

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



Orange County has a population of 699,937 children under the age of 18\*. The population decreased by 2.2% from Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 to FY 2021-22, and a further decrease of 2.4% is projected from FY 2021-22 to FY 2024-25. SSA provided one or more types of services and assistance to approximately 1 out of every 2 child residents of the County in June 2022.

PROGRAM	CLIENT CHARACTERISTICS	FY 2021/22 MONTHLY AVERAGE	% OF COUNTY'S CHILD POPULATION	PERSONS PER POPULATION		
1 Medi-Cal	Children who meet eligibility criteria for medical services, including those receiving other public assistance services	288,634	41.24%	1 in every	2	children
2 CalFresh	Low income children who meet legal residency requirements, and income and property limits, including CalWORKs recipients	89,369	12.77%	1 in every	8	children
3 CalWORKs	Children who meet eligibility criteria, including legal residency, income and property limits	22,710	3.24%	1 in every	31	children
4 Child Abuse Registry	24-hour hotline for reports of suspected child abuse	2,943	0.42%	1 in every	238	children
5 In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)	Children who are low-income frail, disabled, and/or blind children who require and receive assistance with activities of daily living	3,793	0.54%	1 in every	185	children
6 Dependent Children in Foster Care/Relative Care	Children receiving services to reunite families and children who cannot safely return home **	2,201	0.31%	1 in every	318	children
7 Children in their Own Home	Children receiving child welfare services while in the home	1,024	0.15%	1 in every	684	children
8 Orangewood Children and Family Center (OCFC)	Average daily population of children in protective custody	47	0.01%	1 in every	14,892	children
9 Adoptions	Children placed with adoptive parents	28	0.004%	1 in every	24,998	children

\* State of California, Department of Finance, P-2 County Population by Age (1-year increments), 2010–2060. Sacramento, CA, July 2022. [https://dof.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/Forecasting/Demographics/Documents/P2B\\_County\\_Age.xlsx](https://dof.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/Forecasting/Demographics/Documents/P2B_County_Age.xlsx)