



Calendar Year 2017

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Population^{1,2}

- **Orange County** is the 3rd most populous county in the **State of California**: 3,132,211.
 - Ethnic breakdown: Asian 19.4%, Black 1.5%, Hispanic 34.2%, White 42.0%, Native American 0.2%, Other 2.8%.
 - Has the 3rd greatest youth (under 18) population when compared to other counties: 721,172.
 - Median Family Income: \$88,056.

Social Services³

- Orange County children receiving financial assistance through CalWORKs: 30,837.

Child Abuse and Referral Details

- Number of referrals⁴ for abuse and neglect in Orange County was 48,226.
 - 10.3% of referrals were made by a non-mandated reporter.
 - 89.7% of referrals were made by the following mandated reporters:
 - Counselor/Therapist (24.8%), School Personnel/Teachers (28.0%), Other Professionals combined (23.8%), Law Enforcement (15.1%), and SSA, Probation, other Government Agency (8.3%).

- The 48,226 referrals⁴ represent 31,763 distinct children in Orange County identified below by Sex at Birth & Age:

Sex at Birth ⁵				Age in Years ⁵					
	Male	Female	Unknown		Under 1	1 to 5	6 to 12	13 & Up	Unknown
Count	15,522	16,173	68	Count	1,871	7,326	13,234	9,332	*
Percent	48.9%	50.9%	0.2%	Percent	5.9%	23.1%	41.7%	29.4%	*

- Characteristics of the 1,232 Children brought into Protective Custody (PC) between 01/01/2017 and 12/31/2017.

Abuse Allegations^{6,7}

	Physical	Sexual	Emotional	Exploitation	General Neglect	Severe Neglect	Law Violation	Caretaker Absence / Incapacity	Status Offense
Count	69	14	12	0	846	143	26	131	0
Percent	5.5%	1.1%	1.0%	0.0%	67.8%	11.5%	2.1%	10.5%	0.0%

Sex at Birth ⁵			Age in Years ⁵				
	Male	Female		Under 1	1 to 5	6 to 12	13 & Up
Count	622	610	Count	243	307	325	243
Percent	50.5%	49.5%	Percent	21.7%	27.5%	29.1%	21.7%

Ethnicity ⁵						
	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Native American	Other
Count	51	73	637	330	5	22
Percent	4.6%	6.5%	57.0%	29.5%	0.4%	2.0%

- Characteristics of the 1,362 Children placed in Out of Home Care in Orange County as of 12/31/2017.

Placement Type

	Relative	Non-Relative	Guardian	Foster	Small Family	Foster Family Agency	Court Specified	Congregate Care
Count	580	125	127	218	5	151	18	138
Percent	42.6%	9.2%	9.3%	16.0%	0.4%	11.1%	1.3%	10.1%

Sex at Birth⁵

	Male	Female
Count	686	676
Percent	50.4%	49.6%

Age in Years⁵

	Under 1	1 to 5	6 to 12	13 & Up
Count	169	405	417	371
Percent	12.4%	29.7%	30.6%	27.2%

Ethnicity⁵

	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Native American	Other
Count	61	80	773	408	9	31
Percent	4.5%	5.9%	56.8%	30.0%	0.7%	2.3%

- 626 youth in placements received or were referred for Mental Health Services.
- 1,317 parents of youth served were referred for Substance Abuse Service.
- Children brought into Protective Custody (PC) and placed in Out of Home Care within that same community⁵.

Area	PC	Placed Back	Placements by PC (Removal) Area
Orange County	1,232	425	34.5%

Extended Foster Care (EFC) Program: Non-Minor Dependents⁵

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 12/31/2017.

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

Based on received feedback, changes have been made to the 2017 City by City report. Inquiries and/or suggestions for continued improvements of this report is encouraged. Please submit email to: CWSReports@ssa.ocgov.com

¹ U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.
² CA Dept. of Finance [2012-2016 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates].
³ 24th Annual Conditions of Children in Orange County.
⁴ Youth can have more than one referral within the calendar year.
⁵ When the count is less than 5, then an * will be shown to protect the identity.
⁶ A hierarchy is used to record the most 'severe' allegation for youth with multiple allegations.
⁷ Youth can have more than one Abuse Allegation within the calendar year.