



Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services
Caseload as of December 31, 2016

The Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) provides services to over 30,000 children in any given month. The data provided herein represent a 'snapshot' of the department's caseload as of December 31, 2016. Only the most basic information is provided for statistical purposes. Names and specific locations are not provided. As an extra precaution, if fewer than 20 records were found in a given ZIP Code, those records having that ZIP Code were not included in this table.

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Columns in this Dataset

Column Name	Description
CURRENT_ZIP	Current ZIP Code where the child is placed or monitored.
SEPARATE_FAMILY_ZIP	This is the ZIP Code of the resident family from which a child was separated or removed from the home.
DCFS_OFFICE	Name of the DCFS Office or Special Unit assigned and responsible for monitoring this child.
FACILITY_TYPE*	Type of Facility the child was placed in.
GENDER	Gender
AGE_RANGE	Age Range
ETHNICITY	Ethnicity
LANGUAGE	Language
PLACEMENT_IND	This field indicates if a child is in out-of-home placement or is receiving services in-home.
REPORT_DATE	The date of this 'snapshot' is December 31, 2016.
LENGTH_OF_STAY_MON	This field is computed based on when the child was removed from home up until date of this report (December 31, 2016), rounded to the nearest month.
TAY_IND	Indicates if this person is a Transitional Age Youth (TAY), between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one in court ordered foster care.
Location	Location of the geographic center of the ZIP Code in the CURRENT_ZIP field. Note that any locations ("LAT", "LON", or "LOCATION") are purely based on the ZIP Code's geographic center for analytical purposes only. These locations do not correspond to any known locations of any records in this table.

*Please see Placement Home Types and Descriptions, next table.

Placement Home Type	Description
In Home	A child currently receives services in-home.
Adoptive Home	A child resides where the adoption process is in progress.
Court Specified Home	A child was directly placed in a home by the order of a judge.
Foster Family Agency Certified Home	These are homes certified and managed by a foster family agency (FFA). FFAs are privately operated organizations licensed by the Community Care Licensing Division of the California State Department of Social Services.
Foster Family Home	Foster family homes are licensed by the state.
Group Home	Group homes under contract with the Los Angeles County DCFS.
Guardian Home	A guardian is someone appointed by the court to care for a child until he or she is 18.
Non Foster Care	A facility that provides 24-hour non-medical care and supervision to children, provides services to a specific client group and maintains a structured environment, with such services provided at least in part by staff employed by the licensee.
Relative/NREFM Home	A child is placed with a relative or a non-related extended family Member (NREFM). A NREFM is an adult who has an established familial or mentoring relationship with the child, such as a godparent, a teacher, or a neighbor, verified by DCFS.
Small Family Home	Small Family Homes (SFH) provide 24-hour-a-day care in the licensee's family residence for six or fewer children who are mentally disabled, developmentally disabled, or physically handicapped, and who require special care and supervision as a result of such disabilities.
Supervised Independent Living Placement	Per California Assembly Bill 12, eligible foster youth are allowed to extend foster care beyond age 18 in Supervised Independent Living Settings.

To [report child abuse in Los Angeles County](#), California, contact the Child Protection Hotline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week Toll-free within California:

- Main phone number: (800) 540-4000.
- If calling from outside of California: (213) 639-4500
- TDD [Hearing Impaired]: (800) 272-6699