

REPORTS OF MISSING CHILDREN IN CALIFORNIA

REPORT TYPE	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
RUNAWAY Missing child who has left home without the knowledge or permission of parents or guardian	116,276	120,180	109,443	100,998	81,291
LOST Any person who has strayed away or whose whereabouts are unknown	483	601	518	505	377
CATASTROPHE Any person who is missing after a catastrophe (e.g., plane crash, boating accident, fire, flood, etc.)	21	12	23	18	11
STRANGER ABDUCTION Any person taken (witnessed) by a stranger/ non-family member	56	81	58	64	51
PARENTAL/FAMILY ABDUCTION Any person taken by a parent/ family member	2,733	2,793	2,540	2,379	1,938
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES Any person missing under suspicious circumstances that May indicate a stranger-abduction	929	948	805	887	644
UNKNOWN CIRCUMSTANCES Any person who disappears under circumstances unknown	5,153	5,990	5,391	5,471	4,489
TOTALS	125,651	130,605	118,778	110,322	88,801

GENDER OF MISSING CHILDREN	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Male	51,593	53,526	48,185	44,151	35,658
Female	74,058	77,079	70,583	66,171	53,143