



## Fact Sheet

# Missing Child Program 2018

### ***Fiscal 2017 Data***

Requests received from law enforcement for assistance in missing child cases	255
Missing children recovered with assistance from U.S. Marshals	175

- ▶ 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. Since the center’s inception in 2005, the Marshals have helped recover more than 1,000 children.
- ▶ The Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015 enhanced the Marshals Service’s authority to assist federal, state and local law enforcement with the recovery of missing, endangered or abducted children, regardless of whether a fugitive or sex offender was involved.
- ▶ Upon request, the Marshals assist other law enforcement agencies with the location of “critically missing children,” who have gone missing under circumstances that indicate an elevated risk to the child.
  - To oversee and manage the agency’s implementation of its enhanced authority, the Marshals established the Missing Child Unit.
  - The Marshals averaged five missing child recoveries per month from 2005 (when the agency began tracking its support for missing child cases) until the passage of the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act. Since its passage, the agency has averaged 13.3 missing children recoveries per month, representing a 265 percent increase.
  - In fiscal 2017, the first full reporting period for activities under the new missing child authority, the agency received 255 requests for assistance in missing child cases from law enforcement and directly contributed to the recovery of 175 missing children.