



Social Services in Santa Ana



City of Santa Ana
Orange County, California

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Population¹

- 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 CalWORKs²: 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 2014: 9,271
 - Representing 20.1% of the 46,069 reports received county-wide

Child Abuse and Neglect Report Details

- The majority of the 9,271 reports came from mandated professions (88%); Counselor/Therapist (29%), School Personnel/Teachers (28%), Other Professionals combined (21%), Law Enforcement (9%), and SSA, Probation, other Government Agency (13%). Non-mandated but concerned parties (including relatives) made 1,078 reports, equal to 12% of the total.
- The 9,271 report-allegations represent 6,292 distinct children³ in Santa Ana, by Gender & Age:

Gender	Male	Female	Unk	Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total ⁴
Count	2,999	3,293	0	Count	338	1,593	2,642	1,719	6,292
Percent	48%	52%	0%	Percent	5%	25%	42%	27%	100%

- Characteristics of Children Brought into Protective Custody from Santa Ana (Between 01/01/2014 and 12/31/2014: 227)

Reason-Abuse Allegation	Physical	Sexual	Emotional	Exploitation	General Neglect	Severe Neglect	Law Violation	Caretaker Absence/Incapacity	Total ⁴
Count	14	4	0	1	173	15	0	20	227
Percent	6%	2%	0%	0%	76%	7%	0%	9%	100%

Gender	Male	Female	Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total ⁴
Count	117	110	Count	56	87	57	27	227
Percent	52%	48%	Percent	25%	38%	25%	12%	100%

Ethnicity	Asian/Pac. Isl.	Black	Latino	White	Other	Total ⁴
Count	3	4	173	47	0	227
Percent	1%	2%	76%	21%	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 Santa Ana (as of December 31, 2014: 235)⁵

Placement Type	Group Home	Foster Family Agency Home	Foster Family / Small Family Home	Relative / Guardian	Total ⁶
Count	7	45	18	165	235
Percent	3%	19%	8%	70%	100%

Gender	Male	Female	Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total ⁶
Count	127	108	Count	22	81	54	78	235
Percent	54%	46%	Percent	9%	34%	23%	33%	100%

Ethnicity	Asian/Pac. Isl.	Black	Latino	White	Other	Total ⁶
Count	7	5	171	47	1	235
Percent	3%	2%	73%	20%	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
Santa Ana	227	111	49%
All Other OC Cities/Communities	657	204	31%

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 30 Non-Minor Dependents residing within the city of Santa Ana as of 12/31/2014

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

⁵ 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.

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.