



Illinois Missing Children Report 2012



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Annual Report

I. INTRODUCTION

The I SEARCH program was created by the passage of the Intergovernmental Missing Child Recovery Act of 1984 (325 ILCS 40/1, et seq.). The program was designed to educate the public, improve the criminal justice system, effect legislative change, and direct assistance for local programs designed to improve child safety. This report is submitted for Calendar Year 2012, in compliance with the final paragraph of the Act, entitled, "Annual Report."

On 01/01/2013 Illinois changed from the I SEARCH program to The Illinois Missing Person Clearinghouse. This move was necessary to bring Illinois in line with all other states clearinghouse structure for missing persons. Currently all 50 states have a missing persons clearinghouse.

The Illinois State Police Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS) is the information system linking Illinois police agencies, other state agencies, and the National Crime Information Center (NCIC). The Intergovernmental Missing Child Recovery Act of 1984 and the National Child Search Assistance Act of 1990 mandates immediate entry of all reports of missing children into LEADS, which are automatically entered into the nationwide NCIC database.

II. ILLINOIS STATE CLEARINGHOUSE FOR MISSING PERSONS

An effective resource in solving cases of missing and exploited children, the clearinghouse is a focal point for the coordination of efforts by law enforcement, social services, education and prevention programs, legislative advocacy, and the dissemination of missing children's photographs. Its responsibilities include:

- collecting and maintaining computerized data and investigating information on missing persons and unidentified bodies in the state;
- coordinating with and providing assistance to state and local public and private nonprofit agencies, including those of other states and the federal government, in the location and recovery of missing persons and the identification of unidentified persons and bodies;
- establishing and operating a statewide, toll-free telephone line for reports of missing persons and reports of sightings of missing persons;
- providing a uniform missing person reporting and investigation protocol for law enforcement agencies within the state;
- publishing a directory of missing persons for dissemination to state and local public and private nonprofit agencies and to the public;
- compiling statistics on the missing children cases handled by, and the number

resolved by, the Clearinghouse each year, summarizing the circumstances of each case;

- assisting in the preparation and dissemination of fliers about missing persons and their abductors;
- assisting in the training of law enforcement and other professionals about missing and unidentified persons and unidentified bodies;
- operating a clearinghouse of information about methods of locating and recovering missing persons;
- operating a resource center of information about the prevention of abduction and sexual exploitation of children; and
- developing and implementing a coordinated program for a statewide emergency alert system to be used when a child is abducted.

III. FISCAL

No Fiscal liability to the State of Illinois. All activities are performed under the structure of the Department of State Police.

IV. SPECIAL ACTIVITY

Public Act 93-0310 established the Illinois AMBER Plan Task Force to monitor and review the implementation and operation of the system. On June 20th 2012, the Task Force met in Bloomington Illinois to discuss ways of updating and enhancing the current AMBER Alert system. The Task Force continues to maintain the AMBER Alert web site, www.amberillinois.org, while also providing information to law enforcement, educators, media, parents, and the general public in relation to the Illinois AMBER Alert Plan.

Current plans are underway to upgrade the AMBER Alert reporting technology used to release an AMBER Alert. New technology would be utilized to provide a more efficient and effective warning system to law enforcement, the media, and the public.

On April 16 - 19, 2012, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, hosted a State Clearinghouse conference. The conference mission was to enhance the nation's response to missing children and their families by encouraging a cooperative and coordinated approach by public and private agencies. The Midwestern States Missing Child Clearinghouse Coalition held its meeting during the conference. This event also served as the Interstate Advisory Council for Missing and Exploited Children meeting.

On April 30th-May 1st, 2012, Fox Valley Technical College in partnership with the US Department of Justice hosted a Leadership for Missing and Abducted Children training course. Many leaders in the field of child safety learned new

strategies and technologies to incorporate into their child safety plans.

On January 13, 2012, Illinois observed AMBER Alert Awareness Day. A poster contest titled "Bring Our Missing Children Home" was launched by the Illinois AMBER Alert Task Force. School superintendents, principals, teachers, community leaders, law enforcement, and parents joined in the effort to educate children about safety issues.

Hosted by the South Dakota State Police, Division of Criminal Investigations, on October 3rd-4th 2012, the Interstate Advisory Council for Missing and Exploited Children held its fall meeting in Pierre, South Dakota. The following agencies were represented: Fox Valley Technical College, Illinois State Police, Indiana State Police, Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Ohio Attorney General's Office, the Wisconsin Department of Justice, the North Dakota State Police, the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigations, and the Nebraska State Police.

On May 25, 2012, Illinois observed Missing Children's Day. To recognize the day, citizens were asked to "Light the Way Home" by driving with their headlights on and turning on porch lights to raise awareness about the serious issue of missing children.

On November 26, 2012, The Illinois AMBER Alert Task Force marked the 10 year anniversary of the 1st AMBER Alert Broadcast in Illinois. Since that first broadcast in 2002, Illinois AMBER Alerts have been credited with helping in the safe return of 41 children.

In 2012, the clearinghouse began electronically disseminated information about missing persons to the Illinois State Board of Education to use in comparison with student enrollment records to identify disparities. These checks have resulted in the cancellation of numerous missing person records. The clearinghouse also provided the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and the 50 state clearinghouses with bulletins on active missing person cases. The bulletins featured long term missing children and high risk missing person cases from Illinois.

MISSING CHILDREN: A STATISTICAL OVERVIEW

MISSING PERSON ENTRY CODES:

AMBER Alert - A child under the age of 16 who has been abducted and meets criteria.

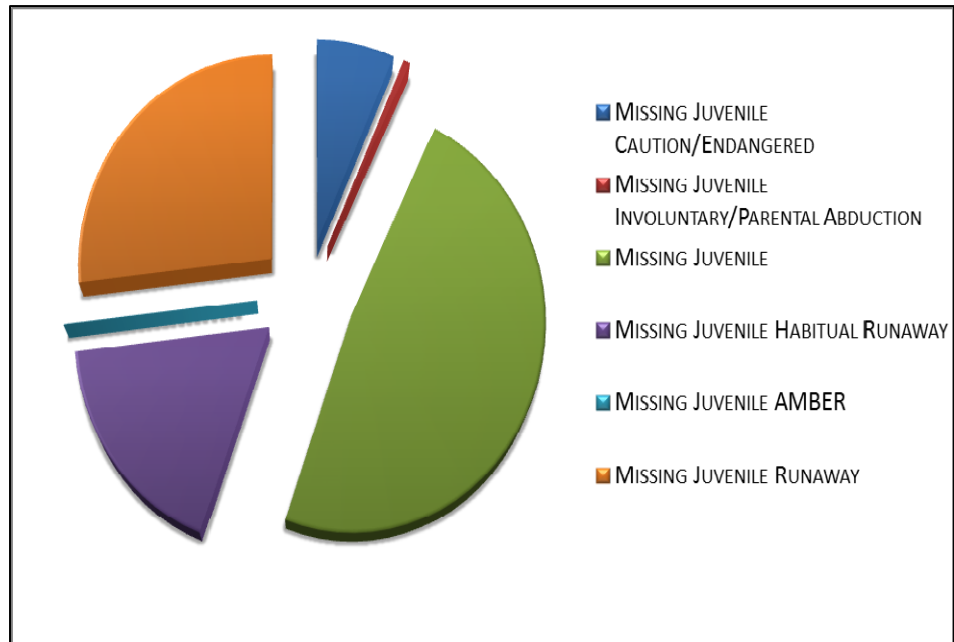
Endangered - A child who is missing and in the company of another person under circumstances indicating that he/she may be in danger.

Habitual Runaway - A child who is missing and has a history of running away.

Involuntary - A child who is missing under circumstances indicating the disappearance was not voluntary, i.e., abduction or kidnaping.

Parental Abduction - A child who is missing and is known to be with a parent (custodial or non-custodial).

Runaway - A child who is missing under circumstances indicating the missing person has run away.

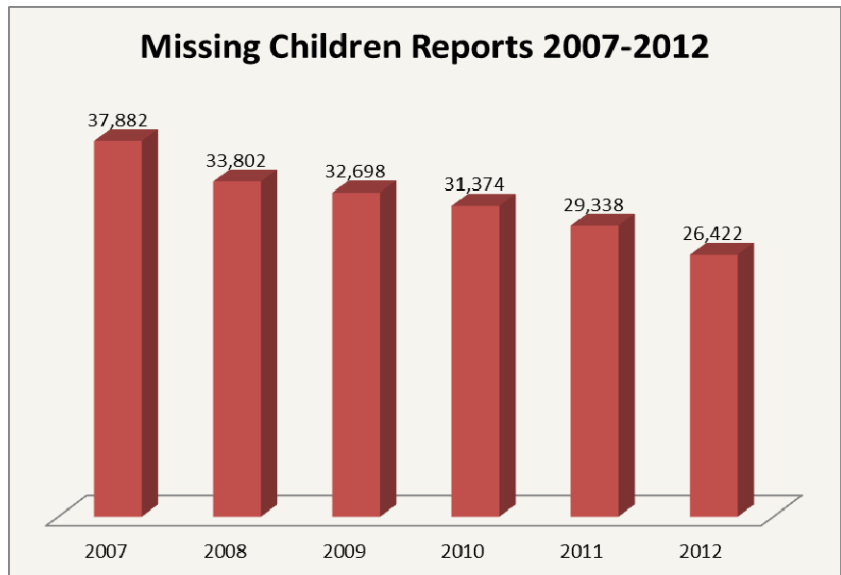


Missing Juvenile Caution/Endangered	1777
Missing Juvenile Involuntary/Parental Abduction	150
Missing Juvenile	12744
Missing Juvenile Habitual Runaway	4657
Missing Juvenile AMBER	12
Missing Juvenile Runaway	7082

Juvenile - A child who is missing and does not meet any of the criteria set forth in other categories.

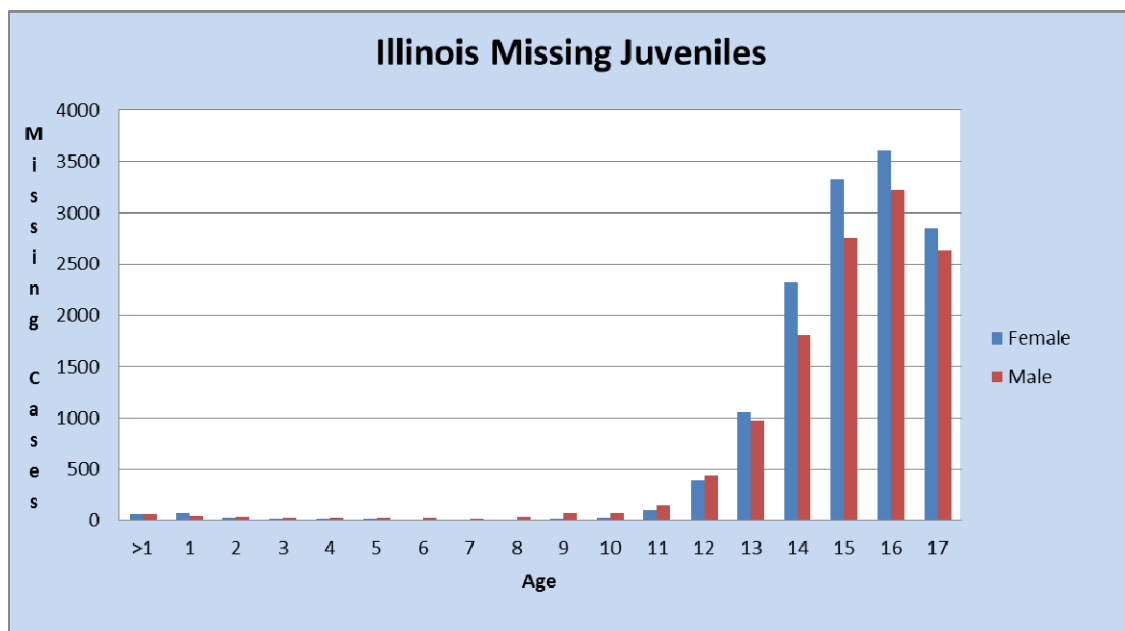
Missing Child Reports

There were 26,422 reports of missing persons under the age of 18 in Illinois during calendar year 2012. This represented a decrease of 2,916 (almost 10 percent) from fiscal year 2011. All categories of missing children experienced a decrease in reported cases in calendar year 2012.



Male vs Female

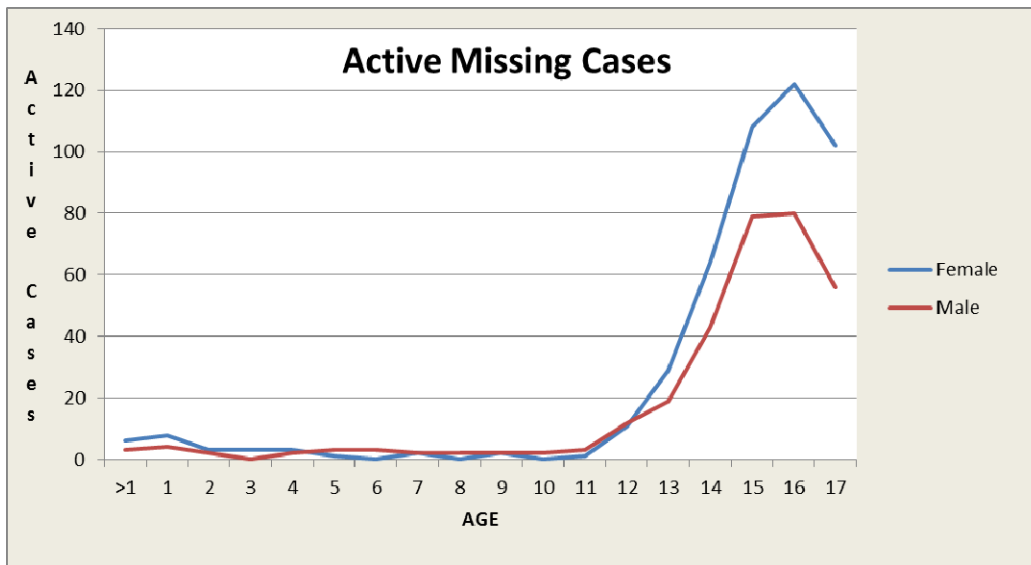
Female children were reported missing in greater numbers than male children by more than 11 percent. Children aged 15 to 17 were reported missing more frequently than any other group. Children aged 12 to 14 had the second highest frequency. These two age ranges totaled 25,405, or over 96 percent, of all missing children reports for calendar year 2012.



Active Missing Person Cases

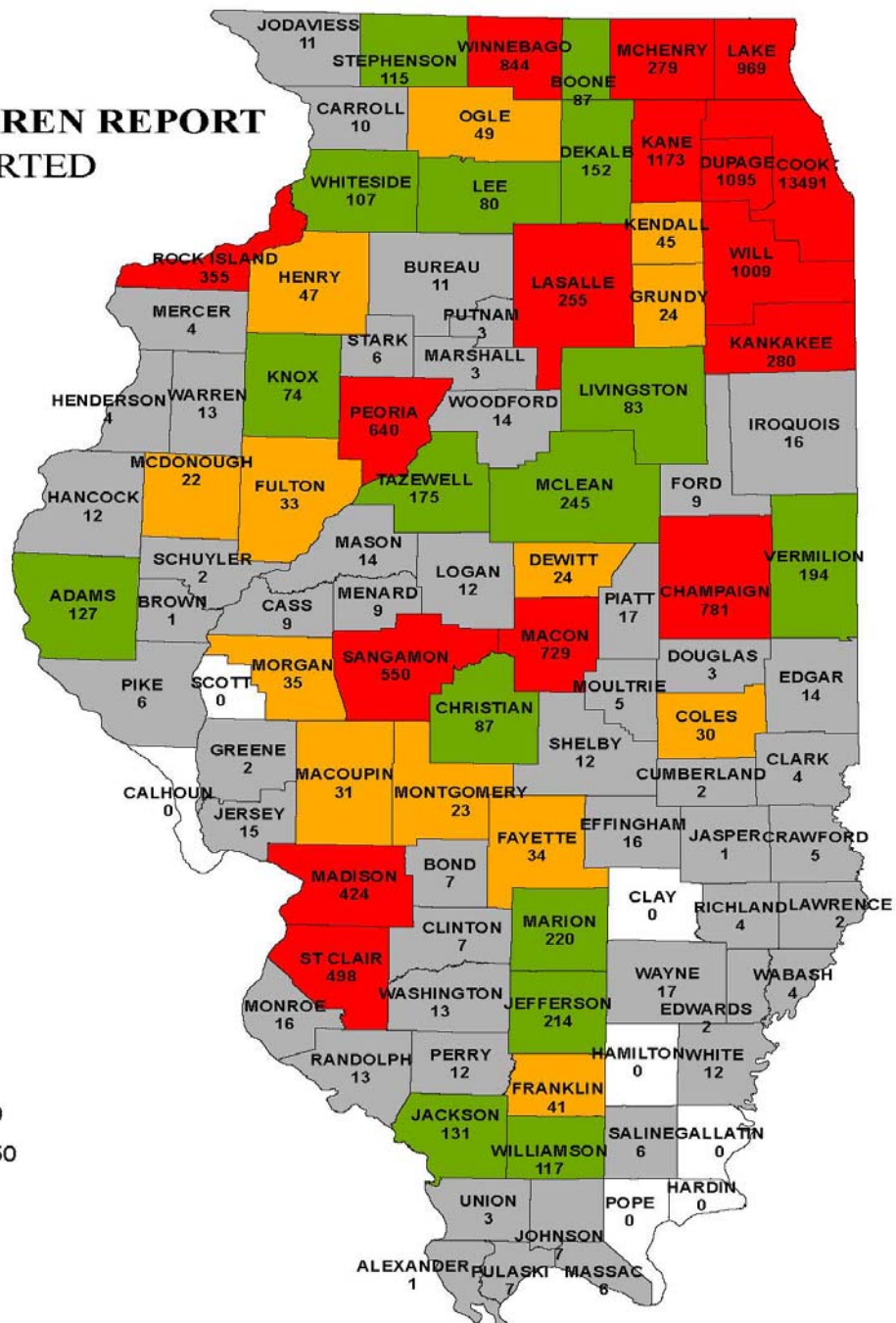
Of the 26,422 reported missing children, 25,640 were cleared through arrest for non-traffic offenses; the child was recovered, located and returned home; or the child was found deceased. This number reflected a 97 percent clearance rate for calendar year 2012. However, as of January 1, 2013, there were 782 children still listed as missing.

Age	Female	Male	Total
>1	6	3	9
1	8	4	12
2	3	2	5
3	3	0	3
4	3	2	5
5	1	3	4
6	0	3	3
7	2	2	4
8	0	2	2
9	2	2	4
10	0	2	2
11	1	3	4
12	11	12	23
13	29	19	48
14	64	43	107
15	108	79	187
16	122	80	202
17	102	56	158
totals	465	317	782



Missing Person Cases by County

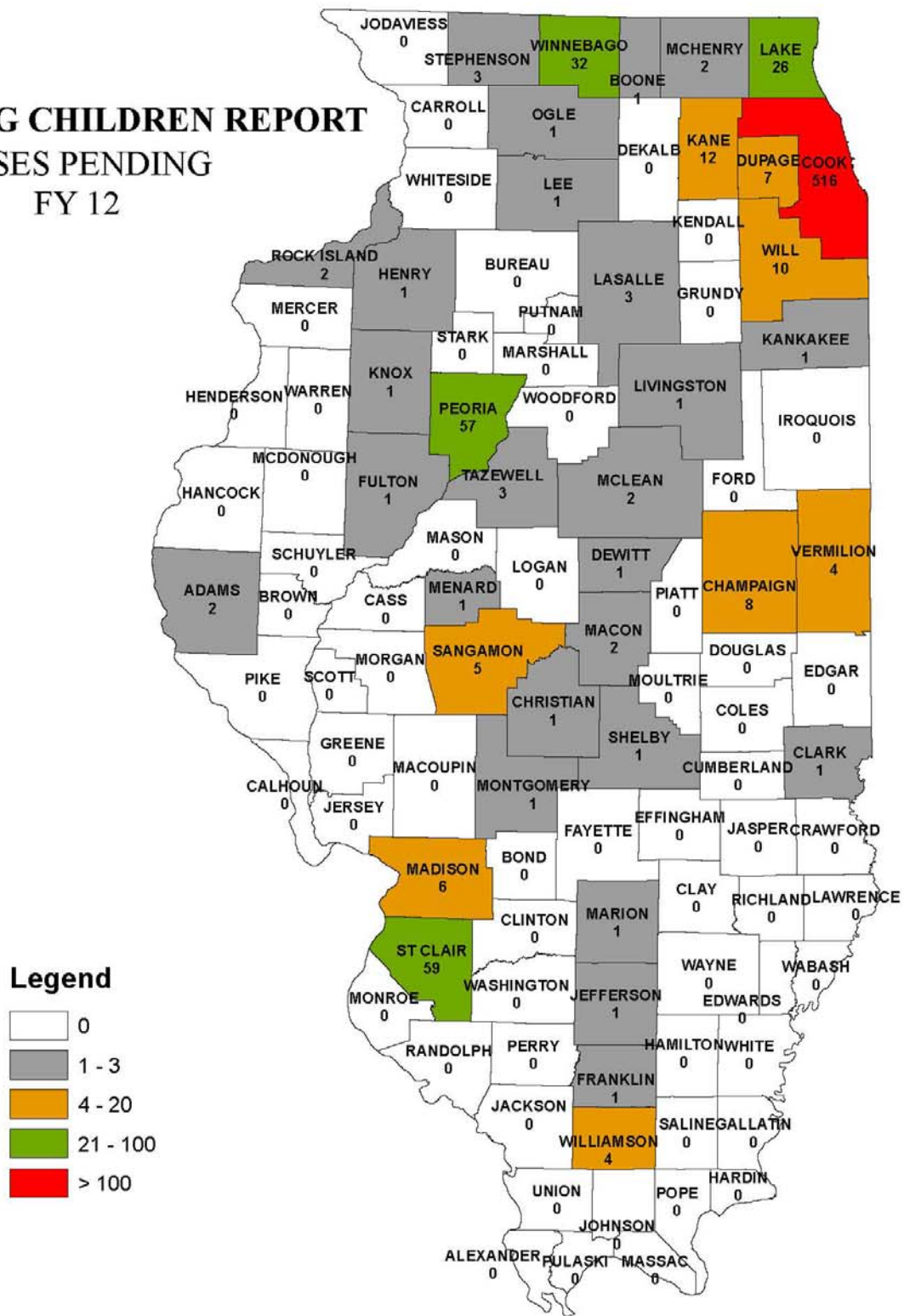
A look at the missing juvenile cases per county will show that 2/3 of all missing person cases are reported in a 5 county area. Cook, Dupage, Will, Lake, and Kane counties make up 67 percent of all missing juvenile cases and 73 percent of all pending missing juvenile cases from calendar year 2012.



MISSING CHILDREN REPORT

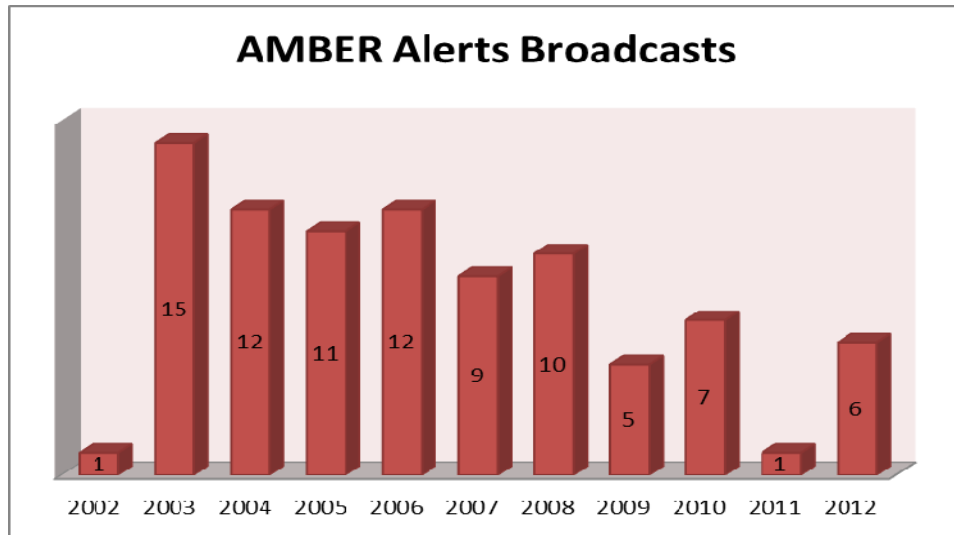
CASES PENDING

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AMBER ALERTS

During calendar year 2012, the Illinois AMBER Alert Notification Plan was activated 6 times. Those 6 AMBER activations involved 7 children. All 7 children were recovered safely. The recovery of the child was the direct result of the AMBER Alert broadcast in 4 of the 6 alerts.



The Illinois AMBER Alert Notification Plan was activated twice at the request of other states AMBER Alerts Coordinators. On two separate occasions the child abductions occurred in bordering states and ended with the child being recovered unharmed in Illinois.

DEFINITIONS

Child - For the purposes of this report, child is considered to be any person under the age of 18.

Missing Child - Any child whose whereabouts are unknown to the parent or legal custodian and the disappearance is not the result of an accident, catastrophe, or arrest.

Clearance - Children who have been reported missing and located, returned home, arrested, or found deceased.

Illinois AMBER Alert Notification Plan - A voluntary partnership between law enforcement agencies, broadcasters, and the National Weather Service to activate an urgent bulletin in the most serious child abduction cases meeting the below-listed criteria. This is the same concept used during severe weather emergencies. The goal of the AMBER Alert is to instantly galvanize the entire community to assist in the search for and safe return of the child.

AMBER Alert Criteria

- law enforcement must confirm a child has been abducted;
- the child must be under the age of 16 or have a proven mental or physical disability;
- police must believe the child is in danger of serious bodily harm or death; and
- there is enough descriptive information about the child, abductor, and/or suspect's vehicle to believe an immediate broadcast alert will help.

Illinois Missing Juveniles

By County - 2012

County	Missing Reports	Total Cleared	Total Pending
Adams	127	125	2
Alexander	1	1	0
Bond	7	7	0
Boone	87	86	1
Brown	1	1	0
Bureau	11	11	0
Calhoun	0	0	0
Carroll	10	10	0
Cass	9	9	0
Champaign	781	773	8
Christian	87	86	1
Clark	4	3	1
Clay	0	0	0
Clinton	7	7	0
Coles	30	30	0
Cook	13,491	12,975	516
Crawford	5	5	0
Cumberland	2	2	0
DeKalb	152	152	0
DeWitt	24	23	1
Douglas	3	3	0
DuPage	1,095	1,088	7
Edgar	14	14	0
Edwards	2	2	0
Effingham	16	16	0
Fayette	34	34	0
Ford	9	9	0
Franklin	41	40	1
Fulton	33	32	1
Gallatin	0	0	0
Greene	2	2	0
Grundy	24	24	0
Hamilton	0	0	0
Hancock	12	12	0
Hardin	0	0	0
Henderson	4	4	0
Henry	47	46	1
Iroquois	16	16	0
Jackson	131	131	0
Jasper	1	1	0

Jefferson	214	213	1
Jersey	15	15	0
Jo Daviess	11	11	0
Johnson	7	7	0
Kane	1,173	1,161	12
Kankakee	280	279	1
Kendall	45	45	0
Knox	74	73	1
Lake	969	943	26
LaSalle	255	252	3
Lawrence	2	2	0
Lee	80	79	1
Livingston	83	82	1
Logan	12	12	0
Macon	729	727	2
Macoupin	31	31	0
Madison	424	418	6
Marion	220	219	1
Marshall	3	3	0
Mason	14	14	0
Massac	6	6	0
McDonough	22	22	0
McHenry	279	277	2
McLean	245	243	2
Menard	9	8	1
Mercer	4	4	0
Monroe	16	16	0
Montgomery	23	22	1
Morgan	35	35	0
Moultrie	5	5	0
Ogle	49	48	1
Peoria	640	583	57
Perry	12	12	0
Piatt	17	17	0
Pike	6	6	0
Pope	0	0	0
Pulaski	7	7	0
Putnam	3	3	0
Randolph	13	13	0
Richland	4	4	0
Rock Island	355	353	2
Saline	6	6	0
Sangamon	550	545	5
Schuyler	2	2	0
Scott	0	0	0
Shelby	12	11	1
Stark	6	6	0

St. Clair	498	439	59
Stephenson	115	112	3
Tazewell	175	172	3
Union	3	3	0
Vermilion	194	190	4
Wabash	4	4	0
Warren	13	13	0
Washington	13	13	0
Wayne	17	17	0
White	12	12	0
Whiteside	107	107	0
Will	1,009	999	10
Williamson	117	113	4
Winnebago	844	812	32
Woodford	14	14	0
TOTAL	26,422	25,640	782

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