

**2020 National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Missing Person and Unidentified Person Statistics  
Pursuant to the Requirements of the Crime Control Act of 1990, Pub. L. No. 101-647, 104 Stat. 4789**

**2020 NCIC MISSING AND UNIDENTIFIED PERSON  
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## **NCIC MISSING PERSON FILE**

The NCIC's Missing Person File was implemented in 1975. Records in the Missing Person File are retained indefinitely, until the individual is located, or the record is canceled by the entering agency. The Missing Person File contains records for individuals reported missing who:

- have a proven physical or mental disability (Disability – EMD),
- are missing under circumstances indicating that they may be in physical danger (Endangered – EME),
- are missing after a catastrophe (Catastrophe Victim – EMV),
- are missing under circumstances indicating their disappearance may not have been voluntary (Involuntary – EMI),
- are under the age of 21 and do not meet the above criteria (Juvenile – EMJ), or
- are 21 and older and do not meet any of the above criteria but for whom there is a reasonable concern for their safety (Other – EMO).

As of December 31, 2020, NCIC contained 89,637 active missing person records. Juveniles under the age of 18 account for 30,396 (34 percent) of the records and 38,869 (43 percent) records when juveniles are defined as under 21 years of age.\*

During 2020, 543,018 missing person records were entered into NCIC. Missing Person records purged during the same period totaled 540,872. Reasons for these removals include: a law enforcement agency located the subject, the individual returned home, or the record had to be removed by the entering agency due to a determination that the record is invalid.

The Missing Person Circumstances (MPC) field is optional and has been available since July 1999 when the NCIC 2000 upgrade became operational. Of the 543,018 records entered in 2020, the MPC field was utilized in 259,802 (48 percent). When the MPC field was utilized in 2020 entries, 246,310 (94.80 percent) were coded as Runaway, 2,593 (1 percent) as Abducted by Non-custodial Parent, 276 (.11 percent) as Abducted by Stranger, and 10,623 (4.09 percent) as Adult – Federally required entry.

*\* This fulfills requirements as set forth in the Crime Control Act of 1990, Pub. L. No. 101-647, 104 Stat. 4789, which requires the Attorney General to publish a statistical summary of reports of missing children. In 2003, Suzanne's Law amended this Act by changing the age of mandatory missing person record entry from under 18 to under 21 years of age. See 34 U.S.C. § 41307 (a).*

## **2020 MISSING PERSON ACTIVITY**

ACTIVE ENTRIES AS OF 12/31/2020	89,637
TOTAL FILE TRANSACTIONS	1,658,818
ENTRIES - Records entered do not include supplemental record entry messages which are used to add specific identifiers, including dental, to a Missing Person (MP) record on file in NCIC.	543,018
CANCELED & CLEARED - Total of removed canceled and cleared messages received by NCIC. Excluded are counts of supplemental records cancellation messages which are used to remove specific identifiers, including dental data, from a MP record.	480,832
LOCATES (LM) - Transactions to remove entries when the subject has been found by an agency other than the entering agency.	60,040
MODIFIED (MM) - Transactions used to add, delete, or change data in records.	343,311
ENTRIES OF SUPPLEMENTAL DATA (EMN- entry of supplemental data, EMP- entry person with information (PWI), EMPN - entry PWI supplemental data) - Counts of supplemental dental entry and cancellation messages are not available by individual files, as multiple files utilize the same message keys; ED - Enter Dental, CD - Cancel Dental, and MD - Modify supplemental Dental. System-wide, 19,640 Dental Records were entered in 2020.	194,196
CANCELED SUPPLEMENTAL (XMN)	5,472
QUERIED MISSING PERSON FILE ONLY (QM) - Agencies inquire on a record for information.	31,949
QUERIED NCIC SYSTEM-WIDE BY NAME (ALL QWs and ZWs)	1,640,640,342

## 2020 MISSING PERSON ENTRY/PURGED TRANSACTIONS

	ENTRY							PURGE						
	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	MONTHLY	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	MONTHLY
JAN	33,435	3,619	1,217	2,509	11	9,575	50,366	34,453	3,700	1,153	2,536	12	9,799	51,653
FEB	32,999	3,219	1,112	2,481	11	8,863	48,685	33,073	3,301	1,212	2,437	8	8,683	48,714
MAR	36,557	3,446	1,191	2,664	13	9,379	53,250	35,427	3,461	1,188	2,766	9	9,329	52,180
APR	28,970	2,909	942	2,247	18	8,134	43,220	29,124	2,956	946	2,266	15	8,259	43,566
MAY	27,822	3,345	1,065	2,382	20	9,050	43,684	27,354	3,296	1,003	2,385	16	8,917	42,971
JUN	25,900	3,682	1,164	2,526	21	9,654	42,947	26,042	3,567	1,149	2,445	19	9,225	42,447
JUL	27,265	3,774	1,147	2,728	20	10,657	45,591	27,256	3,760	1,155	2,717	20	10,254	45,162
AUG	27,349	3,986	1,178	2,627	20	10,219	45,379	27,100	3,888	1,142	2,598	19	9,986	44,733
SEP	28,586	3,632	1,193	2,473	100	9,667	45,651	28,520	3,643	1,190	2,406	92	9,401	45,252
OCT	28,346	3,686	1,107	2,424	18	9,564	45,145	28,263	3,655	1,122	2,516	28	9,402	44,986
NOV	26,569	3,216	938	2,112	8	8,713	41,556	26,242	3,252	955	2,063	11	8,423	40,946
DEC	22,439	3,153	981	2,019	19	8,933	37,544	23,300	3,092	901	2,078	16	8,875	38,262
YEARLY	346,237	41,667	13,235	29,192	279	112,408	543,018	346,154	41,571	13,116	29,213	265	110,553	540,872

Entry - Number of records entered during the month.

Purge - Number of records canceled/cleared/located during the month but entered from any time.

JUV/EMJ - Entry of a person under age 21 who is missing and does not meet any of the entry criteria set forth in the other categories.

END/EME - Entry of a person of any age who is missing under circumstances indicating that their physical safety may be in danger.

INV/EMI - Entry of any age person who is missing under circumstances indicated that the disappearance may not have been voluntary; i.e., abduction/kidnapping.

DIS/EMD - A person of any age who is missing and under proven physical/mental disability or is senile, thereby subjecting themselves or others to personal and immediate danger.

CAT/EMV - A person of any age who is missing after a catastrophe.

OTHER/EMO - A person over age 21, not meeting criteria for entry in any other category, who is missing and from whom there is a reasonable concern for their safety.

## 2020 MISSING PERSON ENTRY BY AGE/SEX/RACE

Individuals Age 0 to 17 and Age 18 and Over															
	FEMALE					MALE					UNK				
AGE	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE*	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE*	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE*
0-17	2,984	70,754	4,128	6,741	112,879	2,376	62,275	2,932	5,698	94,526	0	16	2	18	19
18+	2,305	19,545	1,165	2,187	46,056	3,107	29,874	1,336	3,572	68,147	0	3	2	7	10

Individuals Age 0 to 20 and Age 21 and Over															
	FEMALE					MALE					UNK				
AGE	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE*	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE*	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE*
0-20	3,249	75,679	4,244	7,236	118,967	2,621	66,519	3,050	6,136	100,421	0	18	2	19	23
21+	2,040	14,620	1,049	1,692	39,968	2,862	25,630	1,218	3,134	62,252	0	1	2	6	6

Unknown Age - No Date of Birth Provided**															
	FEMALE					MALE					UNK				
UNK AGE	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE*	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE*	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE*
NO DOB	0	34	2	10	94	4	47	8	27	128	0	0	0	0	0

ALL AGES															
	FEMALE					MALE					UNK				
AGE	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE*	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE*	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE*
ALL	5,289	90,333	5,295	8,938	159,029	5,487	92,196	4,276	9,297	162,801	0	19	4	25	29

ENTRY SUMMARY					
AGE	JUV	ADULT	ALL	ENTRIES WITH NO DOB	TOTAL ENTRIES
0-17	365,348	177,316	542,664	354	543,018
0-20	388,184	154,480	542,664	354	543,018

\* Race White - Includes Hispanic

\*\* Date of Birth is a conditional field, not mandatory, for the entry of a missing person.

## 2020 MISSING PERSON ENTRY BY CATEGORY/AGE/SEX

Individuals Age 0 to 17 and Age 18 and Over																		
	FEMALE						MALE						UNK					
AGE	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER
0-17	186,823	4,523	2,200	2,232	28	1,680	158,158	4,083	2,278	1,874	27	1,387	31	23	1	0	0	0
18+	613	12,761	4,115	9,214	83	44,472	605	20,235	4,618	15,836	138	64,604	0	3	0	7	0	12

Individuals Age 0 to 20 and Age 21 and Over																		
	FEMALE						MALE						UNK					
AGE	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER
0-20	187,429	6,056	3,858	3,248	32	8,752	158,739	5,680	3,333	2,980	38	7,977	31	24	1	1	0	5
21+	7	11,228	2,457	8,198	79	37,400	24	18,638	3,563	14,730	127	58,014	0	2	0	6	0	7

Unknown Age - No Date of Birth Provided*																		
UNK AGE	FEMALE						MALE						UNK					
NO DOB	0	28	7	18	0	87	0	37	17	23	3	134	0	0	0	0	0	0

All Ages																		
	FEMALE						MALE						UNK					
AGE	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER
ALL	187,436	17,312	6,322	11,464	111	46,239	158,763	24,355	6,913	17,733	168	66,125	31	26	1	7	0	12

LEGEND	
JUV	Juvenile
END	Endangered
INV	Involuntary
DIS	Disability
CAT	Catastrophe Victim
OTHER	Other

\* Date of Birth is a conditional field, not mandatory, for the entry of a missing person.

## 2020 MISSING PERSON ENTRY BY CATEGORY WITH BREAKDOWN BY SEX/RACE

JUVENILE					
	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE*
FEMALE	2,842	66,879	3,965	6,085	107,665
MALE	2,245	58,838	2,837	5,141	89,702
UNK	0	10	2	5	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,087</b>	<b>125,727</b>	<b>6,804</b>	<b>11,231</b>	<b>197,381</b>

ENDANGERED					
	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE*
FEMALE	374	4,194	356	685	11,703
MALE	494	5,596	347	950	16,968
UNK	0	6	0	14	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>9,796</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>1,649</b>	<b>28,677</b>

INVOLUNTARY					
	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE*
FEMALE	107	2,801	102	523	2,789
MALE	108	2,948	78	521	3,258
UNK	0	0	0	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>5,749</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>1,044</b>	<b>6,048</b>

DISABILITY					
	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE*
FEMALE	335	4,383	107	194	6,445
MALE	425	6,408	150	394	10,356
UNK	0	1	0	4	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>10,792</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>16,803</b>

CATASTROPHE VICTIM					
	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE*
FEMALE	2	10	0	6	93
MALE	6	25	1	7	129
UNK	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>222</b>

OTHER					
	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE*
FEMALE	1,629	12,066	765	1,445	30,334
MALE	2,209	18,381	863	2,284	42,388
UNK	0	2	2	2	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,838</b>	<b>30,449</b>	<b>1,630</b>	<b>3,731</b>	<b>72,728</b>

LEGEND	
JUV	Juvenile
END	Endangered
INV	Involuntary
DIS	Disability
CAT	Catastrophe Victim
OTHER	Other

\* Race White - includes Hispanic

## **2020 END OF YEAR ACTIVE MISSING PERSON RECORD COUNT BY SEX/RACE**

<b>END OF YEAR ACTIVE MISSING PERSON RECORD COUNT</b>					
	<b>ASIAN</b>	<b>BLACK</b>	<b>INDIAN</b>	<b>UNK</b>	<b>WHITE*</b>
<b>FEMALE</b>	927	13,899	578	4,182	20,990
<b>MALE</b>	1,108	14,302	918	5,004	27,720
<b>UNK</b>	0	2	0	3	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,035</b>	<b>28,203</b>	<b>1,496</b>	<b>9,189</b>	<b>48,714</b>



## **NCIC UNIDENTIFIED PERSON FILE**

NCIC's Unidentified Person File came online in 1983. Records are retained indefinitely, unless removed by the entering agency. The Unidentified Person File contains records of:

- unidentified deceased person (Deceased – EUD),
- person of any age who are living and unable to determine their identity (Living – EUL), and
- unidentified catastrophe victims (Catastrophe Victim – EUV).

As of December 31, 2020, there were 8,284 unidentified person records in the NCIC. During 2020, 800 unidentified person records were entered into the NCIC.\*\* The records entered in 2020 consisted of 530 (66 percent) deceased unidentified bodies, 12 (2 percent) unidentified catastrophe victims, and 258 (32 percent) living persons who could not ascertain their identity. In 2020, 704 records were canceled or cleared by the entering agency for reasons such as the remains being identified or the record being invalid.

\* Race White - includes Hispanic

\*\*Use of the Unidentified Person File is voluntary

## 2020 UNIDENTIFIED PERSON CATEGORY COUNTS

	DECEASED			CATASTROPHE VICTIM			LIVING			TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
	ACTIVE	ENTRY	CANCEL	ACTIVE	ENTRY	CANCEL	ACTIVE	ENTRY	CANCEL	ACTIVE	ENTRY	CANCEL
JAN	7,979	37	45	33	2	1	169	25	25	8,181	64	71
FEB	7,991	44	32	34	1	0	167	12	14	8,192	57	46
MAR	7,993	42	40	35	1	0	166	27	28	8,194	70	68
APR	8,005	40	28	36	1	0	164	11	13	8,205	52	41
MAY	8,024	52	33	36	0	0	169	23	18	8,229	75	51
JUN	8,028	50	46	38	3	1	170	15	14	8,236	68	61
JUL	8,055	57	30	38	1	1	172	10	8	8,265	68	39
AUG	8,054	41	42	38	1	1	169	26	29	8,261	68	72
SEP	8,056	47	45	38	2	2	174	31	26	8,268	80	73
OCT	8,061	52	47	37	0	1	181	40	33	8,279	92	81
NOV	8,079	39	21	37	0	0	188	24	17	8,304	63	38
DEC	8,088	29	20	37	0	0	159	14	43	8,284	43	63
Y-T-D	8,088	530	429	37	12	7	159	258	268	8,284	800	704

Entry - Number of entries entered during the month.

Cancel - Number of entries canceled/cleared during the month but entered from anytime period.

Deceased - A person who is no longer living for whom the identity cannot be ascertained. This category also includes body parts when a body has been dismembered.

Catastrophe victim - A person who is a victim of a catastrophe for whom the identity cannot be ascertained or body parts when a body has been dismembered as the results of a catastrophe.

Living - A person who is living and unable to ascertain his/her identity, e.g., amnesia victim, infant, etc. The information on unidentified living persons should only be included if the person gives his/her consent or if they are physically or mentally unable to give consent.

Total File Transactions – The sum of entered and canceled transactions.

## **NCIC MISSING AND UNIDENTIFIED PERSON CONTACT INFORMATION:**

The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division, Global Law Enforcement Support Section, NCIC Operations & Policy Unit, NCIC Investigative and Operational Assistance Group (IOAG), distributes monthly NCIC extracts, the Missing Person Active/Expired Analysis, and the Unidentified Person Active/Expired Analysis to each CJIS Systems Officer and/or to the agency in the state that has been designated as a point of contact.

The IOAG routinely responds to requests for nationwide statistics from law enforcement agencies and the media concerning the NCIC Missing Person and Unidentified Person Files for public release.

The monthly statistics are calculated to address the most frequently requested data. Archived statistics are available upon request.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact the IOAG via email, at [ioau@fbi.gov](mailto:ioau@fbi.gov).