



Social Services in Los Alamitos



City of Los Alamitos
Orange County, California

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Population¹

- Los Alamitos is the 33rd most populous city in Orange County: 11,449
- Los Alamitos has the 32nd greatest youth (0-17) population when compared to other OC cities: 2,741
- Ethnic breakdown: 58.7% White; 21.1% Hispanic; 12.6% Asian; 2.6% Black; 4.9% Other
- Median Family Income: \$90,409 ([Orange County: \$85,009] [U.S. Census Bureau: 2011 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates])

Social Services

- Los Alamitos children receiving financial assistance through CalWORKs²: 100
 - Representing 0.21% of the 46,429 child recipients county-wide (12/1/2011)
- Child Abuse and neglect reports on children received from Los Alamitos in 2014: 169
 - Representing 0.4% of the 46,069 reports received county-wide

Child Abuse and Neglect Report Details

- The majority of the 169 reports came from mandated professions (87%); Counselor/Therapist (15%), School Personnel/Teachers (24%), Other Professionals combined (30%), Law Enforcement (16%), and SSA, Probation, other Government Agency (16%). Non-mandated but concerned parties (including relatives) made 22 reports, equal to 13% of the total.
- The 169 report-allegations represent 136 distinct children³ in Los Alamitos, by Gender & Age:

Gender	Male	Female	Unk	Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total ⁴
Count	74	62	0	Count	8	18	57	53	136
Percent	54%	46%	0%	Percent	6%	13%	42%	39%	100%

- Characteristics of Children Brought into Protective Custody from Los Alamitos (Between 01/01/2014 and 12/31/2014: 11)

Reason-Abuse Allegation	Physical	Sexual	Emotional	Exploitation	General Neglect	Severe Neglect	Law Violation	Caretaker Absence/Incapacity	Total ⁴
Count	1	0	0	0	8	0	0	2	11
Percent	9%	0%	0%	0%	73%	0%	0%	18%	100%

Gender	Male	Female	Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total ⁴
Count	6	5	Count	0	3	4	4	11
Percent	55%	45%	Percent	0%	27%	36%	36%	100%

Ethnicity	Asian/Pac. Isl.	Black	Latino	White	Other	Total ⁴
Count	0	0	2	9	0	11
Percent	0%	0%	18%	82%	0%	100%

¹ Population figures based upon 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 in Los Alamitos (as of December 31, 2014: 12)⁵

Placement Type	Group Home	Foster Family Agency Home	Foster Family / Small Family Home	Relative / Guardian	Total ⁶
Count	2	1	2	7	12
Percent	17%	8%	17%	58%	100%

Gender	Male	Female	Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total ⁶
Count	7	5	Count	1	0	4	7	12
Percent	58%	42%	Percent	8%	0%	33%	58%	100%

Ethnicity	Asian/Pac. Isl.	Black	Latino	White	Other	Total ⁶
Count	0	6	3	3	0	12
Percent	0%	50%	25%	25%	0%	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
Los Alamitos	11	2	18%
All Other OC Cities/Communities	873	313	36%

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 0 Non-Minor Dependents residing within the city of Los Alamitos as of 12/31/2014

How can the Los Alamitos 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 from Los Alamitos (residents) and children placed there (includes children whose primary residence is in other cities): different time-frames and reflecting different groups of children.

⁶ Percentages may not always total to 100% due to rounding

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.