

Electronic Monitoring Cases with Warrants

May 2026

On May 1, 2026, there were 246 total electronic monitoring (EM) cases in warrant status, accounting for about 8% of EM cases (Table 1).

Table 2 breaks down the inclusion zone cases by the most serious charge attached to the case at the time of the EM order. Top charges for domestic violence exclusion zone cases are not included, as those are exclusively domestic battery or other intimate partner violence charges. This accounts for the difference between the 246 cases in Table 1 and the 187 cases in Table 2.

More information on Adult Probation’s EM program, including an explanation of common terms, can be found on the department’s EM webpage: <https://www.cookcountycourt.gov/department/adult-probation/electronic-monitoring>.

Key points:

- The increase in warrant numbers since January 2026 reflects updated protocols – lower violation thresholds and extended judicial review on weekends and holidays – resulting in improved detection, not an increase in overall violation rates
- 68% of warrants involve non-violent charges
- Retail theft, theft, and aggravated battery are the three largest groups, accounting for 32% of warrants for inclusion zone cases

Table 1: Warrant Trends for All EM Cases by Month

Date	EM Population	Warrant	% in Warrant
April 2025*	2,417	30	1%
December 2025	3,121	132	4%
January 2026	3,171	130	4%
February 2026	3,081	136	4%
March 2026	3,087	147	5%
April 2026	3,170	180	6%
May 2026	3,048	246	8%

*April 2025 is when all EM was taken over by OCJ. It is included as a baseline for comparison.

Table 2: Warrants by Top Charge on May 1, 2026

Top Charge	Number in Warrant	Percent of Warrants
Aggravated assault	8	4%
Aggravated battery	18	10%
Aggravated criminal sexual assault	1	<1%
Aggravated domestic battery	1	<1%
Aggravated DUI	3	2%
Aggravated fleeing	1	<1%
Aggravated robbery	1	<1%
Aggravated UPW	10	5%
Armed habitual criminal	1	<1%
Armed robbery	3	2%
Attempt murder	1	<1%
Auto theft	11	6%
Battery	10	5%
Burglary	12	6%
Criminal damage to property	4	2%
Criminal trespass	1	<1%
Domestic battery	8	4%
Driving on revoked license	3	2%
DUI	2	1%
Felon in possession of a firearm	5	3%
Gun possession/sale	5	3%
Manufacture/deliver controlled substance	4	2%
Possess drug paraphernalia	2	1%
Possession of a controlled substance	8	4%
Public indecency	1	<1%
Reckless conduct	1	<1%
Registry violation	3	2%
Residential burglary	2	1%
Resisting/obstructing a peace officer	3	2%
Retail theft	24	13%
Robbery	5	3%
Theft	18	10%
Vehicular invasion/hijacking	1	<1%
Violate order of protection	6	3%
Total	187	100%