



Missing Persons  
Clearinghouse

# 2014 Annual Report



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## **New York State Missing Persons Clearinghouse 2014 Annual Report**

The New York State Missing Persons Clearinghouse is located within the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS).

The Clearinghouse operates in accordance with New York State Executive Law Sections 837, 837-e, 837-f, 837-f-1 and 838; New York State Codes, Rules and Regulations Part 6055; and New York State Education Law Sections 355, 6206, 6303 and 6450.

This report is submitted as required by Section 837-f-12 of the New York State Executive Law.

### **On the Cover**

Designed by Alena Weibel, a fifth-grader from the Sauquoit Valley Middle School in Oneida County, this poster was New York State's entry in the National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Alena's poster claimed first place in the contest that was coordinated by the Missing Person Clearinghouse in conjunction with the national competition, which is designed to raise awareness about missing children cases across the country. National Missing Children's Day has been marked annually on May 25 since 1983.

The contest was open to fifth-graders; 43 posters were submitted. Second- and third-place posters were selected, and one received an honorable mention. In addition to submitting a poster, students were required to write an essay of 100 words or fewer describing their design and why they created it. Alena wrote: "I created my poster to bring awareness to the missing children in the world. My poster was a picture of a table with a picture frame with a cut out of a missing child showing that the child was gone. Behind it there's a family portrait with the child's mom, dad and brother. But the child was cut out of the picture showing that they were gone. In both pictures showing the missing child, it had a question mark on the face."

Second Place: Alixander Pauldine, a student at Fitzhugh Park Elementary School in Oswego, Oswego County; Third Place: Mackenzy L. Peters, a student at N.R. Kelley Intermediate School in Newark, Wayne County; and Honorable Mention: Amelia Newton, a student at Cincinnatus Central School in Cincinnatus, Cortland County.

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## **Overview of Activities**

In 2014, the Clearinghouse implemented three key initiatives designed to enhance the support it provides to law enforcement agencies.

### Automation of Alert Activations

A key function of the Clearinghouse is the administration of three alert programs, which are similar to AMBER Alerts. The alerts are activated at the request of law enforcement for three types of missing persons under specific circumstances: when police believe that a child under the age of 21, a college student of any age or an adult who is 18 or older and has a cognitive impairment, has gone missing and is at credible risk of harm or death.

In 2014, the Clearinghouse streamlined the manner in which law enforcement agencies report missing cases to the state and FBI, which resulted in the Clearinghouse being able to issue those alerts in minutes, instead of hours.

Minutes matter and access to detailed information is critical when a person goes missing, This enhancement results in a faster response to a missing person case by providing critical information to law enforcement agencies, other entities and the public, which may contribute to a missing person being located more quickly and more importantly, unharmed.

Working in partnership with the state Office of Information Technology Services, the Clearinghouse implemented a new, single point-of-entry system for a secure, online portal that gives agencies the ability to request assistance from the Clearinghouse at the same time a missing person record is entered. Prior to this technology upgrade, officers manually entered information about missing person cases multiple times across a variety of systems.

The upgrade also allows law enforcement to report information that couldn't be collected before, including photos of the missing persons as well as specific details and photos of suspects and vehicles, among other information.

Depending on the situation, alerts allow information about a missing person to be distributed to law enforcement, the public and other entities, including hospitals and transportation hubs such as the New York State Thruway, airports and bus stations, through a variety of channels: state and federal websites, social media, e-mail, television and radio stations, and NY-ALERT, a statewide system that delivers information to subscribers via text message, e-mail, telephone call or fax.

The first alert generated by the new system – for a missing vulnerable adult – was activated in October within nine minutes of it being requested. The missing person was located safe three hours later, when a motorist saw the alert on a highway sign and called 9-1-1.

### “Find Them” Web Application

Another partnership with the state Office of Information Technology Services allowed the Clearinghouse to create a web application to assist law enforcement officers with missing person investigations and searches.

Designed to be used by first responders and investigators, the “Find Them” web application generates a list of suggested tips and resources, based on conditions and circumstances selected by officers that are applicable to the case they are handling.

For example, if a young child with autism has wandered away on foot, the web app will generate a suggested list of initial actions to be taken, along with a contact list of additional resources that may be helpful. The web application is available only to law enforcement via the DCJS website.

### Northeast Missing Persons Clearinghouse Summit

The Clearinghouse hosted its first Northeast Missing Persons Clearinghouse Summit in April. The objective of the summit was to bring together alert coordinators from northeastern states and Canadian provinces to learn the function and criteria of alert programs in each region and develop a mutual process to aid in cross-border activations.

Approximately 20 law enforcement representatives from Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Ontario and Quebec attended the summit, which was held in Albany.

The event featured remarks by DCJS Executive Deputy Commissioner Michael C. Green. The group also was briefed on the results of a pre-summit survey distributed by Clearinghouse staff to collect information about the alert programs, including types of alert programs, criteria and distribution methods, for each Northeast state and adjacent Canadian provinces.

A roundtable discussion provided participants the opportunity to further explain their respective alert program and contribute their opinions and ideas on how best to develop reciprocity for alerts among the states and provinces.

The success of the summit was confirmed a few weeks later when a man with Alzheimer's disease, missing from Massachusetts, was located safe on Long Island as a result of a cross-border alert activation.

The Clearinghouse activated a Missing Vulnerable Adult Alert at the request of the Seekonk, Mass. Police Department after that agency received information that the missing man had used a credit card in Commack, on Long Island. The man was located after a motorist who saw the alert notification on a New York State Department of Transportation variable message sign, spotted the vehicle on the highway and called the Amityville Police Department.

### Alert Activations

The Clearinghouse activated a total of 80 alerts at the request of law enforcement agencies from across New York State in 2014. Five involved missing children while 75 were issued for vulnerable adult. There were no requests for Missing College Student Alerts.

Alerts are not activated in connection with every report of a missing child or vulnerable adult. Certain circumstances must be met in order for the Clearinghouse to issue an alert. See Page 8 of this report for more details.

All missing children who were the subject of alerts were found alive and returned home. Three of the 75 missing vulnerable adults were located deceased; all others were located safe and returned home.

Alerts issued in connection with 44 percent of missing vulnerable adult cases played a key role in locating the missing person and returning the individual home.

### Other Activities

During 2014, the Clearinghouse also assisted the U.S. Department of State with 82 missing children cases that involved international custody disputes pursuant to the Hague Convention of the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. In those cases, staff conducted database searches and assisted with verifying 17 New York State addresses for abducted children.

Staff also processed 26,451 Operation SAFE CHILD records from 39 contributing agencies.

Through the SAFE CHILD program, parents or guardians receive a card that contains a photograph of their child, fingerprint images and other demographic information. In addition, parents or guardians can request that their child's information be stored in a secure database maintained by DCJS. If the Clearinghouse receives a missing child report, the fingerprints of that child are included in a special search file and compared against all incoming fingerprints submitted to the agency.

## Data Overview

### Missing Children

- The number of children reported missing in New York State decreased 1.3 percent in 2014, for a total of 19,860. The decrease was the result of fewer cases reported by law enforcement from the 57 counties outside of New York City.
- The number of children reported by police as runaways – 19,065 – accounted for 96 percent of disappearances among children under 18.
- Three stranger abduction cases were reported, as compared to one in 2013. In 2014, there were three reports of stranger abductions: one child in Albany County and two children during the same incident in St. Lawrence County.
- The number of acquaintance abductions decreased, from five in 2013 to three in 2014.
- There were 118 familial abduction cases and 14 children reported as abducted by a non-custodial parent.
- Fewer cases (19,816) were closed during 2014, which resulted in a higher number of active cases at the end of the year, when compared to active cases in 2013 (2,680 in 2013 vs 2,724 in 2014).
- Every county in New York State, except Hamilton, reported at least one missing child.
- New York City, which comprises five counties but reports missing children data city-wide, and 26 counties reported decreases in the number of new cases, while 31 other counties reported the same volume or higher.
- Reports of missing children were concentrated in the state's largest urban areas. Excluding New York City, Westchester County reported the highest volume of cases, 1,672, followed by Monroe with 1,465; Suffolk, 1,131; Erie, 1,087; and Albany, 877.
- The statewide missing child rate was 4.7 missing children cases per 1,000 children in 2014. Schenectady and Albany counties had the highest rates of cases reported in the state: 15.2 per 1,000 children and 15 per 1,000 children, respectively. Those counties also reported large numbers of repeat cases involving children who ran away from group homes or other facilities.
- Ninety-five percent of the children reported missing were 13 years old or older, 59 percent were female, and 57 percent were non-white. The single largest group of missing child cases involved white females who were 13 and older (24 percent of cases reported).
- Approximately 27 percent of the cases closed during 2014 were resolved by the child voluntarily returning home. Law enforcement efforts were involved in the return of 23 percent of the cases, and a total of four children who had been reported missing in Albany, Erie, Oneida and St. Lawrence counties were found deceased.
- The median number of days between the reporting and cancellation of a case on the Register was seven days, up from six days in 2013.

### Missing Vulnerable Adults

- A total of 1,335 vulnerable adults were reported missing in New York State in 2014, a 78 percent increase over the prior year's total of 748.
- Despite that significant increase, the number of missing vulnerable adults was 17 percent of the total number of adults (7,796) reported missing.
- The largest volume of missing vulnerable adult cases (161) was reported in the months of June and August and the fewest (53) was reported in February.
- Unlike missing child cases, the vast majority of missing vulnerable adult cases are reported outside of New York City. A total of 1,188 cases were reported in the 57 counties Upstate and on Long Island as compared to 147 in New York City. Two vulnerable adults were reported missing out of state.
- Nassau County had the highest number of missing vulnerable adult cases reported, with 161, followed by Westchester County with 146; Monroe County, 76; Albany County, 60; and Suffolk County, 58.
- More vulnerable adults between the ages of 20 and 29 were reported missing – 275 of 1,335, or 21 percent – than any other age category.
- Nearly twice as many men than women were reported missing, and 70 percent of missing vulnerable adults were white.
- A total of 1,249 cases involving missing vulnerable adults were closed during 2014 and 151 cases remained active at the end of the year.
- The median number of days between a missing vulnerable adult case report and closure was one day.

## Clearinghouse Services

The Clearinghouse maintains a statewide electronic central registry of missing persons that is compatible with the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) register for missing persons. Clearinghouse staff also provide support and training to law enforcement and assistance to left-behind family members.

As noted earlier, the Clearinghouse administers three Alert programs that quickly disseminates information to law enforcement, the public and other entities when children under the age of 18, college students or vulnerable adults with cognitive impairments are reported missing and at a credible risk of harm.

The Clearinghouse can be reached 24 hours a day, 365 days a year through a toll-free hotline (1-800-346-3543) or a dedicated e-mail address ([missingpersons@dcjs.ny.gov](mailto:missingpersons@dcjs.ny.gov)).

In addition to their work to support law enforcement agencies in New York State, Clearinghouse staff members assist law enforcement agencies in other states, other states' clearinghouses, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), not-for-profit organizations and the U.S. Department of State.

### Investigative Support

- Administration of the mandated statewide missing person repository. Case information in this database is submitted by law enforcement agencies to the Clearinghouse via a secure, online portal.
  - Clearinghouse staff use this data to flag birth and educational records of missing children, which results in school and vital records administrators being notified, as required by law. If someone requests a flagged school or birth record, that information is transmitted to the Clearinghouse and can possibly provide a lead to the missing child's location.
- Notification of the appropriate law enforcement agency whenever the Clearinghouse receives leads in connection with a missing person's case, and development of lead information by conducting searches through informational databases and social networking sites.
- Assistance with entry of missing and unidentified person information into state and federal databases used by law enforcement agencies for investigative purposes. This includes assisting law enforcement agencies and medical examiners with coding and entering dental and other anatomical information of missing persons.
- Preparation and distribution of missing child, missing college student and missing vulnerable adult posters to the public and private sector through the state's NY-ALERT system and Lost Child Alert Technology Resource (LOCATER).
  - These tools are utilized by the Clearinghouse to allow for rapid electronic dissemination of photographs, biographical information and case details. Information can be disseminated electronically to every law enforcement agency, New York State Thruway service areas/toll booths, and bus, train and airport terminals. In addition, a public subscription service is used to notify individuals across the state about these cases in a matter of minutes.

- Publication of missing child, college student and vulnerable adult photographs and biographical information on the DCJS and National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) websites, if family members/guardians grant permission. NCMEC only publicizes child cases.
- Case management advice to investigating law enforcement agencies, including assessment of case details and assistance with obtaining urgent services as necessary, such as help from other state clearinghouses or NCMEC's Team Adam program.
- Collaboration with NCMEC and other state clearinghouses. The established network of clearinghouses and related organizations can directly provide nationwide and, if necessary, international assistance to law enforcement agencies and family members.
- Assistance to the U.S. Department of State to locate and return internationally abducted children to their country of origin in accordance with the *Hague Treaty on the Civil Aspects of International Abduction*.
- Development and distribution of investigative guides and presentation material, including the DCJS Model Policy and Procedures for Missing and Unidentified Person Investigations; Missing Person Data Collection Guide; Unidentified Person Data Collection Guide; and NCMEC Missing and Abducted Children: A Law Enforcement Guide to Case Investigation and Program Management. Publications and training videos are available to law enforcement officers via a secure, online portal.
- Creation and delivery of training programs for law enforcement officers.

## Training

Name of Presentation/Training Program	Number of Presentations	Number of Attendees
Alert Automation Training (Classroom)	5	195
Alert Automation Training (Live Meeting)	5	354
Lost Person Behavior/Basic Search Skills	3	83
Managing the Lost Person Incident	2	39
Missing Persons Investigations – Basic Course for Police Officers	2	69
Missing Persons Toolbox	8	330
Missing Persons Training for 9-1-1 Dispatchers and First Responders – online	Individual class	11
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1070</b>

**Note:** During 2014, the Missing Persons Training for 9-1-1 Dispatchers and First Responders online course was unavailable for an extended period of time due to technology upgrades. It will be online and available for law enforcement to access in 2015.

## Alert Programs

Alerts are designed to ensure the most rapid and widespread dissemination of information as possible about missing children under the age of 18, missing college students of any age and missing vulnerable adults with Alzheimer's disease, dementia or other cognitive impairment.

Certain criteria must be met in order for alerts to be issued at the request of law enforcement. New York State utilizes the following four alert programs; with the exception of AMBER Alerts, the Clearinghouse administers these programs:

- **AMBER Alerts** are administered by the New York State Police. State Police partner with the Clearinghouse, the New York State Broadcasters' Association, local law enforcement, local broadcasters and others to immediately involve the public in the search for an abducted child under the age of 18. Investigating agencies submit case information directly to the State Police, which then electronically distributes alert posters to broadcasters, law enforcement agencies and other entities in the area of the abduction. Media have agreed to publicize AMBER alerts and information also is disseminated via highway message signs, in-store lottery ticket terminals and Thruway service area televisions, among other methods. When a case involves a vehicle description and license plate information, a request is sent to law enforcement agencies to activate license plate readers (LPRs). The State Police, DCJS and NCMEC websites are updated and anyone who has subscribed to the state's NY-ALERT system is notified of the alert via e-mail or text message.
- **Missing Child Alerts and Missing College Student Alerts** are activated when a missing child under the age of 21 or a college student of any age is missing and deemed to be endangered, but the case does not meet AMBER Alert activation criteria. For example, a missing child or college student can be at risk if they have Down syndrome, autism or other medical conditions. When either of these alerts are activated, information about the missing child or college student is distributed electronically to police agencies, the media, New York State Thruway travel plazas/toll barriers, and other entities in the region(s) where the alert has been activated. Broadcasters are not required to publicize these alerts. Information also is posted to the DCJS and NCMEC websites. Alerts for missing children and college students are activated for 72 hours, unless law enforcement requests an extension. When that timeframe expires, cases for which alerts are issued are converted to standard cases, which are publicized on the DCJS website.
- **Missing Vulnerable Adult Alert** are activated when a vulnerable adult who is at least 18 years old and is deemed to have a cognitive impairment, mental disability or brain disorder goes missing and is at a credible threat of harm. Information is distributed in the same manner as Missing Child and Missing College Student alerts.

The following icons are used to publicize alerts on the DCJS website: [www.criminaljustice.ny.gov](http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov)



## Alert Distribution Mechanisms

Method of Distribution	AMBER Alert	Missing Child, College Student, Vulnerable Adult Alert	Missing Child, College Student, Vulnerable Adult No Alert
NYS AMBER Alert Website	X		
NYS Lottery Terminal Message Boards in stores (16,000)	X		
Variable Message Signs: Thruway (105), Other Highways (345)	X	X	
License Plate Readers	X	X	
NY-ALERT Public Subscriber List (61,000)	X	X	
NYS Thruway Toll Barrier Printers (59)	X	X	
NYS Thruway Service Area Televisions (27)	X	X	
Media Outlets - Radio/Television (659)	X	X	
NYC Taxis (18,000) and Limousines (12,000): For activations in the New York City Metropolitan Area only.	X	X	
NYS AMBER Alert Partner Agencies	X	X	
NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services Website	X	X	X
National Center for Missing & Exploited Children Website ( <b>Children Only</b> )	X	X	X
Greyhound/Trailways/Other Bus Terminals (108)	X	X	X
AMTRAK Stations (13)	X	X	X
Airports/Transportation Safety Administration (40)	X	X	X
NYS/County Probation Agencies (59)	X	X	X
Hospitals/Clinics (827)	X	X	X
Police Agencies: Local, State and Federal (1,328)	X	X	X
Canadian Law Enforcement Authorities	X	X	X
NYS/NYC Department of Health/School Records Flagged ( <b>Children Only</b> )	X	X	X

## **New York State Missing and Exploited Children Clearinghouse Fund**

In addition to housing the Clearinghouse, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services administers the New York State Missing and Exploited Children Clearinghouse Fund.

In 2014, the fund paid for half of the cost of a project that created a single point of entry for missing person records and automation of alerts. The cost of the project totaled approximately \$1 million. In addition, the fund supports Clearinghouse activities that provide direct assistance to parents, law enforcement officials and others in connection with cases involving missing and abducted children. Contributions also support statewide dissemination of information and educational materials and advanced training for law enforcement officers in the area of missing, abducted and exploited children.

New Yorkers may opt to donate to the Missing and Exploited Children Clearinghouse Fund when filing their state income tax returns. All donations are tax deductible. Visit the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance website at [www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov) for more information.

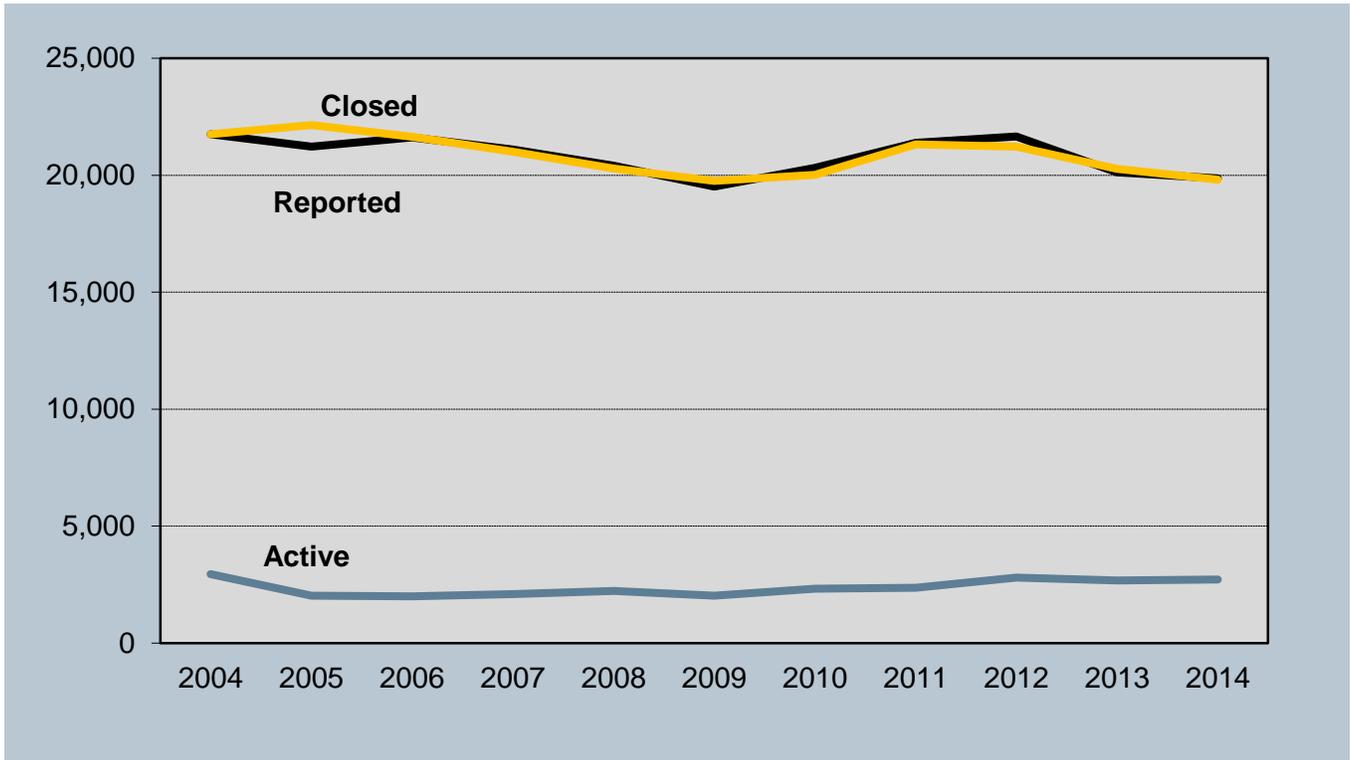
## 2014 Missing Person Clearinghouse Activity and Data

Clearinghouse Activity				
	Children	College Students	Vulnerable Adults	Total
Cases Referred to MPC	783	5	241	1,029
Cases Publicized	121	2	133	256
Cases Removed from Publication	114	3	146	263
Cases Closed	649	3	179	831
Birth/School Records Flagged	3,281			
Birth School Records Flag Removed	3,052			

Alert Requests and Activations								
Year	AMBER Alert		Missing Child Alert		Missing College Student Alert		Missing Vulnerable Adult Alert	
	Activation	Request	Activation	Request	Activation	Request	Activation	Request
2003	3	-	0	-	0	-	-	-
2004	6	-	6	-	0	-	-	-
2005	5	-	3	-	1	-	-	-
2006	3	-	5	-	0	-	-	-
2007	2	-	7	-	0	-	-	-
2008	4	-	5	-	0	-	-	-
2009	3	-	5	-	0	-	-	-
2010	2	-	1	-	0	-	-	-
2011	7	-	3	-	0	-	4	-
2012	7	34	5	12	0	0	24	44
2013	4	18	7	8	0	0	36	58
2014	10	52	5	9	0	0	75	117
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>219</b>

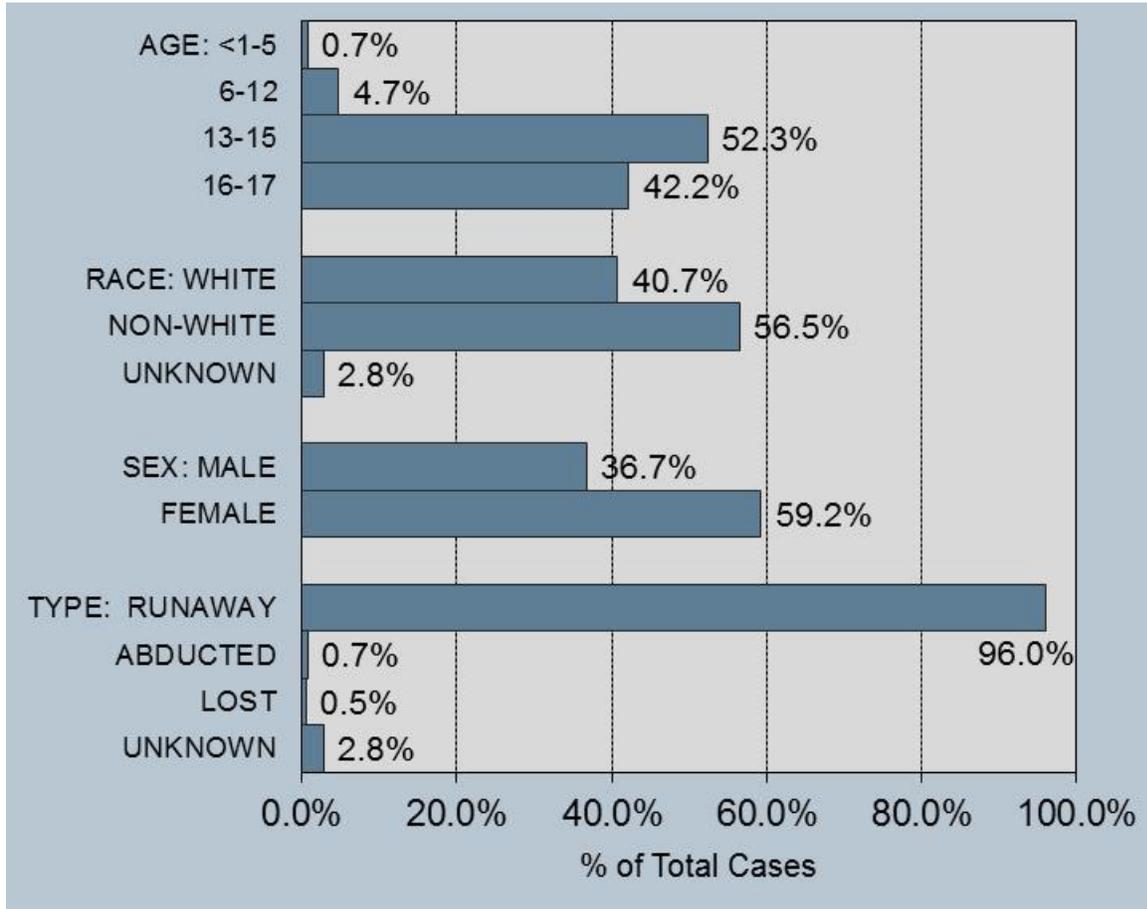
**Note:** The Missing Vulnerable Adult Alert Program began on 10/23/2011. The tracking of alerts requested was initiated in 2012.

## Annual Reporting Volume for Missing Children: 2004-2014



	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>NEW YORK STATE</b>											
Cases Reported	21,753	21,222	21,613	21,100	20,414	19,512	20,309	21,390	21,656	20,124	19,860
Cases Closed	21,745	22,139	21,646	20,999	20,283	19,763	20,017	21,319	21,215	20,278	19,816
Active End-of-Year	2,951	2,034	2,001	2,103	2,234	2,034	2,322	2,366	2,804	2,680	2,724
<b>NEW YORK CITY</b>											
Cases Reported	4,662	4,829	5,297	5,839	5,800	5,721	6,544	7,545	8,101	8,003	7,975
Cases Closed	4,590	5,808	5,346	5,826	5,790	5,730	6,320	7,576	7,785	8,012	7,955
Active End-of-Year	1,664	685	636	650	660	678	897	866	1,174	1,175	1,195
<b>NON NEW YORK CITY</b>											
Cases Reported	17,091	16,393	16,316	15,261	14,614	13,791	13,765	13,845	13,555	12,121	11,885
Cases Closed	17,155	16,331	16,300	15,173	14,493	14,033	13,697	13,743	13,430	12,266	11,861
Active End-of-Year	1,287	1,349	1,365	1,453	1,574	1,356	1,425	1,500	1,630	1,505	1,529

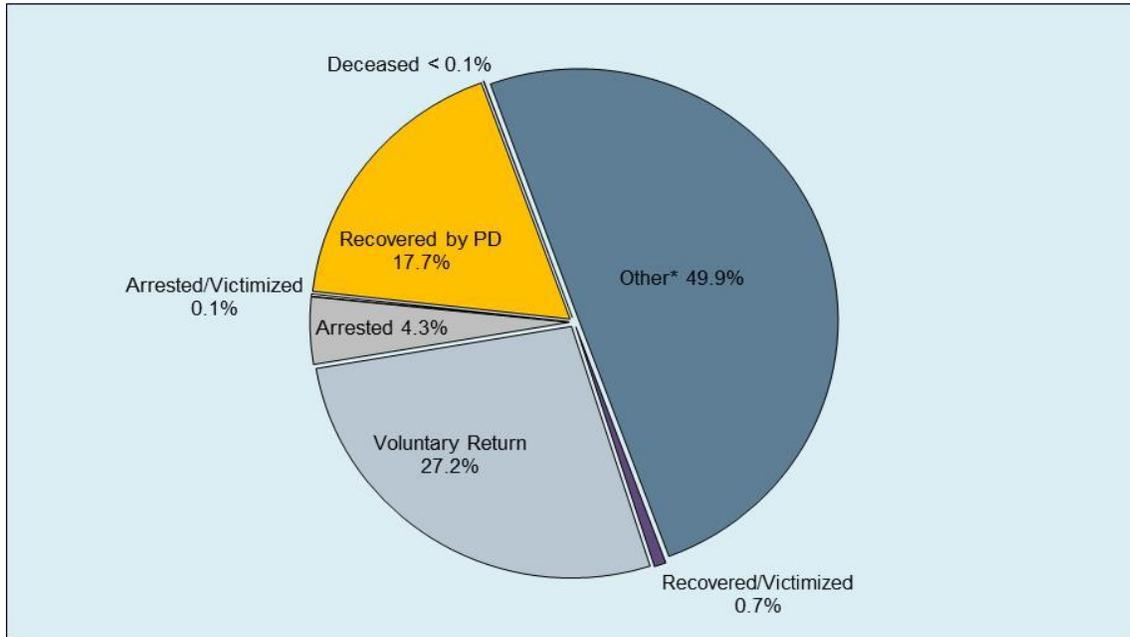
## Characteristics of Cases Entered for Missing Children



	TOTAL	AGE WHEN REPORTED MISSING				GENDER		RACE		
		< 1 - 5	6 - 12	13 - 15	16 - 17	Male	Female	White	Non-White	Unk.
Runaway	19,065	2	829	10,074	8,160	7,298	11,767	7,735	10,821	509
Familial Abduction	118	93	15	5	5	47	71	42	71	5
Abducted by Non Cust. Parent	14	4	7	1	2	5	9	8	6	0
Acquaintance Abduction	3	0	0	2	1	1	2	2	1	0
Stranger Abduction	3	1	2	0	0	1	2	3	0	0
Lost	99	5	19	44	31	46	53	46	47	6
Unknown	558	43	64	269	182	242	316	256	272	30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19,860</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>10,395</b>	<b>8,381</b>	<b>7,640</b>	<b>12,220</b>	<b>8,092</b>	<b>11,218</b>	<b>550</b>

Note: Abducted by Non-Custodial Parent is a new category that was instituted in June 2014. Previous to that date, that missing child circumstance was entered under the Familial Abduction category.

## Characteristics of Cases Closed for Missing Children

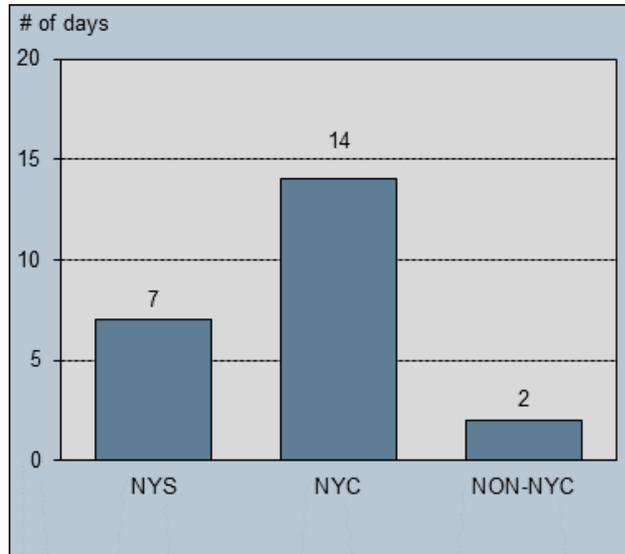


Circumstances of Recovery	TOTAL	AGE WHEN FOUND					GENDER		RACE		
		< 1 - 5	6 - 12	13 - 15	16 - 17	> 17	Male	Female	White	Non-White	Unk.
Voluntary Return	5,396	19	261	2,861	2,239	16	2,520	2,876	2,639	2,549	208
Recovered by Law Enforcement	3,500	41	228	1,917	1,311	3	1,557	1,943	1,719	1,691	90
Recovered/Victimimized	145	2	6	74	63	0	60	85	87	55	3
Arrested	852	1	11	392	443	5	410	442	350	480	22
Arrested/Victimimized	28	0	2	10	16	0	18	10	12	15	1
Deceased	4	2	0	1	1	0	4	0	2	1	1
Other*	9,891	87	382	4,752	4,332	338	3,071	6,820	3,275	6,406	210
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19,816</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>10,007</b>	<b>8,405</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>7,640</b>	<b>12,176</b>	<b>8,084</b>	<b>11,197</b>	<b>535</b>

\* "Other" is an authorized reporting category that can mean the reporting law enforcement agency either did not know the circumstances associated with the recovery of the child, or did not use one of the more specific categories for reasons that are not known.

## Length of Time on the Register for Missing Children

MEDIAN DAYS TO CANCELLATION FOR CASES CLOSED DURING 2014



<b>DAYS BETWEEN CASE ENTRY AND CANCELLATION FOR CASES CLOSED DURING 2014</b>			
No. of Days	No. of Cases Closed	Percent Closed	Cumulative Percent Closed
< 1	3,353	16.9%	16.9%
1	2,363	11.9%	28.8%
2	1,053	5.3%	34.2%
3	855	4.3%	38.5%
4	718	3.6%	42.1%
5	578	2.9%	45.0%
6	584	2.9%	48.0%
7	598	3.0%	51.0%
8	522	2.6%	53.6%
9	486	2.5%	56.1%
10	511	2.6%	58.6%
11	446	2.3%	60.9%
12	432	2.2%	63.1%
13	389	2.0%	65.0%
14	343	1.7%	66.8%
15	358	1.8%	68.6%
16 - 29	2,684	13.5%	82.1%
30 - 60	1,666	8.4%	90.5%
61 - 90	497	2.5%	93.0%
91 - 120	341	1.7%	94.8%
121 or more	1,039	5.2%	100.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19,816</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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	CASES REPORTED									CASES CLOSED							CASES ACTIVE
	Total	Rate <sup>1</sup>	Runaway	Familial Abduction	Abducted by Non-Cust. Parent	Acquaint. Abduction	Stranger Abduction	Lost	Other	Total	Voluntary Return	Returned by P.D.	Arrested	Victimized	Deceased	Other	End-of-Year Active Cases
Albany	877	15.0	847	7	0	0	1	2	20	901	204	98	21	19	1	558	74
Allegany	5	0.5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	0	0	0	1	0
Broome	321	8.3	281	0	0	0	0	5	35	299	181	100	12	3	0	3	28
Cattaraugus	80	4.5	76	0	0	0	0	0	4	78	36	35	4	0	0	3	8
Cayuga	163	9.9	160	0	0	0	0	1	2	164	55	99	5	2	0	3	0
Chautauqua	163	5.8	156	0	0	0	0	0	7	167	72	75	10	3	0	7	11
Chemung	205	10.6	202	0	1	0	0	1	1	209	124	65	16	1	0	3	7
Chenango	4	0.4	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Clinton	60	4.0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	23	32	4	0	0	2	0
Columbia	51	4.3	46	0	0	0	0	3	2	50	20	16	10	4	0	0	3
Cortland	18	1.8	16	2	0	0	0	0	0	18	10	5	2	0	0	1	0
Delaware	9	1.0	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	10	1	7	0	0	0	2	2
Dutchess	173	2.8	164	2	1	0	0	1	5	172	94	52	13	6	0	7	11
Erie	1,087	5.7	999	5	3	1	0	9	70	1,112	284	201	193	10	1	423	388
Essex	12	1.8	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	3	4	5	0	0	1	0
Franklin	22	2.1	21	0	0	0	0	0	1	22	7	10	3	0	0	2	2
Fulton	93	8.2	88	0	0	0	0	1	4	95	36	29	7	15	0	8	1
Genesee	59	4.7	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	17	32	9	0	0	2	0
Greene	14	1.6	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	4	7	3	0	0	0	0
Hamilton	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Herkimer	11	0.8	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1	6	0	0	0	2	3
Jefferson	159	5.4	157	0	0	0	0	0	2	159	65	79	4	0	0	11	5
Lewis	4	0.6	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0
Livingston	9	0.7	5	0	0	0	0	0	4	9	3	6	0	0	0	0	0
Madison	25	1.7	21	2	0	0	0	2	0	20	10	9	0	0	0	1	5
Monroe	1,465	9.0	1,404	3	1	0	0	13	44	1,415	595	628	159	13	0	20	106
Montgomery	66	5.8	64	0	0	0	0	0	2	61	38	19	4	0	0	0	8
Nassau	677	2.2	590	3	2	0	0	18	64	683	381	186	41	20	0	55	169
New York City <sup>2</sup>	7,975	4.5	7,886	75	1	0	0	10	3	7,955	4	4	3	0	0	7,944	1,195
Niagara	226	5.1	210	1	0	0	0	2	13	223	98	92	23	1	0	9	32
Oneida	420	8.4	403	1	2	1	0	1	12	421	227	110	68	9	1	6	18

<sup>1</sup> Rate per 1,000 children

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Onondaga	683	6.6	649	0	0	0	0	1	33	682	104	549	23	2	0	4	25
Ontario	22	1.0	20	0	0	0	0	2	0	24	12	8	3	0	0	1	0
Orange	391	4.0	376	0	0	0	0	2	13	402	233	132	14	6	0	17	46
Orleans	44	5.1	40	0	0	0	0	0	4	42	18	17	6	0	0	1	4
Oswego	73	2.8	71	0	0	0	0	0	2	72	30	37	2	0	0	3	2
Otsego	2	0.2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Putnam	25	1.1	22	1	0	0	0	0	2	25	8	12	3	0	0	2	2
Rensselaer	184	5.6	161	1	0	0	0	0	22	175	87	59	14	1	0	14	58
Rockland	119	1.3	100	0	0	0	0	2	17	128	74	22	7	2	0	23	35
St. Lawrence	47	2.0	41	0	0	0	2	0	4	47	13	16	14	2	1	1	1
Saratoga	89	1.9	84	0	1	0	0	0	4	89	33	39	8	4	0	5	3
Schenectady	521	15.2	500	0	1	0	0	1	19	495	311	75	19	3	0	87	45
Schoharie	7	1.1	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	4	2	2	0	0	0	1
Schuyler	2	0.6	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Seneca	12	1.7	11	0	0	0	0	1	0	12	6	4	1	0	0	1	0
Steuben	30	1.4	27	0	0	0	0	0	3	31	15	14	1	0	0	1	4
Suffolk	1,131	3.3	1,080	7	0	1	0	2	41	1,107	891	167	25	4	0	20	85
Sullivan	44	2.7	39	1	0	0	0	1	3	44	15	22	7	0	0	0	5
Tioga	21	1.9	18	0	0	0	0	1	2	19	6	10	2	0	0	1	2
Tompkins	34	2.1	32	1	0	0	0	0	1	36	7	21	6	0	0	2	5
Ulster	140	4.1	128	2	0	0	0	2	8	141	71	52	10	1	0	7	7
Warren	30	2.4	28	0	0	0	0	0	2	29	13	14	1	0	0	1	2
Washington	44	3.5	36	2	0	0	0	1	5	44	22	17	1	1	0	3	1
Wayne	24	1.2	21	0	0	0	0	0	3	24	9	11	1	0	0	3	1
Westchester	1,672	7.5	1,588	1	0	0	0	13	70	1,708	806	179	90	13	0	620	312
Wyoming	2	0.2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Yates	9	1.5	7	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	4	5	0	0	0	0	0
Out of State	5	--	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	2
<b>New York State</b>	<b>19,860</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>19,065</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>19,816</b>	<b>5,396</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9,891</b>	<b>2,724</b>

<sup>1</sup> Rate per 1,000 children

## Reporting Volume by County for Missing Vulnerable Adults

	CASES REPORTED															CASES CLOSED	END-OF-YEAR ACTIVE CASES
	AGE										GENDER		RACE				
	Total	18-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99	Male	Female	White	Non-White	Unknown		
<b>Albany</b>	60	11	19	8	9	7	4	0	2	0	37	23	44	14	2	45	17
<b>Allegany</b>	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	2	0
<b>Broome</b>	21	2	6	5	0	4	1	3	0	0	12	9	16	5	0	18	5
<b>Cattaraugus</b>	6	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	4	2	5	1	0	7	0
<b>Cayuga</b>	8	0	1	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	6	2	8	0	0	8	0
<b>Chautauqua</b>	13	0	2	2	1	2	4	2	0	0	11	2	13	0	0	12	3
<b>Chemung</b>	7	1	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	5	6	1	0	7	0
<b>Chenango</b>	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
<b>Clinton</b>	15	0	5	1	1	4	3	0	1	0	10	5	14	1	0	15	0
<b>Columbia</b>	5	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	4	1	4	1	0	5	0
<b>Cortland</b>	10	2	3	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	6	4	10	0	0	10	0
<b>Delaware</b>	7	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	1	0	5	2	6	0	1	7	0
<b>Dutchess</b>	38	3	6	4	7	7	6	2	3	0	22	16	26	12	0	38	1
<b>Erie</b>	35	1	6	9	10	3	0	3	2	1	24	11	25	10	0	26	9
<b>Franklin</b>	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
<b>Fulton</b>	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	2	0
<b>Genesee</b>	5	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	5	0	0	6	0
<b>Greene</b>	6	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	4	2	6	0	0	6	0
<b>Herkimer</b>	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	1
<b>Jefferson</b>	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	1
<b>Lewis</b>	6	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	4	2	3	2	1	6	0
<b>Livingston</b>	10	0	3	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	7	3	8	2	0	10	0
<b>Madison</b>	7	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	2	0	3	4	6	0	1	7	0
<b>Monroe</b>	76	4	17	16	11	10	8	6	3	1	52	24	45	29	2	74	3
<b>Montgomery</b>	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	3	1
<b>Nassau</b>	161	7	34	21	18	23	15	24	15	4	94	67	99	59	3	157	10
<b>New York City*</b>	147	8	18	8	9	9	24	45	22	4	91	56	62	83	2	123	33
<b>Niagara</b>	34	2	7	4	2	6	9	2	2	0	27	7	29	4	1	34	3
<b>Oneida</b>	25	1	5	5	4	3	5	0	2	0	16	9	23	2	0	23	2

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	CASES REPORTED															CASES CLOSED	END-OF-YEAR ACTIVE CASES
	AGE										GENDER		RACE				
	Total	18-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99	Male	Female	White	Non-White	Unknown		
Onondaga	50	6	11	11	10	8	1	1	1	1	33	17	38	12	0	51	2
Ontario	18	2	2	2	0	6	3	2	0	1	14	4	11	7	0	18	0
Orange	48	1	12	10	7	5	5	5	3	0	29	19	35	11	2	50	3
Orleans	9	0	1	0	2	0	5	0	1	0	7	2	8	1	0	9	0
Oswego	9	0	1	5	1	0	1	0	1	0	6	3	9	0	0	9	1
Otsego	7	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	5	2	7	0	0	7	0
Putnam	13	2	3	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	7	6	12	1	0	15	0
Rensselaer	44	4	9	5	6	9	7	4	0	0	24	20	37	6	1	36	11
Rockland	45	3	7	7	7	9	7	5	0	0	35	10	33	12	0	38	10
St. Lawrence	8	0	3	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	3	5	6	1	1	7	1
Saratoga	22	1	4	3	2	3	6	3	0	0	12	10	21	1	0	22	0
Schenectady	40	9	8	2	4	9	5	1	2	0	22	18	29	6	5	37	4
Schoharie	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	2	0
Schuyler	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	3	0	0	3	0
Seneca	12	1	1	0	3	4	0	2	1	0	7	5	10	1	1	12	0
Steuben	6	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	4	6	0	0	6	0
Suffolk	58	1	12	5	9	8	7	10	5	1	38	20	45	13	0	58	4
Sullivan	11	0	4	1	1	3	0	0	1	1	8	3	8	3	0	10	2
Tioga	5	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	3	5	0	0	5	1
Tompkins	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	3	0	0	3	0
Ulster	23	2	7	11	0	1	2	0	0	0	11	12	21	2	0	22	2
Warren	10	1	1	2	3	1	0	1	1	0	9	1	10	0	0	10	0
Washington	12	1	4	0	2	3	0	1	1	0	10	2	12	0	0	12	0
Wayne	10	0	3	1	0	3	0	1	2	0	6	4	7	2	1	10	0
Westchester	146	54	31	17	11	13	9	6	5	0	91	55	64	70	12	135	19
Wyoming	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	2	0
Yates	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0
Out of State	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	2	2
<b>New York State</b>	<b>1,335</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1,249</b>	<b>151</b>

Note: Only counties that reported at least one case are displayed.

## Days between Case Entry and Cancellation for Missing Vulnerable Adult Cases

DAYS BETWEEN CASE ENTRY AND CANCELLATION FOR CASES CLOSED DURING 2014			
No. of Days	No. of Cases Closed	Percent Closed	Cumulative Percent Closed
< 1	484	38.8%	38.8%
1	252	20.2%	58.9%
2	76	6.1%	65.0%
3	50	4.0%	69.0%
4	39	3.1%	72.1%
5	24	1.9%	74.1%
6	23	1.8%	75.9%
7	24	1.9%	77.8%
8	16	1.3%	79.1%
9	20	1.6%	80.7%
10	9	0.7%	81.4%
11	9	0.7%	82.1%
12	11	0.9%	83.0%
13	13	1.0%	84.1%
14	15	1.2%	85.3%
15	8	0.6%	85.9%
16 - 29	55	4.4%	90.3%
30 - 60	51	4.1%	94.4%
61 - 90	26	2.1%	96.5%
91 - 120	13	1.0%	97.5%
121 or more	31	2.5%	100.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,249</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Missing Vulnerable Adult Alert Activation Details

<b>Circumstances of Disappearance</b>	
Missing in a vehicle	47
Missing on foot	28
<b>Total*</b>	<b>75</b>
<i>*Alerts activated for individuals missing in a vehicle from other states</i>	<i>2 (Mass., N.J.)</i>

<b>Circumstances of Location</b>	
Located alive	72
Located deceased	3
<b>Total*</b>	<b>75</b>
<i>* Located alive out of state</i>	<i>4 (Penn., N.H., N.J, Vt.)</i>

<b>Resolution of Case</b>	
Citizen saw alert, called 9-1-1	17
Missing person returned on own or asked for assistance	17
Located by law enforcement aware of the alert	12
Located by searchers	5
Law enforcement traffic stop	5
Disabled vehicle (i.e., out of gas, flat tire)	4
Located in a hospital	4
Missing person involved in motor vehicle accident	3
Law enforcement received license plate reader notification	2
Law enforcement received a call of a disoriented person	1
Located by cell phone tracking	1
Located by family	1
Remains discovered by citizen	1
Circumstances unknown or unresolved	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>

<b>Impairment Type</b>	
Alzheimer's disease or dementia	59
Autism	4
Traumatic brain injury or cognitive brain disorder	4
Schizophrenia or mental disability	2
Bipolar Disorder	1
Depression/Suicidal	1
Developmental disability	1
Disoriented	1
Memory loss	1
PTSD/Suicidal	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>

## **Appendix A: Alert Regions**

AMBER, Missing Child, Missing College Student or Missing Vulnerable Adult alerts can be activated statewide or in a specific region or regions, depending on the circumstances of the case.

**Region 1** - Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming counties

**Region 2** - Cayuga, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates counties

**Region 3** - Allegany, Cayuga, Chemung, Cortland, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, and Yates counties

**Region 4** - Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Otsego, Oswego, Seneca, Tompkins, and Wayne counties

**Region 5** - Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Otsego, Tioga, and Tompkins counties

**Region 6** - Franklin, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida, Oswego, and St. Lawrence counties

**Region 7** - Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Madison, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego and Schoharie counties

**Region 8** - Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, St. Lawrence and Warren counties

**Region 9** - Albany, Columbia, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren, and Washington counties

**Region 10** - Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties

**Region 11** - Bronx, Kings (Brooklyn), Nassau, New York (Manhattan), Orange, Putnam, Queens, Richmond (Staten Island), Rockland, and Westchester counties

**Region 12** - Nassau and Suffolk counties

## Appendix B: AMBER Alert Case Summaries

- On Jan. 27, an alert was activated at the request of the Vermont State Police for a 12-year-old boy from Sunderland reportedly abducted by his non-custodial mother and possibly traveling to New York. The New York alert was cancelled one hour later when the boy and his mother were safely located in Lyme, NH.
- On April 5, the New York City Police Department requested an alert for a 5-year-old boy reportedly abducted by his non-custodial father. The man stated that he would kill the child and himself if anyone tried to get the boy back. The alert was cancelled six minutes later when the child was safely recovered and the suspect was placed in custody.
- On June 16, the Tonawanda Police Department requested an alert for a 9-year-old girl after her father failed to return her after taking her for a walk. During the investigation, police discovered information that led officers to believe the father may harm his daughter. The alert was cancelled two hours later when the child was safely located and the father placed in custody.
- On June 23, the Greece Police Department requested an alert for the possible abduction of a 16-year-old girl from her home. The alert was cancelled 90 minutes later when the girl was located safe in Brockport and police discovered she had staged the abduction.
- On Aug. 10, the Haverstraw Police Department requested an alert for two brothers, ages 5 and 9. It was reported that the boys were abducted by their non-custodial father, who threatened to kill them and himself. The alert was cancelled 24 hours later when all three were located in the City of Poughkeepsie. The suspect was taken into custody and the children were safely recovered.
- On Aug. 14, the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office requested an alert for a 6-year-old girl and her 12-year-old sister who were abducted by strangers at their family's vegetable stand. The alert was cancelled 24 hours later when police reported the girls were dropped off in the town of Richville and sought assistance at the first house they saw. Two alleged abductors were convicted in connection with the crime.
- On Sept. 23, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office requested an alert for a 9-year-old girl reportedly abducted by her non-custodial mother, who was experiencing a mental health episode and did not have her medication. The alert was cancelled 40 minutes later when the child and her mother were observed at a local temple and police were notified.
- On Nov. 24, the New York State Police at Livingston requested an alert for a 3-month-old boy reportedly abducted by his father. The alert was cancelled six hours later when the child and father were located safe in New Jersey.
- On Dec. 18, the Albany County Sheriff's Office requested an alert for a 5-year-old boy reportedly abducted by two masked men. The child's cousin, who was the caregiver at the time, reported that the men had forced their way into the home and taken the boy. The alert was cancelled 10 hours later when police determined the abduction story was false and the child was found deceased, buried under snow in a ditch across the street from his home. The cousin has been charged with murder.
- On Dec. 24, the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office requested an alert for a brother and sister, ages 4 and 2, who were reportedly abducted by their non-custodial father after a court order was issued to remove the children from his custody. The alert was cancelled 90 minutes later when the children and their father were located safe on a transit bus.

## **Appendix C: Missing Child Alert Case Summaries**

- On Jan.30, the New York City Police Department requested an alert for a 12-year-old boy with autism who had an attraction to trains. The alert was cancelled 10 minutes later when the child was safely located at a train station in Brooklyn.
- On May 18, the New York City Police Department requested an alert for a 14-year-old boy with autism. The alert was cancelled 23 hours later when the child showed up at his school.
- On June 18, the New York City Police Department requested an alert for a 9-year-old boy with ADHD who went missing while visiting his father in New York City. The alert was cancelled six hours later when police reported the child was safely located at a local park.
- On Aug. 8, the Mount Vernon Police Department requested an alert for a 15-year-old child with autism and an attraction to trains. On Aug. 11, the alert expired due to the 72-hour time limit and was converted to a standard case. The case was cancelled on Aug. 18 when the child was located by police in New York City after allegedly trying to steal an item from a Target store.
- On Nov. 13, the Westchester County Department of Public Safety requested an alert for a 17-year-old boy with autism last seen that morning in the area of the Westchester County Office Building in White Plains when he ran away from his caregiver. The alert was cancelled 22 hours later when the child was safely located at this grandmother's residence in the Bronx.

## Appendix D: Missing Vulnerable Adult Alert Case Summaries

- On Jan. 15, the New Windsor Police Department requested an alert for an 87-year-old woman with dementia last seen driving her vehicle the previous afternoon. The alert was cancelled two hours later when a state Department of Transportation truck stopped to assist the woman's disabled vehicle on the Sprain Brook Parkway in Westchester County and called the New York State Police to assist.
- On Jan. 16, the Warren County Sheriff's Office requested an alert for a 73-year-old man with Alzheimer's disease last seen driving his vehicle the day before. During the course of the investigation, police received a lead that he purchased gasoline in Corfu. The alert was cancelled 90 minutes later when police reported the man was safely located 121 miles from his home at a Thruway service plaza near Syracuse. An employee recognized the man and his vehicle in the parking lot from the alert poster and called State Police.
- On Jan. 19, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for a 69-year-old woman with dementia last seen the previous night who had wandered from her home while her caregiver slept. The alert was cancelled 30 minutes later when police reported the woman was safely located three miles from her home after a citizen called police to report a disoriented woman.
- On Feb. 3, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for a 57-year-old man with depression who was suicidal and seen driving his vehicle that morning. The alert was downgraded to a standard case 18 hours later when police reported the man contacted police to tell them he was going to return home. The case was cancelled on Feb. 5 when the man returned home on his own.
- On Feb. 17, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for an 83-year-old man with dementia last seen driving his vehicle the previous afternoon. The alert was cancelled an hour later when the man was located safe in Wyandanch Long Island Railroad station parking lot.
- On March 2, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for a 79-year-old man with dementia last seen driving his vehicle that morning. The alert was cancelled 7½ hours later when the man was safely located 40 miles from his home after a motorist who saw the alert on highway signs recognized the man's vehicle and called police.
- On March 30, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for a 33-year-old man who had military service-related PTSD and was suicidal. He was last seen driving his vehicle the previous morning. The alert was cancelled 4½ hours later when police received phone calls from citizens who saw the alert on highway signs and recognized the vehicle at two different locations, one of which was the man's home as he had returned there.
- On March 31, the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office requested an alert for a 70-year-old woman with Alzheimer's disease who had slipped away from her caregiver and left in a vehicle. The alert was cancelled 3½ hours later when police reported the woman was safely located in Wellsboro, PA.
- On April 4, the New York State Police at Riverhead requested an alert for an 82-year-old woman with dementia last seen that afternoon walking her dog near her home. The alert was cancelled two days later when the woman was located deceased. The New York State Police Aviation Unit spotted her dog near a trail one mile from her home.

- On April 8, the New York City Police Department requested an alert for a 24-year-old man with a cognitive brain disorder and unable to care for himself who was last seen on foot in the area of Mt. Sinai Hospital. The alert was cancelled three days later when the man was located in a Bronx hospital.
- On April 12, the Schenectady Police Department requested an alert for a 60-year-old woman with dementia last seen on foot in the village of Scotia. She had taken a taxi to the area of Washington and Livingston avenues at 5 a.m. the previous day. On April 15, the alert expired due to the 72-hour time limit and was converted to a standard case. The case was cancelled on April 18, when the woman was safely located by searchers near a nature trail close to the Mohawk River, one-fifth of a mile from her last known location.
- On April 18, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for an 80-year-old man with dementia last seen driving his vehicle that morning. The alert was cancelled 15½ hours later when the man was safely located by police in the Bronx who spotted his vehicle disabled on the side of the road with a flat tire.
- On April 20, the Village of Rye Brook Police Department requested an alert for a 76-year-old man with Alzheimer's disease, last seen driving his vehicle that morning. The alert was cancelled six hours later when police in Brooklyn encountered the man's vehicle and received a license plate reader notification that he was the subject of an alert.
- On April 28, the Greece Police Department requested an alert for a developmentally disabled 36-year-old man who had left his residence on foot the night before after an argument with a caregiver. The alert was cancelled 3½ hours later when police received a tip from a citizen who saw the alert publicized through local media and told police the man was in a homeless shelter 15 miles from his residence.
- On April 29, the Massachusetts State Police-Missing Persons Clearinghouse, on behalf of the Seekonk (Mass.) Police Department, requested an alert for an 83-year-old man with dementia who left home in his vehicle earlier that morning. During the investigation, police received information that the man purchased gas on Long Island that afternoon. The alert was cancelled 13 hours later when the man was found safe in Amityville on Long Island, after a motorist recognized the vehicle from the alert and called 9-1-1.
- On May 6, the New York City Police Department requested an alert for a 79-year-old man with dementia and several other medical conditions was last seen driving his vehicle the previous afternoon. The alert was cancelled 11 hours later when the man was safely located in Cobleskill, 170 miles from his home, as the result of a traffic stop by New York State Police for erratic driving.
- On May 9, the New York State Police at Somers requested an alert for a 67-year-old man with severe Parkinson's disease and dementia last seen leaving his residence on foot that morning. On May 10, police requested an update to the alert due to a lead in the investigation. On May 12, the alert expired due to the 72-hour time limit and was converted to a standard case. The case was cancelled on May 15 when the man was located deceased in a wooded area a half mile from his home.
- On May 21, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for an 81-year-old man with dementia and diabetes last seen driving his vehicle the previous afternoon. The alert was cancelled three hours later when the man returned home on his own.

- On May 23, the New York State Police at Lockport requested an alert for a 69-year-old woman with dementia who left her home in her vehicle early that morning. The alert was cancelled two hours later when the woman was located by police in a store parking lot in the Town of Tonawanda.
- On May 24, the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office requested an alert for a 71-year-old-male with dementia who wandered from his home sometime that morning. On May 27, the alert expired due to the 72-hour time limit and was converted to a standard case. Nearly a year after he was reported missing, the Clearinghouse was informed that the man was found deceased on April 9, 2015, a short distance from his home.
- On May 28, the Greece Police Department requested an alert for a 42 year-old-man with a brain injury and seizure disorder requiring medication was last seen leaving his home the day before. The alert was cancelled ten minutes later when the man returned home on his own.
- On June 8, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for a 71-year-old man with dementia who left his home in his vehicle that morning. The alert was cancelled seven hours later when the man was safely located after a motorist recognized the vehicle from the alert and called police.
- On June 9, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for a 70-year-old man with Alzheimer's disease last seen driving his vehicle that morning. The alert was cancelled three and a half hours later when the man was safely located after a motorist recognized the vehicle from the alert and called police.
- On June 11, the New York City Police Department requested an alert for a 79-year-old man with dementia who left his home the night before to drive to church. The alert was cancelled 16 hours later when the man was safely located 290 miles from his home by New Hampshire State Police as a result of a traffic stop.
- On June 11, the city of Poughkeepsie Police Department requested an alert for a 52-year-old man with a traumatic brain injury, seizure disorder, diabetes and schizophrenia last seen on foot leaving the Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital the night before. On June 14, the alert expired due to the 72-hour time limit and was converted to a standard case. The case was cancelled on August 18 when he was located by police at a New York City hospital.
- On June 13, the Canandaigua Police Department requested an alert for an 80-year-old man with dementia who wandered from his home the previous afternoon and was believed to be driving his vehicle. The alert was cancelled two hours later when the man was safely located by the Cornell Police Department after they recognized the vehicle as a result of the alert and initiated a traffic stop.
- On June 16, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for a 40-year-old man with bipolar and manic depressive disorder last seen driving his vehicle that morning. The alert was cancelled two hours later when the man safely returned home on his own.
- On June 20, the New Jersey State Police requested an alert for an 80-year-old man with dementia last seen driving his vehicle the previous afternoon. During the investigation, police received information that led them to believe the man was in Nyack. The alert was cancelled 90 minutes later when police reported the man was safely located by military police when he attempted to enter West Point Military Academy in Orange County.

- On June 22, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for a 79-year-old man with dementia who left his home driving his vehicle that morning. The alert was cancelled seven and a half hours later when the man was safely located after a motorist recognized his vehicle from the alert and called police.
- On June 23, the New York City Police Department requested an alert for a 61-year-old woman with Alzheimer's disease last seen leaving a hotel on foot that afternoon. The alert was cancelled two hours later when the woman was safely located walking down the street by patrol officers who recognized her from the alert.
- On June 25, the New York City Police Department requested an alert for an 88-year-old woman with dementia who left her home driving her vehicle that afternoon. The alert was cancelled one hour later when reported the woman was safely located by patrol officers after a family member was able to call her and obtain her location.
- On July 13, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for a 90-year-old man with dementia last seen driving his vehicle that morning from a residence where he was visiting and heading to get gas. The alert was cancelled one hour later when the man returned home on his own.
- On Aug. 6, the Port Washington Police Department requested an alert for a 77-year-old man with dementia last seen leaving his home driving his vehicle that morning. The alert was cancelled one hour later when the man returned home on his own.
- On Aug. 6, the Wyoming County Sheriff's Office requested an alert for an 81-year-old man with Alzheimer's disease who last seen that morning leaving his home in his vehicle to go to a hardware store. During the investigation, police received information that the man had purchased gasoline in Canandaigua at 2:15 p.m. The alert was cancelled 12 hours later when the man walked into the Ithaca Police Department and asked for assistance.
- On Aug. 9, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for a 92-year-old man with Alzheimer's disease who wandered on foot from his home the previous afternoon. On August 12, the alert expired due to the 72-hour time limit and was converted to a standard missing case. The case was cancelled on August 14 when police canine search located the man a short distance from his home. The man had apparently fallen into brush at the bottom of a hill and was taken to the hospital suffering from moderate injuries and hypothermia.
- On Aug. 10, the New York State Park Police requested an alert for a 21-year-old man with autism who was last seen on foot in the area of Jones Beach that afternoon. The alert was cancelled 14 hours later when police located the man walking down the street in New York City.
- On Aug. 11, the New York City Police Department requested an alert for a 20-year-old man with autism who was non-verbal and last seen on foot in Queens the night before. The alert was cancelled 24 hours later after a motorist saw him on the side of the Belt Parkway and called police.
- On Aug. 14, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for a 75-year-old man with dementia last seen that afternoon. He was scheduled to have a family member bring him to a doctor's appointment but left his home in his vehicle before the family member arrived. The alert was cancelled nine hours later when New York State Police stopped the man's vehicle on the Belt Parkway.

- On Aug. 23, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for a 76-year-old man with dementia who did not speak English and was last seen on foot in Brentwood. The alert was cancelled 13 hours later when the man was safely located near Sunrise Highway, 20 miles from his last known location.
- On Aug. 24, the Greece Police Department requested an alert for a 94-year-old man with dementia who had climbed out of a first story window at a senior living facility and was believed to be on foot. The alert was cancelled one hour later when police reported the man was safely located in Hamburg after he had taken a taxi to a previous residence.
- On Aug. 24, the New York State Police at Machias requested an alert for an 81-year-old man with dementia who left his home in his vehicle that morning. The alert was cancelled 15 hours later when the man was safely located in Newton, NJ after his vehicle ran out of gas.
- On Aug. 26, the Friendship Police Department requested an alert for a 75-year-old man with dementia last seen at noon on August 24, when he was traveling home from Gibbstown, NJ. His family reported that during a phone call with him, the missing man appeared to be disoriented, confused, slurring his words and unable to give his location. Police tracked his cell phone to Cayuga County, NY. The alert was cancelled one hour later when the man was involved in a motor vehicle accident in Oneida County and was transported to a local hospital.
- On Aug. 27, the New York State Police at Binghamton requested a cross-border alert for a 76-year-old woman with dementia who wandered the afternoon before from her home in Great Bend Boro, Penn. which borders Broome County. The alert was cancelled eight hours later when the woman was safely located by searchers near a river within a half mile of her home.
- On Aug. 29, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for a 77-year-old man with Alzheimer's disease last seen that morning driving his vehicle from a Smithtown car dealership to his home. The alert was cancelled five hours later after the man knocked on the door of a Greenport residence to ask for assistance.
- On Sept. 2, the Lewiston Police Department requested an alert for an 81-year-old man with dementia last seen at his home that morning and believed to be driving a vehicle. The alert was cancelled three and a half hours later when the man was safely located 100 miles from his home after a motorist recognized his vehicle from the alert and called the Ontario County Sheriff's Office.
- On Sept. 17, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for an 80-year-old woman with dementia last seen leaving her home in her vehicle that morning. The alert was cancelled three and a half hours later when police reported the woman was located at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City by police officers who were aware of the alert.
- On Oct. 8, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for a 76-year-old man with schizophrenia and a mental disability was last seen leaving his residence on a bicycle the previous afternoon. The alert was cancelled 20 hours later when the man was located by family members at Interfaith Medical Center in Brooklyn.
- On Oct. 9, the New York State Police at Greenwich requested an alert for an 82-year-old man with Alzheimer's disease last seen driving his vehicle in the area of White Creek that afternoon. The alert was cancelled 90 minutes later when the man was safely located in Arlington, VT walking along a road after his vehicle ran out of gas.

- On Oct. 16, the Endicott Village Police Department requested an alert for a 67-year-old man who had suffered a stroke, was disoriented, non-verbal, and unable to care for himself. He was last seen at his home and was believed to be driving a vehicle. The alert was cancelled three hours later when the man was safely located 160 miles from his home by New York State Police in Fishkill who recognized his vehicle from the alert.
- On Oct. 19, the Freeport Village Police Department requested an alert for an 80-year-old woman with dementia last seen at her residence the night before and who was believed to be driving a vehicle. The alert was cancelled eight hours later when the woman returned home on her own.
- On Oct. 22, the Dansville Village Police Department requested an alert for an 81-year-old woman with dementia last seen earlier that day driving to an appointment at Clinton Crossings. The alert was cancelled six hours later when the woman knocked on the door of a residence in Avon and asked for assistance.
- On Oct. 31, the Nassau County Police Department's Missing Persons Squad requested an alert for a 93-year-old man with dementia last seen driving from his home to go to a doctor's appointment but who had not returned. The alert was cancelled three hours later after the man was involved in a single vehicle accident about 50 miles from his home and was taken to a hospital for evaluation.
- On Nov. 1, the Seneca Falls Police Department requested an alert for an 86-year-old man with Alzheimer's disease and diabetes last seen leaving his home in his vehicle that afternoon. The alert was cancelled three hours later when the man was safely located by Finger Lakes Community College Campus Security during a routine parking lot check.
- On Nov. 13, the New York City Police Department requested an alert for a 69-year-old man with dementia seen on foot on Lenox Avenue in Manhattan the previous night. The man was from Delaware but was in Manhattan to attend a funeral. The alert was cancelled 55 hours later after a family member reported that the man returned to Claymont, Del., by bus and then showed a taxi driver his address on a non-driver license.
- On Nov. 14, the New York City Police Department requested an alert for a 77-year-old man with dementia who left his residence the night before to move his vehicle for street cleaning and did not return. The alert was cancelled two and a half hours later when the man was safely located after a motorist in Nassau County recognized the vehicle from the alert and called 9-1-1.
- On Nov. 14, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for a 64-year-old man with dementia last seen on foot at the Nassau University Medical Center the previous night. The alert was cancelled three hours later when the man was safely located at a train station in Freeport after a citizen recognized him from the alert and called police.
- On Nov. 14, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for a 74-year-old man with dementia last seen that evening walking out of a local hospital where he was receiving medical treatment. The alert was cancelled two hours later when the man was safely located in Brooklyn after police tracked his cell phone there and were able to locate him with help from family members.
- On Nov. 18, the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office requested an alert for a 77-year-old man with Alzheimer's disease last seen driving his vehicle southbound on Route 50 in Ballston that afternoon. The alert was cancelled six hours later when the man was safely located at Tupper Lake, 172 miles from his last known location, by New York State Police who were aware of the alert.

- On Nov. 19, the city Police Department requested an alert for a 69-year-old man with diminished mental capacity and deficient motor skills who was last seen leaving his home on foot that afternoon. The alert was cancelled two hours later when the man returned home on his own.
- On Nov. 20, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for an 82-year-old woman with dementia last seen driving in Merrick that afternoon. The alert was cancelled nine hours later when the woman was safely located by highway patrol officers who were aware of the alert.
- On Nov. 21, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for a 69-year-old woman with dementia last seen leaving her home on foot the day before. On Nov. 23, the alert expired due to the 72-hour time limit and was converted to a standard case. On Nov. 29, Suffolk County Police reported that the woman contacted her family and advised them that she would now be living with her son and did not want to be contacted by them in the future.
- On Nov. 25, the New York State Police at Cortlandt requested an alert for an 85-year-old man with dementia last seen driving from his residence in Cortlandt Manor the day before. The alert was cancelled four hours later when the man returned home on his own.
- On Nov. 27, the North Tonawanda Police Department requested an alert for a 40-year-old man with a traumatic brain injury last seen that morning leaving his home on foot. The alert was cancelled two hours later when a citizen who was aware of the alert saw the man in the neighborhood and called police.
- On Dec. 2, the New York State Police at Malone requested an alert for a 92-year-old man with dementia last seen driving on County Route 24 in Malone the previous afternoon. The alert was cancelled an hour later when the man was located deceased. He had apparently fallen down a ravine and was located by a logger who called police.
- On Dec. 3, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for an 84-year-old man with dementia. He was last seen at the Huntington Senior Center the day before and was believed to be driving. The alert was cancelled six hour later after a motorist on the Southern State Parkway recognized the man from the alert and called police.
- On Dec. 3, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for an 83-year-old man with dementia last seen leaving his residence the previous morning and was believed to be driving. The alert was cancelled six hours later when the man returned home on his own.
- On Dec. 10, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for a 78-year-old man with dementia last seen leaving Stony Brook Hospital the night before and was believed to be driving a vehicle. The alert was cancelled two hours later when the man was involved in a minor motor vehicle accident and taken to a local hospital for evaluation.
- On Dec. 10, the Yonkers Police Department requested an alert for a 20-year-old man with autism last seen leaving his school on foot that afternoon. The alert was cancelled 16 hours later when the man was safely located by police in Dobbs Ferry.
- On Dec. 16, 2014 the New York State Police at Clarence requested an alert for an 80-year-old man with memory loss and diabetes. He was last seen at a pizzeria in Alden the previous morning and was believed to be driving his vehicle. The alert was cancelled one hour later when the man was safely located at a gas station in Canandaigua after his vehicle ran out of gas and he asked the station attendant to contact his daughter.

- On Dec. 17, the Larchmont Police Department requested an alert for a 72-year-old woman with Alzheimer's disease last seen leaving her home on foot that morning. The alert was cancelled 15 hours later when the woman was safely located at the Mt. Sinai/Roosevelt Hospital after a citizen who was aware of the alert called police to report the woman was observed getting into an ambulance on West 33<sup>rd</sup> Street in Manhattan. Her family went to the hospital and confirmed her identity.
- On Dec. 17, the city of Poughkeepsie Police Department requested an alert for a 26-year-old non-verbal man with autism last seen leaving his home on foot late that night. The alert was cancelled four hours later when the man was safely located by a patrol officer.
- On Dec. 20, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for a 76-year-old man with dementia last seen in North Bellmore that morning and believed to be driving his vehicle. The alert was canceled four hours later when the man was safely located on the Southern State Parkway as a result of a traffic stop by New York State Police after they received a license plate reader notification on the man's vehicle.
- On Dec. 25, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for a 75-year-old man with dementia last in contact with his family by phone the day before and believed to be driving his vehicle. The alert was cancelled seven hours later after a motorist recognized the man from the alert and called police.
- On Dec. 25, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for a 73-year-old man with dementia last seen leaving his home in Roosevelt on foot the night before. The alert was cancelled 30 minutes later after the man knocked on a door of a home in Freeport and asked for assistance.
- On Dec. 29, the Erie County Medical Center Police Department in Buffalo requested an alert for a 74-year-old man with dementia last seen leaving the hospital on foot that afternoon. The alert was cancelled 20 hours later after a citizen called 9-1-1 to report a man on the ground in need of medical attention. When an ambulance responded, the crew recognized the man from the alert and brought him to the hospital.