



Missing Persons
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This report is submitted as required by section 837-f(12) of the New York State Executive Law.

On the Cover

Designed by Mia Larizzati, a fifth-grader from Livingston Manor in Sullivan County, this poster was New York State's entry in the National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Mia's poster claimed first place in the contest that was coordinated by the Missing Person Clearinghouse in conjunction with the national competition, which is designed to raise awareness about missing children cases across the country. National Missing Children's Day has been marked annually on May 25 since 1983.

The contest was open to fifth-graders; 15 posters were submitted. Second- and third-place winners also were selected. In addition to submitting a poster, students were required to explain why they created their poster. Mia wrote: "I hope that this poster will warm people's hearts."

Second Place was awarded to Gaelle Mezier of Westbury, Nassau County, and third place to Wesley Nagel of Webster, Monroe County.

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Overview of Activities

The Missing Persons Clearinghouse implemented several initiatives in 2015, all designed to enhance the support it provides to law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve.

Project Lifesaver

New York State partnered with Project Lifesaver International, providing life-saving equipment and training for 49 law enforcement agencies to assist in missing child searches. The state provided agencies with nearly 600 Project Lifesaver tracking devices at no cost to be distributed to children under 18 with autism, Down syndrome or another type of cognitive impairment that puts them at risk for wandering or becoming lost. The transmitters, which are worn on the wrist or ankle, emit a tracking signal that allows a child to be located quickly after going missing.

The tracking technology is available from sheriffs' offices in the following counties: Albany, Broome, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chenango, Clinton, Columbia, Cortland, Delaware, Erie, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Genesee, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Madison, Montgomery, Niagara, Oneida, Onondaga, Ontario, Orange, Oswego, Otsego, Putnam, Rensselaer, Rockland, Saratoga, Seneca, Schenectady, Schoharie, Schuylar, St. Lawrence, Steuben, Suffolk, Sullivan, Tompkins, Ulster, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Westchester and Yates. The Nassau County Police Department and the New York City Police Department also have the technology.

Project Lifesaver uses radio frequency tracking, which is reliable in wooded areas and in buildings and is less susceptible to signal blockage. Children enrolled in the program as a result of the state's agreement will receive either a wrist or ankle bracelet with an individualized tracking signal. If the child goes missing, their caregiver notifies the agency that provided the device and a trained emergency team responds. Most individuals who wander are found within a few miles from home and the Project Lifesaver technology can reduce search time from hours or days to minutes.

The state purchased the technology using approximately \$253,000 from its Missing and Exploited Children Special Revenue fund, which must be used exclusively to enhance services provided by the Clearinghouse in connection with cases involving missing children younger than 18. Parents can contact the law enforcement agency in their county to see if their children are eligible for a free transmitter. All agencies receiving the technology must develop written criteria for priority distribution - for example, taking into account family income.

"Since I became sheriff in 2014, I have heard from parents of children with autism and similar disorders asking me about trying to get a program like this in place in our county. I want to thank Governor Cuomo and the people at DCJS and the Missing Persons Clearinghouse for making it possible for us to help these parents deal with one of their worst fears and giving my agency the training and technology so we can safely locate a missing child and reunite them with their loved ones."

Sheriff Michael H. Zurlo
Saratoga County

"As my son gets older and more active, I become more fearful that he will wander, and knowing that he will have this bracelet that will be able to track him down and bring him home quickly and safely eases that fear. We are very excited to be part of this amazing program that will truly help so many parents and their little ones."

Jackie Roberts
Mother of a 7-year old boy
with autism who received a transmitter

Mobile Friendly Lead/Tip Form

A partnership with the state Office of Information Technology Services allowed the Clearinghouse to create a mobile friendly lead/tip form (screen shot, at right).

The new form enables users of PCs, tablets or mobile phones who are viewing case details of missing children, college students and vulnerable adults to easily submit information that may be helpful in locating the person. Created in April 2015, the form has resulted in the submission of approximately 70 leads.



Unidentified Person Reporting Tool

Another partnership with the state Office of Information Technology Services provided the Clearinghouse the capability to search the state's unidentified person database to make comparisons with the state's missing person database. In addition, the new system can provide custom reports that include statistics related to unidentified persons in New York State.

Alert Activations

The Clearinghouse activated 113 alerts at the request of law enforcement agencies from across New York State in 2015: 10 involved missing children; two involved three missing college students; and 101 involved missing vulnerable adults.

Alerts are not activated in connection with every report of a missing child or vulnerable adult. Certain circumstances must be met in order for the Clearinghouse to issue an alert. See page 7 for more details.

All missing children who were the subject of alerts were found alive and returned home. Two college students – the subjects of one alert – were located alive after a police investigation, while another missing college student was located deceased.

All of the 101 missing vulnerable adults were located and returned home. Alerts issued in connection with 44 percent of those cases played a key role in locating the missing adults and returning them home.

Other Activities

During 2015, the Clearinghouse also assisted the U.S. Department of State with 13 missing children cases involving international custody disputes pursuant to the Hague Convention of the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. In those cases, staff conducted database searches and assisted with verifying 10 New York State addresses for abducted children.

Staff also processed 14,830 Operation SAFE CHILD records from 15 contributing agencies. Administered by the New York State Sheriffs' Association, the SAFE CHILD program provides parents or guardians a card that contains a photograph of their child, fingerprint images and other demographic information. If parents or guardians consent, their child's information is stored in a secure database maintained by DCJS. If the Clearinghouse receives a missing child report, the fingerprints of that child are included in a special search file and compared against all incoming fingerprints submitted to the agency.

Data Overview

Missing Children

- The number of children reported missing in New York State decreased 4.8 percent in 2015, for a total of 18,916. The decrease was the result of fewer cases reported by law enforcement in New York City (-12%),, while the rest of the state had about the same number reported missing as in 2014.
- The number of children reported by police as runaways – 18,241 – accounted for 96 percent of disappearances among children under 18 years old.
- There were no stranger abduction cases reported in 2015, as compared to three in 2014.
- The number of acquaintance abductions increased, from three in 2014 to seven in 2015.
- There were 102 familial abduction cases and 25 children reported as abducted by a non-custodial parent.
- A higher number of cases (19,119) were closed during 2015. As a result, there were fewer active cases at the end of the year, when compared to active cases at the end of 2014 (2,724 in 2014 vs. 2,521 in 2015).
- Every county in New York State, except Hamilton, reported at least one missing child.
- New York City comprises five counties but reports missing children data city-wide. There was a decrease in the number of new cases in New York City and 29 other counties, while the 28 remaining counties reported the same volume or higher number of cases reported.
- Outside of New York City, reports of missing children were concentrated in the state's urban areas: Westchester County reported the highest volume of cases, 1,790, followed by Monroe County, 1,764; Suffolk County, 1,123; Erie County, 904; and Nassau County, 819.
- The statewide missing child rate was 4.5 missing children cases per 1,000 children in 2015. Schenectady and Albany counties had the highest rates of cases reported in the state: 18.9 per 1,000 children and 14 per 1,000 children, respectively. Those counties also reported large numbers of repeat cases involving children who ran away from group homes or other facilities.
- Ninety-four percent of the children reported missing were 13 years old or older, 60 percent were female, and 56 percent were non-white. The single largest group of missing child cases involved white females who were 13 and older (24 percent of cases reported).
- Approximately 37 percent of the cases closed during 2015 were resolved when the child voluntarily returning home. Law enforcement efforts were involved in the return of 21 percent of the cases, and one child reported missing in Nassau County was found deceased.
- The median number of days between the reporting and cancellation of a case on the Register was six days, down from seven days in 2014.

Missing Vulnerable Adults

- A total of 1,342 vulnerable adults were reported missing in New York State in 2015, seven more than reported missing in 2014.
- The number of missing vulnerable adults was 19 percent of the total number of adults (7,169) reported missing to police.
- The largest number of missing vulnerable adult cases – 129 – was reported during October and the fewest were reported in December (84).
- The vast majority of missing vulnerable adult cases (79%) was reported outside of New York City. A total of 1,063 cases were reported in the 57 counties Upstate and on Long Island as compared to 279 in New York City. Seven vulnerable adults were reported missing out of state.
- Westchester County had the highest number of missing vulnerable adult cases reported, with 186, followed by Nassau County with 144; Monroe County, 85; Albany County, 58; and Orange County, 54.
- More vulnerable adults between the ages of 20 and 29 were reported missing – 227 of 1,342 (17%) – than any other age category.
- Nearly twice as many men than women were reported missing and 63 percent of missing vulnerable adults were white.
- A total of 1,370 cases involving missing vulnerable adults were closed during 2015 and 123 cases remained active at the end of the year.
- The median number of days between a missing vulnerable adult case report and closure was two days.

Clearinghouse Services

The Clearinghouse maintains a statewide electronic central registry of missing persons that is compatible with the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) register for missing persons. Clearinghouse staff also provide support and training to law enforcement and assistance to left-behind family members.

As noted earlier, the Clearinghouse administers three Alert programs that quickly disseminates information to law enforcement, the public and other entities when children under the age of 18, college students or vulnerable adults with cognitive impairments are reported missing and at a credible risk of harm.

The Clearinghouse can be reached 24 hours a day, 365 days a year through a toll-free hotline (1-800-346-3543) or a dedicated e-mail address (missingpersons@dcjs.ny.gov). In addition to their work to support law enforcement agencies in New York State, Clearinghouse staff members assist law enforcement agencies in other states, other states' clearinghouses, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), not-for-profit organizations and the U.S. Department of State.

Investigative Support

- Administration of the mandated statewide missing person repository. Case information in this database is submitted by law enforcement agencies to the Clearinghouse via a secure, online portal.
 - Clearinghouse staff use this data to flag birth and educational records of missing children, which results in school and vital records administrators being notified, as required by law. If someone requests a flagged school or birth record, that information is transmitted to the Clearinghouse and can possibly provide a lead to the missing child's location.
- Notification of the appropriate law enforcement agency whenever the Clearinghouse receives leads in connection with a missing person's case, and development of lead information by conducting searches through informational databases and social networking sites.
- Assistance with entry of missing and unidentified person information into state and federal databases used by law enforcement agencies for investigative purposes. This includes assisting law enforcement agencies and medical examiners with coding and entering dental and other anatomical information of missing persons.
- Preparation and distribution of missing child, missing college student and missing vulnerable adult posters to the public and private sector through the state's NY-ALERT system and Lost Child Alert Technology Resource (LOCATER).
 - These tools are utilized by the Clearinghouse to allow for rapid electronic dissemination of photographs, biographical information and case details. Information can be disseminated electronically to every law enforcement agency, New York State Thruway service areas/toll booths, and bus, train and airport terminals. In addition, a public subscription service is used to notify individuals across the state about these cases in a matter of minutes.
- Publication of missing child, college student and vulnerable adult photographs and biographical information on the DCJS and National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) websites, if family members/guardians grant permission. NCMEC only publicizes child cases.

- Case management advice to investigating law enforcement agencies, including assessment of case details and assistance with obtaining urgent services as necessary, such as help from other state clearinghouses or NCMEC's Team Adam program.
- Collaboration with NCMEC and other state clearinghouses. The established network of clearinghouses and related organizations can directly provide nationwide and, if necessary, international assistance to law enforcement agencies and family members.
- Assistance to the U.S. Department of State to locate and return internationally abducted children to their country of origin in accordance with the *Hague Treaty on the Civil Aspects of International Abduction*.
- Development and distribution of investigative guides and presentation material, including the DCJS Model Policy and Procedures for Missing and Unidentified Person Investigations; Missing Person Data Collection Guide; Unidentified Person Data Collection Guide; and NCMEC Missing and Abducted Children: A Law Enforcement Guide to Case Investigation and Program Management. Publications and training videos are available to law enforcement officers via a secure, online portal; and creation and delivery of training programs for law enforcement officers.

Training

Name of Presentation/Training Program	Number of Presentations	Number of Attendees
Basic Course for Police Officers	3	98
In-Service Training for Law Enforcement	2	32
Internet Safety - Students	1	34
Lost Person Behavior/Basic Search Skills	4	106
Missing and Abducted Children: Investigative Best Practices and Strategies	3	196
Missing Person Record System Update - Live Meeting	1	94
Missing Persons Toolbox for Supervisors	1	11
Missing Persons Clearinghouse Summary and Alert Protocols	1	150
Managing the Lost Person Incident	1	21
Project Lifesaver Train-the-Trainer	11	107
Multi-Disciplinary Response to High Risk Victims	1	54
Find Them Demo	2	197
Missing Persons Training for 9-1-1 Dispatchers and First Responders (online)	Individual class	179
TOTALS	29	1,260

Note: During 2015, the Missing Persons Training for 9-1-1 Dispatchers and First Responders online course was unavailable until October due to technology upgrade.

Alert Programs

Alerts are designed to ensure the most rapid and widespread dissemination of information as possible about missing children under the age of 18, missing college students of any age and missing vulnerable adults with Alzheimer's disease, dementia or other cognitive impairment.

Certain criteria must be met in order for alerts to be issued at the request of law enforcement. New York State utilizes the following four alert programs; with the exception of AMBER Alerts, the Clearinghouse administers these programs:

- **AMBER Alerts** are administered by the New York State Police. State Police partner with the Clearinghouse, the New York State Broadcasters' Association, local law enforcement, local broadcasters and others to immediately involve the public in the search for an abducted child under the age of 18. Investigating agencies submit case information directly to the State Police, which then electronically distributes alert posters to broadcasters, law enforcement agencies and other entities in the area of the abduction. Media have agreed to publicize AMBER alerts and information also is disseminated via highway message signs, in-store lottery ticket terminals and Thruway service area televisions, among other methods. When a case involves a vehicle description and license plate information, a request is sent to law enforcement agencies to activate license plate readers (LPRs). The State Police, DCJS and NCMEC websites are updated and anyone who has subscribed to the state's NY-ALERT system is notified of the alert via e-mail or text message.
- **Missing Child Alerts and Missing College Student Alerts** are activated when a missing child under the age of 21 or a college student of any age is missing and deemed to be endangered, but the case does not meet AMBER Alert activation criteria. For example, a missing child or college student can be at risk if they have Down syndrome, autism or other medical conditions. When either of these alerts is activated, information about the missing child or college student is distributed electronically to police agencies, the media, New York State Thruway travel plazas/toll barriers, and other entities in the region(s) where the alert has been activated. Broadcasters are not required to publicize these alerts. Information also is posted to the DCJS and NCMEC websites. Alerts for missing children and college students are activated for 72 hours, unless law enforcement requests an extension. When that timeframe expires, cases for which alerts are issued are converted to standard cases, which are publicized on the DCJS website.
- **Missing Vulnerable Adult Alert** are activated when a vulnerable adult who is at least 18 years old and is deemed to have a cognitive impairment, mental disability or brain disorder goes missing and is at a credible threat of harm. Information is distributed in the same manner as Missing Child and Missing College Student alerts.

The following icons are used to publicize alerts on the DCJS website: www.criminaljustice.ny.gov



Alert Distribution Mechanisms

Method of Distribution	AMBER Alert	Missing Child, College Student, Vulnerable Adult Alert	Missing Child, College Student, Vulnerable Adult No Alert
NYS AMBER Alert Website	X		
NYS Lottery Terminal Message Boards in stores (16,000)	X		
Variable Message Signs: Thruway (105), Other Highways (345)	X	X	
License Plate Readers	X	X	
NY-ALERT Public Subscriber List (61,000)	X	X	
NYS Thruway Toll Barrier Printers (59)	X	X	
NYS Thruway Service Area Televisions (27)	X	X	
Media Outlets - Radio/Television (659)	X	X	
NYC Taxis (18,000) and Limousines (12,000): For activations in the New York City Metropolitan Area only.	X	X	
NYS AMBER Alert Partner Agencies	X	X	
NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services Website	X	X	X
National Center for Missing & Exploited Children Website (Children Only)	X	X	X
Greyhound/Trailways/Other Bus Terminals (108)	X	X	X
AMTRAK Stations (13)	X	X	X
Airports/Transportation Safety Administration (40)	X	X	X
NYS/County Probation Agencies (59)	X	X	X
Hospitals/Clinics (827)	X	X	X
Police Agencies: Local, State and Federal (1,328)	X	X	X
Canadian Law Enforcement Authorities	X	X	X
NYS/NYC Department of Health/School Records Flagged (Children Only)	X	X	X

New York State Missing and Exploited Children Clearinghouse Fund

In addition to housing the Clearinghouse, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services administers the New York State Missing and Exploited Children Clearinghouse Fund.

In 2015, the fund paid \$253,000 for the Project Lifesaver Tracking Program. This initiative provided 34 emergency response starter kits and 682 transmitters to law enforcement agencies throughout the state to be used for children with disabilities that put them at risk of wandering or becoming lost. In addition, the fund supports Clearinghouse activities that provide direct assistance to parents, law enforcement officials and others in connection with cases involving missing and abducted children. Contributions also support statewide dissemination of information and educational materials and advanced training for law enforcement officers in the area of missing, abducted and exploited children.

New Yorkers may opt to donate to the Missing and Exploited Children Clearinghouse Fund when filing their state income tax returns or be sending donations directly to the Missing Persons Clearinghouse. All donations are tax deductible.

Visit the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance website at www.tax.ny.gov or www.dcjs.ny.gov/missing for more information.

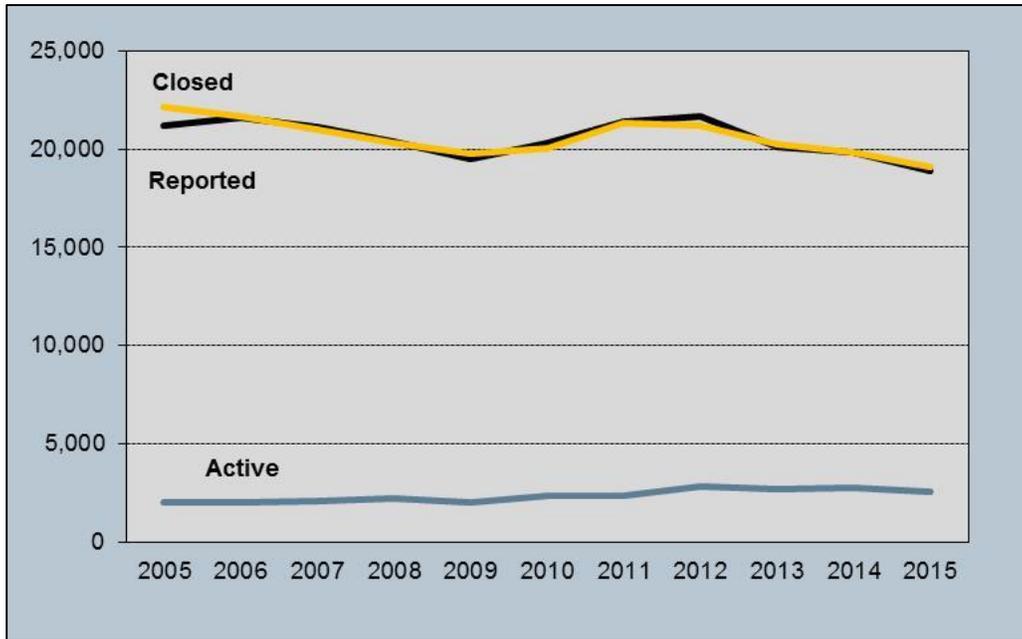
2015 Missing Person Clearinghouse Activity and Data

Clearinghouse Activity								
	Children		College Students		Vulnerable Adults		Total	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Cases Referred to MPC	783	807	5	8	241	216	1,029	1,031
Cases Publicized	121	156	2	5	133	159	256	320
Cases Removed from Publication	114	156	3	5	146	154	263	315
Cases Closed	649	812	3	8	179	213	831	1085
Birth/School Records Flagged	3,281	3,009	N/A					
Birth School Records Flag Removed	3,052	3,461						

Alert Requests and Activations								
Year	AMBER Alert		Missing Child Alert		Missing College Student Alert		Missing Vulnerable Adult Alert	
	Activation	Request	Activation	Request	Activation	Request	Activation	Request
2003	3	-	0	-	0	-	-	-
2004	6	-	6	-	0	-	-	-
2005	5	-	3	-	1	-	-	-
2006	3	-	5	-	0	-	-	-
2007	2	-	7	-	0	-	-	-
2008	4	-	5	-	0	-	-	-
2009	3	-	5	-	0	-	-	-
2010	2	-	1	-	0	-	-	-
2011	7	-	3	-	0	-	4	-
2012	7	34	5	12	0	0	24	44
2013	4	18	7	8	0	0	36	58
2014	10	52	5	9	0	0	75	117
2015	11	35	10	23	2	2	101	131
TOTAL	56	104	62	52	3	2	239	350

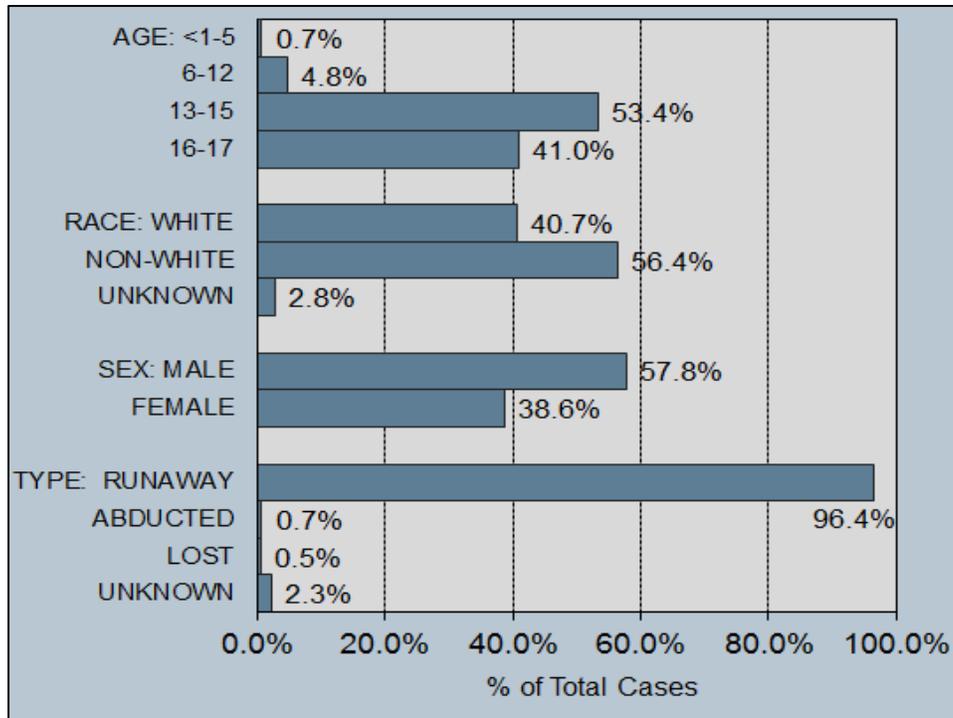
Note: The Missing Vulnerable Adult Alert Program began on 10/23/2011. The tracking of alerts requested was initiated in 2012.

Annual Reporting Volume for Missing Children: 2005-2015



	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
NEW YORK STATE											
Cases Reported	21,222	21,613	21,100	20,414	19,512	20,309	21,390	21,656	20,124	19,860	18,916
Cases Closed	22,139	21,646	20,999	20,283	19,763	20,017	21,319	21,215	20,278	19,816	19,119
Active End-of-Year	2,034	2,001	2,103	2,234	2,034	2,322	2,366	2,804	2,680	2,724	2,521
NEW YORK CITY											
Cases Reported	4,829	5,297	5,839	5,800	5,721	6,544	7,545	8,101	8,003	7,975	7,022
Cases Closed	5,808	5,346	5,826	5,790	5,730	6,320	7,576	7,785	8,012	7,955	7,167
Active End-of-Year	685	636	650	660	678	897	866	1,174	1,175	1,195	1,050
NON NEW YORK CITY											
Cases Reported	16,393	16,316	15,261	14,614	13,791	13,765	13,845	13,555	12,121	11,885	11,894
Cases Closed	16,331	16,300	15,173	14,493	14,033	13,697	13,743	13,430	12,266	11,861	11,952
Active End-of-Year	1,349	1,365	1,453	1,574	1,356	1,425	1,500	1,630	1,505	1,529	1,471

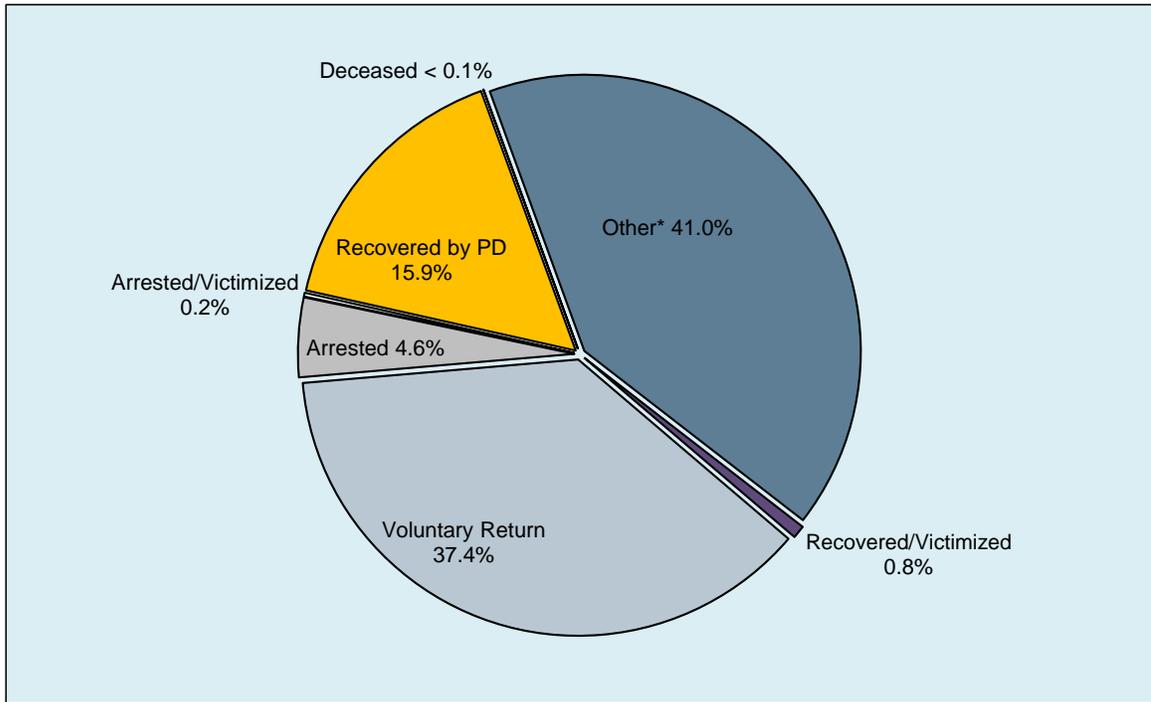
Characteristics of Cases Entered for Missing Children



	TOTAL	AGE WHEN REPORTED MISSING				GENDER		RACE				
		< 1 - 5	6 - 12	13 - 15	16 - 17	Male	Female	White	Black	Asian	Indian	Unk.
Runaway	18,241	2	814	9,860	7,565	7,305	10,936	7,397	9,995	224	110	515
Familial Abduction	102	74	20	3	5	42	60	33	63	4	0	2
Abducted by Non-Cust. Parent	25	14	10	0	1	13	12	8	14	3	0	0
Acquaintance Abduction	7	3	0	0	4	3	4	2	3	1	0	1
Stranger Abduction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lost	104	0	13	48	43	61	43	56	41	1	2	4
Unknown	437	43	55	196	143	188	249	212	207	4	1	13
TOTAL	18,916	136	912	10,107	7,761	7,612	11,304	7,708	10,323	237	113	535

Note: *Abducted by Non-Custodial Parent is a new category that was instituted in June 2014. Previous to that date, that missing child circumstance was entered under the Familial Abduction category.*

Characteristics of Cases Closed for Missing Children

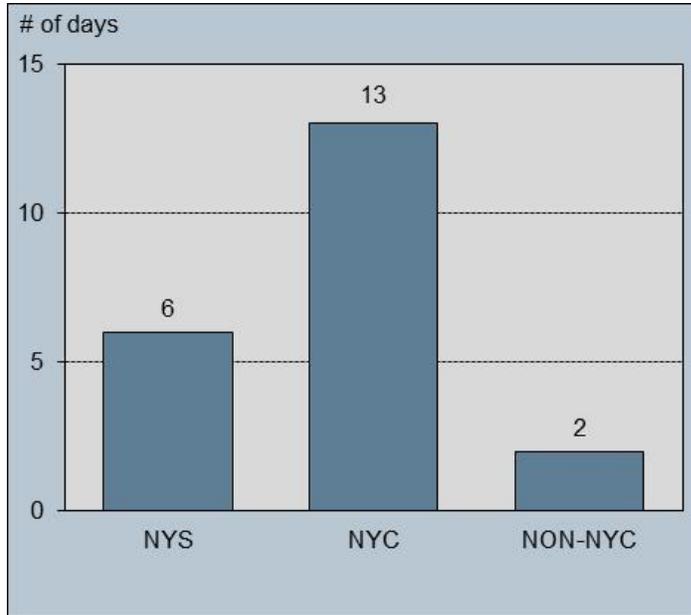


Circumstances of Recovery	TOTAL	AGE WHEN FOUND					GENDER		RACE				
		< 1 - 5	6 - 12	13 - 15	16 - 17	> 17	Male	Female	White	Black	Asian	Indian	Unknown
Voluntary Return	7,152	27	317	3,663	3,060	85	3,240	3,912	3,228	3,564	63	31	266
Recovered by Law Enforcement	3,046	36	171	1,669	1,142	28	1,338	1,708	1,439	1,481	23	19	84
Arrested	888	2	12	385	458	31	478	410	341	506	5	4	32
Recovered/Victimimized	144	3	12	75	53	1	63	81	65	70	2	0	7
Arrested/Victimimized	41	1	1	13	25	1	26	15	29	7	2	0	3
Deceased	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Other*	7,847	60	363	4,021	3,111	292	2,504	5,343	2,636	4,865	147	58	141
TOTAL	19,119	129	876	9,826	7,850	438	7,649	11,470	7,739	10,493	242	112	533

* "Other" is an authorized reporting category that can mean the reporting law enforcement agency either did not know the circumstances associated with the recovery of the child, or did not use one of the more specific categories for reasons that are not known.

Length of Time on the Register for Missing Children

Median Days to Cancellation for Cases Closed During 2015



DAYS BETWEEN CASE ENTRY AND CANCELLATION FOR CASES CLOSED DURING 2015			
No. of Days	No. of Cases Closed	Percent Closed	Cumulative Percent Closed
< 1	3,175	16.6%	16.6%
1	2,287	12.0%	28.6%
2	1,131	5.9%	34.5%
3	872	4.6%	39.0%
4	731	3.8%	42.9%
5	722	3.8%	46.6%
6	652	3.4%	50.1%
7	590	3.1%	53.1%
8	556	2.9%	56.0%
9	475	2.5%	58.5%
10	449	2.3%	60.9%
11	389	2.0%	62.9%
12	401	2.1%	65.0%
13	317	1.7%	66.7%
14	325	1.7%	68.4%
15	322	1.7%	70.1%
16 - 29	2,179	11.4%	81.5%
30 - 60	1,504	7.9%	89.3%
61 - 90	582	3.0%	92.4%
91 - 120	325	1.7%	94.1%
121 or more	1,135	5.9%	100.0%
TOTAL	19,119	100.0%	100.0%

Reporting Volume by County for Missing Children

	CASES REPORTED									CASES CLOSED							CASES ACTIVE
	Total	Rate ¹	Runaway	Familial Abduction	Abducted by Non-Cust. Parent	Acquaint. Abduction	Lost	Other	Total	Voluntary Return	Returned by P.D.	Arrested	Victimized	Deceased	Other	End-of-Year Active Cases	
Albany	815	14.0	792	2	6	0	3	12	815	251	72	25	17	0	450	74	
Allegany	5	0.5	3	2	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	
Broome	269	6.9	245	1	1	0	1	21	273	155	85	16	3	0	14	24	
Cattaraugus	60	3.4	59	0	0	0	0	1	56	31	17	4	3	0	1	12	
Cayuga	171	10.6	165	0	0	0	3	3	168	62	93	11	0	0	2	3	
Chautauqua	181	6.6	175	0	0	0	2	4	182	78	85	12	1	0	6	10	
Chemung	246	12.9	242	0	1	0	0	3	241	158	56	20	0	0	7	12	
Chenango	17	1.6	14	0	0	0	0	3	17	7	9	0	1	0	0	0	
Clinton	32	2.1	30	0	0	0	0	2	32	12	14	4	0	0	2	0	
Columbia	63	5.5	60	1	0	0	1	1	64	26	25	12	1	0	0	2	
Cortland	14	1.5	14	0	0	0	0	0	14	8	4	1	0	0	1	0	
Delaware	4	0.5	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	3	0	0	0	2	
Dutchess	180	3.0	159	2	2	0	0	17	181	90	67	8	1	0	15	10	
Erie	904	4.7	837	15	0	1	5	46	921	220	148	199	7	0	347	371	
Essex	10	1.5	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	2	4	3	0	0	1	0	
Franklin	13	1.3	12	0	0	0	1	0	15	5	6	2	0	0	2	0	
Fulton	44	3.9	43	0	0	0	0	1	45	21	16	4	0	0	4	0	
Genesee	36	2.9	32	0	0	0	1	3	35	20	12	2	0	0	1	1	
Greene	15	1.8	13	0	0	0	2	0	15	7	7	1	0	0	0	0	
Hamilton	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Herkimer	9	0.7	9	0	0	0	0	0	9	3	5	0	0	0	1	3	
Jefferson	77	2.6	73	0	2	0	0	2	73	33	29	5	2	0	4	9	
Lewis	1	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Livingston	13	1.1	13	0	0	0	0	0	13	5	4	0	1	0	3	0	
Madison	26	1.8	23	0	0	0	1	2	30	8	18	1	1	0	2	1	
Monroe	1,764	11.0	1,731	2	0	0	8	23	1,773	871	608	159	28	0	107	97	
Montgomery	40	3.6	38	0	0	0	0	2	44	25	14	4	0	0	1	4	
Nassau	819	2.7	740	1	0	1	17	60	810	452	223	55	19	1	60	178	
New York City ²	7,022	3.9	6,935	66	9	3	5	4	7,167	1,105	4	19	3	0	6,036	1,050	
Niagara	203	4.7	166	0	0	0	4	33	198	106	62	15	0	0	15	37	
Oneida	435	8.8	420	1	0	0	2	12	435	264	104	42	10	0	15	18	

¹ Rate per 1,000 children

² includes the counties of Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens and Richmond.

Reporting Volume by County for Missing Children

	CASES REPORTED									CASES CLOSED							CASES ACTIVE
	Total	Rate ¹	Runaway	Familial Abduction	Abducted by Non-Cust. Parent	Acquaint. Abduction	Lost	Other	Total	Voluntary Return	Returned by P.D.	Arrested	Victimized	Deceased	Other	End-of-Year Active Cases	
Onondaga	628	6.1	592	1	0	1	1	33	633	97	499	27	4	0	6	20	
Ontario	23	1.0	18	0	0	0	3	2	23	8	10	4	1	0	0	0	
Orange	311	3.2	300	0	0	0	2	9	302	161	94	27	3	0	17	55	
Orleans	26	3.1	24	0	0	0	0	2	24	14	9	0	0	0	1	6	
Oswego	77	2.9	70	0	0	0	4	3	78	54	21	2	1	0	0	1	
Otsego	11	1.1	9	0	0	0	0	2	10	7	2	1	0	0	0	1	
Putnam	21	1.0	17	2	0	0	0	2	21	12	8	0	0	0	1	2	
Rensselaer	119	3.7	113	0	0	0	0	6	150	97	30	9	1	0	13	27	
Rockland	109	1.2	92	0	0	0	6	11	108	48	39	4	1	0	16	36	
St. Lawrence	35	1.5	33	0	0	0	0	2	35	13	18	3	0	0	1	1	
Saratoga	74	1.6	66	0	0	0	5	3	73	32	32	6	1	0	2	4	
Schenectady	654	18.9	635	0	0	0	2	17	666	451	60	82	1	0	72	33	
Schoharie	9	1.5	9	0	0	0	0	0	10	6	3	1	0	0	0	0	
Schuyler	6	1.7	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	
Seneca	9	1.3	8	0	0	0	1	0	8	2	6	0	0	0	0	1	
Steuben	34	1.5	32	0	0	0	1	1	33	18	13	1	0	0	1	5	
Suffolk	1,123	3.4	1,089	4	0	0	1	29	1,126	984	94	34	6	0	8	82	
Sullivan	26	1.6	23	0	0	0	1	2	24	12	10	2	0	0	0	7	
Tioga	31	2.8	31	0	0	0	0	0	31	17	9	2	1	0	2	2	
Tompkins	47	2.9	43	0	0	0	2	2	49	21	15	5	0	0	8	3	
Ulster	150	4.5	135	0	3	0	5	7	148	75	55	10	2	0	6	9	
Warren	31	2.5	30	0	0	0	0	1	32	20	8	4	0	0	0	1	
Washington	31	2.5	31	0	0	0	0	0	30	17	10	1	1	0	1	2	
Wayne	32	1.6	29	0	0	1	0	2	33	17	11	4	0	0	1	0	
Westchester	1,790	8.0	1,735	2	1	0	10	42	1,803	930	183	73	23	0	594	299	
Wyoming	4	0.5	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	
Yates	6	1.0	4	0	0	0	1	1	6	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Out of State	11	--	5	0	0	0	3	3	9	3	6	0	0	0	0	4	
New York State	18,916	4.5	18,241	102	25	7	104	437	19,119	7,152	3,046	929	144	1	7,847	2,521	

¹ Rate per 1,000 children

Reporting Volume by County for Missing Vulnerable Adults

	CASES REPORTED															CASES CLOSED	END-OF-YEAR ACTIVE CASES	
	AGE										GENDER		RACE					
	Total	18-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99	Male	Female	White	Black	Other			Unknown
Albany	58	9	18	11	5	12	1	0	2	0	27	31	30	25	3	0	60	15
Allegany	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	0
Broome	22	2	3	2	0	2	5	4	3	1	15	7	19	3	0	0	22	5
Cattaraugus	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	0
Cayuga	6	1	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	5	1	5	1	0	0	6	0
Chautauqua	14	0	2	2	0	3	0	0	6	1	11	3	13	1	0	0	14	3
Chemung	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	3	0
Chenango	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	0
Clinton	8	0	3	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	0	8	0	0	0	8	0
Columbia	7	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	6	1	7	0	0	0	7	0
Cortland	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	3	1	0	0	4	0
Delaware	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Dutchess	35	3	3	3	6	8	5	2	5	0	19	16	27	6	2	0	33	4
Erie	23	0	2	4	3	3	4	1	6	0	11	12	14	7	1	1	24	8
Essex	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Franklin	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Fulton	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	1	0	3	0
Genesee	5	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	2	3	5	0	0	0	5	0
Greene	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	0
Herkimer	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	3	0
Jefferson	5	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	4	5	0	0	0	5	1
Livingston	7	0	3	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	6	1	7	0	0	0	7	0
Madison	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	3	0
Monroe	85	1	22	23	8	8	9	5	8	1	53	32	55	28	2	0	85	3
Montgomery	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	1
Nassau	144	9	27	23	26	25	9	12	12	1	80	64	92	39	11	2	142	12
New York ¹	279	3	24	13	20	17	60	79	53	10	180	99	129	122	25	3	298	14
Niagara	12	2	1	1	2	1	3	1	1	0	4	8	9	3	0	0	11	4
Oneida	27	2	5	6	3	5	2	2	1	1	20	7	23	3	1	0	26	3

¹ includes the counties of Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens and Richmond.

Reporting Volume by County for Missing Vulnerable Adults

	CASES REPORTED																CASES CLOSED	END-OF-YEAR ACTIVE CASES
	AGE										GENDER		RACE					
	Total	18-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99	Male	Female	White	Black	Other	Unknown		
Onondaga	36	2	14	8	1	3	2	3	2	1	21	15	23	9	3	1	34	4
Ontario	10	0	3	1	0	3	2	0	1	0	8	2	9	0	0	1	9	1
Orange	54	2	12	9	7	8	5	6	4	1	31	23	44	8	1	1	52	5
Orleans	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	0
Oswego	8	1	2	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	7	1	8	0	0	0	8	1
Otsego	7	1	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	3	6	1	0	0	6	1
Putnam	8	3	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	4	8	0	0	0	8	0
Rensselaer	26	2	7	4	4	1	5	3	0	0	10	16	21	5	0	0	32	5
Rockland	38	4	2	6	7	5	4	7	3	0	30	8	24	13	1	0	42	6
St. Lawrence	5	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	4	1	5	0	0	0	5	1
Saratoga	32	2	4	8	4	3	5	3	2	1	21	11	29	1	0	2	32	0
Schenectady	28	10	8	2	2	0	3	2	1	0	17	11	16	8	0	4	30	2
Schoharie	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Schuyler	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Seneca	4	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	0
Steuben	5	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	3	5	0	0	0	5	0
Suffolk	41	0	3	4	6	5	7	5	9	2	31	10	35	5	1	0	41	4
Sullivan	15	1	3	1	1	4	2	2	1	0	12	3	10	5	0	0	15	2
Tioga	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Tompkins	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Ulster	18	1	1	4	0	4	3	2	3	0	12	6	14	3	1	0	19	1
Warren	13	1	5	2	1	2	0	2	0	0	10	3	13	0	0	0	13	0
Washington	7	0	3	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	6	1	7	0	0	0	6	1
Wayne	11	1	3	3	0	1	0	0	3	0	6	5	10	0	0	1	11	0
Westchester	186	81	30	14	14	13	13	10	10	1	113	73	61	99	7	19	191	13
Wyoming	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	0
Out of State	7	0	0	0	2	2	2	1	0	0	6	1	4	3	0	0	7	2
New York State	1,342	147	227	174	133	153	162	172	150	24	844	498	846	401	60	35	1,370	123

Note: Only counties that reported at least one case are displayed.

Days between Case Entry and Cancellation for Missing Vulnerable Adult Cases

DAYS BETWEEN CASE ENTRY AND CANCELLATION FOR CASES CLOSED DURING 2015			
No. of Days	No. of Cases Closed	Percent Closed	Cumulative Percent Closed
< 1	441	32.2%	32.2%
1	222	16.2%	48.4%
2	100	7.3%	55.7%
3	49	3.6%	59.3%
4	45	3.3%	62.6%
5	42	3.1%	65.6%
6	48	3.5%	69.1%
7	42	3.1%	72.2%
8	38	2.8%	75.0%
9	24	1.8%	76.7%
10	11	0.8%	77.5%
11	18	1.3%	78.8%
12	15	1.1%	79.9%
13	13	0.9%	80.9%
14	19	1.4%	82.3%
15	14	1.0%	83.3%
16 - 29	72	5.3%	88.5%
30 - 60	61	4.5%	93.0%
61 - 90	25	1.8%	94.8%
91 - 120	18	1.3%	96.1%
121 or more	53	3.9%	100.0%
TOTAL	1,370	100.0%	100.0%

2015 Missing Vulnerable Adult Alert Activation Details

Circumstances of Disappearance	
Missing in a vehicle (female 13, male 47)	60
Missing on foot (female 14, male 27)	41
Total*	101
<i>*Alerts activated for individuals missing in a vehicle from other states</i>	0

Circumstances of Location	
Located alive	101
Located deceased	0
Unresolved	0
Total*	101
<i>* Located alive out of state</i>	<i>7(1 Ct, 3 NJ, 3 Pa.)</i>

Resolution of Case	
Arrested	1
Citizen saw alert, called 9-1-1 (i.e., highway signs, social media, reverse 9-1-1)	16
Disabled vehicle (i.e., out of gas, flat tire, stuck in snow bank/railroad tracks)	5
Law enforcement investigation	2
Law enforcement received a call of a disoriented/suspicious person	8
Law enforcement received license plate reader notification	1
Law enforcement traffic stop (i.e., driving on wrong side of road, DUI, etc...)	5
Located by law enforcement patrol (aware of alert or were on patrol)	30
Located by searchers	3
Located in a hospital	6
Missing person involved in a motor vehicle accident	2
Missing person returned on own or asked for assistance	15
Unknown resolution	1
Wandering on roadway (located by police or citizen who reported to police)	6
Total	101

Impairment Type	
Alzheimer's disease or dementia	85
Autism	5
Brain cancer	1
Developmental disability	1
Schizophrenia or mental illness	3
Mental Health/Suicidal	3
Disoriented	1
Parkinson's disease, Confused/Disoriented	1
Seizure/disoriented	1
Total	101

Appendix A: Alert Regions

AMBER, Missing Child, Missing College Student or Missing Vulnerable Adult alerts can be activated statewide or in a specific region or regions, depending on the circumstances of the case.

Region 1 - Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming counties

Region 2 - Cayuga, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates counties

Region 3 - Allegany, Cayuga, Chemung, Cortland, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, and Yates counties

Region 4 - Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Otsego, Oswego, Seneca, Tompkins, and Wayne counties

Region 5 - Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Otsego, Tioga, and Tompkins counties

Region 6 - Franklin, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida, Oswego, and St. Lawrence counties

Region 7 - Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Madison, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego and Schoharie counties

Region 8 - Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, St. Lawrence and Warren counties

Region 9 - Albany, Columbia, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren, and Washington counties

Region 10 - Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties

Region 11 - Bronx, Kings (Brooklyn), Nassau, New York (Manhattan), Orange, Putnam, Queens, Richmond (Staten Island), Rockland, and Westchester counties

Region 12 - Nassau and Suffolk counties

Appendix B: AMBER Alert Case Summaries

- On March 18, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office requested an alert for four children, ages 5, 4, 4, and 2. The mother of the children and the father of one – both of whom have violent felony criminal histories – left with the children after a Family Court order had been issued for their removal based on the conditions in the motel room where they lived. The alert was canceled 10 hours later when the children were located unharmed at a relative's home. The parents were taken into custody at a separate location by the Monticello Police.
- On May 1, the Cortland Police Department requested an alert for a 4-year-old boy who was forcibly removed by his biological father on a supervised visit. The boy's father, who has an extensive criminal history, assaulted the individual supervising the visit and fled with the child. The alert was canceled two hours later when a Pennsylvania State Trooper spotted the vehicle and took the suspect into custody. The child was recovered unharmed.
- On May 19, Schenectady Police Department requested an alert for a 1-year-old girl who was taken by her parents, both of whom have an extensive criminal history, in direct violation of a court order. The alert was canceled about four hours later when the suspects were taken into custody by Schenectady Police and the child was safely recovered.
- On June 9, the New York City Police Department requested an alert for a 5-year-old girl who was abducted by her non-custodial mother during a court-ordered, supervised visitation in the Bronx. The girl's mother was described as having mental health issues and was the subject of prior physical abuse allegations. The alert was canceled about seven hours later when the mother was taken into custody by NYPD and the child was safely recovered.
- On June 12, the New York State Police at Endwell requested an alert for a 5-year-old boy who was abducted by his non-custodial parent, an armed fugitive from Texas who had threatened to shoot police if approached. The alert was canceled about 90 minutes later when the suspect was taken into custody by New York State Troopers and the child was safely recovered.
- On June 30, the New York City Police Department requested an alert for a 3-year-old girl who was abducted by her father, who was at a mental health clinic and made suicidal threats. The alert was canceled about an hour later when the suspect was taken into custody by NYPD and the child was safely recovered.
- On Sept. 5, Vermont State Police requested activation of a New York State AMBER Alert for a 5-year-old girl abducted by her biological grandmother and her boyfriend. The grandmother, who had lost custody of the child, fled to New York State. The alert was canceled about 90 minutes later when the suspects were taken into custody by New York State Police on the New York State Thruway; the child was safely recovered.
- On Sept. 17, the New York City Police Department requested an alert for a 10-year-old girl who was abducted by her non-custodial parents. The child was believed to be endangered due to a previous history of assault involving a weapon and an order of protection was in place against the parents. The alert was canceled about three hours later when the suspects, accompanied by an attorney, brought the child, was unharmed, to the Seventh Precinct.

- On Sept. 29, the Binghamton Police Department requested an alert for a 3-month-old girl who was forcibly abducted by her non-custodial mother during a supervised visitation. The alert was canceled about two hours later when the suspect, who has a drug history, was taken into custody by the Binghamton Police Department. The girl was safely recovered.
- On Oct. 23, the Walton Police Department requested an alert for a 2-day-old child in need of immediate medical care who was in the custody of her mother and father. The mother was wanted for a Parole violation by the New York Department of Corrections and Community Supervision and both suspects have violent histories including assaults. The alert was canceled about five hours later when the suspects turned the unharmed child over to a family member.
- On Dec. 1, the New York City Police Department requested an alert for a 3-year-old girl who was abducted by her father, who had assaulted his spouse with a knife, causing serious injury. The alert was canceled about an hour later when he was taken into custody by the New Jersey State Police; the child was safely recovered.

Appendix C: Missing Child Alert Case Summaries

- On Jan. 11, the New York State Police at Cortland requested an alert for a 16-year-old girl with psychiatric and cognitive impairments. The alert was canceled 23 hours later when she was safely located at a store in the Bronx after a woman who recognized her from a news report called police.
- On Jan. 22, the Eastchester Police Department requested an alert for a 14-year-old girl who was suicidal. The alert was canceled five hours later when the teen was safely located after police were able to track her cell phone to a location in Brooklyn.
- On May 25, the Nassau County Police Department Missing Persons Squad requested an alert for a 14-year-old child who was believed to be suicidal and in need of medical attention. The alert was canceled six hours later when the child safely returned home on his own.
- On June 22, the Niagara Falls Police Department requested an alert for an 8-year-old boy who had wandered from his residence. The alert was canceled six hours later when the child was safely located by searchers.
- On July 1, the New York City Police Department requested an alert for 7-month-old boy who was in the custody of his mother and police were concerned for his welfare after she texted photos depicting her holding a knife to the boy's neck. The alert was canceled two hours later and the child was safely located when the mother turned herself in to Goshen Police.
- On Sept. 3, the Tonawanda Town Police Department requested an alert for 9-year-old girl who had wandered from her home during the night. The alert was canceled one hour later when the child was safely located in Buffalo. The child was placed in the custody of Child Protective Services.
- On Sept. 17, the New York City Police Department requested an alert for a 10-year-old girl who was with her non-custodial parents and police were concerned for her welfare. The alert was later upgraded to an AMBER Alert and then canceled 10 hours later when the child was brought to the New York City Police Department's 7th Precinct by her parents' attorney.
- On Sept. 17, the Amherst Police Department requested an alert for a 12-year-old girl with Asperger's syndrome who had run away from her home and police were concerned for her welfare. The alert was canceled two hours later when the child was safely located by Buffalo Police.
- On Nov. 30, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for a 16-year-old girl who was suicidal. The alert was converted to a non-alert case 23 hours later as the police investigation progressed. The child voluntarily returned home on Dec. 23.
- On Dec. 9, the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office requested an alert for a 14-year-old girl who was missing under suspicious circumstances after her mother received a text message stating that the child had been abducted. The alert was canceled four hours later when the child was safely located after police were tracked her cell phone and were able to rule out an abduction.

Appendix D: Missing College Student Alert Case Summaries

- On Feb. 25, the Rochester Police Department requested an alert for a 21-year-old college student from the Rochester Institute of Technology. The alert's 72-hour time limit expired without him being located. On Apr. 17, the student was located deceased by a man fishing on Lake Ontario. Foul play is not suspected.
- On Dec. 6, the Rochester Police Department requested an alert for two 21-year-old men who were students at the University of Rochester and believed to have been abducted and in extreme danger. The alert was canceled five hours later when the Rochester Police SWAT Team raided a residence and rescued the two students.

Appendix E: Missing Vulnerable Adult Alert Case Summaries

- On Jan. 2, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for a 68-year-old woman with dementia and diabetes. The alert was canceled five hours later when the woman was safely located after a patrol car's license plate reader identified the license plate of the vehicle the woman was driving.
- On Jan. 4, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for a 30-year-old man with autism and mental health concerns. The alert was canceled an hour later when he returned home on his own.
- On Jan. 8, the Yonkers Police Department requested an alert for a suicidal 54-year-old man. The alert was canceled 23 hours later, after the man sought assistance at a treatment center.
- On Jan. 13, the Webster Police Department requested an alert for an 81-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled 20 minutes later, after the man was found in a store in the town. A citizen who recognized him from a post on the police department's Facebook page and called police.
- On Jan. 17, the Niagara Falls Police Department requested an alert for an 85-year-old woman with early onset dementia. The alert was canceled nine hours later when the woman was located by a Niagara County Sheriff's Deputy who saw her vehicle stuck in a snow bank.
- On Jan. 27, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for a 73-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled nine hours later when the man safely returned home on his own.
- On Feb. 4, the New York City Police Department requested an alert for a 74-year-old man with dementia and diabetes. The alert was canceled 22 hours later when the man was located by patrol officers in the 66th Precinct. The man was transported to a hospital for treatment.
- On Feb. 12, the New York State Police at Batavia requested an alert for an 83-year-old man and his 79-year-old wife, both of whom have dementia. The alert was canceled nine hours later when the couple safely returned home on their own.
- On Feb. 16, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for a 69-year-old woman last seen when boarding a New York City-bound train. The alert was canceled eight hours later after she was located at Penn Station in Manhattan when an Amtrak police officer recognized her from the alert.
- On Feb. 19, the New York State Police at Amity requested an alert for a 73-year-old woman with mental health issues and disorientation. She left her home in her vehicle but had been last seen on foot in Ossian, Livingston County, when she tried to enter a stranger's home. The alert was canceled three hours later after she was safely located in Wayland, Steuben County. Police located the woman when they responded to a call for a disabled vehicle stuck in a snow bank.
- On Feb. 28, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for a couple, 75 and 73, with dementia. The alert was canceled four hours later when the couple – in a vehicle together – was located by the New York State Police on the Long Island Expressway.
- On March 5, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for an 85-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled an hour later when he was safely located by police in Carneys Point, N.J.

- On March 5, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office requested an alert for an 81-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled two hours later after he was safely located in Brewster, Putnam County. A woman who did not know the man noticed his car parked in her driveway and notified police.
- On March 5, the Clarkstown Police Department requested an alert for a 76-year-old woman with dementia. The alert was canceled an hour later when the woman was safely located about a mile from her home. A woman called police after recognizing the missing woman after receiving a reverse 9-1-1 call about the missing 76-year-old.
- On March 7, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for a 91-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled three hours later when the man was safely located by a police patrol when his vehicle ran out of gas.
- On March 13, the Port Authority Police Department of New York/New Jersey requested an alert for a 54-year-old man with Alzheimer's disease who became separated from his family at the Port Authority Bus Terminal in Manhattan. The alert was canceled three hours later when the man was safely located at a local hospital; a citizen found him wandering the streets and brought him to be evaluated.
- On March 13, the Dunkirk Police Department requested an alert for a couple with dementia, ages 90 and 88. The alert was canceled seven hours later when the couple was safely located after the New York State Police in Grand Island stopped their vehicle.
- On March 17, the Yonkers Police Department requested an alert for a 69-year-old woman with dementia. The alert was canceled three hours later when the woman walked into the Scarsdale Police Headquarters asking for help.
- On March 18, the Brighton Police Department requested an alert for a 93-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled four hours later after Buffalo Transit Police came upon a vehicle stuck on railroad tracks. A check of the vehicle's plate alerted police that the vehicle was connected to the alert issued for the man.
- On March 24, the New York State Police at Clifton Park requested an alert for an 87-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled three hours later when an off-duty Trooper observed the man's vehicle and followed him until a marked patrol car could stop the vehicle.
- On March 27, the New York City Police Department requested an alert for an 82-year-old man with Alzheimer's disease. The alert was canceled nine hours later after a patrol officer from the 76th precinct found the man's vehicle.
- On March 28, the Glenville Police Department requested an alert for a 79-year-old man with Alzheimer's disease. The alert was canceled three hours later after a citizen aware of the alert recognized the man and called police.
- On April 1, the Nassau County Police requested an alert for an 88-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled three hours later after a Suffolk County police officer, who knew of the alert from highway signs, saw the man's vehicle and stopped it.
- On April 1, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for an 89-year-old man with early onset dementia. The alert was canceled three hours later after motorist aware of the alert called the police after recognizing the man's vehicle.

- On April 4, the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office requested an alert for a 91-year-old woman with dementia. The alert was canceled three hours later when the woman was safely located by a Montgomery County Sheriff's Deputy.
- On April 5, the Scarsdale Police Department requested an alert for a 79-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled seven hours later when the man was located in a New York City hospital after being injured in a motor vehicle accident.
- On April 6, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for an 85-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled three hours later when the man was safely located by a police officer with the agency.
- On April 9, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for an 84-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled two hours later when the man was safely located by the New York State Police; a trooper located the man in his car on the side of a road.
- On April 12, the Greece Police Department requested an alert for a 20-year-old man with severe autism. The alert was canceled an hour later when a citizen found the man sleeping in local grocery store and called police. The citizen was aware of the case after receiving a notification that was broadcast through a reverse 9-1-1 phone call.
- On April 19, the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office requested an alert for an 88-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled three hours after the man was safely located by the New York State Police in Steuben County.
- On May 5, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for an 81-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled an hour later when the man returned home on his own.
- On May 6, the Port Authority Police Department of New York/New Jersey requested an alert for a 78-year-old man with dementia who was last seen at JFK Airport. The alert was canceled 15 hours later when the man was safely located in a terminal at the airport by Port Authority Police. The man was unable to account for his whereabouts during the time he was missing.
- On May 9, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office requested an alert for a 19-year-old man with a seizure disorder and limited communication skills. The alert was canceled three hours later when the man was located, disoriented but otherwise unharmed, in a wooded area by a Putnam County Sheriff's Deputy searching the area with a bloodhound.
- On May 21, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for a 78-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled 10 hours later when the man was located by a New York City Police officer after being involved in a motor vehicle accident.
- On May 22, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for a 60-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled six hours later when the man was located in a local hospital.
- On May 23, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for an 82-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled an hour later when the man was safely located on the Long Island Expressway by a Suffolk County Police Department patrol officer.
- On June 5, the Blooming Grove Police Department requested an alert for a 55-year-old man with dementia and other illnesses last seen leaving a doctor's office in Monroe, Orange County. The alert was canceled 12 hours later when the man went to his wife's place of employment in the Bronx.

- On June 7, the New York State Police at Collins requested an alert for an 82-year-old man with Alzheimer's disease. The alert was canceled 13 hours later when the man was safely located after he approached a residence in Erie, Penn., and asked for assistance. The resident then notified police.
- On June 8, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for a 75-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled 13 hours later when the woman was safely located by a Nassau County Police Department patrol officer.
- On June 13, the Mount Vernon Police Department requested an alert for a 64-year-old woman with dementia. The alert was canceled two hours later when the woman was located at a local hospital.
- On June 13, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for a 76-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled three hours later after a motorist traveling on the Long Island Expressway called police after he observed the man walking in the high occupancy vehicle lane.
- On June 21, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for a 25-year-old man with autism. The alert was canceled five hours later after a citizen observed a disoriented man on the roadway and contacted the police.
- On June 27, the New York City Police Department requested an alert for an 81-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled four hours later when the woman was safely located at a gas station by local police in Southington, Conn.
- On July 1, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for an 85-year-old woman with dementia. The alert was canceled three hours later after the woman was safely located when a motorist recognized the vehicle she was driving from the alert on the highway signs and called the police.
- On July 3, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for a 24-year-old woman with mental disabilities who was last seen at the Long Island Railroad taxi station in Island Park. The alert was canceled three hours later when the woman safely returned home on her own.
- On July 6, the Ulster County Sheriff's Office requested an alert for an 83-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled seven hours later when the man was safely located by a search team member in a parking lot near the man's home.
- On July 9, the New York City Police Department requested an alert for a 74-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled 14 hours later when the man was located by a Nassau County police officer and transported to a local hospital.
- On July 9, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office requested an alert for a 19-year-old man with autism. The alert was canceled 17 hours later when the man was located in a heavily wooded area near his home after an aviation search.
- On July 13, the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office requested an alert for an 86-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled two hours later when the man was safely located after a concerned citizen observed him wandering near a MTA location in the Bronx and called police. The man's vehicle was located nearby.

- On July 16, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for a 78-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled an hour later when the man was safely located by the East Hampton Police Department after a concerned citizen call police to report a disoriented man.
- On July 16, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for a 78-year-old woman with dementia. Before the alert was fully activated, the woman was safely located by a Dix Hills Police Department patrol officer.
- On July 19, the Nassau Police Department requested an alert for 18-year-old man who is non-verbal and has autism. The alert was canceled an hour later when the man was safely located by a Long Island Rail Road train conductor in Babylon.
- On July 23, the Yonkers Police Department requested an alert for an 18-year-old man with autism. The alert was canceled nine hours later when the man returned home on his own.
- On July 25, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for a 60-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled three days later when the man's family reported he was in a local hospital.
- On July 28, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for a 76-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled 30 minutes later when he was safely located by the Suffolk County Police Department after a citizen called to report a disoriented man in the street.
- On July 29, the Mt. Vernon Police Department requested an alert for a 66-year-old woman with Alzheimer's disease. The alert was canceled three hours after the woman was identified as a patient at a local hospital; staff had received the alert poster and contacted police.
- On July 30, the White Plains Police Department requested an alert for a 71-year-old woman with Alzheimer's disease. Before the alert was fully activated, the woman was safely located by the MTA Police after an officer saw her disoriented and walking barefoot in Grand Central Station.
- On Aug. 3, the New York State Police at Malone requested an alert for an 83-year-old man with Alzheimer's disease. The alert was canceled three hours later when the man was safely located by State Police after a motorist recognized the vehicle from the alert highway signs and notified police.
- On Aug. 5, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for a 72-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled five hours later when the man was safely located by a Suffolk County Police officer.
- On Aug. 7, the New York State Police at Middletown requested an alert for a 70-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled 13 hours later when the man was located by the Pennsylvania State Police, sitting on the side of the road in Gettysburg. The Pennsylvania troopers were aware of the alert due to a poster they received.
- On Aug. 8, the Greece Police Department requested an alert for a 74-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled six hours later when the man was safely located by the New York State Police at Alden.

- On Aug. 17, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for an 88-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled four hours later when the man walked into a police precinct and asked for help.
- On Aug. 25, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for a 61-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled 15 hours later when police responded to a 9-1-1 call about a man lying in a roadway; the individual was transported to a local hospital and identified as the subject of the alert.
- On Aug. 25, the Erie County Sheriff's Office requested an alert for an 81-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled two hours later when the man safely returned home on his own.
- On Aug. 26, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for a 77-year-old woman with Alzheimer's disease. The alert was canceled about an hour later when police responded to a 9-1-1 call from a concerned citizen who saw the woman walking on the Southern State Parkway.
- On Aug 28, the New York City Police Department requested an alert for 75-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled an hour later when the man was safely located walking around a neighborhood in Coney Island by a patrol officer.
- On Sept. 5, the Port Authority Police of New York/New Jersey requested an alert for a 65-year-old woman with dementia who was last seen at LaGuardia Airport after arriving on a flight from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The alert was canceled three days later when police reported the woman was safely located and reunited with her family.
- On Sept. 12, the Niskayuna Police Department requested an alert for a 68-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled 11 hours later when the man was safely located by Schenectady Police when they responded to a 9-1-1 call about a disoriented man.
- On Sept. 14, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for a 48-year-old man with a history of mental illness who was driving a vehicle and armed with a hand gun. The alert was canceled 11 hours later when the man was safely located by a Suffolk County police officer assigned to a saturation detail.
- On Sept. 16, the New York State Police at Liberty requested an alert for an 87-year-old woman with dementia. The alert was canceled two hours later when the woman was safely located after a New York State Thruway toll collector at the Harriman exit recognized her vehicle from the alert and notified police.
- On Sept. 17, the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office requested an alert for a 62-year-old man with dementia and schizophrenia. The alert was canceled 16 hours later when the man was safely located by police after an investigation indicated he had checked into a local hotel.
- On Sept. 25, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for a 74-year-old woman with dementia. The alert was canceled two hours later when the woman was safely located after a motorist recognized the woman's vehicle from the alert highway signs and notified police.
- On Oct. 1, the New York City Police Department requested an alert for a 70-year-old man with Alzheimer's disease. The alert was canceled three hours later when the man was safely located after a motorist recognized his vehicle from the alert highway signs and notified Suffolk County police.

- On Oct. 2, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for an 84-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled 13 hours later when a patrol officer involved in the search for the man located him at a homeless shelter.
- On Oct. 2, the New York City Police Department requested an alert for a 77-year-old man with Alzheimer's disease. The alert was canceled eight hours later when the man was safely located on a back porch of a residence in Carmel, Putnam County. The resident of the home called police.
- On Oct 5, the Buffalo Police Department requested an alert for a 74-year-old woman with dementia. The alert was canceled two hours later when the woman was safely located after a friend of the missing woman noticed her walking in a road and gave her a ride home.
- On Oct. 15, the Wallkill Police Department requested an alert for a 77-year-old man with Alzheimer's disease. The alert was canceled two hours later when the man was safely located after patrol officers found his vehicle in a parking lot of a local shopping mall and then, using the alert poster, canvassed shoppers at the mall until he was located.
- On Oct. 19, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for a 79-year-old woman with dementia. The alert was canceled eight hours later after the woman safely returned home on her own.
- On Oct. 21, the New York City Police Department requested an alert for an 85-year-old man with Parkinson's disease. The alert was canceled eight hours later when the man was located by Nassau County Police after he was involved in a motor vehicle accident.
- On Oct. 23, the New York City Police Department requested an alert for a 65-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled 18 hours later when the man was located at a local hospital.
- On Nov. 2, of the White Plains Police Department requested an alert for a 69-year-old woman with dementia. The alert was canceled two hours later when the woman was safely located after a motorist recognized the vehicle from the alert highway signs and notified police.
- On Nov. 5, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for an 87-year-old woman with dementia. The alert was canceled two hours later when the woman was safely located by the Bayonne Police Department in New Jersey.
- On Nov. 5, the Broome County Sheriff's Office requested an alert for a 61-year-old woman with dementia. The alert was canceled five hours later when the woman was safely located by a Broome County Sheriff's patrol officer.
- On Nov. 11, the Schenectady Police Department requested an alert for a 74-year-old woman with dementia. The alert was canceled six hours later when the woman was safely located at a Department of Social Services facility.
- On Nov. 13, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for an 87-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled three hours later when the man was safely located after a motorist noticed the man on the side of the road and contacted police.
- On Nov. 15, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for a 40-year-old woman with paranoid schizophrenia. The alert was canceled 17 hours later when the woman returned to her residence on her own.

- On Nov. 16, the Suffern Village Police Department requested an alert for a 66-year-old man with brain cancer that caused confusion and disorientation. The alert was canceled three hours later when the man was safely located in New Jersey after a motorist recognized the vehicle from the alert highway signs and notified police.
- On Nov. 16, the Schenectady Police Department requested an alert for a 67-year-old woman with dementia. The alert was canceled an hour later when the woman was safely located by a police officer.
- On Nov. 19, the New York City Police Department requested an alert for an 85-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled 23 hours later when the man was safely located after a citizen called police about a suspicious person on private property. The man's vehicle was located nearby.
- On Nov. 20, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for a 72-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled nine hours later when a New York City police officer located him standing on a median in upper Manhattan.
- On Nov. 20, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for an 83-year-old woman who was confused and disoriented. The alert was canceled five hours later when the woman was safely located by a Suffolk County police officer.
- On Nov. 25, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for an 88-year-old woman with dementia. The alert was canceled five hours later when the woman was located when police in New Jersey stopped her as she was driving on the wrong side of a road.
- On Dec. 2, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for a 23-year-old man with mental health issues. The alert was converted to a non-alert case 10 hours later when police received information that the man was possibly with a family member who was not cooperating with the investigation. The man was eventually located four weeks later at his mother's home.
- On Dec. 9, the Newburgh Town Police Department requested an alert for a 76-year-old woman with schizophrenia. The alert was canceled five hours later when the woman was safely located by a Port Authority police officer after she took a train to New York City.
- On Dec. 17, the Greece Police Department requested an alert for an 89-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled five hours later when the man was safely located by a Monroe County Sheriff's Deputy.
- On Dec. 17, the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office requested an alert for a 74-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled 11 hours later when the man was safely located after he called the Syracuse Police Department to report his vehicle stolen; it was then that police learned he was the subject of an alert.
- On Dec. 17, the Amherst Police Department requested an alert for an 85-year-old man with Alzheimer's disease. The alert was canceled five hours later when the man was safely located after a citizen called police to report an erratic driver at a gas station. When police responded to the call, they learned the man was the subject of an alert.
- On Dec. 17, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for a suicidal 21-year-old man. The alert was canceled four hours later when the man went to a police station.

- On Dec. 26, the Suffolk County Police Department requested an alert for an 88-year-old man with dementia. The alert was canceled one hour later when a Suffolk County police officer stopped the man's vehicle and later charged him with drunk driving.
- On Dec. 28, the Newburgh Town Police Department requested an alert for a 65-year-old man with mental health issues. The alert was canceled two hours later when the man was safely located by the New York State Police in Middletown.
- On Dec, 31, the Nassau County Police Department requested an alert for a 74-year-old man with dementia who spoke Mandarin Chinese, not English. The alert was canceled 19 hours later when the man was located in a New York City hospital. A doctor who spoke the man's native language was able to determine he was visiting family in Nassau County when he went missing. The man couldn't provide a family member's address or a phone number. When the New York City Police Department responded to the hospital, officers were able to identify him as a subject of the alert.