



**FEDERAL COMMUNICATION
COMMISSION'S
PROPOSED RULE MAKING
FOR THE
MISSING AND
ENDANGERED PERSONS
EVENT CODE**

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OUR MISSION

TO PROMOTE THE SELF-DETERMINATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES THROUGH MEDIA ACCESS, STORYTELLING, AND OWNERSHIP

PROGRAMS

-STATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

-TRAINING & EDUCATION

-STATION SUPPORT PROGRAM

-BROADCAST SERVICE PROGRAM

-ADVOCACY

Violence against American Indian/Alaska Native Women

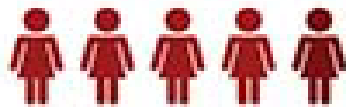
Compared to all other races, they are...

2.5x as likely to experience violent crimes

2x more likely to experience rape or sexual assault crimes

1.5 million women

More than **4/5** AI/AK Native women experienced violence in their lifetime



National Crime Information Center Missing and Unidentified Person 2020 Statistics

■ 4244
0-20 year olds

■ 1049
21+ year olds



578

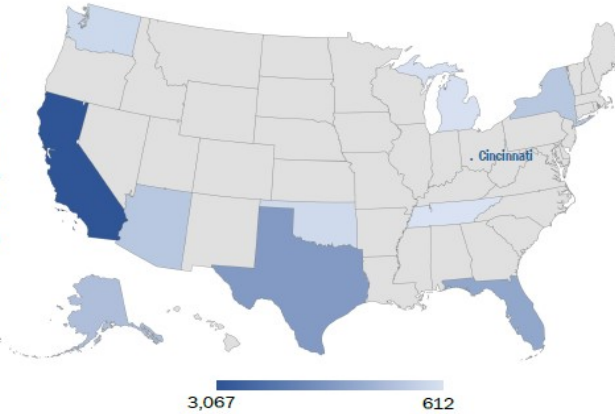
cases still open at end of 2020

▶▶▶▶▶ 690* were logged into the federal database

22,160 Missing from 55 States and Territories

Top 10 States

California	3,067
Texas	2,204
Florida	1,633
Alaska	1,201
Arizona	1,055
New York	1,038
Washington	802
Oklahoma	767
Tennessee	653
Michigan	612

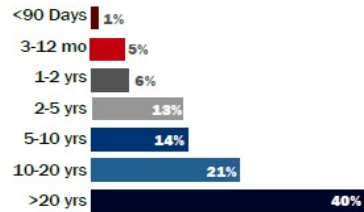


Top 10 Cities

Los Angeles (CA)	344
Houston (TX)	311
Dallas (TX)	307
Phoenix (AZ)	234
San Francisco (CA)	224
McAllen (TX)	197
Oklahoma City (OK)	187
Miami (FL)	180
Memphis (TN)	180
Tulsa (OK)	161

Demographics

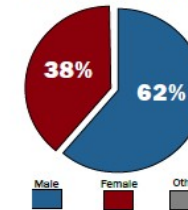
Age of Case



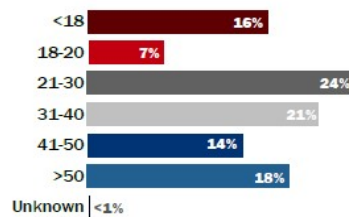
Average Years Missing

18.3
years

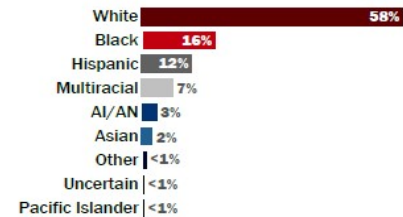
Sex Assigned at Birth



Age at Time Reported Missing



Race/Ethnicity



Source: National Missing and Unidentified Persons System September 2022 Report

Authenticated emergency and life-saving information is delivered to the public using the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS).



Radio and television using the Emergency Alert System (EAS)



Cell phones using Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)



National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Weather Radio.



Internet and unique alert systems.

Only Alerting Authorities can use Event Codes



The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) establishes new Event Codes and maintains the list of approved Event Codes.

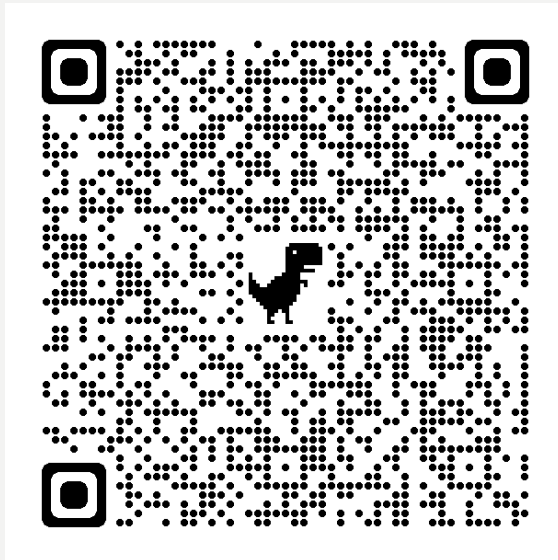
State, Tribal, local, and territorial Alerting Authorities use IPAWS to issue non-weather Event Codes for emergencies.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issues weather alerts.

IPAWS ALERTING AUTHORITIES

STATE DIRECTORY QR CODE

More than 1,600 federal, state, local, tribal and territorial Alerting Authorities use IPAWS to issue critical public alerts in their jurisdictions.



12 TRIBAL ALERTING AUTHORITIES

- Cocopah Indian Tribe
- Hualapai Tribe
- Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis
- Navajo Nation
- Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation
- Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians
- Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian
- Ysleta del Sur Pueblo
- Pascua Yaqui
- Shawnee Tribe
- Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope
- Chickasaw Nation

Non-Weather National FCC Event Codes

- ADR – Administrative Message
- AVA – Avalanche Watch
- BLU – Blue Alert
- CAE – Child Abduction Emergency
- CDW – Civil Danger Warning
- CEM – Civil Emergency Message
- DMO – Practice/Demo Warning
- EQW – Earthquake Warning
- EVI – Immediate Evacuation
- FRW – Fire Warning
- HMW – Hazardous Materials Warning
- LAE – Local Area Emergency
- LEW – Law Enforcement Warning
- **MEP – Missing and Endangered Persons**
- NUW – Nuclear Power Plant Warning
- RHW – Radiological Hazard Warning
- RMT – Required Monthly Test
- RWT – Required Weekly Test
- SPW – Shelter in Place Warning
- TOE – 911 Telephone Outage Emergency
- VOW – Volcano Warning



On March 14, 2024, the FCC unanimously voted to propose MEP Event Code rules.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CjJzFd6gAow>

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April 18, 2024:

The FCC posted the proposed rule to the Federal Register.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/04/18/2024-08271/the-emergency-alert-system-and-wireless-emergency-alerts>

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Proposed Rule

The Emergency Alert System and Wireless Emergency Alerts

A Proposed Rule by the Federal Communications Commission on 04/18/2024

This document has a comment period that ends in 58 days. (06/17/2024) **SUBMIT A FORMAL COMMENT**

PUBLISHED DOCUMENT

AGENCY:
Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION:
Proposed rule.

SUMMARY:
In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) seeks comment on a proposal to adopt a new Emergency Alert System (EAS) event code for the delivery of critical messages to the public over television and radio about missing and endangered persons.

DATES:
Comments are due on or before May 20, 2024 and reply comments are due on or before June 17, 2024.

ADDRESSES:
Pursuant to §§ 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated in this document. Comments and reply comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998). Interested parties may file comments or reply comments, identified by PS Docket Nos. 15-91 and 15-94 by any of the following methods: You may submit comments, identified by PS Docket Nos. 15-91 and 15-94, by any of the following methods:

- **Electronic Filers:** Comments may be filed electronically using the internet by accessing the ECFS: <https://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.
- **Paper Filers:** Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing.

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Tribal Consultation:

- The Office of Native Affairs and Policy (ONAP) is directed to coordinate government-to-government consultation with Tribal Nations.**
- Announcement of commencement will be via public notice at a later date.**

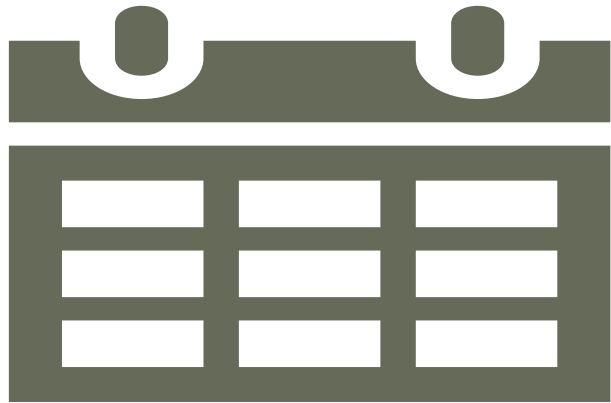
ONAP e-mail: Native@fcc.gov

FCC Questions:

- **“Should the Commission consider an additional dedicated EAS event code for missing Indigenous persons on and off Tribal land?”**
- **“Who would be considered “Indigenous” for use purpose of this code?”**
- **Questions on total benefits and costs.**

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

FCC Comment Periods



Comment Period:
04/18/2024 to 05/20/2024

Reply Comment Period:
05/21/2024 to 06/17/2024



File Electronically Here:
<https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filings/standard>

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