

REPORTS OF MISSING CHILDREN IN CALIFORNIA

REPORT TYPE	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
RUNAWAY Missing child who has left home without the knowledge or permission of parents or guardian.	79,244	81,054	84,370	76,923	73,106
LOST Any child who has strayed away or whose whereabouts are unknown.	237	247	215	248	244
CATASTROPHE Any child who is missing after a catastrophe (e.g., plane crash, boating accident, fire, flood, etc.).	7	11	17	14	12
STRANGER ABDUCTION Any witnessed abduction of a child by a stranger / non-family member.	21	25	42	26	29
PARENTAL / FAMILY ABDUCTION Any child taken by a parent / family member.	1,303	1,193	1,398	1,438	1,587
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES Any child missing under suspicious circumstances that may indicate a stranger abduction.	297	272	253	269	258
UNKNOWN CIRCUMSTANCES Any child who disappears under circumstances unknown.	2,035	1,892	1,733	1,552	1,460
TOTALS	83,144	84,694	88,028	80,470	76,696

GENDER OF MISSING CHILDREN	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Male	37,497	39,453	40,543	36,244	35,026
Female	45,647	45,241	47,485	44,226	41,670