

REPORTS OF MISSING CHILDREN IN CALIFORNIA

REPORT TYPE	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
RUNAWAY Missing child who has left home without the knowledge or permission of parents or guardian.	89,095	81,161	83,850	79,244	81,054
LOST Any child who has strayed away or whose whereabouts are unknown.	274	245	259	237	247
CATASTROPHE Any child who is missing after a catastrophe (e.g., plane crash, boating accident, fire, flood, etc.).	10	2	13	7	11
STRANGER ABDUCTION Any witnessed abduction of a child by a stranger / non-family member.	30	26	25	21	25
PARENTAL / FAMILY ABDUCTION Any child taken by a parent / family member.	1,271	1,198	1,309	1,303	1,193
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES Any child missing under suspicious circumstances that may indicate a stranger abduction.	301	298	263	297	272
UNKNOWN CIRCUMSTANCES Any child who disappears under circumstances unknown.	2,716	2,603	2,497	2,035	1,892
TOTALS	93,697	85,533	88,216	83,144	84,694

GENDER OF MISSING CHILDREN	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Male	43,792	40,012	42,233	37,497	39,453
Female	49,905	45,521	45,983	45,647	45,241