



# NEWS RELEASE

## Chicago Police Department

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### **CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT: MAY 2026 IN REVIEW**

*CPD Announces Department Efforts, Citywide Crime Statistics for May 2026*

In May, the Chicago Police Department bid a final farewell to Police Officer John G. Bartholomew (E.O.W. April 25, 2026), who was recently shot and killed in the line of duty. The Department is eternally grateful for the unwavering support from community members and law enforcement partners as we laid our fallen hero to rest.

"Officer Bartholomew was an extraordinary police officer who dedicated not only his career, but his life, to serving others," said Superintendent Larry Snelling. "We stand alongside his family in carrying on his legacy to ensure our city never forgets all he did to safeguard his fellow Chicagoans. We are also continuing to support Officer Nelson Crespo, who was critically wounded during the same incident that killed Officer Bartholomew, as he continues his recovery."



In May, members of the Department traveled to Washington, D.C., for National Police Week to pay tribute to officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Officer Krystal Rivera (E.O.W. June 5, 2025) was remembered, as her name was engraved on the wall of the National Law Enforcement Memorial and read aloud during the 38<sup>th</sup> annual Candlelight Vigil.

Back here at home, the Chicago Police Department marched on Michigan Avenue for the 94<sup>th</sup> annual [St. Jude Police Memorial March](#) in memory of all 608 CPD officers who have died in the line of duty. Together with our Gold Star Families, the Department will carry forward the legacies of our fallen.

The sacrifices of two fallen officers were remembered with the dedication of honorary street signs. The name of Officer Enrique Martinez (E.O.W. November 4, 2024) now sits at the corner of 64<sup>th</sup> St. & Komensky Ave., eternally honoring his heroic actions to protect our city when he was killed in the line of duty. This May marked 16 years since the loss of Officer Thomas E. Wortham IV (E.O.W. May 20, 2010). His memory was enshrined with the unveiling of Honorary Officer Thomas E. Wortham IV outside of Cole Park to forever pay tribute to his life and legacy.

The Chicago Police Department's [65<sup>th</sup> Annual Recognition Ceremony](#) honored the bravery, dedication and lifesaving work of CPD officers, while also paying tribute to recently fallen heroes. Thank you to everyone who joined us in appreciation of our first responders. This support has helped lift the Department's spirits during this challenging time.

## **MAY 2026 CRIME STATISTICS**

- Citywide, there were 36 murders this month, down 5% compared to May 2025. In comparison to last May, shooting incidents rose 1%, and there's a 4% increase in the number of shooting victims.
- Since the start of the year, there have been 167 homicides, up 6% compared to this time last year. Compared to 2025, there is a 4% increase in shooting incidents and a 7% rise in the number of shooting victims.
- Through May, the Bureau of Detectives has cleared a total of 124 homicides, for a homicide clearance rate of 74%.
- Overall robberies are down 26% month to date, with a 25% year to date decline. Robberies with a firearm have dropped 27% in comparison to last May and 32% for the year.
- Vehicular hijackings have declined 19% compared to May 2025, with a 16% year to date drop. Year to date, there is a 14% reduction in burglaries, which are down 13% compared to May 2025.
- Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) figures, overall Part I crimes have fallen 1% year to date. Violent crime is down 9% so far this year, with an 8% month to date decline.
- Part I transit crimes fell 40% compared to May 2025, with a 27% year to date decline. Violent crime on the CTA dropped 33% this month and 20% for the year, while property crime is down 48% month to date and 36% year to date.
- Officers recovered 1,195 firearms this month – an average of more than 38 firearms each day this May – and 4,291 firearms since the beginning of 2026.

### **SHOOTINGS – MAY**

2026: 127  
2025: 126  
2024: 226  
2023: 267

### **SHOOTINGS – JAN. 1 – MAY 31**

2026: 546  
2025: 525  
2024: 811  
2023: 906

### **SHOOTING VICTIMS – MAY**

2026: 165  
2025: 158  
2024: 286  
2023: 326

### **SHOOTING VICTIMS – JAN. 1 – MAY 31**

2026: 664  
2025: 618  
2024: 982  
2023: 1,049

### **MURDERS – MAY**

2026: 36  
2025: 38  
2024: 58  
2023: 70

### **MURDERS – JAN. 1 – MAY 31**

2026: 167  
2025: 158  
2024: 213  
2023: 242

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

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