



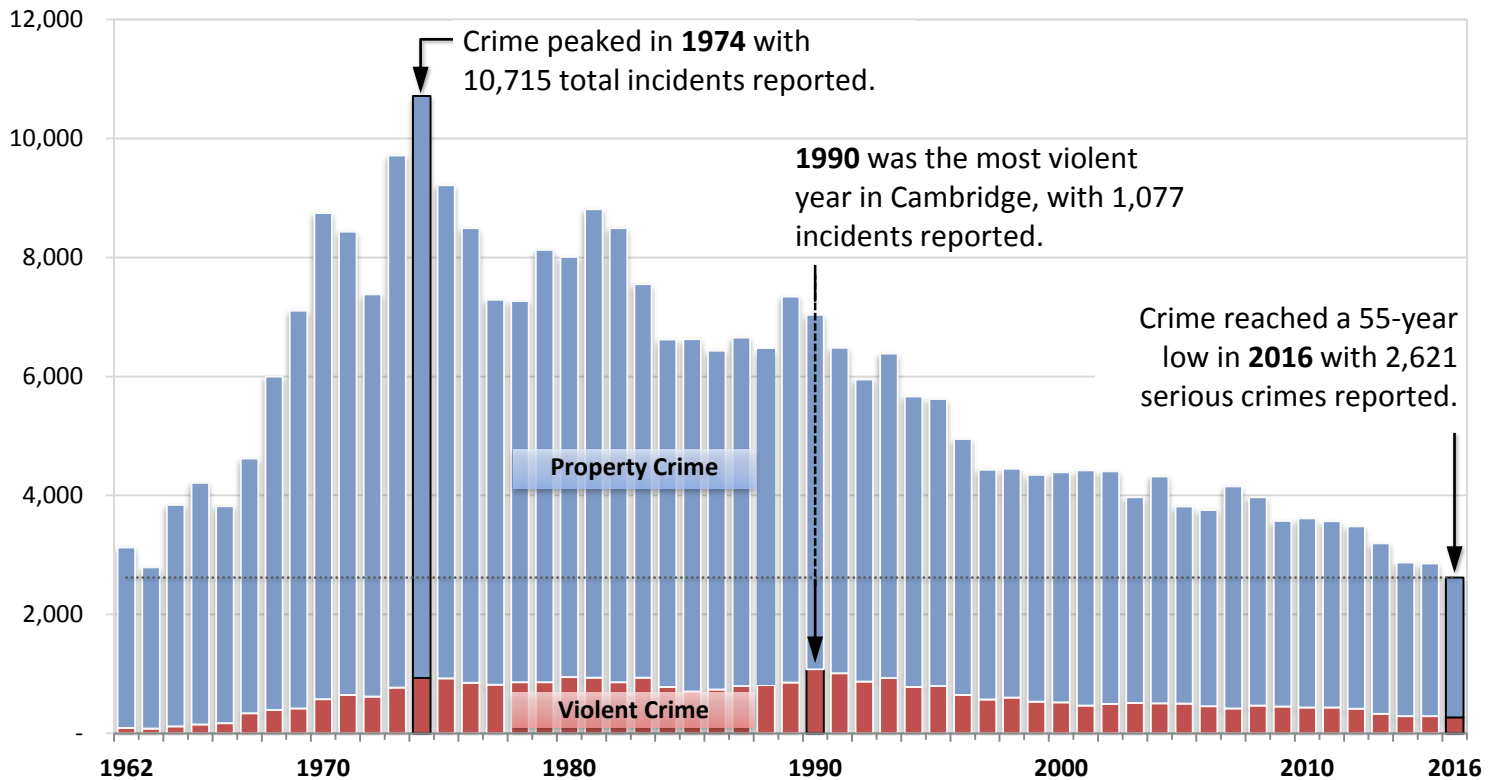
Cambridge 2016 Serious Crime* Review

Crime in Cambridge at lowest level in 55-years with 2,621 Part I crimes reported

For the sixth consecutive year, a decrease in serious crime was recorded in the City of Cambridge. Crime continued its downward trajectory in 2016, once again dropping to unprecedented levels. In 2016, serious crime in the City declined by 8% to 2,621 crimes, down 233 from the previous low of 2,854 incidents recorded in 2015.

55 Years of Crime in Cambridge

Part I Index Crimes Reported to the Police Annually*



This year’s number represents the lowest total of index crimes reported to the FBI since Congress enacted the Omnibus Crime Control Act in 1968. This was only the third time in the past 50 years that the crime index total has dropped below 3,000 incidents in Cambridge.

Further analysis of the crime breakdown indicates that there were 213 fewer property crimes reported in 2016 to record an 8% decline when compared with last year. When measured against the five-year weighted average, property crime was down 14% in 2016. There were 271 violent crimes in the City in 2016, 20 fewer incidents than in 2015, which translates to a dip of 7%. Compared to the five-year weighted average for violent crime in Cambridge, this category of incidents dropped 16%.

**Serious crime refers to Part I "Index" crimes; the seven serious crimes which the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program collects statistics on.*