

2024 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, 2024, NCIC contained 93,447 active missing person records. Juveniles under the age of 18 account for 25,493 (27 percent) of the records and 34,256 (37 percent) records when juveniles are defined as under 21 years of age.\*\*

During 2024, 533,936 missing person records were entered into NCIC. Missing Person records purged during the same period totaled 537,446. 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 533,936 records entered in 2024, the MPC field was utilized in 258,849 (48 percent). When the MPC field was utilized in 2024 entries, 245,818 (95 percent) were coded as Runaway, 2,366 (.9 percent) as Abducted by Non-custodial Parent, 293 (.1 percent) as Abducted by Stranger, and 10,372 (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).*

## **2024 MISSING PERSON ACTIVITY**

ACTIVE ENTRIES AS OF 12/31/2024	93,447
TOTAL FILE TRANSACTIONS	1,676,392
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.	533,936
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.	474,366
LOCATES (LM) - Transactions to remove entries when the subject has been found by an agency other than the entering agency.	63,080
MODIFIED (MM) - Transactions used to add, delete, or change data in records.	363,604
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, 20,887 Dental Records were entered in 2024.	202,738
CANCELED SUPPLEMENTAL (XMN)	7,136
QUERIED MISSING PERSON FILE ONLY (QM) - Agencies inquire on a record for information.	31,532
QUERIED NCIC SYSTEM-WIDE BY NAME (ALL QWs and ZWs)	2,604,116,339

## 2024 MISSING PERSON ENTRY/PURGED TRANSACTIONS

MONTH	ENTRY							PURGE						
	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	MONTHLY	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	MONTHLY
JAN	25,903	3,365	455	2,247	20	10,130	42,120	27,169	3,452	654	2,404	20	10,244	43,943
FEB	27,138	3,332	480	2,103	10	9,512	42,575	27,779	3,335	571	2,150	12	9,758	43,605
MAR	28,874	3,507	513	2,318	23	10,079	45,314	28,474	3,508	564	2,320	17	9,920	44,803
APR	30,183	3,463	543	2,445	30	10,278	46,942	30,436	3,538	613	2,449	27	10,296	47,359
MAY	32,044	3,972	654	2,671	15	10,927	50,283	31,350	3,908	724	2,557	17	10,821	49,377
JUN	27,400	3,594	602	2,556	23	10,877	45,052	27,368	3,579	597	2,502	26	10,500	44,572
JUL	25,706	3,706	577	2,511	31	11,443	43,974	26,391	3,740	630	2,526	27	11,398	44,712
AUG	23,953	3,751	584	2,561	16	11,250	42,115	25,299	3,723	615	2,555	17	11,263	43,472
SEP	27,752	3,605	510	2,488	32	10,678	45,065	27,655	3,554	575	2,484	31	10,444	44,743
OCT	30,556	3,717	561	2,594	43	10,747	48,218	30,421	3,719	589	2,575	30	10,921	48,255
NOV	27,537	3,277	472	2,257	17	9,718	43,278	27,353	3,287	498	2,269	21	9,445	42,873
DEC	23,551	3,119	446	2,174	25	9,685	39,000	24,038	3,143	536	2,184	28	9,803	39,732
YEARLY	330,597	42,408	6,397	28,925	285	125,324	533,936	333,733	42,486	7,166	28,975	273	124,813	537,446

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.

## 2024 MISSING PERSON ENTRY BY AGE/SEX/RACE

Individuals Age 0 to 17 and Age 18 and Over															
AGE	FEMALE					MALE					UNK				
	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
0-17	3,182	77,293	4,179	6,136	98,634	2,351	64,327	2,898	5,119	85,345	4	9	6	23	51
18+	2,464	20,247	1,431	2,167	46,537	3,498	31,488	1,720	3,611	70,741	2	4	2	9	31

Individuals Age 0 to 20 and Age 21 and Over															
AGE	FEMALE					MALE					UNK				
	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
0-20	3,424	81,002	4,329	6,539	103,392	2,595	67,691	3,013	5,516	90,597	4	9	6	26	53
21+	2,222	16,538	1,281	1,764	41,779	3,254	28,124	1,605	3,214	65,489	2	4	2	6	29

Unknown Age - No Date of Birth Provided**															
UNK AGE	FEMALE					MALE					UNK				
	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
NO DOB	0	37	4	13	123	6	56	8	19	161	0	0	0	0	0

ALL AGES															
AGE	FEMALE					MALE					UNK				
	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
ALL	5,646	97,577	5,614	8,316	145,294	5,855	95,871	4,626	8,749	156,247	6	13	8	32	82

ENTRY SUMMARY					
AGE	JUV	ADULT	ALL	ENTRY WITH NO DOB	TOTAL ENTRY
0-17	349,557	183,952	533,509	427	533,936
0-20	368,196	165,313	533,509	427	533,936

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

## 2024 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	179,451	4,418	1,223	2,509	27	1,796	150,235	4,479	1,573	2,140	37	1,576	80	7	3	1	0	2
18+	446	13,076	1,588	8,728	103	48,905	385	20,323	1,991	15,496	115	72,748	0	10	2	6	0	30

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	179,879	5,954	1,433	3,295	33	8,092	150,607	6,053	1,737	3,068	42	7,905	80	9	3	1	0	5
21+	18	11,540	1,378	7,942	97	42,609	13	18,749	1,827	14,568	110	66,419	0	8	2	6	0	27

Unknown Age - No Date of Birth Provided*																		
UNK AGE	FEMALE						MALE						UNK					
NO DOB	0	41	6	22	1	107	0	54	11	23	2	160	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	179,897	17,535	2,817	11,259	131	50,808	150,620	24,856	3,575	17,659	154	74,484	80	17	5	7	0	32

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.

## 2024 MISSING PERSON ENTRY BY CATEGORY WITH BREAKDOWN BY SEX/RACE

"JUVENILE"					
SEX	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
FEMALE	3,022	73,062	4,061	5,812	93,940
MALE	2,206	60,230	2,805	4,767	80,612
UNK	4	7	5	17	47
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,232</b>	<b>133,299</b>	<b>6,871</b>	<b>10,596</b>	<b>174,599</b>

"ENDANGERED"					
SEX	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
FEMALE	435	5,226	348	600	10,926
MALE	551	6,829	361	873	16,242
UNK	0	1	0	5	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>12,056</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>1,478</b>	<b>27,179</b>

"INVOLUNTARY"					
SEX	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
FEMALE	48	946	60	133	1,630
MALE	73	1,213	45	198	2,046
UNK	0	2	0	0	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>2,161</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>3,679</b>

"DISABILITY"					
SEX	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
FEMALE	349	4,607	107	199	5,997
MALE	477	6,967	173	397	9,645
UNK	1	0	1	1	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>11,574</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>15,646</b>

"CATASTROPHE VICTIM"					
SEX	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
FEMALE	1	32	1	5	92
MALE	7	32	3	6	106
UNK	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>198</b>

"OTHER"					
SEX	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
FEMALE	1,791	13,704	1,037	1,567	32,709
MALE	2,541	20,600	1,239	2,508	47,596
UNK	1	3	2	9	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,333</b>	<b>34,307</b>	<b>2,278</b>	<b>4,084</b>	<b>80,322</b>

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

## **2024 END OF YEAR ACTIVE MISSING PERSON RECORD COUNT BY SEX/RACE**

MISSING ACTIVE RECORD COUNT BY SEX AND RACE					
SEX	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE
FEMALE	979	13,562	628	4,006	21,416
MALE	1,272	14,987	911	5,140	30,531
UNK	2	2	1	5	5
TOTAL	2,253	28,551	1,540	9,151	51,952



## **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, 2024, there were 8,546 unidentified person records in the NCIC. During 2024, 861 unidentified person records were entered into the NCIC.\* The records entered in 2024 consisted of 647 (75 percent) deceased unidentified bodies, 16 (2 percent) unidentified catastrophe victims, and 198 (23 percent) living persons who could not ascertain their identity. In 2024, 837 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*

## **2024 UNIDENTIFIED PERSON CATEGORY COUNTS**

MONTH	DECEASED			CATASTROPHE VICTIM			LIVING			TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
	ACTIVE	ENTRY	PURGE	ACTIVE	ENTRY	PURGE	ACTIVE	ENTRY	PURGE	ACTIVE	ENTRY	PURGE
JAN	8,259	56	44	35	2	2	246	24	17	8,540	82	63
FEB	8,219	42	82	35	0	0	230	16	32	8,484	58	114
MAR	8,204	34	49	35	0	0	229	23	25	8,468	57	74
APR	8,216	79	69	35	0	0	232	14	11	8,483	93	80
MAY	8,214	59	59	34	1	2	231	13	14	8,479	73	75
JUN	8,217	45	42	43	10	1	233	12	10	8,493	67	53
JUL	8,234	61	44	43	1	1	236	15	13	8,513	77	58
AUG	8,222	52	64	44	1	0	237	18	16	8,503	71	80
SEP	8,229	47	40	44	0	0	238	12	11	8,511	59	51
OCT	8,255	63	37	44	0	0	235	18	21	8,534	81	58
NOV	8,257	50	48	44	0	0	239	18	14	8,540	68	62
DEC	8,267	59	49	44	1	1	235	15	19	8,546	75	69
Y-T-D	8,267	647	627	44	16	7	235	198	203	8,546	861	837

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).