

**2021 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**

**2021 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 in the following categories:

- 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, 2021, NCIC contained 93,718 active missing person records. Juveniles under 18 years of age account for 30,400 (32 percent) of the records and 39,114 (42 percent) records when juveniles are defined as under 21 years of age.**

During 2021, 521,705 missing person records were entered into NCIC. Missing person records purged during the same period totaled 485,082. 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 521,705 records entered in 2021, the MPC field was utilized in 244,751 (47 percent) entries. When the MPC field was utilized in 2021 entries, 231,303 (94.5 percent) entries were coded as Runaway, 2,555 (1 percent) as Abducted by Non-custodial Parent, 331 (.1 percent) as Abducted by Stranger, and 10,562 (4.3 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 years of age to under 21 years of age. See 34 U.S.C. § 41307(a).*

2021 MISSING PERSON ACTIVITY

ACTIVE ENTRIES AS OF 12/31/2021	93,718
TOTAL FILE TRANSACTIONS	1,567,887
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.	521,705
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 an MP record.	424,222
LOCATES (LM)-Transactions to remove entries when the subject has been found by an agency other than the entering agency.	60,860
MODIFIED (MM)-Transactions used to add, delete, or change data in records.	335,103
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. Systemwide, 19,481 dental records were entered in 2021.	189,752
CANCELED SUPPLEMENTAL (XMN)	5,456
QUERIED MISSING PERSON FILE ONLY (QM) - Agencies inquire on a record for information.	30,789
QUERIED NCIC SYSTEMWIDE BY NAME (ALL QWs and ZWs)	1,836,690,978

2021 MISSING PERSON ENTRY/PURGED TRANSACTIONS

	ENTRY							PURGE						
	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	MONTHLY	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	MONTHLY
JAN	23,972	3,261	994	2,098	15	9,081	39,421	23,441	3,192	882	2,048	15	8,704	38,282
FEB	21,275	2,861	915	1,907	14	7,927	34,899	20,770	2,806	774	1,873	13	7,521	33,757
MAR	25,194	3,474	1,052	2,463	14	9,607	41,804	24,534	3,396	918	2,416	13	9,180	40,457
APR	26,163	3,536	1,145	2,501	22	9,462	42,829	25,420	3,451	1,009	2,424	20	8,994	41,318
MAY	29,035	3,808	1,130	2,684	19	10,301	46,977	28,158	3,688	1,023	2,616	19	9,742	45,246
JUN	26,067	3,755	1,358	2,743	107	10,120	44,150	25,096	3,631	1,163	2,674	106	9,581	42,251
JUL	24,713	3,732	1,260	2,682	51	10,682	43,120	23,586	3,560	1,031	2,568	43	9,956	40,744
AUG	24,536	3,610	1,210	2,737	19	10,933	43,045	23,278	3,433	1,032	2,614	17	10,107	40,481
SEP	28,981	3,639	1,246	2,438	24	10,641	46,969	27,244	3,456	990	2,311	24	9,720	43,745
OCT	31,989	3,540	1,262	2,497	16	10,543	49,847	29,475	3,268	958	2,296	15	9,294	45,306
NOV	29,671	3,304	1,043	2,314	22	9,641	45,995	26,412	2,993	792	2,057	18	8,049	40,321
DEC	26,273	3,335	1,006	2,329	23	9,683	42,649	20,749	2,812	653	1,877	20	7,063	33,174
YEARLY	317,869	41,855	13,621	29,393	346	118,621	521,705	298,163	39,686	11,225	27,774	323	107,911	485,082

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 himself/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 21 years of age 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 21 years of age.

2021 MISSING PERSON ENTRY BY AGE/SEX/RACE

Individuals Age 0 to 17 Years of Age and Age 18 Years and Over															
	FEMALE					MALE					UNK				
AGE	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
0-17	2,777	68,793	3,879	6,817	101,418	2,260	57,782	2,751	5,737	84,853	3	32	0	43	50
18+	2,411	20,184	1,323	2,198	47,425	3,352	30,630	1,614	3,704	71,195	0	1	1	11	19

Individuals Age 0 to 20 Years of Age and Age 21 Years and Over															
	FEMALE					MALE					UNK				
AGE	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
0-20	3,042	73,395	4,035	7,256	106,945	2,547	61,390	2,865	6,161	90,423	3	32	0	44	52
21+	2,146	15,582	1,167	1,759	41,898	3,065	27,022	1,500	3,280	65,625	0	1	1	10	17

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*	2	43	1	7	107	0	65	3	32	182	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	5,190	89,020	5,203	9,022	148,950	5,612	88,477	4,368	9,473	156,230	3	33	1	54	69

ENTRY SUMMARY					
AGE	JUV	ADULT	ALL	ENTRY WITH NO DOB	TOTAL ENTRY
0-17	337,195	184,068	521,263	442	521,705
0-20	358,190	163,073	521,263	442	521,705

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

2021 MISSING PERSON ENTRY BY CATEGORY/AGE/SEX

Individuals Age 0 to 17 Years of Age and Age 18 Years 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	173,186	4,408	2,278	2,228	46	1,538	143,482	4,188	2,402	1,865	29	1,417	89	36	0	0	0	3
18+	601	12,809	4,242	9,025	110	46,754	511	20,318	4,664	16,227	153	68,622	0	10	1	1	1	19

Individuals Age 0 to 20 Years of Age and Age 21 Years 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	173,779	5,710	3,946	3,101	57	8,080	143,986	5,464	3,230	2,828	35	7,843	89	37	0	0	0	5
21+	8	11,507	2,574	8,152	99	40,212	7	19,042	3,836	15,264	147	62,196	0	9	1	1	1	17

Unknown Age - No Date of Birth Provided*																		
UNK AGE	FEMALE						MALE						UNK					
NO DOB*	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER
NO DOB*	0	27	9	14	3	107	0	59	25	33	4	161	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	173,787	17,244	6,529	11,267	159	48,399	143,993	24,565	7,091	18,125	186	70,200	89	46	1	1	1	22

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.

2021 MISSING PERSON ENTRY BY CATEGORY WITH BREAKDOWN BY SEX/RACE

ENTRY	"JUVENILE"					
		ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
	FEMALE	2,652	64,998	3,726	5,845	96,566
	MALE	2,107	54,493	2,611	4,820	79,962
	UNK	3	28	0	15	43
	TOTAL	4,762	119,519	6,337	10,680	176,571
	"INVOLUNTARY"					
		ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
	FEMALE	90	2,856	104	852	2,627
	MALE	118	2,702	114	787	3,370
	UNK	0	0	0	0	1
	TOTAL	208	5,558	218	1,639	5,998
	"CATASTROPHE VICTIM"					
		ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
	FEMALE	2	24	1	9	123
	MALE	3	26	0	8	149
UNK	0	0	0	0	1	
TOTAL	5	50	1	17	273	

"ENDANGERED"					
	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
FEMALE	401	4,144	426	643	11,630
MALE	510	5,537	468	919	17,131
UNK	0	4	1	30	11
TOTAL	911	9,685	895	1,592	28,772

"DISABILITY"					
	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
FEMALE	329	4,333	97	206	6,302
MALE	488	6,529	157	380	10,571
UNK	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	817	10,862	254	586	16,874

"OTHER"					
	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
FEMALE	1,716	12,665	849	1,467	31,702
MALE	2,386	19,190	1,018	2,559	45,047
UNK	0	1	0	9	12
TOTAL	4,102	31,856	1,867	4,035	76,761

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

2021 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	959	14,323	624	4,656	21,344
MALE	1,149	15,029	930	5,496	29,194
UNK	1	5	0	2	6
TOTAL	2,109	29,357	1,554	10,154	50,544

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 such as an amnesia victim or infant. 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, 2021, there were 8,415 unidentified person records in NCIC. During 2021, 892 unidentified person records were entered into NCIC.* The records entered in 2021 consisted of 575 (64 percent) deceased unidentified bodies, 6 (1 percent) unidentified catastrophe victims, and 311 (35 percent) living persons who could not ascertain their identity. In 2021, 761 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*

2021 UNIDENTIFIED PERSON CATEGORY COUNTS

	DECEASED			CATASTROPHE VICTIM			LIVING			TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
	ACTIVE	ENTRY	CANCEL	ACTIVE	ENTRY	CANCEL	ACTIVE	ENTRY	CANCEL	ACTIVE	ENTRY	CANCEL
JAN	8,080	37	45	37	0	0	158	27	28	8,275	64	73
FEB	8,096	49	33	37	1	1	162	19	15	8,295	69	49
MAR	8,107	43	33	36	0	0	170	29	21	8,313	72	54
APR	8,125	42	24	36	0	0	164	17	23	8,325	59	47
MAY	8,132	51	44	36	0	0	156	22	30	8,324	73	74
JUN	8,151	61	42	35	2	3	162	27	21	8,348	90	66
JUL	8,162	46	35	35	0	0	175	28	15	8,372	74	50
AUG	8,146	36	52	35	0	0	185	38	28	8,366	74	80
SEP	8,177	60	29	35	2	2	199	36	22	8,411	98	53
OCT	8,179	49	47	35	1	1	198	33	34	8,412	83	82
NOV	8,192	53	40	34	0	1	190	13	21	8,416	66	62
DEC	8,195	48	45	34	0	0	186	22	26	8,415	70	71
Y-T-D	8,195	575	469	34	6	8	186	311	284	8,415	892	761

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 recovered body parts when a body has been dismembered.

Living: a person who is living and unable to ascertain his/her identity such as an amnesia victim or infant. 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, Global Law Enforcement Support Section, NCIC Operations and 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 IOAG via email, at ioau@fbi.gov.