21% White and 20% Hispanic for APPLA; 20% Black vs. 24% White and 23% Hispanic for adoption.

Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,438 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,440 (59%) were White, 429 (18%) were Black, 18 (1%) were Asian, 5 (<1%) were Native American, and 220 (9%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 325 (13%) consumers. Twenty-five percent (602) of all consumers in placement with a goal of adoption were of Hispanic origin. (**Tables 8A and 8B, Fig. 12A** on page 37)
- The age distribution of 2,438 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 27% age 0-2 years, 23% age 3-5 years, 35% age 6-11 years, and 15% age 12-17 years. (**Table 8C** on page 36, **Fig. 12A**)

- Fifty-three percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 47% were female. (Fig. 12A)
- Forty-six percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of adoption had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (Table 8D on page 36, Fig. 12A)
- Forty-five percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of guardianship had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (Table 8D)
- There has been a decline in the number of children¹⁹ in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of “waiting” children fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In 2001, the group of “waiting” children 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)
- The proportion of “waiting” children reached its highest level in 1994 (35%). Since 2001, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has been fluctuating between 25-29%. (See table below)

Date	Children in Placement	Children in Placement with a Goal of Adoption	% of Children with a Goal of Adoption
7/91	12,397	3,541	29%
7/92	12,311	4,116	33%
7/93	12,577	4,244	34%
7/94	12,977	4,522	35%
7/95	13,056	4,352	33%
7/96	12,463	4,251	34%
7/97	11,957	3,673	31%
12/97	11,170	3,489	31%
9/98	10,872*	NA	NA
6/99	10,134*	3,118	31%
6/00	9,676*	3,089	32%
6/01	9,955*	2,859	29%
6/02	10,033	2,844	28%
6/03	10,233	2,864	28%
6/04	9,967*	2,541*	25%
6/05	9,709*	2,483*	26%
6/06	9,459*	2,342*	25%
6/07	9,109*	2,493*	27%
6/08	9,281	2,452	26%
9/08	8,963	2,520	28%
12/08	8,729	2,372	27%
3/09	8,794	2,437	28%

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

* = revised statistics

¹⁹ Children are less than 18 years old.

- Of the 2,438 “waiting” consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 40% were legally free for adoption. Seventy-six percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. (**Fig. 12B** on page 38)
- The adolescent age group had the highest proportion of children who were legally free for adoption (see table below). The larger proportion of adolescents legally free is a reflection of the difficulty in achieving adoptions for older children. The younger children who are legally free are being adopted while the adolescents who are legally free are “stuck” in placement. A separate analysis of children adopted in FY’2008 showed that the proportion of older children (12-17 years old) who were adopted accounted for only 8% of all adoptions. The amount of time from being legally freed to adoption is much longer for these older children.

Age Group (years)	Children in Placement 3/31/09		% Legally Free for Adoption
	Children with Goal of Adoption & Legally Free for Adoption	All Children with Goal of Adoption	
	No.	No.	%
0 – 2	246	656	38%
3 – 5	233	561	42%
6 – 11	323	859	38%
12 – 17	176	361	49%
Total	978	2,437	40%

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

- Of those children who were not legally free for adoption (60%), 59% were matched to permanent families (**Fig. 12B**).
- The Southeastern and Boston Regions had the highest proportions (56% and 49%, respectively) of “waiting” children who were legally free for adoption. The proportion of legally free children ranged from 28% in Metro to 56% in the Southeast. (**Fig. 12C** on page 39)
- The Metro, Western, and Southeastern Regions had the highest proportions of “waiting” children who were matched to a permanent family (84%, 77%, and 76%, respectively). The proportion of children matched to a permanent family ranged from 46% in the Northeast to 84% in Metro. Matching a child to an adoptive family can occur before, during, or after the legal proceedings to free a child for adoption. (**Fig. 12D** on page 39)

**TABLE 5A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2009, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other ⁽²⁾		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
West		1,696		329		99		2,124
	(0 - 2 yrs)	354	21%	2	1%	3	3%	359
	(3 - 5 yrs)	234	14%	1	*	2	2%	237
	(6 - 11 yrs)	351	21%	36	11%	8	8%	395
	(12 - 17 yrs)	564	33%	229	70%	83	84%	876
	18 or older	193	11%	61	19%	3	3%	257
Central		1,172		259		52		1,483
	(0 - 2 yrs)	207	18%	---	---	2	4%	209
	(3 - 5 yrs)	179	15%	2	1%	---	---	181
	(6 - 11 yrs)	269	23%	50	19%	6	12%	325
	(12 - 17 yrs)	376	32%	176	68%	40	77%	592
	18 or older	141	12%	31	12%	4	8%	176
Northeast		1,312		387		95		1,794
	(0 - 2 yrs)	209	16%	---	---	3	3%	212
	(3 - 5 yrs)	153	12%	1	*	4	4%	158
	(6 - 11 yrs)	252	19%	37	10%	10	11%	299
	(12 - 17 yrs)	439	33%	251	65%	71	75%	761
	18 or older	259	20%	98	25%	7	7%	364
Metro		922		395		54		1,371
	(0 - 2 yrs)	167	18%	---	---	---	---	167
	(3 - 5 yrs)	109	12%	4	1%	3	6%	116
	(6 - 11 yrs)	199	22%	30	8%	1	2%	230
	(12 - 17 yrs)	282	31%	297	75%	45	83%	624
	18 or older	165	18%	64	16%	5	9%	234
Southeast		1,585		410		69		2,064
	(0 - 2 yrs)	322	20%	1	*	---	---	323
	(3 - 5 yrs)	245	15%	7	2%	1	1%	253
	(6 - 11 yrs)	298	19%	46	11%	10	14%	354
	(12 - 17 yrs)	468	30%	301	73%	54	78%	823
	18 or older	252	16%	55	13%	4	6%	311
Boston		935		297		73		1,305
	(0 - 2 yrs)	182	19%	1	*	---	---	183
	(3 - 5 yrs)	100	11%	3	1%	---	---	103
	(6 - 11 yrs)	152	16%	43	14%	5	7%	200
	(12 - 17 yrs)	317	34%	189	64%	56	77%	562
	18 or older	184	20%	61	21%	12	16%	257
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		228		---		1		229
	(0 - 2 yrs)	28	12%	---	---	---	---	28
	(3 - 5 yrs)	48	21%	---	---	---	---	48
	(6 - 11 yrs)	112	49%	---	---	---	---	112
	(12 - 17 yrs)	40	18%	---	---	1	100%	41
Other ⁽⁴⁾		52		---		2		54
	(0 - 2 yrs)	1	2%	---	---	---	---	1
	(3 - 5 yrs)	1	2%	---	---	---	---	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	2	4%	---	---	---	---	2
	(12 - 17 yrs)	19	37%	---	---	---	---	19
	18 or older	29	56%	---	---	2	100%	31
Total		7,902		2,077		445		10,424

* = 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 5B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2009, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Foster Care							Foster Care Total
		Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
		Intensive Foster Care ⁽²⁾	Other ⁽³⁾	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
West		430	7	142	109	316	110	582	1,696
	(0 - 2 yrs)	19	6	26	---	86	51	166	354
	(3 - 5 yrs)	19	---	17	---	67	26	105	234
	(6 - 11 yrs)	81	---	34	---	85	26	125	351
	(12 - 17 yrs)	256	---	54	5	73	6	170	564
	18 or older	55	1	11	104	5	1	16	193
Central		287	9	114	73	293	76	320	1,172
	(0 - 2 yrs)	1	5	19	---	65	20	97	207
	(3 - 5 yrs)	13	2	13	---	62	32	57	179
	(6 - 11 yrs)	66	---	28	---	92	19	64	269
	(12 - 17 yrs)	171	1	41	---	65	5	93	376
	18 or older	36	1	13	73	9	---	9	141
Northeast		364	38	87	180	309	39	295	1,312
	(0 - 2 yrs)	41	7	6	---	67	8	80	209
	(3 - 5 yrs)	28	5	9	---	53	12	46	153
	(6 - 11 yrs)	56	4	19	---	87	15	71	252
	(12 - 17 yrs)	194	12	44	7	96	4	82	439
	18 or older	45	10	9	173	6	---	16	259
Metro		213	5	73	95	239	65	232	922
	(0 - 2 yrs)	23	2	7	---	47	30	58	167
	(3 - 5 yrs)	11	0	5	---	46	16	31	109
	(6 - 11 yrs)	37	2	16	---	81	14	49	199
	(12 - 17 yrs)	121	---	34	---	54	5	68	282
	18 or older	21	1	11	95	11	---	26	165
Southeast		348	9	101	149	413	84	481	1,585
	(0 - 2 yrs)	22	1	11	---	94	34	160	322
	(3 - 5 yrs)	28	1	9	---	91	24	92	245
	(6 - 11 yrs)	70	---	22	---	101	21	84	298
	(12 - 17 yrs)	184	---	41	6	106	5	126	468
	18 or older	44	7	18	143	21	---	19	252
Boston		300	21	40	106	199	33	236	935
	(0 - 2 yrs)	32	3	8	---	54	17	68	182
	(3 - 5 yrs)	25	6	3	---	31	10	25	100
	(6 - 11 yrs)	57	1	7	---	52	3	32	152
	(12 - 17 yrs)	150	8	17	---	52	3	87	317
	18 or older	36	3	5	106	10	---	24	184
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾		63	1	24	---	36	46	58	228
	(0 - 2 yrs)	1	---	2	---	9	8	8	28
	(3 - 5 yrs)	7	1	4	---	14	9	13	48
	(6 - 11 yrs)	33	---	12	---	10	27	30	112
	(12 - 17 yrs)	22	---	6	---	3	2	7	40
Other ⁽⁵⁾		---	---	4	15	---	---	33	52
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	2
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	2	---	---	---	17	19
	18 or older	---	---	2	15	---	---	12	29
Total		2,005	90	585	727	1,805	453	2,237	7,902

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

⁽²⁾ IFC includes "Teen Parent Rate" model (18 consumers).

⁽³⁾ Other includes "Sibling Rate" model (38 consumers).

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

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

**TABLE 5C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2009, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)**

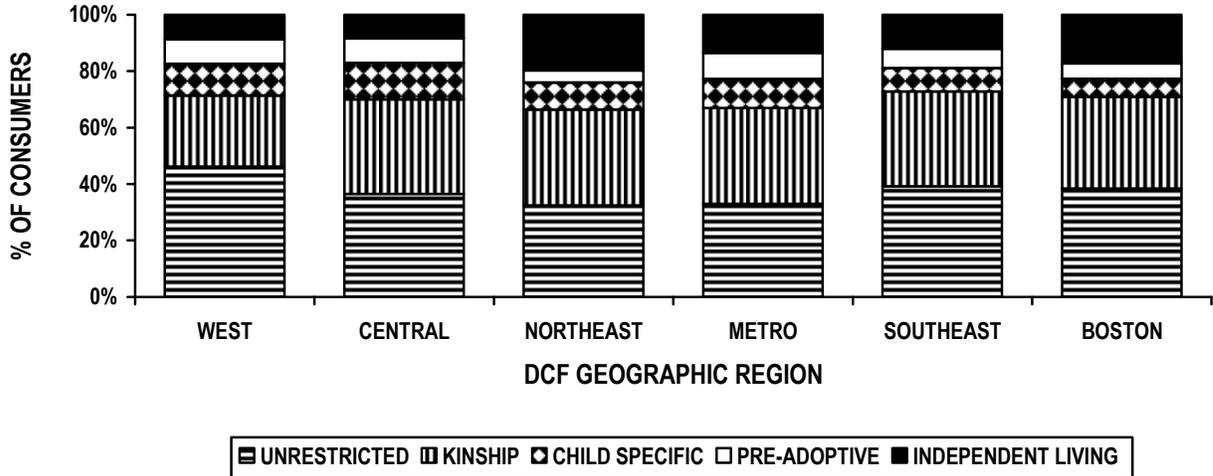
DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Congregate Care						STARR ⁽³⁾	Total
	Group Home			Residential				
	Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential ⁽²⁾			
West	90	49	18	117	2	53	329	
(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	2	
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	
(6 - 11 yrs)	7	2	---	19	---	8	36	
(12 - 17 yrs)	81	22	2	82	2	40	229	
18 or older	2	25	16	16	---	2	61	
Central	61	51	6	87	2	52	259	
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	1	2	
(6 - 11 yrs)	12	7	---	19	---	12	50	
(12 - 17 yrs)	41	32	4	58	2	39	176	
18 or older	8	11	2	10	---	---	31	
Northeast	80	47	62	150	1	47	387	
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	
(6 - 11 yrs)	19	2	---	11	1	4	37	
(12 - 17 yrs)	58	33	9	109	---	42	251	
18 or older	3	12	53	30	---	---	98	
Metro	32	89	35	160	7	72	395	
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	3	4	
(6 - 11 yrs)	7	5	---	13	---	5	30	
(12 - 17 yrs)	23	70	14	122	4	64	297	
18 or older	2	14	21	24	3	---	64	
Southeast	74	60	12	172	2	90	410	
(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	6	7	
(6 - 11 yrs)	16	1	---	20	---	9	46	
(12 - 17 yrs)	55	48	6	116	2	74	301	
18 or older	3	10	6	36	---	---	55	
Boston	44	57	31	122	11	32	297	
(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	2	3	
(6 - 11 yrs)	13	3	---	18	---	9	43	
(12 - 17 yrs)	28	45	5	83	8	20	189	
18 or older	3	9	26	20	3	---	61	
Total	381	353	164	808	25	346	2,077	

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

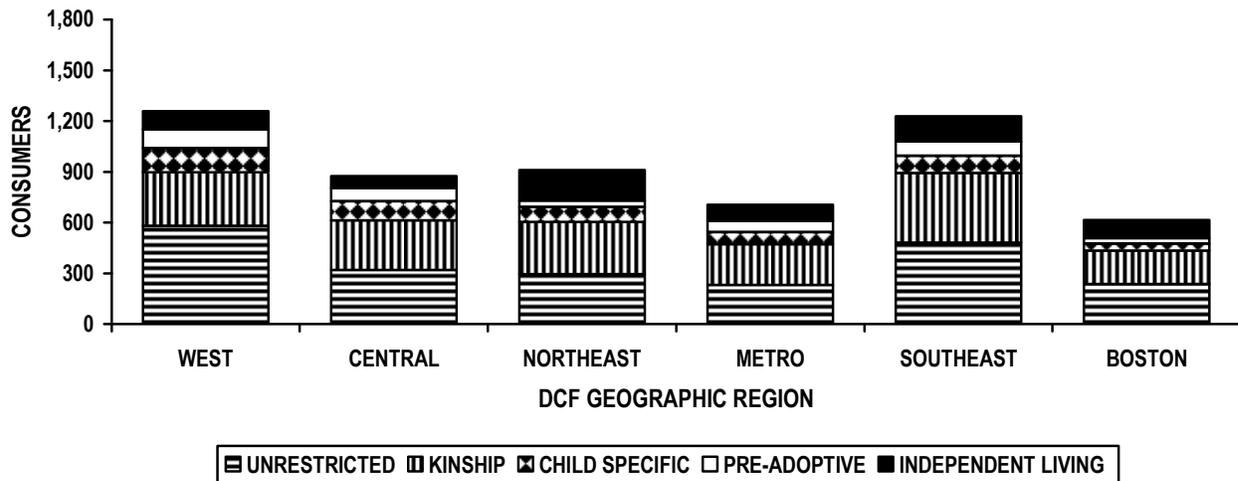
⁽²⁾ "Old" taxonomy includes non-766 residential program (2), Chap. 766 (2), teen pregnancy/parenting group home (18), other (1).

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

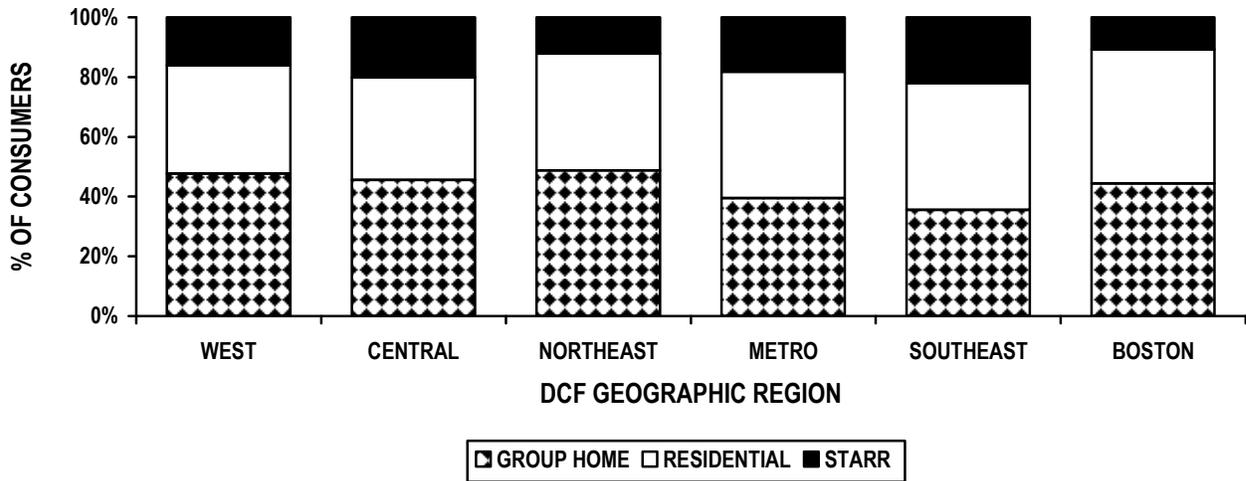
**FIGURE 7A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2009, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)**



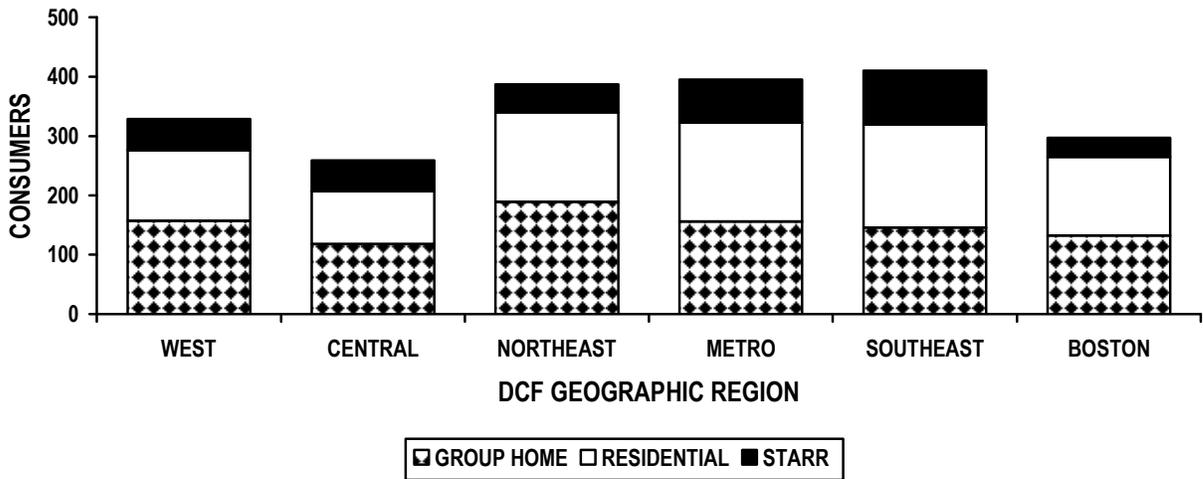
**FIGURE 7B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2009, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)**



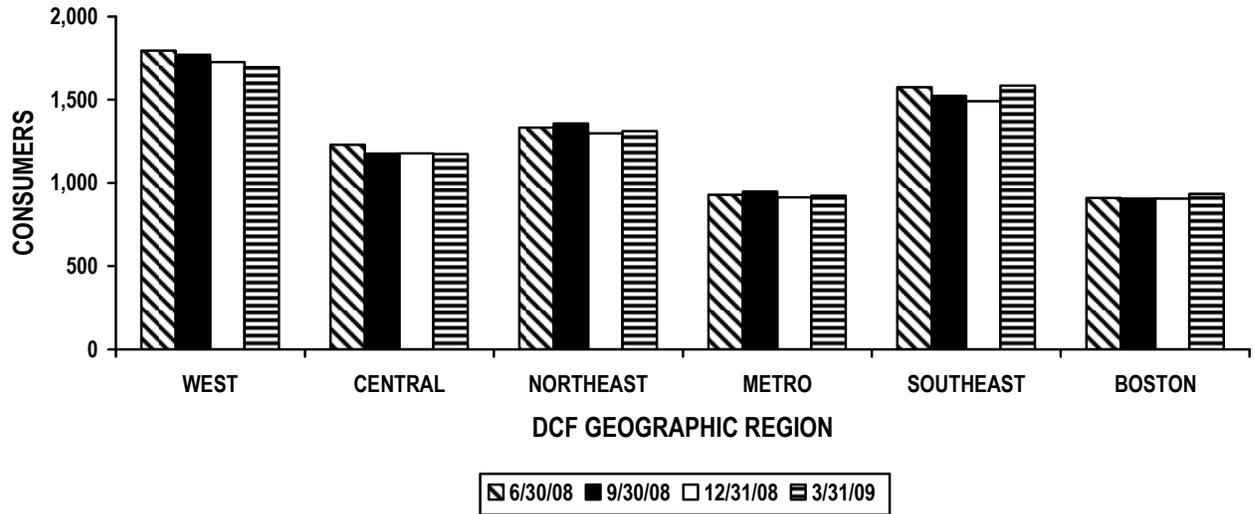
**FIGURE 8A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
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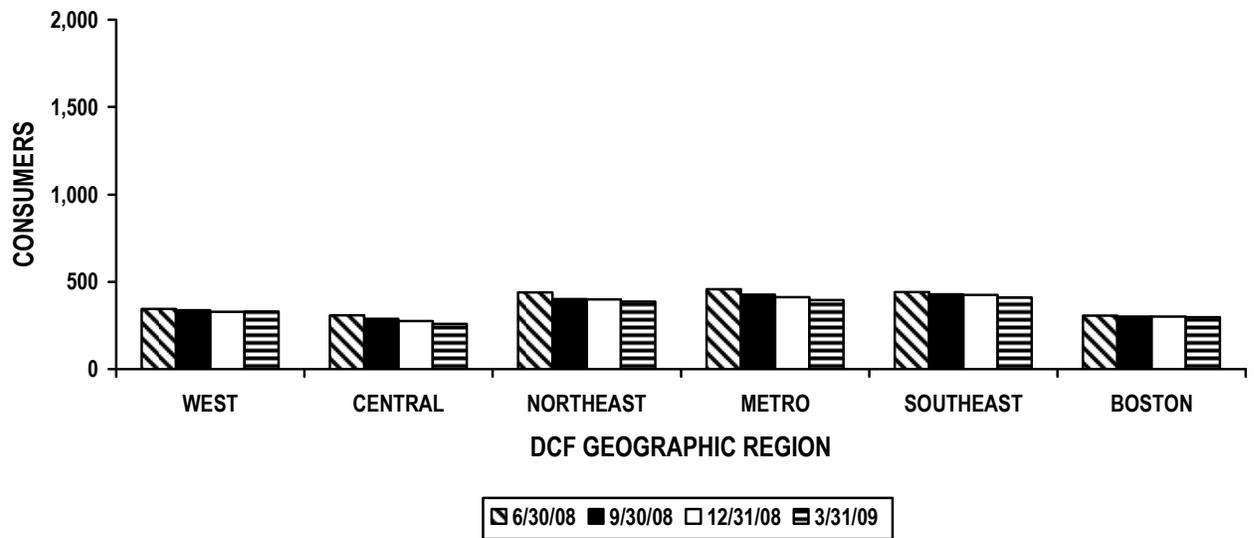
**FIGURE 8B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2009, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)**



**FIGURE 9. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, END OF 4TH QUARTER TO FY'2009, END OF 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 10. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, END OF 4TH QUARTER TO FY'2009, END OF 3RD QUARTER)**



**TABLE 6A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE:
FY'2009, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption		Total			
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		No.	%
Sex:																		
Female	1,032	49%	719	48%	855	48%	668	49%	976	47%	671	51%	101	44%	18	33%	5,040	48%
Male	1,092	51%	764	52%	939	52%	703	51%	1,088	53%	634	49%	128	56%	36	67%	5,384	52%
Total	2,124	100%	1,483	100%	1,794	100%	1,371	100%	2,064	100%	1,305	100%	229	100%	54	100%	10,424	100%
Race:																		
White	1,317	62%	962	65%	1,094	61%	909	66%	1,410	68%	296	23%	101	44%	5	9%	6,094	58%
Black	309	15%	167	11%	199	11%	270	20%	368	18%	721	55%	41	18%	33	61%	2,108	20%
Asian	9	*	22	1%	90	5%	28	2%	12	1%	22	2%	4	2%	16	30%	203	2%
Native American	3	*	5	*	1	*	2	*	10	*	1	*	1	*	---	---	23	*
Other ⁽³⁾	---	---	3	*	1	*	1	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	6	*
Multi-Racial	113	5%	75	5%	103	6%	59	4%	130	6%	41	3%	29	13%	---	---	550	5%
Unable to Determine	371	17%	248	17%	306	17%	102	7%	133	6%	224	17%	53	23%	---	---	1,437	14%
Missing	2	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	*
Total	2,124	100%	1,483	100%	1,794	100%	1,371	100%	2,064	100%	1,305	100%	229	100%	54	100%	10,424	100%
Hispanic/Latino Origin:																		
Hispanic/Latino	715	34%	433	29%	617	34%	185	13%	306	15%	344	26%	65	28%	8	15%	2,673	26%
Not Hispanic/Latino	1,297	61%	972	66%	1,119	62%	1,119	82%	1,657	80%	913	70%	143	62%	43	80%	7,263	70%
Unable to Determine	110	5%	77	5%	57	3%	67	5%	100	5%	48	4%	21	9%	---	---	480	5%
Missing	2	*	1	*	1	*	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	3	6%	8	*
Total	2,124	100%	1,483	100%	1,794	100%	1,371	100%	2,064	100%	1,305	100%	229	100%	54	100%	10,424	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⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**TABLE 6B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE:
FY'2009, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption		Total No. %			
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾			Other ⁽²⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%	
Age:																		
(0 - 2 yrs)	359	17%	209	14%	212	12%	167	12%	323	16%	183	14%	28	12%	1	2%	1,482	14%
(3 - 5 yrs)	237	11%	181	12%	158	9%	116	8%	253	12%	103	8%	48	21%	1	2%	1,097	11%
(6 - 11 yrs)	395	19%	325	22%	299	17%	230	17%	354	17%	200	15%	112	49%	2	4%	1,917	18%
(12 - 17 yrs)	876	41%	592	40%	761	42%	624	46%	823	40%	562	43%	41	18%	19	35%	4,298	41%
18 or older	257	12%	176	12%	364	20%	234	17%	311	15%	257	20%	---	---	31	57%	1,630	16%
Total	2,124	100%	1,483	100%	1,794	100%	1,371	100%	2,064	100%	1,305	100%	229	100%	54	100%	10,424	100%
Service Plan Goals:																		
Family Reunification	722	34%	537	36%	576	32%	456	33%	819	40%	419	32%	1	0%	1	2%	3,531	34%
Adoption	539	25%	417	28%	362	20%	254	19%	411	20%	237	18%	218	95%	---	---	2,438	23%
APPLA ⁽³⁾	376	18%	253	17%	458	26%	325	24%	427	21%	352	27%	1	0%	11	20%	2,203	21%
Permanent Care with Kin	167	8%	86	6%	155	9%	133	10%	156	8%	76	6%	---	---	2	4%	775	7%
Guardianship	114	5%	75	5%	115	6%	93	7%	111	5%	89	7%	5	2%	---	---	602	6%
Stabilization of Family	109	5%	74	5%	80	4%	70	5%	106	5%	79	6%	---	---	---	---	518	5%
Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	15	28%	16	*
Unspecified as of run-date	97	5%	40	3%	48	3%	40	3%	34	2%	53	4%	4	2%	25	46%	341	3%
Total	2,124	100%	1,483	100%	1,794	100%	1,371	100%	2,064	100%	1,305	100%	229	100%	54	100%	10,424	100%
Continuous Time in Care:																		
(.5 yr or less)	491	23%	419	28%	433	24%	347	25%	543	26%	339	26%	6	3%	3	6%	2,581	25%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	385	18%	277	19%	299	17%	263	19%	411	20%	218	17%	15	7%	16	30%	1,884	18%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	266	13%	191	13%	211	12%	177	13%	235	11%	151	12%	32	14%	4	7%	1,267	12%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	211	10%	114	8%	149	8%	117	9%	187	9%	144	11%	25	11%	5	9%	952	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	446	21%	278	19%	322	18%	256	19%	388	19%	262	20%	110	48%	17	31%	2,079	20%
> 4 yrs	325	15%	204	14%	380	21%	211	15%	300	15%	191	15%	41	18%	9	17%	1,661	16%
Total	2,124	100%	1,483	100%	1,794	100%	1,371	100%	2,064	100%	1,305	100%	229	100%	54	100%	10,424	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽³⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

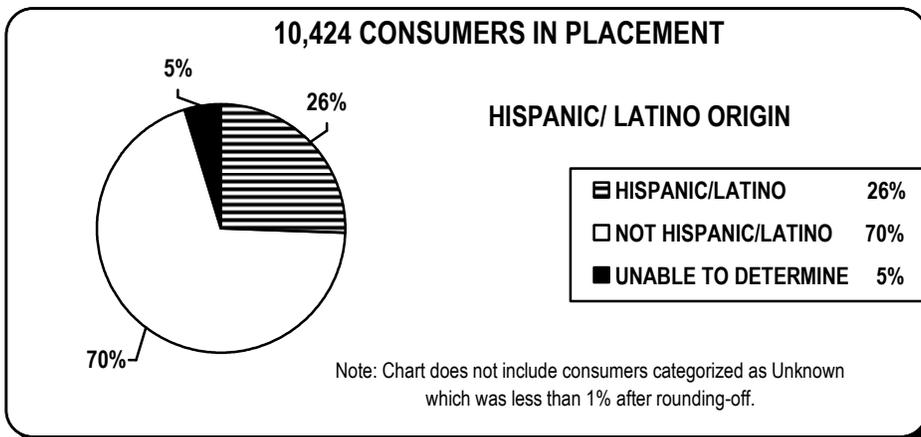
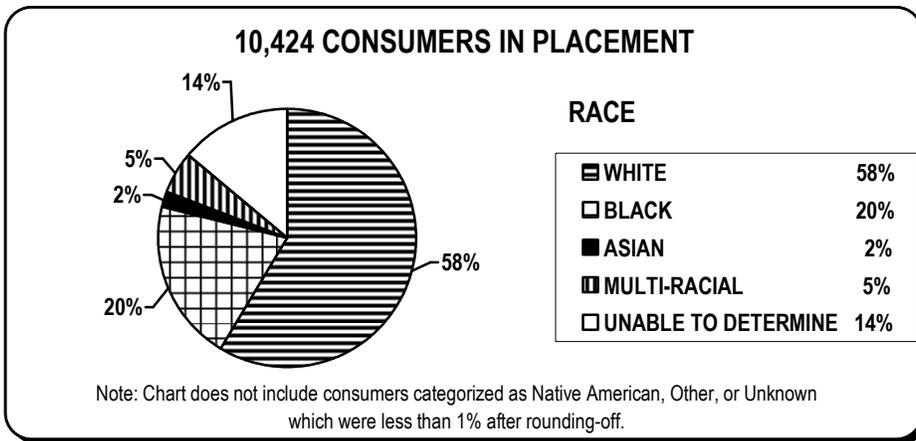
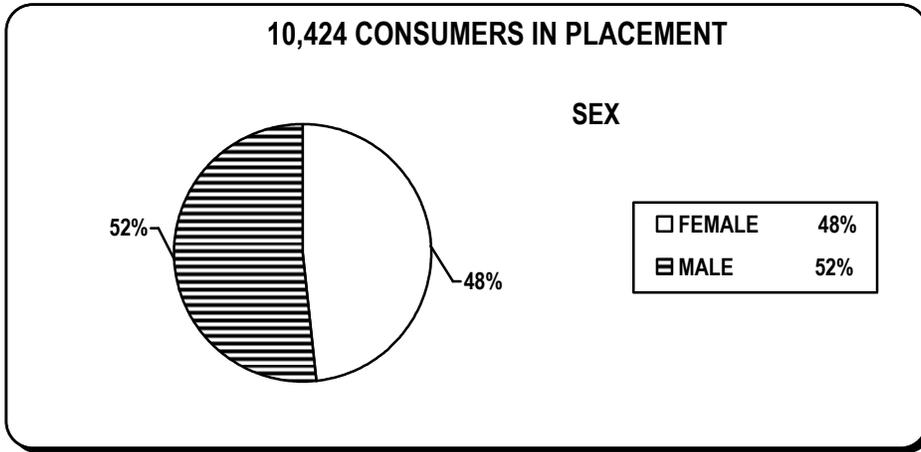
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⁽⁴⁾ "Old" taxonomy

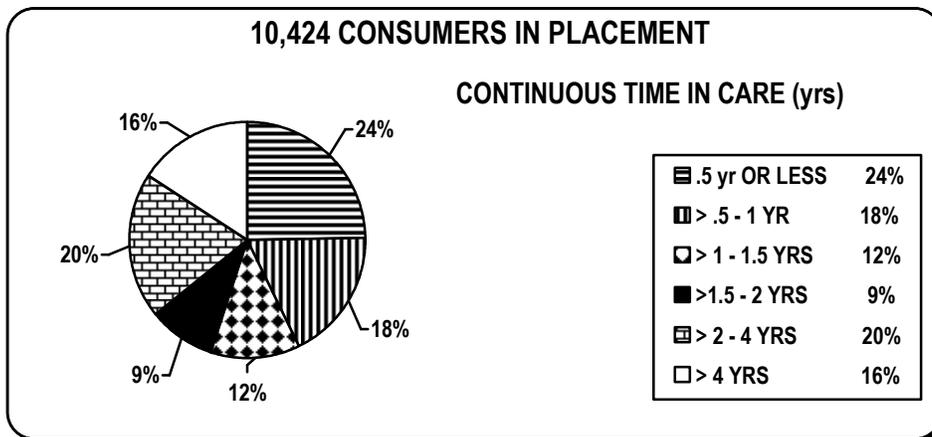
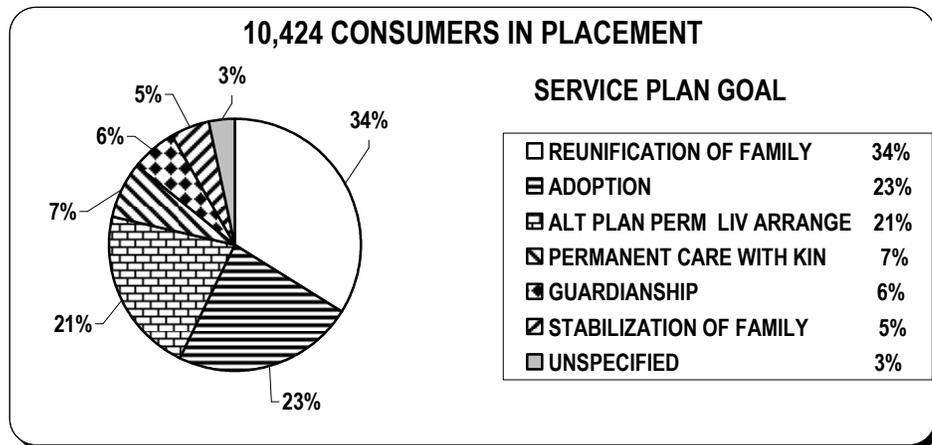
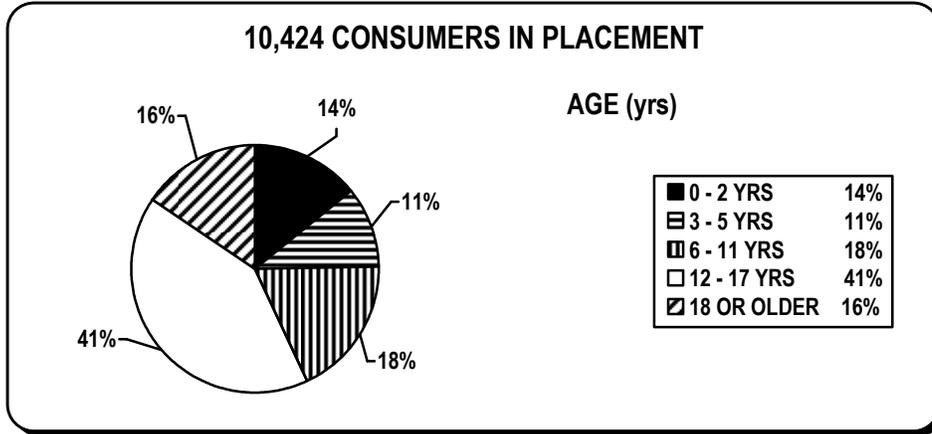
⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

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

**FIGURE 11A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN
STATEWIDE: FY'2009, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)**



**FIGURE 11B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT
STATEWIDE: FY'2009, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)**



**TABLE 7A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2009, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)**

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers														Total			
	White		Black		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine				Unknown	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	1,542	25%	461	22%	62	31%	5	22%	1	17%	120	22%	388	27%	2	67%	2,581	25%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	1,105	18%	370	18%	35	17%	6	26%	1	17%	114	21%	253	18%	---	---	1,884	18%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	715	12%	255	12%	23	11%	2	9%	1	17%	88	16%	183	13%	---	---	1,267	12%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	534	9%	202	10%	22	11%	3	13%	---	---	57	10%	133	9%	1	33%	952	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	1,232	20%	415	20%	35	17%	4	17%	3	50%	110	20%	280	19%	---	---	2,079	20%
> 4yrs	966	16%	405	19%	26	13%	3	13%	---	---	61	11%	200	14%	---	---	1,661	16%
Total	6,094	100%	2,108	100%	203	100%	23	100%	6	100%	550	100%	1,437	100%	3	100%	10,424	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**TABLE 7B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2009, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)**

Continuous Time in Care	Hispanic/Latino Origin ⁽¹⁾ of Consumers								Total	
	Hispanic/ Latino		Not Hispanic/ Latino		Unable to Determine		Unknown			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	698	26%	1,760	24%	118	25%	5	63%	2,581	25%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	453	17%	1,341	18%	89	19%	1	13%	1,884	18%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	339	13%	857	12%	71	15%	---	---	1,267	12%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	250	9%	660	9%	42	9%	---	---	952	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	529	20%	1,446	20%	102	21%	2	25%	2,079	20%
> 4yrs	404	15%	1,199	17%	58	12%	---	---	1,661	16%
Total	2,673	100%	7,263	100%	480	100%	8	100%	10,424	100%

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

TABLE 8A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2009, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers														Total			
	White		Black		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine				Unknown	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	2,128	35%	609	29%	76	37%	8	35%	3	50%	186	34%	521	36%	---	---	3,531	34%
Adoption	1,440	24%	429	20%	18	9%	5	22%	---	---	220	40%	325	23%	1	33%	2,438	23%
APPLA ⁽²⁾	1,251	21%	567	27%	43	21%	6	26%	1	17%	70	13%	265	18%	---	---	2,203	21%
Permanent Care with Kin	464	8%	168	8%	15	7%	2	9%	1	17%	17	3%	108	8%	---	---	775	7%
Guardianship	356	6%	125	6%	8	4%	2	9%	---	---	30	5%	81	6%	---	---	602	6%
Stabilization of Family	293	5%	107	5%	18	9%	---	---	1	17%	17	3%	82	6%	---	---	518	5%
Other ⁽³⁾	3	*	10	*	3	1%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	16	*
Unspecified as of run-date	159	3%	93	4%	22	11%	---	---	---	---	10	2%	55	4%	2	67%	341	3%
Total	6,094	100%	2,108	100%	203	100%	23	100%	6	100%	550	100%	1,437	100%	3	100%	10,424	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

⁽²⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽³⁾ "Old" taxonomy

TABLE 8B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2009, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)

Service Plan Goal	Hispanic/Latino Origin of Consumers								Total	
	Hispanic/Latino		Not Hispanic/Latino		Unable to Determine		Missing			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	944	35%	2,437	34%	150	31%	---	---	3,531	34%
Adoption	602	23%	1,672	23%	164	34%	---	---	2,438	23%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	523	20%	1,612	22%	67	14%	1	13%	2,203	21%
Permanent Care with Kin	192	7%	552	8%	31	6%	---	---	775	7%
Guardianship	171	6%	410	6%	21	4%	---	---	602	6%
Stabilization of Family	150	6%	345	5%	22	5%	1	13%	518	5%
Other ⁽²⁾	4	*	11	*	---	---	1	13%	16	*
Unspecified as of run-date	87	3%	224	3%	25	5%	5	63%	341	3%
Total	2,673	100%	7,263	100%	480	100%	8	100%	10,424	100%

⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽²⁾ "Old" taxonomy

**TABLE 8C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2009, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)**

Service Plan Goal	Age Group of Consumers										Total	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older		No.	%
Family Reunification	673	19%	431	12%	721	20%	1,675	47%	31	1%	3,531	100%
Adoption	656	27%	561	23%	859	35%	361	15%	1	*	2,438	100%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	---	---	---	---	5	*	847	38%	1,351	61%	2,203	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	3	*	4	1%	48	6%	627	81%	93	12%	775	100%
Guardianship	30	5%	48	8%	161	27%	327	54%	36	6%	602	100%
Stabilization of Family	48	9%	35	7%	74	14%	299	58%	62	12%	518	100%
Other ⁽²⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	6%	15	94%	16	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	72	21%	18	5%	49	14%	161	47%	41	12%	341	100%
Total	1,482	14%	1,097	11%	1,917	18%	4,298	41%	1,630	16%	10,424	100%

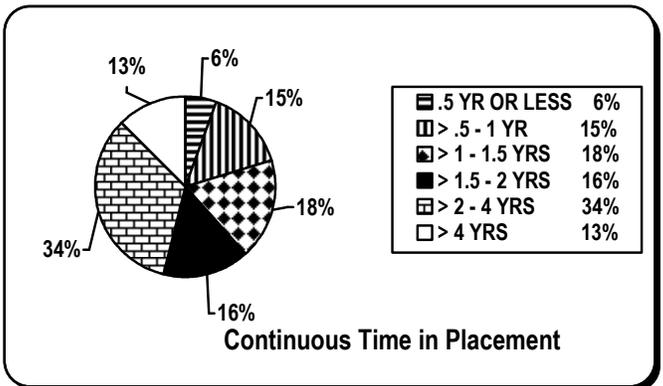
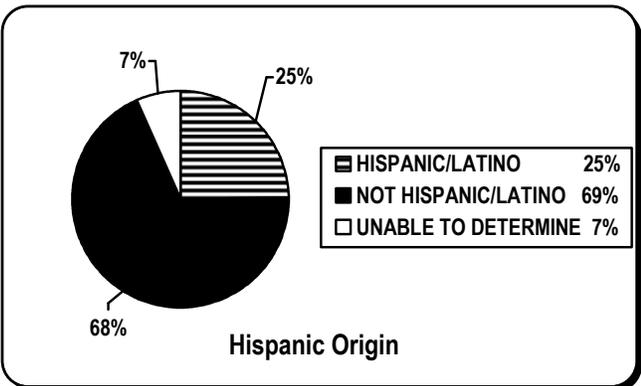
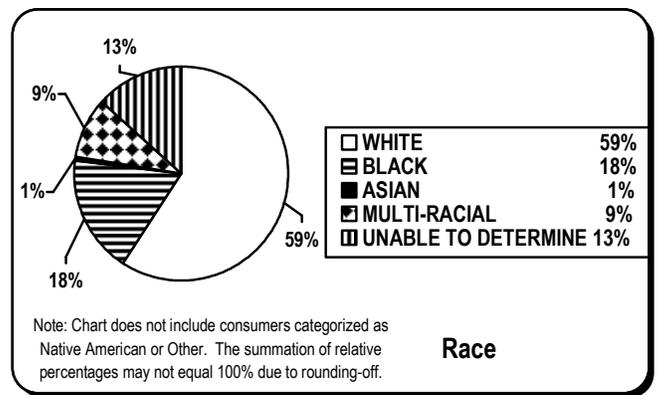
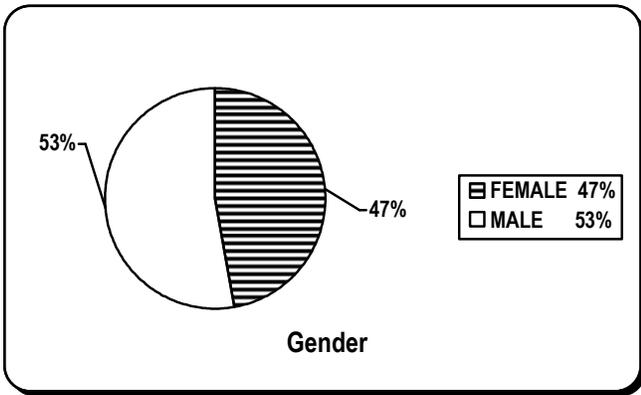
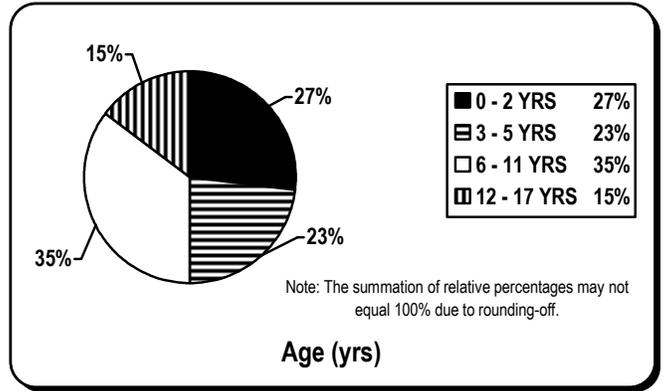
**TABLE 8D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2009, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)**

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.	%
Family Reunification	1,616	46%	1,080	31%	407	12%	190	5%	197	6%	41	1%	3,531	100%
Adoption	137	6%	357	15%	438	18%	380	16%	820	34%	306	13%	2,438	100%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	160	7%	182	8%	200	9%	182	8%	604	27%	875	40%	2,203	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	61	8%	72	9%	75	10%	80	10%	216	28%	271	35%	775	100%
Guardianship	43	7%	92	15%	102	17%	94	16%	161	27%	110	18%	602	100%
Stabilization of Family	316	61%	77	15%	29	6%	12	2%	47	9%	37	7%	518	100%
Other ⁽²⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	19%	8	50%	5	31%	16	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	248	73%	24	7%	16	5%	11	3%	26	8%	16	5%	341	100%
Total	2,581	25%	1,884	18%	1,267	12%	952	9%	2,079	20%	1,661	16%	10,424	100%

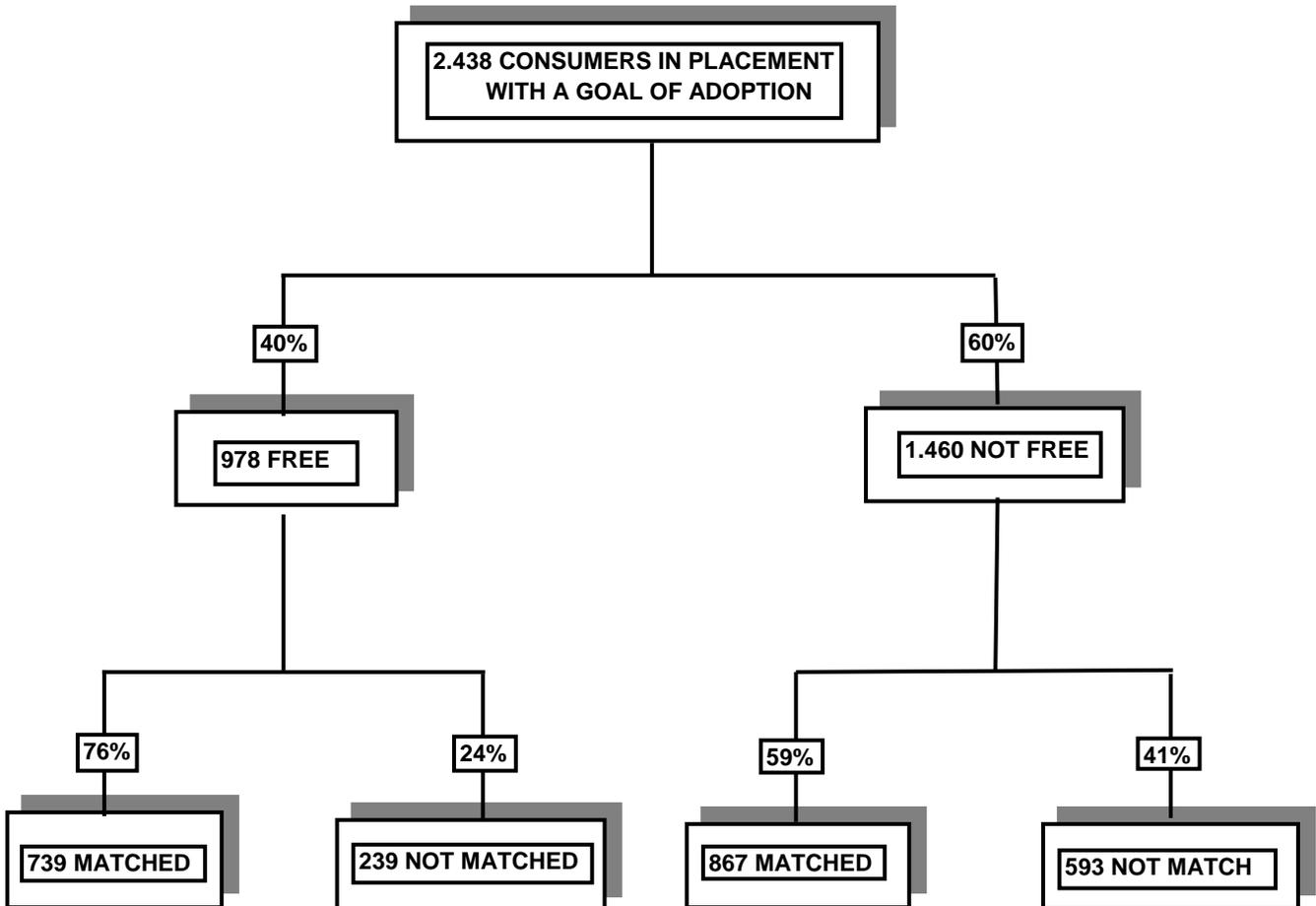
⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

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FIGURE 12A. AGE, SEX, RACE, HISPANIC ORIGIN AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT OF CONSUMERS WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION FY'2009, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)



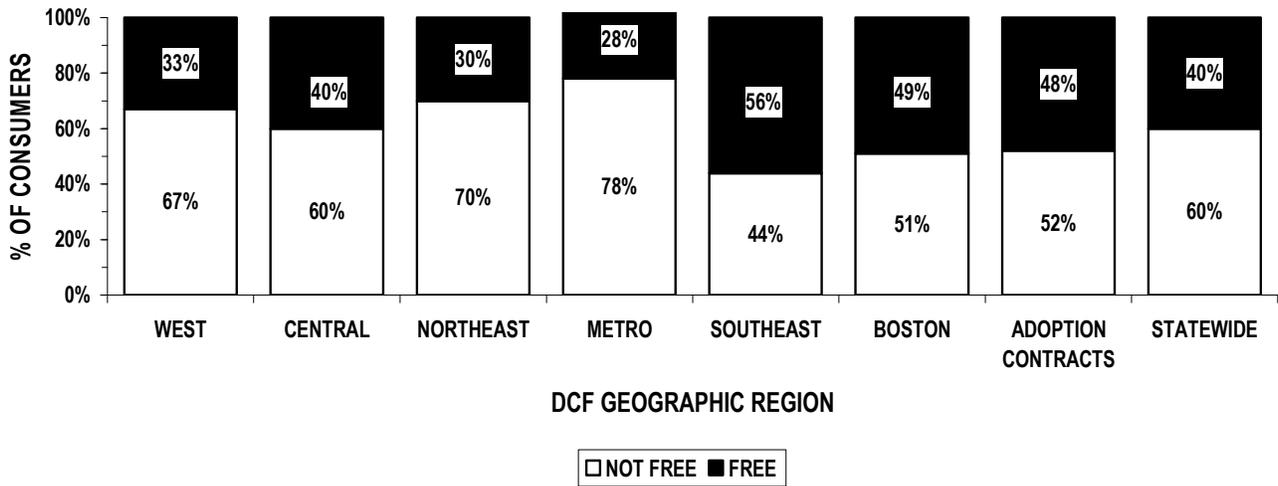
**FIGURE 12B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION:
 LEGAL STATUS AND MATCH STATUS
 FY'2009, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)**



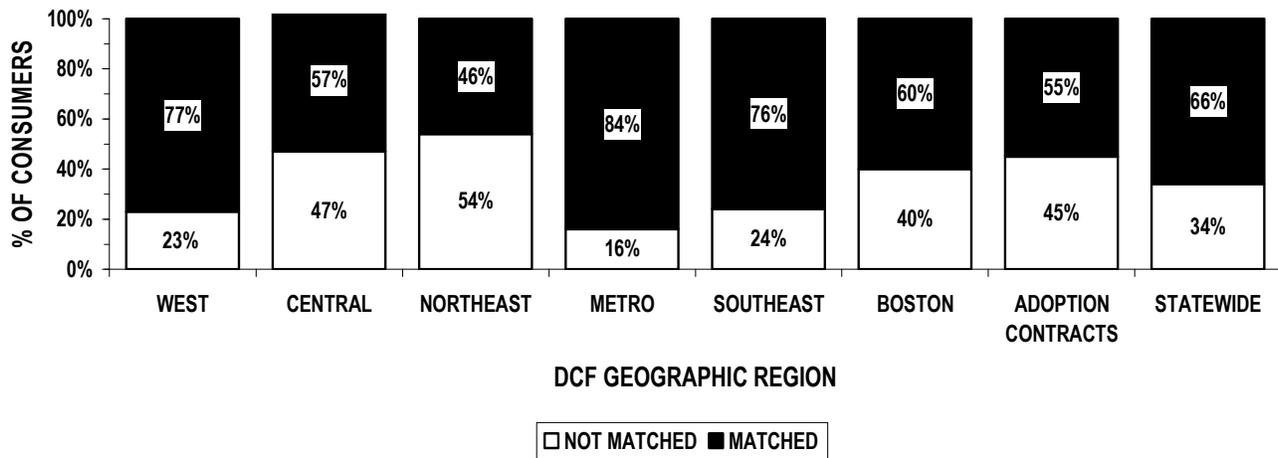
Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption

Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 12C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS
FY'09, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)**



**FIGURE 12D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND WHETHER MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY
FY'09, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)**



Case Intakes (Openings)

- Beginning with the 1st Quarter of FY'2007, a programming change was made in order to pick up case openings missed in prior reports (short-term openings and closings within the quarter). Consequently, these intake statistics cannot be compared with quarters prior to the 1st Quarter of FY'2007. Monitoring for trends should begin with the 1st Quarter of FY'2007.
- During the 3rd Quarter of FY'2009, there were 4,372 case openings (unduplicated) and 18,327 consumer openings (unduplicated). Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed by DCF. Consumers who entered the DCF system during the quarter include both members of new cases and new members of ongoing cases, as well as re-opened consumers (previously opened and closed). (**Tables 9A and 9B** on page 41)
- Eighty-six percent of case intakes and 89% of consumer intakes were due to supported abuse/neglect reports. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 7% of case intakes and 5% of consumer intakes. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- CHINS referrals amounted to 5% of case intakes and 4% of consumer intakes. (**Tables 9A and 9B**) It should be noted that the CHINS consumer counts include CHINS children, adult caretakers, and oftentimes non-CHINS siblings.
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in Fig. 13. Supported reports accounted for 83-88% of the total intakes for each region. CHINS referrals ranged from 3-7% of the total intakes for each region. Voluntary requests were highest in the Central Region (12%). (**Fig. 13** on page 42, **Table 9A**)
- Counts of CHINS referrals were highest in the West and Boston (50 and 42 case openings, respectively). Voluntary requests were highest in Central (75). Case intakes via supported reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West (823) and Southeast (805). (**Table 9A**). The Southeast and West had the highest numbers of supported investigations during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2009 (See **Table 14** on page 53).
- Statewide (and often regionally), case openings are lowest in the 1st quarter. (**Fig. 14** on page 42). This quarterly trend in case openings is driven by reports and investigations. Reports and investigations are lowest in the 1st quarter (summer vacation) then rise during the school year (**Figs. 20 and 21** on page 55).

**TABLE 9A. CASE INTAKES⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DCF REGION:
FY'2009, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/09 - 3/31/09)**

DCF Geographic Region	Case Counts ⁽¹⁾								Total No.
	Supported CA/N Reports		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Other ⁽²⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
West	823	88%	50	5%	33	4%	28	3%	934
Central	530	83%	26	4%	75	12%	11	2%	642
Northeast	557	86%	31	5%	34	5%	25	4%	647
Metro	551	87%	19	3%	49	8%	17	3%	636
Southeast	805	87%	39	4%	61	7%	20	2%	925
Boston	514	84%	42	7%	46	8%	11	2%	613
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	2	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
Total	3,782	86%	207	5%	298	7%	112	3%	4,399

⁽¹⁾ Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed. The total summation for each DCF Region is a duplicated count because some families had more than one case opening in a quarter by more than one type of initial contact. The unduplicated count of total case openings is 4,372.

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

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

**TABLE 9B. CONSUMER INTAKES⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DCF REGION:
FY'2009, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/09 - 3/31/09)**

DCF Geographic Region	Consumer Counts ⁽¹⁾								Total No.
	Supported CA/N Reports		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Other ⁽²⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
West	3,488	92%	140	4%	106	3%	68	2%	3,802
Central	2,360	86%	112	4%	255	9%	32	1%	2,759
Northeast	2,555	90%	118	4%	103	4%	76	3%	2,852
Metro	2,298	90%	53	2%	168	7%	46	2%	2,565
Southeast	3,553	90%	155	4%	196	5%	61	2%	3,965
Boston	2,293	88%	134	5%	136	5%	36	1%	2,599
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	2	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
Total	16,549	89%	712	4%	964	5%	319	2%	18,544

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

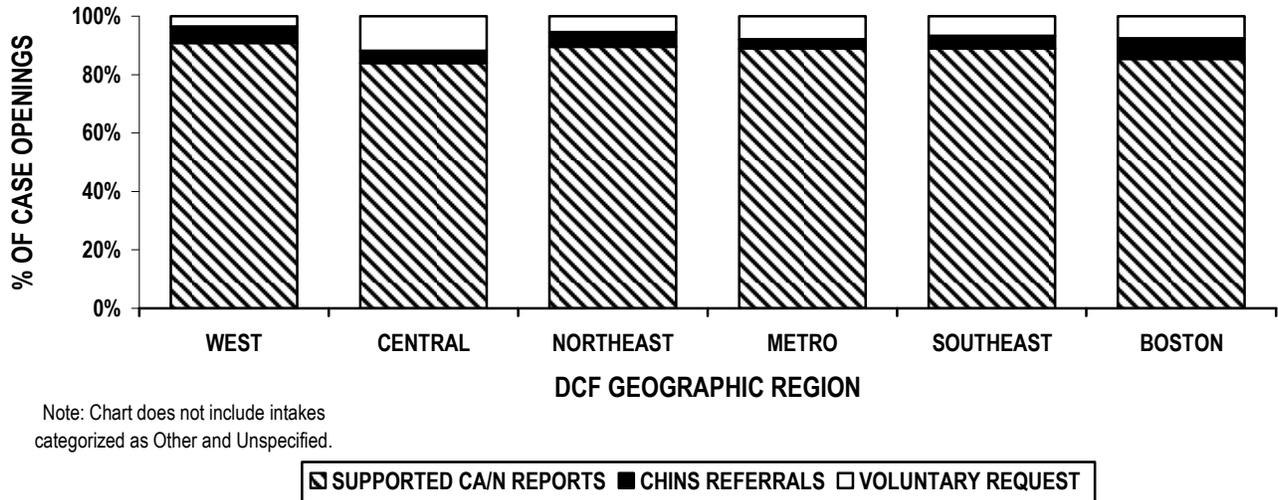
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Counts of consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases during the quarter. The total summation for each DCF Region is a duplicated count because some consumers had more than one type of initial contact during the quarter. The unduplicated count of total consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases is 18,327.

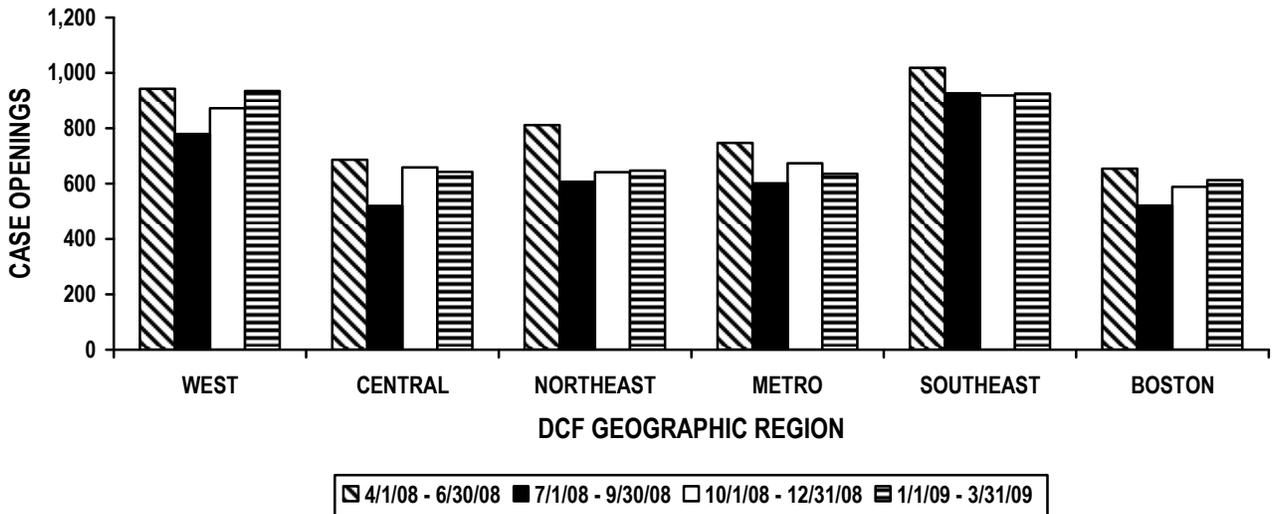
⁽²⁾ Includes Court Referral, Institutional Abuse/Neglect, and Other.

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

**FIGURE 13. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION
FY'2009, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/09 - 3/31/09)**



**FIGURE 14. INTAKES (CASE OPENINGS) BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2009, 3RD QUARTER)**



Consumers Entering and Leaving Placement during the Quarter

- During the 3rd Quarter of FY'2009, 2,057 consumers entered placement and 2,145 consumers left placement.²⁰ These counts of placement dynamics do not include consumers who changed placements during the quarter. (Tables 10 and 11 on page 45)
- There were 6% more consumers entering care in the 3rd Quarter of FY'2009 compared to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009.
- There were 4% fewer consumers leaving care in the 3rd Quarter of FY'2009 compared to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009.

Entries to Placement

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2009, 66% were first-time entrants and 34% were re-entrants.²¹ Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 60% in Metro to 69% in the West. (Table 10, Fig. 15 on page 46)
- The 2,057 entrants to placement (first-time entrants and re-entrants combined) were distributed across regions as follows: 21% (West), 21% (Southeast), 18% (Northeast), 14% (Metro), 13% (Central), and 13% (Boston). (Table 10)
- Across the state, 71% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 25% were placed in congregate care,²² and 4% were placed in non-referral locations.²³
- Regionally, the proportion of all entrants placed in foster care ranged from 55% in Metro to 82% in Central. In contrast, the proportion of all entrants placed in congregate care ranged from 14% in Central to 43% in Metro. (Table 10, Fig. 16 on page 46)
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Seventy-seven percent of first-time entrants and 59% of re-entrants were placed in foster care. Conversely, 33% of re-entrants and 20% of first-time entrants were placed in congregate care. (Table 10)

²⁰ For individuals with multiple entries and exits during the quarter, only the first entry and last exit were selected.

²¹ Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

²² Congregate Care includes group home, residential treatment, and short-term residential placement.

²³ Non-referral locations include hospitals, nursing homes, and placements supervised by other state agencies.

Exits from Placement

- Statewide, 64% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 56% in the West to 70% in the Northeast. **(Table 11)**
- Statewide, 9% of consumers leaving placement were adopted, 10% were emancipated, and 6% were granted guardianships. **(Table 11)**
- Regionally, the proportion of consumers leaving placement who were adopted ranged from 4% in Boston to 11% in the West. The proportion emancipated ranged from 6% in Central to 12% in the West. The proportion granted guardianships ranged from 3% in the Northeast to 9% in Boston. **(Table 11)**

**TABLE 10. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2009, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/09 - 3/31/09)**

Entry Type: Placement Location Started	DCF Geographic Region							Other ⁽¹⁾	Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston			
First-Time Entrants:	295	196	231	172	280	184	9	1,367	
Foster Care	246	165	162	110	213	148	9	1,053	
Congregate Care	39	24	59	62	61	29	---	274	
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	10	7	10	---	6	7	---	40	
Re-Entrants:	132	72	140	113	142	91	---	690	
Foster Care	89	54	74	46	87	60	---	410	
Congregate Care	30	13	57	60	45	25	---	230	
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	13	5	9	7	10	6	---	50	
Total	427	268	371	285	422	275	9	2,057	

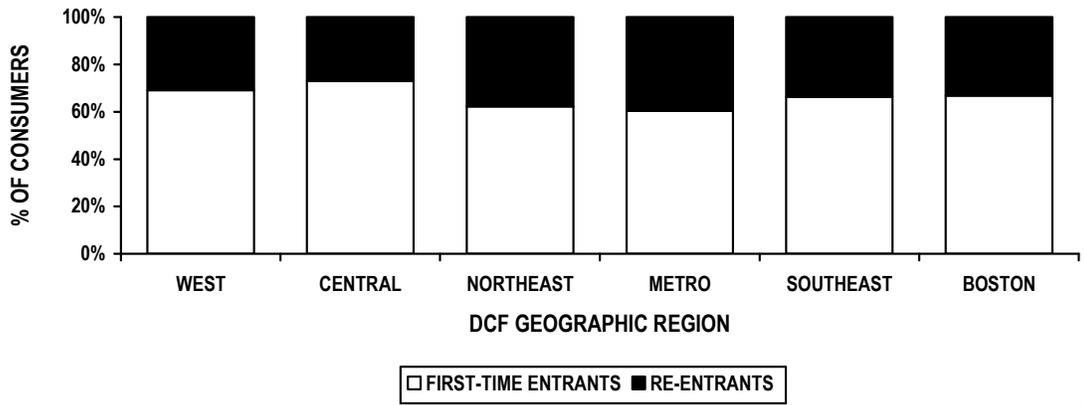
⁽¹⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽²⁾ Includes hospitals and other state agencies.

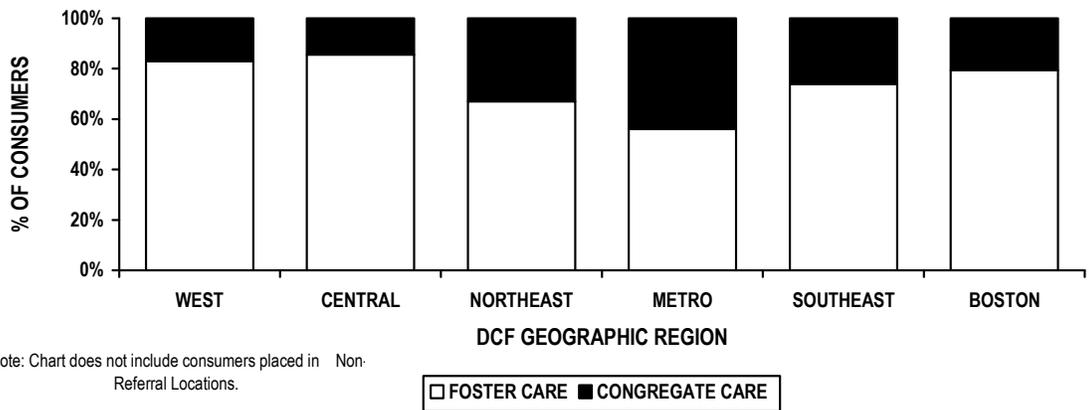
**TABLE 11. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2009, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/09 - 3/31/09)**

Reason Placement Ended	DCF Geographic Region							Other ⁽¹⁾	Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston			
Child Returned Home	249	225	259	206	263	172	---	1,374	
Child 18 or Older	55	21	35	30	38	31	---	210	
Consumer Adopted	47	32	24	30	40	12	---	185	
Custody to Other Individual	50	12	22	18	9	35	2	148	
Guardianship	25	27	13	22	26	26	---	139	
Unspecified	14	10	16	6	16	17	1	80	
Custody to Other Agency	1	2	2	1	---	2	---	8	
Consumer Deceased	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	1	
Total	441	329	372	313	392	295	3	2,145	

**FIGURE 15. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT
DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS)
FY'2009, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/09 - 3/31/09)**

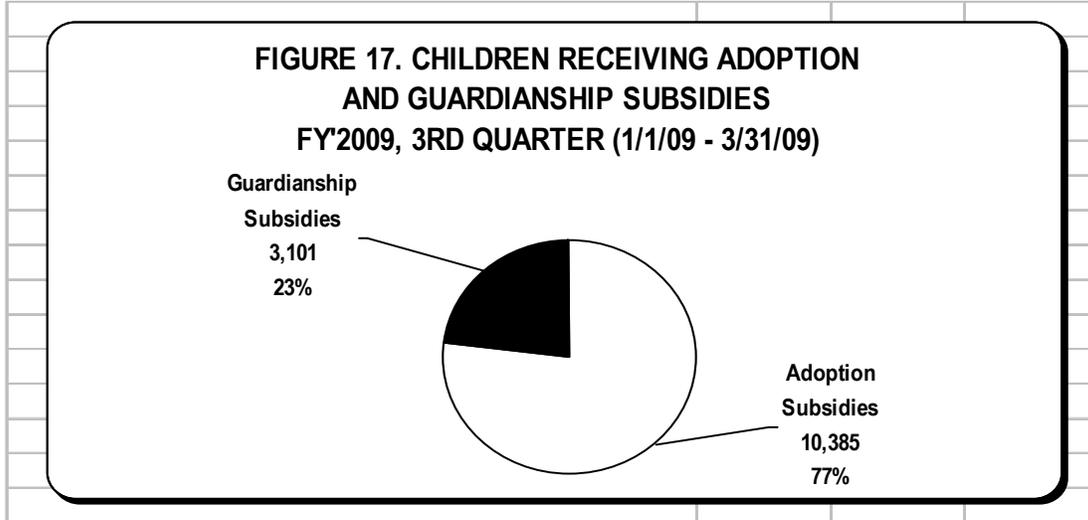


**FIGURE 16. ALL CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER
TO FOSTER AND CONGREGATE CARE
FY'2009, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/09 - 3/31/09)**



Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies

- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2009, the total number of children receiving adoption subsidies was 10,385. Guardianship subsidies totaled 3,101. (Fig. 17)



From the 2nd to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2009, adoption subsidies rose 1% and guardianship subsidies increased 2%. Typically, adoption subsidies increase about 1% each quarter while guardianship subsidies mostly fluctuate around 1-2% (See table below). The declines in adoption and guardianship subsidies during the 1st Quarter of FY'2007 and the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009 resulted from a clean up of service referrals—a closing of service referrals that were not actively paying out.

Quarter	Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)				
	Adoption		Guardianship		
	No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change	
FY'2006	1 st	10,113	*	3,073	*
	2 nd	10,224	1%	3,098	1%
	3 rd	10,322	1%	3,119	1%
	4 th	10,463	1%	3,115	*
FY'2007	1 st	10,149	-3%	3,017	-3%
	2 nd	10,190	*	2,967	-2%
	3 rd	10,287	1%	3,019	2%
	4 th	10,184	-1%	3,016	*
FY'2008	1 st	10,312	1%	3,046	1%
	2 nd	10,386	1%	3,022	-1%
	3 rd	10,461	1%	3,074	2%
	4 th	10,517	1%	3,133	2%
FY,2009	1 st	10,567	*	3,178	1%
	2 nd	10,297	-3%	3,040	-4%
	3 rd	10,385	1%	3,101	2%

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

Foster Homes¹

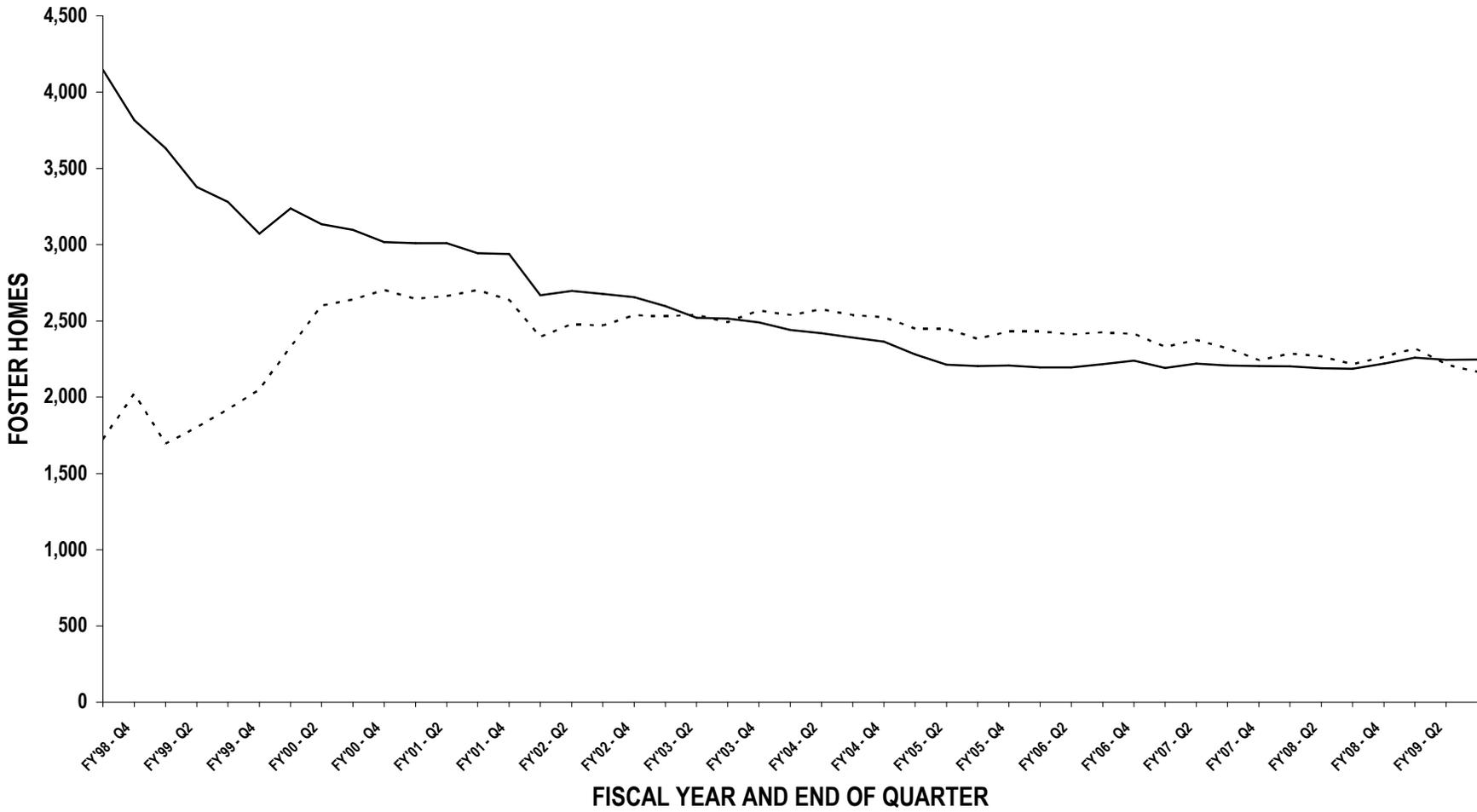
- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2009, there were 4,414 foster homes under the direct supervision of DCF. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes² as well as unrestricted homes.³ There was a nearly equal number of restricted (2,166) and unrestricted (2,248) foster homes. (**Table 12A** on page 50)
- 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 gradually reached a level of 52% in the 2nd Quarter of FY'2004. Restricted homes remained at 52-53% until the 3rd Quarter of FY'2007. From the 3rd Quarter of FY'2007 through the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009, the proportion of restricted homes fluctuated between 50% and 51%. At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2009, restricted homes accounted for 49% of all foster homes. (**See graph** on next page)
- Statewide, 79% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were White and 63% were married. (**Table 12A, Table 12C** on page 51)
- Statewide, 72% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White and 53% were married. (**Tables 12A and 12C**)
- Twelve percent (527) of all foster homes were identified as Black (263 restricted and 264 unrestricted). (**Table 12A**)
- Fifteen percent (655) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (308 restricted and 347 unrestricted). (**Table 12B** on page 50)

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ 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.

RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FOSTER HOMES*
END OF 3RD QUARTER OF FY'1998 (3/31/98) TO END OF 3RD QUARTER OF FY'2009 (3/31/09)



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

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TABLE 12A. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DCF REGION: FY'2009, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region										Adoption Contracts ¹	Total				
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast			Boston		No.	%	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%			
Restricted:	405		350		360		302		525		193		31		2,166	
White	337	83%	213	61%	257	71%	243	80%	429	82%	67	35%	18	58%	1,564	72%
Black	41	10%	19	5%	26	7%	24	8%	50	10%	96	50%	7	23%	263	12%
Asian	1	*	2	1%	17	5%	2	1%	2	*	---	---	1	3%	25	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	1%	---	---	---	---	5	*
Other ²	---	---	2	1%	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	3	*
Multi-Racial	2	*	1	*	3	1%	1	*	1	*	1	1%	---	---	9	*
Unable to Determine ³	22	5%	106	30%	54	15%	30	10%	28	5%	28	15%	4	13%	272	13%
Missing	2	*	7	2%	3	1%	2	1%	9	2%	1	1%	1	3%	25	1%
Unrestricted:	492		327		272		324		518		193		122		2,248	
White	400	81%	268	82%	230	85%	279	86%	420	81%	70	36%	114	93%	1,781	79%
Black	53	11%	14	4%	12	4%	35	11%	46	9%	100	52%	4	3%	264	12%
Asian	3	1%	---	---	8	3%	---	---	1	*	1	1%	1	1%	14	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	4	1%	---	---	---	---	5	*
Other ²	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Multi-Racial	19	4%	2	1%	6	2%	4	1%	3	1%	1	1%	1	1%	36	2%
Unable to Determine ³	16	3%	43	13%	14	5%	5	2%	44	8%	21	11%	2	2%	145	6%
Unknown	---	---	---	---	2	1%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*
Total	897		677		632		626		1,043		386		153		4,414	

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

² Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

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

TABLE 12B. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY HISPANIC ORIGIN AND DCF REGION: FY'2009, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09)

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region										Adoption Contracts ¹	Total				
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast			Boston		No.	%	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%			
Restricted:	405		350		360		302		525		193		31		2,166	
Hispanic/Latino	60	15%	53	15%	79	22%	28	9%	33	6%	49	25%	6	19%	308	14%
Not Hispanic/Latino	334	82%	209	60%	258	72%	261	86%	467	89%	138	72%	22	71%	1,689	78%
Unable to Determine ²	6	1%	81	23%	21	6%	12	4%	15	3%	5	3%	1	3%	141	7%
Missing	5	1%	7	3%	2	1%	1	*	10	2%	1	1%	2	9%	28	2%
Unrestricted:	492		327		272		324		518		193		122		2,248	
Hispanic/Latino	113	23%	53	16%	67	25%	11	3%	55	11%	41	21%	7	6%	347	15%
Not Hispanic/Latino	377	77%	263	80%	198	73%	306	94%	444	86%	151	78%	114	93%	1,853	82%
Unable to Determine ²	2	*	11	3%	5	2%	7	2%	18	3%	1	1%	1	1%	45	2%
Unknown	---	---	---	---	2	1%	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	3	*
Total	897		677		632		626		1,043		386		153		4,414	

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

TABLE 12C. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DCF REGION: FY'2009, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/09) ⁽¹⁾

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	Total		
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston				No.	%
Restricted:	405		350		360		302		525		193		31		2,166	
Married	232	57%	199	57%	188	52%	165	55%	292	56%	51	26%	12	39%	1,139	53%
Single	89	22%	90	26%	96	27%	83	27%	125	24%	103	53%	12	39%	598	28%
Divorced	55	14%	38	11%	42	12%	26	9%	60	11%	19	10%	6	19%	246	11%
Widowed	10	2%	10	3%	17	5%	14	5%	24	5%	10	5%	1	3%	86	4%
Separated	17	4%	6	2%	14	4%	10	3%	16	3%	9	5%	---	---	72	3%
Unspecified	2	*	7	2%	3	1%	4	1%	8	2%	1	1%	---	---	25	1%
Unrestricted:	492		327		272		324		518		193		122		2,248	
Married	307	62%	241	74%	162	60%	216	67%	335	65%	61	32%	90	74%	1,412	63%
Single	96	20%	45	14%	56	21%	72	22%	90	17%	89	46%	28	23%	476	21%
Divorced	58	12%	31	9%	39	14%	26	8%	65	13%	28	15%	4	3%	251	11%
Widowed	16	3%	2	1%	9	3%	5	2%	19	4%	8	4%	---	---	59	3%
Separated	15	3%	8	2%	5	2%	5	2%	9	2%	7	4%	---	---	49	2%
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	897		677		632		626		1,043		386		153		4,414	

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

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

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

Child Maltreatment Reports, Investigations, and DA Referrals

Reports

- Statewide, 19,992 reports were recorded during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2009. Sixty-six percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation. Eight percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. **(Table 13** on page 53)
- Among regions, reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West (3,736) and Southeast (2,952). The Judge Baker Children's Center (hotline) recorded 4,995 reports. Regional screen-in rates ranged from 57% in Metro to 76% in Boston. The screen-in rate at the Judge Baker Children's Center was 71%. **(Table 13, Fig. 18** on page 54)
- The DCF Regions screened-in 2-5% 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 13)**
- Statewide, reports rose 5% from the 2nd to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2009. Regional changes ranged from -3% in Metro to 10% in the Northeast. Typically, report counts decline during the summer quarter (Q1) then rise during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). **(Fig. 20** on page 55)

Investigations

- The number of investigations completed during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2009 was 10,813.¹ Fifty-eight percent of the investigations resulted in supported allegations of maltreatment. **(Table 14** on page 53)
- The Southeast and West conducted more investigations (2,120 and 1,962, respectively) than the other regions. Regional support rates went from a low of 55% in Metro to a high of 60% in the West, Central, and Boston. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 77% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. **(Table 14, Fig. 19** on page 54)
- Statewide, investigations decreased 5% from the 2nd to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2009. Over the same period, regional changes in investigations ranged from -11% in Metro to 3% in Boston. **(Fig. 21** on page 55)

¹ The number of investigations is lower than the number of screened-in reports. This occurs because an investigation may be associated to multiple reports on the same incident or by reports received on separate but closely occurring incidents.

TABLE 13. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2009, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/09 - 3/31/09)

DCF Geographic Region	Screening Decision						Total	
	Screened Out		Screened-In					
	No.	%	Non-Emergency		Emergency		No.	%
West	1,508	40%	2,167	58%	61	2%	3,736	19%
Central	714	32%	1,428	64%	73	3%	2,215	11%
Northeast	930	38%	1,430	59%	83	3%	2,443	12%
Metro	875	43%	1,104	54%	48	2%	2,027	10%
Southeast	864	29%	1,979	67%	109	4%	2,952	15%
Boston	379	24%	1,142	71%	81	5%	1,602	8%
Judge Baker Children's Center	1,432	29%	2,372	47%	1,191	24%	4,995	25%
Special Investigations	4	18%	18	82%	0	---	22	*
Total	6,706	34%	11,640	58%	1,646	8%	19,992	100%

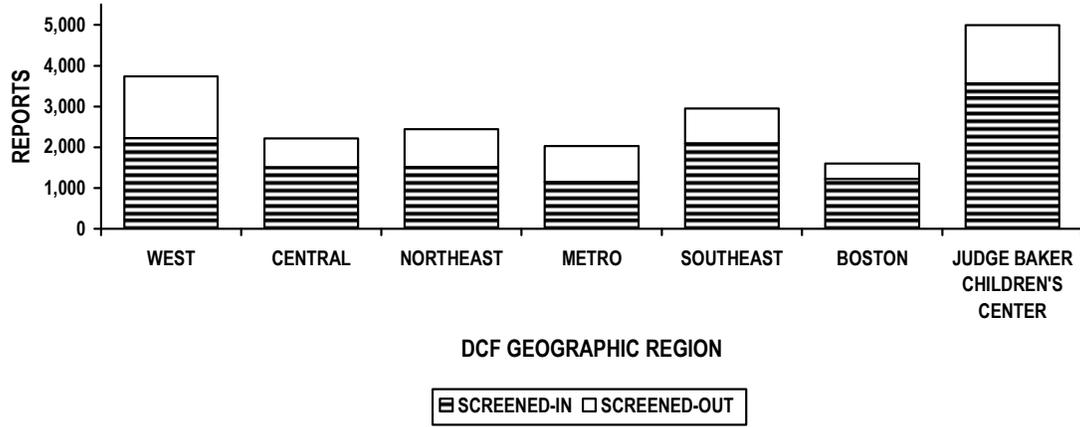
* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

TABLE 14. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DCF REGION: FY'2009, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/09 - 3/31/09)

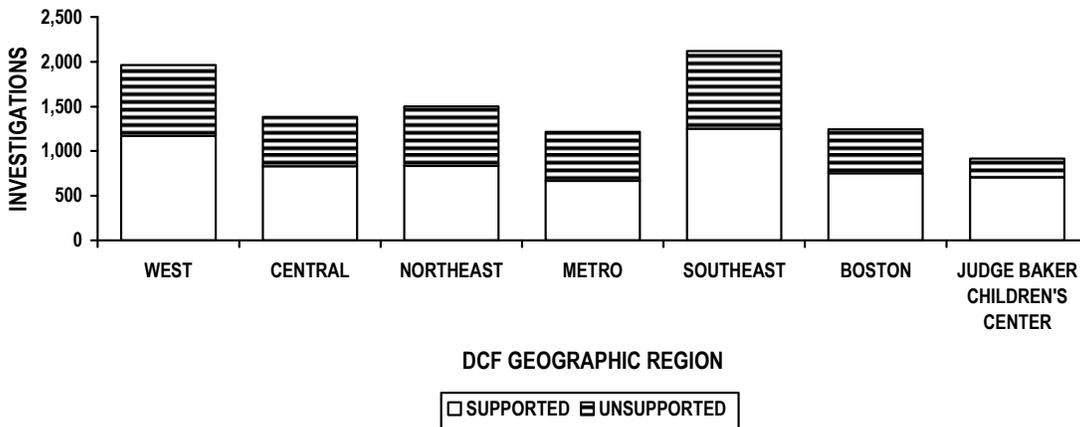
DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Total	
	Supported		Unsupported			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
West	1,170	60%	792	40%	1,962	18%
Central	830	60%	552	40%	1,382	13%
Northeast	834	56%	668	44%	1,502	14%
Metro	666	55%	552	45%	1,218	11%
Southeast	1,250	59%	870	41%	2,120	20%
Boston	752	60%	493	40%	1,245	12%
Judge Baker Children's Center	707	77%	209	23%	916	8%
Special Investigations	75	16%	393	84%	468	4%
Total	6,284	58%	4,529	42%	10,813	100%

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

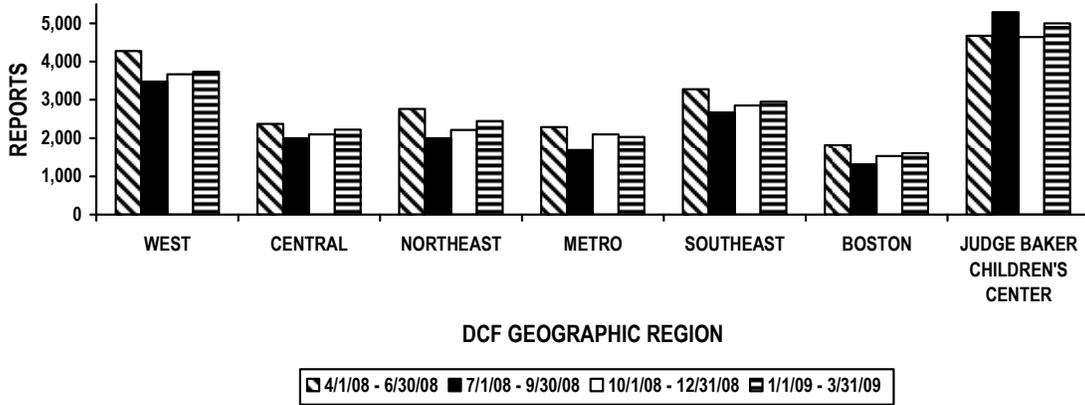
**FIGURE 18. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS
(SCREENING DECISION BY DCF REGION)
FY'2009, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/09 - 3/31/09)**



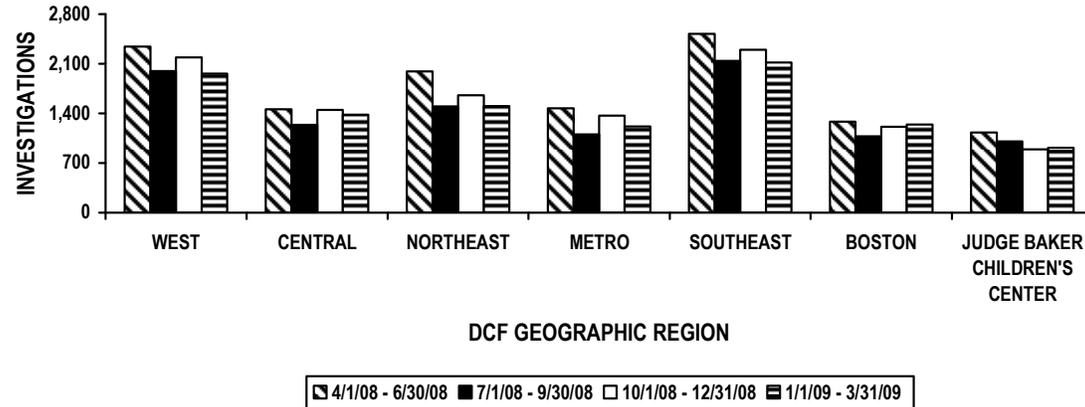
**FIGURE 19. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS
(INVESTIGATION DECISION BY DCF REGION)
FY'2009, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/09 - 3/31/09)**



**FIGURE 20. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2009, 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 21. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2009, 3RD QUARTER)**



DA Referrals

- During the 3rd Quarter of FY'2009, 1,411 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (See table below). Fifty percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals¹ and 50% were discretionary referrals² (**Fig. 22** on page 59). The annual proportion of mandatory referrals has risen the past two fiscal years (See table below).

Time Period	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'03 Total	2,089	47%	2,310	53%	4,399
FY'04, Q1	527	52%	489	48%	1,016
FY'04, Q2	489	45%	586	55%	1,075
FY'04, Q3	527	45%	655	55%	1,182
FY'04, Q4	558	45%	669	55%	1,227
FY'04 Total	2,101	47%	2,399	53%	4,500
FY'05, Q1	500	49%	518	51%	1,018
FY'05, Q2	500	45%	603	55%	1,103
FY'05, Q3	575	47%	637	53%	1,212
FY'05, Q4	547	44%	701	56%	1,248
FY'05 Total	2,122	46%	2,459	54%	4,581
FY'06, Q1	490	44%	614	56%	1,104
FY'06, Q2	509	44%	659	56%	1,168
FY'06, Q3	518	44%	651	56%	1,169
FY'06, Q4	560	43%	742	57%	1,302
FY'06 Total	2,077	44%	2,666	56%	4,743
FY'07, Q1	532	49%	554	51%	1,086
FY'07, Q2	577	49%	606	51%	1,183
FY'07, Q3	559	47%	626	53%	1,185
FY'07, Q4	611	49%	645	51%	1,256
FY'07 Total	2,279	48%	2,431	52%	4,710
FY'08, Q1	538	46%	631	54%	1,169
FY'08, Q2	596	50%	595	50%	1,191
FY'08, Q3	656	49%	691	51%	1,347
FY'08, Q4	771	51%	735	49%	1,506
FY'08 Total	2,561	49%	2,652	51%	5,213
FY'09, Q1	676	52%	631	48%	1,307
FY'09, Q2	740	51%	710	49%	1,450
FY'09, Q3	705	50%	706	50%	1,411

* DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

¹ 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.

² 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.

- Sexual abuse accounted for 80% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals¹ during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2009 (**Fig. 23** on page 59, **Table 15** on page 60). Nineteen percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

Time Period	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		Death ²		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'03 Total	1,688	78%	461	21%	19	1%	2,168
FY'04, Q1	459	83%	87	16%	9	2%	555
FY'04, Q2	385	76%	114	23%	5	1%	504
FY'04, Q3	414	76%	127	23%	6	1%	547
FY'04, Q4	455	78%	122	21%	6	1%	583
FY'04 Total	1,713	78%	450	21%	26	1%	2,189
FY'05, Q1	412	80%	97	19%	4	1%	513
FY'05, Q2	398	77%	113	22%	5	1%	516
FY'05, Q3	461	79%	124	21%	2	*	587
FY'05, Q4	444	78%	122	21%	2	*	568
FY'05 Total	1,715	79%	456	21%	13	1%	2,184
FY'06, Q1	432	86%	66	13%	5	1%	503
FY'06, Q2	432	81%	99	19%	3	1%	534
FY'06, Q3	445	83%	82	15%	7	1%	534
FY'06, Q4	473	82%	95	16%	11	2%	579
FY'06 Total	1,782	83%	342	16%	26	1%	2,150
FY'07, Q1	472	85%	78	14%	7	1%	557
FY'07, Q2	503	84%	90	15%	5	1%	598
FY'07, Q3	473	82%	93	16%	10	2%	576
FY'07, Q4	487	78%	129	21%	9	1%	625
FY'07 Total	1,935	82%	390	17%	31	1%	2,356
FY'08, Q1	443	78%	114	20%	11	2%	568
FY'08, Q2	470	77%	130	21%	11	2%	611
FY'08, Q3	534	79%	127	19%	11	2%	672
FY'08, Q4	602	76%	181	23%	5	1%	788
FY'08 Total	2,049	78%	552	21%	38	1%	2,639
FY'09, Q1	569	81%	127	18%	7	1%	703
FY'09, Q2	629	82%	130	17%	7	1%	766
FY'09, Q3	577	80%	140	19%	4	1%	721

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

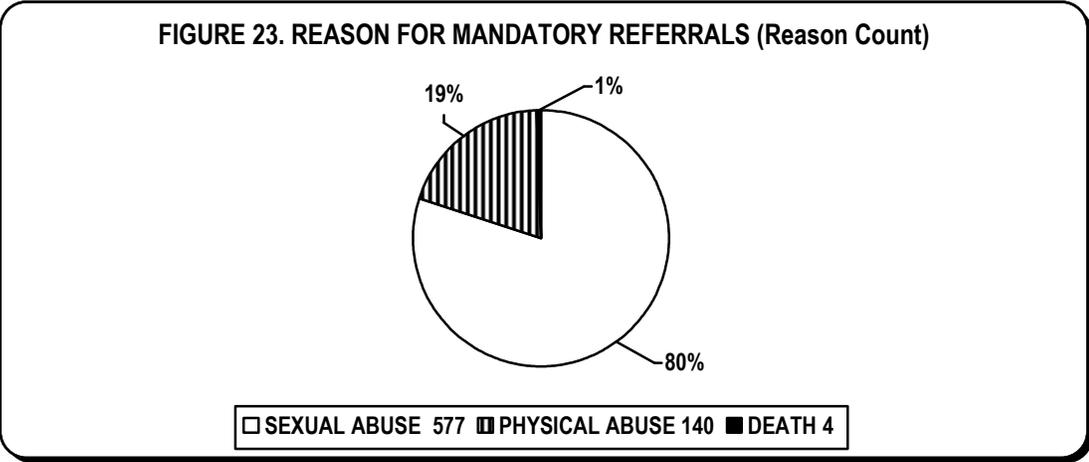
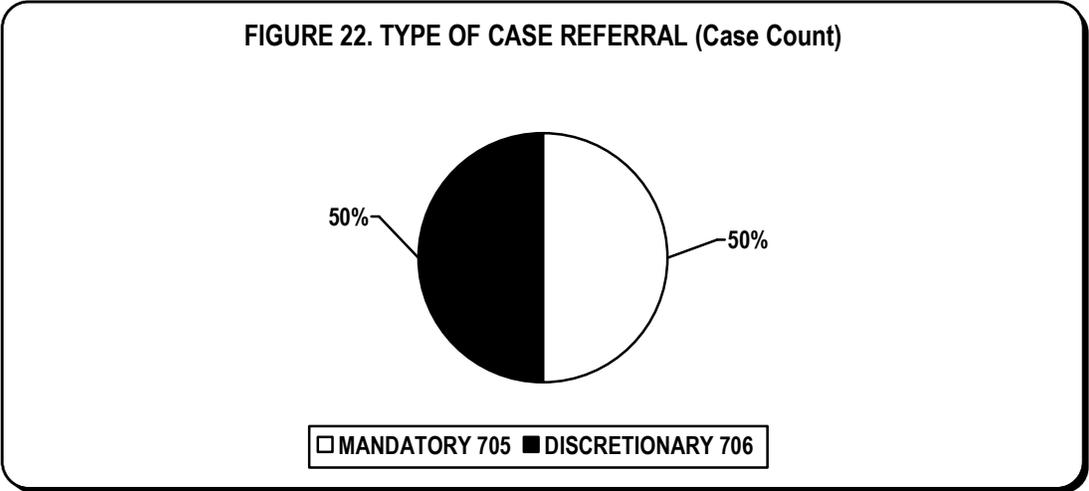
¹ **A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason** (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

² Not all DA referrals resulting from an allegation that a child's death was due to abuse or neglect lead to an ultimate finding that the death was in fact due to abuse or neglect. **DCF publishes an annual report of child fatalities that includes an analysis of child deaths due to abuse or neglect.**

- Table 16 (on page 60) displays a breakdown of case referrals by type and child's county of residence. In general, referral counts were highest for the most populous counties, Essex, Suffolk, Middlesex, and Worcester. Based on a comparison of county estimates¹ for children less than 18 years old, Norfolk and Barnstable Counties had lower numbers of referrals than expected while Hampden (encompasses the city of Springfield) and Suffolk had higher numbers of referrals than expected.
- Table 17 (on page 60) shows mandatory case referral reasons and child's county of residence. Worcester, Essex, Suffolk, and Middlesex Counties accounted for 66% of the mandatory case referrals for sexual abuse (includes sexual assault and sexual exploitation). The same four counties accounted for 78% of the mandatory case referrals for serious physical abuse.

¹ U.S. Census Bureau: 2006 American Community Survey, Data Profile Highlights for Counties in Massachusetts (factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html?_lang=en)

DA REFERRALS FY'2009, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/09 - 3/31/09)



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

**TABLE 15. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: ⁽¹⁾
FY'2009, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/09 - 3/31/09)**

Nature of Abuse	Reasons ⁽¹⁾	
	No.	%
Sexual Abuse:	577	80%
Sexual Assault	545	
Sexual Exploitation	32	
Serious Physical Abuse:	140	19%
Death:	4	1%
Unspecified	1	*
Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals	722	100%

TABLE 16. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY: FY'2009, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/09 - 3/31/09)

County ⁽²⁾	Case Referrals				Total No.	2006 Children Under 18 years old (estimates)
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Essex	105	38%	171	62%	276	176,236
Suffolk	154	59%	109	41%	263	140,437
Middlesex	154	65%	84	35%	238	323,225
Worcester	71	37%	121	63%	192	188,163
Hampden	64	58%	47	42%	111	111,071
Bristol	25	37%	43	63%	68	125,467
Norfolk	46	70%	20	30%	66	150,875
Berkshire	23	36%	41	64%	64	25,778
Plymouth	37	70%	16	30%	53	121,754
Hampshire	6	25%	18	75%	24	25,751
Franklin	2	11%	17	89%	19	14,445
Barnstable	7	47%	8	53%	15	40,209
Dukes	2	67%	1	33%	3	3,398
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---	1,828
OUT OF STATE	10	53%	9	47%	19	---
Total	706		705		1,411	

**TABLE 17. MANDATORY CASE REFERRAL REASONS BY COUNTY: ⁽¹⁾
FY'2009, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/09 - 3/31/09)**

County ⁽²⁾	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals ⁽¹⁾					Total No.
	Sexual Assault No.	Sexual Exploitation No.	Serious Physical Abuse/Injury No.	Death No.	Unspecified No.	
Essex	119	4	49	1	---	173
Worcester	109	4	11	---	---	124
Suffolk	79	4	28	1	---	112
Middlesex	60	4	21	---	1	86
Hampden	41	4	4	1	---	50
Berkshire	31	1	11	1	---	44
Bristol	35	5	2	---	---	42
Norfolk	11	1	8	---	---	20
Franklin	17	1	---	---	---	18
Plymouth	15	1	1	---	---	17
Barnstable	12	1	4	---	---	17
Hampshire	8	---	---	---	---	8
Dukes	1	---	---	---	---	1
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---	---
OUT OF STATE	7	2	1	---	---	10
Total:	545	32	140	4	1	722

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

⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.