

Missing Children

Statistics 2020

Global Missing Children Network Member Statistics

1) Australia – Australian Federal Police

International Missing Children's Day: AFP Short Film Asks Public to Consider World's Missing Children

Approximately 25,000 young people are reported missing in Australia every year. Most children who are reported missing are found safe and well within 24 hours. For those who are not, what follows can be months and years of heartbreak and confusion.

Source:

<https://www.afp.gov.au/news-media/media-releases/international-missing-children%E2%80%99s-day-afp-short-film-asks-australians>

2) Brazil 2020: 27, 820 children were reported missing. 60% were recovered in the first few days

Source:

Brazilian GMCN member - Ministry of Human Rights

3) Canada 2020– Government of Canada: 31,948 children were reported missing in 2020.

Source:

<https://www.canadasmising.ca/pubs/2020/index-eng.htm>

4) France 2018: 2018 51,287 children were reported as missing to the ministry of Justice.

Source:

<https://www.droitdenfance.org/116000-enfants-disparus-2/>

5) Germany 2019: 92,894 children were reported as missing in 2019.

Source:

[https://www.bka.de/DE/UnsereAufgaben/Ermittlungsunterstuetzung/BearbeitungVermisstenfaelle/bearbeitungVermisstenfaelle.html#:~:text=Im%20Jahr%202018%20wurden%2012.791,\(15.072%20F%C3%A4lle\)%20gekl%C3%A4rt%20werden.](https://www.bka.de/DE/UnsereAufgaben/Ermittlungsunterstuetzung/BearbeitungVermisstenfaelle/bearbeitungVermisstenfaelle.html#:~:text=Im%20Jahr%202018%20wurden%2012.791,(15.072%20F%C3%A4lle)%20gekl%C3%A4rt%20werden.)

6) Greece 2020: 101 children were reported missing. 93 were recovered.

Source:

Greek GMCN member - Smile of the Child

7) Guatemala 2019: Alba Keneth Alert was used 3,494 alerts in 2019.

Source:

<https://www.albakeneth.gob.gt/index.php/estadisticas>

8) Ireland 2020: 6,102 children were reported missing. 6,095 were recovered

Source:

Irish GMCN member - Irish Garda

9) Italy 2020: 7,642 children were reported missing. 3,322 were recovered.

Source:

Italian GMCN members - Telefono Azzurro and Italian State Police

10) Jamaica 2016: In 2016, 1,725 children reported missing.

Source:

<http://www.ocr.gov.jm/index.php/statistics/missing-children/missing-children-2016>

11) Lithuania 2020: 2,276 children were reported missing. 2,225 children were recovered.

Source:

Lithuanian GMCN members - Missing Persons Families Support Centre

12) New Zealand 2020: 2,261 children were reported missing. 2,260 were recovered.

Source:

New Zealand GMCN member - New Zealand Police

13) Poland 2017: 6,758 missing children reported in 2017 in Poland.

Source:

<http://statystyka.policja.pl/st/wybrane-statystyki/zaginieni>

14) Portugal 2020: 23 children were reported missing. All but 9 children are now accounted for.

Source:

Portuguese GMCN member - Instituto de Apoio à Criança

15) Russia 2019: In Russia, an estimated 50,000 children were reported missing in 2019.

Source:

<https://www.interfax-rossii-ezhegodno-propadaet->

russia.ru/main/matvienko-v-okolo-50-tys-detey

16) South Korea 2020: In South Korea, there were 19,146 reports of missing children.

Source:

http://www.index.go.kr/potal/main/EachDtlPageDetail.do?idx_cd=1610

17) Spain 2019 – Ministry of Interior: Information of Missing Persons 2019

If we count the complaints of the minors, taking as age of reference the moment of the disappearance, of the total of denunciations (176.063), the data show that more than 66% of the total registered events correspond to this age group, in particular they total 117,311 cases.

Source:

http://www.interior.gob.es/documents/10180/9814700/2019_02_21+INFORME+DE+PERSONA+S+DESAPARECIDAS.PDF/72e112d3-ce2f-4653-8527-6e5c5649e4ce

18) Switzerland: Switzerland has 25,000 runaways per year and 110 parental abductions.

Missing Children Switzerland

Source:

<https://missingchildren.ch/nos-actions/etudes-statistiques>

19) Taiwan 2020: 6,658 children were reported missing. 6,958 children were recovered (may include children recovered in 2020 who were reported missing in 2019)

Source:

Taiwanese GMCN member - Child Welfare Foundation

20) United Kingdom 2019-2020: 65,800 missing children reported in 2019/20.

Source:

<http://www.missingpersons.police.uk/en-gb/resources/downloads/missing-persons-statistical-bulletins>

21) United States 2020: In 2020, there were 365,348 reports of missing children in the United States.

Source: <https://www.fbi.gov/file-repository/2020-ncic-missing-person-and-unidentified-person-statistics.pdf/view>

Statistics from other countries

22) Austria 2019: 8,250 minors reported in 2019. (11,000 reports of missing persons per year 75% are minors)

Source:

<https://www.bundeskriminalamt.at/news.aspx?id=525672777759445047746B3D>

23) India 2018 - National Crime Bureau: In 2018 67,134 children reported missing.

Source:

<https://ncrb.gov.in/sites/default/files/missingpage-merged.pdf>

24) Kenya 2019: 560 cases were worked on by Missing Child Kenya in 2019

Source:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gsr15ug-7UE>