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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT: FEBRUARY 2025 IN REVIEW

CPD Announces Department Efforts, Citywide Crime Statistics for February 2025



This February, the Chicago Police Department celebrated the city's newest officers at the first graduation and promotion ceremony of the year, commending the graduation of 241 recruits from Classes 24-1, 24-2, 24-3 and 24-4. The Department also recognized the promotion of 80 sergeants, 17 lieutenants, one captain and one deputy chief.

"Our newest police officers have chosen to step up for our city knowing the risks and sacrifice that come with it," said Superintendent Larry Snelling. "I know they are serving our communities throughout the city with professionalism and compassion."

Superintendent Snelling also honored dozens of Department members at a commendation ceremony this month. The more than 200 men and women who received these awards have gone above and beyond to protect our city and all who live, visit and work here.

CPD commemorated Black History Month by paying tribute to the countless contributions African Americans have made to the Department. As the first Black officer to join the Chicago Police Department in 1871, Officer James L. Shelton became an inspiration and a role model for future generations of police officers who followed in his footsteps. On March 28, 1918, Grace Wilson made history by becoming the first Black female CPD officer, and one of the first Black female officers in the nation. Today, CPD is still breaking barriers as we celebrate these trailblazers for enduring and inspiring fellow officers to protect our city.

The Department also remembered those we have lost, including Commander Paul Bauer (E.O.W. February 13, 2018), who was killed in the line of duty seven years ago. The Chicago Police Department paid tribute to his sacrifice with a memorial roll call in the 18th District, alongside the Bauer family, friends and community members. We will never forget Commander Bauer's service and the impact he made.

FEBRUARY 2025 CRIME STATISTICS

- Citywide, there were 20 murders this month, down 31% compared to February 2024, and 49% below February 2023 figures. Compared to last February, shooting incidents are down 42%, and there's a 43% drop in the number of shooting victims. All of these monthly figures are the lowest since 2019.
- Overall, homicides are 9% down compared to this time last year. Year to date, there's a 25% drop in both shooting incidents and shooting victims. All of these figures are the lowest since 2019.
- Through February, the Bureau of Detectives has cleared a total of 63 homicides.
- Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) figures, overall Part I crimes have fallen 19% year to date and 27% month to date. Violent crime is down 26% for the year, with a 33% decline over February 2024, while property crime is down 25% compared to last February and 17% year to date.
- Month to date, overall robberies and robberies with a firearm have both dropped 39%. There's a 40% decline in motor vehicle thefts. Burglaries are down 25% compared to this time last year.
- Since the start of the year, the city has recorded 79 vehicular hijackings, down 47% compared to this time in 2024. Officers have made 277 motor vehicle-related arrests, including 31 for felony vehicular hijacking.
- Officers recovered 765 firearms this month – an average of 27 firearms each day this February – and 1,593 firearms since the beginning of 2025.

SHOOTINGS – FEBRUARY

2025: 75
2024: 129
2023: 135
2022: 147

SHOOTINGS – JAN. 1 – FEB. 28

2024: 188
2023: 252
2022: 301
2021: 331

SHOOTING VICTIMS – FEBRUARY

2025: 89
2024: 155
2023: 147
2022: 164

SHOOTING VICTIMS – JAN. 1 – FEB. 28

2024: 216
2023: 288
2022: 334
2021: 383

MURDERS – FEBRUARY

2025: 20
2024: 31
2023: 39
2022: 43

MURDERS – JAN. 1 – FEB. 28

2024: 60
2023: 66
2022: 81
2021: 94

** All crime statistics are preliminary and subject to further analysis or change. **

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