

**2023 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**

**2023 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:

- Disability (MKE/EMD): a person of any age who is missing and under proven physical/mental disability or is senile, thereby subjecting him/herself or others to personal and immediate danger.
- Endangered (MKE/EME): a person of any age who is missing under circumstances indicating that his/her physical safety may be in danger.
- Involuntary (MKE/EMI): a person of any age who is missing under circumstances indicating that the disappearance may not have been voluntary, i.e., abduction or kidnapping.
- Juvenile (MKE/EMJ): a person who is missing and not declared emancipated as defined by the laws of his/her state of residence and does not meet any of the entry criteria set forth in the Disability, Endangered, Involuntary, or Catastrophe Victim categories.
- Catastrophe Victim (MKE/EMV): a person of any age who is missing after a catastrophe.
- Other (MKE/EMO): a person not meeting the criteria for entry in any other category who is missing and 1) for whom there is a reasonable concern for his/her safety or 2) a person who is under age 21 and declared emancipated by the laws of his/her state of residence. *

As of December 31, 2023, NCIC contained 96,955 active missing person records. Juveniles under the age of 18 account for 29,451 (30 percent) of the records and 38,276 (39 percent) records when juveniles are defined as under 21 years of age.**

During 2023, 563,389 missing person records were entered into NCIC. Missing Person records purged during the same period totaled 563,644. 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 563,389 records entered in 2023, the MPC field was utilized in 277,129 (49 percent). When the MPC field was utilized in 2023 entries, 263,884 (95.2 percent) were coded as Runaway, 2,484 (.9 percent) as Abducted by Non-custodial Parent, 285 (.1 percent) as Abducted by Stranger, and 10,476 (3.8 percent) as Adult – Federally required entry.

**In accordance with Title 34, United States code (U.S.C.), Section 41307(a), agencies are required to enter records into the NCIC Missing Person File for missing individuals under the age of 21.*

*** 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).*

2023 MISSING PERSON ACTIVITY

ACTIVE ENTRIES AS OF 12/31/2023	96,955
TOTAL FILE TRANSACTIONS	1,745,473
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.	563,389
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.	499,475
LOCATES (LM) - Transactions to remove entries when the subject has been found by an agency other than the entering agency.	64,169
MODIFIED (MM) - Transactions used to add, delete, or change data in records.	368,521
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, 22,481 Dental Records were entered in 2023.	207,859
CANCELED SUPPLEMENTAL (XMN)	5,440
QUERIED MISSING PERSON FILE ONLY (QM) - Agencies inquire on a record for information.	36,620
QUERIED NCIC SYSTEM-WIDE BY NAME (ALL QWs and ZWs)	2,738,299,766

2023 MISSING PERSON ENTRY/PURGED TRANSACTIONS

	ENTRY							PURGE						
	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	MONTHLY	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	MONTHLY
JAN	28,959	3,173	892	2,175	15	10,193	45,407	29,738	3,231	941	2,270	14	10,542	46,736
FEB	27,267	3,116	796	2,160	20	8,755	42,114	27,519	3,127	842	2,336	23	8,990	42,837
MAR	30,778	3,356	942	2,395	16	10,384	47,871	30,704	3,360	1,001	2,463	14	10,379	47,921
APR	31,731	3,433	845	2,314	13	10,138	48,474	30,961	3,422	898	2,362	16	9,864	47,523
MAY	34,949	3,985	810	2,699	26	11,019	53,488	34,577	3,835	877	2,698	29	10,945	52,961
JUN	30,387	3,954	630	2,546	16	10,864	48,397	30,170	3,938	725	2,538	13	10,658	48,042
JUL	27,928	4,007	656	2,696	24	11,541	46,852	27,823	3,890	709	2,615	27	11,168	46,232
AUG	26,850	4,009	651	2,718	23	11,475	45,726	28,160	3,953	638	2,768	23	11,361	46,903
SEP	29,977	3,727	567	2,445	20	10,817	47,553	29,587	3,766	715	2,431	18	10,576	47,093
OCT	32,529	3,754	609	2,629	19	10,724	50,264	32,213	3,724	798	2,657	18	10,675	50,085
NOV	29,191	3,440	546	2,212	42	9,752	45,183	29,417	3,394	622	2,242	36	9,735	45,446
DEC	26,362	3,222	457	2,265	26	9,728	42,060	26,333	3,275	555	2,192	30	9,480	41,865
YEARLY	356,908	43,176	8,401	29,254	260	125,390	563,389	357,202	42,915	9,321	29,572	261	124,373	563,644

Entry: number of records entered during the month.

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

Disability: a person of any age who is missing and under proven physical/mental disability or is senile, thereby subjecting him/ herself or others to personal and immediate danger.

Endangered: a person of any age who is missing under circumstances indicating that his/her physical safety may be in danger.

Involuntary: a person of any age who is missing under circumstances indicating that the disappearance may not have been voluntary, i.e., abduction or kidnapping.

Juvenile: a person who is missing and not declared emancipated as defined by the laws of his/her state of residence and does not meet any of the entry criteria set forth in the Disability, Endangered, Involuntary, or Catastrophe Victim categories.

Catastrophe Victim: a person of any age who is missing after a catastrophe.

Other: a person not meeting the criteria for entry in any other category who is missing and 1) for whom there is a reasonable concern for his/her safety or 2) a person who is under age 21 and declared emancipated by the laws of his/her state of residence. In accordance with 34 U.S.C. § 41307(a), agencies are required to enter records into the NCIC Missing Person File for missing individuals under the age of 21.

2023 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	3,364	82,335	4,295	6,753	108,424	2,543	67,120	3,076	5,598	91,677	2	17	3	35	62
18+	2,510	20,699	1,503	2,200	47,769	3,530	31,803	1,764	3,827	71,964	2	3	2	12	35

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	3,612	86,256	4,474	7,126	113,361	2,789	70,512	3,180	5,987	97,008	2	17	3	37	71
21+	2,262	16,778	1,324	1,827	42,832	3,284	28,411	1,660	3,438	66,633	2	3	2	10	26

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	3	45	3	10	118	5	75	4	23	176	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	5,877	103,079	5,801	8,963	156,311	6,078	98,998	4,844	9,448	163,817	4	20	5	47	97

ENTRY SUMMARY					
AGE	JUV	ADULT	ALL	ENTRY WITH NO DOB	TOTAL ENTRY
0-17	375,304	187,623	562,927	462	563,389
0-20	394,435	168,492	562,927	462	563,389

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

2023 MISSING PERSON ENTRY BY CATEGORY/AGE/SEX

Individuals Age 0 to 17 and Age 18 and Over																		
AGE	FEMALE						MALE						UNK					
	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER
0-17	195,149	4,564	1,375	2,442	35	1,606	160,688	4,251	1,607	2,044	23	1,401	94	22	2	0	0	1
18+	569	13,476	2,383	9,018	72	49,163	408	20,759	3,012	15,690	123	72,896	0	9	1	5	0	39

Individuals Age 0 to 20 and Age 21 and Over																		
AGE	FEMALE						MALE						UNK					
	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER
0-20	195,703	5,985	1,923	3,463	40	7,715	161,077	5,588	1,994	3,188	27	7,602	94	25	2	0	0	9
21+	15	12,055	1,835	7,997	67	43,054	19	19,422	2,625	14,546	119	66,695	0	6	1	5	0	31

Unknown Age - No Date of Birth Provided*																		
UNK AGE	FEMALE						MALE						UNK					
NO DOB	0	37	8	20	3	111	0	58	13	35	4	173	0	0	0	0	0	0

All Ages																		
AGE	FEMALE						MALE						UNK					
	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER
ALL	195,718	18,077	3,766	11,480	110	50,880	161,096	25,068	4,632	17,769	150	74,470	94	31	3	5	0	40

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.

2023 MISSING PERSON ENTRY BY CATEGORY WITH BREAKDOWN BY SEX/RACE

"JUVENILE"					
	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
FEMALE	3,192	78,287	4,145	6,396	103,698
MALE	2,403	63,446	2,976	5,222	87,049
UNK	2	14	3	28	47
TOTAL	5,597	141,747	7,124	11,646	190,794

"ENDANGERED"					
	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
FEMALE	428	4,947	399	637	11,666
MALE	584	6,432	386	958	16,708
UNK	0	3	0	6	22
TOTAL	1,012	11,382	785	1,601	28,396

"INVOLUNTARY"					
	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
FEMALE	81	1,493	85	163	1,944
MALE	107	1,678	101	218	2,528
UNK	0	1	0	1	1
TOTAL	188	3,172	186	382	4,473

"DISABILITY"					
	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
FEMALE	354	4,595	113	225	6,193
MALE	491	6,892	140	441	9,805
UNK	0	0	0	2	3
TOTAL	845	11,487	253	668	16,001

"CATASTROPHE VICTIM"					
	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
FEMALE	1	25	0	1	83
MALE	2	26	5	3	114
UNK	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	51	5	4	197

"OTHER"					
	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
FEMALE	1,821	13,732	1,059	1,541	32,727
MALE	2,491	20,524	1,236	2,606	47,613
UNK	2	2	2	10	24
TOTAL	4,314	34,258	2,297	4,157	80,364

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

2023 END OF YEAR ACTIVE MISSING PERSON RECORD COUNT BY SEX/RACE

MISSING ACTIVE RECORD COUNT BY SEX AND RACE					
	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
FEMALE	985	14,123	653	4,632	22,159
MALE	1,224	15,426	978	5,737	31,020
UNK	1	0	0	10	7
TOTAL	2,210	29,549	1,631	10,379	53,186

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:

- Deceased (MKE/EUD): a person who is no longer living for whom the identity cannot be ascertained. This category also includes recovered body parts when a body has been dismembered.
- Living (MKE/EUL): 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.
- Catastrophe Victim (MKE/EUV): 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 result of a catastrophe.

As of December 31, 2023, there were 8,521 unidentified person records in the NCIC. During 2023, 882 unidentified person records were entered into the NCIC.* The records entered in 2023 consisted of 633 (72 percent) deceased unidentified bodies, 10 (1 percent) unidentified catastrophe victims, and 239 (27 percent) living persons who could not ascertain their identity. In 2023, 811 records were canceled or cleared by the entering agency for reasons such as the remains being identified or the record being invalid.

**Use of the Unidentified Person File is voluntary*

2023 UNIDENTIFIED PERSON CATEGORY COUNTS

	DECEASED			CATASTROPHE VICTIM			LIVING			TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
	ACTIVE	ENTRY	PURGE	ACTIVE	ENTRY	PURGE	ACTIVE	ENTRY	PURGE	ACTIVE	ENTRY	PURGE
JAN	8,202	51	57	34	0	0	197	20	31	8,433	71	88
FEB	8,206	50	46	34	0	0	195	14	16	8,435	64	62
MAR	8,223	60	43	35	1	0	199	18	14	8,457	79	57
APR	8,220	48	51	35	0	0	203	19	15	8,458	67	66
MAY	8,234	52	39	35	0	0	212	20	12	8,481	72	51
JUN	8,215	53	71	35	1	1	209	28	30	8,459	82	102
JUL	8,203	42	54	35	0	0	213	18	14	8,451	60	68
AUG	8,211	72	64	35	0	0	223	27	17	8,469	99	81
SEP	8,219	51	43	35	1	1	227	23	19	8,481	75	63
OCT	8,220	46	45	35	0	0	236	19	10	8,491	65	55
NOV	8,230	51	41	35	7	7	242	22	16	8,507	80	64
DEC	8,247	57	40	35	0	0	239	11	14	8,521	68	54
Y-T-D	8,247	633	594	35	10	9	239	239	208	8,521	882	811

Entry: number of entries entered during the month.

Purge: number of entries canceled/cleared during the month but entered from any time period.

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

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.

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 result of a catastrophe.

NCIC MISSING AND UNIDENTIFIED PERSON CONTACT INFORMATION:

The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division, Law Enforcement Engagement and Data Sharing 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.