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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT: FEBRUARY 2026 IN REVIEW

CPD Announces Department Efforts, Citywide Crime Statistics for February 2026

This February, the Chicago Police Department announced the first Community Training Observation Day of the year. This program will focus on "[Day in the Life of a Recruit](#)", allowing community members to undergo some of the same classroom and scenario-based training CPD's police recruits receive during their six months of training at the Police Academy. The first training observation day is scheduled for Saturday, April 11, 2026. Registration is [open online through March 31, 2026](#).

"All of our training is rooted in constitutional and fair policing, and it is what guides our officers in their day-to-day operations as we work to protect this city," said Superintendent Larry Snelling. "Our hope is that members of the public can not only gain insight into how we train our recruits, but that they leave the training observation day with a better understanding of the real-world situations our officers face."

The Department released its [Executive Summary of the Workforce Allocation Study](#) this February. The study, conducted in partnership with Matrix Consulting Group, is a data-driven analysis of CPD's current staffing, including both sworn and non-sworn members. This comprehensive study provides recommendations, not mandates, for a long-term staffing model that promotes more efficient use of resources aligned with public safety needs. The full study will be released within the coming weeks.

In February, the CPD [celebrated Black History Month](#) by reflecting on how history has shaped the Chicago Police Department and the City of Chicago and how the past continues to shape the future. Within the CPD, that history lives through trailblazers who laid the foundation for generations of service, leadership and progress. Their commitment, resilience and professionalism helped shape the city and continue to influence what policing looks like today.

CPD members joined dozens of families and supporters for the 12th Annual Get Behind the Vest Pancake Breakfast, hosted by 19th Ward Alderman Matt O'Shea in the Beverly neighborhood. This initiative raises funds for the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation to provide replacement ballistic vests for Chicago Police officers. Officers are responsible for replacing their lifesaving protective vests, which can cost over \$500, and need to be replaced every five years. Get Behind the Vest alleviates this financial burden for the men and women protecting our city.



FEBRUARY 2026 CRIME STATISTICS

- Citywide, there were 25 murders this month, 4 more than February 2025. Shooting incidents increased 8% and shooting victims are up 9% over the historic lows of February 2025.
- Since the start of the year, there have been 54 homicides, 8 fewer homicides compared to last year and a 13% drop year to date. Compared to last year, there is a 3% increase in shooting victims, but a 3% decrease in the number of shooting incidents.
- Through February, the Bureau of Detectives has cleared a total of 47 homicides.
- Overall robberies are down 22% month to date, with a 27% year to date decline. Robberies with a firearm have dropped 38% both month to date and year to date.
- Burglaries have declined 12% compared to February 2025, with a 22% year to date drop. There is a 7% reduction in vehicular hijackings month to date, with a 16% drop compared to this time last year.
- Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) figures, overall Part I crimes have fallen 8% year to date and 6% month to date. Violent crime is down 10% compared to last year, with a 7% month to date decline, while property crime has dropped 8% over the last year and 6% month to date.
- Part I transit crimes dropped 12% compared to February 2025, with a 7% year to date decline. Property crime on the CTA saw a 44% reduction this month and 29% for the year.
- Officers recovered 652 firearms this month – an average of 23 firearms each day this February – and 1,460 firearms since the beginning of 2026.

SHOOTINGS – FEBRUARY

2026: 81
2025: 75
2024: 129
2023: 135

SHOOTINGS – JAN. 1 – FEB. 28

2026: 182
2025: 187
2024: 252
2023: 300

SHOOTING VICTIMS – FEBRUARY

2026: 97
2025: 89
2024: 159
2023: 147

SHOOTING VICTIMS – JAN. 1 – FEB. 28

2026: 221
2025: 215
2024: 294
2023: 330

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

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