



# Social Services in Costa Mesa



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## Population<sup>1</sup>

- Costa Mesa is the 8<sup>th</sup> most populous city in Orange County: 112,377
- Ethnic breakdown: Asian 9.5%, Black 1.5%, Hispanic 35.7%, White 50.7%, Native American 0.1%, Other 2.4%.
- Costa Mesa has the 8<sup>th</sup> greatest youth population (0-17yrs) when compared to other OC cities: 24,049
- Median Family Income: \$75,025 ([Orange County: \$86,003])

## Social Services<sup>2</sup>

- Costa Mesa children receiving financial assistance through CalWORKs: 1,037
- Representing 2.7% of the 38,505 child recipients county-wide (1/2016)

## Child Abuse and Neglect Report Details

- Number of children reported for abuse and neglect from Costa Mesa in 2016: 1,765
- Representing 3.62% of the 48,732 reports received county-wide
- The majority of the 1,765 reports came from mandated professions (92%); Counselor/Therapist (26%), School Personnel/Teachers (21%), Other Professionals combined (28%), Law Enforcement (17%), and SSA, Probation, other Government Agency (8%). Non-mandated but concerned parties (including relatives) made 138 reports, equal to 8% of the total.
- The 1,765 reported-allegations represent 1,171 distinct children in Costa Mesa, identified below by Gender & Age:

Gender	Male	Female	Unknown
Count	566	605	0
Percent	48%	52%	0%

Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total
Count	73	286	492	320	1,171
Percent	6%	24%	42%	27%	100%

- Characteristics of 49 Children brought into Protective Custody (PC)<sup>3</sup> from Costa Mesa between 01/01/2016 and 12/31/2016:

Reason-Abuse Allegation	Physical	Sexual	Emotional	Exploitation	General Neglect	Severe Neglect	Law Violation	Caretaker Absence/Incapacity	Total <sup>4</sup>
Count	2	1	3	0	35	6	0	2	49
Percent	4%	2%	6%	0%	71%	12%	0%	4%	100%

Gender	Male	Female	Unknown
Count	18	31	0
Percent	37%	63%	0%

Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total
Count	11	12	22	4	49
Percent	22%	24%	45%	8%	100%

Ethnicity	Asian	Black	Latino	White	Native American	Other	Total
Count	3	7	18	21	0	0	49
Percent	6%	14%	37%	43%	0%	0%	100%

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

<sup>2</sup> Orange County Social Services Agency, 2016

<sup>3</sup> When the count is less than 3, the number '0' will be displayed to protect the identity

<sup>4</sup> A hierarchy is used to record the 'highest' reported allegation for children with multiple allegations.

■ Characteristics of 62 Children placed in Out of Home Care in Costa Mesa as of 12/31/2016:

Placement Type	Group Home	Foster Family Agency Home	Foster Family / Small Family Home	Relative / Guardian	Resource Family Home	Total
Count	21	3	3	25	10	62
Percent	34%	5%	5%	40	16	100%

Gender	Male	Female	Unknown
Count	30	32	0
Percent	48%	52%	0%

Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total
Count	2	20	31	9	62
Percent	3%	32%	50%	15%	100%

Ethnicity	Asian	Black	Latino	White	Native American	Other	Total
Count	1	16	22	23	0	0	62
Percent	2%	16%	35%	37%	0%	0%	100%

■ Children brought into PC and placed in Out of Home Care in the same City/Community:

Area	PC	Placed Back	Placements by PC (Removal) Area
Costa Mesa	49	18	37%
All Other OC Cities/Communities	900	308	34%

**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 13 Non-Minor Dependents residing within the city of Costa Mesa as of 12/31/2016

**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](http://www.oc4kids.com)

