

Michigan Adoption Facts 2024

The purpose of Michigan's Adoption Services Program is to place children with forever families through adoption once parental rights are terminated. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) contracts with 47 child placement agencies (CPAs) to provide adoption services to children and families both before and after the adoption.

In Michigan, around 10,000 children are in foster care, with approximately 200 of them available for adoption without an identified forever family. More than 1,500 children are expected to be adopted from Michigan's child welfare system in fiscal year 2024.

Michigan's Adoption Assistance Program provides financial support to families who adopt children from foster care through the Michigan public child welfare system. Each year, that amount totals about \$200 million. Based on each 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. Additionally, Michigan's Adoption Medical Subsidy Program assists in the reimbursement of certain physical or behavioral health 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 supporting the needs of adopted children and the families who committed to them, and it recognizes the need of post-adoption services. Through eight Post Adoption Resource Centers (PARCs), case management services such as short-term and emergency in-home intervention, community service coordination, information dissemination, education, training, advocacy, and family recreational activities and support are available statewide.

| Children in foster care as of Sept. 30: | Children legally ready for adoption as of Sept. 30*: |
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| 2019: 13,141 2020: 12,087 2021: 10,996 2022: 10,312 2023: 10,007 2024: 10,143 | 2019: 3,009 2020: 2,470 2021: 2,160 2022: 2,348 2023: 2,028 2024: 2,200** |
| Licensed foster homes in Michigan as of Sept. 30: | Adoptions from foster care each fiscal year: |
| 2019: 5,830 2020: 5,620 2021: 5,461 2022: 4,811 2023: 4,186 2024: 3,905 | 2019: 2,191 2020: 1,887 2021: 1,701 2022: 1,678 2023: 1,619 2024: 1,508*** |

*Includes children with an identified adoptive family.

** Data as of September 2024: final data available Jan. 2025

***Preliminary data: final data available Jan. 2025

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