



Cook County State's Attorney's Office (CCSAO) 2021 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 2021, the CCSAO reviewed and made a charging decision for 91 adult felony cases in Chicago Ward 1. 80 cases were approved resulting in an **88% approval rate**. Overall, the CCSAO prosecuted 144 cases, and 125 of those cases were filed by the CCSAO, not directly filed by law enforcement. Of these CCSAO-filed adult felony cases, 99 were convicted, a **79% conviction rate**. The overall cases, including law enforcement direct file cases, where the CCSAO is not making charging decisions, 102 were convicted, a **71% 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	91	80	88%	144	102	71%	125	99	79%
Chicago	10,012	8,609	86%	14,085	8,643	61%	9,862	7,397	75%

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	Unlawful Use of Weapons	22	21	95%	Unlawful Use of Weapons	31	24	77%
2	Aggravated Battery Police Officer	11	10	91%	Narcotics	19	3	16%
3	Other Offense	9	7	78%	Burglary	12	12	100%
4	Retail Theft	9	5	56%	Armed Robbery	8	7	88%
5	Sex Crimes	8	6	75%	Theft	8	3	38%

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Ranking	Top Reviewed Category	Reviewed	Approved	App. Rate	Top Prosecuted Category	Prosecuted	Guilty	Conv. Rate
1	Unlawful Use of Weapons	5,259	4,770	91%	Unlawful Use of Weapons	4,792	3,350	70%
2	Sex Crimes	538	396	74%	Narcotics	4,412	1,372	31%
3	Homicide	476	362	76%	Aggravated Battery Police Officer	515	447	87%
4	Aggravated Battery Police Officer	442	396	90%	Burglary	490	425	87%
5	Retail Theft	304	129	42%	Aggravated DUI	478	436	91%

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	42	36	86%	74	55	74%	7,911	7,010	89%	10,804	6,613	61%
White	12	9	75%	10	2	20%	496	406	82%	801	474	59%
Latinx	33	31	94%	52	40	77%	1,646	1,409	86%	2,112	1,411	67%
Asian	1	1	100%	2	2	100%	45	35	78%	64	42	66%
Biracial	1	1	100%	4	3	75%	63	55	87%	89	50	56%
Other	0	0	--	0	0	--	5	5	100%	4	2	50%
Unknown	3	3	100%	2	0	0%	601	330	55%	194	37	19%



2. Adult Felony Diversion

a) Overall

In 2021, the CCSAO referred 13 defendants in Chicago Ward 1 to a diversion program. 6 defendants graduated from their diversion program and 2 defendants failed their diversion program. The overall graduation rate is 75%.

Area	Total Referral***	Total Graduated	Total Failed	Graduation Rate
Chicago Ward 1	13	6	2	75%
Chicago	647	232	127	65%

b) Top Diverted Adult Felony Categories

Chicago Ward 1

Ranking	Top Diverted Category	Total Referral	Total Graduated	Total Failed	Graduation Rate
1	Other Offense	4	1	0	100%
2	Theft	3	5	0	100%
3	Narcotics	2	0	0	--
4	Unlawful Use of Weapons	2	0	0	--
5	Burglary	1	0	1	0%

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Ranking	Top Diverted Category	Total Referral	Total Graduated	Total Failed	Graduation Rate
1	Narcotics	279	125	47	73%
2	Unlawful Use of Weapons	126	17	7	71%
3	Burglary	54	10	22	31%
4	Theft	35	31	5	86%
5	Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicle	29	2	9	18%

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	1	0	1	0%	432	158	90	64%
White	0	0	0	--	59	20	18	53%
Latinx	12	5	1	83%	117	37	17	69%
Asian	0	0	0	--	7	2	0	100%
Biracial	0	0	0	--	7	1	2	33%
Other	0	0	0	--	0	0	0	--
Unknown	0	1	0	100%	25	14	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 2021, CPD received 4,046 criminal incident reports from Chicago Ward 1 and 290 incidents resulted in at least one offender being arrested. The overall arrest rate is 7%. In total, 313 offenders were arrested.

Area	Reported Incidents	Incidents with Arrest	Arrest Rate****	Arrested Offenders
Chicago Ward 1	4,046	290	7%	313



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*****	1,079	33	3%	34	Battery	289	49	17%	52
2	Traffic - Hit and Run	569	3	1%	3	Domestic Violence	205	33	16%	33
3	Criminal Damage	353	14	4%	14	Theft	1,079	33	3%	34
4	Battery	289	49	17%	52	Assault	259	27	10%	28
5	Deceptive Practice	273	2	1%	2	Narcotics	36	27	75%	27

c) Violent Incidents

Violent Incident Category	Reported Incidents	Incidents with Arrest	Arrest Rate	Arrested Offenders
Homicide	6	2	33%	2
Arson	4	1	25%	1
Battery	289	49	17%	52
Domestic Violence	205	33	16%	33
Shooting	23	3	13%	3
Vehicular Hijacking	74	9	12%	14
Assault	259	27	10%	28
Sex Crimes	43	4	9%	4
Armed Robbery	84	4	5%	5
Robbery	40	0	0%	0
Reckless Firearm Discharge	27	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.