

The National Crime Information Center's (NCIC) 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, 2011, NCIC contained 85,158 active missing person records. Juveniles under the age of 18 account for 37,371 (43.9 %) of the records and 9,832 (11.5 %) were for juveniles between the ages of 18 and 20. * During 2011, 678,860 missing person records were entered into NCIC, a decrease of 2.0 % from the 692,944 records entered in 2010. Missing Person records cleared or canceled during the same period totaled 679,511. 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.

**This fulfills requirements as set forth in Public Law 101-647, 104 statute 4967, Crime Control Act of 1990 stating the Attorney General is to publish a statistical summary of reports of missing children. This act was modified April 7, 2003, by "Suzanne's Law" that changed the age of mandatory missing person record entry from under 18 to under 21 years of age. [ref. 42 USC 5779(c)]*

(48.5 %). When the MPC field was utilized in 2011 entries, 316,743 (96.2 %) were coded as Runaway, 2,533 (0.8%) as Abducted by Non-custodial Parent, 384 (0.1 %) as Abducted by Stranger, and 9,596 (2.9%) as Adult – Federally required entry. In 2010, the MPC field was utilized in 322,598 (46.6%) of the 692,944 records.

Contact Information:

The Criminal Justice Information Services Division's (CJIS) Global Operation Section (GOS) Special Identities Unit (SIU) NCIC Investigative and Operational Assistance Group (NCIC IOAG) distributed monthly NCIC extracts, the Missing Person Active/Expired Analysis and the Unidentified Person Active/Expired Analysis, to each CJIS System Officer and/or to the agency in the state that has been designated as a point of contact.

The SIU NCIC IOAG routinely responds to requests for nation-wide 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. Archive statistics are available upon request.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact the FBI's CJIS/GOS/SIU/NCIC/IOAG at

304-625-3000 or ioau@leo.gov.

NCIC Missing Person File Report for 2011

Missing Person	
Active Entries as of 01/01/2012	85,158
Total File Transactions	1,855,216
Entries	678,860
Removed	679,511
Locates	47,025
Modified	284,530
Modified Supplemental	167,651
Canceled Supplemental	3,639
Queried Missing Person File Only	29,654
Queried NCIC System-Wide by Name	2,151,033,794

Entries - Records entered do not include supplemental record entry messages which are used to add specific identifiers, including dental data, to a Missing Person Record on file in NCIC.

Removed - Records removed are a total of the cancel, clear, and locate messages received by the NCIC computer. Excluded are counts of supplemental record cancellation messages which are used to remove specific identifiers, including dental data, from a Missing Person record.

Locates – Are transactions to remove entries when the subject has been found by an agency other than the entering agency.

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Modifies - Modifies include base record modification messages, supplemental record entry messages, and supplemental record cancellation messages. Counts of supplemental dental entry messages and supplemental dental cancellation messages are not available.

Queried Missing Person File Only - Records queried are when agencies inquire on a record for information purposes.

In January 1987, clears and cancels were combined on the statistical report.

NCIC Missing Person (Monthly Totals) 2011

	EMJ	EMJ	EME	EME	EMI	EMI	EMD	EMD	EMV	EMV	EMO	EMO
	ENTRY	CANCEL	ENTRY	CANCEL	ENTRY	CANCEL	ENTRY	CANCEL	ENTRY	CANCEL	ENTRY	CAN
JAN	39,073	40,433	3,724	3,972	1,512	1,716	2,163	2,275	24	25	6,039	6,033
FEB	36,863	37,222	3,544	3,635	1,408	1,414	2,052	2,090	31	21	5,605	5,454
MAR	45,575	45,750	4,061	4,270	1,661	1,640	2,359	2,449	25	67	6,313	6,328
APR	45,403	44,012	4,214	4,347	1,631	1,631	2,376	2,359	33	34	6,401	6,116
MAY	48,372	47,664	4,483	4,473	1,621	1,591	2,736	2,642	8	1	6,658	6,331
JUN	42,987	43,163	4,398	4,460	1,818	1,771	2,706	2,724	49	54	6,887	6,821
JUL	39,207	39,151	4,624	4,488	1,816	1,776	2,680	2,604	45	38	7,116	6,738
AUG	37,505	39,590	4,484	4,534	1,887	1,915	2,626	2,662	42	44	7,096	6,953
SEP	42,007	42,221	4,283	4,347	1,629	1,620	2,473	2,507	51	47	6,738	6,608
OCT	46,164	44,803	4,231	4,189	1,552	1,561	2,599	2,544	44	45	7,036	6,833
NOV	40,890	41,521	3,831	3,969	1,503	1,523	2,434	2,390	28	35	6,478	6,496
DEC	36,953	36,756	3,642	3,675	1,470	1,497	2,361	2,332	25	43	6,457	6,418
COL TOT	500,999	502,286	49,519	50,359	19,508	19,655	29,565	29,578	445	504	78,824	77,12

Entry - Number of records entered during the month.

Cancel – Number of records canceled/cleared during the month but entered from any time period.

EMJ – Entry of a person under the age of 21 who is missing and does not meet any of the entry criteria set forth in the other categories.

EME – Entry of a person of any age who is missing under circumstances indicating that his/her physical safety may be in danger.

EMI – Entry of a person of any age who is missing under circumstances indicating that the disappearance may not have been voluntary, i.e., abduction or kidnapping.

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.

EMV – A person of any age who is missing after a catastrophe.

EMO – A person over the age of 21, not meeting the criteria for entry in any other category, who is missing and for whom there is a reasonable concern for his/her safety.

Source: NCIC Active/Expired Missing Person Analysis Report

2011 NCIC Missing Person Entries

	Under 21	21 and Older	
Total	550,424	128,436	
Juvenile	500,892	107	
Endangered	16,548	32,971	
Involuntary	9,611	9,897	
Disability	6,340	23,225	
Catastrophe	183	262	
Other	16,850	61,974	
Female	294,691	49,967	
Male	255,711	78,461	
Unknown	22	8	
Asian	9,964	3,961	
Black	198,461	31,000	
Indian	7,984	1,447	
Unknown	14,248	3,646	
White *	319,767	88,382	

*Includes Hispanic

Source: NCIC Active/Expired Missing and Unidentified Analysis Reports

NCIC Missing Person File—Yearly Totals and Percent Change

Year	File Trans	Record Entered*	Record Removed**	Clears****	Locates
1990	1,454,029	663,921	661,945	641,543	20,615
% CHG	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1991	1,552,896	705,175	701,811	680,520	24,250
% CHG	(+) 6.7	(+) 6.2	(+) 6.0	(+) 6.0	(+) 17.6
1992	1,785,653	801,358	810,483	737,876	26,970
% CHG	(+) 15.0	(+) 13.6	(+) 15.5	(+) 8.4	(+) 11.2
1993	1,951,842	868,345	858,730	824,348	31,716
% CHG	(+) 9.3	(+) 8.4	(+) 6.0	(+) 11.7	(+) 17.6
1994	2,179,932	954,896	944,685	906,662	39,985
% CHG	(+) 11.7	(+) 10.0	(+) 10.0	(+) 10.0	(+) 26.1
1995	2,238,503	969,264	964,343	922,576	42,009
% CHG	(+) 2.7	(+) 1.5	(+) 2.1	(+) 1.8	(+) 5.1
1996	1,908,696	955,252	953,444	913,940	42,733
% CHG	(-) 14.7	(-) 1.4	(-) 1.1	(-) 0.9	(+) 1.7
1997	1,965,657	980,712	984,945	933,081	45,397
% CHG	(+) 3.0	(+) 2.7	(+) 3.3	(+) 2.1	(+) 6.3
1998	1,861,335	932,190	929,145	913,416	47,313
% CHG	(-) 5.3	(-) 4.9	(-) 5.7	(-) 2.1	(+) 4.2
1999	1,733,691	867,129	866,562	816,198	38,704
% CHG	(-) 6.9	(-) 7.0	(-) 6.7	(-) 10.6	(-) 18.2
2000	1,758,376	876,213	882,163	825,969	40,714
% CHG	(+) 1.4	(+) 1.0	(+) 1.8	(+) 1.2	(+) 5.2
2001	1,702,197	840,279	861,918	803,599	40,844
% CHG	(-) 3.2	(-) 4.1	(-) 2.3	(-) 2.7	(+) 0.3

2002	1,658,591	821,975	836,616	779,721	42,033
% CHG	(-) 2.6	(-) 2.2	(-) 2.9	(-) 3.0	(+) 2.9
2003	1,661,853	824,699	837,154	777,854	44,252
% CHG	(+) 0.2	(+) 0.3	(+) 0.6	(-) 3.0	(+) 5.3
2004	1,670,848	830,325	840,523	782,283	46,665
% CHG	(+) 0.5	(+) 0.7	(+) 0.4	(+) 0.6	(+) 5.5
2005	2,167,892	834,536	844,838	781,430	48,639
% CHG	(+) 29.7	(+) 0.5	(+) 0.5	(-) 0.1	(+) 4.2
2006	2,203,363	836,131	851,940	785,412	51,518
% CHG	(+) 1.6	(+) 0.2	(+) 0.8	(+) 0.5	(+) 5.9
2007	2,296,793	814,957	820,212	770,282	51,638
% CHG	(+) 4.2	(-) 2.5	(-) 3.7	(-) 1.9	(+) 0.2
2008	2,068,262	778,161	745,088	731,727	50,559
% CHG	(-) 9.9	(-) 4.5	(-) 9.2	(-) 5.0	(-) 2.0
2009	1,759,860	719,558	726,130	637,308	32,843
% CHG	(-) 14.9	(-) 7.5	(-) 2.5	(-) 12.9	(-) 35.1
2010	1,927,722	692,944	703,316	658,161	46,397
% CHG	(+) 9.5	(-) 3.7	(-) 3.1	(+) 3.3	(+) 41.3
2011	1,855,216	678,860	679,511	633,919	47,025
% CHG	(-) 3.8	(-) 2.0	(-) 3.4	(-) 3.7	(+) 1.4

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SOURCE: NCIC Active/Expired Missing Person Analysis Report

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 persons (Deceased – EUD),
- persons 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, 2011, there were 7,721 unidentified person records in NCIC. During 2011, 1,030 unidentified person records were entered into NCIC, a decrease of (0.3 %) from the 1,033 records entered in 2010.* The records entered in 2011 consisted of 743 (72.1 %) deceased unidentified bodies, 36 (3.5 %) unidentified catastrophe victims, and 251 (24.4%) living persons who could not ascertain their identity. In 2011, 848 records were canceled or cleared by the entering agency for reasons such as the remains being identified or the record being invalid. This was a (6.5%) increase over the 796 records canceled in 2010.

**Use of the Unidentified Person File is not mandated by law.*

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Unidentified Person		
Active Entries as of 1/1/2012		7,721
Total File Transactions		1,878
Records Entered		1,030
Records Cancelled		848

NCIC Unidentified Person (Monthly Totals) 2011

	Deceased	Deceased	Cat Vic	Cat Vic	Living	Living	Total
	Entry	Cancel	Entry	Cancel	Entry	Cancel	Entry
JAN	50	45	3	3	34		26
FEB	45	39	2	0	16		16
MAR	80	70	0	0	13		17
APR	79	55	3	4	18		19

MAY	53	42	7	8	37	30
JUN	47	53	1	2	21	15
JUL	45	25	1	1	17	23
AUG	65	48	1	1	21	14
SEP	77	59	9	9	25	25
OCT	59	60	2	1	13	17
NOV	73	43	4	4	29	14
DEC	70	43	3	2	7	15
COL TOT	743	582	36	35	251	231

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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.

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.

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NCIC Unidentified Person File—Yearly Totals and Percent Change

Year	Record Entered	Record Cancels	Deceased Entries	Deceased Cancels	Cat Vic Entries	Cat Vic Cancels	Living Entries
1990	1,567	1,394	1,226	1,054	20	19	
% CHG	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1991	1,805	1,615	1,198	1,015	10	9	
% CHG	(+) 15.2	(+) 15.9	(-) 2.3	(-) 3.7	(-) 50.0	(-) 52.6	(+)
1992	1,637	1,484	1,331	1,183	31	26	
% CHG	(-) 9.3	(-) 8.1	(+) 11.1	(+) 16.6	(+) 210.0	(+) 188.9	(-)
1993	1,629	1,155	1,162	993	37	37	
% CHG	(-) 0.5	(-) 22.2	(-) 12.7	(-) 16.1	(+) 19.4	(+) 42.3	(-)
1994	1,829	1,204	1,632	1,010	24	24	

% CHG	(+) 12.3	(+) 4.2	(+) 40.4	(+) 1.7	(-) 35.1	(-) 35.1	(+)
1995	1,143	954	965	775	22	23	
% CHG	(-) 37.5	(-) 20.8	(-) 40.9	(-) 23.3	(-) 8.3	(-) 4.2	(-)
1996	1,391	1,196	1,182	1,001	22	11	
% CHG	(+) 21.7	(+) 25.4	(+) 22.5	(+) 29.2	0	(-) 52.2	(+)
1997	1,608	1,176	1,395	964	11	10	
% CHG	(+) 15.6	(-) 1.7	(+) 18.0	(-) 3.7	(-) 50.0	(-) 9.1	(-)
1998	1,326	1,005	1,039	732	31	29	
% CHG	(-) 17.5	(-) 14.5	(-) 25.5	(-) 24.1	(+) 181.8	(+) 190.0	(+)
1999	1,241	842	921	544	17	17	
% CHG	(-) 6.4	(-) 16.2	(-) 11.4	(-) 25.7	(-) 45.2	(-) 41.4	(+)
2000	1,091	866	646	434	8	9	
% CHG	(-) 12.1	(+) 2.9	(-) 29.9	(-) 20.2	(-) 53.0	(-) 47.1	(+)
2001	973	840	563	433	15	15	
% CHG	(-) 10.8	(-) 3.0	(-) 12.8	(-) 0.2	(+) 87.5	(+) 66.7	(-)
2002	947	785	557	382	16	14	
% CHG	(-) 2.7	(-) 6.5	(-) 1.1	(-) 11.8	(+) 6.7	(-) 6.7	(-)
2003	1,214	808	734	367	13	12	
% CHG	(+) 28.2	(+) 2.9	(+) 31.8	(-) 3.9	(-) 18.8	(-) 14.3	(+)
2004	1,335	964	878	493	33	35	
% CHG	(+) 10.0	(+) 19.3	(+) 19.6	(+) 34.3	(+) 153.8	(+) 191.7	(-)
2005	1,383	1,258	960	792	19	19	
% CHG	(+) 3.6	(+) 30.5	(+) 9.3	(+) 60.6	(-) 42.4	(-) 45.7	(-)
2006	1,413	1,185	1,043	818	7	2	
% CHG	(+) 2.2	(-) 5.8	(+) 8.6	(+) 3.3	(-) 63.2	(-) 89.5	(-)
2007	1,788	1,051	1,448	712	23	11	
% CHG	(+) 26.5	(-) 11.3	(+) 38.8	(-) 13.0	(+) 228.6	(+) 450.0	(-)
2008	1,133	889	918	681	16	14	

% CHG	(-) 36.6	(-) 15.4	(-) 36.6	(-) 4.4	(-) 30.4	(+) 27.3	(-)
2009	1,040	871	790	639	27	24	
% CHG	(-) 8.2	(-) 2.0	(-) 13.9	(-) 6.2	68.8	71.4	
2010	1,033	796	806	575	11	14	
% CHG	(-) 0.7	(-) 8.6	(+) 2.0	(-) 10.0	(-) 59.3	(-) 41.7	(-)
2011	1,030	848	743	582	36	35	
% CHG	(-) 0.3	(+) 6.5	(-) 7.8	(+) 1.2	(+) 227.3	(+) 150.0	(+)

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Source: NCIC Active/Expired Unidentified Person Analysis Report

NCIC Missing and Unidentified Entry Comparison Chart

Year	Missing Person Entries	Unidentified Person Entries
1990		663,921
1991		705,175
1992		801,358
1993		868,345
1994		954,896
1995		969,264
1996		955,252
1997		980,712
1998		932,190
1999		867,129
2000		876,213

2001	840,279	
2002	821,975	
2003	824,699	
2004	830,325	
2005	834,536	
2006	836,131	
2007	814,967	
2008	778,164	
2009	719,558	
2010	692,944	
2011	678,860	

Source: NCIC Active/Expired Missing and Unidentified Analysis Reports