



# Social Services in Orange County



Orange County, California

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## Population<sup>1</sup>

- Orange County is the 3<sup>rd</sup> most populous County in the State of California: 3,116,069
- Ethnic breakdown: Asian 19.1%, Black 1.5%, Hispanic 34.2%, White 42.4%, Native American 0.2%, Other 2.7%.
- Orange County has the 2<sup>nd</sup> greatest youth (0-17) population when compared to other County's: 714,595
- Median Family Income: in Orange County: \$86,003

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

- Orange County children receiving financial assistance through CalWORKs: 38,505 (1/2016)

## Child Abuse and Neglect Report Details

- Number of children reported for abuse and neglect from Orange County in 2016: 48,732
- The majority of the 48,732 reports came from mandated professions (89%):  
Counselor/Therapist (24%), School Personnel/Teachers (26%), Other Professionals combined (24%),  
Law Enforcement (17%), and SSA, Probation, other Government Agency (10%).  
Non-mandated but concerned parties (including relatives) made 5,529 reports, equal to 11% of the total.
- The 48,732 reported-allegations represent 31,946 distinct children in Orange County, identified below by Gender & Age:

| Gender  | Male   | Female | Unknown |
|---------|--------|--------|---------|
| Count   | 15,657 | 16,289 | 0       |
| Percent | 49%    | 51%    | 0%      |

| Age     | Under 1 | 1-5   | 6-12   | 13 & Up | Total  |
|---------|---------|-------|--------|---------|--------|
| Count   | 1,783   | 7,649 | 13,208 | 9,306   | 31,946 |
| Percent | 6%      | 24%   | 41%    | 29%     | 100%   |

- Characteristics of Children Brought into Protective Custody (PC)<sup>3</sup> Between 1/1/2016 and 12/31/2016: 1,047

| Reason-Abuse Allegation | Physical | Sexual | Emotional | Exploitation | General Neglect | Severe Neglect | Law Violation | Caretaker Absence/Incapacity | Total <sup>4</sup> |
|-------------------------|----------|--------|-----------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Count                   | 67       | 29     | 12        | 1            | 668             | 141            | 1             | 128                          | 1,047              |
| Percent                 | 6%       | 3%     | 1%        | 0%           | 64%             | 13%            | 0%            | 12%                          | 100%               |

| Gender  | Male | Female | Unknown |
|---------|------|--------|---------|
| Count   | 517  | 530    | 0       |
| Percent | 49%  | 51%    | 0%      |

| Age     | Under 1 | 1-5 | 6-12 | 13 & Up | Total |
|---------|---------|-----|------|---------|-------|
| Count   | 227     | 316 | 318  | 186     | 1047  |
| Percent | 22%     | 30% | 30%  | 18%     | 100%  |

| Ethnicity | Asian | Black | Hispanic | White | Native American | Other | Total |
|-----------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-----------------|-------|-------|
| Count     | 56    | 55    | 558      | 365   | 8               | 5     | 1047  |
| Percent   | 5%    | 5%    | 53%      | 34.9% | 1%              | 0.5%  | 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 Children Placed in Out of Home Care in Orange County 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          | 158        | 136                       | 214                               | 510                 | 369                  | 1,387 |
| Percent        | 11%        | 10%                       | 15%                               | 37%                 | 27%                  | 100%  |

| Gender  | Male | Female | Unknown |
|---------|------|--------|---------|
| Count   | 711  | 676    | 0       |
| Percent | 51%  | 49%    | 0%      |

| Age     | Under 1 | 1-5 | 6-12 | 13 & Up | Total |
|---------|---------|-----|------|---------|-------|
| Count   | 382     | 426 | 421  | 158     | 1,387 |
| Percent | 28%     | 31% | 30%  | 11%     | 100%  |

| Ethnicity | Asian | Black | Hispanic | White | Native American | Other | Total |
|-----------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-----------------|-------|-------|
| Count     | 62    | 78    | 721      | 516   | 6               | 4     | 1,387 |
| Percent   | 4%    | 6%    | 52%      | 37%   | 1%              | 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 |
|---------------|-------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Orange County | 1,047 | 349         | 33%                             |

**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 242 Non-Minor Dependents residing within Orange County as of 12/31/2016

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