

# CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT



# 2009

*SECOND QUARTER CRIME REPORT*

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# 2009 SECOND QUARTER SUMMARY

## MURDER:

- ◆ The first homicide of the year occurred on January 28, 2009. A 65-year-old Brookline man allegedly shot and killed his 33-year-old co-worker from Malden. The suspect and victim both worked for a Smith Place business, where the incident took place.
- ◆ The second homicide of 2009 took place on June 16, 2009. A 33-year-old Cambridge native was found with multiple gunshot wounds in front of the driveway to the Fresh Pond Apartments located at 362/364 Rindge Ave. He was pronounced dead at the scene. This incident remains under investigation at the present time.
- ◆ The most recent homicide conviction was that of Chelsea resident Remel Ahart, who was found guilty of first degree murder on June 3, 2009. The conviction stemmed from a March 2006 incident in which a Boston teen was shot and killed on Hamilton St in Cambridge. Also convicted in this murder was Dorchester resident Ahmad Bright, who was found guilty of second degree murder on March 13, 2009. One other suspect is currently awaiting trial for this homicide.

## RAPE:

- ◆ Seven rapes were reported in the first six months of 2009. Six of the rapes were non-stranger incidents (four acquaintance rapes and two domestic rapes) and one was classified as a stranger rape (blitz). None of the incidents were related.
  - **Acquaintance Rapes** are non-domestic rapes committed by someone who knows the victim. They include rapes of co-workers, schoolmates, friends, and other acquaintances. This category includes “date rapes.”
  - **Blitz Rapes** are stranger rapes in which the rapist assaults the victim on the street with no prior contact. Generally, the suspect “comes out of nowhere.”
  - **Contact Rapes** are stranger rapes in which the suspect contacts the victim and tries to gain his/her confidence before assaulting him/her. Contact rapists typically pick up their victims in bars, lure them into their cars or houses, or otherwise try to coerce the victim into a situation in which they can begin their assault.
  - **Domestic Rapes** involve rapes between spouses, romantic partners, and family members.

## ROBBERY:

### *FIRST QUARTER SYNOPSIS*

- ◆ Street robberies were up by five incidents (17%) over last year’s first quarter.
- ◆ Commercial robberies dropped from eight incidents in each of the first quarters of 2007 and 2008 down to six incidents in 2009.
- ◆ There were a few scattered street robberies targeting cell phones in the area of the Cambridge Galleria, and a brief pattern of robberies in the Walden Sq area, but otherwise no definite patterns emerged during the first quarter.
- ◆ The only commercial robbery pattern to exist in Cambridge during the first quarter was a sporadic pattern of convenience store robberies in Cambridge and Somerville.

**See the Pattern Analysis section for more information on robbery trends.**

### ***SECOND QUARTER SYNOPSIS***

- ◆ Street robberies during the first half of 2009 were up by 14 incidents (23%) over the same time period in 2008. Arrests were made in eight of the street robberies during the second quarter.
- ◆ Two one-night street robbery sprees and a cross-jurisdictional street robbery pattern between Cambridge and Somerville took place during the second quarter.
- ◆ Fourteen commercial robberies were reported during the first half of 2009, representing an 18% decrease from the 2008 first-half total of 17. Two resulted in arrests during the second quarter.
- ◆ Unlike in 2008 when nearly three-quarters of the commercial robberies in the first half of the year were bank robberies, only four banks (29%) have been robbed thus far in 2009.
- ◆ A regional pattern of armed commercial robberies emerged in Boston, Cambridge & Somerville in May.

**See the Pattern Analysis section for more information on robbery trends.**

## **BURGLARY:**

### ***FIRST QUARTER SYNOPSIS***

- ◆ Commercial breaks in the first quarter rose by 60% from 15 incidents in 2008 to 24 in 2009. This substantial increase was the result of a pattern of breaks that took place in Central Sq, which resulted in an arrest in March.
- ◆ Residential burglary dropped by just one incident from the first quarter of 2008 to the first quarter of 2009. Nineteen of the housebreaks in 2009 were attempts where entry into the victims' homes was not gained.
- ◆ Only two definite housebreak patterns emerged in the first three months of 2009, compared to the four that were reported in the same time frame of 2008. The affected neighborhoods in 2009 were Agassiz, Peabody, and North Cambridge in the first pattern, and Mid-Cambridge and Riverside in the second pattern.
- ◆ Laptops, jewelry, MP3 players, televisions, digital cameras, and cash were targeted most often in the housebreaks of the first quarter.
- ◆ Four people were arrested for residential burglaries during the first quarter, two of which were for domestic-related incidents.

### ***SECOND QUARTER SYNOPSIS***

- ◆ After initially seeing an increase in commercial burglaries during the first quarter of 2009, burglaries are now down 10% compared to 2008 for the first half of the year.
- ◆ No commercial burglary arrests were made during the second quarter of 2009 and only one brief pattern of smash-and-grab incidents emerged.
- ◆ Residential burglaries during the first half of 2009 dropped by 13% from the number of incidents reported in the first half of 2008. There have been 158 housebreaks reported thus far in 2009, while there were 182 reporting during this time frame in 2008.
- ◆ Very few housebreak patterns have emerged in Cambridge during the first six months of this year. In the second quarter, only Cambridgeport and Area 4 experienced noteworthy patterns.
- ◆ Arrests were made in three housebreaks during the second quarter.

**See the Pattern Analysis section for more information on burglary patterns.**

## **LARCENY:**

### ***FIRST QUARTER SYNOPSIS***

- ◆ Increases were seen in larcenies from motor vehicles, larcenies of bicycles, and shoplifting incidents, while some of the most noteworthy decreases were reported in larcenies from buildings and residences.
- ◆ Larceny from motor vehicle patterns developed along the Mass Ave corridor between Peabody and Agassiz, along the border between Agassiz and Mid-Cambridge, and in West Cambridge along the periphery of Harvard Square.
- ◆ A pattern of tire thefts from Hondas and Acuras emerged in upper Cambridge in January.
- ◆ A Dorchester man was arrested in connection with a pattern of larcenies from persons that affected cafés, bars, and restaurants in Harvard Sq in January and February.

**For more details, see the Pattern Analysis section.**

### ***SECOND QUARTER SYNOPSIS***

- ◆ Larcenies in the first half of 2009 dropped by 55 incidents compared to the first half of 2008, registering a 4% decrease. The most notable decreases in this category were seen in larcenies from buildings (-27%) and larcenies from residences (-29%).
- ◆ The most substantial increases were reported in larcenies of bicycles (+33%) and shoplifting incidents (+11%). Cambridgeport and Area 4 reported the most bicycle thefts during the second quarter of the year, with 13 and 12 incidents, respectively. An Allston man was arrested in late April in possession of multiple stolen bikes.
- ◆ One established pattern of larcenies from motor vehicles emerged in the Cambridgeport neighborhood in May. A Cambridge man and a Boston teen were arrested in unrelated larceny from motor vehicle incidents during this quarter.
- ◆ Sporadic tire thefts from Hondas and Acuras sprang up between March and May and again in late June.

**For more details, see the Pattern Analysis section.**

## **AUTO THEFT:**

### ***FIRST QUARTER SYNOPSIS***

- ◆ Auto thefts increased by six incidents in 2009 after dropping to their lowest first quarter level in years in 2008. North Cambridge reported the most auto thefts in this time period with seven incidents, while Cambridgeport and Peabody followed close behind with six.
- ◆ At least 60% of the stolen cars have been recovered to date, with about half of the vehicles recovered outside of Cambridge.
- ◆ No definite patterns could be distinguished during the first quarter.

### ***SECOND QUARTER SYNOPSIS***

- ◆ During the second quarter of 2009, 57 auto thefts were reported in Cambridge, bringing the total number of auto thefts thus far in 2009 to 102. This represents a 14% drop from the total number of 119 reported during the first half of 2008.
- ◆ Every neighborhood except Strawberry Hill reported at least one auto theft during the second quarter, but the largest number of incidents were reported in West Cambridge (8 incidents), Peabody (7 incidents), and Cambridgeport (7 incidents).
- ◆ Between February and early April, 18 Hondas were reported stolen in the upper half of Cambridge. Ten of the vehicles have been recovered to date.

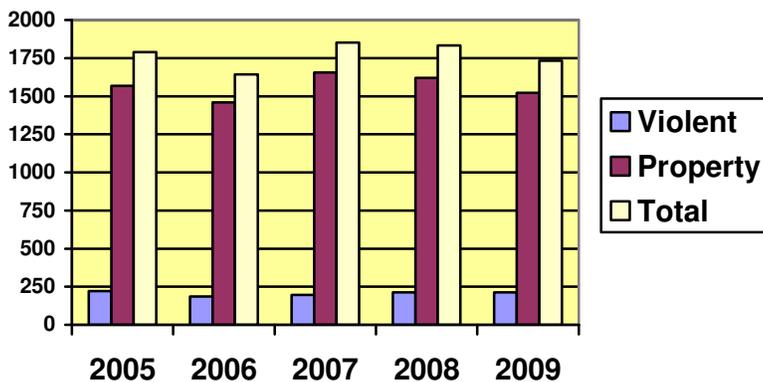
# CRIMES REPORTED IN CAMBRIDGE

January 1 to June 30, 2009

Part I Crime	2006 1/1-6/30	2007 1/1-6/30	2008 1/1-6/30	2009 1/1-6/30	% Change 08-09
<b>Murder</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Inc</b>
<b>Rape</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>133%</b>
Stranger	0	2	2	1	Inc
Non-Stranger	4	9	1	6	Inc
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>+14%</b>
Commercial	21	19	17	14	-18%
Street	73	52	60	74	+23%
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>-13%</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>-13%</b>
Commercial	91	78	40	36	-10%
Residential	192	250	182	158	-13%
<b>Larceny</b>	<b>1072</b>	<b>1187</b>	<b>1280</b>	<b>1225</b>	<b>-4%</b>
Building	193	212	223	163	-27%
From Motor Vehicle	363	476	473	477	+1%
Person	139	138	153	156	+2%
Bicycle	66	65	78	104	+33%
Shoplifting	173	186	184	204	+11%
Residence	106	66	100	71	-29%
MV Plate	14	20	36	23	-36%
Services	6	7	15	14	-7%
Misc.	10	17	18	13	-28%
<b>Auto Theft</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>-14%</b>
<b>Total Violent</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Total Prop.</b>	<b>1460</b>	<b>1655</b>	<b>1621</b>	<b>1521</b>	<b>-6%</b>
<b>Index Total</b>	<b>1644</b>	<b>1852</b>	<b>1834</b>	<b>1733</b>	<b>-6%</b>

\*Note: percentages are not calculated for numbers so small as to lead to a statistically misleading percentage

5 Year Crime Comparison  
January - June



## Highlights: First Six Months in Review

The first half index crime total has decreased steadily over the last two years.

Overall, index crimes in 2009 have decreased by 6% compared to last year. The most drastic increases have been in street robberies, bicycle thefts and shoplifting. On the other hand, there have been notable decreases in aggravated assaults, burglaries and certain categories of larceny.

Violent crime totals have stabilized when compared to the first half of 2008. The balance can be attributed to the decline in aggravated assaults, counteracted by a slight rise in robberies. Both numbers are consistent with those reported in the past.

Property crime totals are down 6% compared to the same time frame in 2008. Larceny has decreased by 4% overall, with significant drops in larcenies from buildings and residences. Larcenies from motor vehicles have remained steady over the past three years and have risen only 1% over 2008. Of the 477 larcenies, 190 (40%) were GPS thefts. These items have been a major target citywide over the past two years. With the current state of the economy, larcenies driven by shoplifting are sure to continue to rise as well. Significant decreases in larcenies from buildings and residences and larcenies of license plates stabilized the larceny category and counterbalanced the increases.

# CRIMES REPORTED IN CAMBRIDGE

Part II Crime	2007 1/1-6/30	2008 1/1-6/30	2009 1/1-6/30	% Change 08-09
<b>Narcotics **</b>	77	55	44	-20%
<b>Malicious Destruction Total</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>-34%</b>
Attempted Theft	28	8	8	0%
Business (Other)	11	13	12	-8%
Business Window	26	18	16	-11%
Car (Other)	69	48	45	-6%
Car Window	99	77	56	-27%
Graffiti	31	62	20	-68%
House Window	15	12	8	-33%
Pinstripping	24	25	17	-32%
Residence (Other)	10	20	17	-15%
Revenge	10	7	4	-43%
Tire Slashing	26	48	20	-58%
<b>Fraud Total</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>-14%</b>
Embezzlement	5	3	5	+67%
Counterfeiting	0	9	8	-11%
Identity Theft	40	68	54	-21%
<b>Forgery/ Uttering Total</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>-16%</b>
Application	8	17	0	-100%
Bad Check	8	12	12	0%
Forged Check	18	19	15	-21%
ATM/Credit Card	74	73	81	+11%
Miscellaneous Forgery	2	9	1	-89%
<b>Con Game Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>-9%</b>
Big Carrot Con	0	4	3	-25%
Utility Impostor Con	1	1	1	0%
Pigeon Drop Con	1	0	0	0%
Charity	0	3	1	-67%
Other/Internet Related	8	20	23	+15%
Miscellaneous Con games	11	5	2	-60%
<b>Sex Offenses Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>-23%</b>
Annoying & Accosting	9	4	4	0%
Indecent Assault	15	25	16	-36%
Indecent Exposure	9	25	15	-40%
Peeping & Spying	2	0	7	Inc
Prostitution and Soliciting	0	2	1	-50%
<b>Disorderly Conduct</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>+30%</b>
<b>Drinking in Public</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>+50%</b>
<b>Extortion/Blackmail</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Inc</b>
<b>Hit &amp; Run Accidents</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>+7%</b>
<b>Kidnapping</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>+33%</b>
<b>Liquor Violations</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>+200%</b>
<b>OUI</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>+48%</b>
<b>Simple Assault</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>+6%</b>
<b>Threats</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>-12%</b>
<b>Trespassing</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-11%</b>
<b>Weapons Violations</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-35%</b>
<b>TOTAL Part II Crimes</b>	<b>1382</b>	<b>1403</b>	<b>1266</b>	<b>-10%</b>

## Highlights: First Six Months in Review

Malicious destruction incidents decreased by a considerable 34% when compared to the first six months of 2008. This can be attributed to sharp declines in smashed car and house windows, graffiti incidents and tire slashings. The top three neighborhoods for malicious destruction incidents were North Cambridge, East Cambridge and Inman Harrington.

The most typical type of fraud in Cambridge tends to be credit and debit card forgery. In a majority of the cases this year, victims reported unauthorized charges made to their credit or bank accounts. Often this occurred after their wallets were stolen or credit cards misplaced, but it was also reported by some victims who were still in possession of their cards and had no knowledge of how someone acquired their information. It is likely that the actual incidence of fraud crimes is higher than the number reported to the police, due to underreporting.

Simple assaults increased by 6% in 2009, which is relatively consistent with past years. Other crimes that saw notable increases were disorderly conduct, hit and run accidents, and OUIs. Despite these increases, the overall Part II crime index was down by 10% when compared to the 2008 time frame.

\*Note: Inc. = percentages are not calculated for numbers so small, so as to prevent a statistically misleading percentage.

\*\*Numbers for narcotics represent all drug incidents that result in police reports in Cambridge, the majority of which involve arrests.

# SECOND QUARTER 2009 PATTERN ANALYSIS AND POLICE RESPONSE STRATEGIES

## **RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES DROP:**

Housebreaks have decreased by 13% thus far in 2009, dropping from 182 incidents in the first six months of 2008 to 158 incidents this year. Electronics (particularly laptops, MP3 players, digital cameras, and televisions), jewelry, and cash have been stolen most frequently in 2009. Patterns developed in Cambridgeport and Area 4 during the second quarter.

The pattern that became apparent in Cambridgeport during the second quarter actually began earlier in the year. Between February and April, as many as twelve similar housebreaks were reported in this neighborhood. More than half of the incidents involved entry through pried or unlocked rear windows, and a majority of the breaks took place during the evening hours between 6:00 p.m. and midnight. A Mattapan resident was believed to be responsible for this pattern; he was arrested in mid-April after he was caught breaking into an apartment in Boston.

The only other pattern that developed in the second quarter took place over a week-long period in mid-June in Area 4. The pattern was very brief with only four reported housebreaks. All of the breaks involved entry through forced or unlocked windows and targeted laptops, cameras, and other electronics. No definite time frame could be established, although midday appeared to be the most likely time of occurrence.

Three housebreaks resulted in arrests during the second quarter, including one daytime incident in which two Boston men attempted to pry open the front door of an apartment while the victim was home. This incident took place in June in the Peabody neighborhood.

## **COMMERCIAL BURGLARIES DOWN IN 2009:**

Commercial burglaries experienced a 10% drop in the first six months of 2009 when compared with the same time frame in 2008. This is a substantial change considering that commercial burglaries had been up 60% at the end of the first quarter of this year. Only one brief pattern of burglaries emerged during the second quarter, allowing the first half total to even out with last year's numbers.

In the aforementioned pattern, three convenience stores in Inman/Harrington and Area 4 experienced a total of four similar smash-and-grab commercial breaks in mid to late May. All of the incidents took place overnight into the early morning hours. The unknown suspect smashed the glass window of the front door in three of the incidents and entered to steal cash and cigarettes. No arrests were made in this pattern and no further incidents were reported.

## **STREET ROBBERY NUMBERS ON THE RISE:**

There were 74 street robberies in the first half of 2009, up 14 incidents over the previous year's first half. In the second quarter of 2009, cell phones were stolen most often, followed by cash and MP3 players. Arrests were made in eight of the second quarter incidents.

The only established street robbery pattern during the second quarter was a cross-jurisdictional pattern involving both Cambridge and Somerville. Between late April and late May, seven similar street robberies were reported in the areas of Harvard Sq and Porter Sq. In these incidents, the suspect brandished a knife and robbed lone victims of their cash, cell phones, and iPods. In more than one incident, he brought the victim to an ATM to retrieve more money. Thanks to a joint effort by the Cambridge Police, Somerville Police, and Transit Police, an Arlington man was arrested during the commission of the seventh robbery on May 22 in Porter Sq.

In addition to the pattern mentioned above, there were also two separate one-night street robbery sprees in Cambridge during the second quarter. On April 12, two armed street robberies were reported

within minutes of each other in the Cambridgeport neighborhood. The suspect robbed two victims of their belongings at gunpoint shortly after 10:00 p.m. Despite a search of the area, officers could not locate the suspect. However, no other incidents of this nature were reported in the area after that night. In the other street robbery spree during this quarter, three Plymouth males were arrested after reportedly committing three street robberies in twenty minutes in lower Cambridge on June 5. A metal chain was used to assault a victim of one of the robberies.

Most of the remaining street robberies reported during the second quarter did not appear to be part of a pattern. A number of the incidents were part of a continuing trend of scattered juvenile-related street robberies that emerged around the Cambridgeside Galleria and MBTA stations in 2008. These robberies appeared to be unrelated except that they typically involved juvenile suspects, young victims, and the theft of cell phones.

### **COMMERCIAL ROBBERIES DROP SLIGHTLY:**

Eight commercial robberies were reported during the second quarter of 2009, bringing the first half total this year to fourteen. This total is three incidents less than the total reported during the same time frame in 2008, representing an 18% drop from 2008 to 2009. There were six unrelated commercial robberies during the second quarter of 2009, two of which were bank robberies. Only two of the incidents during the second quarter were part of a pattern.

The two related incidents in the second quarter were part of a cross-jurisdictional pattern involving Cambridge, Somerville, and Boston and totaling at least seven robberies. The pattern began in late May and continued through late June, targeting gas stations and convenience stores. The unknown suspect typically entered a store, purchased a small item, then pulled out a handgun and demanded money from the clerk. A majority of the incidents took place either late at night or very early in the morning. No suspect was apprehended, but after this crime pattern and surveillance photos of the suspect were featured on local news reports, the incidents ceased.

### **LARCENIES FROM MOTOR VEHICLES REMAIN EVEN WITH 2008:**

There were 227 larcenies from motor vehicles (LMVs) reported in the second quarter of 2009, bringing the 2009 first half total to 477, which is nearly even with the 2008 first half total of 473. Nearly 40% of the larcenies during the first half of 2009 targeted GPS Navigation systems. One of the main concerns is that people continue to leave their GPS systems unattended in plain view on car dashboards, making them easy targets for thieves that may be casing the area.

Only one established pattern of larcenies from motor vehicles emerged during the second quarter. Between mid-May and early June, 19 LMVs were reported in the Cambridgeport neighborhood, specifically along Sidney St and Pacific St. The suspect(s) were entering vehicles by way of smashed windows and taking GPS units. No arrests were made in connection with this pattern, but the incidents dissipated by mid-June, possibly due in part to an increased police presence in the area.

Similar to the first quarter, patterns of overnight tire thefts from Hondas and Acuras surfaced during the second quarter. The first pattern took place across the upper half of the city between March and mid-May, with incidents occurring most often overnight on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. This pattern cooled in May, but re-emerged in late June with seven more incidents.

## **CAMBRIDGE POLICE RESPONSE STRATEGIES**

The Cambridge Police Department utilizes a number of different strategies and tactics to identify and interdict crime patterns and trends. *Problem Oriented Policing* is a technique that is employed to combat long-standing crime problems. With POP, the Department analyzes situations, responds employing an array of suitable strategies, and then assesses the outcome of these actions. The community is kept abreast of emerging hotspots in their neighborhoods through scheduled monthly meetings. In more serious cases, a crime alert is dispatched to the affected area.

If ongoing target crime patterns arise, various patrol responses are deployed. Some officers are used as decoys, surveillance units cover potential suspects, and patrol cruisers are directed to specific locations for deterrence and suppression of criminal activity. Regardless of the response strategy, the safety of all citizens remains paramount to the Cambridge Police Department.

## **SOME TIPS FOR PROTECTING YOUR PROPERTY**

### **PREVENTING RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY**

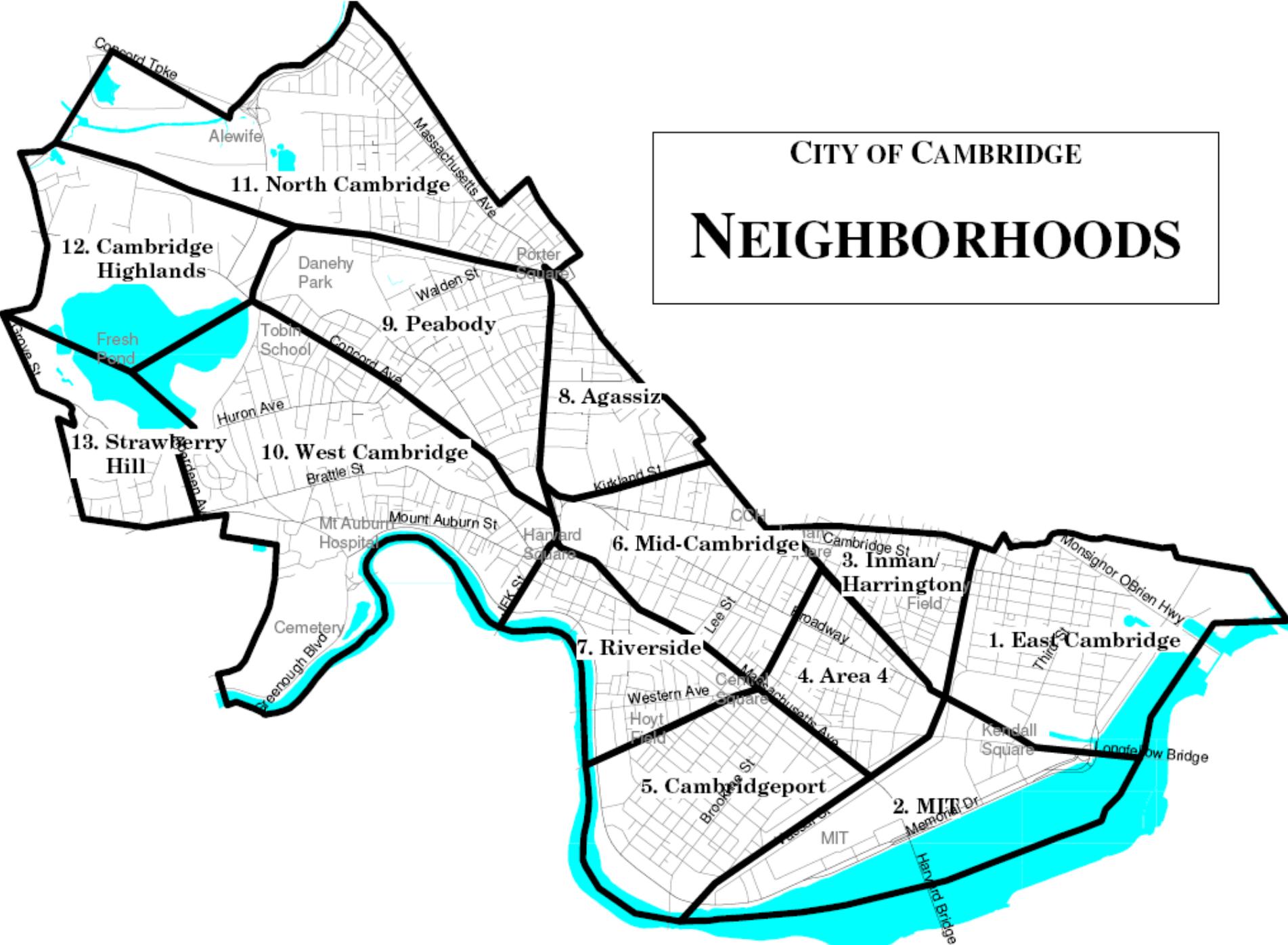
- **Try “casing” your own home, at night and during the day.** Attempt to gain access to your home when the doors and windows are locked and “secure.” Make sure you have some identification on you in case your neighbors call the police.
- **Doors should be made from strong wood or metal and should be locked with a deadbolt.** Install guards on windows that prevent them from being raised more than a few inches.
- If you live in an apartment building that has a main entryway, make sure that security is enforced at the main door. **Never prop open the door or let someone in behind you.** Report residents who do this to your landlord.
- **When you go away**, even for the evening, **leave a light or two on** (perhaps on a timer) as well as the television or radio.
- **Consider buying motion sensor** lights outside your home and out of reach so the burglars cannot unscrew the light. Also, buy variable light timers to activate lights in your home.
- **Request a Cambridge Police Department Residential Security Survey**, which provides a general assessment of the vulnerability of your residence. For more information, call (617) 349-6009.

### **PREVENTING LARCENIES FROM MOTOR VEHICLES**

- **Use common sense when leaving your vehicle unattended.**
- **Make sure all valuables are out of sight.** If you cannot bring valuables with you when you leave the car, at least move them to the trunk or under the seat where they will not be seen. Leaving expensive items out in the open creates an easy target, attracting thieves that may be casing the area.
  - ★ ***This is particularly important with GPS systems, laptops, and iPods.*** ALWAYS remove detachable GPS systems from dashboards and windshields. Make sure to remove all bases, cords, and chargers as well, and if possible, clean the dashboard or windshield to remove any indication that a GPS system was there.
- **Lock all doors when leaving the vehicle.** Thieves often pull door handles looking for unlocked cars.
- Larcenies from motor vehicles are crimes of opportunity and can be easily prevented. **Always hide or remove your belongings, lock your car, and take your keys.**
- **If your vehicle is broken into, please report it to the police**, even if nothing significant was taken or no serious damage resulted from the incident. The more information we have about these crimes (including locations, damage, and items stolen), the more likely it will be that we can stop the people who are committing them.

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

# NEIGHBORHOODS



# FIVE-YEAR NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME COMPARISON

## NEIGHBORHOOD 1: East Cambridge

CRIME	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006	Jan-June 2007	Jan-June 2008	Jan-June 2009
Housebreaks	41	14	10	11	11
Street Robbery	7	10	8	11	9
Auto Theft	16	8	12	9	10
Larceny from MVs	30	54	66	69	42
Malicious Destruction	49	28	58	45	25
Drug Incidents	7	2	10	10	4

## NEIGHBORHOOD 2: M.I.T. Area

CRIME	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006	Jan-June 2007	Jan-June 2008	Jan-June 2009
Housebreaks	1	1	1	0	0
Street Robbery	2	0	1	2	3
Auto Theft	3	5	2	4	2
Larceny from MVs	8	7	12	17	21
Malicious Destruction	5	4	0	3	3
Drug Incidents	1	1	2	0	1

## NEIGHBORHOOD 3: Inman/Harrington

CRIME	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006	Jan-June 2007	Jan-June 2008	Jan-June 2009
Housebreaks	19	12	38	23	15
Street Robbery	8	12	7	4	4
Auto Theft	8	13	6	12	7
Larceny from MVs	14	31	51	19	8
Malicious Destruction	33	28	41	36	25
Drug Incidents	6	7	8	6	5

## NEIGHBORHOOD 4: Area 4

CRIME	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006	Jan-June 2007	Jan-June 2008	Jan-June 2009
Housebreaks	14	27	44	21	16
Street Robbery	14	20	9	13	8
Auto Theft	14	11	16	15	6
Larceny from MVs	23	26	42	25	30
Malicious Destruction	32	32	33	53	20
Drug Incidents	22	24	19	9	8

### NEIGHBORHOOD 5: Cambridgeport

CRIME	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006	Jan-June 2007	Jan-June 2008	Jan-June 2009
Housebreaks	34	21	34	13	23
Street Robbery	18	7	7	7	15
Auto Theft	20	13	16	8	13
Larceny from MVs	44	28	35	60	72
Malicious Destruction	35	36	37	40	20
Drug Incidents	13	10	18	5	7

### NEIGHBORHOOD 6: Mid-Cambridge

CRIME	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006	Jan-June 2007	Jan-2008	Jan-June 2009
Housebreaks	48	42	32	22	21
Street Robbery	7	5	3	3	9
Auto Theft	14	14	11	16	7
Larceny from MVs	30	46	53	47	75
Malicious Destruction	55	27	32	17	23
Drug Incidents	15	4	9	5	5

### NEIGHBORHOOD 7: Riverside

CRIME	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006	Jan-June 2007	Jan-June 2008	Jan-June 2009
Housebreaks	18	13	18	12	16
Street Robbery	10	2	5	2	8
Auto Theft	9	8	3	9	7
Larceny from MVs	24	17	26	36	27
Malicious Destruction	28	29	32	24	20
Drug Incidents	8	3	6	8	1

### NEIGHBORHOOD 8: Agassiz

CRIME	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006	Jan-June 2007	Jan-June 2008	Jan-June 2009
Housebreaks	6	18	4	13	3
Street Robbery	1	1	3	1	2
Auto Theft	8	7	4	3	9
Larceny from MVs	18	22	46	33	40
Malicious Destruction	7	10	10	5	2
Drug Incidents	2	1	0	0	1

### NEIGHBORHOOD 9: Peabody

CRIME	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006	Jan-June 2007	Jan-June 2008	Jan-June 2009
Housebreaks	25	12	27	26	21
Street Robbery	3	4	2	3	5
Auto Theft	10	10	8	13	13
Larceny from MVs	27	46	43	40	46
Malicious Destruction	34	35	32	26	23
Drug Incidents	1	1	1	2	2

### NEIGHBORHOOD 10: West Cambridge

CRIME	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006	Jan-June 2007	Jan-June 2008	Jan-June 2009
Housebreaks	25	12	9	21	8
Street Robbery	1	2	5	2	1
Auto Theft	12	6	11	9	12
Larceny from MVs	22	37	50	55	64
Malicious Destruction	20	31	36	31	17
Drug Incidents	2	2	1	5	1

### NEIGHBORHOOD 11: North Cambridge

CRIME	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006	Jan-June 2007	Jan-June 2008	Jan-June 2009
Housebreaks	27	11	28	13	21
Street Robbery	6	7	2	11	9
Auto Theft	18	13	12	7	12
Larceny from MVs	35	24	36	41	34
Malicious Destruction	36	49	29	43	30
Drug Incidents	9	7	3	4	9

### NEIGHBORHOOD 12: Cambridge Highlands

CRIME	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006	Jan-June 2007	Jan-June 2008	Jan-June 2009
Housebreaks	1	3	1	1	2
Street Robbery	2	1	0	1	0
Auto Theft	3	2	3	2	3
Larceny from MVs	11	11	10	11	5
Malicious Destruction	8	7	4	6	5
Drug Incidents	1	1	0	0	0

## NEIGHBORHOOD 13: Strawberry Hill

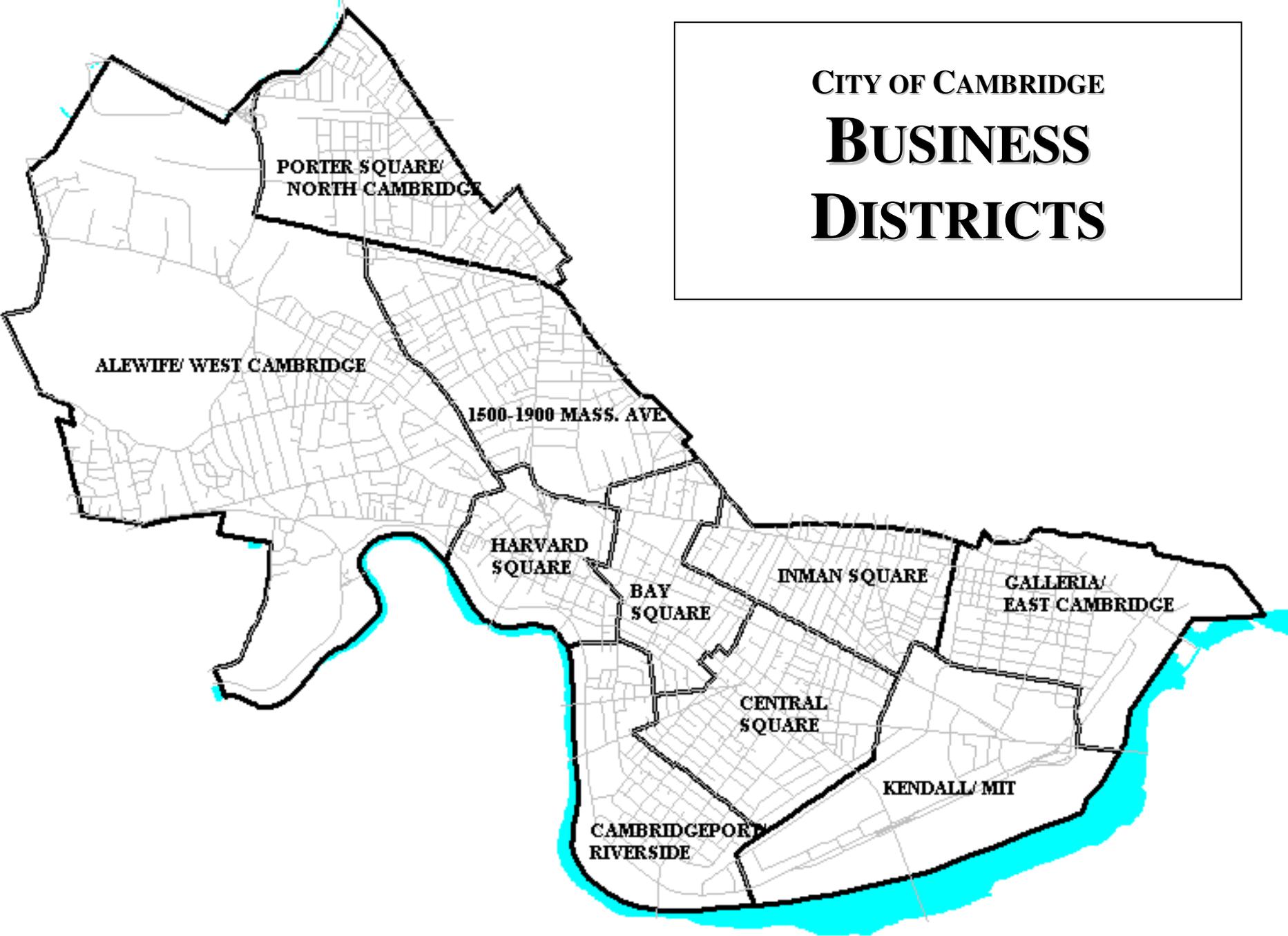
CRIME	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006	Jan-June 2007	Jan-June 2008	Jan-June 2009
Housebreaks	3	6	4	4	1
Street Robbery	1	2	0	0	1
Auto Theft	2	2	3	5	1
Larceny from MVs	6	13	6	18	13
Malicious Destruction	11	5	6	7	10
Drug Incidents	0	1	0	0	0

### *Neighborhood Crime Comparison Table January - June 2009*

Crime	East Camb	MIT	Inman	Area 4	Camb-port	Mid-Camb	River-side	Agassiz	Peabody	West Camb	North Camb	Camb Highlands	Strawberry Hill
Auto Theft	10	2	7	6	13	7	7	9	13	12	12	3	1
Drug Incidents	4	1	5	8	7	5	1	1	2	1	9	0	0
Housebreak	11	0	15	16	23	21	16	3	21	8	21	2	1
Larceny from Building	22	7	3	14	20	13	14	16	9	22	9	13	1
Larceny from MV	42	21	8	30	72	75	27	40	46	64	34	5	13
Larceny from Person	26	5	4	13	17	8	24	5	4	35	11	3	1
Larceny from Residence	9	0	6	3	7	18	2	1	10	6	8	0	1
Larceny of Bicycle	6	2	10	13	13	12	6	1	12	12	17	0	0
Larceny of Plate	4	0	3	3	1	5	2	0	2	0	1	1	1
Larceny of Services	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	3	3	2	0
Mal. Dest. Property	25	3	25	20	20	23	20	2	23	17	30	5	10
Street Robbery	9	3	4	8	15	9	8	2	5	1	9	0	1

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# BUSINESS DISTRICTS



# FIVE-YEAR BUSINESS DISTRICTS CRIME COMPARISON

## BUSINESS DISTRICT 1: East Cambridge/Galleria

CRIME	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006	Jan-June 2007	Jan-June 2008	Jan-June 2009
Larceny from Buildings	38	39	28	27	20
Larceny from Person	25	17	14	20	26
Commercial Burglary	8	12	13	5	3
Commercial Robbery	5	2	0	3	1
Shoplifting	79	46	61	88	93
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	31	31	21	33	23

## BUSINESS DISTRICT 2: M.I.T./Kendall Sq./Lower Broadway

CRIME	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006	Jan-June 2007	Jan-June 2008	Jan-June 2009
Larceny from Buildings	19	18	13	20	12
Larceny from Person	3	5	8	8	5
Commercial Burglary	3	12	1	3	1
Commercial Robbery	0	0	1	2	0
Shoplifting	2	3	2	1	1
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	10	4	4	9	15

## BUSINESS DISTRICT 3: Inman Square/Harrington

CRIME	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006	Jan-June 2007	Jan-June 2008	Jan-June 2009
Larceny from Buildings	23	15	11	16	4
Larceny from Person	5	15	10	12	6
Commercial Burglary	7	10	13	6	4
Commercial Robbery	10	2	2	4	3
Shoplifting	2	1	3	3	0
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	17	19	22	29	18

## BUSINESS DISTRICT 4: Central Square Area

CRIME	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006	Jan-June 2007	Jan-June 2008	Jan-June 2009
Larceny from Buildings	45	34	55	35	33
Larceny from Person	34	40	32	47	35
Commercial Burglary	6	15	14	12	13
Commercial Robbery	8	2	1	3	6
Shoplifting	46	56	59	37	36
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	42	34	29	38	30

### **BUSINESS DISTRICT 5: Cambridgeport/Riverside**

<b>CRIME</b>	<b>Jan-June 2005</b>	<b>Jan-June 2006</b>	<b>Jan-June 2007</b>	<b>Jan-June 2008</b>	<b>Jan-June 2009</b>
Larceny from Buildings	9	7	6	8	5
Larceny from Person	2	3	6	3	4
Commercial Burglary	1	5	0	1	0
Commercial Robbery	4	2	0	0	1
Shoplifting	11	10	10	5	9
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	12	17	7	14	19

### **BUSINESS DISTRICT 6: Bay Square/Upper Broadway**

<b>CRIME</b>	<b>Jan-June 2005</b>	<b>Jan-June 2006</b>	<b>Jan-June 2007</b>	<b>Jan-June 2008</b>	<b>Jan-June 2009</b>
Larceny from Buildings	21	10	10	16	11
Larceny from Person	3	4	7	4	4
Commercial Burglary	11	5	4	0	2
Commercial Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Shoplifting	2	1	0	0	0
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	14	12	18	26	20

### **BUSINESS DISTRICT 7: Harvard Square**

<b>CRIME</b>	<b>Jan-June 2005</b>	<b>Jan-June 2006</b>	<b>Jan-June 2007</b>	<b>Jan-June 2008</b>	<b>Jan-June 2009</b>
Larceny from Buildings	45	24	28	34	21
Larceny from Person	67	32	35	33	51
Commercial Burglary	7	7	7	4	5
Commercial Robbery	2	0	6	1	0
Shoplifting	26	34	27	32	26
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	14	16	20	23	11

### **BUSINESS DISTRICT 8: Massachusetts Avenue (1500-1900 block)**

<b>CRIME</b>	<b>Jan-June 2005</b>	<b>Jan-June 2006</b>	<b>Jan-June 2007</b>	<b>Jan-June 2008</b>	<b>Jan-June 2009</b>
Larceny from Buildings	31	10	14	20	25
Larceny from Person	6	10	7	11	8
Commercial Burglary	10	5	4	3	3
Commercial Robbery	1	1	3	0	1
Shoplifting	2	3	0	1	1
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	19	16	23	20	24

### BUSINESS DISTRICT 9: Porter Square/North Cambridge

CRIME	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006	Jan-June 2007	Jan-June 2008	Jan-June 2009
Larceny from Buildings	10	18	11	20	8
Larceny from Person	4	9	8	7	11
Commercial Burglary	7	14	9	5	1
Commercial Robbery	3	7	4	2	0
Shoplifting	15	9	15	4	27
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	18	18	16	19	23

### BUSINESS DISTRICT 10: Alewife/West Cambridge

CRIME	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006	Jan-June 2007	Jan-June 2008	Jan-June 2009
Larceny from Buildings	22	18	36	27	24
Larceny from Person	8	4	11	8	6
Commercial Burglary	8	6	13	1	4
Commercial Robbery	5	5	2	2	2
Shoplifting	22	10	9	13	11
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	22	23	20	26	18

### Business District Crime Comparison Table January-June 2009

Crime	East Cambrid ge/Galler ia	Mit/Kendal Sq./ Lower Broadway	Inman Sq./ Harrington	Central Sq.	Cambridge port/ Riverside	Bay Sq./ Upper Broadway	Harvard Sq.	Mass Ave	Porter Sq./North Camb.	Alewife/ West Camb
Larceny from Buildings	20	12	4	33	5	11	21	25	8	24
Larceny from Person	26	5	6	35	4	4	51	8	11	6
Commercial Burglary	3	1	4	13	0	2	5	3	1	4
Commercial Robbery	1	0	3	6	1	0	0	1	0	2
Shoplifting	93	1	0	36	9	0	26	1	27	11
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfei ting	23	15	18	30	19	20	11	24	23	18