

## Chicago Police Districts

Chicago is divided into 25 police districts. Each police district has between 9 and 15 police beats, with a total of 281 beats throughout the City. It is at the beat level that the Department's strategy of police-community partnership and problem-solving is carried out.

Each police district is led by a district commander. In addition to uniformed beat and rapid response officers, each district has teams of plain clothes tactical and gang tactical officers. Each district also has a Community Policing Office which helps coordinate police-community partnership and problem-solving at the beat level and provides special services to senior citizens.

Districts are organized into large units called areas. Since 1992 there have been five police areas in Chicago, each commanded by an area deputy chief. For patrol-operational reasons, in 2001 the 1st and 18th Districts, which comprise Chicago's downtown, were placed under command of a deputy chief in an area referred to as the Central Control Group. In 2002, the boundary between the 1st and 21st Districts was moved to re-allocate service demand more efficiently. As a result, the area of the 1st District was increased, and the area of the 21st District decreased, by approximately one-third (.31) of a square mile.

The Bureau of Investigative Services continues to rely on the five area organization for the assignment of detectives and youth investigators, who follow up and investigate crimes occurring in the districts comprising the area.

Exhibit 11a. Chicago Police Areas and Districts

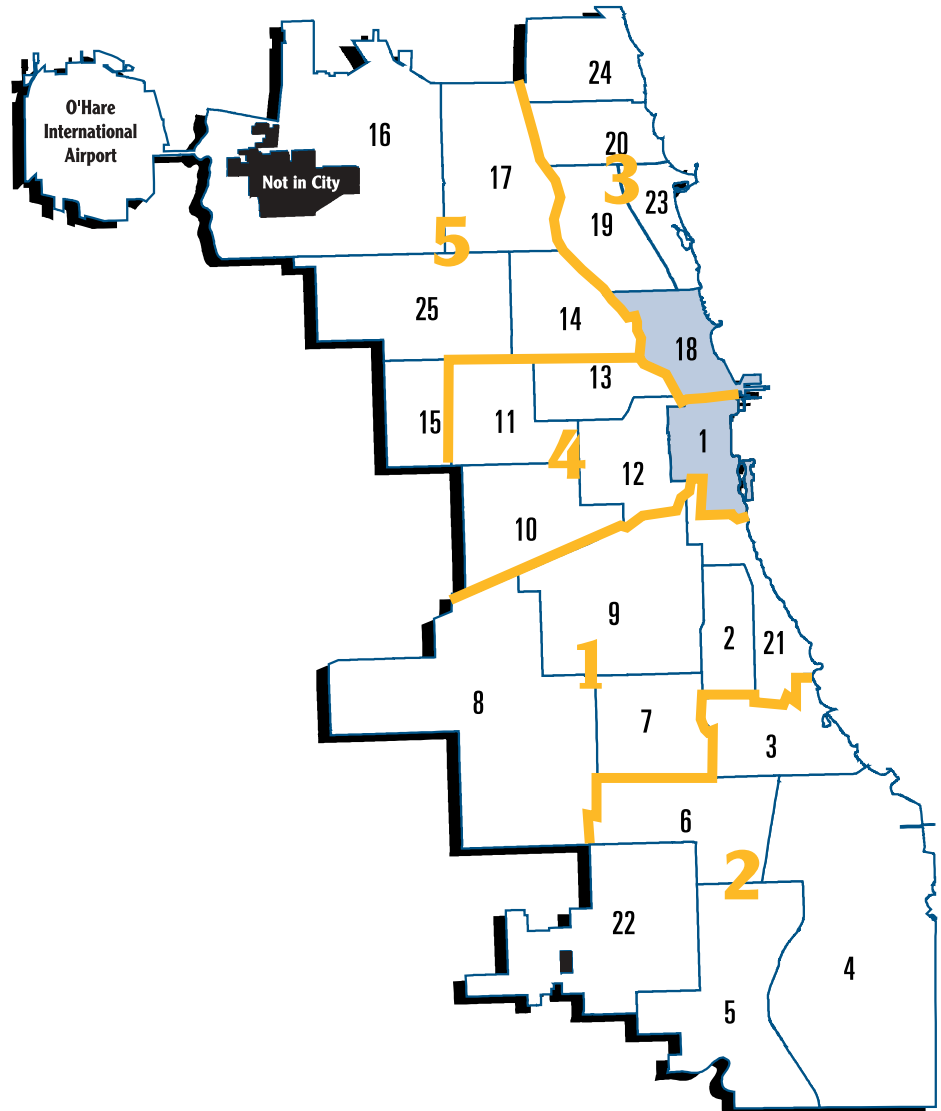


Exhibit 11b. Police District Land Areas

District	Land Area (sq. miles)	Land Area Rank	District	Land Area (sq. miles)	Land Area Rank
1 Central	3.94	22	14 Shakespeare	6.00	14
2 Wentworth	3.77	24	15 Austin	3.82	23
3 Grand Crossing	6.04	13	16 Jefferson Park	30.95	1
4 South Chicago	27.27	2	17 Albany Park	9.62	8
5 Pullman	12.80	6	18 East Chicago	4.69	19
6 Gresham	8.10	9	19 Belmont	5.57	15
7 Englewood	6.56	11	20 Foster	4.37	20
8 Chicago Lawn	23.12	3	21 Prairie	4.92	18
9 Deering	13.09	5	22 Morgan Park	13.46	4
10 Marquette	7.87	10	23 Town Hall	3.01	25
11 Harrison	6.11	12	24 Rogers Park	5.43	17
12 Monroe	5.47	16	25 Grand Central	10.91	7
13 Wood	4.21	21	<b>Total</b>	<b>231.10</b>	

Source: Information Services Division, Chicago Police Department