

Preliminary AirTable Analysis on ICE Sightings and Canvassing

From 2.1.25 to 9.28.25

I. Differentiation from AirTable Data

The dashboard in AirTable counts each of the tags and produces a bar chart. Since this chart does not consider FALSE and Rumors a classification tag, instead of its a separate variable, it unintentionally overstates the I-9 audits, incidents of corporate collaboration, worksite raids, home raids, public space raids, and ICE sightings that have occurred up to 9.29.

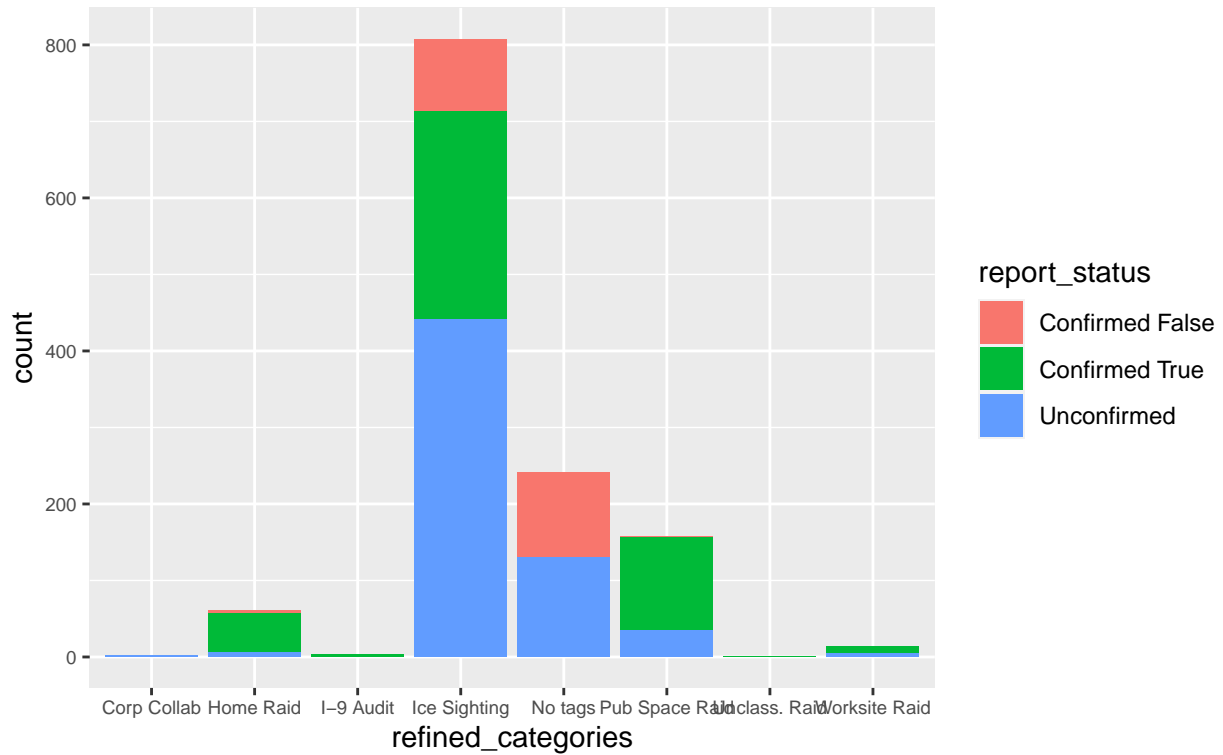
For example, the visualization includes 970 ICE sightings, but this count includes sightings that have later been proven False (“Ice Sighting, False”). If we actually break down ICE sightings by whether or not they are true, false, or unproven, we find that only 272 have been proven true, 95 are confirmed false, 441 were unable to be confirmed.

Table 1: Type of Incident by Report Validity (All Reports)

refined_categories	Unconfirmed	Confirmed False	Confirmed True	percentage_confirmed_false
Corp Collab	2	1	0	33.333333
Home Raid	6	3	52	4.918033
I-9 Audit	0	0	3	0.000000
Ice Sighting	441	95	272	11.757426
No tags	130	111	1	45.867769
Pub Space Raid	35	2	121	1.265823
Unclass. Raid	0	0	1	0.000000
Worksite Raid	5	0	9	0.000000

Histogram Classifying Types of Incidents (All Reports)

Includes data from 2.1.2025 to 9.28.25



II. Analysis of Activities Verified by RRT

When we analyze incidents where a rapid responder was dispatched (619/1290 cases), we can see that the overall distribution looks similar to the broader data set.

Histogram Classifying Types of Incidents Verified by Rapid Responders

Includes data from 2.1.25 to 9.25.25

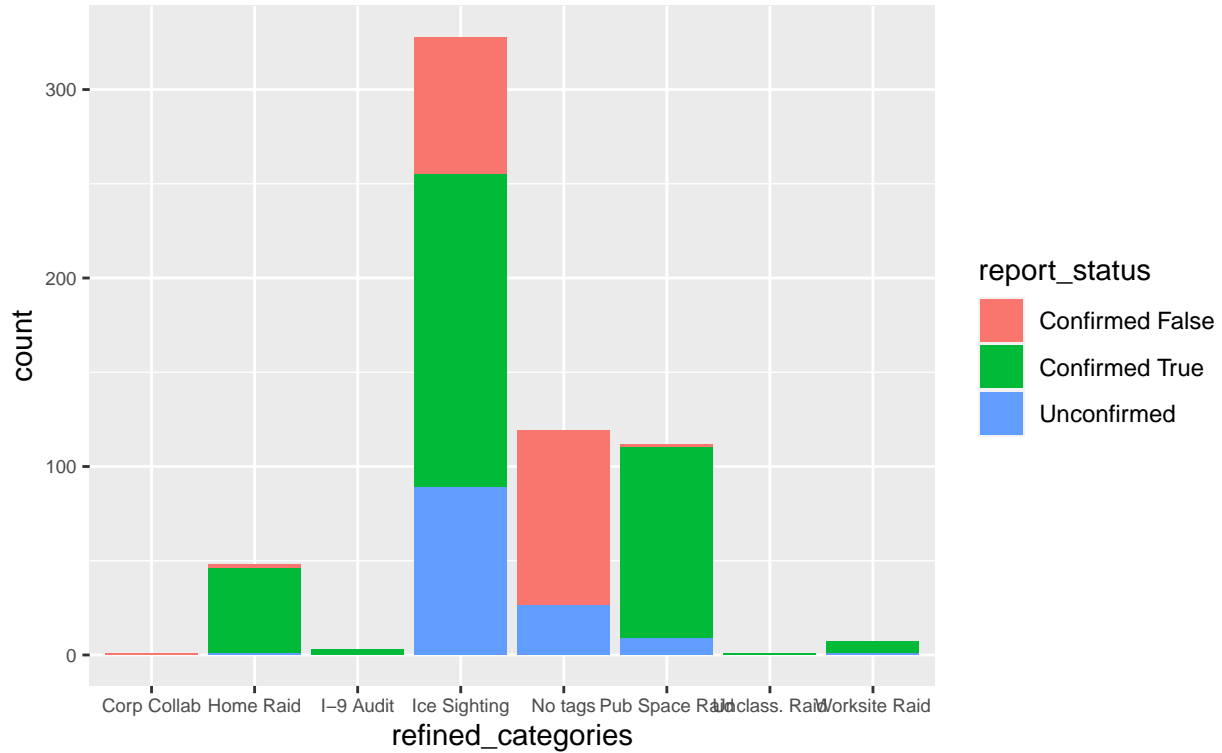


Table 2: Type of Incident by Report Validity (Only Reports Verified by Rapid Responders)

refined_categories	Unconfirmed	Confirmed False	Confirmed True	percentage_confirmed_false
Corp Collab	0	1	0	100.000000
Home Raid	1	2	45	4.166667
I-9 Audit	0	0	3	0.000000
Ice Sighting	89	73	166	22.256098
No tags	26	93	0	78.151261
Pub Space Raid	9	2	101	1.785714
Unclass. Raid	0	0	1	0.000000
Worksite Raid	1	0	6	0.000000

Some notable exceptions exist. For example, false incidents comprise **11.75** of total ICE sightings, but where a rapid responder was dispatched, incidents were proven false **22.3%** of the time (*note that a two proportion z-test confirms this gap is significant, $p < .001$).

This gap likely occurs because the Airtable database contains additional confirmed incidents that do not come from the FSN.

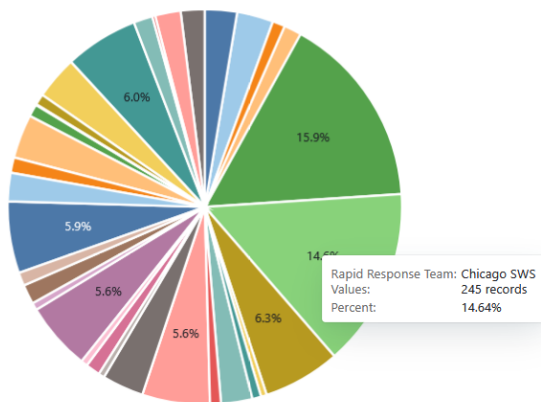
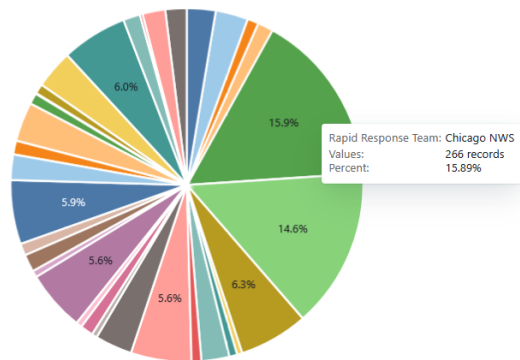
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##
## 2-sample test for equality of proportions without continuity correction
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## data: false_counts out of total_counts
## X-squared = 20.406, df = 1, p-value = 3.132e-06
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## alternative hypothesis: less
## 95 percent confidence interval:
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## sample estimates:
##   prop 1   prop 2
## 0.1175743 0.2225610
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III. Geographic Distribution of Reports

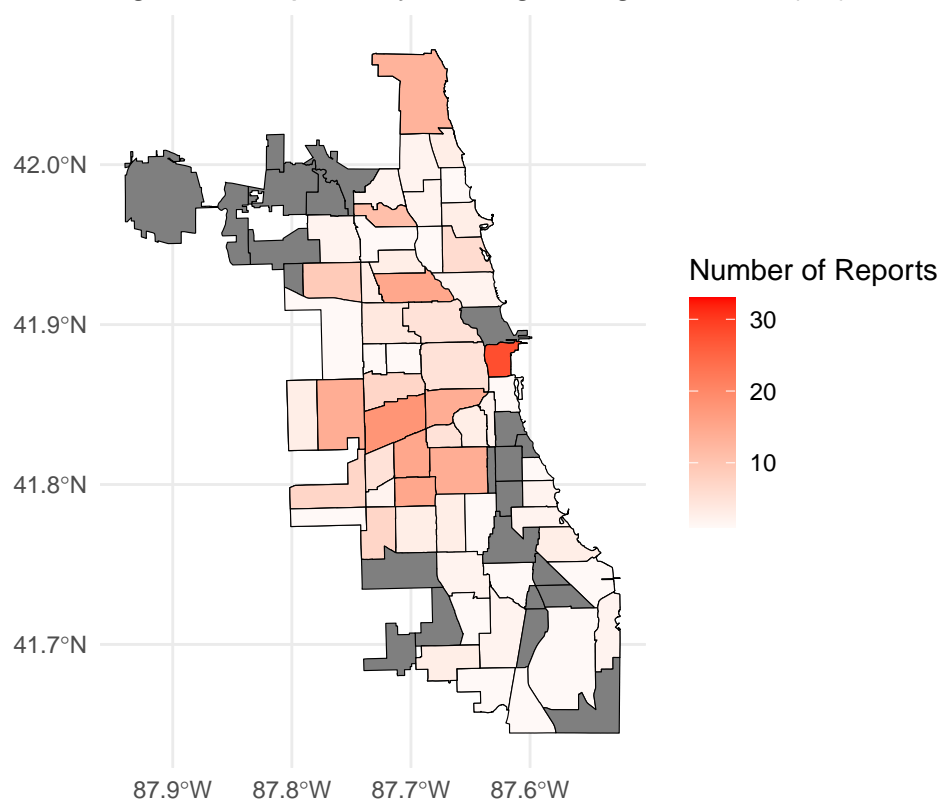
The majority of reports are clustered along the southwest side:

Airtable data would suggest that the reports are concentrated along the Northwest Side, followed by the Southwest side. However, this assessment is a very broad one and aggregates data from multiple neighborhood teams.



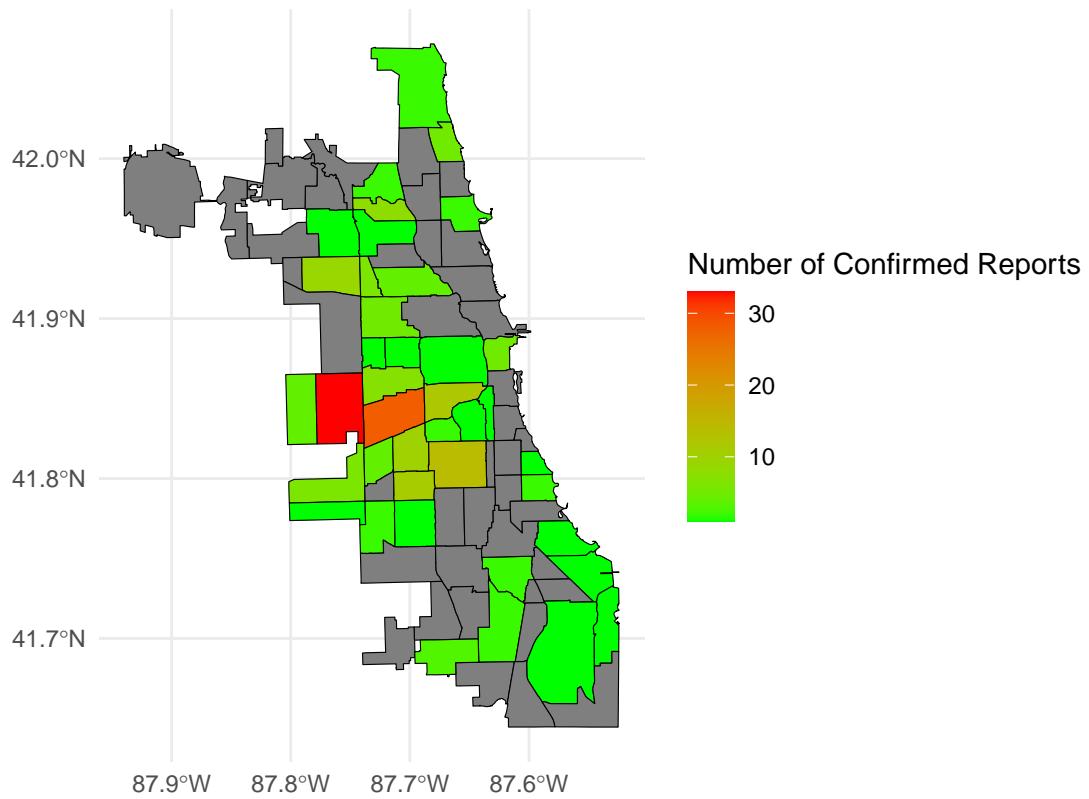
When we actually look neighborhood by neighborhood, reports are actually concentrated along the west side, followed by the southwest side.

Figure 1: Reports by Chicago Neighborhood (All)



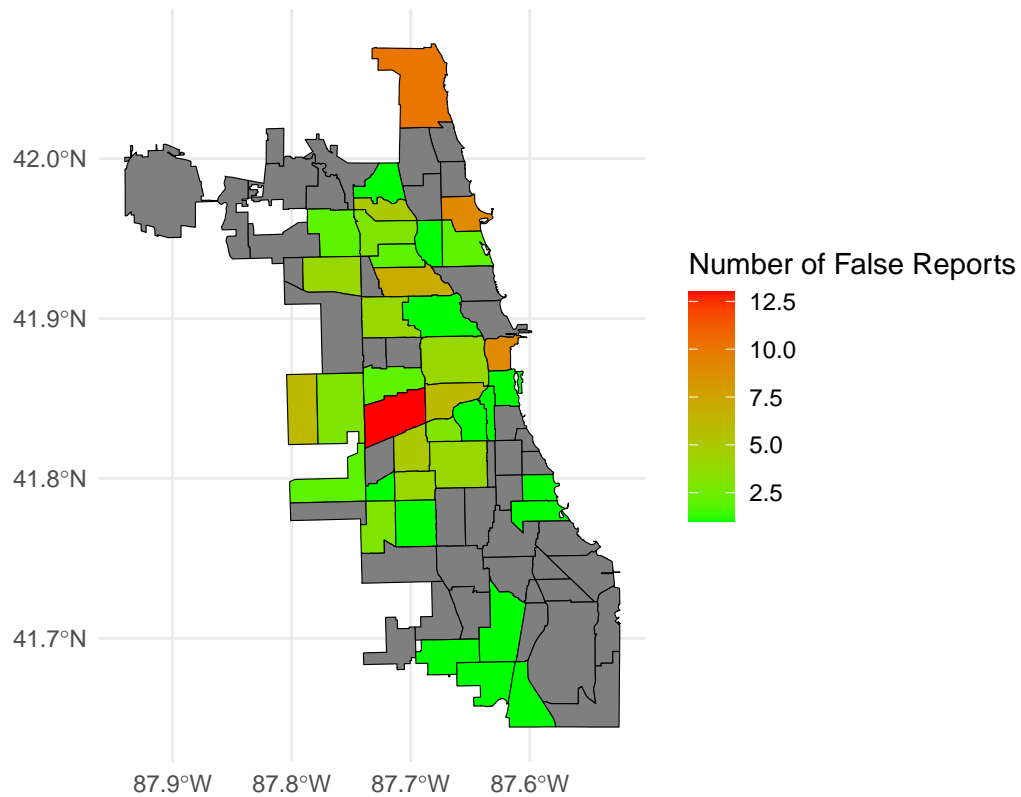
Confirmed reports are clustered in the following neighborhoods:

Figure 2: Confirmed Reports by Chicago Neighborhood



False reports are clustered in the following neighborhoods:

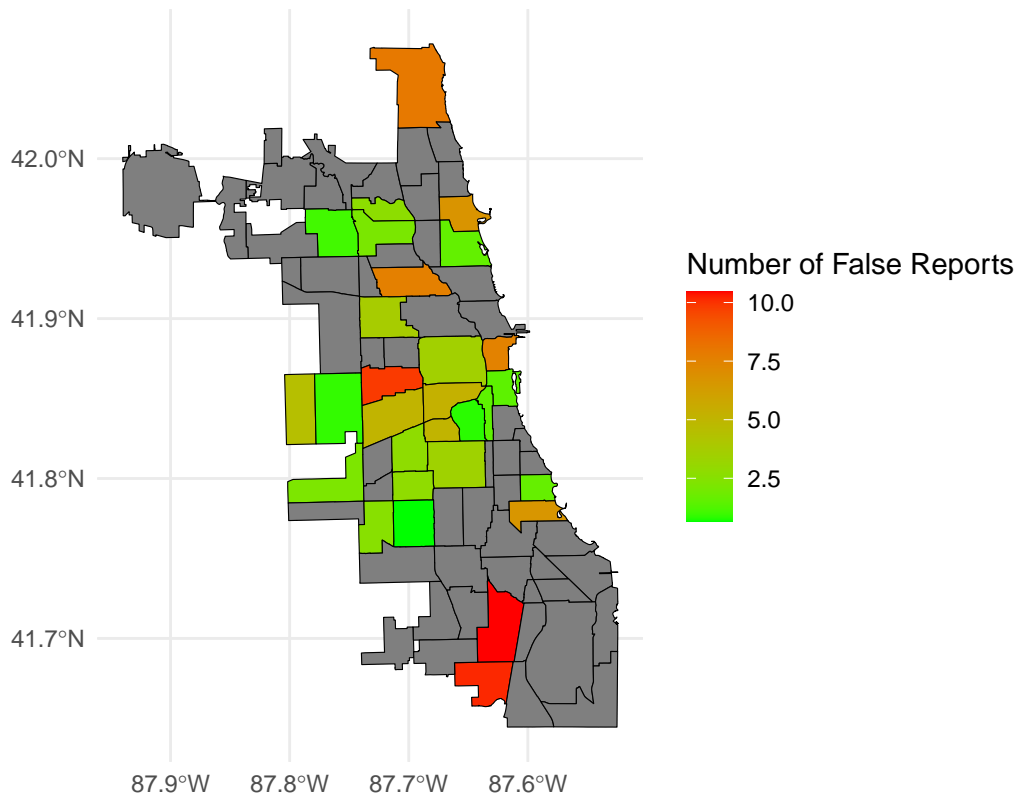
Figure 3: False Reports by Chicago Neighborhood



When determining the neighborhoods to target for canvassing and KYR trainings, looking at the number of false ICE sightings is important, but also, should be considered in context. We can compare the number of false reports against a neighborhood's total immigrant population.

This comparison assumes this reporting is driven by communities that are most likely to be impacted by ICE, and that gaps in reporting reflect awareness gaps – not a lack of ICE.

False Reports by Chicago Neighborhood (proportional to imm pop)



IV. Interpretation and Recommendations

1. ICE Sightings are by far the common type of the incident. Thus far, the network has recorded 272 confirmed ICE Sightings, 121 Public Space Raids, 52 Home Raids, 9 work site raids, and 6 I-9 raids.
2. Nearly 1 in 4 Ice Sightings were proven false by a rapid responder (22.3%). In contrast, only 2.0% percent of public space raids were proven false and 4.4% of home raids were proven false by a responder.

Considering this large discrepancy in valid ICE Sightings – a gap that raises to 49.4% when we add in sightings that were unable to be validated – I would recommend the FSN implement a triage system. One potential suggestion is to have a FSN dispatcher query the license plate database and search for a potential match before calling for a responder.

Would also ask leadership to consider the following question: Is every sighting worth validating, especially in times when we are hurting for volunteer capacity? Is there a threshold that needs to be met for passing along a sighting?

3. In terms of the geographic distribution of reports, have a couple of takeaways I'd like to stress: A. High numbers of false reports are, in some ways, a good thing. That means people have utilized the ICIRR hotline and understand it's a resource (likely what we are seeing in Evanston, Downtown, Little Village, and Uptown).

Would recommend the Little Village team, in particular, do more KYR trainings since this neighborhood has been hit particularly heavily (see figure 1) and also has a high quantity of false reports (see figure 2)

4. Lack of data on reports can be equally important to understanding a community. If we look at the South Side, we can see that there are a low quantity of reports to begin with (figure 1), even in areas with high numbers of immigrants where we could expect escalated ICE presence (figure 3).

The October 3rd raid in South Shore, tellingly, only appears in the database because it was confirmed through media coverage. No record of a report to the FSN hotline exists.

The lack of reports, therefore, is not an indication that these areas are facing less ICE presence. Would strongly recommend additional attention is paid to the South Side to help develop infrastructure.