

Orange County has a population of 688,469 children under the age of 18*. The population decreased by 2.9% from Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 to FY 2022-23, and a further decrease of 2.9% is projected from FY 2022-23 to FY 2025-26. SSA provided one or more types of services and assistance to approximately 1 out of every 2 child residents of the County in June 2023.

PROGRAM		CLIENT CHARACTERISTICS	FY 2021/22 MONTHLY AVERAGE	% OF COUNTY'S CHILD POPULATION	PERSONS PER POPULATION		
1	Medi-Cal	Children who meet eligibility criteria for medical services, including those receiving other public assistance services	284,891	41.4%	1 in every	2	children
2	CalFresh	Low income children who meet legal residency requirements, and income and property limits, including CalWORKs recipients	94,941	13.8%	1 in every	7	children
3	CalWORKs	Children who meet eligibility criteria, including legal residency, income and property limits	22,742	3.30%	1 in every	30	children
4	Child Abuse Registry	24-hour hotline for reports of suspected child abuse	3,033	0.44%	1 in every	227	children
5	In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)	Children who are low-income frail, disabled, and/or blind children who require and receive assistance with activities of daily living	4,093	0.59%	1 in every	168	children
6	Dependent Children in Foster Care/Relative Care	Children receiving services to reunite families and children who cannot safely return home **	2,141	0.31%	1 in every	322	children
7	Children in their Own Home	Children receiving child welfare services while in the home	1,018	0.15%	1 in every	676	children
8	Orangewood Children and Family Center (OCFC)	Average daily population of children in protective custody	58	0.008%	1 in every	11,870	children
9	Adoptions	Children placed with adoptive parents	30	0.004%	1 in every	22,949	children

* [State of California, Department of Finance, P-2 County Population by Age \(1-year increments\), 2020–2060. Sacramento, CA, July 2023.](http://www.dof.ca.gov/Forecasting/Demographics/Projections)
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