

REPORTS OF MISSING CHILDREN IN CALIFORNIA

REPORT TYPE	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
RUNAWAY Missing child who has left home without the knowledge or permission of parents or guardian.	81,054	84,370	76,923	73,106	62,008
LOST Any child who has strayed away or whose whereabouts are unknown.	247	215	248	244	180
CATASTROPHE Any child who is missing after a catastrophe (e.g., plane crash, boating accident, fire, flood, etc.).	11	17	14	12	7
STRANGER ABDUCTION Any witnessed abduction of a child by a stranger / non-family member.	25	42	26	29	30
PARENTAL / FAMILY ABDUCTION Any child taken by a parent / family member.	1,193	1,398	1,438	1,587	1,588
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES Any child missing under suspicious circumstances that may indicate a stranger abduction.	272	253	269	258	251
UNKNOWN CIRCUMSTANCES Any child who disappears under circumstances unknown.	1,892	1,733	1,552	1,460	1,138
TOTALS	84,694	88,028	80,470	76,696	65,202

GENDER OF MISSING CHILDREN	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Male	39,453	40,543	36,244	35,026	29,075
Female	45,241	47,485	44,226	41,670	36,127