



Social Services in Orange County



Orange County, California

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Population¹

- Orange County is the 3rd most populous County in California: 3,010,232
- Orange County has the 2nd greatest youth (0-17) population in California: 736,659
- Ethnic breakdown: 44.1% White; 33.7% Latino; 17.7% Asian; 1.5% Black; 3.1% Other
 - Latino subset: 28.5% Mexican; 0.4% Puerto Rican; 0.3% Cuban; 4.5% Other Latino
- Median Family Income in Orange County: \$85,009 [U.S. Census Bureau: 2011 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates]

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- Orange County children receiving financial assistance through CalWORKs²: 46,429 (12/2011)
- Child Abuse and neglect reports on children received from Orange County in 2013: 39,594

Child Abuse and Neglect Report Details

- The majority of the 39,594 reports came from mandated professions (87%); Counselor/Therapist (26%), School Personnel/Teachers (22%), Law Enforcement (17%), SSA, Probation, other Government Agency (15%), and Other Professionals combined (20%). Non-mandated but concerned parties (including relatives) made 5,226 reports, equal to 13% of the total.
- The 39,594 report-allegations represent 27,008 distinct children³ in Orange County, by Gender & Age:

Gender	Male	Female	Unk	Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total ⁴
Count	13,274	13,734	0	Count	1,557	7,129	10,783	7,539	27,008
Percent	49%	51%	0%	Percent	6%	26%	40%	28%	100%

- Characteristics of Children Brought into Protective Custody Between 01/01/2013 and 12/31/2013: 952

Reason-Abuse Allegation	Physical	Sexual	Emotional	Exploitation	General Neglect	Severe Neglect	Law Violation	Caretaker Absence/Incapacity	Total ⁴
Count	60	27	4	0	661	67	4	129	952
Percent	6%	3%	0%	0%	69%	7%	0%	14%	100%

Gender	Male	Female	Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total ⁴
Count	487	465	Count	220	325	268	139	952
Percent	51%	49%	Percent	23%	34%	28%	15%	100%

Ethnicity	Asian/Pac. Isl.	Black	Latino	White	Other	Total ⁴
Count	52	42	549	298	11	952
Percent	5%	4%	58%	31%	1%	100%

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

² CalWORKs: California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Program

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

⁴ Percentages may not always total to 100% due to rounding

■ Characteristics of Children Placed in Relative/Foster Care as of December 31, 2013: 1,641)⁵

Placement Type	Group Home	Foster Family Agency Home	Foster Family / Small Family Home	Relative / Guardian	Total ⁶
Count	172	251	186	1,032	1,641
Percent	10%	15%	11%	63%	100%

Gender	Male	Female	Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total ⁶
Count	845	796	Count	130	462	487	562	1,641
Percent	51%	49%	Percent	8%	28%	30%	34%	100%

Ethnicity	Asian/Pac. Isl.	Black	Latino	White	Other	Total ⁶
Count	72	71	990	494	14	1,641
Percent	4%	4%	60%	30%	1%	100%

■ Children Brought into Protective Custody and Placed back into the same City/Community⁷

Area	Protective Custody (PC)	Placed Back	Placements by PC (Removal) Area
Orange County	952	309	32%

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 106 Non-Minor Dependents residing within Orange County as of 12/31/2013

How can the Orange County 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

⁵ Children brought into protective custody (residents) and children placed (includes children whose primary residence is in other cities): different time-frames and reflecting different groups of children.

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⁷ 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.