



Calendar Year 2017

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**Population<sup>1,2</sup>**

- **Rancho Santa Margarita** is the 22nd most populous city in **Orange County**: 49,038.
  - Ethnic breakdown: Asian 10.9%, Black 1.9%, Hispanic 19.0%, White 64.8%, Native American 0.0%, Other 3.4%.
  - Has the 19th greatest youth (under 18) population when compared to other cities: 13,340.
  - Median Family Income: \$121,465.

**Social Services<sup>3</sup>**

- Rancho Santa Margarita children receiving financial assistance through CalWORKs: 76.

**Child Abuse and Referral Details**

- Number of referrals<sup>4</sup> for abuse and neglect in Rancho Santa Margarita was 437.
  - 14.2% of referrals were made by a non-mandated reporter.
  - 85.8% of referrals were made by the following mandated reporters:
    - Counselor/Therapist (33.3%), School Personnel/Teachers (23.7%), Other Professionals combined (22.1%), Law Enforcement (15.2%), and SSA, Probation, other Government Agency (5.6%).

- The 437 referrals<sup>4</sup> represent 300 distinct children in Rancho Santa Margarita identified below by Sex at Birth & Age:

Sex at Birth <sup>5</sup>				Age in Years <sup>5</sup>					
	Male	Female	Unknown		Under 1	1 to 5	6 to 12	13 & Up	Unknown
Count	128	172	0	Count	15	57	117	111	0
Percent	42.7%	57.3%	0.0%	Percent	5.0%	19.0%	39.0%	37.0%	0.0%

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

**Abuse Allegations<sup>6, 7</sup>**

	Physical	Sexual	Emotional	Exploitation	General Neglect	Severe Neglect	Law Violation	Caretaker Absence / Incapacity	Status Offense
Count	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
Percent	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	40.0%	40.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Sex at Birth <sup>5</sup>			Age in Years <sup>5</sup>				
	Male	Female		Under 1	1 to 5	6 to 12	13 & Up
Count	0	5	Count	*	*	*	0
Percent	0.0%	100.0%	Percent	*	*	*	0.0%

**Ethnicity<sup>5</sup>**

	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Native American	Other
Count	0	0	0	5	0	0
Percent	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%

- Characteristics of Children placed in Out of Home Care in Rancho Santa Margarita as of 12/31/2017.

### Placement Type

	Relative	Non-Relative	Guardian	Foster	Small Family	Foster Family Agency	Court Specified	Congregate Care
Count	3	0	0	6	0	2	0	0
Percent	27.3%	0.0%	0.0%	54.5%	0.0%	18.2%	0.0%	0.0%

### Sex at Birth<sup>5</sup>

	Male	Female
Count	5	6
Percent	45.5%	54.5%

### Age in Years<sup>5</sup>

	Under 1	1 to 5	6 to 12	13 & Up
Count	*	*	*	*
Percent	*	*	*	*

### Ethnicity<sup>5</sup>

	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Native American	Other
Count	*	*	*	*	0	*
Percent	*	*	*	*	0.0%	*

- Children brought into Protective Custody (PC) and placed in Out of Home Care within that same community<sup>5</sup>.

Area	PC	Placed Back	Placements by PC (Removal) Area
Rancho Santa Margarita	5	*	*

### Extended Foster Care (EFC) Program: Non-Minor Dependents<sup>5</sup>

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 Rancho Santa Margarita as of 12/31/2017.

### 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](http://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](mailto:CWSReports@ssa.ocgov.com)

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