

**From:** Sarah Ryley [sryley@thetrace.org](mailto:sryley@thetrace.org)  
**Subject:** Re: Request for clarification on homicide case status types  
**Date:** September 11, 2018 at 6:51 PM  
**To:** News Affairs [nwsafr@chicagopolice.org](mailto:nwsafr@chicagopolice.org)

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Thanks. So just to confirm — "Cleared-Open" and "Ex Cleared Open" is still considered "Open" for UCR reporting purposes.

Correct?

Those were the two we were unclear about.

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On Sep 11, 2018, at 6:49 PM, News Affairs <[nwsafr@chicagopolice.org](mailto:nwsafr@chicagopolice.org)> wrote:

The codes are correct below. If The case is open in anyway, this means it is still under investigating by our detectives.

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**From:** Sarah Ryley <[sryley@thetrace.org](mailto:sryley@thetrace.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 11, 2018 4:41 PM  
**To:** News Affairs  
**Subject:** Re: Request for clarification on homicide case status types

Hi,

I'm a reporter with The Trace. I'm writing to follow up on this question I sent on Aug. 9 seeking the UCR equivalents for the case statuses in the homicide logs. Can you please respond by EOD tomorrow?

Thank you,

Sarah Ryley  
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On Aug 10, 2018, at 11:08 AM, Sarah Ryley <[sryley@thetrace.org](mailto:sryley@thetrace.org)> wrote:

Hi,

I'm just writing to check in on this question that I sent yesterday re: clearance status equivalents to homicide case statuses. Would you be able to send a response today?

Many thanks,

Sarah Ryley  
347-324-8697

On Aug 9, 2018, at 4:03 PM, Sarah Ryley <[sryley@thetrace.org](mailto:sryley@thetrace.org)> wrote:

Hi,

I'm a reporter with The Trace. I'm working on a project in partnership with BuzzFeed on gun crime. I have a quick question about CPD's case statuses.

We're combining data from agencies across the country into one big database, so we need a standardized set of columns and definitions. We have a standard field for the clearance status of the incident, as defined under UCR reporting guidelines. The possible values are "Cleared by Arrest," "Cleared by Exceptional Means," and "Open." (We aren't including unfounded cases in the database.)

We received homicide data from Chicago PD that includes the status types listed below. The definitions for the status types, as we understand them, are in red. We want to make sure we are classifying each status correctly under UCR reporting guidelines.

- 0-OPEN ASSIGNED - Assigned to a Detective for Investigation
- 0-OPEN UNASSIGNED - Reviewed by District, not yet assigned to Detectives
- 1-SUSPENDED - Case cannot proceed further at this time pending additional investigative leads
- 3-CLEARED CLOSED - All offenders have been arrested and charged
- 4-CLEARED OPEN - One or more offenders arrested and charged, one or more offenders still wanted
- 5-EX CLEARED CLOSED - All offenders identified, whereabouts known, and either complainant refused to prosecute or unusual circumstances preclude charging including death of the offender
- 6-EX CLEARED OPEN - One or more offenders identified, whereabouts known and either complainant refused to prosecute or unusual circumstances preclude charging including death of the offender

- circumstances preclude charging including death of the offender
- 7-CLOSED NON-CRIMINAL - Incident not criminal in nature

Specifically, is "Cleared-Open" and "Ex Cleared Open" still considered "Open" for UCR reporting purposes?

Or is "Cleared-Open" considered "Cleared by Arrest," and "Ex Cleared Open" considered "Exceptionally Cleared" for UCR reporting purposes?

Could you please let us know by tomorrow evening?

Many thanks,

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