

Michigan Adoption Facts 2019

The goal of Michigan’s Adoption Services Program is to place children who are state wards or permanent court wards with forever families through adoption following termination of parental rights. Adoption services are provided to children and their families before and after the adoption by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and through contracts with 61 Michigan child-placing agencies.

There are approximately 13,100 children in foster care, including more than 300 children who are still in need a forever family through adoption. More than 2,000 children were adopted through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and partner adoption agencies in fiscal year 2019.

Michigan’s adoption assistance program provides financial support to families who adopt children from foster care through the Michigan public child welfare system. Based on each individual child’s situation or needs, one or more adoption assistance benefits may be available to support the adoption. Approximately 95 percent of children who are available for adoption qualify for Michigan’s adoption assistance program. There are approximately 24,000 children who were adopted who are receiving ongoing adoption assistance. The total amount of adoption assistance paid to adoptive families by the State of Michigan is about \$200 million annually. Michigan’s Adoption Medical Subsidy Program is a reimbursement program that assists in paying for services for children adopted through the Michigan public child welfare system 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 fiscal year:
2014: 12,883	2014: 1,763
2015: 13,009	2015: 1,725
2016: 12,666	2016: 1,832
2017: 13,298	2017: 1,832
2018: 13,710	2018: 1,862
2019: 13,141	2019: 1,712
Licensed foster homes in Michigan as of Sept. 30:	Adoptions from foster care each fiscal year:
2014: 6,796	2014: 2,185
2015: 6,488	2015: 1,815
2016: 6,079	2016: 2,109
2017: 6,231	2017: 1,998
2018: 6,344	2018: 2,002
2019: 5,830	2019: 2,038*

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

**Preliminary data: final data available Jan. 2020*

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