



Strategic
Initiatives
Division

Chicago Police Department

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Overtime Spending March Update

BACKGROUND

This report presents a summary of the Chicago Police Department's overtime spending in March 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-MAR-26 through 31-MAR-26, but comparisons to overtime hours worked from 01-MAR-25 through 31-MAR-25 are included, as well as some summaries of year-to-date spending in 2026. Any summaries labeled 'March 2026' represent overtime worked from 01-MAR-26 through 31-MAR-26. Summaries labeled 'March 2025' represent overtime worked from 01-MAR-25 through 31-MAR-25. Summaries labeled 'YTD March 2026' represent overtime worked from 01-JAN-26 through 31-MAR-26 and summaries labeled 'YTD March 2025' represent overtime worked from 01-JAN-25 through 31-MAR-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.

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 March 2026, the Chicago Police Department budgeted \$13,871,009 for overtime spending and spent an estimated \$16,117,301, excluding comp-time and reimbursable overtime.

In March 2025, the Chicago Police Department spent an estimated \$16,030,144 on non-comptime non-reimbursed overtime. The Chicago Police Department spent an estimated \$87,157 more on overtime in March 2026 compared to March 2025.

Overtime Type	Estimated Overtime Spend March 2026
TOTAL OVERTIME AMOUNT (Excluding Comp Time)	\$21,777,343
TOTAL REIMBURSABLE AMOUNT	\$5,660,043
NOT REIMBURSABLE AMOUNT (Net Spend)	\$16,117,301

Year-to-date, the Chicago Police Department has budgeted \$39,099,516 for overtime spending and has spent an estimated \$40,930,419, excluding comp-time and reimbursable overtime.

In 2025, through March, the Chicago Police Department spent an estimated \$45,062,214. The Chicago Police Department spent an estimated \$4,131,795 less on overtime through March in 2026 compared to 2025.

Estimated Overtime Total	March 2026	March 2025	% Change
NOT REIMBURSABLE AMOUNT (Net Spend)	\$16,117,301	\$16,030,144	+0.5%

Estimated Overtime Total	March 2026	March 2026 (Budgeted)	% Change
NOT REIMBURSABLE AMOUNT (Net Spend)	\$16,117,301	\$13,871,009	+16.2%

Estimated Overtime Total	YTD March 2026	YTD March 2025	% Change
NOT REIMBURSABLE AMOUNT (Net Spend)	\$40,930,419	\$45,062,214	-9.2%

Estimated Overtime Total	YTD March 2026	YTD March 2026 (Budgeted)	% Change
NOT REIMBURSABLE AMOUNT (Net Spend)	\$40,930,419	\$39,099,516	+4.7%

ANALYSIS/SUMMARY

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The Chicago Police Department spent an estimated \$21,777,343 on overtime compensated in cash in March 2026, including overtime that the department will be reimbursed for. This report estimates the department will be reimbursed for \$5,660,043 of that overtime. The breakdown of reimbursable overtime by tracking code is as follows:

OVERTIME TRACKING CODE	SPEND
SVD-1087 CTA	\$ 2,870,261
122-478 AIRPORTS MANPOWER SHORTAGE	\$ 791,103
SVD-1079 CTA	\$ 720,252
SVD-1165 CTA	\$ 405,126
SVD-3 CHA	\$ 149,706
REIM-170 GRT LAKES RGNL FGTVE TSK FRC	\$ 120,978
SVD-1073 CHA	\$ 82,369
SVD-1030 CHA	\$ 69,595
REIM-344 OCDETF -OPERATION SALMON NET - GL-ILN-0997	\$ 54,443
SVD-1068 CHA	\$ 47,772
REIM-505 ATF TASK FORCE	\$ 47,528
REIM-331 ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME (ORC).	\$ 39,905
SVD-1132 CTA	\$ 36,944
REIM-165 FBI VIOLENT CRIMES FUGITIVE TASK FORCE	\$ 32,920
REIM-210 DISTRACTED DRIVING & SPEED ENFORCEMENT	\$ 29,376
REIM-161 FBI - JOINT TERRORIST TASK FORCE	\$ 26,825
REIM-332 VAPOR WAKE TRAINING (UASI) DON BLAIR	\$ 22,690
REIM-718 FBI - JTFG - T	\$ 9,715
REIM-342 HSI - 191	\$ 7,303
REIM-207 IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT	\$ 7,261
REIM-238 CHICAGO HIDTA TASK FORCE GROUP 49	\$ 7,114
REIM-282 ISATT TASK FORCE	\$ 6,138
REIM-283 FBI HISPANIC GANG TASK FORCE	\$ 6,020
REIM-245 FBI - CYBER TASK FORCE	\$ 5,994
REIM-322 IDOT NON-ENFORCEMENT -GRANT FUNDED	\$ 5,829
REIM-128 HIDTA - PACKAGE INTERDICTION TEAM	\$ 5,723
REIM-292 HSI TASK FORCE	\$ 5,714
REIM-666 HIDTA/DEA TASK FORCE (GROUP 43)	\$ 5,158
REIM-002 FBI-CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN-SAFE STREET TASK FORCE	\$ 5,149
REIM-205 DUI STRIKE FORCE	\$ 4,685
REIM-470 FBI REGIONAL COMPUTER LAB	\$ 3,958
REIM-499 DEA TASK FORCE (GROUP 38)	\$ 3,851
REIM-162 HIDTA/DEA TASK FORCE (GROUP 48)	\$ 2,824
REIM-141 IRS - MONEY LAUNDERING	\$ 2,325
REIM-284 FBI WINDY CITY TASK FORCE	\$ 2,307
REIM-810 DEA TASK FORCE (GROUP 22)	\$ 2,201
REIM-538 USSS TF	\$ 1,907
REIM-124 SWAT OHARE OVERTIME	\$ 1,542
REIM-239 CHICAGO DEA HIDTA TASK FORCE GROUP 31	\$ 1,461
REIM-313 OCDETF OPERATION BULLPEN GL-ILN-0937	\$ 1,439

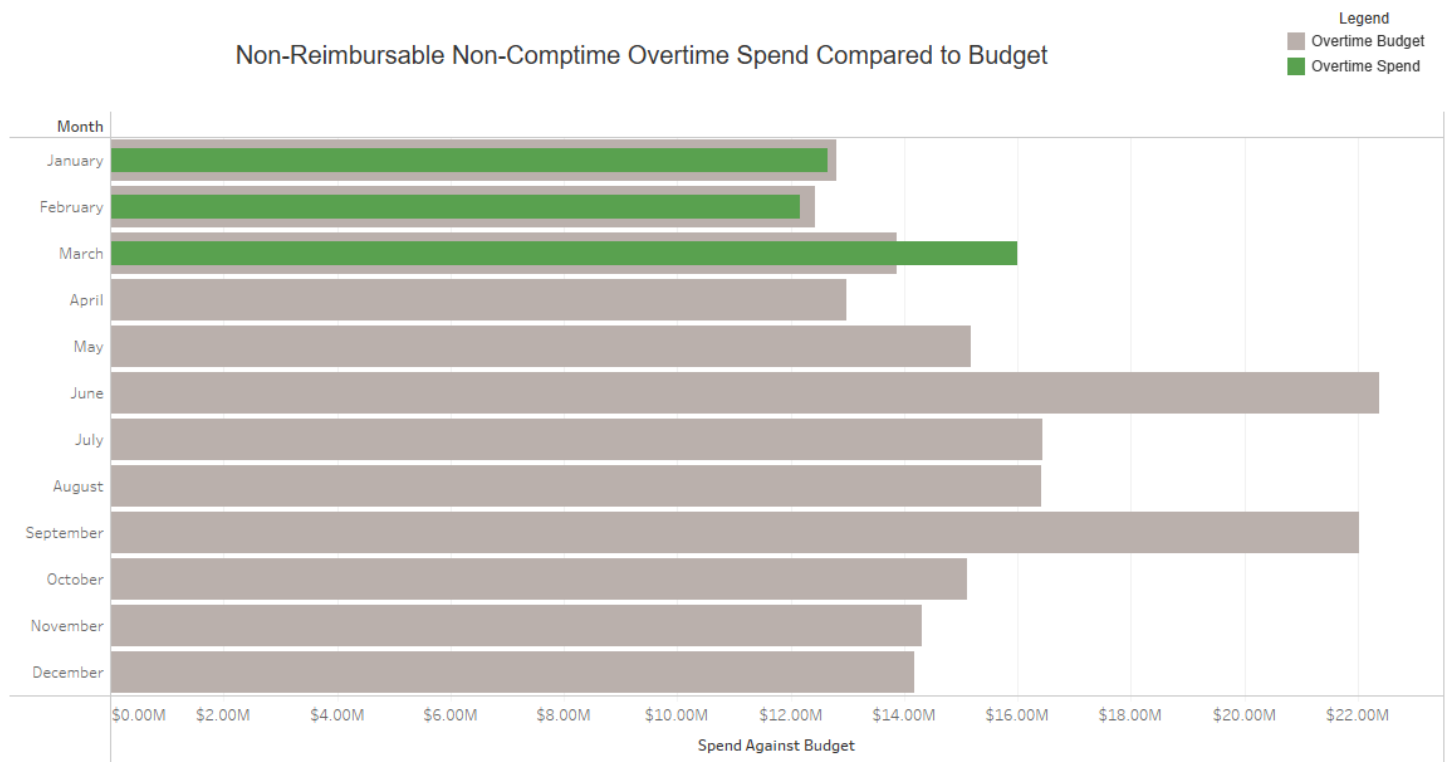
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REIM-346 OCDETF DISRUSPT THE CATAPULT GL-ILN-1002	\$ 1,329
REIM-703 DEA TASK FORCE (GROUP 36)	\$ 1,329
REIM-036 DEA TASK FORCE (GROUP 24)	\$ 1,159
SVD-1166 CTA	\$ 823
REIM-343 HSI - NARCOTICS	\$ 623
REIM-347 HSI - CHILD EXPLOITATION AND HUMAN SMUGGLING	\$ 588
REIM-554 DEA TASK FORCE - GROUP 32	\$ 535
REIM-326 DEA GROUP 17 CYBER UNIT	\$ 249

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 \$13,871,009 for overtime spending in March 2026. \$2.50 million dollars of that was budgeted for Events and Initiatives overtime tracking codes, and \$11.37 million for Unit Discretionary spending. The department actually spent an estimated \$11.79 million dollars on Unit Discretionary spending and \$4.33 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

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

OVERTIME TRACKING CODE	ESTIMATED SPEND
122-1446 PLANNED GATHERING/MARCH/CIVIL UNREST	\$ 791,385
136-005 MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR REVEREND JESSE L JACKSON SR	\$ 786,012
122-220 ST. PATRICK'S PARADE - DOWNTOWN	\$ 582,241
122-1610 DETENTION AIDES ARBITRATION	\$ 347,740
122-755 DYEING OF THE RIVER ST. PATS	\$ 271,829

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

OVERTIME TRACKING CODE	ESTIMATED SPEND
011-0000 11TH DISTRICT - HARRISON	\$ 755,366
018-0000 18TH DISTRICT - NEAR NORTH	\$ 566,967
012-0000 12TH DISTRICT - NEAR WEST	\$ 470,281
620-0000 DETECTIVES - AREA 2	\$ 434,025
610-0000 DETECTIVES - AREA 1	\$ 429,017