



# NEWS RELEASE

## Chicago Police Department

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### **CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT: APRIL 2026 IN REVIEW**

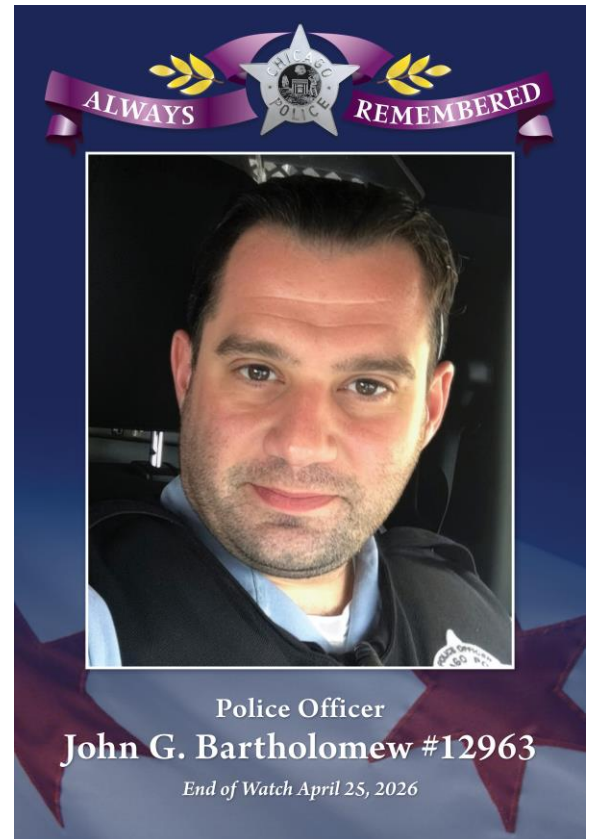
*CPD Announces Department Efforts, Citywide Crime Statistics for April 2026*

The month of April ended on a somber note, as the Chicago Police Department mourned the loss of fallen Police Officer John G. Bartholomew (E.O.W. April 25, 2026), who was shot and killed in the line of duty. His partner was also shot and critically injured.

This is a devastating loss for the Chicago Police Department and the entire city. Officer Bartholomew dedicated his life to protecting his fellow Chicagoans. Above all, he was a beloved father, husband, son and brother.

"As we prepare to lay our fallen hero to rest, we ask that the city continue to pray for Officer Bartholomew's family," said Superintendent Larry Snelling. "We will ensure his legacy and the sacrifice he made to keep the people of Chicago safe will never be forgotten."

We also remain steadfast in support of our injured officer, who continues fighting for his life at the hospital. This tragedy is a stark and heartbreaking reminder of the dangers officers face all too often as they serve and protect this city. Already this year, 20 Chicago Police officers have been shot or shot at in the line of duty, 43% higher than this time last year.



In April, the Department also honored Police Officer Luis M. Huesca (E.O.W. April 21, 2024), who was shot and killed in the line of duty two years ago. CPD members joined Officer Huesca's family and friends at a memorial roll call, ensuring his legacy will never be forgotten. Starting at midnight on April 24, CPD's Honor Guard conducted the 21<sup>st</sup> annual 24-hour watch at Gold Star Memorial Park. This solemn vigil and wreath laying is in remembrance of the more than 600 brave officers who have given their lives in service to our city. We will never forget these heroes and are eternally grateful for their ultimate sacrifice.

The Chicago Police Department also took part in National Crime Victims' Rights Week, which marked its 45<sup>th</sup> year. CPD's Bureau of Detectives Family Liaison Office hosted a floral therapy engagement, bringing together community members affected by crime for a day of healing and empowerment. The Department's [Victim Services](#) teams also visited communities across the city to raise awareness about the resources that are available for victims and survivors of crime.

## **APRIL 2026 CRIME STATISTICS**

- Since the start of the year, there have been 130 homicides, up 8% compared to this time last year. Compared to 2025, there is a 6% increase in shooting incidents and a 9% rise in the number of shooting victims.
- Citywide, there were 32 murders this month, 9 more than the 23 murders in April 2025. Compared to last April, shooting incidents rose 8%, and there is a 12% increase in shooting victims.
- Through April, the Bureau of Detectives has cleared a total of 101 homicides, for a clearance rate of 78%.
- Overall robberies are down 22% month to date, with a 25% year to date decline. Robberies with a firearm have dropped 22% in comparison to last April and 33% for the year.
- Vehicular hijackings have declined 12% compared to April 2025, with a 15% year to date drop. Burglaries are down 7% month to date and 16% in comparison to this time last year.
- Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) figures, overall Part I crimes have fallen 3% year to date and 5% month to date. Violent crime is down 9% so far this year, with a 13% month to date decline, while property crime has dropped 1% over the last year and 3% compared to April 2025.
- Part I transit crimes dropped 47% compared to April 2025, with a 23% year to date decline. Violent crime on the CTA saw a 33% reduction this month and 15% for the year, while property crime is down 64% this month and 34% year to date.
- Officers recovered 869 firearms this month – an average of 29 firearms each day this April – and 3,096 firearms since the beginning of 2026.

### **SHOOTINGS – APRIL**

2026: 115  
2025: 106  
2024: 174  
2023: 200

### **SHOOTINGS – JAN. 1 – APRIL 30**

2026: 421  
2025: 399  
2024: 585  
2023: 639

### **SHOOTING VICTIMS – APRIL**

2026: 139  
2025: 124  
2024: 208  
2023: 235

### **SHOOTING VICTIMS – JAN. 1 – APRIL 30**

2026: 501  
2025: 460  
2024: 696  
2023: 723

### **MURDERS – APRIL**

2026: 32  
2025: 23  
2024: 40  
2023: 53

### **MURDERS – JAN. 1 – APRIL 30**

2026: 130  
2025: 120  
2024: 155  
2023: 172

*\* All crime statistics are accurate as of May 1, 2026, and are subject to change upon further investigation. \**

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