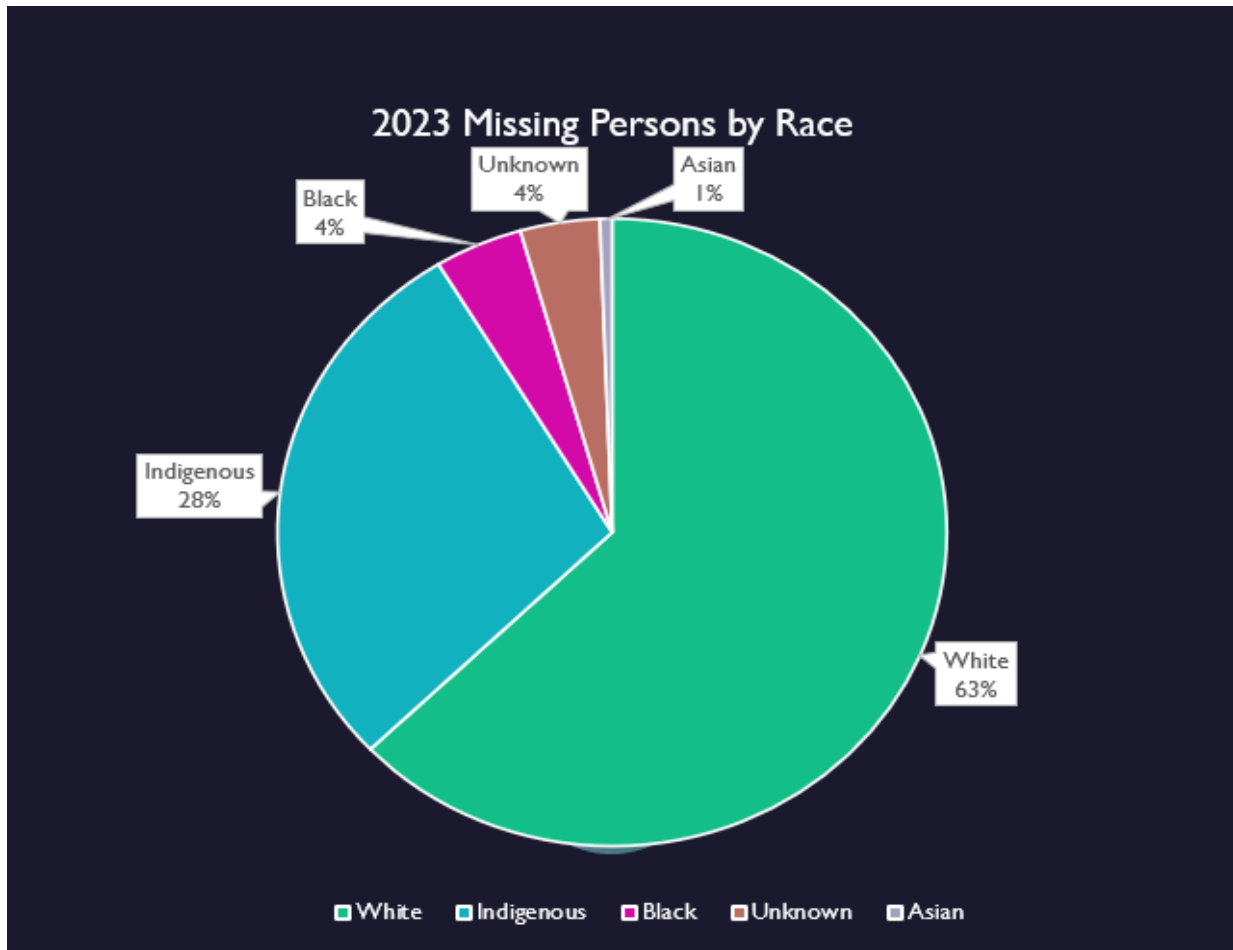


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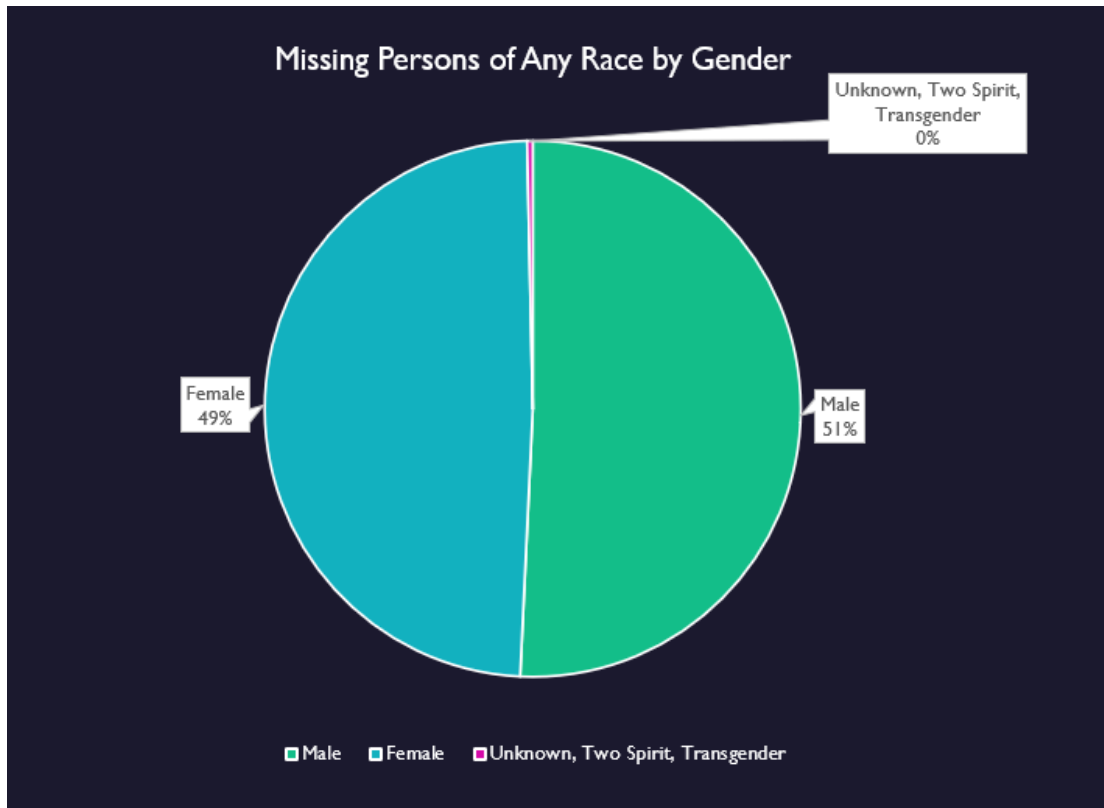
Between 1/1/2023 and 7/17/2023, Montana's law enforcement agencies entered 1,198 missing persons in Montana's Missing Person System (MMPS). Of those missing persons entered this year, 1,106 have been located. Thus far, the clearance rate for missing persons reported in 2023 is 93%.

According to the 2020 U.S. Census, Indigenous persons make up approximately 6.2% of Montana's population. According to 2023's Montana missing person entries, Indigenous persons made up 28% of missing persons this year.

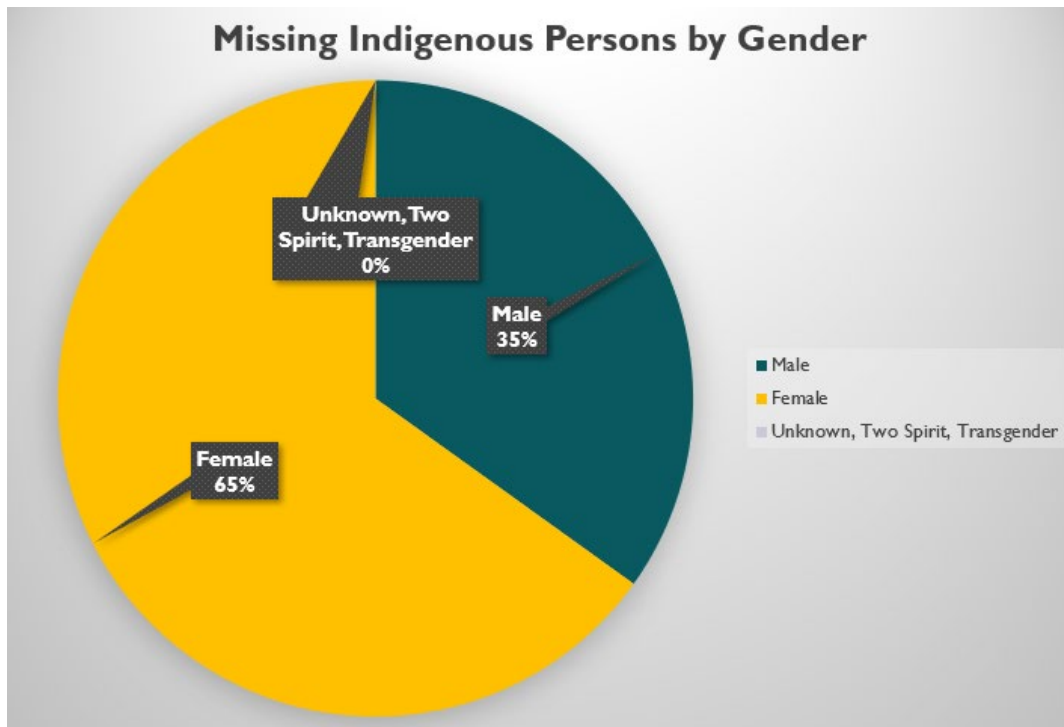


Caucasians represented the greatest percentage of missing persons with 753 persons reported missing in 2023. Indigenous persons were the next highest racial group represented at 341 persons. 51 persons were identified as Black, 7 as Asian, and 46 were listed as Unknown race.

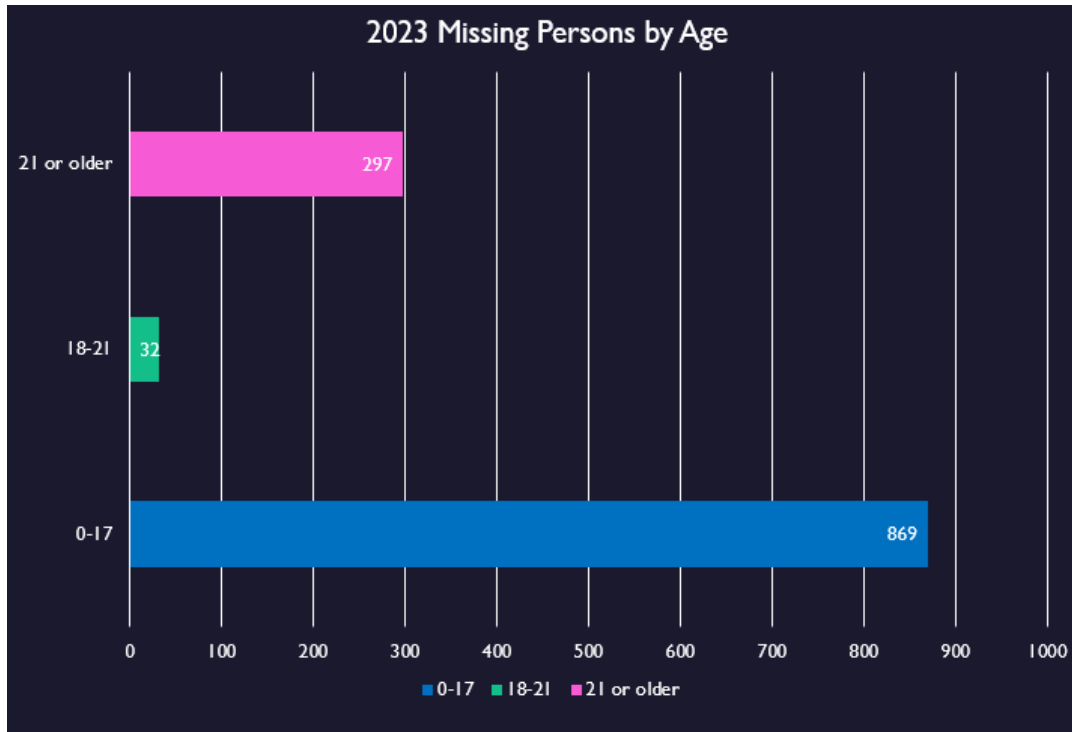
When surveying missing persons of any race by gender, males (608) went missing more than females (586) and those that were unknown gender, two spirit, or transgender (4).



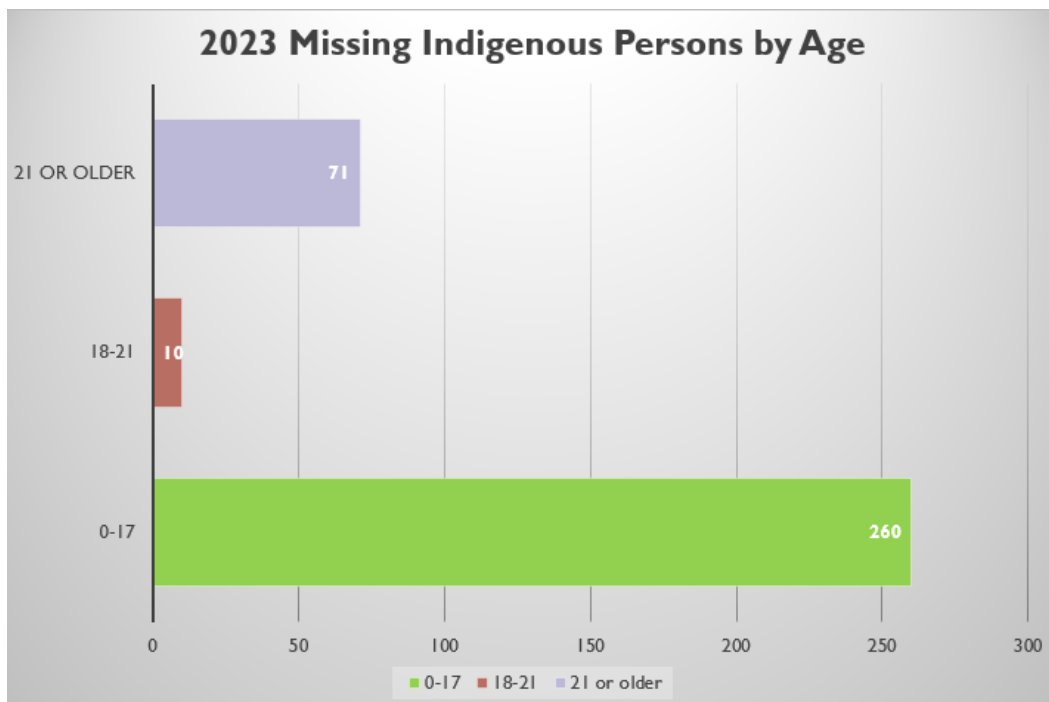
Among Indigenous persons, more females (222) went missing compared to males (119) in 2023:



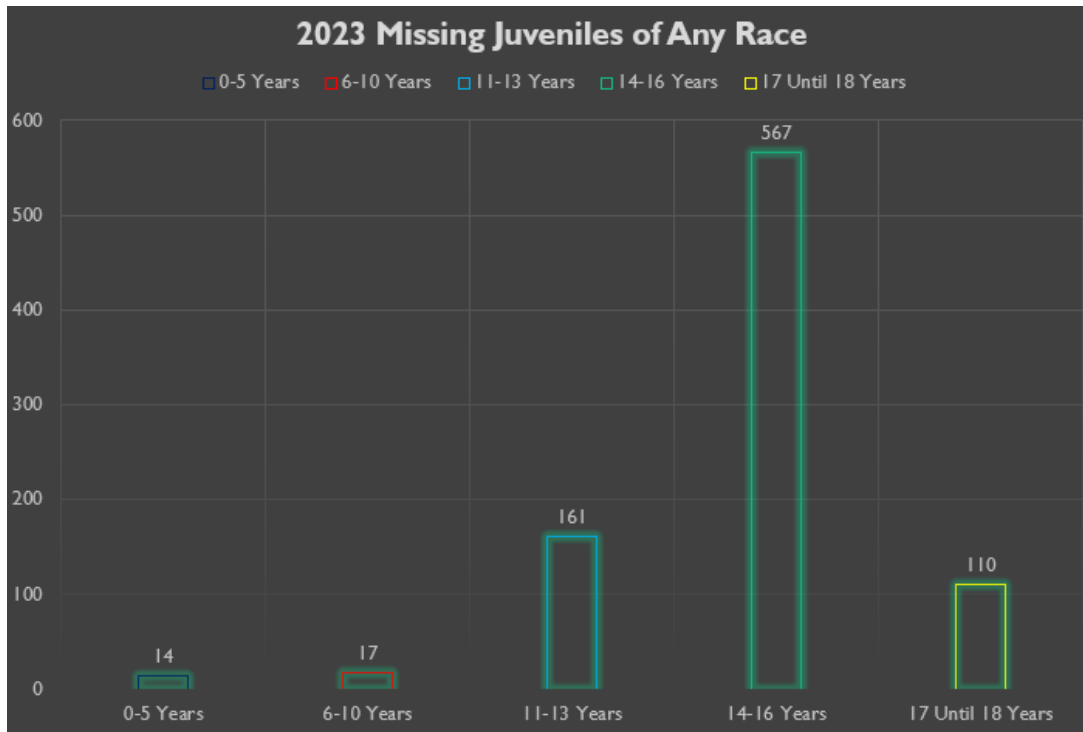
Juveniles made up a vast majority of missing persons in 2023. Of the 1,198 missing person cases, 869 were those under age 18. This represents 72% of all missing person cases in 2023. If added to those persons between ages 18 and 21, 75% of missing persons reported in 2023 were under 21.



Indigenous Persons in 2023 followed a similar trend with missing youth. 260 missing indigenous persons were under age 18 in 2023. 10 were between ages 18 and 21, and 71 persons were older than 21. 76% of reported missing Indigenous persons were under 18. 79% of missing Indigenous were under age 21.



65% of juveniles, of any race, entered as missing in 2023 were between the ages of 14 and 16 (567). The next closest demographic of missing juveniles was those between ages 11 and 13, making up 18%.



Missing indigenous persons also followed a similar trend as those of any race in relation to juveniles. 66% of reported missing juveniles were between ages 14 and 16. 16% were those between ages 11 and 13.

