



# SECTION A

1. Does your agency have jurisdiction to conduct criminal investigations of cases in which a child is reported as missing or abducted?

Yes  No  → Skip to Section G Page 7 →

2. Between **[one-year period]**, did your agency investigate any cases where a child under the age of 18 was abducted by a stranger, or a person with limited previous contact (a slight acquaintance) (cf. Glossary), or by an unknown person?

*Consider all cases where your agency performed any investigation activity between [one-year period], including unsolved cases from previous years which remained open between [one-year period] including investigations that your agency turned over to another agency, if applicable.*

Yes  No  → Skip to Section C, Page 4 →

3. Were any of these cases where...

- a. The child was held overnight? ..... Yes  No
- b. The child was transported 50 miles or more? ..... Yes  No
- c. The child was held for ransom? ..... Yes  No
- d. The child was killed? ..... Yes  No
- e. The abductor apparently intended to keep the child? ..... Yes  No

4. Did you answer "yes" to any item in Question 3? Yes  No  → Skip to Section C, Page 5 →

5. Indicate the total number of cases that your agency investigated between **[one-year period]** that fit one or more of the criteria given in Question 3.

*Remember to include all cases that fit the Question 3 criteria where your agency performed any investigation activity between [one-year period] regardless of when they were first reported and regardless of the involvement of another agency.*

Total Number of Qualifying Cases Investigated Between **[one-year period]**

**IMPORTANT:** Please provide specific information about each case by completing Section B on the next page. →

## SECTION B

For all abductions included in the total in Question 5 on the previous page, please provide the following information

	a) <b>Case Number</b> <i>Provide your agency's case number for reference in our follow-up call</i>	b) <b>Who was the key investigating officer or who in your agency is now the most knowledgeable person about the case?</b>	c) <b>Were any other law enforcement agencies involved?</b>	d) <b>When was the case reported? (MM/DD/YY)</b>	e) <b>Is the case still open?</b>	f) <b>Indicate which criteria this case appears to fit (circle all that apply):</b>
1.	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	Name Email	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	/ /	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Overnight, 50+ Miles, Ransom, Killed, Intent to Keep
2.	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	Name Email	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	/ /	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Overnight, 50+ Miles, Ransom, Killed, Intent to Keep
3.	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	Name Email	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	/ /	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Overnight, 50+ Miles, Ransom, Killed, Intent to Keep
4.	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	Name Email	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	/ /	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Overnight, 50+ Miles, Ransom, Killed, Intent to Keep
5.	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	Name Email	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	/ /	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Overnight, 50+ Miles, Ransom, Killed, Intent to Keep
6.	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	Name Email	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	/ /	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Overnight, 50+ Miles, Ransom, Killed, Intent to Keep

(Attach additional pages to continue this listing, if necessary).

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# SECTION C

In order to ensure that NISMART-4 counts all abductions that qualify under its definition of stereotypical abduction (see Glossary), this section asks you to take a different perspective. Here, we ask you to consider all the cases which your agency investigated as homicides of children between **[one-year period]**. Some of these cases might technically qualify under the NISMART definition because there was an element of abduction during the course of the incident.

1. Between **[one-year period]**, did your agency investigate any homicides or presumed homicides where the victim was a child?

Yes  No  → Skip to Section E, Page 6 →

2. Were any of these cases where...
- a. The perpetrator or primary suspect was a stranger? ..... Yes  No
  - b. The perpetrator or primary suspect was a person with limited previous contact (a slight acquaintance) (cf. Glossary)? ..... Yes  No
  - c. The perpetrator's identity has not yet been established? ..... Yes  No

3. Did you answer "yes" to any item in Question 2? ↑

Yes  No  → Skip to Section E, Page 6 →

4. Indicate the total number of cases that your agency investigated between **[one-year period]** that fit the criteria given above in Questions 1 and 2.

*Consider all cases where your agency performed any investigation activity between [one-year period], including unsolved cases from previous years which remained open between [one-year period] and including investigations that your agency turned over to another agency, if applicable.*

Total number of stranger homicides investigated between **[one-year period]**

5. Were any of these cases where, prior to the killing, it appeared that the perpetrator had...
- a. Moved the child (by force, threat, or lure) 20 feet or more? ..... Yes  No
  - b. Detained the child for one hour or longer? ..... Yes  No

6. Did you answer "yes" to any item in Question 5? ↑

Yes  No  → Skip to Section E, Page 7 →

7. Indicate the number of cases you included in your answer to Question 4 that involved one or the other of the elements listed in Question 5.

Total Number of Stranger Abduction Homicides Investigated between **[one-year period]**

→ **IMPORTANT:** Please provide specific information about each case by completing Section D on the next page. →

**SEE GLOSSARY, PAGE 7.**

## SECTION D

For all stranger abduction homicides included in the total in Question 7 on the previous page, please provide the following information:

	a) Case Number <i>Provide your agency's case number for reference in our follow-up call</i>	b) Who was the key investigating officer or who in your agency is now the most knowledgeable person about the case?	c) Were any other law enforcement agencies involved?	d) When was the case reported? (MM/DD/YY)	e) Is the case still open?	f) Indicate which criteria this case appears to fit (circle all that apply):
1.	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	Name: <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/> Email: <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	/ /	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved 20+ Feet Detained 1+ Hour
2.	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	/ /	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved 20+ Feet Detained 1+ Hour
3.	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	/ /	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved 20+ Feet Detained 1+ Hour
4.	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	/ /	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved 20+ Feet Detained 1+ Hour
5.	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	/ /	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved 20+ Feet Detained 1+ Hour
6.	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	/ /	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved 20+ Feet Detained 1+ Hour

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## SECTION E

1. You have indicated that your agency did not investigate any cases between [one-year period] that fit the NISMART criteria for a stereotypical abduction (see Glossary). What year did your agency last investigate any case that fit those criteria?

2. Are you aware of any cases of stereotypical abductions in your general area or in your state between [one-year period]?

Yes  → Indicate the county (counties) where the abduction(s) took place

No

## SECTION F

1. To the extent possible, please verify your answers in the previous sections by conducting a check of investigation records and/or discussions with your agency's investigative unit(s). Indicate here the way(s) you verified this information:

- |   |                              |                             |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a. Checked with other staff in your department? ..... | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Checked with staff elsewhere in your agency? ..... | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Checked records? .....                             | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Used a computerized information system?.....       | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

2. Is your specific department or unit responsible for...

a. Investigating child abductions?..... Yes  No

b. Maintaining data on child abductions?..... Yes  No  → Skip to Section H, Page 7 →

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## SECTION G

You indicated in Section A that your agency does not have the jurisdiction to conduct criminal investigations of child abductions. Please describe what responsibilities do come under your agency's jurisdiction.


## SECTION H

Feel free to comment on this survey to offer your suggestions about other information this research should consider.


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## GLOSSARY OF STUDY TERMS

**Child.** Person under the age of 18.

**Stereotypical Abduction.** An abduction by a stranger, a person with limited previous contact (a slight acquaintance), or an unidentified person where the child was held overnight, transported 50 miles or more, held for ransom, killed, or the abductor apparently intended to keep the child.

**Abduction.** An incident where the child was moved by force, threat, or lure for a distance of 20 feet or more or was detained for one hour or longer.

**Stranger.** Person not known by the child or family.

**Person with limited previous contact (Slight Acquaintance).** A nonfamily perpetrator who was a recent acquaintance whom the child or family have known for less than 6 months, or someone the family or child have known for longer than 6 months but have seen infrequently (e.g., less than once a month).

**Unknown Person.** Person whose identity has not yet been determined. Although this may ultimately turn out to be a family member or someone known well, it is equally likely that they turn out to be a stranger or a person with limited previous contact (slight acquaintance).