

REPORTS OF MISSING CHILDREN IN CALIFORNIA

REPORT TYPE	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
RUNAWAY Missing child who has left home without the knowledge or permission of parents or guardian.	62,008	57,136	59,129	63,856	60,196
LOST Any child who has strayed away or whose whereabouts are unknown.	180	246	313	327	406
CATASTROPHE Any child who is missing after a catastrophe (e.g., plane crash, boating accident, fire, flood, etc.).	7	27	25	16	31
STRANGER ABDUCTION Any witnessed abduction of a child by a stranger / non-family member.	30	37	32	22	25
PARENTAL / FAMILY ABDUCTION Any child taken by a parent / family member.	1,588	1,518	1,343	1,148	1,141
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES Any child missing under suspicious circumstances that may indicate a stranger abduction.	251	265	271	250	270
UNKNOWN CIRCUMSTANCES Any child who disappears under circumstances unknown.	1,138	1,117	1,087	1,086	1,057
TOTALS	65,202	60,346	62,200	66,705	63,126

GENDER OF MISSING CHILDREN	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Male	29,075	27,382	27,811	30,180	28,257
Female	36,127	32,964	34,389	36,525	34,869