



Social Services in Fullerton



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Population¹

- Fullerton is the 7th most populous city in Orange County: 138,976
- Ethnic breakdown: Asian 24.9%, Black 2.3%, Hispanic 35.2%, White 34.7%, Native American 0.1%, Other 2.8%.
- Fullerton has the 6th greatest youth population (0-17yrs) when compared to other OC cities: 31,270
- Median Family Income: \$78,297 ([Orange County: \$86,003])

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- Fullerton children receiving financial assistance through CalWORKs: 1723
- Representing 4.5% 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 Fullerton in 2016: 2,108
- Representing 4.33% of the 48,732 reports received county-wide
- The majority of the 2,108 reports came from mandated professions (90%); Counselor/Therapist (19%), School Personnel/Teachers (21%), Other Professionals combined (27%), Law Enforcement (23%), and SSA, Probation, other Government Agency (11%). Non-mandated but concerned parties (including relatives) made 218 reports, equal to 10% of the total.
- The 2,108 reported-allegations represent 1470 distinct children in Fullerton, identified below by Gender & Age:

Gender	Male	Female	Unknown
Count	713	757	0
Percent	49%	51%	0%

Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total
Count	86	386	568	430	1470
Percent	6%	26%	39%	29%	100%

- Characteristics of 50 Children brought into Protective Custody (PC)³ from Fullerton between 1/1/2016 and 12/31/2016:

Reason-Abuse Allegation	Physical	Sexual	Emotional	Exploitation	General Neglect	Severe Neglect	Law Violation	Caretaker Absence/Incapacity	Total ⁴
Count	0	0	0	0	35	6	0	9	50
Percent	0%	0%	0%	0%	70%	12%	0%	18%	100%

Gender	Male	Female	Unknown
Count	21	29	0
Percent	42%	58%	0%

Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total
Count	12	12	17	9	50
Percent	24%	24%	34%	18%	100%

Ethnicity	Asian	Black	Latino	White	Native American	Other	Total
Count	0	2	25	23	0	0	50
Percent	0%	4%	50%	46%	0%	0%	100%

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

² Orange County Social Services Agency, 2016

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

⁴ 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 Fullerton 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	1	19	7	15	20	62
Percent	2%	31%	11%	24	32	100%

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

Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total
Count	8	17	16	21	62
Percent	13%	27%	26%	34%	100%

Ethnicity	Asian	Black	Latino	White	Native American	Other	Total
Count	2	3	32	25	0	0	62
Percent	3%	3%	52%	40%	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
Fullerton	50	15	30%
All Other OC Cities/Communities	899	311	35%

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 27 Non-Minor Dependents residing within the city of Fullerton as of 12/31/2016

How can the Fullerton 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

