

REPORTS OF MISSING CHILDREN IN CALIFORNIA

REPORT TYPE	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
RUNAWAY Missing child who has left home without the knowledge or permission of parents or guardian.	81,161	83,850	79,244	81,054	84,370
LOST Any child who has strayed away or whose whereabouts are unknown.	245	259	237	247	215
CATASTROPHE Any child who is missing after a catastrophe (e.g., plane crash, boating accident, fire, flood, etc.).	2	13	7	11	17
STRANGER ABDUCTION Any witnessed abduction of a child by a stranger / non-family member.	26	25	21	25	42
PARENTAL / FAMILY ABDUCTION Any child taken by a parent / family member.	1,198	1,309	1,303	1,193	1,398
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES Any child missing under suspicious circumstances that may indicate a stranger abduction.	298	263	297	272	253
UNKNOWN CIRCUMSTANCES Any child who disappears under circumstances unknown.	2,603	2,497	2,035	1,892	1,733
TOTALS	85,533	88,216	83,144	84,694	88,028

GENDER OF MISSING CHILDREN	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Male	40,012	42,233	37,497	39,453	40,543
Female	45,521	45,983	45,647	45,241	47,485