

REPORTS OF MISSING CHILDREN IN CALIFORNIA

REPORT TYPE	2006	2007	2008		
RUNAWAY Missing child who has left home without the knowledge or permission of parents or guardian.	113,293	109,731	108,073		
LOST Any child who has strayed away or whose whereabouts are unknown.	285	277	274		
CATASTROPHE Any child who is missing after a catastrophe (e.g., plane crash, boating accident, fire, flood, etc.)	22	10	20		
STRANGER ABDUCTION Any witness abduction of a child by a stranger / non-family member.	34	53	35		
PARENTAL / FAMILY ABDUCTION Any child taken by a parent / family member.	1,607	1,478	1,363		
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES Any child missing under suspicious circumstances that may indicate a stranger abduction.	459	394	417		
UNKNOWN CIRCUMSTANCES Any child who disappears under circumstances unknown.	4,491	4,532	3,975		
TOTALS	120,191	116,475	114,157		

GENDER OF MISSING CHILDREN	2006	2007	2008		
Male	50,877	49,743	50,543		
Female	69,314	66,732	63,614		