

REPORTS OF MISSING ADULTS IN CALIFORNIA

REPORT TYPE	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
LOST Any person who has strayed away or whose whereabouts are unknown.	359	406	434	436	490
CATASTROPHE Any person who is missing after a catastrophe (e.g., plane crash, boating accident, fire, flood, etc.).	45	58	52	37	125
STRANGER ABDUCTION Any witness abduction of an adult by a stranger / non-family member.	30	32	25	31	29
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES Any adult missing under suspicious circumstances that may indicate a stranger abduction.	484	508	404	411	380
UNKNOWN CIRCUMSTANCES Any adult who disappears under circumstances unknown.	2,557	2,433	2,396	2,414	2,093
VOLUNTARY MISSING Any missing adult who has left on his / her own free will.	36,308	36,949	37,613	37,187	34,678
DEPENDENT ADULT Any adult who has physical or mental limitation that restricts his or her ability to carry out normal activities (e.g., Alzheimer).	1,701	1,627	1,643	1,639	1,766
TOTALS	41,484	42,013	42,567	42,155	39,561

GENDER OF MISSING ADULT	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Male	24,931	25,191	25,641	25,247	23,879
Female	16,553	16,821	16,926	16,908	15,682