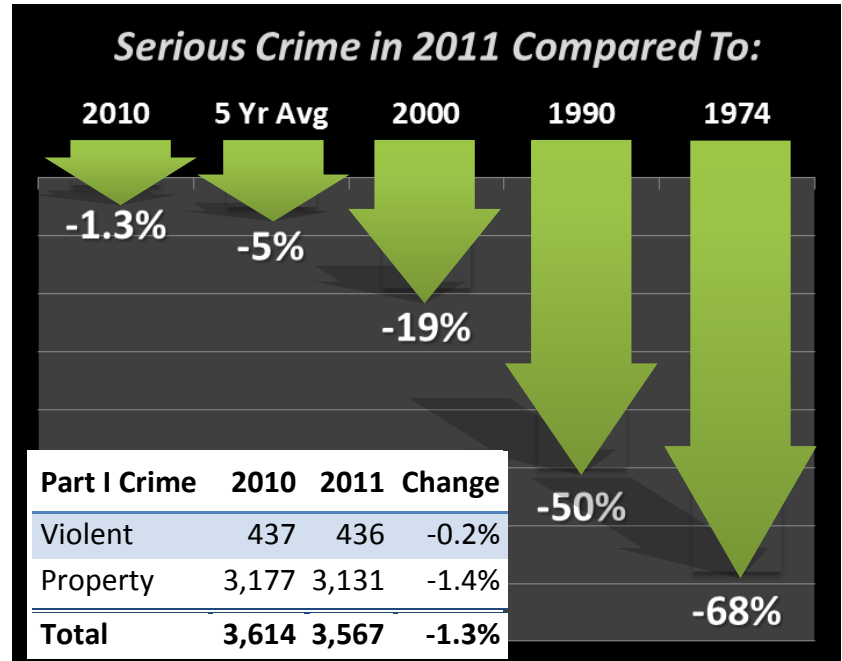




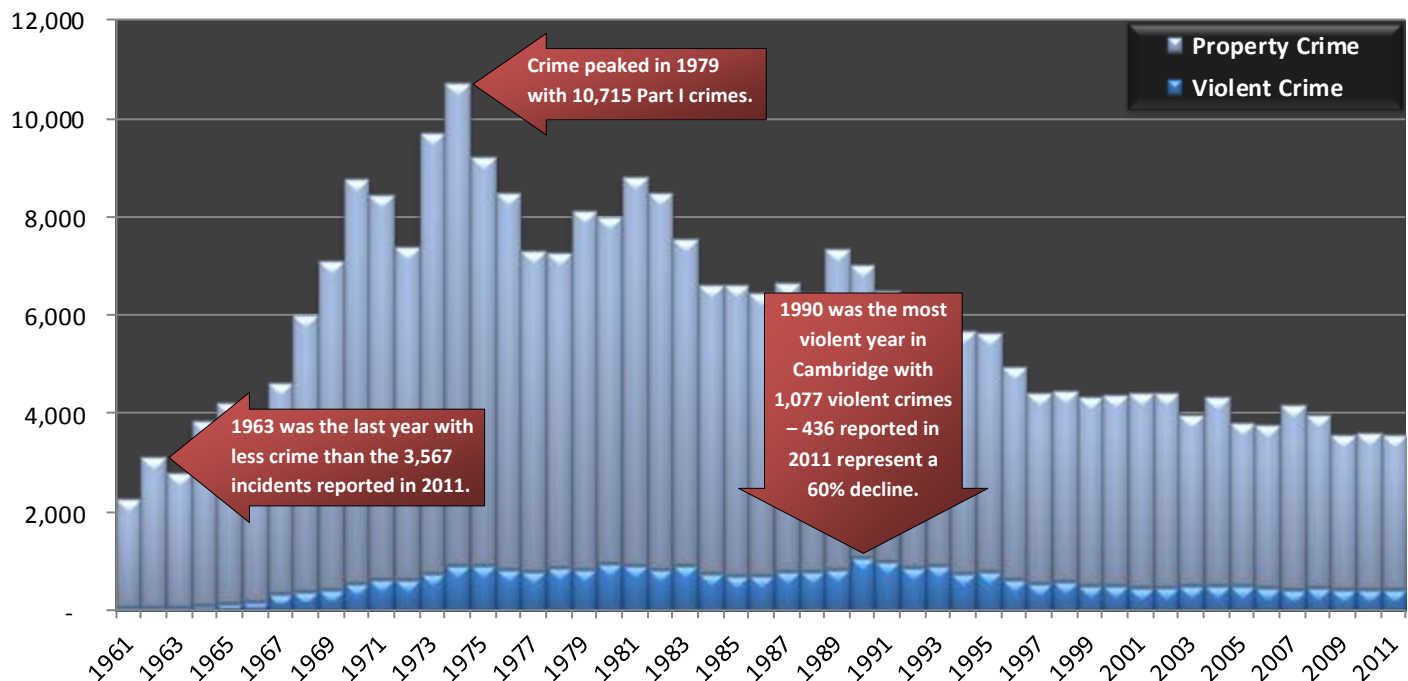
Cambridge 2011 Serious Crime* Review

Crime in Cambridge Reaches Historic Low with 3,567 Part I Index Crimes Reported

The decline of crime in the City of Cambridge for 2011 was small, but historic. The 3,567 serious crimes recorded in Cambridge in 2011 represent the lowest total of index crimes reported to the FBI since Congress enacted the Omnibus Crime Control Act in 1968. There were 47 fewer serious crimes registered in Cambridge in 2011 when compared with 2010, which translates to a 1% decrease in Part 1 offenses. Prior to this year, the previous low watermark for serious crimes in the City was in 2009 when 3,570 incidents were reported.



50 Years of Crime in Cambridge



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Analysis of 2011 Serious Crime* in Cambridge

A detailed analysis of all statistics indicates there were 46 fewer property crimes counted in 2011 to register a 1% decrease when compared with 2010. When measured against the 5-year weighted average, the 2011 property crime total is down 5%. There were 436 violent crimes in Cambridge in 2011, one less incident than in 2010.

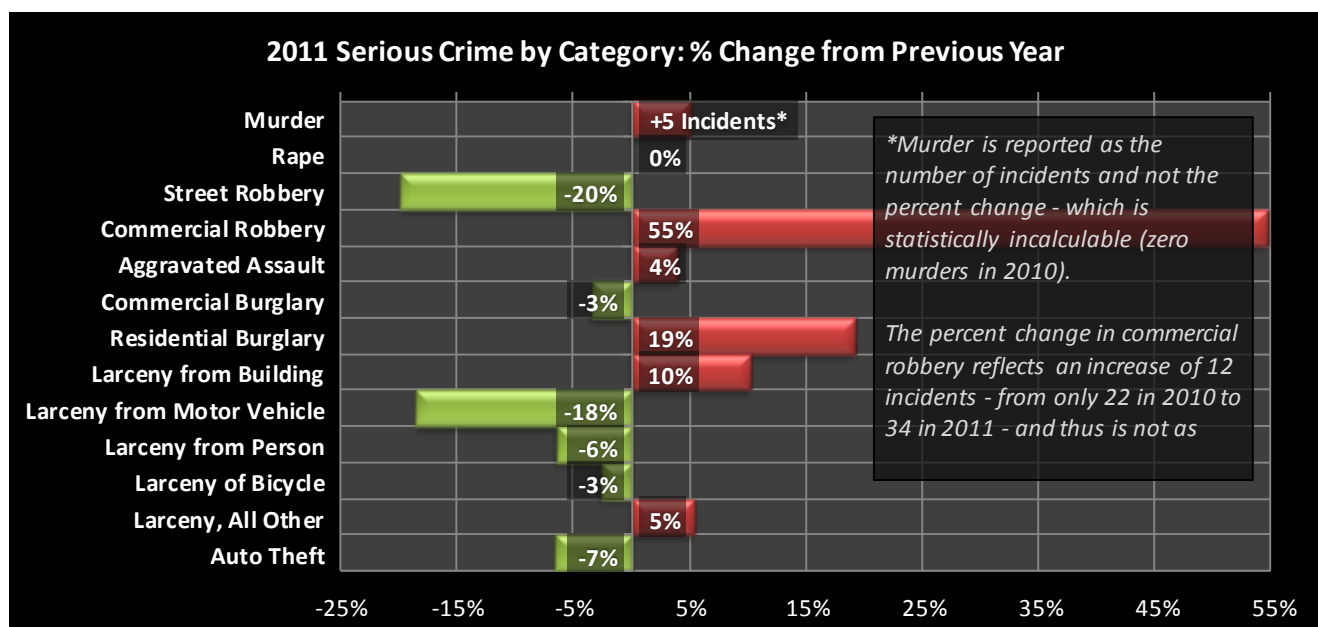
The most positive trend of the year was the 20% decrease in street robberies, with a total at a 50-year low for this violent crime type.

Compared to the 5-year weighted average for violent crime in this city, these types of incidents fell 4%.

The first murder in the City in over 20 months was the shooting of a 30-year old Cambridge resident near Central Square on March 12th of 2011. Over the final six weeks of 2011, there were four domestic homicides committed in Cambridge. With the suicide of the assailant in one incident, and the subsequent arrest of the daughter in another domestic homicide, only the March 12th shooting remains unsolved. 27 of the 33 murders in Cambridge

since 1995 have been cleared by arrest or by the suicide of the perpetrator, which indicates an 82% clearance rate over that 17 year period. For comparison, the clearance rate was 65%¹ nationally and 50%² in New England in 2010.

Some of the more significant trends identified when analyzing the crime totals in Cambridge for 2011 were that housebreaks registered a problematic increase of 19% when compared with 2010. Further analysis reveals that part of this incline should be tempered by the fact that 2010's total was historically low. The drop in larceny from motor vehicles at 31% below the 5-year weighted average was a major factor in the falling property crime rate.



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¹ <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2010/crime-in-the-u.s.-2010/tables/10tbl25.xls>

² <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2010/crime-in-the-u.s.-2010/tables/10tbl26.xls>



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Detailed 2011 Part I Crime Statistics & 5 Year Comparison

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Change from 2010	5 Year Average*	Change from 5 Year
Part I Violent Crime									
Homicide	2	0	1	2	0	5	IN-CALC	1	400%
Rape	11	16	17	20	23	23	0%	19	21%
Robbery	208	161	177	172	163	147	-10%	171	-14%
Commercial Robbery	38	41	36	21	22	34	55%	28	21%
Street Robbery	170	120	141	151	141	113	-20%	143	-21%
Aggravated Assault	237	243	274	255	251	261	4%	255	2%
Total Violent Crime	458	420	469	449	437	436	0%	446	-2%
Part I Property Crime									
Burglary	685	653	467	429	453	520	15%	492	6%
Commercial Break	189	134	76	86	87	84	-3%	98	-14%
Housebreak	496	519	391	343	366	436	19%	394	11%
Larceny	2,377	2,838	2,788	2,496	2,555	2,453	-4%	2,612	-6%
Larceny (Misc)	57	44	27	26	25	37	48%	30	23%
Larceny from Building	386	418	417	321	393	433	10%	381	14%
Larceny from MV	754	1234	1053	913	784	639	-18%	930	-31%
Larceny from Person	337	344	357	331	342	320	-6%	342	-6%
Larceny from Residence	246	162	214	185	192	234	22%	194	21%
Larceny of Bicycle	204	228	277	284	380	370	-3%	302	23%
Larceny of Plate	30	37	65	39	43	43	0%	45	-4%
Larceny of Services	21	22	26	28	31	25	-19%	27	-7%
Shoplifting	342	349	352	369	365	352	-4%	360	-2%
Auto Theft	241	344	244	196	169	158	-7%	206	-23%
Total Property Crime	3,303	3,735	3,499	3,121	3,177	3,131	-1%	3,309	-5%
Total Part I Crime	3,761	4,155	3,968	3,570	3,614	3,567	-1%	3,755	-5%

*The 5-year average is a weighted average developed using a method where more recent crime carries more significance.

A more detailed analysis of the patterns and trends associated with the Part I Index Crime statistics in Cambridge for 2011 will be furnished in a comprehensive report to be released this spring. This report will be available on our website at www.CambridgePolice.org.