

Fact Sheet  
**Missing Child Program**  
2024

- ▶ The U.S. Marshals Service supports the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children’s mission to protect children from victimization by providing assistance to federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.

<i>Fiscal Year 2023 Data</i>	
Requests received from law enforcement for assistance in missing child cases	845
Missing children located or recovered with assistance from U.S. Marshals	495

- ▶ The Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015 enhanced the U.S. Marshal Service’s discretionary authority to assist other law enforcement agencies with the recovery of missing, endangered or abducted children, regardless of whether a fugitive or sex offender was involved.
- ▶ The U.S. Marshals have a Missing Child Unit to oversee and manage the implementation of its enhanced authority under the act.
- ▶ Upon request, the Marshals assist other law enforcement agencies with the recovery of “critically missing children,” who have gone missing under circumstances that indicate an elevated risk to the child.
- ▶ Since 2015, when the Marshals received enhanced authority under the act, the agency has located or recovered more than 3,248 missing children.
- ▶ The U.S. Marshals have located or recovered missing children in 68 percent of cases received. Of those recovered, 61 percent were found within seven days.
- ▶ The U.S. Marshals are leading the way in a nationwide effort to rescue and recover missing and exploited children, thereby aiding in the prevention of human trafficking.