

Michigan Adoption Facts 2014

The goal of Michigan's Adoption Services Program is to place children with forever families through adoption following termination of parental rights due to child abuse or neglect. The program provides services to these children and to families before and after the adoption. Services are provided by the Michigan Department of Human Services and through contracts with 63 private child-placing agencies.

There are about 12,800 children in the foster care system. There are about 2,500 children whose parents' rights have been terminated and have a goal of adoption. More than 2,160 children were adopted through the Michigan Department of Human Services and private adoption agencies in fiscal year 2014. Historical trends indicate that on average 32 percent of children were adopted by their foster parents, 29 percent of children were adopted by relatives and 39 percent of children were adopted by a recruited family.

Approximately 90 percent of children who are available for adoption qualify for adoption assistance to help families with some of the costs of bringing children into their homes. More than 27,000 adopted children receive ongoing support subsidies. The total amount of adoption support subsidy paid to adoptive families by the state of Michigan is about \$240 million annually. Michigan's Adoption Medical Subsidy Program is a reimbursement program that assists in paying for services for adopted children who have an identified physical, mental or emotional condition which existed, or the cause of which existed, before the adoption petition was filed.

Michigan is committed to responding to the needs of adoptive families and understands the value in providing post adoption services to families who have adopted children from Michigan's child welfare system. Post adoption services are available statewide through eight Post Adoption Resource Centers and offer the following services: case management, including short-term and emergency in-home intervention; coordination of community services; information dissemination; education; training; advocacy; family recreational activities and support.

Children in foster care as of Sept. 30:	Foster home licenses issued each calendar year:
2009: 16,115 2010: 15,250 2011: 14,284 2012: 13,639 2013: 13,402 2014: 12,883	2009: 2,156 2010: 2,013 2011: 1,820 2012: 1,847 2013: 1,968 2014: 1,960*
Licensed foster homes in MI as of Sept. 30:	Adoptions from foster care each fiscal year:
2009: 6,833 2010: 7,166 2011: 7,264 2012: 7,062 2013: 7,042 2014: 6,796	2009: 3,030 2010: 2,612 2011: 2,426 2012: 2,538 2013: 2,361 2014: 2,160*

Includes children in foster homes, mental health facilities or with relatives, legal guardians, independent living, boarding schools and other placements.

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