



# Cook County State's Attorney's Office (CCSAO) December 2023 Report Chicago Ward 1

All incidents for the below cases occurred within Chicago Ward 1. CCSAO data in this report does not include misdemeanor charges.

## 1. Adult Felony Review & Prosecution

### a) Overall

In December 2023, the CCSAO reviewed and made a charging decision for 2 adult felony cases in Chicago Ward 1. 1 case was approved resulting in a **50% approval rate**. Overall, the CCSAO prosecuted 6 cases, and 3 of those cases were filed by the CCSAO, not directly filed by law enforcement. Of these CCSAO-filed adult felony cases, 2 were convicted, a **67% conviction rate**. The overall cases, including law enforcement direct file cases, where the CCSAO is not making charging decisions, 2 were convicted, a **33% conviction rate**.

Area	Felony Review			Prosecution Overall			Prosecution of SAO Filed		
	Reviewed	Approved*	Approval Rate	Prosecuted**	Guilty	Conviction Rate	Prosecuted	Guilty	Conviction Rate
Chicago Ward 1	2	1	50%	6	2	33%	3	2	67%
Chicago	738	621	84%	841	490	58%	613	439	72%

### b) Top Reviewed & Prosecuted Adult Felony Categories

#### Chicago Ward 1

Ranking	Top Reviewed Category	Reviewed	Approved	App. Rate	Top Prosecuted Category	Prosecuted	Guilty	Conv. Rate
1	Aggravated Battery Police Officer	1	1	100%	Narcotics	3	0	0%
2	Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicle	1	0	0%	Unlawful Use of Weapons	2	1	50%
3	--	--	--	--	Aggravated Battery Police Officer	1	1	100%
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#### Chicago

Ranking	Top Reviewed Category	Reviewed	Approved	App. Rate	Top Prosecuted Category	Prosecuted	Guilty	Conv. Rate
1	Unlawful Use of Weapons	273	239	88%	Unlawful Use of Weapons	287	207	72%
2	Retail Theft	58	34	59%	Narcotics	238	58	24%
3	Aggravated Battery Police Officer	46	43	93%	Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicle	33	23	70%
4	Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicle	36	26	72%	Burglary	31	22	71%
5	Other Offense	28	21	75%	Aggravated Battery Police Officer	23	19	83%

### c) Felony Review & Prosecution by Race

Race	Chicago Ward 1						Chicago					
	Reviewed	Approved	App. Rate	Prosecuted	Guilty	Conv. Rate	Reviewed	Approved	App. Rate	Prosecuted	Guilty	Conv. Rate
Black	2	1	50%	1	0	0%	446	386	87%	599	356	59%
White	0	0	--	0	0	--	55	48	87%	58	34	59%
Latinx	0	0	--	5	2	40%	138	117	85%	141	80	57%
Asian	0	0	--	0	0	--	5	4	80%	4	4	100%
Biracial	0	0	--	0	0	--	3	2	67%	4	2	50%
Other	0	0	--	0	0	--	2	2	100%	0	0	--
Unknown	0	0	--	0	0	--	136	104	76%	33	12	36%



## 2. Adult Felony Diversion

### a) Overall

In December 2023, the CCSAO referred 0 defendants in Chicago Ward 1 to a diversion program. 0 defendants graduated from their diversion program and 0 defendants failed their diversion program.

Area	Total Referral***	Total Graduated	Total Failed	Graduation Rate
Chicago Ward 1	0	0	0	--
Chicago	94	55	8	87%

### b) Top Diverted Adult Felony Categories

Chicago Ward 1					
Ranking	Top Diverted Category	Total Referral	Total Graduated	Total Failed	Graduation Rate
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Chicago					
Ranking	Top Diverted Category	Total Referral	Total Graduated	Total Failed	Graduation Rate
1	Narcotics	56	43	5	90%
2	Unlawful Use of Weapons	16	7	1	88%
3	Aggravated Battery Police Officer	5	0	0	--
4	Burglary	4	0	1	0%
5	Aggravated Battery	2	0	0	--

### c) Diversion by Race

Race	Chicago Ward 1				Chicago			
	Total Referral	Total Graduated	Total Failed	Graduation Rate	Total Referral	Total Graduated	Total Failed	Graduation Rate
Black	0	0	0	--	58	31	7	82%
White	0	0	0	--	5	9	1	90%
Latinx	0	0	0	--	18	12	0	100%
Asian	0	0	0	--	0	0	0	--
Biracial	0	0	0	--	0	0	0	--
Other	0	0	0	--	0	0	0	--
Unknown	0	0	0	--	13	3	0	100%

## 3. Incidents & Arrests

Please note that numbers reported in this section are based on data provided by the Chicago Police Department (CPD) and includes misdemeanor and felony incidents. This data only reflects incidents that took place in Chicago Ward 1.

### a) Overall

In December 2023, CPD received 455 criminal incident reports from Chicago Ward 1 and 31 incidents resulted in at least one offender being arrested. The overall arrest rate is 7%. In total, 35 offenders were arrested.

Area	Reported Incidents	Incidents with Arrest	Arrest Rate****	Arrested Offenders
Chicago Ward 1	455	31	7%	35



## b) Top Reported & Top Arrested Incidents

Ranking	Top Reported					Top Arrested				
	Top Reported Category****	Reported Incidents	Incidents with Arrest	Arrest Rate	Arrested Offenders	Top Arrested Category	Reported Incidents	Incidents with Arrest	Arrest Rate	Arrested Offenders
1	Theft*****	175	4	2%	4	Battery	34	8	24%	12
2	Criminal Damage	48	2	4%	2	Domestic Violence	17	5	29%	5
3	Traffic - Hit and Run	40	2	5%	2	Assault	24	4	17%	4
4	Motor Vehicle Theft	38	1	3%	1	Theft	175	4	2%	4
5	Battery	34	8	24%	12	Traffic - Hit and Run	40	2	5%	2

## c) Violent Incidents

Violent Incident Category	Reported Incidents	Incidents with Arrest	Arrest Rate	Arrested Offenders
Shooting	2	1	50%	1
Domestic Violence	17	5	29%	5
Battery	34	8	24%	12
Assault	24	4	17%	4
Armed Robbery	10	1	10%	1
Sex Crimes	2	0	0%	0
Robbery	4	0	0%	0
Reckless Firearm Discharge	1	0	0%	0
Arson	2	0	0%	0
Vehicular Hijacking	3	0	0%	0

\* The CCSAO's first contact with a felony case typically occurs through the Felony Review process. If an arresting agency decides to charge the arrestee with a felony, the CCSAO's Felony Review Unit (FRU) must be contacted to **review the evidence** and decide whether charges can be filed. Law enforcement can only directly file felonies under limited circumstances, such as narcotics cases, non-felony traffic offenses, and misdemeanors. In some instances, a case may also be directly indicted by a grand jury instead of going through the FRU process. Once the review process is complete, the FRU will either **approve** or **decline** to file the charges or choose to **continue** the case for the police to further investigate. **Approve:** Sufficient facts and evidence support felony charges. **Decline:** the evidence presented is insufficient to support felony charges. If felony charges are not approved by the CCSAO, police can refile the case as a misdemeanor. If initial charges are declined, the CCSAO can call for the investigation to continue and will then review additional evidence when presented. The **approval rate** is calculated by dividing the number of approved cases by the total number of reviewed cases. For example, the FRU reviewed 55 robbery cases - approved 50 and declined 5. The approval rate would be  $50 / (50+5) = 91\%$ . Sometimes the FRU will determine that there is not enough information yet from law enforcement to approve or decline charges, so they will classify the case as a Continued Investigation (CI). CI'd case numbers are not included here.

\*\* **Prosecuted:** A case is moved through the system to a conclusion of guilty or not guilty; **Guilty:** defendant was determined to be guilty of criminal charges; **Conviction rate:** Number of guilty dispositions (plea of guilty, finding of guilty, or verdict of guilty) divided by the number of cases prosecuted. Cases that reached disposition during this year may have been initiated prior to this timeframe.

\*\*\* Diversion can occur at many points throughout the criminal justice process. As the prosecuting body for Cook County, diversion for the CCSAO refers to connecting defendants to services and programs (e.g., assistance with substance abuse, employment, mental health treatment, etc.), rather than sentencing them to time in custody. Assistant State's Attorneys screen cases and refer eligible defendants to diversion programs. There are pre-plea and post-plea court-based diversion programs available in Cook County; five are pre-plea diversion programs overseen by the CCSAO, and three are post-plea programs overseen by the Office of the Chief Judge. [Learn more about Cook County diversion programs.](#) **Referral** is the number of individuals referred to a diversion program. **Graduated** is the number of individuals who successfully completed a diversion program. **Failed** is the number of people who either dropped out of a diversion program or were disqualified from the program (for example getting rearrested). The **graduation rate** is defined as the number of graduates divided by the number of individuals who either graduated or failed a program.

\*\*\*\* **Arrest Rate:** Number of criminal incidents that resulted in at least one offender being arrested divided by the total number of reported criminal incidents.

\*\*\*\*\* Reported Incidents are categorized by the CPD using [Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting \(IUCR\) Codes](#). Exception: An incident is categorized as **Shooting** when the incident report mentioned people being shot. Shooting incidents commonly include homicide, reckless discharge of firearm, etc.

\*\*\*\*\* Theft includes, but is not limited to: Under \$500, Retail Theft, Pocket-Picking, and Purse Snatching.