

**2018 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**

**2018 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, 2018, NCIC contained 85,459 active missing person records. Juveniles under the age of 18 account for 29,758 (34.8 percent) of the records and 38,561 (45.1 percent) records when juveniles are defined as under 21 years of age.\*

During 2018, 612,846 missing person records were entered into NCIC. Missing Person records purged during the same period totaled 615,629. 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 612,846 records entered in 2018, the MPC field was utilized in 296,266 (48.3 percent). When the MPC field was utilized in 2018 entries, 282,603 (95.4 percent) were coded as Runaway, 2,449 (.8 percent) as Abducted by Non-custodial Parent, 303 (.1 percent) as Abducted by Stranger, and 10,911 (3.7 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).*

## 2018 MISSING PERSON ACTIVITY

ACTIVE ENTRIES AS OF 12/31/2018	85,459
TOTAL FILE TRANSACTIONS	1,848,121
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.	612,846
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.	553,065
LOCATES (LM) - Transactions to remove entries when the subject has been found by an agency other than the entering agency.	62,564
MODIFIED (MM) - Transactions used to add, delete, or change data in records.	358,804
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, 20,638 Dental Records were entered in 2018.	217,490
CANCELED SUPPLEMENTAL (XMN)	5,115
QUERIED MISSING PERSON FILE ONLY (QM) - Agencies inquire on a record for information.	38,237
QUERIED NCIC SYSTEM-WIDE BY NAME (ALL QWs and ZWs)	2,730,445,550

## 2018 MISSING PERSON ENTRY/PURGED TRANSACTIONS

	ENTRY						
	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	MONTHLY
JAN	33,457	3,441	1,230	2,610	47	9,102	49,887
FEB	32,508	3,184	1,183	2,296	25	8,288	47,484
MAR	35,639	3,806	1,311	2,654	46	9,199	52,655
APR	36,087	3,805	1,216	2,692	19	9,396	53,215
MAY	39,640	4,115	1,372	3,029	34	9,902	58,092
JUN	34,134	4,153	1,301	3,154	31	9,978	52,751
JUL	30,768	4,146	1,363	2,971	37	10,313	49,598
AUG	29,730	4,189	1,234	2,947	28	10,115	48,243
SEP	33,394	4,004	1,217	2,795	31	9,769	51,210
OCT	36,850	4,011	1,282	2,878	26	9,722	54,769
NOV	32,614	3,416	1,146	2,643	40	8,892	48,751
DEC	30,225	3,403	1,079	2,345	15	9,124	46,191
YEARLY	405,046	45,673	14,934	33,014	379	113,800	612,846

	PURGE						
	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	MONTHLY
JAN	34,742	3,472	1,237	2,620	46	9,348	51,465
FEB	32,878	3,273	1,173	2,345	31	8,258	47,958
MAR	35,446	3,781	1,293	2,641	28	8,975	52,164
APR	36,063	3,802	1,202	2,729	17	9,156	52,969
MAY	38,987	4,096	1,312	3,010	28	9,978	57,411
JUN	33,613	4,150	1,241	3,015	31	9,512	51,562
JUL	31,492	4,112	1,278	2,960	36	10,096	49,974
AUG	31,418	4,186	1,248	2,936	24	9,990	49,802
SEP	33,448	4,009	1,154	2,817	33	9,724	51,185
OCT	36,603	4,732	1,342	2,989	394	10,466	56,526
NOV	32,930	3,478	1,129	2,726	38	8,676	48,977
DEC	30,033	3,404	1,052	2,346	12	8,789	45,636
YEARLY	407,653	46,495	14,661	33,134	718	112,968	615,629

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.

## 2018 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	401,218	9,482	4,925	4,770	88	3,583	225,640	198,327	99	7,060	155,966	7,497	13,881	239,662
18+	3,828	36,191	10,009	28,244	291	110,217	76,578	112,190	12	5,934	51,428	2,417	5,675	123,326

Juvenile Under 21														
AGE	CATEGORY						SEX			RACE				
	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	FEMALE	MALE	UNK	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE *
-21	405,019	13,269	7,779	7,148	113	18,526	239,847	211,906	101	7,666	166,991	7,777	14,893	254,527
21+	27	32,404	7,155	25,866	266	95,274	62,371	98,611	10	5,328	40,403	2,137	4,663	108,461

All Ages														
AGE	CATEGORY						SEX			RACE				
	JUV	END	INV	DIS	CAT	OTHER	FEMALE	MALE	UNK	ASIAN	BLACK	INDIAN	UNK	WHITE *
ALL	405,046	45,673	14,934	33,014	379	113,800	302,218	310,517	111	12,994	207,394	9,914	19,556	362,988

ENTRY SUMMARY			
AGE	JUV	ADULT	ALL
-18	424,066	188,780	612,846
-21	451,854	160,992	612,846

\*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, 2018, there were 8,135 unidentified person records in the NCIC. During 2018, 801 unidentified person records were entered into the NCIC.\* The records entered in 2018 consisted of 595 (74.3 percent) deceased unidentified bodies, 7 (.9 percent) unidentified catastrophe victims, and 199 (24.8 percent) living persons who could not ascertain their identity. In 2018, 1,314 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.*

## **2018 UNIDENTIFIED PERSON CATEGORY COUNTS**

DECEASED			CATASTROPHE VICTIM			LIVING			TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
ACTIVE	ENTRY	CANCEL	ACTIVE	ENTRY	CANCEL	ACTIVE	ENTRY	CANCEL	ACTIVE	ENTRY	CANCEL
8,458	61	55	36	0	0	151	9	18	8,645	70	73
8,448	31	41	36	0	0	158	16	9	8,642	47	50
8,484	62	26	36	0	0	156	18	20	8,676	80	46
8,494	56	46	37	1	0	154	13	15	8,685	70	61
8,517	56	33	36	0	1	156	20	18	8,709	76	52
8,523	54	48	37	1	0	154	21	23	8,714	76	71
8,542	49	30	37	0	0	157	15	12	8,736	64	42
8,541	47	48	38	2	1	155	14	16	8,734	63	65
8,565	62	38	38	1	1	159	11	7	8,762	74	46
7,954	44	655	32	0	6	151	25	33	8,137	69	694
7,951	38	41	32	0	0	151	23	23	8,134	61	64
7,955	35	32	33	2	0	147	14	18	8,135	51	50
<b>7,955</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>1,093</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>8,135</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>1,314</b>

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:**

SOURCE: NCIC Active/Expired Missing and Unidentified Analysis Reports

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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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