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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT: MAY 2024 IN REVIEW

CPD Announces Department Efforts, Citywide Crime Statistics for May 2024

This May, as the summer gets underway, the Chicago Police Department remains committed to visibility and collaboration with community members and city agencies. CPD has increased presence across the city and on the lakefront to maintain public safety, in addition to preparing for festivals and large scale events and continued training ahead of the Democratic National Convention.

"All Chicagoans deserve to enjoy everything our city has to offer this summer," said Superintendent Larry Snelling. "The dedicated men and women of CPD will be working to protect our neighborhoods citywide for every visitor, resident, family and child."

This month marked one year since the senseless loss of Chicago Police Officer Aréanah M. Preston, and her life, service and sacrifice were honored at a Memorial Roll Call. The 5th District presented Officer Preston's family with a sunflower garden outside of the building where she proudly served CPD, a permanent reminder of her impact and legacy.

May is Law Enforcement Appreciation Month, a time to come together to remember all 601 of our fallen Chicago Police Officers. Thousands gathered downtown for the 92nd anniversary of the [St. Jude Memorial March](#), which, for the first time since 2006, returned to Michigan Avenue to pay tribute to our fallen heroes. This year also marked the 20th anniversary of the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation's Run 2 Remember, a 5K that supports fallen and catastrophically injured officers and their families.

Members of the Department also traveled to Washington D.C. for [National Police Week](#), where fallen Officer Andrés M. Vásquez, Officer Aréanah M. Preston, Detective Todd C. Gillerlain, Patrolman Charles Hibsich and Sergeant Francis McGraw were commemorated in several ceremonies, including their names engraved on the wall of the National Law Enforcement Memorial. While in Washington D.C., [the Chicago Police Honor Guard's tribute](#) to our fallen officers was awarded the Chief Judge Award at the Steve Young National Honor Guard Exhibition and Tribute.



Back here at home, dozens of officers were celebrated for their bravery at the 63rd Annual Recognition Ceremony. Officers received the Richard J. Daley Police Medal of Honor, Superintendent's Award of Valor, Thomas E. Wortham IV Military and Community Service Award and Chicago Police Leadership Award, among others. This month, the Department also celebrated the important women in our lives this Mother's Day and honored Memorial Day by paying tribute to the men and women of the armed services who have died protecting our country.

MAY 2024 CRIME STATISTICS

- Citywide, there were 55 murders this month, 20% lower than May 2023. Month to date, shooting incidents are down 13%, and there's a 6.6% drop in the number of victims of gunfire – all the lowest figures in five years.
- Overall, homicides are down 14.6% year to date. There's a 9.8% drop in shooting incidents and a 5.6% decline in the number of shooting victims. All are the lowest since 2019.
- Through May, the homicide clearance rate is 65.20%, the highest, year to date, since 2015.
- Officers recovered 968 firearms this month – an average of more than 31 firearms each day this May – and 4,831 firearms since the beginning of 2024.
- Since the start of the year, the city has recorded 401 vehicular hijackings, down 14.7% compared to this time in 2023. Officers have made 737 motor vehicle-related arrests through the first five months of the year. Of the 98 arrests for vehicular hijacking, 41% have been juvenile offenders.
- Motor vehicle thefts are down 31% this month and 27% year to date. So far this year, robberies with a firearm are down 9.7%, with an 8.8% month to date decline.
- Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) figures, overall Part I crimes have fallen 6% year to date and 7% month to date. Property crimes are also down 10% over May 2023 and 7% year to date.
- Overall transit crime is down 1% compared to this time last year, while property crime on the CTA is 8% lower year to date.

SHOOTINGS – MAY

2024: 230
2023: 265
2022: 255
2021: 321

SHOOTINGS – JAN. 1 – MAY 31

2024: 816
2023: 905
2022: 970
2021: 1,151

SHOOTING VICTIMS – MAY

2024: 296
2023: 317
2022: 331
2021: 386

SHOOTING VICTIMS – JAN. 1 – MAY 31

2024: 979
2023: 1,038
2022: 1,168
2021: 1,382

MURDERS – MAY

2024: 55
2023: 69
2022: 66
2021: 68

MURDERS – JAN. 1 – MAY 31

2024: 204
2023: 239
2022: 254
2021: 260

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

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