



# Cook County State's Attorney's Office (CCSAO) September 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 September 2023, the CCSAO reviewed and made a charging decision for 11 adult felony cases in Chicago Ward 1. 10 cases were approved resulting in a **91% approval rate**. Overall, the CCSAO prosecuted 8 cases, and 6 of those cases were filed by the CCSAO, not directly filed by law enforcement. Of these CCSAO-filed adult felony cases, 5 were convicted, an **83% conviction rate**. The overall cases, including law enforcement direct file cases, where the CCSAO is not making charging decisions, 5 were convicted, a **63% 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	11	10	91%	8	5	63%	6	5	83%
Chicago	880	739	84%	1,148	756	66%	858	669	78%

### 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	Burglary	4	4	100%	Narcotics	2	0	0%
2	Unlawful Use of Weapons	3	2	67%	Unlawful Use of Weapons	2	2	100%
3	Aggravated Battery Police Officer	2	2	100%	Vehicular Hijacking	1	1	100%
4	Aggravated Robbery	1	1	100%	Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicle	1	0	0%
5	Residential Burglary	1	1	100%	Sex Crimes	1	1	100%

#### Chicago

Ranking	Top Reviewed Category	Reviewed	Approved	App. Rate	Top Prosecuted Category	Prosecuted	Guilty	Conv. Rate
1	Unlawful Use of Weapons	388	343	88%	Unlawful Use of Weapons	462	348	75%
2	Retail Theft	52	34	65%	Narcotics	301	92	31%
3	Sex Crimes	44	23	52%	Burglary	59	57	97%
4	Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicle	41	34	83%	Aggravated Battery Police Officer	39	33	85%
5	Burglary	40	37	93%	Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicle	29	23	79%

### 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	6	6	100%	4	2	50%	579	511	88%	840	555	66%
White	2	2	100%	0	0	--	54	44	81%	73	48	66%
Latinx	3	3	100%	3	3	100%	142	119	84%	181	126	70%
Asian	0	0	--	1	0	0%	2	2	100%	7	4	57%
Biracial	0	0	--	0	0	--	11	8	73%	12	10	83%
Other	0	0	--	0	0	--	0	0	--	0	0	--
Unknown	1	0	0%	0	0	--	164	122	74%	35	13	37%



## 2. Adult Felony Diversion

### a) Overall

In September 2023, the CCSAO referred 3 defendants in Chicago Ward 1 to a diversion program. 1 defendant graduated from their diversion program and 0 defendants failed their diversion program. The overall graduation rate is 100%.

Area	Total Referral***	Total Graduated	Total Failed	Graduation Rate
Chicago Ward 1	3	1	0	100%
Chicago	103	49	19	72%

### b) Top Diverted Adult Felony Categories

#### Chicago Ward 1

Ranking	Top Diverted Category	Total Referral	Total Graduated	Total Failed	Graduation Rate
1	Identity Theft	1	0	0	--
2	Retail Theft	1	0	0	--
3	Theft	1	0	0	--
4	Narcotics	0	1	0	100%

#### Chicago

Ranking	Top Diverted Category	Total Referral	Total Graduated	Total Failed	Graduation Rate
1	Narcotics	67	45	11	80%
2	Unlawful Use of Weapons	18	1	1	50%
3	Retail Theft	6	1	3	25%
4	Aggravated Battery Police Officer	3	0	0	--
5	Theft	3	1	0	100%

### 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	--	59	31	14	69%
White	2	0	0	--	12	5	2	71%
Latinx	0	0	0	--	18	10	2	83%
Asian	0	1	0	100%	0	2	0	100%
Biracial	0	0	0	--	1	0	0	--
Other	0	0	0	--	0	0	0	--
Unknown	1	0	0	--	13	1	1	50%

## 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 September 2023, CPD received 394 criminal incident reports from Chicago Ward 1 and 23 incidents resulted in at least one offender being arrested. The overall arrest rate is 6%. In total, 24 offenders were arrested.

Area	Reported Incidents	Incidents with Arrest	Arrest Rate****	Arrested Offenders
Chicago Ward 1	394	23	6%	24



## 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*****	135	0	0%	0	Battery	35	6	17%	6
2	Motor Vehicle Theft	42	1	2%	1	Unlawful Possession - Handgun	4	4	100%	4
3	Battery	35	6	17%	6	Robbery	7	2	29%	2
4	Traffic - Hit and Run	34	0	0%	0	Assault	18	2	11%	2
5	Criminal Damage	32	2	6%	3	Criminal Damage	32	2	6%	3

## c) Violent Incidents

Violent Incident Category	Reported Incidents	Incidents with Arrest	Arrest Rate	Arrested Offenders
Shooting	2	2	100%	2
Robbery	7	2	29%	2
Vehicular Hijacking	4	1	25%	1
Domestic Violence	11	2	18%	2
Battery	35	6	17%	6
Assault	18	2	11%	2
Sex Crimes	3	0	0%	0
Armed Robbery	20	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.