

New York State

Missing Children

2005 Annual Report



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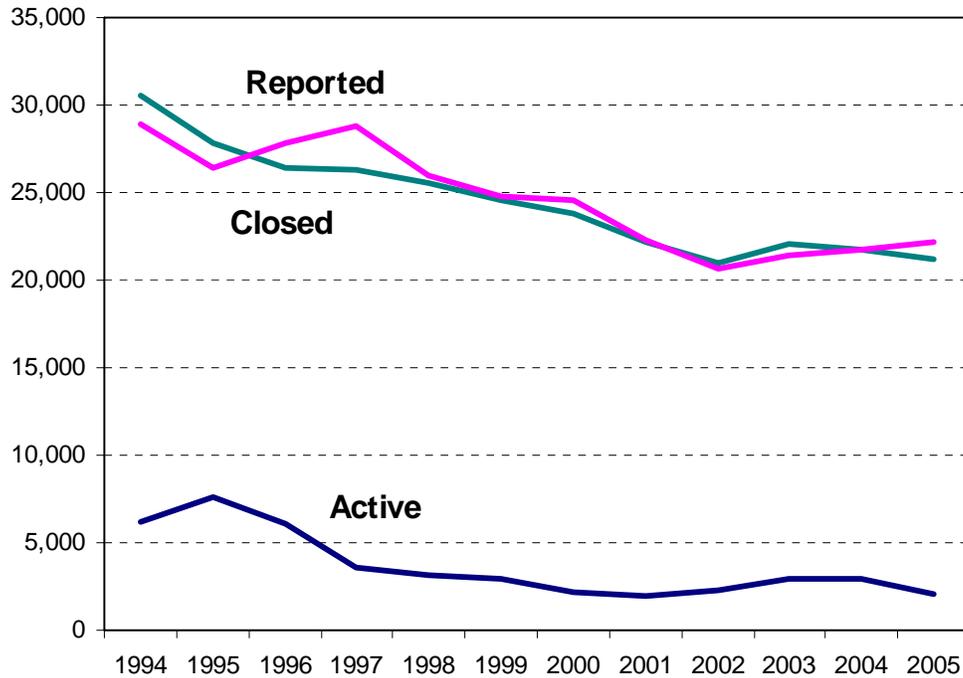
Summary

The following describes reporting activity on the New York State Missing Children Register during the year 2005:

- « The Register received 21,222 reports of children missing from New York State, a decrease of 2.4 percent from the previous year. Approximately the same number of cases were cancelled during the year (22,139). The number of active cases at the end of 2005 dropped by 31 percent from 2004 (to 2,034). This was due to a significant increase in case closures from New York City (+27% from 2004) as a result of a record reconciliation effort.
- « Reports of missing children were concentrated in the State's largest urban areas. Suffolk County reported the highest volume of cases (1,987) followed by Westchester, Monroe, Albany, Erie, and Nassau counties. (the counties of New York City report one total for the City and not separately to the Register). Every county in the State reported at least one missing child during the year except for Hamilton and 26 counties reported an increase in cases during 2005 as compared to 2004.
- « Controlling for the under age 18 population by county, two counties in the Capital District (Schenectady and Albany) had the highest rates of case reporting in the State (21.2 and 18.4 per 1,000 children respectively). These counties were found to have unusually large numbers of repeat cases involving children who ran away from group homes or other facilities. The statewide rate of reporting was 4.6 missing children cases per 1,000 children in 2005.
- « The overwhelming majority of missing children cases were reported as suspected runaways (91.7%). Abduction cases accounted for approximately one percent of the total reports, and abductions committed by family members comprised the most frequent form of abduction. There was 1 report statewide of a child abducted by a stranger in 2005. (Note: The number of stranger abductions reported to the Register may be an undercount. Typically, cases are not categorized as stranger abductions unless someone actually witnessed the child being abducted. Cases initially categorized as 'circumstances unknown' have sometimes later been found to involve stranger abductions but that information is rarely updated on the Register).
- « Ninety-four percent of the children reported missing were age 13 or older, 61 percent were female, and 51 percent were white. The single largest group of cases involved white females 13 years and older (31 % of cases reported).
- « Thirty-seven percent of the 22,139 cases closed during 2005 were resolved by the child voluntarily returning home. Law enforcement efforts were involved in the return of 18 percent of the cases, and 8 children who had been reported missing were found deceased. The median number of days between the reporting and cancellation of a case on the Register was 3 days.

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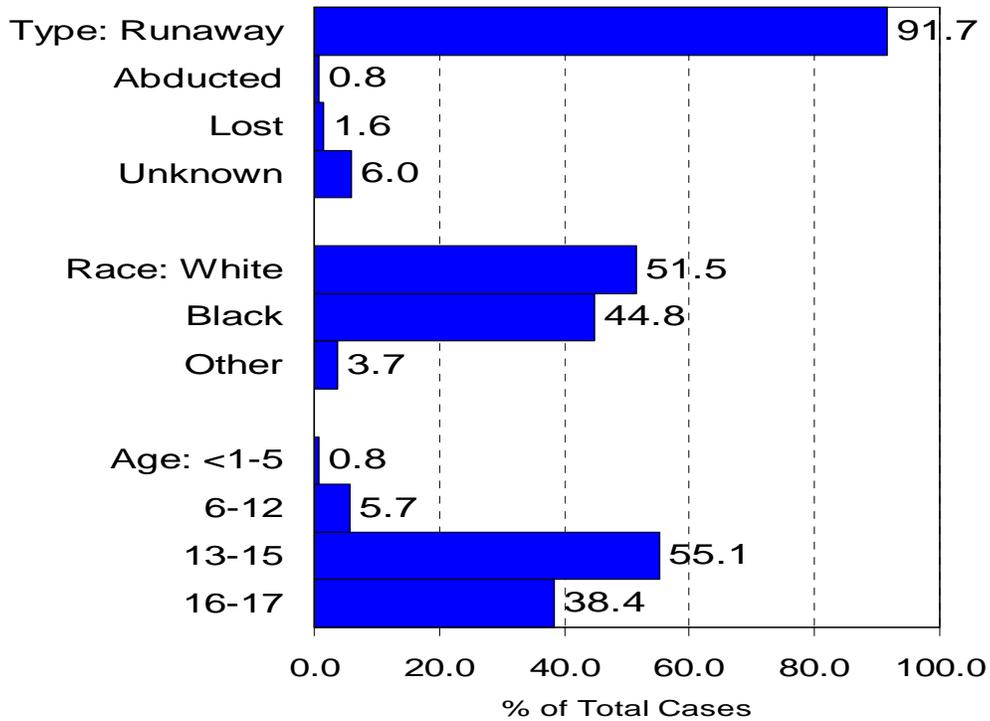
ANNUAL REPORTING VOLUME: 1994-2005



	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
NEW YORK STATE												
Cases Reported	30,549	27,830	26,368	26,316	25,578	24,531	23,801	22,139	20,985	22,040	21,753	21,222
Cases Closed	28,949	26,419	27,846	28,840	26,012	24,755	24,562	22,273	20,654	21,431	21,745	22,139
Active End-of-Year	6,147	7,558	6,080	3,556	3,122	2,898	2,137	2,003	2,334	2,943	2,951	2,034
NEW YORK CITY												
Cases Reported	9,166	7,060	6,244	7,067	6,847	6,628	6,640	5,699	4,534	4,505	4,662	4,829
Cases Closed	7,667	5,600	7,902	9,700	7,393	6,718	7,220	5,916	4,219	4,041	4,590	5,808
Active End-of-Year	5,110	6,570	4,879	2,246	1,700	1,610	1,030	813	1,128	1,592	1,664	685
SUBURBAN NEW YORK CITY												
Cases Reported	7,080	6,467	6,234	6,419	6,574	6,342	5,989	5,597	5,916	6,312	5,779	5,353
Cases Closed	7,038	6,515	6,041	6,362	6,400	6,480	6,013	5,617	5,860	6,227	5,773	5,409
Active End-of-Year	405	357	453	510	684	546	522	502	558	643	649	593
UPSTATE												
Cases Reported	14,296	14,288	13,885	12,821	12,147	11,554	11,163	10,829	10,527	11,219	11,305	11,038
Cases Closed	14,241	14,298	13,762	12,768	12,208	11,554	11,321	10,732	10,566	11,153	11,372	10,921
Active End-of-Year	624	614	737	790	729	729	571	668	629	695	628	745

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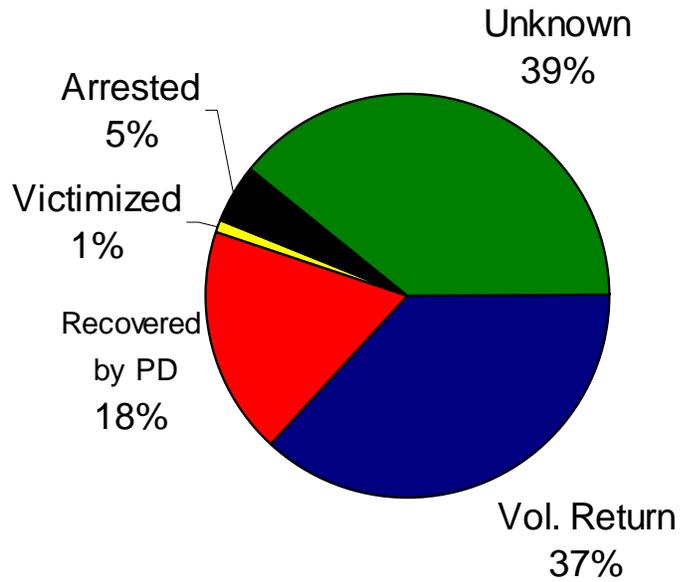
CHARACTERISTICS OF CASES REPORTED



	TOTAL	AGE WHEN REPORTED MISSING				GENDER		RACE	
		< 1 - 5	6 - 12	13 - 15	16 - 17	Male	Female	White	Non-White
TOTAL	21,222	167	1,210	11,702	8,143	8,171	13,051	10,927	10,295
Runaway	19,454	3	994	10,848	7,609	7,426	12,028	9,992	9,462
Familial Abduction	137	83	36	13	5	62	75	79	58
Acquaintance Abduction	34	7	3	9	15	7	27	28	6
Stranger Abduction	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
Lost	330	6	33	167	124	154	176	211	119
Unknown	1,266	68	144	665	389	522	744	616	650

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CHARACTERISTICS OF CASES CLOSED

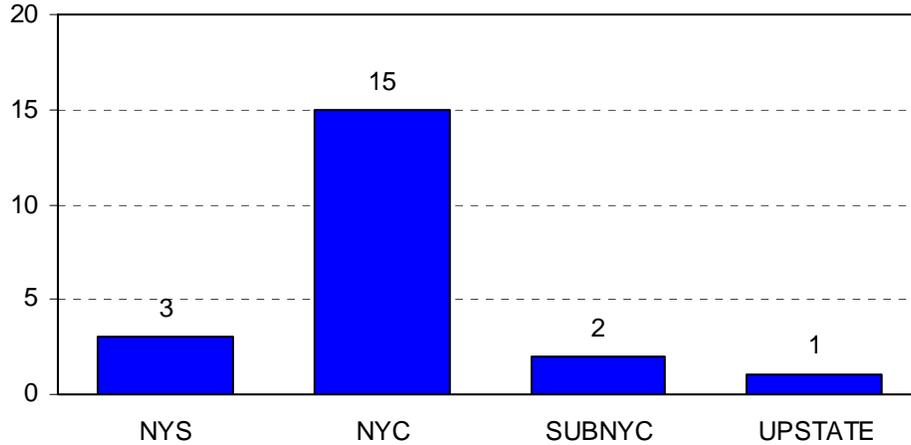


Circumstances of Recovery	TOTAL	AGE WHEN FOUND					GENDER		RACE	
		< 1 - 5	6 - 12	13 - 15	16 - 17	> 17	Male	Female	White	Non-White
TOTAL	22,139	178	1,177	11,673	8,690	421	8,436	13,703	11,259	10,880
Voluntary Return	8,097	23	399	4,478	3,151	46	3,164	4,933	4,496	3,601
Recovered by Law Enforcement	4,043	56	284	2,293	1,390	20	1,621	2,422	2,592	1,451
Recovered/Victimimized	283	14	19	137	110	3	113	170	185	98
Arrested	935	0	20	445	462	8	443	492	595	340
Arrested/Victimimized	88	0	1	43	43	1	43	45	54	34
Deceased	8	1	2	3	2	0	5	3	5	3
Other/Unknown	8,685	84	452	4,274	3,532	343	3,047	5,638	3,332	5,353

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LENGTH OF TIME ON THE REGISTER

*MEDIAN DAYS TO CANCELLATION
(for Cases Closed During 2005)*



DAYS BETWEEN CASE ENTRY AND CANCELLATION FOR CASES REPORTED DURING 2005			
No. of Days	No. of Cases Closed	Cumulative Percent Closed	
< 1	4,682	22.1	
1	3,353	37.9	
2	1,272	43.9	
3	876	48.0	
4	685	51.2	
5	565	53.9	
6	542	56.4	
7	544	59.0	
8	468	61.2	
9	368	62.9	
10	389	64.8	
11	322	66.3	
12	251	67.5	
13	245	68.6	
14	323	70.1	
15	308	71.6	
16 - 29	1,931	80.7	
30 - 60	1,788	89.1	
61 - 90	685	92.4	
91 - 120	408	94.3	
121 or more	302	95.7	
Still Active	915	4.3	
TOTAL	21,222	100.0	

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REPORTING VOLUME BY COUNTY

	CASES REPORTED									CASES CLOSED							CASES ACTIVE
	Total	Rate ¹	Runaway	Acquaint.	Familial	Stranger	Lost	Unknown	Total	Voluntary	Returned	Arrested	Victimized	Deceased	Unknown	End-of-Year	
				Abduction	Abduction	Abduction				Return	by P.D.					Active Cases	
Albany	1,170	18.4	1,120	0	9	0	18	23	1,161	300	124	58	8	1	670	75	
Allegany	16	1.5	13	0	0	0	1	2	16	6	5	4	0	0	1	0	
Broome	296	6.9	277	0	0	0	5	14	295	149	100	15	6	0	25	18	
Cattaraugus	96	5.0	88	1	0	0	2	5	95	30	46	10	2	0	7	5	
Cayuga	106	5.8	92	0	0	0	2	12	105	34	56	5	1	0	9	2	
Chautauqua	431	14.1	411	2	3	0	4	11	439	190	198	29	10	0	12	13	
Chemung	278	13.6	268	0	5	0	1	4	277	137	67	24	0	0	49	8	
Chenango	22	1.9	19	0	0	0	2	1	22	6	10	1	3	0	2	1	
Clinton	62	3.7	58	1	0	0	1	2	64	24	11	15	0	0	14	0	
Columbia	73	5.2	64	0	2	0	1	6	68	20	25	15	1	0	7	9	
Cortland	48	4.5	39	0	0	0	6	3	49	17	22	6	0	0	4	0	
Delaware	74	7.7	63	0	0	0	6	5	73	21	38	9	2	0	3	3	
Dutchess	327	4.8	278	0	4	0	16	29	324	137	115	15	7	0	50	18	
Erie	1,108	5.1	1,024	1	7	0	5	71	1,066	155	68	23	19	2	799	159	
Essex	25	3.2	16	0	0	0	8	1	26	6	8	12	0	0	0	0	
Franklin	81	7.9	77	0	0	0	2	2	80	30	30	19	0	0	1	1	
Fulton	43	3.5	37	0	0	0	3	3	43	19	14	0	6	0	4	3	
Genesee	48	3.5	42	0	1	0	1	4	48	18	25	2	0	0	3	0	
Greene	38	3.7	35	0	0	0	0	3	38	12	15	8	1	0	2	0	
Hamilton	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Herkimer	30	2.2	27	0	0	0	0	3	31	18	9	3	0	0	1	0	
Jefferson	152	5.6	146	0	0	0	2	4	150	49	80	9	3	0	9	6	
Lewis	3	0.5	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	
Livingston	37	2.8	33	1	0	0	2	1	36	9	18	5	0	0	4	1	
Madison	57	3.7	47	0	0	0	4	6	56	25	21	2	1	0	7	2	
Monroe	1,376	7.6	1,344	0	1	0	3	28	1,313	293	397	103	10	0	510	145	
Montgomery	77	6.8	59	0	0	0	8	10	74	30	29	8	3	0	4	5	
Nassau	1,036	3.2	851	6	16	0	37	126	1,016	562	186	42	57	1	168	81	
New York City ²	4,829	2.4	4,778	1	41	0	0	9	5,808	1,163	35	34	2	0	4,574	685	

¹ Rate per 1,000 children

² includes the counties of Bronx, Kings, New York and Richmond

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Niagara	461	9.3	430	3	0	0	5	23	464	239	143	17	4	0	61	41	
Oneida	483	9.4	432	0	5	0	35	11	482	220	152	69	9	0	32	18	
Onondaga	728	6.5	188	0	0	0	6	534	751	313	368	36	22	1	11	34	
Ontario	87	3.7	75	0	1	1	7	3	85	33	26	4	3	0	19	2	
Orange	573	5.7	547	5	2	0	11	8	550	284	150	43	12	0	61	57	
Orleans	72	6.9	64	0	1	0	2	5	70	36	24	2	3	0	5	4	
Oswego	123	4.1	104	1	3	0	6	9	125	62	44	6	3	0	10	0	
Otsego	21	1.7	20	0	0	0	0	1	20	6	4	8	0	0	2	1	
Putnam	63	2.5	52	1	3	0	2	5	62	21	24	5	4	0	8	5	
Rensselaer	371	10.8	351	0	0	0	5	15	370	105	63	16	3	1	182	20	
Rockland	436	5.4	397	1	1	0	15	22	462	243	82	26	19	0	92	53	
St. Lawrence	99	4.2	91	0	1	0	4	3	96	32	36	21	1	0	6	4	
Saratoga	166	3.3	146	0	2	0	9	9	154	58	58	18	6	0	14	14	
Schenectady	729	21.2	697	1	4	0	16	11	740	350	122	31	8	0	229	32	
Schoharie	8	1.2	7	0	0	0	0	1	8	4	2	1	0	0	1	0	
Schuyler	15	3.6	13	0	0	0	2	0	15	5	8	0	2	0	0	1	
Seneca	18	2.4	16	0	0	0	0	2	18	7	8	3	0	0	0	0	
Steuben	68	2.9	58	0	1	0	3	6	68	37	22	7	0	0	2	1	
Suffolk	1,987	5.3	1,875	0	11	0	9	92	1,981	1,386	347	103	3	1	141	92	
Sullivan	87	5.2	76	1	0	0	4	6	89	41	28	6	3	0	11	7	
Tioga	54	4.4	48	0	0	0	2	4	54	25	20	5	1	0	3	1	
Tompkins	151	8.9	141	0	1	0	2	7	154	34	70	24	4	0	22	2	
Ulster	302	7.7	269	0	3	0	12	18	304	128	108	20	8	0	40	23	
Warren	98	7.2	94	0	0	0	1	3	97	48	36	10	1	0	2	1	
Washington	62	4.7	61	0	0	0	0	1	65	29	27	6	2	0	1	0	
Wayne	87	3.7	79	0	0	0	2	6	89	40	31	4	4	0	10	3	
Westchester	1,894	8	1,784	7	7	0	29	67	1,950	832	271	53	16	0	778	367	
Wyoming	21	2.4	17	0	0	0	1	3	22	11	9	0	0	1	1	0	
Yates	17	2.9	13	1	0	0	0	3	17	8	5	3	0	0	1	0	
Non-NYS Agencies	2		0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	
NYS Total	21,222	4.6	19,454	34	137	1	330	1,266	22,139	8,097	4,043	1,023	283	8	8,685	2,034	

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