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NCIC Missing Person and Unidentified Person Statistics for 2014 Pursuant to Public Law 101-647, 104 Statute 4967, Crime Control Act of 1990 Requirements

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NCIC Missing Person File

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 - EM),
- 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, 2014, NCIC contained 84,524 active missing person records. Juveniles under the age of 18 account for 33,677 (39.7 %) of the records and 43,289 (51.0 %) records when juveniles are defined as under 21 years of age.*

During 2014, 635,155 missing person records were entered into NCIC, an increase of 1.2% from the 627,911 records entered in 2013. Missing Person records cleared or canceled during the same period totaled 634,367. 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))

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The Missing Person Circumstances (MPC) field is optional and has been available since July 1999 when the NCIC 2000 upgrade became operational. Of the 635,155 records entered in 2014, the MPC field was utilized in 314,523 (49.5 %). When the MPC field was utilized in 2014 entries, 301,851 (96.0 %) were coded as Runaway, 2,249 (7.7 %) as Abducted by Non-custodial Parent, 332 (1.1 %) as Abducted by Stranger, and 10,091 (3.2 %) as Adult - Federally required entry. In 2013, the MPC field was utilized in 306,538 (48.8 %) of the 627,911 records.

Contact Information:

The Criminal Justice Information Services Division's (CJIS) Special Identities Unit (SIU) NCIC Investigative and Operational Assistance Group (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 SIU NCIC IOAG at 304-625-3000 or ioaui@leo.gov.

NCIC Missing Person File Report for 2014

Missing Person

ACTIVE ENTRIES AS OF 01/01/2015	84,924
TOTAL FILE TRANSACTIONS	1,847,604
ENTRIES	635,155
REMOVED	634,367
LOCATES	50,819
MODIFIED	313,017
MODIFIED SUPPLEMENTAL	185,901
CANCELLED SUPPLEMENTAL	3,889
QUERIED MISSING PERSON FILE ONLY	24,382
QUERIED NCIC SYSTEM-WIDE BY NAME	2,814,095,452

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 record 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, years and cancels were combined on the statistical report.

NCIC Missing Persons (Monthly Totals) 2014

EMJ	EMCJ	EME	EMI	EMD	EMV	EMO	TOTAL	TOTAL
ENTRY	CANCEL	ENTRY	CANCEL	ENTRY	CANCEL	ENTRY	CANCEL	ENTRY
JAN	33,905	35,215	3,519	3,569	1,465	1,535	2,231	2,106
FEB	32,611	33,055	3,267	3,347	1,400	1,443	2,082	2,109
MAR	38,766	38,163	3,540	3,562	1,610	1,511	2,400	2,375
APR	40,197	40,279	3,680	3,754	1,609	1,605	2,484	2,503
MAY	44,815	43,137	4,120	4,084	1,565	1,533	2,913	2,834
JUN	38,979	38,502	3,885	3,907	1,418	1,364	2,820	2,713
JUL	35,723	36,477	3,713	3,808	1,480	1,481	2,917	2,901
AUG	33,964	34,705	4,007	3,972	1,509	1,492	2,899	2,853
SEP	38,725	38,936	3,752	3,816	1,492	1,469	2,279	2,865
OCT	41,497	40,876	3,784	3,905	1,434	1,449	2,853	2,761
NOV	36,404	36,211	3,295	3,300	1,285	1,202	2,568	2,602
DEC	33,963	34,049	3,467	3,447	1,364	1,318	2,555	2,577
COL TOT	449,549	449,605	44,029	44,471	17,631	17,402	31,501	31,389

ENTRY - Number of records entered during the month.

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

NCIC Missing Persons (Monthly Totals) 2014

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.

EMV - 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.

EMO - 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.

EMD - Entry of a person of any age who is missing after a catastrophe.

EMCJ - 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

2014 NCIC Missing Person Entries

	UNDER 18	18 AND OLDER	ALL AGES
TOTAL	466,949	168,206	635,155
JUVENILE	445,045	4,504	449,549
ENDANGERED	9,770	34,259	44,029
INVOLUNTARY	4,806	12,825	17,631
DISABILITY	4,258	27,243	31,501
CATASTROPHE	91	178	269
OTHER	2,979	89,197	92,176
FEMALE	250,418	69,668	320,086
MALE	216,500	98,525	315,025
UNKNOWN	31	13	44
ASIAN	7,410	5,137	12,547
BLACK	171,865	45,819	217,684
INDIAN	7,346	2,016	9,362
UNKNOWN	13,055	4,961	18,016
WHITE *	267,273	110,273	377,546

* Includes Hispanic

Source: NCIC Active/Expired Missing and Unidentified Analysis Reports

2014 NCIC Missing Person Entries

	UNDER 21	21 AND OLDER	ALL AGES
TOTAL	498,872	136,283	635,155
JUVENILE	449,446	103	449,549
ENDANGERED	14,651	29,378	44,029
INVOLUNTARY	8,883	8,748	17,631
DISABILITY	912	24,189	31,501
CATASTROPHE	7	172	269
OTHER	18,483	73,693	92,176
FEMALE	266,683	53,403	320,086
MALE	232,155	82,870	315,025
UNKNOWN	34	10	44
ASIAN	8,047	4,500	12,547
BLACK	185,006	32,678	217,684
INDIAN	7,665	1,687	9,362
UNKNOWN	14,175	3,841	18,016
WHITE *	283,979	93,567	377,546

* 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**	CLEAR	LOCATES	MODIFIED
1990	1,454,029	663,921	661,945	641,543	20,615	82,764
% CHG	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1991	1,552,896	705,175	701,811	680,520	24,250	92,946
% CHG	(+16.7)	(+18.6)	(+18.6)	(+18.6)	(+18.6)	(+18.6)
1992	1,785,653	801,358	810,483	737,876	26,970	119,424
% CHG	(+15.0)	(+15.6)	(+15.6)	(+15.6)	(+15.6)	(+15.6)
1993	1,951,842	868,345	858,730	824,348	31,716	169,137
% CHG	(+9.3)	(+8.8)	(+8.8)	(+8.8)	(+8.8)	(+8.8)
1994	2,179,932	954,896	944,685	906,662	39,985	216,008
% CHG	(+11.3)	(+10.0)	(+10.0)	(+10.0)	(+10.0)	(+10.0)
1995	2,238,503	969,264	964,343	922,576	42,009	237,150
% CHG	(+2.7)	(+1.5)	(+1.5)	(+1.5)	(+1.5)	(+1.5)
1996	1,908,696	955,252	955,444	913,940	42,733	254,533
% CHG	(-14.7)	(-1.4)	(-1.4)	(-1.4)	(-1.4)	(-1.4)
1997	1,965,657	980,712	984,945	933,081	45,397	281,197
% CHG	(+3.0)	(+2.7)	(+2.7)	(+2.7)	(+2.7)	(+2.7)
1998	1,861,335	932,190	929,145	913,416	47,313	287,792
% CHG	(-5.3)	(-4.9)	(-4.9)	(-4.9)	(-4.9)	(-4.9)
1999	1,733,691	867,129	866,562	816,198	38,704	272,197
% CHG	(-7.6)	(-7.0)	(-7.0)	(-7.0)	(-7.0)	(-7.0)

NCIC Missing Person File - Yearly Totals and Percent Change

YEAR	FILE TRANS	RECORD ENTERED*	RECORD REMOVED**	CLEAR	LOCATES	MODIFIED
2000	1,758,376	876,213	882,163	825,969	40,714	294,707
% CHG	(+1.4)	(+1.0)	(+1.0)	(+1.2)	(+1.2)	(+1.2)
2001	1,702,197	840,279	861,918	803,599	40,844	313,822
% CHG	(-3.2)	(-4.1)	(-2.3)	(-2.7)	(+0.3)	(+6.5)
2002	1,658,591	821,975	836,616	779,721	42,033	329,741
% CHG	(-3.2)	(-2.2)	(-1.9)	(-7.4)	(+1.0)	(+5.1)
2003	1,661,853	824,699	837,154	777,854	44,252	353,805
% CHG	(+0.2)	(+0.3)	(+0.6)	(-3.0)	(+5.3)	(+7.3)
2004	1,670,848	830,325	840,523	782,283	46,665	379,952
% CHG	(+0.5)	(+0.7)	(+0.4)	(+0.6)	(+5.5)	(+7.4)
2005	2,167,892	834,536	844,838	781,340	48,639	397,452
% CHG	(+29.7)	(+0.5)	(+0.5)	(-1.0)	(+4.2)	(+4.6)
2006	2,203,363	836,131	851,940	785,412	51,518	421,478
% CHG	(+1.6)	(+0.2)	(+0.8)	(+0.5)	(+5.9)	(+6.0)
2007	2,296,793	814,957	820,212	770,282	51,638	549,961
% CHG	(+4.2)	(-2.5)	(-1.9)	(-1.9)	(+0.2)	(+30.5)
2008	2,068,262	778,161	745,088	731,727	50,599	457,541
% CHG	(-10.9)	(-4.5)	(-4.1)	(-1.5)	(-2.0)	(-16.8)
2009	1,759,860	719,558	726,130	637,308	32,843	358,356
% CHG	(-14.9)	(-7.5)	(-2.5)	(-12.9)	(-35.1)	(-21.7)
2010	1,927,722	692,944	703,316	658,161	48,397	453,620
% CHG	(+9.5)	(-3.7)	(-1.3)	(+1.3)	(+41.3)	(+25.6)

NCIC Missing Person File - Yearly Totals and Percent Change

YEAR	FILE TRANS	RECORD ENTERED*	RECORD REMOVED**	CLEAR	LOCATES	MODIFIED
2011	1,855,216	678,860	679,511	633,919	47,025	455,820
% CHG	(-3.8)	(-2.0)	(-3.4)	(-2.0)	(+1.4)	(+0.4)
2012	1,868,028	661,593	659,514	620,535	47,912	472,341
% CHG	(+0.7)	(-2.5)	(-2.9)	(-2.1)	(+1.9)	(+3.6)
2013	1,810,409	627,911	630,911	584,749	47,544	478,094
% CHG	(-3.1)	(-5.1)	(-4.3)	(-5.8)	(-0.8)	(+1.2)
2014	1,847,605	634,155	634,367	584,813	50,819	502,807
% CHG	(+2.1)	(+1.2)	(+5)	(+0)	(+6.9)	(+5.2)

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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, 2014, there were 8,311 unidentified person records in NCIC. During 2014, 876 unidentified person records were entered into NCIC, an increase of 1.2 % from the 866 records entered in 2013. The records entered in 2014 consisted of 650 (74.2%) deceased unidentified bodies