



Calendar Year 2018

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

- **Orange County** is the 3rd most populous county in the **State of California**: 3,155,816.
  - Ethnic breakdown: Asian 19.8%, Black 1.6%, Hispanic 34.2%, White 41.4%, Native American 0.2%, Other 2.9%.
  - Has the 3rd greatest youth (under 18) population when compared to other counties: 716,767.
  - Median Family Income: \$92,236.

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

- Orange County children receiving financial assistance through CalWORKs: 26,295.

**Child Abuse and Referral Details**

- Number of referrals<sup>4</sup> for abuse and neglect in Orange County was 46,435.
  - 9.8% of referrals were made by a non-mandated reporter.
  - 90.2% of referrals were made by the following mandated reporters:
    - Counselor/Therapist (24.9%), School Personnel/Teachers (29.0%), Other Professionals combined (23.4%), Law Enforcement (14.7%), and SSA, Probation, other Government Agency (8.1%).

- The 46,435 referrals<sup>4</sup> represent 30,464 distinct children in Orange County identified below by Sex at Birth & Age:

<b>Sex at Birth<sup>5</sup></b>				<b>Age in Years<sup>5</sup></b>					
	Male	Female	Unknown		Under 1	1 to 5	6 to 12	13 & Up	Unknown
Count	14,832	15,551	77	Count	1,724	6,877	12,734	9,129	*
Percent	48.7%	51.0%	0.3%	Percent	5.7%	22.6%	41.8%	30.0%	*

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

Characteristics of the 1,269 Children brought into Protective Custody (PC) between 01/01/2018 and 12/31/2018.

	Physical	Sexual	Emotional	Exploitation	General Neglect	Severe Neglect	Law Violation	Caretaker Absence / Incapacity	Status Offense
Count	52	30	17	0	826	182	21	142	0
Percent	4.1%	2.3%	1.3%	0.0%	64.6%	14.2%	1.6%	11.1%	0.0%

<b>Sex at Birth<sup>5</sup></b>			<b>Age in Years<sup>5</sup></b>				
	Male	Female		Under 1	1 to 5	6 to 12	13 & Up
Count	633	636	Count	247	309	376	227
Percent	49.9%	50.1%	Percent	21.3%	26.7%	32.4%	19.6%

<b>Ethnicity<sup>5</sup></b>						
	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Native American	Other
Count	60	67	742	279	*	9
Percent	5.2%	5.8%	64.0%	24.1%	*	0.8%

## Placement Type

Characteristics of the 1,496 Children placed in Out of Home Care in Orange County as of 12/31/2018.

	Relative	Non-Relative	Guardian	Foster	Small Family	Foster Family Agency	Court Specified	Congregate Care
Count	668	122	163	217	4	179	14	129
Percent	44.7%	8.2%	10.9%	14.5%	0.3%	12.0%	0.9%	8.6%

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

	Male	Female
Count	759	737
Percent	50.7%	49.3%

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

	Under 1	1 to 5	6 to 12	13 & Up
Count	189	459	467	381
Percent	12.6%	30.7%	31.2%	25.5%

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

	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Native American	Other
Count	67	76	1,010	317	*	23
Percent	4.5%	5.1%	67.5%	21.2%	*	1.5%

- 609 youth in placements received or were referred for Mental Health Services.
- 1,621 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 community<sup>5</sup>.

Area	PC	Placed Back	Placements by PC (Removal) Area
Orange County	1,269	414	32.6%

## 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 254 non-minor dependents residing within Orange County as of 12/31/2018.

## 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](http://www.oc4kids.com)

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, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.

<sup>2</sup> CA Dept. of Finance [2013-2017 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates].

<sup>3</sup> SSA Research Analyst Team.

<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.