



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]

Social Services

- Orange County children receiving financial assistance through CalWORKs²: 46,429 (12/2011)
- Child Abuse and neglect reports on children received from Orange County in 2014: 46,069

Child Abuse and Neglect Report Details

- The majority of the 46,069 reports came from mandated professions (88%); Counselor/Therapist (26%), School Personnel/Teachers (21%), Law Enforcement (16%), SSA, Probation, other Government Agency (12%), and Other Professionals combined (24%). Non-mandated but concerned parties (including relatives) made 5,620 reports, equal to 12% of the total.
- The 46,069 report-allegations represent 30592 distinct children³ in Orange County, by Gender & Age:

Gender	Male	Female	Unk	Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total ⁴
Count	15,036	15,556	0	Count	1,822	7,619	12,378	8,773	30592
Percent	49%	51%	0%	Percent	6%	25%	40%	29%	100%

- Characteristics of Children Brought into Protective Custody Between 01/01/2014 and 12/31/2014: 996

Reason-Abuse Allegation	Physical	Sexual	Emotional	Exploitation	General Neglect	Severe Neglect	Law Violation	Caretaker Absence/Incapacity	Total ⁴
Count	70	19	7	2	680	79	1	138	996
Percent	7%	2%	1%	0%	68%	8%	0%	14%	100%

Gender	Male	Female	Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total ⁴
Count	483	509	Count	255	343	256	138	996
Percent	48%	51%	Percent	26%	34%	26%	14%	100%

Ethnicity	Asian/Pac. Isl.	Black	Latino	White	Other	Total ⁴
Count	51	52	500	375	12	996
Percent	5%	5%	50%	38%	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, 2014: 1,514)⁵

Placement Type	Group Home	Foster Family Agency Home	Foster Family / Small Family Home	Relative / Guardian	Total ⁶
Count	159	230	190	935	1,514
Percent	11%	15%	13%	62%	100%

Gender	Male	Female	Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total ⁶
Count	784	730	Count	131	465	420	498	1,514
Percent	52%	48%	Percent	9%	31%	28%	33%	100%

Ethnicity	Asian/Pac. Isl.	Black	Latino	White	Other	Total ⁶
Count	58	89	803	552	12	1,514
Percent	4%	6%	53%	36%	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	996	321	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 107 Non-Minor Dependents residing within Orange County as of 12/31/2014

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 01/01/2014 and 12/31/2014 and placed back into the same city/community within 6 months.