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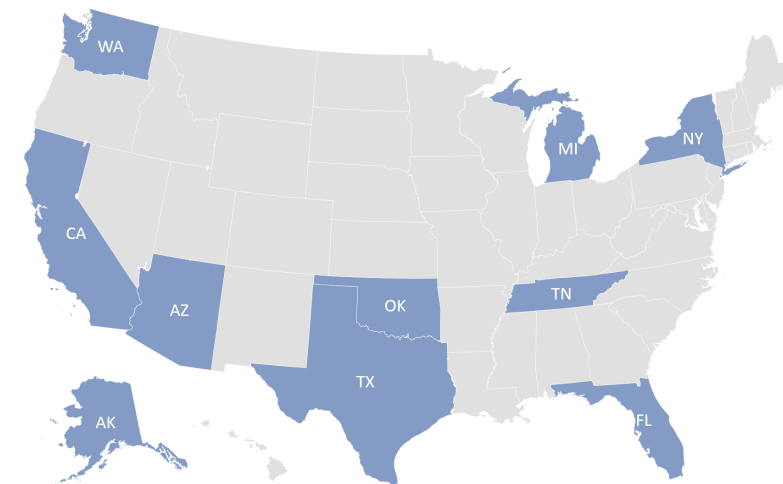
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Unresolved Missing Persons Cases Published in NamUs
As of August 1, 2021

20,559 missing *from* **55** states and territories

Top 10 States

State	Count
California	2,872
Texas	1,606
Florida	1,568
Alaska	1,186
New York	1,043
Arizona	966
Washington	760
Oklahoma	696
Michigan	615
Tennessee	598

Top 10 Cities

City	Count
Los Angeles (CA)	312
San Francisco (CA)	218
Houston (TX)	196
Miami (FL)	184
Phoenix (AZ)	179
Detroit (MI)	155
Tulsa (OK)	152
McAllen (TX)	150
Oklahoma City (OK)	145
Chicago (IL)	141

Demographics

Age of Case

Age of Case	Percent
<90 days	
3-12 mo	
1-2 yrs	
2-5 yrs	13%
5-10 yrs	14%
10-20 yrs	22%
20+ yrs	40%
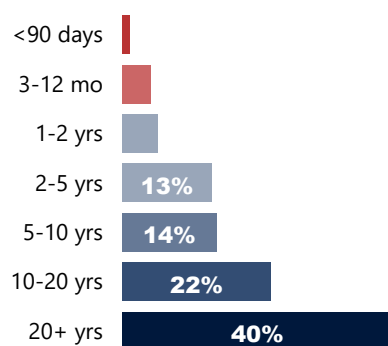
Average Years Missing

18.3 years

Race/Ethnicity
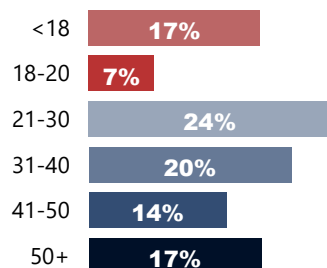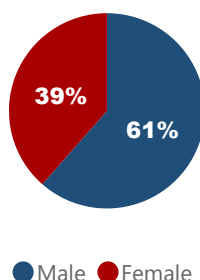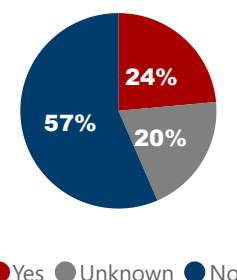
Race/Ethnicity	Percent
White	59%
Black	16%
Hispanic	11%
Multiple Races	7%
AI/AN	
Asian	
Other	
Uncertain	
Pacific Islander	

Age at Time of Missing

Age	Percent
<18	17%
18-20	7%
21-30	24%
31-40	20%
41-50	14%
50+	17%

Sex

Male 61% • Female 39%

Military Affiliation*

Yes 24% • Unknown 20% • No 57%

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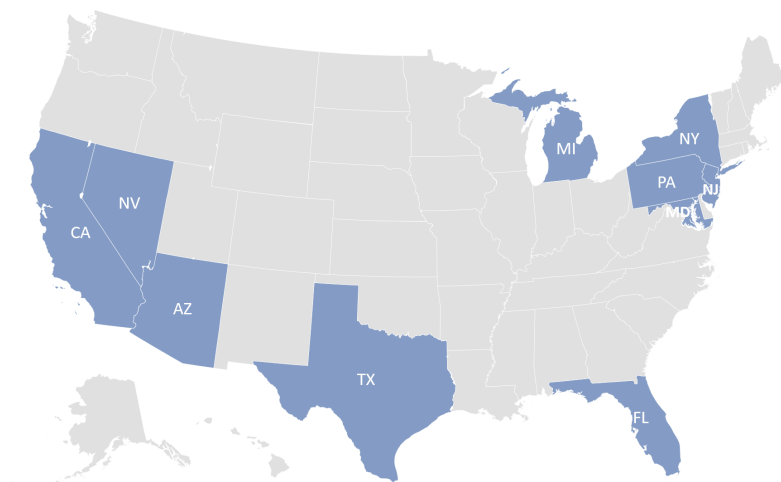
13,784 unidentified *from* **54** states and territories

Top 10 States

State	Count
California	2,795
Arizona	1,883
Texas	1,718
New York	1,421
Florida	905
New Jersey	430
Maryland	327
Michigan	323
Pennsylvania	308
Nevada	303

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Top 10 Cities

City	Count
New York (NY)	489
Brooklyn (NY)	326
Los Angeles (CA)	298
Houston (TX)	249
Philadelphia (PA)	209
Detroit (MI)	203
Bronx (NY)	182
Queens (NY)	165
Baltimore (MD)	156
Miami (FL)	138

Demographics

Age of Case

Age	%
0-1 yr	
1-5 yrs	11%
5-10 yrs	11%
10-20 yrs	21%
20+ yrs	53%
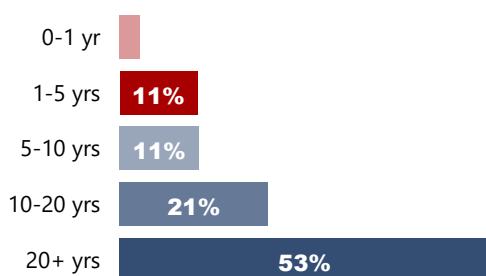
Average Age of Case

22.2 years

Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	%
White	34%
Uncertain	21%
Black	15%
Hispanic	13%
Multiple Races	13%
Asian	
Other	
AI/AN	
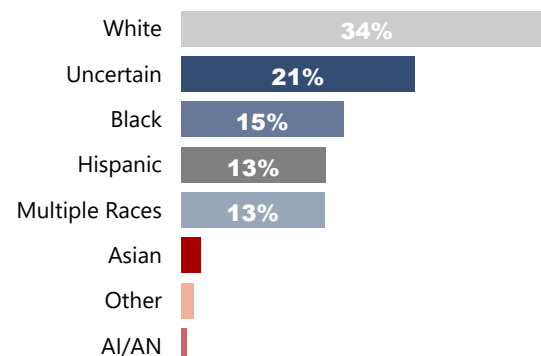
Estimated Age at Time of Death**

Age	%
<18	
18-30	24%
31-40	22%
41-50	15%
50+	18%
Unknown	17%

Sex

- Male 75%
- Female 19%
- Unsure 6%

Found on Tribal Land*

- Yes 7%
- No 79%
- Unknown (remaining)
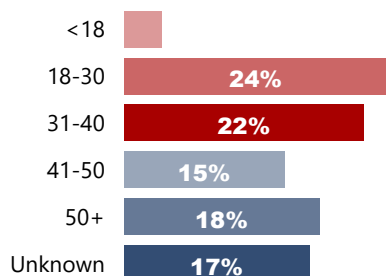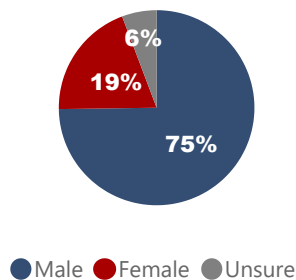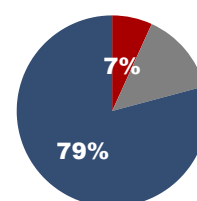
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**Estimated Age is based on an average of the minimum and maximum ages entered into NamUs.
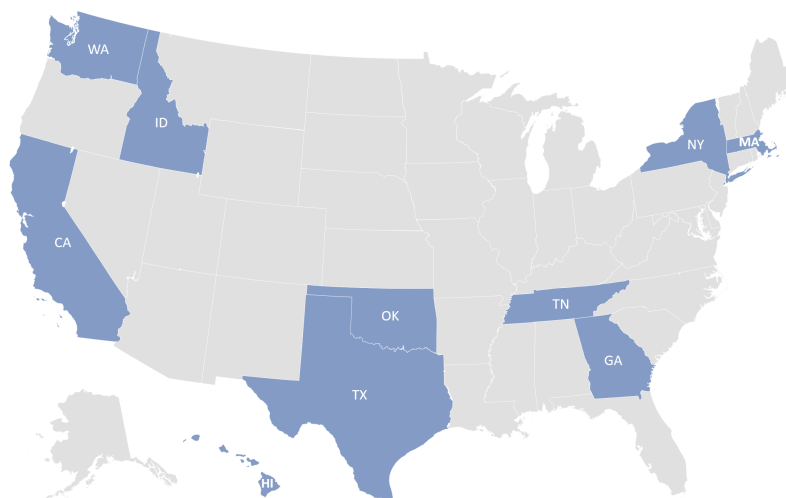
Unresolved Unclaimed Persons Cases Published in NamUs

As of August 1, 2021

11,625 unclaimed *from* **44** states and territories

Top 10 States

State	Count
New York	5,315
California	1,974
Washington	1,048
Massachusetts	449
Tennessee	400
Hawaii	382
Texas	376
Georgia	276
Idaho	169
Oklahoma	140

Top 10 Cities

City	Count
Bronx (NY)	1,246
Brooklyn (NY)	856
Queens (NY)	599
Manhattan (NY)	563
New York (NY)	536
Houston (TX)	264
Tacoma (WA)	247
Knoxville (TN)	213
Atlanta (GA)	177
Honolulu (HI)	166

Demographics

Age of Case

Age	Percent
0-1 yr	13%
1-5 yrs	45%
5-10 yrs	19%
10-20 yrs	14%
20+ yrs	
Unknown	8%
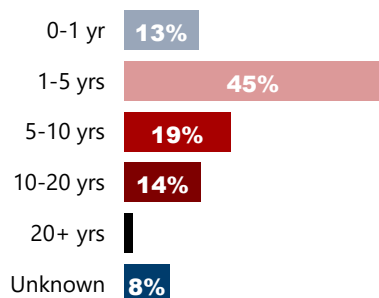
Average Age of Case

5.2 years

Race/Ethnicity

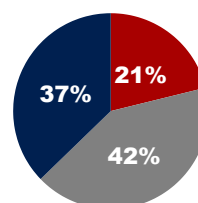| Race/Ethnicity	Percent
White	38%
Uncertain	22%
Black	21%
Hispanic	11%
Multiple Races	
Asian	
Other	
AI/AN	
Pacific Islander	

Sex

- Female 21%
- Male 79%

Military Affiliation*

- Yes 21%
- Unknown 42%
- No 37%

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