



- **NATIONAL ICAC PROGRAM BACKGROUND**

Created in 1998, the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force is a national network of **61 coordinated task forces**, representing over **5,400 federal, state, and local law enforcement**, dedicated to investigating, prosecuting and developing effective responses to internet crimes against children. Each ICAC Task Force is run by one lead agency which in turn solicits law enforcement agencies within their region as affiliates. Each ICAC Task Force works hand in hand with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), whose mission is to help find missing children, reduce child sexual exploitation, and prevent child victimization.

Federal Statute 18 U.S.C. § 2258A requires electronic communication service providers—such as internet service providers, social media platforms, and other online services—to report any apparent instances of Child Sexual Abuse Imagery (CSAM) to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) whenever such content is detected on their platforms. These reports are called CyberTips. NCMEC distributes CyberTips through its online portal to the designated lead agency of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force based on the location of the online predator and/or victim.

The ICAC Task Force lead agency is the only agency to receive these tips and is in turn tasked with assigning them to the appropriate affiliate law enforcement agency for investigation. In 2023, the number of CyberTips surged by 12%, with a staggering 300% rise in cases of child enticement, where children are groomed or coerced into producing sexually explicit images or meeting offenders in person. Of the approximately **1.1 million** CyberTips traced to locations within the United States, California topped the list with **110,785 reports**.

Beyond their mandate to investigate CyberTips, ICAC Task Forces also undertake proactive efforts to combat child exploitation. These efforts include operations to track down individuals actively distributing Child Sexual Abuse Imagery (CSAM) and undercover online chat initiatives aimed at identifying, apprehending, and prosecuting the most dangerous predators—those seeking to meet children for sexual purposes.

The ICAC Task Force program mandates training for law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, and other professionals involved in ICAC efforts, ensuring that investigations align with the National ICAC Program Operational and Investigative Standards, as outlined by the U.S. Department of Justice. Additionally, the program is dedicated to educating parents, youth, and the broader community about the risks of online activity, including the threat of online child victimization.

California is home to 5 ICAC Task Forces



Below is a list of some affiliate agencies across each ICAC Task Force’s region and a table illustrating the workload since 2022. The “Total number of investigations” row includes both CyberTip and proactive investigations from all lead and affiliate agencies.

Sacramento ICAC

Alturas PD, Amador County SO, Anderson PD, Stanislaus SO, Clearlake PD, Del Norte County SO, Folsom PD, Eureka PD, Redding PD, Stockton PD, Humboldt County SO, Mendocino County SO

Years	2022	2023	2024
CyberTips	10,564	13,794	15,205
Total number of investigations	9,124	12,714	12,742

San Jose ICAC

Alameda County SO, Albany PD, Berkeley PD, BART PD, Campbell PD, Concord PD, Daly City PD, East Bay Regional Park PD, Fremont PD, Hayward PD, Livermore PD, Marin County SO

Years	2022	2023	2024
CyberTips	11,356	14,298	13,451
Total number of investigations	11,930	15,047	14,442

Fresno ICAC

Arroyo Grande PD, Bakersfield PD, Clovis PD, Fresno PD, Hanford PD, Kern County SO, Lemoore PD, Madera PD, Merced PD, San Luis Obispo PD, Visalia PD, Tulare County SO

Years	2022	2023	2024
CyberTips	6,569	7,527	7,226
Total number of investigations	1,167	1,140	1,902

Los Angeles ICAC

Los Angeles SO, San Bernardino County SO, Orange County SO, Santa Barbara SO, Ventura County SO, Long Beach PD, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), Los Angeles County Probation Department, San Bernardino County Probation Department, Pasadena PD, Ontario PD, Fontana PD,

Years	2022	2023	2024
CyberTips	36,575	39,693	37,817
Total number of investigations	11,198	8,081	7,145

San Diego ICAC

San Diego PD, Escondido PD, National City PD, Oceanside PD, Beaumont PD, Blythe PD, Desert Hot Springs PD, Imperial County SO, Murrieta PD, Riverside PD, San Diego Unified School District PD, San Diego SO

Years	2022	2023	2024
CyberTips	7,910	9,327	11,068
Total number of investigations	4,271	5,040	3,399

Additionally, since 2022, the 5 ICAC Task Forces have collectively provided 2,089 ICAC trainings for 28,130 law enforcement personnel and provided online safety presentations to nearly 200,000 community members.