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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT: MAY 2025 IN REVIEW

CPD Announces Department Efforts, Citywide Crime Statistics for May 2025

Following the Chicago Police Department and City of Chicago's announcement of summer safety plans, gun violence continued to decline this May, with the number of shooting incidents, victims and homicides falling for the fourth consecutive month. This Memorial Day weekend, homicides dropped 70% compared to 2024. There were also double-digit declines in shooting incidents, 30% lower, and shooting victims, down 40%, compared to last Memorial Day weekend.

"We're making sure we are keeping every single neighborhood safe," said Superintendent Larry Snelling. "We plan all year to be ready for the summer. Our focus remains on addressing violent crimes and reducing the ripple effect of trauma in our communities."



This month was also a time to come together and remember the 606 Chicago Police officers who have been killed in the line of duty. Thousands gathered downtown for the 93rd anniversary of the St. Jude Memorial March down Michigan Avenue in tribute to these fallen heroes. This year marked the 21st anniversary of the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation's Run 2 Remember, a 5K that supports fallen and catastrophically injured officers and their families.

Earlier this May, members of the Department traveled to Washington, D.C. for National Police Week, where fallen Officer Luis M. Huesca, Officer James B. Crowley and Officer

Enrique Martinez were commemorated in several ceremonies, including the 37th annual Candlelight Vigil and their names engraved on the wall of the National Law Enforcement Memorial.

Back here at home, the Chicago Police Department honored the heroism and leadership of officers at the 64th Annual Recognition Ceremony. Awardees included fallen Officers Huesca, Crowley and Martinez. Their families accepted the Police Medal, the Police Blue Star and the Superintendent's Award of Valor on their behalf.

The Department remembered Officer Aréanah M. Preston, two years after she was killed in the line of duty, with a memorial roll call. The Peace for Preston Foundation also donated two benches to the 5th (Calumet) District, where she proudly served, as a permanent reminder of her service and sacrifice. Another memorial roll call paid tribute to Patrolman Joseph P. Cali on the 50th anniversary of his line-of-duty death in May 1975, when he was ambushed and fatally shot by a sniper. Although half a century has passed, the Department continues to stand with his family and uphold the sacred promise to never forget.

MAY 2025 CRIME STATISTICS

- Citywide, there were 36 murders this month, down 38% compared to May 2024 and a 49% drop over May 2023. In comparison to last May, shooting incidents are down 43%, and there's a 45% drop in the number of shooting victims. These monthly totals are the lowest since at least 2019.
- Overall, homicides are 28% lower compared to this time last year. Year to date, there's a 35% drop in shooting incidents and a 36% decline in shooting victims. All of these yearly totals are the lowest since at least 2019.
- Through May, the Bureau of Detectives has cleared a total of 128 homicides.
- Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) figures, overall Part I crimes have fallen 14% year to date and 20% month to date. Violent crime is down 23% compared to last year, with a 24% month to date decline, while property crime has dropped 12% over last year and 18% month to date.
- Total transit crime has declined 9% month to date, while violent crime on the CTA is down 11% over May 2024.
- Overall robberies are down 29% month to date, with a 35% year to date decline. Robberies with a firearm have dropped 41% in comparison to last May and 44% for the year.
- Motor vehicle thefts are down 25% this month and 28% year to date. There's a 39% decline in burglaries compared to May 2024, with a 23% year to date drop.
- Since the start of the year, the city has recorded 182 vehicular hijackings, down 54% compared to this time in 2024. Officers have made 638 motor vehicle-related arrests, including 76 for felony vehicular hijacking.
- Officers recovered 1,131 firearms this month – an average of 36 firearms each day this May – and 4,557 firearms since the start of 2025.

SHOOTINGS – MAY

2025: 129
2024: 226
2023: 265
2022: 255

SHOOTINGS – JAN. 1 – MAY 31

2025: 529
2024: 811
2023: 904
2022: 971

SHOOTING VICTIMS – MAY

2025: 157
2024: 283
2023: 317
2022: 331

SHOOTING VICTIMS – JAN. 1 – MAY 31

2025: 616
2024: 963
2023: 1,032
2022: 1,169

MURDERS – MAY

2025: 36
2024: 58
2023: 70
2022: 66

MURDERS – JAN. 1 – MAY 31

2025: 152
2024: 210
2023: 242
2022: 255

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

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