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Initiatives  
Division

Chicago Police Department

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## Overtime Spending January Update

### BACKGROUND

This report presents a summary of Chicago Police Department overtime spending in January 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-JAN-26 through 31-JAN-26, but comparisons to overtime hours worked from 01-JAN-25 through 31-JAN-25 are included.

### 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.

### 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.

**Note2:** 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

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starting in February 2026 the Chicago Police Department is no longer providing officers on overtime to work security for Park District property.

**Note3:** 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.

**Note4:** 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.

**Note5:** 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.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In January 2026, the Chicago Police Department budgeted \$12,745,482 for overtime spending and spent \$13,315,116, excluding comp-time and reimbursable overtime.

In January 2025, the Chicago Police Department spent \$15,294,827 on non-comptime non-reimbursed overtime. The Chicago Police Department spent \$1,979,711 less on overtime in 2026 compared to 2025.

Overtime Type	Overtime Spend
TOTAL OVERTIME AMOUNT (Excluding Comp Time)	\$17,354,992
TOTAL REIMBURSABLE AMOUNT	\$4,039,876
NOT REIMBURSABLE AMOUNT (Net Spend)	\$13,315,116

Overtime Total	January 2026	January 2025	% Change
NOT REIMBURSABLE AMOUNT (Net Spend)	\$13,315,116	\$15,294,827	-13%

Overtime Total	January 2026	January 2026 (Budgeted)	% Change
NOT REIMBURSABLE AMOUNT (Net Spend)	\$13,315,116	\$12,745,482	4%

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## ANALYSIS/SUMMARY

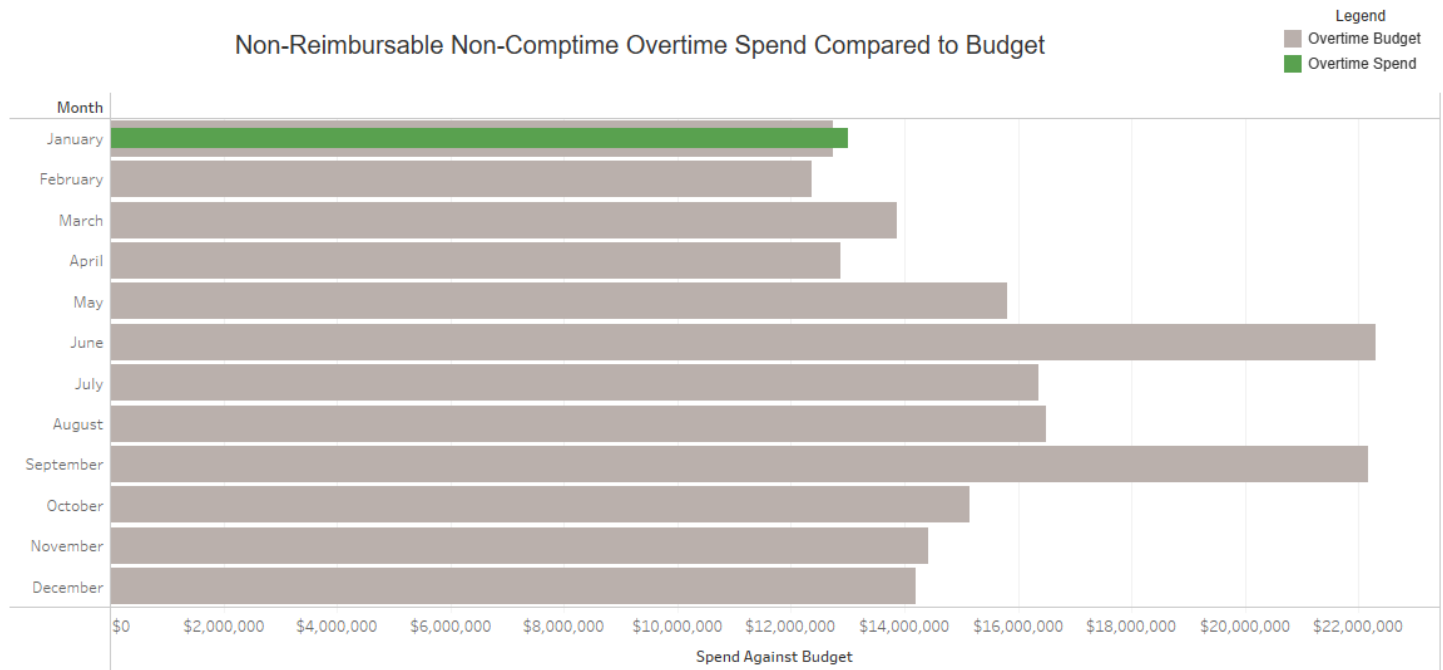
The Chicago Police Department spent \$17,354,992 on overtime compensated in cash in January 2026, including overtime that the department will be reimbursed for. This report estimates the department will be reimbursed for \$4,039,876 of that overtime. The breakdown of reimbursable overtime by tracking code is as follows:

OVERTIME TRACKING CODE	SPEND
SVD-1087 CTA	\$2,224,233
SVD-1079 CTA	\$680,730
122-478 AIRPORTS MANPOWER SHORTAGE	\$472,511
SVD-1132 CTA	\$309,438
SVD-3 CHA	\$147,373
SVD-1073 CHA	\$85,320
SVD-1030 CHA	\$73,820
SVD-1068 CHA	\$46,451

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 \$12,745,482 for overtime spending in January 2026. Roughly \$2 million dollars of that was budgeted for Events and Initiatives overtime tracking codes, and \$10.7 million for Unit Discretionary spending. The department actually spent roughly \$10.2 million dollars on Unit Discretionary spending and \$3.1 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 1

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

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OVERTIME TRACKING CODE	SPEND
SVD-1088 PARKS	\$ 497,474
122-1610 DETENTION AIDES ARBITRATION	\$ 325,154
122-1446 PLANNED GATHERING/MARCH/CIVIL UNREST	\$ 282,887
122-546 BEARS GAMES	\$ 180,310
122-1506 INCIDENT ACTION PLAN - NYE FIREWORKS	\$ 167,427

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

OVERTIME TRACKING CODE	SPEND
011-0000 11TH DISTRICT - HARRISON	\$ 620,798
018-0000 18TH DISTRICT - NEAR NORTH	\$ 573,004
610-0000 DETECTIVES - AREA 1	\$ 528,614
640-0000 DETECTIVES - AREA 4	\$ 454,820
008-0000 8TH DISTRICT - CHICAGO LAWN	\$ 445,313

The Chicago Police Department spent \$3,214,400 on overtime providing security for the Chicago Transit Authority and \$352,964 on overtime providing security for the Chicago Housing Authority. This overtime spending will be reimbursed. The Chicago Police Department spent \$497,474 on overtime providing security for the Chicago Park District that will not be reimbursed. As stated above, January 2026 was the last month that the department will be providing officers working overtime to the Chicago Park District for security.