


**COUNTY OF ORANGE CALIFORNIA**  
**Social Services Agency**  
*Our Community, Our Commitment*  
**Children & Family Services**  
**In Huntington Beach**



Calendar Year 2018

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

- **Huntington Beach** is the 4th most populous city in **Orange County**: 200,415.
  - Ethnic breakdown: Asian 12.0%, Black 1.3%, Hispanic 19.3%, White 63.1%, Native American 0.4%, Other 3.9%.
  - Has the 4th greatest youth (under 18) population when compared to other cities: 39,114.
  - Median Family Income: \$102,369.

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- Huntington Beach children receiving financial assistance through CalWORKs: 855.

**Child Abuse and Referral Details**

- Number of referrals<sup>4</sup> for abuse and neglect in Huntington Beach was 1,876.
  - 14.7% of referrals were made by a non-mandated reporter.
  - 85.3% of referrals were made by the following mandated reporters:
    - Counselor/Therapist (32.6%), School Personnel/Teachers (22.8%), Other Professionals combined (24.0%), Law Enforcement (13.4%), and SSA, Probation, other Government Agency (7.2%).

- The 1,876 referrals<sup>4</sup> represent 1,287 distinct children in Huntington Beach identified below by Sex at Birth & Age:

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

	Male	Female	Unknown
Count	648	634	5
Percent	50.3%	49.3%	0.4%

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

	Under 1	1 to 5	6 to 12	13 & Up	Unknown
Count	61	290	549	387	0
Percent	4.7%	22.5%	42.7%	30.1%	0.0%

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

Characteristics of 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	0	0	1	0	12	8	0	3	0
Percent	0.0%	0.0%	4.2%	0.0%	50.0%	33.3%	0.0%	12.5%	0.0%

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

	Male	Female
Count	13	11
Percent	54.2%	45.8%

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

	Under 1	1 to 5	6 to 12	13 & Up
Count	10	5	8	*
Percent	41.7%	20.8%	33.3%	*

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

	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Native American	Other
Count	0	*	8	15	0	0
Percent	0.0%	*	33.3%	62.5%	0.0%	0.0%

## Placement Type

Characteristics of Children placed in Out of Home Care in Huntington Beach as of 12/31/2018.

	Relative	Non-Relative	Guardian	Foster	Small Family	Foster Family Agency	Court Specified	Congregate Care
Count	31	3	15	14	1	9	1	0
Percent	41.9%	4.1%	20.3%	18.9%	1.4%	12.2%	1.4%	0.0%

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

	Male	Female
Count	39	35
Percent	52.7%	47.3%

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

	Under 1	1 to 5	6 to 12	13 & Up
Count	16	22	15	21
Percent	21.6%	29.7%	20.3%	28.4%

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

	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Native American	Other
Count	5	0	33	35	0	*
Percent	6.8%	0.0%	44.6%	47.3%	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
Huntington Beach	24	10	41.7%

## 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 8 non-minor dependents residing within Huntington Beach as of 12/31/2018.

## How can the Huntington Beach 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.