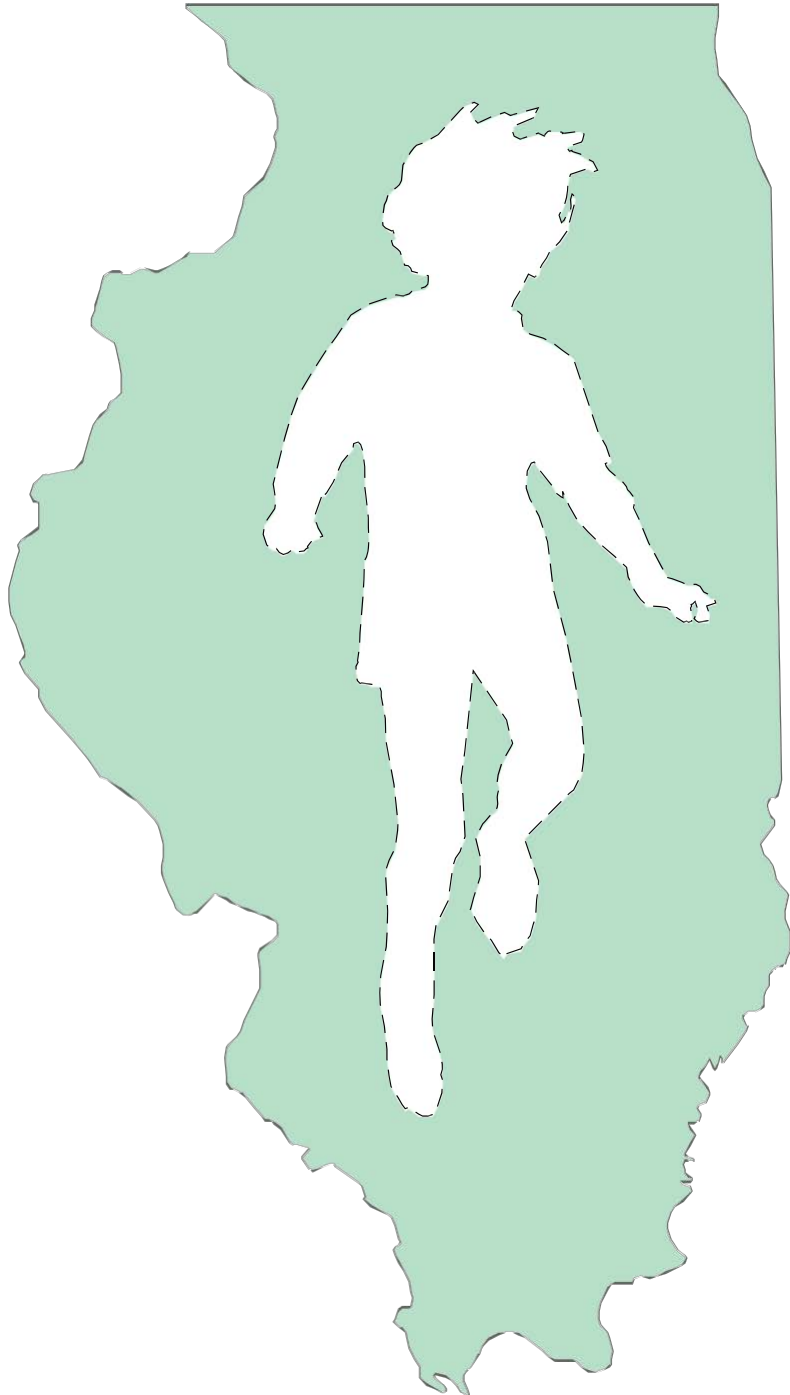




State of Illinois  
Illinois State Police  
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# Missing Children Report

Fiscal Year 2010



# **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 2010, 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 2010, the Task Force met twice and maintained a web site, [www.amberillinois.org](http://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 September 29 - October 2, 2009, 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 Reno, Nevada. 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 fall meeting during the conference. This event also served as the Interstate Advisory Council for Missing and Exploited Children meeting.

On October 27 - 29, 2009, a National AMBER Alert Training was held in Tampa, Florida. 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, 2010, 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 Missouri State Highway Patrol on March 9 - 10, 2010, the Interstate Advisory Council for Missing and Exploited Children held its spring meeting in Kansas City, Missouri. The following agencies were represented: Fox Valley Technical College, Illinois State Police, Indiana State Police, Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, Kansas Bureau of Investigations, Kentucky State Police, Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Missouri State Highway Patrol, and the Ohio Attorney General's Office.

On May 25, 2010, 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 2010, 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 31,374 reports of missing persons under the age of 18 in Illinois during Fiscal Year 2010. This represented a decrease of 1,324 (more than four percent) from Fiscal Year 2009. AMBER Alert and runaway categories increased in Fiscal Year 2010. All other categories of missing children remained the same or experienced a decrease in reported cases.

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 30,133, or 96 percent, of all missing children reports for Fiscal Year 2010.

Of the 31,374 reported missing children, 30,470 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 2010. However, as of June 30, 2010, there were 1,709 children still listed as missing. Of this number, 904 of the children were reported missing during Fiscal Year 2010; 805 continue to be missing from previous reported years.

During Fiscal Year 2010, the Illinois AMBER Alert Notification Plan was activated in 12 instances; alerts were broadcast in 11. In one instance, the child in question was recovered after an AMBER Alert was approved, but before a broadcast could be made. Five AMBER Alert broadcasts involved multiple children, bringing the total of children from whom AMBER Alerts were activated to 17. All of the children were recovered safe and sound, three of which were 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.

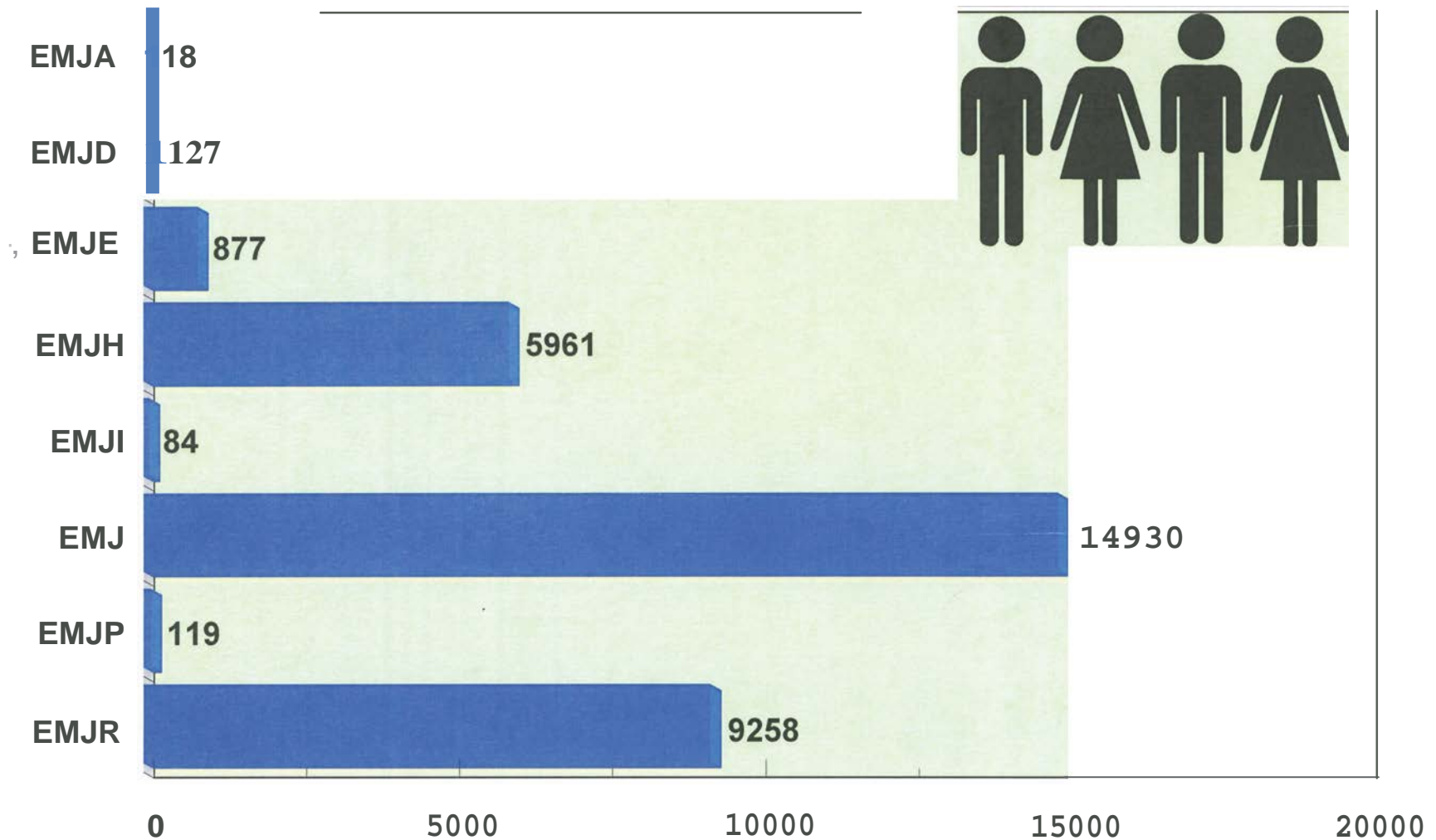
**Involuntary (EMJI)** - A child who is missing under circumstances indicating the disappearance was not voluntary, i.e., abduction or kidnaping.

**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.

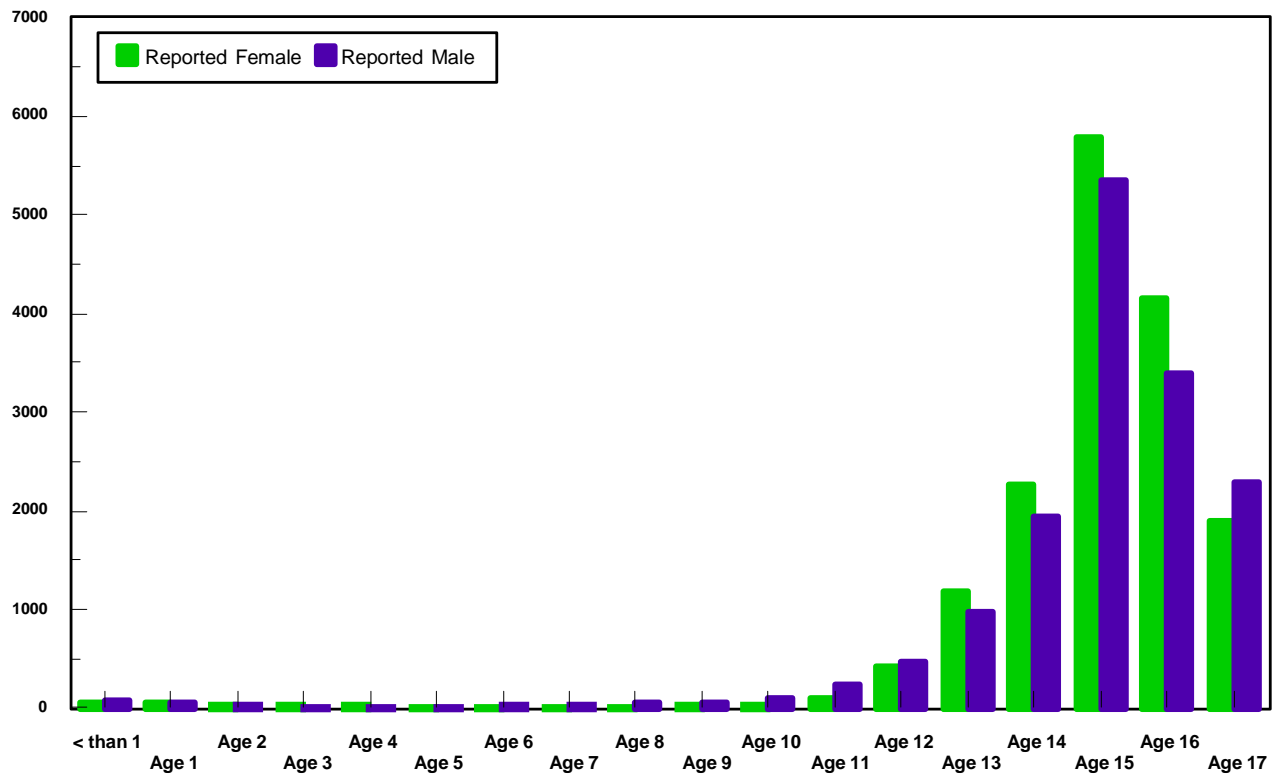
# ILLINOIS MISSING CHILDREN REPORT BY CATEGORY- FY10



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

# Illinois Missing Juveniles By Age - FY10

AGE	NUMBER CASES REPORTED			PENDING ACTIVE CASES		
	Female	Male	TOTAL	Female	Male	TOTAL
>1	69	77	146	7	7	14
1	56	60	116	9	3	12
2	46	36	82	3	3	6
3	29	18	47	2	3	5
4	38	14	52	3	0	3
5	12	21	33	0	2	2
6	22	29	51	2	2	4
7	16	27	43	0	2	2
8	20	59	79	2	0	2
9	28	67	95	1	3	4
10	42	109	151	0	3	3
11	103	243	346	1	3	4
12	424	465	889	14	12	26
13	1,179	979	2,158	29	25	54
14	2,270	1,953	4,223	59	50	109
15	5,789	5,347	11,136	179	93	272
16	4,151	3,400	7,551	145	100	245
17	1,889	2,287	4,176	94	43	137
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16,183</b>	<b>15,191</b>	<b>31,374</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>904</b>

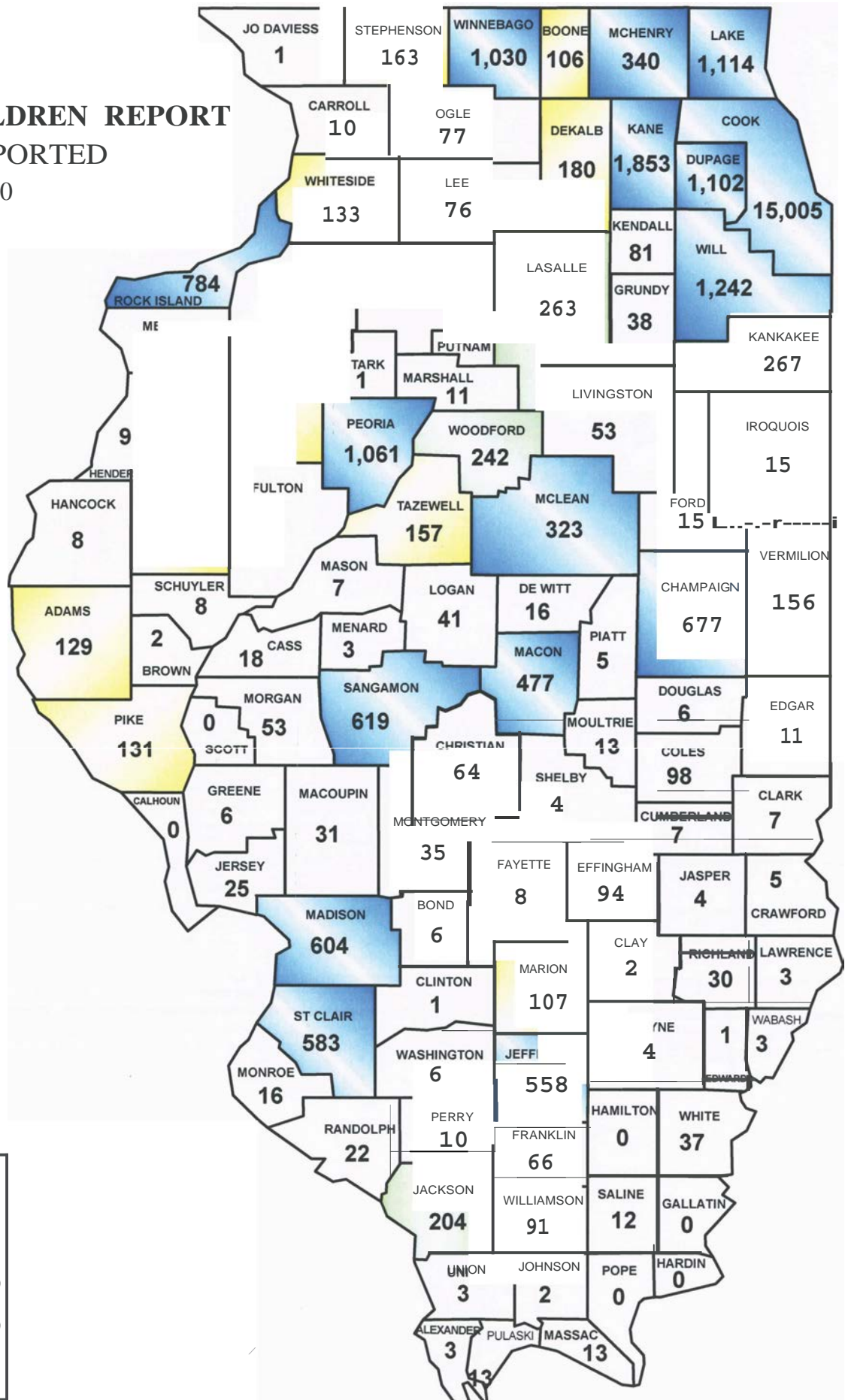




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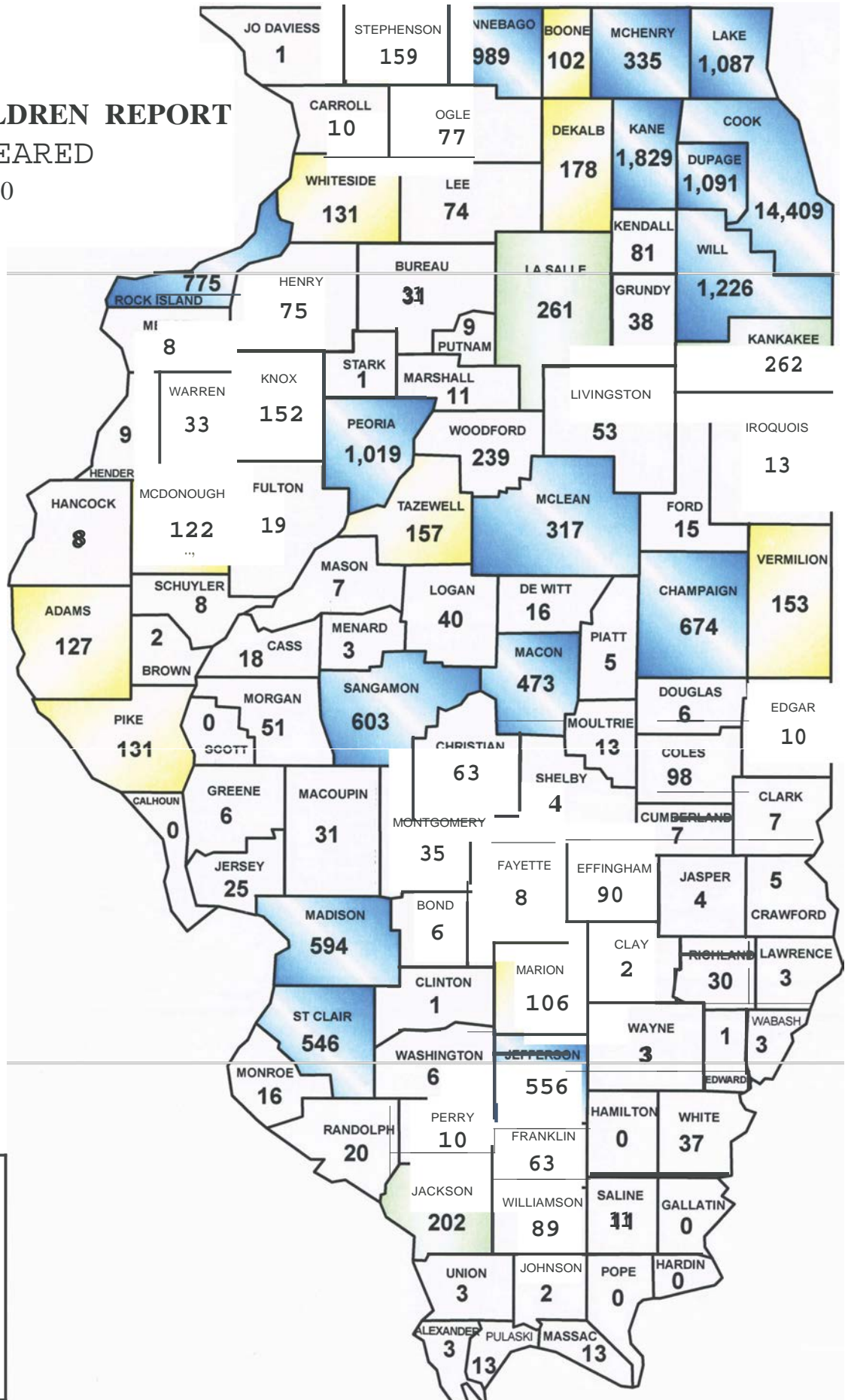
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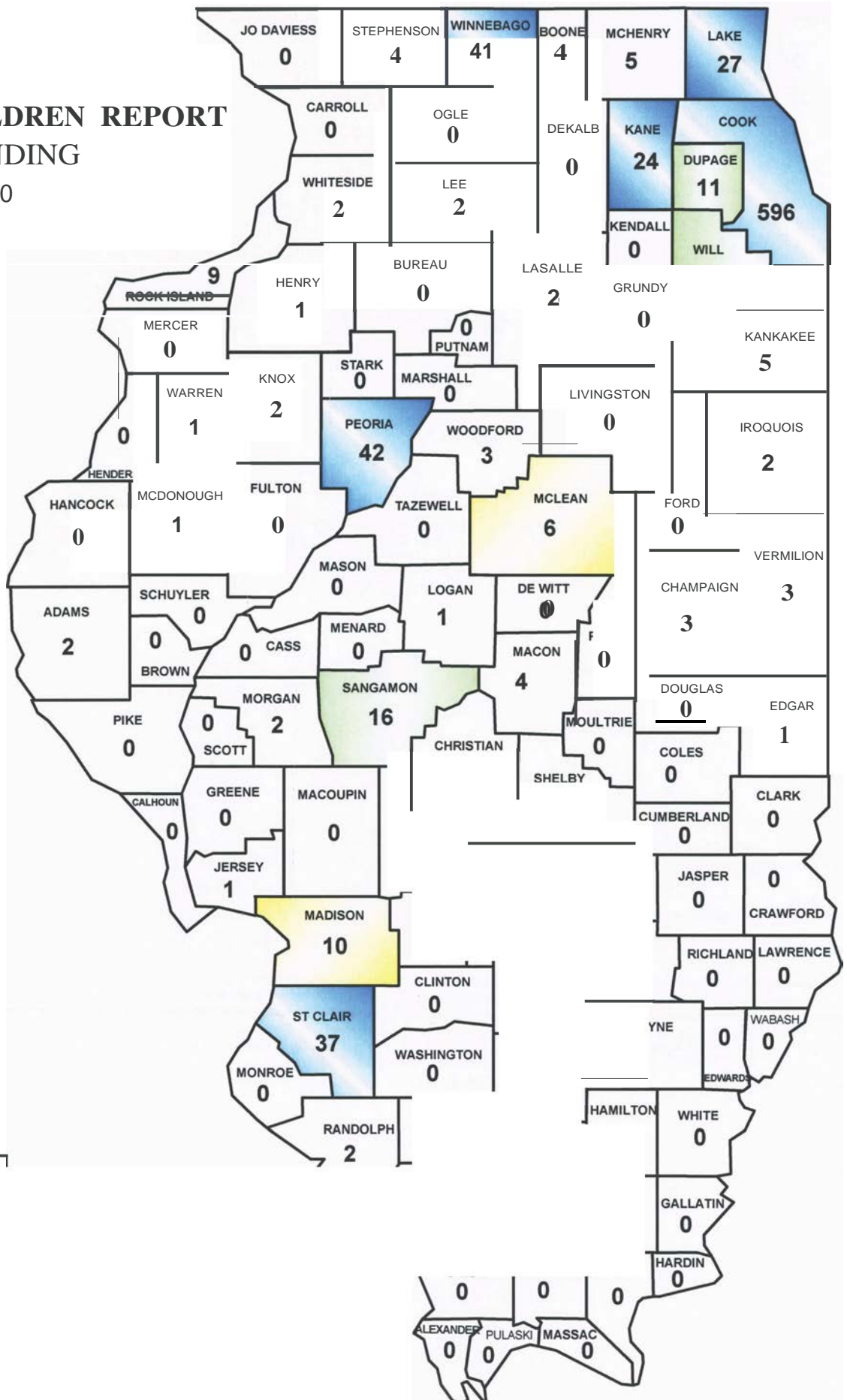
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# MISSING CHILDREN REPORT

## CASES PENDING

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**MISSING CHILDREN REPORTS  
REPORTED, CLEARED, AND PENDING  
BY COUNTY (FY 10)**

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>REPORTED</u>	<u>CLEARED</u>	<u>PENDING</u>
Adams	129	127	2
Alexander	3	3	0
Bond	6	6	0
Boone	106	102	4
Brown	2	2	0
Bureau	31	31	0
Calhoun	0	0	0
Carroll	10	10	0
Cass	18	18	0
Champaign	677	674	3
Christian	64	63	1
Clark	7	7	0
Clay	2	2	0
Clinton	1	1	0
Coles	98	98	0
Cook	15,005	14,409	596
Crawford	5	5	0
Cumberland	7	7	0
DeKalb	180	180	0
DeWitt	16	16	0
Douglas	6	6	0
DuPage	1,102	1,091	11
Edgar	11	10	1
Edwards	1	1	0
Effingham	94	90	4
Fayette	8	8	0
Ford	15	15	0
Franklin	66	63	3
Fulton	19	19	0
Gallatin	0	0	0
Greene	6	6	0
Grundy	38	38	0
Hamilton	0	0	0
Hancock	8	8	0
Hardin	0	0	0
Henderson	9	9	0
Henry	76	75	1
Iroquois	15	13	2

**MISSING CHILDREN REPORTS  
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BY COUNTY (FY 10)**

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>REPORTED</u>	<u>CLEARED</u>	<u>PENDING</u>
Jackson	204	202	2
Jasper	4	4	0
Jefferson	558	556	2
Jersey	25	25	0
Jo Daviess	1	1	0
Johnson	2	2	0
Kane	1,853	1,829	24
Kankakee	267	262	5
Kendall	81	81	0
Knox	154	152	2
Lake	1,114	1,087	27
LaSalle	263	261	2
Lawrence	3	3	0
Lee	76	74	2
Livingston	53	53	0
Logan	41	40	1
Macon	477	473	4
Macoupin	31	31	0
Madison	604	594	10
Marion	107	106	1
Marshall	11	11	0
Mason	7	7	0
Massac	13	13	0
McDonough	123	122	1
McHenry	340	335	5
McLean	323	317	6
Menard	3	3	0
Mercer	8	8	0
Monroe	16	16	0
Montgomery	35	35	0
Morgan	53	51	2
Moultrie	13	13	0
Ogle	77	77	0
Peoria	1,061	1,019	42
Perry	10	10	0
Piatt	5	5	0
Pike	131	131	0
Pope	0	0	0
Pulaski	13	13	0

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<b><u>COUNTY</u></b>	<b><u>REPORTED</u></b>	<b><u>CLEARED</u></b>	<b><u>PENDING</u></b>
Putnam	9	9	0
Randolph	22	20	2
Richland	30	30	0
Rock Island	784	775	9
Saline	12	11	1
Sangamon	619	603	16
Schuyler	8	8	0
Scott	0	0	0
Shelby	4	4	0
Stark	1	1	0
St. Clair	583	546	37
Stephenson	163	159	4
Tazewell	157	157	0
Union	3	3	0
Vermilion	156	153	3
Wabash	3	3	0
Warren	34	33	1
Washington	6	6	0
Wayne	4	3	1
White	37	37	0
Whiteside	133	131	2
Will	1,242	1,226	16
Williamson	91	89	2
Winnebago	1,030	989	41
Woodford	242	239	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31,374</b>	<b>30,470</b>	<b>904</b>

# **I-SEARCH**

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