

REPORTS OF MISSING CHILDREN IN CALIFORNIA

REPORT TYPE	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
RUNAWAY Missing child who has left home without the knowledge or permission of parents or guardian.	84,370	76,923	73,106	62,008	57,136
LOST Any child who has strayed away or whose whereabouts are unknown.	215	248	244	180	246
CATASTROPHE Any child who is missing after a catastrophe (e.g., plane crash, boating accident, fire, flood, etc.).	17	14	12	7	27
STRANGER ABDUCTION Any witnessed abduction of a child by a stranger / non-family member.	42	26	29	30	37
PARENTAL / FAMILY ABDUCTION Any child taken by a parent / family member.	1,398	1,438	1,587	1,588	1,518
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES Any child missing under suspicious circumstances that may indicate a stranger abduction.	253	269	258	251	265
UNKNOWN CIRCUMSTANCES Any child who disappears under circumstances unknown.	1,733	1,552	1,460	1,138	1,117
TOTALS	88,028	80,470	76,696	65,202	60,346

GENDER OF MISSING CHILDREN	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Male	40,543	36,244	35,026	29,075	27,382
Female	47,485	44,226	41,670	36,127	32,964