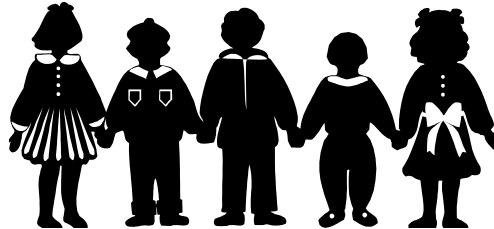




WYOMING



MISSING PERSON CLEARINGHOUSE 2015 ANNUAL REPORT



Office of the Attorney General

Division of Criminal Investigation

HISTORY OF THE CLEARINGHOUSE

During the 1990 Wyoming legislative session, the legislature mandated “The Office of the Attorney General shall establish and operate a central repository of information and clearinghouse on missing children and missing persons.” (Reference 90LSO-0206, Section 200, subsection (e))

The Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation responded by establishing the Missing Person Clearinghouse on May 1, 1990. Responsibility for the Clearinghouse was assigned to the Control Terminal Section within the Division of Criminal Investigation. The Control Terminal Section was selected because of the established ties with the National Crime Information Center. A database was established to provide statistics and reports for the Missing Person Clearinghouse. This database includes information identifying the individual, limited personal descriptors, the jurisdiction holding the missing person report, and dates indicating when reported missing and when located.

NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER

Information entered into the Clearinghouse database is the result of entries into NCIC (National Crime Information Center) by Wyoming law enforcement agencies. NCIC has established the following five categories for entry of missing persons:

- **Disability** - A person of any age who is missing and under proven physical/mental disability or is senile, thereby subjecting himself/herself or others to personal and immediate danger.
- **Endangered** - A person of any age who is missing under circumstances indicating his/her safety may be in danger.
- **Involuntary** - A person of any age who is missing under circumstances indicating the disappearance may not have been voluntary, i.e., abduction or kidnapping.
- **Juvenile** - A person under the age of 21 who is missing and does not meet any of the criteria set forth in any of the other categories.

- **Catastrophe Victim** - A person of any age who is missing after a catastrophe.
- **Other** - A person over the age of 21 not meeting the criteria for entry into any other category who is missing and for whom there is a reasonable concern for his/her safety.

A record for a missing person who is under the age of 21 shall be entered into NCIC 2000 within 2 hours, using one of the appropriate categories (Disability, Endangered, Involuntary, Juvenile, or Catastrophe Victim). A missing person report filed with an agency is sufficient documentation for entering a juvenile.

42 U.S. Code § 5780 - State requirements

1) ensure that no law enforcement agency within the State establishes or maintains any policy that requires the observance of any waiting period before accepting a missing child or unidentified person report;

(2) ensure that no law enforcement agency within the State establishes or maintains any policy that requires the removal of a missing person entry from its State law enforcement system or the National Crime Information Center computer database based solely on the age of the person; and

(3) provide that each such report and all necessary and available information, which, with respect to each missing child report, shall include—

(A) the name, date of birth, sex, race, height, weight, and eye and hair color of the child;

(B) the date and location of the last known contact with the child; and

(C) the category under which the child is reported missing; is entered within 2 hours of receipt into the State law enforcement system and the National Crime Information Center computer networks and made available to the Missing Children Information Clearinghouse within the State or other agency designated within the State to receive such reports; and

(4) provide that after receiving reports as provided in paragraph (2), the law enforcement agency that entered the report into the National Crime Information Center shall—

(A) no later than 60 days after the original entry of the record into the State law enforcement system and National Crime Information Center computer networks, verify and update such record with any additional information, including, where available, medical and dental records;

(B) institute or assist with appropriate search and investigative procedures; and

(C) maintain close liaison with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children for the exchange of information and technical assistance in the missing children cases.

A record for a missing person who is over the age of 21 may be entered in the NCIC Missing Person File provided the entering agency has signed documentation in its possession supporting the stated conditions under which the person is declared missing. This written documentation will aid in the protection of the individual's right to privacy.

In the absence of documentation from a parent, legal guardian, next of kin, physician, or other authoritative

source, including friend or neighbor in unusual circumstances, or when such documentation is not reasonably attainable, a signed report by the investigating officer will suffice.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN

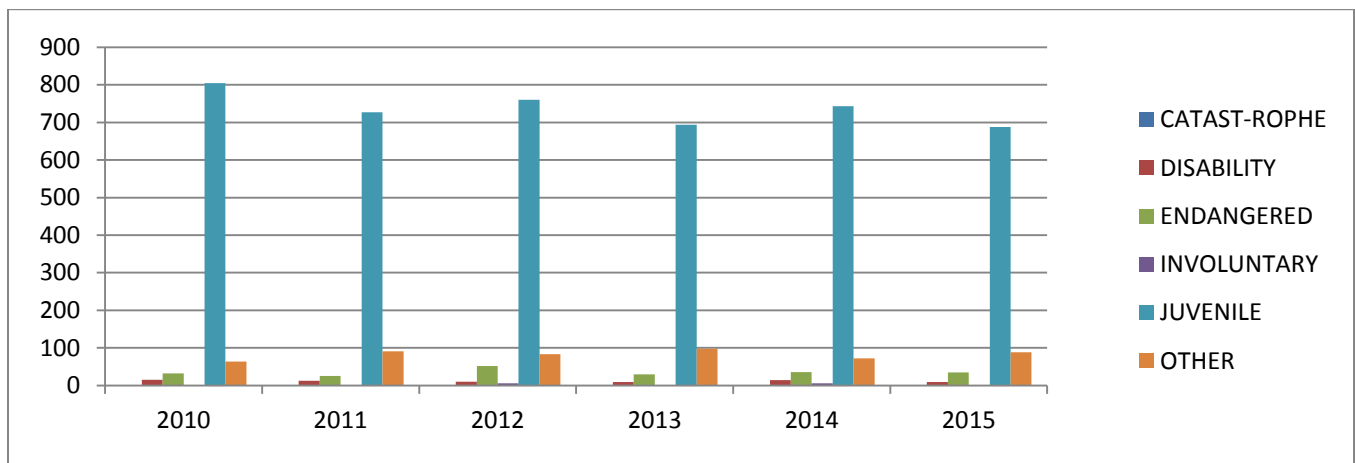
Wyoming is registered with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. As a registered member, the Wyoming Missing Person Clearinghouse receives continuous information from the National Center on missing persons listed with the Center. Additionally, possible sightings called into this center on their toll-free hot line are forwarded to state programs for appropriate distribution to law enforcement agencies.

This year the National Center forwarded **26** possible sighting/information notices to the Wyoming Clearinghouse. The notices were referred to the appropriate law enforcement agencies for possible investigation.

WYOMING ACTIVITY MISSING PERSONS BY CATEGORY

	CATAST- ROPHE	DISABILITY	ENDANGERED	INVOLUNTARY	JUVENILE	OTHER	TOTAL
ACTIVE AT START 2015	0	4	13	9	6	12	44
REPORTED DURING 2015	0	9	35	1	688	88	821
CLEARED DURING 2015	0	11	36	1	686	79	813
ACTIVE AT END 2015	0	4	16	9	26	23	78

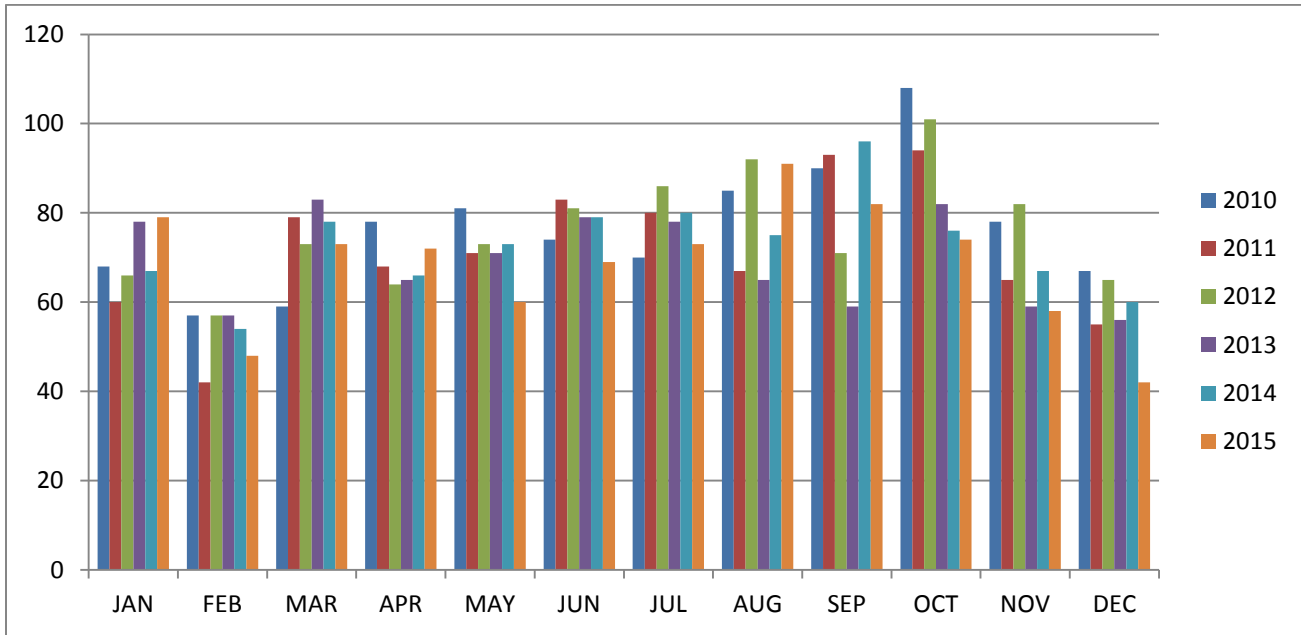
FIVE YEAR TREND



MISSING PERSONS REPORTED BY MONTH

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
79	48	73	72	60	69	73	91	82	74	58	42

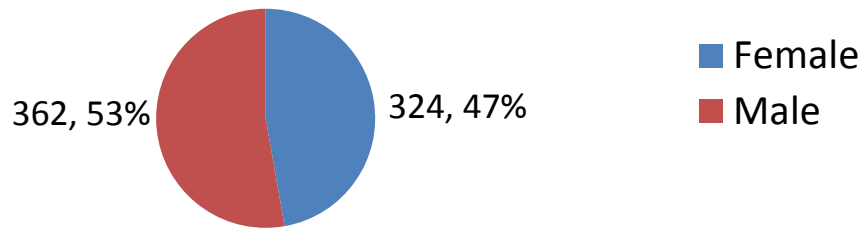
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MISSING JUVENILE INFORMATION

Female juveniles accounted for **324** of the missing person reports for 2015 and male juveniles accounted for **362** of missing persons reported for the same period. The average age for reported missing juveniles was **13.75** years of age.

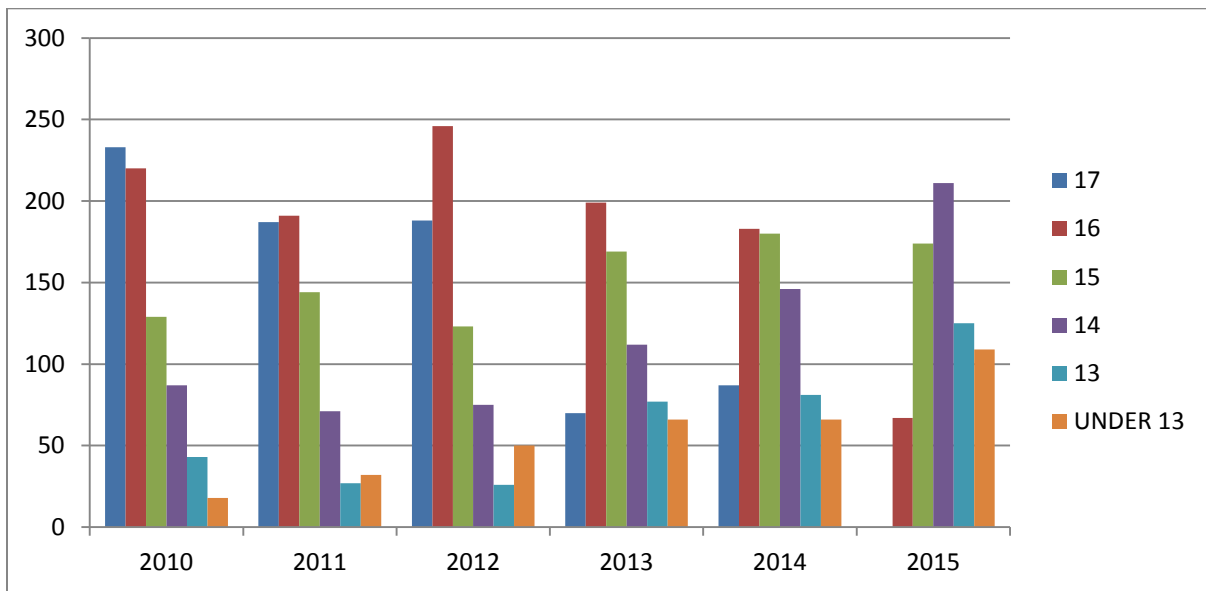
Juveniles by Sex



JUVENILES BY AGE

YEARS OF AGE	17	16	15	14	13	UNDER 13	TOTAL
NO. OF CASES	0	67	174	211	125	109	686

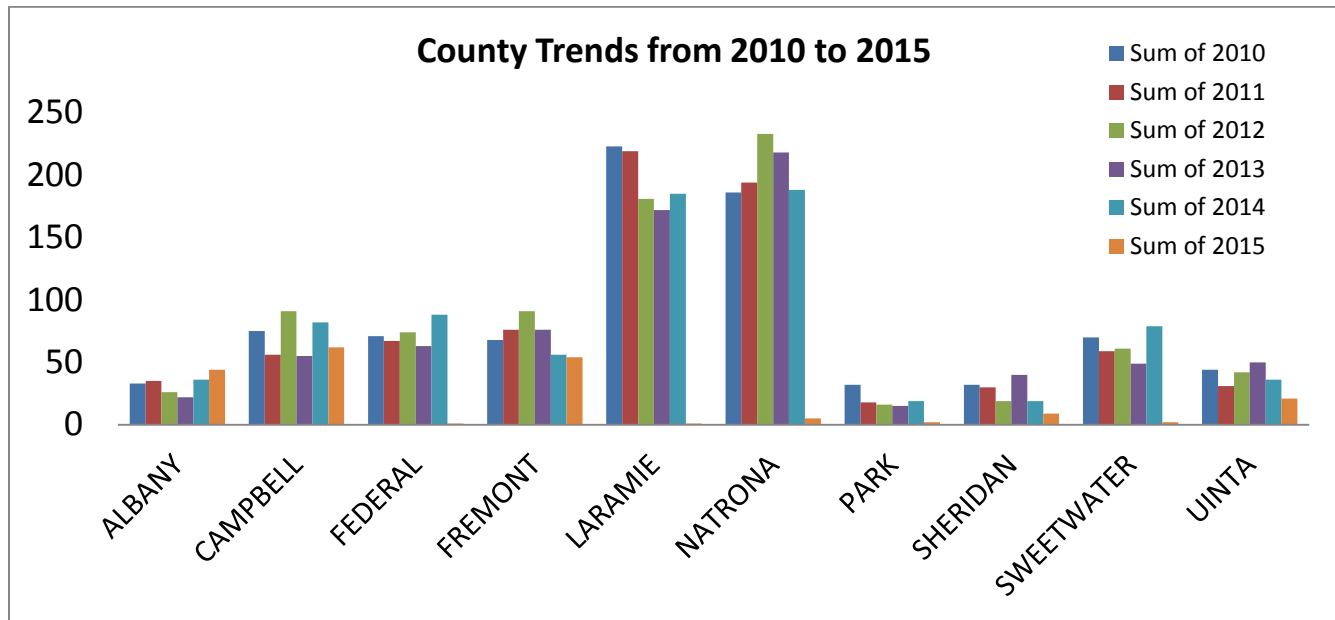
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**REPORTED MISSING PERSONS BY COUNTY
JANUARY-DECEMBER, 2015**

COUNTY	DISABILITY	ENDANGERED	INVOLUNTARY	JUVENILE	OTHER	TOTAL
ALBANY	0	1	0	40	4	44
BIG HORN	0	0	0	5	1	6
CAMPBELL	0	1	0	61	1	62
CARBON	0	3	0	17	2	22
CONVERSE	0	1	0	8	0	8
CROOK	0	0	0	1	0	1
FREMONT	2	3	0	65	5	75
GOSHEN	0	0	0	7	0	7
HOT SPRINGS	1	0	0	6	1	8
JOHNSON	0	0	0	1	0	1
LARAMIE	1	13	0	120	20	154
LINCOLN	0	1	0	4	0	5
NATRONA	1	1	0	163	28	188
NIOBRARA	0	0	0	2	0	2
PARK	2	1	1	22	2	27
PLATTE	0	0	0	8	1	9
SHERIDAN	0	0	0	31	2	33
SUBLETTE	0	0	0	2	0	2
SWEETWATER	0	8	0	35	4	47
TETON	0	1	0	14	6	21
UINTA	2	1	0	24	4	31
WASHAKIE	0	0	0	3	1	4
WESTON	0	0	0	1	0	1
FEDERAL	0	0	0	48	6	54
TOTAL	9	35	1	688	88	821

TOP TEN COUNTIES



WYOMING AMBER ALERT PLAN

The Wyoming AMBER Alert plan was implemented on January 26, 2004. Within thirty-six hours of the plan being put into place, an Amber Alert was initiated at the request of Utah officials. Nearly four hours later, the abducted child was located unharmed and the abductor arrested in Rawlins, Wyoming. A second activation occurred in September 2004, at the request of Kansas officials. That activation also resulted in the safe recovery of the child, this time near Laramie, WY.

The Wyoming AMBER Plan is a cooperative effort between law-enforcement agencies, Wyoming Association of Broadcasters, Wyoming Department of Transportation and the National Weather Service to activate an urgent bulletin in the most serious child-abduction cases. Broadcasters air a description of the abducted child and suspected abductor via radio and television and capable electronic highway signs display a description of abductor vehicle information. The goal of the AMBER Alert is to inform the entire community so that citizens may assist in the search for the abducted child.

Once the criteria for an Amber Alert are met, concise information is put together for distribution to the public, via the local media. The information is further distributed through group fax and group e-mail and may include descriptions and pictures of the missing child, the suspected abductor, a suspected vehicle, direction of travel, etc. Under the plan, local law enforcement makes the determination that the missing child meets the criteria for an Amber Alert and faxes information to the Division for review. The information is then sent to the Cheyenne office of the National Weather Service for distribution via the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and posted to those electronic highways signs capable of displaying relevant information.

How Does the AMBER Plan Work?

Each state or local program establishes its own AMBER Plan criteria; however, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children suggests the following criteria should be met before an Alert is activated:

- Law enforcement confirms a child has been abducted.

- A child is considered seventeen years old or younger.
- Law enforcement will only activate an Amber Alert if it is believed the circumstances surrounding the abduction indicate that the child is in danger of serious bodily harm or death.
- There is enough descriptive information about the child, abductor, and/or suspect's vehicle to believe an immediate broadcast alert will help in the safe return of the child.

What Should You Do In Case Of An AMBER Alert?

The AMBER Alert message encourages the public to look for the missing child or suspect. You become the ears and eyes of local law enforcement.

In the event that you spot a child, adult, or vehicle fitting the AMBER Alert description, immediately call the telephone number given in the AMBER Alert and provide authorities with as much information as you know.

The goal of Amber Alert is the safe return of the child.

Contact Information:

Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation
 (307) 777-7181
<http://attorneygeneral.state.wy.us/dci/amberalert/amberalert.html>
 Email: amberalert@state.wy.us

Amber Alert Activations

Date	Abduction Location	Results
NONE	NONE	NONE

CONTACT POINT

Reports of missing persons should be made to the local law enforcement agency of jurisdiction. To check on the status of the NCIC entry and the Wyoming Missing Person data base, contact can be made through the following:

Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation
 Control Terminal Unit
 Missing Person Clearinghouse
 208 South College Drive
 Cheyenne, WY 82002
 Telephone (307)777-7537

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