

REPORTS OF MISSING CHILDREN IN CALIFORNIA

REPORT TYPE	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
RUNAWAY Missing child who has left home without the knowledge or permission of parents or guardian.	83,850	79,244	81,054	84,370	76,923
LOST Any child who has strayed away or whose whereabouts are unknown.	259	237	247	215	248
CATASTROPHE Any child who is missing after a catastrophe (e.g., plane crash, boating accident, fire, flood, etc.).	13	7	11	17	14
STRANGER ABDUCTION Any witnessed abduction of a child by a stranger / non-family member.	25	21	25	42	26
PARENTAL / FAMILY ABDUCTION Any child taken by a parent / family member.	1,309	1,303	1,193	1,398	1,438
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES Any child missing under suspicious circumstances that may indicate a stranger abduction.	263	297	272	253	269
UNKNOWN CIRCUMSTANCES Any child who disappears under circumstances unknown.	2,497	2,035	1,892	1,733	1,552
TOTALS	88,216	83,144	84,694	88,028	80,470

GENDER OF MISSING CHILDREN	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Male	42,233	37,497	39,453	40,543	36,244
Female	45,983	45,647	45,241	47,485	44,226