



Cambridge Police Department BridgeStat

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Produced by the Crime Analysis Unit



Part I Total Crime

Serious crime in Cambridge continues to move on a downward spiral for the first five months of 2014. **Part One incidents have dropped 14%** when compared to the same time period in 2013, **and 25% when compared to the five-year average**. When we examine the effects of a cold and snowy winter, **we find a very strong correlation between changes in temperature during the 1st quarter of the year and the volume of crime (see Slide # 5). A cooler than average Spring may also be a factor in the decline over the past two months.**

The property crimes of Larceny & Burglary remain as the driving forces behind the overall downward spiral of crime. **The index crime of larceny has fallen 13% and a 31% reduction in burglary has been reported.** Housebreaks (-40%), larceny from motor vehicles (-15%), and larceny from person (-41%) were the categories of incidents fueling the declining crime numbers.

A detailed analysis of all statistics indicates that there were **137 fewer property crimes reported** for the first five months of 2014, which indicates a **14% drop off** when measured against the 2013 statistics.

Violent crime has plummeted 16% over the first 150 days of 2014 with 22 fewer crimes against the person counted than in the first five months of last year.

| | 4 Week Snapshot | | | Year to Date | | | Five Year | |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------|--------|--------------|------|--------|-----------|--------|
| | 4/8 - 5/5 | 5/6-6/2 | Change | 2013 | 2014 | Change | Avg | Change |
| Total Violent Crime | 15 | 25 | 67% | 136 | 114 | -16% | 153 | -25% |
| Total Property Crime | 171 | 190 | 11% | 966 | 829 | -14% | 1098 | -24% |
| Total Part I Crime | 186 | 215 | 16% | 1102 | 943 | -14% | 1251 | -25% |



Part I Property Crime

Property crime has dipped 14% when compared with the first five months of 2013 and recorded a **25% decline** below the five-year average. The only property categories to register increases so far this year are small increases in auto theft, larceny from residence and commercial burglary. **Eleven of the fifteen indexes associated with property crime are in the green (on the decline)** so far in 2014. The rise in auto theft can be attributed to the historically low total associated with 2013 for this crime type.

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| | 4/8 - 5/5 | 5/6-6/2 | Change | | 2013 | 2014 | Change | | Avg | Change |
| Burglary | 23 | 12 | -48% | | 142 | 98 | -31% | | 170 | -42% |
| Commercial Break | 8 | 5 | -38% | | 21 | 25 | 19% | | 29 | -14% |
| Housebreak | 15 | 7 | -53% | | 121 | 73 | -40% | | 142 | -49% |
| Larceny | 140 | 167 | 19% | | 792 | 691 | -13% | | 880 | -21% |
| Larceny (Misc) | 2 | 3 | 50% | | 8 | 8 | 0% | | 12 | -33% |
| Larceny from Building | 24 | 39 | 63% | | 168 | 150 | -11% | | 164 | -9% |
| Larceny from MV | 36 | 33 | -8% | | 190 | 161 | -15% | | 243 | -34% |
| Larceny from Person | 16 | 17 | 6% | | 137 | 81 | -41% | | 137 | -41% |
| Larceny from Residence | 12 | 19 | 58% | | 59 | 72 | 22% | | 77 | -6% |
| Larceny of Bicycle | 18 | 22 | 22% | | 74 | 58 | -22% | | 80 | -28% |
| Larceny of Plate | 4 | 4 | 0% | | 8 | 16 | 100% | | 13 | 23% |
| Larceny of Services | 0 | 4 | IN-CALC | | 10 | 6 | -40% | | 8 | -25% |
| Shoplifting | 28 | 26 | -7% | | 138 | 139 | 1% | | 146 | -5% |
| Auto Theft | 8 | 11 | 38% | | 32 | 40 | 25% | | 48 | -17% |
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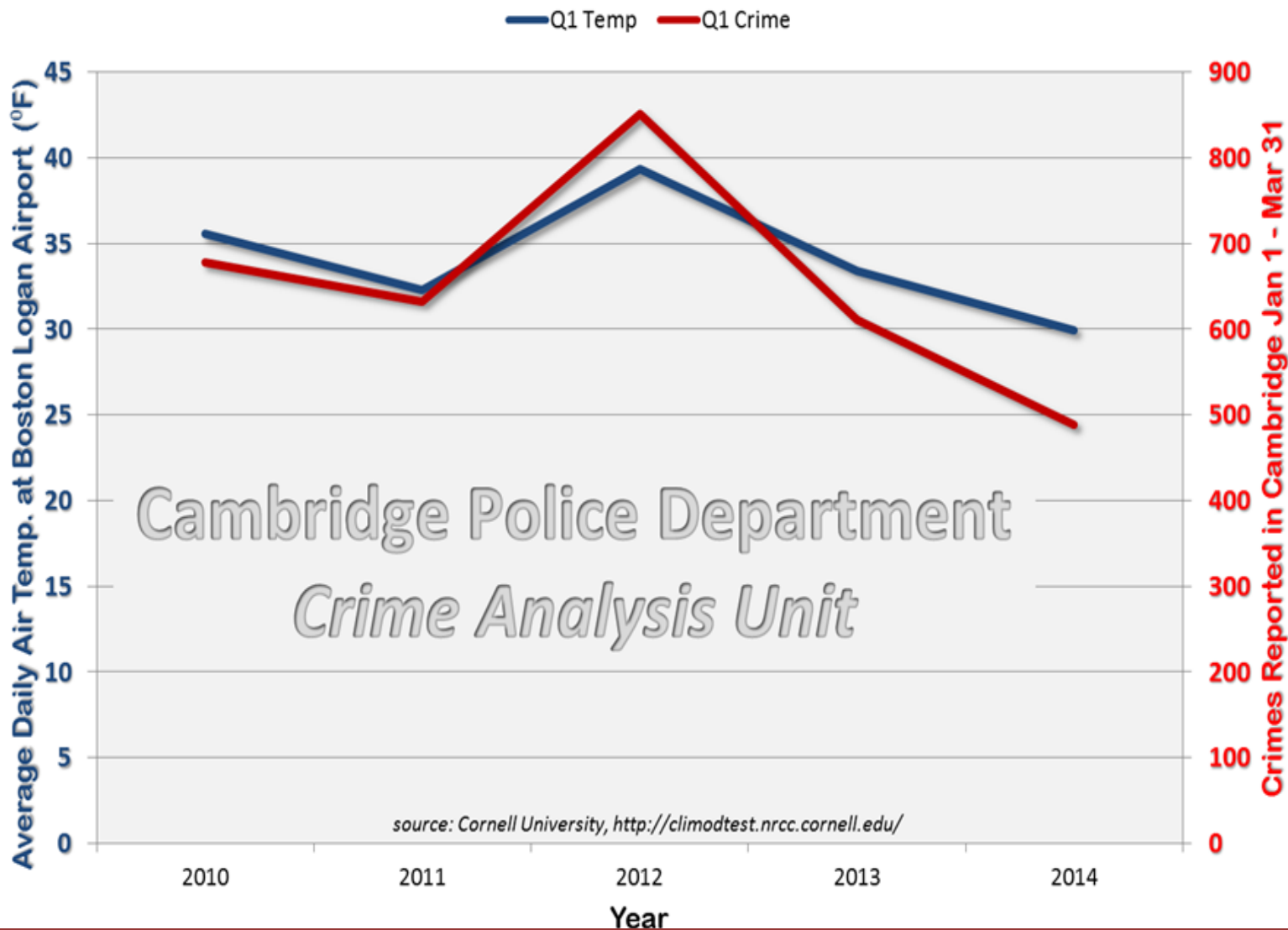
Part I Violent Crime

- The five-year weighted average for violent crime in Cambridge for the first five months of the year is 153 incidents. For the period between January and the end of May of 2014, there were 114 violent crimes recorded in the City, 22 incidents below last year (-16%) and 39 violent crimes under the total forecasted for this period (-25%).
- The first murder of the year occurred on February 2nd, 2014. A complete synopsis of this incident can be found on Slide 6. **The increase in commercial robberies from seven to twelve incidents should be tempered by the fact that this crime has been recording historic lows in Cambridge in recent years. Street robbery dropped an astounding 55% when compared with 2013 with no spatial or temporal patterns identified so far in 2014.**

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|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------|------------|--|---------------------|------------|-------------|--|------------------|-------------|
| | 4/8 - 5/5 | 5/6-6/2 | Change | | 2013 | 2014 | Change | | Avg | Change |
| Homicide | 0 | 0 | IN-CALC | | 2 | 1 | -50% | | 1 | 0% |
| Rape | 4 | 1 | -75% | | 9 | 12 | 33% | | 11 | 9% |
| Robbery | 4 | 5 | 25% | | 45 | 29 | -36% | | 50 | -42% |
| Commercial Robbery | 3 | 2 | -33% | | 7 | 12 | 71% | | 8 | 50% |
| Street Robbery | 1 | 3 | 200% | | 38 | 17 | -55% | | 42 | -60% |
| Aggravated Assault | 7 | 19 | 171% | | 80 | 72 | -10% | | 92 | -22% |
| Total Violent Crime | 15 | 25 | 67% | | 136 | 114 | -16% | | 153 | -25% |



Correlation between temperature and crime during 1st Quarter *colder temperature = less crime ($r = 0.98$)*



Crime in Cambridge dropped 20% during the 1st quarter of 2014 when compared to the previous year, and 31% when compared to the five-year average. Many factors can affect crime, including the weather. When we examine the effects of a cold and snowy winter, we find a very strong correlation between changes in temperature during the 1st quarter of the year and the volume of crime.



MURDER

No Patterns

- The only murder of 2014 involved Malia Gomez, 40, of 396 Putnam Ave, who has been charged in the death of Dana Robinson. Gomez admitted to stabbing Robinson following an argument. Robinson died at Beth Israel Hospital and Gomez was charged with armed assault with the intent to murder, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon causing serious bodily injury. On April 1st, 2014, Malia Gomez was indicted on First Degree Murder.
- 30 of the 36 murders in Cambridge since 1995 have been cleared by arrest or by the suicide of the perpetrator, which translates to an 83% clearance rate.
- Three of the six unsolved murders in Cambridge since 1995 occurred during the month of June. Ricardo Williams was killed by a handgun on June 17th, 2002. Jason Ellcock was the victim of multiple gunshots on June 16th, 2009. And on June 3rd, 2012, Charlene Holmes was shot while sitting on a porch on Willow Street. All of these cases remain open and are under active investigation.

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Change*

Last 4 Weeks

0%

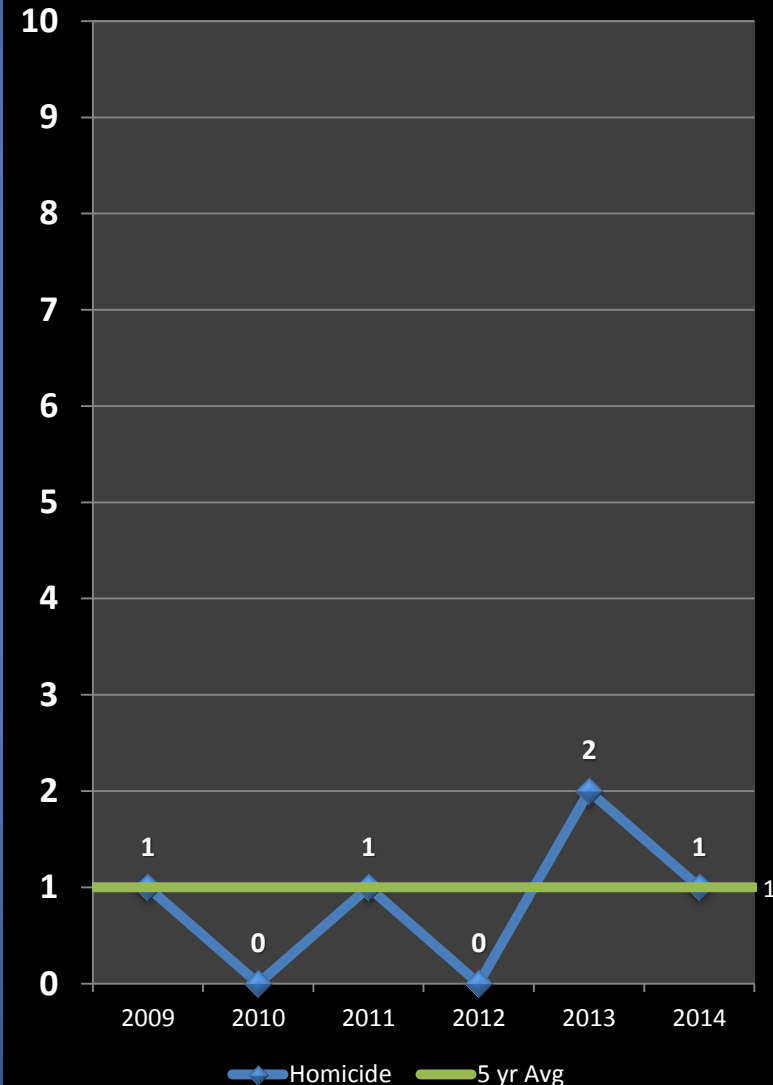
Previous Year

-50%

5 Year Average

0%

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Characteristics of Murder in Cambridge

For the 30-year period between 1960 and 1989, the City of Cambridge averaged slightly less than five murders per year. The annual average since 1990 has fallen to approximately two per year. Trend analysis over recent years points to two recurring murder scenarios in Cambridge: domestic murder, in which one family member is brutally killed by another in a homicidal rage, and the murder of young males by a handgun or knife in acts of retaliatory street violence.

Cambridge Murder Statistics, 1990-2013

- 51 people murdered in 46 incidents (in 4 of the incidents, 2 or more people were killed)
- 32 victims were male (average age of 34)
- 19 victims were female (average age of 41)
- Most common weapons: handguns (23 incidents) and knives (11 incidents)
- 20 of the 25 cases since 2000 have been cleared by arrest or by the death of the suspect, including all three murders in 2013



Unsolved Murders: 1999 to 2014

Colin Burton, 30, of Dorchester, was shot and killed outside of Hi - Fi Pizza on Mass Ave in Central Square on September 18th, 1999. Burton was talking with the occupants of a Ford Explorer when the subject in the passenger seat fired through the window. Two suspects fled the scene. The case remains under active investigation.



September 18, 1999, Mass Ave



April 5, 2002, Mass Ave

Ian Gray, 19, of Mattapan, was in an argument outside of the Rhythm & Spice restaurant that spilled out onto Mass Ave. A suspect that had left the scene returned with a group of people and a fight ensued. A knife was produced during the altercation and four gunshots were fired, fatally wounding Gray. This case remains open.

On June 17th, 2002 at 7:00PM, **Ricardo Williams**, 27, of Malden, was found in the driver's seat of a motor vehicle suffering from a gunshot wound to his face. Williams was taken to CCH where he was pronounced dead. This case remains open.



June 17, 2002, Windsor St.

Anyone with information about these crimes is asked to contact CPD at 617-349-3370.



Unsolved Murders: 1999 to 2014

Jason Ellcock, 33, of Malden, formerly of Cambridge and father of three, was found with multiple gunshot wounds in front of the driveway to 364 Rindge Ave at 3:05 AM on the night of June 16th, 2009. He was pronounced dead at the scene. This incident remains under investigation.



June 16, 2009, Rindge Ave



March 12, 2011, Brookline St.

James Lauture, 30, of Cambridge, was sitting in a vehicle near Brookline and Watson Streets just after midnight on Saturday, March 12th, 2011, when an unknown gunman opened fire. The occupants in the car were able to drive to Central Square. Lauture died from multiple gunshot wounds. The other man in the vehicle survived. This case remains open.

On June 3rd, 2012, **Charlene Holmes**, 16, of Cambridge was shot while sitting on a porch on Willow Street. She later succumbed to her wounds at the hospital. The investigation into this incident remains active, but no arrests have been made to date.



June 3, 2012, Willow St

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RAPE

No Patterns

- The violent index crime of Rape has increased from nine incidents in the first five months of 2013 to twelve reported crimes over the first 150 days of 2014.
- In January of 2014, three rapes were recorded in Cambridge. There were no rapes registered in Cambridge in February. Three more non-stranger rapes were reported in March. The first attempted stranger rape of the year occurred on Richdale Ave on April 16th. The other rapes during April included two acquaintance incidents and a domestic scenario. The lone rape reported in Cambridge in May was classified as a contact-related incident.
- The only stranger-to-stranger rape in 2013 was recorded in March of last year. This incident involved a blitz type scenario late at night in Central Square. A Cambridge male has since been charged in this incident.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

-75%

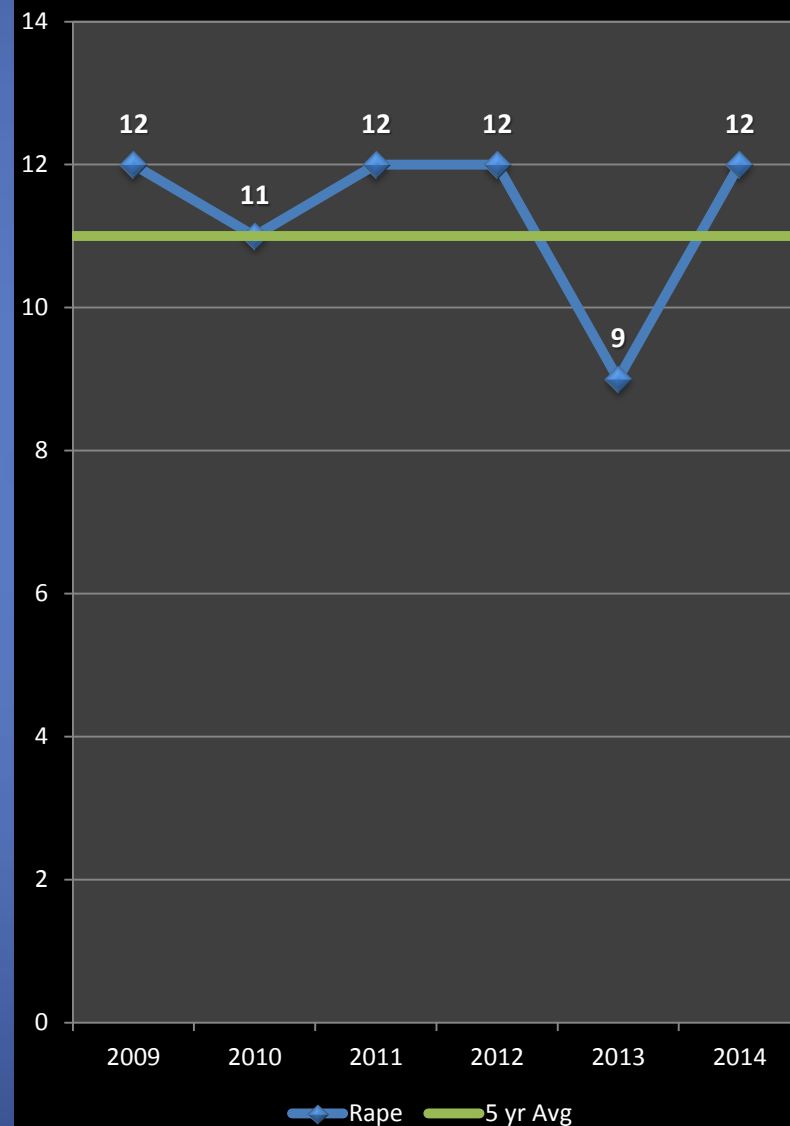
Previous Year

+33%

5 Year Average

+9%

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ROBBERY

No Patterns

- The five-year average for overall robbery in Cambridge for the first five months of the year is 50 incidents. Over the first 150 days of 2014, 29 robberies were reported, which translates to a 42% decline below the projected total.
- There were six commercial robberies in the first five weeks of 2014. That spree stopped on February 8th, with only six incidents recorded over the next 15 weeks. Arrests have been made in seven of the twelve robberies. A number of regional, serial, commercial robberies at banks and convenience stores has been identified as a major problem in Greater Boston so far in 2014. The second bank robbery of the year in Cambridge occurred on April 16th. An arrest was made two days later when the suspect was linked to the crime through fingerprints.
- Street robberies fell 21% in Cambridge in 2013 and that consistent drop has continued over the first five months of 2014 with a significant decline of 55% when compared with last year's total for the same time period. The total of 17 street robberies for the first 150 days of the year is a remarkably low number for Cambridge. There has not been a street robbery pattern identified in Cambridge in over 18 months.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

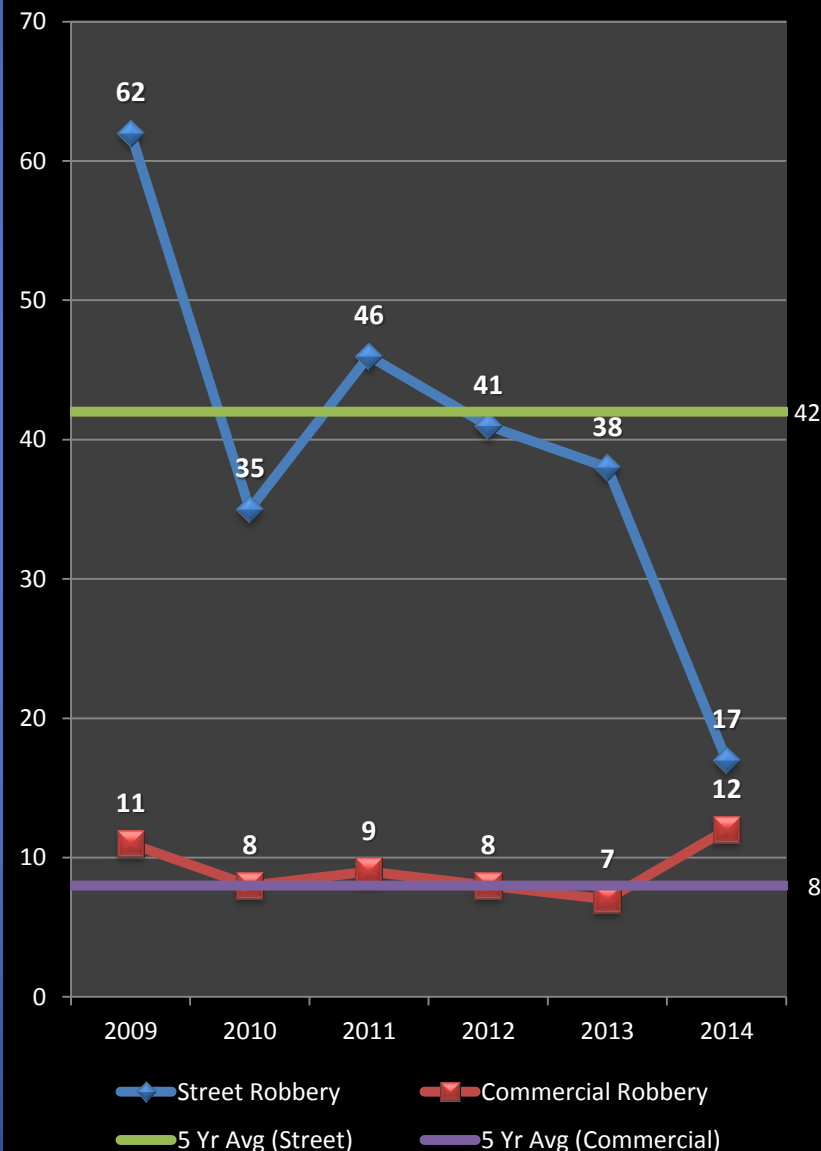
+25%

Previous Year

-36%

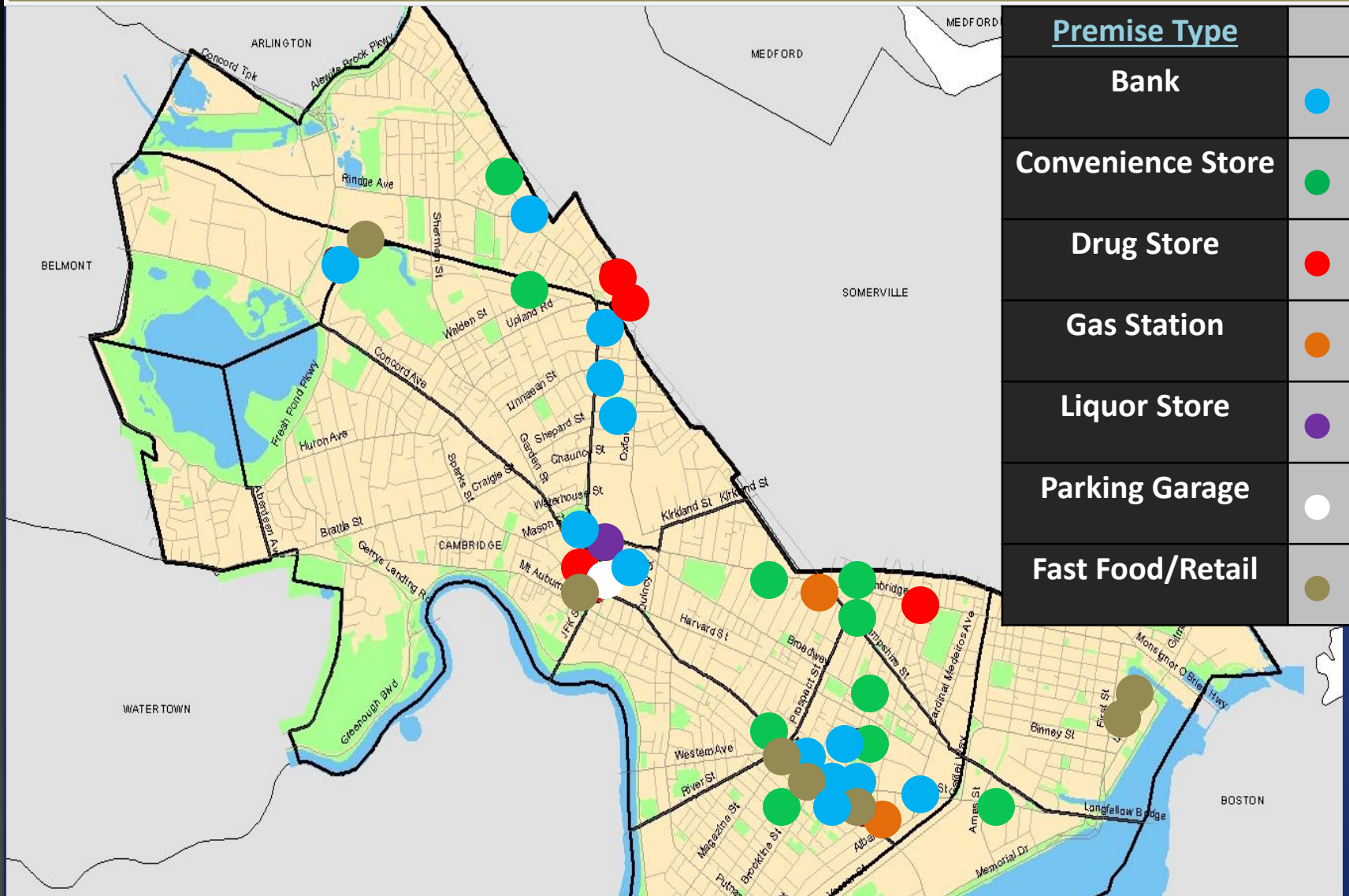
5 Year Average

-42%





Commercial Robberies by Premise Type: 1.1.13 to 6.2.14



There have been 43 commercial robberies at: (13) banks, (11) convenience stores, (4) drug stores, (2) gas stations, (2) fast food chains, a liquor store, a parking garage, and (9) misc. retail locations.



Street Robberies: 1.1.14 to 6.2.14

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3.25.14 Motel,
acquaintance robbery

3.22.14 Magoun St.
Drug deal goes awry

2.18.14 @ 11:00AM
53 White St
ATM – Strong-arm

The total of 17 street robberies for the first five months of the year is an uncharacteristically low number for Cambridge. Street robberies are down 55% when compared with 2013. Less pedestrian traffic due to the exceptionally cold weather may be responsible for this decline.

4.24.14 Shea Road
2 suspects steal coat

Pack Robbery near
Harvard Square on
1.1.14 at 4:00 AM

4.6.14 Brattle / Hawthorne
11:45pm, female vic, strong arm

Arrest 2.7.14 @ 11:50 PM
At 1238 Mass Ave

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4.5.14 @ 11:50 PM
Acquaintance

Arrest 1.13.14 at 11:00PM –
3 suspects from New York

5.8.14 at 8:30PM 200
block of Harvard

Arrest 1.23.14 at
8:30PM Harvard St

5.22.14 @ 00:30 AM
Pack Rob @ Berkshire

Arrest 3.14.14
Gore St - Domestic

Arrest 2.16.14 at
1:00PM - ATM Deposit
Robbery

5.25.14 @ 02:30 AM
Arrest

Arrest 3.1.14 @
12:50AM – Homeless

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AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

No Patterns

- When compared to the first five months of 2013, aggravated assaults reported a decline of 10% with 8 fewer incidents counted for the first 150 days of 2014. When measuring this violent index crime against the five-year average for the time period between January and the end of May, there has been a decrease of 22%, with 20 fewer crimes below the projected average of 92 aggravated assaults.
- Aggravated Assaults jumped from 7 incidents in April to 19 reported crimes in the month of May. The majority of this increase can be attributed to an overall rise in domestic assaults across the city. There was also an eclectic grouping of bar fights, road rage dust ups, and altercations between shop owners and patrons.

Classification types in 2014:

| Type | Number | % of Total |
|---------------|--------|------------|
| Domestic | 31 | 43% |
| Unprovoked | 6 | 8% |
| Shop-Owner | 6 | 8% |
| Workplace | 6 | 8% |
| Assault on PO | 6 | 8% |
| Road Rage | 6 | 8% |

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

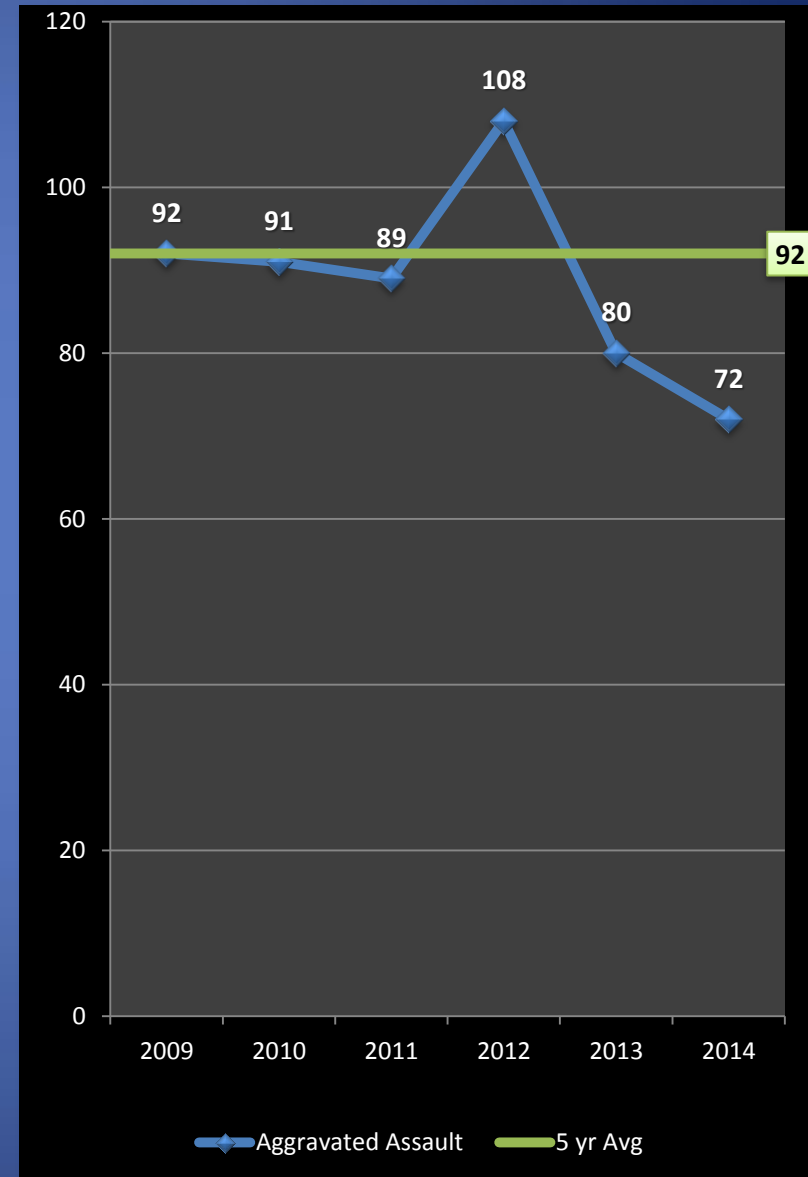
+171%

Previous Year

-10%

5 Year Average

-22%





Aggravated assaults by neighborhood in 2013

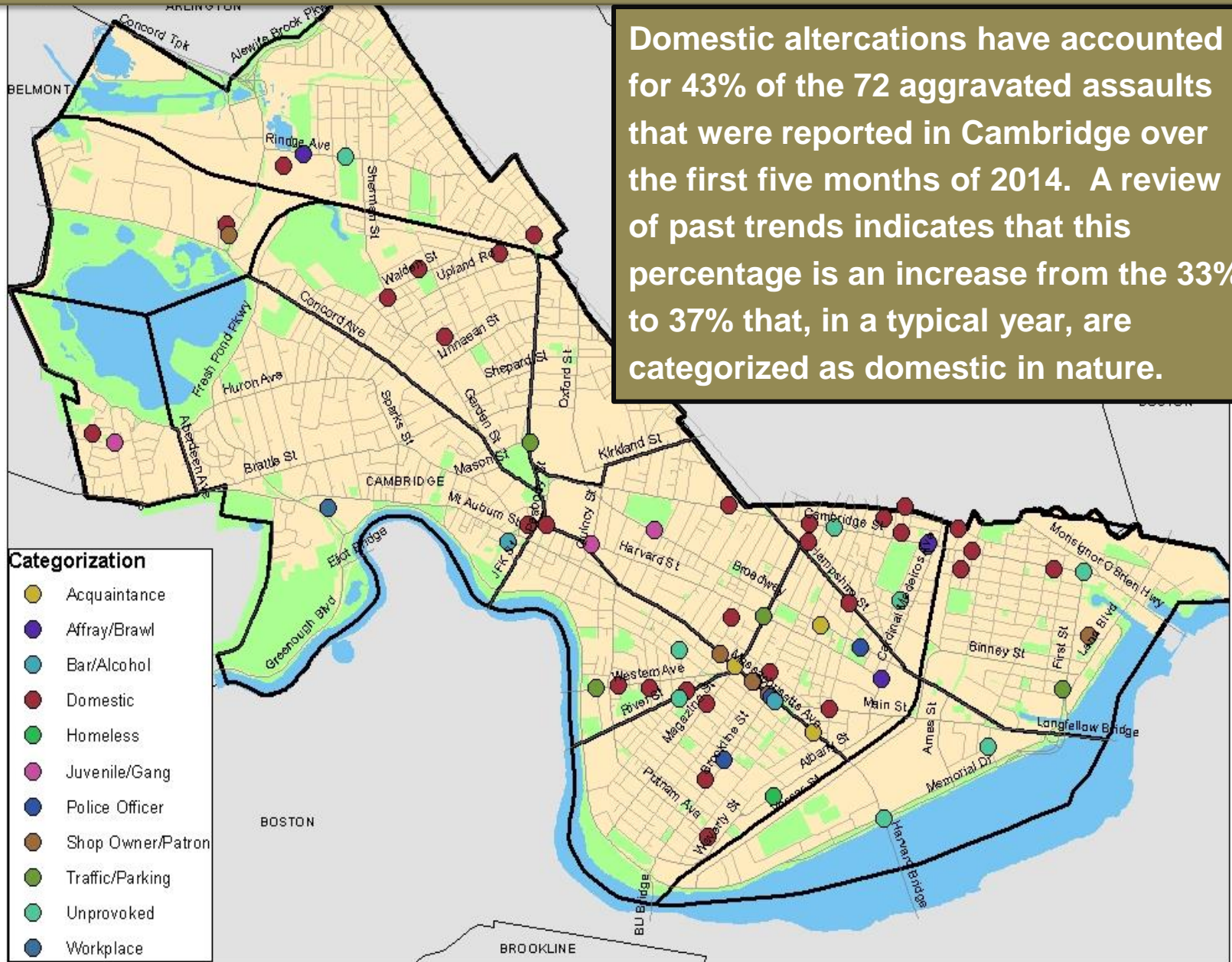
All 13 neighborhoods in Cambridge recorded declines in aggravated assaults in 2013 when measured against the five-year average for this violent crime type.

| Neighborhood | 5-Yr. Avg. | 2012 | 2013 | % chg. from Avg. | Population | 2013 Rate/ 100K |
|---------------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| East Cambridge | 26 | 28 | 18 | -31% | 9234 | 19 |
| MIT | 3 | 3 | 2 | -33% | 5057 | 4 |
| Inman/Harrington | 31 | 26 | 21 | -32% | 6516 | 32 |
| Area 4 | 36 | 32 | 32 | -11% | 6792 | 47 |
| Cambridgeport | 44 | 47 | 32 | -27% | 12220 | 26 |
| Mid-Cambridge | 23 | 30 | 16 | -30% | 12991 | 12 |
| Riverside | 27 | 25 | 17 | -37% | 12695 | 13 |
| Agassiz | 5 | 1 | 1 | -80% | 4977 | 2 |
| Peabody | 10 | 11 | 9 | -10% | 11399 | 8 |
| West Cambridge | 19 | 20 | 18 | -5% | 8023 | 22 |
| North Cambridge | 27 | 30 | 21 | -22% | 11908 | 18 |
| Cambridge Highlands | 3 | 4 | 1 | -67% | 832 | 12 |
| Strawberry Hill | 5 | 5 | 1 | -80% | 2518 | 4 |
| Total | 259 | 262 | 189 | -27% | 105,162 | 18 |



Aggravated Assaults: 1.1.14 to 6.2.14

Domestic altercations have accounted for 43% of the 72 aggravated assaults that were reported in Cambridge over the first five months of 2014. A review of past trends indicates that this percentage is an increase from the 33% to 37% that, in a typical year, are categorized as domestic in nature.





Burglary

No Patterns

- The property index crime of burglary, the combination of residential and commercial breaks, is down an astonishing 42% when compared to the five-year average, with 72 fewer incidents than the projected total of 170 crimes, and down 31% when compared with last year's total for the first five months of the year, with 44 fewer burglaries reported.
- Commercial burglary has increased by four incidents when compared with the first five months of 2013. When measured against the five-year average, a 14% reduction is indicated with 4 less crimes than the 29 projected for the first 150 days of the year. There have been no commercial break patterns identified so far in 2014.
- Analysis of housebreak activity in Cambridge for the first five months of 2014 indicates a 40% reduction (48 fewer breaks) than in 2013 and a 49% decline below the five-year projected average of 142 housebeaks.

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Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

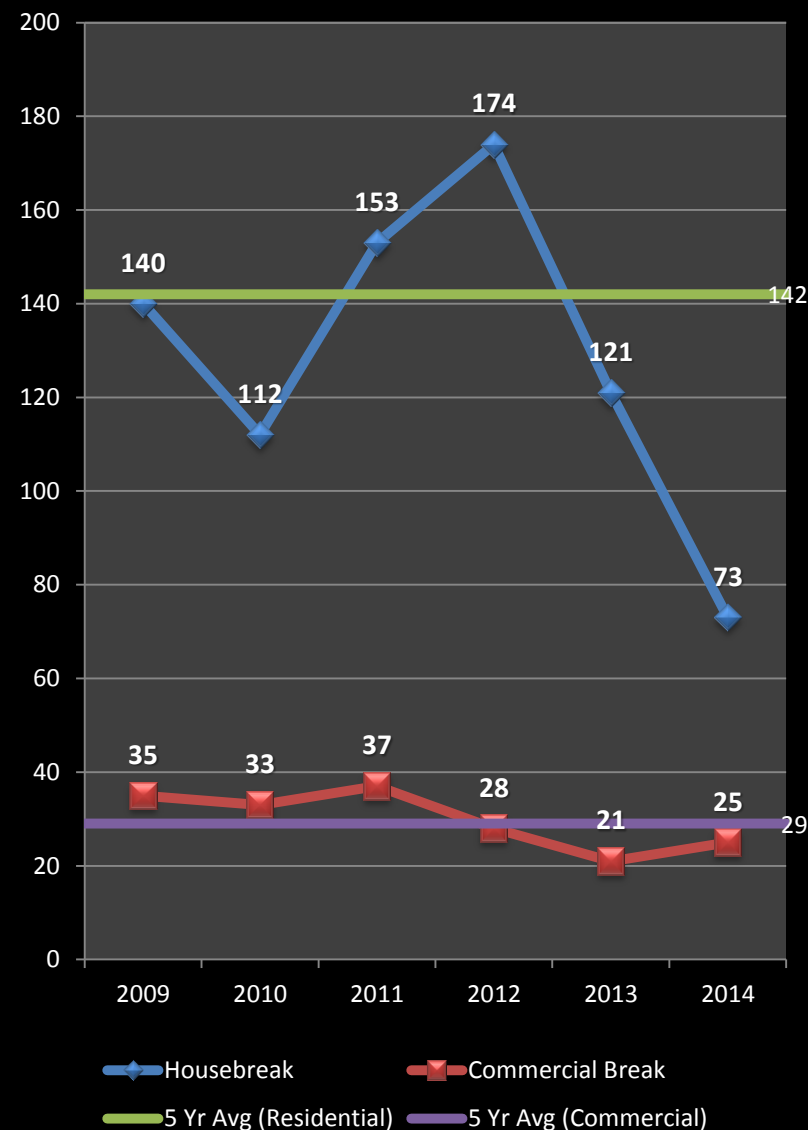
Previous Year

5 Year Average

-48%

-31%

-42%

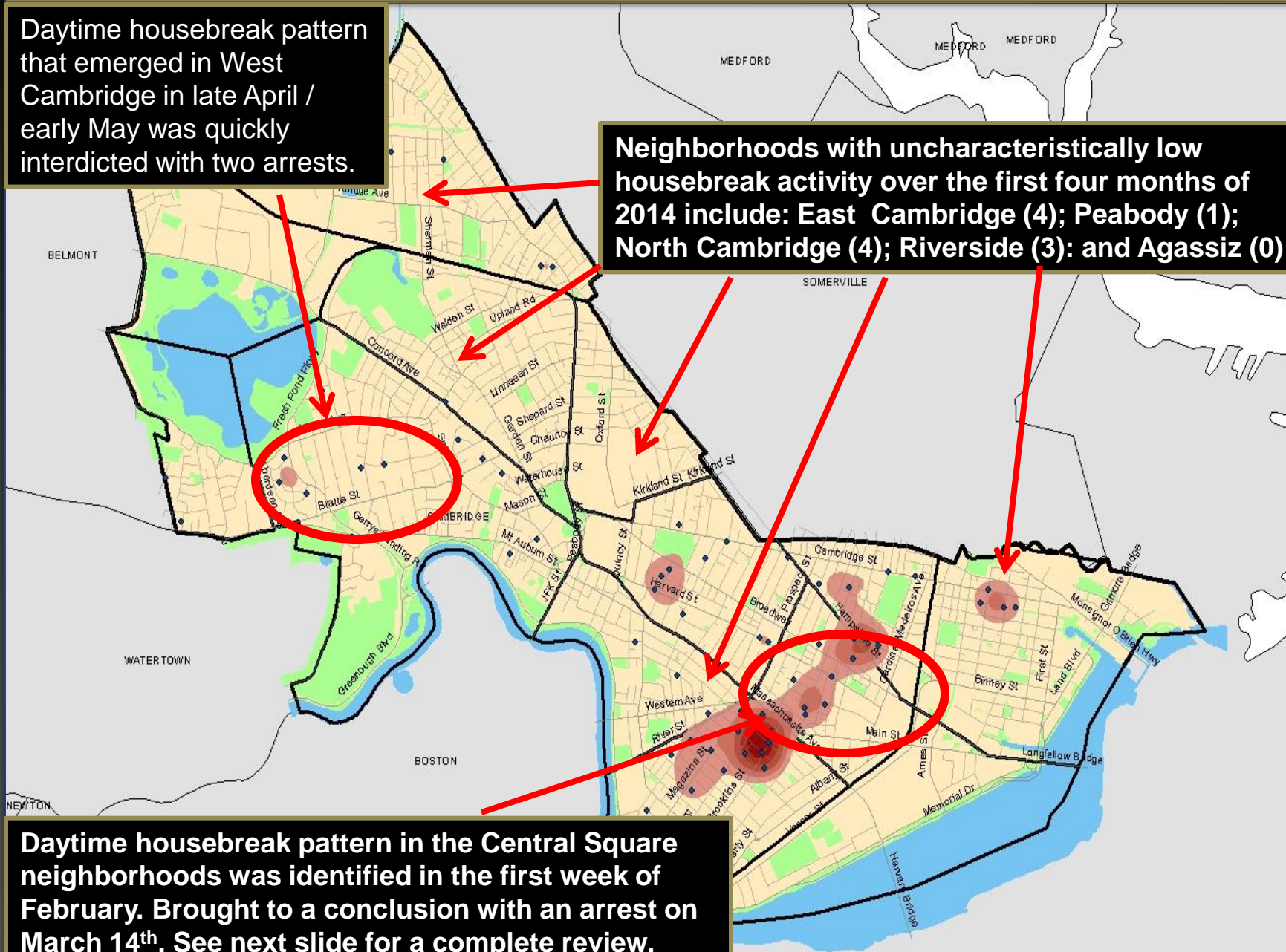




Housebreaks: 1.1.14 to 6.2.14

Daytime housebreak pattern that emerged in West Cambridge in late April / early May was quickly interdicted with two arrests.

Nearby neighborhoods with uncharacteristically low housebreak activity over the first four months of 2014 include: East Cambridge (4); Peabody (1); North Cambridge (4); Riverside (3); and Agassiz (0)



Daytime housebreak pattern in the Central Square neighborhoods was identified in the first week of February. Brought to a conclusion with an arrest on March 14th. See next slide for a complete review.



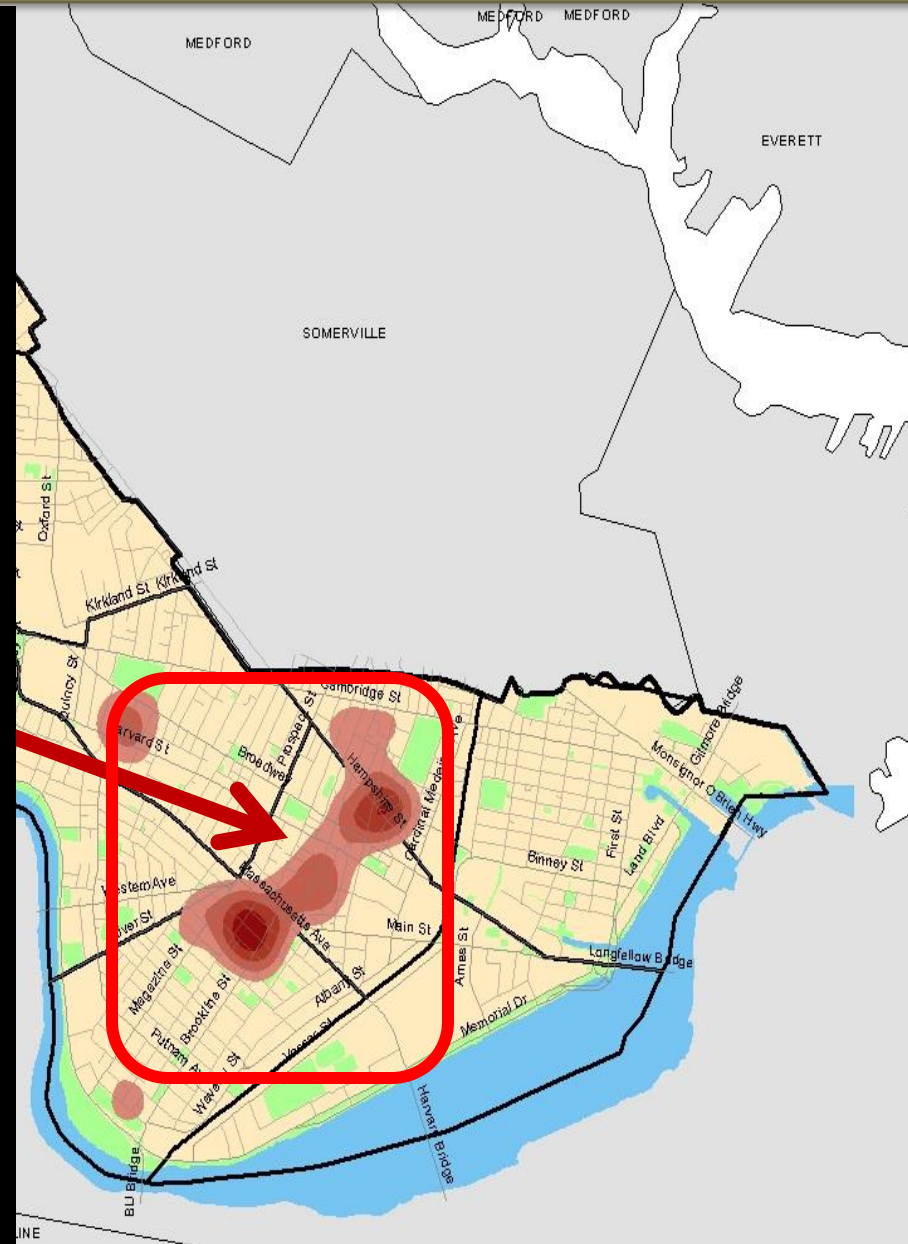
Major Housebreak Pattern of 2014: Central Square Neighborhoods

This daytime housebreak pattern in the Central Square neighborhoods was identified in the first week of February. Breaks were concentrated in the Windsor / Willow Street area and along upper Magazine and Brookline Streets in Cambridgeport.

Incidents were between the hours of noon and 6:00PM with front doors being forced and laptops and jewelry identified as the targets. Very sporadic activity over the final three weeks of February, though the pattern was still considered active at the time. Extra patrols were allocated to this area.

On 3.12.14, an alert for a pattern of housebreaks in this area was sent to the local media. That same day, it was ascertained that Jonathan Thomson of Cambridge, who had been recently arrested in Boston for housebreaks, was a suspect in this series.

On 3.13.14, Thomson was arrested on warrants at his residence. Thomson has been linked to a number of these breaks through physical evidence. There have been no additional breaks.





LARCENY

Emerging Patterns

- Overall, **larceny through the first five months of 2014 has dropped by 13%** when compared with the same time frame in 2013 and is down 21% when measured against the five-year weighted average.
- **Larcenies from motor vehicles are slowly starting to even out when compared to last year, now down 15% year-to-date through May, while they had been down 24% through April and 34% through March.** Much of the remaining difference can still be blamed on the rough winter weather this year. The most notable LMV problem spot in the past month has been in West Cambridge and Peabody.
- **Larcenies from persons year-to-date in 2014 have registered 41% below the level reported during the this time in 2013**, with 56 fewer incidents compared to both last year and the five-year average, which were each 137 incidents.
- **There have been 150 larcenies from buildings reported citywide through May of 2014.** This is 11% below the number reported in 2013 and 9% below the five-year average. There are no patterns of this activity at the present time.
- **Larcenies from residences citywide have risen 22%** compared to last year, due largely to an increase in package thefts from residences in Mid-Cambridge, Peabody, and North Cambridge.
- Thus far in 2014, there have been **58 bike thefts reported citywide**, which is 22% below the total reported during this time frame in 2013 and 28% below the five-year average. Mid-Cambridge & Riverside saw the most bike thefts in May.

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Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

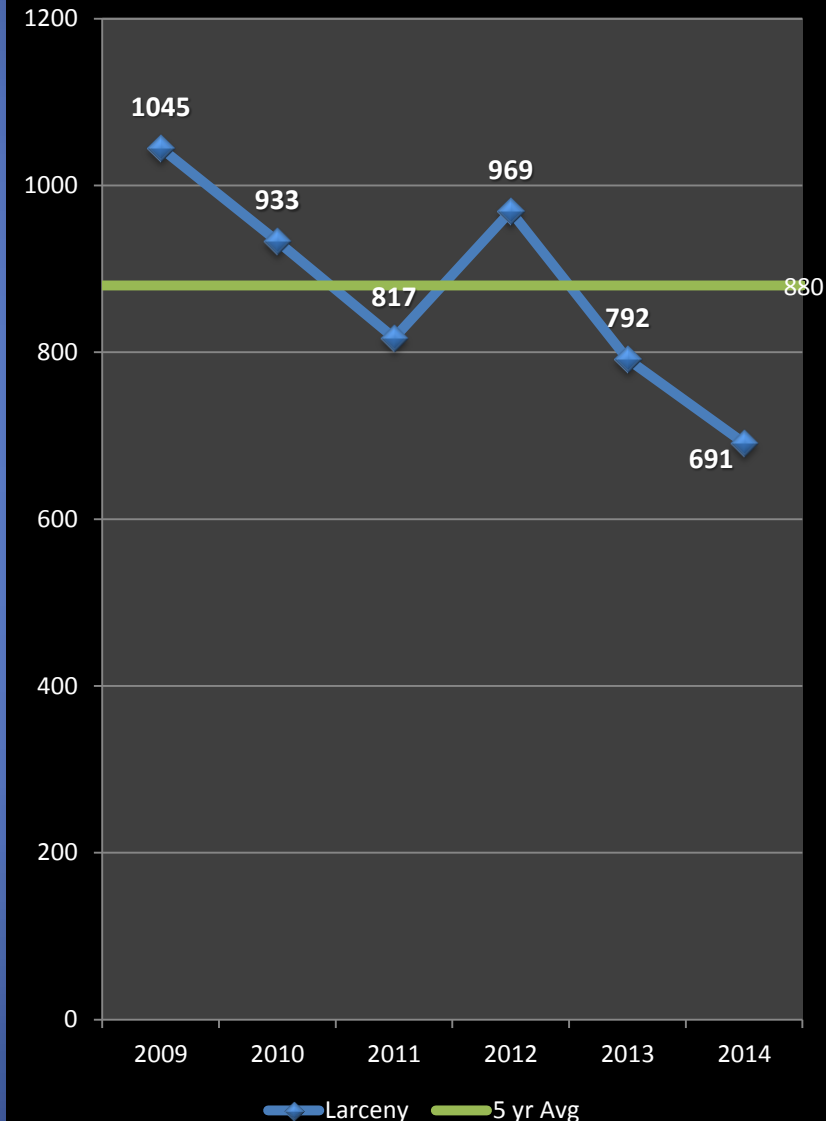
+19%

Previous Year

-13%

5 Year Average

-21%





LARCENY: *From MVs*

Sporadic Pattern

- Larcenies from MVs **are down 15% year-to-date through the first five months of 2014** when compared with the same time frame in 2013. There have been 29 fewer thefts reported so far this year. This crime has also **dipped 34%** when measured against the five-year average, with **82 fewer incidents** than the projected total of 243 thefts.
- When comparing the last four weeks to the previous four weeks, this index crime decreased by three incidents, or -8%.
- Until this past month, the majority of the LMV activity was occurring in the lower half of the city in the neighborhoods surrounding Central Square.
- Since the beginning of May, car breaks in West Cambridge and the Peabody border have begun to heat up. This scattering of incidents was mostly overnight on weekdays with unlocked vehicles targeted. Some of the locations that were hit included Brattle (200 block), Acacia, Larchwood, Fresh Pond Parkway and Concord Ave.
- Over the weekend of May 20th, there were nine LMVs in West Cambridge and over the border into Peabody. The most likely time frame was from 1 am - 3 am. Unknown suspects were targeting unlocked doors and taking change or backpacks. Extra patrols in the area appear to have eradicated this series with few incidents reported over the past two weeks.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

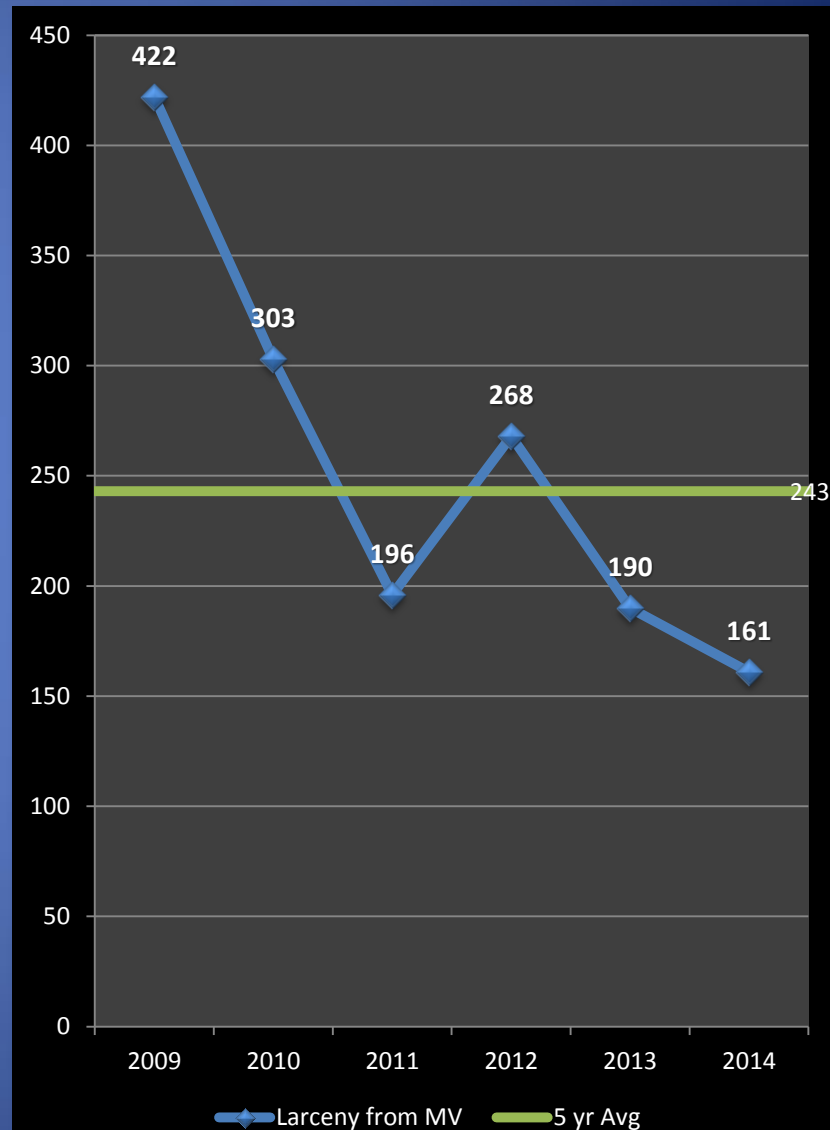
-8%

Previous Year

-15%

5 Year Average

-34%

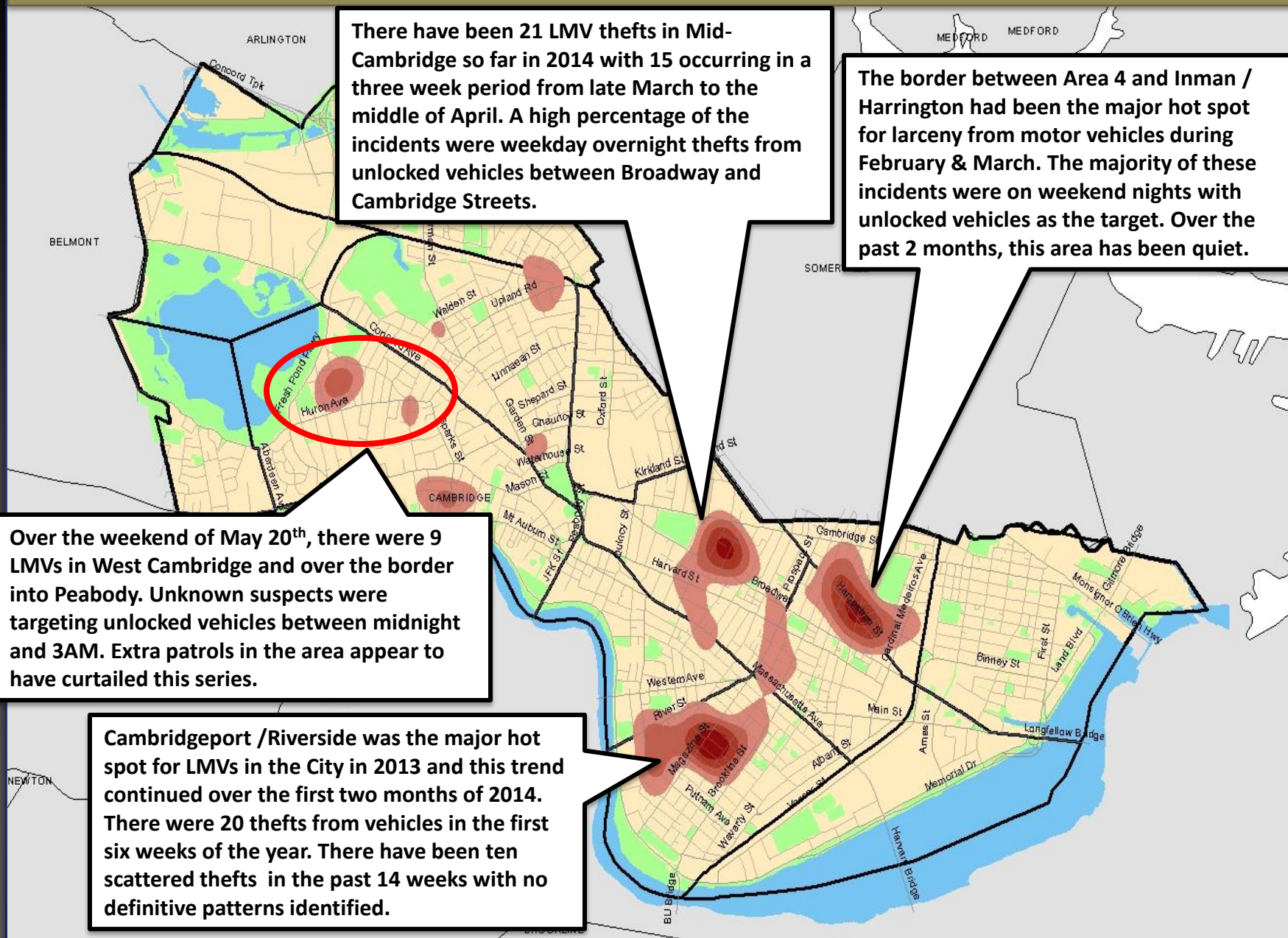




Larceny from MVs: 1.1.14 to 6.2.14

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Larceny from Motor Vehicles

What can we do?

Police Response Strategy:

- Cambridge Police are focused on prevention of these crimes by increasing officer visibility in targeted areas.
- Citizens are encouraged to take the proper precautions to protect their vehicles and their belongings by doing everything possible to not make their vehicles easy targets.



Citizen Response Strategy:

- Citizens are asked to take the following precautions to protect themselves, their vehicles, and their belongings from theft:
 - **Make sure all of your car doors are locked when you leave your vehicle.**
 - **Take extra care when out doing your shopping.**
 - **If you are approached by a suspicious person while you are in your vehicle, sound your horn to attract attention.**
 - **NEVER LEAVE VALUABLES EXPOSED IN YOUR CAR.**
 - **If you must leave packages or valuables in your car, place them in the trunk or under a blanket to conceal them**
 - Visit our website for more tips to keep your vehicles and belongings at **www.CambridgePolice.org/SafetyTips**



LARCENY: *from Person* *No Patterns*

- **Larcenies from the person have fallen a substantial 56 incidents (41%) through May** when compared with the same timeframe in 2013. The total of 81 incidents reported thus far in 2014 is also 56 incidents below the five-year average.
- Larcenies from the person citywide rose by just one incident (6%) from the previous four-week period to the current. However, there are no patterns of this crime type anywhere in the city at the present time.
- Often, much of the larceny from person activity is reported at the many bars and restaurants in Harvard Square (known as "dipper" activity). In May, there were only three incidents of this nature reported in Harvard Square. This low number is unusual for this time of year, especially with the influx of visitors to the area during Harvard University's graduation. Part of the explanation for the large reduction may be that a number of the more prolific thieves that target the Harvard Square area are currently incarcerated.
- There were four thefts from shoppers at the Galleria Mall in May.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

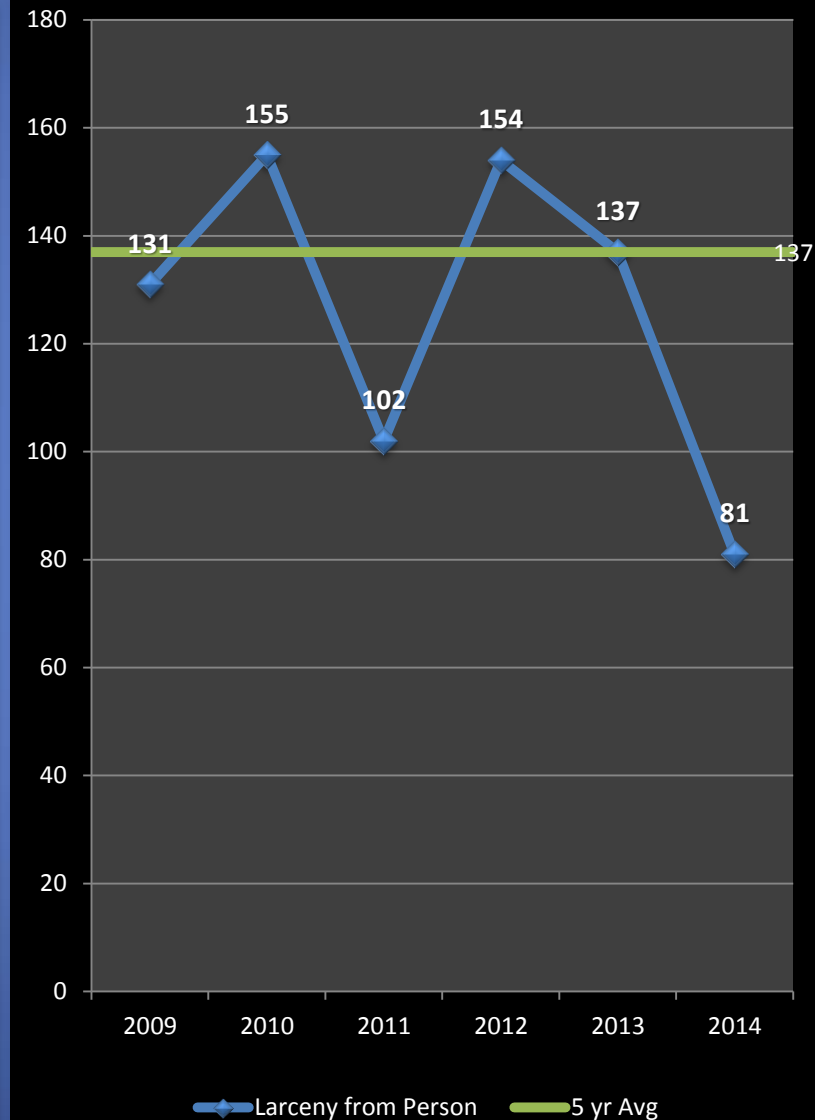
+6%

Previous Year

-41%

5 Year Average

-41%





LARCENY: of Bicycle

No Patterns

- There have been 58 bikes reported stolen through the first five months of 2014. This total is 22% below the number reported during this time frame in 2013 and 28% below the five-year average of 80 thefts.
- There were 30 bicycle thefts reported in May and into early June across the city. Mid-Cambridge had the most bike thefts during this timeframe with six, followed by Riverside with five.
- The majority (66%) of the 58 thefts reported this year have involved bikes that were locked but left out in the open (locked to public bike racks, for example).
- **Breakdown by Neighborhood, year-to-date:**

| Neighborhood | Total | % Citywide |
|----------------|-------|------------|
| Mid-Cambridge | 11 | 19% |
| Riverside | 9 | 16% |
| Inman | 8 | 14% |
| West Cambridge | 8 | 14% |
| Peabody | 6 | 10% |

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

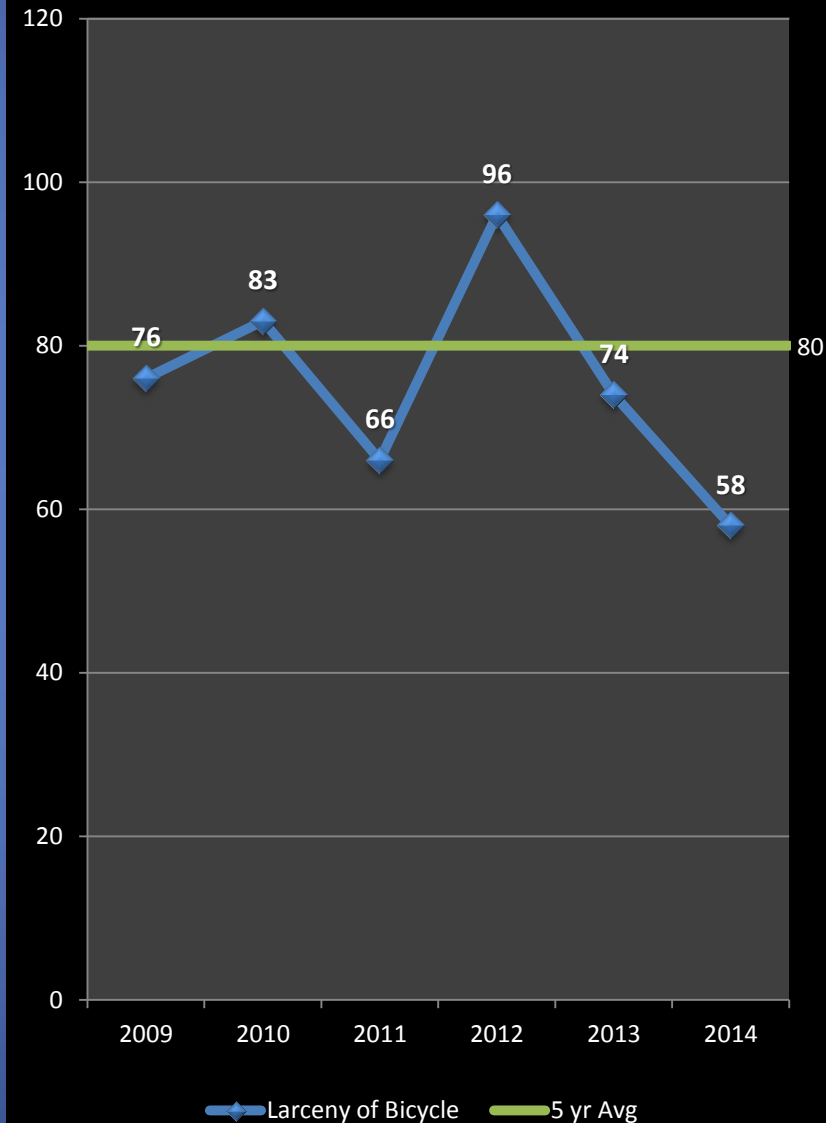
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Previous Year

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5 Year Average

-28%

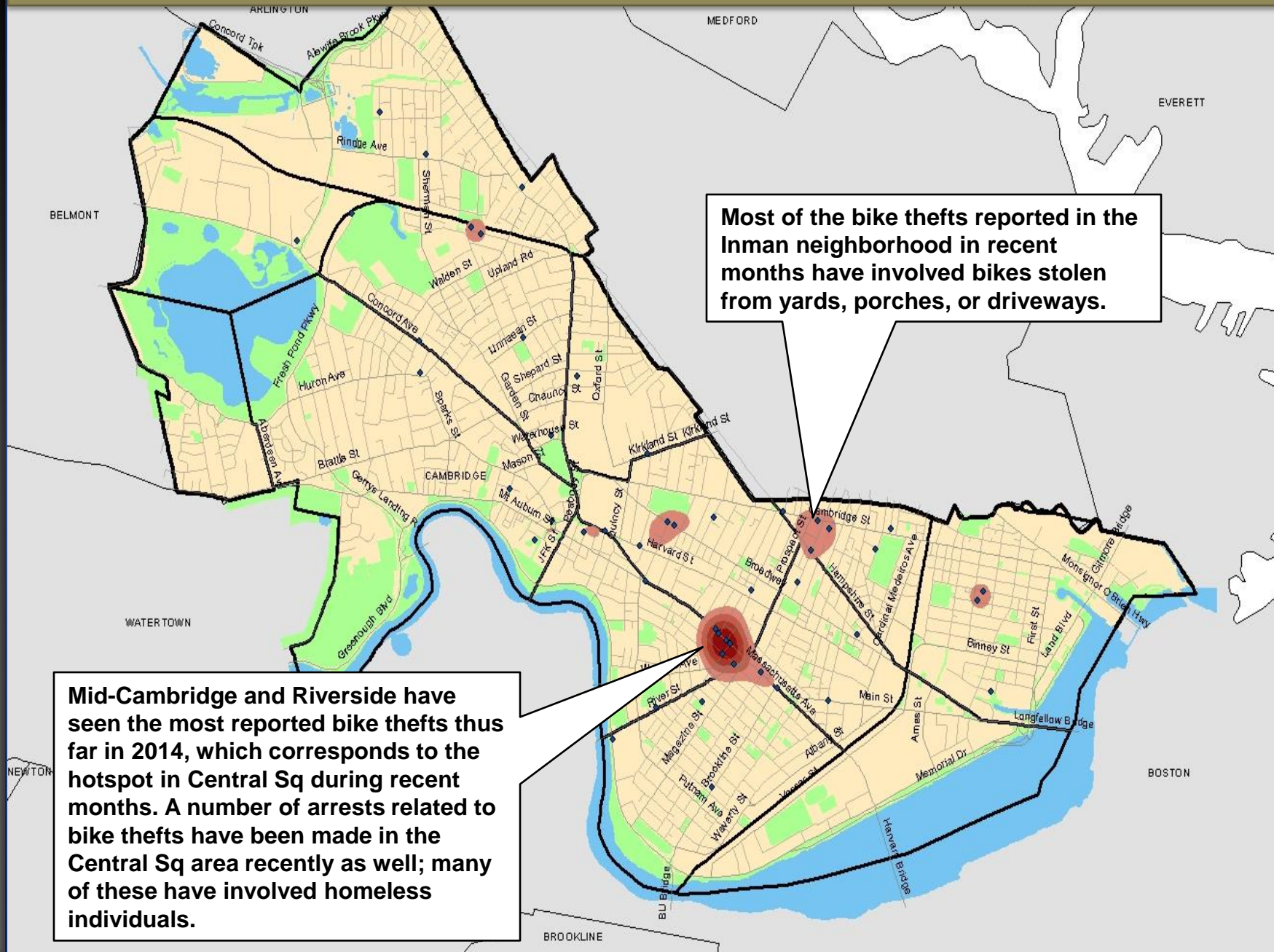




Larceny of Bicycles: 4.1.14 to 6.2.14

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Larceny of Bicycles:

What Can We Do?

Police Response Strategy:

- Bicyclists stopped for infractions will be reminded to use lights when biking at night, wear helmets under the age of 16, and other safety tips to promote safer biking in the city.



Citizen Response Strategy:

- Bicyclist are encouraged to record their bike's serial number as well as take a picture of their bike to provide to police in the event that it is lost or stolen.
- For information on bicycle safety, visit: www.CambridgePolice.org/CommunityResources.
 - Click on the "Bicycle Safety and Registration" link.
- Stores should be vigilant in recording serial numbers and customer information on sales.
- Universities should encourage students to register their bikes and distribute information on the correct locking procedures.



AUTO THEFT

No Patterns

- The projected five-year weighted average for auto thefts after the first five months of the year is 48; thus far, we are 8 incidents below the average. However, in 2014, with 40 thefts year-to-date, we are seeing an increase over 2013 (+25%).
- There were 11 auto thefts in the past 4 weeks which resulted in a 38% increase over April. Now that the weather is beginning to heat up, we will be watching for patterns of motorcycle and scooter thefts.
- Since the beginning of the year, auto thefts have been reported pretty evenly throughout the city. The breakdown is as follows:
Agassiz (2), Area 4 (6), Cambridgeport (3), East Cambridge (4), Highlands (1), Inman (6), Mid Cambridge (6), MIT (1), Peabody (2), Riverside (3), and West Cambridge (6). There are no patterns at the present time.
- Year-to-date, 16 (or 40%) of the stolen motor vehicles have been recovered.
- In 2013, we ended the year with the lowest reported number of autos thefts ever recorded in Cambridge at 106.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

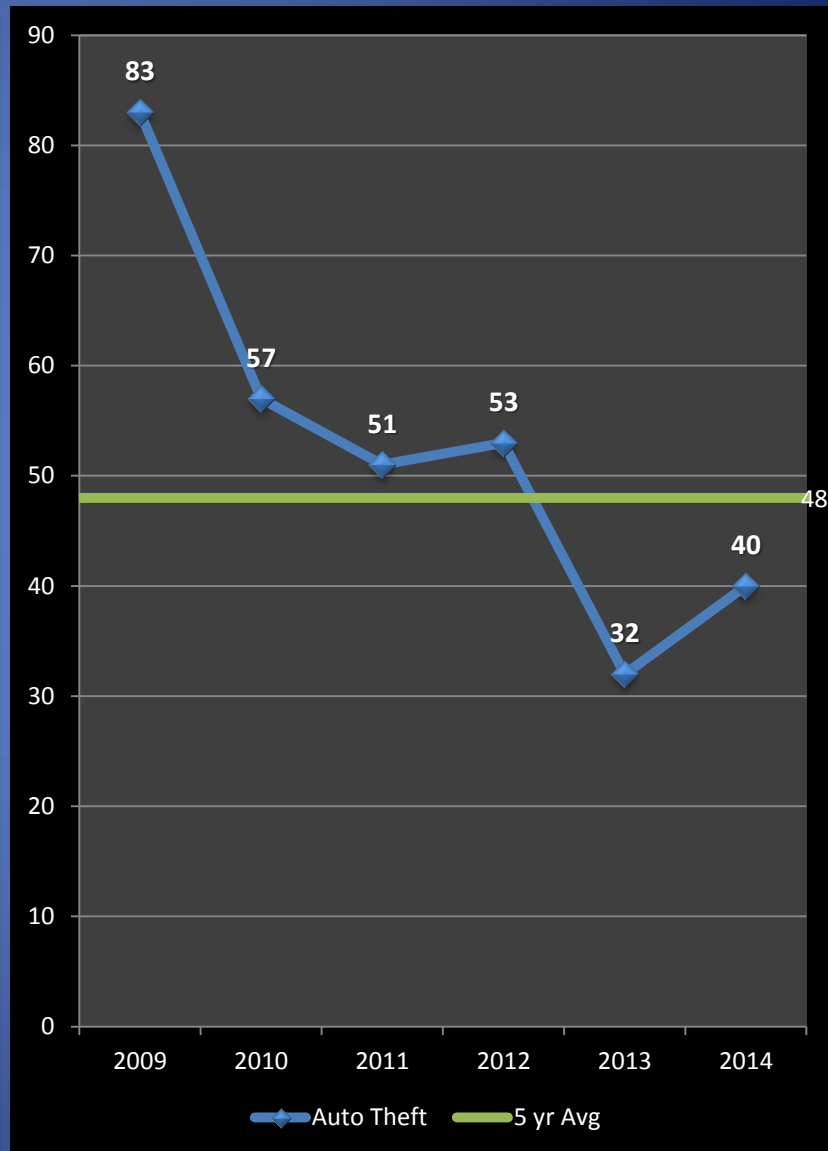
+38%


Previous Year

+25%

5 Year Average

-17%





Local & Regional Increase in Heroin Overdoses Continues – May 2014 Update

Massachusetts State Police reported in early March that at least 185 people have died from heroin overdoses statewide in the previous four months. This number does not include figures from Boston, Springfield, or Worcester, as they handle their own death investigations. Similar increases have been reported in other states as well.

One possible explanation for the increase in fatal overdoses is that the heroin may be cut with Fentanyl, a synthetic drug that increases heroin's toxicity.

UPDATE FOR MAY 2014:

Mirroring the statewide trend, Cambridge has also seen an increase in heroin overdoses and deaths this year. Through May 31, 2014, there have been 59 overdoses reported to Cambridge Police, 26 of which involved heroin specifically. Four of those heroin overdoses have been fatal. Through this time in 2013, only 41 overdoses had been reported, and of those, 15 involved heroin and 1 of the heroin overdoses was fatal.



Help Prevent Crime

And keep yourself informed!

To receive information from the CPD:

- Sign up with for the **Cambridge Alert Network**, to receive alerts about emerging crime patterns, neighborhood meetings, and crime prevention tips, by visiting www.CambridgeMa.gov/AlertNetwork.
- “Like” the Cambridge Police Department on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CambridgePolice
- Follow [@CambridgePolice](https://twitter.com/CambridgePolice) on Twitter.
- Visit our website at www.CambridgePolice.org for valuable information and reports including the Daily Log and BridgeStat, which is published on the first Friday of every month.
- Download our new “MyPD” smartphone app at www.CambridgePolice.org/MyPD.

To Share Information with the CPD:

- Call our Non-Emergency Telephone Number at **617-349-3300**.
 - Every call for service generates a police response, so help drive our resources by reporting things that seem suspicious or out of the ordinary.
- Send an Anonymous TEXT-A-TIP:
 - Send an ANONYMOUS text message to **Tip411 (847411)**. Begin your message with Tip650 and then type your message. You will receive a response from the Cambridge Police with the option to continue communicating. Please remember that this is not a replacement for 9-1-1. **If you witness an emergency situation, please call 9-1-1 immediately.**
- Send an Anonymous Crime Tip E-Mail at www.CambridgePolice.org/Tips



Questions?

- The complete 2013 Cambridge Police Annual Crime Report is available on our website at www.CambridgePolice.org.
- We welcome all questions, comments, and suggestions.
- Please direct your feedback to: BridgeStat@CambridgePolice.org.
- To review previous editions of BridgeStat, visit our website at www.CambridgePolice.org/BridgeStat.