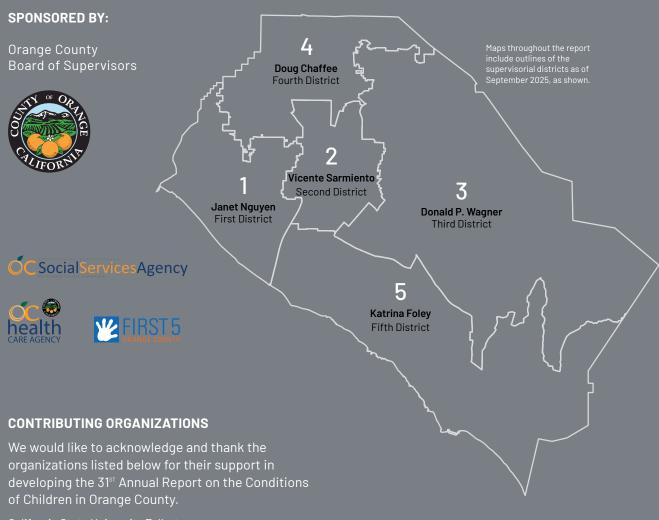


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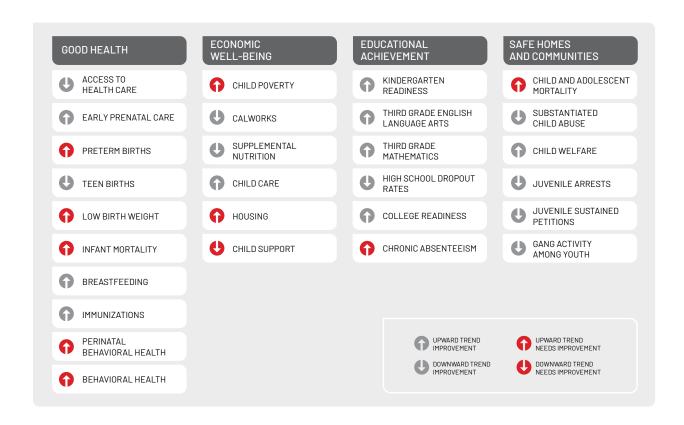
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 31ST Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County studies four interdependent focus areas: Good Health, Economic Well-Being, Educational Achievement and Safe Homes and Communities.

This report is intended to be used by community members, Orange County leaders and supporters of children to:

- Identify trends: By examining data over the past 10 years, readers can identify improving or worsening trends in health, economic well-being, education and safety. This information can help inform decisions about resource allocation and program development.
- Understand disparities: The report provides data on disparities across various demographics such as race/ethnicity, age and school district/communities of residence. This information can help identify specific populations that may require additional support or resources to address their needs.
- Develop data-informed solutions: By understanding trends and disparities, report readers can develop data-informed solutions to address the needs of children and families in their community. This may involve advocating for new programs or policy changes while supporting existing initiatives.

The Conditions of Children report is a valuable tool for the Orange County community to gain a deeper understanding of the challenges facing children and families in the county and to develop effective solutions to address these challenges.



GOOD HFALTH

Getting Better

Orange County is making progress in children's health. More pregnant people are getting early prenatal care and most young children in child care are getting vaccinated, helping protect them from serious illnesses. More young people are receiving psychological and emotional counseling, indicating better access and less stigma around mental health care.

Needs Work

Even with improvements, some health challenges remain. Many children still face delays or obstacles when trying to get medical care. Increasingly, babies are born early or with low birth weight. Teen birth rates are still low overall, but they've gone up slightly since 2021.

EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Getting Better

More students from socioeconomically disadvantaged families are meeting reading standards in third grade and their math scores continue to improve. Orange County students are doing better than the state average on reading and math achievement. More high school graduates are ready for college and fewer students are missing school since the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Needs Work

While most areas of kindergarten readiness improved, emotional maturity recently declined. Also, the high school dropout rate is rising again, nearly reaching pre-pandemic levels.

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Getting Better

Access to child care is improving, with more licensed spaces available for young children. Local support for families is strong and investments in child care are helping. However, the cost of care—especially for infants—is still very high and rising faster than inflation.

Needs Work

More students are qualifying for the National School Free and Reduced Price Lunch program, showing that financial need is growing. After years of decline, more children are now receiving food and financial assistance through CalFresh and CalWORKs, respectively. Housing insecurity is also increasing, with more students living in unstable or crowded housing situations.

SAFE HOMES AND COMMUNITIES

Getting Better

More foster youth are finding permanent homes, often through reunification with their families. Juvenile arrest rates are still lower than the state average and fewer cases are leading to serious legal outcomes. More long-term foster youth in Orange County are finding permanent homes.

Needs Work

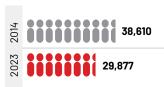
Most child and teen deaths are happening among older teens. While injury deaths have gone down overall, accidental deaths like car crashes and poisonings — which includes drug overdoses — have increased. Child abuse remains a serious concern, with Orange County's rate of confirmed cases still higher than the state average.

ORANGE COUNTY SNAPSHOT

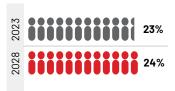
Population

Over 3.135 million people were living in Orange County in 2023, down 0.3% since 2014¹

NUMBER OF BIRTHS IN ORANGE COUNTY²



PROJECTED PERCENT CHILDREN IN ORANGE COUNTY³



Good Health

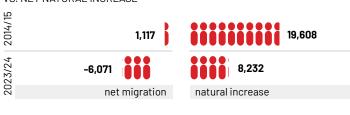
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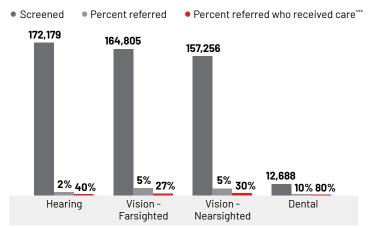
HEALTH STATUS OF CHILDREN (0 TO 17 YEARS) WAS EXCELLENT OR VERY GOOD, 2023¹²



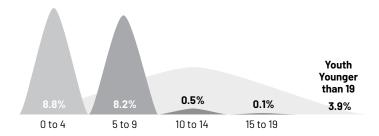
POPULATION INCREASE DUE TO NET MIGRATION VS. NET NATURAL INCREASE⁴



STUDENT HEALTH SCREENING AND REFERRALS, 2024/25¹³

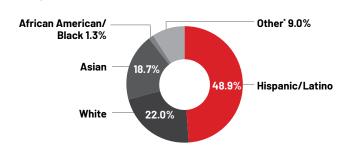


PROJECTED ANNUAL GROWTH RATE, BY AGE, 2023 TO 2028

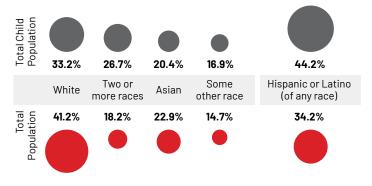


Demographics

GRADE K-12 STUDENT POPULATION (437,276) BY RACE/ETHNICITY GROUP, SCHOOL YEAR 2023/248



DEMOGRAPHICS** OF CHILDREN9 AND TOTAL POPULATION,10 2023



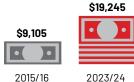
^{*}All Other includes Two or More Races, Filipino, Pacific Islander, American Indian or Alaska Native, and Not Reported. **Black or African Americans represent 1.4% of children and 1.6% of the total population. American Indians and Alaska Natives represent 0.3% of children and 0.9% of the total population. Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders represent 0.3% of children and of the total population. ***Percentage received care is based upon exam reports submitted back to the school by parents.

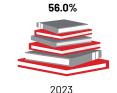
¹U.S. Census, American Community Survey, One-year Estimates. ² OC Health Care Agency. ³ ESRI, 2024. Youth ages 0-19 years. ⁴ California Department of Finance, E-2. California County Population Estimates and Components of Change by Year. ⁵ California Health Interview Survey, 2022. ⁸ California Health Interview Survey, 2022. ⁷ Orange County Department of Education (OCDE), School Health Program. ⁸ CDE DataQuest. ⁸ American Community Survey 2023 One-year Estimates, Table S0901. ¹⁰ American Community Survey 2023 One-year Estimates, Table DP05.

Educational Achievement

ANNUAL EXPENDITURE PER PUPIL5

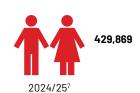
CHILDREN ARE READ TO DAILY (0 TO 5 YEARS)⁶



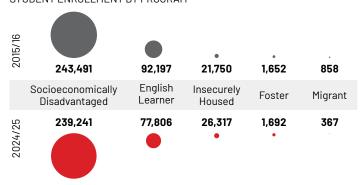


STUDENT ENROLLMENT

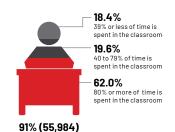




STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY PROGRAM



SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY PROGRAM SETTING, 2024/25



General Education Classroom

Preschool 7% (4,106) Separate School or Other 2% (1,314)

Economic Well-Being

A MINIMUM WAGE EARNER MUST WORK 80% OF THE TOTAL HOURS IN A WEEK TO AFFORD A TWO-BEDROOM APARTMENT¹⁴

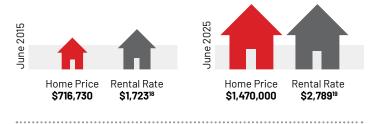




CHILD (0 TO 17 YEARS) FOOD INSECURITY16



MEDIAN HOME PRICE¹⁷ AND MEDIAN AVERAGE RENTAL RATE



FAIR MEDIAN MARKET RENT²⁰



HOURLY WAGE, 2025

\$55.83



2-bedroom fair

market rent21

Needed hourly Estim wage to afford hourly a

\$30.19

Estimated hourly average renter wage²²

MINIMUM INCOME NEEDED TO PURCHASE A MEDIAN-INCOME HOME²³



2025

[&]quot;California Department of Education, Current Expense of Education. "California Health Interview Survey." Orange County Department of Education (OCDE), School Health Program. "National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach: California, https://nlihc.org/oor/state/ca." BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics Map by Counties. "Feeding America, Map the Meal Gap." California Association of Realtors, Historical Housing Data, Median Prices of Existing Detached Home. "U.S. Residential Rent Statistics. Department of Numbers https://www.deptofnumbers.com/rent/california/orange-county/." RentCafe, https://www.rentcafe.com/average-rent-market-trends/us/ca/orange/. 20 RentCafe, https://www.rentcafe.com/average-rent-market-trends/us/ca/orange/. 21 National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach: California, https://nlihc.org/oor/state/ca. 22 National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach: California, https://nlihc.org/oor/state/ca. 23 National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach: California, https://nlihc.org/oor/state/ca. 23 National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach: California, https://nlihc.org/oor/state/ca. 23 National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach: California, https://nlihc.org/oor/state/ca. 24 National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach: California, https://nlihc.org/oor/state/ca. 24 National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach: California, https://nlihc.org/oor/state/ca. 24 National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach: California, https://nlihc.org/oor/state/ca. 25 National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach: California, https://nlihc.org/oor/state/ca. 25 National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach: California, https://nlihc.org/oor/state/ca. 25 National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach: California, https://nlihc.org/oor/state/ca. 26 National Low Income Housing California, https://nlihc.org/oor/state/ca. 27 National Low Income Housing California, https://nlihc.org/oor/state/ca. 27 National Low Income Housing California, https://

GOOD HEALTH INDICATORS

ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

PERCENT OF UNINSURED CHILDREN



5.0% 2014

3.4% 2023

LOW BIRTH WEIGHT

PERCENT OF INFANTS WITH LOW BIRTH WEIGHT



6.3% 2014

7.4% 2023

PERINATAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

PERCENT OF BIRTHING PERSONS WHO EXPERIENCED SYMPTOMS OF DEPRESSION AFTER PREGNANCY



11.1% 2016-18

13.8% 2020-2022

EARLY PRENATAL CARE

PERCENT OF INFANTS BORN TO PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED EARLY PRENATAL CARE IN THE FIRST TRIMESTER EXCLUDING SELF-PAY DELIVERIES



87.8% 2014

91.0% 2023

INFANT MORTALITY

RATE OF INFANT MORTALITY PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS



3.0 2014

3.2 2023

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

HOSPITALIZATION RATE FOR SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PER 10,000 CHILDREN



24.5 2014

37.2 2023

PRETERM BIRTHS

PERCENT OF PRETERM BIRTHS



7.4% 2014

8.8% 2023

BREASTFEEDING

PERCENT EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING IN-HOSPITAL



64.6% 2014

66.1% 2023

TEEN BIRTHS IMMUNIZATIONS

BIRTH RATE PER 1,000 FEMALES 15 TO 19 YEARS



13.8 2014

6.2 2023

DEDOEMT OF OUR DREM

PERCENT OF CHILDREN ADEQUATELY IMMUNIZED BY KINDERGARTEN



92.5% 2015

96.0% 2024



UPWARD TREND IMPROVEMENT



UPWARD TREND NEEDS IMPROVEMENT



DOWNWARD TREND



DOWNWARD TREND NEEDS IMPROVEMENT

NOTE: Variation in data ranges are due to availability of data and frequency of data collection.



ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

NEARLY ONE IN 10 CHILDREN IN ORANGE COUNTY FACE DELAYS OR BARRIERS TO MEDICAL CARE.

DESCRIPTION OF INDICATOR

This indicator reports the number and percentage of children 18 years and younger¹ who are uninsured; the number and percentage who do not have a usual source of care; and those who experienced delayed care or did not receive medical care or prescription medications.

Why is this indicator important?

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (formerly known as the Institute of Medicine) define access to health care as the "timely use of personal health services to achieve the best possible health outcomes."2 Access to healthcare is a critical component of health equity, as unequal access often leads to disparities in health outcomes — where those facing barriers to care experience worse overall health. Improving health care access for all children helps to improve prevention, early diagnosis and treatment of health problems. Children with health insurance are more likely to get timely prescription medications, and medical or mental health care when needed; are more likely to get preventive care (including immunizations, dental care and vision screenings); and, overall, have better health outcomes.

Findings

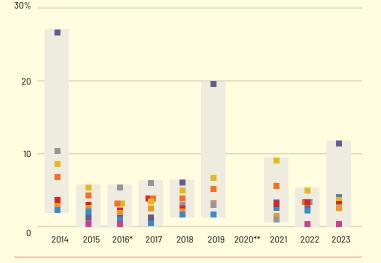
- In 2023, 3.4% of children in Orange County were uninsured, an increase from 3.2% in 2022. Rates had decreased from 5.0% in 2014 to a low of 2.5% in 2016, rising to 4.0% in 2019. The uninsured rate improved from 4.0% in 2019 to 3.0% in 2022, before increasing again in 2023 to 3.4%.
- Orange County had a slightly higher rate of uninsured children (3.4%) compared to California (3.2%) and a lower rate than the United States (5.4%).
- Asian children and children of Other races experienced improvements in uninsured rates, dropping from 3.3% to 3.1% and 5.0% to 3.7%, respectively, between 2022 and 2023.

- Hispanic children's uninsured rate rose to 4.1%, and for children of Two or More Races, it increased to 4.0%. American Indian or Alaska Native children had the highest rate at 11.4%. There was insufficient data for Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander³ children.
- The percentage of very young uninsured children (0 to 5 years) decreased from 3.2% in 2014 to 2.8% in 2023, representing a 24.0% decrease in the number of children without insurance (from 7,173 to 5,451). For children ages 6 to 18, the uninsured rate fell from 5.9% to 3.6%, a 38.9% reduction in the number of uninsured children (from 28,921 to 17,649).
- The California Health Interview Survey (one-year estimate 2023) reveals:
 - An estimated 10.8% of Orange County children 18 years and younger did not have a usual source of care to go to when they were sick or needed health advice.
 - Approximately 7.0% of Orange County children experienced a delay or lack of medical care.
- Most Orange County children who had access to a usual source of care went to a doctor's office (74.6%), while 24.1% usually went to a clinic or community hospital. The proportion of children who regularly visited an emergency department, urgent care center or some other location was 1.3%.4

Percent of Children Uninsured, by Race/Ethnicity 2014 to 2023

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black
- Hispanic

- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Two or More Races
- White
- Other



*In 2017, the age category was updated from 6 to 17 years (used in 2016 and earlier) to 6 to 18 years. See footnote 1 on the previous page for additional information.

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Note: Estimates among Black, American Indian or Alaska Native and Native Hawaiians or Other Pacific Islander populations have wide margins of error and large variability year to year due to their small population size in Orange County. For that reason, the estimates of uninsured in these populations should be interpreted with caution. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, One-year Estimates, Tables B27001 A-I and C27001 A-E

Percent of Children Who Experienced a Delay or Lack of Medical Care, 2014 to 2023





*2014-2020 rates have been pooled so that data is statistically stable.

Source: California Health Interview Survey, 2023

Number of Children Who Were Uninsured, by Age Group, 2014 to 2023

• 0 to 5 Years • 6 to 18 Years



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Percent of Children Younger than 19 Who Were Uninsured, by Community of Residence, 2019-2023

ALISO VIEJO ANAHEIM 4.0% BREA 2.2% **BUENA PARK** 6.1% COSTA MESA COTO DE CAZA CYPRESS DANA POINT 2.3% FOUNTAIN VALLEY 2.2%

FULLERTON

GARDEN GROVE

HUNTINGTON

BEACH

IRVINE

2.4%

🔟 LA HABRA **10** NORTH TUSTIN IA PALMA 3.4%

LAGUNA BEACH

LAGUNA NIGUEL

LAGUNA WOODS

LAKE FOREST

LAS FLORES

NO DATA

25.0%

1.3%

1 LAGUNA HILLS

- ORANGE LADERA RANCH
 - PLACENTIA
 - 3.0%
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 - ROSSMOOR 2.2%
 - SAN CLEMENTE 2.3%
 - SANJUAN CAPISTRANO 0.6%
- LOS ALAMITOS SANTA ANA
- MINWAY CITY 4.6%
 - MISSION VIEJO SILVERADO 3.0%
- NEWPORT BEACH n 7%
- 5.4% 3B SEAL BEACH
- NO DATA
- STANTON 2.5%

- 3 TRABUCO CANYON
- VILLA PARK 0.0%
- 32%
- 43 YORBA LINDA

*Rates based on less than five occurrences and/or the denominator minus numerator is <10 are unstable and have been omitted Note: No data indicates that the dataset does not include information on the particular community. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, Five-year Estimates

NO DATA TUSTIN 2.6% **ORANGE COUNTY: 3.4%** CALIFORNIA: 3.2% UNITED STATES: 5.4% WESTMINSTER (39) % Uninsured 0 • 4.0% - 25.0% • 3.4% - 3.9% • 2.1% - 3.3% • 0.0% - 2.0% 23 Unincorporated No data available or data unstable* - Supervisorial District (1 to 5)

EARLY PRENATAL CARE

EARLY PRENATAL CARE RATE EXCEEDS THE NATIONAL TARGET.

DESCRIPTION OF INDICATOR

This indicator tracks the number and percent of infants born to people whose prenatal care began during the first trimester (the first three months) of pregnancy.

Why is this indicator important?

Getting regular prenatal care as soon as someone knows they are pregnant improves the potential for a healthy pregnancy resulting in a full-term baby. Ideally, this care should begin with a preconception care visit to a health care provider. Prenatal care provides screening and management of a pregnant person's risk factors and health conditions to reduce pregnancy complications, as well as education and counseling on healthy behaviors during and after pregnancy.1 While the value of initiating prenatal care during early pregnancy is not disputed, evidence equating late prenatal care with adverse pregnancy outcomes is limited. Additionally, certain genetic, behavioral, social, environmental and other factors can also adversely affect the ability to have a healthy, full-term baby. Still, late prenatal care has been associated with risk of death in all pregnant people (especially in minorities), increased rates of preterm delivery, low birth weight and congenital malformations.2

Findings

 In 2023, Orange County's rate of pregnant people receiving early prenatal care was 90.2%, higher than both California (84.5%) and the United States (76.1%).³

- The percentage of pregnant people receiving early prenatal care steadied after rebounding from a low of 86.6% in 2016.⁴ The rates have seen less fluctuation recently due to a decrease in self-pay deliveries.⁵ Nationally, the Healthy People 2030 goal is 80.5% or higher.⁶
 - Self-pay deliveries are those paid through cash payment rather than health insurance and are often associated with foreign visitors who travel to the U.S. to give birth. These births are less likely to have recorded prenatal care than those paid through health insurance. In 2023, there were 1,611 self-pay deliveries in Orange County, which was an increase from 2021's 10-year low of 818 deliveries and 2022's 1,028, but still substantially lower than the yearly average between 2014 to 2019 (3,530).
 - When self-pay deliveries are excluded, the percent of pregnant people who received early prenatal care in Orange County in 2023 increased from 90.2% to 91.0%.
- With self-pay deliveries excluded, 94.2% of White pregnant people received early prenatal care followed by Asian (93.4%), Hispanic (87.8%), Black (86.7%) and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (78.3%) pregnant people.

Percent of Pregnant People who Received Early Prenatal Care in the First Trimester, Orange County* and California, 2014 to 2023

- Orange County
- Orange County, Excluding Self-Pay
- California



*Starting with the 31st Annual Report on the Conditions of Children, the OC Health Care Agency has updated its methodology to align with the California Department of Public Health. The data now excludes records with unknown prenatal care initiation. Data for previous years have also been updated in this graph, and thus will not align with previous years' reports.

*Data for 2014 and 2015 have not been updated to exclude records with unknown prenatal care initiation. California Source: California Department of Public Health, Center for Family Health, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division, Prenatal Care Dashboard.

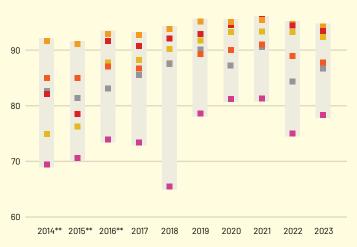
Orange County Source: OC Health Care Agency

Percent of Pregnant People who Received Early Prenatal Care in the First Trimester, Excluding Self-Pay Deliveries, by Race/Ethnicity, 2014 to 2023

- Asian
- Hispanic
- White

- Black
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Other*

100%



*Other includes American Indian/Native Alaskan, More than One Race, and Other. Race/ ethnicity definitions vary during certain time periods due to CDPH updating race/ethnicity algorithms and variables.

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Note: Previous editions of this report combined Asian and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander into a single data point. They have now been disaggregated and appear separately.

Source: OC Health Care Agency

Percent of Pregnant People who Received Early Prenatal Care, Excluding Self-Pay Deliveries in Orange County, by Community of Residence, 2023



- ANAHEIM
- BRFA
- BUENA PARK 87.6%
- COSTA MESA 93.2%
- COTO DE CAZA
- 97.7% CYPRESS
- B DANA POINT
- FOUNTAIN VALLEY 90.4%
- 10 FULLERTON 88.5%
- GARDEN GROVE 90.6%
- 12 HUNTINGTON BEACH 92.6%

- IRVINE 93.9%
- 10 LA HABRA
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- 🕕 LADERA RANCH
- 1 LAGUNA BEACH
- 96.7% 1 LAGUNA HILLS
- 93.4% LAGUNA NIGUEL
- a LAGUNA WOODS
- 1 LAKE FOREST
- 93.2% ಚ LAS FLORES N/A*
- LOS ALAMITOS 89.9%
- MIDWAY CITY
- B MISSION VIEJO

- (3) NEWPORT BEACH 96.5%
- NORTH TUSTIN
- nrange
- PLACENTIA
- RANCHO MISSION VIF.IO
- 97.2% RANCHO SANTA
- MARGARITA
- 3 ROSSMOOR 100.0% SAN CLEMENTE
- 92.3% 30 SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO
- 92.9% 🔢 SANTA ANA 87.7%
 - 3B SEAL BEACH 92.7%

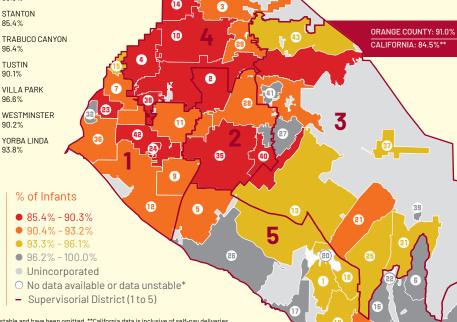
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Note: Records with unknown prenatal care initiation were excluded. Source: OC Health Care Agency



PRETERM BIRTHS

NEARLY ONE IN 10 BIRTHS ARE PRETERM.

DESCRIPTION OF INDICATOR

This indicator reports the percentage of total annual births that are preterm. Preterm birth is defined as the delivery of an infant at less than 37 weeks of gestation, the period of time between conception and birth. Late preterm births (occurring between 34 and 36 weeks of gestation), moderate preterm births (occurring between 32 and 33 weeks of gestation) and very preterm births (occurring at less than 32 weeks of gestation) are subsets of preterm births.¹

Why is this indicator important?

Preterm birth is an important public health issue requiring sustained focus on its causes, consequences and prevention strategies.² Several factors — economic, personal, medical and behavioral — may increase the likelihood that a woman has preterm labor and delivers early.³ Compared to infants born at term, preterm infants are more likely to suffer lifelong neurologic, cognitive and behavioral problems.^{4,5} Preterm births and low birth weight are often, but not always, associated. The United States preterm birth rate continued to be elevated at 10.4% in 2022 and 2023, while the low birth weight rate also remained elevated at 8.6% in 2022 and 2023.⁶ Preterm births cost the United States health care system more than \$25.2 billion each year.⁷

Findings

Preterm births accounted for 8.8% of births to
Orange County residents in 2023. By comparison, the
rate for the United States was higher at 10.4% as was
the rate for California (9.2%).⁸ Nationally, the Healthy
People 2030 goal is to reduce preterm births to 9.4%
or less.⁹

- The percentage of preterm births in Orange County was highest among Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander infants (15.4%), followed by Black infants (11.3%), Hispanic (10.1%), Asian (7.8%) and White (7.8%) infants. The percentages increased for infants across all races compared to 2022 except Black infants and Asian infants, which both decreased.
- Birthing persons older than 40 had the highest rate of preterm births at 13.2%. Birthing persons ages 25 to 29 had the lowest rate at 7.4%.
- Using the March of Dimes grading criteria for preterm birth rate, California had a B- and Orange County would have had a B in 2023. Orange County cities with large numbers of births were included in the most recent report, including Irvine (7.0% preterm births; A-); Anaheim (9.8%; C); Santa Ana (10.5%; D+).¹⁰

Percent of Preterm Births, Orange County, California and United States, 2014 to 2023

United States

California

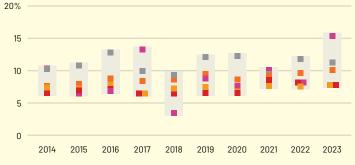
Orange County

Note: Percent calculated from number of births with known obstetric estimate gestational age less than 37 weeks for 2014.

Source: OC Health Care Agency; March of Dimes Report Card; National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics
System, Natality

Percent of Preterm Births, by Race/Ethnicity, 2014 to 2023





Note: Percent calculated from number of births with known obstetric estimate gestational age less than 37 weeks for 2014. **Note:** Previous editions of this report combined Asian and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islanders into a single data point. They have now been disaggregated and appear separately.

Source: OC Health Care Agency



Percent of Preterm Births by Birthing Person's Age, 2014 to 2023

2018

2019

2020

2021

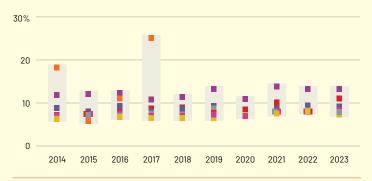
2017

2014

2015

2016





 $\textbf{Note:} \ Percent calculated from number of births with known obstetric estimate gestational age less than 37 weeks for 2014. \\ \textbf{Source:} \ OC \ Health \ Care \ Agency$

Percent of Preterm Births, by Community of Residence, 2023



8.4%

anaheim

9.8% 3 BREA

10.2%

4 BUENA PARK

4 BUENA PARK 8.3%

COSTA MESA 9.4%

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N/A**

7 CYPRESS

7.4%

B DANA POINT

9.7%

9 FOUNTAIN VALLEY 12.7%

FULLERTON 9.3%

GARDEN GROVE

HUNTINGTON BEACH 7.7% IRVINE 7.0%

LA HABRA 8.3%

8.3% 15 LA PALMA

11.1%

LADERA RANCH 6.3%

LAGUNA BEACH

13 LAGUNA HILLS 5.2%

LAGUNA NIGUEL 6.3%

a LAGUNA WOODS

N/A*

LAKE FOREST 7.5%

LAS FLORES

N/A*

LOS ALAMITOS 7.2%

MIDWAY CITY N/A*

MISSION VIEJO 8.9% 8 NEWPORT BEACH

7 NORTH TUSTIN

@ ORANGE

9.0%

PLACENTIA

10.3%

RANCHO MISSION VIEJO

NO DATA

RANCHO SANTA
MARGARITA

5.8%
ROSSMOOR

N/A*

SAN CLEMENTE

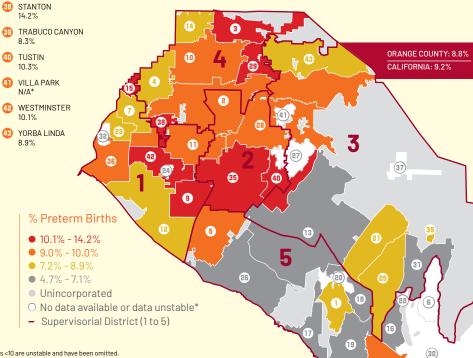
6.6%

SAN JUAN
CAPISTRANO

9.7%
35 SANTA ANA
10.5%

SEAL BEACH 9.0%

SILVERADO N/A*



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Source: OC Health Care Agency

TEEN BIRTHS

TEEN BIRTH RATES REMAINED LOW, BUT INCREASED FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR.

DESCRIPTION OF INDICATOR

This indicator reports the percent of total annual births occurring among teens 19 and younger and the teen birth rate, a calculation of annual births per 1,000 teens ages 15 to 19 per year.

Why is this indicator important?

Giving birth as a teen can have profoundly negative consequences for both the teen and the infant. Teens who give birth are less likely to complete high school or college. They are more likely to require public assistance and live in poverty than their nonparenting peers.² Infants born to teens are at greater risk for low birth weight, preterm birth and death in infancy. These infants have a lower probability of obtaining the emotional and financial resources they need throughout childhood to develop into independent, productive, well-adjusted adults.³ Each year, teen pregnancies and births cost the United States an estimated \$9.4 billion, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.4 For California, the estimated taxpayer costs were \$965 million a year.5

Findings

- In 2023, 2.0% (599) of all Orange County births were to teens ages 19 and younger, a 61.8% decrease from the number of births (1,570) in 2014. Overall, total births decreased 22.6% from 38,610 in 2014 to 29,877 births in 2023.
- The teen birth rate in Orange County in 2023 was 6.2 births per 1,000 teens ages 15 to 19, a decrease of 55.1% from 13.8 births per 1,000 in 2014 but increasing in the last two years from the all-time low of 5.5 in 2021.
- At 6.2 births per 1,000 teens, Orange County has a lower teen birth rate than California (8.1)⁶ and the United States (13.1).⁷ Nationally, the Healthy People 2030 goal is 31.4 births per 1,000 teens or fewer.⁸
- When assessed by race/ethnicity, Hispanic teens had the highest birth rate (11.7 births per 1,000 teens), followed by Black (7.8), White (1.9), Asian (0.4) and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (0.0) teens in Orange County.
- In 2023, teen birth rates in Orange County increased for all races and ethnicities compared to 2022, except Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander and Asian infants.

Birth Rate per 1,000 Teens 15 to 19 Years, Orange County, California and United States, 2014 to 2023

- United States
- California
- Orange County

Note: Rates calculated using data from State of California, Department of Finance Source Orange County: OC Health Care Agency

Source California: State of California, Department of Public Health. Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division.

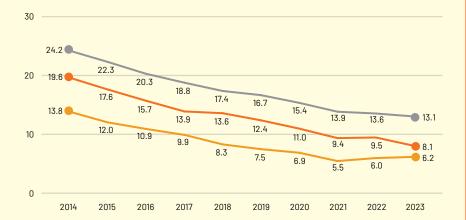
Source United States: Centers for Disease Control, National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics Reports

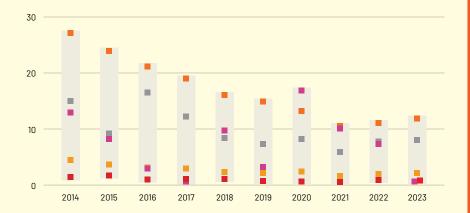


- Asian
- Black
- Hispanic
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White

Note: Previous editions of this report combined Asian and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islanders into a single data point. They have now been disaggregated and appear separately.

Source: OC Health Care Agency





(3)

ORANGE COUNTY: 6.2

CALIFORNIA: 8.1

(37)

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(19)

5

(39)

Birth Rates per 1,000 Teens 15 to 19 Years, by Community of Residence, 2023

- 1 ALISO VIEJO
- ANAHEIM
- BREA
- BUENA PARK
- COSTA MESA 5.9
- COTO DE CAZA
- CYPRESS
- DANA POINT N/A*
- FOUNTAIN VALLEY N/A*
- FULLERTON 8.6
- GARDEN GROVE
- HUNTINGTON BEACH 2.2
- 13 IRVINE

- LA HABRA
- 1 LA PALMA

Ν/Δ*

17.3

LAGUNA HILLS

LAGUNA NIGUEL

NO DATA

LAS FLORES

LOS ALAMITOS

NO DATA

N/A*

- LADERA RANCH PLACENTIA
- LAGUNA BEACH
 - RANCHO MISSION VIF.IO NO DATA

3 NORTH TUSTIN

ORANGE

- RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA
- 3 ROSSMOOR LAGUNA WOODS NO DATA
- SAN CLEMENTE LAKE FOREST 6.6
 - SANJUAN CAPISTRANO 5.9
 - SANTA ANA
- MIDWAY CITY N/A*
- B MISSION VIEJO
 - NEWPORT BEACH N/A*

- TRABUCO CANYON
- TUSTIN
 - VILLA PARK

 - WESTMINSTER 12.5
 - YORBA LINDA N/A*
 - Teen Birth Rate
- SEAL BEACH
- 3 SILVERADO
- 3 STANTON
- per 1,000 Teens • 10.5 - 17.3 **8.3 - 10.4**

6.0 - 8.2 • 0.0 - 5.9 Unincorporated O No data available or data unstable* - Supervisorial District (1 to 5)

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Source: OC Health Care Agency

Population source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, Five-year Estimates

LOW BIRTH WEIGHT

LOW BIRTH WEIGHT AFFECTS ONE IN 13 NEWBORNS IN ORANGE COUNTY, HIGHEST IN 10 YEARS.

DESCRIPTION OF INDICATOR

This indicator reports the total number of low birth weight infants and very low birth weight infants as a proportion of the total number of births. Low birth weight is defined as infants born weighing less than 2,500 grams (5 pounds, 8 ounces). Very low birth weight infants are defined as a subset of low birth weight infants born weighing less than 1,500 grams (3 pounds, 5 ounces).

Why is this indicator important?

Low birth weight infants have an increased risk of experiencing developmental problems and delays. In addition, these infants are at higher risk for serious illness, disability, lifelong health difficulties and are more likely to die before their first birthday. Among very low birth weight infants, the risks are higher and the negative outcomes more severe, especially the risk of death in the first year — 22% compared to 1% for low birth weight infants. The primary causes of low birth weight are premature birth and fetal growth restriction. Risk factors for low birth weight include smoking, alcohol/drug use during pregnancy, multiple births, poor nutrition, maternal age, domestic violence and maternal or fetal infections.

Findings

- In 2023, there were 29,866 births to residents in Orange County, of which 7.4% (2,212) were low birth weight infants, the highest percentage in the last 10 years.
- Overall, the Orange County low birth weight rate remained lower than the 2023 rates for California (7.5%) and the United States (8.6%). Preterm births were at a 10-year high in both California and the United States.³
- Very low birth weight infants comprised 1.1% (314) of the total births in Orange County.
- When assessed by race/ethnicity, the percent of low birth weight infants within each group were: Black (13.6%), Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (10.8%), Asian (8.5%), Hispanic (7.7%) and White (6.0%) infants. Percent of low birth weight infants increased for for all race/ethnicities between 2022 and 2023.

Percent of Infants with Low Birth Weight Orange County and California, 2014 to 2023

- Orange County
- California
- United States

Source: OC Health Care Agency; Centers for Disease Control, National Center for Health Statistics

Percent of Infants with Low Birth Weight, by Race/Ethnicity, 2014 to 2023

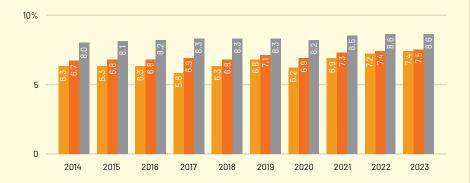
- Asian Black
- Hispanic

- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Other*

*Other includes American Indian or Alaska Native, More than One Race and Other **Note:** Due to relatively low numbers of Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander and Black infants, statistics for these groups are unreliable and should be

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Source: OC Health Care Agency





Percent of Infants with Low Birth Weight, by Community of Residence, 2023

- ALISO VIEJO
- ANAHFIM
- BREA 8.0%
- BUENA PARK 7.2%
- COSTA MESA 7.0%
- COTO DE CAZA
- CYPRESS
- DANA POINT
- 6.2%
- FOUNTAIN VALLEY 9.2%
- 10 FULLERTON 7.7%
- GARDEN GROVE
- 1 HUNTINGTON
- BEACH 6.6%
- 1 IRVINE 6.7%
- LA HABRA 7.4%

1 LA PALMA

5.5%

a LAGUNA WOODS

1 LAKE FOREST

LAS FLORES N/A*

5.2%

N/A*

LOS ALAMITOS

MIDWAY CITY

- 1 LADERA RANCH
- LAGUNA BEACH
 - 5.5% LAGUNA HILLS 3.8% 5.2%
 - LAGUNA NIGUEL N/A*

 - SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

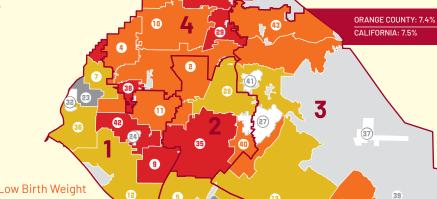
 - N/A*
- B MISSION VIEJO 9.8%
- 1 NEWPORT BEACH 6.2%
 - NORTH TUSTIN N/A*
- ORANGE 6.8%

- RANCHO MISSION VIEJO NO DATA

2 PLACENTIA

- RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA
- ROSSMOOR
- SAN CLEMENTE
- 5.9%
- 35 SANTA ANA
- 3 SEAL BEACH
- 3 SILVERADO
- STANTON
- TRABUCO CANYON 3.5%
- TUSTIN 7.5%

- VILLA PARK N/A*
- WESTMINSTER
- 43 YORBA LINDA 7.2%



23

% Low Birth Weight

- 7.8% 11.4%
- 7.2% 7.7%
- 6.3% 7.1%
- 0.0% 6.2%
- Unincorporated No data available or data unstable*

- Supervisorial District (1 to 5)

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Source: OC Heath Care Agency

INFANT MORTALITY

INFANT MORTALITY RATE DECREASED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THREE YEARS.

DESCRIPTION OF INDICATOR

The infant mortality indicator refers to deaths of infants younger than one. The rate of infant mortality is calculated per 1,000 live births per year.

Why is this indicator important?

The infant mortality rate is an indicator of societal health because it is associated with maternal health, quality of and access to medical care, socioeconomic conditions and public health practices. Improvements in the infant mortality rate may reflect progress in medical technology, hygiene and sanitation systems, economic well-being, and the availability and use of both preventive and clinical health services.¹

Given the temporal relationship of the recent increases following the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, some effects may be due to illness, economic stressors, isolation, access to care, shortages of resources and other related factors. Close monitoring is needed to identify other risk factors which may be affecting the health of our birthing persons and infants.

Findings

- In 2023, 102 infant deaths occurred in Orange County.
- The infant mortality rate was 3.2 deaths per 1,000 births in 2023, a decrease from recent years, but an overall increase from 3.0 in 2014. This rate was lower than California's 2023 rate of 4.1² and the United States' rate of 5.6.³ Nationally, the Healthy People 2030 goal is fewer than 5.0 infant deaths per 1,000 live births.⁴

- Leading causes of infant mortality were birth defects (25.5%), maternal complications (12.7%) and sudden unexpected infant death (11.8%).
- Average infant mortality rates in 2021-2023 decreased from 2018-2020 in Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (4.6%) and Black (4.5%) infants but increased in Hispanic (4.1%), Non-Hispanic White (3.1%) and Asian (2.2%) infants.
- In 2023, 122 fetal deaths at 20 or more weeks of gestation occured in Orange County. Leading causes of fetal mortality were complications of placenta, cord and membranes (34.4%), unspecified causes (20.5%) and maternal complications (11.5%).
- The fetal mortality rate was 4.1 fetal deaths at 20 or more weeks of gestation per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths in 2023, an increase since 2014 from 3.6. This rate was lower than California's 2022 rate of 5.1 and the United States' rate of 5.5. Nationally, the Healthy People 2030 goal is fewer than 5.7 fetal deaths at 20 or more weeks of gestation per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths.4

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births, Orange County and California, 2014 to 2023

- Orange County
- California

Source: OC Health Care Agency



Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births, by Race and Ethnicity 2015-2017 to 2021-2023

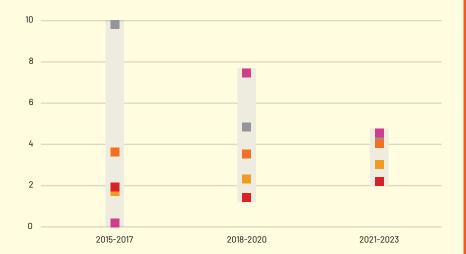
- Asian
- Black*
- Hispanic
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander*
- White

*Due to relatively low numbers of Black and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander infants and deaths, statistics for this group are unreliable and should be interpreted with caution.

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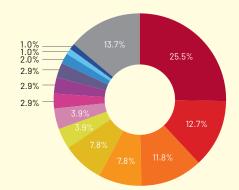
Note: Table does not include race/ethnicity "Other/Unknown"

Source: OC Health Care Agency



Top Causes of Infant Deaths, by Percent, 2023

- Birth Defects
- Maternal Complications*
- Sudden Unexpected Infant Death**
- Complications of Placenta, Cord and Membranes
- Preterm-Low Birth Weight
- Diseases of the Circulatory System
- Bacterial Sepsis
- Cardiovascular Disorders
- Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation
- Neonatal Hemorrhage
- Respiratory Distress Syndrome (RDS)
- Accidents (Unintentional Injuries)
- Fetal Hypoxia and Birth Asphyxia
- All Other Causes



*Maternal Complications includes causes such as hypertension, premature rupture of membranes, malpresentation, placenta previa, alcohol/drug abuse or other complications of labor and delivery.

placenta previa, alcohol/drug abuse or other complications of labor and delivery.

**SUID=R95 sudden infant death syndrome[SIDS], R99 undetermined, W75 accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed [ASSB]

Note: Causes of infant death categories were selected based on the National Vital Statistics Report Volume 73, No. 4 April 8, 2024 Deaths: Leading Causes for 2021 - Table E. Deaths and Percentage of Total Deaths for the 10 Leading Causes of Infant Death: United States, 2021 and 2020, National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Mortality. One additional leading cause of death specific to Orange County was added (Cardiovascular Disorders).

Note: Due to rounding percentages may not add up to 100.

Source: OC Health Care Agency

BREASTFEEDING

EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING AT ONE WEEK, ONE MONTH AND THREE MONTHS INCREASED IN 2022-2023.

DESCRIPTION OF INDICATOR

This indicator reports the prevalence of breastfeeding using two California Department of Public Health data sources. The In-Hospital Newborn Screening Program documents feeding practices in the hospital, generally in the first 24 to 48 hours after birth. The Maternal Infant Health Assessment (MIHA) is an annual statewide-representative survey of people with a recent live birth in California. In-Hospital Newborn Screening data are presented as the percent of birthing people breastfeeding in the hospital after birth, while MIHA data are presented as the percent of birthing people who reported breastfeeding at one week, one month and three months after delivery.

Why is this indicator important?

Human milk is the optimal source of nutrition and provides many benefits for healthy infant growth and development. Breastfeeding significantly reduces infant risks for infections, asthma or allergies compared to infants who are formula fed, resulting in fewer hospitalizations and trips to the doctor.¹ Evidence also demonstrates that breastfeeding reduces the risk of childhood obesity and chronic disease later in life.² These benefits increase greatly when the birthing person exclusively breastfeeds for the first six months of life.

Breastfeeding can provide protective health benefits for the birthing person. These benefits can include a decrease in postpartum bleeding (which conserves iron in the body), less risk for post-menopausal osteoporosis and hip fracture and decreased risks of breast and ovarian cancers.

Breastfeeding improves household food security because families use less of their income on formula, food and bottles. There are costs associated with breastfeeding, however, including the dedicated time required for pumping or feeding.³ Health care related expenses can decrease because breastfeeding protects the infant and birthing person.

Although breastfeeding initiation rates are high in the United States and Orange County, most people with a recent live birth do not continue to breastfeed through

the first year. Strategies such as education, family, peer and community support and lactation spaces in the workplace may help more people breastfeed longer.⁴

Findings

- In 2023, 93.9% of Orange County newborns had received any breastfeeding in the hospital, higher than the state's average rate at 93.8% in 2022.
 While in the hospital after birth, 66.1% of newborns in Orange County were exclusively breastfed, lower than the statewide rate of 68.5% in 2022.
- In 2022, any breastfeeding in the hospital after birth was highest among White infants (96.1%), followed by Black (95.7%), Multiracial (95.3%), Hispanic (94.6%), Pacific Islander (94.6%), Asian (93.3%) and American Indian (91.7%) infants.
- In 2022-2023, 93.3% of people in Orange County reported any breastfeeding one week after delivery, lower than what has been reported in previous years, but higher than California at 92.2%.
- Three months after delivery, 77.4% of people in Orange County reported any breastfeeding, which was lower than the 10-year high in 2014-2015 (78.0%), but higher than California at 74.1%.
- In 2022-2023, 45.5% of people one week postpartum in Orange County were exclusively breastfeeding, which dropped to 36.1% at one month postpartum and 32.1% at three months postpartum.

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In-Hospital Breastfeeding Percentages in Orange County and California, 2014 to 2023

- Orange County Any Breastfeeding
- California Any Breastfeeding
- California Exclusive Breastfeeding
- Orange County Exclusive Breastfeeding

Source: California Department of Public Health, Center for Family Health, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division, Breastfeeding Initiation Dashboard, October 2025

In-Hospital Breastfeeding Percentages in Orange County, by Race/Ethnicity, 2022

- Any Breastfeeding
- Exclusive Breastfeeding
- Orange County Any Breastfeeding
- Orange County Exclusive Breastfeeding

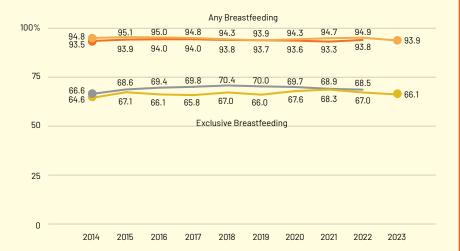
Source: California Department of Public Health, Center for Family Health, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division, Breastfeeding Initiation Dashboard, August 2024

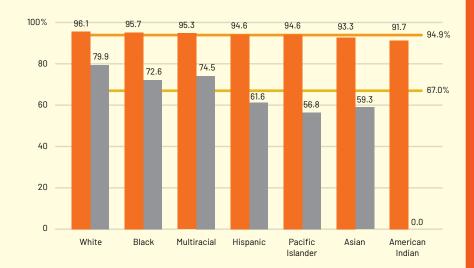
Breastfeeding Percentages at One Week, One Month and Three Months After Delivery in Orange County

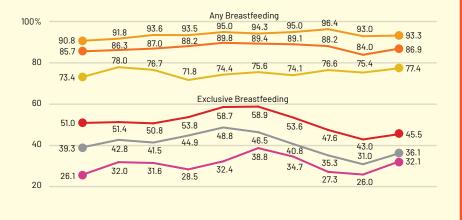
2013-2014 to 2022-2023

- Any breastfeeding 1 week postpartum
- Any breastfeeding 1 month postpartum
- Any breastfeeding 3 months postpartum
- Exclusive breastfeeding 1 week postpartum
- Exclusive breastfeeding 1 month postpartum
- Exclusive breastfeeding 3 months postpartum

Note: Indicators for breastfeeding at three months postpartum are limited to people whose infant was at least 3 months old at the time of survey completion. Notes: MIHA is an annual population-based survey of California residents with a live birth. Data from MIHA 2022-2023 were combined, resulting in a statewide sample size of 11,326. The sample size of Orange County was 436. MIHA participants were sampled from the California Automated Vital Statistics System. Prevalence (%), 95% confidence interval (95% CD), and population estimates (rounded to the nearest hundred) are weighted to represent all individuals with a live birth. Population estimate (N) is a two-year average. Indicators for breastfeeding at 3 months postpartum are limited to birthing individuals whose infant was at least 3 months at the time of survey completion. See the Technical Notes for information on weighting, comparability to prior years and technical definitions. Visit the MIHA website at www.cdph.ca.gov/MIHA. Source: California Department of Public Health; Center for Family Health; Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division; Epidemiology, Surveillance and Federal Reporting Branch







2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17 2017-18 2018-19 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22 2022-23

IMMUNIZATIONS

IMMUNIZATION RATES AMONG YOUNG CHILDREN IN CHILD CARE REACHED A 10-YEAR HIGH.

DESCRIPTION OF INDICATOR

This indicator reports the percent of children who received all of the doses of specific vaccines required for attending child care facilities and required at kindergarten entry. Child care facilities include any private or public child care center, day nursery, nursery school, family day care home or development center.¹

Why is this indicator important?

The widespread use of safe, effective childhood vaccinations has been one of the most successful and cost-effective public health interventions in the U.S. and globally. Many serious and once-common childhood infections have been dramatically reduced through routine immunizations. The success of immunization programs depends upon appropriate timing and on a high rate of vaccine acceptance, particularly among parents of young children.²

Over the past decade, increasing numbers of children with delayed or refused vaccinations have led to reduced levels of vaccine coverage. Studies have found that children whose parents delay or refuse vaccines are more likely to be White and reside in well-educated, higher income areas. On the population level, success depends on a community achieving a threshold level of immunity, and many communities are below the protective level needed to prevent the spread of

disease. ⁴ During the COVID-19 pandemic, well child visits and immunizations decreased nationally and efforts have been underway to get children back on schedule.

Findings

- In 2024, 97.7% of Orange County children ages 2 to 5 years in child care centers were up-to-date with required immunizations at enrollment the highest rate in the last 10 years.
- In 2024, 96.0% of Orange County kindergartners had up-to-date immunizations, a 3.5 percentage point increase from the 10-year low of 92.5% in 2015. This was higher than California at 93.7%.
- Capistrano Unified School District had the lowest percentage of kindergartners with up-to-date immunization levels at 93.1% in 2023, followed by Savanna School District at 93.8%. Laguna Beach School District had the highest percentage at 98.9%.

Effective July 1, 2016, California law removed the personal belief exemption from statute and now requires almost all children to be fully vaccinated against 10 diseases in order to attend public or private elementary, middle or high school or child care. Children with a written personal belief exemption on file prior to January 1, 2016, could continue in school or child care until the next grade span, i.e., kindergarten (including transitional kindergarten) to grade 6 or grade 7 to 12. The medical exemption will remain in statute.

The 10 diseases that children must be immunized against for school and child care entrance are: diphtheria, haemophilus influenzae type B, hepatitis B, measles, mumps, pertussis (whooping cough), polio, rubella, tetanus and varicella (chicken pox). Home school students or students who do not receive classroom-based instruction are not required to be vaccinated. Students who qualify for an Individualized Educational Program (IEP) cannot be prevented from accessing any special education and related services required by their IEP.

Percent of Up-to-Date Vaccination Status for Children Enrolling in School in Orange County and California, 2015 to 2024

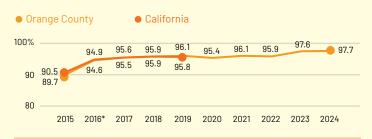


*Up-to-date (UTD) for Kindergarten and Child Care: Certain immunizations are required by law for child care or kindergarten in California. Children who are partially immunized are not considered UTD but may attend as long as they are not overdue for doses needed to complete the vaccine series. Children with a California Immunization Registry Medical Exemption to one or more required immunizations are also not UTD but may attend. Effective July 1, 2016, personal belief exemptions (PBEs) were removed from statute and are no longer an option for children entering child care or kindergarten. Prior to the 2016-2017 school year, children with PBEs were not UTD but could attend school. Children with written PBEs on file prior to January 1, 2016, could continue in child care until kindergarten or transitional kindergarten entry.

**Interim rate for kindergarten students in 2020-2021, when immunization or reporting may have been affected by delayed immunization and widespread school closures as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Source: Kindergarten Assessment Results, California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch

Percent of Up-to-Date Vaccination Status for Children Ages 2 to 5 Years Enrolling in Licensed Child Care Centers in Orange County and California, 2015 to 2024



*See footnote under the chart titled Percent of Up-to-Date Vaccination Status for Children' Enrolling in School in Orange County and California.

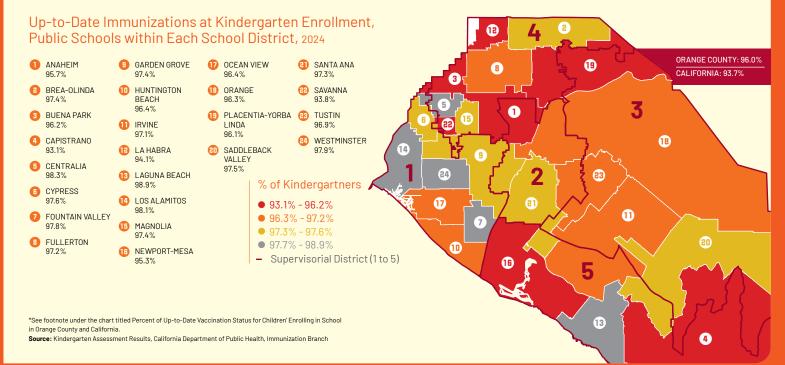
Source: Child Care Immunization Assessment Results, California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch

Percent of Children Ages 2 to 5 Years Enrolling in Licensed Child Care Centers who were Up-to-Date on Immunizations, by Vaccine Type, 2015 to 2024

Year	Total Children	DTaP1(4+)	Polio ² (3+)	MMR ³ (1+)	Hepatitis B ⁴ (3+)	Varicella ⁵ (1+)
2015	44,645	94.2%	95.7%	96.6%	94.0%	95.6%
2016	48,127	97.2%	97.5%	97.8%	96.7%	97.5%
2017	48,017	97.5%	97.9%	98.2%	97.3%	98.0%
2018	49,071	97.7%	98.0%	98.0%	97.5%	98.0%
2019	47,656	97.5%	97.8%	98.1%	97.7%	98.1%
2020	29,585	97.0%	97.6%	97.8%	97.3%	97.8%
2021	40,552	97.6%	98.1%	98.7%	98.2%	98.7%
2022	41,707	97.6%	98.2%	98.5%	98.5%	98.5%
2023	39,752	98.5%	99.0%	99.3%	98.9%	99.3%
2024	24,582	98.6%	99.1%	99.3%	99.0%	99.3%

¹ Four or more doses of diphtheria, tetanus, and acellular pertussis (DTaP) vaccine. ² Three or more doses of inactivated polio vaccine (IPV); oral polio vaccine does not count. ³ One or more doses of measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR vaccine), on or after 1st birthday. ⁴Three or more doses of hepatitis B vaccine. ⁵ One or more doses of varicella vaccine.

Source: Child Care Immunization Assessment Results, California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch



PERINATAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

SUBSTANCE-EXPOSED INFANT REFERRALS INCREASED IN ORANGE COUNTY SINCE 2015.

DESCRIPTION OF INDICATOR

This indicator reports the percentage of persons giving birth who experienced symptoms of depression during or after pregnancy. It reports on alcohol use, cigarette smoking and cannabis use during pregnancy and includes rates of substance exposed infants (SEI).

Why is this indicator important?

Understanding perinatal behavioral health is crucial due to the significant impact on both the pregnant/ birthing person and the developing fetus. Mental health issues such as depression, anxiety and postpartum psychosis can severely affect a pregnant person's well-being, their ability to care for themself and their capacity to bond with their newborn. Substance use during pregnancy can negatively affect fetal and infant health development, potentially resulting in premature birth, low birth weight and a higher risk of congenital anomalies. Children exposed to substance use in utero may also face long-term developmental and behavioral challenges.² The lack of universal verbal screening for perinatal substance use may contribute to underdiagnosis, as evidenced by the discrepancy between the number of birthing persons identified and the number of infants diagnosed with substance exposure.

Findings

Mental Health

- From 2020–2022, the percentage of Orange County pregnant persons who experienced symptoms of depression during or after pregnancy was 14.6% and 13.8%, respectively.
- From 2020–2022, the percentage of pregnant persons who experienced symptoms of depression during pregnancy was highest among Asian pregnant persons (15.7%) followed by White (14.5%), Hispanic (14.4%) and Black (13.0%)³ pregnant persons.
- From 2020-2022, postpartum depression symptoms were highest among Asian pregnant persons (19.7%), followed by Black (16.0%),³ Hispanic (12.5%) and White (12.1%) pregnant persons.

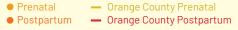
Substance Use

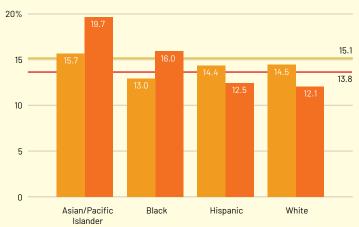
- From 2020-2022, the percentage of pregnant persons drinking any alcohol in an average week during the last three months of their most recent pregnancy was 7.8%, higher than in California at 7.3%, and an increase from a low of 7.3% from 2013-2015.
- Any cannabis use during pregnancy also increased from 2.6% from 2016-2018 to 3.8% from 2020-2022.
 This rate remained lower than California, which was 4.7% from 2016-2018 and 5.2% from 2020-2022.
- In 2023, there were 281 infant hospital admissions affected by maternal alcohol and drug use. Among newborns with a substance exposed diagnosis, 46.6% were Hispanic, 37.0% White, 5.0% Other and 7.5% unknown.* A total of 29,866 children were born in Orange County in 2023.
- In 2023, among the infants affected by maternal substance use, the most common substance was documented as other drugs of addiction (113 infants or 40.2%), followed by amphetamines (62 infants or 22.1%), opiates (53 infants or 18.9%), cannabis (41 infants or 14.6%), unspecified drugs of addiction (26 infants or 9.3%), antidepressants (16 infants or 5.7%) and alcohol (11 infants or 3.9%).**
- In 2024, the County of Orange Social Services
 Agency received 217 SEI referrals for infants aged
 0 to 7 days, which is a 17.9% increase from 2015
 (184 referrals). Over the 2015-2024 period, 58.8%
 of infants referred were Hispanic, followed by
 White (30.3%), Black (3.5%), Asian (2.5%), Other (1.1%)
 and Unknown ethnicity (3.8%) infants.

^{*} Data on Asian and Black newborns have been omitted to protect confidentiality due to there being <11 occurrences in 2023. **More than one substance can be diagnosed in a case.

¹ National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Moms' Mental Health Matters. ² Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), (2022), Substance Use During Pregnancy ³ Estimate should be interpreted with caution due to low reliability.

Percent of Pregnant or Birthing Persons Who Experienced Symptoms of Depression During or After Pregnancy, by Race/Ethnicity, 2020-2022

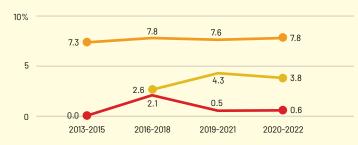




Source: Maternal and Infant Health Assessment (MIHA). California Department of Public Health, Center for Family Health, Maternal, and Adolescent Health Division, Maternal Mental Health Dashboard

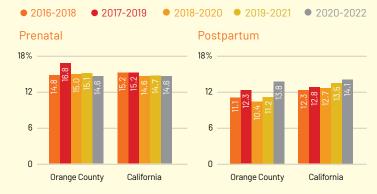
Percent of Substance Use Among Pregnant Persons During Most Recent Pregnancy, Orange County, 2013-15 to 2020-22

- Any Alcohol Use, 3rd Trimester
- Any Cannabis Use During Pregnancy
- Any Cigarette Smoking, 3rd Trimester



Source: Maternal and Infant Health Assessment (MIHA), 2013-2021. California Department of Public Health, Center for Family Health, Maternal and Adolescent Health Division, Maternal Mental Health Dashboard

Percent of Pregnant or Birthing Persons Who Experienced Symptoms of Depression During or After Pregnancy, 2016-2018 to 2020-2022



Note: The graph reflects three-year aggregate data, with several overlapping years. This aligns with how the data is presented in the Maternal Mental Health Dashboard (see source below for additional information).

Source: Maternal and Infant Health Assessment (MIHA). California Department of Public Health, Center for Family Health, Maternal, and Adolescent Health Division, Maternal Mental Health Dashboard

Substance-Affected Diagnosis for Infants, by Race and Ethnicity, 2017 to 2023

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black
- Hispanic
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White
- Other
- Unknown
- Number of Newborns
- Percent less than 5%



*Hospitalization data for 2018 and prior years does not separate Asian/Pacific Islander. **Source:** HCAI Patient Discharge Data, 2016 to 2022. Orange County residents; less than or equal to 7 days

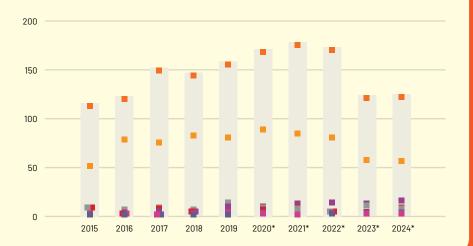
Number of Substance-Exposed Infants 0 to 7 Days Referred to the County of Orange Social Services Agency, by Race/Ethnicity, 2015 to 2024

- American Indian or
 Alacka Nativa
- Alaska Native

 Asian
- BlackHispanic
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White
- Unknown
- *Data collected in referral, and case where applicable.

 Source: Child Welfare Services (CWS)/Case Management System (CMS) 2024

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

EMOTIONAL COUNSELING AMONG TEENS IN ORANGE COUNTY INCREASED IN THE PAST 10 YEARS.

DESCRIPTION OF INDICATOR

This indicator presents the behavioral health of Orange County children using data from the Early Development Index (EDI), California Healthy Kids Survey, California Health Interview Survey and inpatient hospitalizations. It highlights five areas representing the continuum of behavioral health needs from early childhood to adolescence. It tracks the percentage of kindergartners developmentally vulnerable in social competence and emotional maturity, the percentage of students experiencing depression-related feelings such as chronic sadness or hopeless feelings or who seriously considered attempting suicide. It also tracks the percentage of youth receiving psychological and emotional counseling, and the number and rate of inpatient hospitalizations in Orange County related to behavioral health conditions.

Why is this indicator important?

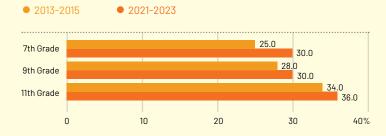
Behavioral health, including mental health and substance use, is as important as physical health.¹ Mental health and substance use disorders are chronic health conditions that last a long time. Without early diagnosis and treatment, children with poor behavioral health can have problems at home, school and in forming friendships. It can also interfere with a child's healthy development, causing problems that can continue into adulthood.²

Findings

- In 2025, 10.4% of kindergarteners were vulnerable on the EDI's social-emotional composite. Among race and ethnic groups, Black or African American (15.3%), Hispanic or Latino (12.7%) and American Indian or Alaskan Native (12.0%) populations had the highest percentages of socially and emotionally vulnerable children.³
- From 2021-2023 survey data, 36.0% of 11th graders reported experiencing depression-related feelings, compared to 30.0% of 9th graders and 30.0% of 7th graders. Orange County rates were lower than the state's average rates for 11th (42.0%), 9th (37.0%) and 7th grade (32.0%) students.4
 - Surveyed students were more likely to experience chronic sadness or hopeless feelings compared to

- 2013-2015, increasing from 34.0% for 11th graders, 28.0% for 9th graders and 25.0% for 7th graders.
- Surveyed students who identified as lesbian, gay or bisexual (LGB) were significantly more likely to report depression-related feelings from 2021-2023 than their non-LGB classmates across all age groups at 62.0% for 11th graders, 59.0% for 9th graders and 59.0% for seventh graders.
- In 2024, 22.8% of youth ages 12 to 17 years in Orange County reported receiving psychological/emotional counseling in the past year, up from 15.1% in 2014.⁵ During this same time period, Calfornia increased from 11.6% to 18.6%.
- From 2021-2023, an estimated 14.0% of 11th graders, 13.0% of 9th graders and 14.0% of 7th graders seriously considered attempting suicide in the previous year, lower than California's estimated 16.0%, 15.0% and 14.0%, respectively, by grade level from 2021-2023.
- In 2021-2023, students who identified as LGB were more likely to have seriously considered attempting suicide (62.0%) than their non-LGB classmates (29.0%).
- The combined hospitalization rate for serious mental illness and substance use conditions for children increased by 66.8%, from a ten-year low of 22.3 in 2015 to 37.2 per 10,000 children in 2023.

Percent of Students who Reported Experiencing Depression-Related Feelings, by Grade Level, Orange County, 2013-2015 and 2021-2023



Note: Years presented comprise two school years (e.g., 2021/22 and 2022/23 school years are shown as 2021 to 2023). Data are weighted estimates.

Source: California Department of Education, California School Climate, Health and Learning Survey

Percent of Youth Ages 12 to 17 Years Reported Receiving Psychological/Emotional Counseling in the Past Year, 2014 to 2023



40%

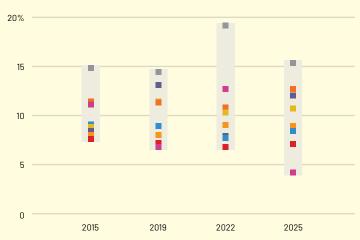


*Statistically unstable.

Source: California Health Interview Survey, 2023

Percent of Kindergartners Vulnerable on EDI's Social-Emotional Composite, by Race/Ethnicity 2015 to 2025

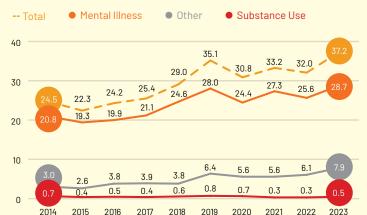
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asiar
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Two or More Races
- White
- Other



Note: 2015 includes data collected in 2013, 2014, and 2015; 2019 includes data collected in 2018 and 2019; and 2022 includes data collected in 2022. The 2015, 2019 and 2022 data waves reflect 100% school participation.

Source: Early Development Index, 2015 to 2025

Mental Health and Substance Use-Related Hospitalizations, Rate per 10,000 Children, 2014 to 2023



Note: 'Other' includes behavioral health conditions such as other unspecified mood disorders, conduct disorders, and disorders related to sleep, eating, elimination and pain.

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Source: OC Health Care Agency, Research - Government Affairs and Communications

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING INDICATORS

CHILD POVERTY

PERCENT OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE LUNCH



48.3% 2015/16

55.2% 2024/25

CHILD CARE

NUMBER OF LICENSED CHILD CARE SPACES PER 1,000 CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN 12



180 2015/16

197 2024/25

CALWORKS

PERCENT OF CHILDREN RECEIVING CALWORKS



6.0% 2014/15

3.6% 2023/24

HOUSING

PERCENT OF CHILDREN INSECURELY HOUSED



5.2% 2014/15

6.7% 2023/24

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION

PERCENT OF CHILDREN RECEIVING CALFRESH



19.9% 2014/15

14.9% 2023/24

CHILD SUPPORT

PERCENT OF CURRENT SUPPORT COLLECTED



68.0% 2015/16

65.0% 2024/25



UPWARD TREND



UPWARD TREND NEEDS IMPROVEMENT



DOWNWARD TREND IMPROVEMENT



DOWNWARD TREND NEEDS IMPROVEMENT



CHILD POVERTY

OVER HALF OF ORANGE COUNTY STUDENTS WERE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH IN SCHOOL YEAR 2024/25.

DESCRIPTION OF INDICATOR

This indicator reports the number and percent of students eligible for the National School Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) program, considered to be an indicator of children living in poverty or of working poor families. Eligibility is based on income of the child's parent(s) or guardian(s), which must be below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level. This indicator also tracks the percent of children living in poverty according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Why is this indicator important?

Research has demonstrated that living in poverty has a wide range of negative effects on the physical and mental health and well-being of children. Poverty is linked with negative conditions such as substandard housing, insecure housing, inadequate nutrition, food insecurity, inadequate child care, lack of access to health care, unsafe neighborhoods and underresourced schools. These conditions mean school districts face many challenges serving low-income families, particularly those school districts with more than 75% of students enrolled in the FRPL program.² The implications for children living in poverty include greater risk for poor academic achievement, school dropout, abuse and neglect, behavioral and social/ emotional problems, physical health problems and developmental delays.

Findings

 In School Year (SY) 2024/25, 55.2% of students were eligible for the FRPL program in Orange County (237,096 students total), lower than California at 62.8% (3,647,037 students total) and up from the SY 2023/24 county rate of 54.1% (236,434 students total).

- From SY 2015/16 to 2024/25, there was a 6.9% increase in the percentage of students eligible for the FRPL program (48.3% to 55.2%).
- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 10.9% or 72,445, of Orange County's children were living in poverty in 2023; a 43.0% decrease from the 10-year high of 127,172 children or 17.9% in 2014. The rate also remained lower than California (15.1%) and the United States (16.3%).
- When accounting for cost of living, family resources, and social safety net benefits, the child poverty rate in Orange County increased to 14.5%, exceeding California's rate of 13.8%. In 2023, a family of four (two adults and two children) that rents needed an annual income of \$44,074 to maintain a basic standard of living.³

Percent of Students Eligible to Receive Free and Reduced Price Lunch, Orange County and California, 2016 to 2025

80%

- Orange County
- California

Source: California Department of Education

60 40 20 0 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025

Percent of Children Younger than 18, Living in Poverty, Orange County, California and United States, 2014 to 2023

- United States
- California
- Orange County

*American Community Survey One-year Estimates are not available for 2020 due to disruptions in data collection caused by COVID-19. For more, see https://www census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2021/changes-2020-acs-1-year.htm Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, One-year Estimates



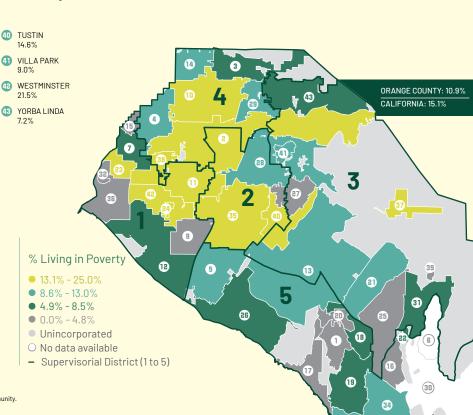
Percent of Children Younger than 18 Living in Poverty, by Community of Residence, 2023

- ALISO VIEJO 4.8%
- ANAHEIM
- 16.0% BREA
- 4 BUENA PARK
- COSTA MESA
- COTO DE CAZA NO DATA
- CYPRESS 5.7%
- DANA POINT
- FOUNTAIN VALLEY
- FULLERTON
- GARDEN GROVE
- 14.6% HUNTINGTON
- **BEACH**
- IRVINE 9.0%

- LA HABRA 12.6%
- LA PALMA
- 1B LADERA RANCH
- 1 LAGUNA BEACH
- LAGUNA HILLS
- LAGUNA NIGUEL 7.1%
- LAGUNA WOODS 0.0%
- 1 LAKE FOREST
- LAS FLORES
- LOS ALAMITOS 13.3%
- MIDWAY CITY
 - 23.3% MISSION VIEJO 4.1%

 - NEWPORT BEACH
 - NORTH TUSTIN

- ORANGE 10.5%
- PLACENTIA 9.0%
- RANCHO MISSION VIF.IO NO DATA
- RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA
- ROSSMOOR 3.6% SAN CLEMENTE
- SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO
- 8.9% SANTA ANA
- 15.1%
- 3B SEAL BEACH
- 3 SILVERADO 25.0% STANTON 13.7%
- TRABUCO CANYON
- 0.0%



Note: No data indicates that the dataset does not include information on the particular community Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, One-year Estimates

CALWORKS

THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN RECEIVING CALWORKS INCREASED FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR, FOLLOWING YEARS OF DECLINE.

DESCRIPTION OF INDICATOR

This indicator reports the average number and percent of children per month younger than 18 years receiving financial assistance through California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs).

Why is this indicator important?

The percent of children benefiting from CalWORKs is an indicator of Orange County's capacity to help families struggling to make ends meet and at the same time, responsibly care for their children. This indicator also reflects a widespread need for financial support among families in need across Orange County as CalWORKs beneficiaries receive financial and employment assistance. The goals of the CalWORKs program include reduced welfare dependency, increased self-sufficiency and improved child well-being by encouraging parental responsibility through school attendance, child immunization requirements and assisting with paternity and child support enforcement activities.

Findings

 In 2023/2024, 3.6% of Orange County's children received CalWORKs assistance (24,099 children total), a 43.1% decrease from 6.0% (42,345) of children in 2014/15. This was compared to a 5.0% decrease in the number of Orange County children younger than 18 from 710,562 to 674,833 children.

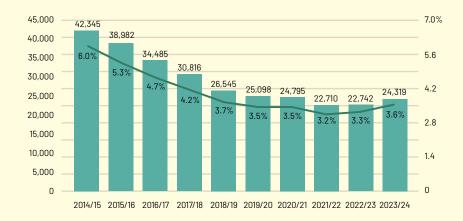
- For the second year in a row, the proportion of children receiving CalWORKs increased slightly.
- Children younger than 6 years accounted for 27.4% of the youth population receiving CalWORKs assistance, while children ages 6 to 11 years accounted for 34.6% and 12 to 17 accounted for 38.1%.
- The cities with the highest percentages of children receiving CalWORKs were Santa Ana at 7.5% (5,488), Anaheim at 6.7% (5,174), Garden Grove at 5.1% (1,847), Stanton at 5.0% (419) and Buena Park at 4.4% (841).
- The cities with the lowest percentage of children receiving CalWORKs included Laguna Beach at 0.2% (9), Villa Park at 0.4% (5), San Clemente at 0.7% (103), Seal Beach at 0.7% (22) and Yorba Linda 0.9% (138).

Number and Percent of Children Younger than 18 Receiving CalWORKs

2014/15 to 2023/24

- Number of Children
- Percent of Children

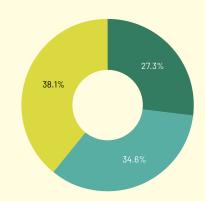
Source: County of Orange Social Services Agency



Percent of Children Younger than 18 Receiving CalWORKs, by Age Group January 2025

- Younger than 6 Years
- 6 to 11 Years
- 12 to 17 Years

Source: County of Orange Social Services Agency



Percent Receiving CalWORKs, by Community of Residence January 2025

- 1 ALISO VIEJO
- ANAHEIM
- BRFA
- BUENA PARK 4.4%
- COSTA MESA
- COTO DE CAZA
- NO DATA
- CYPRESS
- B DANA POINT 1.1%
- FOUNTAIN VALLEY 2.0%
- 10 FULLERTON
- GARDEN GROVE 5.1%
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- IRVINE 1.8%

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- LAGUNA WOODS
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- 3 LOS ALAMITOS
- MIDWAY CITY NO DATA
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- NEWPORT BEACH 1.0%

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- ORANGE
- PLACENTIA 2.9%
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- ΝΟ ΠΔΤΔ
- STANTON **3**

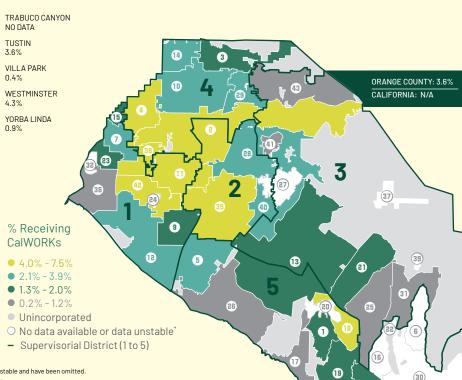
- TRABUCO CANYON
- TUSTIN
- 41 VILLA PARK
- 4.3%
- n 9%
- NO DATA
- 33 SAN CLEMENTE

- SILVERADO

- NO DATA
- 0.4%

*Rates based on less than five occurrences and/or the denominator minus numerator is <10 are unstable and have been omitted. Note: No data indicates that the dataset does not include information on the particular community.

Source: City Populations younger than 18 from 2019-2023 American Community Survey Five-year Estimates, Demographic and Housing Estimates. County of Orange Social Services Agency, January 2025



SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION

WIC PARTICIPATION IN ORANGE COUNTY INCREASED IN 2024 WITH INFANTS COMPRISING OVER A THIRD OF PARTICIPANTS.

DESCRIPTION OF INDICATOR

This indicator reports the number and percent of recipients of the CalFresh Program, federally known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and the number and percent of recipients in the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).¹ As an indicator of poverty, an increase in the number of children receiving these benefits can be viewed as a negative trend. However, an increase may also be interpreted as a positive trend because more eligible children are receiving these benefits. The interpretation of this indicator continues to be reviewed.

Why is this indicator important?

The data show a relationship between a family's food security and assurance of a healthy life. Households with food insecurity are more likely to experience reduced diet quality, anxiety about their food supply, increased use of emergency food sources or other coping behaviors and hunger. CalFresh and WIC increase low-income households' ability to buy more nutritious food, such as fruits and vegetables. Income eligible children can receive both forms of nutrition assistance.

Findings

In 2023/24, 14.9% of children younger than 18 years received CalFresh (96,456 children total), a 31.9% decrease in the number of children from the 10-year high of 19.9% (141,716) in 2014/15. Orange County had a lower rate than California at 22.4% (1,913,371) of children receiving CalFresh.²

- In January 2025, the greatest proportion of CalFresh beneficiaries younger than 18 in Orange County were children aged 6 to 12 years (39.9%), followed by 13 to 17 years (30.2%) and younger than 6 years (29.8%).
- In 2021, it was estimated that 63.3% of people in Orange County eligible for CalFresh were receiving that benefit, less than California at 77.0%.³
- WIC participation in Orange County increased from the ten-year low of 57,567 participants in 2022 to 59,631 in 2024. It remained lower than the high of 96,589 in 2015. Of these participants in 2024, 34.2% (20,382) were infants.
- In 2022, an average of 53.5% of adults and children eligible for WIC were receiving that benefit nationally per month, lower than California at 69.7%. Both average monthly rates dropped from a high in 2011, when the national rate was 63.5% and the California rate was 82.5%.4

Number and Percent of Children Younger than 18 Receiving CalFresh and Number of Participants Receiving WIC 2014/15 to 2023/24

- CalFresh
- WIC
- Percent Served by CalFresh

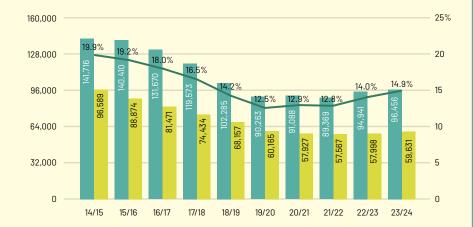
Note: CalFresh data represents fiscal Year (July-June) monthly averages. Note: Starting with the 31^{st} Annual Report on the Conditions of Children, fiscal year (July-June) counts of WIC participants is reported. Previously, the WIC participant counts reported reflected the number of participants served in September of each year. Data for previous years have also been updated in this graph, and thus will not align with previous years' reports.

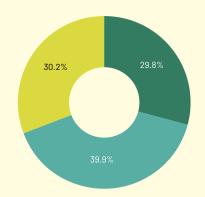
Source for CalFresh: County of Orange Social Services Agency Source for WIC: California Department of Public Health, WIC Division Monthly Participant Characteristics File, July 2014 through December 2019; WRAD Participant Monthly Snapshot, November 2019 through June 2024

Percent of Children Receiving CalFresh, by Age Group, January 2025

- Younger than 6 Years
- 6 to 12 Years
- 13 to 17 Years

Source: County of Orange Social Services Agency





Percent of Children Younger than 18 Receiving CalFresh, by Community of Residence, 2023/24

- 1 ALISO VIEJO
- ANAHEIM
- BREA 6.6%
- **BUENA PARK** 15.0%
- COSTA MESA
- COTO DE CAZA
- CYPRESS
- DANA POINT
- FOUNTAIN VALLEY
- 1 FULLERTON 12.9%
- GARDEN GROVE
- HUNTINGTON BEACH 9.5%
- IRVINE 5.4%

- 1 LA HABRA
- 1 LA PALMA
- LADERA RANCH
- N/A 1 LAGUNA BEACH 3.3%
- 1B LAGUNA HILLS
- 19 LAGUNA NIGUEL
- I AGUNA WOODS
- LAKE FOREST
- 7.8%
- LAS FLORES ΝΩ ΠΔΤΔ
- LOS ALAMITOS 6.9%
- MIDWAY CITY
- **ab** MISSION VIEJO
- NEWPORT BEACH 3.4%
- **37** NORTH TUSTIN N/A

- 3 ORANGE 14.0%
- PLACENTIA
- RANCHO MISSION VIEJO
- NO DATA 3 RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA
- 32 ROSSMOOR N/A
- SAN CLEMENTE 5.9%
- SANJUAN CAPISTRANO 11.7%
- SANTA ANA 29.9%
- SEAL BEACH 2.7%
- 3 SILVERADO
- 3B STANTON
- TRABUCO CANYON N/A

- 40 TUSTIN
- VILLA PARK
- 20.6%

- 13.6% WESTMINSTER ORANGE COUNTY: 14.9% CALIFORNIA: 22.4%* YORBA LINDA 9 % Receiving CalFresh (Pa **a** • 14.1% - 29.8% • 8.9% - 14.0%

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- 5.5% 8.8% • 2.5% - 5.4%
- Unincorporated
 - O No data available or data unstable

Supervisorial District (1 to 5)

*California Department of Social Services, CalFresh County Data Dashboard, 2023; U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, Five-year Estimates. Note: No data indicates that the dataset does not include information on the particular community.

Source: County of Orange Social Services Agency

CHILD CARE

THE COST OF CARE FOR AN INFANT IN A CHILD CARE CENTER REMAINS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN OTHER TYPES OF CARE.

DESCRIPTION OF INDICATOR

This indicator focuses on preschool and child care programs that serve young children (typically up to 12 years). This indicator reports on the number of licensed child care spaces available in Orange County offered in Family Child Care Homes (FCCH) and Child Care Centers, and the cost of care by setting and the age of the child. These data do not include license-exempt family, friend and neighbor care¹. Funding for subsidized early education programs that serve low income families, such as CalWORKs, Alternative Payment Program², California State Preschool Program, Transitional Kindergarten³ and Head Start⁴ is also reported.

Why is this indicator important?

Enrollment in high-quality child care can help children learn the foundational skills for reading, math, self-control, and positive relationships. Early care programs can benefit all children, and have shown a greater impact on children from families with low incomes and dual language learners. Studies also show how a positive correlation between participation in high-quality child care programs and increased college graduation rates and adult wages.

The lack of child care may have negative consequences on families. A 2021 analysis commissioned by First 5 Orange County showed that 40% of Orange County parents and guardians reported that the cost and/or lack of childcare prevented them from working at some point, with women and women of color most likely to be negatively impacted. The analysis estimated that approximately 67,000 jobs were lost annually due to disruptions or gaps in child care, equating to \$4.3 billion in lost productivity and wages.

Findings

 In 2024/25, there were a total of 84,842 licensed early child care spaces in Orange County, up slightly from 2015/16 (84,092). This represents a ratio of 197 child care spaces per 1,000 children under 12 years.

- Licensed spaces were primarily located in preschool centers (63%), followed by school age centers (18%), family child care homes (13%) and infant centers (6%).
- The cost of child care increased from 2015/16 to 2024/25 across settings and age served. These costs outpaced inflation over this same period.⁹
 - Weekly infant center costs increased from \$278 to \$467 (68.0% increase) and family-based infant care increased from \$207 to \$325 (57.0%).
 - Weekly preschool center costs increased from \$191 to \$296 (55.0%) and family-based preschool care increased from \$195 to \$328 (68.2%).
 - Weekly school-age center costs increased from \$170 to \$253 (48.8%) and family-based school-age care increased from \$183 to \$287 (56.8%).
- In 2024/25, 44% of families requesting child care referrals from the Children's Home Society of California¹⁰ requested Daytime Hour Care, 40% Full Time Care, 12% Part Time Care and 5% Alternative Care Hours.¹⁰
- In 2022/23, Orange County received \$321 million in subsidized child care reimbursement, up from \$204 million in 2019/20. The increase was largely attributable to a nearly \$89 million increase in funding for voucher-based child care programs like CalWORKs and the Alternative Payment Program.

Family, Friend or Neighbor Care, California Department of Social Services. ² Department of Social Services, Child Care and Development Programs Subsidized Programs (ca.gov). ³ TKCalifornia. ⁴ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children & Families, available at https://ecikc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/programs/article/head-start-programs. ⁵ Davis Schoch, A., Simons Gerson, C., Halle, T., & Bredeson, M. (2023). ⁶ Ansari, A., Pianta, R. C., Whittaker, J. E., Vitiello, V., & Ruzek, E. (2021). ⁷ Bustamante, A. S., Dearing, E., Zachrisson, H. D., & Vandell, D. L. (2022). ⁸ Child Care and its Impact on Orange County Seconomy, First 5 Orange County (2021), available at https://first5oc.org/childcarer. ⁸ U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index Inflation Calculator. ¹⁰ The Children's Home Society of California is Orange County's designated Resource and Referral (R&R) program. R&Rs provide information to parents and the community about the availability of child care and assist providers with licensing, training, and referrals. ¹⁰ Full-Time Care is care that equals 25+ weekly hours. Part-Time Care is care that equals fewer than 25 weekly hours; Daytime Hour Care includes care provided between the hours of 6:00am and 6:00pm; Alternative Care Hours includes evening, weekend, drop-in or overnight care.

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Number of Licensed Child Care Spaces, by Type, 2015/16 to 2024/25

- School Age Center
- Preschool Center
- Infant Center
- Family Child Care Home

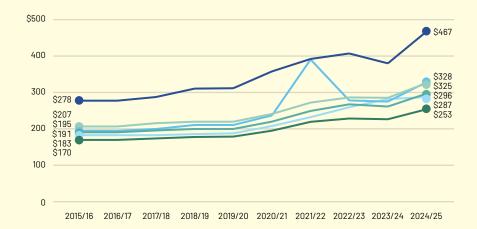
Source: Children's Home Society of California's Child Care Resource and Referral Program

Average Weekly Child Care Cost, by Type, 2015/16 to 2024/25

- Child Care Center Infant
- Child Care Center Preschool
- Child Care Center School Age
- Family Child Care Home Infant
- Family Child Care Home Preschool
- Family Child Care Home School Age

Source: Children's Home Society of California's Child Care Resource and Referral Program





Number of Licensed Child Care Spaces* per 1,000 Children Younger than 12, by Community of Residence, 2025

- ALISO VIEJO 183
- ANAHEIM
- 123
- BREA
- BUENA PARK
- COSTA MESA
- 224
- COTO DE CAZA NO DATA
- CYPRESS
- 256
- DANA POINT
- FOUNTAIN VALLEY
- FULLERTON 177
- GARDEN GROVE
- HUNTINGTON **BEACH** 242
- IRVINE 302

- LA HABRA 190
- 1 LA PALMA
- 1 LADERA RANCH
- 1 LAGUNA BEACH
- LAGUNA HILLS
- LAGUNA NIGUEL
- LAGUNA WOODS N/A**
- a LAKE FOREST
- LAS FLORES
- LOS ALAMITOS
- MIDWAY CITY 285
- 3 MISSION VIEJO
- 8 NEWPORT BEACH

- **37** NORTH TUSTIN
- ORANGE
- 23 PLACENTIA
- RANCHO MISSION VIEJO NO DATA
- 3 RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA 308
- ROSSMOOR
- SANJIJAN CAPISTRANO
- 3 SEAL BEACH
- SILVERADO 898
- 3 STANTON

- TRABUCO CANYON

- SAN CLEMENTE 233
- - SANTA ANA
- 73

- N/A
- 4D TUSTIN
- VILLA PARK

- 43 YORBA LINDA 281

- 233

 - O No data available
- **ORANGE COUNTY: 197** WESTMINSTER Spaces per 9 1,000 Children æ 6 **0** - 123 (39)

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124 - 192 193 - 272 273 - 898 **a** Unincorporated

- Supervisorial District (1 to 5)

*Includes center-based sites and family child care homes serving infants, preschoolers and school-age children younger than 12 years. Does not include license-exempt family, friend and neighbor care. **Communities with fewer than 55 youth children younger than 12 years excluded as rates are unreliable. Note: No data indicates that the dataset does not include information on the particular community; Families may seek care in communities other than the one in which they live.

Source: California Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division, May 22, 2025; U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, Five-year Estimates, Table B09001

HOUSING

THE NUMBER OF ORANGE COUNTY STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOUSING INSECURITY SURPASSES 30,000 FOR FIRST TIME IN THE LAST DECADE.

DESCRIPTION OF INDICATOR

This indicator reports the number of insecurely housed students identified by school districts as homeless, meaning they are living unsheltered or in motels, shelters, parks and doubling- or tripling-up in a home, as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act.¹

Why is this indicator important?

The high mobility, trauma and poverty associated with homelessness and insecure housing create educational barriers, low school attendance, and developmental, physical and emotional problems for students.

Lacking a fixed, regular nighttime stay increases the chances that a student will require additional support services. A homeless student or one living in a crowded environment may experience a greater tendency for stress and anxiety not knowing where they are going to sleep each night nor having a consistent, quiet, permanent place to study or do their homework.

Lack of secure housing may be associated with lower standardized test scores in all areas.

- In 2023/24, 6.7% of students in Orange County experienced insecure housing (30,309 students total), higher than in 2014/15 at 5.2% (26,064).
- Hispanic/Latino students had the highest rate of insecure housing (11.6%), followed by American Indian or Alaska Native (9.8%), Pacific Islander (7.3%) and Black or African American (7.3%) students. Filipino (2.7%), Two or More Races (1.8%), White (1.6%) and Asian (1.3%) students had the lowest rates of insecure housing.

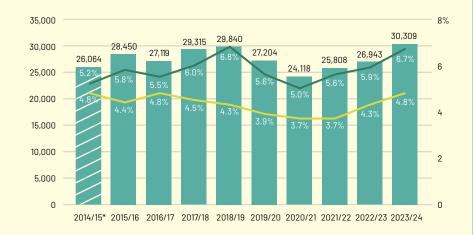
- Of those students with insecure housing in 2023/24, elementary age students (Transitional Kindergarten to grade 6) represent the highest percentage at 7.3%, followed by middle school students (grades 7 to 8) at 6.3% and high school age students (grades 9 to 12) at 6.0%.
- With regard to primary nighttime residence, in 2023/24:
 - 89.6% (27,151) of insecurely housed students were doubled-up in housing.
 - 4.5% (1,365) of insecurely housed students were in hotels or motels.
 - 4.3% (1,312) of insecurely housed students were housed in shelters.
 - 1.6% (481) of insecurely housed students were unsheltered.
- School districts with the highest percentage of insecurely housed students were Magnolia School District (27.2%), Santa Ana Unified (18.7%) and Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified (14.7%). School districts with the lowest percentage were Fountain Valley School District (0.2%), Los Alamitos Unified (0.4%) and Laguna Beach Unified (0.4%).

Number and Percent of Students with Insecure Housing, Orange County and California, 2014/15 to 2023/24

- Number of Orange County Students with Insecure Housing
- % of Total Student Enrollment in Orange County
- % of Total Student Enrollment in California
- Unstable Data

*Data from 2014-2015 is lower due to a statewide data system error at the CDE that likely resulted in under-reported counts.

Source: California Department of Education



Percent of Enrolled Students with Insecure Housing, By Race and Ethnicity, 2017/18 to 2023/24

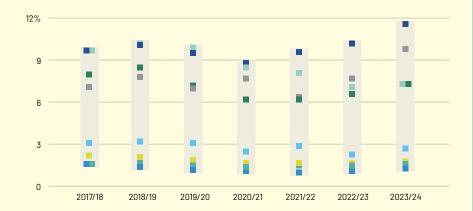
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Filipino

 Pacific Islander Two or More Races

Hispanic or Latino

White

Source: California Department of Education



Percent of Enrolled Students with Insecure Housing, by School District, 2023/24

- ANAHEIM 11.0%
- ANAHEIM UNION HIGH 3.9%
- BREA-OLINDA UNIFIED 2.2%
- BUENA PARK 7.9%
- CAPISTRANO UNIFIED
- 6.9%
- CENTRALIA 11.1%
- CYPRESS 5.0%
- FOUNTAIN VALLEY 0.2%
- FULLERTON
- FULL FRTON JOINT UNION HIGH 2.6%

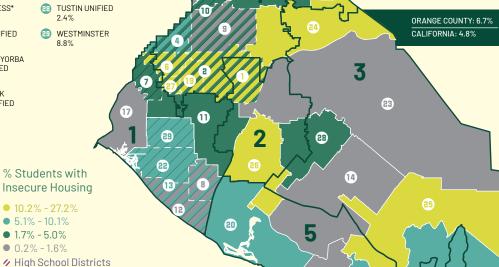
- GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED 2.6%
- 12 HUNTINGTON BEACH CITY
- 13 HUNTINGTON
- BEACH UNION HIGH 4 5.9% IRVINE UNIFIED
- 0.5% Ι Δ ΗΔΒΡΔ CITY 2.3%
- LAGUNA BEACH UNIFIED
- 0.4% LOS AL AMITOS UNIFIED
- 0.4% IB LOWELL JOINT
- ΜΔΩΝΟΙ ΙΔ 27.2%
- NEWPORT-MESA UNIFIED

OCEAN VIEW

SAVANNA

12.2%

- OCDE ACCESS*
- ORANGE UNIFIED
- PLACENTIA-YORBA LINDA UNIFIED 14.7%
- SADDLEBACK ⊞ VALLEY UNIFIED 11 2%
- SANTA ANA UNIFIED 18.7%



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*OCDE - ACCESS (Alternative, Community, and Correctional Schools and Service) student population is unique in that it encompasses a wide range of youth, including students in group homes or incarcerated in institutions, students on probation or homeless, students who are parents or working full-time, students participating in a home

- Supervisorial District (1 to 5)

schooling program and students who are referred by local school districts. Source: California Department of Education, Data provided by districts on their LEA Reporting Consolidated Application and Reporting System (CARS)

CHILD SUPPORT

IN 2024/25, ORANGE COUNTY'S PERCENTAGE OF CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTIONS EXCEEDED CALIFORNIA'S.

DESCRIPTION OF INDICATOR

This indicator reports the number of child support cases, net and per case collections of child support and the percentage and amount of child support collected.

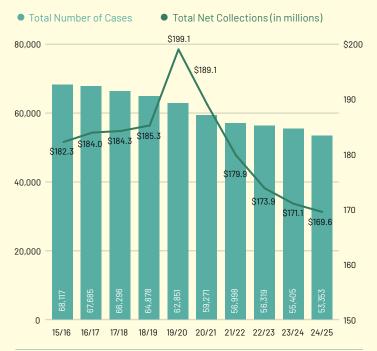
Why is this indicator important?

The child support program is one of the largest income support programs serving children, impacting over 12.2 million children nationally in 2024. Child support is important for meeting the basic needs of children and families. From securing food and shelter to covering child care and medical expenses, these payments provide the opportunity for children and families to have their fundamental needs met.

Research shows that some families are lifted out of poverty by receiving child support payments, however, child support is limited in its ability to reduce poverty due, in part, to noncustodial parents who have low and irregular incomes.² Beyond poverty reduction, child support has also been shown to improve cognitive development, high school graduation rates and college attendance. It has also been shown to increase the involvement of noncustodial parents and reduce the risk of child maltreatment.³

- Total Orange County child support cases decreased by 21.7% from 68,117 in 2015/16 to 53,353 in 2024/25.
- Over the same period, net collections decreased by 7.0% from \$182.3 million in 2015/16 to \$169.6 million in 2024/25, with an average of \$182.8 million annually. Collections decreased 14.8% from 2019/20 (\$199.1 million to \$169.6 million), reflecting a return to pre-pandemic levels. The 2019/20 rate was higher than normal due to unemployment payment intercepts or the increased withholdings due to COVID-19 unemployment stimulus.
- Most (91.1%) Orange County cases have a court order established, in comparison to California's rate of 87.4%. Since 2017, the Orange County rate has decreased 1.3% (from 92.4%).⁴
- The percent of current support collected among Orange County cases during 2024/25 was 65.0%, which was higher than the California rate of 62.3%, and represents slightly lower rate than 2015/16 when the rate was 68.0%.5

Total Child Support Cases and Total Net Collections, 2015/16 to 2024/25

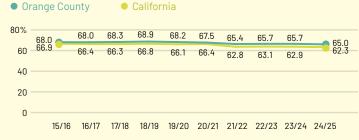


Total Child Support Per Case Collections, 2015/16 to 2024/25



Note: Total cases each year is a 12-month average from July to June Source: Orange County Department of Child Support Services

Percent of Child Support Collected, Orange County and California, 2015/16 to 2024/25



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\$2,208,787

Source: Orange County Department of Child Support Services

\$4,546,398

Note: Total cases each year is a 12-month average from July to June. Source: Orange County Department of Child Support Services

Number of Cases and Total Support Collected, by Community of Residence, 2024/25

- ALISO VIEJO 326 \$2,036,266
- ANAHEIM 4,570 \$20,163,597
- BREA \$1,951,375
- 4 BUENA PARK 906 \$3,964,849
- COSTA MESA \$4,144,546
- COTO DE CAZA NO DATA*
- CYPRESS
- \$2,273,338 B DANA POINT
- \$1,462,193 FOUNTAIN VALLEY
- 338 \$1,897,694 FULLERTON
- 1,288 \$6,417,407
- GARDEN GROVE 1,707 \$8,034,356

- 11 HUNTINGTON BEACH \$7,620,122
- IRVINE 1.075
- \$7.834.520 LA HABRA
- \$2,896,012.30
- LA PALMA \$386,898
- LADERA RANCH \$1,843,366
- 17 LAGUNA BEACH \$628,591
- LAGUNA HILLS 184 \$1,076,981
- LAGUNA NIGUEL 308 \$2,399,980
- LAGUNA WOODS \$47,378
- LAKE FOREST \$3,043,534
- LAS FLORES NO DATA*

- **3** LOS ALAMITOS \$1,021,390
- MIDWAY CITY NO DATA
- MISSION VIEJO 492 \$3,107,732
- NEWPORT BEACH 261 \$2,129,217
- NORTH TUSTIN NO DATA*
- ORANGE \$6,150,027
- 23 PLACENTIA
- \$2,641,131 30 RANCHO MISSION VIFJO
- NO DATA* RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA
- 296 \$1,865,042 ROSSMOOR
- \$2,287,835

- 34 SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO 3 TRABUCO CANYON 42 WESTMINSTER \$677,906 \$1,510,616
- **SANTA ANA** 4.068
- \$17,954,145 3B SEAL BEACH
- 37 SILVERADO
- 3B STANTON
- \$1,652,386
- \$329,795 \$44,506 (in Millions)
 - **Total Support**
- NO DATA* SAN CLEMENTE
- **3.0 4.9 2.0 - 2.9**
- Under 2.0
- Unincorporated
 - Supervisorial District (1 to 5)
- *Child Support case numbers and collection amounts for unincorporated communities are combined with nearby cities.
- **The Orange County figures reflect the number of cases with addresses within Orange County that made a payment and the associated dollar value. These figures do not include clients served by the Orange County Department of Child Support Services who live in other counties or states and those associated payments. Source: Orange County Department of Child Support Services
- 40 TUSTIN \$4,119,526 4 VILLA PARK \$180,926 ORANGE COUNTY** 25,432 CASES \$132 MILLION ⅎ (Fa) • 5.0 - 22.0 B a O No data available

EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT INDICATORS

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

PERCENT OF CHILDREN READY FOR KINDERGARTEN



48.2% 2015

53.0% 2025

HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT RATES

PERCENT OF HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS FOR GRADES 9 TO 12 COHORT



5.7% 2014/15

4.9% 2023/24

THIRD GRADE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

PERCENT OF THIRD GRADE STUDENTS WHO MET OR EXCEEDED STATE STANDARDS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS



46.0% 2014/15

52.7% 2023/24

COLLEGE READINESS

PERCENT OF GRADUATES WITH UC/CSU ELIGIBLE REQUIREMENTS



50.4% 2014/15

57.3% 2023/24

THIRD GRADE MATHEMATICS

PERCENT OF THIRD GRADE STUDENTS WHO MET OR EXCEEDED STATE STANDARDS FOR MATHEMATICS



51.0% 2014/15

57.1% 2023/24

CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM

PERCENT OF STUDENTS
CHRONICALLY ABSENT FROM SCHOOL



7.7% 2016/17

15.2% 2023/24



UPWARD TREND IMPROVEMENT



UPWARD TREND NEEDS IMPROVEMENT



DOWNWARD TREND
IMPROVEMENT



DOWNWARD TREND NEEDS IMPROVEMENT



KINDERGARTEN READINESS

EMOTIONAL MATURITY DECLINED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 10 YEARS.

DESCRIPTION OF INDICATOR

Orange County uses the Early Development Index (EDI) to measure children's readiness for school. The EDI — conducted during the second half of the kindergarten year — assesses children's development by using an online questionnaire filled out by kindergarten teachers for every child in their class. It tracks five areas of a child's development: language and cognitive development; communication skills and general knowledge; social competence; emotional maturity; and physical health and well-being. In 2015, comprehensive EDI data were available for children enrolled in public school for the first time in Orange County and thus serves as a baseline to measure changes in incoming kindergarten readiness over time.

Why is this indicator important?

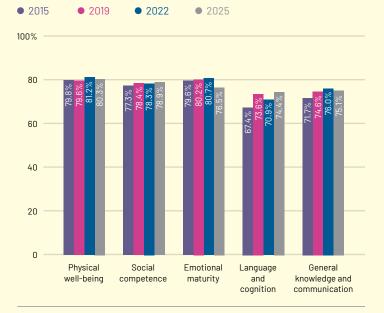
A child's academic success is heavily dependent upon their readiness for kindergarten. Children who enter school with skills, such as basic knowledge of math and reading concepts as well as communication, language, social competence and emotional maturity, are more likely than their peers without such skills to experience later academic success, attain higher levels of education and secure employment. Factors that influence kindergarten readiness include family and community supports and environments, as well as children's early development opportunities and experiences. The EDI is one way to assess how well communities are preparing their children for school.

- In 2025, 53.0% of children in Orange County were developmentally ready for kindergarten, a 4.8 percentage point increase from 2015 (48.2% ready) and a 0.4 percentage point increase from 2022 (52.6% ready). Children are considered developmentally ready for school if they are on track in each of the areas assessed.
- From 2015 to 2025, four out of five EDI developmental areas showed improvement, with language and cognition increasing the most by 7.0 percentage points (from 67.4% in 2015 to 74.4% in 2025). However, emotional maturity declined by 3.2 percentage points (from 79.6% in 2015 to

- 76.5% in 2025), making it the only area to experience a decrease over the decade.
- In 2025, Asian children were the most likely to be ready for kindergarten (64.9%), followed by White (61.9%), Multiracial (60.1%), Other (56.2%), Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (53.2%), American Indian/Alaska Native (46.1%), African American (45.7%) and Hispanic or Latino (42.8%) kindergarteners.
- Among kindergartners, the areas of greatest vulnerabilities were language and cognitive development (25.6% vulnerable or at-risk) and communication skills and general knowledge (24.9% vulnerable or at-risk). Smaller percentages of children were vulnerable or at risk in emotional maturity (23.5%), social competence (21.1%) and physical health and well-being (19.7%).
- Communities with the highest percentage of students developmentally ready for school include North Tustin at 80.0% (35 children assessed), followed by Laguna Beach at 74.0% (96 children assessed) and Villa Park at 68.6% (35 children assessed).²
- The lowest percentage of students ready for school are in the communities of Laguna Hills at 37.0% (162 children assessed) followed by Santa Ana at 40.7% (2,455 children assessed) and Midway City at 41.9% (74 children assessed).

EDUCATION

Percentage of Children Ready for Kindergarten, by Area, 2015 to 2025



Source: Early Development Index, 2015 to 2025

BEACH

Source: Early Development Index, 2025

59.9%

Percentage of Children Ready for Kindergarten, by Race/Ethnicity, 2015 to 2025



Note: 2015 includes data collected in 2013, 2014 and 2015; 2019 includes data collected in 2018 and 2019. The 2022 and 2025 data collection included participation of all the districts and schools in the same year. The four waves each reflect 100% school participation.

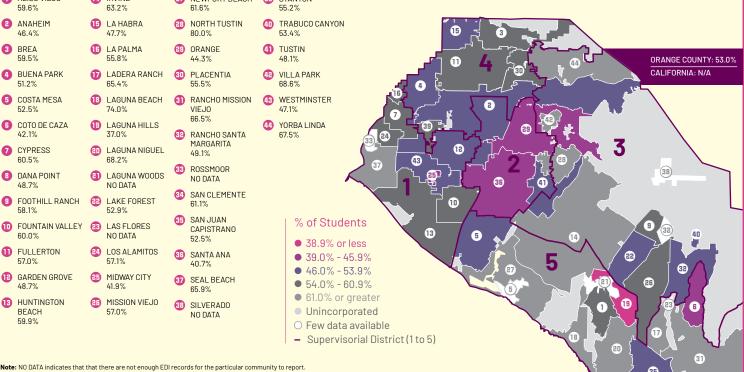
Source: Early Development Index, 2015 to 2025

Percent of Children Ready for Kindergarten, by Community of Residence, 2025



57.0%

NO DATA



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THIRD GRADE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

SOCIOECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS HAVE INCREASINGLY MET/EXCEEDED STANDARDS.

DESCRIPTION OF INDICATOR

This indicator presents the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) data for student academic performance in English Language Arts and Literacy (ELA). Starting in School Year (SY) 2014/15, CAASPP reflects the Common Core State Standards and online testing system to measure the academic performance of students. This indicator reports on third grade students. This report reflects the second data update since SY 2018/19. No data were available for SY 2019/20 and 2020/21 due to disruptions in data collection due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Why is this indicator important?

CAASPP is designed to demonstrate progress toward learning problem-solving and critical thinking skills needed for college and career readiness. It gives schools and communities data on the performance of students and significant student groups within a school. This information helps schools analyze academic progress and resource allocation to ensure all students succeed. ELA assesses a student's performance in reading, writing, listening and research. Understanding performance at the completion of third grade is important because third grade is the year that the focus of reading instruction shifts from learning to read, to reading to learn. Third grade students who lack proficiency in reading are four times more likely to become high school dropouts.

- In SY 2023/24, over half (52.7%) of Orange County third grade students met or exceeded the statewide achievement standard for ELA, an increase from 2014/15 (46.0%) and higher than California at 42.8%.
- Among third grade students who were not socioeconomically disadvantaged, 69.9% met or exceeded the achievement standards in ELA, substantially higher than those students who were socioeconomically disadvantaged at 39.8%.
- Between SY 2014/15 and 2023/24, the percentage of socioeconomically disadvantaged students who met or exceeded standards increased from 25.0% to 39.8%, compared to an increase from 68.0% to 69.9% among students who were not socioeconomically disadvantaged.

- The ELA assessments are subdivided by four academic focus areas; 24.1% of third graders were above standards in the area of Writing, followed by Reading (22.3%), Research/Inquiry (21.7%) and Listening (14.2%).
- Across three of the four focus areas, fewer third grade students were above standards in 2023/24 than 2014/15. The greatest decrease was in Listening (3.8% decrease), followed by Research/Inquiry (1.3% decrease) and Reading (0.7% decrease).
 Writing increased by 1.1% from 2014/15 to 2023/24.
- Asian students exceeded or met standards for ELA at 74.8%, followed by Filipino (73.4%), Two or More Races (66.8%), White (66.4%), American Indian or Alaska Native (46.2%), Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (43.9%), Black or African American (42.0%) and Hispanic or Latino (35.3%) students.
- Since 2014/15, Hispanic or Latino students have shown the greatest improvement with a 10.3 percentage point increase in students who exceeded or met standards (increasing from 25.0% to 35.3%).
- The school districts with the highest percentage of third grade students exceeding or meeting standards for overall achievement in English Language Arts were Fountain Valley Elementary (78.3%), Los Alamitos Unified (77.5%), Laguna Beach Unified (71.7%) and Huntington Beach City Elementary at 69.0%. The school districts with the lowest percentages were Santa Ana Unified (25.4%), Anaheim City (27.3%) and La Habra City Elementary (40.2%).

Overall Achievement in ELA Among Third Grade Students, by Socioeconomic Status, 2014/15 and 2023/24



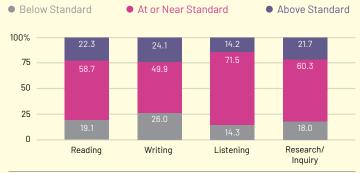
- Standard Met
- Standard Nearly Met
- Standard Exceeded



Note: A student is considered socioeconomically disadvantaged if they meet at least one of the following criteria lack of a parent with a high school diploma, eligibility for free or reduced-price meals, participation in migrant or foster programs, homelessness, direct certification, enrollment in a juvenile court school, or identification as Tribal Foster Youth.

Source: CAASPP, 2023/24

Achievement in ELA Focus Areas Among Third Grade Students, 2023/24



Note: ELA results include information about the student's performance in the areas of reading, writing, listening and research. The student's performance in these key areas for each subject are reported using the following three indicators: below standard, at or near standard and above standard.

Source: CAASPP, 2023/24

100%

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Overall Achievement in ELA Among Third Grade Students, Standard Exceeded/Standard Met, by Race/Ethnicity, 2014/15 to 2023/24

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Filipino
- Hispanic or Latino
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Two or More Races
- White

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2014/15 2015/16 2016/17 2017/18 2018/19 2019/20* 2020/21* 2021/22 2022/23 2023/24

*No data is available for school years 2019/20 and 2020/21 due to disruptions in data collection caused by COVID-19.

Note: Third grade student enrollment by race/ethnicity is 48.7% Hispanic or Latino. 21.4% White, 18.8% Asian, 5.8% Two or More Races, 2.1% Filipino, 1.2% Black or African American, 0.2% Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, 0.1% American Indian or Alaska Native and 1.7% Not Reported.

Source: CAASPP, 2023/24

Percent of Third Grade Students Who Exceeded or Met Standards for ELA Overall Achievement, by School District, 2023/24

- ANAHEIM CITY 27.3%
- BREA-OLINDA UNIFIED 60.7%
- **BUENA PARK ELEMENTARY** 42.8%
- CAPISTRANO UNIFIED 63.9%
- CENTRALIA ELEMENTARY 54.2%
- CYPRESS ELEMENTARY
- FOUNTAIN VALLEY ELEMENTARY 78.3%
- **FULLERTON** ELEMENTARY 51.5%
- GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED
- HUNTINGTON BEACH CITY ELEMENTARY 69.0%

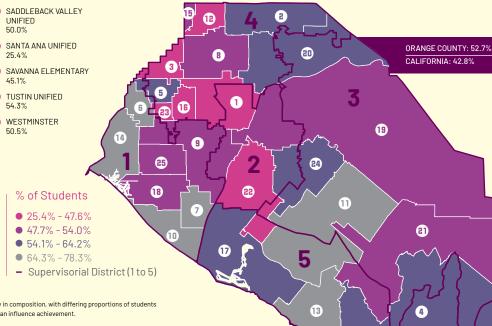
- IRVINE UNIFIED 66.4%
- LA HABRA CITY ELEMENTARY
- 13 LAGUNA BEACH UNIFIED
- LOS ALAMITOS UNIFIED 77.5%
- LOWELL JOINT 54.0%
- 1B MAGNOLIA ELEMENTARY
- 17 NEWPORT-MESA UNIFIED
- 1B OCEAN VIEW 52.4%
- ORANGE UNIFIED 53.3%
- PLACENTIA-YORBA LINDA UNIFIED 63.4%

- SADDLEBACK VALLEY UNIFIED



Note: District comparisons should be interpreted with caution as districts vary greatly in composition, with differing proportions of students who are English learners, special needs, low income, or homeless - all factors which can influence achievement,

Source: CAASPP, 2023/24



THIRD GRADE MATHEMATICS

MORE THIRD GRADE STUDENTS WERE ABOVE STANDARDS IN ORANGE COUNTY THAN OVERALL IN THE STATE.

DESCRIPTION OF INDICATOR

This indicator presents the new California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) data for student academic performance in mathematics. Starting in School Year (SY) 2014/15, CAASPP reflects the Common Core State Standards and online testing system to measure the academic performance of students. This report reflects the second data update since SY 2018/19. No data were available for SY 2019/20 and 2020/21 due to disruptions in data collection due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Why is this indicator important?

CAASPP is designed to demonstrate progress toward learning problem-solving and critical thinking skills needed for college and a career. It gives schools and communities data on the performance of all students and significant subgroups within a school. This information helps schools analyze their academic progress and whether resource reallocation is needed to ensure all students succeed. The mathematics component assesses a student's performance in applying mathematical concepts and procedures, using appropriate tools and strategies to solve problems and demonstrating ability to support mathematical conclusions. It is known that math difficulties are cumulative and worsen with time. 1 Understanding third grade performance is important because it is the year that students start using the decimal system to do multi-digit number calculations, an important foundation for future success in mathematics.

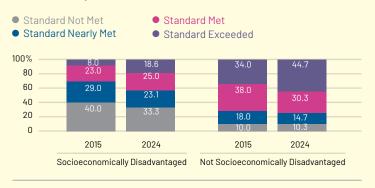
Findings

- In SY 2023/24, over half (57.1%) of Orange County third grade students met or exceeded the statewide achievement standard in math, an increase from SY 2014/15 (51.0%) and higher than California at 45.6%.
- In SY 2023/24, among third grade students who were not socioeconomically disadvantaged, 75.0% met or exceeded the achievement standards in math, substantially higher than those students who were socioeconomically disadvantaged at 43.6%.
- Between SY 2014/15 and 2023/24, the percentage of socioeconomically disadvantaged students who met or exceeded standards increased from 31.0% to 43.6% compared to a smaller increase from

72.0% to 75.0% among students who were not socioeconomically disadvantaged.

- The mathematics assessments are subdivided into three academic focus areas. Over one third (36.5%) of third grade students were above the standard in Concepts and Procedures compared to Problem Solving and Modeling/Data Analysis (29.3%) and Communicating Reasoning (28.7%).
- Across all three focus areas, more third grade students were above standards in SY 2023/24 than 2014/15. Problem Solving and Modeling/Data Analysis increased by 2.5%, Concepts and Procedures increased by 2.3%, while Communicating Reasoning increased by 0.7%.
- Asian students exceeded or met standards in math at 82.2%, followed by Filipino (78.8%), White (72.3%), Two or More Races (71.6%), Black or African American (41.0%), American Indian or Alaska Native (39.5%), Hispanic or Latino (38.0%) and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (37.9%) students.
- Since 2015, Hispanic or Latino students showed the greatest improvement with a 7.0 percentage point increase in students who exceeded or met standards (increasing from 31.0% to 38.0%).
- The school districts with the highest percentage of third grade students exceeding or meeting standards for overall achievement in math were Fountain Valley Elementary (86.1%), Los Alamitos Unified (80.8%) and Laguna Beach Unified (79.5%). The school districts with the lowest percentage were Santa Ana Unified (29.3%), Anaheim City (33.1%) and Magnolia Elementary (45.8%).

Overall Achievement in Mathematics Among Third Grade Students, by Socioeconomic Status, 2014/15 and 2023/24



Note: A student is considered socioeconomically disadvantaged if they meet at least one of the following criteria: lack of a parent with a high school diploma, eligibility for free or reduced-price meals, participation in migrant' or foster programs, homelessness, direct certification, enrollment in a juvenile court school, or identification as Tribal Foster Youth.

Source: CAASPP, 2023/24

Overall Achievement in Mathematics Among Third Grade Students, Standard Exceeded/ Standard Met, by Race/Ethnicity, 2014/15 to 2023/24

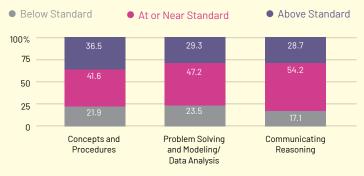
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Filipino

- Hispanic or Latino
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Two or More Races
- White

*No data is available for school years 2019/20 and 2020/21 due to disruptions in data collection caused by COVID-19.

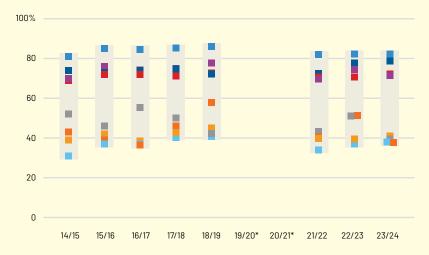
Note: Third grade student enrollment by race/ethnicity is 48.7% Hispanic or Latino, 21.4% White, 18.8% Asian, 5.8% Two or More Races, 2.1% Filipino, 1.2% African American, 0.2% Pacific Islander, 0.1% American Indian or Alaska Native and 1.7% Not Reported. Source: CAASPP, 2023/24

Achievement in Mathematics Focus Areas Among Third Grade Students, 2023/24

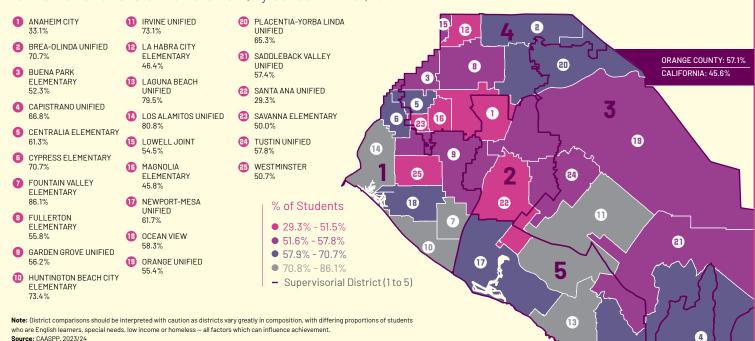


Note: Math results include information about the student's performance in the areas of concepts and procedures, problem solving and modeling/data analysis, and communicating reasoning. The student's performance in these key areas for each subject are reported using the following three indicators: below standard, at or near standard, and above standard.

Source: CAASPP, 2023/24



Percent of Third Grade Students Who Exceeded or Met Standards for Mathematics Overall Achievement, by School District, 2023/24



HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT RATES

ORANGE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT RATE RETURNS TO NEAR PRE-PANDEMIC LEVELS.

DESCRIPTION OF INDICATOR

This indicator measures high school dropout rates for Orange County school districts, including detail by race/ethnicity and by program. Beginning in School Year (SY) 2007/08, a student is considered a dropout if they were enrolled in grades 9 to 12 during the previous year and left before completing the current school year or did not attend the expected school or any other school by October of the following year. Students are not counted as dropouts if they received a diploma, General Education Diploma (GED) or California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE) certificate; are Special Education completers; transferred to a degree-granting college; passed away; had a school-recognized absence; or were known to have left the state.¹

Why is this indicator important?

Education provides benefits to both individuals and society. Compared to high school graduates, dropouts earn lower wages, resulting in lower tax contributions and more utilization of welfare programs. They are also at higher risk for criminal involvement and health problems.²

- The Orange County cohort dropout rate for SY 2023/24 was 4.9%, which was lower than the California dropout rate of 8.9% and the United States 2021/22 dropout rate for public schools of 5.3%.³
- After a drop from 5.0% in SY 2019/20 to 4.0% in 2020/21, the high school dropout rate in Orange County has gradually increased over the past three years, reaching 4.9% in SY 2023/24 — nearly returning to pre-pandemic levels.
- In SY 2023/24, of the 39,606 cohort students, 36,355 graduated and 1,932 students dropped out. Another 1,319 students did not graduate because they were either considered still enrolled at the time of the cohort's graduation (515 students), Special Education completers (408), CHSPE completers (174) or completed the GED (27) or adult education diploma (9). The remaining 186 students were "other transfers."
- Dropout rates reflect persistent disparities with the highest rate for the SY 2023/24 among American Indian or Alaska Native (13.0%*), followed by Black or African American (8.6%, 51), Hispanic or Latino (6.3%, 1,245), Pacific Islander (6.1%*), Two or More Races (4.4%, 70), White (3.6%, 343), Asian (2.4%, 166) and Filipino (1.0%*) students.
- By program, dropout rates were highest among students enrolled as Foster Youth (20.2%), followed by Migrant Education (17.9%), English Learners (11.9%), Homeless Youth (11.4%), Students with Disabilities (10.4%) and Socioeconomically Disadvantaged (6.0%) students.⁴

¹ California Department of Education, DataQuest, 2022/23 data. A Cohort is a defined group of students that could potentially graduate during a 4-year time period (grade 9 through grade 12). Due to the changes in the methodology for calculating the 2016/17 AGGR data is not comparable with the cohort outcome data from prior years. ¹ Belfield, C. and Levin, H. (2007). The Economic Losses from High School Dropouts in California. ¹ National Center of Education Statistics, Status Dropout Rates (Updated May 2024). ¹ Socioeconomically Disadvantaged is a student whose parents have not received a high school diploma or is eligible for the free or reduced-price lunch program. English Learner is a student identified as English learner based on the results of the California English Language Development Test or is a reclassified fluent-English-proficient student (RFEP) who has not scored at the proficient level on the California English-Language Arts and Mathematics Standards Tests. Student with Disabilities is a student who receives special education services and has a valid disability code or was previously identified as special education but who is no longer receiving special education services for two years after exiting special education. Migrant is a student who changes schools during the year, often crossing school district and state lines, to follow work in agriculture, fishing, dairies, or the logging industry. Homeless Youth is a student who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence. ¹Data suppressed due to the small number of dropouts.

Percent of Grade 9 to 12 Cohort Dropouts, by Race/Ethnicity, 2014/15 to 2023/24

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Filipino
- Hispanic or Latino

15%

- Two or More Races
- Pacific Islander
- White

Overall Orange County

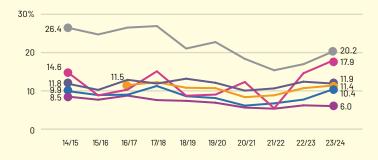
Note: A cohort is a defined group of students that could potentially graduate during a 4-year time period (grade 9 through grade 12). Due to the changes in the methodology for calculating the 2016/17 Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) and subsequent years, the 2016/17 ACGR data is not comparable with the cohort outcome data from prior years.

Note: Data may be unstable to do small cohort population sizes for Black or African American, Pacific Islander and American Indian or Alaska Native.

Source: California Department of Education, DataQuest

Percent of Grade 9 to 12 Cohort Dropouts by Program, 2014/15 to 2023/24

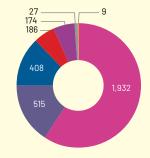
- English Learners
- Migrant Education
- Socioeconomically Disadvantaged
- Special Education/ Students with Disabilities
- Foster Youth
- Homeless Youth



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Number of Students Who Did Not Graduate by Cohort, by Reason, 2023/24

- Cohort Student Dropouts
- Still Enrolled at Time of Cohort Graduation
- Special Ed Completers
- Other Transfers
- CHSPE Completers
- Completed the GEDAdult Education Diploma
- Completers



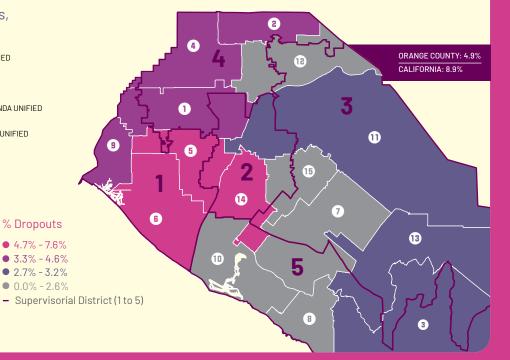
Source: California Department of Education, DataQuest

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Percent of Grade 9 to 12 Cohort Dropouts, by School District, 2023/24

- 1 ANAHEIM UNION HIGH 4.1%
- BREA-OLINDA UNIFIED 4.6%
- 3 CAPISTRANO UNIFIED 2.9%
- 4 FULLERTON JOINT UNION HIGH 3.5%
- GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED 5.5%
- 6.4% HUNTINGTON BEACH UNION HIGH
- 7 IRVINE UNIFIED 2.0%
- B LAGUNA BEACH UNIFIED 0.0%
- 9 LOS ALAMITOS UNIFIED 3.6%

- 10 NEWPORT-MESA UNIFIED
- ORANGE UNIFIED
- PLACENTIA-YORBA LINDA UNIFIED
- SADDLEBACK VALLEY UNIFIED 2.8%
- SANTA ANA UNIFIED
- TUSTIN UNIFIED



Source: California Department of Education, DataQuest

COLLEGE READINESS

OVER HALF OF ORANGE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES WERE COLLEGE READY — OUTPACING THE STATE AVERAGE.

DESCRIPTION OF INDICATOR

This indicator tracks the number and percent of students who graduate from high school having completed the course requirements to be eligible to apply to a University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU). The UC/CSU eligibility requirements are presented below.¹

Why is this indicator important?

The UC/CSU minimum course requirements are centered on a well-rounded curriculum that fosters content mastery and ensures that students are ready to take college courses without remediation. Courses include an applied learning component to help students improve comprehension and practice critical thinking skills. The more students master the content in conjunction with these skills, the more likely they are to pursue and succeed in college, as well as in the workforce.

Findings

 In School Year 2023/24, Orange County had 36,555 high school graduates, of which 57.3% were UC/CSU eligible, higher than California's eligibility rate of 51.9%.

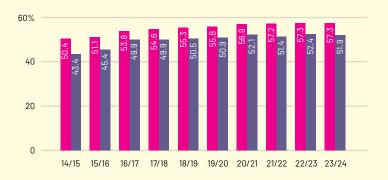
- At 82.8%, Asian students had the greatest proportion of graduates who were UC/CSU eligible (6,434), followed by Filipino (72.9%, 612), Multiracial (68.0%, 1,002), White (64.7%, 5,743), American Indian or Alaska Native (54.7%, 35), Pacific Islander (42.9%, 45), Hispanic or Latino (42.9%, 7,557) and Black or African American (42.7%, 220) graduates.
- Hispanic or Latino graduates comprise the largest group of total graduates (48.5%), while 42.9% were UC/CSU eligible. This percentage was lower than White (24.4% of total graduates, of which 64.7% were UC/CSU eligible) and Asian (18.1% of total graduates, of which 82.8% were UC/CSU eligible) graduates.
- By program, the UC/CSU eligibility rates were highest among students enrolled in the Socioeconomically Disadvantaged program (47.2%), followed by students in the Homeless Youth (28.4%), Migrant Education (27.9%), English Learner (24.6%), Foster Youth (19.0%) and Students with Disabilities programs (17.8%).²

UC/CSU Requirements

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of Math, including Algebra, Geometry and Intermediate Algebra
- 2 years of History/Social Studies, including one year of U.S. History or one-half year of U.S. History and one-half year of Civics or American Government; and one year of World History, Cultures and Geography
- 2 years of Science with lab required chosen from Biology, Chemistry or Physics
- 2 years of Foreign Language and must be the same language for those two years
- 1 year of Visual and Performing Arts chosen from Dance, Drama/Theater, Music or Visual Art
- 1 year of Electives

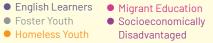
Percent of Graduates in Orange County and California Meeting UC/CSU Entrance Requirements, 2014/15 to 2023/24

Orange County California

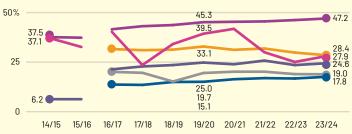


Note: A cohort is a defined group of students who could potentially graduate during a 4-year time period (grade 9 through grade 12). Due to the changes in the methodology for calculating the 2016/17 Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) and subsequent years, the 2016/17 ACGR data is not comparable with the cohort outcome data from prior years. Source: California Department of Education, DataQuest

Percent of Graduates, by Program Meeting UC/CSU Entrance Requirements, 2014/15 to 2023/24



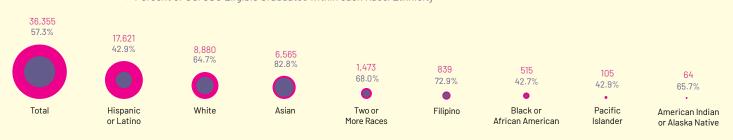
Special Education/ Students with Disabilities



Note: A cohort is a defined group of students that could potentially graduate during a 4-year time period (grade 9 through grade 12). Due to the changes in the methodology for calculating the 2016/17 Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) and subsequent years, the 2016/17 ACGR data is not comparable with the cohort outcome data from prior years. Note: In 2024, there were 26,049 students in the socioeconomically disadvantage program, followed by 6,674 English Learners, 4,893 Students with Disabilities, 3,952 Homeless Youth, 362 Foster Youth and 56 students in Migrant Education. Source: California Department of Education, DataQuest

Number and Percent of Graduates Meeting UC/CSU Entrance Requirements, by Race/Ethnicity, 2023/24

Total Graduates Percent of UC/CSU Eligible Graduates within each Race/Ethnicity



Source: California Department of Education, DataQuest

Percent of Graduates Meeting UC/CSU Entrance Requirements, by School District, 2023/24



BREA-OLINDA UNIFIED

CAPISTRANO UNIFIED

FULLERTON JOINT UNION HIGH 54.9%

GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED 61.4%

HUNTINGTON BEACH UNION HIGH

IRVINE UNIFIED

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LOS ALAMITOS UNIFIED 79.4%

NEWPORT-MESA UNIFIED 54.7%

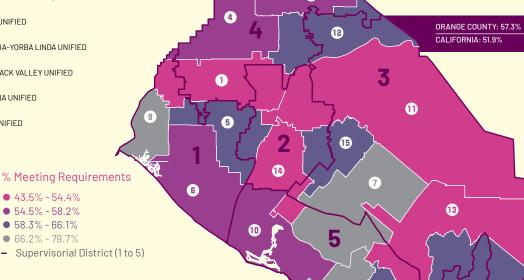
1 ORANGE UNIFIED

PLACENTIA-YORBA LINDA UNIFIED

SADDLEBACK VALLEY UNIFIED

SANTA ANA UNIFIED 43.5%

TUSTIN UNIFIED 66.1%



Source: California Department of Education, DataQuest

CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM

CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM CONTINUES TO DECREASE FROM A HIGH IN 2021/22.

DESCRIPTION OF INDICATOR

This indicator tracks the number and percent of students who were absent for 10% or more of the enrolled instructional days, regardless of the reason (excused and unexcused absences). Chronic absenteeism is based on each school district's days of enrollment, the expected days of attendance and the actual days attended. For most districts, this threshold is about 18 days in a school year, or two days a month. Chronic absenteeism is associated with a number of negative consequences for students, including lower test scores, increased risk of dropping out and less access to health screenings and other support services. This indicator has been tracked by the California Department of Education since the 2016/17 School Year (SY).

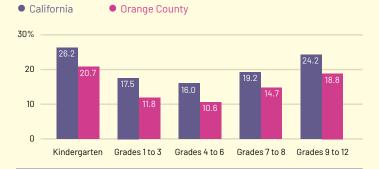
Why is this indicator important?

School attendance is an influential factor in academic achievement. Chronic absenteeism is associated with a number of negative consequences for students, including lower academic achievement and increased risk of dropping out due to the number of days missed. Achievement gaps in elementary, middle and high school levels are increased by chronic absenteeism. In particular, research has shown that chronic absenteeism in kindergarten is associated with lower achievement in reading and math in later grades, even when controlling for a child's socioeconomic status, kindergarten readiness and age entering kindergarten.

- In SY 2023/24, Orange County students including kindergarten through high school had a chronic absenteeism rate of 15.2%. While this represents a sharp increase from SY 2020/21 (9.0%), it was a decrease from SY 2022/23 (19.2%) and remained lower than California at 20.4%.
- In SY 2023/24, Pacific Islander and American Indian or Alaska Native students had the highest rates of being chronically absent (28.5% and 24.2%, respectively). At 5.6% and 7.7%, Asian and Filipino students, respectively, had the lowest rate of being chronically absent.

- By program, chronic absenteeism rates were highest among students enrolled in Foster Youth (38.4%), followed by Homeless Youth (28.4%), Students with Disabilities (24.5%), Migrant Education (23.0%), English Learner (20.1%) and Socioeconomically Disadvantaged (20.1%) programs.
- Students in the Foster Youth program had the highest chronic absenteeism rates across all grade spans, with 35.7% of kindergarteners being chronically absent, followed by students in grades 1 to 3 at 26.0%, students in grades 4 to 6 at 27.6%, students in grades 7 to 8 at 43.0% and students in grades 9 to 12 at 2.4%.
- Kindergarten students have the highest rates of chronic absenteeism (20.7%), followed by students in grades 9 to 12 (18.8%), students in grades 7 to 8 (14.7%), students in grades 1 to 3 (11.8%) and students in grades 4 to 6 (10.6%). This trend was similar to California.

Chronic Absenteeism, by Grade, 2023/24



Source: California Department of Education, DataQuest

Chronic Absenteeism Among All Students, by Program, 2016/17 and 2023/24



Source: California Department of Education, DataQuest

Chronic Absenteeism Among All Students, by Race/Ethnicity, 2016/17 to 2023/24

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Filipino
- Hispanic or Latino
- Two or More Races
- Pacific Islander
- White
- California
- Orange County

Data are not available for 2019/2020. Source: California Department of Education, DataQuest 30 20 0 2016/17 2017/18 2018/19 2019/20 2020/21 2021/22 2022/23 2023/24

Percent of Students Chronically Absent, by School District, 2023/24

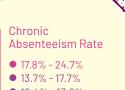
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- FULLERTON 10.5%
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- HUNTINGTON **BEACH UNION** HIGH
- IRVINE UNIFIED
- LA HABRA CITY
- 16.7%
- LAGUNA BEACH UNIFIED
- UNIFIED LOS ALAMITOS 8.2%
- 12.0%
- MAGNOLIA 18.5%
- NEWPORT-MESA UNIFIED 14.8%
- OCEAN VIEW 11.8%

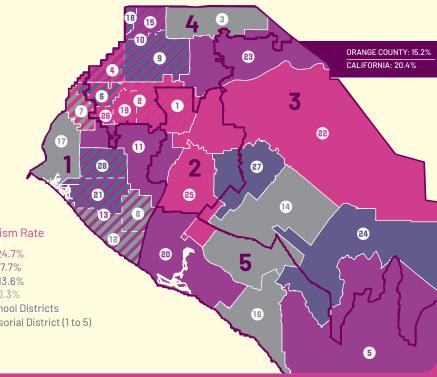
- @ ORANGE UNIFIED 17.9%
- 23 PLACENTIA-YORBA LINDA UNIFIED 14.2%
- SADDLEBACK VALLEY UNIFIED
- 3 SANTA ANA UNIFIED 19.6%
- 3 SAVANNA

13.1%

- TUSTIN UNIFIED 10.9%
- WESTMINSTER 11.4%



- 10.4% 13.6%
- **8.0%** 10.3%
- High School Districts
- Supervisorial District (1 to 5)



Source: California Department of Education, DataQuest

SAFE HOMES AND COMMUNITIES INDICATORS

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MORTALITY

UNINTENTIONAL INJURY DEATH RATE PER 100,000 YOUTH 1 TO 19 YEARS



5.5 2014

5.9 2023

JUVENILE ARRESTS

JUVENILE ARREST RATE PER 100,000 YOUTH 10 TO 17 YEARS



1,966 2014

695 2023

SUBSTANTIATED CHILD ABUSE

SUBSTANTIATED CHILD ABUSE
ALLEGATIONS RATE PER 1,000 CHILDREN
0.TO 17 YEARS



7.9 2015

6.8 2024

JUVENILES WITH SUSTAINED PETITIONS

SUSTAINED PETITIONS PER 100,000 YOUTH 10 TO 17 YEARS



670 2014

167 2023

CHILD WELFARE

PERCENT OF CHILDREN ENTERING FOSTER CARE PLACED IN PERMANENT HOMES WITHIN 12 MONTHS



31.0% 2013/14

41.0% 2022/23

GANG ACTIVITY AMONG YOUTH

PERCENT OF GANG-RELATED JUVENILE PROSECUTIONS



5.0% 2015

1.0% 2024





UPWARD TREND NEEDS IMPROVEMENT



DOWNWARD TREND IMPROVEMENT



DOWNWARD TREND NEEDS IMPROVEMENT

NOTE: Variation in data ranges are due to availability of data and frequency of data collection.



CHILD & ADOLESCENT MORTALITY

OVER HALF OF ALL CHILD AND ADOLESCENT DEATHS WERE AMONG OLDER TEENS.

DESCRIPTION OF INDICATOR

This indicator reports the leading causes of death by age group. The number of deaths from unintentional and intentional injuries, including suicide and homicide are also identified.

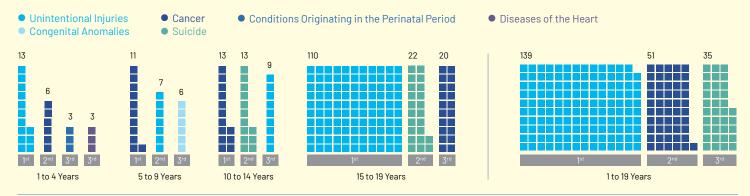
Why is this indicator important?

The child and adolescent death rate in a community can be an important indicator for public health advocates and policymakers. A high rate can point to underlying problems such as violent neighborhoods or inadequate child supervision. Unintentional childhood mortality due to injury is strongly inversely related to median income and thus, a solid indicator of poverty. It can also point to health and social inequalities such as access to health care or safe places to play. Since children are much more likely to die during the first year of life (infancy) trends in infant mortality are discussed separately on page 18.

- There were 113 deaths for children and adolescents ages 1 to 19 years in Orange County in 2023. The mortality rate was 15.4 deaths per 100,000 children and adolescents.
- From 2021-2023, the leading cause of death for children and adolescents ages 1 to 19 years was unintentional injury (139), followed by cancer (51) and suicide (35).
- Non-Hispanic White, Hispanic, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander* and African American/
 Black* youth had higher mortality rates per 100,000 children and adolescents in 2023 when compared to 2022 (17.5 vs. 11.9, 16.9 vs. 16.0, 54.6 vs. 0 and 9.3 vs. 8.9, respectively). The mortality rate among Asians decreased from 16.7 to 12.2.
- Over half (57.5%) of all child and adolescent deaths were among the older teen age group (ages 15 to 19).

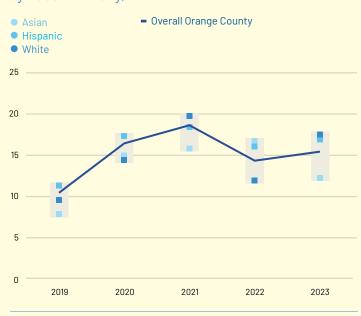
- Orange County's injury death rate decreased 13.5% from a rate of 8.9 per 100,000 children and adolescents ages 1 to 19 years in 2014 to 7.7 per 100,000 children and adolescents in 2023, which was lower than California's rate of 13.3 in 2023.
- The male mortality rate decreased 6.7% from 18.0 per 100,000 in 2020 to 16.8 per 100,000 in 2023.
 An increasing trend was seen among the female mortality rate jumping 35.9% between 2022 and 2023 (10.3 vs. 14.0 per 100,000).
- In 2023, the rate of overall deaths related to injury for Non-Hispanic White children and adolescents was 8.6 per 100,000 children. For Hispanic children and adolescents, the rate was 8.3 and for Asian children it was 7.2. The rate for Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander and African American or Black children and adolescents was unstable due to the small number of deaths.
- The unintentional injury death rate (e.g., accidental poisoning, motor vehicle accident or drowning) increased 7.3% from a rate of 5.5 per 100,000 children and adolescents in 2014 to 5.9 per 100,000 in 2023.
- Nearly half (49.6% or 59) of all child and adolescent deaths were injury-related in 2023, which was a decrease from 2022 (54.6% or 79).
- In 2023, 21 substance use related deaths for children ages 1 to 19 years were reported, up from seven deaths in 2014.

Leading Causes of Death for Children 1 to 19 Years, by Age Group and Number of Deaths, 2021-2023

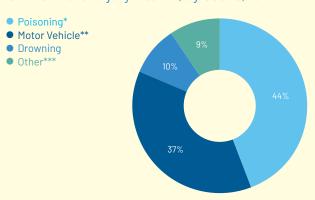


Note: Three-year total number of deaths.

Child Mortality Rates, per 100,000 Children, by Race/Ethnicity, 2019 to 2023



Unintentional Injury Deaths, by Cause, 2023



*Poisoning includes drug overdoses. **Includes motor vehicle versus bicycle and pedestrian. **** 'Other' category includes events with undetermined intent, legal intervention, or sequelae (aftermath or late effects) of events.

Source: OC Health Care Agency

Note: The rate for Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander and African American/Black youth was not included as it is unstable due to the small number of deaths.

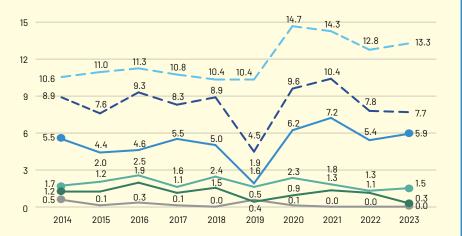
Source: OC Health Care Agency

Injury, Unintentional Injury, Suicide and Homicide Rate per 100,000 Children, 1 to 19 Years, 2014 to 2023

- Unintentional Injury
- Suicide
- Homicide
- Other*
- All Injury Deaths California
- - All Injury Deaths Orange County

*'Other' category includes events with undetermined intent, legal intervention, or sequelae (aftermath or late effects) of events.

Source: OC Health Care Agency



SUBSTANTIATED CHILD ABUSE

RATE OF SUBSTANTIATED CHILD ABUSE ALLEGATIONS WERE HIGHER THAN CALIFORNIA FOR FOURTH STRAIGHT YEAR.

DESCRIPTION OF INDICATOR

This indicator reports the unduplicated count of children with substantiated child abuse allegations. Allegations refer to the nature of abuse or neglect that a child experiences (e.g., sexual or physical). A substantiated child abuse allegation is determined by the investigator based upon evidence that makes it more likely than not that child abuse or neglect occurred as defined in Penal Code (PC) 1165.6. A substantiated allegation does not include a report where the investigator later found the report to be false, inherently improbable, to involve accidental injury or to not constitute child abuse or neglect as defined in PC 1165.6.

Why is this indicator important?

Studies indicate that victims of child abuse are more likely to use drugs and alcohol, become homeless as adults, engage in violence against others and be incarcerated. The identification of a family in which a substantiated incident of abuse or neglect has occurred is important because it provides an opportunity for intervention to assure child safety. Once a child abuse referral is substantiated by the investigating social worker, safety threats for the child(ren) are identified and a social worker works with the family to develop a safety plan.

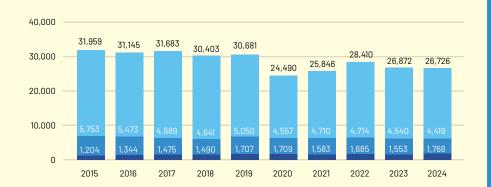
- In 2024, 26,726 children were the subject of one or more child abuse allegations in Orange County. Of these, 16.5% (4,419) of children had substantiated allegations of child abuse.
- In 2024, substantiated allegations occurred at a rate of 6.8 per 1,000 children younger than 18 in Orange County, a 13.9% decrease from 2015 (7.9), but higher than California (5.4). The California rate decreased 35.7% from 8.4 in 2015. In 2023, there were approximately 546,000 maltreated children with substantiated allegations in the United States, a rate of 7.4 per thousand children, higher than Orange County and California.²

- Below is the proportion of substantiated child abuse allegations by the child's age in 2024:
 - Younger than 1 year made up 12.0%
 - 1 to 5 years made up 27.9%
 - 6 to 10 years made up 26.8%
 - 11 to 15 years made up 25.1%
- 6 to 17 years made up 8.1%
- In 2024, most (70.9%) substantiated child abuse allegations were due to general neglect,³ followed by at-risk/sibling abuse (10.1%), severe neglect (5.9%), physical abuse (5.6%), sexual abuse (3.5%), caretaker absence/incapacity (2.5%), exploitation (1.1%) and emotional abuse (0.4%).⁴

Total Number of Children with Child Abuse Allegations and Substantiated Allegations, 2015 to 2024

- Child Abuse Allegations
- Substantiated Allegations
- Child Abuse Petitions Filed in Court

Notes: Numbers are based on unduplicated count of children Source: CA Department of Finance; Child Welfare Services (CWS)/Case Management System (CMS) 2024 Quarter 4 Extract, County of Orange Social Services Agency

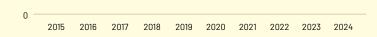


Substantiated Child Abuse Allegations, Rate per 1,000 Children Younger than 18, 2015 to 2024









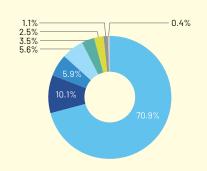
Note: Rates are based on unduplicated count of children.

Source: CA Department of Finance; CWS/CMS 2024 Quarter 4 Extract, County of Orange Social Services Agency

Substantiated Child Abuse Allegations, by Reason, 2024



- At-Risk/Sibling Abuse
- Severe Neglect
- Physical Abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Caretaker Absence/ Incapacity
- Exploitation
- Emotional Abuse



ORANGE COUNTY: 6.8

CALIFORNIA: 5.4

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Source: CWS/CMS 2024 Quarter 4 Extract, County of Orange Social Services Agency

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Substantiated Child Abuse Allegations, Rate per 1,000 Children Younger than 18, by Community of Residence, 2024



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GARDEN GROVE

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IRVINE 4.3

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- LA PALMA
- LADERA RANCH NO DATA
- LAGUNA BEACH
- 1B LAGUNA HILLS
- 1 LAGUNA NIGUEL
- LAGUNA WOODS
- LAKE FOREST
- LAS FLORES
- NO DATA 23 LOS ALAMITOS
- MIDWAY CITY NO DATA
- MISSION VIEJO
- NEWPORT BEACH
- 27 NORTH TUSTIN NO DATA

- ORANGE
- 23 PLACENTIA
- RANCHO MISSION VIEJO NO DATA
- RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA 3.1
- ROSSMOOR NO DATA
- SAN CLEMENTE 4.2
- SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO
- 3.6 35 SANTA ANA
- 3B SEAL BEACH

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- SII VERADO NO DATA
- 3B STANTON
- TRABUCO CANYON
- NO DATA

40 TUSTIN 41 VILLA PARK WESTMINSTER 6.2





- 7.4 13.9
- 4.6 7.3
- **3.3 4.5**
- 0.0 3.2
- Unincorporated O No data available
- Supervisorial District (1 to 5)

Note: No data indicates that the dataset does not include information on the particular community. Sources: CWS/CMS 2024 Quarter 4 Extract, County of Orange Social Services Agency; U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey Five-year Estimate

CHILD WELFARE

MORE LONG-TERM FOSTER YOUTH IN ORANGE COUNTY ARE FINDING PERMANENT HOMES.

DESCRIPTION OF INDICATOR

This indicator reports on three measures of permanency following the placement of a child into foster care. "Permanency within 12 months" reports the percent of children placed in homes through reunification with the family, adoption or guardianship within 12 months of removal. "Reentry Following Reunification" tracks those children who reentered foster care within 12 months of reunification with the family or guardianship. "Exits to Permanency" is a measure of children who were in foster care for 24 months or longer, who were then transitioned to a permanent home, including reunified with the family, placed with a legal quardian or adopted.¹

Why is this indicator important?

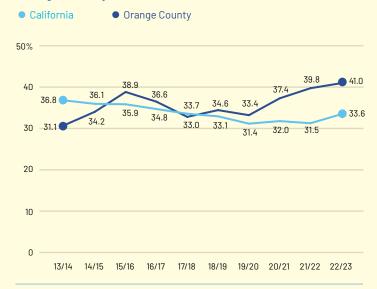
The placement of children in foster care occurs when a child cannot remain safely with his or her family.² Child abuse and neglect is a problem that crosses socioeconomic and racial/ethnic boundaries with a profound effect on the well-being of the children. The number of children growing to maturity in foster care has gained considerable national, state and local attention. Too often these children experience many placements, which can lead to the inability to reunify with their families or attach to a new permanent family. Permanent placement of children helps prevent placement instability, which can be related to attachment disorders, poor educational outcomes, mental health and behavioral problems.

Findings

• In 2022/23, 41.0% of Orange County foster children ages 0 to 18 years were placed in permanent homes within 12 months of entering foster care, which was higher than California at 33.6% and an increase of 9.9 percentage points from 2013/14 at 31.1%. The national standard is greater than or equal to 35.2%.

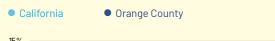
- Of the 41.0% of children who were placed in permanent homes within 12 months of entering foster care in 2022/23, reunification was the most common type of permanency (39.6%), followed by guardianship (0.7%) and adoption (0.7%).
- In 2022/23, the rate of reentry was 7.9%, a
 2.4 percentage point increase since 2013/14 at
 5.5%. California was similar in 2022/23 at 7.9%, a 2.7 percentage point decrease since 2013/14 at 10.6%. The national standard is less than or equal to 5.6%.³
- In 2023/24, 43.1% of children who were in foster care for two years or more were placed in a permanent home, nine percentage points higher than in 2014/15 at 34.1%. California was lower at 36.7%. The national standard is greater than or equal to 37.3%.³

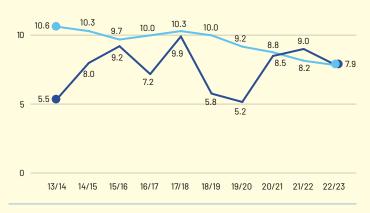
Percent of Children Entering Foster Care and Placed in a Permanent Home within 12 months, Orange County and California, 2013/14 to 2022/23



Source: University of California, Berkeley, California Child Welfare Indicators Project, CWS/CMS 2024 Quarter 4 Extract

Percent of Children Reentering Foster Care within 12 months of Reunification or Guardianship, Orange County and California, 2013/14 to 2022/23

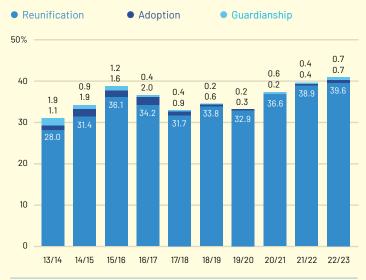




Note: The federal measure for foster care reentry was updated in 2023. Previous year's data has been updated to comply with the new measure.

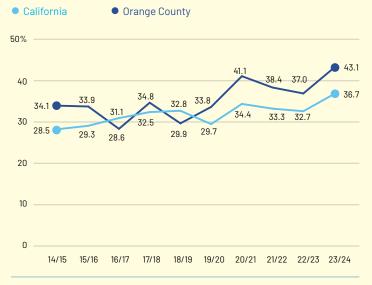
Source: University of California, Berkeley, California Child Welfare Indicators Project, CWS/CMS 2024 Quarter 4 Extract

Percent of Children Entering Foster Care and Placed in a Permanent Home within 12 months, by Type of Permanency, 2013/14 to 2022/23



Source: University of California, Berkeley, California Child Welfare Indicators Project, CWS/CMS 2024 Quarter 4 Extract

Percent of Children in Foster Care, 24+ Months, Placed in a Permanent Home, Orange County and California, 2014/15 to 2023/24



Note: Permanency is defined as achieved when the child is reunified with the family, placed with a legal guardian, or adopted.

Source: University of California, Berkeley, California Child Welfare Indicators Project, CWS/CMS 2024 Quarter 4 Extract

JUVENILE ARRESTS

JUVENILE ARRESTS IN ORANGE COUNTY REMAIN BELOW STATE AVERAGE DESPITE RECENT INCREASE.

DESCRIPTION OF INDICATOR

This indicator tracks youth 10 to 17 years who have been taken into custody in a manner authorized by law. An arrest may be made by a peace officer or by a private person. It may be for a felony, misdemeanor, status or infraction. Felonies generally include violent crimes (such as murder, assault and rape), some property and drug-related offenses, plus other serious offenses. Misdemeanor offenses include crimes such as assault and battery, petty theft, other drug and alcohol-related offenses and many less serious offenses. Status offenses are acts that are considered offenses only when committed by a juvenile, such as truancy or curfew violations.¹

Why is this indicator important?

An arrest is usually a youth's first formal encounter with the juvenile justice system. It is important that at this first encounter a pattern of juvenile delinquency does not continue into adulthood. Research shows that early intervention in children's lives can effectively reduce later crime.² Prevention programs positively impact the public because they stop crime from happening in the first place.³ Various cost-benefit analyses show that early prevention programs are a worthwhile investment of government resources compared with prison and other criminal justice responses.⁴

The Orange County District Attorney's Office seeks to reduce truancy with the 2021/22 launch of a three-tier Truancy Response Program. ⁵ This program focuses on early intervention by providing resources and services for both the student and their families to increase school participation and divert students away from the juvenile justice system.

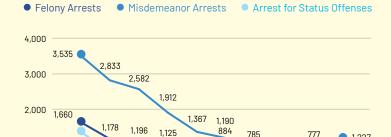
Findings

 In 2023, there were 2,196 juvenile arrests in Orange County, down from 6,583 juvenile arrests in 2014, but a 60.5% increase from a 10 year low of 1,368 arrests in 2021.

- Orange County's juvenile arrest rate in 2023 was 695 per 100,000 youth 10 to 17 years, a decrease of 64.6% from 1,966 per 100,000 in 2014, compared to California at 776 per 100,000 youth.
- In Orange County, misdemeanors accounted for 55.9% (1,227) of juvenile arrests in 2023. As a proportion of arrests, misdemeanors increased from 2014 when misdemeanors accounted for 53.7% (3,535) of juvenile arrests.
- In contrast, felonies among youth accounted for 43.4% (953) of arrests in 2023, up from 2014 when felonies accounted for 25.2% (1,660) of juvenile arrests.
- Status offenses, other than truancy, accounted for 0.7% (16) of arrests among youth younger than 18 in 2023, accounting for a lower proportion of juvenile arrests at 21.1% (1,388) of juvenile arrests in 2014.
- Of the 1,583 students referred to the Truancy Response Program during the 2022/23 school year, 97.7% were diverted without formal court involvement.⁶

¹This indicator does not include statistics for youths contacted, but not arrested, by law enforcement for new law violations. As a result of reductions of penalties pursuant to Prop. 47, these youths may be processed through rehabilitative endeavors such as community programming, law enforcement diversion programs, and efforts by the District Attorneys (DA) Office using collaborative programming including School Threat Assessment Team, or STAT, and the Truancy Response Program in lieu of formal handling, ² Zagar, R.J., Busch, K.G., and Hughes, J.R., 2009. ³ Saminsky, A., 2010. ⁴ Welsh, B.C. and Farrington, D.P., 2009. ⁵ The Orange County Department of Education, County of Orange Social Services Agency. The Boys & Girls Club of Garden Grove, and the Orange County school districts are implementation partners with the DAs office. ⁶ Truancy statistics as of August 4, 2022, provided by the Orange County DAs Office.

Number of Juvenile Arrests by Crime Type, 2014 to 2023



825

537

2018

545

2019

616

2020

31

2022 2023

209

2021

Source: Criminal Justice Statistics Center, California Department of Justice

745

2016

735

2017

820

2015

Juvenile Arrest Rate Per 100,000 Youth 10 to 17 Years, Orange County and California, 2014 to 2023



Note: Figures are based on population projections revised as of April 2024

Sources: Criminal Justice Statistics Center, California Department of Justice; Demographic Research Unit, California State Department of Finance

Number and Percent of Total Juvenile Arrests by Crime Type, 2014 to 2023

- Status Offense Arrests
- Misdemeanor Arrests
- Felony Arrests

1,388

2014

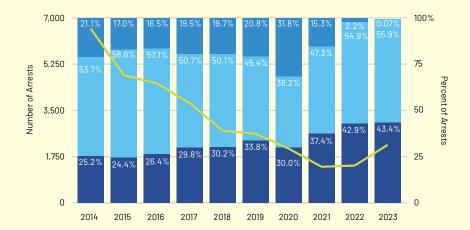
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Total Juvenile Arrests

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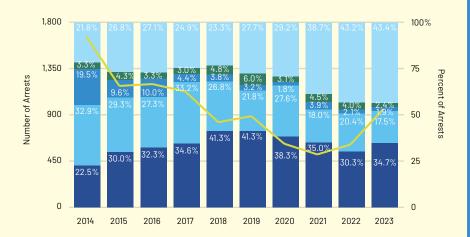
Sources: Criminal Justice Statistics Center, California Department of Justice
Demographic Research Unit, California State Department of Finance



Number and Percent of Juvenile Felony Arrests by Crime Type, 2014 to 2023

- Other Offenses
- Sex Offenses
- Drug Offenses
- Property Offenses
- Violent Crimes
- Total Juvenile Arrests

Source: Criminal Justice Statistics Center, California Department of Justice Demographic Research Unit



JUVENILES WITH SUSTAINED PETITIONS

SUSTAINED PETITIONS REMAINED STABLE AS JUVENILE ARRESTS INCREASED.

DESCRIPTION OF INDICATOR

This indicator reports the number and percent of juveniles with petitions that are sustained. After a juvenile arrest, a referral is typically made by the arresting officer to community-based diversion or the Probation Department for further processing. Petitions can be adjudicated through informal or formal diversion and can also result in a declaration of wardship. In those cases, a ward is either allowed to go home under the supervision of a probation officer or ordered for detention in a juvenile institution.¹

Why is this indicator important?

Sustained juvenile petitions are similar to an adult criminal conviction where a person is placed on formal probation. They indicate where and what types of crimes are occurring among youth. Many agencies have a role to play in helping to meet California's goal of rehabilitation for youth who have a sustained petition, including schools, social services agencies and community-based organizations. Knowledge about sustained juvenile petitions can help provide strategic direction for prevention, early intervention and rehabilitation efforts in Orange County.

The Orange County District Attorney's Office works in collaboration with the Orange County Juvenile Court, law enforcement agencies, the Probation Department, and community-based partners to reduce juvenile crime and the number of system-involved youth by providing effective prevention, intervention, and rehabilitative services. This includes participation in multiple collaborative court programs where juveniles receive rehabilitative services without requiring a sustained petition.

- In 2023, 743 youth had at least one petition filed for youth 10 to 17 years at referral.² Of these, 529 youth had at least one petition that was sustained (71.2%).
- The rate of sustained petitions was 167 per 100,000 youth ages 10 to 17 years in 2023, a 75.1% decrease from 2014 (670 per 100,000 youth).
- Of juveniles with filed petitions, 80.7% of youth 15 to 17 years at referral had a petition sustained, followed by youth 13 to 14 years at referral (18.7%). Youth with sustained petitions that were up to 12 years at referral account for 0.6% of the youth with sustained petitions.
- When assessed by race and ethnicity, 75.2% of youth with sustained petitions were Hispanic youth, followed by White (10.8%), Black (5.3%), Other/ Unknown (4.9%) and Asian/Pacific Islander (3.8%) youth in 2023.
- Across genders, the vast majority of sustained petitions were on males (84.3%), with females accounting for 15.7% of sustained petitions in 2023.

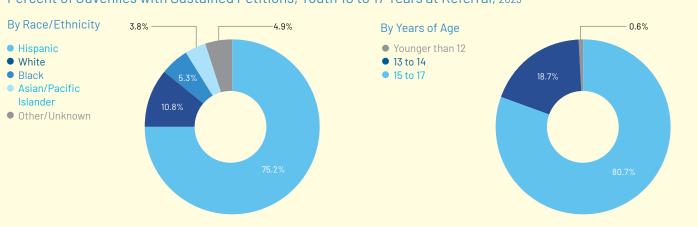
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Juveniles with Sustained Petitions, Rate per 100,000 Youth 10 to 17 Years, Orange County, 2014 to 2023

Source: California Department of Justice, Juvenile Court and Probation Statistical System

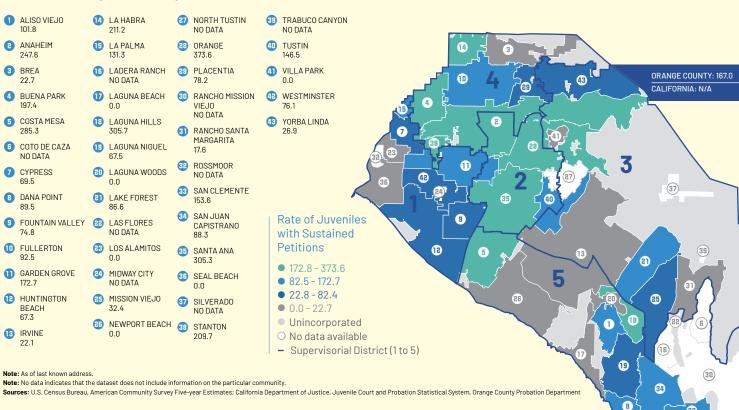


Percent of Juveniles with Sustained Petitions, Youth 10 to 17 Years at Referral, 2023



 $\textbf{Source:} \ \textbf{California Department of Justice}, \textbf{Juvenile Court and Probation Statistical System}$

Juveniles with Sustained Petitions, Rate per 100,000 Youth 10 to 17 Years, by Community of Residence, 2023



GANG ACTIVITY AMONG YOUTH

GANG-SPECIFIC PROSECUTIONS DECLINED FOLLOWING 2023 CHANGES IN CALIFORNIA LAW.

DESCRIPTION OF INDICATOR

This indicator reports the number and rate of gang-related prosecutions of juveniles younger than 18.1 Gang-related prosecutions involve charges related to active gang membership or committing a crime at the direction of a criminal street gang, with other gang members and/or for the benefit of a gang.²

Why is this indicator important?

Data consistently shows that gang members are responsible for a disproportionately high number of crimes committed by youthful offenders. Compared to other delinguent youth, gang members are more extensively involved in serious and violent criminal behavior. Juvenile gang members commit serious and violent offenses at a rate several times higher than non-gang adolescents. Gang crime often involves offenses such as weapons possession, drug trafficking, carjacking, assault and murder.³ According to the 2015 National Gang Report, neighborhood street gangs continue to be a significant threat to local jurisdictions across the country.4 From a societal standpoint, the issue of juvenile gangs is one that requires swift action for both the well-being and safety of communities and the youth who get caught up in gang life. The Orange County District Attorney's office seeks to reduce juvenile gang crime both by prosecuting those crimes and collaborating with other agencies to prevent juveniles from joining gangs via the Orange County Gang Reduction and Intervention Partnership (OC GRIP). OC GRIP focuses its work on reducing truancy and providing gang prevention and resiliency building curricula.

Findings⁵

- In 2024, 1.0% of juvenile prosecutions were gang-related, down from 5.0% in 2015.
- Between 2015 and 2024, the total number of juvenile gang-related prosecutions in Orange County decreased by 89.3%, from 215 in 2015 to 23 in 2024.
- The number of unique juveniles prosecuted for gang-related offenses in Orange County dropped 85.2% from 155 in 2015 to 23 in 2024.
- The rate of juvenile gang-related prosecutions declined 83.5% from 21.2 per 100,000 youth younger than 18 in 2015 to 3.5 per 100,000 in 2024.
- Older teens accounted for the majority of gangrelated activity in 2024, with teens ages 15 to 17 comprising 95.7% of the total number of juveniles who were prosecuted for gang-related offenses.
- In 2024, Hispanic youth represented the highest percentage of juvenile gang-related prosecutions (91.3%), followed by Black (4.3%) and Asian (4.3%) youth.

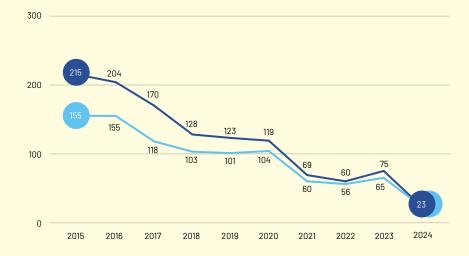
Assembly Bill 333 (AB 333), which took effect on January 1, 2022, introduced substantial reforms to California's gang enhancement laws under Penal Code §186.22. These changes were aimed at addressing concerns around fairness, racial bias, and the overuse of gang-related charges in criminal cases. As a result, it is now more difficult for prosecutors to file and prove gang enhancements. Consequently, using §186.22 charges as the sole measure of gang-related activity may no longer provide a complete picture. A decline in these charges does not necessarily reflect a reduction in gang activity or enforcement — it more accurately reflects a shift in legal standards and prosecutorial practices.⁹

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Number of Juvenile Gang-Related Prosecutions and Number of Unique Juveniles Prosecuted for Gang-Related Offenses, 10 to 17 Years, 2015 to 2024

- Number of Gang-Related Prosecutions
- Number of Unduplicated Juveniles Prosecuted

Source: Orange County District Attorney's Office



Number of Unique Juveniles with Gang-Related Prosecutions and Rate Per 100,000 Youth 10 to 17 Years with Gang-Related Prosecutions, by Age, 2015 to 2024

- 10 to 14 Years
- 15 to 17 Years
- Rate per 100,000 Youth 10 to 17 Years

Source: Orange County District Attorney's Office

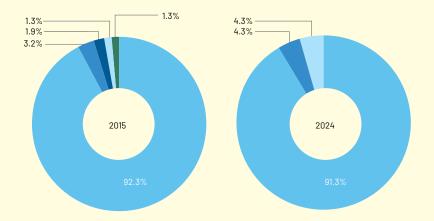


Percent of Unique Juveniles with Gang-Related Prosecutions, by Race/Ethnicity, 10 to 17 Years 2015 and 2024

- Hispanic
- Black
- White
- Asian
- Unspecified
- Vietnamese
- Other/Unknown

Note: 0% of juveniles with gang-related prosecutions identified as Vietnamese or Other in 2015. 0% of juveniles with gang-related prosecutions identified as White, Vietnamese or Other in 2024.

Source: Orange County District Attorney's Office





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Indicator: ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

Number and Percent of Children Uninsured, by Race/Ethnicity, 2014 to 2023

	2014	ļ.	2015		201	6	201	7	201	8	201	9	202	0*	202	1	202	2	202	:3
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Hispanic	23,148	6.8	14,677	4.3	10,602	3.2	13,583	3.9	13,334	2.4	17,510	5.2	N/A	N/A	17,740	5.6	10,453	5.0	12,325	4.1
White	6,483	3.0	5,512	2.6	3,962	1.9	5,464	2.5	4,438	2.1	6,451	3.1	N/A	N/A	2,830	1.5	4,657	2.6	4,632	2.6
Asian	4,122	3.7	3,522	3.0	2,747	2.2	5,100	3.9	3,292	2.5	4,228	3.2	N/A	N/A	4,379	3.1	4,536	3.3	4,363	3.1
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1,044	26.7	38	1.3	38	1.2	45	1.3	161	6.1	535	19.6	N/A	N/A	252	3.3	180	2.5	656	11.4
Black	1,279	10.4	41	1.5	555	5.4	712	6.0	371	3.0	360	3.0	N/A	N/A	143	1.0	317	3.4	323	2.7
NHOPI	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Two or More Races	1,329	2.3	1,075	2.1	475	1.0	245	.4	1,134	1.7	935	1.7	N/A	N/A	4,286	2.6	3,651	2.2	7,248	4.0
Some Other Race	9,223	8.6	6,188	5.4	815	1.8	775	1.5	639	1.1	724	1.3	N/A	N/A	1,147	1.7	6,595	5.0	4,371	3.7

*2020 One-Year estimates unavailable due to disruptions in data collection caused by COVID-19. Note: American Community Survey respondents may select more than one race/ethnicity. Source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey, One-Year Estimates.

Indicator: EARLY PRENATAL CARE

Total Number and Percent of Infants Born to People who Received Early Prenatal Care in Orange County, California and United States, by Year, 2014 to 2023

PRENATAL CARE	2014**	2014**		2015**		2016			2018	
PRENATAL CARE	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Orange County*	33,245	87.9	32,038	87.3	32,188	86.6	33,165	87.8	31,452	89.1
California	418,279	83.2	409,489	84.6	N/A	85.0	N/A	85.2	N/A	85.7
United States	2,824,607	76.7	2,854,065	77.0	3,042,271	77.1	2,980,301	77.3	2,935,882	77.5
		2019		2020		2021				
DDENIATAL GADE	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
PRENATAL CARE	2019 No.	%	2020 No.	%	2021 No.	%	2022 No.	%	2023 No.	%
PRENATAL CARE Orange County		<mark>%</mark> 91.3		% 92.2		% 93.0		<mark>%</mark> 91.1		% 90.2
	No.		No.		No.		No.		No.	

^{*}Starting with the 31st Conditions of Children Report, the OC Health Care Agency has updated its methodology to align with the California Department of Public Health. The data now excludes records with unknown prenatal care initiation. Data for previous years have also been updated in this graph, and thus will not align with previous years' reports.

**Data for 2014 and 2015 have not been updated to exclude records with unknown prenatal care initiation.

Source California Department of Public Health, Center for Family Health, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division, Prenatal Care Dashboard, Last Modified April 2025.

Source: OC Health Care Agency

go.cdph.ca.gov/Prenatal-Care-Dashboard.
Source United States: Centers for Disease Control, National Center for Health Statistics

Total Number and Percent of Infants Born to People who Received Early Prenatal Care, by Race/Ethnicity, 2014 to 2023

TRIMESTER	Total	%	White	%	Black	%	Hispanic	%	Asian	%	NHOPI	%	Other*	%
2014														
First	33,245	87.9	10,840	92.8	395	84.0	14,002	87.0	7,420	84.0	93	72.1	495	79.5
Second	3,356	8.9	670	5.7	58	12.3	1,711	10.6	792	9.0	31	24.0	94	15.1
Third	1,126	3.0	128	1.1	15	3.2	332	2.1	613	6.9	5	3.9	33	5.3
No Care	103	0.3	37	0.3	2	0.4	57	0.4	6	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.2
TOTAL	37,830	100.0	11,675	100.0	470	100.0	16,102	100.0	8,831	100.0	129	100.0	623	100.0
2015														
First	32,038	85.2	10,557	91.1	385	81.4	13,681	85.0	6,817	78.5	108	70.6	490	77.7
Second	3,273	8.7	657	5.7	60	12.7	1,715	10.7	728	8.4	31	20.3	82	13.0
Third	1,261	3.4	131	1.1	11	2.3	313	1.9	775	8.9	9	5.9	22	3.5
No Care	106	0.3	43	0.4	2	0.4	56	0.3	5	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
TOTAL	37,621	100.0	11,592	100.0	473	100.0	16,086	100.0	8,686	100.0	153	100.0	631	100.0
2016														
First	32,188	86.6	10,971	92.1	383	82.5	13,186	86.9	7,502	79.5	105	73.9	41	80.4
Second	3,348	9.0	733	6.2	68	14.7	1,627	10.7	883	9.4	30	21.1	7	13.7
Third	1,528	4.1	161	1.4	8	1.7	305	2.0	1,044	11.1	7	4.9	3	5.9
No Care	120	0.3	48	0.4	5	1.1	59	0.4	8	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
TOTAL	37,184	100.0	11,913	100.0	464	100.0	15,177	100.0	9,437	100.0	142	100.0	51	100.0
2017														
First	33,165	87.8	9,855	92.2	376	84.9	12,851	86.5	8,602	85.2	82	73.9	1,362	86.9
Second	3,365	8.9	661	6.2	51	11.5	1,664	11.2	816	8.1	20	18.0	151	9.6
Third	1,124	3.0	116	1.1	13	2.9	273	1.8	669	6.6	7	6.3	45	2.9
No Care	134	0.4	51	0.5	3	0.7	64	0.4	5	0.0	2	1.8	9	0.6
TOTAL	37,788	100.0	10,683	100.0	443	100.0	14,852	100.0	10,092	100.0	111	100.0	1,567	100.0
2018														
First	31,452	89.1	9,258	93.5	358	87.3	12,108	87.5	8,250	87.1	55	65.5	1,423	89.6
Second	2,825	8.0	524	5.3	42	10.2	1,436	10.4	667	7.0	23	27.4	133	8.4
Third	905	2.6	84	0.8	5	1.2	231	1.7	555	5.9	5	6.0	25	1.6
No Care	115	0.3	33	0.3	5	1.2	64	0.5	4	0.0	1	1.2	8	0.5
TOTAL	35,297	100.0	9,899	100.0	410	100.0	13,839	100.0	9,476	100.0	84	100.0	1,589	100.0

Total Number and Percent of Infants Born to People who Received Early Prenatal Care, by Race/Ethnicity, 2014 to 2023 (Continued)

TRIMESTER	Total	%	White	%	Black	%	Hispanic	%	Asian	%	NHOPI	%	Other*	%
2019														
First	30,251	91.3	9,130	94.9	356	89.7	11,420	89.2	7,818	90.8	67	78.8	1,421	91.3
Second	2,174	6.6	374	3.9	28	7.1	1,131	8.8	525	6.1	12	14.1	100	6.4
Third	563	1.7	78	0.8	7	1.8	182	1.4	265	3.1	4	4.7	26	1.7
No Care	129	0.4	39	0.4	6	1.5	67	0.5	6	0.1	2	2.4	9	0.6
TOTAL	33,117	100.0	9,621	100.0	397	100.0	12,800	100.0	8,614	100.0	85	100.0	1,556	100.0
2020														
First	27,158	92.2	8,536	94.8	320	86.3	10,941	89.9	5,890	93.4	69	80.2	1,378	92.2
Second	1,847	6.3	377	4.2	41	11.1	1,015	8.3	313	5.0	14	16.3	84	5.6
Third	326	1.1	61	0.7	4	1.1	142	1.2	93	1.5	3	3.5	23	1.5
No Care	128	0.4	34	0.4	6	1.6	72	0.6	7	0.1	0	0.0	9	0.6
TOTAL	29,459	100.0	9,008	100.0	371	100.0	12,170	100.0	6,303	100.0	86	100.0	1,494	100.0
2021														
First	27,211	93.0	8,722	94.8	378	90.0	10,716	90.9	5,526	95.1	62	80.5	1,807	92.1
Second	1,632	5.6	362	3.9	32	7.6	871	7.4	239	4.1	9	11.7	119	6.1
Third	244	0.8	52	0.6	7	1.7	129	1.1	40	0.7	2	2.6	14	0.7
No Care	183	0.6	67	0.7	3	0.7	78	0.7	8	0.1	4	5.2	23	1.2
TOTAL	29,270	100.0	9,203	100.0	420	100.0	11,794	100.0	5,813	100.0	77	100.0	1,963	100.0
2022														
First	27,539	91.1	8,409	93.9	329	83.9	11,368	88.7	5,604	92.5	52	75.4	1,777	91.6
Second	2,106	7.0	388	4.3	53	13.5	1,207	9.4	320	5.3	11	15.9	127	6.5
Third	412	1.4	87	1.0	9	2.3	159	1.2	129	2.1	3	4.3	25	1.3
No Care	169	0.6	74	0.8	1	0.3	76	0.6	3	0.0	3	4.3	12	0.6
TOTAL	30,226	100.0	8,958	100.0	392	100.0	12,810	100.0	6,056	100.0	69	100.0	1,941	100.0
2023														
First	26,749	90.2	7,888	93.3	326	85.6	10,726	86.9	5942	89.6	48	73.8	1,819	90.8
Second	2,257	7.6	416	4.9	40	10.5	1,252	10.1	395	6.0	12	18.5	142	7.1
Third	498	1.7	50	0.6	8	2.1	187	1.5	238	3.6	2	3.1	13	0.6
No Care	155	0.5	63	0.7	4	1.0	70	0.6	4	0.1	4	6.2	13	0.6
TOTAL	29,659	100.0	8,455	100.0	381	100.0	12,337	100.0	6635	100.0	65	100.0	2,004	100.0

^{*}Other includes American Indian/Alaskan Native (AIAN), More than One Race and Other. Race/ethnicity definitions vary during certain time periods due to the California Department of Public Health updating

Source: OC Health Care Agency

race/ethnicity algorithm and variables.

**Rates based on less than five occurrences and/or the denominator minus numerator is <10 are unstable and have been omitted. Occurrences <5 have been omitted to protect confidentiality.

***The OC Health Care Agency has updated its methodology to align with the California Department of Public Health. The data now excludes records with missing prenatal data.

Due to rounding, percentages may not add to 100

Note: Records with unknown prenatal care initiation were excluded.

Indicator: PRETERM BIRTHS

Percent of Preterm Births, by Birthing Person's Age, 2014 to 2023

Age of Birthing Person	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<15 Years	18.2	5.9	11.1	25.0	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	0.0	N/A*
15 to 19 Years	7.3	7.5	8.0	8.7	9.0	7.7	8.4	10.1	8.1	11.0
20 to 24 Years	6.4	7.2	7.1	7.6	7.4	8.7	7.3	8.1	8.3	8.9
25 to 29 Years	6.3	6.5	6.8	6.6	6.6	6.5	7.2	7.6	8.2	7.4
30 to 34 Years	7.1	7.5	7.6	7.0	7.0	7.4	7.0	8.1	8.1	8.4
35 to 39 Years	8.9	8.1	9.3	8.2	8.7	9.3	8.5	9.2	9.4	9.2
40+ Years	11.8	12.1	12.3	10.8	11.4	13.2	10.9	13.8	13.2	13.2

Percent of Preterm Births (17-36 Completed Weeks of Gestation), 2014 to 2023

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All Births Estimated by OE	7.4	7.6	8.0	7.5	7.6	8.1	8.3	8.6	8.8	8.8
Singleton Births Estimated by OE	5.8	6.1	6.5	6.2	6.0	6.5	6.5	7.4	7.4	7.2

Note: Percent calculated from number of births with known obstetric estimate gestational age less than 37 weeks.

Percent of Preterm Births, by Birthing Person's Race/Ethnicity, 2014 to 2023

Race/Ethnicity	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
White	7.4	7.3	7.9	6.5	7.3	7.5	6.8	7.7	7.6	7.8
Black	10.3	10.8	12.8	10.0	9.4	12.1	12.3	9.5	11.8	11.3
Hispanic	7.7	8.0	8.8	8.4	8.7	9.5	8.7	9.3	9.7	10.1
Asian	6.6	7.0	7.2	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.6	8.6	8.2	7.8
NHOPI	10.4	6.5	6.9	13.3	3.5	8.8	7.7	10.1	8.2	15.4

Note: Percent calculated from number of births with known obstetric estimate gestational age less than 37 weeks. Source: OC Health Care Agency

Note: Percent calculated from number of births with known obstetric estimate gestational age less than 37 weeks.
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Source: OC Health Care Agency

Percent of Preterm Births for Orange County, California and United States, 2014 to 2023

	Total I	Preterm Bi	rths	Late Preterm Births			Moderate	ely Late Pro Births	eterm	Very Preterm Births			
	ОС	CA	US	ОС	CA	US	ОС	CA	US	ОС	CA	US	
2014	7.4%	8.3%	9.6%	5.4%	6.0%	6.8%	0.9%	N/A	1.2%	1.0%	1.3%	1.6%	
2015	7.6%	8.5%	9.6%	6.1%	6.2%	6.9%	1.0%	N/A	1.2%	1.1%	1.3%	1.6%	
2016	8.0%	8.6%	9.8%	5.8%	6.3%	7.1%	1.0%	N/A	N/A	1.1%	1.3%	1.6%	
2017	7.5%	8.7%	9.9%	5.7%	6.4%	7.2%	0.8%	N/A	N/A	0.9%	1.3%	1.6%	
2018	7.6%	8.8%	9.9%	5.7%	6.5%	7.3%	0.9%	N/A	N/A	1.0%	1.3%	1.6%	
2019	8.1%	9.0%	10.2%	5.9%	6.6%	7.5%	0.9%	N/A	N/A	1.3%	1.4%	1.6%	
2020	8.3%	8.8%	10.1%	5.8%	6.5%	7.4%	0.8%	N/A	N/A	1.1%	1.4%	1.5%	
2021	8.6%	9.1%	10.5%	6.6%	6.8%	7.7%	0.9%	N/A	N/A	1.2%	1.5%	1.6%	
2022	8.8%	9.1%	10.4%	6.7%	6.8%	7.6%	0.9%	N/A	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%	1.6%	
2023	8.8%	9.2%	10.4%	6.5%	6.8%	7.6%	0.9%	N/A	N/A	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%	

Note: Preterm birth is defined as the delivery of an infant at less than 37 weeks of gestation, the period between conception and birth. Late preterm births (occurring between 34 and 36 weeks of gestation), moderate preterm births (occurring between 32 and 33 weeks of gestation) and very preterm births (occurring less than 32 weeks of gestation) are subsets of preterm births Percent calculated from number of births with known obstetric estimate gestational age less than 37 weeks.

Source: OC Health Care Agency; March of Dimes Report Card; National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), National Vital Statistics System, Natality

Percent Late and Very Late Preterm Births for All Births and Singleton Births, Orange County, 2014 to 2023

Late Preterm Births (34-36 Completed Weeks of Gestation)

Very Preterm Births (17-31 Completed Weeks of Gestation)

	All Births	Singleton Births	All Births	Singleton Births
2014	5.4%	4.4%	1.1%	0.8%
2015	5.6%	4.7%	1.0%	0.8%
2016	5.8%	5.4%	1.1%	1.0%
2017	5.7%	4.8%	0.9%	0.7%
2018	5.7%	4.4%	1.0%	0.8%
2019	5.9%	4.9%	1.3%	0.9%
2020	5.8%	5.0%	1.1%	0.9%
2021	6.6%	5.7%	1.2%	1.0%
2022	6.7%	5.7%	1.3%	1.0%
2023	6.5%	5.4%	1.4%	1.1%

Note: Percent calculated from number of births with known gestational age less than 37 weeks. Source: OC Health Care Agency

Indicator: TEEN BIRTHS

Definition This indicator reports the percent of total annual births occurring among teens 19 and younger and the teen birth rate, a calculation of annual births per 1,000 teens ages 15 to 19 per year

Percent of Teen Births (Younger than 20) of Total Births in Orange County, 2014 to 2023

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
4.1%	3.7%	3.2%	2.9%	2.6%	2.4%	2.3%	1.9%	2.1%	2.0%

Source: OC Health Care Agency

Birth Rate per 1,000 Teens Aged 15 to 19 Years in Orange County, California and United States, 2014 to 2023

Area	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Orange County	13.8	12.0	10.9	9.9	8.3	7.5	6.9	5.5	6.0	6.2
California	19.6	17.6	15.7	13.9	13.6	12.4	11.0	9.4	9.5	8.1
United States	24.2	22.3	20.3	18.8	17.4	16.7	15.4	13.9	13.6	13.1

Source: OC Health Care Agency

Source California and United States: California Department of Public Health, California Comprehensive Master Birth File, 2018–2023

Population Source: California Department of Finance. Demographic Research Unit. Report P'3: Population Projections, California, 2020-2070 (Baseline 2023 Population Projections; Vintage 2025 Release). Sacramento: California. April 2025

Number and Birth Rates, by Age of Birthing Person (Younger than 19) per 1,000 Teens, 2014 to 2023

Age of Birthing	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018	
Person	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
< 15 Years	11	0.2	17	0.3	9	0.2	12	0.2	8	0.1
15 to 17 Years	457	7.0	372	5.8	339	8.9	298	4.7	234	3.8
18 to 19 Years	1,102	22.9	987	20.3	872	22.9	792	16.8	693	13.6
Age of Birthing	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
Person	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
< 15 Years	14	0.3	5	0.1	3	0.1	6	0.2	8	0.2
15 to 17 Years	222	3.7	170	2.7	167	2.7	155	2.5	131	2.3
18 to 19 Years	611	12.0	523	13.4	429	9.4	496	10.7	460	12.1

Note: Birth rates for females <15 are based per 1,000 females 13-14 years of age, as there were no births to females younger than 13 years of age.

Source: OC Health Care Agency
Population Source 2014-2023: California Department of Finance. Demographic Research Unit. Report P-3: Population Projections, California, 2020-2070 (Baseline 2023 Population Projections; Vintage 2025 Release). Sacramento: California. April 2025

Birth Rate per 1,000 Teens Aged 15 to 19 Years, by Race/Ethnicity, 2014 to 2023

RACE/ETHNICITY	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Asian	1.0	1.5	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.4
NHOPI	12.7	8.0	2.7	0.0	9.5	3.0	16.7	9.9	7.1	0
Black	14.8	9.0	16.3	12.0	8.2	7.1	8.0	5.7	7.6	7.8
Hispanic	26.9	23.7	21.0	18.8	15.9	14.7	13.0	10.3	10.9	11.7
Non-Hispanic White	4.3	3.5	2.9	2.7	2.1	1.9	2.2	1.4	1.8	1.9

Population Source: California Department of Finance. Demographic Research Unit. Report P-3: Population Projections, California, 2020-2070 (Baseline 2023 Population Projections; Vintage 2025 Release). Sacramento: California. April 2025 Source: OC Health Care Agency

Percent of Population, Total Births and Births to Teens (Younger than 19), by Race/Ethnicity, 2014 to 2023

RACE/ ETHNICITY	PERCENT OF POPULATION*	PERCENT OF TOTAL BIRTHS BY YEAR											
	2023	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023		
Asian	22.3	23.1	22.8	25.1	26.7	26.9	27.1	21.8	20.1	20.0	22.2		
NHOPI	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2		
Black	1.7	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.3		
Hispanic	39.5	42.6	42.8	40.8	39.2	39.2	38.6	41.6	40.0	41.8	41.3		
Non-Hispanic White	33.0	30.7	30.8	32.0	28.2	28.0	28.1	30.0	30.8	29.5	28.3		
RACE/ ETHNICITY	PERCENT OF TEEN POPULATION*			P	PERCENT	OF TEEN	BIRTHS	BY YEAR	l				
	2023	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023		
Asian	19.7	1.1	2.0	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.1	0.7	8.0	1.8	1.2		
NHOPI	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.3	0		
Black	1.4	1.6	1.1	2.5	1.8	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.8	1.7		
Hispanic	46.0	85.4	86.1	85.7	84.3	84.6	87.0	85.2	84.5	81.7	86.6		

*Percent of population is calculated on females ages 15-49 years. Percent of teen population is calculated for females ages 15 to 19 years.

Note: Due to rounding, totals may not add up to 100. The total does not include all races/ethnicities.

Source: OC Health Care Agency

Population Source: California Department of Finance. Demographic Research Unit. Report P-3: Population Projections, California, 2020-2070 (Baseline 2023 Population Projections; Vintage 2025 Release).

Sacramento: California. April 2025

Number of Teen Births and Teen Birth Rates per 1,000 Teens, by Age and Race/Ethnicity, 2014 to 2023

Age of Birthing Person	Total	Rate	Non-Hispanic White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	NHOPI	Other
2014								
< 15 Years	11	0.2	0	0	11	0	0	0
15 to 17 Years	457	7.0	32	13	401	N/A**	N/A**	5
18 to 19 Years	1,102	22.9	135	12	929	18	N/A**	8
Total Teen Births	1,570		167	25	1,341	22	N/A**	13
Teen Birth Rate	13.8		4.3	14.8	26.9	1.2	12.7	N/A**
2015								
< 15 Years	17	0.3	N/A**	0	16	0	0	0
15 to 17 Years	372	5.8	28	5	332	N/A**	N/A**	N/A**
18 to 19 Years	987	20.3	105	10	837	27	N/A**	6
Total Teen Births	1,376		134	15	1,185	30	N/A**	9
Teen Birth Rate	12.0		3.5	9.0	23.7	1.6	8	N/A
2016								
< 15 Years	9	0.4	N/A**	0	8	0	0	0
15 to 17 Years	339	5.2	20	7	308	N/A**	0	0
18 to 19 Years	872	18.3	100	20	738	13	N/A**	0
Total Teen Births	1,220		121	27	1,054	17	N/A**	0
Teen Birth Rate	10.9		2.9	16.3	21.1	0.9	N/A**	N/A**
2017								
< 15 Years	12	0.2	N/A**	N/A**	8	0	0	0
15 to 17 Years	298	4.7	20	6	264	N/A**	0	6
18 to 19 Years	792	16.8	75	11	657	15	0	34
Total Teen Births	1,102		96	20	929	17	0	40
Teen Birth Rate	9.9		2.7	12.0	18.8	0.9	0	N/A
2018								
< 15 Years	8	0.2	N/A**	0	6	0	0	0
15 to 17 Years	234	3.8	18	N/A**	204	N/A**	0	6
18 to 19 Years	693	13.6	57	9	581	13	N/A**	30
Total Teen Births	935		77	13	791	15	N/A**	36
Teen Birth Rate	8.3		2.1	8.2	15.9	0.8	N/A**	N/A**

Number of Teen Births and Teen Birth Rates per 1,000 Teens, by Age and Race/Ethnicity, 2014 to 2023 (Continued)

Age of Birthing Person	Total	Rate	Non-Hispanic White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	NHOPI	Other
2019								
< 15 Years	14	0.4	N/A*	N/A*	11	0	0	N/A*
15 to 17 Years	222	3.7	9	5	204	N/A*	0	N/A*
18 to 19 Years	611	12.0	57	7	522	8	N/A*	12
Total Teen Births	847		67	13	737	9	N/A*	16
Teen Birth Rate	7.5		1.9	7.1	14.7	0.5	N/A*	N/A*
2020								
< 15 Years	5	0.1	0	0	5	0	0	0
15 to 17 Years	171	2.7	13	N/A*	143	N/A*	0	8
18 to 19 Years	526	13.4	53	N/A*	447	N/A*	5	9
Total Teen Births	702		66	10	595	N/A*	5	17
Teen Birth Rate	6.9		2.2	8.0	13.0	0.3	16.7	N/A*
2021								
< 15 Years	N/A**	0.1	0	0	N/A*	0	0	0
15 to 17 Years	167	2.7	17	N/A*	139	N/A*	N/A*	6
18 to 19 Years	429	9.4	32	5	371	N/A*	N/A*	21
Total Teen Births	599		49	9	513	5	N/A*	27
Teen Birth Rate	5.5		1.4	5.7	10.3	0.3	N/A*	N/A*
2022								
< 15 Years	6	0.2	N/A*	0	N/A*	0	0	N/A*
15 to 17 Years	154	2.5	14	N/A*	129	N/A*	0	5
18 to 19 Years	493	10.7	48	9	405	8	N/A*	23
Total Teen Births	653		64	12	537	12	N/A*	29
Teen Birth Rate	6.0		1.8	7.6	7.6	0.7	N/A*	N/A*
2023								
< 15 Years	8	0.2	N/A*	N/A*	6	0	0	N/A*
15 to 17 Years	131	2.3	11	N/A*	114	0	0	N/A*
18 to 19 Years	460	12.1	38	6	398	8	0	11
Total Teen Births	599		50	11	518	7	0	13
Teen Birth Rate	6.2		1.9	7.8	11.7	0.4	0	N/A*

Note: Teen birth rate is expressed per 1,000 females 15 to 19 years of age.

Number of Live Births and Birth Rate per 1,000 Teens Aged 15 to 19 Years by City/Community of Residence, 2019 to 2023

	Population 15 to 19 Years*	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Rate per 1,000 Teens 15 to 19 (2023)
Aliso Viejo	1,614	*	6	*	5	*	N/A**
Anaheim	12,465	172	145	129	125	104	8.3
Brea	1,901	*	*	6	5	*	N/A**
Buena Park	3,593	17	29	14	30	22	6.1
Costa Mesa	3,401	28	21	23	20	20	5.9
Coto de Caza	657	*	*	*	*	*	N/A**
Cypress	1,572	5	*	6	*	9	5.7
Dana Point	922	*	*	6	*	*	N/A**
Fountain Valley	1,914	*	*	*	*	*	N/A**
Fullerton	3,844	48	48	28	34	33	8.6
Garden Grove	4,317	42	38	33	33	39	9
Huntington Beach	6,259	23	14	17	17	14	2.2
Irvine	13,506	5	11	7	5	*	N/A**
La Habra	1,774	23	15	17	19	17	9.6
La Palma	548	*	*	*	*	*	N/A**
Ladera Ranch	1,336	*	*	*	*	*	N/A**
Laguna Beach	582	*	*	*	*	*	N/A**
Laguna Hills	809	7	*	5	*	14	17.3

^{*}Rates based on less than five occurrences and/or the denominator minus numerator is <10 are unstable and have been omitted. Occurrences <5 have been omitted to protect confidentiality.
Population Source: California Department of Finance. Demographic Research Unit. Report P-3: Population Projections, California, 2020-2070 (Baseline 2023 Population Projections; Vintage 2025 Release),
Sacramento: California April 2025
Source: OC Health Care Agency

Number of Live Births and Birth Rate per 1,000 Teens Aged 15 to 19 Years by City/Community of Residence, 2019 to 2023 (Continued)

	Population 15 to 19	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Rate per 1,000 Teens
	Years*						15 to 19 (2023)
Laguna Niguel	1,518	6	*	*	*	*	N/A**
Lake Forest	866	14	15	6	13	9	10.4
Los Alamitos	394	*	*	*	*	*	N/A**
Midway City	269	*	*	*	*	*	N/A**
Mission Viejo	1,894	7	6	7	9	8	4.2
Newport Beach	2,512	*	*	*	*	*	N/A**
North Tustin	518	*	*	*	*	*	N/A**
Orange	5,465	48	39	40	52	32	5.9
Placentia	1,577	21	18	11	10	13	8.2
Rancho Mission Viejo	439	*	*	*	*	*	N/A**
Rancho Santa Margarita	1,691	*	*	*	*	*	N/A**
San Clemente	1,519	25	10	*	6	10	6.6
San Juan Capistrano	1,188	9	12	11	9	7	5.9
Santa Ana	10,582	240	187	164	173	160	15.1
Seal Beach	496	*	*	*	*	*	N/A**
Silverado	0	*	*	*	*	*	N/A**
Stanton	1,433	14	19	12	15	7	4.9
Trabuco Canyon	53	*	*	*	*	*	N/A**
Tustin	2,240	23	20	23	17	24	10.7
Villa Park City	104	*	*	*	*	*	N/A**
Westminster	1,837	20	15	9	21	23	12.5
Yorba Linda	2,151	*	*	*	6	*	N/A**
TOTAL	99,760	828	698	598	654	591	6.2

^{*}Population source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey Five-Year Estimates, Sex by Age, June 2025.
**Rates based on less than five occurrences and/or the denominator minus numerator is <10 are unstable and have been omitted. Occurrences <5 have been omitted to protect confidentiality. Source: OC Health Care Agency

Indicator: TERM AND TOTAL BIRTHS

Total Number and Percent of Term Infant Births, by Race/Ethnicity, 2023

BIRTH TYPE	Total	%	White	%	Black	%	Hispanic	%	Asian	%	NHOPI	%	Other*	%
Early Term	8,735	32.1	2,250	28.9	122	36.1	3,759	33.9	2,036	33.3	22	40.0	546	29.7
Full Term	17,311	63.6	5,004	64.2	199	58.9	6,940	62.6	3,960	64.7	29	52.7	1,179	64.1
Late Term	1,140	4.2	513	6.6	17	5.0	382	3.4	119	1.9	N/A**	N/A**	105	5.7
Post Term	52	0.2	29	0.4	0	0.0	14	0.1	N/A**	N/A**	0	0.0	8	0.4
TOTAL TERM	27,238		7,796		338		11,095		6,116		55		1,838	

Total Number and Percent of Total Term Infant Births, by Birthing Person's Age, 2023

Birthing Person's Age	Total	%	Early Term	%	Full Term	%	Late Term	%	Post Term	%
<15 Years	8	0.0	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	0	0.0	0	0.0
15 to 19 Years	526	1.9	164	1.9	341	2.0	20	1.8	N/A*	N/A*
20 to 24 Years	2,467	9.1	765	8.8	1,597	9.2	101	8.9	N/A*	N/A*
25 to 29 Years	5,805	21.3	1,792	20.5	3,701	21.4	294	25.8	18	34.6
30 to 34 Years	9,909	36.4	3,094	35.4	6,346	36.7	453	39.7	16	30.8
35 to 39 Years	6,755	24.8	2,253	25.8	4,255	24.6	238	20.9	9	17.3
40+ Years	1,770	6.5	664	7.6	1,068	6.2	34	3.0	N/A*	N/A*
TOTAL	27,238		8,735		17,311		1,140		52	

^{*}Percentages based on less than five occurrences and/or the denominator minus numerator is <10 are unstable and have been omitted. Occurrences <5 have been omitted to protect confidentiality. Note: Early term is defined as a birth occurring between 37 weeks, 0 days and 38 weeks, 6 days. Full term is a birth occurring between 39 weeks, 0 days and 40 weeks, 6 days. Late term is a birth occurring between 41 weeks, 0 days and 41 weeks, 6 days. Post term is a birth occurring after 42 weeks, 0 days. As defined by https://www.marchofdimes.org/find-support/topics/pregnancy/what-full-term. Source: OC Health Care Agency

Total Number and Percent of Term Infant Births, by Birth Type, 2023

BIRTH TYPE	Total	%	Singleton	%	Multiple	%
Early Term	8,735	32.1	8,359	31.1	376	95.9
Full Term	17,311	63.6	17,295	64.4	16	4.1
Late Term	1,140	4.2	1,140	4.2	0	0.0
Post Term	52	0.2	52	0.2	0	0.0
TOTAL	27,238		26,846		392	

Source: OC Health Care Agency

Total Number and Percent of Term Infant Births, by Delivery Type, 2023

BIRTH TYPE	Total	%	Cesarean	%	Vaginal	%
Early Term	8,735	32.1	2,773	28.5	5,961	30.0
Full Term	17,311	63.6	5,189	53.3	12,121	60.0
Late Term	1,140	4.2	304	3.1	836	4.0
Post Term	52	0.2	17	0.2	35	0.0
Total	27,238		8,283		18,953	

Source: OC Health Care Agency

^{*}Other includes American Indian/Alaska Native, More than One Race and Other. Persons of unknown race are not included in this table.

**Percentages based on fewer than 5 events are statistically unreliable. Due to rounding, percentages may not add to 100.

Note: Early term is defined as a birth occurring between 37 weeks, 0 days and 38 weeks, 6 days. Full term is a birth occurring between 39 weeks, 0 days and 40 weeks, 6 days. Late term is a birth occurring between 41 weeks, 0 days and 41 weeks, 6 days. Post term is a birth occurring 42 weeks 0 days and beyond (As defined by https://www.acog.org/clinical/clinical-guidance/committee-opinion/articles/2013/11/definition-of-term-pregnancy). Source: OC Health Care Agency

Total Number and Percent of Births, by Community of Residence, 2014 to 2023

	Community	201	2014		2015		2016		7	201	8
Anahein 5,176 13.4 5,000 1.3.3 61,870 12.8 4,879 12.4 4,523 1.4 553 1.4 553 1.6 4,413 1.7 Brea 10,69 2.7 296 2.6 11 2.4 597 1.6 93 1.5 Cota Mesa 1,656 4.3 1,511 0.1 1.488 3.9 1.55 0.1 1.482 0.1 0.1 1.482 0.1 0.1 1.482 0.1 0.4 0.1 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.1 0.0		Total	%								
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Decision Park 1,049	Anaheim	5,176	13.4	5,000	13.3	4,879	12.8	4,721	12.4	4,413	12.4
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Total Number and Percent of Births by Community of Residence, 2014 to 2023 (Continued)

	201	9	2020		2021		202	2	202	3
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Aliso Viejo	524	1.5	527	1.7	529	1.7	510	1.7	476	1.6
Anaheim	4,204	12.1	4,054	13.2	3,902	12.7	3,939	12.8	3,706	12.4
Brea	474	1.4	423	1.4	472	1.5	462	1.5	412	1.4
Buena Park	889	2.6	837	2.7	774	2.5	858	2.8	801	2.7
Costa Mesa	1,391	4.0	1,338	4.3	1,361	4.4	1,354	4.4	1,262	4.2
Coto De Caza	35	0.1	54	0.2	43	0.1	56	0.2	47	0.2
Cypress	358	1.0	383	1.2	423	1.4	358	1.2	391	1.3
Dana Point	245	0.7	247	8.0	254	0.8	236	0.8	258	0.9
Fountain Valley	440	1.3	412	1.3	389	1.3	425	1.4	411	1.4
Fullerton	1,305	3.8	1,360	4.4	1,356	4.4	1,317	4.3	1,235	4.1
Garden Grove	1,722	5.0	1,628	5.3	1,614	5.3	1,566	5.1	1,537	5.1
Huntington Beach	1,686	4.8	1,589	5.2	1,629	5.3	1,571	5.1	1,547	5.2
Irvine	5,426	15.6	3,350	10.9	3,148	10.3	3,174	10.3	3,664	12.3
La Habra	706	2.0	701	2.3	627	2.0	688	2.2	652	2.2
La Palma	121	0.3	113	0.4	100	0.3	113	0.4	99	0.3
Ladera Ranch	278	8.0	271	0.9	298	1.0	316	1.0	222	0.7
Laguna Beach	144	0.4	117	0.4	118	0.4	131	0.4	127	0.4
Laguna Hills	287	8.0	292	0.9	281	0.9	280	0.9	268	0.9
Laguna Niguel	505	1.5	500	1.6	526	1.7	506	1.6	512	1.7
Laguna Woods	5	0.0	*N/A	*N/A	*N/A	*N/A	*N/A	*N/A	*N/A	*N/A
Lake Forest	1,077	3.1	834	2.7	909	3.0	879	2.9	813	2.7
Las Flores	0	0.0	*N/A	*N/A	*N/A	*N/A	*N/A	*N/A	N/A	N/A
Los Alamitos	146	0.4	150	0.5	169	0.6	161	0.5	153	0.5
Midway City	79	0.2	59	0.2	80	0.3	81	0.3	59	0.2
Mission Viejo	785	2.3	720	2.3	827	2.7	783	2.5	801	2.7
Newport Beach	654	1.9	602	2.0	642	2.1	639	2.1	632	2.1
North Tustin	35	0.1	38	0.1	39	0.1	36	0.1	37	0.1
Orange	1,707	4.9	1,538	5.0	1,536	5.0	1,572	5.1	1,468	4.9
Placentia	538	1.5	498	1.6	510	1.7	519	1.7	527	1.8
Rancho Mission Viejo	160	0.5	169	0.5	192	0.6	169	0.5	185	0.6
Rancho Santa Margarita	441	1.3	424	1.4	513	1.7	496	1.6	396	1.3
Rossmoor	13	0.0	17	0.1	18	0.1	11	0.0	11	0.0
San Clemente	694	2.0	537	1.7	613	2.0	563	1.8	546	1.8
San Juan Capistrano	341	1.0	343	1.1	325	1.1	357	1.2	321	1.1
Santa Ana	4,172	12.0 0.4	3,856	12.5	3,562	11.6	3,705	12.0	3,436	11.5
Seal Beach Silverado	128		151 16	0.5	114	0.4	117	0.4	100 16	0.3
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Stanton Trobuse Conven	154	1.0 0.4	144	0.5	145	1.1	295 162	1.0 0.5	144	0.5
Trabuco Canyon Tustin	1,046	3.0	923	3.0	962	0.5 3.1	907	2.9	907	3.0
Villa Park	30	0.1	29	0.1	31	0.1	36	0.1	30	0.1
Westminster	823	2.4	710	2.3	741	2.4	777	2.5	736	2.5
Yorba Linda	634	1.8	542	1.8	535	1.7	605	2.5	596	2.5
Balance of County	10	0.0	7	0.0	42	0.1	81	0.3	15	0.1
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Total	34,774		30,824		30,701		30,837		29,877	

^{*}Occurrences <5 have been omitted to protect confidentiality. Rates based on less than five occurrences and/or the denominator minus numerator is <10 are unstable and have been omitted. Source: OC Health Care Agency

Indicator: BIRTH WEIGHT

Number and Percent of Infants, by Birth Weight and Race/Ethnicity, 2014 to 2023

	TRIMESTER	Total	%	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	NHOPI	Other^
2014	Under 1,500 Grams	345	0.9	85	11	163	79	N/A**	6
	1,500-2,499 Grams	2,088	5.4	629	41	843	528	7	40
	2,500 Grams & over	36,177	93.7	11,122	426	15,460	8,426	126	617
	TOTAL	38,610	100.0	11,836	478	16,466	9,033	134	663
	% Low Birth Weight*	6.3%		6.0%	10.9%	6.1%	6.7%	6.0%	6.8%
2015	Under 1,500 Grams	358	1.0	96	6	172	72	N/A**	8
	1,500-2,499 Grams	2,002	5.3	536	43	812	563	8	40
	2,500 Grams & over	35,261	93.7	10,960	424	15,102	8,051	141	583
	TOTAL	37,621	100.0	11,592	473	16,086	8,686	153	631
	% Low Birth Weight*	6.3%		5.5%	10.4%	6.1%	7.3%	7.8%	7.7%
2016	Under 1,500 Grams	392	1.0	93	17	174	95	N/A**	12
	1,500-2,499 Grams	2,005	5.3	509	36	832	563	8	57
	2,500 Grams & over	35,724	93.7	10,679	426	14,553	9,035	135	896
	TOTAL	38,121	100.0	11,281	479	15,559	9,693	144	965
	% Low Birth Weight*	6.3%		5.3%	11.0%	6.4%	6.8%	6.3%	6.1%
2017	Under 1,500 Grams	329	0.9	70	11	165	52	N/A**	29
	1,500-2,499 Grams	1,893	5.0	498	27	711	537	11	109
	2,500 Grams & over	35,952	94.2	10,204	410	14,117	9,611	100	1,510
	TOTAL	38,173	100.0	10,772	448	14,993	10,200	113	1,648
	% Low Birth Weight*	5.8%	100.0	5.2%	8.5%	5.8%	5.8%	11.5%	8.4%
2018	Under 1,500 Grams	312	0.9	65	5	161	61	N/A**	19
2010	1,500-2,499 Grams	1,915	5.4	482	35	756	561	N/A**	78
	2,500 Grams & over	33,351	93.7	9,417	373	13,027	8.939	82	1,513
	TOTAL	35,578	100.0	9,964	413	13,944	9,561	86	1,610
	% Low Birth Weight*	6.3%	100.0	5.5%	9.7%	6.6%	6.5%	4.7%	6.0%
2019	Under 1,500 Grams	357	1.0	75	9	176	79	N/A**	17
_0.0	1,500-2,499 Grams	2,017	5.8	494	37	805	563	N/A**	117
	2,500 Grams & over	32,589	93.2	9,253	369	12,507	8,838	89	1,533
	TOTAL	34,963	100.0	9,822	415	13,488	9,480	91	1,667
	% Low Birth Weight*	6.8%		5.8%	11.1%	7.3%	6.8%	2.2%	8.0%
2020	Under 1.500 Grams	275	0.9	58	7	142	51	N/A**	15
	1,500-2,499 Grams	1,625	5.3	405	31	706	402	N/A**	80
	2,500 Grams & over	28,962	93.8	8,786	351	11,992	6,286	88	1,459
	TOTAL	30,862	100.0	9,249	389	12,840	6,739	91	1,554
	% Low Birth Weight*	6.2%		5.0%	9.8%	6.6%	6.7%	3.3%	6.1%
2021	Under 1,500 Grams	287	0.9	68	6	129	59	N/A**	22
	1,500-2,499 Grams	1,842	6.0	453	40	733	461	6	149
	2,500 Grams & over	28,587	93.1	8,943	394	11,422	5,665	70	2,093
	TOTAL	30,716***	100.0	9,464	440	12,284	6,185	79	2,264
	% Low Birth Weight*	6.9%		5.5%	10.5%	7.0%	8.4%	11.4%	7.6%
2022	Under 1,500 Grams	304	1	69	8	141	50	N/A**	34
	1,500-2,499 Grams	1,910	6.2	454	31	839	457	N/A**	128
	2,500 Grams & over	18,638	92.8	8,573	369	11,913	5,652	70	2,061
	TOTAL	30,852	100	9,096	408	12,893	6,159	73	2,223
	% Low Birth Weight*	7.2%		5.7%	9.6%	7.6%	8.2%	4.1%	5.7%
2023	Under 1,500 Grams	314	1.1	70	7	150	63	N/A**	24
	1,500-2,499 Grams	1,898	6.4	434	45	802	500	N/A**	108
	2,500 Grams & over	27,654	92.6	7,946	329	11,381	6,072	58	1,837
	TOTAL	29,866***	100	8,450	381	12,333	6,635	65	1,969
	% Low Birth Weight*	7.4%		6.0%	13.6%	7.7%	8.5%	10.8%	6.7%

^{*}Low birth weight is defined as less than 2,500 grams at birth.

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***Z infants did not have birthweight information in 2021; 11 infants did not have birthweight information in 2023.

**Other includes AIAN, More than One Race, and Other.

Note: Due to rounding, percentages may not add to 100.

Source: OC Health Care Agency

Low Birth Weight and Very Low Birth Weight, by Birthing Person's Age, 2022 and 2023

							BIRTHI	NG PERS	ON'S AGE						
Low Birth Weight	<15 Years	Row %	15-19 Years	Row %	20-24 Years	Row %	25-29 Years	Row %	30-34 Years	Row %	35-39 Years	Row %	40+ Years	Row %	Total
2022															
<2,500 grams	0	0.0	53	2.4	234	10.6	442	20.0	755	34.1	529	23.9	201	9.1	2,214
2,500+ grams	6	0.0	598	2.1	2,703	9.4	6,351	22.2	10,286	35.9	6,831	23.8	1,863	6.5	28,638
Total	6	0.0	651	2.1	2,937	9.5	6,793	22.0	11,041	35.8	7,360	23.9	2,064	6.7	30,852
2023*															
<2,500 grams	N/A**	N/A**	56	2.5	205	9.3	391	17.7	770	34.8	574	25.9	214	9.7	2,212
2,500+ grams	6	0.0	535	1.9	2,501	9.0	5,877	21.3	10,047	36.3	6,863	24.8	1,825	6.6	27,654
Total	8	0.0	591	2.0	2,706	9.1	6,268	21.0	10,817	36.2	7,437	24.9	2,039	6.8	29,866
							BIRTHI	NG PERS	ON'S AGE						
Very Low Birth Weight	<15 Years	Row %	15-19 Years	Row %	20-24 Years	Row %	25-29 Years	Row %	30-34 Years	Row %	35-39 Years	Row %	40+ Years	Row %	Total
2022															
<1,500 grams	0	0.0	7	2.3	36	11.8	61	20.1	106	34.9	67	22.0	27	8.9	304
1,500-2,499 grams	0	0.0	46	2.4	198	10.4	381	19.9	649	33.9	462	24.2	174	9.1	1,910
2,500+ grams	6	0.0	598	2.1	2,703	9.4	6,351	22.2	10,286	36.3	6,831	23.9	1,863	6.5	28,638
Total	6	0.0	651	2.1	2,937	9.5	6,793	22.0	11,041	35.8	7,360	23.9	2,064	6.7	30,852
2023*															
<1,500 grams	N/A**	N/A**	10	3.2	29	9.2	59	18.8	97	30.9	88	28.0	31	9.9	314
1,500-2,499 grams	N/A**	N/A**	46	2.4	176	9.3	332	17.5	673	35.5	486	25.6	183	9.6	1,898
2,500+ grams	6	0.0	535	1.9	2,501	9.0	5,877	21.3	10,047	36.3	6,863	24.8	1,825	6.6	27,654
Total	8	0.0	591	2.0	2.706	9.1	6.268	21.0	10.817	36.2	7.437	24.9	2.039	6.8	29.866

^{*11} infants did not have birthweight information in 2023.

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Secondary Indicator: INFANTS BORN WITH CONGENITAL ANOMALIES

Definition

Number and rate of infants born with selected congenital anomalies (anencephaly, meningomyelocele/spina bifida, omphalocele/gastroschisis, cleft lip/palate, Down syndrome and hypospadias) that are identified at birth and recorded on the birth certificate.

Number and Rate Per 1,000 Live Births of Infants Born with Selected Congenital Anomalies, by Race/Ethnicity, 2014 to 2023

Paraded at the	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018	
Race/Ethnicity	No.	Rate*	No.	Rate*	No.	Rate*	No.	Rate*	No.	Rate*
Asian	N/A**	0.5*	9	1.0	7	0.7	7	0.7	7	0.7
NHOPI	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	N/A**	N/A**
Black	0	0.0	N/A**	N/A**	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hispanic	28	1.2	26	1.6	15	1.0	19	1.3	16	1.1
Non-Hispanic White	13	1.0	7	0.6	10	8.0	8	0.8	12	1.2
Other/Unknown***	N/A**	N/A**	N/A**	N/A**	0	0.0	N/A**	N/A**	N/A**	N/A**
TOTAL	46	1.0	44	1.2	32	0.8	35	0.9	40	1.1

Barrier -	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
Race/Ethnicity	No.	Rate*	No.	Rate*	No.	Rate*	No.	Rate*	No.	Rate*
Asian	7	1.0	10	1.5	10	1.6	5	0.8	8	1.2
NHOPI	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Black	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0	N/A**	N/A**	0	0.0
Hispanic	18	1.2	16	1.2	13	1.1	17	1.3	17	1.4
Non-Hispanic White	9	0.7	11	1.2	11	1.2	20	2.2	13	1.5
Other/Unknown***	N/A**	N/A**	6	3.9	N/A**	N/A**	N/A**	N/A**	0	0.0
TOTAL	38	1.0	43	1.4	37	1.2	47	1.5	42	1.4

^{*}Selected congenital anomalies: anencephaly, meningomyelocele/spina bifida, omphalocele/gastroschisis, cleft lip/palate, Down syndrome and hypospadias.

Number of Infants Born, by Selected Congenital Anomalies, 2014 to 2023

Abnormal Conditions in Newborn	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Anencephaly	N/A**	0	0	N/A**	N/A**	0	N/A**	N/A**	N/A**	0
Meningomyelocele/ Spina Bifida	0	N/A**	N/A**	N/A**	0	N/A**	N/A**	N/A**	N/A**	N/A**
Omphalocele/ Gastroschisis	11	7	N/A**	9	7	7	5	N/A**	0	N/A**
Cleft Lip/Palate	30	17	21	15	19	16	21	9	17	22
Down Syndrome*	20	7	5	5	9	9	10	11	17	10
Hypospadias	N/A**	N/A**	N/A**	N/A**	N/A**	N/A**	5	9	11	7
Total	64	34	32	35	40	38	43	37	47	42

^{*}The Certificates of Live Birth and Fetal Death Medical Data Supplemental Worksheet VS 10A separates Down Syndrome into Karyotype Confirmed and Karyotype Pending categories, and therefore, only

^{**}Rates based on less than five occurrences and/or the denominator minus numerator is <10 are unstable and have been omitted. Occurrences <5 have been omitted to protect confidentiality.

**Other includes American Indian/Alaska Native, More than One Race and Other.

Source: OC Health Care Agency

confirmed cases are presented.

**Rates based on less than five occurrences and/or the denominator minus numerator is <10 are unstable and have been omitted. Occurrences <5 have been omitted to protect confidentiality. Source: OC Health Care Agency

Indicator: INFANT MORTALITY

Definition

The infant mortality indicator refers to deaths of infants younger than 1 year of age. The rate of infant mortality is calculated per 1,000 live births per year.

Top Causes of Infant Deaths, by Percent, 2014 to 2023

CAUSES OF INFANT DEATH	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Birth Defects	33.6	21.1	30.4	29.3	22.0	17.4	26.4	30.6	29.3	25.5
Maternal Complications*	5.6	19.3	10.4	11.2	9.0	14.0	13.8	18.9	16.4	12.7
Sudden Unexpected Infant Death**	4.8	10.5	7.0	5.2	6.0	7.0	10.3	9.0	6.0	11.8
Complications of Placenta, Cord and Membranes	10.4	6.1	7.8	7.8	13.0	14.0	5.7	3.6	7.8	7.8
Preterm-Low Birth Weight	4.8	7.0	8.7	6.9	14	10.5	6.9	3.6	3.4	7.8
Diseases of the Circulatory System	0.8	2.6	4.3	0.9	1.0	3.5	0.0	1.8	3.4	3.9
Bacterial Sepsis	0.8	4.4	2.6	0.0	3.0	3.5	4.6	1.8	2.6	3.9
Cardiovascular Disorders	4.8	5.2	2.6	4.3	7.1	2.0	3.4	4.5	6.0	2.9
Neonatal Hemorrhage	1.6	3.5	2.6	6.0	3.5	1.0	2.3	4.5	0	2.9
Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation	0.0	0.9	0.0	1.7	0.0	4.9	3.5	0.9	1.0	2.9
Respiratory Distress Syndrome (RDS)	4.0	0.9	0.9	1.7	1.0	1.2	1.1	0.0	1.7	2.0
Accidents (Unintentional Injuries)	0.8	4.4	1.7	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	1.7	1.0
Fetal Hypoxia and Birth Asphyxia	0.0	0.0	0.9	1.7	0.0	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.9	1.0
All Other Causes	28.0	14.1	20.1	23.3	19.4	20.0	20.9	19	19.8	13.9

^{*}Maternal Complications includes causes such as hypertension, premature rupture of membranes, malpresentation, placenta previa, alcohol/drug abuse, or other complications of labor and delivery.

**SUID=R95 sudden infant death syndrome [SIDS], R99 undetermined, W75 accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed [ASSB].

Note: Causes of infant death categories were selected based on the National Vital Statistics Report Volume 73, No. 4 April 8, 2024 Deaths: Leading Causes for 2021 – Table E. Deaths and Percentage of Total Deaths for the 10 Leading Causes of Infant Death: United States, 2021 and 2020, National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Mortality. Two additional leading cause of death specific to Orange County was added (Cardiovascular Disorders and Intravascular Coagulation). Note: Due to rounding percentages may not add up to 100.

Infant Mortality Number and Rate per 1,000 Live Births, by Race/Ethnicity, 2014 to 2023

Dana/Ethariaita	201	2014		2015		2016		7	2018	
Race/Ethnicity	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
Asian	15	1.7	10	1.8	14	1.4	16	2.9	19	2.0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	N/A*	N/A*
Black	N/A*	N/A*	5	10.6	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*
Hispanic	64	3.9	55	5.0	35	2.2	66	4.0	39	2.8
Non-Hispanic White	29	2.5	24	1.8	20	1.6	26	1.9	30	3.0

December 1911	201	9	202	20	202	1	20	22	20)23
Race/Ethnicity	No.	Rate								
Asian	13	1.4	7	1.0	14	2.2	11	1.8	14	2.5
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	N/A*	N/A*	0	0.0	0	0.0	N/A*	N/A*	0	0.0
Black	N/A*									
Hispanic	60	4.4	48	3.7	56	4.6	51	4.0	48	3.8
Non-Hispanic White	19	1.9	21	2.3	27	2.9	35	3.8	30	2.6

^{*}Rates based on less than five occurrences and/or the denominator minus numerator is <10 are unstable and have been omitted. Occurrences <5 have been omitted to protect confidentiality. Table does not include race/ethnicity "Other/Unknown".

Source: OC Health Care Agency

Infant Mortality Three Year Average Rate per 1,000 Live Births, by Race/Ethnicity, 2015-2017 to 2021-2023

Race/Ethnicity	2015-2017	2018-2020	2021-2023
Asian	2.0	1.5	2.2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander *	0.0	7.5*	4.6*
Black*	10.0*	4.9*	4.5*
Hispanic	3.7	3.6	4.1
Non-Hispanic White	1.8	2.4	3.1

^{*}Due to relatively low numbers of Black and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander infants and deaths, statistics for these two groups are unreliable and should be interpreted with caution. Source: OC Health Care Agency

Secondary Indicator: SUBSTANCE-EXPOSED INFANTS

Definition

This indicator reports the number of infant hospital admissions affected by maternal alcohol and drug use.

Hospitalizations of Newborns less than 7 Days Affected by Maternal Substance Use, by Diagnosis, 2020 to 2023

Diagnosis* (Principal and	20	20		2021	2022		2023	
Other)	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
P04.13 - Anticonvulsants	*	*	0	0.0%	*	*	*	*
P04.14 - Opiates	15	5.6%	33	11.3%	46	16.8%	53	18.9%
P04.15 - Antidepressants	*	*	*	*	22	8.0%	16	5.7%
P04.16 - Amphetamines	25	9.3%	44	15.0%	63	23.0%	62	22.1%
P04.17 - Sedative-hypnotics	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
P04.2 - Tobacco	17	6.3%	16	5.5%	11	4.0%	*	*
P04.3 - Alcohol	*	*	*	*	*	*	11	3.9%
P04.40 - Unspecified drugs of addiction	15	5.6%	31	10.6%	22	8.0%	26	9.3%
P04.41 - Cocaine	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
P04.42 - Hallucinogens	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	0.0%
P04.49 - Other drugs of addiction	138	51.1%	132	45.1%	92	33.6%	113	40.2%
P04.81 - Cannabis	43	15.9%	46	15.7%	42	15.3%	41	14.6%
P96.1 - Neonatal withdrawal symptoms from maternal use of drugs of addiction	80	29.6%	84	28.7%	85	31.0%	84	29.9%
TOTAL	270		293		274		281	

^{*}Occurrences <11 have been omitted to protect confidentiality. Note: More than one substance can be diagnosed in a case.

Source: California Department of Health Care Access and Information, Patient Discharge Data, 2020 to 2023

Hospitalizations of Newborns less than 7 Days Affected by Maternal Substance Use, by Race/Ethnicity, 2020 to 2023

Race/Ethnicity	2020	2020		1	202	2	202	3
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
White	127	47.0%	126	43.0%	109	39.8%	104	37.0%
Hispanic	103	38.1%	118	40.3%	103	37.6%	131	46.6%
Asian	*	*	*	*	11	4.0%	*	*
Black	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other	11	4.1%	13	4.4%	16	5.8%	14	5.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Unknown	18	6.7%	27	9.2%	28	10.2%	21	7.5%
Total	270	100.0%	293	100.0%	274	100%	281	100%

^{*}Occurrences <11 have been omitted to protect confidentiality.

Source: California Department of Health Care Access and Information, Patient Discharge Data, 2020 to 2023

Indicator: BREASTFEEDING

Definition

Local statistics on breastfeeding are obtained from two California Department of Public Health data sources. The In-Hospital Newborn Screening Program documents feeding practices in the hospital after birth. The Maternal Infant Health Assessment (MIHA) is an annual statewide-representative survey of people with a recent live birth in California. In-Hospital Newborn Screening data are presented as the percentage of birthing people breastfeeding (any or exclusive breastfeeding) in the hospital after birth. MIHA data are presented as the percentage of birthing people who reported breastfeeding (any or exclusive breastfeeding) at one month after delivery and at three months after delivery. An infant is exclusively breastfed when fed only with human milk and no other supplements such as water, formula, non-human milk, food or juice. Any breastfeeding is defined as feeding with both human milk and infant formula.

In-Hospital Breastfeeding Percentages in Orange County and California, 2015 to 2023

		Any Breastfeeding										
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023			
Orange County	95.1	95.0	94.8	94.3	93.9	94.3	94.5	94.9	93.9			
California	93.9	94.0	94.0	93.8	93.7	93.6	93.4	93.8	N/A			
				Exclus	ive Breastfe	eeding						
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023			
Orange County	67.1	66.1	65.8	67.0	66.0	67.6	68.3	67.0	66.1			
California	68.6	69.4	69.8	70.4	70.0	69.7	68.9	68.5	N/A			

Note 1: All nonmilitary hospitals providing maternity services are required to complete the Newborn Screening Test Form. Infant feeding data presented in this report include all feedings since birth to time of specimen collection, usually 24 to 48 hours since birth. Upon completing the form, staff must select from the following four categories to describe 'all feeding since birth': (1) Only Human Milk; (2) Only Formula; (3) Human Milk & Formula; (4) Nothing by Mouth (NPO).

Source: California Department of Public Health, Center for Family Health, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division, Breastfeeding Initiation Dashboard, Last Modified October 2025.

Orange County Number and Percent of Any and Exclusive Breastfeeding, by Race/Ethnicity, 2015 to 2022

Year and Age	Black	Asian	Hispanic	White	Pacific Islander	American Indian	Multiple	Other	Total
2015									
Any Number	403	7,453	15,085	9,680	42	10	1,237	349	34,896
Any Percent	91.6	94.8	94.9	95.8	91.3	*	96.0	94.3	95.1
Exclusive Number	298	4,156	10,304	8,069	25	*	1,016	260	24,592
Exclusive Percent	67.7	52.9	64.8	79.9	54.3	*	78.9	70.4	67.1
2016									
Any Number	341	8,411	14,592	9,526	53	15	1,220	393	35,097
Any Percent	90.9	95.2	94.2	96.0	93.0	100.0	96.1	93.6	95.0
Exclusive Number	260	4,724	9,755	8,001	33	12	978	283	24,430
Exclusive Percent	69.3	53.5	63.0	80.6	67.1	80.0	77.1	67.4	66.1
2017									
Any Number	309	8,381	12,882	8,808	41	14	1,150	396	32,611
Any Percent	92.2	93.7	94.4	96.5	85.4	93.3	95.7	95.2	94.8
Exclusive Number	220	4,659	8,562	7,484	30	12	924	280	22,633
Exclusive Percent	65.7	52.1	62.7	82.0	62.5	80.0	76.9	67.3	65.8

The numerator for "Any Breastfeeding" includes records marked 'Only Human Milk' or 'Human Milk & Formula'.

The numerator for "Exclusive Breastfeeding" includes records marked 'Only Human Milk'.

The denominator (Breastfeeding Total) includes records marked 'Only Human Milk' and 'Human Milk & Formula' and 'Only Formula'; excludes cases with unknown method of feeding, cases marked NPO indicating "nothing by mouth" and those receiving total parenteral nutrition (TPN) at time of specimen collection.

Note 2: Excludes data for infants that were: 1) in an Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) nursery at the time of specimen collection; 2) Missing race/ethnicity information.

Orange County Number and Percent of Any and Exclusive Breastfeeding, by Race/Ethnicity, 2015 to 2022 (Continued)

Year and Age	Black	Asian	Hispanic	White	Pacific Islander	American Indian	Multiple	Other	Total
Any Number	297	7,926	11,966	8,195	94	10	1,079	306	30,445
Any Percent	94.6	92.7	94.0	96.2	91.9	*	95.7	95.6	94.3
Exclusive Number	222	4,520	8,151	7,071	29	*	900	225	21,609
Exclusive Percent	70.7	52.8	64.0	83.0	78.4	*	79.8	70.3	67.0
2019									
Any Number	360	8,326	12,606	8,447	29	15	1,078	311	31,757
Any Percent	91.6	90.7	94.3	96.2	90.6	100.0	94.9	95.4	93.9
Exclusive Number	273	4,778	8,492	7,209	18	13	908	220	22,333
Exclusive Percent	69.5	52.1	63.5	82.1	56.3	86.7	79.9	67.5	66.0
2020									
Any Number	279	5,573	11,270	7,648	39	17	938	*	25,764
Any Percent	94.9	91.6	94.0	96.6	88.6	100.0	95.5	*	94.3
Exclusive Number	191	3,572	7,356	6,527	27	14	779	*	18,466
Exclusive Percent	65.0	58.7	61.4	82.4	61.4	82.4	79.3	*	67.6
2021									
Any Number	373	5,392	11,944	8,428	30	20	1,067	*	28,191
Any Percent	92.3	94.6	93.8	95.9	81.1	100.0	94.9	*	94.7
Exclusive Number	271	3,548	7,906	7,061	20	17	859	*	20,339
Exclusive Percent	67.1	62.3	62.1	80.4	54.1	85.0	76.4	*	68.3
2022									
Any Number	360	5,390	12,761	8,049	35	11	1,175	*	28,781
Any Percent	95.7	93.3	94.6	96.1	94.6	91.7	95.3	*	94.9
Exclusive Number	273	3,427	8.305	6,692	21	*	919	*	20,326
Exclusive Percent	72.6	59.3	61.6	79.9	56.8	*	74.5	*	67.0

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Source: California Department of Public Health, Center for Family Health, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division, Breastfeeding Initiation Dashboard, Last Modified October 2025.

The numerator for "Any Breastfeeding" includes records marked 'Only Human Milk' or 'Human Milk & Formula'. The numerator for "Exclusive Breastfeeding" includes records marked 'Only Human Milk'.

The denominator (Breastfeeding Total) includes records marked 'Only Human Milk' and 'Human Milk & Formula' and 'Only Formula'; excludes cases with unknown method of feeding, cases marked NPO indicating "nothing by mouth" and those receiving total parenteral nutrition (TPN) at time of specimen collection.

Note 2: Excludes data for infants that were: 1) in an Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) nursery at the time of specimen collection; 2) Missing race/ethnicity information.

Breastfeeding Percentages in Orange County Hospitals and California, 2016 to 2023

Any Breastfeeding Percent								Exclusive Breastfeeding Percent								
Hospitals	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Anaheim Global Medical Center**	92.6	92.8	96.6	95.0	95.6	93.5	N/A	N/A	31.4	27.4	29.2	39.1	38.1	36.7	N/A	N/A
Anaheim Regional Medical Center	92.4	92.5	94.4	95.0	93.2	93.1	94.0	94.5	44.4	53.5	69.7	64.8	52.3	34.9	34.0	32.6
Fountain Valley Regional Medical Center*	93.6	93.1	92.5	93.8	94.8	92.5	93.7	87.4	34.7	44.5	49.2	55.8	54.6	54.2	61.2	47.0
Garden Grove Hospital**	95.8	96.0	94.5	94.8	95.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	35.2	20.3	23.4	23.8	36.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hoag Hospital	96.5	96.7	95.6	94.7	96.1	96.0	95.0	94.1	77.6	77.0	74.6	73.2	76.3	75.5	68.7	64.4
Hoag Hospital - Irvine	-	-	-	-	-	97.8	96.7	96.7	-	-	-	-	-	77.3	74.3	72.1
Kaiser-Anaheim	96.5	96.7	96.2	97.0	96.6	96.0	95.4	96.1	79.0	77.4	75.8	74.0	72.8	74.3	74.5	72.5
Kaiser-Irvine	98.0	97.5	98.0	97.9	97.0	97.6	96.6	97.0	84.5	85.7	84.1	81.0	82.1	81.9	80.1	77.6
La Palma Intercommunity Hospital**	93.2	92.9	81.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	43.2	55.8	35.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Los Alamitos Medical Center**	94.6	94.0	94.2	92.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	63.7	65.7	69.0	65.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mission Hospital Regional Medical Center	96.6	97.1	95.8	96.3	96.6	96.1	96.4	96.2	77.2	81.2	83.5	81.9	78.3	70.6	74.4	77.1
Orange Coast Memorial Hospital	94.4	93.8	95.4	94.9	96.4	95.2	95.8	96.4	71.2	72.0	75.2	71.2	71.7	71.1	73.9	75.6
Orange County Global Medical Center	91.0	91.4	88.5	90.4	90.6	91.3	92.3	92.0	43.1	34.4	27.1	25.4	28.7	33.7	34.1	36.9
Saddleback Memorial Medical Center	95.0	95.5	95.4	94.6	94.7	93.9	94.3	93.5	64.3	72.6	74.9	74.9	72.5	69.5	70.5	36.9
South Coast Global Medical Center	83.9	83.6	79.7	73.1	70.1	76.6	76.4	56.9	37.0	34.4	28.4	12.6	12.5	13.4	15.3	6.3
St. Joseph's Hospital	96.1	95.4	95.6	95.2	94.9	95.4	95.4	93.9	84.5	82.1	81.1	76.6	73.6	73.0	69.3	70.0
St. Jude Medical Center	95.4	94.5	95.3	94.1	94.5	93.3	94.9	94.9	68.3	61.5	62.2	64.8	65.6	65.1	65.7	68.0
UC Irvine Medical Center	92.7	93.1	91.9	93.3	93.6	90.2	95.6	93.5	72.8	73.2	73.5	82.1	81.1	73.6	80.0	81.3
Orange County	95.0	94.8	94.4	93.9	94.8	94.7	94.9	93.9	66.1	66.1	66.0	66.0	68.1	68.3	67.0	66.1
California	94.0	93.9	93.8	93.7	93.5	93.3	93.8	N/A	69.4	69.6	70.2	70.0	69.4	68.9	68.5	N/A

^{*}Fountain Valley Regional Hospital was acquired by UCI Health in 2024 and renamed UCI Health – Fountain Valley.

**The following hospitals have ceased maternity services: La Palma Intercommunity Hospital (2019), Los Alamitos Medical Center (2020), Garden Grove Hospital (2021) and Anaheim Global Medical Center (2022).

Source: California Department of Public Health, Center for Family Health, Genetic Disease Screening Program, Newborn Screening Data

Indicator: IMMUNIZATIONS

Definition

This indicator reports the percent of children who received all of the doses of specific vaccines required for attending child care facilities and required kindergarten entry. Child care facilities include any private or public child care center, day nursery, nursery school, family day care home or development center.¹

Percent of Children with Up-to-Date Immunizations Enrolling in School and Child Care (Ages 2 to 5 Years) in Orange County and California, 2015 to 2024

Assessment Year —	Up-To-Date at Kind	lergarten Entry*	Up-to-Date for Child Care (Ages 2 to 5 Years)*			
	California	Orange County	California	Orange County		
2015 – 2016	92.8	92.5	90.5	89.7		
2016 – 2017	95.6	95.5	94.9	94.6		
2017 – 2018	95.1	95.7	95.6	95.5		
2018 – 2019	94.8	95.7	95.9	95.9		
2019 – 2020	94.3	95.5	95.8	96.1		
2020 – 2021	92.8^	94.7	N/A	95.4		
2021 – 2022	94.0	96.3	N/A	96.1		
2022 – 2023	94.1	96.4	N/A	95.9		
2023 – 2024	93.7	95.6	N/A	97.6		
2024 – 2025	N/A	96.0	N/A	97.7		

^{*}Up-to-date (UTD) for Kindergarten and Child Care: Certain immunizations are required by law for child care or kindergarten in California. Children who are partially immunized are not considered UTD but may attend as long as they are not overdue for doses needed to complete the vaccine series. Children with a California Immunization Registry Medical Exemption to one or more required immunizations are also not UTD but may attend. Effective July 1, 2016, personal belief exemptions (PBEs) were removed from statute and are no longer an option for children entering child care or kindergarten. Prior to the 2016-2017 school year, children with PBEs were not UTD but could attend school. Children with written PBEs on file prior to January 1, 2016, could continue in child care until kindergarten or transitional kindergarten entry.

^Interim rate for kindergarten students in 2020-2021, when immunization or reporting may have been affected by, delayed immunization and widespread school closures as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Note: Effective July 1, 2016, California law removed the personal belief exemption from statute and now requires almost all children to be fully vaccinated against 10 diseases in order to attend public or private elementary, middle or high school or child care. Children with a written personal belief exemption on file prior to January 1, 2016, could continue in school or child care until the next grade span, i.e., kindergarten (including transitional kindergarten) to grade 6 or grades 7 to 12. The medical exemption will remain in statute.

The 10 diseases that children must be immunized against for school and child care entrance are: diphtheria, haemophilus influenzae type B, hepatitis B, measles, mumps, pertussis (whooping cough), polio, rubella, tetanus and varicella (chicken pox). Home school students or students who do not receive classroom-based instruction are not required to be vaccinated. Students who qualify for an Individualized Educational Program (IEP) cannot be prevented from accessing any special education and related services required by their IEP.

Sources: Kindergarten Assessment Results, California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch; Child Care Immunization Assessment Results, California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch

¹ California Immunization Requirements for Pre-Kindergarten, available at https://cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/School/childcare-immunizations.aspx.

Secondary Indicator: DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Definition

This indicator tracks the total number of children younger than 18 years of age who used services at the Regional Center of Orange County (RCOC). This includes children over 3 years of age who have a diagnosed developmental disability, and children younger than 3 years of age who are eligible for Early Intervention Services under Part C of the Individual with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA) through California's Early Start Program. The Early Start Program provides healthcare, intervention specialists, therapists and parent resources for infants, toddlers and their families.

Children Receiving Services for Developmental Disabilities, 2015 to 2024

	2015		201	6	2017		2018		2019	
	No.	%								
Total Served	9,343	100	9,688	100	10,156	100	10,493	100	10,869	100
Total Served with Diagnosis	6,644	71.1	6,761	69.8	6,905	68.0	7,006	66.8	7,205	66.3
Total Number Younger than 3 Years of Age	2,966	31.7	3,138	32.4	3,443	33.9	3,674	35.0	3,858	35.5
Total Number who live at home	9,112	97.5	9,461	97.7	9,911	97.6	10,224	97.4	10,580	97.3
Total Number who live in Community Care Facility	59	0.6	48	0.5	58	0.6	53	0.5	43	0.4
Total number who live in Foster Care (SSA)	126	1.3	139	1.4	154	1.5	183	1.7	212	2.0
	202	0	202	1	202	2	202	3	202	4
	No.	%								
Total Served	10,829	100	10,844	100	11,082	100	11,558	100	12,125	100
Total Served with Diagnosis	7,573	69.9	7,564	69.8	7,703	69.5	7,970	69.0	8,643	71.3
Total Number Younger than 3 Years of Age	3,563	32.9	3,490	32.2	3,618	47.0	3,822	33.1	3,740	30.8
Total Number who live at home	10,518	97.1	10,521	97.0	10,739	96.9	11,194	96.9	11,816	97.5
Total Number who live in Community Care Facility	41	0.3	34	0.3	24	0.2	23	0.2	21	0.2
Total Number who live in Foster Care (SSA)	235	2.1	257	2.3	290	2.6	311	2.7	260	2.1

Note: Numbers for CalWORKs/Medi-Cal and SSI/Medi-Cal populations aren't included because data were inconclusive.

Note: Due to some children being counted in more than one category, based on their qualifications, values may not add up to 100%. Source: Regional Center of Orange County

Number of Children Younger than 19 Receiving Services for Developmental Disabilities, by Race/Ethnicity, 2015 to 2024

Ethnicity	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
White	2,486	2,539	2,592	2,684	2,845	2,753	2,812	2,662	2,537	2,580
Black	167	199	212	222	233	253	258	326	376	393
Hispanic	3,715	3,944	4,114	4,219	4,400	4,400	4,303	4,565	5,024	5,280
Asian	1,780	1,861	2,050	2,109	2,235	2,228	2,327	2,568	2,485	2685
Other*	1,200	1,151	1,192	1,261	796	1,195	1,119	1,105	1,112	836
Unknown	417	408	428	409	361	372	304	297	289	350
Total	9,765	10,102	10,587	10,494	10,896	10,829	10,844	11,082	11,558	12,125

^{*}Other includes Multicultural, Native American/Alaska Native, Russian and Other. Source: Regional Center for Orange County

Number and Percent of Children with a Diagnosis of Autism Served by the Regional Center of Orange County, July 2019 to July 2024

		2019			2020			2021			2022	
Years of Age	Total # of Children Served by RCOC	# with Autism	% with Autism	Total # of Children Served by RCOC	# with Autism	% with Autism	Total # of Children Served by RCOC	# with Autism	% with Autism	Total # of Children Served by RCOC	# with Autism	% with Autism
3 to 4	732	475	64.9	797	522	65.5	836	559	66.9	868	585	67.4
5 to 9	2,297	1,558	67.8	2,302	1,622	70.5	2,294	1,655	72.1	2,361	1,713	72.5
10 to 14	2,500	1,501	60.0	2,575	1,613	62.6	2,558	1,663	65.0	2,548	1,725	67.7
15 to 18	1,956	1,027	52.5	2,034	1,116	54.9	2,150	1,244	57.9	2,156	1,276	59.2
Total	7,485	4,561	60.9	7,708	4,873	63.2	7,838	5,121	65.5	7,933	5,299	66.8
		2023			2024			2025				
Years of Age	Total # of Children Served by RCOC	# with Autism	% with Autism	Total # of Children Served by RCOC	# with Autism	% with Autism	Total # of Children Served by RCOC	# with Autism	% with Autism	% Change 2019 to 2025		
						74.5	1,106	860	77.8	19.9		
3 to 4	905	605	66.9	1,003	717	71.5	1,100	000	11.0	19.9		
3 to 4 5 to 9	905 2,555	605 1,911	66.9 74.8	1,003 3,061	2,377	71.5	3,670	2,917	79.5	17.3		
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5 to 9	2,555	1,911	74.8	3,061	2,377	77.7	3,670	2,917	79.5	17.3		

Note: Point in time data as of July 31 each year. Source: Regional Center of Orange County

Indicator: PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND NUTRITION

Percent of Grade Five, Seven and Nine Students in Healthy Fitness Zone for Aerobic Capacity, 2012/13 to 2018/19

	2012/13	2013/14*	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
5 th Graders	63.0	70.2	70.7	69.1	68.3	68.4	65.7
7 th Graders	64.4	74.7	73.6	73.8	74.0	72.9	69.8
9 th Graders	63.0	72.0	71.8	70.4	70.6	70.6	68.1

*Data prior to 2013/14 is not comparable due to differences in reporting methodology. Note: Reprint due to unavailable data after 2018/19. Source: California Department of Education, DataQuest

Percent of Students in Healthy Fitness Zone for Aerobic Capacity, by Grade and Race/Ethnicity, 2012/13 to 2018/19

Grade and Year	Black	American Indian	Asian	Filipino	Pacific Islander	Hispanic	White	Average
2012/13								
5 th Graders	67.6	61.5	75.8	70.5	59.5	59.7	80.9	67.9
7 th Graders	72.7	69.0	85.2	76.5	56.0	62.4	82.0	72.0
9 th Graders	68.1	65.5	83.4	76.4	55.2	61.1	78.3	69.7
2013/14*								
5 th Graders	66.4	70.0	76.1	69.7	61.0	61.5	81.2	69.4
7 th Graders	70.5	71.9	86.3	81.2	65.4	65.4	82.9	74.8
9 th Graders	70.7	75.9	83.5	77.7	64.9	63.1	78.6	73.5
2014/15								
5 th Graders	67.7	57.3	77.5	73.4	60.5	62.2	81.1	68.5
7 th Graders	69.2	71.2	84.2	77.7	65.1	64.8	81.9	73.4
9 th Graders	69.5	66.1	82.9	76.3	62.5	62.7	79.4	71.3
2015/16								
5 th Graders	65.4	54.4	76.2	68.4	56.8	60.4	79.9	66.0
7 th Graders	71.7	82.4	85.8	81.9	68.0	64.4	81.1	76.5
9 th Graders	67.3	67.0	81.5	77.0	52.6	62.1	77.2	69.2
2016/17								
5 th Graders	61.1	53.8	72.9	66.2	45.4	60.0	78.9	62.6
7 th Graders	70.2	69.4	84.3	78.6	57.7	65.4	81.6	72.5
9 th Graders	62.9	67.0	81.9	76.1	58.1	60.8	79.5	69.5
2017/18								
5 th Graders	65.5	54.3	75.7	69.9	54.1	60.3	79.5	65.6
7 th Graders	72.2	78.5	84.5	79.0	55.5	62.6	78.5	73.0
9 th Graders	64.9	68.5	83.3	77.7	64.2	60.3	74.7	70.5
2018/19								
5 th Graders	61.6	65	73.2	71.6	62	56.7	78.4	66.9
7 th Graders	64.1	62.8	83.1	79.7	59.4	58.7	76	69.1
9 th Graders	59.7	76.2	82.3	75.9	54.8	56.1	73.9	68.4

*Data prior to 2013/14 is not comparable due to differences in reporting methodology.

Note: Reprint due to unavailable data after 2018/19. Source: California Department of Education, DataQuest

Percent of Grade Five Students Classified as Needs Improvement Based on Health Risk for Aerobic Capacity, by Race/Ethnicity, 2012/13 to 2018/19

Percent Needs Improvement Health Risk for Aerobic Capacity

Race/ Ethnicity	2012/13	2013/14*	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Hispanic	11.2	9.1	7.7	9.5	9.5	8.8	9.7
Pacific Islander	11.7	7.2	13.6	10.1	16.9	12.3	10.3
Black	5.3	5.6	6.6	6.6	8.1	8.0	7.6
American Indian	6.4	5.6	8.7	9.8	8.7	8.9	4.2
Filipino	5.3	5.0	4.9	5.1	5.9	5.6	3.0
White	3.3	2.7	2.9	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.9
Two or More Races	3.5	2.3	3.7	4.6	2.0	5.2	6.0
Asian	2.7	2.1	2.3	2.6	2.9	2.0	1.8
Orange County	7.2	5.8	5.3	6.3	6.2	6.0	6.4
California	8.4	6.5	6.6	6.8	6.7	6.7	7.2

*Data prior to 2013/14 is not comparable due to differences in reporting methodology. Note: Reprint due to unavailable data after 2018/19. Source: California Department of Education, DataQuest

Indicator: OBESITY

Percent of Grade Five, Seven and Nine Students in Healthy Fitness Zone for Body Composition, 2012/13 to 2018/19

Grade	2012/13	2013/14*	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
5 th Graders	56.7	63.4	64.1	64.0	64.2	63.8	63.4
7 th Graders	62.1	67.4	66.4	67.1	66.6	66.1	65.1
9 th Graders	65.3	70.8	71.2	69.5	69.2	69.4	68.6

*Data prior to 2013/14 is not comparable due to differences in reporting methodology. Note: Reprint due to unavailable data after 2018/19. Source: California Department of Education, DataQuest

Percent of Students Meeting Healthy Fitness Zone Standards for Body Composition, by Grade and Race/Ethnicity, 2012/13 to 2018/19

Grade and Year	Black	American Indian	Asian	Filipino	Pacific Islander	Hispanic	White	Average
2012/13								
5 th Graders	56.2	61.5	67.8	60.5	52.9	44.8	69.8	59.1
7 th Graders	62.8	59.4	74.6	62.8	42.8	49.8	73.9	60.9
9 th Graders	63.5	55.9	77.2	68.8	47.1	56	72.9	63.1
2013/14*								
5 th Graders	63.1	66.7	75	65.9	47.4	51.1	76.4	63.7
7 th Graders	64.5	71.9	79.7	71.6	50	55.6	79.1	67.5
9 th Graders	68.8	74.1	82.1	76.2	58.4	60.7	79.2	71.4
2014/15								
5 th Graders	61.7	60.9	75.7	65.2	46.3	52.4	76.5	62.7
7 th Graders	62.5	68.5	79.1	71.3	50	55.1	77.8	66.3
9 th Graders	69.8	69.9	82.9	72.8	57.8	60.6	80.5	70.6
2015/16								
5 th Graders	64.7	56.2	75.2	69.3	41.2	52.6	76.0	62.2
7 th Graders	66.0	74.1	79.5	71.5	47.2	55.4	78.2	67.4
9 th Graders	68.2	69.0	81.8	75.7	52.6	58.8	79.2	69.3
2016/17								
5 th Graders	65.1	53.3	74.2	68.3	43.8	52.1	77.8	62.1
7 th Graders	63.8	54.1	78.4	71.6	46.2	54.6	78.3	63.9
9 th Graders	64	69.6	80.8	74.3	49	58	79.7	67.9
2017/18								
5 th Graders	68.1	53.2	77.3	65.9	44.3	52.1	75.9	62.4
7 th Graders	54.2	72.2	79.2	72.9	45.9	55.3	72.3	64.6
9 th Graders	62.1	76.4	83.6	73.2	58.9	58.8	72.9	69.4
2018/19								
5 th Graders	69.2	68.3	75.4	71.3	55.5	51.5	77.3	66.9
7 th Graders	54.8	55.3	79.3	73.4	46.5	53.9	71.3	62.1
9 th Graders	57.3	75	82.3	7.4	46.0	57.6	74	57.1

*Data prior to 2013/14 is not comparable due to differences in reporting methodology. Note: Reprint due to unavailable data after 2018/19. Source: California Department of Education, DataQuest

Percent of Grade Five Students Classified as Needs Improvement Based on Health Risk for Body Composition, by Race/ Ethnicity, 2012/13 to 2018/19

Percent Needs Improvement Based on Health Risk for Body Composition

Race/Ethnicity	2012/13	2013/14*	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Pacific Islander	39.9	28.6	39.4	33.8	36.2	38.5	27.0
Hispanic	41.7	27.3	26.2	26.7	26.8	26.8	27.2
Black	30.7	17.9	15.3	19.1	17.3	18.1	12.8
American Indian	30.2	16.6	16.0	25.4	28.2	28.0	13.4
Filipino	26.5	16	17.1	12.7	13.3	14.7	16.6
Two or More Races	22.5	9.9	11.4	12.9	7.3	12.1	11.4
White	18.4	9.3	9.4	9.4	8.5	0.0	8.5
Asian	19.5	8.6	8.5	9.3	9.7	8.0	7.9
Orange County	30.5	18.3	17.7	18.1	18.0	18.4	18.3
California	33.7	21	20.9	20.7	21.5	21.3	21.9

^{*}Data prior to 2013/14 is not comparable due to differences in reporting methodology. Note: Reprint due to unavailable data after 2018/19. Source: California Department of Education, DataQuest

Secondary Indicator: SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS

Definition

This indicator tracks the number of cases and annual case rates per 100,000 population of reportable sexually transmitted infections (STIs) including chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis and HIV/AIDS in children 10 to 17 years of age.

Number and STI Case Rates Per 100,000 Youth 10 to 17 Years, by Type of Disease, 2015 to 2024

	201	5	2016	3	2017	,	201	8	201	19
Type of STI**	Number	Rate								
Chlamydia	649	194.5	701	210.0	696	208.2	673	201.4	665	200.5
Gonorrhea	68	20.4	95	28.5	111	33.2	113	33.8	95	28.6
Syphilis	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	10	3.0
HIV/AIDS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Population		333,702		333,740		334,358		334,092		331,668

	202	0	2021		2022	2	202	3	202	24
Type of STI**	Number	Rate								
Chlamydia	543	168.2	481	149.4	480	149.7	563	175.8	578	185.1
Gonorrhea	114	35.3	114	35.4	104	32.4	111	34.7	91	29.1
Syphilis	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
HIV/AIDS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Population		322,762		321,911		320,602		320,161		312,264

Note: Syphilis is Early Syphilis, Primary, Secondary and Early Non-Primary Non-Secondary. Congenital cases are excluded because they are not in the age range. *Instances of less than 10 cases have been omitted.

Source: OC Health Care Agency, Public Health Services

Source: State of California, Department of Finance, Report P-3: State and County Population Projections by Race/Ethnicity, Detailed Age, and Gender

Number of STIs Among Youth 10 to 17 Years, by Gender and Type of Infection, 2015 to 2024

Type of STI	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Chlamydia										
Male	125	155	159	135	139	107	93	102	129	142
Female	521	544	534	530	519	428	377	363	413	418
Unknown	*	*	*	*	*	*	11	15	21	*
Total	649	701	696	673	665	543	481	480	563	578
Gonorrhea										
Male	23	32	43	33	34	37	27	37	44	30
Female	45	63	67	80	61	76	87	62	61	51
Unknown	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	10
Total	68	95	111	113	95	114	114	104	111	91
Syphilis**										
Male	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Female	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Unknown	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	*	*	*	*	10	*	*	*	*	*
HIV/AIDS										
Male	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Female	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Transgender	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Unknown	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

^{*}Instances of less than 10 cases have been omitted.

**Syphilis is Early Syphilis, Primary, Secondary and Early Non-Primary Non-Secondary. Congenital cases are excluded because they are not in the age range. Source: State of California, Department of Finance, Report P-3: State and County Population Projections by Race/Ethnicity, Detailed Age, and Gender Source: OC Health Care Agency, Public Health Services

Number and STI Case Rates per 100,000 Youth, By Age Group and Type of Infection, 2015 to 2024

	201	5	2010	6	201	17	2018	3	2019	9
Type of STI**	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Chlamydia										
10 to 14 years	23	11.2	36	17.5	35	16.9	30	14.4	44	21.3
15 to 17 years	626	490.2	665	520.0	661	520.0	643	511.2	621	496.3
Total	649	194.5	701	210.0	696	208.2	673	201.4	665	200.5
Gonorrhea										
10 to 14 years	*	*	*	*	*	*	11	5.3	*	*
15 to 17 years	62	48.5	88	68.8	102	80.2	102	81.1	92	73.5
Total	68	20.4	95	28.5	111	33.2	113	33.8	95	28.6
Syphilis										
10 to 14 years	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 to 17 years	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	10	7.9
Total	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	10	3.0
HIV/AIDS										
10 to 14 years	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 to 17 years	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
		2020	2	2021	2	2022	202	23	202	4
Type of STI**	Num	ber Ra	te Numb	er Rate	Numbe	er Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Chlamydia										
10 to 14 years		39 19	.5 2	25 12.6	3	16.2	28	14.2	29	15.4
15 to 17 years	Ę	504 409	.6 45	56 370.4	44	8 364.2	535	435.9	549	444.7
Total		543 168	.2 48	31 149.4	48	0 149.7	563	175.8	578	185.1
Gonorrhea										
10 to 14 years		13 6	.5	*	' 1	1 5.6	*	*	*	*
15 to 17 years		101 82	.1 11	10 89.3	3 9	75.6	104	84.7	86	69.7
Total	•	114 114	.0 11	14 35.4	10	4 32.4	111	34.7	91	29.1
Syphilis										
10 to 14 years		*	*		•	* *	*	*	*	*
15 to 17 years		*	*		•	* *	*	*	*	*
Total		*	*	*	•	* *	*	*	*	*
HIV/AIDS										
10 to 14 years		*	*	*		* *	*	*	*	*
15 to 17 years		*	*		•	* *	*	*	*	*
Total		*	*	*	•	* *	*	*	*	*

*Instances of less than 10 cases have been omitted.

**Does not include congenital cases resulting from birthing person to child transmission.

Source: State of California, Department of Finance, Report P-3: State and County Population Projections by Race/Ethnicity, Detailed Age, and Gender Source: CalREDIE as of January 2025 via OC Health Care Agency, Public Health Services

Probable and Confirmed Congenital Syphilis Cases, 2015 to 2024

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total	*	*	10	14	13	18	28	32	18	16

*Instances of less than 10 cases have been omitted.

Source: CalREDIE as of January 2025 via OC Health Care Agency, Public Health Services

Probable and Confirmed Congenital Syphilis Cases, by Maternal Drug Use, 2015 - 2019 and 2020 - 2024

Meth	2015 – 2019	2020 - 2024
Meth Use	37%	69%
No Meth Use	63%	31%
Total with Known Drug Use Information	30	67
Marijuana	2015 – 2019	2020 – 2024
Marijuana Use	*	30%
No Marijuana Use	76%	70%
Total with Known Drug Use Information	29	57
Cocaine	2015 – 2019	2020 – 2024
Cocaine Use	*	*
No Cocaine Use	97%	98%
Total with Known Drug Use Information	29	56
Crack Cocaine	2015 – 2019	2020 – 2024
Crack Cocaine Use	*	*
No Crack Cocaine Use	93%	100%
Total with Known Drug Use Information	29	55
Heroin	2015 – 2019	2020 – 2024
Heroin Use	*	*
No Heroin Use	100%	95%
Total with Known Drug Use Information	29	56

*Instances of less than 10 cases have been omitted.

Note: More than one substance can be identified in a case. Source: CalREDIE as of April 15, 2025 via OC Health Care Agency, Public Health Services

Trimester that Prenatal Care Began of Probable and Confirmed Congenital Syphilis Cases, 2015 - 2019 and 2020 - 2024

	2015 – 2019	2020 - 2024
First	30%	*
Second	*	*
Third	*	*
No Prenatal Care	32%	56%
Unknown	*	23%
Total	44	112

*Rates based on less than 10 cases have been omitted.

Source: CalREDIE as of April 15, 2025 via OC Health Care Agency, Public Health Services

Vital Status of Probable and Confirmed Congenital Syphilis Cases, 2015 - 2019 and 2020 - 2024

	2015 – 2019	2020 - 2024
Alive	93%	83%
Born alive, then died	*	*
Stillborn	*	13%
Unknown	*	*
Total	44	112

*Rates based on less than 10 cases have been omitted.
Source: CalREDIE as of April 15, 2025 via OC Health Care Agency, Public Health Services

Preterm and Term Births of Probable and Confirmed Congenital Syphilis Cases, 2015 - 2019 and 2020 - 2024

	2015 – 2019	2020 - 2024
Preterm	43%	17%
Term	55%	51%
Unknown	*	*
Total	44	112

*Rates based on less than 10 cases have been omitted.

Source: CalREDIE as of April 15, 2025 via OC Health Care Agency, Public Health Services

Percent of Adequate Treatment During Pregnancy of Probable and Confirmed Congenital Syphilis Cases, 2015 - 2019 and

	2015 – 2019	2020 - 2024
Yes, adequate; penicillin-based treatment appropriate for stage	*	*
No, inadequate treatment: penicillin-based treatment begun <30 days before delivery	83%	63%
No, inadequate: penicillin-based treatment not appropriate for stage	*	*
Total with Known Information	18	27

*Rates based on less than 10 cases have been omitted. Source: CalREDIE as of April 15, 2025 via OC Health Care Agency, Public Health Services

Probable and Confirmed Congenital Syphilis Cases, by Race Ethnicity, 2015 - 2019 and 2020 - 2024

	2015 – 2019	2020 - 2024
White	*	18%
Black	*	*
Hispanic	45%	67%
Asian	*	*
American Indian/Native American	*	*
Multiracial	*	*
Other	*	*
Unknown	*	*
Total	44	112

*Rates based on less than 10 cases have been omitted.
Source: CalREDIE as of April 15, 2025 via OC Health Care Agency, Public Health Services

Indicator: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Number of Youth Younger than 25 Years Served by Children and Youth Services (CYS), Fiscal Year (FY) 2014/15 to FY 2023/24

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Number of Youth	15,029	14,624	15,039	16,314	16,221	15,000	14,864	15,739	15,014	14,687

Note: CYS provides a variety of services to youth under age 25 who are living with serious behavioral health conditions and their families, when appropriate. Services include assessment, care coordination, individual and family therapy, group counseling, crisis intervention, medication support and other support services. CYS provides this care in clinics as well as at the client's home or other community settings that are convenient and comfortable for the client.

Source: OC Health Care Agency, Behavioral Health Services, Data Analytics and Evaluation

Youth Younger than 25 Years Served by CYS, by Race/Ethnicity, FY 2014/15 to 2023/24

Race/ Ethnicity	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
White	19%	18%	17%	16%	17%	19%	19%	19%	18%	16%
Black	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%
Hispanic	69%	70%	70%	70%	69%	63%	64%	62%	63%	57%
Asian	5%	6%	6%	6%	7%	7%	7%	8%	8%	7%
American Indian	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Another/ Unknown*	1%	1%	1%	4%	2%	6%	6%	7%	8%	14%
Total	15,029	14,624	15,039	16,314	16,221	15,000	14,864	15,739	15,014	14,687

^{*}Another/Unknown includes Middle Eastern and North African, Another Not Listed, More than One Race and Unknown.

Note: Percentages are rounded to whole numbers and exact values < 1% are not shown to protect the confidentiality of the children summarized in the data. Source: OC Health Care Agency, Behavioral Health Services Data Analytics and Evaluation

Number of CYS Services Provided to Youth Younger than 25 Years, FY 2014/15 to 2023/24

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Total	387,064	367,429	381,404	433,483	440,028	507,299	578,697	498,031	534,448	453,791

Note: CYS provides a variety of services to youth younger than age 26 who are living with serious behavioral health conditions and their families, when appropriate. Services include assessment, care coordination, individual and family therapy, group counseling, crisis intervention, medication support and other support services. CYS provides this care in clinics as well as at the client's home or other community settings that are convenient and comfortable for the client. Source: OC Health Care Agency, Behavioral Health Services Data Analytics and Evaluation

Rate of Mental Health and Substance Use-Related Hospitalizations per 10,000 Children Younger than 19, by City of Residence, 2015 to 2023

City Of Residence	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Aliso Viejo	26.2	20.1	24.7	27.6	29.6	18.1	22.0	29.0	32.9
Anaheim	20.6	27.1	30.5	28.4	36.5	26.3	30.3	35.9	38.8
Brea	18.4	24.9	20.5	24.7	33.1	17.9	30.2	27.8	28.8
Buena Park	15.1	20.7	23.2	23.8	31.2	19.5	32.4	22.1	28.5
Costa Mesa	22.9	30.38	39.1	33.1	50.0	47.3	32.4	18.8	26.2
Coto de Caza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18.1**
Cypress	30.1	26.3	30.1	28.8	48.0	36.4	45.2	46.1	38.5
Dana Point	14.9	26.5	31.5	35.1	91.1	25.3	59.8	36.3	21.3**
Fountain Valley	32.8	23.0	31.9	41.3	40.0	51.5	49.5	31.4	44.8
Fullerton	21.7	26.5	27.5	39.0	47.0	38.0	40.0	40.8	54.3
Garden Grove	19.3	23.0	19.6	22.4	27.5	27.0	22.4	25.4	35.7
Huntington Beach	28.2	27.7	36.1	29.8	42.0	42.2	33.8	41.0	45.8
Irvine	16.7	19.8	22.9	24.0	29.0	33.7	38.1	34.5	30.3

Rate of Mental Illness and Substance Use-Related Hospitalizations per 10,000 Children Younger than 19, by City of Residence, 2015 to 2023 (Continued)

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City Of Residence	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
La Habra	13.4	10.9	19.8	19.0	31.9	22.0	24.4	35.2	35.3
La Palma	12.2**	12.2	27.5	31.9	29.9	20.6	30.8	NA*	NA*
Ladera Ranch	NA*	23.0	24.1	0.0	21.4	24.9	34.7	28.6	20.5
Laguna Beach	38.5**	28.3	25.7	42.8	44.4	31.4	40.0	59.0	36.3**
Laguna Hills	25.4	36.5	22.2	39.2	34.5	24.2	42.8	36.6**	33.6**
Laguna Niguel	28.8	26.6	22.9	30.4	39.1	30.3	43.8	24.7	30.8
Laguna Woods	0.0**	0.0	21.4	0.0	0.0	27.1	0.0	NA*	NA*
Lake Forest	22.5	22.5	25.2	43.6	31.3	24.8	27.7	32.1	21.7
Los Alamitos	34.9**	38.3	27.9	25.3	24.4	38.2	43.2	34.0**	NA*
Midway City	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NA*
Mission Viejo	21.6	24.7	30.7	30.8	38.8	34.2	39.3	35.5	33.1
Newport Beach	16.8	18.1	21.4	33.5	49.1	59.0	43.7	27.8	20.6
North Tustin	n/a	36.7	40.0	0.0	38.2	27.1	43.0	45.0	49.6
Orange	34.2	43.9	54.2	41.9	53.7	47.1	29.0	41.2	61.4
Placentia	24.8	27.2	22.4	37.4	29.6	29.0	44.9	28.8	45.9
Rancho Santa Margarita	22.5	21.8	22.5	25.6	39.4	25.5	19.4	32.9	38.8
San Clemente	24.4	21.8	23.1	24.0	26.5	31.2	23.2	21.2	31.5
San Juan Capistrano	38.3	33.7	25.5	25.5	35.7	20.8	26.0	25.9	47.8
Santa Ana	16.2	19.9	22.7	26.7	26.9	23.0	42.6	26.0	34.2
Seal Beach	9.4**	15.7	22.0	16.8	34.5	17.5	49.0	NA*	NA*
Stanton	12.8	14.7	18.6	24.5	23.4	30.1	21.3	23.4**	30.4
Tustin	41.3	31.7	33.2	35	40.8	30.5	46.2	45.6	61.8
Unincorporated	n/a	3.6	21.1	23.4	67.2	46.2	25.2	NA*	NA*
Villa Park	17.2**	0**	8.6**	44.2**	47.5**	12.6	87.9	NA*	NA*
Westminster	25.4	18	33.9	29.1	27.2	28.8	26.3	36.2	24.8
Yorba Linda	31.6	18.3	27.8	31	30.1	38.5	34.1	28.6	32.9

^{*}Specific counts when <11 are not shown to protect the confidentiality of the children summarized in the data.

**Due to low frequency, rate is less stable and therefore should be interpreted with caution.

Population Source: Claritas, 2023

Source: OC Health Care Agency, Research Office - Administrative Services and Operations; Hospitalization Data: CA Department of Health Care Access and Information, 2023

Rate of Mental Health and Substance Use-Related Hospitalizations per 10,000 Children Younger than 19, by Diagnosis and Race/Ethnicity, 2017 to 2023

				2017***		
Behavioral Health Condition	Asian/ Pad Islan		Black	Hispanic	White	Another Race
Schizophrenia & Psychoses		*	*	1.1	1.1	*
Bipolar		1.2	11.6	2.5	3.8	1.3
Major Depressive & Mood Disorder		8.3	32.1	16.1	29.1	7.2
Schizoaffective		*	*	*	0.7	*
Substance Related		*	*	0.4	0.9	*
Other Behavioral Health Condition**		2.7	*	3.9	6.1	1.0
Total	1	2.6	58.8	24.2	41.7	10.0
				2018***		
Behavioral Health Condition	Asian/ Pad Islan		Black	Hispanic	White	Another Race
Schizophrenia & Psychoses		*	*	1.3	0.7	*
Bipolar		1.2	17.1	2.3	4.9	*
Major Depressive & Mood Disorder	1	1.3	42.9	16.9	29.7	10.5
Schizoaffective		*	*	*	0.9	*
Substance Related		*	*	0.5	1.0	*
Other Behavioral Health Condition**		2.1	*	2.8	6.3	1.4
Total	1	15.4	76.3	24.0	43.5	14.1
				2019		
Behavioral Health Condition	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Two or More Races	Another Race
Schizophrenia & Psychoses	*	*	1.3	1.0	*	*
Bipolar	*	9.7	2.2	5.0	*	*
Major Depressive & Mood Disorder	11.2	53.9	22.3	33.5	*	8.1
Schizoaffective	*	*	0.5	0.7	*	*
Substance Related	*	*	1.0	1.0	*	*
Other Behavioral Health Condition**	2.8	18.6	6.1	8.3	*	2.4
Total	15.2	86.6	33.4	49.5 2020	2.4	11.8
Behavioral Health Condition	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Two or More Races	Another Race
Schizophrenia & Psychoses	1.1	*	1.2	*	*	*
Bipolar	*	13.3	1.9	5.4	*	1.0
Major Depressive & Mood Disorder	8.2	49.5	18.0	28.3	*	7.1
Schizoaffective	*	*	0.5	0.6	*	*
Substance Related	*	*	0.7	1.1	*	*
Other Behavioral Health Condition**	2.7	11.5	4.7	8.3	*	1.9
Total	13.2	79.5	27.0	44.1	2.5	11.2

Rate of Mental Health and Substance Use-Related Hospitalizations per 10,000 Children Younger than 18 Years, by Diagnosis and Race/Ethnicity, 2017 to 2023 (Continued)

			2021			
Behavioral Health Condition	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Two or More Races	Another Race
Schizophrenia & Psychoses	*	*	1.2	*	*	*
Bipolar	*	*	2.1	5.1	*	0.9
Major Depressive & Mood Disorder	9.6	32.9	23.0	33.0	0.8	10.1
Schizoaffective	*	*	0.6	0.7	*	*
Substance Related	*	*	0.4	*	*	*
Other Behavioral Health Condition**	2.4	9.7	5.3	7.9	*	1.8
Total	12.8	54.6	32.6	47.5	1.6	13.5
			2022			
Behavioral Health Condition	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Two or More Races	Another Race
Schizophrenia & Psychoses	*	*	0.8	1.2	*	*
Bipolar	*	*	1.8	3.7	*	1.1
Major Depressive & Mood Disorder	9.5	40.1	20.1	28.4	*	10.4
Schizoaffective	*	*	*	0.6	*	*
Substance Related	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other Behavioral Health Condition**	1.5	15.8	6.0	8.4	*	1.8
Total	12.1	71.8	29.2	42.6	1.0	13.9
			2023			
Behavioral Health Condition	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Two or More Races	Another Race
Schizophrenia & Psychoses	*	*	0.8	0.7	*	1.5
Bipolar	*	*	1.2	2.3	*	2.8
Major Depressive & Mood Disorder	10.6	29.1	20.5	19.9	*	33.8
Schizoaffective	*	*	0.5	*	*	*
Substance Related	*	*	0.7	0.8	*	*
Other Behavioral Health Condition**	2.7	20.0	8.5	8.7	*	3.9
Total	14.1	57.2	32.1	32.5	0.8	42.2

Red Text denotes less stable rate due to low frequency, and therefore should be interpreted with caution. Source: OC Health Care Agency, Research - Government Affairs and Communications

Percent of Students who Reported Experiencing Depression-Related Feelings, by Grade Level, Orange County and California, 2015-2017 to 2021-2023

	2015-201	2015-2017		2017-2019		2019-2021		2021-2023	
By Grade Level	ОС	CA	OC	CA	OC	CA	OC	CA	
7th Grade	23%	24%	25%	30%	29%	32%	30%	34%	
9th Grade	27%	30%	30%	33%	33%	37%	30%	35%	
11th Grade	32%	32%	35%	37%	39%	42%	36%	39%	
Non-Traditional	35%	33%	36%	32%	N/A	38%	39%	36%	

Definition: Estimated percentage of public school students in grades 7, 9, 11, and non-traditional programs who, in the previous year, felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more that they stopped doing some usual activities (e.g., in 2017-2019, 32.6% of California 9th graders had depression-related feelings in the previous year).

Note: Years presented comprise two school years (e.g., 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years are shown as 2017-2019). County- and state-level data are weighted estimates.

Source: WestEd, California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) and Biennial State CHKS. California Department of Education

^{*}Not calculated to protect the confidentiality of the children summarized in the data due to fewer than 11 hospitalizations within the racial/ethnic group.

**Other Behavioral Health Conditions include conditions such as other unspecified mood disorders, conduct disorders and disorders related to sleep, eating, elimination and pain.

***Disaggregated Asian/Pacific Islander, and Two or More Races not available this year.

Percent of Grade 11 Students who Reported Experiencing Depression-Related Feelings, by Race/Ethnicity, Orange County and California, 2013-2015 to 2021-2023

	2013-2	015	2015-2	017	2017-2	019	2019-2	021	2021-2	023
By Race/Ethnicity	ОС	CA								
African American/Black	20%	28%	24%	29%	31%	28%	34%	36%	36%	38%
American Indian/Alaska Native	34%	32%	22%	28%	30%	44%	26%	35%	29%	29%
Asian	38%	32%	32%	31%	35%	33%	38%	42%	35%	37%
Hispanic/Latino	34%	35%	32%	33%	35%	37%	40%	43%	35%	40%
Pacific Islander	29%	40%	37%	41%	40%	39%	39%	42%	44%	38%
White	33%	32%	31%	32%	33%	38%	38%	41%	35%	39%
Multiracial	34%	36%	33%	35%	39%	41%	44%	47%	42%	40%
Other	-	_	-	_	-	-	-	-	42%	39%

Definition: Estimated percentage of public school students in grades 7, 9, 11 and non-traditional programs who, in the previous year, felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more that they stopped doing some usual activities.

Note: Years presented comprise two school years (e.g., 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years are shown as 2017-2019). County- and state-level data are weighted estimates. Source: WestEd, California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) and Biennial State CHKS. California Department of Education

Percent of Students who Reported Experiencing Depression-Related Feelings, by Gender and Grade Level, Orange County and California, 2015-2017 to 2021-2023

		2015-2	017	2017-2	019	2019-2	021	2021-2023	
		% Yes Female	% Yes Male						
Orange	Grade 7	28%	17%	31%	18%	36%	20%	37%	20%
County	Grade 9	36%	18%	38%	22%	42%	22%	38%	20%
	Grade 11	41%	23%	43%	26%	49%	28%	44%	25%
	Non- Traditional	nal 50% 24		46%	46% 30%		N/A	46%	31%
		2015-2	017	2017-2	019	2019-2	021	2021-2	023
		% Yes Female	% Yes Male						
	Grade 7	30%	18%	37%	23%	40%	21%	42%	24%
California	Grade 9	39%	19%	42%	23%	47%	25%	45%	23%
	Grade 11	42%	23%	45%	28%	52%	31%	47%	29%
	Non- Traditional	43%	26%	44%	23%	49%	31%	48%	26%

Note: Definition: Estimated percentage of public school students in grades 7, 9, 11 and non-traditional programs who, in the previous year, felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more that they stopped doing some usual activities.

Note: Years presented comprise two school years (e.g., 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years are shown as 2017-2019). County- and state-level data are weighted estimates. Source: WestEd, California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) and Biennial State CHKS. California Department of Education

Percent of Students who Seriously Considered Attempting Suicide in the Previous Year, by Grade Level, Orange County and California, 2015-2017 to 2021-2023

	2015-2017		2017-20	2017-2019		2019-2021		23
By Grade Level	ОС	CA	ОС	CA	ОС	CA	ОС	CA
9th Grade	15%	16%	15%	16%	13%	15%	13%	16%
11th Grade	15%	16%	15%	16%	14%	16%	14%	16%
Non-Traditional	19%	12%	19%	17%	19%	14%	17%	15%

Note: Estimated percentage of public school students in grades 9, 11 and non-traditional programs who seriously considered attempting suicide in the previous year. Note: Years presented comprise two school years (e.g., 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years are shown as 2017-2019). County- and state-level data are weighted estimates. Source: WestEd, California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) and Biennial State CHKS. California Department of Education

Percent of Grade 11 Students who Seriously Considered Attempting Suicide in the Previous Year, by Race/Ethnicity, Orange County and California, 2013-2015 to 2021-2023

	2013-20	15	2015-20	17	2017-20	19	2021-20	23
By Race/Ethnicity	ОС	CA	ОС	ОС	ОС	CA	ОС	CA
African American/Black	14.%	16%	13%	14%	12%	17%	19%	15%
American Indian/Alaska Native	20%	22%	16%	25%	7%	14%	21%	5%
Asian	18%	15%	18%	17%	16%	16%	16%	16%
Hispanic/Latino	14%	15%	16%	16%	13%	15%	12%	14%
Pacific Islander	18%	23%	21%	22%	16%	24%	25%	12%
White	15%	15%	15%	18%	15%	18%	15%	18%
Multiracial	19%	19%	20%	20%	18%	19%	18%	20%
Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12%	14%

Note: Estimated percentage of public school students in grade 11 who seriously considered attempting suicide in the previous year.

Note: Years presented comprise two school years (e.g., 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years are shown as 2017-2019). County- and state-level data are weighted estimates. Source: WestEd, California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) and Biennial State CHKS. California Department of Education

Secondary Indicator: SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES

Definition

This indicator tracks the number and percent of adolescents receiving substance use services provided by the OC Health Care Agency's (HCA) Behavioral Health Services. This indicator reflects the trend of adolescent utilization of services provided by the County and its contract providers rather than the absolute number of adolescents needing services or using alcohol or other drugs in Orange County.

Number of Youth Younger than 19 Served by HCA Substance Use Treatment Programs, Fiscal Year 2014/15 to 2023/24

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Number	272	367	222	272	362	324	230	235	266	221
of Youth	313	301	332	212	302	324	239	233	200	331

Source: OC Health Care Agency, Behavioral Health Services Data Analytics and Evaluation

Percent of Youth Younger than 19 Served by HCA Substance Use Treatment Programs, by Race/Ethnicity, Fiscal Year 2014/15 to 2023/24

			F	Race/Ethnicity			
Year	White	Hispanic	Black	American Indian	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Another/ Unknown*	Total
2014/15	13%	54%	2%	0%	2%	30%	373
2015/16	13%	56%	2%	<1%	3%	26%	367
2016/17	13%	59%	2%	<1%	2%	24%	332
2017/18	11%	58%	2%	0%	1%	28%	272
2018/19	15%	59%	1%	<1%	2%	23%	362
2019/20	14%	62%	2%	0%	3%	19%	324
2020/21	14%	61%	1%	<1%	2%	22%	239
2021/22	17%	59%	2%	<1%	3%	20%	235
2022/23	13%	55%	3%	0%	2%	27%	266
2023/24	12%	54%	3%	<1%	4%	28%	331

^{*}Another/Unknown includes Middle Eastern and North African, Another Not Listed, More than One Race, and Unknown.

Note: Percentages are rounded to whole numbers and exact values < 1% are not shown to protect the confidentiality of the children summarized in the data. A youth identifying with more than one race/ethnicity was included in each race/ethnicity group, resulting in cumulative total percentages that exceed 100% in each fiscal year. Source: OC Health Care Agency, Behavioral Health Services Data Analytics and Evaluation

Secondary Indicator: ELEVATED BLOOD LEAD LEVELS (EBLL)

Definition

This indicator tracks elevated blood lead levels in children who have been assessed. Blood lead level is a biomarker that reflects both short and long-term exposure. There is no known safe level of lead in the body. Small amounts of lead can build up in the body and cause lifelong learning and behavior problems. As of October 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention uses a blood lead reference value (BLRV) of 3.5 μ g/dL to identify children with blood lead levels that are higher than most children's levels. Data prior to 2021 reflects the previously used standard reference value.

Number of Individual Children Ages 0 to 20 Years with Elevated Blood Lead Levels, 2016 to 2020

EBLL	201	16	201	7	20	18	201	19	202	20
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Individual children ages 0 to 5 years	467	1.2%	408	1.1%	271	0.8%	234	0.8%	185	0.8%
with BLL ≥4.5 to < 9.5 mcg/dL										
Individual children ages 6 to 20 years	96	2.1%	62	1.3%	23	0.6%	24	0.7%	10	0.6%
with BLL ≥4.5 to < 9.5 mcg/dL	30	2.1/0	02	1.5 /0	23	0.076	24	0.7 /0	10	0.0 /6
Individual children ages 0 to 5 years with BLL above reference value of	75	0.2%	98	0.3%	61	0.2%	52	0.2%	55	0.2%
≥9.5mcg/dL										
Individual children ages 6 to 20 years with BLL above reference value of	20	0.5%	11	0.2%	5	0.1%	5	0.1%	7	0.4%
≥9.5mcg/dL										
Total individual children with BLL	658	1.5%	579	1.4%	360	1.0%	315	0.9%	257	1.0%
above reference value of ≥4.5mcg/dL	036	1.5%	5/9	1.4%	360	1.0%	313	0.9%	257	1.0%

Source: California Department of Public Health, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch

Number of Individual Children Ages 0 to 20 Years with Elevated Blood Lead Levels, 2021 to 2023*

2021	BLL <3.5µg/dL	BLL <3.5µg/dL % (row)	BLL ≥3.5 µg/dL	BLL ≥3.5 µg/dL % (row)	Total number of children with a BLL
Age <6	24,912	98.5%	368	1.5%	25,280
Ages 6 to 20	2,018	98.5%	30	1.5%	2,048
Total Ages 0 to 20	26,930	98.5%	398	1.5%	27,328
2022					
Age <6	24,680	98.1%	472	1.9%	25,152
Ages 6 to 20	2,359	98.0%	48	2.0%	2,407
Total Ages 0-20	27,093	98.1%	520	1.9%	27,559
2023					
Age <6	27,355	97.2%	781	2.8%	28,136
Ages 6 to 20	2,792	97.1%	84	2.9%	2,876
Total Ages 0 to 20	30,147	97.2%	865	2.8%	31,012

*As of October 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention uses a blood lead reference value (BLRV) of 3.5 µg/dL to identify children with blood lead levels that are higher than most children's levels. Blood lead level is a biomarker that reflects both short and long-term exposure. There is no known safe level of lead in the body. Small amounts of lead can build up in the body and cause lifelong learning and behavior problems.

Source: California Department of Public Health, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING INDICATORS



Indicator: CHILD POVERTY

Percent of Children Younger than 19 Living in Poverty and Families Living in Poverty, Orange County and California, 2014 to 2023

Year	<19 Living in Poverty (%)	Families in Poverty (%)
2014		
Orange County	17.6	9.2
California	22.7	12.3
2015		
Orange County	17.6	9.1
California	22.5	12.2
2016		
Orange County	16.9	8.7
California	21.9	11.8
2017		
Orange County	16.4	8.4
California	20.8	11.1
2018		
Orange County	15.2	7.9
California	17.4	10.4
2019		
Orange County	14.2	7.4
California	18.1	9.6
2020		
Orange County	12.9	6.9
California	16.8	9.0
2021		
Orange County	12.1	7.0
California	16.2	8.7
2022		
Orange County	11.2	6.8
California	15.6	8.5
2023		
Orange County	10.9	6.6
California	15.1	8.4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, Five-Year Estimates

Number and Percent of Students Eligible to Receive Free and Reduced-Price Lunch, by District, 2024/25

Anaheim Elementary 10,222 71.7% Buena Park 2,959 80.3% Centralia 2,656 66.5% Cypress Elementary 1,518 46.4% Fountain Valley Elementary 1,631 27.1% Fullerton Elementary 5,986 53.2% Huntington Beach City Elementary 1,519 30.9% La Habra City 3,420 80.6% Magnolia 3,682 77.2% Ocean View 3,849 57.8% Savanna 1,404 81.6% Westminster 5,683 72.2% High School Districts No. % Anaheim Union High 7,680 60.8% Fullerton Joint Union High 7,680 60.8% Huntington Beach Union High 7,385 52.8% Unified Districts No. % Brea-Olinda Unified 2,229 38.7% Capistrano Unified 16,816 36.0% Garden Grove Unified 7,915 20.6% Los Alamitos Unified	Elementary Districts	No.	%
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Tustin Unified 11,315 53.0%	Saddleback Valley Unified	10,163	44.8%
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County Totals 237,096 55.2%	Tustin Unified	11,315	53.0%
	County Totals	237,096	55.2%

Source: Orange County Department of Education

Indicator: CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY & RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CALWORKS)

Number of Children Receiving Financial Assistance Countywide, Fiscal Year 2014/15 to 2023/24

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Receiving CalWORKs	42,345	38,982	34,485	30,816	26,545	25,098	24,795	22,710	22,742	24,319

Note: Average monthly number of Orange County children receiving CalWORKs by Fiscal Year. Source: County of Orange Social Services Agency

CalWORKs Recipients: Children by Age and City, January 2025

City	Age <1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Aliso Viejo	2	20	12	8	12	9	11	7	8
Anaheim	150	250	227	267	268	255	283	293	288
Brea	5	7	13	11	8	9	8	10	11
Buena Park	14	27	51	39	40	31	53	48	50
Costa Mesa	14	31	27	36	22	36	23	42	34
Cypress	5	15	6	10	12	13	10	12	16
Dana Point	2	4	2	5	5	3	6	2	2
Fountain Valley	6	13	12	14	11	10	13	11	19
Fullerton	31	40	56	51	56	52	58	53	61
Garden Grove	49	90	80	83	73	91	101	105	108
Huntington Beach	13	39	34	41	47	56	37	68	59
Irvine	27	52	47	63	89	59	72	75	72
La Habra	12	26	21	30	19	23	26	24	36
La Palma	2	2	2	5	2	2	0	5	0
Laguna Beach	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Laguna Hills	3	14	15	19	12	12	18	13	24
Laguna Niguel	7	5	7	7	9	15	13	12	15
Laguna Woods*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lake Forest	11	10	17	18	12	12	16	12	21
Los Alamitos	0	2	1	1	3	3	1	0	2
Mission Viejo	3	5	11	11	6	12	7	12	14
Newport Beach	1	6	7	9	7	5	9	12	14
Orange	25	41	35	52	42	54	46	60	62
Placentia	5	19	14	12	16	22	20	20	20
Rancho Santa Margarita	1	4	12	9	4	4	2	6	6
San Clemente	4	3	5	8	6	4	5	7	6
San Juan Capistrano	3	4	3	3	8	6	5	6	11
Santa Ana	151	259	227	247	252	263	292	310	310
Seal Beach	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	2
Stanton	10	22	25	23	14	24	21	26	28
Tustin	20	26	36	39	22	34	40	32	38
Villa park	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Westminster	18	41	37	50	39	53	43	46	47
Yorba Linda	4	7	4	8	7	9	10	3	8
Cities Subtotal	600	1,085	1,047	1,180	1,124	1,181	1,250	1,335	1,392
Unincorporated Areas									
Coto de Caza	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ladera Ranch	1	1	2	2	0	1	4	1	2
Midway City	2	3	5	1	12	4	4	8	6
North Tustin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rancho Mission Viejo	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	1	0
Rossmoor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Silverado Canyon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trabuco Canyon	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	3
Unincorporated Subtotal	5	8	8	5	13	5	10	11	11
Unassigned Subtotal	64	69	49	47	45	37	40	44	34
Total by Age	669	1,162	1,104	1,232	1,182	1,223	1,300	1,390	1,437

^{*}City Populations Under 18 from American Community Survey Five-Year Estimates, Demographic and Housing Estimates. American Community Survey estimates no population younger than 18 in Laguna Woods. Source: County of Orange Social Services Agency

CalWORKs Recipients: Children by Age and City, January 2025 (Continued)

City	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Subtotal
Aliso Viejo	9	8	9	7	10	4	9	12	8	165
Anaheim	284	341	315	339	313	313	338	344	306	5.174
Brea	6	7	12	5	7	11	6	9	15	160
Buena Park	48	36	57	50	51	62	61	56	67	841
Costa Mesa	30	27	42	35	26	35	41	34	49	584
Cypress	8	13	13	19	14	17	10	26	21	240
Dana Point	4	13	5	5	1	7	5	3	2	64
Fountain Valley	11	8	16	9	19	11	17	13	9	222
Fullerton	60	65	51	74	58	76	55	57	73	1,027
Garden Grove	108	111	117	118	98	130	130	127	128	1,847
Huntington Beach	50	48	54	48	48	44	59	52	49	846
Irvine	75	71	62	80	61	67	62	77	68	1,179
La Habra	29	30	21	34	26	31	27	30	37	482
La Palma	7	1	2	2	4	4	3	9	3	55
Laguna Beach	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	2	0	9
Laguna Hills	11	18	14	12	8	14	14	16	10	247
Laguna Niquel	15	13	10	9	8	9	10	10	17	191
Laguna Woods*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lake Forest	11	26	20	16	26	21	18	24	32	323
Los Alamitos	3	4	3	4	3	5	2	3	2	42
Mission Viejo	12	14	10	7	12	10	14	7	16	183
Newport Beach	8	9	8	13	6	11	10	7	11	153
Orange	47	46	61	62	60	54	74	63	72	956
Placentia	19	31	19	22	19	16	29	30	29	362
Rancho Santa Margarita	4	8	5	6	9	10	5	5	8	108
San Clemente	11	6	7	2	7	5	7	3	7	103
San Juan Capistrano	11	6	8	7	10	12	13	13	11	140
Santa Ana	311	334	321	334	339	344	382	398	414	5,488
Seal Beach	2	0	2	4	1	0	2	1	2	22
Stanton	33	15	32	16	27	27	24	28	24	419
Tustin	35	49	37	39	37	44	42	49	43	662
Villa Park	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	5
Westminster	50	40	49	37	45	52	56	52	54	809
Yorba Linda	8	10	11	10	9	6	6	4	14	138
Cities Subtotal	1,320	1,397	1,393	1,428	1,363	1,454	1,532	1,564	1,601	23,246
Unincorporated Areas			,	•	•	•	,	,	,	•
Coto de Caza	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ladera Ranch	2	2	1	1	3	2	0	4	2	31
Midway City	2	6	7	8	7	4	10	15	7	111
North Tustin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rancho Mission Viejo	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	12
Rossmoor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Silverado Canyon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Trabuco Canyon	1	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	19
Unincorporated Subtotal	6	11	9	10	11	6	13	19	13	174
Unassigned Subtotal	28	27	28	31	27	32	34	24	19	679
Total by Age	1,354	1,435	1,430	1,469	1,401	1,492	1,579	1,607	1,633	24,099

^{*}City Populations Younger than 18 from American Community Survey Five-Year Estimates, Demographic and Housing Estimates. American Community Survey estimates no population younger than 18 in Laguna Woods.

Source: County of Orange Social Services Agency

Indicator: STUDENTS WITH HOUSING INSECURITY

Housing Insecure Children and Youth, by School District, 2014/15 to 2023/24

Elementary Districts	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Anaheim Elementary	2,210	2,242	2,076	1,967	1,974	1,721	1,606	1,520	1,567	1,725
Buena Park	201	281	313	415	348	356	214	217	274	317
Centralia	428	615	593	476	417	394	455	405	351	472
Cypress	353	445	435	409	412	374	310	281	183	173
Fountain Valley	*	12	14	37	53	26	22	17	6	11
Fullerton	163	173	176	145	220	167	182	144	179	179
Huntington Beach City	36	41	60	52	51	37	36	40	33	63
La Habra City	30	59	63	69	49	78	79	82	71	103
Magnolia	1,732	1,870	1,980	1,841	1,828	1,644	1,649	1,475	1,519	1,419
Ocean View	129	261	672	739	655	643	555	496	514	653
Savanna	294	289	299	416	358	332	255	239	177	224
Westminster	906	1,019	1,012	851	783	693	675	522	726	736
High School Distr	ricts									
Anaheim Union	4,145	3,138	2,863	4,089	3,518	2,743	2,185	2,133	1,009	1,102
Fullerton Joint	444	382	348	385	390	336	275	321	348	351
Huntington Beach Union	362	369	496	683	561	449	703	769	954	857
Unified Districts										
Brea-Olinda	12	16	27	32	33	22	63	42	22	132
Capistrano	2,574	2,681	1,890	3,539	3,664	3,742	2,909	3,307	3,420	3,519
Garden Grove	1,002	969	760	1,008	997	964	896	662	1,046	1,015
Irvine	127	58	90	140	127	107	53	104	162	211
Laguna Beach	8	19	13	*	*	*	*	*	14	11
Los Alamitos	*	32	37	37	25	23	40	43	39	36
Lowell Joint	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	48	31	29
Newport-Mesa	147	152	108	89	144	135	515	890	812	1,189
OCDE-ACCESS	231	1,503	1,282	1,064	1,218	1077	883	800	915	1,101
Orange	216	270	326	326	307	297	304	277	383	432
Placentia-Yorba Linda	2,977	3,555	2,841	2,492	3,426	2,989	1,489	3,167	3,398	3,453
Saddleback Valley	574	680	600	549	1,073	1203	1368	1,444	2,185	2,684
Santa Ana	6,507	6,997	7,306	6,967	6,814	6,516	5,901	5,962	6,457	7,872
Tustin	250	322	439	343	395	382	548	596	413	536
Total Housing Insecure Students	26,064	28,450	27,119	29,315	29,840	27,204	24,118	25,808	26,943	30,309
Percent of Students with Housing Insecurity	5.2%	5.8%	5.5%	6.0%	6.8%	5.6%	5.1%	5.6%	5.9%	6.7%

^{*}Less than 10 students is not reported.

Note: Information provided by districts on their LEA Reporting Form Title 1, Part A, and Homeless Education Consolidated Application submitted to California Department of Education. Numbers provided are Adjusted Cumulative Enrollment (Year End) data for all students versus student group experiencing insecure housing. Data includes charter schools. Total enrollment for the county is not equal to the sum of district enrollment due to student movement between districts during the school year.

Source: Orange County Department of Education

Primary Nighttime Residency of Housing Insecure Students, 2014/15 to 2023/24

Primary Nighttime Residency:	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Shelters	1,232	1,254	1,055	1,360	1,403	1,185	1,058	966	1,083	1,312
Doubled-up/Tripled-up	23,533	25,545	24,274	26,161	26,600	24,460	21,727	23,418	24,183	27,151
Unsheltered	247	315	367	384	457	394	331	340	436	481
Hotels/Motels	1,052	1,336	1,423	1,410	1,380	1,104	1,009	1,087	1,241	1,365
Total	26,064	28,450	27,119	29,135	29,840	27,208	24,125	25,811	26,943	30,309

Source: California Department of Education

Housing Insecure Children and Youth, by Grade Level, 2018/19 to 2023/24

		2018/19		2019/20			2020/2021			
Grade Level	District Enrollment	Identified Housing Insecure	Grade %	District Enrollment	Identified Housing Insecure	Grade %	District Enrollment	Identified Housing Insecure	Grade %	
Kindergarten	39,727	1,950	4.9%	39,695	1,980	5.0%	35,926	1,444	4.0%	
Grade 1 to 3	102,024	5,995	5.9%	100,200	5,538	5.5%	96,191	4,918	5.1%	
Grade 4 to 6	108,300	7,151	6.6%	105,736	6,527	6.2%	101,077	5,602	5.5%	
Grade 7 to 8	77,682	4,412	5.7%	76,324	4,204	5.5%	73,333	3,882	5.3%	
Grade 9 to 12	165,979	9,910	6.0%	165,332	8,955	5.4%	162,710	8,272	5.1%	
TOTAL Grade K to 6	250,051	15,096	6.0%	245,631	14,045	5.7%	233,194	11,964	5.1%	
TOTAL K to 12	493,712	29,418	6.0%	487,287	27,204	5.6%	469,237	24,118	5.1%	

		2021/22			2022/23			2023/24*	
Grade Level	District Enrollment	Identified Housing Insecure	Grade %	District Enrollment	Identified Housing Insecure	Grade %	District Enrollment	Identified Housing Insecure	Grade %
Kindergarten	36,267	1,831	5.0%	38,667	2,213	5.7%	40,354	2,599	6.4%
Grade 1 to 3	93,629	5,215	5.6%	81,731	5,962	7.3%	90,524	6,690	7.4%
Grade 4 to 6	100,090	6,014	6.0%	97,818	6,465	6.6%	97,552	7,456	7.6%
Grade 7 to 8	71,157	3,855	5.4%	69,059	3,822	5.5%	68,657	4,309	6.3%
Grade 9 to 12	161,337	8,893	5.5%	158,012	8,481	5.4%	155,082	9,255	6.0%
TOTAL Grade K to 6	229,986	13,060	5.7%	218,216	14,640	6.7%	228,430	16,745	7.3%
TOTAL K to 12	462,480	25,808	5.6%	455,287	26,943	5.9%	452,169	30,309	6.7%

*In 2023/24, kindergarten includes Transitional Kindergarten (TK) data.

Note: Information provided by districts on their LEA Reporting Form Title 1, Part A, and Homeless Education Consolidated Application submitted to California Department of Education Numbers provided are Adjusted Cumulative Enrollment (Year End) data for all students versus student group experiencing insecure housing. Data includes Charter Schools. Total enrollment for the County is not equal to the sum of district enrollment due to student movement between districts during the school year. Source: Orange County Department of Education

Indicator: SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Number of Participants Served by the WIC Program, 2014/15 to 2023/24

Participants	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Total number of participants (0 to 18 Years)	96,589	88,874	81,471	74,434	68,157	60,165	57,927	57,567	57,998	59,631
Number of infant participants (0 to 11 Months)	32,446	30,261	28,217	26,486	24,019	21,492	19,874	19,849	20,150	20,382

Note: Participant count represents the number of individuals residing in Orange County that were served by a local agency in Orange County.

Sources: California Department of Public Health/Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Division Monthly Participant Characteristics File, July 2014 through December 2019; WRAD Participant Monthly Snapshot, November 2019 through June 2024

CalFresh Recipients, 2014/15 to 2023/24

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Number of Recipients	258,676	263,556	250,772	233,038	206,789	214,668	232,260	253,859	287,767	307,126
Percent Change (from Prior Year)	4.5%	1.9%	-4.9%	-7.1%	-11.3%	3.8%	8.2%	9.3%	13.4%	6.7%
Recipients Younger than 18 on CalFresh	141,716	140,410	131,670	119,573	102,285	90,263	91,088	89,369	94,941	96,456
Percent Change (from Prior Year)	0.02%	-0.9%	-6.2%	-9.2%	-14.4%	-11.8%	0.9%	-1.9%	6.2%	1.6%
Percent of CalFresh that are Children	54.8%	53.3%	52.5%	51.3%	49.5%	42.0%	39.2%	35.2%	33.0%	31.4%
OC Population Younger than 18*	710,562	731,553	729,732	726,817	718,695	722,061	704,083	699,937	680,041	648,245

*California Department of Finance (DOF) county population estimates for children based on 2022 estimates. California Department of Finance. Demographic Research Unit. Report P-2B: Population Projections by Individual Year of Age, California Counties, 2010-2060 (Baseline 2019 Population Projections; Vintage 2020 Release). Sacramento: California. March 2021. Source: County of Orange Social Services Agency

CalFresh Recipients, by Age and City, January 2025

Cities and Communities	Age 0 -<6	Age 6-<13	Age 13-<18	TOTAL RECEIVING CalFresh	TOTAL Children	% of CalFresh Recipients <18
East						
Costa Mesa	859	1,080	870	2,809	20,854	13.5%
Newport Beach	131	199	168	498	14,686	3.4%
Santa Ana	6,055	8,762	6,942	21,759	72,893	29.9%
Tustin	798	983	753	2,534	18,647	13.6%
East Totals	7,843	11,024	8,733	27,600	127,080	21.7%
North						
Anaheim	5,754	7,459	5,507	18,720	77,514	24.2%
Brea	251	259	189	699	10,656	6.6%
Buena Park	882	1,126	819	2,827	18,899	15.0%
Fullerton	1,284	1,625	1,212	4,121	31,926	12.9%
La Habra	723	907	656	2,286	13,157	17.4%
La Palma	63	81	66	210	2,900	7.2%
Orange	1,266	1,603	1,198	4,067	29,094	14.0%
Placentia	385	585	466	1,436	12,535	11.5%
Villa Park	7	12	12	31	1,234	2.5%
Yorba Linda	167	202	155	524	15,383	3.4%
North Totals	10,782	13,859	10,280	34,921	213,298	16.4%
South						
Aliso Viejo	205	229	199	633	12,440	5.1%
Dana Point	106	173	135	414	5,567	7.4%
Irvine	1,061	1,482	1,054	3,597	66,883	5.4%
Laguna Beach	34	45	41	120	3,606	3.3%
Laguna Hills	226	265	207	698	6,067	11.5%
Laguna Niguel	270	326	210	806	11,211	7.2%
Laguna Woods	4	1	7	12	72	16.7%
Lake Forest	435	582	408	1,425	18,320	7.8%
Mission Viejo	290	384	281	955	18,613	5.1%
Rancho Santa Margarita	174	198	165	537	10,679	5.0%
San Clemente	244	338	235	817	13,757	5.9%
San Juan Capistrano	251	347	288	886	7,569	11.7%
South Totals	3,300	4,370	3,230	10,900	174,784	6.2%
West	.,	,	.,	.,	, -	
Cypress	304	445	304	1,053	11,528	9.1%
Fountain Valley	297	365	274	936	11,126	8.4%
Garden Grove	2,254	3,117	2,417	7,788	36,114	21.6%
Huntington Beach	1,043	1,311	952	3,306	34,810	9.5%
Los Alamitos	60	85	56	201	2,917	6.9%
Seal Beach	25	35	28	88	3,255	2.7%
Stanton	479	639	481	1,599	8,376	19.1%
Westminster						
West Totals	1,104	1,585	1,170	3,859	18,723	20.6%
Unincorporated Totals	5,566 251	7,582 328	5,682 293	18,830 872	126,849	14.8%
Out of County Totals		1,600	1,115	3,800	32,822 N/A	2.1% N/A
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Total all Orange County	28,972	38,772	29,337	97,081	674,833	14.4%

Note: The report also includes cash aided persons. City Populations Younger than 18 from 2020-2024 American Community Survey Five-Year Estimates, Demographic and Housing Estimates. Source: County of Orange Social Services Agency

Indicator: CHILD SUPPORT

Number of Child Support Cases, Net and Per Case Collection, 2015/16 to 2024/25

Year	Total Number of Cases*	Total Net Collections (in Millions)	r Case lection
2015/16	68,117	\$182.3	\$ 2,677
2016/17	67,685	\$184.0	\$ 2,719
2017/18	66,296	\$184.3	\$ 2,781
2018/19	68,878	\$185.3	\$ 2,858
2019/20	62,851	\$199.1	\$ 3,168
2020/21	59,271	\$189.1	\$ 3,191
2021/22	56,998	\$179.9	\$ 3,155
2022/23	56,319	\$173.9	\$ 3,088
2023/24	55,405	\$171.1	\$ 3,154
2024/25	53,353	\$169.6	\$ 3,180

*Total number of cases is a 12-month average. Source: Orange County Department of Child Support Services

Child Support Collections, 2015/16 to 2024/25

Year	Net Collections (in Millions)	Dollar Increase From Prior Year (in Millions)	Percent Difference From Prior Year
2015/16	\$182.3	\$3.5	2.0%
2016/17	\$184.0	\$1.7	0.9%
2017/18	\$184.3	\$0.3	0.2%
2018/19	\$185.3	\$1.0	0.5%
2019/20	\$199.1	\$13.8	7.4%
2020/21	\$189.1	-\$10.0	-5.0%
2021/22	\$179.9	-\$9.2	-4.9%
2022/23	\$173.9	-\$6.0	-3.3%
2023/24	\$171.1	-\$2.8	-1.6%
2024/25	\$169.6	-\$1.5	-0.9%

Source: Orange County Department of Child Support Services

Child Support Collections Percent of Current Support Distributed (CSD), 2015/16 to 2024/25

Year	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Percent CSD	68.0%	68.0%	68.3%	68.9%	68.2%	67.5%	65.4%	65.7%	65.7%	65.0%
Case Count	68,117	67,685	66,296	64,878	62,851	59,271	56,998	56,319	55,405	53,353

Source: Orange County Department of Child Support Services

Secondary Indicator: CHILD CARE

Licensed Early Care and Education Capacity, Family Child Care Homes (FCCH) and Child Care Centers, 2015/16 to 2024/25

	201	5/16	201	16/17	201	7/18	2018/19		2019/20	
	FCCH	Child Care Centers								
Infant (0 to 2)	N/A	4,149	N/A	4,123	N/A	4,194	N/A	4,193	N/A	4,921
Preschool (2 to 5)	N/A	50,788	N/A	49,122	N/A	48,878	N/A	49,054	N/A	50,927
School Age (6 to 12)	N/A	15,867	N/A	15,712	N/A	15,280	N/A	15,071	N/A	16,015
Total	13,288	70,804	12,696	68,957	12,060	68,352	12,913	68,318	12,194	71,863
	2020/21		2021/22		2022/23		202	23/24	202	24/25
	FCCH	Child Care Centers								
Infant (0 to 2)	N/A	4,976	N/A	4,918	N/A	5,228	N/A	5,296	N/A	5,368
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Preschool (2 to 5)	N/A	51,778	N/A	52,958	N/A	53,786	N/A	53,030	N/A	53,673
Preschool (2 to 5) School Age (6 to 12)	N/A N/A	51,778 16,348	N/A N/A	52,958 16,510	N/A N/A	16,112	N/A N/A	14,997	N/A N/A	14,880

Source: Children's Home Society of California's Child Care Resource and Referral Program

Requests for Child Care Referrals, Reason and Type of Child Care Needed, 2024/25

Reason Care is Needed	Number of Families that Called	Type of Care	# of Children
Employed	6,764	Full Time	8,661
Seeking Employment	1,462	Part Time*	2,540
School/Training	1,297	Daytime Hours	9,554
Child Protective Services (CPS)	133	Alternative Care Hours**	1,033
Enrichment	436		
Incapacity / Illness	12		
Other	606		

^{*}Includes requests for before and after school care.

**Includes evening, weekend, drop-in or overnight care.

Source: Children's Home Society of California's Child Care Resource and Referral Program

Transitional Kindergarten Enrollment, 2019/20 to 2024/25

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24*	2024/25*	Change 2010/20 to 2024/25
Anaheim Elementary	744	650	773	928	1,018	1,154	410
Anaheim Union High	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brea-Olinda Unified	99	87	68	15	165	171	72
Buena Park Elementary	154	71	108	171	190	193	39
Capistrano Unified	501	436	521	813	1,078	1,443	942
Centralia Elementary	130	123	171	237	258	293	163
Cypress Elementary	136	77	63	135	159	195	59
Fountain Valley Elementary	117	87	90	189	227	297	180
Fullerton Elementary	267	263	270	404	439	443	176
Fullerton Joint Union High	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garden Grove Unified	613	481	517	1120	1,683	1,570	957
Huntington Beach City Elementary	85	55	66	100	156	183	98
Huntington Beach Union High	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Irvine Unified	479	390	393	573	843	1,055	576
La Habra City Elementary	276	88	140	167	267	272	-4
Laguna Beach Unified	20	22	11	28	38	55	35
Los Alamitos Unified	175	130	129	191	258	302	127
Lowell Joint	78	31	85	93	150	153	75
Magnolia Elementary	153	122	119	266	293	345	192
Newport-Mesa Unified	279	148	176	320	399	560	281
Ocean View	231	163	177	309	465	415	184
Orange County Department of Education	66	97	160	185	372	492	426
Orange Unified	621	248	573	601	650	832	211
Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified	749	597	636	636	613	802	53
Saddleback Valley Unified	282	267	274	387	473	579	297
Santa Ana Unified	666	626	317	846	1,065	1,095	429
Savanna Elementary	91	57	65	91	108	147	56
Tustin Unified	110	212	148	359	507	633	523
Westminster	232	0	196	500	567	529	297
Total	7,354	5,528	6,246	9,664	12,441	14,208	6,854

^{*}Beginning in 2023/24, the California Department of Education began collecting Transitional Kindergarten enrollment as a separate grade, rather than as a program participation record. As a result, use caution when comparing with historical data.

Source: California Department of Education, Transitional Kindergarten Data

Countywide Average Weekly Licensed Family Child Care Homes and Child Care Centers Costs, 2015/16 to 2024/25

Licensed Family Child Care Homes*	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Infant Care	\$207	\$207	\$216	\$220	\$220	\$241	\$272	\$286	\$285	\$325
Preschool: 2 to 5 years of age	\$190	\$191	\$196	\$200	\$200	\$220	\$249	\$267	\$261	\$296
School-age: 6 to 13 years of age	\$170	\$170	\$174	\$178	\$179	\$195	\$219	\$228	\$226	\$253
Child Care Centers**	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Infant Care	\$278	\$278	\$288	\$311	\$312	\$358	\$392	\$407	\$380	\$467
Preschool: 2 to 5 years of age	\$195	\$195	\$200	\$211	\$211	\$237	\$390	\$278	\$275	\$328
School-age: 6 to 13 years of age	\$183	\$183	\$183	\$186	\$188	\$208	\$232	\$259	\$281	\$287
All Licensed Child Care Providers	\$204	\$204	\$210	\$218	\$218	\$243	\$292	\$288	\$285	\$326

^{**}Tamily Child Care providers care for children in their homes and are licensed as follows: Small child care 1) 4 infants only, 2) 6 children, no more than 3 of whom may be infants, 3) 8 children, no more than 2 infants, and 2 must be 6 years of age or older. Large family child care — which requires a full time assistant to work with the licensed care provider — 1) 12 children, no more than 4 of whom may be infants, 2) 14 children, no more than 3 of whom may be infants and 2 must be 6 years of age or older.

**Child care centers include private for-profit centers, parent-run cooperatives and church-based nonprofits. The state regulates the ratio of caregivers, square footage and staff qualifications.

Note: Cost of child care per week represents an average of the rates given to Children's Home Society staff during the intake process and through phone calls made to child care providers during quarterly undetes.

Source: Children's Home Society of California's Child Care Resource and Referral Program

Countywide Average Weekly Orange County Family Child Care Homes and Child Care Centers Costs, by Region, 2024/25

CENTERS	Infant (0	to 2)	Preschool ((2 to 5)	School Age (6 to 12)		
East County	\$	395	\$	275	\$	261	
West County	\$	460	\$	316	\$	233	
South County	\$	508	\$	381	\$	253	
North County	\$	467	\$	312	\$	276	
HOMES	Infant (0	to 2)	Preschool	(2 to 5)	School Age (6 to 12)	
HOMES East County	Infant (0	331	Preschool ((2 to 5) 295	School Age (6 to 12) 252	
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East County	\$	331	\$	295	\$	252	

Note: Cost of child care per week represents an average of the rates given to Children's Home Society staff during the intake process and through phone calls made to child care providers during quarterly updates. Source: Children's Home Society of California's Child Care Resource and Referral Program

Countywide Quality Start Child Care Ratings, Orange County, 2015/16-2022/23

2015/16	N/A*	NR**	1	2	3	4	5	New
Family Child Care Home (FCCH)	0	0	0	26	6	18	4	
Private	0	0	0	16	6	35	26	
California State Preschool Program (CSPP)	0	0	0	0	2	65	69	
Head Start (HS)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Alterative Site (Alt.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total sites	0	0	0	42	14	118	99	136
2016/17	N/A*	NR**	1	2	3	4	5	New
FCCH	0	14	0	15	12	17	3	
Private	0	0	0	19	6	25	22	
CSPP	0	0	0	1	3	92	66	
нѕ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Alt.	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total sites	34	14	0	35	21	134	91	56
2017/18	N/A*	NR**	1	2	3	4	5	New
FCCH	0	12	0	22	12	15	3	0
Private	0	13	24	5	21	23	0	6
CSPP	0	2	0	0	3	98	71	5
нѕ	0	34	0	0	0	1	0	34
Alt.	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total sites	31	61	24	27	36	137	74	45
2018/19	N/A*	NR**	1	2	3	4	5	New
FCCH	-	28	-	20	8	16	4	76
Private	-	59	-	20	6	17	26	128
CSPP	-	2	-	-	1	91	84	178
HS	-	34	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alt.	38		-	-	-	-	-	38
Total Sites		38	123	-	40	15	124	114
2019/20	N/A*	NR**	1	2	3	4	5	New
FCCH	-	31	-	15	5	16	4	7
Private	-	26	-	17	5	16	25	5
CSPP	-	11	-	-	1	86	82	8
нѕ	-	34	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alt.	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total Sites	40	102	-	32	11	118	111	21
2022/23***	N/A*	NR**	1	2	3	4	5	New
FCCH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Private	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CSPP	-	5	0	3	0	89	88	11
нѕ	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alt.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Sites	-	5	0	3	0	89	88	11

Source: Orange County Department of Education

^{*}Alternative sites that do not get rated.
**Sites in onboarding who are not yet rated. Source: First 5 Orange County Children & Families Commission, Quality Start OC.
***Starting in 2022/23, only California State Preschool Program (CSPP) sites will be rated.

EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT INDICATORS



Secondary Indicator: SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Public School K-12 Enrollment by District, 2015/16 to 2024/25

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Elementary Distri	cts									
Anaheim Elementary	18,852	18,558	17,911	17,342	16,928	16,161	15,409	15,132	14,775	14,371
Buena Park	4,869	4,837	4,684	4,552	4,464	4,133	4,015	3,966	3,784	3,685
Centralia	4,437	4,417	4,327	4,221	4,218	4,044	4,077	4,129	4,052	3,995
Cypress	3,942	3,969	3,957	3,923	3,813	3,540	3,414	3,389	3,319	3,272
Fountain Valley	6,371	6,387	6,362	6,328	6,320	6,165	5,998	5,976	6,036	6,022
Fullerton	13,520	13,363	13,307	13,067	12,852	12,141	11,681	11,626	11,439	11,262
Huntington Beach City	7,008	7,155	7,073	6,949	6,742	5,588	5,224	5,030	4,974	4,923
La Habra City	4,913	4,726	4,713	4,656	4,666	4,537	4,499	4,352	4,298	4,244
Magnolia	6,418	6,277	6,080	5,851	5,678	5,385	5,121	5,001	4,920	4,767
Ocean View	8,725	8,467	8,263	7,986	7,721	7,337	6,942	6,809	6,868	6,658
Savanna	2,397	2,331	2,272	2,199	2,095	1,949	1,843	1,806	1,735	1,720
Westminster	9,401	9,338	9,264	9,120	9,036	8,607	8,203	8,149	7,950	7,870
High School Dist	ricts									
Anaheim Union	30,964	30,729	30,292	30,292	29,832	29,183	28,404	27,748	27,195	26,120
Fullerton Joint	13,983	13,901	13,695	13,695	13,630	13,473	13,431	13,173	12,826	12,631
Huntington Beach Union	16,140	16,188	15,967	15,967	15,894	15,534	15,098	14,522	14,104	13,982
Unified Districts										
Brea-Olinda	5,856	5,909	5,951	6,008	6,085	5,990	5,866	5,811	5,895	5,753
Capistrano	53,878	53,613	53,622	53,269	52,794	50,419	49,974	49,421	48,326	46,660
Garden Grove	45,252	44,223	43,163	42,301	41,423	40,124	38,560	38,164	37,763	37,009
Irvine	32,319	33,381	34,617	35,291	36,177	35,660	36,083	36,542	37,952	38,483
Laguna Beach	3,029	3,025	2,929	2,861	2,788	2,634	2,578	2,456	2,386	2,291
Los Alamitos	9,948	9,904	9,833	9,730	9,697	9,317	9,133	8,934	8,931	8,740
Lowell Joint	3,185	3,153	3,147	3,152	3,147	3,139	3,047	3,014	3,029	N/A
Newport-Mesa	21,736	21,581	21,234	20,641	20,173	18,559	17,962	17,816	17,768	17,635
OC Dept of Education	5,037	6,485	6,539	6,953	7,638	10,001	10,609	11,012	13,251	14,203
Orange	28,899	28,522	27,915	27,473	27,291	26,943	26,756	25,843	25,364	24,960
Placentia/ Yorba Linda	25,826	25,798	25,741	25,477	25,162	24,296	23,657	23,138	22,705	22,698
Saddleback Valley	28,706	27,803	27,378	26,747	26,304	24,954	24,390	23,711	23,199	22,691
Santa Ana	55,909	54,505	53,131	51,482	50,124	46,593	44,102	42,247	40,328	38,378
Tustin	24,079	24,130	24,015	23,768	23,521	22,761	22,120	21,830	21,600	21,342
Total	492,886	489,791	485,099	478,149	473,066	456,028	445,149	441,249	437,276	429,869

Number and Percent of Public School K-12 Enrollment, by Race/Ethnicity, 2015/16 to 2024/25

	2015/	16	2016/1	7	2017/1	18	2018	/19	2019/2	0
Race/Ethnicity	No.	%								
African American	6,877	1.4	6,784	1.4	6,472	1.3	6,200	1.3	6,131	1.3
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,502	0.3	1,313	0.3	1,079	0.2	921	0.2	891	0.2
Asian	76,879	15.6	78,154	15.9	79,553	16.4	79,690	16.6	80,096	16.9
Filipino	10,140	2.1	10,125	2.1	10,070	2.1	9,925	2.1	9,705	2.0
Hispanic or Latino	242,064	49.1	240,843	49.1	238,661	49.1	235,035	49.1	232,562	49.1
Pacific Islander	1,824	0.4	1,725	0.4	1,600	0.3	1,536	0.3	1,462	0.3
White	135,693	27.5	131,974	26.9	126,322	26.0	123,071	25.7	118,553	25.0
Two or More Races	15,598	3.2	16,780	3.4	17,970	3.7	19,213	4.0	20,315	4.3
Not Reported	2,453	0.5	2,732	0.6	4,108	8.0	3,232	0.7	3,897	8.0
Total	493,030		490,430		485,835		478,823		473,612	
	2020/2	21	2021/2	2	2022/2	23	2023	/24	2024/2	5
Race/Ethnicity	No.	%								
African American	5,902	1.3	6,038	1.3	5,953	1.3	5,806	1.3	5,612	1.3
American Indian or Alaska Native	805	0.2	820	0.2	779	0.2	844	0.2	862	0.2
Asian	79,233	17.4	77,717	17.3	78,001	17.7	79,407	18.2	80,519	18.7
Filipino	9,550	2.1	9,254	2.1	8,930	2.0	8,807	2.0	8,767	2.0
Hispanic or Latino	225,813	49.5	223,237	49.7	219,518	49.7	216,028	49.4	210,343	48.9
Pacific Islander	1,386	0.3	1,333	0.3	1,333	0.3	1,330	0.3	1,307	0.3
White	109,356	24.0	104,151	23.2	99,467	22.5	96,905	22.2	94,520	22.0
Two or More Races	20,349	4.5	21,003	4.7	21,733	4.9	22,392	5.1	22,698	5.3
Not Reported	4,178	0.9	5,176	1.2	5,535	1.3	5,757	1.3	5,241	1.2

Note: Orange County total includes "other" race/ethnicity counts. Source: California Department of Education

Secondary Indicator: ENGLISH LEARNERS

Definition

According to California Education Code 306(a), an English Learner (EL) is "a child who does not speak English or whose native language is not English and who is not currently able to perform ordinary classroom work in English." The process of identifying an English Learner begins with the home language survey, but this survey alone does not qualify a student as an EL. Districts administer the California English Language Development Test (CELDT) to students whose home language is other than English within 30 calendar days of initial enrollment. The CELDT assesses English comprehension, speaking, listening, reading and writing, and it determines whether a student is an EL. An overall CELDT score of Early Advanced or Advanced indicates a student is proficient provided no domain score (listening, speaking, reading or writing) falls below Intermediate. Students who do not achieve proficiency on the CELDT are considered ELs and are assessed annually until reclassified. Reclassified Fluent English Proficient (R-FEP) students are former ELs who have met multiple criteria to succeed in an English-only classroom. These reclassified students are monitored for two years to ensure their success.

Number and Percent of English Language Learners, 2015/16 to 2024/25

	2015/	16	201	6/17	2017/18 2018/19		/19	2019/20		
Primary Languages	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spanish	97,911	79.6	93,808	78.6	88,644	77.8	81,084	76.9	78,291	76.7
Vietnamese	10,149	8.3	9,756	8.2	9,115	8.0	8,330	7.9	8,202	8.0
Korean	2,300	1.9	2,756	2.3	2,962	2.6	2,952	2.8	2,931	2.9
Arabic	3,006	2.4	2,965	2.5	3,145	2.8	3,174	3.0	3,177	3.1
Filipino	2,133	1.7	2,308	1.9	2,279	2.0	2,214	2.1	2,155	2.1
Mandarin	1,077	0.9	1,066	0.9	1,234	1.1	1,198	1.1	1,115	1.1
All Other Languages*	6,433	5.2	6,670	5.6	874	0.8	891	0.8	944	0.9
Total	123,001		119,315	•	113,938		105,441		102,141	
	2020/	21	202	1/22	2022	/23	2023	/24	2024/2	5
Primary Languages	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spanish	71,855	77.5	74,195	77.4	71,007	78.7	66,408	76.8	59,166	76.1
Vietnamese	7,801	8.4	7,871	8.2	6,876	7.6	6,807	7.9	5,954	7.7
Korean	2,414	2.6	2,652	2.8	2,417	2.7	2,280	2.6	1,898	2.4
Mandarin	2,458	2.7	2,498	2.6	2,123	2.4	2,607	3.0	2,947	3.8
Arabic	1,944	2.1	2,038	2.1	1,763	2.0	1,733	2.0	1,480	1.9
Farsi	983	1.1	1,077	1.1	897	1.1	1,007	1.2	950	1.2
Japanese	786	0.8	802	0.8	697	0.8	728	0.8	661	0.9
Filipino	769	0.8	726	0.8	621	0.7	530	0.6	381	0.5
All Other Languages*	3,755	4.0	4,060	4.2	3,789	4.2	4,369	5.1	4,328	5.6
Total	92,765		95,919		90,280		86,469		77,765	

^{*}All other languages includes 54 other languages listed on the California Department of Education website at http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest. Source: California Department of Education

Number and Percent of English Learners by District, 2015/16 to 2024/25

	2015/10	6	2016/1	17	2017/	18	2018/	19	2019/2	20
School Districts	No.	%								
Elementary Districts										
Anaheim Elementary	11,353	60.2	10,807	58.2	10,284	57.4	9,267	53.4	8,674	51.2
Buena Park	2,091	42.9	1,915	39.6	1,792	38.3	1,811	39.8	1,581	35.4
Centralia	1,404	31.6	1,484	33.6	1,257	29.1	1,002	23.7	1,087	25.8
Cypress	533	13.5	598	15.1	648	16.4	685	17.5	726	19.0
Fountain Valley	881	13.8	882	13.8	825	13.0	758	12.0	694	11.0
Fullerton	3,906	28.9	3,770	28.2	3,573	26.9	3,179	24.3	2,914	22.7
Huntington Beach City	399	5.7	393	5.5	351	5.0	329	4.7	338	5.0
La Habra City	1,830	37.2	1,542	32.6	1,477	31.3	1,436	30.8	1,409	30.2
Magnolia	3,365	52.4	3,236	51.6	2,936	48.3	2,731	46.7	2,459	43.3
Ocean View	2,305	26.4	2,185	25.8	2,014	24.4	1,822	22.8	1,613	20.9
Savanna	1,045	43.6	980	42.0	912	40.1	869	39.5	705	33.7
Westminster	4,395	46.8	4,072	43.6	3,707	40.0	3,631	39.8	3,598	39.8
High School Districts										
Anaheim Union	6,461	20.7	6,356	19.8	6,611	21.5	6,271	20.7	5,545	18.6
Fullerton Joint Union	1,440	10.1	1,635	11.2	1,253	9.0	1,418	10.4	1,457	10.7
Huntington Beach Union	1,445	9.0	1,255	7.7	1,401	8.7	1,444	9.0	1,529	9.6
Unified Districts										
Brea-Olinda	735	12.6	546	9.1	573	9.6	577	9.6	528	8.7
Capistrano	5,204	9.7	5,404	10.0	5,045	9.4	5,054	9.5	4,773	9.0
Garden Grove	17,745	39.2	18,831	39.6	15,752	36.5	14,327	33.9	13,560	32.7
Irvine	5,676	17.6	3,827	13.2	6,884	19.9	6,959	19.7	7,247	20.0
Laguna Beach	125	4.1	99	3.3	106	3.6	92	3.2	77	2.8
Los Alamitos	232	2.3	180	1.8	213	2.2	215	2.2	233	2.4
Lowell Joint	330	10.4	265	8.4	256	8.1	278	8.8	210	6.7
Newport-Mesa	5,266	24.2	5,101	23.2	4,671	22.0	4,228	20.5	3,980	19.7
OC Dept of Education	1,209	24.0	2,285	31.8	1,377	21.1	1,442	20.7	1,577	20.6
Orange	6,928	24.0	6,521	21.8	6,607	23.7	5,975	21.7	5,644	20.7
Placentia-Yorba Linda	3,774	14.6	3,063	12.0	3,986	15.5	3,734	14.7	3,372	13.4
Saddleback Valley	4,775	16.6	4,128	13.6	4,752	17.4	4,648	17.4	4,657	17.7
Santa Ana	23,530	42.1	26,226	45.7	20,575	38.7	17,438	33.9	18,084	36.1
Tustin	4,931	20.5	5,084	47.6	4,109	17.1	3,854	16.2	3,917	16.7
County Total	123,001	24.9	123,290	24.6	113,938	23.5	105,441	22.0	102,141	21.6
California Total	1,373,724	22.4	1,346,333	22.0	1,271,150	20.4	1,195,988	19.3	1,148,024	18.6

Number and Percent English Learners by District, 2015/16 to 2024/25 (Continued)

	2020/2	1	2021/2	22	2022/	23	2023/	24	2024/	024/25	
School Districts	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Elementary Districts											
Anaheim Elementary	8,164	50.5	7,616	49.4	7,127	47.1	6,751	45.7	5,722	39.8	
Buena Park	1,383	33.5	1,391	34.6	1,257	31.7	1,170	30.9	1,021	27.7	
Centralia	1,005	24.9	1,005	24.7	1,098	26.6	1,064	26.3	943	23.6	
Cypress	598	16.9	534	15.6	519	15.3	465	14.0	409	12.5	
Fountain Valley	640	10.4	702	11.7	687	11.5	657	10.9	580	9.6	
Fullerton	2,448	20.2	2,599	22.2	2,534	21.8	2,161	18.9	1,976	17.5	
Huntington Beach City	280	5.0	293	5.6	226	4.5	253	5.1	263	5.3	
La Habra City	1,161	25.6	1,171	26.0	1,027	23.6	884	20.6	754	17.8	
Magnolia	1,966	36.5	2,137	41.7	2,010	40.2	2,013	40.9	1,622	34.0	
Ocean View	1,374	18.7	1,434	20.7	1,341	19.7	1,270	18.5	1,163	17.5	
Savanna	629	32.3	626	34.0	614	34.0	574	33.1	531	30.9	
Westminster	2,924	34.0	3,102	37.8	3,121	38.3	2,746	34.5	2,474	31.4	
High School Districts											
Anaheim Union	5,666	19.4	6,052	21.3	5,966	21.5	5,952	21.9	5,508	21.1	
Fullerton Joint Union	1,550	11.5	1,557	11.6	1,554	11.8	1,326	10.3	1,121	8.9	
Huntington Beach Union	1,554	10.0	1,608	10.7	1,452	10.0	1,377	9.8	1,370	9.8	
Unified Districts											
Brea-Olinda	477	8.0	581	9.9	587	10.1	550	9.3	506	8.8	
Capistrano	4,452	8.8	4,805	9.6	4,151	8.4	4,041	8.4	3,781	8.1	
Garden Grove	13,111	32.7	12,730	33.0	11,373	29.8	11,657	30.9	10,426	28.2	
Irvine	5,561	15.6	5,902	16.4	4,531	12.4	5,274	13.9	5,329	13.8	
Laguna Beach	64	2.4	61	2.4	74	3.0	49	2.1	55	2.4	
Los Alamitos	240	2.6	203	2.2	205	2.3	218	2.4	176	2.0	
Lowell Joint	204	6.5	229	7.5	204	6.8	197	6.5	192	6.4	
Newport-Mesa	3,373	18.2	3,283	18.3	3,082	17.3	2,938	16.5	2,722	15.4	
OC Dept of Education	1,634	16.3	1,725	16.3	1,784	16.2	2,054	15.5	2,022	14.2	
Orange	4,878	18.1	4,810	18.0	4,729	18.3	4,155	16.4	3,880	15.5	
Placentia-Yorba Linda	3,047	12.5	3,400	14.4	3,286	14.2	3,066	13.5	2,548	11.2	
Saddleback Valley	4,435	17.8	4,571	18.7	4,410	18.6	3,624	15.6	2,887	12.7	
Santa Ana	16,245	34.9	17,828	40.4	17,490	41.4	16,345	40.5	14,512	37.8	
Tustin	3739	16.4	3,796	17.1	3,711	17.0	3,501	16.2	3,135	14.7	
County Total	92,765	20.3	95,919	21.4	90,456	20.5	86,469	19.8	77,765	18.1	
California Total	1,062,290	17.7	112,748	19.1	1,111,983	19.0	1,074,833	18.4	1,009,066	17.4	

Secondary Indicator: AVERAGE DOLLAR EXPENDITURE PER PUPIL

Definition

The current annual expenditures for public schools for each pupil are based on average daily attendance during the school year. Elementary School Districts include K-8, High School Districts include 9-12 and Unified Districts include K-12.

Annual Expenditure Per Pupil (K-12), by District, 2014/15 to 2023/24

School	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Elementary Districts										
Anaheim Elementary	9,312	11,030	12,135	12,714	13,633	14,911	15,945	20,744	23,220	24,402
Buena Park	9,270	10,905	11,656	12,444	13,151	13,298	13,520	16,997	19,789	21,582
Centralia	9,025	10,316	10,915	11,229	12,347	12,340	12,506	15,398	16,416	17,222
Cypress	7,922	8,993	9,716	10,266	10,759	11,337	12,381	14,435	16,358	16,691
Fountain Valley	7,672	8,363	8,893	9,194	10,021	10,171	10,870	12,771	14,794	15,694
Fullerton	8,440	9,467	10,119	10,747	11,611	11,998	13,638	15,539	17,236	17,459
Huntington Beach City	7,890	9,145	9,728	9,868	10,243	10,691	10,740	14,991	17,194	17,481
La Habra City	8,980	10,330	10,923	12,104	12,984	13,363	13,912	16,233	19,726	21,541
Magnolia	8,853	10,634	10,835	11,868	11,999	12,783	12,652	16,725	19,234	21,697
Ocean View	9,004	9,850	10,366	10,950	11,350	11,826	12,592	15,122	16,782	18,311
Savanna	8,254	9,919	10,920	10,862	11,913	12,776	12,829	16,746	18,629	20,148
Westminster	9,221	10,146	10,982	11,063	11,711	12,522	13,452	16,572	19,475	20,977
High School Districts										
Anaheim Union	9,966	11,004	11,585	11,706	12,707	13,186	14,316	16,781	18,460	19,991
Fullerton Joint Union	8,932	9,845	11,407	11,130	11,862	12,422	13,452	14,904	15,646	17,554
Huntington Beach Union	9,650	10,698	11,415	11,875	12,631	12,492	12,677	14,819	17,089	18,399
Unified Districts										
Brea-Olinda	8,082	7,536	9,556	9,886	10,039	10,991	11,476	14,426	15,873	16,065
Capistrano	8,042	7,361	9,675	10,287	10,491	11,413	11,715	14,638	16,079	17,515
Garden Grove	9,538	7,717	10,807	12,022	12,964	13,436	14,127	16,967	20,486	21,844
Irvine	8,522	7,789	10,395	10,504	10,999	11,449	11,636	13,223	14,212	15,518
Laguna Beach	15,823	11,235	18,516	19,352	20,878	21,628	23,384	27,954	31,596	34,914
Los Alamitos	8,411	7,120	9,945	10,632	11,472	11,589	11,921	13,908	15,213	16,117
Lowell Joint	8,045	8,511	8,992	9,177	9,487	9,882	10,279	12,293	13,600	15,228
Newport-Mesa	11,492	9,375	12,925	13,943	14,895	15,903	16,642	21,258	23,640	25,967
Orange	8,791	7,690	11,022	11,158	11,526	11,722	13,070	14,338	15,559	16,572
Placentia-Yorba Linda	8,673	7,485	10,365	10,586	10,951	11,031	11,962	14, 098	15,742	16,736
Santa Ana	10,053	8,903	12,520	13,208	13,912	14,888	15,440	20,255	22,878	25,099
Saddleback Valley	8,687	7,302	10,012	10,298	11,602	11,183	11,932	13,883	15,633	17,337
Tustin	7,952	7,064	9,905	10,397	10,744	11,539	11,712	13,583	15,683	16,308

Average Expenditure Per Pupil, by District Level, Orange County and California, 2014/15 to 2023/24

District Level	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Elementary Average	8,653	9,925	10,599	11,109	11,810	12,648	12,920	16,181	17,896	19,110
High School Average	9,516	10,516	11,469	11,570	12,400	13,674	13,482	16,713	18,280	18,648
Unified District Average	9,505	10,535	11,304	11,666	12,539	13,386	13,751	17,299	18,820	19,999
Orange County (K-12) Average	9,128	9,105	10,926	11,420	12,200	12,600	13,257	15,918	17,882	19,246
California Average	9,794	9,794	11,548	12,068	13,080	13,269	13,846	17,021	18,586	20,281

Indicator: KINDERGARTEN READINESS

Number and Percent of Children Developmentally Vulnerable in One or More Areas, by Community, 2025

City/CDP	Number	Physical Health and Well-being	Social Competence	Emotional Maturity	Language and Cognitive Development	Communication Skills and General Knowledge
Aliso Viejo	307	6%	6%	9%	3%	6%
Anaheim	2,627	10%	7%	10%	12%	12%
Brea	338	5%	6%	7%	6%	7%
Buena Park	572	7%	7%	9%	10%	13%
Costa Mesa	712	9%	7%	7%	7%	7%
Coto De Caza	57	12%	9%	12%	2%	11%
Cypress	385	5%	10%	14%	5%	10%
Dana Point	119	8%	6%	10%	6%	7%
Foothill Ranch	62	3%	3%	10%	3%	6%
Fountain Valley	405	6%	7%	9%	7%	6%
Fullerton	1,025	6%	7%	10%	8%	8%
Garden Grove	1,373	8%	9%	14%	11%	14%
Huntington Beach	1,090	6%	7%	8%	7%	7%
Irvine	2,087	5%	4%	6%	5%	7%
La Habra	482	8%	11%	12%	11%	13%
La Palma	86	6%	10%	7%	2%	7%
Ladera Ranch	260	1%	2%	5%	2%	3%
Laguna Beach	96	6%	3%	8%	1%	3%
Laguna Hills	162	17%	17%	27%	13%	17%
Laguna Niguel	302	5%	5%	8%	5%	6%
Lake Forest	495	6%	10%	11%	11%	14%
Los Alamitos	212	5%	7%	7%	6%	10%
Midway City	74	9%	7%	12%	9%	11%
Mission Viejo	533	5%	7%	10%	7%	8%
Newport Beach	341	8%	6%	9%	4%	6%
North Tustin	35	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Orange	888	9%	8%	14%	12%	12%
Placentia	431	8%	6%	8%	9%	9%
Rancho Mission Viejo	167	5%	7%	7%	2%	5%
Rancho Santa Margarita	346	9%	8%	10%	8%	6%
San Clemente	391	4%	5%	6%	7%	4%
San Juan Capistrano	179	7%	6%	8%	9%	10%
Santa Ana	2,455	12%	12%	14%	16%	17%
Seal Beach	129	4%	5%	5%	2%	5%

Percent of Children Developmentally Vulnerable in One or More Areas, by Community, 2025 (Continued)

City/CDP	Number	Physical Health and Well-being	Social Competence	Emotional Maturity	Language and Cognitive Development	Communication Skills and General Knowledge
Stanton	212	8%	12%	13%	12%	14%
Trabuco Canyon	118	5%	3%	12%	3%	4%
Tustin	672	9%	10%	10%	10%	13%
Villa Park	35	0%	3%	3%	3%	0%
Westminster	639	6%	7%	9%	8%	11%
Yorba Linda	453	4%	3%	5%	2%	4%
Orange County	21,686	8%	7%	10%	9%	10%

Note: Communities with less than 30 records were omitted. Source: Early Development Index, 2025

Percent of Children Developmentally Vulnerable or At Risk in One or More Areas and On Track in all Areas, by Community, 2025

City/CDP	Number	Developmentally On Track on all Areas ¹	Developmentally At Risk on One or More Areas	Developmentally Not on Track (Vulnerable) on One or More Areas	Multiple Challenges ²
Aliso Viejo	307	60%	23%	17%	2%
Anaheim	2,627	46%	28%	26%	5%
Brea	338	59%	25%	15%	3%
Buena Park	572	51%	24%	25%	5%
Costa Mesa	712	53%	27%	20%	4%
Coto De Caza	57	42%	33%	25%	5%
Cypress	385	61%	18%	21%	5%
Dana Point	119	49%	30%	21%	3%
Foothill Ranch	62	58%	26%	16%	2%
Fountain Valley	405	60%	22%	18%	3%
Fullerton	1,025	57%	24%	19%	5%
Garden Grove	1,373	49%	25%	27%	6%
Huntington Beach	1,090	60%	23%	17%	4%
Irvine	2,087	63%	23%	14%	2%
La Habra	482	48%	27%	25%	7%
La Palma	86	56%	27%	17%	3%
Ladera Ranch	260	65%	26%	9%	1%
Laguna Beach	96	74%	16%	10%	2%
Laguna Hills	162	37%	23%	40%	12%
Laguna Niguel	302	68%	16%	16%	2%
Lake Forest	495	53%	23%	24%	6%
Los Alamitos	212	57%	26%	17%	1%
Midway City	74	42%	35%	23%	4%
Mission Viejo	533	57%	23%	20%	4%

Percent of Children Developmentally Vulnerable or At Risk in One or More Areas and On Track in all Areas, by Community, 2025 (Continued)

City/CDP	Number	Developmentally On Track on all Areas ¹	Developmentally At Risk on One or More Areas	Developmentally Not on Track (Vulnerable) on One or More Areas	Multiple Challenges ²
Newport Beach	341	62%	21%	17%	3%
North Tustin	35	80%	20%	0%	0%
Orange	888	44%	28%	28%	6%
Placentia	431	55%	25%	19%	3%
Rancho Mission Viejo	167	66%	22%	12%	2%
Rancho Santa Margarita	346	49%	28%	23%	3%
San Clemente	391	61%	24%	15%	2%
San Juan Capistrano	179	53%	26%	21%	4%
Santa Ana	2,455	41%	27%	32%	8%
Seal Beach	129	66%	22%	12%	2%
Stanton	212	55%	17%	28%	6%
Trabuco Canyon	118	53%	29%	18%	1%
Tustin	672	48%	25%	26%	5%
Villa Park	35	69%	23%	9%	0%
Westminster	639	47%	30%	23%	4%
Yorba Linda	453	68%	21%	12%	0%
Orange County	21,686	53%	25%	22%	5%

^{1.} Developmentally On Track in All Areas refers to children on track in all valid areas. A record may be valid with just four completed areas. 2. Multiple challenges is defined as not ready on 9 or more subdomains (16 total subdomains). Source: Early Development Index, 2025

Percent of Children Developmentally On Track in all Areas, At Risk or Vulnerable in One or More Areas, by Student Characteristic, 2025¹

		Not on Track		
	Developmentally On Track on all Areas ²	Developmentally Vulnerable on One or More Areas	Developmentally At Risk on One or More Areas	
Currently in Kindergarten - No Transition Kindergarten (TK) Experience	49.3%	24.4%	26.3%	
Currently in Kindergarten - Had TK Experience	57.5%	18.9%	23.6%	
Not English Language Learner	58.3%	18.2%	23.5%	
English Language Learner	40.9%	30.9%	28.1%	
No Individual Education Plan (IEP)	56.4%	18.7%	24.8%*	
Has IEP	25.4%	49.1%	25.4%*	
Receives Free/Reduced Price Lunch	44.8%	27.8%	27.3%	
Does Not Receive Free/Reduced Price Lunch	63.4%	14.7%	21.9%	
Absenteeism Does Not Impact Progress	57.3%	18.0%	24.7%	
Absenteeism Impacts Progress	17.0%	52.2%	30.7%	
African American/Black	45.7%	27.2%	27.2%	
American Indian/Alaskan Native	46.1%	25.7%	28.1%	
Asian	64.9%	14.9%	20.2%	
Hispanic, Latino/a	42.8%	29.0%	28.2%	
Multiracial	60.1%	16.8%	23.1%	
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	53.2%	23.4%	23.4%	
Other	56.2%	19.2%	24.6%	
White	61.9%	15.6%	22.5%	
All	53.0%	22.1%	24.9%	

^{*}All results are statistically significant at p=.05 level, except for IEP. Interpret IEP results with caution.

Source: Early Development Index, 2025

^{1.} First 5 Orange County, which sponsors the Early Development Index (EDI), understands that data provide a snapshot of how children are doing, and that children and families are more complex than a single data point or even a set of data. First 5 OC is committed to using EDI data to identify disparities in outcomes for young children, to present data in a way that does not create or perpetuate disparities, and to incorporate the voices of families in data sharing.

2. Developmentally On Track in All Areas refers to children on track in all valid areas. A record may be valid with just four completed areas.

Indicator: HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT RATES

Number and Percent of Grade 9 to 12 Cohort Dropouts, by District, 2014/15 to 2023/24

	2014/	15	2015/	16	2016/1	7**	2017/1	18	2018/	19
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Anaheim Union High	373	7.3	373	7.3	323	6.2	261	5.1	156	3.2
Brea-Olinda Unified	*	1.9	*	1.9	11	2.3	32	6.4	41	9.2
Capistrano Connections Academy	66	21.4	66	21.4	*	*	*	*	*	*
Capistrano Unified	57	1.4	57	1.4	51	1.3	82	2.0	62	1.6
Fullerton Joint Union High	105	3	105	3	81	2.3	249	7.1	344	10.0
Garden Grove Unified	233	6.2	233	6.2	301	8.1	152	4.4	117	3.5
Huntington Beach Union	98	2.5	98	2.5	121	2.9	91	2.3	74	1.9
Irvine Unified	67	2.8	67	2.8	40	1.6	35	1.4	64	2.4
Laguna Beach Unified	*	3.5	*	3.5	9	3.3	0	0.0	1	0.4
Los Alamitos Unified	*	0.7	*	0.7	5	0.6	7	0.9	13	1.7
Magnolia Science Acad. Santa Ana	*	0.0	*	0.0	1	7.7	*	*	*	*
Newport-Mesa Unified	74	4.3	74	4.3	86	5.0	110	6.2	128	7.4
Nova Academy	*	3.3	*	3.3	*	*	*	*	*	*
OCSA	*	1.4	*	1.4	*	*	*	*	*	*
Opportunities for Learning – Capistrano	13	41.9	13	41.9	*	*	*	*	*	*
Orange Unified	111	4.8	111	4.8	126	5.3	92	4.1	108	5.1
Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified	60	2.8	60	2.8	42	1.9	25	1.2	25	1.2
Saddleback Valley Unified	62	2.5	62	2.5	89	3.6	78	3.4	80	3.5
Santa Ana Unified	223	6.2	223	6.2	213	5.9	203	5.6	96	2.7
Tustin Unified	20	1.1	20	1.1	39	2.1	74	3.7	57	2.9
County	2,311	5.7	2,311	5.7	2,213	5.3	1,827	4.6	1,681	4.4%
California	52,249	10.7	52,249	10.7	48,453	9.6	28,110	6.6	29,802	7.0%

^{*}Indicates 10 or fewer students in order to protect privacy.

**Beginning in 2016-17, the ACGR and Outcome data were calculated using different business rules and are not comparable with the Cohort Outcome data from previous years.

Note: A cohort is a defined group of students that could potentially graduate during a four-year time period (grade 9 through grade 12).

Source: California Department of Education

Number and Percent of Grade 9 to 12 Cohort Dropouts, by District, 2014/15 to 2023/24 (Continued)

	2019/20		2021/2	2021/22		2022/23		2023/24	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Anaheim Union High	146	2.9	176	3.6	197	4.1	196	4.1	
Brea-Olinda Unified	18	3.9	30	6.3	17	3.8	21	4.6	
Capistrano Connections Academy	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Capistrano Unified	34	0.9	42	1.1	49	1.2	113	3.5	
Fullerton Joint Union High	173	5.2	177	5.3	160	5.0	187	5.5	
Garden Grove Unified	146	4.1	225	6.8	178	5.3	233	6.4	
Huntington Beach Union	128	3.3	85	2.2	154	4.0	57	2.0	
Irvine Unified	57	2.1	76	2.7	78	2.9	0	0.0	
Laguna Beach Unified	2	0.9	2	0.8	3	1.1	29	3.6	
Los Alamitos Unified	7	0.9	10	1.3	16	2.1	113	3.5	
Magnolia Science Acad. Santa Ana	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Newport-Mesa Unified	87	5.0	74	4.3	54	3.3	43	2.6	
Nova Academy	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
OCSA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Opportunities for Learning – Capistrano	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Orange Unified	77	3.5	57	2.6	111	5.1	58	2.7	
Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified	37	1.8	57	2.7	46	2.3	19	1.0	
Saddleback Valley Unified	79	3.5	85	3.9	105	5.0	60	2.8	
Santa Ana Unified	167	4.7	131	3.6	319	8.6	281	7.6	
Tustin Unified	49	2.4	48	2.3	25	1.3	22	1.1	
County	1,614	4.0%	1,614	4.0%	1,914	4.8%	1,932	4.9	
California	47,021	9.4%	39,056	7.8%	40,823	8.2%	44,859	8.9	

*Indicates 10 or fewer students to protect privacy.

Note: A cohort is a defined group of students that could potentially graduate during a four-year time period (grade 9 through grade 12).

Source: California Department of Education

Number and Percent of Grade 9 to 12 Cohort Dropouts, by Race/Ethnicity, 2016/17 to 2023/24

	2016/	17	2017/	18	2018/	19	2019/2	20
Race/Ethnicity	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
African American	59	8.4%	71	10.3%	60	9.9%	51	8.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	17	7.3%	14	9.7%	*	6.1%	*	5.8%
Asian	162	2.6%	161	2.3%	149	2.2%	158	2.3%
Filipino	13	1.4%	22	2.3%	22	2.2%	14	1.5%
Hispanic or Latino	1,392	7.4%	1,395	7.3%	1,379	7.2%	1,262	6.7%
Pacific Islander	*	4.5%	18	11.0%	*	3.5%	*	5.0%
White	436	3.5%	435	3.5%	411	3.5%	406	3.6%
Two or More Races	55	4.8%	65	6.1%	52	4.4%	85	6.5%
Not Reported	44	18.8%	32	15.8%	18	11.0%	14	6.2%
County Total	2,185	5.3%	2,213	5.3%	2,100	5.1%	2,004	5.0%

	2020/2	:1	2021/2	22	2022/2	.3	2023/	24
Race/Ethnicity	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
African American	38	6.4%	35	6.5%	48	8.5%	51	8.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	7.6%	*	7.3%	*	3.2%	*	13.0%
Asian	127	1.8%	144	2.0%	160	2.3%	166	2.4%
Filipino	12	1.3%	13	1.4%	19	2.2%	*	1.0%
Hispanic or Latino	1,055	5.6%	1,039	5.5%	1,248	6.5%	1,245	6.3%
Pacific Islander	11	8.2%	*	5.2%	*	8.2%	*	6.1%
White	298	2.7%	306	2.9%	321	3.2%	343	3.6%
Two or More Races	53	4.2%	43	3.0%	70	4.7%	70	4.4%
Not Reported	14	6.1%	22	8.6%	36	8.9%	31	9.1%
County Total	1,614	4.0%	2,004	5.0%	1,914	4.8%	1,932	4.9%

*Indicates 10 or fewer students to protect privacy
Note: A cohort is a defined group of students that could potentially graduate during a 4-year time period (grade 9 through grade 12).

Indicator: CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM

Number and Percent of Chronic Absenteeism, by Grade Span, 2016/17 to 2023/24

	201	6/17	2017/18		2018/19		2019/20	
	Orange	California	Orange	California	Orange	California	Orange	California
Kindergarten	10.3%	14.0%	10.7%	14.2%	11.7%	15.6%	N/A	N/A
1 st to 3 rd Grade	5.2%	8.1%	5.4%	8.3%	5.8%	9.5%	N/A	N/A
4 th to 6 th Grade	4.5%	7.0%	4.8%	7.4%	5.1%	8.4%	N/A	N/A
7 th to 8 th Grade	6.4%	9.1%	6.5%	9.4%	7.1%	10.3%	N/A	N/A
9 th to 12 th Grade	5.9%	8.7%	6.1%	9.0%	6.6%	10.1%	N/A	N/A

Number and Percent of Chronic Absenteeism, by Grade Span, 2016/17 to 2023/24 (Continued)

	202	20/21	2021/22		2022/23		2023/24	
	Orange	California	Orange	California	Orange	California	Orange	California
Kindergarten	12.4%	15.6%	33.3%	40.4%	32.2%	36.6%	20.7%	26.2%
1 st to 3 rd Grade	9.0%	13.2%	21.7%	31.1%	18.3%	24.4%	11.8%	17.5%
4 th to 6 th Grade	8.0%	11.8%	18.0%	27.2%	14.5%	20.5%	10.6%	16.0%
7 th to 8 th Grade	7.2%	11.7%	18.1%	26.8%	17.0%	22.8%	14.7%	19.2%
9 th to 12 th Grade	9.5%	17.6%	21.3%	30.1%	20.4%	26.2%	18.8%	24.2%

Source: California Department of Education

Percent of Chronic Absent Students, by Race and Ethnicity, 2016/17 to 2023/24

Race/Ethnicity	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
African American	14.0%	13.5%	15.1%	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	14.7%	16.3%	15.3%	N/A
Asian	2.7%	3.0%	3.2%	N/A
Filipino	3.8%	4.3%	4.5%	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	9.0%	9.8%	10.7%	N/A
Multiracial	7.4%	7.7%	8.3%	N/A
Pacific Islander	13.3%	14.5%	15.9%	N/A
White	8.1%	8.4%	8.6%	N/A
Orange County	7.7%	8.3%	8.8%	N/A
California	10.8%	11.1%	12.1%	N/A
Race/Ethnicity	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
African American	15.7%	25.9%	25.4%	22.7%
American Indian or Alaska Native	14.8%	27.1%	26.5%	24.2%
Asian	2.1%	6.9%	7.6%	5.6%
Filipino	2.8%	11.5%	10.8%	7.7%
Hispanic or Latino	12.4%	27.9%	24.9%	20.2%
Multiracial	6.2%	15.4%	14.2%	10.8%
Pacific Islander	17.7%	34.1%	31.3%	28.5%
White	7.2%	18.6%	16.7%	12.7%
Orange County	9.0%	21.1%	19.2%	15.2%
California	14.3%	30.0%	24.9%	20.4%

Source: California Department of Education

Secondary Indicator: HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Definition

The California Education Code establishes a minimum set of requirements for graduation from California high schools. These include a total of 13 required courses and passage of the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE). Local school boards can include additional requirements that they consider important for their local school district. Graduation rates are collected annually and included in the Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) accountability system. The data shows the percentage of students entering Orange County high schools who could potentially graduate during the four-year time period. Data includes students who completed high school with a standard high school diploma or special education waiver or exemption, an adult education high school diploma or the California High School Proficiency Exam.

Number and Percent of Grade 9 to 12 Cohort Graduates, by District, 2016/17 to 2023/24

	2016/1	7	2017/1	8	2018/1	9	2019/20)
District Name	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Anaheim Union High	4,435	86.2	4,482	85.5	4,503	87.8	4,525	92.3
Brea-Olinda Unified	449	95.1	470	96.5	464	92.6	397	88.6
Capistrano Unified	3,864	96.8	3,916	96.2	3,846	95.7	3,784	95.9
Fullerton Joint Union High	3,147	92.6	3,332	93.4	3,134	89.5	3,022	88
Garden Grove Unified	3,248	91.7	3,341	90.4	3,238	92.7	3,108	94
Huntington Beach Union High	3,461	89.2	3,772	90.9	3,587	91.4	3,707	93.9
Irvine Unified	2,200	94.7	2,406	95.7	2,411	95.6	2,533	94.6
Laguna Beach Unified	239	97.6	260	96.3	293	99.7	252	98.4
Los Alamitos Unified	815	97.8	816	97.6	746	97.6	736	97.2
Newport-Mesa Unified	1,636	90.6	1,546	90.4	1,636	92.1	1,535	88.4
Orange Unified	2,119	91.3	2,221	93.8	2,143	94.5	1,964	93.2
Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified	2,021	95.5	2,071	95.7	1,970	95	1,993	95.2
Saddleback Valley Unified	2,273	93.0	2,265	92.4	2,134	92.8	2,109	92.9
Santa Ana Unified	3,136	90.8	3,158	88	3,177	87.6	3,179	90.5
Tustin Unified	1,878	95.7	1,780	94.5	1,906	94.5	1,844	94.5
Orange County Total	35,390	89.5	36,250	89.9	35,590	90.4	35,071	91.1

Number and Percent of Grade 9 to 12 Cohort Graduates, by District, 2016/17 to 2023/24 (Continued)

	2020/2	1	2021/2	2	2022/2	3	2023/2	4
District Name	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Anaheim Union High	4,549	90.9	4,460	92.4	4,394	91.0	4,484	93.2
Brea-Olinda Unified	426	93.4	440	92.2	420	93.1	435	94.4
Capistrano Unified	3,880	97.2	3,695	96.1	3,864	96.4	3,574	95.5
Fullerton Joint Union High	2,985	88.9	3,116	92.9	2,971	93.1	2,989	93.9
Garden Grove Unified	3,293	92.9	3,036	91.4	3,122	92.6	3,156	93.1
Huntington Beach Union High	3,656	93.1	3,750	95.1	3,549	92.5	3,331	91.5
Irvine Unified	2,542	95.4	2,691	94.6	2,541	94.5	2,778	95.5
Laguna Beach Unified	229	98.3	244	98	269	96.8	251	99.6
Los Alamitos Unified	774	98	756	97.9	732	97.0	770	96.3
Newport-Mesa Unified	1,606	91.7	1,596	92.8	1,563	94.8	1,580	93.8
Orange Unified	2,109	95.5	2,090	95.4	2,048	93.3	2,044	94.6
Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified	1,947	95.3	1,992	94.3	1,899	94.4	1,886	95.4
Saddleback Valley Unified	2,048	90.5	2,073	94.1	1,946	91.7	1,968	93.2
Santa Ana Unified	3,100	88.1	3,349	92.3	3,323	89.7	3,320	90.3
Tustin Unified	1,963	95.6	2,004	96.3	1,868	95.7	1,906	95.5
Orange County Total	35,417	91.4	35,417	91.4	34,844	91.9	34,833	92.3

Source: California Department of Education

Percent of Graduates, by Race/Ethnicity, 2016/17 to 2023/24

	2016/1	7	2017/1	8	2018/1	9	2019/2	0
Race/Ethnicity	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
African American	596	1.6	570	1.5	494	1.3	530	1.5
American Indian or Alaska Native	199	0.5	123	0.3	57	0.2	91	0.3
Asian	5,957	16.4	6,688	17.9	6,553	17.9	6,391	17.6
Filipino	861	2.4	893	2.4	947	2.6	929	2.6
Hispanic or Latino	15,977	43.9	16,271	43.7	16,537	45.1	16,496	45.4
Pacific Islander	144	0.4	132	0.4	127	0.3	145	0.4
White	11,433	31.4	11,500	30.9	10,795	29.4	10,438	28.7
Two or More Races	1,034	2.8	936	2.5	1,062	2.9	1,161	3.2
Not Reported	159	0.4	154	0.4	128	0.3	186	0.5
Orange County Total	36,360	100	37,267	100	36,700	100	36,367	100
	2020/2	1	2021/2	2	2022/2	3	2023/2	4
Race/Ethnicity	No.	%	No.	%	No.	No.	No.	%
African American	524	1.4	473	1.3	485	1.3	515	1.4
American Indian or Alaska Native	68	0.2	73	0.2	56	0.2	64	0.2
Asian	6,852	18.6	6,863	18.5	6,518	18.0	6,565	18.1
Filipino	851	2.3	901	2.4	827	2.3	839	2.3
Hispanic or Latino	16,538	45.0	17,148	46.2	17,155	47.3	17,621	48.5
Pacific Islander	118	0.3	104	0.3	109	0.3	105	0.3
White	10,429	28.4	9,994	26.9	9,436	26.0	8,880	24.4
Two or More Races	1,164	3.2	1,340	3.6	1,381	3.8	1,473	4.1
Not Reported	203	0.6	213	0.6	333	0.9	293	8.0
Orange County Total	36,747	100	37,109	100	36,300	100	36,355	100

Source: California Department of Education

Indicator: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND MATHEMATICS

Percent of 11th Grade Students Meeting Benchmarks for ELA and Math, Orange County and California, 2023/24

	% Meeting ELA	% Meeting Math
Orange County Combined	63.7	38.8
California Combined	55.7	27.9

Source: CAASPP, 2023/24

Comparison of Lowest and Highest Free and Reduced-Price Lunch Program (FRL) with Percent of Students Meeting Benchmarks, by District, 2023/24

	School District	% of Students Eligible in FRL Program	% of Students Meeting ELA Benchmarks	% of Students Meeting Math Benchmarks
	Los Alamitos Unified	16.7	78.7	65.3
Lowest	Laguna Beach Unified	18.9	78.7	70.5
	Irvine Unified	20.8	73.9	69.4
	La Habra City Elementary	80.4	42.0	31.8
Highest	Garden Grove Unified	80.8	59.4	49.2
	Savanna Elementary	82.7	47.7	44.7

Sources: California Department of Education DataQuest (percent meeting benchmarks); California Department of Education Student Poverty FRPM Data (Free and Reduced Lunch program)

Percent of 11th Grade Students Meeting Benchmarks for ELA and Math, by District, Orange County and California, 2023/24

District Name	Percent Meeting ELA Benchmarks	Percent Meeting Math Benchmarks
Anaheim Union	53.5	26.2
Brea-Olinda Unified	62.0	45.1
Capistrano Unified	76.2	49.5
Fullerton Joint Union	66.2	43.0
Garden Grove Unified	65.6	40.8
Huntington Beach Union	68.8	44.1
Irvine Unified	71.6	61.9
Laguna Beach Unified	87.5	66.7
Los Alamitos Unified	79.7	49.9
Newport-Mesa Unified	62.5	35.7
Orange Unified	58.8	29.0
Orange County Department of Ed	21.6	3.0
Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified	68.9	48.6
Saddleback Valley Unified	63.8	36.2
Santa Ana Unified	43.4	16.3
Tustin Unified	74.2	47.1
Total Orange County	63.7	38.8
Total California	55.7	27.9

Source: California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)

Percent of 3rd Grade Students Meeting Benchmarks for ELA and Mathematics, by Race/Ethnicity, Orange County, 2018/19 and 2023/24

	ELA		Mather	natics
Race/Ethnicity	2018/19	2023/24	2018/19	2023/24
Asian	80.1	74.8	86.2	82.2
Filipino	70.7	73.4	72.3	78.8
Multiracial	76.7	66.8	77.9	71.6
White	71.2	66.4	72.8	72.3
American Indian or Alaska Native	40.7	46.2	42.4	39.5
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	48.2	43.9	57.9	37.9
Black or African American	46.3	42.0	45.0	41.0
Hispanic or Latino	38.9	35.3	40.9	38.0

Source: California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)

Indicator: COLLEGE READINESS

Number of High School Graduates with UC/CSU Required Courses, by School District, 2014/15 to 2023/24

School District	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Anaheim Union High	1,754	1,752	1,825	1,977	2,259	2,391	2,364	2,494	2,384	2,438
Brea-Olinda Unified	274	250	249	252	305	213	229	274	239	251
Capistrano Unified	2,299	2,289	2,338	2,369	2,413	2,359	2,460	2,367	2,419	2,082
Fullerton Joint Union High	1,716	1,730	1,767	1,905	1,768	1,726	1,712	1,822	1,647	1,641
Garden Grove Unified	1,860	1,643	1,849	1,994	1,957	1,917	1,901	1,804	1,866	1,938
Huntington Beach Union	2,316	2,096	1,668	1,819	1,794	1,923	1,935	2,105	1,991	1,940
Irvine Unified	1,558	1,489	1,550	1,722	1,684	1,838	1,763	1,962	1,863	2,057
Laguna Beach Unified	160	174	182	191	227	199	180	200	222	200
Los Alamitos Unified	484	600	607	632	552	542	553	577	560	611
Newport-Mesa Unified	937	971,	996	908	822	973	1,053	938	914	864
Orange Unified	722	915	1,012	968	1,070	914	1,059	1,043	1,037	1,046
Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified	1,068	1,047	1,090	1,085	1,032	1,025	1,077	1,122	1,094	1,118
Saddleback Valley Unified	1,198	1,186	1,239	1,260	1,137	978	1,190	1,150	1,015	1,041
Santa Ana Unified	1,765	1,777	1,806	1,484	1,381	1,318	1,350	1,282	1,491	1,445
Tustin Unified	1,032	1,056	1,185	1,193	1,279	1,195	1,281	1,291	1,233	1,260
Orange County Total	19,147	18,986	19,425	19,759	19,680	19,514	20,899	20,447	20,807	20,830

Source: California Department of Education

Number and Percent of High School Graduates with UC/CSU Required Courses, by Race/Ethnicity, 2016/17 to 2023/24

	2016/1	7	2017/	18	2018/	19	2019/2	0
Race/Ethnicity	No.	%	No.	No.	%	No.	No.	%
American Indian or Alaska Native	70	35.2	57	70	35.2	57	46	50.5
Asian	4,700	78.9	5,207	4,700	78.9	5,207	5,009	78.4
Black or African American	239	40.1	229	239	40.1	229	219	41.3
Filipino	614	71.3	610	614	71.3	610	643	69.2
Hispanic or Latino	6,340	39.7	6,584	6,340	39.7	6,584	7,013	42.5
Pacific Islander	62	43.1	67	62	43.1	67	60	41.4
White	6,845	59.9	6,955	6,845	59.9	6,955	6,485	62.1
Two or More Races	620	60.0	585	620	60.0	585	724	61.1
Other	79	49.7	66	79	49.7	66	99	81.9
Orange County Total	19,569	53.8	20,360	19,569	53.8	20,360	20,298	55.8
State Total	203,648	49.9	208,769	203,648	49.9	208,769	210,692	50.9
	2020/2	1	2021/	22	2022/	23	2023/2	4
Race/Ethnicity	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
American Indian	25	36.8	36	49.3	26	46.4	35	54.7
Asian	5,361	78.2	5,575	81.2	5,326	81.7	5,434	82.8
Black or African American	245	46.8	228	48.2	210	41.4	220	42.7
Filipino	624	73.3	642	71.3	588	71.1	612	72.9
Hispanic or Latino	7,121	43.1	7,277	42.4	7,402	43.1	7,557	42.9
Pacific Islander	51	43.2	46	44.2	52	47.7	45	42.9
White	6,598	63.3	6,419	64.2	6,062	64.2	5,743	64.7
Two or More Races	759	63.9	888	66.3	921	66.7	1,002	68.0
Not Reported	115	56.7	116	54.5	220	66.1	182	62.1
Orange County Total	20,899	56.9	21,227	57.2	20,807	57.3	20,830	57.3
State Total	217,910	52.1	222,742	51.4	223,727	52.4	227,463	51.9

Source: California Department of Education

Secondary Indicator: SPECIAL EDUCATION

Definition

Special education refers to specially designed instruction and related services at no cost to the parent that meets the unique needs of individuals whose educational needs cannot be met with modification of the regular instruction program. Special education is an integral part of the total public education system and provides education in a manner that promotes maximum interaction between children or youth with disabilities and children or youth who are not disabled in a manner that is appropriate to the needs of both. Special education provides a full continuum of program options including instruction conducted in the classroom in the home in hospitals and institutions and in other settings; and instruction in physical education to meet the educational and service needs of individuals with exceptional needs in the least restrictive environment.

Number of K-12 Students Receiving Special Education Services, by Type of Disability, Orange County and California, 2012/13 to 2024/25

Type of Disability	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Specific Learning Disability	15,565	14,514	15,436	15,602	16,164	16,703	17,206	17,000	16,714	16,007
Speech/Language Impairment	14,198	13,927	14,132	14,039	13,727	13,825	13,803	13,672	14,325	14,248
Intellectual Disability	2,868	2,210	2,927	2,827	2,810	2,770	2,681	2,456	2,407	2,364
Orthopedic Impairment	1,089	1,246	940	864	755	685	640	443	422	378
Multiple Disabilities	420	349	441	530	573	617	643	760	774	760
Other Health Impairment	5,628	5,663	6,329	6,767	7,328	7,844	8,426	9,770	10,414	10,852
Deaf	277	199	208	197	169	165	137	163	160	168
Emotional Disturbance	1,369	1,246	1,382	1,405	1,439	1,504	1,575	1,590	1,608	1,522
Visual Impairment	291	223	233	197	192	179	174	159	158	152
Hard of Hearing	863	810	793	785	792	786	776	599	613	553
Deaf-Blind	12	0	0	197	0	0	0	*	*	*
Autistic	9,207	8,998	9,869	10,076	10,235	10,511	10,750	12,558	13,459	14,319
Traumatic Brain Injury	118	67	54	26	47	35	35	82	74	64
Established Medical Disability	N/A	27	19	12						
K-12 OC Special Education*	51,905	52,216	53,005	53,512	54,231	55,908	57,141	59,282	61,151	61,404
K-12 OC Total Enrollment	501,801	500,487	497,116	493,030	490,430	485,835	478,823	441,249	437,276	429,869
Percent OC Special Education to Regular Enrollment	10.3%	10.4%	10.7%	10.9%	11.1%	11.5%	11.9%	13.4%	14.0%	14.3%
K-12 State Special Education Enrollment*	695,173	705,308	717,961	734,422	754.337	774,665	795,047	793,985	836,846	865,213
K-12 State Total Enrollment (million)	6.227	6.237	6.312	6.226	6.228	6.220	6.186	5.852	5.837	5.806
Percent State Special Education to Regular Enrollment	11.2%	11.3%	11.5%	11.8%	12.1%	12.5%	12.9%	13.6%	14.3%	14.9%

*Data reporting cycle: December 1 of the year reported. Numbers include the category "All Others" students ages 0 to 22.

Note: Data unavailable for 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22. Note: Lowell School District's enrollment numbers are included.

Source: California Department of Education.

SAFE HOMES AND COMMUNITIES INDICATORS



Indicator: CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MORTALITY

Death Rate Per 100,000 Children and Youth 1 to 19 Years of Age, 2014 to 2023

Age	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1 to 4 Years	15.0	13.0	14.8	14.1	10.1	6.3	10.1	12.0	9.2	13.3
5 to 9 Years	8.0	8.1	11.7	11.2	6.7	4.6	6.1	9.2	7.2	5.6
10 to 14 Years	7.3	4.9	9.7	6.3	8.6	3.9	6.3	10.2	9.5	9.6
15 to 19 Years	26.8	23.9	31.2	31.0	32.2	6.3	28.0	40.6	27.9	32.1
1 to 19 Years	14.4	12.6	17.2	15.9	14.8	8.9	13.0	18.7	14.3	15.4

Source: OC Health Care Agency, Public Health Services

Number and Rate per 100,000 Population of Leading Causes of Death for Persons Age 1 to 19 Years, by Age Group, 2014 to 2023

2044 Carra	1 to 4	Years	5 to 9	Years	10 to 14	Years	15 to 19) Years	1 to 19	Years
2014 Cause	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
Accidents	5	3.3	3	1.5*	9	4.4	21	9.7	38	4.9
Cancer	2	1.3*	5	2.5	4	1.9*	3	1.4*	14	1.8
Suicide	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.5*	10	4.6	11	1.4
Congenital Anomalies	4	2.6*	2	1.0*	1	0.5*	3	1.4*	10	1.3
Homicide	0	0.0	1	0.5*	0	0.0	8	3.7	9	1.2
Chronic lower respiratory disease	0	0.0	2	1.0*	0	0.0	2	0.9*	4	0.5*
Diseases of the Heart	1	0.7*	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.5*	2	0.3*
Other	11	7.2	3	1.5*	0	0.0	10	4.6	24	3.1
Total Deaths	23	15.0	16	8.0	15	7.3	58	26.8	112	14.4
Age Group Population	•	152,938	•	199,344	2	206,691	:	216,243	7	775,216

*Rates based on less than five deaths are unstable, and therefore should be interpreted with caution.

Source: Population data from the California Department of Finance population estimates in Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail, 2010-2060, Sacramento, California, January 2024 Source: OC Health Care Agency, Public Health Services

Number and Rate per 100,000 Population of Leading Causes of Death, by Age Group, 2014 to 2023 (Continued)

2015 Cause	1 to 4	Years	5 to 9	Years		o 14 ars	15 to Yea		1 to 19	Years
	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
Accidents	6	3.9	5	2.5	2	1.0*	12	5.6	25	3.2
Suicide	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.5*	13	6.1	14	1.8
Congenital Anomalies	3	1.9*	3	1.5*	0	0.0	2	0.9*	8	1.0
Homicide	1	0.6*	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	3.3	8	1.0
Cancer	2	1.3*	2	1.0*	1	0.5*	1	0.5*	6	0.8
Diseases of the Heart	1	0.6*	1	0.5*	1	0.5*	2	0.9*	5	0.6
Cerebrovascular	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.9*	2	0.3*
Other	7	4.5	5	2.5	5	2.4	12	5.6	29	3.8
Total Deaths	20	13.0	16	8.1	10	4.9	51	23.9	97	12.6
Age Group Population		153,958	1	97,244	2	05,996	2	13,683	7	70,881
2016 Cause	1 to 4	Years	5 to 9	Years		o 14 ars	15 to	o 19 ars	1 to 19	Years
2010 00000	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
Cancer	8	5.2	10	5.1	7	3.4	8	3.8	33	4.3
Accidents	3	1.9*	2	1.0*	3	1.5*	23	10.9	31	4.0
Suicide	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	1.0*	14	6.6	16	2.1
Homicide	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.5*	11	5.2	12	1.6
Congenital Anomalies	3	1.9*	4	2.0*	1	0.5*	1	0.5*	9	1.2
Other	9	5.8	7	3.5	6	2.9	9	4.3	31	4.0
Other Total Deaths		5.8 14.8	7 23	3.5 11.7	6 20	2.9 9.7	9 66	4.3 31.2	31 132	4.0 17.2

*Rates based on less than five deaths are unstable, and therefore should be interpreted with caution.

Source: Population data from the California Department of Finance population estimates in Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail, 2010 to 2060, Sacramento, California, January 2024 Source: OC Health Care Agency, Public Health Services

Number and Rate per 100,000 Population of Leading Causes of Death, by Age Group, 2014 to 2023 (Continued)

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2017 Cause		4 Years											
	No.	Rate	N	o. F	Rate	No.	. Rat	е	No.	Rate	No.	Rat	te
Accidents	8	5.1		7	3.6	2	1.0)*	24	11.4	41	5.	.3
Cancer	3	1.9*		6	3.1	4	1.9)*	6	2.9	19	2.	.5
Suicide	0	0.0		0	0.0	2	1.0)*	10	4.8	12	1.	.6
Homicide	0	0.0		0	0.0	0	0.	0	8	3.8	8	1.	.0
Congenital Anomalies	2	1.3*		1 (0.5*	1	0.5	j*	3	1.4*	7	0.	.9
Other	9	5.8		8	4.1	4	1.9)*	14	6.7	35	4.	.5
Total Deaths	22	14.1	2	22 1	11.2	13	6.	3	65	31.0	122	15.	.9
Age Group Population		156,051		196,	537		207,24	6	209	9,821		769,65	5
2018 Cause		1 to 4	Years	5 to	o 9 Yea	ırs	10 to 14	Years	15 to	19 Yea	ars 1	l to 19	Years
		No.	Rate	No.	. Ra	ate	No.	Rate	No	. Ra	ate	No.	Rate
Accidents		10	6.3	2	1.	.0*	1	0.5*	19	9 9	9.1	32	4.2
Cancer		0	0.0	4	2	.0*	3	1.4*	11	1 :	5.3	18	2.3
Suicide		0	0.0	0	(0.0	3	1.4*	13	3 6	6.2	16	2.1
Homicide		1	0.6*	0	(0.0	1	0.5*	ę	9 4	4.3	11	1.4
Congenital Anomalies		2	1.3*	0	(0.0	2	1.0*	2	2 1	.0*	6	0.8
Diseases of the Heart		1	0.6*	1	0.	.5*	0	0.0	3	3 1	.4*	5	0.6
Other		2	1.3*	6	3	3.1	8	3.8	10) 4	4.8	26	3.4
Total Deaths		16	10.1	13	•	6.7	18	8.6	67	7 32	2.2	114	14.8
Age Group Population		15	8,320		195,2	46	20	08,293		208,1	04	76	69,963

*Rates based on less than five deaths are unstable, and therefore should be interpreted with caution.

Source: Population data from the California Department of Finance population estimates in Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail, 2010 to 2060, Sacramento, California, January 2024 Source: OC Health Care Agency, Public Health Services

Number and Rate per 100,000 Population of Leading Causes of Death, by Age Group, 2014 to 2023 (Continued)

2019 Cause	1 to	4 Years	5 to	9 Years	10 to 1	14 Years	15 to 1	9 Years	1 to 1	9 Years
2019 Gause	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
Accidents	1	0.6*	1	0.5*	1	0.5*	9	4.3	12	1.6
Suicide	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	1.5*	9	4.3	12	1.6
Cancer	2	1.3*	3	1.5*	0	0.0	6	2.9	11	1.4
Congenital Anomalies	2	1.3*	0	0.0	1	0.5*	1	0.5*	4	0.5*
Homicide	1	0.6*	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	1.0*	3	0.4*
Other	4	2.5*	5	2.5	3	1.5*	14	6.8	26	3.4
Total Deaths	10	6.3	9	4.6	8	3.9	41	19.8	68	8.9
Age Group Population		158,194		196,110		206,543		206,910		767,757
	1 to 4	l Years	5 to 9	9 Years	10 to 1	4 Years	15 to 1	9 Years	1 to 1	9 Years
2020 Cause	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
Accidents	5	3.2	1	0.5*	7	3.4	33	16.1	46	6.0
Cancer	3	1.9*	3	1.5*	6	2.9	7	3.4	19	2.5
Suicide	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	2.0*	13	6.3	17	2.2
Homicide	0	0.0	2	1.0*	0	0.0	5	2.4	7	0.9
Congenital Anomalies	3	1.9*	2	1.0*	0	0.0	1	0.5*	6	0.8
Other	7	4.5	6	3.0	3	1.5*	10	4.9	26	3.4
Total Deaths	18	11.5	14	7.1	20	9.8	69	33.6	121	15.9
Age Group Population	1	56,124	1	197,611	:	203,806	2	205,331	7	762,872
2021 Cause	1 to 4	Years	5 to 9	Years	10 to 14 \	Years	15 to 19	Years	1 to 1	9 Years
	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
Accidents	4	2.6*	2	1.0*	2	1.0*	47	22.9	55	7.2
Cancer	3	1.9*	8	4.0	7	3.4	10	4.9	28	3.7
Suicide	0	0.0	0	0.0	8	3.9	6	2.9	14	1.8
Homicide	0	0.0	2	1.0*	0	0.0	8	3.9	10	1.3
Congenital Anomalies	0	0.0	1	0.5*	1	0.5*	2	1.0*	4	0.5*
Diseases of the Heart	0	0.0	1	0.5*	0	0.0	3	1.5*	4	0.5*

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Perinatal Conditions

Age Group Population

Other

Total Deaths

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^{*}Rates based on less than five deaths are unstable, and therefore should be interpreted with caution.

Source: Population data from the California Department of Finance population estimates in Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail, 2010 to 2060, Sacramento, California, January 2024 Source: OC Health Care Agency, Public Health Services

Number and Rate per 100,000 Population of Leading Causes of Death, by Age Group, 2014 to 2023 (Continued)

No. Rate No. Rate No. Rate No. Rate No. Rate No. Rate Rate	2022 Cause	1 to 4	l Years	5 to 9	Years	10 to 14	1 Years	15 to 1	9 Years	1 to 1	9 Years
Cancer 1 0.7* 2 1.0* 2 1.0* 5 2.2 10 1.3 Suicide 0 0.0 0 0.0 2 1.0* 8 3.6 10 1.3 Homicide 0 0.0 0 0.0 0 0.0 8 3.6 8 1.1 Congenital Anomalies 1 0.7* 4 2.1* 1 0.5* 0 0.0 6 0.8 Diseases of the Heart 2 1.4* 0 0.0 2 1.0* 0 0.0 4 0.5* Meningitis 2 1.4* 0 0.0 0 0.0 0 0.0 2 0.3* Meningitis 2 1.4* 0 0.0.* 1 0.5* 1 0.5* 0 0.0 2 0.3* Understand 3 2.1* 5 2.6 8 4.0 9 4.0 25 3.3	2022 Gause	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
Suicide 0 0.0 0 0.0 2 1.0* 8 3.6 10 1.3 Homicide 0 0.0 0 0.0 0 0.0 8 3.6 8 1.1 Congenital Anomalies 1 0.7* 4 2.1* 1 0.5* 0 0.0 6 0.8 Diseases of the Heart 2 1.4* 0 0.0 2 1.0* 0 0.0 4 0.5* Meningitis 2 1.4* 0 0.0 0 0.0 0 0.0 2 0.3* Influenza and Pneumonia 0 0.0 1 0.5* 1 0.5* 0 0.0 2 0.3* Other 3 2.1* 5 2.6 8 4.0 9 4.0 25 3.3 Total Deaths 13 9.2 14 7.2 19 9.5 62 27.9 108 14.3 <t< td=""><td>Accidents</td><td>4</td><td>2.8*</td><td>2</td><td>1.0*</td><td>3</td><td>1.5*</td><td>32</td><td>14.4</td><td>41</td><td>5.4</td></t<>	Accidents	4	2.8*	2	1.0*	3	1.5*	32	14.4	41	5.4
Homicide	Cancer	1	0.7*	2	1.0*	2	1.0*	5	2.2	10	1.3
Congenital Anomalies 1 0.7* 4 2.1* 1 0.5* 0 0.0 6 0.8 Diseases of the Heart 2 1.4* 0 0.0 2 1.0* 0 0.0 4 0.5* Meningitis 2 1.4* 0 0.0 0 0.0 0 0.0 2 0.3* Influenza and Pneumonia 0 0.0 1 0.5* 1 0.5* 0 0.0 2 0.3* Other 3 2.1* 5 2.6 8 4.0 9 4.0 25 3.3 Total Deaths 13 9.2 14 7.2 19 9.5 62 27.9 108 14.3 Age Group Population 141,811 193,288 200,151 222,566 757,816 2023 Cause No. Rate No. Rate No. Rate No. Rate No. Rate No. Rate No.	Suicide	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	1.0*	8	3.6	10	1.3
Diseases of the Heart 2 1.4* 0 0.0 2 1.0* 0 0.0 0 0.0 2 0.3*	Homicide	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	8	3.6	8	1.1
Meningitis 2 1.4* 0 0.0 0 0.0 0 0.0 2 0.3* Influenza and Pneumonia 0 0.0 1 0.5* 1 0.5* 0 0.0 2 0.3* Other 3 2.1* 5 2.6 8 4.0 9 4.0 25 3.3 Total Deaths 13 9.2 14 7.2 19 9.5 62 27.9 108 14.3 Age Group Population 141,811 193,288 200,151 222,566 757,816 2023 Cause No. Rate No. No. No. No. <td>Congenital Anomalies</td> <td>1</td> <td>0.7*</td> <td>4</td> <td>2.1*</td> <td>1</td> <td>0.5*</td> <td>0</td> <td>0.0</td> <td>6</td> <td>0.8</td>	Congenital Anomalies	1	0.7*	4	2.1*	1	0.5*	0	0.0	6	0.8
Influenza and Pneumonia	Diseases of the Heart	2	1.4*	0	0.0	2	1.0*	0	0.0	4	0.5*
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Total Deaths 13 9.2 14 7.2 19 9.5 62 27.9 108 14.3 Age Group Population 141,811 193,288 200,151 222,566 757,816 2023 Cause No. Rate No. No. Rate No. No. No. No. No. No.		0	0.0	1	0.5*	1	0.5*	0	0.0	2	0.3*
Age Group Population 141,811 193,288 200,151 222,566 757,816 2023 Cause No. Rate No. No. Rate No. No. No. No.	Other	3	2.1*	5	2.6	8	4.0	9	4.0	25	3.3
2023 Cause 1 to 4 Years 5 to 9 Years 10 to 14 Years 15 to 19 Years 1 to 19 Years No. Rate No. No. Rate No. Rate No.	Total Deaths	13	9.2	14	7.2	19	9.5	62	27.9	108	14.3
No. Rate No	Age Group Population	1	41,811	1	93,288	2	200,151	2	222,566	•	757,816
No. Rate No	2022 Cauca	1 t	o 4 Years	5 to	o 9 Years	10 to 1	14 Years	15 to 1	9 Years	1 to 1	9 Years
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Total Deaths 18 13.3 11 5.6 19 9.6 65 32.1 113 15.4	Suicide Congenital Anomalies Diseases of the Heart Septicemia	3 0 1 1	2.2* 0.0 0.7* 0.7* 0.7*	1 0 1 0	0.5* 0.0 0.5* 0.0 0.5*	4 3 4 0	2.0* 1.5* 2.0* 0.0	5 8 1 2	2.5 3.9 0.5* 1.0* 0.0	13 11 7 3	1.8 1.5 1.0 0.4* 0.3*
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Age Group Population 135,776 196,201 197,425 202,561 731,963	Suicide Congenital Anomalies Diseases of the Heart Septicemia Cerebrovascular Disease Homicide	3 0 1 1 1 0 0	2.2* 0.0 0.7* 0.7* 0.7* 0.0 0.0	1 0 1 0 1 0	0.5* 0.0 0.5* 0.0 0.5* 0.0 0.0	4 3 4 0 0 0	2.0* 1.5* 2.0* 0.0 0.0 0.0	5 8 1 2 0 2 2	2.5 3.9 0.5* 1.0* 0.0 1.0*	13 11 7 3 2 2 2	1.8 1.5 1.0 0.4* 0.3* 0.3*
	Suicide Congenital Anomalies Diseases of the Heart Septicemia Cerebrovascular Disease Homicide Other	3 0 1 1 1 0 0	2.2* 0.0 0.7* 0.7* 0.7* 0.0 0.0 5.2	1 0 1 0 1 0 0 5	0.5* 0.0 0.5* 0.0 0.5* 0.0 0.5* 0.0 2.5	4 3 4 0 0 0 0	2.0* 1.5* 2.0* 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 2.0*	5 8 1 2 0 2 2 2	2.5 3.9 0.5* 1.0* 0.0 1.0* 6.9	13 11 7 3 2 2 2 2 30	1.8 1.5 1.0 0.4* 0.3* 0.3* 0.3*

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Secondary Indicator: PREVENTABLE CHILD AND YOUTH DEATH

Number of Deaths and Rate Per 100,000 Population for Persons 1 to 19 Years of Age from Unintentional Injury, Homicide and Suicide, 2014 to 2023

	Average 201	4 - 2019	2020		2021		2022		2023	
Cause of Death	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
Unintentional Injury	30	3.9	46	6.2	55	7.2	41	5.4	43	5.9
Homicide	9	1.1	7	0.9	10	1.3	8	1.1	2	0.3*
Suicide	14	1.7	17	2.3	14	1.8	10	1.3	11	1.5

^{*}Rates based on less than five deaths are unstable, and therefore should be interpreted with caution. Source: OC Health Care Agency, Public Health Services

Number and Death Rate per 100,000 Population for Persons Age 1 to 19 Years from Unintentional Injury, Homicide and Suicide, by Age Group and Gender, 2014 to 2023

AGE AND GENDER	UNINTENTIONAL INJURY									
	Average 20)14-2019	202	0	202	1	202	2	202	3
	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
< 15 Years	12	2.1	13	2.3	8	1.4	9	1.7	12	2.3
15 to 19 Years	18	8.5	33	16.1	47	22.9	32	14.4	31	15.3
Males	21	5.2	35	9.0	33	8.5	27	7.0	24	6.4
Females	9	2.5	11	2.9	22	5.9	14	3.8	19	5.3
AGE AND GENDER					HOMIC	IDE				
	Average 20)14-2019	202	0	202	1	202	2	202	3
	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
< 15 Years	1	0.2	2	0.4*	2	0.4*	0	0.0	0	0.0
15 to 19 Years	8	3.5	5	2.4	8	3.9	8	3.6	2	1.0*
Males	7	1.8	4	1.0*	10	2.6	8	2.1	2	0.5*
Females	2	0.4	3	0.8*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
					SUICI	DE				
AGE AND GENDER	Average 20)14-2019	202	0	202	1	202	2	202	3
	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
< 15 Years	2	0.4*	4	0.7*	8	1.4	2	0.4*	3	0.6*
15 to 19 Years	12	5.4	13	6.3	6	2.9	8	3.6	8	3.9
Males	11	2.7	15	3.9	7	1.8	10	2.6	9	2.4
Females	3	0.8*	2	0.5*	7	1.9	0	0.0	2	0.6*

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Source: Population data from the CA Department of Finance population estimates in Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail, 2010-2060, Sacramento, California, January 2024 Source: OC Health Care Agency, Public Health Services

Number and Death Rate per 100,000 Population for Persons Age 1 to 19 Years from Unintentional Injury, Homicide and Suicide, by Race/Ethnicity, 2014 to 2023

RACE / ETHNICITY	UNINTENTIONAL INJURY									
	Average 20	14-2019	202	0	202	1	202	2	202	3
	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
White	11	4.4	16	7.0	21	9.3	16	6.5	16	7.8
Black	1	10.2	1	10.5*	1	10.5*	0	0.0	1	9.3*
Hispanic	14	4.0	23	6.9	26	7.9	20	5.9	20	6.8
Asian	4	3.4	5	4.1	6	5.0	5	4.0	4	2.7*
NHOPI	0	5.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	27.3*
RACE / ETHNICITY					НОМІС	CIDE				
	Average 20	14-2019	202	0	202	1	202	2	202	3
	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
White	1	0.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.4*	1	0.5*
Black	0	1.7	0	0.0	1	10.5*	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hispanic	7	1.9	5	1.5	9	2.7	7	2.1	1	0.3*
Asian	1	0.7	2	1.7*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
NHOPI	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
RACE / ETHNICITY	SUICIDE									
	Average 20	14-2019	202	0	202	1	202	2	202	3
	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
White	6	2.6	7	3.1	6	2.7	4	1.6*	6	2.9
Black	0	1.7	1	10.5*	1	10.5*	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hispanic	5	1.3	6	1.8	5	1.5	2	0.6*	3	1.0*
Asian	3	2.1	3	2.5	2	1.7*	4	3.2*	2	1.4*
NHOPI	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

^{*}Rates based on less than five deaths are unstable, and therefore should be interpreted with caution.

Source: Population data from the CA Department of Finance population estimates in Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail, 2010-2060, Sacramento, California, January 2024 Source: OC Health Care Agency, Public Health Services

Number and Rate per 100,000 Persons 1 to 19 years of Age for Unintentional Injury Deaths, by Cause, 2014 to 2023

	Avera 2014-2		202	0	202	1	202	2	202	3
Cause	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
Motor Vehicle**	19	2.4	14	1.8	16	2.1	21	2.8	16	2.2
Drowning	4	0.6	3	0.4*	3	0.4*	3	0.4*	4	0.5*
Falls	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.1*
Poisoning (Includes Drug Overdoses)	5	0.7	23	3.0	35	4.6	15	2.0	19	2.6
Suffocation	1	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.1*	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other	0	0.0	6	8.0	0	0.0	2	0.3*	3	0.4*
Total	30	3.9	46	6.2	55	7.2	41	5.4	43	5.9

^{*}Rates based on less than five deaths are unstable, and therefore should be interpreted with caution.

Number of Victims and Rate per 100,000 Persons 1 to 19 Years of Age Killed as a Result of Motor Vehicle Accidents, by Age Group, 2014 to 2023

	Average 2014-2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
Age	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
1 to 4 Years	2	1.4	1	0.6*	2	1.3*	2	1.4*	1	0.7*
5 to 9 Years	3	1.3	0	0.0	1	0.5*	2	1.0*	2	1.0*
10 to 14 Years	3	1.4	2	1.0*	0	0.0	1	0.5*	3	1.5*
15 to 19 Years	12	5.5	9	4.4	13	6.3	16	7.2	10	4.9
Total	19	2.4	12	1.6	16	2.1	21	2.8	16	2.2

^{*}Rates based on less than five deaths are unstable, and therefore should be interpreted with caution Source: OC Health Care Agency, Public Health Services

Number and Rate per 100,000 Persons of Gun-Related Fatalities with Children 1 to 19 years of Age, by Type of Incident, 2014 to 2023

	Average 2014-2019		202	2020		2021		2022		2023	
Type of Incident	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	
Homicide	6	0.7	3	0.4*	9	1.2	7	0.9	2	0.3*	
Suicide	4	0.5	2	0.3*	1	0.1*	3	0.4*	4	0.5*	
Accidental	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.1*	
Total	10	1.3	5	0.7	10	1.3	10	1.3	7	1.0	

^{*}Rates based on less than five deaths are unstable, and therefore should be interpreted with caution. Source: OC Health Care Agency, Public Health Services

^{**}Includes deaths to bicyclists and pedestrians caused by motor vehicle.

Source: Population data from the California Department of Finance population estimates in Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail, 2010-2060, Sacramento, California, January 2024 Source: OC Health Care Agency, Public Health Services

Secondary Indicator: SELECT NON-FATAL CHILD AND YOUTH INJURIES

Number of Children 1 to 19 Years of Age Hospitalized as a Result of Motor Vehicle Accidents (Non-Fatal), by Age Group, 2014 to 2023

Age	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
0 to 4 Years	25	22	20	24	15	21	N/A*	14	N/A*	13
5 to 9 Years	37	26	26	50	37	34	24	19	16	32
10 to 14 Years	36	32	44	61	55	58	32	43	34	40
15 to 19 Years	138	160	199	170	138	133	115	109	127	161
Total	236	240	289	305	245	246	180	185	183	246

^{*}EPI Center suppresses counts <11 for data de-identification purposes.

Note: Non-fatal data are derived from hospitalization records. Non-fatal injuries not resulting in hospitalization are not included in the table. Source: EPI Center, California Injury Data Online

Number of Children 1 to 19 Years of Age Hospitalized as a Result of Gun-Related Incidents (Non-Fatal), by Type of Incident, 2014 to 2023

Total	24	29	20	31	26	19	11	21	21	31
Accidental	N/A*	17	N/A*	13	12	N/A*	N/A*	11	11	17
Self-Inflicted	0	0	0	0	N/A*	N/A*	0	0	N/A*	N/A*
Assault	21	12	12	16	12	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	11
Type of Incident	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023

^{*}EPI Center suppresses counts <11 for data de-identification purposes.

Note: Non-fatal data are derived from hospitalization records. Non-fatal injuries not resulting in hospitalization are not included in the table. Source: EPI Center, California Injury Data Online

Indicator: SUBSTANTIATED CHILD ABUSE ALLEGATIONS

Substantiated Child Abuse Allegations, by Percent for Children Younger than 18 Years, by Type of Abuse, 2015 to 2024

Type of Abuse	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Sexual Abuse	6.8%	5.4%	5.4%	3.9%	3.7%	4.1%	4.6%	4.5%	4.1%	3.5%
Physical Abuse	4.5%	4.5%	3.7%	3.8%	3.6%	4.1%	3.3%	3.7%	4.8%	5.6%
Severe Neglect	4.3%	4.3%	4.9%	5.2%	6.6%	7.9%	8.0%	8.2%	8.4%	5.9%
General Neglect	71.4%	71.8%	71.3%	73.6%	73.6%	72.9%	71.9%	70.8%	69.5%	70.9%
Exploitation	0.1%	0.4%	0.7%	0.6%	0.7%	0.3%	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%	1.1%
Emotional Abuse	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%
Caretaker Absence/Incapacity	1.8%	2.8%	2.4%	2.6%	2.4%	2.2%	2.0%	3.0%	2.8%	2.5%
At Risk Sibling Abused	10.9%	10.5%	11.4%	9.9%	9.0%	8.0%	9.0%	8.7%	9.3%	10.1%
Substantial Risk	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	100%	100%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100%	100%

Note: A child is counted only once in category of highest severity.

Note: Data are refreshed on a quarterly basis. Previously reported values may slightly differ from past reports. Percent calculations do not include "missing."

Source: CWS/CMS 2024 Quarter 4 Extract. Webster, D., Lee, S., Dawson, W., Magruder, J., Exel, M., Cuccaro-Alamin, S., Putnam-Hornstein, E., Wiegmann, W., Saika, G., Hammond, I., Ayat, N., Gomez, A., Jeffrey, K., Prakash, A., Berwick, H., Hoerl, C., Yee, H., Flamson, T., Gonzalez, A. & Ensele, P. (2023). CCWIP reports. Retrieved 6/24/2025, from University of California at Berkeley California Child Welfare Indicators Project website http://cssr.berkeley.edu/ucb_childwelfare

Number of Children with One or More Child Abuse Allegations and Substantiated Allegations, 2015 to 2024

Age Group	Child Abuse Allegations #	Substantiated Allegations #	Substantiated Rate per 1000	Age Group	Child Abuse Allegations #	Substantiated Allegations #	Substantiated Rate per 1000
2015				2016			
Under 1	1,888	677	17.6	Under 1	1,775	647	16.9
1 to 5 Years	7,909	1,776	9.2	1 to 5 Years	7,601	1,600	8.3
6 to 10 Years	9,651	1,672	8.4	6 to 10 Years	9,448	1,583	8.1
11 to 15 Years	8,876	1,195	5.7	11 to 15 Years	8,780	1,233	5.9
16 to 17 Years	3,634	433	4.9	16 to 17 Years	3,537	410	4.6
Total	31,958	5,753	7.9	Total	31,141	5,473	7.6
2017				2018			
Under 1	1,806	609	16.1	Under 1	1,658	596	16.1
1 to 5 Years	7,308	1,504	7.8	1 to 5 Years	6,853	1,318	6.9
6 to 10 Years	9,519	1,367	7.0	6 to 10 Years	8,923	1,295	6.7
11 to 15 Years	9,261	1,048	5.1	11 to 15 Years	9,399	1,069	5.2
16 to 17 Years	3,788	360	4.1	16 to 17 Years	3,568	363	4.2
Total	31,682	4,888	6.8	Total	30,401	4,641	6.5
2019				2020			
Under 1	1,750	691	19.2	Under 1	1,524	637	18.2
1 to 5 Years	6,963	1,501	7.9	1 to 5 Years	5,614	1,347	7.2
6 to 10 Years	8,654	1,343	7.0	6 to 10 Years	6,594	1,179	6.1
11 to 15 Years	9,641	1,160	5.6	11 to 15 Years	7,688	1,086	5.2
16 to 17 Years	3,666	355	4.2	16 to 17 Years	3,061	307	3.7
Total	30,674	5,050	7.1	Total	24,481	4,556	6.4

Note: Data are refreshed on a quarterly basis. Previously reported values may slightly differ from past reports.

Population Data Source: CA Department of Finance

Source: County of Orange Social Services Agency & CWS/CMS 2025 Quarter 1 Extract. Webster, D., Lee, S., Dawson, W., Magruder, J., Exel, M., Cuccaro to Alamin, S., Putnam to Hornstein, E., Wiegmann, W., Saika, G., Hammond, I., Ayat, N., Gomez, A., Jeffrey, K., Prakash, A., Berwick, H., Hoerl, C., Yee, H., Flamson, T., Gonzalez, A. & Ensele, P. (2024). CCWIP reports. Retrieved 8/6/2025, from University of California at Berkeley California Child Welfare Indicators Project website < https://ccwip.berkeley.edu >

Number of Children with One or More Child Abuse Allegations and Substantiated Allegations, 2015 to 2024 (Continued)

Age Group	Child Abuse Allegations #	Substantiated Allegations #	Substantiated Rate per 1,000	Age Group	Child Abuse Allegations #	Substantiated Allegations #	Substantiated Rate per 1,000
2021				2022			
Under 1	1,499	660	22.0	Under 1	1,550	632	20.4
1 to 5 Years	5,518	1,389	7.6	1 to 5 Years	5,650	1,406	8.1
6 to 10 Years	6,973	1,203	6.3	6 to 10 Years	7,856	1,211	6.4
11 to 15 Years	8,448	1,108	5.4	11 to 15 Years	9,464	1,109	5.5
16 to 17 Years	3,403	349	4.2	16 to 17 Years	3,880	355	4.3
Total	25,841	4,709	6.8	Total	28,400	4,713	6.9
2023				2024			
Under 1	1,320	515	17.0	Under 1	1,337	538	17.7
1 to 5 Years	5,456	1,289	7.7	1 to 5 Years	5,398	1,246	7.8
6 to 10 Years	7,710	1,254	6.6	6 to 10 Years	7,812	1,207	6.4
11 to 15 Years	8,777	1,109	5.7	11 to 15 Years	8,668	1,135	5.9
16 to 17 Years	3,606	373	4.5	16 to 17 Years	3,503	365	4.4
Total	26,869	4,540	6.8	Total	26,718	4,491	6.9

Note: Data are refreshed on a quarterly basis. Previously reported values may slightly differ from past reports.

Population Data Source: CA Department of Finance
Source: County of Orange Social Services Agency & CWS/CMS 2025 Quarter 1 Extract. Webster, D., Lee, S., Dawson, W., Magruder, J., Exel, M., Cuccaro-Alamin, S., Putnam-Hornstein, E., Wiegmann, W., Saika, G., Hammond, I., Ayat, N., Gomez, A., Jeffrey, K., Prakash, A., Berwick, H., Hoerl, C., Yee, H., Flamson, T., Gonzalez, A. & Ensele, P. (2024). CCWIP reports. Retrieved 8/6/2025, from University of California at Berkeley California Child Welfare Indicators Project website < https://ccwip.berkeley.edu >

Secondary Indicator: CHILD ABUSE - DEPENDENCY PETITIONS

Number and Percent of Dependency Petitions Filed, 2014/15 to 2023/24

	201	4/15	201	5/16	201	6/17	201	7/18	201	8/19
	No.	%								
Petitions Filed	1,162	3.8%	1,341	4.3%	1,431	4.5%	1,460	4.8%	1,598	5.3%
	201	9/20	202	0/21	202	1/22	202	2/23	202	3/24
	No.	%								
Petitions Filed	1,707	6.1%	1,607	6.6%	1,672	6.1%	1,667	5.9%	1,692	6.5%

Source: County of Orange Social Services Agency & CWS/CMS 2025 Quarter 1 Extract. Webster, D., Lee, S., Dawson, W., Magruder, J., Exel, M., Cuccaro-Alamin, S., Putnam-Hornstein, E., Wiegmann, W., Saika, G., Courtney, M., Eastman, A.L., Hammond, I., Gomez, A., Gomez Hernandez, F., Sunaryo, E., Guo, S., Agarwal, A., Berwick, H., Hoerl, C., Yee, H., Gonzalez, A., Ensele, P., Nevin, J., & Guinan, B. (2024). (2023). CCWIP reports. Retrieved 8/6/2025, from University of California at Berkeley California Child Welfare Indicators Project website https://cssr.berkeley.edu/ucb_childwelfare

Percent of "Recurrence of Maltreatment" in 12-month Time Period for Children with a Substantiated Child Abuse Allegation Orange County and California, 2013/14 to 2022/23

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Orange County	7.4%	9.1%	7.8%	8.0%	7.7%
California	10.2%	9.7%	9.0%	9.2%	9.1%
	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Orange County	7.1%	5.9%	7.7%	7.0%	6.4%
California	9.1%	8.2%	8.4%	8.4%	7.9%

Note: Fiscal year represents the year each cohort received their initial substantiated maltreatment allegation. Methodology changed from CFSR2 to CFSR3 so recurrence is reported rather than no reoccurrence and the time-period reported changed from six-month time period to 12-month time period. Because of methodology change the study period fiscal year are a year behind what would have been reported.

Source: County of Orange Social Services Agency & CWS/CMS 2024 Quarter 4 Extract. Webster, D., Lee, S., Dawson, W., Magruder, J., Exel, M., Cuccaro-Alamin, S., Putnam-Hornstein, E., Wiegmann, W., Saika, G., Courtney, M., Eastman, A.L., Hammond, I., Gomez, A., Sunaryo, E., Guo, S., Agarwal, A., Berwick, H., Hoerl, C., Yee, H., Gonzalez, A., Ensele, P., Nevin, J., & Guinan, B. (2025). CCWIP reports. Retrieved 6/23/2025, from University of California at Berkeley California Child Welfare Indicators Project website http://cssr.berkeley.edu/ucb_childwelfare

Secondary Indicator: DEPENDENTS OF THE COURT

Definition

Dependents of the court are children who have been found by Juvenile Court action to require protection and supervision by the Juvenile Court from abuse and/or neglect. These children can be either in their own homes under Social Services Agency (SSA) supervision or in out-of-home care such as in the care of a relative nonrelated extended family member (NREFM) foster parent or group home.

Monthly Number of Dependents of the Court Younger than 18 by End of Month Cases, 2014/15 to 2023/24

Month	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
July	2,631	2,434	2,525	2,643	2,717	2,922	3,176	2,901	2,955	2,782
August	2,631	2,454	2,604	2,632	2,754	2,949	3,174	2,935	2,948	2,753
September	2,632	2,497	2,628	2,625	2,779	3,008	3,203	2,951	2,973	2,740
October	2,649	2,501	2,607	2,653	2,759	3,020	3,152	2,943	3,017	2,744
November	2,609	2,521	2,595	2,702	2,781	3,050	3,146	2,958	2,985	2,686
December	2,543	2,500	2,595	2,708	2,812	3,089	3,106	2,962	2,948	2,676
January	2,532	2,518	2,594	2,725	2,856	3,103	3,087	2,978	2,916	2,665
February	2,532	2,523	2,605	2,700	2,853	3,065	3,063	2,969	2,903	2,634
March	2,521	2,495	2,558	2,656	2,856	3,129	3,027	2,916	2,881	2,661
April	2,494	2,502	2,544	2,686	2,867	3,143	3,001	2,900	2,867	2,680
May	2,481	2,504	2,564	2,686	2,903	3,209	2,974	2,858	2,856	2,688
June	2,473	2,538	2,628	2,705	2,888	3,210	2,921	2,900	2,817	2,688
Average	2,561	2,499	2,587	2,677	2,819	3,075	3,086	2,931	2,922	2,700

Note: Data from past years were refreshed and may not be consistent with values provided in previous years. Source: County of Orange Social Services Agency

Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care, by Race/Ethnicity, April 2016 to April 2025

Race/Ethnicity	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*
White	37%	36%	32%	32%	34%	34%	34%	33%	32%	17%
Hispanic	52%	53%	55%	53%	52%	53%	54%	54%	54%	71%
Black	6%	4%	6%	7%	7%	7%	8%	7%	8%	7%
Asian	4%	7%	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	4%	5%	4%
Native American	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Other	0.2%	0.2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%

*Changes in the methodology for capturing race/ethnicity implemented in 2025. Note: Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding. Source: County of Orange Social Services Agency

Wraparound Referrals, by Agency, 2014/15 to 2023/2024

Referral Agency	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Social Services	175	212	244	225	251	292	278	259	297	303
Probation	245	215	262	201	60	61	38	21	6	16
Health Care	24	21	24	30	50	54	64	64	75	75
Total	444	448	530	456	361	407	380	344	378	394

Note: Wraparound Referrals are those referrals made as part of the Wraparound Orange County model, which started in July 2001. It is administered by SSA, in partnership with HCA and the Probation Department. To be eligible, a youth must have severe emotional or behavioral difficulties, and be currently placed in, or be at-risk of being placed in, a group home (which includes residential treatment centers and correctional placements), and be either: a dependent from child welfare or a ward from probation, or referred by mental health and identified by special education.

Source: County of Orange Social Services Agency

Average Monthly Number of Children in Out-of-Home Care, 2014/15 to 2023/24

Year	Dependents of the Court	Out-of-Home Care
2014/15	2,561	1,825
2015/16	2,499	1,774
2016/17	2,587	1,816
2017/18	2,677	1,872
2018/19	2,819	2,003
2019/20	3,075	2,170
2020/21	3,086	2,126
2021/22	2,931	2,049
2022/23	2,922	2,036
2023/24	2,700	1,825

Note: Data from past years were refreshed and may not be consistent with values provided in previous years.

Source: County of Orange Social Services Agency & CWS/CMS 2024 Quarter 4 Extract. Webster, D., Lee, S., Dawson, W., Magruder, J., Exel, M., Cuccaro-Alamin, S., Putnam-Hornstein, E., Wiegmann, W., Saika, G., Courtney, M., Eastman, A.L., Hammond, I., Gomez, A., Sunaryo, E., Guo, S., Agarwal, A., Berwick, H., Hoerl, C., Yee, H., Gonzalez, A., Ensele, P., Nevin, J., & Guinan, B. (2023). CCWIP reports. Retrieved June 2024, from University of California at Berkeley California Child Welfare

Secondary Indicator: FOSTER CARE

Definition

When the Juvenile Court determines that a child cannot safely remain with his or her own family, the Social Services Agency (SSA) identifies a placement for the child. Relative/guardian care is the primary placement considered in order to comply with state law and best practice of placing children in the least restrictive most family-like setting. If relatives are not available, the next best option is a non-related extended family member (NREFM). If relatives and NREFMs are not available, SSA may place the child in a county licensed foster family home (FFH) or a home provided by a Foster Family Agency (FFA). FFA-certified homes are provided by nonprofit agencies licensed by the state to develop and supervise specialized foster homes for the placement of children who require a higher level of care due to emotional or behavioral problems. A child with even more significant behavioral issues may be temporarily placed in a state licensed group home or other residential setting to meet their treatment needs.

Number and Percent of Placement Type, April 2016 to April 2025

Annual Point-in- Time Comparison	20	16	201	17	20	18	201	19	202	0	20	21
	No.	%										
Relative/Guardian	1,149	54%	1,266	58%	1,167	54%	1,292	54%	1,428	57%	1,437	58%
Foster Family Homes/Resource Family*	237	11%	222	10%	314	14%	301	13%	295	12%	298	12%
Foster Family Agency Certified Homes	284	13%	277	13%	284	13%	318	13%	293	12%	261	11%
Adoptive Placement**	71	3%	44	2%	49	2%	65	3%	71	3%	71	3%
Group Homes/STRTPs	72	3%	80	4%	71	3%	120	5%	125	5%	104	4%
Orangewood Children and Family Center	73	3%	55	3%	60	3%	90	4%	46	2%	43	2%
Other	236	11%	221	10%	232	11%	193	8%	239	10%	257	10%
Total	2,122	100%	2,165	100%	2,177	100%	2,379	100%	2,497	100%	2,471	100%

Annual Point-in-Time Comparison	20	22	20	23	202	4	202	25	10 Year A	Average
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Relative/Guardian	1,375	58%	1,313	56%	1,196	55%	1,066	53%	1,269	56%
Foster Family Homes/Resource Family*	313	13%	312	13%	277	13%	269	13%	284	12%
Foster Family Agency Certified Homes	229	10%	236	10%	192	9%	169	8%	254	11%
Adoptive Placement**	54	2%	74	3%	56	3%	38	2%	59	3%
Group Homes/STRTPs	86	4%	58	2%	68	3%	74	4%	86	4%
Orangewood Children and Family Center	57	2%	76	3%	73	3%	85	4%	66	3%
Other	276	12%	270	12%	310	14%	321	16%	248	11%
Total	2,390	100%	2,339	100%	2,172	100%	2,022	100%	2,266	100%

^{*}Due to the implementation of Resource Family Approval process (February 2016), the new "Resource Family" placement type consists of combination of placements previously identified as Foster Family Homes, Relative Homes and Non-Related Extended Family Member Homes. During this transition period, it is difficult to classify youth into these placement homes and therefore comparisons between 2017

Source: County of Orange Social Services Agency

data and past years should not be made for youth placed in these family-like settings.

**Adoptive placements added as a separate category for the 31st Annual report. In previous reports, adoptive placements were captured as a part of the "Other" category.

Note: Due to rounding percentages may not add up to 100%.

Number of Children and Family Services Out-Of-Home Placements, by Age, City, and Placement Type, April 2025

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CITIES AND COMMUNITIES	0 - <6	6 - <13	13+	0 - <6	6 - <13	13+	0 - <6	6 - <13	13+	0 - <6	6 - <13	13+	0 - <6	6 - <13	13+	0 - <6	6 - <13	13+
Aliso Viejo	*	*	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*
Anaheim	53	48	51	13	12	8	7	5	*	*	*	0	0	0	0	*	0	18
Brea	*	5	*	*	0	*	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*
Buena Park	*	0	5	7	*	0	5	*	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Costa Mesa	5	10	*	*	*	6	*	0	*	0	0	0	0	6	12	0	0	19
Cypress	*	5	*	*	*	*	*	0	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dana Point	*	0	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fountain Valley	6	*	5	*	*	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	0	0	*
Fullerton	12	9	12	7	*	*	*	0	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
Garden Grove	26	20	16	10	*	5	*	0	0	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Huntington Beach	8	6	6	*	*	*	*	0	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Irvine	*	5	6	9	0	8	*	0	0	*	0	0	0	0	*	0	0	7
La Habra	8	6	*	*	*	*	0	0	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*
La Palma	*	*	*	0	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Laguna Beach	0	*	0	0	0	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Laguna Hills	*	*	*	*	0	0	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*
Laguna Niguel	*	0	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*
Laguna Woods	0	0	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*
Lake Forest	*	*	5	*	5	*	5	0	0	*	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Alamitos	0	*	0	*	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*
Mission Viejo	5	*	*	*	*	0	5	0	0	*	0	0	0	0	0	*	0	*
Newport Beach	*	*	5	*	0	0	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*
Orange	15	13	19	13	*	*	7	*	*	0	*	0	(5)+ 0	(37) + *	(43) + 16	*	*	21
Placentia	8	6	*	*	0	*	*	*	0	*	0	0	0	*	7	0	0	*
Rancho Santa Margarita	*	*	0	0	0	0	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*
San Clemente	*	0	7	0	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*
San Juan Capistrano	*	*	*	5	0	0	0	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*
Santa Ana	89	46	39	13	12	14	7	5	6	*	*	0	0	0	10	*	*	23
Seal Beach	*	0	0	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	0	0
Stanton	11	7	*	*	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*
Tustin	7	14	10	*	*	*	6	13	*	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	31
Unincorpora ted	*	6	*	*	0	0	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*
Villa Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Westminster	15	8	6	*	0	0	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
Yorba Linda	*	*	*	*	0	0	7	0	0	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*

*Numbers between 1 and 4 are masked to protect confidentiality.

Note: Parentheses indicate the number of children placed at Orangewood Children and Family Center (OCFC).

Number of Children and Family Services Out-Of-Home Placements, by Age, City, and Placement Type, April 2025 (Continued)

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Out-of- County	0 - <6	6 - <13	13+	0 - <6	6 - <13	13+	0 - <6	6 - <13	13+	0 - <6	6 - <13	13+	0 - <6	6 - <13	13+	0 - <6	6 - <13	13+
Los Angeles County	42	28	22	6	*	0	10	*	*	*	0	0	0	*	*	*	*	27
Riverside County	51	31	25	*	5	*	*	*	6	0	0	0	0	*	*	*	0	17
San Bernardino	19	15	7	*	0	*	0	0	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
San Diego County	*	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*
Non- Adjacent County or Out of State	20	10	9	*	*	*	0	0	0	*	0	0	0	0	*	0	0	28
TOTALS	445	333	288	129	68	72	90	42	37	27	10	1	5	48	106	27	6	277

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Note: Parentheses indicate the number of children placed at Orangewood Children and Family Center (OCFC).

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Number and Percent of Children and Family Services Out-Of-Home Placements, by Age and City of Placement, April 2025

		TOTAL COM	MUNITY (#)			TOTAL COMM	IUNITY (%)	
CITIES AND COMMUNITIES	0 - <6	6 - <13	13 +	TOTAL	0 - <6	6 - <13	13 +	TOTAL
Aliso Viejo	5	3	2	10	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.5%
Anaheim	78	69	81	228	3.9%	3.4%	4.0%	11.3%
Brea	5	6	8	19	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%	0.9%
Buena Park	16	4	14	34	0.8%	0.2%	0.7%	1.7%
Costa Mesa	9	17	41	67	0.4%	0.8%	2.0%	3.3%
Cypress	6	7	5	18	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.9%
Dana Point	4	0	1	5	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%
Fountain Valley	9	5	10	24	0.4%	0.2%	0.5%	1.2%
Fullerton	21	12	50	83	1.0%	0.6%	2.5%	4.1%
Los Angeles County	41	22	27	90	2.0%	1.1%	1.3%	4.5%
Riverside County	15	9	21	45	0.7%	0.4%	1.0%	2.2%
San Bernardino	18	5	22	45	0.9%	0.2%	1.1%	2.2%
San Diego County	10	10	8	28	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%	1.4%
Huntington Beach	1	3	2	6	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%
Irvine	0	1	2	3	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
La Habra	5	3	4	12	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.6%
La Palma	1	0	2	3	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
Laguna Beach	0	0	2	2	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
Laguna Hills	9	10	9	28	0.4%	0.5%	0.4%	1.4%
Laguna Niguel	1	3	2	6	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%
Laguna Woods	5	3	2	10	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.5%
Lake Forest	78	69	81	228	3.9%	3.4%	4.0%	11.3%
Los Alamitos	5	6	8	19	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%	0.9%

Number and Percent of Children and Family Services Out-Of-Home Placements, by Age and City of Placement, April 2025 (Continued)

		TOTAL COM	MUNITY (#)			TOTAL COMM	MUNITY (%)	
CITIES AND COMMUNITIES	0 - <6	6 - <13	13 +	TOTAL	0 - <6	6 - <13	13 +	TOTAL
Mission Viejo	16	7	2	25	0.8%	0.3%	0.1%	1.2%
Newport Beach	5	3	7	15	0.2%	0.1%	0.3%	0.7%
Orange	43	60	104	207	2.1%	3.0%	5.1%	10.2%
Placentia	15	10	11	36	0.7%	0.5%	0.5%	1.8%
Rancho Santa Margarita	5	4	2	11	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.5%
San Clemente	3	2	9	14	0.1%	0.1%	0.4%	0.7%
San Juan Capistrano	7	5	7	19	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.9%
Santa Ana	116	70	92	278	5.7%	3.5%	4.5%	13.7%
Seal Beach	4	0	0	4	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%
Stanton	13	9	9	31	0.6%	0.4%	0.4%	1.5%
Tustin	15	29	57	101	0.7%	1.4%	2.8%	5.0%
Unincorporated	9	8	2	19	0.4%	0.4%	0.1%	0.9%
Villa Park	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Westminster	19	10	10	39	0.9%	0.5%	0.5%	1.9%
Yorba Linda	15	2	5	22	0.7%	0.1%	0.2%	1.1%
OUT-OF-COUNTY				0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Los Angeles County	65	36	51	152	3.2%	1.8%	2.5%	7.5%
Riverside County	57	38	50	145	2.8%	1.9%	2.5%	7.2%
San Bernardino	21	15	21	57	1.0%	0.7%	1.0%	2.8%
San Diego County	3	3	7	13	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	0.6%
Non-Adjacent County or Out of State	25	12	41	78	1.2%	0.6%	2.0%	3.9%
TOTALS	710	512	800	2,022	35.1%	25.3%	39.6%	100.0%

Note: Total Community also includes children in pre-adoptive placements Court-Specified Placements and placement settings such as hospitals.

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Number of Placement Moves Per 1,000 Days in Foster Care in a 12 Month Period, 2014/15 to 2023/24

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Orange County	4.11	5.12	4.28	4.20	4.36	4.15	3.91	4.39	3.69	3.95
California	3.97	3.93	3.75	3.87	3.78	3.31	3.64	3.75	3.55	3.74

Source: CWS/CMS 2024 Quarter 4 Extract. Webster, D., Lee, S., Dawson, W., Magruder, J., Exel, M., Cuccaro-Alamin, S., Putnam-Hornstein,

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Indicator: CHILD WELFARE

Percent of Children Reaching Reunification and Guardianship within 12 Months and Reentry Following Reunification and Guardianship, Orange County and California, 2013/14 to 2022/23

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
				Reunific	ation Within	12 Months				
Orange County	28.1%	31.4%	36.1%	34.2%	31.7%	33.8%	32.9%	36.6%	38.9%	39.6%
California	33.8%	33.2%	33.0%	32.3%	31.6%	31.0%	29.8%	30.0%	29.5%	31.2%
				Reentry I	Following Re	unification*				
Orange County	9.1%	10.4%	8.4%	8.1%	9.2%	6.4%	7.1%	6.6%	10.4%	
California	11.4%	10.7%	10.4%	10.7%	11.3%	10.2%	9.5%	9.1%	9.1%	

*An error was identified in the reentry figures provided for the 30th Annual report. As a result, the figures differ slightly from last year's report.

Note: Due to methodological differences the reporting periods for Reentry Following Reunification will always be one year behind what is reported for the other measures.

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Secondary Indicator: EMANCIPATION SERVICES

Definition

Social Services Agency's (SSA) Transitional Planning Services (TPS) is a broad-based Independent Living Program (ILP) designed to prepare foster youth for self-sufficiency. SSA submits an annual statistical report to the state describing ILP activities. Select youth characteristics and program outcome information are presented from the report to describe emancipation services offered, received and/or provided. Services may be provided to youth as young as 14 and as old as 24. These youths include those who were in the custody of SSA due to parental abuse and neglect, former probation wards who were involved in the juvenile justice system and children with mental health needs placed in foster care by the Health Care Agency. TPS also serves youth who were in foster care in other counties and have relocated to Orange County. TPS is the responsibility of SSA's Children and Family Services Division and involves many community partners committed to assisting youth and young adults in a wide array of ILP support services including but not limited: to basic skills training employment career and vocational assessments and placements educational resources and funding and medical and mental health services.

Number and Percent of Youth Who Received Independent Living Services, 2015/16 to 2023/24

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Number of youth (where about known) who exited foster care after emancipating or turning age 18 or 19 while in foster care:	120	102	88	84	103	109	121	111	118
Percent of these youth who:									
Completed High School or Equivalency	73%	80%	86%	83%	84%	79%	65%	89%	85%
Obtained Employment	53%	55%	70%	61%	67%	59%	55%	69%	58%
Have Housing Arrangements	85%	94%	93%	94%	93%	98%	97%	92%	97%
Permanency Connection with an Adult	94%	89%	98%	95%	94%	96%	97%	93%	96%

Note: This measure reflects the percent of foster children who exited foster care placement due to attaining age 18 or 19 or those foster youth under age 18 who were legally emancipated from foster care pursuant to Family Code Section 7000 who receive appropriate education and training and/or achieve employment or economic self-sufficiency based on what is known about the youth's status at the month of exiting care

Source: County of Orange Social Services Agency

Indicator: JUVENILE ARRESTS

DUI Convictions in Orange County, by Age, 2013 to 2022

Age	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2013 to 2022
Under 18	87	67	59	32	22	14	24	8	3	5	-94.3%
18 to 20	1,044	1,098	910	694	633	515	499	292	253	221	-79.9%
Total Juvenile Arrests	1,131	1,165	969	726	655	529	523	300	256	226	-80.6%

Note: The number of DUI convictions per year are based on DUI arrests from three years prior. For example, the 221 convictions among youth 18 to 20 years in 2022 are based on DUI arrests that occurred in 2019.
Source: Annual Reports of the California DUI Management Information System 2022

Orange County Juvenile Arrests 10 to 17 Years, 2014 to 2023

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2014 to 2023
Overview											
Felony Arrests	1,660	1,178	1,196	1,125	825	884	616	512	607	953	-42.6%
Misdemeanor Arrests	3,535	2,833	2,582	1,912	1,367	1,190	785	647	777	1,227	-65.3%
Arrest for Status Offenses	1,388	820	745	735	537	545	652	209	31	16	-98.8%
Total Juvenile Arrests	6,583	4,831	4,523	3,772	2,729	2,619	2,053	1,368	1,415	2,196	-66.6%
Juvenile Felony Arres	t Trends										
Violent Crimes	373	353	386	389	341	365	236	179	184	331	-11.3%
Property Offenses	546	345	327	373	221	193	170	92	124	167	-69.4%
Drug Offenses	324	113	120	49	31	28	11	20	13	18	-94.4%
Sex Offenses	55	51	39	34	40	53	19	23	24	23	-58.2%
Other Offenses	362	316	324	280	192	245	180	198	262	414	14.4%
	1,660	1,178	1,196	1,125	825	884	616	512	607	953	-42.6%

Source: California Department of Justice, https://openjustice.doj.ca.gov/data

Number of Juvenile Arrests and Rates Per 100,000 Youth Ages 10 to 17, Orange County and California, 2014 to 2023

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
No. of Juven	ile Arrests									
Orange County	6,580	4,829	4,521	3,770	2,729	2,619	2,053	1,368	1,415	2,196
California	86,636	71,792	62,646	56,127	46,339	43,181	25,710	19,355	26,000	32,047
Juvenile Arre	est Rates									
Orange County	1,993.9	1421.8	1331.7	1104.0	828.2	789.6	628.2	415.0	458	695
California	2,133.7	1725.0	1500.1	1334.5	1120.6	1030.0	615.6	462.1	638	775
No. of Felon	y Arrests									
Orange County	1,659	1,178	1,195	1,125	825	884	616	512	607	953
California	27,583	21,343	19,619	19,333	17,229	16,288	11,332	9,132	11,902	16,045
Felony Arres	st Rates									
Orange County	502.7	346.8	352.0	329.4	248.9	266.5	188.5	155.3	197	302
California	679.3	512.8	469.8	459.7	416.6	388.5	271.3	218.0	292	388
No. of Misde	meanors - Or	ange County								
Orange County	3,534	2,832	2,581	1,910	1,367	1,190	785	647	777	1,227
California	48,291	41,848	35,756	30,046	24,223	22,836	11,930	9,008	12,958	15,371
Misdemeano	ors Arrest Rate	es								
Orange County	1055.8	849.0	773.7	571.8	409.2	358.8	240.2	196.3	252	388
California	1170.2	1012.2	860.8	719.0	577.5	544.7	285.7	215.1	318	372

Sources: California Department of Justice; Demographic Research Unit, California State Department of Finance

Secondary Indicator: REFERRALS TO PROBATION

Definition

Referrals to the Orange County Probation Department pertain to individuals who received a final disposition. In contrast to juvenile arrests which includes ages 10 to 17 with 18-year-olds handled by the juvenile court as adult, arrests referrals include ages up to 24 years. Almost all these referrals involve a criminal offense because arrests for status offenses are generally handled by the arresting agency. Disposition actions on referrals can include diversion informal supervision under the Welfare Institution Code 654 deferred entry of judgment or consideration by the juvenile court for wardship or dismissal. This indicator counts only one disposition per minor per day.

Number of Probation Referrals with Final Case Disposition, 2014 to 2023

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total Case Dispositions	7,156	4,578	4,537	4,045	3,324	3,417	2,543	1,789	1,925	2,039

Source: Juvenile Court and Probation Statistical System

Number and Percent of Juvenile Probation Referrals by Age, 2014 to 2023

	20	14	20	15	201	16	201	7	20	18
Age in years	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
10 & Under	6	0.1%	8	0.1%	8	0.1%	12	0.2%	4	0.1%
11	7	0.1%	10	0.2%	11	0.2%	9	0.2%	10	0.2%
12	50	0.7%	49	0.8%	60	1.1%	40	0.8%	45	1.1%
13	231	3.2%	184	3.2%	185	3.3%	202	4.0%	177	4.2%
14	584	8.2%	419	7.2%	479	8.5%	410	8.0%	431	10.1%
15	1,131	15.8%	915	15.8%	844	15.0%	792	15.5%	662	15.6%
16	1,594	22.3%	1,408	24.2%	1,322	23.5%	1,111	21.8%	900	21.2%
17	1,997	27.9%	1,601	27.6%	1,655	29.5%	1,478	29.0%	1,097	25.8%
18 & Older	1,556	21.7%	1,214	20.9%	1,053	18.7%	1,044	20.5%	924	21.7%
Total Referrals	7,156	100.0%	5,808	100.0%	5,617	100.0%	5,098	100.0%	4,250	100.0%
	20	19*	20	20*	2	021*	2	2022*	20	23*
Age in years	No.	%	No.	%	No). %	No.	%	No.	%
10 & Under										
11	54*	1.6%	32	1.3%	1	2 0.7%	36	1.9%	51	2.5%
12										
13	238	7.0%	170	6.7%	6	4 3.6%	6 135	7.0%	157	7.7%
14	443	13.0%	334	13.1%	19	2 0.7%	266	13.8%	285	14.0%
15	730	21.4%	517	20.3%	33	6 18.8%	376	19.5%	420	20.6%
16	914	26.7%	754	29.7%	50	1 28.0%	539	28.0%	494	24.2%
17	1,038	30.4%	736	28.9%	68	4 38.2%	573	29.8%	632	31.0%
	.,									
18 & Older	0	0%	0	0%		0 0%	6 0	0%	0	0%

*Data was updated to report 12 and under, as opposed to 10 and under, starting in 2019. Note: Due to rounding percentages may not add up to 100. Source: Juvenile Court and Probation Statistical System

Number of Probation Referrals, by City of Residence, 2015 to 2023

CITY	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Aliso Viejo	35	25	21	*	22	2020	2021	25	2023
Anaheim	817	785	717	640	646	507	270	250	300
Brea	29	20	*	21	35	*	×	230	*
Buena Park	133			92	96			65	61
Costa Mesa		130	93	80		77	53 76		
	180	195 33	133 23	24	124 29	79 21	*	103	118
Cypress	23		23 *	*	29 *	۷I *	*	*	*
Dana Point	20	27				*	*	*	*
Fountain Valley		23	22	20	22				
Fullerton	255	229	222	141	146	98	71	89	78
Garden Grove	284	254	235	165	160	105	73	100	88
Huntington Beach	137	108	114	108	101	76	51	80	64
Irvine	127	133	93	88	109	68	80	44	55
La Habra	100	106	106	91	69	64	29	45	49
La Palma	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Laguna Beach	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Laguna Hills	24	*	*	*	21	*	*	22	*
Laguna Niguel	49	43	27	33	45	23	*	*	*
Laguna Woods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lake Forest	75	72	53	50	55	38	20	27	27
Los Alamitos	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mission Viejo	69	56	44	35	38	21	*	40	20
Newport Beach	46	30	37	22	43	36	22	25	22
Orange	226	273	189	159	154	152	128	110	106
Placentia	83	74	49	71	67	73	46	39	41
Rancho Santa Margarita	29	26	*	22	25	*	*	*	*
San Clemente	39	31	24	25	64	31	39	40	34
San Juan Capistrano	54	48	43	30	35	43	22	*	*
Santa Ana	944	954	935	703	570	511	305	353	408
Seal Beach	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Stanton	54	68	72	42	40	37	*	*	22
Tustin	122	137	170	127	145	91	69	69	51
Villa Park	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	-	*
Westminster	98	78	64	62	67	39	30	29	31
Yorba Linda	47	50	24	24	27	21	*	*	*
Unincorporated Areas	40	34	40	32	36	*	*	*	*
Out of County/Unknown	387	440	392	343	391	194	219	207	274
Cities with fewer than 20 Referrals	52	55	103	74	35	116	164	141	170
Total	4,578	4,537	4,045	3,324	3,417	2,543	1,789	1,925	2,039

*Fewer than 20 referrals.

Note: Data reflects last known address.

Source: Orange County Probation Department Strategic Support Division Juvenile Court and Probation Statistical System

Number of Felony Referrals, Youth 10 to 17 Years, Broken Down by Offense at Time of Arrest, 2015 to 2023

	20	2015		2016		2017		2018		19
OFFENSE	No.	%								
Violent Offenses	541	26.7%	596	28.0%	610	30.3%	544	32.3%	679	37.5%
Property Offense	547	27.0%	540	25.4%	552	27.5%	400	23.7%	409	22.6%
Drug Offenses	246	12.1%	232	10.9%	153	7.6%	123	7.3%	109	6.0%
Sex Offenses	121	6.0%	160	7.5%	159	7.9%	175	10.4%	186	10.3%
All Other Felony Offenses	570	28.1%	602	28.3%	536	26.7%	443	26.3%	426	23.5%
FELONY TOTAL	2,025	44.2%	2,130	47.0%	2,010	49.7%	1,685	50.7%	1,809	52.9%

	2020		2021		202	22	2023		
OFFENSE	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Violent Offenses	538	37.3%	434	40.6%	412	36.3%	680	46.4%	
Property Offense	331	23.0%	178	16.7%	145	12.8%	226	15.4%	
Drug Offenses	81	5.6%	61	5.7%	41	3.6%	69	4.7%	
Sex Offenses	121	8.4%	92	8.6%	128	11.3%	92	6.3%	
All Other Felony Offenses	370	25.7%	304	28.4%	409	36.0%	399	27.2%	
FELONY TOTAL	1,441	56.7%	1,069	59.8%	1,135	59.0%	1,466	71.9%	

Note: Due to rounding percentages may not add up to 100. Source: Juvenile Court and Probation Statistical System

Number and Percent of Probation Referrals, Youth 10 to 17 Years, by Final Case Disposition, 2015 to 2023

	201	5	201	6	201	7	201	8	201	9
Final Case Disposition	No.	%								
Closed/Dismissed	2,058	45.0	2,155	47.5	1,907	47.1	1,471	44.3	1,834	53.7
Informal Probation: W&I 654A W&I 725A: Referral to Peer Court / Contract Diversion Programs	630	13.8	696	15.3	631	15.6	440	13.2	508	14.9
Formal Probation as a Ward of the Juvenile Court	711	15.5	706	15.6	627	15.5	600	18.1	509	14.9
Incarceration: County Facilities (Juvenile Hall or an Open Facility)	1,006	22.0	793	17.5	734	18.1	702	21.1	522	15.3
Incarceration: State Facility (Division of Juvenile Justice)	0	0.0	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Other Dispositions*	173	3.8	184	4.1	146	3.6	111	3.3	43	1.3
Total	4,578	100.0	4,535	100.0	4,045	100.0	3,324	100.0	3,417	100.0

*Beginning 2019, other dispositions include 43 Deferred Entry of Judgment cases. Note: Due to rounding percentages may not add up to 100.

Source: California Department of Justice, Juvenile Court and Probation Statistical System

Number and Percent of Probation Referrals, Youth 10 to 17 Years, by Final Case Disposition, 2015 to 2023 (Continued)

	202	0	202	1	202	2	2023	3
Final Case Disposition	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Closed/Dismissed	1,482	58.3	1,063	59.4	1,137	59.1	1,234	60.5
Informal Probation: W&I 654A W&I 725A: Referral to Peer Court / Contract Diversion Programs	309	12.2	185	10.3	243	12.6	360	17.7
Formal Probation as a Ward of the Juvenile Court	354	13.9	239	13.4	212	11.0	219	10.7
Incarceration: County Facility (Juvenile Hall or an Open Facility)	357	14.0	284	15.9	311	16.2	189	9.3
Incarceration: State Facility (Division of Juvenile Justice)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Dispositions*	41	1.6	18	1.0	22	1.1	37	1.8
Total	2,543	100.0	1,789	100.0	1,925	100.0	2,039	100

^{*}Beginning 2019, other dispositions include 43 Deferred Entry of Judgment cases.

Note: Due to rounding percentages may not add up to 100.

Source: California Department of Justice, Juvenile Court and Probation Statistical System

Number and Percent of Probation Referrals, by Race and Ethnicity, 2017 to 2023

	2015	5 2016		2016 2017		2018		2019		
Race and Ethnicity	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Hispanic	3,278	71.6	3,164	69.7	2,789	68.9	2,454	73.8	2,290	67.0
Non-Hispanic White	764	16.7	787	17.3	694	17.2	481	14.5	619	18.1
Black or African American	241	5.3	267	5.9	240	5.9	166	5.0	237	6.9
Asian & Pacific Islander	185	4.0	148	3.3	139	3.4	85	2.6	97	2.8
All Other Races	110	2.4	171	3.8	183	4.5	138	4.2	174	5.1
Total Referrals	4,578		4,537		4,045		3,324		3,417	

	2020		2021	2021		2022		
Race and Ethnicity	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Hispanic	1,776	69.8	1,223	68.4	1,361	70.7	1,347	66.0
Non-Hispanic White	410	16.1	306	17.1	275	14.3	289	14.2
Black or African American	129	5.1	121	6.8	125	6.5	120	5.9
Asian & Pacific Islander	66	2.6	46	2.6	68	3.5	81	4.0
All Other Races	162	6.4	93	5.2	96	5.0	202	9.9
Total Referrals	2 543		1 789		1 925		2 039	

Note: Due to rounding percentages may not add up to 100. Source: California Department of Justice, Juvenile Court and Probation Statistical System

Number and Rate Per 100,000 of Probation Referrals, Youth 10 to 17 Years, Incarcerated in County Facilities and the Division of Juvenile Justice, California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation, 2015 to 2023

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Number of Referrals Incarcerated in County & State Facilities	1,006	794	734	702	523	357	284	311	189
Rate Per 100,000	301	238	220	210	158	109	86	101	60

Sources: California Department of Justice, Juvenile Court and Probation Statistical System; California Department of Finance

Indicator: JUVENILE SUSTAINED PETITIONS

Juvenile Sustained Petitions by City of Residence for Referred Youth 10 to 17 Years, 2023

City	Number	Percent	City	Number	Percent
Aliso Viejo	*	*	Lake Forest	*	*
Anaheim	95	18.0	Los Alamitos	*	*
Brea	*	*	Mission Viejo	*	*
Buena Park	*	*	Newport Beach	*	*
Costa Mesa	29	5.5	Orange	49	9.3
Cypress	*	*	Placentia	*	*
Dana Point	*	*	Rancho Santa Margarita	*	*
Fountain Valley	*	*	San Clemente	*	*
Fullerton	*	*	San Juan Capistrano	*	*
Garden Grove	31	5.9	Santa Ana	117	22.1
Huntington Beach	*	*	Seal Beach	*	*
Irvine	*	*	Stanton	*	*
La Habra	*	*	Tustin	*	*
La Palma	*	*	Westminster	*	*
Laguna Beach	*	*	Yorba Linda	*	*
Laguna Hills	*	*	Unincorporated Areas/Census Designated Places	*	*
Laguna Niguel	*	*	Out of County/Unknown/Missing	43	8.1
			Cities with Fewer than 20 Sustained Petitions	165	31.2
			TOTAL	529	100

^{*}Fewer than 20 sustained petitions.

Note: Data reflects last known address.
Source: California Department of Justice, Juvenile Court and Probation Statistical System; Orange County Probation Department

Juvenile Sustained Petitions Youth 10 to 17 Years, by Sex, 2023

	Number	Percent
Female	83	15.7%
Male	446	84.3%
Total	529	100.0%

Source: Juvenile Court and Statistical System

Juvenile Sustained Petitions Youth 10 to 17 Years, by Age, 2023

	Number	Percent
12 and under	3	0.6%
13 to 14	99	18.7%
15 to 17	427	80.7%
Total	529	100.0%

Source: Juvenile Court and Statistical System

Juvenile Sustained Petitions Youth 10 to 17 Years, by Race and Ethnicity, 2023

	Number	Percent
Asian and Pacific Islander	20	3.8
Black	28	5.3
Hispanic	398	75.2
White	57	10.8
Other/Unknown	26	4.9
Total	529	100.0

Source: Juvenile Court and Statistical System

Indicator: GANG ACTIVITY AMONG YOUTH

Gang Related Prosecutions Among Youth aged 0 to 17 Crime Type, 2015 to 2024

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Assault	58	50	33	33	32	26	18	23	23	8
Burglary	4	3	2	1		3	1	3		1
Homicide/ Manslaughter	3	8	15	6	10	6	3	4	11	6
Narcotics sales	4	19	2	-	2	4	1	-	-	-
Narcotics possession	5	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Other	57	47	38	39	35	32	20	10	6	2
Parole Violator	3	3	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery	21	26	38	20	19	17	7	6	25	3
Sexual Assault	21	26	37	20	19	17	-	-	-	-
Theft	10	5	13	4	2	6	2	-	-	1
Weapons	50	42	29	23	22	24	17	15	11	2
Number of Cases	215	204	170	128	123	119	69	61	76	23

Source: Orange County District Attorney's Office

Gang Related Prosecutions and Percent of Repeat Offenders Among Youth Ages 0 to 17, 2015 to 2024

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Number of Gang Related Prosecutions	215	204	170	128	123	119	69	61	76	23
Number of Unique Juveniles with Gang Related Prosecutions	155	156	119	105	102	104	60	57	66	23
Percent of Gang Related Prosecutions by Repeat Offenders	99%	93%	97%	98%	81%	84%	90%	82%	65%	57%

Source: Orange County District Attorney's Office

Number and Percent of Gang Related Prosecutions, by Age, 2015 to 2024

	201	5	201	6	201	7	201	8	201	9
Age	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
13 and under	9	5.8%	11	7.1%	5	4.2%	4	3.8%	3	2.9%
14	15	9.7%	15	9.6%	13	10.9%	17	16.2%	5	4.9%
15	32	20.6%	35	22.4%	24	20.2%	18	17.1%	22	21.6%
16	50	32.3%	47	30.1%	33	27.7%	27	25.7%	32	31.4%
17	49	31.6%	48	30.8%	44	37.0%	39	37.1%	40	39.2%
Total	155	100	156	100	119	100	105	100	102	100
	2020)	202	1	2022	2	2023	3	2024	ı
Age	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
13 and under	4	3.8%	3	5.0%	4	7.0%	3	4.5%	0	0.0%
14	10	9.6%	3	5.0%	5	8.8%	9	13.4%	1	4.3%
15	26	25.0%	13	21.7%	18	31.6%	15	22.4%	4	17.4%
16	29	27.9%	23	38.3%	14	24.6%	19	28.4%	7	30.4%
17	0.5	22.70/	10	20.00/	16	28.1%	21	31.3%	11	47.00/
	35	33.7%	18	30.0%	16	20.170	21	31.3%	11	47.8%

Source: Orange County District Attorney's Office

Number and Percent of Gang Related Prosecutions Among Youth aged 0 to 17, by Race/Ethnicity, 2015 to 2024

	201	15	201	16	201	17	201	8	201	19
Race/Ethnicity	No.	%								
Asian or Pacific Islander	2	1.3%	5	3.8%	1	5.0%	1	1.0%	1	1.0%
Black or African American	5	3.2%	0	0.0%	3	2.5%	3	2.9%	2	2.0%
Hispanic or Latino	143	92.3%	148	94.9%	108	90.8%	95	90.5%	97	95.1%
Non- Hispanic White	3	1.9%	2	1.3%	1	0.8%	5	4.8%	1	1.0%
Other/ Unknown	2	1.3%	0	0.0%	1	1.7%	1	1.9%	1	2.0%
Total	155		155		117		105		102	
	202	0	202	1	202	2	202	3	202	4
Race/Ethnicity	No.	%								
Asian or Pacific Islander	2	1.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	4.3%
Black or African American	1	1.0%	0	0.0%	2	3.5%	4	6.1%	1	4.3%
Hispanic or Latino	89	85.6%	56	93.3%	51	89.5%	60	90.9%	21	91.3%
Non- Hispanic White	5	4.8%	1	1.7%	0	0.0%	1	1.5%	0	0.0%
Other/ Unknown	7	7.7%	3	6.7%	4	7.0%	1	1.5%	0	0.0%

Source: Orange County District Attorney's Office



