2022 Missing American Indian and Alaska Native Persons: Age 21 and Under
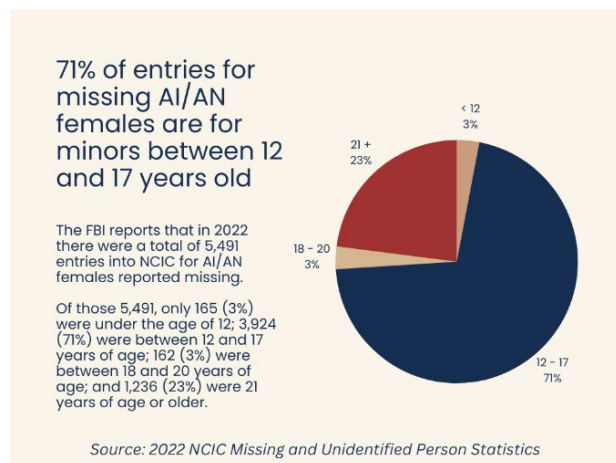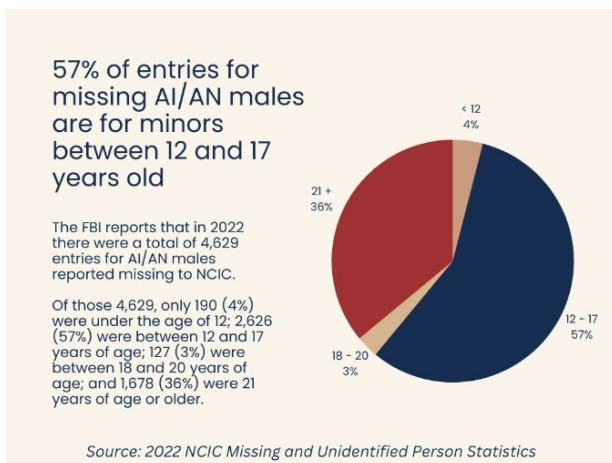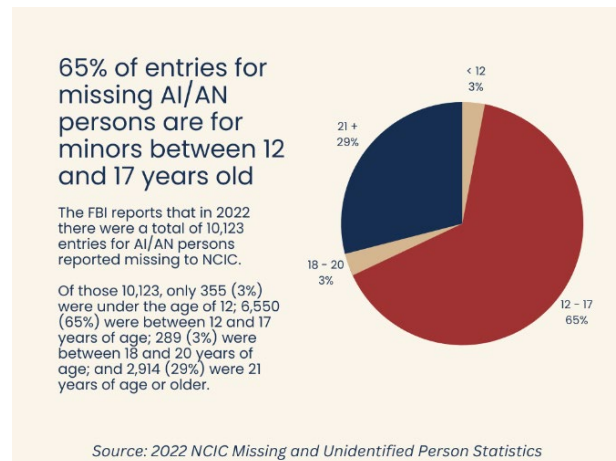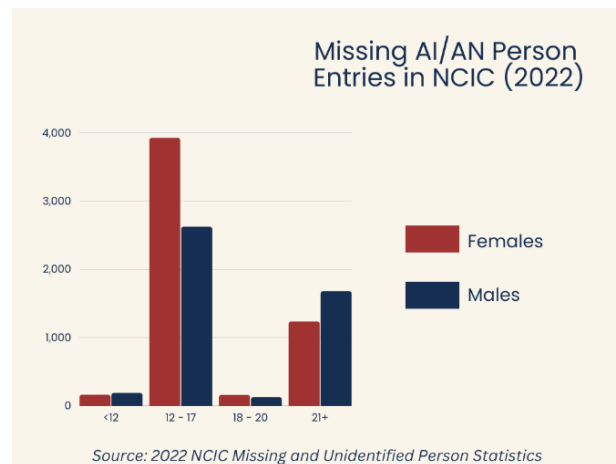
FBI's National Crime Information Center Missing Person File

About This Data[1]

Entries are incidents of a person going missing, not the number of people who went missing. If a person goes missing more than once in a year, they could be entered into NCIC multiple times.

Data on adults may not capture all reports of missing adults (18 and above). While law enforcement agencies are required to submit incidents of missing persons under age 21 to the NCIC Missing Person file, there is not a similar requirement for adults.

Records are created from NCIC entries, one record per individual. A record is closed when an individual is found or returns home, or law enforcement determines the record was invalid. The end-of-year active record count is the total number of AI/AN missing persons in the NCIC Missing Person File at the end of a year, regardless of when the information was entered.

Missing AI/AN Person Entries in NCIC (2022)

Source: 2022 NCIC Missing and Unidentified Person Statistics

65% of entries for missing AI/AN persons are for minors between 12 and 17 years old

The FBI reports that in 2022 there were a total of 10,123 entries for AI/AN persons reported missing to NCIC.

Of those 10,123, only 355 (3%) were under the age of 12; 6,550 (65%) were between 12 and 17 years of age; 289 (3%) were between 18 and 20 years of age; and 2,914 (29%) were 21 years of age or older.

Source: 2022 NCIC Missing and Unidentified Person Statistics

57% of entries for missing AI/AN males are for minors between 12 and 17 years old

The FBI reports that in 2022 there were a total of 4,629 entries for AI/AN males reported missing to NCIC.

Of those 4,629, only 190 (4%) were under the age of 12; 2,626 (57%) were between 12 and 17 years of age; 127 (3%) were between 18 and 20 years of age; and 1,678 (36%) were 21 years of age or older.

Source: 2022 NCIC Missing and Unidentified Person Statistics

71% of entries for missing AI/AN females are for minors between 12 and 17 years old

The FBI reports that in 2022 there were a total of 5,491 entries into NCIC for AI/AN females reported missing.

Of those 5,491, only 165 (3%) were under the age of 12; 3,924 (71%) were between 12 and 17 years of age; 162 (3%) were between 18 and 20 years of age; and 1,236 (23%) were 21 years of age or older.

Source: 2022 NCIC Missing and Unidentified Person Statistics

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[1]Data sources: The missing persons data is compiled from the FBI's National Crime Information Center's Missing Person and Unidentified Person Statistics for 2022 available on fbi.gov and from the FBI NCIC Operations and Policy Unit. The report has been produced in collaboration with DOJ's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the United States Marshals Service.