

REPORTS OF MISSING CHILDREN IN CALIFORNIA

REPORT TYPE	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
RUNAWAY Missing child who has left home without the knowledge or permission of parents or guardian.	57,136	59,129	63,856	60,196	57,464
LOST Any child who has strayed away or whose whereabouts are unknown.	246	313	327	406	391
CATASTROPHE Any child who is missing after a catastrophe (e.g., plane crash, boating accident, fire, flood, etc.).	27	25	16	31	36
STRANGER ABDUCTION Any witnessed abduction of a child by a stranger / non-family member.	37	32	22	25	29
PARENTAL / FAMILY ABDUCTION Any child taken by a parent / family member.	1,518	1,343	1,148	1,141	1,347
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES Any child missing under suspicious circumstances that may indicate a stranger abduction.	265	271	250	270	233
UNKNOWN CIRCUMSTANCES Any child who disappears under circumstances unknown.	1,117	1,087	1,086	1,057	938
TOTALS	60,346	62,200	66,705	63,126	60,438

GENDER OF MISSING CHILDREN	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Male	27,382	27,811	30,180	28,257	26,149
Female	32,964	34,389	36,525	34,869	34,289