



The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children Maryland Data

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) serves as the congressionally designated national clearinghouse for issues relating to missing and exploited children. NCMEC provides assistance to families, law enforcement, and members of the public to fulfill our mission to help find missing children, combat child sexual exploitation, and reduce child victimization.

Listed below are Maryland specific statistics relating to NCMEC's work. For nationwide information on all of NCMEC's programs, please visit: missingkids.org/ourwork/impact.

NCMEC's Work to Combat Child Sexual Exploitation

NCMEC operates the CyberTipline, the national mechanism for members of the public and online companies to report suspected child sexual exploitation. In 2022, the CyberTipline received **32.1 million reports** related to suspected child sexual exploitation, containing more than **88 million pieces of reported content** categorized as follows:

Videos: 37,775,034 Images: 49,404,779 Other Content: 1,197,394

In 2022, **10,009 CyberTipline reports** were made available to law enforcement in Maryland relating to the following case types:

Reports Related to Apparent Child Pornography:	9,497
Reports Related to Online Enticement/Sextortion:	358
Reports Related to Other Forms of Child Sexual Exploitation:	154

NCMEC also operates the Child Victim Identification Program (CVIP) that helps identify children depicted in images and videos seized by law enforcement during the course of child sexual exploitation investigations. Since its inception in 2002, NCMEC's CVIP has enrolled **25,140 identified children** in the program. In 2022, NCMEC worked to help identify children seen in **70 submissions** of child sexual exploitation material received from Maryland law enforcement.

NCMEC's Work to Help Locate and Recover Missing Children

In 2022, NCMEC assisted law enforcement, families, and child welfare agencies on **27,644** missing child cases. The majority of these cases involved children who have run away from home or a social services facility and are vulnerable to endangerments such as homelessness, gang involvement, and child sex trafficking. In 2022, NCMEC handled **21,494 cases of children missing from social services care** and based on NCMEC's analysis, **18%** of these missing children were likely victims of child sex trafficking.

In 2022, NCMEC handled **602** cases of missing children from Maryland as follows:

Children Missing From Social Services Facility	261
Other Missing Children Cases	257
Children Reported Missing by Office of Refugee Resettlement (HHS-ORR) :	84

NCMEC's Work to Combat Child Sex Trafficking

In 2022, NCMEC received more than **19,000 reports** of possible child sex trafficking. NCMEC has a Child Recovery Services Team that provides the following assistance for cases involving child sex trafficking, including:

- Case-based assistance in developing trauma-informed, victim-centered recovery plans
- Resources and support on developing effective strategies for youth engagement, trauma responses, and addressing running behavior
- Training and assistance with protocol development
- Development of multidisciplinary efforts to prevent re-victimization

NCMEC's Child Recovery Services Team had **53 engagements** with Maryland social service agencies in 2022.

NCMEC's Work to Support Families Impacted by a Missing or Exploited Child Case

NCMEC supports a volunteer-based, peer-support network consisting of family members who have experienced having a child who has been missing or exploited. In 2022, Team HOPE supported **5,570** families with peer support, including **274 families** in Maryland. To further help individuals in need, NCMEC facilitates the Family Advocacy Outreach Network. This is a membership-based network of experienced mental health treatment professionals and organizations who are willing to provide therapeutic services pro bono or at a low fee. In 2022, NCMEC successfully connected **109 survivors and/or families** to mental health or victim advocacy services in Maryland.

NCMEC's Education Resources for Law Enforcement and Child-Serving Professionals

NCMEC is committed to providing educational opportunities and resources to law enforcement and child-serving professionals. NCMEC hosts in-person education sessions across the country and also online through our NCMEC CONNECT program. In 2022, NCMEC CONNECT had more than **29,000 registered users**, including **238 new law enforcement and child-serving professionals** in Maryland.