

**2022 National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Missing Person and Unidentified Person Statistics  
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**2022 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, 2022, NCIC contained 97,127 active missing person records. Juveniles under the age of 18 account for 30,522 (31 percent) of the records and 39,504 (41 percent) records when juveniles are defined as under 21 years of age.\*\*

During 2022, 546,568 missing person records were entered into NCIC. Missing Person records purged during the same period totaled 543,088. 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 546,568 records entered in 2022, the MPC field was utilized in 263,079 (48 percent). When the MPC field was utilized in 2022 entries, 249,950 (95 percent) were coded as Runaway, 2,386 (.9 percent) as Abducted by Non-custodial Parent, 296 (.1 percent) as Abducted by Stranger, and 10,447 (4 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).*

**2022 MISSING PERSON ACTIVITY**

ACTIVE ENTRIES AS OF 12/31/2022	97,127
TOTAL FILE TRANSACTIONS	1,672,945
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.	546,568
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.	481,568
LOCATES (LM) - Transactions to remove entries when the subject has been found by an agency other than the entering agency.	61,520
MODIFIED (MM) - Transactions used to add, delete, or change data in records.	347,142
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, 21,855 Dental Records were entered in 2022.	196,594
CANCELED SUPPLEMENTAL (XMN)	5,440
QUERIED MISSING PERSON FILE ONLY (QM) - Agencies inquire on a record for information.	34,113
QUERIED NCIC SYSTEM-WIDE BY NAME (ALL QWs and ZWs)	2,576,562,501

## 2022 MISSING PERSON ENTRY/PURGED TRANSACTIONS

	ENTRY							PURGE						
	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	MONTHLY	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	MONTHLY
JAN	25,598	3,161	1,042	2,215	18	9,872	41,906	26,270	3,203	993	2,285	19	9,718	42,488
FEB	25,242	2,932	965	2,124	12	8,912	40,187	25,249	2,928	898	2,137	12	8,893	40,117
MAR	29,884	3,372	1,074	2,550	10	10,185	47,075	29,994	3,426	1,018	2,577	14	10,253	47,282
APR	29,398	3,392	1,081	2,430	17	9,710	46,028	28,810	3,364	988	2,387	15	9,351	44,915
MAY	32,426	3,669	1,048	2,717	13	10,659	50,532	31,565	3,636	974	2,663	13	10,175	49,026
JUN	28,324	3,657	982	2,643	22	10,770	46,398	28,230	3,605	1,018	2,588	20	10,699	46,160
JUL	26,226	3,714	1,068	2,699	31	11,217	44,955	25,906	3,606	1,066	2,619	23	10,607	43,827
AUG	26,631	3,719	1,036	2,745	23	11,066	45,220	27,803	3,758	1,035	2,767	25	11,013	46,401
SEP	29,660	3,684	934	2,595	20	10,485	47,378	29,205	3,629	963	2,573	20	10,188	46,578
OCT	32,506	3,458	946	2,573	16	10,568	50,067	31,646	3,539	946	2,616	15	10,471	49,233
NOV	29,024	3,254	825	2,311	26	9,610	45,050	29,374	3,286	926	2,339	32	9,614	45,571
DEC	25,654	3,099	883	2,147	12	9,977	41,772	25,725	3,116	869	2,129	10	9,641	41,490
YEARLY	340,573	41,111	11,884	29,749	220	123,031	546,568	339,777	41,096	11,694	29,680	218	120,623	543,088

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.

## 2022 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	3,107	77,012	4,089	6,875	104,942	2,342	63,979	2,816	5,720	88,109	3	24	2	38	36
18+	2,433	20,867	1,398	2,333	48,271	3,458	31,140	1,805	3,895	71,370	2	9	1	4	17

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	3,341	81,387	4,251	7,269	110,123	2,600	67,438	2,943	6,096	93,189	3	26	2	39	38
21+	2,199	16,492	1,236	1,939	43,090	3,200	27,681	1,678	3,519	66,290	2	7	1	3	15

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	4	18	96	1	75	8	45	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	5,543	97,924	5,491	9,226	153,309	5,801	95,194	4,629	9,660	159,655	5	33	3	42	53

ENTRY SUMMARY					
AGE	JUV	ADULT	ALL	ENTRY WITH NO DOB	TOTAL ENTRY
0-17	359,094	187,003	546,097	471	546,568
0-20	378,745	167,352	546,097	471	546,568

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

## 2022 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	186,070	4,281	1,798	2,280	32	1,564	153,399	4,234	1,975	2,003	26	1,329	74	23	5	0	0	1
18+	533	12,752	3,848	9,300	57	48,812	496	19,739	4,223	16,108	101	71,001	1	10	1	4	1	16

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	186,583	5,350	3,079	3,261	34	8,064	153,880	5,455	2,479	2,974	33	7,445	75	25	5	2	0	1
21+	20	11,683	2,567	8,319	55	42,312	15	18,518	3,719	15,137	94	64,885	0	8	1	2	1	16

Unknown Age - No Date of Birth Provided*																		
UNK AGE	FEMALE						MALE						UNK					
NO DOB	0	29	10	19	2	106	0	43	24	35	1	202	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	186,603	17,062	5,656	11,599	91	50,482	153,895	24,016	6,222	18,146	128	72,532	75	33	6	4	1	17

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.

## 2022 MISSING PERSON ENTRY BY CATEGORY WITH BREAKDOWN BY SEX/RACE

"JUVENILE"					
	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
FEMALE	2,972	73,126	3,934	6,240	100,331
MALE	2,204	60,488	2,689	5,184	83,330
UNK	3	14	2	25	31
TOTAL	5,179	133,628	6,625	11,449	183,692

"ENDANGERED"					
	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
FEMALE	390	4,323	391	584	11,374
MALE	510	5,612	391	930	16,573
UNK	0	9	0	13	11
TOTAL	900	9,944	782	1,527	27,958

"INVOLUNTARY"					
	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
FEMALE	124	2,402	111	495	2,524
MALE	109	2,344	104	490	3,175
UNK	0	4	0	1	1
TOTAL	233	4,750	215	986	5,700

"DISABILITY"					
	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
FEMALE	321	4,624	103	222	6,329
MALE	526	6,785	191	379	10,265
UNK	0	2	0	0	2
TOTAL	847	11,411	294	601	16,596

"CATASTROPHE VICTIM"					
	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
FEMALE	2	28	1	5	55
MALE	3	29	0	2	94
UNK	0	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	5	58	1	7	149

"OTHER"					
	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
FEMALE	1,734	13,421	951	1,680	32,696
MALE	2,449	19,936	1,254	2,675	46,218
UNK	2	3	1	3	8
TOTAL	4,185	33,360	2,206	4,358	78,922

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

**2022 END OF YEAR ACTIVE MISSING PERSON RECORD COUNT BY SEX/RACE**

<b>MISSING ACTIVE RECORD COUNT BY SEX AND RACE</b>					
	<b>ASIAN</b>	<b>BLACK</b>	<b>INDIAN</b>	<b>UNK</b>	<b>WHITE</b>
<b>FEMALE</b>	969	14,627	658	4,921	21,921
<b>MALE</b>	1,185	15,654	934	5,923	30,320
<b>UNK</b>	0	4	1	8	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,154</b>	<b>30,285</b>	<b>1,593</b>	<b>10,852</b>	<b>52,243</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:

- 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, 2022, there were 8,450 unidentified person records in the NCIC. During 2022, 902 unidentified person records were entered into the NCIC.\* The records entered in 2022 consisted of 581 (64 percent) deceased unidentified bodies, 5 (1 percent) unidentified catastrophe victims, and 316 (35 percent) living persons who could not ascertain their identity. In 2022, 867 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*

## 2022 UNIDENTIFIED PERSON CATEGORY COUNTS

	DECEASED			CATASTROPHE VICTIM			LIVING			TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
	ACTIVE	ENTRY	PURGE	ACTIVE	ENTRY	PURGE	ACTIVE	ENTRY	PURGE	ACTIVE	ENTRY	PURGE
JAN	8,205	52	42	34	0	0	195	29	20	8,434	81	62
FEB	8,221	58	42	34	0	0	194	23	24	8,449	81	66
MAR	8,229	68	60	35	1	0	200	41	35	8,464	110	95
APR	8,226	33	36	34	1	2	196	16	20	8,456	50	58
MAY	8,233	50	43	35	2	1	207	26	15	8,475	78	59
JUN	8,230	43	46	35	0	0	208	21	20	8,473	64	66
JUL	8,242	56	44	35	0	0	228	29	9	8,505	85	53
AUG	8,224	40	58	35	1	1	238	35	25	8,497	76	84
SEP	8,222	45	47	35	0	0	242	35	31	8,499	80	78
OCT	8,218	40	44	35	0	0	237	23	28	8,490	63	72
NOV	8,196	44	66	35	0	0	218	27	46	8,449	71	112
DEC	8,208	52	40	34	0	1	208	11	21	8,450	63	62
<b>Y-T-D</b>	<b>8,208</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>8,450</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>867</b>

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](mailto:ioau@fbi.gov).