

REPORTS OF MISSING CHILDREN IN CALIFORNIA

REPORT TYPE	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
RUNAWAY Missing child who has left home without the knowledge or permission of parents or guardian.	76,923	73,106	62,008	57,136	59,129
LOST Any child who has strayed away or whose whereabouts are unknown.	248	244	180	246	313
CATASTROPHE Any child who is missing after a catastrophe (e.g., plane crash, boating accident, fire, flood, etc.).	14	12	7	27	25
STRANGER ABDUCTION Any witnessed abduction of a child by a stranger / non-family member.	26	29	30	37	32
PARENTAL / FAMILY ABDUCTION Any child taken by a parent / family member.	1,438	1,587	1,588	1,518	1,343
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES Any child missing under suspicious circumstances that may indicate a stranger abduction.	269	258	251	265	271
UNKNOWN CIRCUMSTANCES Any child who disappears under circumstances unknown.	1,552	1,460	1,138	1,117	1,087
TOTALS	80,470	76,696	65,202	60,346	62,200

GENDER OF MISSING CHILDREN	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Male	36,244	35,026	29,075	27,382	27,811
Female	44,226	41,670	36,127	32,964	34,389