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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT: JANUARY 2026 IN REVIEW

CPD Announces Department Efforts, Citywide Crime Statistics for January 2026

As 2026 begins, the Chicago Police Department is continuing to build on the progress its members made last year to reduce violence and save lives. In 2025, CPD leveraged stronger collaboration between bureaus to share resources and investigative information to address public safety issues affecting residents citywide.

"This collaboration is focused on seeking justice for victims and preventing additional crimes from happening," said Superintendent Larry Snelling. "Rather than work in silos, our bureaus are working together to combat violence through more comprehensive investigations and on-the-ground missions."

This collaboration is evident with the [arrest of multiple robbery offenders earlier in the month](#). Citywide Robbery Task Force members conducting a robbery enforcement mission responded to a vehicular hijacking and, within 30 minutes, arrested two offenders. After taking these offenders into custody, detectives from the Area Three Detective Division and the Citywide Robbery Task Force worked together to arrest a third offender wanted in a separate investigation. All three were charged with felonies.

CPD's Office of Community Policing celebrated the graduates of its most recent [Community Academy](#) in January. This program gives community members first-hand experience in police operations and training. During the Community Academy, members from each of CPD's bureaus meet with participants to discuss their roles and functions aimed at bolstering safety in the city. This 10-week program focuses on strengthening trust and partnerships with residents citywide by facilitating direct connections between CPD members and the community members they serve.



This January, CPD laid to rest two pillars of the Department. Deputy Chief William Betancourt passed away on January 3 following a medical emergency while off-duty. We will always remember the lasting impact he had as a public servant to our city. The Chicago Police Department also honored the life and legacy of former Superintendent James O'Grady, who passed away on January 5 at 96 years old. He proudly served the Department for more than three decades, leaving a lasting impact on the Chicago Police Department and the City of Chicago.

JANUARY 2026 CRIME STATISTICS

- Citywide, there were 29 murders this month, a 29% decrease over January 2025. Compared to this time last year, shooting incidents are down 10%, and there's a 2% drop in the number of shooting victims.
- Through January, the Bureau of Detectives has cleared a total of 25 homicides.
- Since the start of the year, overall robberies are down 31%, while robberies with a firearm have dropped 39%.
- Compared to this time last year, there's a 5% decline in motor vehicle thefts, while burglaries are down 34%. There is an 18% reduction in vehicular hijackings year to date.
- Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) figures, overall Part I crimes have fallen 16% year to date. Violent crime is down 15% compared to last January, while property crime has dropped 16%.
- Part I transit crimes dropped 8% compared to January 2025, while property crime on the CTA saw a 23% reduction.
- Officers recovered 808 firearms this month – an average of 26 firearms each day since the start of the year.

SHOOTINGS – JANUARY 1-31

2026: 101
2025: 112
2024: 123
2023: 165

SHOOTING VICTIMS – JANUARY 1-31

2026: 123
2025: 126
2024: 135
2023: 183

MURDERS – JANUARY 1-31

2026: 29
2025: 41
2024: 35
2023: 42

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

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