



# Social Services in Rancho Santa Margarita



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## Population<sup>1</sup>

- Rancho Santa Margarita is the 21st most populous city in Orange County: 47,853
- Rancho Santa Margarita has the 19th greatest youth (0-17) population when compared to other OC cities: 13,879
- Ethnic breakdown: 67.0% White; 18.6% Hispanic; 8.9% Asian; 1.6% Black; 3.8% Other
- Median Family Income: \$116,540 ([Orange County: \$85,009] [U.S. Census Bureau: 2011 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates])

## Social Services

- Rancho Santa Margarita children receiving financial assistance through CalWORKs<sup>2</sup>: 5
  - Representing -1.07% of the 46,429 child recipients county-wide (12/1/2011)
- Child Abuse and neglect reports on children received from Rancho Santa Margarita in 2014: 364
  - Representing 0.8% of the 46,069 reports received county-wide

## Child Abuse and Neglect Report Details

- The majority of the 364 reports came from mandated professions (88%); Counselor/Therapist (39%), School Personnel/Teachers (18%), Other Professionals combined (16%), Law Enforcement (19%), and SSA, Probation, other Government Agency (8%). Non-mandated but concerned parties (including relatives) made 42 reports, equal to 12% of the total.
- The 364 report-allegations represent 267 distinct children<sup>3</sup> in Rancho Santa Margarita, by Gender & Age:

Gender	Male	Female	Unk	Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total <sup>4</sup>
Count	127	140	0	Count	10	63	107	87	267
Percent	48%	52%	0%	Percent	4%	24%	40%	33%	100%

- Characteristics of Children Brought into Protective Custody from Rancho Santa Margarita (Between 01/01/2014 and 12/31/2014: 3)

Reason-Abuse Allegation	Physical	Sexual	Emotional	Exploitation	General Neglect	Severe Neglect	Law Violation	Caretaker Absence/Incapacity	Total <sup>4</sup>
Count	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Percent	0%	67%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	33%	100%

Gender	Male	Female	Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total <sup>4</sup>
Count	0	3	Count	0	1	2	0	3
Percent	0%	100%	Percent	0%	33%	67%	0%	100%

Ethnicity	Asian/Pac. Isl.	Black	Latino	White	Other	Total <sup>4</sup>
Count	0	0	2	1	0	3
Percent	0%	0%	67%	33%	0%	100%

<sup>1</sup> Population figures based upon 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 Rancho Santa Margarita (as of December 31, 2014: 6)<sup>5</sup>

Placement Type	Group Home	Foster Family Agency Home	Foster Family / Small Family Home	Relative / Guardian	Total <sup>6</sup>
Count	0	1	2	3	6
Percent	0%	17%	33%	50%	100%

Gender	Male	Female	Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total <sup>6</sup>
Count	4	2	Count	3	3	0	0	6
Percent	67%	33%	Percent	50%	50%	0%	0%	100%

Ethnicity	Asian/Pac. Isl.	Black	Latino	White	Other	Total <sup>6</sup>
Count	1	0	2	3	0	6
Percent	17%	0%	33%	50%	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
Rancho Santa Margarita	3	0	0%
All Other OC Cities/Communities	881	315	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 2 Non-Minor Dependents residing within the city of Rancho Santa Margarita as of 12/31/2014

**How can the Rancho Santa Margarita 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 Rancho Santa Margarita (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 01/01/2014 and 12/31/2014 and placed back into the same city/community within 6 months.