

Michigan Department of Human Services

**FACT SHEET**

January 2012

Revised February 15, 2012

DHS Office of Communications • <http://www.michigan.gov/dhs>

**Family Independence Program (FIP)**

| Program      | Cases – Dec.. | Cases – Jan. | Difference +/- | Recipients – Dec. | Recipients – Jan. | Difference +/- |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Regular FIP  | 61,959        | 60,551       | (1,408)        | 156,829           | 153,099           | (3,730)        |
| Extended FIP | 2,032         | 1,937        | (95)           | 5,629             | 5,323             | (306)          |
| Total FIP    | 63,991        | 62,488       | (1,503)        | 162,458           | 158,422           | (4,036)        |

Regular FIP includes families with children receiving cash assistance who qualify by income standards.

Extended FIP includes families with children whose earnings exceed qualifying standards. They receive \$10/month benefits for six months to stay eligible for Medicaid, Child Development and Care and other benefits to help stay in the workforce.

Total FIP is the total of Regular FIP and Extended FIP.

**Other Assistance Programs**

| Program                           | Cases – Dec. | Cases – Jan. | Difference +/- | Recipients – Dec. | Recipients – Jan. | Difference +/- |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Food Assistance                   | 929,610      | 927,375      | (2,235)        | 1,843,646         | 1,838,439         | (5,207)        |
| Child Development and Care (CDC)* | 29,543       | 27,435       | (2,108)        | 53,646            | 50,014            | (3,632)        |
| Medicaid                          | 1,100,320    | 1,103,702    | 3,382          | 1,914,942         | 1,917,438         | 2,496          |

Food Assistance (formerly known as food stamps) provides cash assistance that can be expended on food and related items.

CDC\* cases that received payments during the month for child care services provided.

Medicaid includes low-income families and individuals eligible for medical assistance.

**Children's Services**

| Program                                     | Dec.   | Jan.   | Difference +/- | Total for Fiscal Year |
|---|--------|--------|----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Children's Protective Services (CPS)</b> |        |        |                |                       |
| Abuse-neglect complaints filed              | 10,327 | 11,834 | 1,507          | 45,032                |
| Assigned investigations                     | 6,736  | 7,874  | 1,138          | 30,095                |
| Confirmed cases of abuse and/or neglect     | 1,900  | 1,774  | (126)          | 7,287                 |
| Confirmed victims of abuse and/or neglect   | 3,256  | 2,925  | (331)          | 12,052                |
| <b>Foster Care</b>                          | 13,893 | 13,909 | 16             |                       |
| Residing in licensed foster care homes *    | 4,641  | 4,642  | 1              |                       |
| Residing with licensed relatives *          | 2,014  | 1,923  | (91)           |                       |
| Residing with unlicensed relatives *        | 3,113  | 3,091  | (22)           |                       |
| In child caring institution *               | 724    | 823    | 99             |                       |
| In own home/independent living *            | 2,680  | 2,652  | (28)           |                       |
| Other**                                     | 743    | 778    | 35             |                       |
| <b>Adoption Goal</b>                        | 3,059  | 3,084  | 25             |                       |

CPS complaints, assigned investigations, confirmed cases and child victims of abuse & neglect during month.

Foster care children in foster care statewide at end of month and their living arrangement.

\* Includes out-of-state placements.

\*Licensed vs. unlicensed relatives is determined using the license of the provider.

\*\*Other placements Includes adoptive home, emergency shelter home/facility, community justice center; detention; jail; DHS training school; mental health facility; court treatment facility; boarding school; runaway (AWOL); service facility; hospital; unrelated caregiver.

Dual Wards youth serviced by Foster Care and Juvenile Justice (identified using legal status), as of the end of the month.

Adoption Program children by the adoption program (not finalized) as of the end of the month.

Adoption Goal is children in foster care under DHS management at the end of the month with a goal of adoption. They are state or court wards whose parental rights have been terminated.

**Adult Services**

| Program                                  | Dec.   | Jan.   | Difference +/- | Total for Fiscal Year |
|--|--------|--------|----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Adult Community Placement (ACP)</b>   |        |        |                |                       |
| Total active cases                       | 3,451  | 3,468  | 17             |                       |
| New referrals during month               | 68     | 94     |                | 300                   |
| New referrals open for services          | 15     | 14     |                |                       |
| <b>Independent Living Services (ILS)</b> |        |        |                |                       |
| Total active cases                       | 61,381 | 60,982 | (399)          |                       |
| New referrals during month               | 1,382  | 1,748  |                | 6,755                 |
| New referrals open for services          | 84     | 114    |                |                       |
| <b>Adult Protective Services (APS)</b>   |        |        |                |                       |
| Total active cases                       | 2,890  | 2,894  | 4              |                       |
| New referrals during month               | 1,648  | 1,928  |                | 7,087                 |
| New referrals open for services          | 951    | 1,115  |                |                       |

ACP reflects adults who cannot live independently residing in licensed adult foster care and homes for the aged at end of month.

ILS reflects services and payments to individuals who require services to support functioning in a home or independent living facility.

APS assists persons age 18 or older who have been or are at risk of being abused, neglected or exploited and who are vulnerable and unable to take the necessary steps to correct their situation.

**Child Support Program (For the quarter ending December 31, 2011)**

- Child support cases totaled 1,020,533 at the end of December 2011, which included 937,902 children. Since September 2011, the caseload has increased by 478 cases.
- From October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, \$288,216,149 was distributed directly to families, \$14,588,627 was distributed to cover medical costs for children, and \$15,869,030 was collected to reimburse federal and state governments for public assistance provided to families.
- Past due support that was distributed from October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 totaled \$88,009,980, which is an increase of \$5,868,289 from the same time period last year.
- From October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, total child support distributions in Michigan totaled \$318,676,678, an increase of \$5,755,685 from the same time period last year.