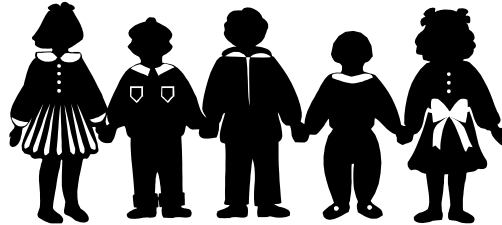




# WYOMING



## MISSING PERSON CLEARINGHOUSE 2018 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 six 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 who is missing and not declared emancipated as defined by the laws of his/her state of residence 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 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 or, a person who is under 21 and declared emancipated by the laws of his/her state of residence.

A record for a missing person who is under the age of 21 shall be entered into the NCIC Missing Person File within 2 hours, upon receipt of sufficient information for entry, using the appropriate category. 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 11 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 2018	0	4	14	9	4	12	43
REPORTED DURING 2018	0	7	8	2	725	91	833
CLEARED DURING 2018	0	6	6	1	740	94	847
ACTIVE AT END 2018	0	5	16	8	8	17	54

#### MISSING PERSONS REPORTED BY MONTH

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
62	58	68	77	72	76	75	66	77	87	68	47

#### JUVENILES BY AGE

YEARS OF AGE	17	16	15	14	13	UNDER 13	TOTAL
NO. OF REPORTS	202	183	116	97	34	30	662

The average age for reported missing juveniles was **15.37** years of age.

## JUVENILES BY SEX AND RACE

Male Juvenile	<b>341</b>
Female Juvenile	<b>321</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>662</b>

Race	I	A	B	W	U
<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>9</b>

## ADULTS BY SEX AND RACE

Adult Male	<b>68</b>
Adult Female	<b>40</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>

Race	I	A	B	W	U
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>0</b>

Race codes as defined by the FBI National Crime Information Center (NCIC)

- I** American Indian or Alaskan Native - a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Americas and maintaining cultural identification through tribal affiliations or community recognition.
- A** Asian or Pacific Islander - a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent or the Pacific Islands.
- B** Black - a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- W** White - a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or Middle East.
- U** Unknown

Records for Hispanics are entered with the race code that most closely represents the individual.

**REPORTED MISSING PERSONS BY COUNTY  
JANUARY-DECEMBER, 2018**

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>CATASTROPHE</b>	<b>DISABILITY</b>	<b>ENDANGERED</b>	<b>INVOLUNTARY</b>	<b>JUVENILE</b>	<b>OTHER</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
ALBANY	0	1	0	0	27	1	29
BIG HORN	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
CAMPBELL	0	0	0	0	54	3	57
CARBON	0	0	0	0	12	0	12
CONVERSE	0	0	0	0	8	0	8
CROOK	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
FREMONT	0	0	0	0	77	4	81
GOSHEN	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
HOT SPRINGS	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
JOHNSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LARAMIE	0	4	2	1	115	25	147
LINCOLN	0	0	0	0	4	3	7
NATRONA	0	1	0	0	260	17	278
NIOBRARA	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
PARK	0	0	0	0	13	1	14
PLATTE	0	0	0	0	16	2	18
SHERIDAN	0	1	1	0	30	1	33
SUBLETTE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SWEETWATER	0	0	4	0	30	12	46
TETON	0	0	0	0	8	2	10
UINTA	0	0	1	0	10	6	17
WASHAKIE	0	0	0	0	4	2	6
WESTON	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
<b>FEDERAL</b>							
BUR. INDIAN AFF.	0	0	0	1	37	10	48
FE WARREN AFB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRAND TETON NP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YELLOWSTONE NP	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>833</b>

## **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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