

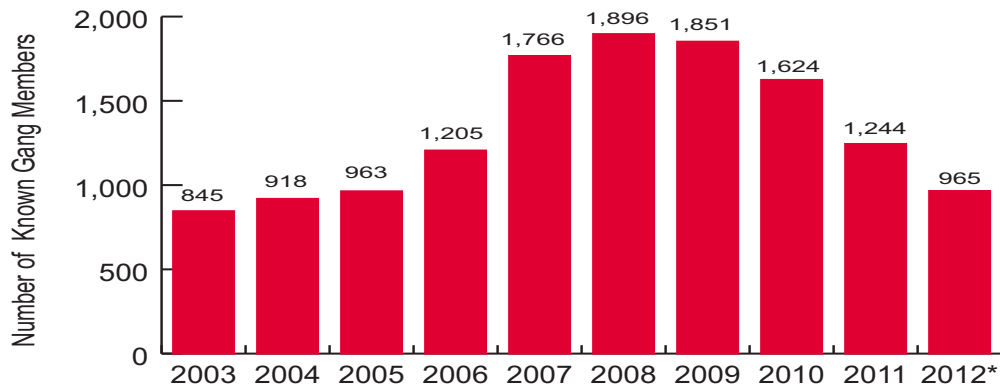
Definition of Indicator

Gang membership constitutes the number and percent of known gang members 8 to 17 years of age.

Findings

In 2012, there were 965 known gang members between 8 to 17 years of age, 7.7% of all known gang members in Orange County. The majority were Hispanic (89.0%), followed by Asian (3.0%), White (2.0%) and Black (0.2%). The remaining 6.0% were identified as "Other."

**Total Number of Known Gang Members
8 to 17 Years of Age, 2003 to 2012**



*For 2012 data, there were 0 known gang members 8 to 10 years of age.

Trends

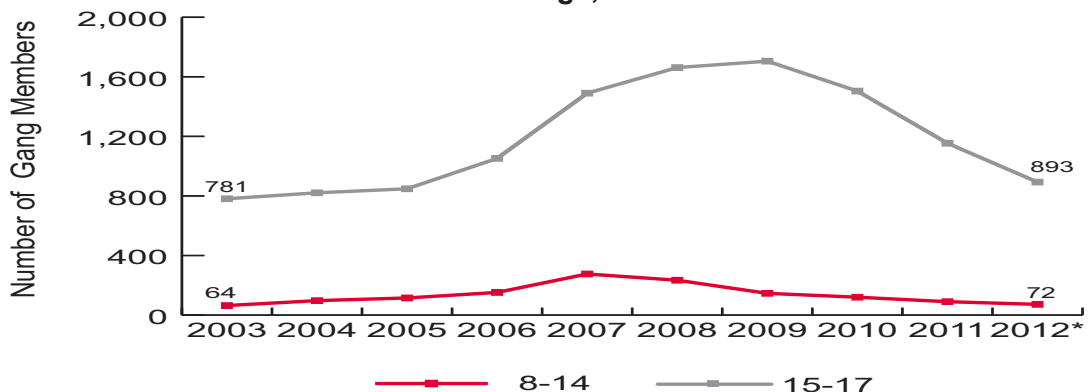
From 2003 to 2012, the number of known gang members 8 to 17 years of age increased by 14.2% from 845 in 2003 to 965 in 2012. However, there was a 49.1% decrease from the high of 1,896 in 2008. For the past ten-year period, there was an increase of 12.5% (64 in 2003 to 72 in 2012) in the number of known gang members 8 to 14 years of age and an increase of 14.3% (781 in 2003 to 893 in 2012) in the number of known gang members 15 to 17 years of age.

The racial/ethnic breakdown has changed somewhat with the percent Hispanics increasing from 85.0% in 2003 to 89.0% in 2012, while there was a decrease among Asians (8.3% in 2003 to 3.0% in 2012) and Blacks (1.8% in 2003 to 0.2% in 2012).

RELATED INDICATORS:

- Juvenile Arrests
- Referrals to Probation
- High School Dropout Rates

**Number of Gang Members by Age Group
8 to 17 Years of Age, 2003 to 2012**



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Why is this Important?

Gang members target juveniles as young as eight years of age to actively participate in criminal street gangs. Juvenile gang members commit serious and violent offenses at a rate several times higher than non-gang adolescents. Gang crime often involves drug trafficking, the use of weapons and violence that includes rape, carjacking, assault and murder.

What's Happening in Orange County?

- The Orange County District Attorney's Office (OCDA) has two experienced full-time Deputy District Attorneys (DAs) and one full-time experienced gang investigator dedicated to gang prevention. These DAs collaborate with communities, schools, law enforcement, Probation, Community Service Programs (CSP), non-profit organizations, faith-based groups and private businesses to prevent children from joining gangs.
- The OC Gang Reduction and Intervention Partnership (GRIP) program was implemented in 2007 and is in the cities of Buena Park, Santa Ana, Stanton, Orange, Garden Grove, Mission Viejo, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, Tustin, Costa Mesa, Dana Point and Laguna Hills. This is a law enforcement led gang prevention program that focuses on preventing 4th to 8th grade students from joining a criminal street gang. The OC GRIP program is currently operating in 43 schools throughout Orange County.
- The 2008/09 Orange County Grand Jury recognized the Orange County GRIP program as one of the most effective gang prevention programs in the state, and recommended its expansion to other Orange County law enforcement agencies. The GRIP program received the State of California's Golden Bell Award in 2011 for the successes the program has seen in the North Unincorporated areas.

What's working:

- The OCDA, along with local law enforcement agencies have implemented 13 gang injunctions in the Cities of Anaheim, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Orange, Santa Ana, San Juan Capistrano, Stanton and San Clemente. In each of the neighborhoods where the injunctions have been issued, there has been a dramatic decrease in gang-related crimes. Gang related crimes have been dramatically reduced in Safety Zones, which are designated areas with restrictions on documented gang members from participating in specific acts or activities that may or may not be inherently criminal within these Safety Zones. In the Safety Zones in Santa Ana, gang-related crime has decreased by 60%. In Anaheim, serious and violent felonies have decreased by 49% in one Safety Zone and 58% in another. Violent crime in the San Juan Capistrano Safety Zone fell up to 43% after their injunctions were put in place. Orange and Garden Grove had up to 16% and 52% overall decrease in crime respectively, while San Clemente experienced an up to 54% reduction.
- A majority of the schools in the OC GRIP program have seen a dramatic increase in school-wide attendance, a decrease in suspensions and expulsions and an increase in standardized testing scores. Each of the OC GRIP schools has had a reduction of gang crime on their campuses and a reduction of gang graffiti on their campuses. The OC GRIP program has mobilized over 2,000 teachers to mentor minors who are at-risk of joining a gang and over 3,000 parents who participate in a neighborhood watch program.
- Seventy-five percent of the targeted at-risk GRIP students county-wide improved school attendance and over 7,500 students received gang prevention education. Over 1,500 parents volunteer at the GRIP schools in the Greeter/Neighborhood watch program and over 2,500 faculty members mentor at-risk students.

✓ See page 207 in Supplemental Tables for additional data

NATIONWIDE:

In 2011, it was estimated that approximately 782,000 gang members and 29,900 gangs were active in the United States.¹

DATA SOURCE(S):

Orange County District Attorney's Office/GRIP and Injunction Unit

NOTES:

¹ U.S. Department of Justice/ Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, 2011.

Indicator
Gang Membership

Total Number of Known Gang Members by Age Group, December 2003 through December 2012

Known Gang Members by Age	December 2003*	December 2004*	December 2005*	December 2006*	December 2007*
8-14 years old	64	97	115	152	276
15-17 years old	781	821	848	1,052	1,490
18-21 years old	2,977	2,620	2,381	2,399	2,813
22+ years of age	10,168	9,645	8,122	7,486	7,495
Unknown age	121	26	18	0	10
Total Members	14,111	13,209	11,484	11,089	12,084

Known Gang Members by Age	December 2008*	December 2009*	December 2010*	December 2011*	December 2012*	% Change 2003 to 2012
8-14 years old	234	146	120	90	72**	12.5%
15-17 years old	1,662	1,705	1,504	1,154	893	14.3%
18-21 years old	3,299	3,717	4,021	3,961	3,653	22.7%
22+ years of age	7,383	7,579	7,783	8,025	7,851	-22.8%
Unknown age	6	11	19	9	19	-84.3%
Total Members	12,584	13,158	13,447	13,239	12,488	-11.5%

*Note:
 In 2003, 2,367 records were purged and 978 records were added.
 In 2004, 2,102 records were purged and 1,250 records were added.
 In 2005, 2,468 records were purged and 701 records were added.
 In 2006, 2,038 records were purged and 1,653 records were added.
 In 2007, 1,865 records were purged and 2,842 records were added.
 In 2008, 1,997 records were purged and 2,497 records were added.
 In 2009, 1,586 records were purged and 2,160 records were added.
 In 2010, 1,467 records were purged and 1,756 records were added.
 In 2011, 1,399 records were purged and 1,641 records were added.
 In 2012, 1,969 records were purged and 1,275 records were added.

**There were 0 youth 8 to 10 years old.
 Source: Orange County District Attorney's Office

Number and Percent of Known Gang Members Under 18 Years of Age by Race/Ethnicity, 2003 to 2012

Race/Ethnicity	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Asian	70	8.3	57	6.2	33	3.4	32	2.7	45	2.5
Black	15	1.8	19	2.1	16	1.6	16	1.3	21	1.2
Hispanic	716	84.7	804	87.5	881	91.5	1,101	91.4	1,644	93.1
White	29	3.4	24	2.6	18	1.9	25	2.1	37	2.1
Other	15	1.8	14	1.5	15	1.6	31	2.6	19	1.1
Total	845	100%	918	100%	963	100%	1,205	100%	1,766	100%

Race/Ethnicity	2008		2009		2010		2011		2012*	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Asian	62	3.3	86	4.6	79	4.9	51	4.1	31	3.2
Black	17	0.9	10	0.5	8	0.5	5	0.4	2	0.2
Hispanic	1,701	89.7	1,617	87.4	1,396	86.0	1,099	88.3	856	88.7
White	72	3.8	96	5.2	78	4.8	39	3.1	20	2.1
Other	42	2.2	42	2.3	63	3.9	50	4.0	56	5.8
Total	1,896	100%	1,851	100%	1,624	100%	1,244	100%	965	100%

*There were 0 youth 8 to 10 years old.
 Note: Due to rounding error, percentages may not add up to 100%.
 Source: Orange County District Attorney's Office

SUPPLEMENTAL TABLES: SAFE HOMES & COMMUNITIES

Number of Gang Members in Orange County by Gang Type and Gender as of December, 2005 to 2012

Gang Types	2005			2006			2007			2008		
	Male Members	Female Members	Total	Male Members	Female Members	Total	Male Members	Female Members	Total	Male Members	Female Members	Total
Asian	1,070	28	10,984	1,036	25	1,061	945	22	967	57	1	58
Black												
Blood	13	0	13	13	0	13	7	0	7	4	0	4
Crew	148	10	158	146	10	156	126	5	131	110	3	113
Crips	145	4	149	134	3	137	124	2	126	118	2	120
Hispanics												
Folk	14	1	15	14	1	15	9	0	9	8	0	8
Motorcycle	46	0	46	48	0	48	39	0	39	48	2	50
Narcotics												
Other	96	3	99	96	2	98	92	3	95	94	3	97
Pacific Islander	34	2	36	35	2	37	47	2	49	55	2	57
People										0	0	0
Posse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Prison	46	1	47	50	1	51	58	1	59	57	1	58
Punk	5	0	5	4	0	4	2	0	2	5	0	5
Racist	87	7	9	89	6	95	80	2	82	83	2	85
Samoan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Skinhead	260	25	285	245	28	273	260	27	287	263	26	289
Stoner	11	0	11	11	0	11	8	0	8	7	0	7
Tagbanger	243	9	252	253	9	262	389	21	410	476	28	504
Tagger	330	12	342	349	12	361	545	12	557	620	9	629
Turf	449	20	469	427	18	445	462	17	479	472	12	484
Turf (Hispanic)	7,841	393	8,234	7,500	402	7,902	8,167	490	8,657	8,635	511	9,146
White	135	4	139	134	4	138	117	3	120	101	2	103
Unknown	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	10,973	519	11,492	10,584	523	11,107	11,477	607	12,084	11,966	618	12,584
Gang Types	2009			2010			2011			2012		
	Male Members	Female Members	Total	Male Members	Female Members	Total	Male Members	Female Members	Total	Male Members	Female Members	Total
Asian	789	14	803	822	17	839	895	19	914	794	15	809
Black							72	1	73	64	0	65
Blood	5	0	5	6	0	6	12	0	12	12	0	12
Crew	86	3	89	67	2	69	64	10	74	48	10	58
Crips	120	2	122	120	1	121	104	0	104	96	0	96
Hispanics							40	0	40	42	0	42
Folk	7	0	7	5	0	5	*	*	*			
Motorcycle	59	2	61	58	2	60	68	3	40	64	4	68
Narcotics							19	0	19	19	0	19
Other	114	1	115	108	1	109	*	*				
Pacific Islander	57	4	61	57	4	61	50	5	55	30	4	34
People	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2			
Prison	57	1	58	55	1	56	51	1	52	46	0	46
Punk	4	0	4	3	0	3	4	0	5	2	0	2
Racist	85	3	88	87	3	90	72	2	74	61	2	63
Samoan	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	2	74			
Skinhead	266	21	287	278	19	297	293	20	313	267	18	285
Stoner	4	0	4	4	0	4	2	0	2	2	0	2
Tagbanger	555	38	593	677	50	727	828	64	892	814	65	879
Tagger	633	10	643	699	12	711	688	15	703	588	15	603
Turf	515	26	541	548	26	574	616	27	643	602	29	631
Turf (Hispanic)	8,966	576	9,542	8,997	578	9,575	8,551	538	9,089	8,158	504	8,662
White	132	3	135	136	4	140	114	4	118	104	4	108
Unknown	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5	0	5
Total	12,454	702	13,158	12,727	720	13,447	12,545	709	13,254	11,818	670	12,489

Note: Gang types in bold are new categories or split categories.

*Not reported for given time period.

Source: Orange County District Attorney's Office