



# MICHIGAN ADOPTION FACTS 2011

The goal of Michigan's Adoption Services Program is to place children in adoptive homes as quickly as possible following termination of parental rights due to child abuse or neglect. The program provides services to these children and to families who want to adopt. Services are provided by the Michigan Department of Human Services and through contracts with 50 private Michigan child-placing agencies.

There are about 14,000 children in the foster care system. There are about 2,900 children whose parents' rights have been terminated and have a goal of adoption. More than 2,400 children were adopted through the Michigan Department of Human Services and private adoption agencies in fiscal year 2011. Most adoptions were by a relative or foster parent.

Many 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 \$213 million annually.

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## Children in foster care as of Sept. 30:

2006: 18,414  
2007: 18,943  
2008: 18,016  
2009: 16,115  
2010: 15,250  
2011: 14,284

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

## Licensed foster homes in Michigan as of Sept. 30:

2006: 7,292  
2007: 6,999  
2008: 6,530  
2009: 6,833  
2010: 7,166  
2011: 7,264

## New foster home licenses issued each calendar year:

2006: 1,556  
2007: 1,366  
2008: 1,345  
2009: 2,156  
2010: 2,013  
2011: 1,820\*

*\*Through October 2011*

## Number of adoptions from foster care each fiscal year:

2006: 2,589  
2007: 2,602  
2008: 2,722  
2009: 3,030  
2010: 2,612  
2011: 2,426\*\*

*\*\*Through Sept. 30, 2011; final data available Jan. 2012*