



# Social Services in Santa Ana



City of Santa Ana  
Orange County, California

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## Population<sup>1</sup>

- Santa Ana is the 2nd most populous city in Orange County: 324,528
- Santa Ana has the 1st greatest youth (0-17) population when compared to other OC cities: 99,678
- Ethnic breakdown: 9.2% White; 78.2% Hispanic; 10.4% Asian; 1.0% Black; 1.2% Other
- Median Family Income: \$53,111 ([Orange County: \$85,009] [U.S. Census Bureau: 2011 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates])

## Social Services

- Santa Ana children receiving financial assistance through CalWORKs<sup>2</sup>: 13,011
  - Representing 28.02% of the 46,429 child recipients county-wide (12/1/2011)
- Child Abuse and neglect reports on children received from Santa Ana in 2013: 8,025
  - Representing 20.3% of the 39,594 reports received county-wide

## Child Abuse and Neglect Report Details

- The majority of the 8,025 reports came from mandated professions (89%); Counselor/Therapist (31%), School Personnel/Teachers (29%), Other Professionals combined (17%), Law Enforcement (9%), and SSA, Probation, other Government Agency (14%). Non-mandated but concerned parties (including relatives) made 879 reports, equal to 11% of the total.
- The 8,025 report-allegations represent 5,480 distinct children<sup>3</sup> in Santa Ana, by Gender & Age:

Gender	Male	Female	Unk	Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total <sup>4</sup>
	Count	2,666	2,814		0	Count	343	1,432	
Percent	49%	51%	0%	Percent	6%	26%	41%	27%	100%

- Characteristics of Children Brought into Protective Custody from Santa Ana (Between 01/01/2013 and 12/31/2013: 224)

Reason-Abuse Allegation	Physical	Sexual	Emotional	Exploitation	General Neglect	Severe Neglect	Law Violation	Caretaker Absence/Incapacity	Total <sup>4</sup>
Count	10	9	0	0	152	19	2	32	224
Percent	4%	4%	0%	0%	68%	8%	1%	14%	100%

Gender	Male	Female	Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total <sup>4</sup>
	Count	117		107	Count	44	74	
Percent	52%	48%	Percent	20%	33%	31%	17%	100%

Ethnicity	Asian/Pac. Isl.	Black	Latino	White	Other	Total <sup>4</sup>
	Count	4	0	207	12	
Percent	2%	0%	92%	5%	0%	100%

<sup>1</sup> Population figures based upon Orange County Change: Census [U.S. Census Bureau: 2010 Demographic Profile].

<sup>2</sup> CalWORKs: California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Program

<sup>3</sup> Children may be reported more than once and/or have multiple allegations, i.e., physical abuse and general neglect

<sup>4</sup> Percentages may not always total to 100% due to rounding

■ Characteristics of Children Placed in Relative/Foster Care in Santa Ana (as of December 31, 2013: 271)<sup>5</sup>

Placement Type	Group Home	Foster Family Agency Home	Foster Family / Small Family Home	Relative / Guardian	Total <sup>6</sup>
Count	14	52	14	191	271
Percent	5%	19%	5%	70%	100%

Gender	Male	Female	Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total <sup>6</sup>
Count	143	128	Count	17	84	81	89	271
Percent	53%	47%	Percent	6%	31%	30%	33%	100%

Ethnicity	Asian/Pac. Isl.	Black	Latino	White	Other	Total <sup>6</sup>
Count	10	10	230	20	1	271
Percent	4%	4%	85%	7%	0%	100%

■ Children Brought into Protective Custody and Placed back into the same City/Community<sup>7</sup>

Area	Protective Custody (PC)	Placed Back	Placements by PC (Removal) Area
Santa Ana	224	66	29%
All Other OC Cities/Communities	611	232	38%

**Extended Foster Care (EFC) Program: Non-Minor Dependents**

- The EFC Program, created by Assembly Bill 12 in January, 2012, allows foster youth to receive foster care benefits and services after age 18 and up to age 21. These young adults remain under the jurisdiction of the court and supervision of the county as they transition to independence.
- There are 15 Non-Minor Dependents residing within the city of Santa Ana as of 12/31/2013

**How can the Santa Ana Community help to Preserve and Reunite their Children and Families?**

- Support community-based responses to protect children and preserve families
- Become a resource family and encourage others to do so (short or longer term foster care)
- Participate in team decision making meetings that bring together people to help children at risk
- Provide space for foster care orientation, training or family visitation
- Help with community mentoring for birth parents working towards reunification



**Interested in Getting More Involved with Children in Your Community?**

- To find out more information about becoming a resource family, foster or adoptive parent: Call 1-888-871-kids (5437) or visit us at [www.oc4kids.com](http://www.oc4kids.com)

<sup>5</sup> Children brought into protective custody from Santa Ana (residents) and children placed there (includes children whose primary residence is in other cities): different time-frames and reflecting different groups of children.

<sup>6</sup> Percentages may not always total to 100% due to rounding

<sup>7</sup> Any child placed into protective custody between 01/01/2013 and 12/31/2013 and placed back into the same city/community within 6 months.