DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT
Homicide/Missing Persons Unit

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CHIEF OF POLICE

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Missing Persons Unit is responsible for the following:

- Long Term Missing Cases

- Suspect Foul Play

- Amber Alerts

- Abduction/Kidnappings

- Unidentified Human Remains

- Vulnerable Missing's (age, mental disability or physical disabilities)

- Special Circumstances (Witnesses to crimes, recent domestic violence victims, etc.)

- Providing Training

- Identify and submit cases for Forensic Genetic Genealogy (FGG) testing

STAFFING

(1) Lieutenant
   Lieutenant Paul Brown

(2) Sergeant
   Sergeant Shannon Jones
   Sergeant Simeon Glinton

(6) Detectives/Corporal/Police Officers
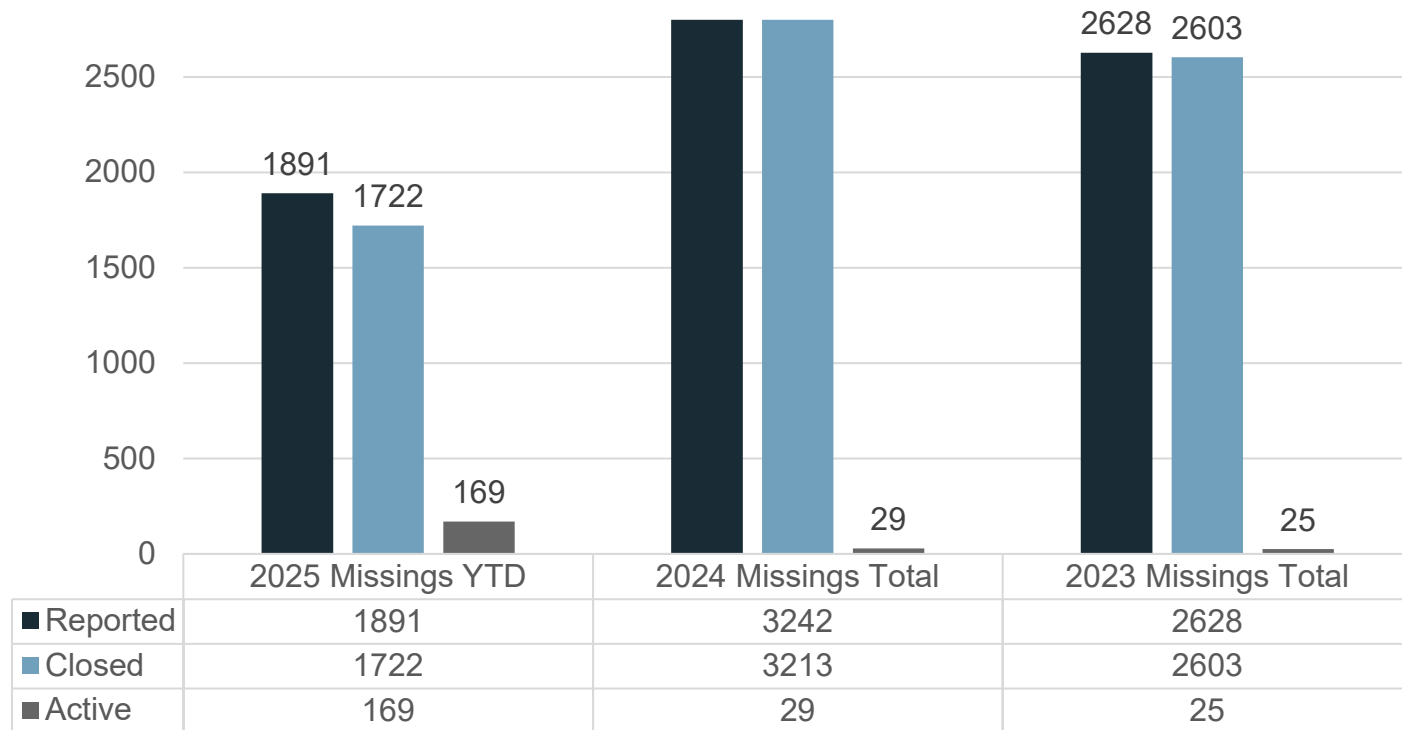   Detective Brendan Brown
   Corporal Christopher Smith
   Police Officer Angel Hernandez
   Police Officer Jasmyne Jones
   Police Officer Christopher Merrill

STATISTICS (CITYWIDE)

	2025 Missings YTD	2024 Missings Total	2023 Missings Total
■ Reported	1891	3242	2628
■ Closed	1722	3213	2603
■ Active	169	29	25

■ Reported ■ Closed ■ Active
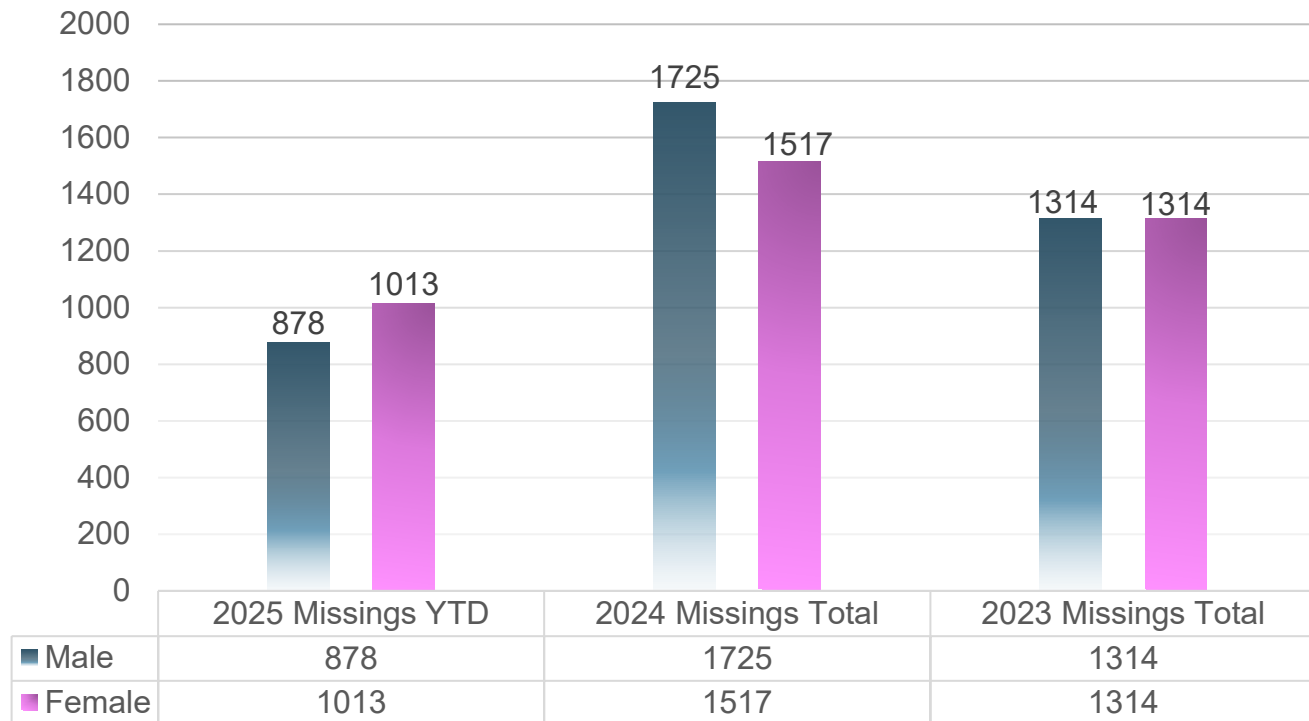
CASE DEMOGRAPHICS BY AGE

Missing Persons Breakdown
2025 YTD

Total Missing	Adults Missing (18+)	Juveniles Missing (11-17)	Children Missing (5-10)	Infants Missing (Under 5)
1891	788	997	67	39

As of August 18, 2025, 1,891 Missing Persons reports have been filed. 1,722 have been closed for an overall closure rate of 91%.
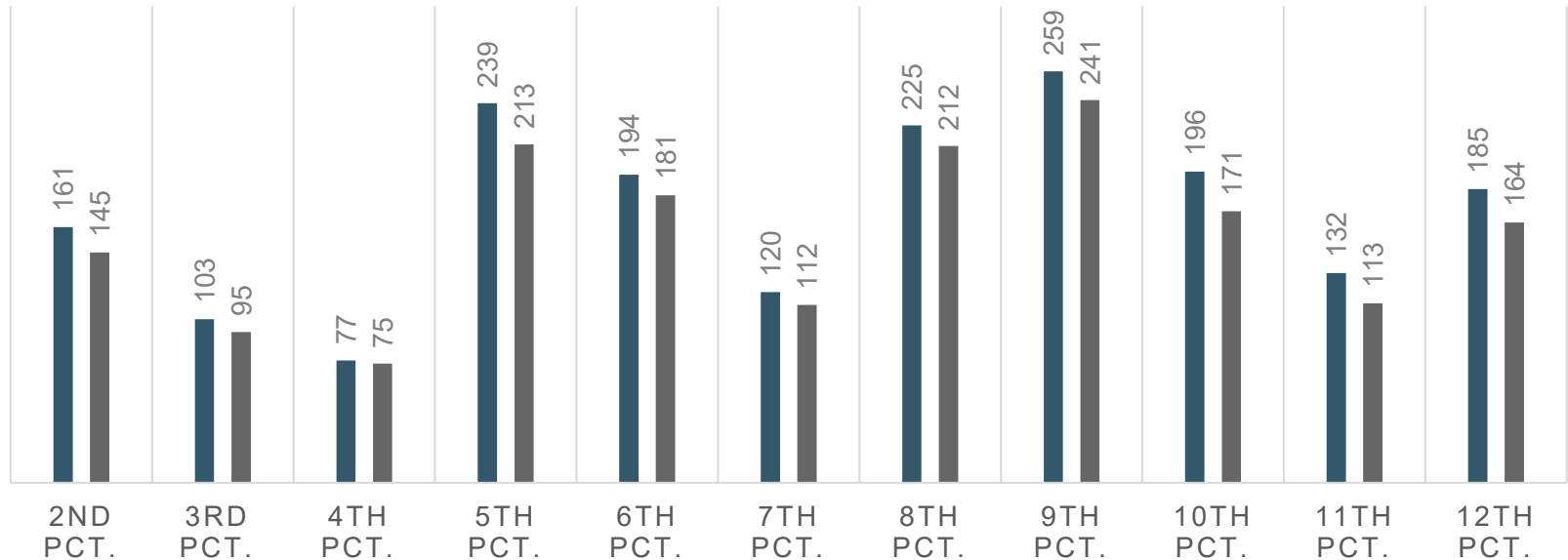
CASE DEMOGRAPHICS BY GENDER

	2025 Missings YTD	2024 Missings Total	2023 Missings Total
Male	878	1725	1314
Female	1013	1517	1314

Male   Female

2025 PRECINCT BREAKDOWN YTD

2025 MISSING PERSONS

■ Total Cases ■ Closed

Precinct	Total Cases	Closed
2ND PCT.	161	145
3RD PCT.	103	95
4TH PCT.	77	75
5TH PCT.	239	213
6TH PCT.	194	181
7TH PCT.	120	112
8TH PCT.	225	212
9TH PCT.	259	241
10TH PCT.	196	171
11TH PCT.	132	113
12TH PCT.	185	164
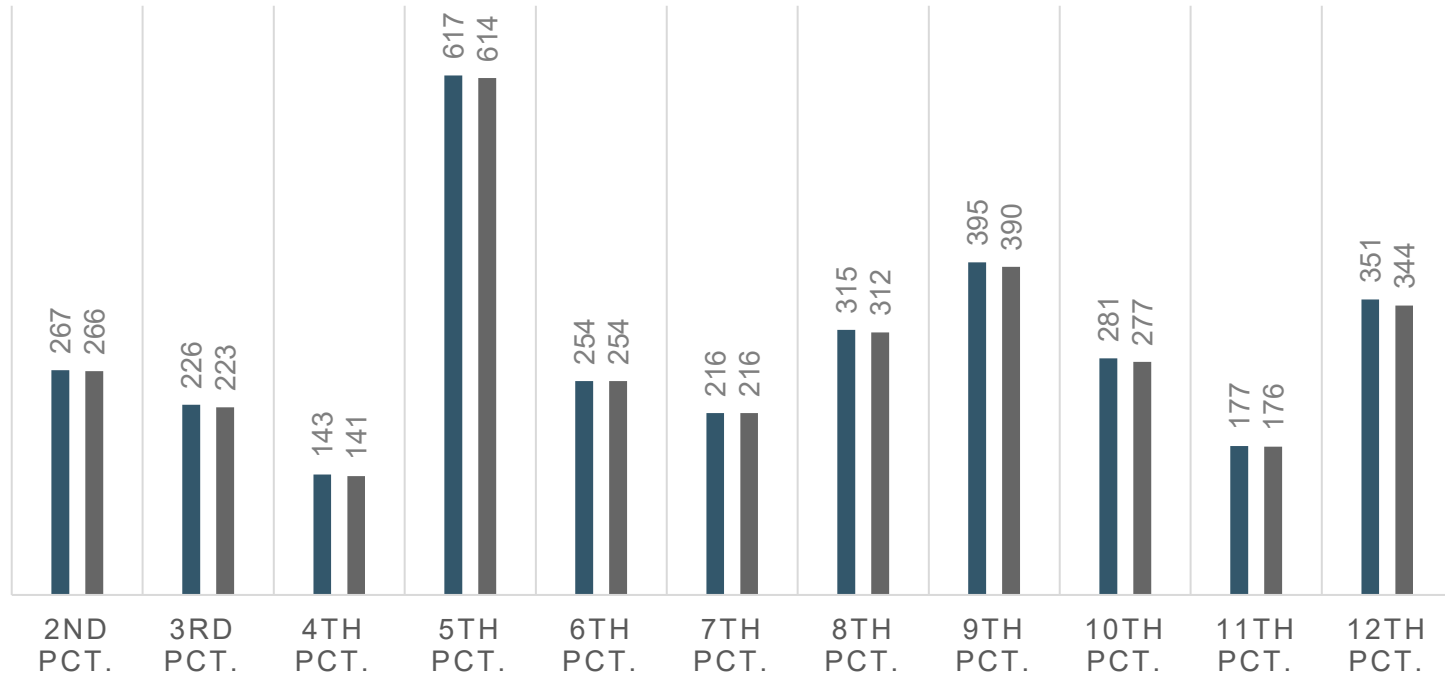
The overall closure rate for missing persons cases 2025 is 91%

CASE HIGHLIGHT-LONDON THOMAS

- Identified Suspects for London Thomas

- Executed multiple search warrants, reviewed multiple hours of video data, examined cellular data

- Coordinated Mass Multi Agency searches resulting in recovery of London Thomas in Southfield MI (ruled a homicide by Oakland County ME)

- Case continued with Michigan State Police

QUESTIONS?