



Social Services in Laguna Niguel



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Population¹

- Laguna Niguel is the 30th most populous city in Orange County: 23,230
- Ethnic breakdown: Asian 8.6%, Black 1.8%, Hispanic 17.2%, White 68.1%, Native American 0.3%, Other 4.0%.
- Laguna Niguel has the 18th greatest youth population (0-17yrs) when compared to other OC cities: 13,548
- Median Family Income: \$120,169 ([Orange County: \$86,003])

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- Laguna Niguel children receiving financial assistance through CalWORKs: 211
- Representing 0.5% 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 Laguna Niguel in 2016: 644
- Representing 1.32% of the 48,732 reports received county-wide
- The majority of the 644 reports came from mandated professions (83%); Counselor/Therapist (29%), School Personnel/Teachers (25%), Other Professionals combined (22%), Law Enforcement (15%), and SSA, Probation, other Government Agency (9%). Non-mandated but concerned parties (including relatives) made 111 reports, equal to 17% of the total.
- The 644 reported-allegations represent 449 distinct children in Laguna Niguel, identified below by Gender & Age:

Gender	Male	Female	Unknown
Count	209	240	0
Percent	47%	53%	0%

Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total
Count	22	110	185	132	449
Percent	5%	24%	41%	29%	100%

- Characteristics of 5 Children brought into Protective Custody (PC)³ from Laguna Niguel 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	1	3	0	1	5
Percent	0%	0%	0%	0%	20%	60%	0%	20%	100%

Gender	Male	Female	Unknown
Count	3	2	0
Percent	60%	40%	0%

Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total
Count	3	1	0	1	5
Percent	60%	20%	0%	20%	100%

Ethnicity	Asian	Black	Latino	White	Native American	Other	Total
Count	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Percent	0%	0%	0%	100%	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 18 Children Placed in Out of Home Care in Laguna Niguel 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	0	2	2	9	5	18
Percent	0%	11%	11%	50	28	100%

Gender	Male	Female	Unknown
Count	8	10	0
Percent	44%	56%	0%

Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total
Count	3	7	5	3	18
Percent	17%	39%	28%	17%	100%

Ethnicity	Asian	Black	Latino	White	Native American	Other	Total
Count	0	1	6	11	0	0	18
Percent	0%	1%	33%	61%	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
Laguna Niguel	5	3	60%
All Other OC Cities/Communities	944	323	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 1 Non-Minor Dependents residing within the city of Laguna Niguel as of 12/31/2016

How can the Laguna Niguel 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

