

**Clients' Profiles Fact Sheet  
Children Served by SSA**



Orange County has a population of 648,245 children under the age of 18\*. The population decreased by 4.9% from Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 to FY 2023-24, and a further decrease of 3.1% is projected from FY 2023-24 to FY 2026-27. SSA provided one or more types of services and assistance to approximately 1 out of every 2 child residents of the County in June 2024.

PROGRAM	CLIENT CHARACTERISTICS	FY 2023/24 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	258,008	39.8%	1 in every	2	children
2 CalFresh	Low income children who meet legal residency requirements, and income and property limits, including CalWORKs recipients	96,456	14.9%	1 in every	7	children
3 CalWORKs	Children who meet eligibility criteria, including legal residency, income and property limits	24,319	3.75%	1 in every	27	children
4 Child Abuse Registry	24-hour hotline for reports of suspected child abuse	2,771	0.43%	1 in every	234	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	4,436	0.68%	1 in every	146	children
6 Dependent Children in Foster Care/Relative Care	Children receiving services to reunite families and children who cannot	1,920	0.30%	1 in every	338	children
7 Children in their Own Home	Children receiving child welfare services while in the home	1,050	0.16%	1 in every	617	children
8 Orangewood Children and Family Center (OCFC)	Average daily population of children in protective custody	50	0.008%	1 in every	12,965	children
9 Adoptions	Children placed with adoptive parents	29	0.004%	1 in every	22,353	children

\* [State of California, Department of Finance, P-2 County Population by Age \(1-year increments\), 2020–2060. Sacramento, CA, March 2024.](http://www.dof.ca.gov/Forecasting/Demographics/Projections)