



# Social Services in Santa Ana



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## Population<sup>1</sup>

- Santa Ana is the 2<sup>nd</sup> most populous city in Orange County: 333,268
- Ethnic breakdown: Asian 10.8%, Black 1.0%, Hispanic 78.2%, White 9.2%, Native American 0.1%, Other 0.7%.
- Santa Ana has the 1<sup>st</sup> greatest youth population (0-17yrs) when compared to other OC cities: 96,314
- Median Family Income: \$50,439 ([Orange County: \$86,003])

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

- Santa Ana children receiving financial assistance through CalWORKs: 10,444
- Representing 27.1% 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 Santa Ana in 2016: 9,663
- Representing 19.83% of the 48,732 reports received county-wide
- The majority of the 9,663 reports came from mandated professions (91%); Counselor/Therapist (28%), School Personnel/Teachers (30%), Other Professionals combined (23%), Law Enforcement (9%), and SSA, Probation, other Government Agency (10%). Non-mandated but concerned parties (including relatives) made 899 reports, equal to 9% of the total.
- The 9,663 reported-allegations represent 6,421 distinct children in Santa Ana, identified below by Gender & Age:

Gender	Male	Female	Unknown
Count	3,094	3,327	0
Percent	48%	52%	0%

Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total
Count	321	1,456	2,831	1,813	6,421
Percent	5%	23%	44%	28%	100%

- Characteristics of 260 Children brought into Protective Custody (PC)<sup>3</sup> from Santa Ana 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 <sup>4</sup>
Count	22	8	0	0	169	37	0	25	260
Percent	8%	3%	0%	0%	65%	14%	0%	10%	100%

Gender	Male	Female	Unknown
Count	145	115	0
Percent	56%	44%	0%

Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total
Count	50	71	89	50	260
Percent	19%	27%	34%	19%	100%

Ethnicity	Asian	Black	Latino	White	Native American	Other	Total
Count	4	1	211	44	0	0	260
Percent	2%	0%	81%	17%	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 208 Children Placed in Out of Home Care in Santa Ana 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	11	20	23	88	66	208
Percent	5%	10%	11%	42	32	100%

Gender	Male	Female	Unknown
Count	103	105	0
Percent	50%	50%	0%

Age	Under 1	1-5	6-12	13 & Up	Total
Count	21	73	60	54	208
Percent	10%	35%	29%	26%	100%

Ethnicity	Asian	Black	Latino	White	Native American	Other	Total
Count	8	5	154	41	0	0	208
Percent	4%	5%	74%	20%	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
Santa Ana	260	111	43%
All Other OC Cities/Communities	689	215	31%

**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 28 Non-Minor Dependents residing within the city of Santa Ana as of 12/31/2016

**How can the Santa Ana 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)

