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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT: MARCH 2026 IN REVIEW

CPD Announces Department Efforts, Citywide Crime Statistics for March 2026



This March, the Chicago Police Department hosted the first graduation and promotion ceremony of the year. The Department celebrated the city's newest officers, made up of the 248 recruits from Classes 24-8, 25-1, 25-2, 25-3 and 25-4. CPD also recognized the promotion of 3 deputy chiefs, 6 commanders, 4 captains, 25 lieutenants, 75 sergeants, 48 detectives, 15 evidence technicians and 8 field training officers.

"The graduating recruits are the future of the Chicago Police Department," said Superintendent Larry Snelling. "These new officers are now deployed to police districts across the city to serve and protect their fellow Chicagoans."

Before graduating, police recruits spend six months at the Police Academy, undergoing classroom and scenario-based training. Community members can get a first-hand look at what it takes in April's Community Training Observation Day, which will focus on a ["Day in the Life of a Recruit."](#) This program offers a hands-on opportunity to take part and gain insight into the Department's training process. More information is [available here](#).

The Chicago Police Department honored Women's History Month by paying tribute and celebrating the trailblazing women of the past 133 years, from the first woman in Chicago granted police powers in 1893 to the thousands of women who serve the Department today, in both sworn and non-sworn roles.

March 1 marked three years since the line of duty death of Police Officer Andrés Vásquez Lasso. Department members, family and the community gathered in the 8th (Chicago Lawn) District for memorial roll call in his honor. The Chicago Police Department's deepest condolences are also with the Chicago Fire Department and the family of fallen Firefighter/EMT Michael Altman. CPD mourns alongside our CFD brothers and sisters during this tragic and difficult time.

MARCH 2026 CRIME STATISTICS

- Since the start of the year, there have been 97 homicides, the same as this time last year. Compared to 2025, there is a 4% increase in shooting incidents and a 5% rise in the number of shooting victims.
- Citywide, there were 41 murders this month, up 17% over March 2025. Compared to last March, shooting incidents also rose 17%, and there is a 13% increase in shooting victims.
- Through March, the Bureau of Detectives has cleared a total of 72 homicides.
- Overall robberies are down 20% month to date, with a 26% year to date decline. Robberies with a firearm have dropped 25% in comparison to last March and 35% for the year.
- Burglaries have declined 18% compared to March 2025, with a 20% year to date drop. Year to date, there is a 13% reduction in vehicular hijackings, which are on par with March 2025.
- Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) figures, overall Part I crimes have fallen 4% year to date and 3% month to date. Violent crime is down 9% for the month and year, while property crime has dropped 3% over the last year and 1% month to date.
- Part I transit crimes dropped 24% compared to March 2025, with a 12% year to date decline. Violent crime on the CTA saw a 30% reduction this month and 4% for the year, while property crime is down 17% this month and 22% year to date.
- Officers recovered 766 firearms this month – an average of 25 firearms each day this March – and 2,228 firearms since the beginning of 2026.

SHOOTINGS – MARCH

2026: 124
2025: 106
2024: 159
2023: 139

SHOOTINGS – JAN. 1 – MARCH 31

2026: 306
2025: 293
2024: 411
2023: 439

SHOOTING VICTIMS – MARCH

2026: 137
2025: 121
2024: 194
2023: 158

SHOOTING VICTIMS – JAN. 1 – MARCH 31

2026: 354
2025: 336
2024: 488
2023: 488

MURDERS – MARCH

2026: 41
2025: 35
2024: 48
2023: 38

MURDERS – JAN. 1 – MARCH 31

2026: 97
2025: 97
2024: 115
2023: 119

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

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