



Social Services in Rancho Santa Margarita



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Population¹

- Rancho Santa Margarita is the 22nd most populous city in Orange County: 49,026
- Ethnic breakdown: Asian 10.5%, Black 1.8%, Hispanic 18.8%, White 66.1%, Native American 0.0%, Other 2.9%.
- Rancho Santa Margarita has the 19th greatest youth population (0-17yrs) when compared to other OC cities: 13,286
- Median Family Income: \$122,673 ([Orange County: \$86,003])

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- Rancho Santa Margarita children receiving financial assistance through CalWORKs: 140
- Representing 0.4% 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 Rancho Santa Margarita in 2016: 396
- Representing 0.8% of the 48,732 reports received county-wide
- The majority of the 396 reports came from mandated professions (90%); Counselor/Therapist (26%), School Personnel/Teachers (26%), Other Professionals combined (25%), Law Enforcement (16%), and SSA, Probation, other Government Agency (8%). Non-mandated but concerned parties (including relatives) made 41 reports, equal to 10% of the total.
- The 396 reported-allegations represent 300 distinct children in Rancho Santa Margarita, identified below by Gender & Age:

Gender	Male	Female	Unknown
Count	143	157	0
Percent	48%	52%	0%

Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total
Count	17	69	119	95	300
Percent	6%	23%	40%	32%	100%

- Characteristics of 7 Children brought into Protective Custody (PC)³ from Rancho Santa Margarita 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 ⁴
Count	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	7
Percent	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	100%

Gender	Male	Female	Unknown
Count	3	4	0
Percent	43%	57%	0%

Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total
Count	1	3	1	2	7
Percent	14%	43%	14%	29%	100%

Ethnicity	Asian	Black	Latino	White	Native American	Other	Total
Count	0	2	0	5	0	0	7
Percent	0%	29%	0%	71%	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 12 Children Placed in Out of Home Care in Rancho Santa Margarita 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	1	5	4	2	12
Percent	0%	8%	42%	33	17	100%

Gender	Male	Female	Unknown
Count	8	4	0
Percent	67%	33%	0%

Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total
Count	5	5	2	0	12
Percent	42%	42%	17%	0%	100%

Ethnicity	Asian	Black	Latino	White	Native American	Other	Total
Count	0	0	3	9	0	0	12
Percent	0%	0%	25%	75%	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
Rancho Santa Margarita	7	1	14%
All Other OC Cities/Communities	942	325	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 0 Non-Minor Dependents residing within the city of Rancho Santa Margarita as of 12/31/2016

How can the Rancho Santa Margarita 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

