



Family Abduction

For 1999, the second National Incidence Study of Missing, Abducted, Runaway, and Thrown away Children (NISMAART), estimated that 203,900 children had experienced a family abduction.

- 44% of family abducted children were younger than age 6.
- Biological fathers were the most frequent abductor.

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