

# Cook County State's Attorney's Office October 2021 Report

## Chicago Ward 1

### 1. Adult Felony Review & Prosecution

#### a) Overall

In October 2021, the CCSAO reviewed and made a charging decision for 8 felony cases in Chicago Ward 1. 7 cases were approved resulting in an 88% approval rate. 6 cases were prosecuted and 4 were convicted at a 67% conviction rate.

Area	Reviewed	Approved*	Approval Rate	Prosecuted**	Guilty	Conviction Rate
Chicago Ward 1	8	7	88%	6	4	67%
Chicago	751	663	88%	981	668	68%

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

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Ranking	Top Reviewed Category	Reviewed	Approved	App. Rate	Top Prosecuted Category	Prosecuted	Guilty	Conv. Rate
1	Homicide	2	1	50%	Narcotics	2	0	0%
2	Retail Theft	1	1	100%	Reckless Discharge of Firearm	1	1	100%
3	Robbery	1	1	100%	Unlawful Use of Weapons	1	1	100%
4	Unlawful Use of Weapons	1	1	100%	Burglary	1	1	100%
5	Aggravated Battery Police Officer	1	1	100%	Domestic Violence	1	1	100%

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Ranking	Top Reviewed Category	Reviewed	Approved	App. Rate	Top Prosecuted Category	Prosecuted	Guilty	Conv. Rate
1	Unlawful Use of Weapons	417	384	92%	Unlawful Use of Weapons	353	264	75%
2	Sex Crimes	37	31	84%	Narcotics	265	102	38%
3	Homicide	36	29	81%	Aggravated Battery Police Officer	55	44	80%
4	Aggravated Battery Police Officer	33	30	91%	Burglary	45	43	96%
5	Retail Theft	27	14	52%	Aggravated DUI	31	28	90%

#### 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	3	2	67%	2	1	50%	542	480	89%	757	521	69%
White	1	1	100%	0	0	--	24	20	83%	53	29	55%
Latinx	4	4	100%	4	3	75%	96	89	93%	147	108	73%
Asian	0	0	--	0	0	--	4	2	50%	3	1	33%
Biracial	0	0	--	0	0	--	1	1	100%	5	4	80%
Other	0	0	--	0	0	--	0	0	--	0	0	--
Unknown	1	1	100%	0	0	--	135	111	82%	15	4	27%

### 2. Adult Felony Diversion

#### a) Overall

In October 2021, the CCSAO referred 1 defendant in Chicago Ward 1 to a diversion program. 0 defendants graduated their diversion program and 1 defendant failed their diversion program. The overall graduation rate is 0%.

Area	Total Referral***	Total Graduated	Total Failed	Graduation Rate
Chicago Ward 1	1	0	1	0%

Area	Total Referral***	Total Graduated	Total Failed	Graduation Rate
Chicago	50	14	11	56%

## b) Top Diverted Adult Felony Categories

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Ranking	Top Diverted Category	Total Referral	Total Graduated	Total Failed	Graduation Rate
1	Unlawful Use of Weapons	1	0	0	--
2	Criminal Damage to Property	0	0	1	0%

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Ranking	Top Diverted Category	Total Referral	Total Graduated	Total Failed	Graduation Rate
1	Narcotics	22	10	8	56%
2	Unlawful Use of Weapons	14	0	1	0%
3	Burglary	5	0	0	--
4	Fraudulent ID	2	0	0	--
5	Identity Theft	2	0	1	0%

## 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	--	35	11	7	61%
White	0	0	0	--	3	1	2	33%
Latinx	1	0	1	0%	10	2	2	50%
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	--	2	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. 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%. Sometime 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.

\*\*\* 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.