

REPORTS OF MISSING CHILDREN IN CALIFORNIA

REPORT TYPE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
RUNAWAY Missing child who has left home without the knowledge or permission of parents or guardian.	73,106	62,008	57,136	59,129	63,856
LOST Any child who has strayed away or whose whereabouts are unknown.	244	180	246	313	327
CATASTROPHE Any child who is missing after a catastrophe (e.g., plane crash, boating accident, fire, flood, etc.).	12	7	27	25	16
STRANGER ABDUCTION Any witnessed abduction of a child by a stranger / non-family member.	29	30	37	32	22
PARENTAL / FAMILY ABDUCTION Any child taken by a parent / family member.	1,587	1,588	1,518	1,343	1,148
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES Any child missing under suspicious circumstances that may indicate a stranger abduction.	258	251	265	271	250
UNKNOWN CIRCUMSTANCES Any child who disappears under circumstances unknown.	1,460	1,138	1,117	1,087	1,086
TOTALS	76,696	65,202	60,346	62,200	66,705

GENDER OF MISSING CHILDREN	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Male	35,026	29,075	27,382	27,811	30,180
Female	41,670	36,127	32,964	34,389	36,525