

## Higher risk of becoming a 'Missing Person' in San Francisco than in Seattle

During the summer of 2014, there was a higher risk of an individual becoming a 'Missing Person' in San Francisco than in Seattle. In fact, there were no missing persons reported during the summer of 2014 for Seattle. In comparison there were 362 reported missing adults and 267 reported missing children. Looking at the data, adults went 'missing' most frequently on a Wednesday and children went 'missing' most frequently on a Friday (Figure 1). The time of day when both adults and children were most likely to go 'missing' was between 06:01-12:00 (Figure 2).

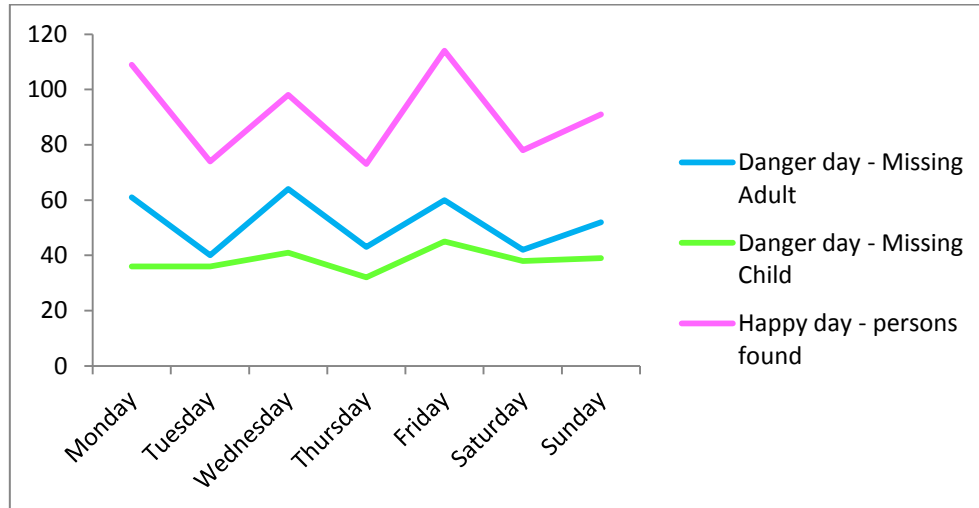


Figure 1. The counts of children and adults going 'missing' and of persons found per week day

Although 629 persons went 'missing' during the summer of 2014, during the same time period 637 persons were 'found'. Mondays and Fridays were the most rewarding days in terms of number of persons 'found', with approximately equal chance of being 'found' between the times of 06:01-12:00 and 12:01-18:00.

These figures should be a word of caution to both locals and travellers that it is not the night time that is most dangerous for cases of 'missing persons' as is commonly assumed. The risk of becoming a 'missing person' is actually highest during the weekdays, during broad daylight hours. Perhaps this is a result of individuals perceiving their environment to be safer during the day than during the night and therefore paying less attention to potential dangers.

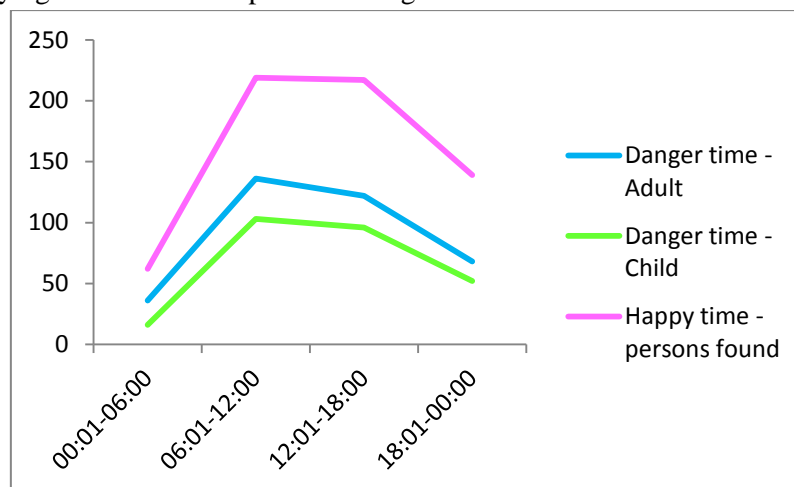


Figure 2. The counts of adults and children going 'missing' and of persons being 'found', across four time categories of the day