



# NEWS RELEASE

## Chicago Police Department

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### **CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT: APRIL 2024 IN REVIEW**

*CPD Announces Department Efforts, Citywide Crime Statistics for April 2024*



The month of April ended on a somber note for the Chicago Police Department, as we lost one of our own in the line of duty and laid to rest fallen hero Officer Luis M. Huesca (E.O.W. April 21, 2024).

The Department is humbled by the outpouring of support from community members and law enforcement here at home and across the country as we mourn the loss of this young, promising life. As the entire Department, and especially those who worked alongside this hero, continue to grieve, we are inspired by the legacy of Officer Huesca and will ensure his sacrifice is never forgotten. The loss of Officer Huesca underscores the danger officers face as they serve and protect

this city. So far this year, 29 Chicago Police officers have been shot or shot at in the line of duty.

Stopping this senseless gun violence is at the forefront of a new mission launched this month. The Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC), a joint partnership with the ATF Chicago Field Office, was created to save lives and seek justice for victims of gun violence. Each gun recovered that has been used in a crime is traced within 24 hours, allowing the CGIC to link shootings and investigate used in these crimes more quickly. This Crime Gun Intelligence Center is also part of the Department's effort to directly address and disrupt this flow of guns into the city.

"Partnership is vital in building safer neighborhoods for all Chicagoans," said Superintendent Larry Snelling. "This CGIC is that partnership in action, involving multiple layers of government with the goal of saving lives and preventing violence."

In April, CPD unveiled a strategy to address recent robberies and motor vehicle thefts. This plan features four pillars – technology, focused missions, public engagement and accountability – to raise awareness and encourage prevention. CPD has also hosted [Vehicle Safety Days](#) each weekend since February, offering information and services to keep vehicles secure. Thanks to officers' efforts and events like these, motor vehicle thefts are down 32% this month and 27% year to date. Overall robberies have declined 1.4% year to date and 4.5% compared to April 2023, while robberies with a firearm are down 9.8% this year and 8.8% month to date.

The Department continues to prepare for the upcoming Democratic National Convention. This month, CPD joined local, state and federal public safety partners at a tabletop exercise, allowing law enforcement to train for different scenarios and build stronger communication. All of the training Chicago Police officers are undergoing is rooted in constitutional policing as we prepare for secure safety outside of the convention footprint and across the city.

## **APRIL 2024 CRIME STATISTICS**

- Citywide, there were 37 murders this month, 30% lower than April 2023 and the lowest in at least six years. Month to date, shooting incidents are down 11.5%, and there's a 5.6% drop in the number of victims of gunfire.
- Overall, homicides are down 12% year to date. There's an 8% drop in shooting incidents and a 4.7% decline in number of shooting victims. All of these figures are the lowest since 2019.
- Through April, the homicide clearance rate is 76.51%, the highest, year to date, since 2015.
- Officers recovered 868 firearms this month – an average of nearly 29 firearms each day this April – and 3,858 firearms since the beginning of 2024, 11.79% ahead of last year's pace.
- Since the start of the year, the city has recorded 313 vehicular hijackings, down 22.5% compared to this time in 2023. Officers have made 618 motor vehicle-related arrests through the first four months of the year. Of the 80 arrests for vehicular hijacking, 41% have been juvenile offenders.
- Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) figures, overall Part I crimes have fallen 7% year to date and 12% month to date. There are also declines in violent crime (4%) and property crime (14%) over April 2023.
- Overall transit crime is 6% lower year to date, with a 16% drop month to date. Violent crime on the CTA is down 6% compared to this time last year.

### **SHOOTINGS – APRIL**

2024: 177  
2023: 200  
2022: 208  
2021: 248

### **SHOOTINGS – JAN. 1 – APRIL 30**

2024: 588  
2023: 640  
2022: 715  
2021: 830

### **SHOOTING VICTIMS – APRIL**

2024: 218  
2023: 231  
2022: 243  
2021: 295

### **SHOOTING VICTIMS – JAN. 1 – APRIL 30**

2024: 687  
2023: 721  
2022: 837  
2021: 996

### **MURDERS – APRIL**

2024: 37  
2023: 53  
2022: 52  
2021: 54

### **MURDERS – JAN. 1 – APRIL 30**

2024: 149  
2023: 170  
2022: 188  
2021: 192

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

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