



NATIONAL VS. NATIVE MISSING YOUTH STATISTICS

A Side by Side Comparison

While collecting data on missing children is imperative to criminal investigations and raising awareness, it does not always happen. This is especially true for missing Native youth, whose cases are severely underreported. Below you will find statistics that compare the number of missing children on a national level, in addition to what we know on missing Native youth. You will quickly find that data from Indian Country is scarce compared to national statistics, nor are they reliable.

Did you know?

There are nearly **73 million** children in the U.S. and



However, the majority of those reported do not reflect Native youth.

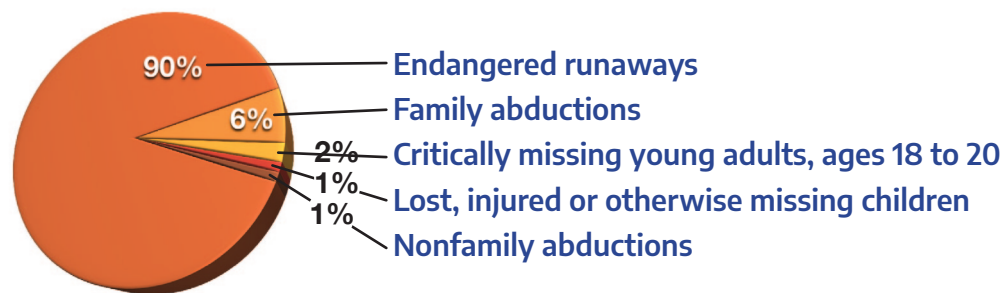
Out of the near 73 million children in the U.S., **1 million are Native.**

Out of those million, **only 7,700 were reported missing.**

Though an inaccurate number, it still shows that **1 in 130 Native children** are likely to go missing each year, compared to 1 in 157 non-Native children.

At a Glance: National Statistics

- **According to the FBI**, in 2016 there were 465,676 National Crime Information Center (NCIC) entries for missing children. In 2015 there were 460,699 entries.
- **In 2016**, 179 AMBER Alerts were issued in the U.S. involving 231 children. Of the 179 issued, **155 resulted in a recovery**, 43 of which were successfully recovered a direct result of an AMBER Alert being issued.
- **In 2016**, NCMEC assisted law enforcement and families with more than 20,500 cases of missing children by the following case types:



Of the more than **18,500 endangered runaways** reported to NCMEC in 2016, **one in six** were likely victims of child sex trafficking. Of those, **86 percent** were in the care of social services when they went missing.

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At a Glance: Indian Country Statistics

Unfortunately, statistics on missing Native youth are limited, as there is still no centralized reporting system. Data on crime in Indian Country suffers from under-reporting to tribal authorities and thus under-reporting to federal authorities. Although there is no Federal or Native American agency/organization that systematically collects the information of missing Native children, here is what we do know:

2% of the U.S. child population is made up of Native youth. This is just under 1 million children.

Of those 1 million children, **only 7,700 Native youth** have been listed as missing in the U.S. in 2016 – but the number is estimated to be much higher.

5% of the **179 AMBER Alerts** issued for 231 children in 2016, **were identified as Native Youth (12)**.

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