

Reports of Missing Children in California - 2000-2004

REPORT TYPE	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Runaway - missing child that has left home without the knowledge or permission of parents or guardian.	81,291	90,453	104,866	107,023	109,905
Lost - any person who has strayed away or whose whereabouts are unknown.	377	388	395	419	349
Catastrophe - any person who is missing after a catastrophe (i.e., plane crash, boating accident, fire, flood).	11	25	18	25	17
Stranger Abduction - any person taken (witnessed) by a stranger/non-family member.	51	57	54	51	47
Parental/Family Abduction- child taken by a parent/family member	1,938	2,183	2,402	2,242	1,923
Suspicious Circumstances - missing under suspicious circumstances that may indicate a stranger abduction.	644	580	596	545	553
Unknown Circumstances - when circumstances surrounding MP's disappearance are unknown.	4,489	4,902	5,069	4,815	4,814
TOTALS	88,801	98,588	113,400	115,120	117,608
Gender of Missing Children	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Male	35,658	38,913	45,067	45,886	46,929
Female	53,143	59,675	68,333	69,234	70,679