



Social Services in Costa Mesa



City of Costa Mesa
Orange County, California

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Population¹

- Costa Mesa is the 8th most populous city in Orange County: 109,960
- Ethnic breakdown: 51.8% White; 35.8% Hispanic; 7.7% Asian; 1.2% Black; 3.4% Other
- Costa Mesa has the 8th greatest youth (0-17) population when compared to other OC cities: 23,682
- Median Family Income: \$76,781 ([Orange County: \$85,472] [U.S. Census Bureau - American Fact Finder 2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates])

Social Services

- Costa Mesa children receiving financial assistance through CalWORKs²: 1232
 - Representing 2.87% of the 42,905 child recipients county-wide (12/2014)
- Child Abuse and neglect reports on children received from Costa Mesa in 2015: 1,749
 - Representing 3.36% of the 52,057 reports received county-wide

Child Abuse and Neglect Report Details

- The majority of the 1,749 reports came from mandated professions (87%); Counselor/Therapist (27%), School Personnel/Teachers (21%), Other Professionals combined (27%), Law Enforcement (18%), and SSA, Probation, other Government Agency (7%). Non-mandated but concerned parties (including relatives) made 223 reports, equal to 13% of the total.
- The 1,749 report-allegations represent 1184 distinct children³ in Costa Mesa, by Gender & Age:

Gender	Male	Female	Unk	Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total ⁴
Count	572	612	0	Count	72	259	488	365	1184
Percent	48%	52%	0%	Percent	6%	22%	41%	31%	100%

- Characteristics of Children Brought into Protective Custody from Costa Mesa (Between 01/01/2015 and 12/31/2015: 26

Reason-Abuse Allegation	Physical	Sexual	Emotional	Exploitation	General Neglect	Severe Neglect	Law Violation	Caretaker Absence/Incapacity	Total ⁴
Count	1	0	0	0	20	4	0	1	26
Percent	4%	0%	0%	0%	77%	15%	0%	4%	100%

Gender	Male	Female	Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total ⁴
Count	18	8	Count	8	8	8	2	26
Percent	69%	31%	Percent	31%	31%	31%	8%	100%

Ethnicity	Asian/Pac. Isl.	Black	Latino	White	Other	Total ⁴
Count	0	0	10	16	0	26
Percent	0%	0%	38%	62%	0%	100%

¹ Census [U.S. Census Bureau: 2010 Demographic Profile]

² Orange County Public Health [21st Edition: Conditions of Children of Orange County Report]

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 Costa Mesa (as of December 31, 2015: 57)⁵

Placement Type	Group Home	Foster Family Agency Home	Foster Family / Small Family Home	Relative / Guardian	Total ⁶
Count	21	4	3	29	57
Percent	37%	7%	5%	51	100%

Gender	Male	Female	Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total ⁶
Count	29	28	Count	3	19	26	9	57
Percent	51%	49%	Percent	5%	33%	46%	16%	100%

Ethnicity	Asian/Pac. Isl.	Black	Latino	White	Other	Total ⁶
Count	4	2	31	20	0	57
Percent	7%	2%	54%	35%	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
Costa Mesa	26	8	31%
All Other OC Cities/Communities	915	361	39%

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 10 Non-Minor Dependents residing within the city of Costa Mesa as of 12/31/2015

How can the Costa Mesa 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 Costa Mesa (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 01/01/2015 and 12/31/2015 and placed back into the same city/community within 6 months.