

Cook County State's Attorney's Office September 2021 Report

Chicago Ward 1

1. Adult Felony Review & Prosecution

a) Overall

In September 2021, the CCSAO reviewed and made a charging decision for 5 felony cases in Chicago Ward 1. 4 cases were approved at an 80% approval rate. 5 cases were prosecuted and 5 were convicted at a 100% conviction rate.

Area	Reviewed	Approved*	Approval Rate	Prosecuted**	Guilty	Conviction Rate
Chicago Ward 1	5	4	80%	5	5	100%
Chicago	803	685	85%	1,174	806	69%

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	4	3	75%	Unlawful Use of Weapons	2	2	100%
2	Retail Theft	1	1	100%	Aggravated Robbery	1	1	100%
3	--	--	--	--	Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicle	1	1	100%
4	--	--	--	--	Stalking	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	448	408	91%	Unlawful Use of Weapons	465	333	72%
2	Homicide	38	23	61%	Narcotics	290	130	45%
3	Sex Crimes	37	28	76%	Aggravated Battery Police Officer	50	44	88%
4	Aggravated Battery Police Officer	31	28	90%	Burglary	38	34	89%
5	Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicle	30	22	73%	Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicle	38	30	79%

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%	4	4	100%	600	511	85%	933	643	69%
White	0	0	--	0	0	--	34	29	85%	59	39	66%
Latinx	2	2	100%	1	1	100%	117	99	85%	155	114	74%
Asian	0	0	--	0	0	--	6	6	100%	0	0	--
Biracial	0	0	--	0	0	--	3	3	100%	11	10	91%
Other	0	0	--	0	0	--	0	0	--	0	0	--
Unknown	0	0	--	0	0	--	111	88	79%	16	0	0%

2. Adult Felony Diversion

a) Overall

In September 2021, the CCSAO referred 0 defendants in Chicago Ward 1 to a diversion program. 0 defendants graduated 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	33	9	3	75%

b) Top Diverted Adult Felony Categories

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Ranking	Top Diverted Category	Total Referral	Total Graduated	Total Failed	Graduation Rate
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Ranking	Top Diverted Category	Total Referral	Total Graduated	Total Failed	Graduation Rate
1	Narcotics	14	5	2	71%
2	Unlawful Use of Weapons	10	0	1	0%
3	Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicle	3	1	0	100%
4	Retail Theft	2	0	0	--
5	Aggravated Battery	1	0	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	--	27	8	3	73%
White	0	0	0	--	1	0	0	--
Latinx	0	0	0	--	3	1	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	--	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.