



Calendar Year 2018

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Population^{1,2}

- **Lake Forest** is the 13th most populous city in **Orange County**: 81,812.
 - Ethnic breakdown: Asian 15.6%, Black 1.8%, Hispanic 24.5%, White 54.0%, Native American 0.4%, Other 3.7%.
 - Has the 13th greatest youth (under 18) population when compared to other cities: 18,144.
 - Median Family Income: \$115,480.

Social Services³

- Lake Forest children receiving financial assistance through CalWORKs: 364.

Child Abuse and Referral Details

- Number of referrals⁴ for abuse and neglect in Lake Forest was 866.
 - 10.6% of referrals were made by a non-mandated reporter.
 - 89.4% of referrals were made by the following mandated reporters:
 - Counselor/Therapist (30.6%), School Personnel/Teachers (25.1%), Other Professionals combined (23.1%), Law Enforcement (11.2%), and SSA, Probation, other Government Agency (9.9%).

- The 866 referrals⁴ represent 589 distinct children in Lake Forest 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	269	318	*	Count	35	134	236	184	0
Percent	45.7%	54%	*	Percent	5.9%	22.8%	40.1%	31.2%	0.0%

Abuse Allegations^{6,7}

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	0	0	14	3	0	0	0
Percent	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	82.4%	17.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Sex at Birth ⁵			Age in Years ⁵				
	Male	Female		Under 1	1 to 5	6 to 12	13 & Up
Count	6	11	Count	*	5	5	6
Percent	35.3%	64.7%	Percent	*	29.4%	29.4%	35.3%

Ethnicity ⁵						
	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Native American	Other
Count	0	*	8	5	0	0
Percent	0.0%	*	47.1%	29.4%	0.0%	0.0%

Placement Type

Characteristics of Children placed in Out of Home Care in Lake Forest as of 12/31/2018.

	Relative	Non-Relative	Guardian	Foster	Small Family	Foster Family Agency	Court Specified	Congregate Care
Count	10	0	4	6	0	12	0	0
Percent	31.3%	0.0%	12.5%	18.8%	0.0%	37.5%	0.0%	0.0%

Sex at Birth⁵

	Male	Female
Count	17	15
Percent	53.1%	46.9%

Age in Years⁵

	Under 1	1 to 5	6 to 12	13 & Up
Count	*	10	15	5
Percent	*	31.3%	46.9%	15.6%

Ethnicity⁵

	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Native American	Other
Count	*	*	18	11	0	0
Percent	*	*	56.3%	34.4%	0.0%	0.0%

- 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
Lake Forest	17	*	*

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 * non-minor dependents residing within Lake Forest as of 12/31/2018.

How can the Lake Forest 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

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

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

³ SSA Research Analyst Team.

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.

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