



Cook County State's Attorney's Office (CCSAO) November 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 November 2021, the CCSAO reviewed and made a charging decision for 10 felony cases in Chicago Ward 1. 8 cases were approved resulting in an **80% approval rate**. 10 cases were prosecuted and 5 were convicted at a **50% conviction rate**.

Area	Reviewed	Approved*	Approval Rate	Prosecuted**	Guilty	Conviction Rate
Chicago Ward 1	10	8	80%	10	5	50%
Chicago	840	712	85%	990	675	68%

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	Retail Theft	3	1	33%	Aggravated Battery	1	0	0%
2	Unlawful Use of Weapons	2	2	100%	Armed Robbery	1	1	100%
3	Aggravated Battery Police Officer	1	1	100%	Arson	1	0	0%
4	Driving With Suspended/Revoked License	1	1	100%	Burglary	1	1	100%
5	Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicle	1	1	100%	Criminal Damage to Property	1	0	0%

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Ranking	Top Reviewed Category	Reviewed	Approved	App. Rate	Top Prosecuted Category	Prosecuted	Guilty	Conv. Rate
1	Unlawful Use of Weapons	410	370	90%	Unlawful Use of Weapons	397	300	76%
2	Sex Crimes	46	33	72%	Narcotics	235	102	43%
3	Homicide	40	31	78%	Aggravated Battery Police Officer	39	33	85%
4	Retail Theft	40	16	40%	Aggravated DUI	38	37	97%
5	Aggravated Battery Police Officer	34	26	76%	Burglary	36	33	92%

c) Felony Review & Prosecution by Race

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Race	Reviewed	Approved	App. Rate	Prosecuted	Guilty	Conv. Rate	Reviewed	Approved	App. Rate	Prosecuted	Guilty	Conv. Rate
Black	4	2	50%	3	2	67%	573	490	86%	771	530	69%
White	2	2	100%	4	0	0%	40	36	90%	53	30	57%
Latinx	3	3	100%	3	3	100%	145	129	89%	140	102	73%
Asian	0	0	--	0	0	--	3	3	100%	3	2	67%
Biracial	0	0	--	0	0	--	2	0	0%	2	1	50%
Other	0	0	--	0	0	--	1	1	100%	2	0	0%
Unknown	1	1	100%	0	0	--	133	105	79%	18	9	50%

2. Adult Felony Diversion

a) Overall

In November 2021, the CCSAO referred 2 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	2	1	0	100%
Chicago	78	26	12	68%

b) Top Diverted Adult Felony Categories

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Ranking	Top Diverted Category	Total Referral	Total Graduated	Total Failed	Graduation Rate
1	Narcotics	2	0	0	--
2	Other Offense	0	1	0	100%

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Ranking	Top Diverted Category	Total Referral	Total Graduated	Total Failed	Graduation Rate
1	Narcotics	46	11	6	65%
2	Unlawful Use of Weapons	15	2	0	100%
3	Theft	4	3	0	100%
4	Burglary	3	3	0	100%
5	Criminal Damage to Property	2	1	0	100%

c) Diversion by Race

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Race	Total Referral	Total Graduated	Total Failed	Graduation Rate	Total Referral	Total Graduated	Total Failed	Graduation Rate
Black	0	0	0	--	55	14	9	61%
White	0	0	0	--	5	5	1	83%
Latinx	2	1	0	100%	14	6	2	75%
Asian	0	0	0	--	0	0	0	--
Biracial	0	0	0	--	1	0	0	--
Other	0	0	0	--	0	0	0	--
Unknown	0	0	0	--	3	1	0	100%

* 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'ed 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:** 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 month (November 2021) 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.