



State of Illinois
Illinois State Police
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Missing Children Report

Fiscal Year 2011



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 Fiscal Year 2011, in compliance with the final paragraph of the Act, entitled, "Annual Report."

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. STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

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

All dedicated funding of this program has ceased.

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. During Fiscal Year 2011, the Task Force met in June 2011 and maintained a web site, www.amberillinois.org, to provide information to law enforcement, educators, media, parents, and the general public in relation to the Illinois AMBER Alert Plan.

On July 13 - 16, 2010, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and Fox Valley Technical College hosted a State Clearinghouse/Nonprofit Organization National Conference in Savannah, Georgia. 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 November 16 - 18, 2010, a National AMBER Alert Symposium was held in Phoenix, Arizona. The goals were to increase cooperation and opportunities for networking among AMBER Alert programs, to increase knowledge about what works, to enhance the overall AMBER Alert network by providing suggestions for greater communication and collaboration, and to identify and problem-solve AMBER Alert program development and implementation issues.

On January 13, 2011, 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 Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension on March 24 - 25, 2011, the Interstate Advisory Council for Missing and Exploited Children held its spring meeting in St. Paul, Minnesota. The following agencies were represented: Fox Valley Technical College, Illinois State Police, Indiana State Police, Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, Kentucky State Police, Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Ohio Attorney General's Office, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice.

On May 25, 2011, 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.

During Fiscal Year 2011, the clearinghouse prepared and electronically disseminated informational bulletins to the Illinois State Board of Education, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and the 50 state clearinghouses. The bulletins featured missing children from Illinois and listed all Illinois missing persons active in the NCIC database longer than 30 days.

V. MISSING CHILDREN: A STATISTICAL OVERVIEW

There were 29,338 reports of missing persons under the age of 18 in Illinois during Fiscal Year 2011. This represented a decrease of 2,036 (more than six percent) from Fiscal Year 2010. All categories of missing children experienced a decrease in reported cases in Fiscal Year 2011.

Female children were reported missing in greater numbers than male children by a ratio of 13 to 12. 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 28,168, or 96 percent, of all missing children reports for Fiscal Year 2011.

Of the 29,338 reported missing children, 28,408 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 Fiscal Year 2011. However, as of June 30, 2011, there were 1,667 children still listed as missing. Of this number, 930 of the children were reported missing during Fiscal Year 2011; 737 continue to be missing from previous reported years.

During Fiscal Year 2011, the Illinois AMBER Alert Notification Plan was activated in 2 instances. Each AMBER Alert involved one child, bringing the total number children for whom AMBER Alerts were activated to 2. Both children were recovered safe and sound, one of which was a direct result of the AMBER Alert activation.

STATISTICS

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.

MISSING PERSON ENTRY CODES

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

Disabled (EMJD) - A child who is missing and thought to be disabled.

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

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

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

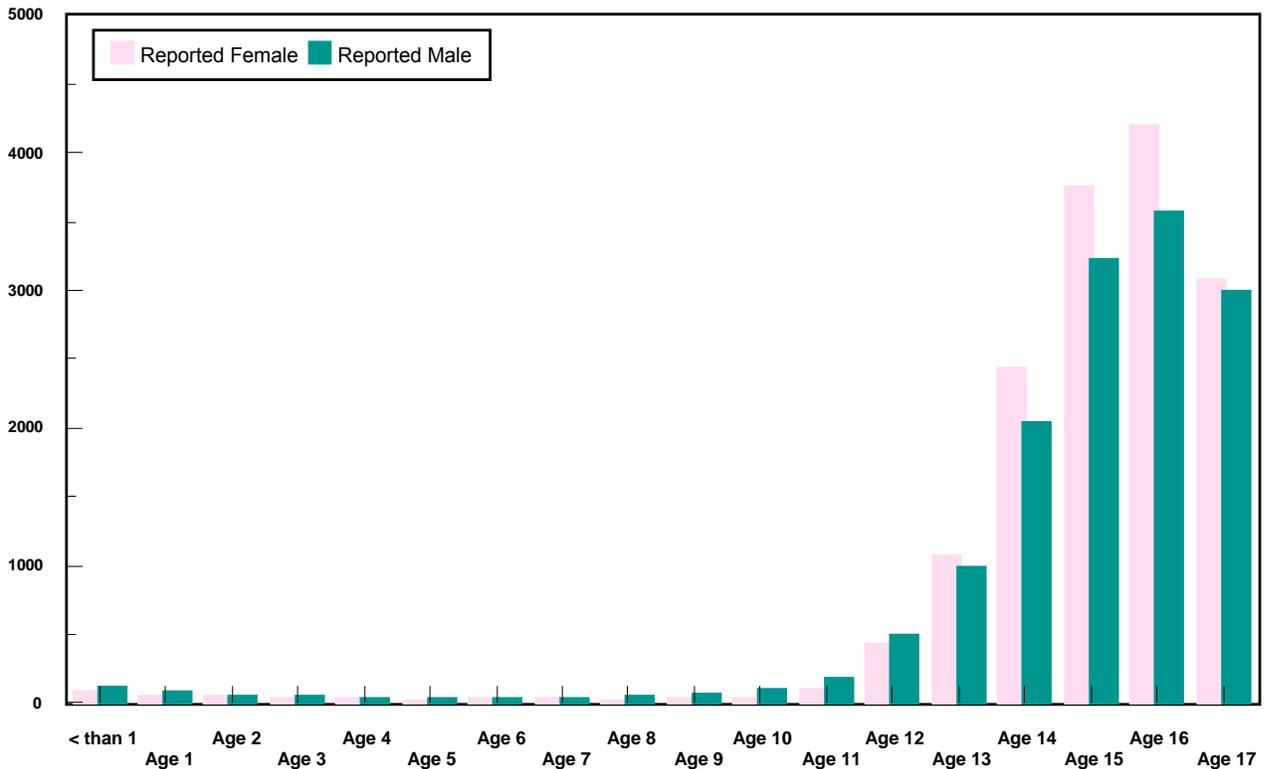
Parental Abduction (EMJP) - A child who is missing and is known to be with a parent (custodial or non-custodial).

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

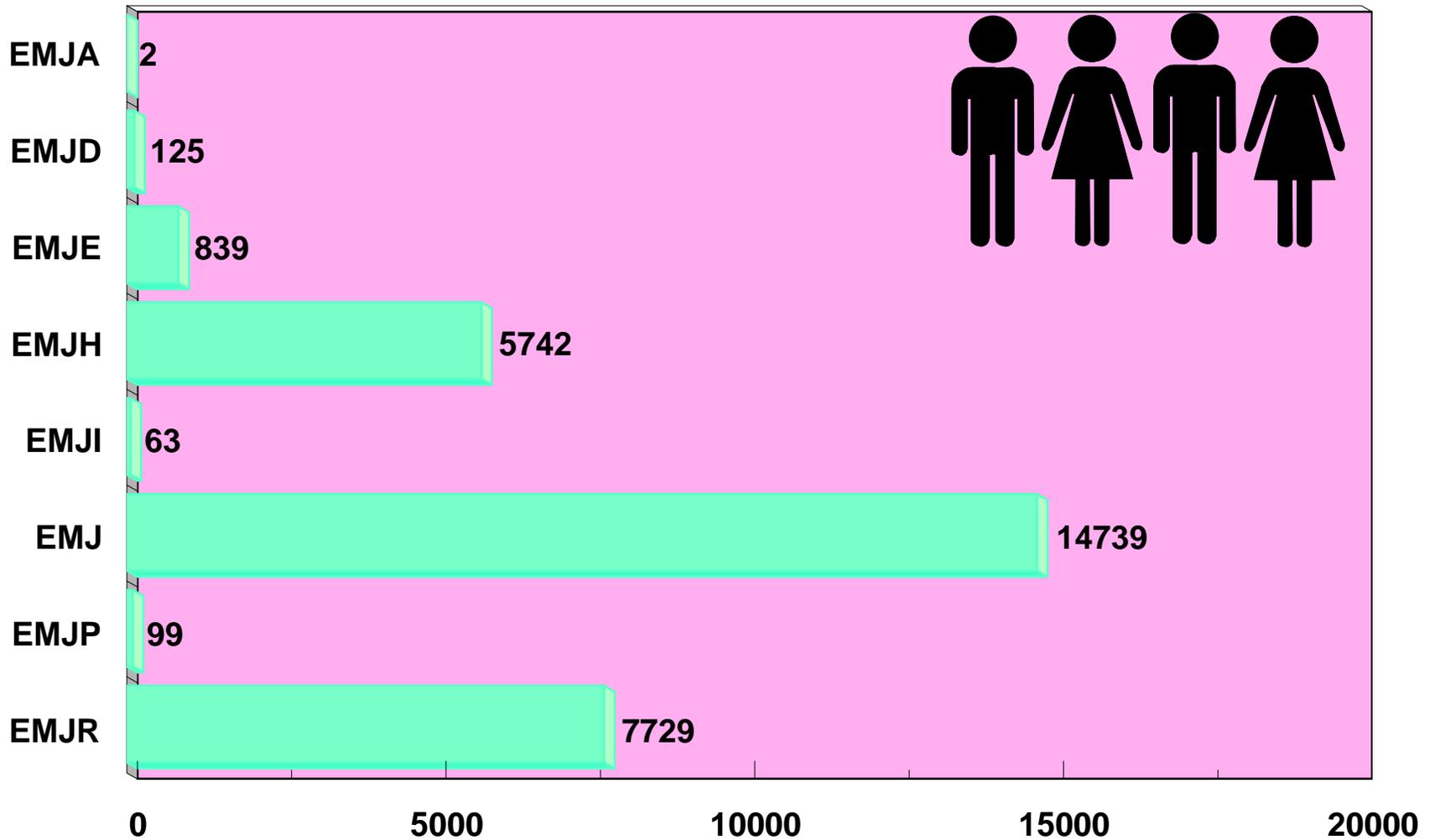
Juvenile (EMJ) - A child who is missing and does not meet any of the criteria set forth in other categories.

Illinois Missing Juveniles By Age - FY11

AGE	NUMBER CASES REPORTED			PENDING ACTIVE CASES		
	Female	Male	TOTAL	Female	Male	TOTAL
>1	81	103	184	7	6	13
1	44	67	111	7	3	10
2	36	40	76	6	4	10
3	29	49	78	7	3	10
4	29	26	55	3	3	6
5	13	27	40	3	6	9
6	32	24	56	2	2	4
7	17	30	47	1	2	3
8	16	45	61	0	0	0
9	19	57	76	1	3	4
10	28	92	120	2	4	6
11	94	172	266	2	6	8
12	413	483	896	11	13	24
13	1,064	973	2,037	28	28	56
14	2,432	2,032	4,464	72	65	137
15	3,744	3,213	6,957	115	73	188
16	4,193	3,554	7,747	160	92	252
17	3,074	2,993	6,067	117	73	190
TOTALS	15,358	13,980	29,338	544	386	930

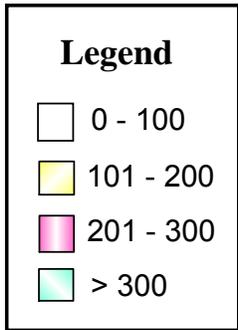
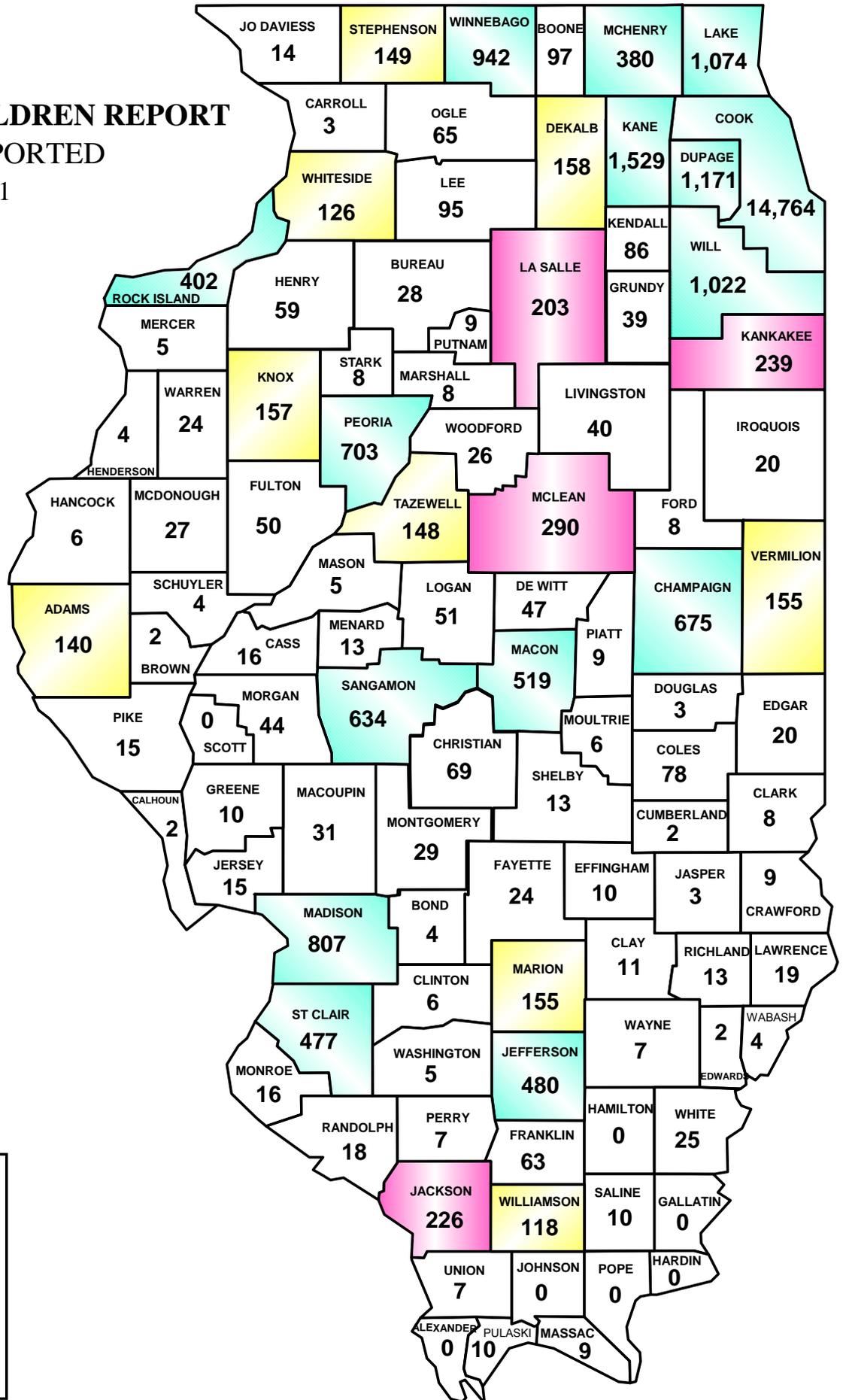


ILLINOIS MISSING CHILDREN REPORT BY CATEGORY - FY11

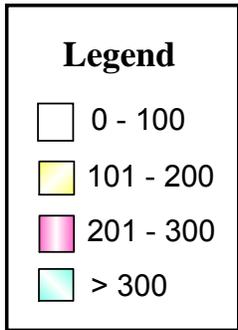
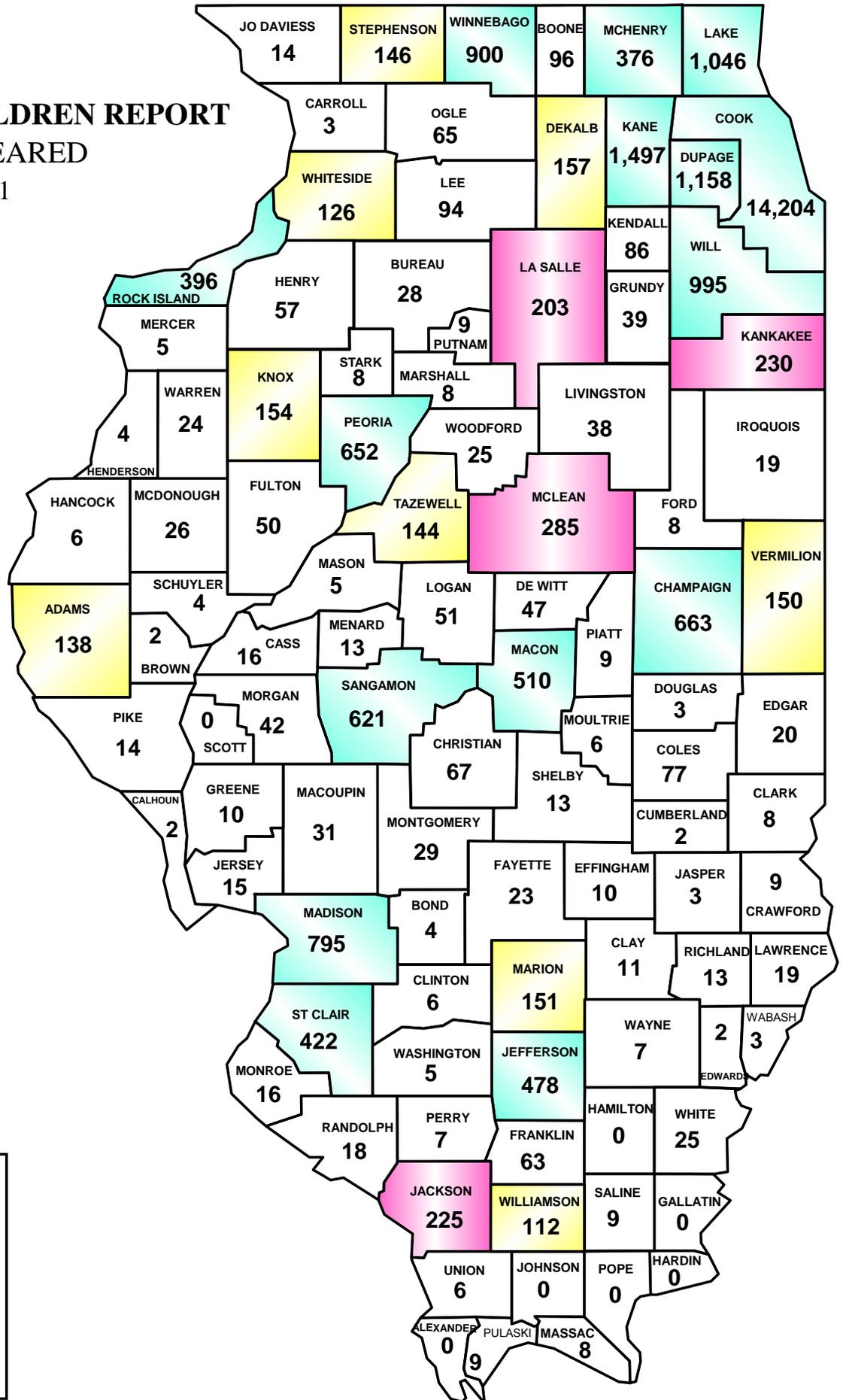


* Information above is derived from LEADS entries by state and local law enforcement agencies. LEADS categories entered may not accurately reflect actual incidents.

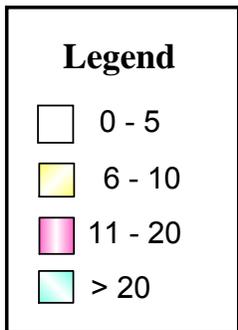
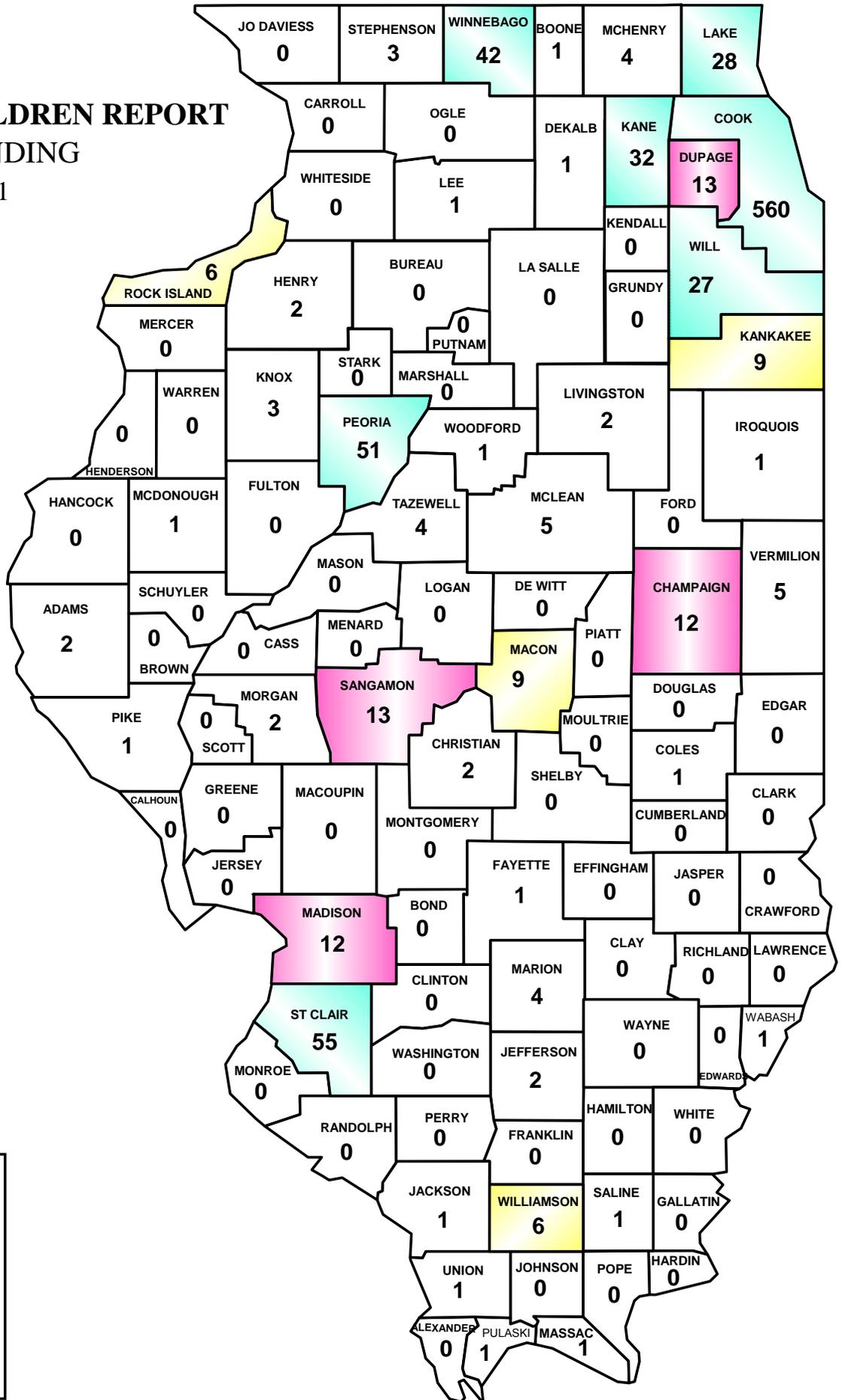
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MISSING CHILDREN REPORT CASES CLEARED FY 11



MISSING CHILDREN REPORT CASES PENDING FY 11



**MISSING CHILDREN REPORTS
REPORTED, CLEARED, AND PENDING
BY COUNTY (FY 11)**

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>REPORTED</u>	<u>CLEARED</u>	<u>PENDING</u>
Adams	140	138	2
Alexander	0	0	0
Bond	4	4	0
Boone	97	96	1
Brown	2	2	0
Bureau	28	28	0
Calhoun	2	2	0
Carroll	3	3	0
Cass	16	16	0
Champaign	675	663	12
Christian	69	67	2
Clark	8	8	0
Clay	11	11	0
Clinton	6	6	0
Coles	78	77	1
Cook	14,764	14,204	560
Crawford	9	9	0
Cumberland	2	2	0
DeKalb	158	157	1
DeWitt	47	47	0
Douglas	3	3	0
DuPage	1,171	1,158	13
Edgar	20	20	0
Edwards	2	2	0
Effingham	10	10	0
Fayette	24	23	1
Ford	8	8	0
Franklin	63	63	0
Fulton	50	50	0
Gallatin	0	0	0
Greene	10	10	0
Grundy	39	39	0
Hamilton	0	0	0
Hancock	6	6	0
Hardin	0	0	0
Henderson	4	4	0
Henry	59	57	2
Iroquois	20	19	1

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<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>REPORTED</u>	<u>CLEARED</u>	<u>PENDING</u>
Putnam	9	9	0
Randolph	18	18	0
Richland	13	13	0
Rock Island	402	396	6
Saline	10	9	1
Sangamon	634	621	13
Schuyler	4	4	0
Scott	0	0	0
Shelby	13	13	0
Stark	8	8	0
St. Clair	477	422	55
Stephenson	149	146	3
Tazewell	148	144	4
Union	7	6	1
Vermilion	155	150	5
Wabash	4	3	1
Warren	24	24	0
Washington	5	5	0
Wayne	7	7	0
White	25	25	0
Whiteside	126	126	0
Will	1,022	995	27
Williamson	118	112	6
Winnebago	942	900	42
Woodford	26	25	1
TOTAL	29,338	28,408	930

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<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>REPORTED</u>	<u>CLEARED</u>	<u>PENDING</u>
Jackson	226	225	1
Jasper	3	3	0
Jefferson	480	478	2
Jersey	15	15	0
Jo Daviess	14	14	0
Johnson	0	0	0
Kane	1,529	1,497	32
Kankakee	239	230	9
Kendall	86	86	0
Knox	157	154	3
Lake	1,074	1,046	28
LaSalle	203	203	0
Lawrence	19	19	0
Lee	95	94	1
Livingston	40	38	2
Logan	51	51	0
Macon	519	510	9
Macoupin	31	31	0
Madison	807	795	12
Marion	155	151	4
Marshall	8	8	0
Mason	5	5	0
Massac	9	8	1
McDonough	27	26	1
McHenry	380	376	4
McLean	290	285	5
Menard	13	13	0
Mercer	5	5	0
Monroe	16	16	0
Montgomery	29	29	0
Morgan	44	42	2
Moultrie	6	6	0
Ogle	65	65	0
Peoria	703	652	51
Perry	7	7	0
Piatt	9	9	0
Pike	15	14	1
Pope	0	0	0
Pulaski	10	9	1

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