



Strategic
Initiatives
Division

Chicago Police Department

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Overtime Spending February Update

BACKGROUND

This report presents a summary of the Chicago Police Department's overtime spending in February 2026. It includes a number of summary statistics describing how overtime was used and by whom. In addition, a slip-level spreadsheet containing details about the specific overtime hours worked has been attached.

TIME

The primary focus of this report is overtime slips submitted for overtime worked from 01-FEB-26 through 28-FEB-26, but comparisons to overtime hours worked from 01-FEB-25 through 28-FEB-25 are included, as well as some summaries of year-to-date spending in 2026. Any summaries labeled 'February 2026' represent overtime worked from 01-FEB-26 through 28-FEB-26. Summaries labeled 'February 2025' represent overtime worked from 01-FEB-25 through 28-FEB-25. Summaries labeled 'YTD February 2026' represent overtime worked from 01-JAN-26 through 28-FEB-26 and summaries labeled 'YTD February 2025' represent overtime worked from 01-JAN-25 through 28-FEB-25.

DATA

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) maintains a database of overtime slips submitted by department members. The Department of Finance maintains the salary schedule for all department members. The CPD sends aggregated hours per member for each overtime pay period to the Department of Finance, which pays members based on their hourly rate and the type of overtime worked. Because of this mismatch, the CPD does not have exact payroll costing for each individual overtime slip. Officers can work overtime in many different settings during a pay period. CPD can only attach spend to purpose at the individual overtime slip level, but it only has actual spend totals at the member and pay-period levels. The CPD estimates the cost of each payroll slip using a department member's grade and time in service. The CPD's best estimate of overtime spend may not be exact and is subject to change upon further review.

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NOTES

Note 1: Members of the Chicago Police Department can choose to be compensated in one of two ways for overtime hours worked. They can choose to be compensated in cash, which, if not reimbursed by an outside entity, is paid from the Department's overtime budget. They can also choose to be compensated in Compensatory Time. Department members accrue Compensatory Time in hours and can redeem it as time off or for cash. The amount of Compensatory Time that can be exchanged for cash and the rates at which it is paid are governed by a given member's contract. The slip-level spreadsheet attached includes overtime hours paid in both cash and Compensatory Time. The summary statistics presented here only include 'budget-impact' overtime spend, that is, overtime hours compensated in cash directly that is not reimbursed to the Chicago Police Department.

Note 2: The Chicago Police Department provides additional security on the property of three sister agencies via officers working overtime. Overtime worked for the Chicago Housing Authority and Chicago Transit Authority is reimbursed to the Chicago Police Department. Overtime worked for the Chicago Park District is not reimbursed, and starting in February 2026 the Chicago Police Department is no longer providing officers on overtime to work security for Park District property.

Note 3: The Chicago Police Department has a number of grants funded by Federal Law Enforcement partners for work CPD does in partnership with them. In addition, CPD has a number of Memorandum of Understanding with Federal Law Enforcement partners and event sponsors that reimburse CPD for police services provided using officers working overtime. The slip-level spreadsheet attached includes reimbursable and non-reimbursable overtime hours. The summary statistics presented here only include overtime spend that is non-reimbursable.

Note 4: The Chicago Police Department's overtime budget is organized into two categories: Unit Discretionary and Events and Initiatives. Unit Discretionary budgets are assigned to individual units across the Department. These funds cover overtime needed to maintain staffing and meet routine operational responsibilities. For example, if a beat officer in a district is dispatched to a 911 call near the end of a shift, the overtime required to complete that response is charged to that district's Unit Discretionary budget. Similarly, when specialized units such as SWAT respond to an incident, any overtime associated with that response is charged to that unit's budget. The second category, Events and Initiatives, covers overtime associated with planned events and Department-led initiatives that require staffing beyond regular scheduled hours. Some large events require substantial police resources that can only be supported through overtime; the City may be reimbursed for some, but not all, of this overtime. This category also includes initiatives designed to address ongoing operational needs that cannot be fully met with straight-time staffing.

Note 5: The Chicago Police Department budgets and tracks spending using overtime tracking codes. Every slip officers submit contains an overtime tracking code. The Chicago Police Department budgets and tracks overtime using a hierarchical set of overtime codes. Overtime is budgeted to units using each unit's generic code (the unit number followed by four zeros). Units may also use subcodes to track overtime by purpose within the unit. For example, the 1st District's generic code is 001-0000 1ST DISTRICT - CENTRAL. Each District also has subcodes that track specific uses of overtime, such as 001-002 ROBBERY/BURGLARY MISSION.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In February 2026, the Chicago Police Department budgeted \$12,361,154 for overtime spending and spent an estimated \$12,342,598, excluding comp-time and reimbursable overtime.

In February 2025, the Chicago Police Department spent an estimated \$14,797,487 on non-comptime non-reimbursed overtime. The Chicago Police Department spent an estimated \$2,674,704 less on overtime in February 2026 compared to February 2025.

Overtime Type	Estimated Overtime Spend
TOTAL OVERTIME AMOUNT (Excluding Comp Time)	\$16,613,440
TOTAL REIMBURSABLE AMOUNT	\$4,270,842
NOT REIMBURSABLE AMOUNT (Net Spend)	\$12,342,598

February 2026 Estimated Spend

Year-to-date, the Chicago Police Department has budgeted \$25,106,636 for overtime spending and has spent an estimated \$25,657,714, excluding comp-time and reimbursable overtime.

In 2025, through February, the Chicago Police Department spent an estimated \$30,092,365. The Chicago Police Department spent an estimated \$4,434,651 less on overtime through February in 2026 compared to 2025.

Estimated Overtime Total	February 2026	February 2025	% Change
NOT REIMBURSABLE AMOUNT (Net Spend)	\$12,342,598	\$14,797,487	-17%

Estimated Overtime Total	February 2026	February 2026 (Budgeted)	% Change
NOT REIMBURSABLE AMOUNT (Net Spend)	\$12,342,598	\$12,361,154	-0.2%

Estimated Overtime Total	YTD February 2026	YTD February 2025	% Change
NOT REIMBURSABLE AMOUNT (Net Spend)	\$25,657,714	\$30,092,365	-15%

Estimated Overtime Total	YTD February 2026	YTD February 2026 (Budgeted)	% Change
NOT REIMBURSABLE AMOUNT (Net Spend)	\$25,657,714	\$25,106,636	+2%

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ANALYSIS/SUMMARY

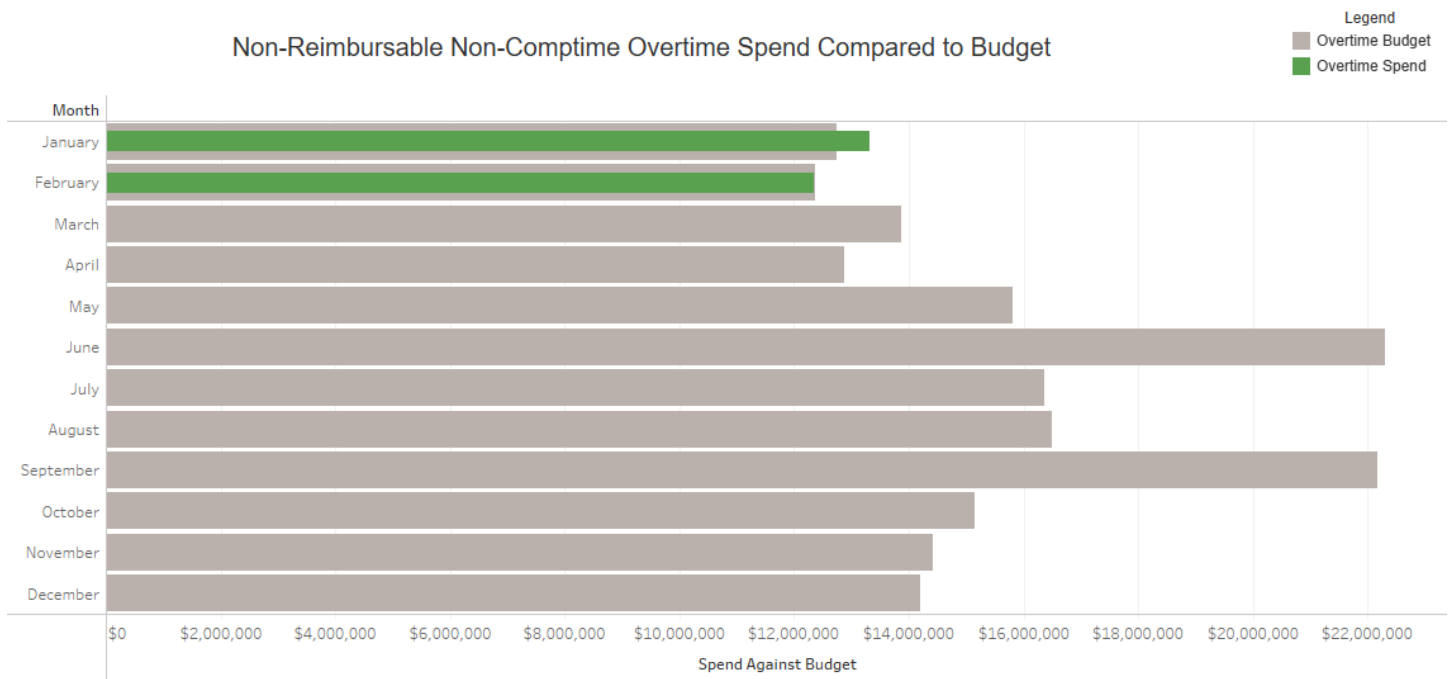
The Chicago Police Department spent an estimated \$16,613,440 on overtime compensated in cash in February 2026, including overtime that the department will be reimbursed for. This report estimates the department will be reimbursed for \$4,270,842 of that overtime. The breakdown of reimbursable overtime by tracking code is as follows:

OVERTIME TRACKING CODE	ESTIMATED SPEND
SVD-1087 CTA	\$2,611,930
SVD-1079 CTA	\$506,514
122-478 AIRPORTS MANPOWER SHORTAGE	\$458,156
SVD-1132 CTA	\$377,604
SVD-3 CHA	\$135,873
SVD-1073 CHA	\$74,257
SVD-1030 CHA	\$62,325
SVD-1068 CHA	\$44,183

Any code with CTA in the description represents officers working security for the CTA. Any code with CHA in the description represents officers working security for the CHA. 122-478 AIRPORTS MANPOWER SHORTAGE represents overtime worked to staff a police presence at the airports and is reimbursed via the Enterprise Fund.

The Chicago Police Department budgeted \$12,361,154 for overtime spending in February 2026. \$2.23 million dollars of that was budgeted for Events and Initiatives overtime tracking codes, and \$10.14 million for Unit Discretionary spending. The department actually spent an estimated \$10.38 million dollars on Unit Discretionary spending and \$2 million dollars on Event and Initiative Spending.

Most of the Chicago Police Department's overtime spending has been budgeted for summer months with large events requiring extensive police resources.



Monthly Overtime Spending Against Budget

The top 5 overtime tracking codes by estimated unreimbursed spend in the Events and Initiatives category for February 2026 were:

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OVERTIME TRACKING CODE	ESTIMATED SPEND
122-1610 DETENTION AIDES ARBITRATION	\$ 301,579
122-1062 CHICAGO AUTO SHOW	\$ 299,718
122-1446 PLANNED GATHERING/MARCH/CIVIL UNREST	\$ 188,540
136-005 MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR REVEREND JESSE L JACKSON SR	\$ 166,046
REIM-302 MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT GRANT - CTYWD CARJACKING TASK FORCE	\$ 126,115

The top 5 overtime tracking codes by unreimbursed spend in the Unit Discretionary category for February 2026 were:

OVERTIME TRACKING CODE	ESTIMATED SPEND
011-0000 11TH DISTRICT - HARRISON	\$ 623,100
018-0000 18TH DISTRICT - NEAR NORTH	\$ 537,140
008-0000 8TH DISTRICT - CHICAGO LAWN	\$ 438,596
620-0000 DETECTIVES - AREA 2	\$ 435,889
610-0000 DETECTIVES - AREA 1	\$ 403,087