California Department of Justice

REPORTS OF MISSING ADULTS IN CALIFORNIA

REPORT TYPE	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
LOST Any person who has strayed away or whose whereabouts are unknown.	350	324	312	390	331
CATASTROPHE Any person who is missing after a catastrophe (e.g., plane crash, boating accident, fire, flood, etc.).	41	78	101	40	33
STRANGER ABDUCTION Any witnesses abduction of an adult by a stranger / non-family member.	15	28	32	23	20
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES Any adult missing under suspicious circumstances that may indicate a stranger abduction.	513	544	514	471	514
UNKNOWN CIRCUMSTANCES Any adult who disappears under circumstances unknown.	3,073	3,125	3,125	2,901	2,480
VOLUNTARY MISSING Any missing adult who has left on his / her own free will.	35,722	35,981	37,190	36,706	35,843
DEPENDENT ADULT Any adult who has physical or mental limitation that restricts his or her ability to carry out normal activities (e.g., Alzheimer).	2,003	2,030	2,001	1,923	1,676
TOTALS	41,717	42,110	43,121	42,454	40,897
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GENDER OF MISSING ADULT	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Male	24,649	24,874	25,682	25,201	24,475
Female	17,068	17,236	17,439	17,253	16,422