

# DIVERSION

Diversion through the State's Attorney's Office refers to avoiding a conviction and connecting offenders to services and programs, rather than sentencing them to time in custody



Diversion can occur at many points throughout the criminal justice system and for a variety of reasons:

- Because someone is not a threat to public safety
- Because connection to services is a better intervention and outcome than being sentenced to time in custody, probation, or community service

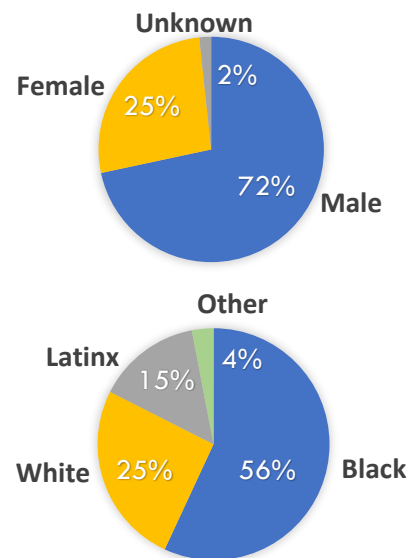
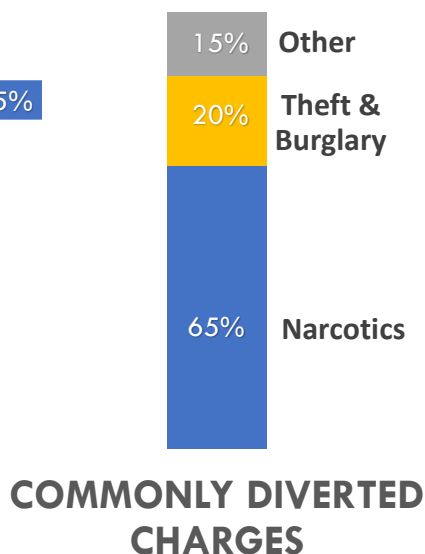
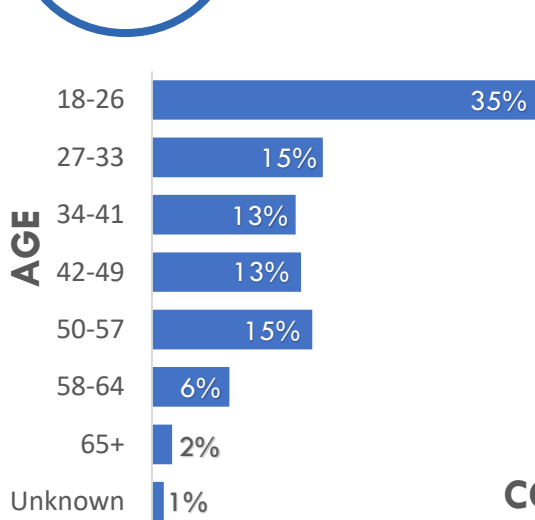
There are <b>8</b> court-based diversion programs in Cook County for non-violent offenses	
<p><b>Deferred Prosecution Programs</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Misdemeanors</li> <li>2. Low-level drug offenses</li> <li>3. First-time felony offenders</li> <li>4. Prostitution</li> <li>5. Emerging adults</li> </ol>	<p><b>Treatment Court Programs</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Mental Health</li> <li>7. Drug Addiction</li> <li>8. Veterans</li> </ol>

Upon successful completion of a diversion program, charges are dismissed and individuals have the option to move forward with expunging or sealing their record

**8,000+**

**As of June 2019**

participants have been diverted under State's Attorney Foxx



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For more information on eligibility for specific diversion programs, visit [www.cookcountystatesattorney.org/resources/diversion-programs](http://www.cookcountystatesattorney.org/resources/diversion-programs)