



Social Services in Orange County



Orange County, California

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Population¹

- Orange County is the 3rd most populous County in the State of California: 3,010,232
- Ethnic breakdown: 44.1% White; 33.7% Hispanic; 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
- Orange County has the 2nd greatest youth (0-17) population when compared to other Counties: 732,659
- Median Family Income: in Orange County: \$85,472 [U.S. Census Bureau - American Fact Finder: 2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates]

Social Services

- Orange County children receiving financial assistance through CalWORKs²: 42,905 (12/2014)
- Child Abuse and neglect reports on children received from Orange County in 2015: 52,057

Child Abuse and Neglect Report Details

- The majority of the 52,057 reports came from mandated professions (87%); Counselor/Therapist (26%), School Personnel/Teachers (23%), Other Professionals combined (10%), Law Enforcement (16%), and SSA, Probation, other Government Agency (10%). Non-mandated but concerned parties (including relatives) made 6,553 reports, equal to 13% of the total.
- The 52,057 report-allegations represent 33,073 distinct children³ in Orange County, by Gender & Age:

Gender	Male	Female	Unk	Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total ⁴
Count	16,354	16,719	0	Count	1,939	7,996	13,639	9,499	33,073
Percent	49 %	51 %	0 %	Percent	6 %	24%	41%	29 %	100%

- Characteristics of Children Brought into Protective Custody Between 01/01/2015 and 12/31/2015: 1067

Reason-Abuse Allegation	Physical	Sexual	Emotional	Exploitation	General Neglect	Severe Neglect	Law Violation	Caretaker Absence/Incapacity	Total ⁴
Count	62	20	7	1	754	105	0	118	1067
Percent	5.8%	1.9%	0.4%	0 %	70.8%	9.9%	0 %	11%	100%

Gender	Male	Female	Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total ⁴
Count	550	517	Count	233	336	317	181	1067
Percent	52%	48%	Percent	22%	31%	30%	17%	100%

Ethnicity	Asian/Pac. Isl.	Black	Latino	White	Other	Total ⁴
Count	47	68	563	381	8	1067
Percent	4%	6%	53%	35%	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 Orange County (as of December 31, 2015: 1440)⁵

Placement Type	Group Home	Foster Family Agency Home	Foster Family / Small Family Home	Relative / Guardian	Total ⁶
Count	157	159	235	889	1440
Percent	11%	11%	16%	62%	100%

Gender	Male	Female	Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total ⁶
Count	745	695	Count	156	421	463	400	1440
Percent	52%	48%	Percent	10%	27%	30%	32%	100%

Ethnicity	Asian/Pac. Isl.	Black	Latino	White	Other	Total ⁶
Count	70	73	752	531	14	1440
Percent	5%	5%	52%	37%	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	1067	382	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 258 Non-Minor Dependents residing within Orange County as of 12/31/2015

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 from Orange County (residents) and children placed there (includes children whose primary residence is in other cities): different time-frames and reflecting different groups of children.

⁶ Totals do not include placements outside of Orange County area. 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.