

SUMMARY OF CASES REPORTED TO MISSING CHILDREN SA

(For the term: 1 May 2011 – 30 April 2012)

Also, note that these statistics are based on cases reported to our organisation, and do not reflect all the cases reported to SAPS. Cases of missing children reported to SAPS are more or less 1460 cases per year.

According to our statistics, cases reported to our organisation (nationally) for the term mentioned above are as follows:

Category	Adults	Children	Total
Missing	195	345	540
Found	132	295	427

Therefore, we have an overall success rate of 80%. For the children's cases alone our success rate is 86%.

Herewith a breakdown of our total cases per province:

<u>Province</u>	<u>Cases Reported</u>
Gauteng	251
Western Cape	172
Kwazulu Natal	57
Eastern Cape	19
Mpumalanga	17
North West	8
Free State	8
Limpopo	5
Northern Cape	3

Please see the breakdown below per province for adults and children separately:

Statistics for Eastern Cape:

<u>Status</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total</u>
Missing	9	10	19
Found	9	7	16

Statistics for the Free State:

<u>Status</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total</u>
Missing	3	5	8
Found	2	4	6

Statistics for Gauteng:

<u>Status</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total</u>
Missing	116	135	251
Found	83	118	201

Statistics for Kwazulu Natal:

<u>Status</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total</u>
Missing	7	50	57
Found	5	35	40

Statistics for Limpopo:

<u>Status</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total</u>
Missing	1	4	5
Found	1	3	4

Statistics for Mpumalanga:

<u>Status</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total</u>
Missing	7	10	17
Found	4	9	13

Statistics for Northern Cape:

<u>Status</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total</u>
Missing	1	2	3
Found	1	1	2

Statistics for North-West:

<u>Status</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total</u>
Missing	0	8	8
Found	0	8	8

Statistics for the Western Cape:

<u>Status</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total</u>
Missing	51	121	172
Found	43	112	155

We group the reasons children are reported missing in the following categories (see % for each category):

<u>Category</u>	<u>% of Cases Reported</u>
Run-Aways	26%
Getting Lost	24%
Parental Abductions	6%
Family Abductions	1%
Kidnappings (strangers)	8%
Found Deceased	3%
Unknown	32%

The age-categories of children reported missing to our organisation (1 May 2011– 30 April 2012):

<u>Province</u>	<u>Ages 0 – 6 years</u>	<u>Ages 7 – 12 years</u>	<u>Ages 13 – 18yrs</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Eastern Cape	5	1	4	10
Free State	0	1	4	5
Gauteng	25	28	82	135
Kwazulu Natal	11	12	27	50
Limpopo	1	1	2	4
Mpumalanga	2	2	6	10
Northern Cape	1	0	1	2
North West	2	2	4	8
Western Cape	25	36	60	121
Totals:	72	83	190	345

The months with the most cases reported to our organisation were:

December 2011 with 66 cases,
October 2011 with 53 cases,
February 2012 with 53 cases.

The month with the least cases reported was **May 2012 with only 22 cases.**

Found Deceased:

Children - 12
 Adults - 16

Cases reported to our organisation per racial group:

Black Africans	Brown/Coloured	Caucasian	Other (Indian, Asian)
39%	29%	24%	8%

General Notes:

We have seen an increase in cases reported to our organisation and a decrease in our success rate. The reason for this might be because more people become aware of our organisation and therefore report it more often/make use of our services more often. We hope that in the near future we will be able to assist all families/police stations.

We are based in the Western Cape, but we operate nationally. Therefore, Missing Children SA assists families in all nine provinces in South Africa.

About Missing Children SA:

a. Our Vision

Continuously striving to provide a safe environment for every child in South Africa

b. Our Mission

- To provide a structure of re-active support to the family, authorities and other NGO's when a person goes missing;
 - When a person goes missing, after it was reported to the police, we design and distribute a flyer of the missing person to our network of approximately 30,000 people. Our main aim is to create as much awareness as possible as quickly as possible after the person was reported.
- To provide pro-active national awareness to children and their families, media, authorities, communities and schools.
 - We visit schools and communities, talk about the reality of people going missing, about what to do when a person goes missing and share some safety tips with the communities/schools.

Some General Safety Tips:

- There is NO WAITING PERIOD for reporting a person missing to the nearest police station.
 - Should you report a person to the police station and the police officer tells you to come back after 24 hours, demand to speak to the station commander. Or, alternatively, contact Missing Children SA and the organisation will intervene and assist wherever possible.
- When reporting a person missing to the police station, the following information will be required:
 - Full name of missing person
 - Age of missing person
 - Description of missing person
 - Eye colour
 - Hair colour/style
 - Height

- Weight
- Distinctive marks – scars/birthmarks
- Where was the person last seen
- Clothes the person was wearing
- We have an informal document that serves as a guideline to parents about what will be needed by SAPS when a child goes missing. We call it the Interim ID Kit. It can be downloaded from our website. (we have attached a copy for your attention)
- Teach your children the basic safety tips. Available from our website, and have attached it for your attention.

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