



Cambridge Police Department BridgeStat

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Part I Total Crime

An analysis of reported incidents in Cambridge for the first three quarters of 2017 indicates **a 13% decrease in serious crime so far this year** when compared with 2016, and when measured against the five-year average for the same time frame, a 19% decline with 417 fewer crimes than the projected total was recorded.

A breakdown of Part One crime statistics for the time period from January 1st to October 2nd reveals that there were 1,752 serious crimes reported in the City over the first nine months of 2017. For the same time period in 2016, the combined total for Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny & Auto Theft was 2,020 incidents, 268 more than this year. These descending crime statistics come fast on the heels of the final 2016 numbers, which represented the lowest crime index recorded in Cambridge since 1963.

Further review of the crime totals for the first nine months of this year attests that **violent crimes have recorded a 7% decrease** with 16 fewer incidents below the same time period in 2016, and **property crimes continue their slide downward** with 252 fewer thefts reported when compared with last year to yield a 14% reduction.

When measuring the serious crime totals of September of 2017 versus the previous month of August, a 17% decrease has been documented, which can be attributed to a significant drop in larceny from motor vehicles.

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	8/8 - 9/4	9/4 - 10/2	Change	2016	2017	Change	Avg	Change
Total Violent Crime	27	25	-7%	230	214	-7%	239	-10%
Total Property Crime	195	159	-18%	1790	1538	-14%	1930	-20%
Total Part I Crime	222	184	-17%	2020	1752	-13%	2169	-19%



Part I Property Crime

A breakdown of property crime totals for the first three quarters of 2017 points to a 14% decrease when measured against the 2016 totals and a 20% reversal below the five-year average. The 85 fewer larcenies from motor vehicles and 71 fewer larcenies from residences through the end of September of 2017 are the two major factors fueling the decline in property crimes.

Housebreaks, which surged during the first quarter of 2017, have been on the wane over the past six months and are now down 23%, with 47 fewer breaks than the same time frame in 2016. When comparing the property crime totals for August versus September of 2017, major decreases in larceny from motor vehicles (-58%) and larceny from residences (-61%) were noted.

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	8/8 - 9/4	9/4 - 10/2	Change	2016	2017	Change	Avg	Change
Burglary	21	20	-5%	241	200	-17%	272	-26%
Commercial Break	4	4	0%	34	40	18%	50	-20%
Housebreak	17	16	-6%	207	160	-23%	222	-28%
Larceny	168	131	-22%	1455	1268	-13%	1563	-19%
Larceny (Misc)	4	7	75%	23	33	43%	27	22%
Larceny from Building	14	20	43%	221	210	-5%	257	-18%
Larceny from MV	36	15	-58%	283	198	-30%	346	-43%
Larceny from Person	18	16	-11%	169	119	-30%	179	-34%
Larceny from Residence	23	9	-61%	203	132	-35%	178	-26%
Larceny of Bicycle	45	33	-27%	284	250	-12%	290	-14%
Larceny of Plate	0	0	IN-CALC	18	21	17%	19	11%
Larceny of Services	0	3	IN-CALC	11	29	164%	12	142%
Shoplifting	28	28	0%	243	276	14%	253	9%
Auto Theft	6	8	33%	94	70	-26%	95	-26%
Total Property Crime	195	159	-18%	1790	1538	-14%	1930	-20%



Part I Violent Crime

The projected five-year weighted average for violent crime in Cambridge for the first three quarters of the year is 239 incidents. Through October 2nd of this year, there were 214 violent crimes recorded in the City, **16 crimes below last year (-7%)** and **25 serious incidents under the total forecasted for the first 270 days of the year (-10%)**.

There continues to be a significant increase in commercial robberies in Cambridge over the first nine months of 2017. This crime type has inflated from 14 in 2016 to 32 incidents this year (+129%). This growth reflects a regional trend of a rising number of **bank and convenience store robberies**. Simultaneously, street robberies are down an impressive 26% so far in 2017. There have been no operational patterns, series or hot spot concentrations involving street robberies identified in Cambridge so far in 2017.

The rape total so far in 2017 of 11 incidents is 17 crimes under last year's total for the same time period. There have been only seven rapes recorded in Cambridge since the last week of March. There has not been a homicide recorded in Cambridge since June 25th of 2016.

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	8/8 - 9/4	9/4 - 10/2	Change	2016	2017	Change	Avg	Change
Homicide	0	0	IN-CALC	2	0	IN-CALC	2	-100%
Rape	1	2	100%	28	11	-61%	24	-54%
Robbery	11	8	-27%	61	67	10%	68	-1%
Commercial Robbery	3	2	-33%	14	32	129%	18	78%
Street Robbery	8	6	-25%	47	35	-26%	50	-30%
Aggravated Assault	15	15	0%	139	136	-2%	145	-6%
Total Violent Crime	27	25	-7%	230	214	-7%	239	-10%



MURDER

No Patterns

- There have been no murders reported in Cambridge during the first three quarters of 2017. There were two murders reported in Cambridge throughout 2016. Both cases remain under investigation.
- The last murder in Cambridge was on June 25th of 2016, when the Cambridge Police responded to a report of a shooting outside of 140 Harvard Street. Arriving officers discovered the victim, Anthony Clay, 49, of Cambridge suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was transported to Massachusetts General Hospital where he was pronounced dead. This was the second homicide in 2016 and the case remains under investigation.
- The first murder of 2016 in Cambridge occurred on the night of March 22nd when Armando Hernandez Jr., 30, of Belmont was killed by gunfire on Mt. Auburn St. just before 10 PM. Area residents said they heard 10 or 11 gunshots. A second victim was hospitalized with a leg wound. This case remains under investigation.

Overview of Murder in the United States in 2016 Released by the FBI on September 15th of 2017:

- In 2016, the estimated number of murders in the nation was 17,250. This was an 8.6% increase from the 2015 estimate, a 16.1% increase from the 2012 figure, and a 0.7% rise from the number in 2007.
- There were 5.3 murders per 100,000 people in 2016. The murder rate in 2016 was up from the rates in 2015 (up 7.9%) and 2012 (up 12.8%). However, the murder rate fell 6.0% when compared with the 2007 rate.

Percent Change*

Last 4 Weeks

Previous Year

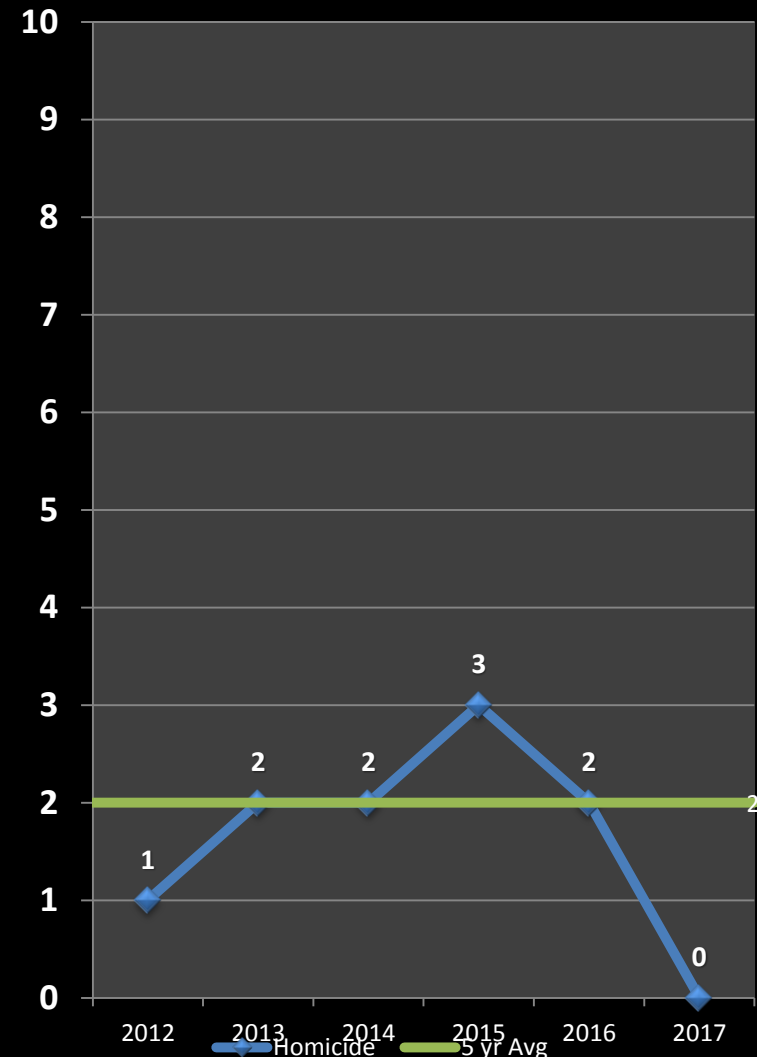
5-Year Average

In-Cal

In-Cal

-100%

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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, 1990-2016

- 58 people murdered in 53 incidents (in 4 of the incidents, 2 or more people were killed)
- 39 victims were male (average age of 34)
- 19 victims were female (average age of 41)
- Most common weapons: handguns (27 incidents) and knives (13 incidents)
- 17 of the 53 cases are still under investigation or remain unsolved
- 24 of the 32 cases since 2000 have been cleared by arrest or by the death of the suspect, including all three murders in both 2013 and 2015, and one of the two murders in 2014. There have been no arrests in the two murders in 2016.



Unsolved Murders: 1999 to 2016

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 2016

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 St. 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



July 3, 2014, Windsor Street.

On July 3rd, 2014, at 10:00 PM, **Kensley David**, 22, suffered a single gunshot wound to the head while on Windsor Street. Investigators believe that the incident was not random. This case remains under investigation

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March 22, 2016, Mt Auburn St



June 25, 2016, 140 Harvard St.

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RAPE

No Patterns

- The rape total for the first three quarters of 2017 is 11 incidents, which is 17 crimes under last year's total for the same time period. There have been but seven rapes recorded in Cambridge since the last week of March.
- After recording zero rapes during the month of January for the first time since 2006, there were two rapes registered in the City of Cambridge in February and two in March of 2017. A contact incident was then reported in May and an acquaintance scenario was reported in June. The two rapes reported in July were categorized as acquaintance and domestic incidents. The rape recorded in August was categorized as an acquaintance crime. Both rapes committed in September were classified as contact scenarios.
- Five of the rapes this year have been classified as acquaintance, two as domestic, and four were counted as contact scenarios.
- Overview on Rape Statistics for the United States released by the FBI on September 30th 2017: There were an estimated 95,730 rapes (legacy definition) reported to law enforcement in 2016. This estimate was 4.9% higher than the 2015 estimate, 12.4% higher than the 2012 estimate, and 3.9% higher than the 2007 estimated total. The rate of cities in the 100,000 to 250,000 population range in 2016 was 34.1 incidents.

Percent Change*

Last 4 Weeks

Previous Year

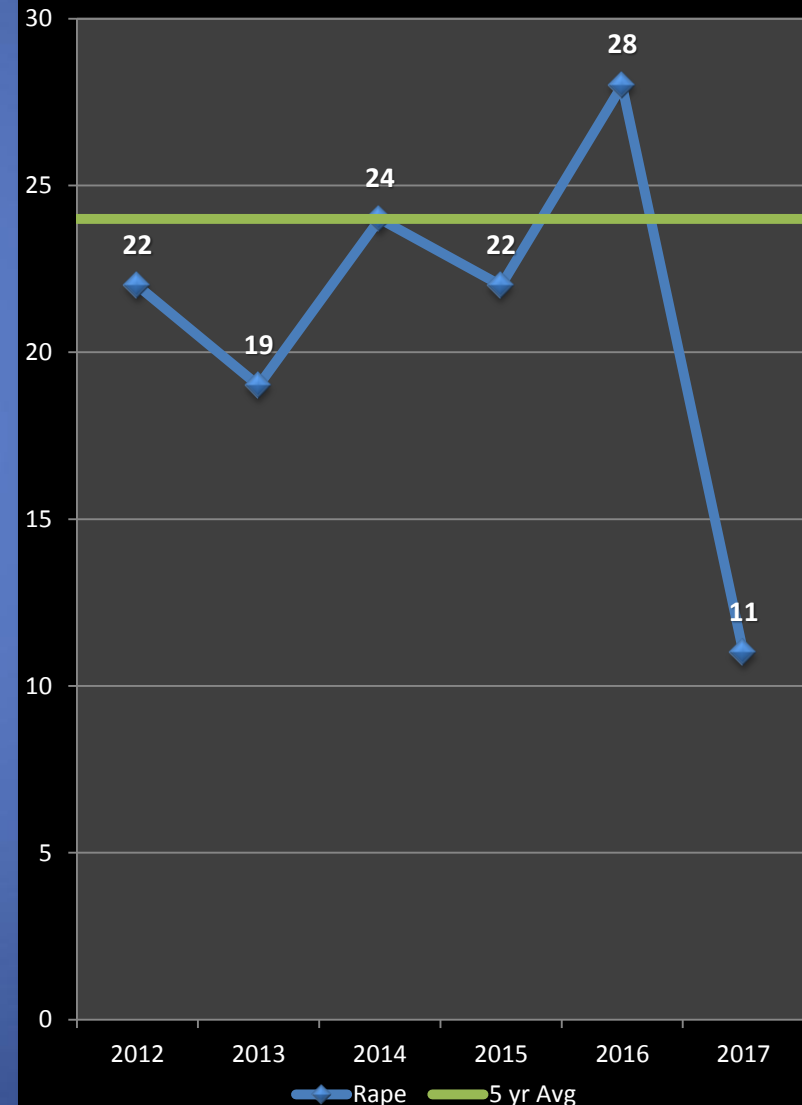
5-Year Average

In-Cal

-61%

-54%

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AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

No Patterns

- When comparing the total of aggravated assaults for the first three quarters of 2017 with the same time frame last year, this violent crime has dipped by 2% with three fewer incidents. The total of 136 aggravated assaults was nine crimes (-6%) below the projected five-year average of 145 assaults through October 2nd.
- The 136 aggravated assaults over the first nine months of 2017 are comprised of the following classifications: 18 fights among acquaintances; 31 domestic situations; 6 juvenile assaults; 19 unprovoked scenarios; 15 bar brawls; 4 psychotic episode; 13 homeless scenarios; 5 confrontations between a shop owners and a patrons; 3 workplace assault, 15 traffic and parking situations, 7 assaults on a police officers.
- On an annual basis, past trends indicate that invariably 30 to 40 percent of aggravated assaults are domestic-related. That statistic has declined over the first three quarters of 2017 with 31 or (23%) of the 136 assaults classified as domestic in nature.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

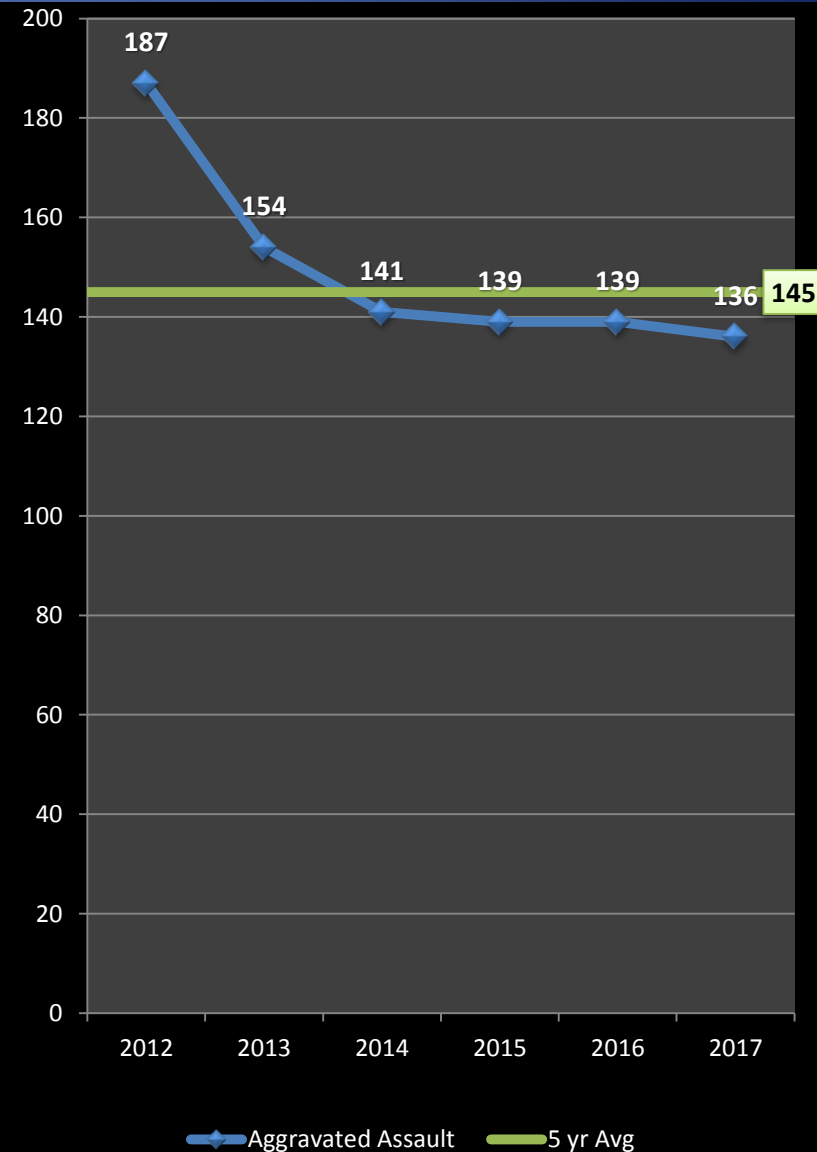
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Previous Year

-2%

5-Year Average

-6%

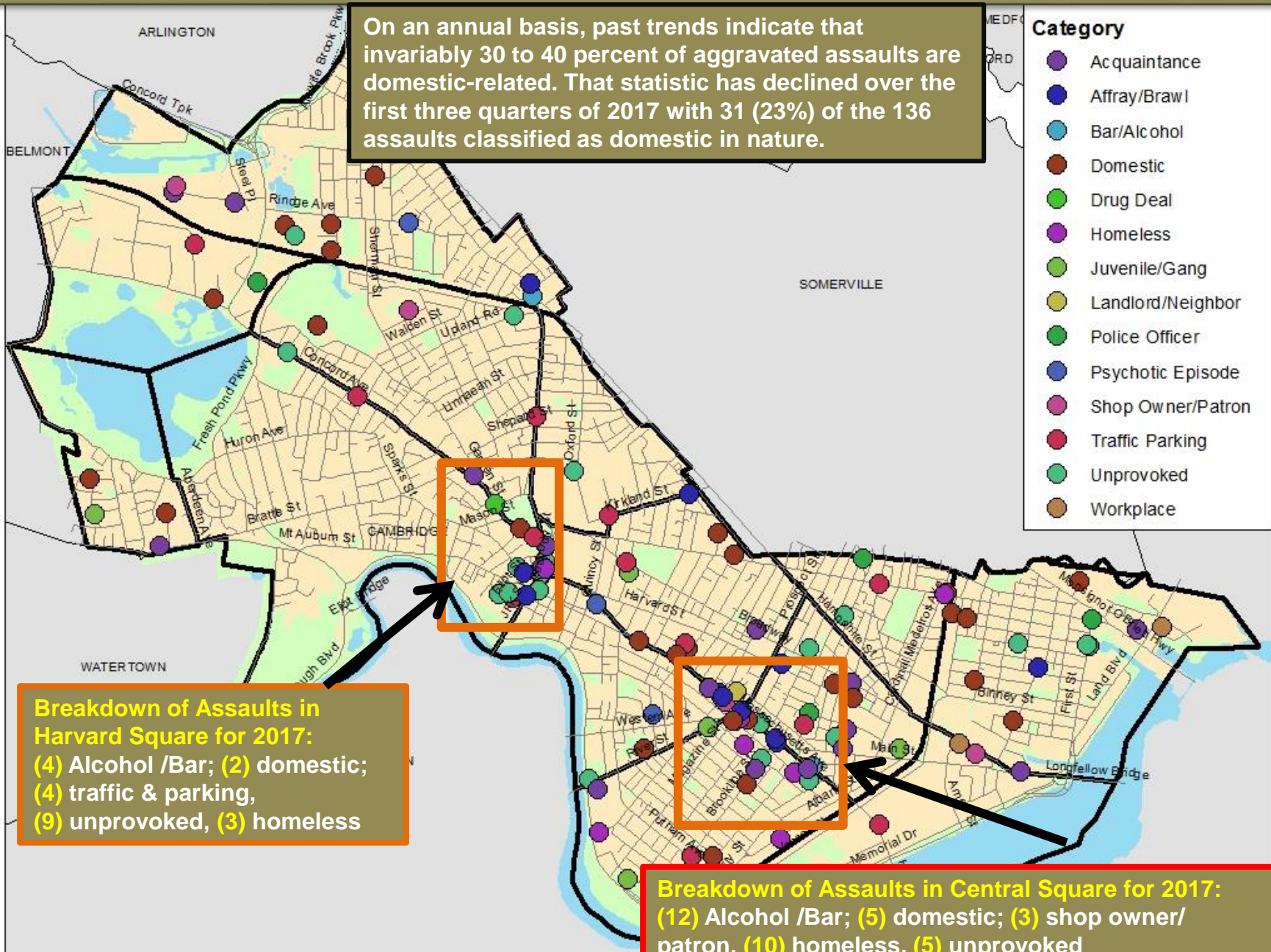




Geographic Breakdown of Aggravated Assaults by Categorization: 1.1.17 – 10.2.17

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- Category**
- Acquaintance
 - Affray/Brawl
 - Bar/Alcohol
 - Domestic
 - Drug Deal
 - Homeless
 - Juvenile/Gang
 - Landlord/Neighbor
 - Police Officer
 - Psychotic Episode
 - Shop Owner/Patron
 - Traffic Parking
 - Unprovoked
 - Workplace



Breakdown of Assaults in Harvard Square for 2017:
(4) Alcohol /Bar; (2) domestic;
(4) traffic & parking,
(9) unprovoked, (3) homeless

Breakdown of Assaults in Central Square for 2017:
(12) Alcohol /Bar; (5) domestic; (3) shop owner/
patron, (10) homeless, (5) unprovoked



Shootings & Shots Fired in Cambridge: 1.1.17 to 10.2.17

Shots with victim on 3.8.17
unknown location:
Victim walked into Cambridge City Hospital with non-life threatening gunshot wound to his thigh.

Shots fired on 1.23.17
Windsor & Market St :
Search conducted. No victims and nothing was struck. 6 shell casings were recovered on the ground on Market St. Light colored car and dark colored car seen fleeing the area.

Shots fired on 3.25.17. –
300 block of Elm Street:
3-4 gunshots reported. A grey SUV that was stopped on the road was seen fleeing towards Somerville. Two bullet holes were found in a parked car and two shell casings were recovered.

Shots fired on 5.2.17 Charles & Sciarappa:
10-20 gunshots reported in the area of Charles and Sciarappa St. Multiple shell casings were located in the area of Sciarappa Street, where three parked cars were found with bullet holes in them.

Shots with victims on 9.5.17
40 block of River Street:
There were two victims; one shot in the hand and the other was shot in the knee – both non life threatening. Warrants have been issued.

Shots fired on 9.10.17
River & Williams St:
Lamaree Wallace of Boston was arrested in conjunction with this shots fired incident on Sunday, 9.10.17 in the area of River Street.

Shots fired on 6.12.17 – 50
block of Norfolk Street:
Multiple parties reporting gunshots, possibly coming from a blue sedan with a sunroof. 2 shell casings found.

Shots with victims on 9.10.17 –
Technology Square:
Shooting resulted in two victims – one victim (a Boston male) was believed to be the intended target and the other victim was an innocent bystander. Michael Coleman of Dorchester was arrested on scene in possession of a loaded firearm.

Shooting Type

- Shooting w/ Victim(s)
- Shots Fired (no victims)



ROBBERY

No Patterns

- The 5-year average for overall robbery in Cambridge for the first three quarters of the year is 68 incidents. Between January and October 2nd of 2017, 67 robberies were recorded, which translates to a 1% decrease below the projected total and a 10% spike over the 2016 total for this time frame.
- Street robberies have tumbled downward a notable 26% over the first nine months of this year. There have been no operational patterns, series or hot spot concentrations involving street robberies identified in Cambridge so far in 2017. There have been only 35 street robberies recorded over the first 270 days of the year.
- There has been a significant increase in commercial robberies in Cambridge over the first three quarters of 2017 from 14 in 2016 to 32 incidents this year (+129%). This surge reflects a regional trend of an escalation in the number of bank and convenience store robberies throughout New England.
- One aspect of the commercial robbery escalation trend has been a surge in bank robberies throughout Eastern Massachusetts since Thanksgiving of 2016. Ten of the 32 commercial robberies in Cambridge in 2017 have been bank heists, one each in Harvard & Kendall Squares, four in Central, two in Porter Square, and two in Alewife. See the next slide for more information on these incidents.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

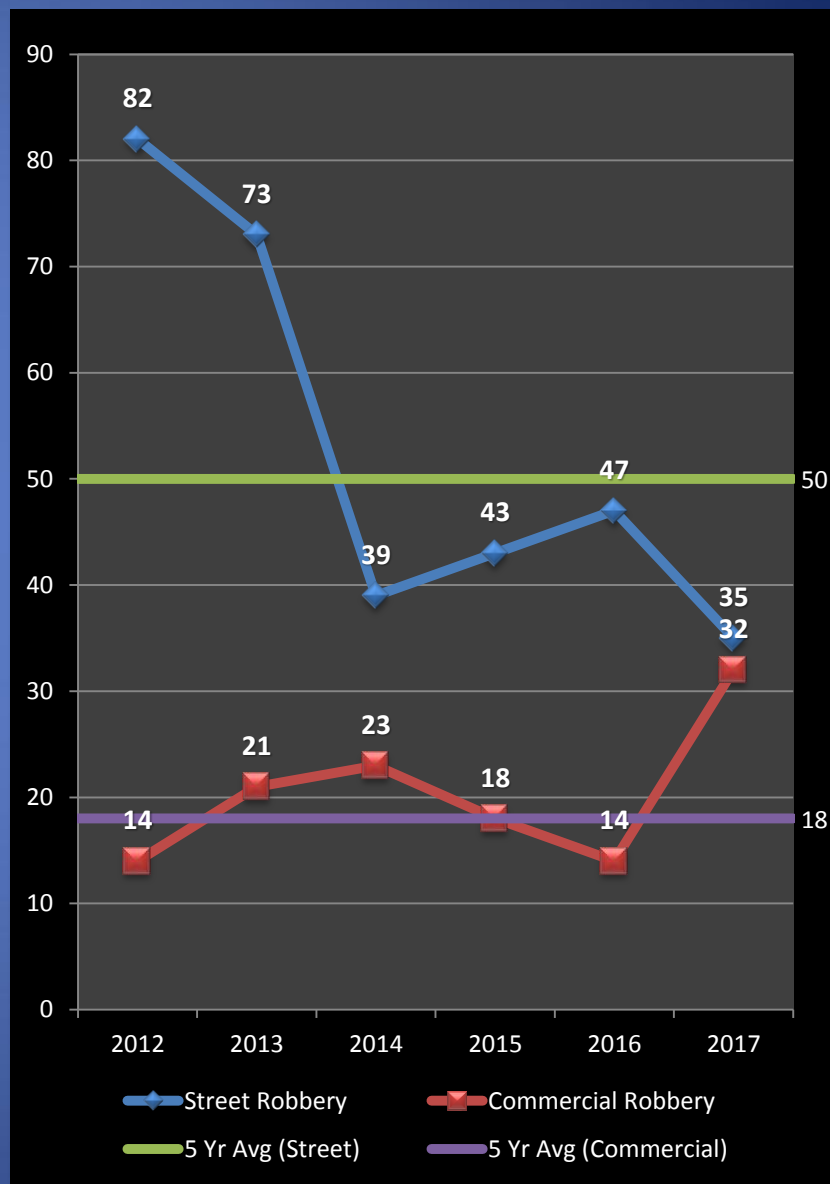
-27%

Previous Year

+10%

5-Year Average

-1%





Geographic Breakdown of Bank Robberies: 2017

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Bank robbery in Porter Sq on 2.1.17 at 9:50AM - suspect handed a note to the teller – Arrest



Bank robbery in Harvard Square on 1.11.17 at 3:40PM - where suspect (see photo) handed a note to the teller



Banks on Alewife Brook Pky on 3.8.17 & 7.12.17 - where suspect handed note to teller

Bank robbery in Central Square on 1.5.17 at 9:30AM – Arrest

Bank robbery in Kendall Square on 3.31.17 at 4:00PM - where suspect handed note to teller - Arrest

Bank robbery in Central Square on 5.26.17 at 10AM - where suspect handed note to teller - Arrest

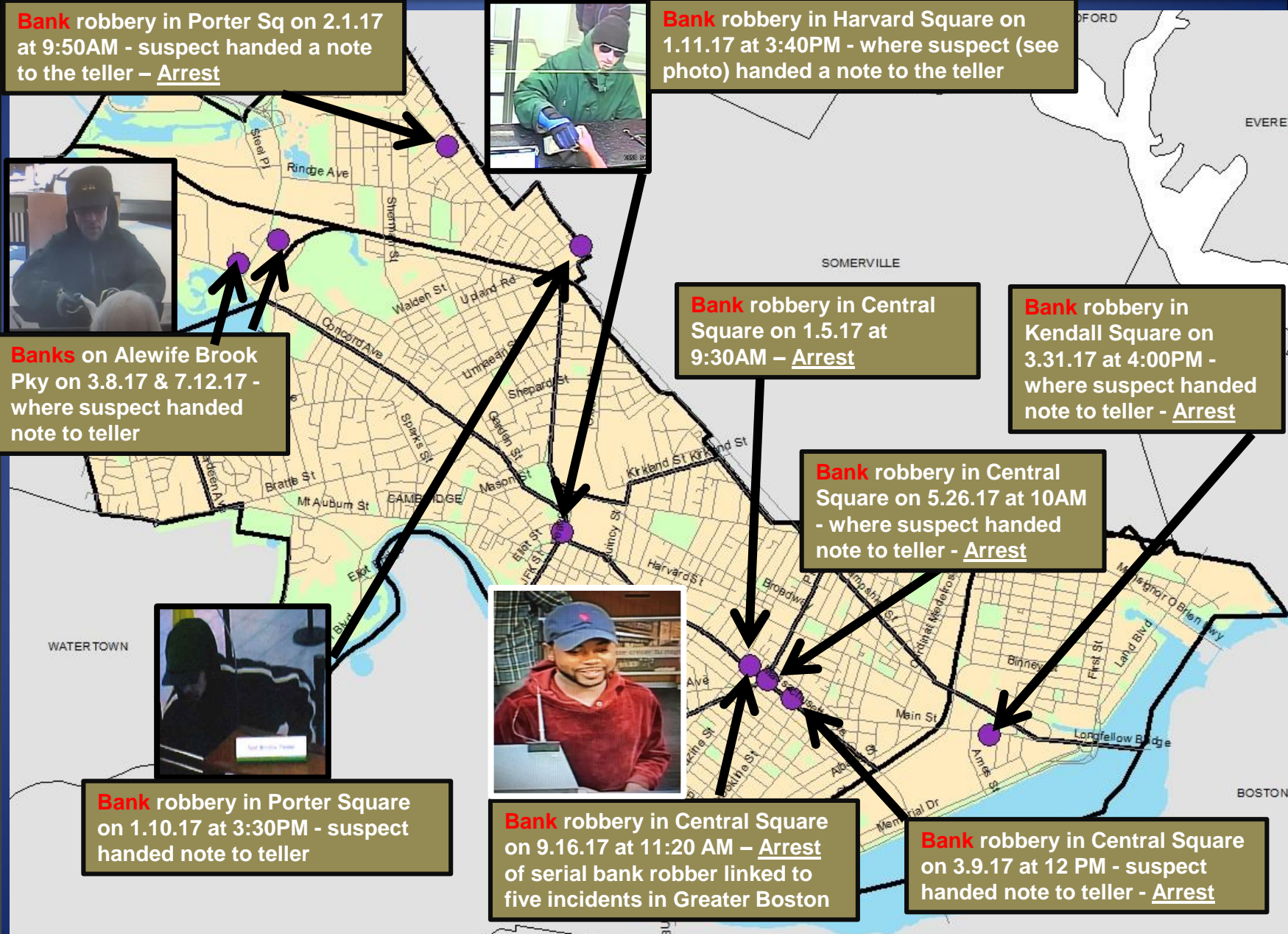


Bank robbery in Porter Square on 1.10.17 at 3:30PM - suspect handed note to teller



Bank robbery in Central Square on 9.16.17 at 11:20 AM – Arrest of serial bank robber linked to five incidents in Greater Boston

Bank robbery in Central Square on 3.9.17 at 12 PM - suspect handed note to teller - Arrest



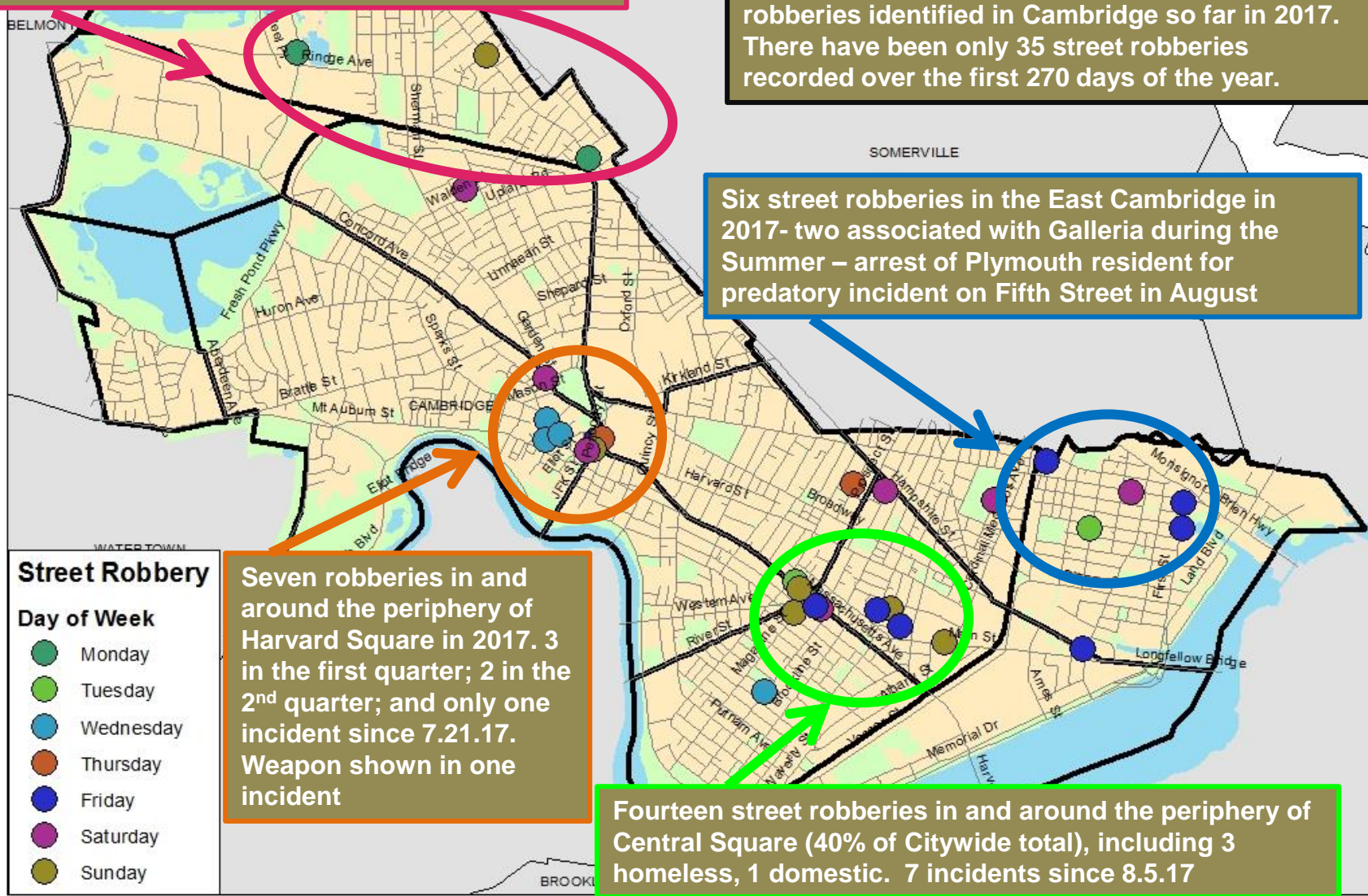


Geographic Breakdown of Street Robbery: 1.1.17 – 10.2.17

Only three street robberies in North Cambridge in 2017 – two purse snatches near Porter Square in August & September and a predatory incident near Alewife in June

Street robberies have tumbled downward a notable 26% over the first nine months of this year. There have been no operational patterns, series or hot spot concentrations involving street robberies identified in Cambridge so far in 2017. There have been only 35 street robberies recorded over the first 270 days of the year.

Six street robberies in the East Cambridge in 2017- two associated with Galleria during the Summer – arrest of Plymouth resident for predatory incident on Fifth Street in August



Street Robbery

Day of Week

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday
- Sunday

Seven robberies in and around the periphery of Harvard Square in 2017. 3 in the first quarter; 2 in the 2nd quarter; and only one incident since 7.21.17. Weapon shown in one incident

Fourteen street robberies in and around the periphery of Central Square (40% of Citywide total), including 3 homeless, 1 domestic. 7 incidents since 8.5.17



Burglary

No Pattern

- The property index crime of burglary, the combination of residential and commercial breaks, has recorded a sound decrease of 26% for the first three quarters of 2017 when compared to the five-year average, with 72 fewer incidents reported below the projected total of 272 breaks. The total has also fallen a solid 17% when measured with last year's total for the first nine months of the year, with 41 fewer burglaries reported.
- There have been three housebreak patterns identified in the neighborhoods of Central Square in 2017. An unusually large number of housebreaks were reported in January of 2017 with a pattern identified then eradicated. During the last ten days of March a new pattern was identified and an alert for a series of nighttime housebreaks in Riverside and Mid-Cambridge was issued on April 4th, 2017. On April 13th, an arrest was made of a known offender who was a resident of the neighborhood. An alert for a new series of late night breaks in and around Central Square was issued during the last week of August. On October 1st a warrant was issued for the apprehension of the suspect involved in this series.
- The 5-year average for commercial burglary in Cambridge for the first nine months of the year is 50 incidents. Through October 2nd of 2017, 40 commercial burglaries were recorded, which translates to a 20% decline below the forecasted 5-year average. This is also six incidents (+18%) above the 2016 total for the same time period.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

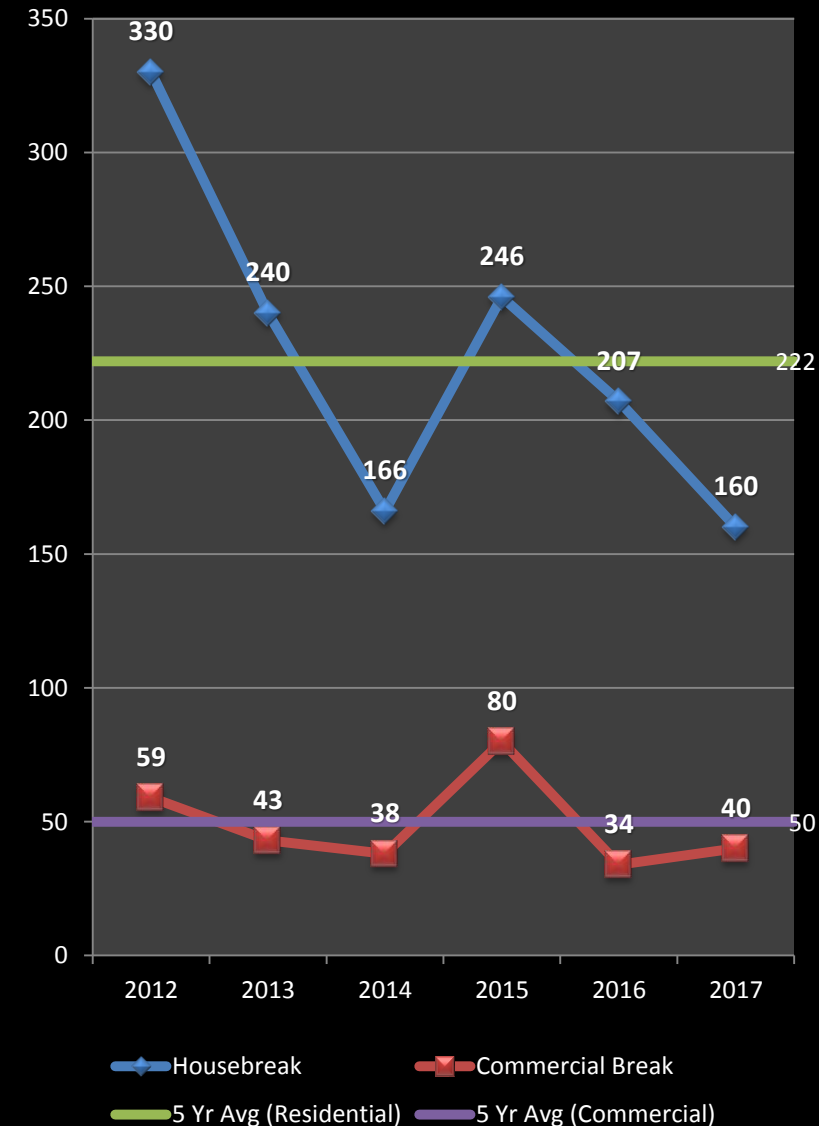
-5%

Previous Year

-17%

5-Year Average

-26%





Geographic Breakdown of Housebreaks: 1.1.17 – 10.2.17

A Somerville resident was arrested for a series of nighttime housebreaks in North Cambridge during the first week in June.

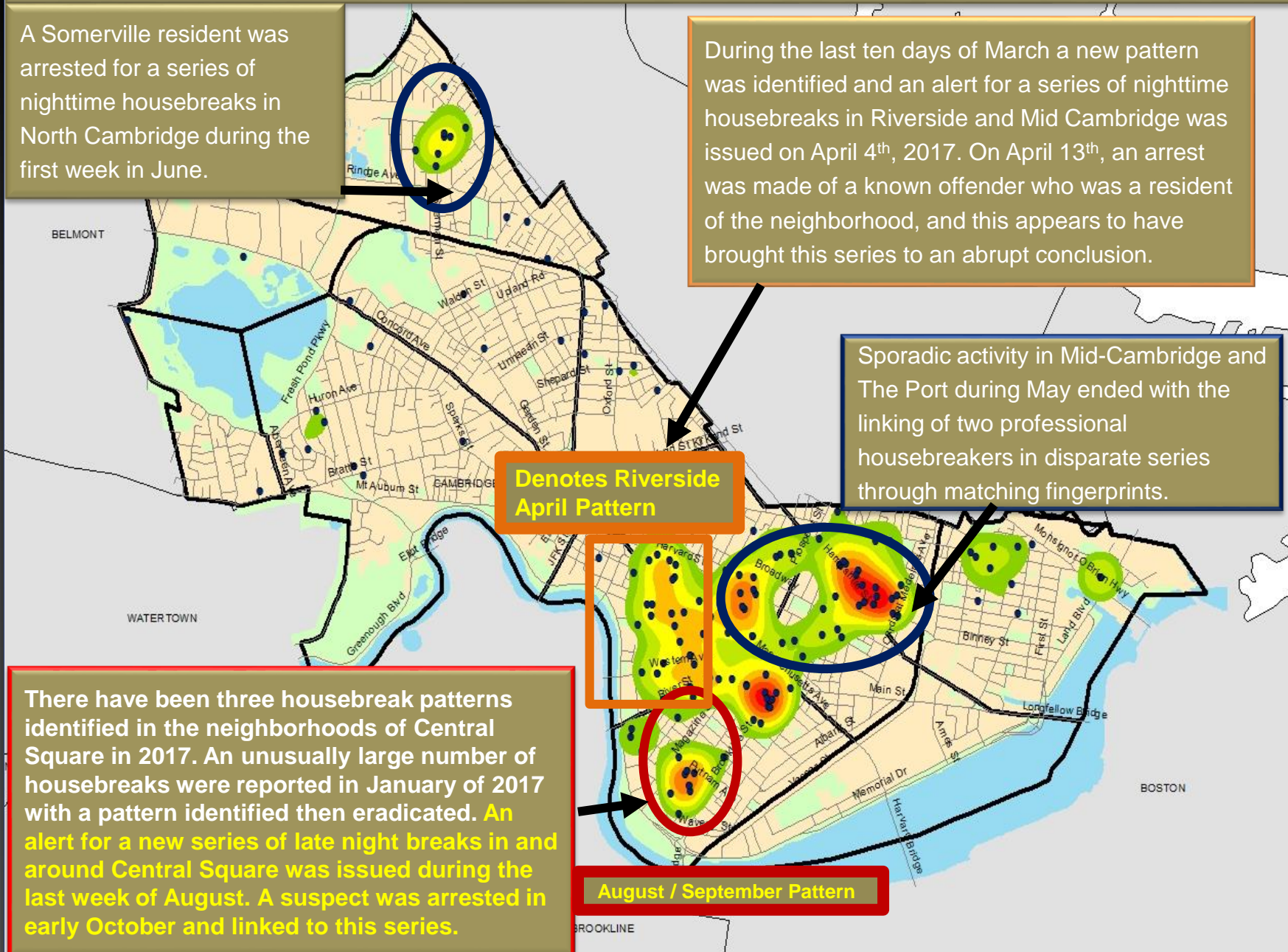
During the last ten days of March a new pattern was identified and an alert for a series of nighttime housebreaks in Riverside and Mid Cambridge was issued on April 4th, 2017. On April 13th, an arrest was made of a known offender who was a resident of the neighborhood, and this appears to have brought this series to an abrupt conclusion.

Sporadic activity in Mid-Cambridge and The Port during May ended with the linking of two professional housebreakers in disparate series through matching fingerprints.

Denotes Riverside April Pattern

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August / September Pattern





Geographic Breakdown of Commercial Breaks: 1.1.17 – 10.2.17

Commercial Breaks

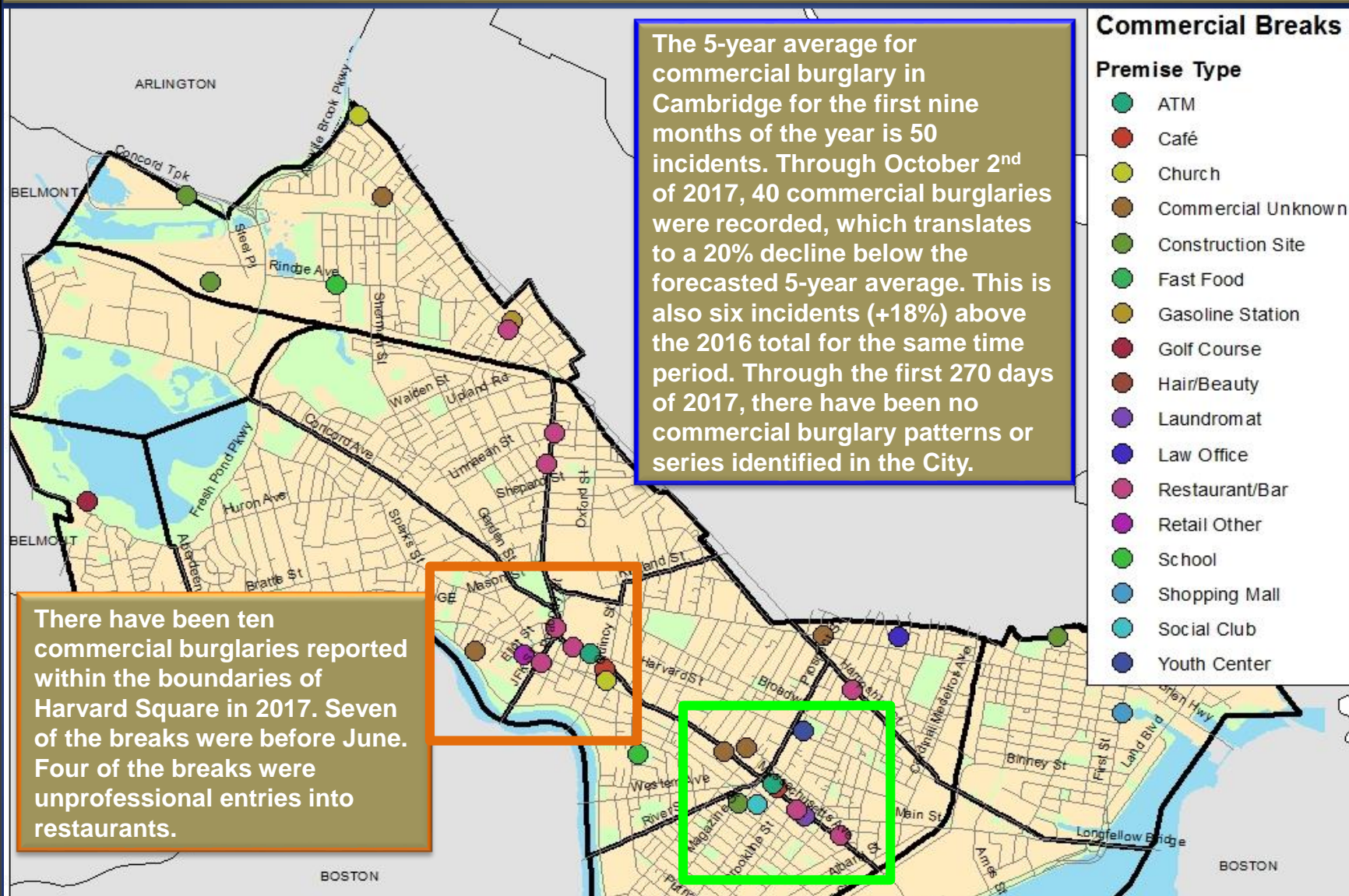
Premise Type

- ATM
- Café
- Church
- Commercial Unknown
- Construction Site
- Fast Food
- Gasoline Station
- Golf Course
- Hair/Beauty
- Laundromat
- Law Office
- Restaurant/Bar
- Retail Other
- School
- Shopping Mall
- Social Club
- Youth Center

The 5-year average for commercial burglary in Cambridge for the first nine months of the year is 50 incidents. Through October 2nd of 2017, 40 commercial burglaries were recorded, which translates to a 20% decline below the forecasted 5-year average. This is also six incidents (+18%) above the 2016 total for the same time period. Through the first 270 days of 2017, there have been no commercial burglary patterns or series identified in the City.

There have been ten commercial burglaries reported within the boundaries of Harvard Square in 2017. Seven of the breaks were before June. Four of the breaks were unprofessional entries into restaurants.

The comparative analysis of commercial breaks between Central & Harvard Squares is uncommonly similar. There have been 10 breaks in Central in 2017: – 3 since July, with restaurants the favorite targets of unprofessional thieves.





LARCENY

No Patterns

- **Overall larceny through the first nine months of 2017** is down 13% when compared with the same time frame in 2016. The total of 1,268 larcenies reported year-to-date is also 19% below the 5-year weighted average of 1,563 incidents through the end of September.
- **Larcenies from MVs have plummeted 30% over the first nine months of 2017** when compared with the same time period in 2016. The last month saw a large decrease of 58% from August to September, with 21 fewer incidents reported in September.
- **Larcenies from the person have fluctuated month to month this year, with September reporting 16 incidents.** Despite the constant ups and downs, this crime type year-to-date is still down 30% when compared with the first nine months of 2016. The most active area of the city this year has been Harvard Square with 39 incidents, followed by Central Square with 28.
- **There have been 210 larcenies from buildings reported through October 2, 2017.** This represents a 5% drop (11 incidents) below the 221 incidents reported in 2016 and an 18% decrease below the 5-year average of 257. There are no patterns or trends of this crime at the present time.
- **Larcenies from residences are down 35% (71 incidents) through the first nine months of 2017.** Package thefts from doorsteps and lobbies represent 55% (72) of the 132 thefts from residences year-to-date. Through this time last year, there had been 99 reported package thefts.
- **Through October 2, 2017, there have been 250 bikes reported stolen,** down 34 (-12%) from the 284 thefts reported through the same time in 2016 and down 40 (-14%) from the 5-year average of 290.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

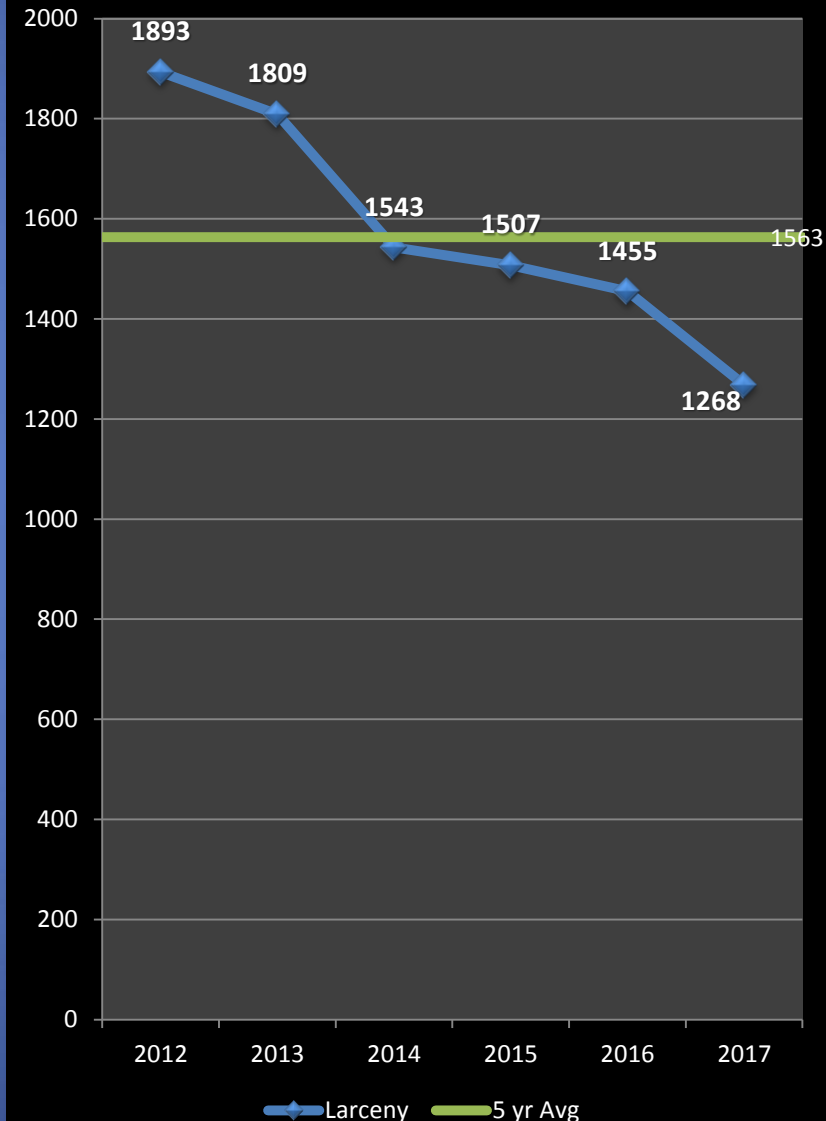
-22%

Previous Year

-13%

5-Year Average

-19%





LARCENY From MV

No Patterns

- Statistics for larceny from motor vehicles continue to cascade downward registering a 30% decline for the first three quarters of 2017 when compared with the same time period in 2016. There have been 85 fewer thefts from cars reported so far this year. This property crime has also plummeted by 43% when measured against the 5-year average, with 148 fewer incidents than the projected total of 346 thefts from cars.
- Part of the overall decrease can be traced to the total of 13 larcenies from motor vehicles in January, a non-snowstorm-affected month, which was a stunningly low number for this crime type. Only three months this year have registered over 20 larcenies from motor vehicles: April with 23, July with 37, and August with 40.
- When comparing the most recent four weeks to the previous four weeks, this index crime presented an unusually large decline of 58% from August to September.
- Boston Police are reporting that in the past month, there have been 12 tire thefts during the overnight hours targeting 2017 Honda Accords that are then left propped on plastic milk crates. The MBTA Police are also reporting a sharp increase in tire thefts from commuter lots since April – most incidents between Wednesday and Friday during the daytime hours. There have been seven reports of tires stolen off of cars in Cambridge so far this year; six were reported in April and May and one in September.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

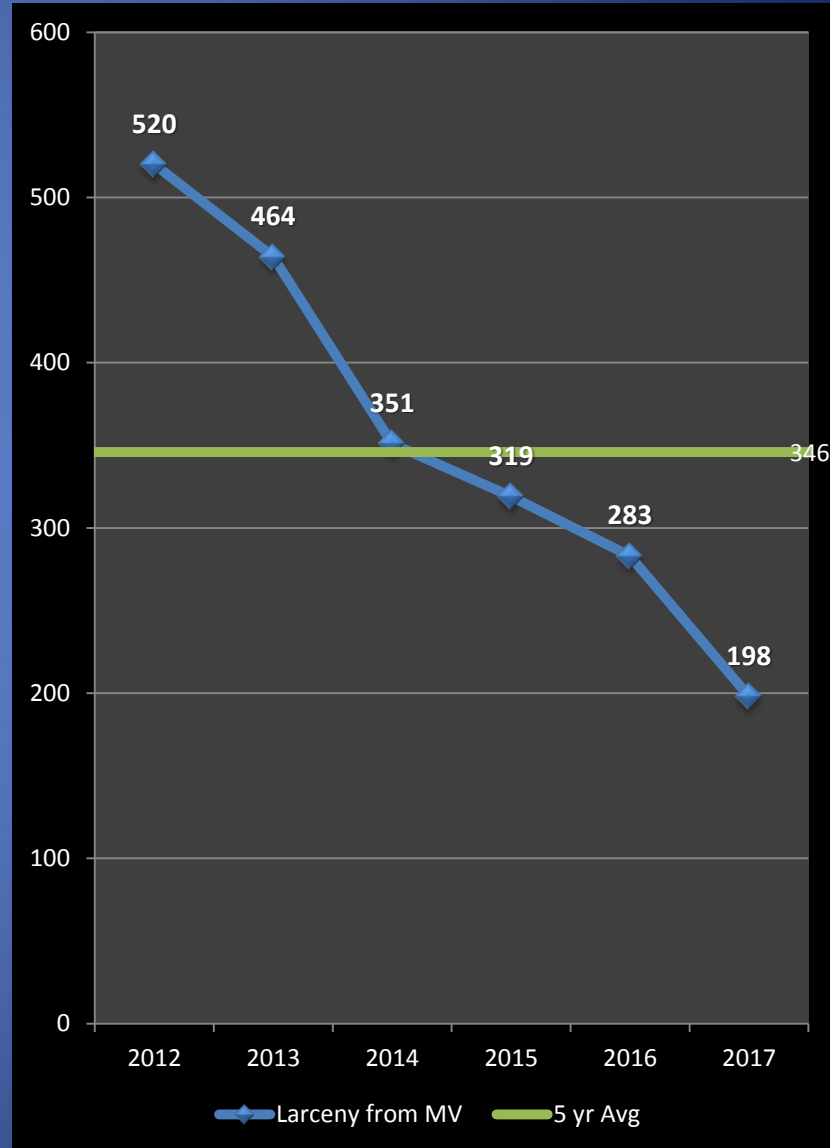
-58%

Previous Year

-30%

5-Year Average

-43%





Geographic Breakdown of Larceny from MVs: 1.1.17 – 10.2.17

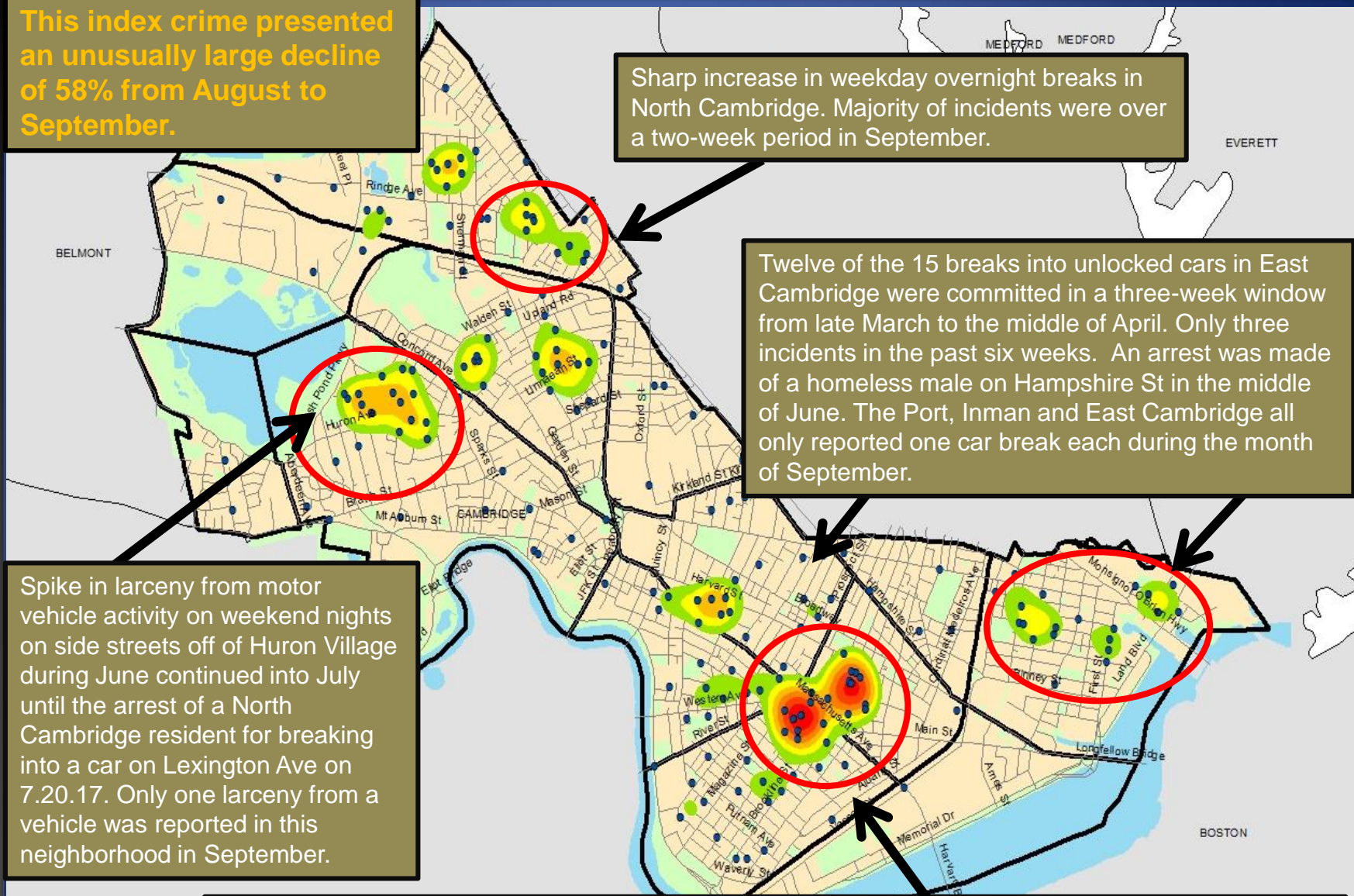
This index crime presented an unusually large decline of 58% from August to September.

Sharp increase in weekday overnight breaks in North Cambridge. Majority of incidents were over a two-week period in September.

Twelve of the 15 breaks into unlocked cars in East Cambridge were committed in a three-week window from late March to the middle of April. Only three incidents in the past six weeks. An arrest was made of a homeless male on Hampshire St in the middle of June. The Port, Inman and East Cambridge all only reported one car break each during the month of September.

Spike in larceny from motor vehicle activity on weekend nights on side streets off of Huron Village during June continued into July until the arrest of a North Cambridge resident for breaking into a car on Lexington Ave on 7.20.17. Only one larceny from a vehicle was reported in this neighborhood in September.

Seven of the 15 thefts from cars in February were part of a one-night spree on the periphery of Central Square on February 1st. Spike in daytime breaks into cars in Cambridgeport during July with 8 reported. There were no car breaks reported in Cambridgeport during the month of September.





LARCENY: *from Person*

No Patterns

- Larcenies from the person were on the rise during 2016 after two years of very little activity and few patterns. Meanwhile, activity in 2017 has been a mix of highs and lows, with every other month seeing a spike in activity. There were 9 reported in January, 19 in February, 5 in March, 22 in April, 10 in May, 9 each in June and July 14 in August and 16 in September. Overall larceny from the person is still down considerably both when compared to the same time last year (-30%) and when compared to the five year average (-34%).
- Harvard Square has seen the most activity thus far in 2017, with 39 of the 119 incidents citywide occurring in this tourist/student hotspot. Six incidents were reported in this area in September, which coincides with the return of college students to the area. The Central Square area has experienced the next largest number year-to-date with 28, followed by the East Cambridge/Galleria area with 22.
- The majority of incidents have involved thefts from patrons while dining, pickpocketing incidents, or the theft of unattended items that victims left behind.
- The most likely times for larcenies from persons citywide this year are 1pm – 3pm on Monday, Thursday, and Saturdays, and 7pm – 11pm on Mondays and Saturdays.
- At the end of the month, Somerville PD arrested a man from Boston who was found to have property from a larceny from person reported earlier that day in Cambridge. After further review he is likely linked to 4 different larcenies in Cambridge throughout September.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

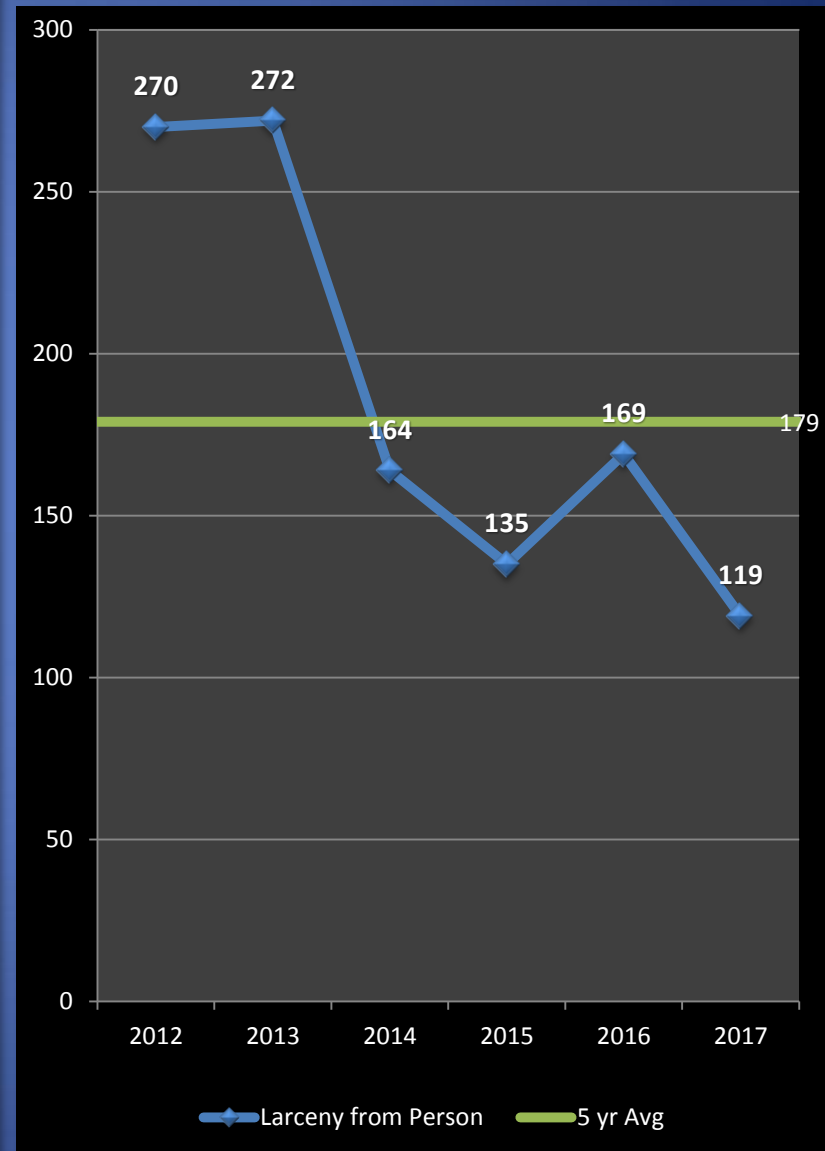
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Previous Year

-30%

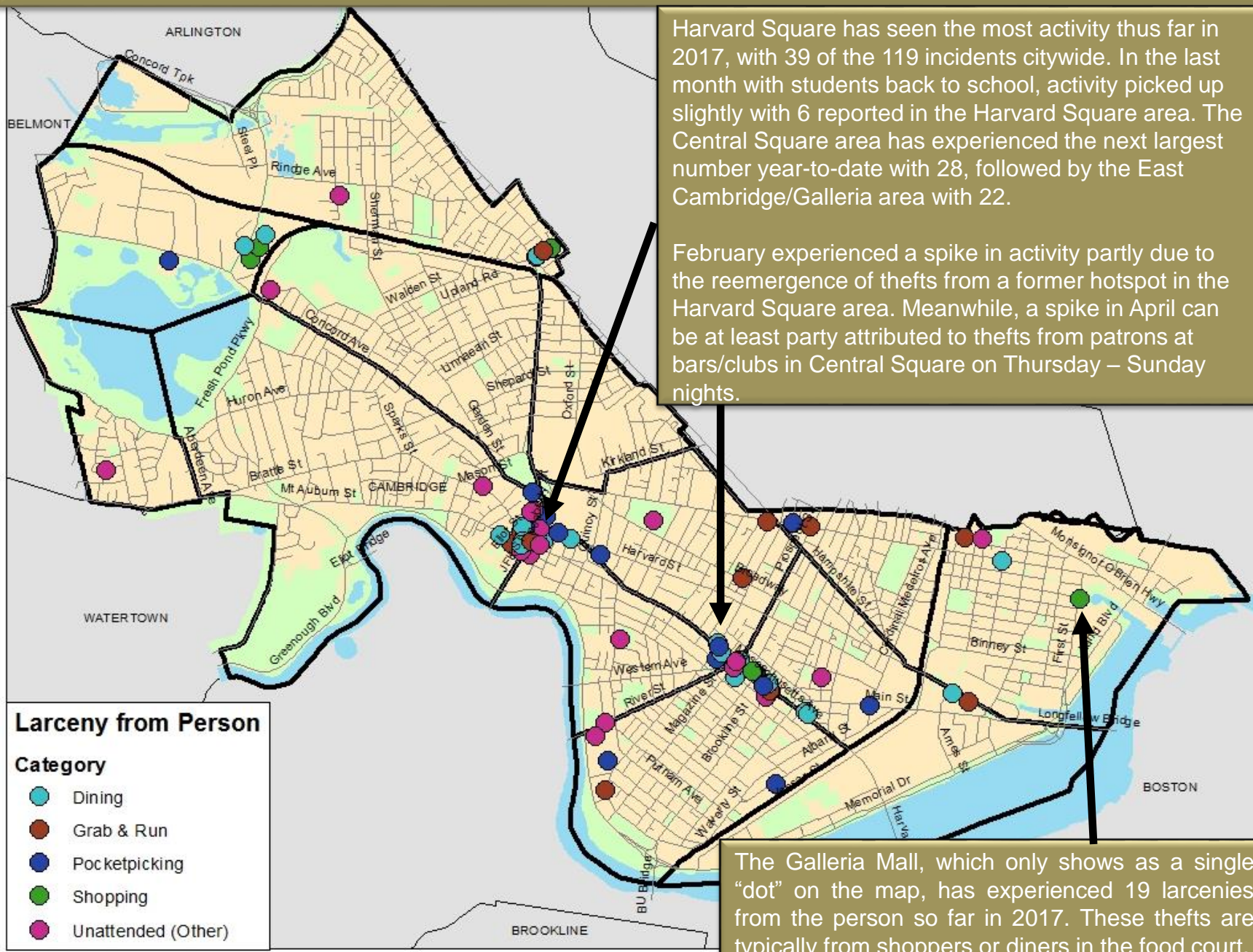
5-Year Average

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Geographic Breakdown of Larceny from Persons: 1.1.17 – 10.2.17





LARCENY: of Bicycle

No Patterns

- Despite the return of college students to the city this month, bike thefts experienced a noticeable drop in September, falling 27%, or 12 incidents, from the total reported in August. There have now been 250 bike thefts reported through the first nine months of 2017. This is 34 incidents below the total reported during the same time frame last year (-12%) and 40 incidents below the 5-year average of 290 (-14%).
- Over two-thirds of the bike thefts thus far in 2017 (or 170) have been reported in lower Cambridge.
- 83 of the 250 bicycles stolen year-to-date in 2017, or 33%, were left unlocked at the time of the thefts.
- Bike thefts were spread throughout the city in Sept.
- No arrests for bike thefts were made in August; but two were made in July and one occurred in September. In the September arrest, a homeless Cambridge male was taken into custody in Central Sq after he was seen casing bicycles and taking a part from a bicycle.
- Top Neighborhoods for Bike Theft Year-To-Date:**

Neighborhood	YTD Total	% Citywide
Cambridgeport	45	18%
Mid-Cambridge	40	16%
East Cambridge	31	12%
Peabody	23	9%
West Cambridge	22	9%

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

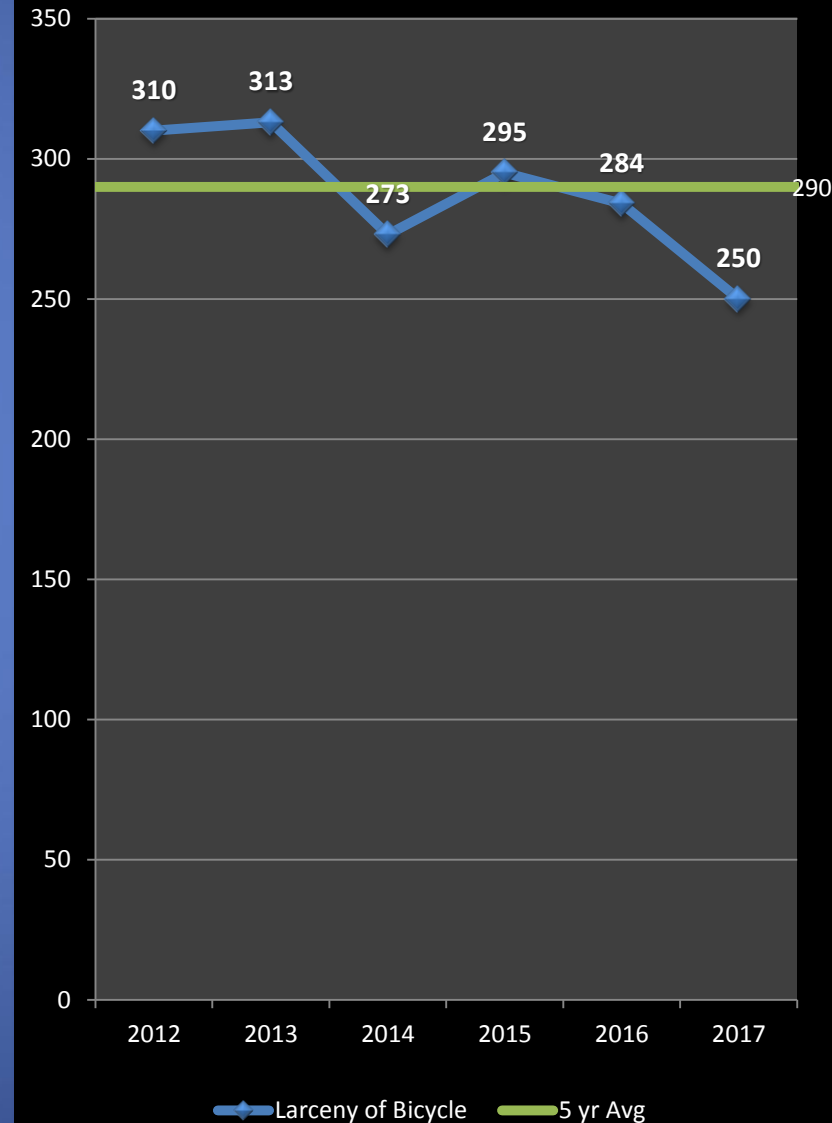
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Previous Year

-12%

5-Year Average

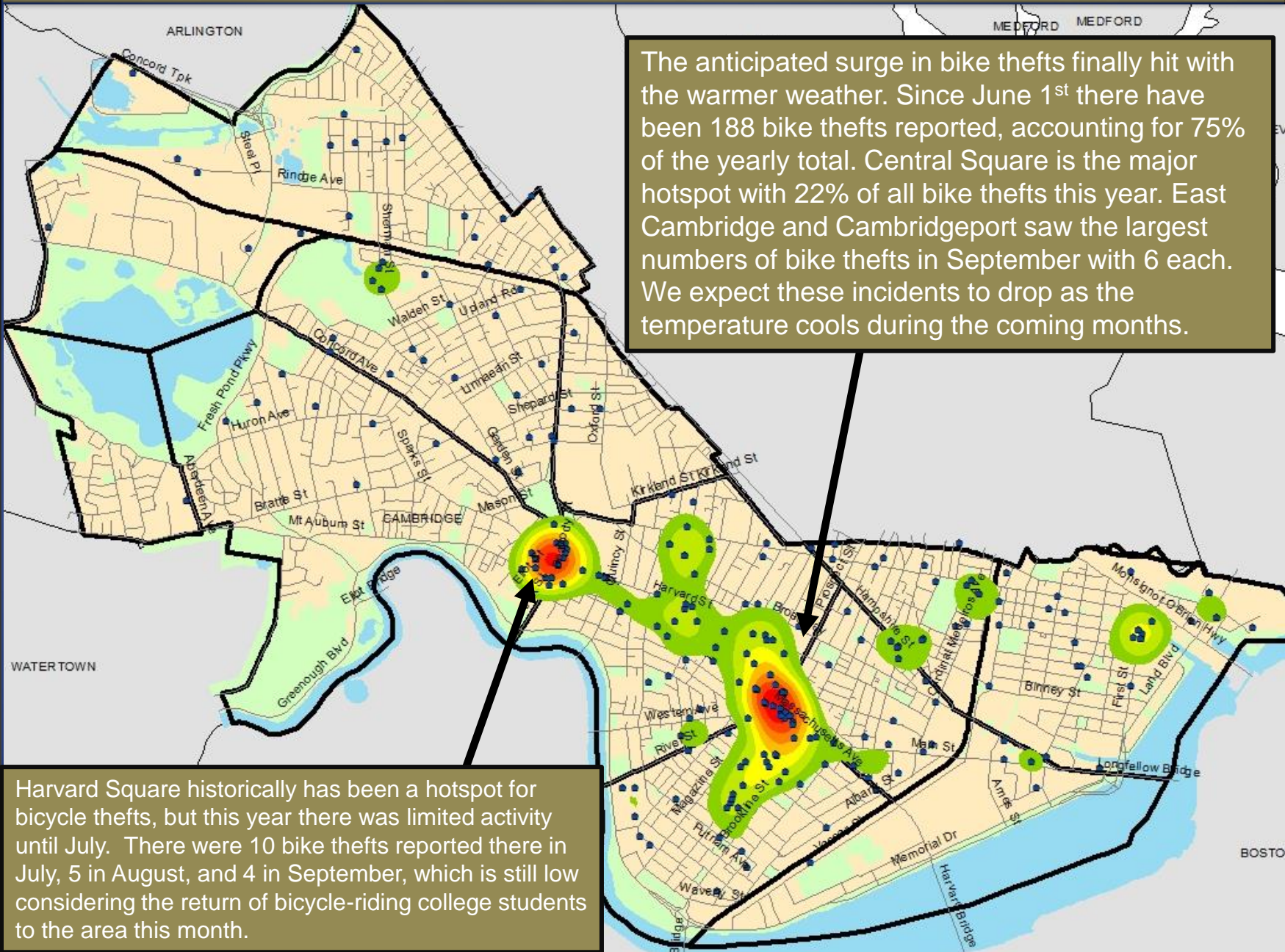
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Geographic Breakdown of Bicycle Larcenies: 1.1.17 – 10.2.17

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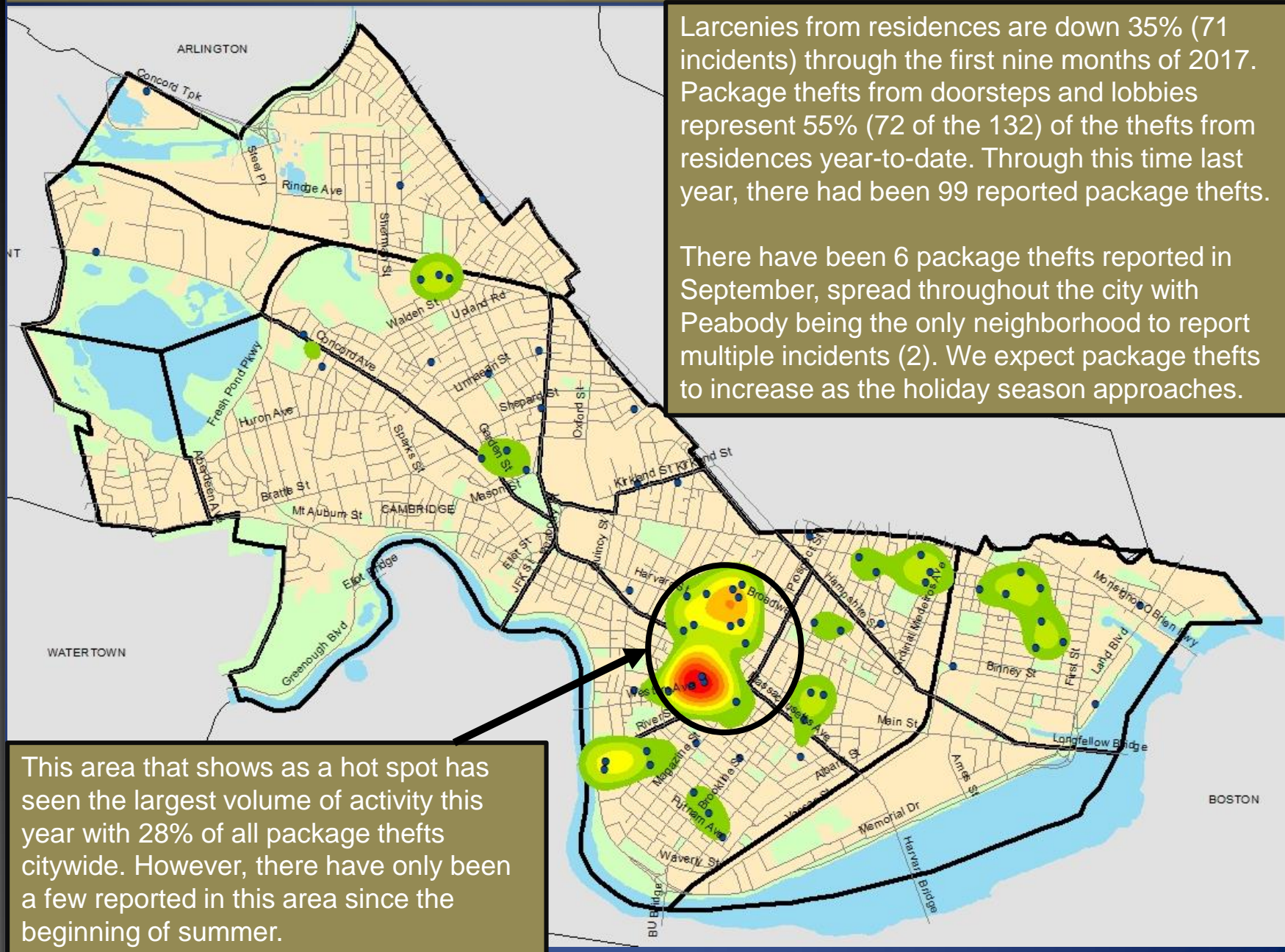


The anticipated surge in bike thefts finally hit with the warmer weather. Since June 1st there have been 188 bike thefts reported, accounting for 75% of the yearly total. Central Square is the major hotspot with 22% of all bike thefts this year. East Cambridge and Cambridgeport saw the largest numbers of bike thefts in September with 6 each. We expect these incidents to drop as the temperature cools during the coming months.

Harvard Square historically has been a hotspot for bicycle thefts, but this year there was limited activity until July. There were 10 bike thefts reported there in July, 5 in August, and 4 in September, which is still low considering the return of bicycle-riding college students to the area this month.



Geographic Breakdown of Package Thefts: 1.1.17 – 10.2.17





AUTO THEFT

No Patterns

- The projected 5-year weighted average for auto thefts for the first nine months of the year is 95 incidents. With 70 thefts reported thus far in 2017, we are 26% (25 incidents) below the average and 26% (24 incidents) below the number reported during this time frame in 2016. In the most recent four weeks compared to the previous four weeks, there has been an increase of 33%, or 2 incidents.
- There were seven auto thefts reported in January, five in February, six in March, thirteen in April, four in May, eight in June, ten in July, seven in August, nine in September, and one on October 1.
- At this time only 26 of the 70 (37%) have been recovered.
- So far in 2017, East Cambridge remains in the top spot for stolen autos with 11, followed by Peabody and West Cambridge with 9, The Port and Inman-Harrington with 7, Cambridgeport and North Cambridge with 6, Mid-Cambridge with 5, Riverside with 4, MIT and the Highlands with 2, and Agassiz and Strawberry Hill, with 1 each.
- We tend to see an increase in scooter/moped thefts with the warmer weather, but this crime type did not produce the activity we normally would have expected. Over the summer months of June, July and August only 7 two-wheeled vehicles were stolen. September saw one motorcycle and three scooters stolen.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

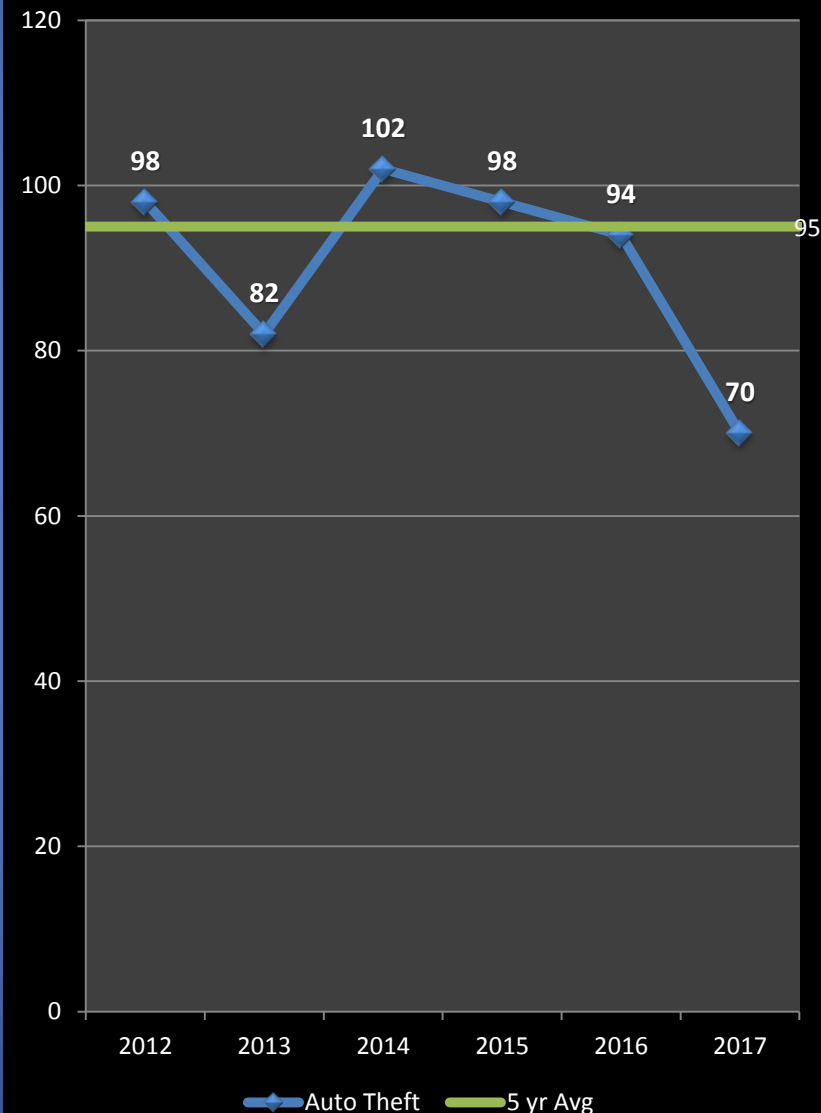
+33%

Previous Year

-26%

5-Year Average

-26%





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