

**2019 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**

**2019 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, 2019, NCIC contained 87,438 active missing person records. Juveniles under the age of 18 account for 30,618 (35 percent) of the records and 38,796 (44 percent) records when juveniles are defined as under 21 years of age.*

During 2019, 609,275 missing person records were entered into NCIC. Missing Person records purged during the same period totaled 607,104. 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 609,275 records entered in 2019, the MPC field was utilized in 294,204 (48 percent). When the MPC field was utilized in 2019 entries, 280,175 (95.23 percent) were coded as Runaway, 2,461 (.84 percent) as Abducted by Non-custodial Parent, 322 (.11 percent) as Abducted by Stranger, and 11,246 (3.82 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).*

2019 MISSING PERSON ACTIVITY

ACTIVE ENTRIES AS OF 12/31/2019	87,438
TOTAL FILE TRANSACTIONS	1,826,764
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 the NCIC.	609,275
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.	543,921
LOCATES (LM) - Transactions to remove entries when the subject has been found by an agency other than the entering agency.	63,183
MODIFIED (MM) - Transactions used to add, delete, or change data in records.	356,180
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, 20,080 Dental Records were entered in 2019.	212,467
CANCELED SUPPLEMENTAL (XMN)	5,168
QUERIED MISSING PERSON FILE ONLY (QM) - Agencies inquire on a record for information.	36,570
QUERIED NCIC SYSTEM-WIDE BY NAME (ALL QWs and ZWs)	2,973,768,217

2019 MISSING PERSON ENTRY/PURGED TRANSACTIONS

	ENTRY						
	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	MONTHLY
JAN	31,387	3,298	1,065	2,442	20	9,203	47,415
FEB	28,619	3,177	1,007	2,240	16	8,046	43,105
MAR	34,022	3,515	1,299	2,644	36	9,454	50,970
APR	36,218	3,732	1,232	2,730	32	9,551	53,495
MAY	39,236	3,991	1,300	2,883	33	9,914	57,357
JUN	33,530	3,970	1,266	2,860	23	9,820	51,469
JUL	31,331	4,047	1,355	2,976	24	10,609	50,342
AUG	29,967	4,183	1,332	2,862	25	10,387	48,756
SEP	35,039	3,943	1,172	2,848	16	10,072	53,090
OCT	37,782	3,936	1,222	2,722	23	9,981	55,666
NOV	33,650	3,535	1,114	2,409	14	9,172	49,894
DEC	31,094	3,513	1,115	2,442	18	9,534	47,716
YEARLY	401,875	44,840	14,479	32,058	280	115,743	609,275

	PURGE						
	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	MONTHLY
JAN	32,726	3,432	1,062	2,519	22	9,388	49,149
FEB	29,205	3,158	944	2,302	17	8,169	43,795
MAR	33,267	3,489	1,228	2,622	26	9,372	50,004
APR	36,304	3,743	1,233	2,784	34	9,561	53,659
MAY	38,297	3,944	1,245	2,882	27	9,655	56,050
JUN	33,159	3,861	1,230	2,833	26	9,563	50,672
JUL	31,737	4,084	1,258	2,963	23	10,419	50,484
AUG	30,928	4,159	1,246	2,748	33	10,153	49,267
SEP	34,417	3,924	1,168	2,873	20	9,749	52,151
OCT	37,582	3,957	1,195	2,808	24	9,980	55,546
NOV	33,144	3,510	1,086	2,375	15	8,866	48,996
DEC	30,998	3,577	1,047	2,441	19	9,249	47,331
YEARLY	401,764	44,838	13,942	32,150	286	114,124	607,104

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.

2019 MISSING PERSON ENTRY BY CATEGORY - AGE/SEX/RACE

Juvenile Under 18														
AGE	CATEGORY						SEX			RACE				
	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	FEMALE	MALE	UNK	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE *
-18	398,250	9,580	4,828	4,988	59	3,689	221,636	199,701	57	6,700	154,589	7,858	14,778	237,469
18+	3,625	35,260	9,651	27,070	221	112,054	76,554	111,307	20	5,971	51,213	2,589	5,809	122,299

Juvenile Under 21														
AGE	CATEGORY						SEX			RACE				
	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	FEMALE	MALE	UNK	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE *
-21	401,833	12,902	7,590	7,157	83	18,586	235,367	212,723	61	7,365	164,769	8,162	15,806	252,049
21+	42	31,938	6,889	24,901	197	97,157	62,823	98,285	16	5,306	41,033	2,285	4,781	107,719

All Ages														
AGE	CATEGORY						SEX			RACE				
	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	FEMALE	MALE	UNK	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE *
ALL	401,875	44,840	14,479	32,058	280	115,743	298,190	311,008	77	12,671	205,802	10,447	20,587	359,768

ENTRY SUMMARY			
AGE	JUV	ADULT	ALL
-18	421,394	187,881	609,275
-21	448,151	161,124	609,275

*Race White - Includes Hispanic

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, 2019, there were 8,188 unidentified person records in the NCIC. During 2019, 683 unidentified person records were entered into the NCIC.* The records entered in 2019 consisted of 448 (66 percent) deceased unidentified bodies, 9 (1 percent) unidentified catastrophe victims, and 226 (33 percent) living persons who could not ascertain their identity. In 2019, 630 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.*

2019 UNIDENTIFIED PERSON CATEGORY COUNTS

2019	DECEASED			CATASTROPHE VICTIM			LIVING			TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
	ACTIVE	ENTRY	CANCEL	ACTIVE	ENTRY	CANCEL	ACTIVE	ENTRY	CANCEL	ACTIVE	ENTRY	CANCEL
JAN	7,935	21	41	33	0	0	144	12	15	8,112	33	56
FEB	7,944	33	24	33	0	0	149	18	13	8,126	51	37
MAR	7,954	47	37	32	0	1	160	17	6	8,146	64	44
APR	7,954	30	30	32	0	0	167	29	22	8,153	59	52
MAY	7,963	37	28	33	2	1	166	28	29	8,162	67	58
JUN	7,971	37	29	33	2	2	167	17	16	8,171	56	47
JUL	7,971	47	47	34	3	2	162	14	19	8,167	64	68
AUG	7,975	38	34	34	0	0	162	23	23	8,171	61	57
SEP	7,984	43	35	33	1	1	165	20	17	8,182	64	53
OCT	7,988	47	43	32	0	1	160	10	15	8,180	57	59
NOV	7,993	45	41	32	1	0	161	21	20	8,186	67	61
DEC	7,987	23	29	32	0	0	169	17	9	8,188	40	38
Y-T-D	7,987	448	418	32	9	8	169	226	204	8,188	683	630

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.

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