



Cambridge Police Department BridgeStat

April 2026

Produced by the Crime Analysis Unit



Part I Total Crime

An analysis of the serious crime statistics for the first four months of 2026 points to a notable decrease of 18% in the Part One index total for Cambridge when compared with 2025. During the first four months of the year, there were 855 serious crimes reported in the City. For the same time period in 2025, the combined total for Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny & Auto Theft was 1,049 incidents. When measured against the five-year average, a 6% drop in the crime index has been registered.

Further analysis of the crime totals for the first four months of 2026 indicates that violent crimes recorded a 2% increase when compared with last year. There was one homicide, eight rapes, 22 robberies, and 108 aggravated assaults recorded from the beginning of the year through April 27, 2026.

Conversely, the numbers indicate that property crimes have dropped 22% so far in 2026 with crime totals registering significantly under the 2025 amount. The 42% decrease in shoplifting and 33% drop in larceny of bicycles during the first four months of the year are some of the key trend indicators in 2026 that have driven the downward curve in the property crime index. This winter was colder and snowier than recent years, which has undoubtedly contributed to the reduction in reported crimes.

When analyzing the serious crime totals of April 2026 versus the previous month of March 2026, there was no change in the number of index incidents, with 226 crimes reported in both time periods.

	<u>4 Week Snapshot</u>			<u>Year to Date</u>			<u>Five Year</u>	
	3/3/26 - 3/30/26	3/31/26 - 4/27/26	Change	2025	2026	Change	Avg	Change
Total Violent Crime	34	37	9%	136	139	2%	119	17%
Total Property Crime	192	189	-2%	913	716	-22%	788	-9%
Total Part I Crime	226	226	0%	1049	855	-18%	906	-6%



Part I Property Crime

Analysis of property crime totals through April 2026 reveals a 22% decrease when measured against the same time in 2025 and a 9% drop below the five-year average of 788.

An equal number of property crime categories recorded decreases and increase when measured against the first four months of 2025. However, a 56% decrease in larceny from person, a 33% drop in bicycle thefts and a substantial reduction of 42% in shopliftings (down 179 incidents) led to the overall reduction in property crimes so far this year. The only increases worth noting are a 19% rise in larcenies from residences, likely due to increased reports of package thefts around the City, and a 24% increase in housebreaks (although this crime type is still down 16% from the five-year average).

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	3/3/26 - 3/30/26	3/31/26 - 4/27/26	Change	2025	2026	Change	Avg	Change
Burglary	16	23	44%	64	65	2%	71	-8%
Commercial Break	5	5	0%	31	24	-23%	22	9%
Housebreak	11	18	64%	33	41	24%	49	-16%
Larceny	172	159	-8%	823	633	-23%	688	-8%
Larceny (Misc)	8	5	-38%	16	22	38%	20	10%
Larceny from Building	21	13	-38%	58	60	3%	62	-3%
Larceny from MV	20	20	0%	77	75	-3%	97	-23%
Larceny from Person	2	4	100%	25	11	-56%	27	-59%
Larceny from Residence	44	25	-43%	118	140	19%	116	21%
Larceny of Bicycle	18	31	72%	93	62	-33%	97	-36%
Larceny of Plate	4	2	-50%	5	11	120%	9	22%
Larceny of Services	0	3	IN-CALC	3	3	0%	5	-40%
Shoplifting	55	56	2%	428	249	-42%	255	-2%
Auto Theft	4	7	75%	26	18	-31%	29	-38%
Total Property Crime	192	189	-2%	913	716	-22%	788	-9%



Part I Violent Crime

From January 1st to April 27th, 2026, there were 139 violent crimes recorded in Cambridge, three incidents (2%) above last year's total of 136 incidents and 20 incidents (17%) above the 119 crimes forecasted for the first four months of the year.

There were eight rapes reported in Cambridge through April 27th, which is even with the number reported during the first four months of 2025.

The trend observed during the past few years of a high percentage of aggravated assaults and street robberies occurring in Central Square may slowly be starting to re-emerge after a delayed start in 2026. Thirty of the 108 aggravated assaults year-to-date (or 28%) have been reported in Central Square, as well as six of the 17 street robberies (or 35%).

The first homicide of the year in Cambridge was reported on January 6, 2026. At approximately 7:52pm, officers responded to a Norfolk Street apartment complex for a report of a stabbing. One victim was located with serious injuries and was transported to a local hospital, where he later died. Victor Rivas, 51, of South Boston was arrested and charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon in connection with this incident. The preliminary investigation suggests that there was an altercation inside an apartment between the defendant and the male victim, who are believed to be known to each other. Both parties sustained injuries during the altercation. This incident remains under active investigation.

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	3/3/26 - 3/30/26	3/31/26 - 4/27/26	Change	2025	2026	Change	Avg	Change
Homicide	0	0	IN-CALC	1	1	0%	0	IN-CALC
Rape	3	2	-33%	8	8	0%	11	-27%
Robbery	9	5	-44%	23	22	-4%	26	-15%
Commercial Robbery	3	2	-33%	7	5	-29%	8	-38%
Street Robbery	6	3	-50%	16	17	6%	18	-6%
Aggravated Assault	22	30	36%	104	108	4%	82	32%
Total Violent Crime	34	37	9%	136	139	2%	119	17%



MURDER

No Patterns

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- The last reported homicide in Cambridge prior to the January 2026 incident took place on January 13, 2025, shortly before 11:30pm. This was the first homicide reported in the City in over a year. One victim, 21-year-old Angel Nieves of Springfield and formerly of Cambridge, was located with multiple gunshot wounds outside of a residence on Clifton Street. He was transported to a local hospital where he was later pronounced deceased. This incident remains under active investigation.
- There were no murders recorded in Cambridge in 2024. This has happened only four other times in the past 20 years—in 2004, 2007, 2010, and 2022.
- Officers responded to the area of 10 Magazine Street in Central Square shortly after midnight on November 23, 2023. Two individuals with gunshot wounds were located and transported to a Boston hospital. One victim, 27-year-old Danasia Greene of Cambridge, was pronounced deceased at the hospital. The second victim, a 26-year-old male from Boston, was treated for non-life-threatening injuries. It remains under investigation.

Percent Change*

Last 4 Weeks

Previous Year

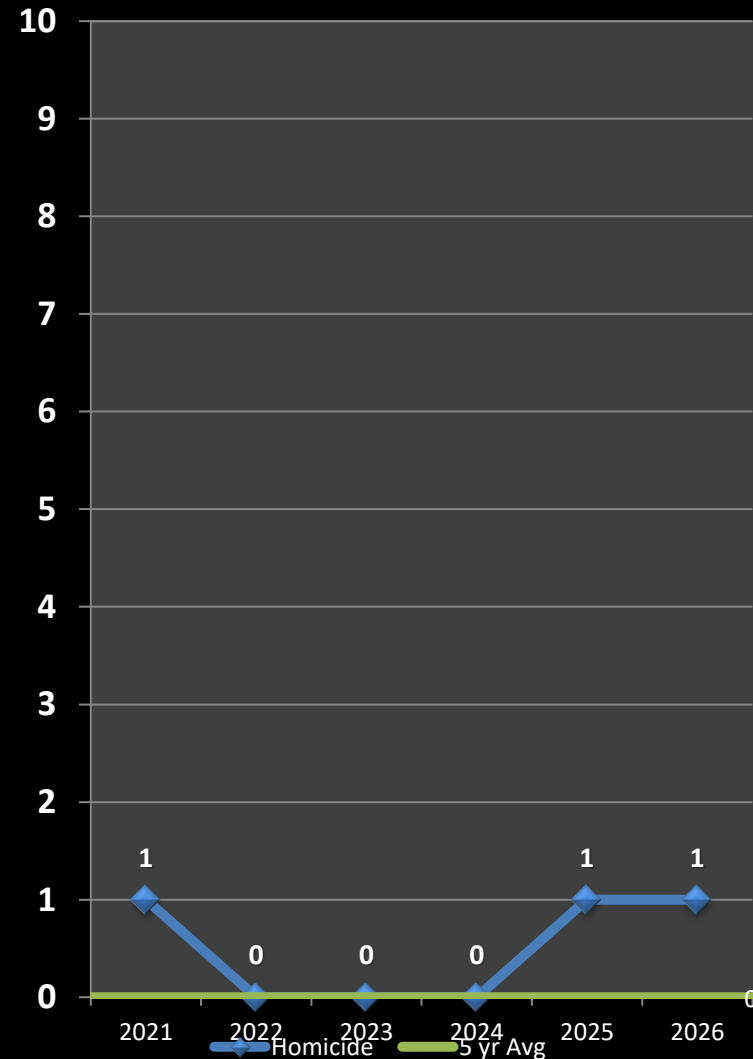
5-Year Average

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RAPE

No Patterns

- There have been eight rapes reported in Cambridge so far in 2026, which is even with the eight reported during the first four months of 2025 and is down three (-27%) from the five-year weighted average of 11.
- The rapes reported so far in 2026 have been categorized as five domestic assaults, one acquaintance rape, one contact incident, and one blitz incident.
- The total number of reported rapes tends to fluctuate from year to year, but the number of stranger-to-stranger rapes reported each year in Cambridge—typically between 5 and 15—remains extremely low.

Percent Change*

Last 4 Weeks

-33%

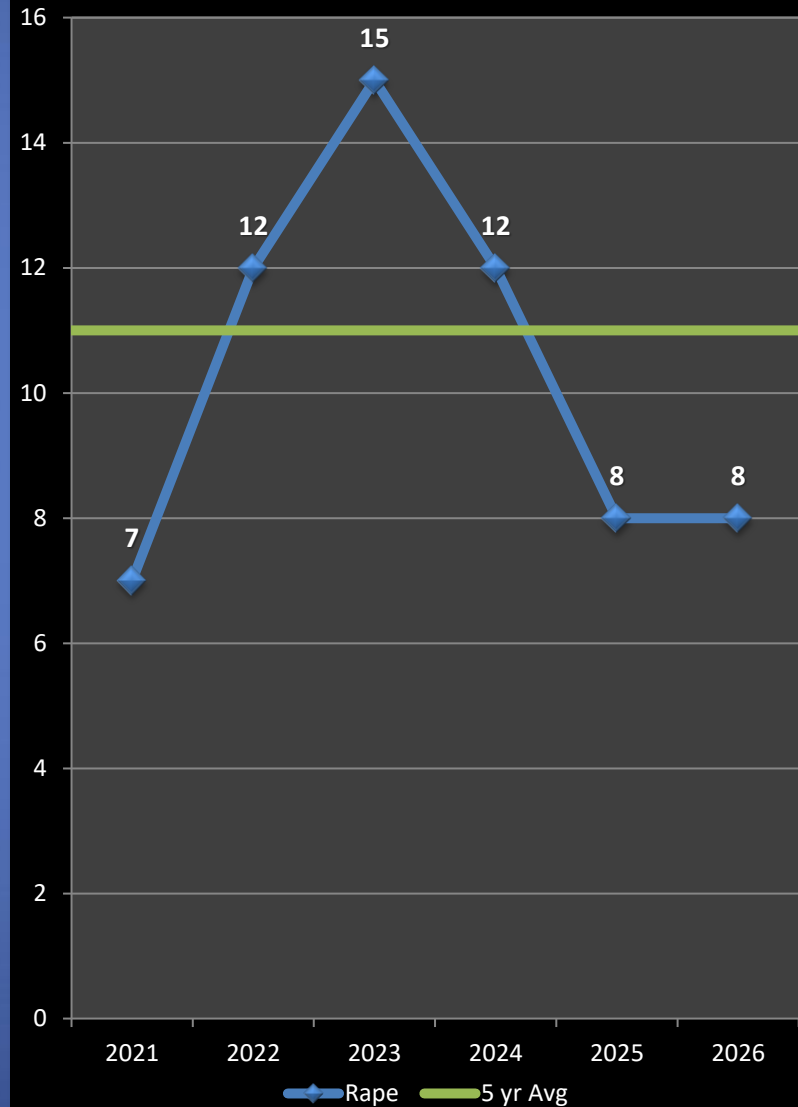
Previous Year

0%

5-Year Average

-27%

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AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

No Patterns

- The total of 108 aggravated assaults reported through April 27, 2026, is 4% higher than that reported during the first four months of 2025. The total reported through 4/27 is also 32% above the five-year average of 82.
- The 108 aggravated assaults reported so far in 2026 are comprised of the following classifications: 32 domestic altercations; 27 unprovoked scenarios; nine shop owner/patron assaults; seven each of assaults between acquaintances and traffic & parking assaults; five each of psychotic episodes, affrays, and assaults on police officers; four juvenile assaults; three landlord/neighbor assaults; two workplace incidents; and one each of bar assaults and third lover situations.
- After a few slow months, the trend observed during the past few years of a high percentage of aggravated assaults taking place in Central Square appears to gradually be emerging again in 2026. Thirty of the 108 assaults year-to-date (or 28%) have taken place in that business district thus far. In April, 10 assaults took place in Central Square, followed by four each in Alewife and Inman Square.
- There has been one confirmed shots fired incident through 4/27 of 2026, which resulted in no injuries. Through the same time period in 2025, there were four shots fired incidents, three resulting in gunshot wounds (two non-fatal and one homicide) and one resulting in no injuries.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

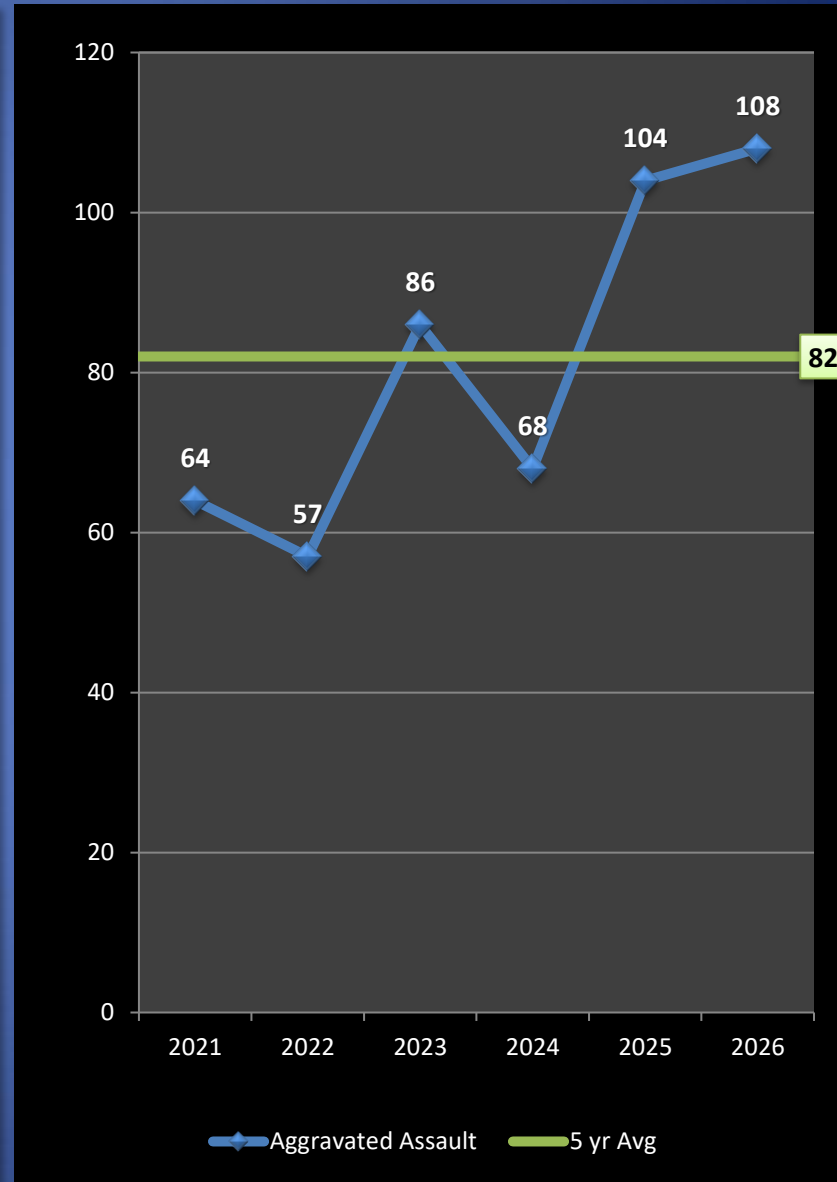
+36%

Previous Year

+4%

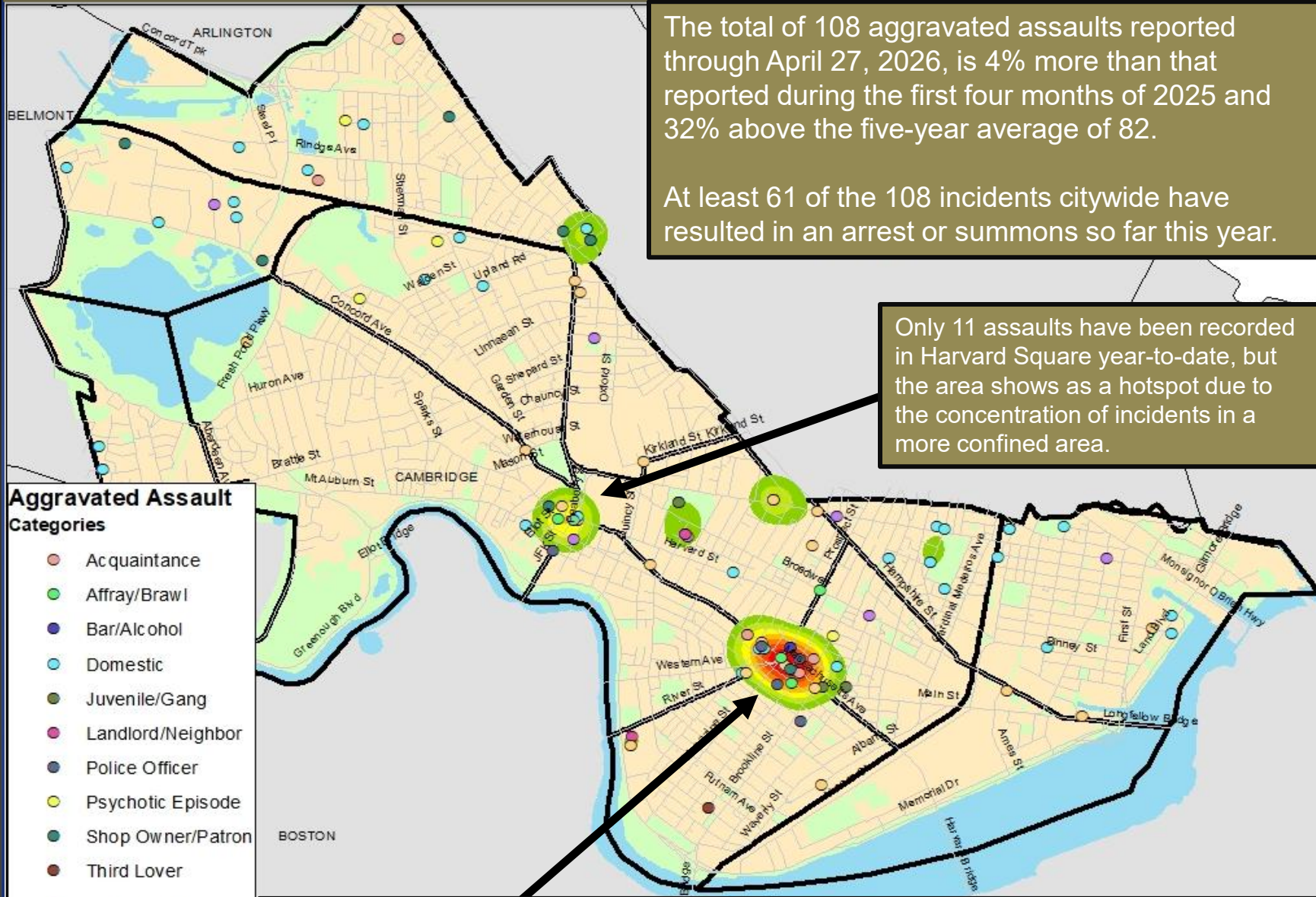
5-Year Average

+32%





Geographic Breakdown of Aggravated Assaults: 1.1.26 – 4.27.26



The total of 108 aggravated assaults reported through April 27, 2026, is 4% more than that reported during the first four months of 2025 and 32% above the five-year average of 82.

At least 61 of the 108 incidents citywide have resulted in an arrest or summons so far this year.

Only 11 assaults have been recorded in Harvard Square year-to-date, but the area shows as a hotspot due to the concentration of incidents in a more confined area.

- Aggravated Assault Categories**
- Acquaintance
 - Affray/Brawl
 - Bar/Alcohol
 - Domestic
 - Juvenile/Gang
 - Landlord/Neighbor
 - Police Officer
 - Psychotic Episode
 - Shop Owner/Patron
 - Third Lover
 - Traffic Parking
 - Unprovoked
 - Workplace

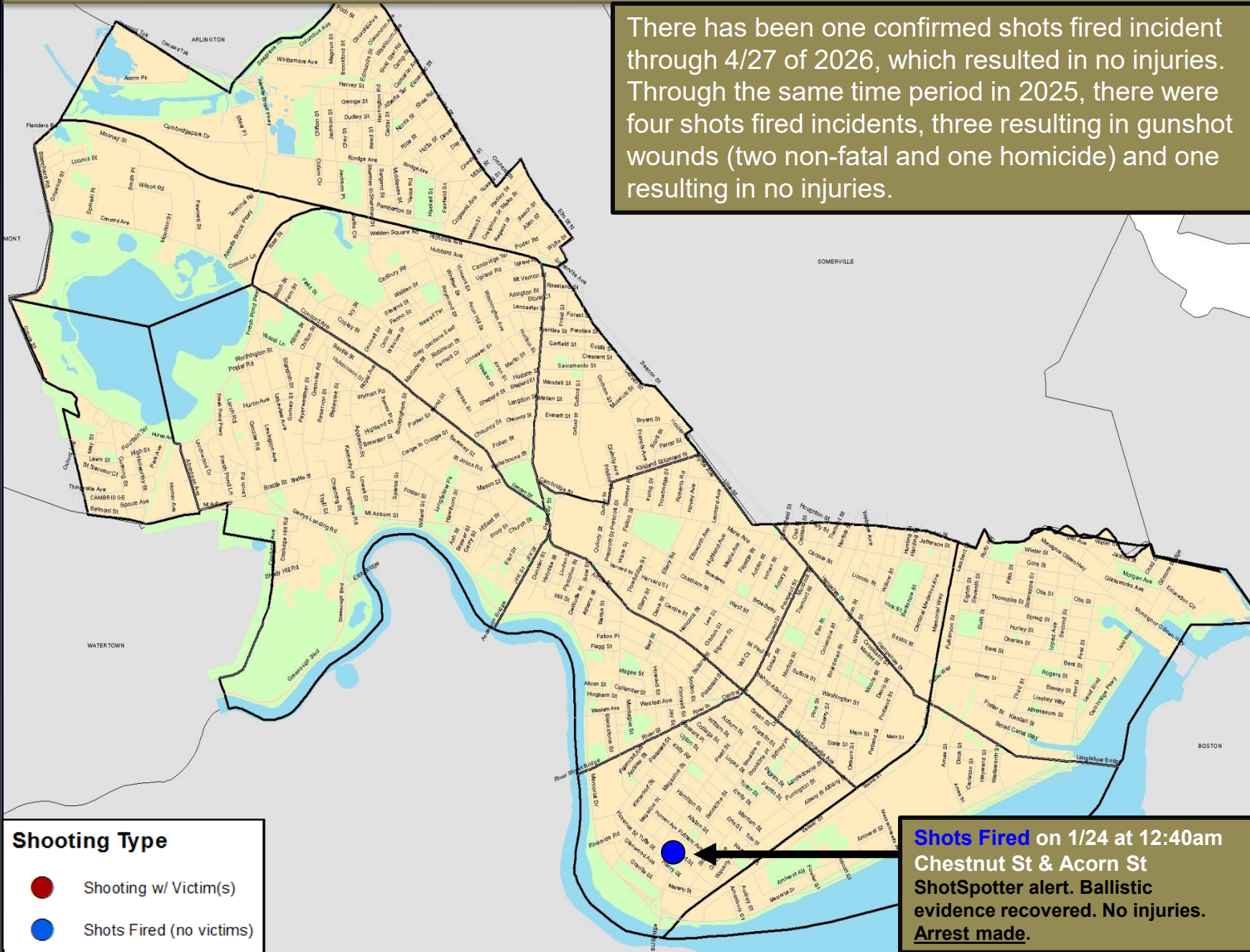
Central Square has recorded 30 assaults year-to-date, with unprovoked assaults being the top category, accounting for eight of the incidents, followed by acquaintance assaults, domestic assaults, affrays, and assaults on police officers with four each.



Shootings & Shots Fired in Cambridge: 1.1.26 – 4.27.26

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Shooting Type

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

Shots Fired on 1/24 at 12:40am Chestnut St & Acorn St ShotSpotter alert. Ballistic evidence recovered. No injuries. Arrest made.



Robbery

No Patterns

- The five-year average for overall robbery in Cambridge through the first four months of the year is 26 incidents. In 2026, 22 total robberies have been recorded to date, which translates to a 15% drop below the projected total and a 4% decrease below the 23 robberies reported through 4/27 in 2025.
- Five commercial robberies have been reported year-to-date in 2026, down two incidents (-29%) from the first four months of 2025 and down three (-38%) from the five-year average of eight. All five robberies so far have been unrelated, but two of the five involved shoplifting incidents at stores that escalated into robberies. This was a frequent scenario throughout much of 2025 as well.
- Street robberies year-to-date in 2026 are down one incident (-6%) below the five-year average of 18 and are up one incident (+6%) above the 16 street robberies reported during the same time frame in 2025. No street robbery patterns have emerged anywhere in Cambridge year-to-date, although two unprovoked incidents in Central Sq in April targeted the same victim.
- The trend observed during the past few years of a high percentage of street robberies occurring in Central Square may slowly be starting to re-emerge after a delayed start in 2026. Six of the 17 street robberies (or 35%) year-to-date have been reported in this area.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

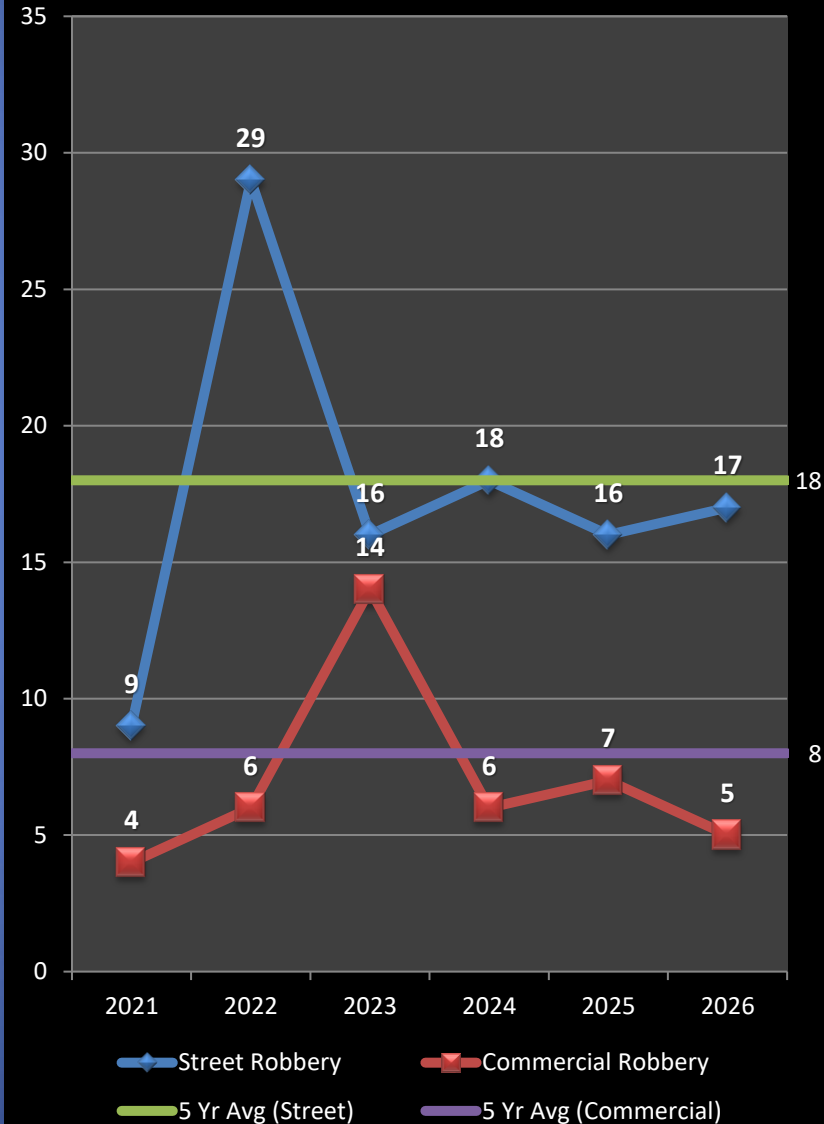
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Previous Year

-4%

5-Year Average

-15%

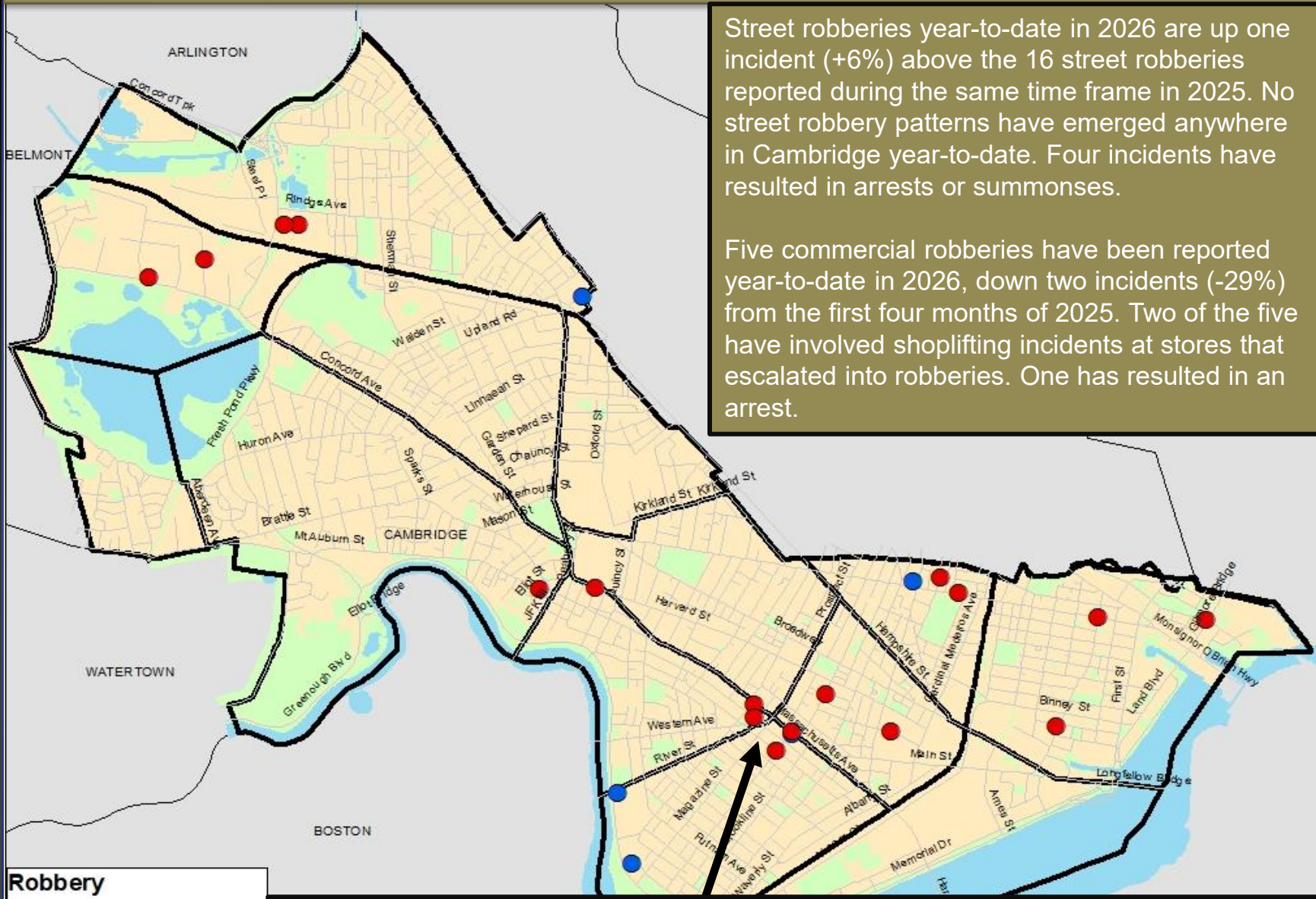




Geographic Breakdown of Street & Commercial Robberies: 1.1.26 – 4.27.26

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Robbery Type

- Commercial Robbery
- Street Robbery

Street robberies year-to-date in 2026 are up one incident (+6%) above the 16 street robberies reported during the same time frame in 2025. No street robbery patterns have emerged anywhere in Cambridge year-to-date. Four incidents have resulted in arrests or summonses.

Five commercial robberies have been reported year-to-date in 2026, down two incidents (-29%) from the first four months of 2025. Two of the five have involved shoplifting incidents at stores that escalated into robberies. One has resulted in an arrest.

The trend observed during the past few years of a high percentage of assaults and street robberies occurring in Central Square may slowly be starting to re-emerge after a delayed start in 2026. Six of the 17 street robberies (or 35%) year-to-date have been reported in this area.



Burglary

No Patterns

- The property index crime of burglary, the combination of residential and commercial breaks, recorded an increase of 2% (one incident) through April 27th of 2026 when compared to the 64 incidents reported during the first four months of 2025. The total of 65 burglary incidents reported thus far in 2026 is conversely 8% (six incidents) below the five-year average of 71.
- Housebreaks through April 27th increased by eight incidents (24%) from 33 in 2025 to 41 in 2026.
- Of the 41 housebreaks that have occurred so far in 2026, the Cambridgeport, North Cambridge and Peabody neighborhoods have reported the most with seven each.
- Commercial breaks are down by seven incidents (23%), dropping from 31 incidents in the first four months of 2025 to 24 in 2026.
- There are no defined patterns of residential or commercial burglaries anywhere in the city at the present time.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

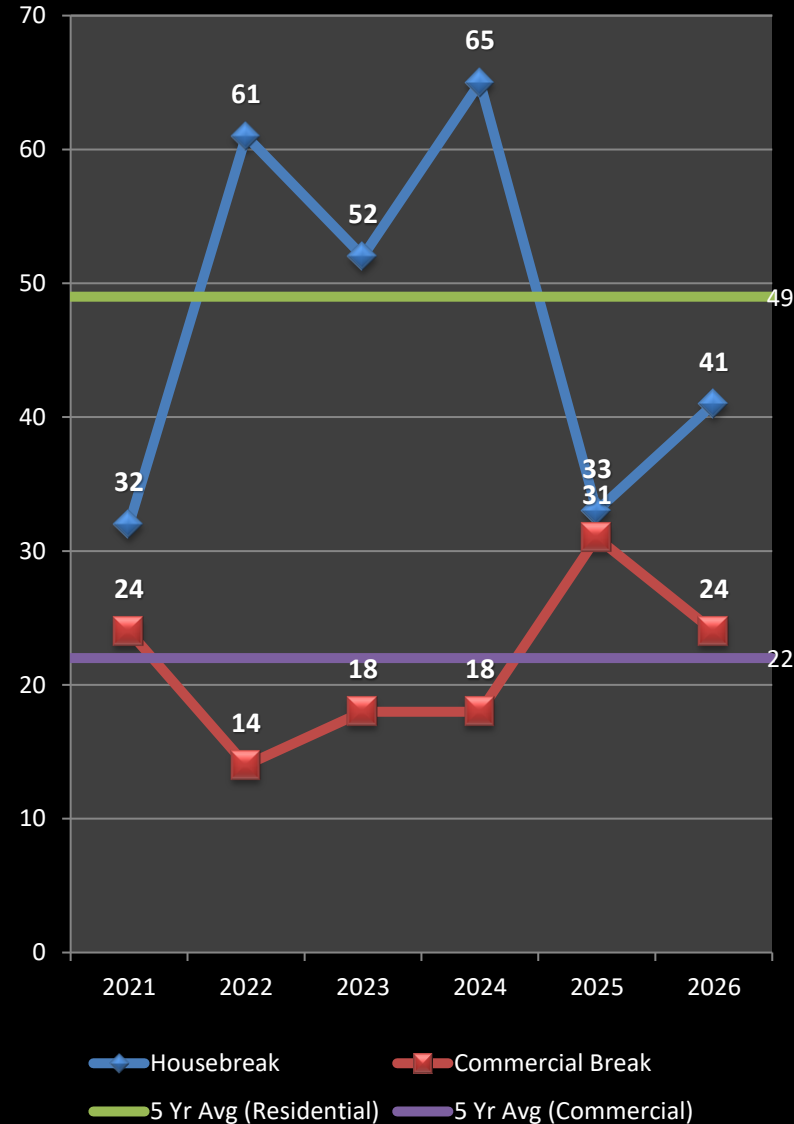
+44%

Previous Year

+2%

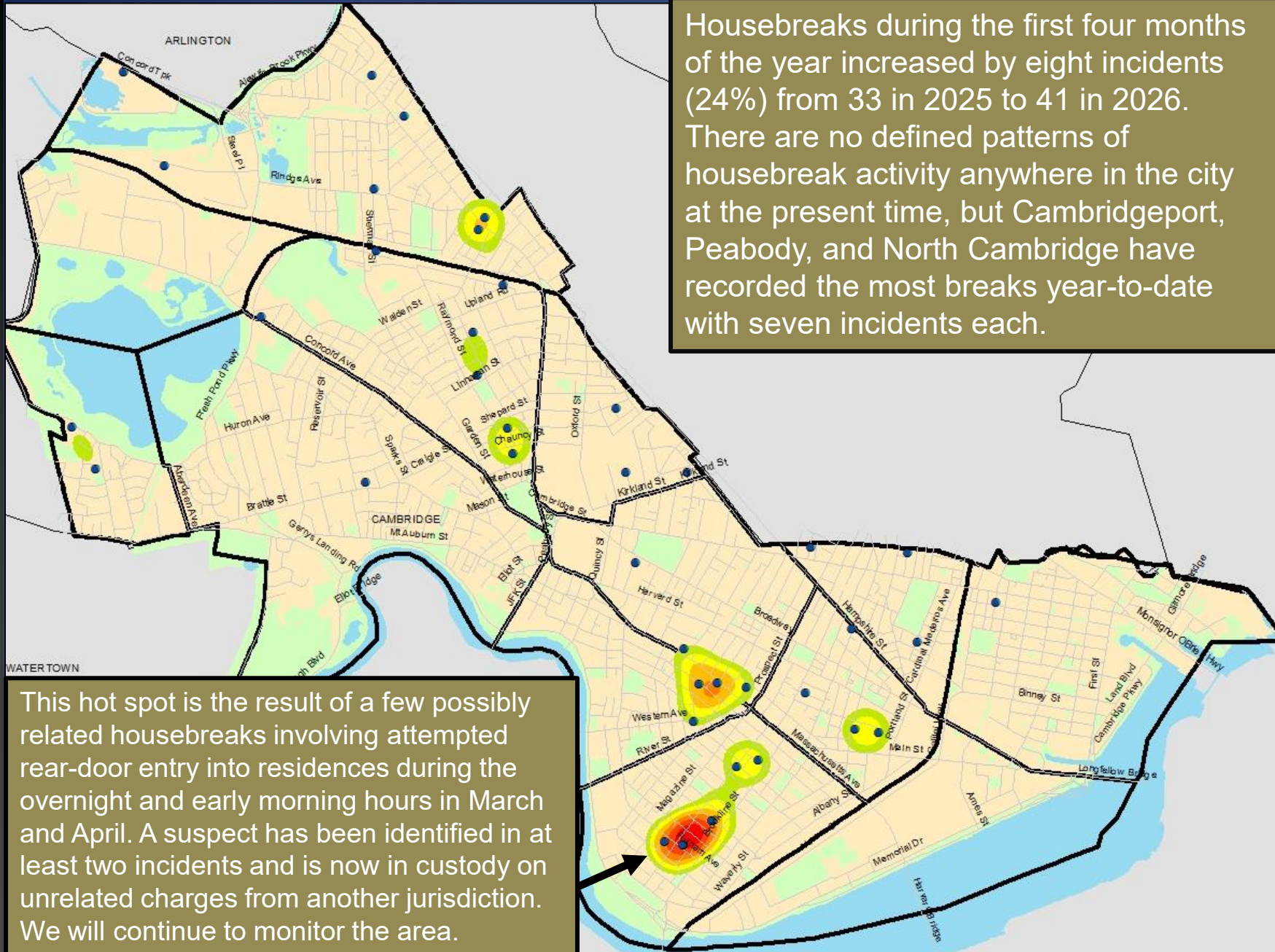
5-Year Average

-8%





Geographic Breakdown of Housebreaks: 1.1.26 – 4.27.26



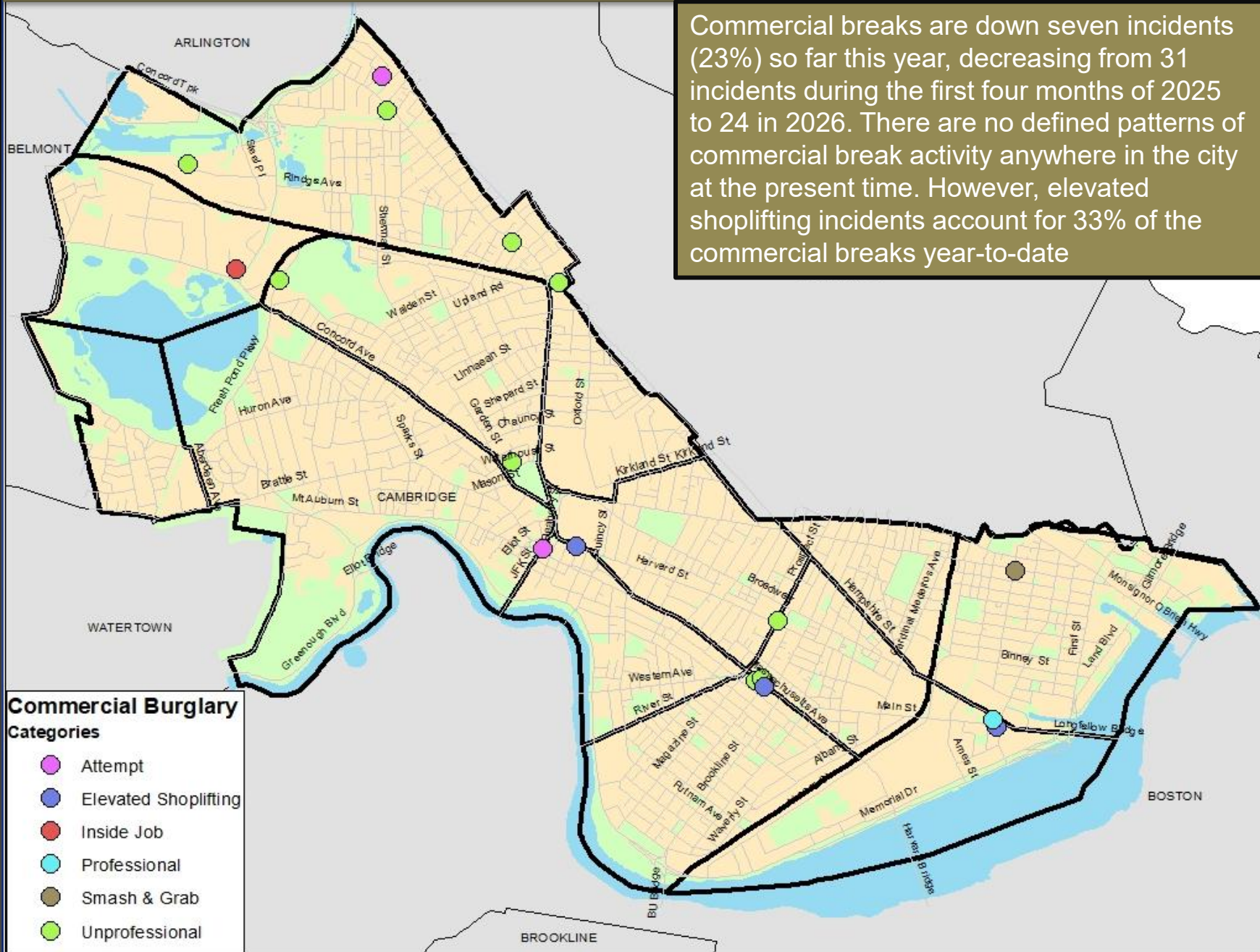
Housebreaks during the first four months of the year increased by eight incidents (24%) from 33 in 2025 to 41 in 2026. There are no defined patterns of housebreak activity anywhere in the city at the present time, but Cambridgeport, Peabody, and North Cambridge have recorded the most breaks year-to-date with seven incidents each.

This hot spot is the result of a few possibly related housebreaks involving attempted rear-door entry into residences during the overnight and early morning hours in March and April. A suspect has been identified in at least two incidents and is now in custody on unrelated charges from another jurisdiction. We will continue to monitor the area.



Geographic Breakdown of Commercial Breaks: 1.1.26 – 4.27.26

Commercial breaks are down seven incidents (23%) so far this year, decreasing from 31 incidents during the first four months of 2025 to 24 in 2026. There are no defined patterns of commercial break activity anywhere in the city at the present time. However, elevated shoplifting incidents account for 33% of the commercial breaks year-to-date





LARCENY

No Patterns

- Overall larceny through April 27th of 2026 has registered at 633 incidents, 23% below the same time in 2025. The total of 633 larcenies reported in 2026 is also 8% below the five-year average of 688 incidents.
- The larceny from motor vehicle total through April 27th, 2026, is 75 incidents, 3% below the same time frame in 2025. This is also 23% (22 incidents) below the five-year average of 97 incidents.
- Through April 27th, 2026, there were 11 larcenies from the person reported in Cambridge, down 56% (14 incidents) when compared to 2025. North Cambridge has had the most incidents so far this year with three reports.
- There were 60 larcenies from buildings reported in the first four months of 2026. This total is two incidents (+3%) above the same time in 2025 and conversely two incidents (-3%) below the five-year average. There had been a rise in thefts from lockers at health clubs in the Central & Porter Sq areas in the month of March, but April only saw two incidents.
- Larcenies from residences are up 22 incidents (19%) in 2026 when compared with 2025. Package thefts have accounted for 93 (or 66%) of the 140 larcenies from residences reported so far this year.
- There have been 62 larcenies of bicycles reported so far in 2026. This total is 31 incidents (33%) below the first four months of 2025 and 35 incidents below the five-year average of 97. The top neighborhood for bike thefts so far in 2026 is North Cambridge with 18 incidents.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

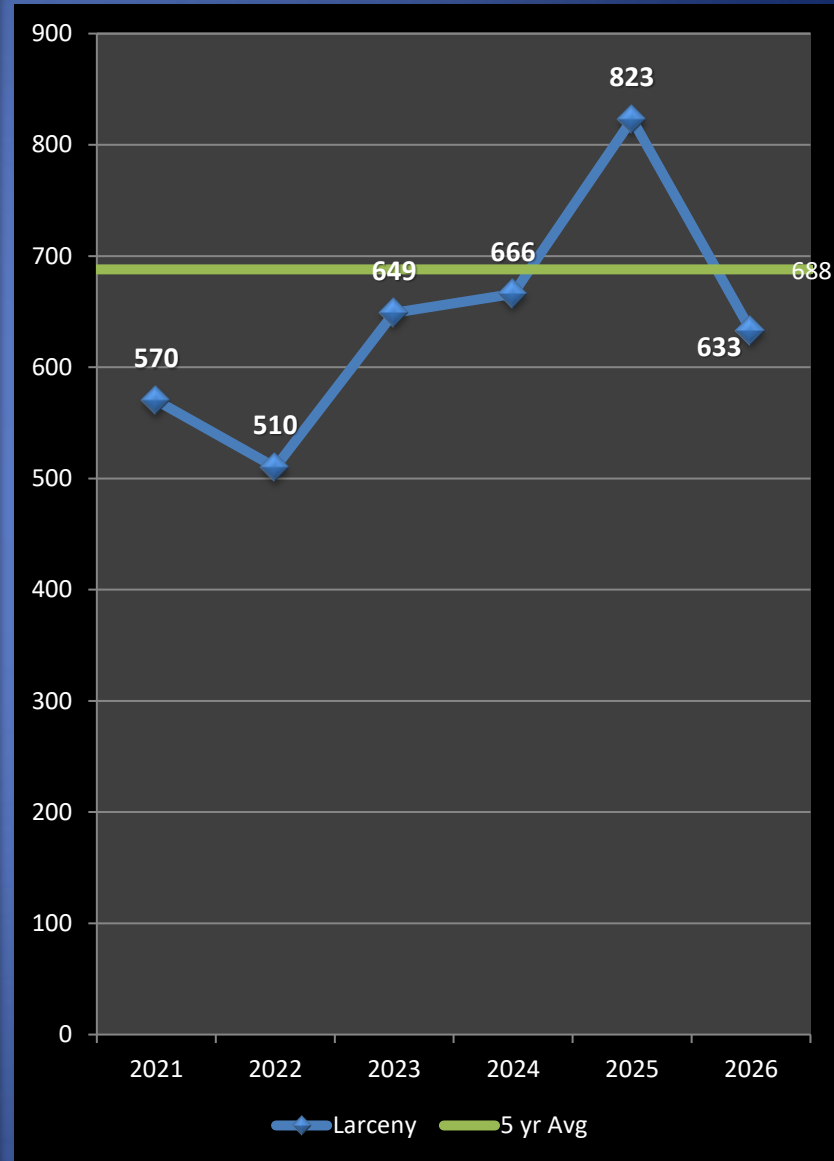
-8%

Previous Year

-23%

5-Year Average

-8%





LARCENY From MV

No Patterns

- The larceny from motor vehicle (LMV) total through the first four months of 2026 is 75 incidents, which is 3% (two incidents) below the same time period in 2025. The 75 thefts from vehicles reported so far this year also indicate a decrease of 22 incidents (-23%) below the 97 car breaks forecasted for this time period.
- The neighborhoods with the most larcenies from motor vehicles in the first four months of 2026 were North Cambridge and Mid-Cambridge with 23 and 19 incidents, respectively.
- Comparing the last four weeks (April) to the previous four (March), there was no difference in the number of incidents, with 20 reported during both time frames. The year started out with fewer LMVs than expected, due to the cold weather and winter storms, but they are slowing rising back to more typical levels as the weather warms.
- Of the 75 incidents reported so far in 2026, 35 vehicles (47%) were entered through an unlocked door and 33 vehicles (44%) were entered via unknown means.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

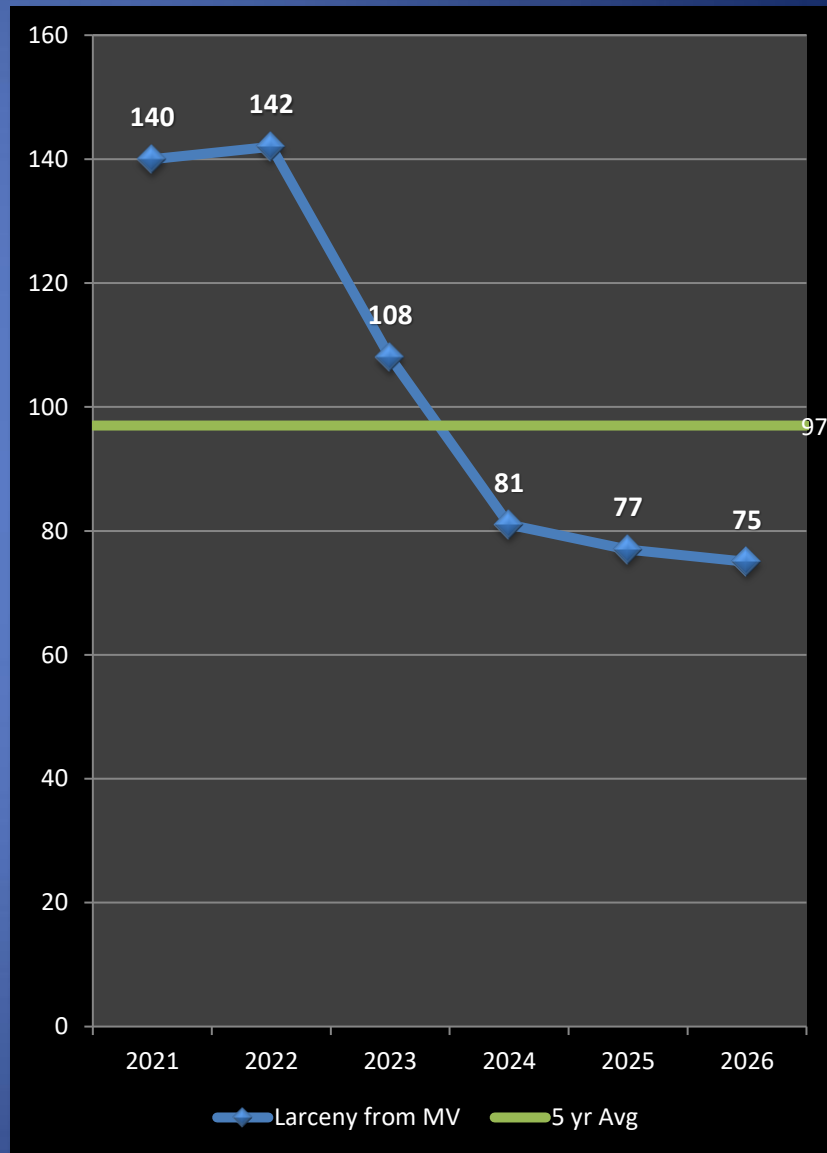
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Previous Year

-3%

5-Year Average

-23%

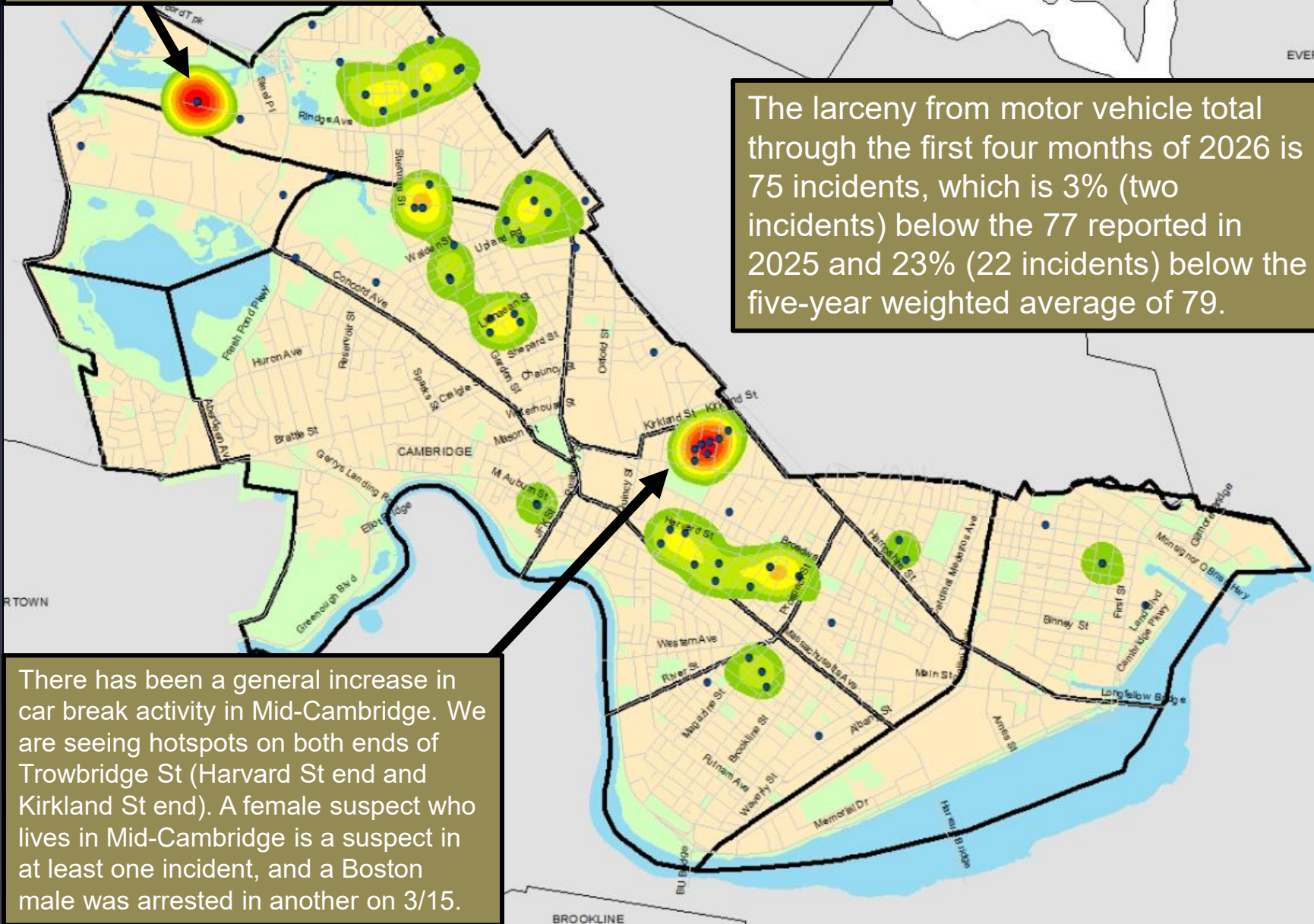




Geographic Breakdown of Larceny from Motor Vehicles: 1.1.26 – 4.27.26

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We are monitoring a series of car breaks that emerged over the last two weeks of April in a parking garage on Cambridgepark Drive.



The larceny from motor vehicle total through the first four months of 2026 is 75 incidents, which is 3% (two incidents) below the 77 reported in 2025 and 23% (22 incidents) below the five-year weighted average of 79.

There has been a general increase in car break activity in Mid-Cambridge. We are seeing hotspots on both ends of Trowbridge St (Harvard St end and Kirkland St end). A female suspect who lives in Mid-Cambridge is a suspect in at least one incident, and a Boston male was arrested in another on 3/15.



LARCENY of Bicycle

No Patterns

- Likely due at least in part to the colder weather and snow at the beginning of this year, 2026 has started off with a sharp decline in bike thefts. There have been 62 bicycle thefts reported citywide so far in 2026, down 33% from the 93 reported during the same time frame in 2025. Additionally, the 2026 total is registering at 36% below the five-year average of 97.
- The most recent four weeks (April) saw a 72% increase in bike thefts when compared with the previous four weeks (March), with 13 additional thefts reported in April. This is likely due to the improving weather.
- 32 bike thefts (or 52% of all citywide thefts year-to-date) have occurred south of Harvard Square.
- Of the 62 bike thefts reported so far in 2026, 43 (69%) were reportedly locked at the time of the theft.

Top Neighborhoods for Bike Theft Year-to-Date in 2026

Neighborhood	YTD Total	% Citywide
North Cambridge	18	29%
Mid-Cambridge	8	13%
Peabody	8	13%
The Port	8	13%
Riverside	6	10%

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

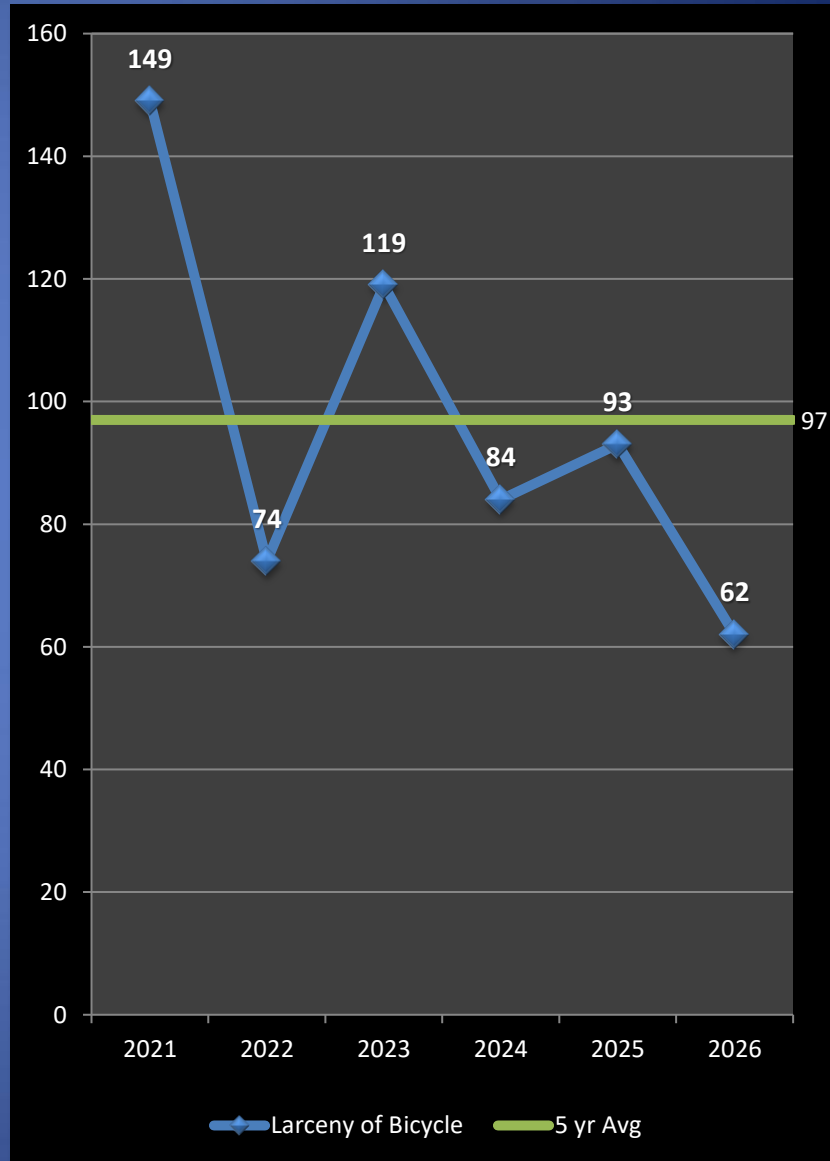
+72%

Previous Year

-33%

5-Year Average

-36%

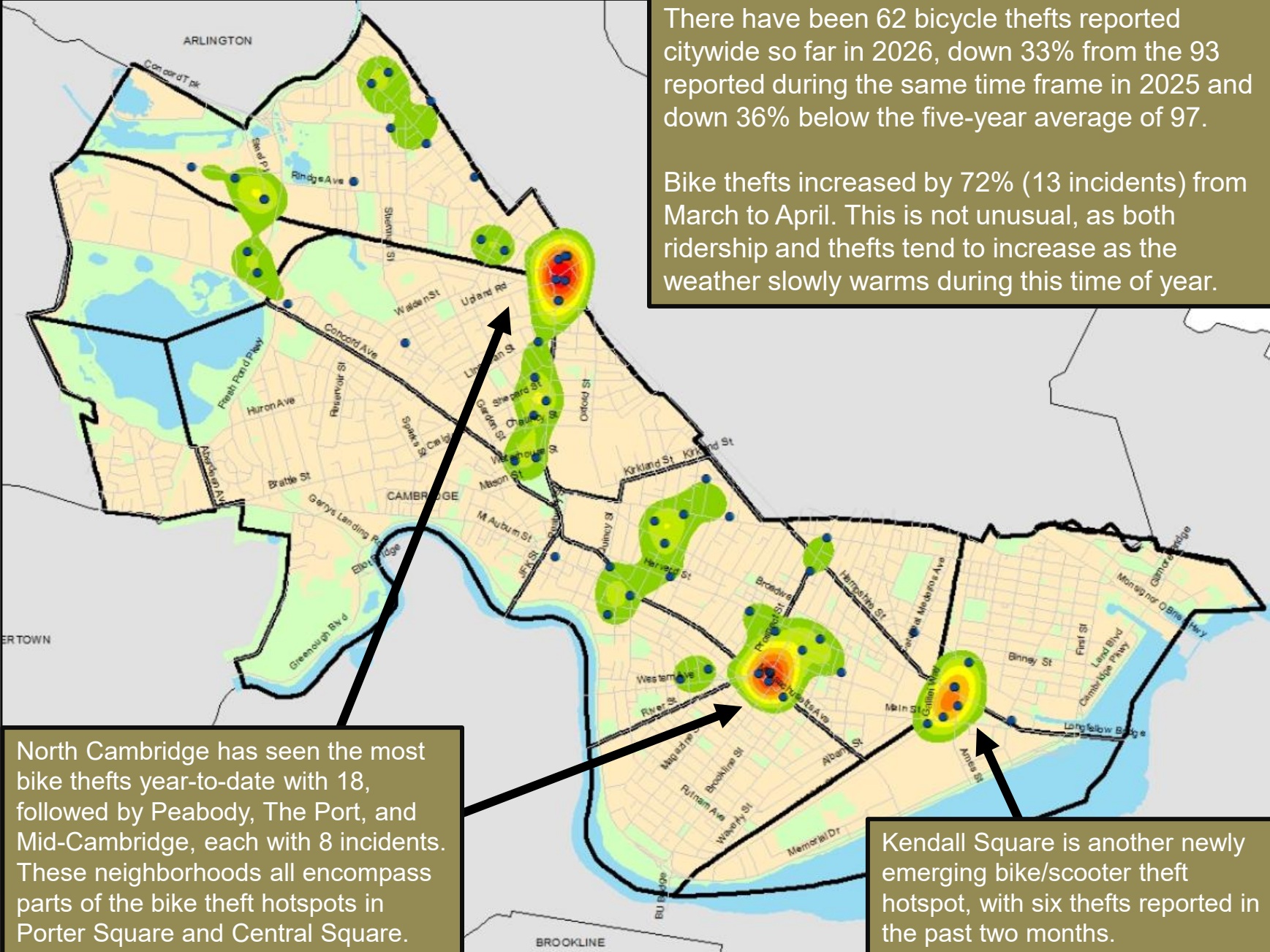




Geographic Breakdown of Bicycle Thefts: 1.1.26 – 4.27.26

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There have been 62 bicycle thefts reported citywide so far in 2026, down 33% from the 93 reported during the same time frame in 2025 and down 36% below the five-year average of 97.

Bike thefts increased by 72% (13 incidents) from March to April. This is not unusual, as both ridership and thefts tend to increase as the weather slowly warms during this time of year.

North Cambridge has seen the most bike thefts year-to-date with 18, followed by Peabody, The Port, and Mid-Cambridge, each with 8 incidents. These neighborhoods all encompass parts of the bike theft hotspots in Porter Square and Central Square.

Kendall Square is another newly emerging bike/scooter theft hotspot, with six thefts reported in the past two months.

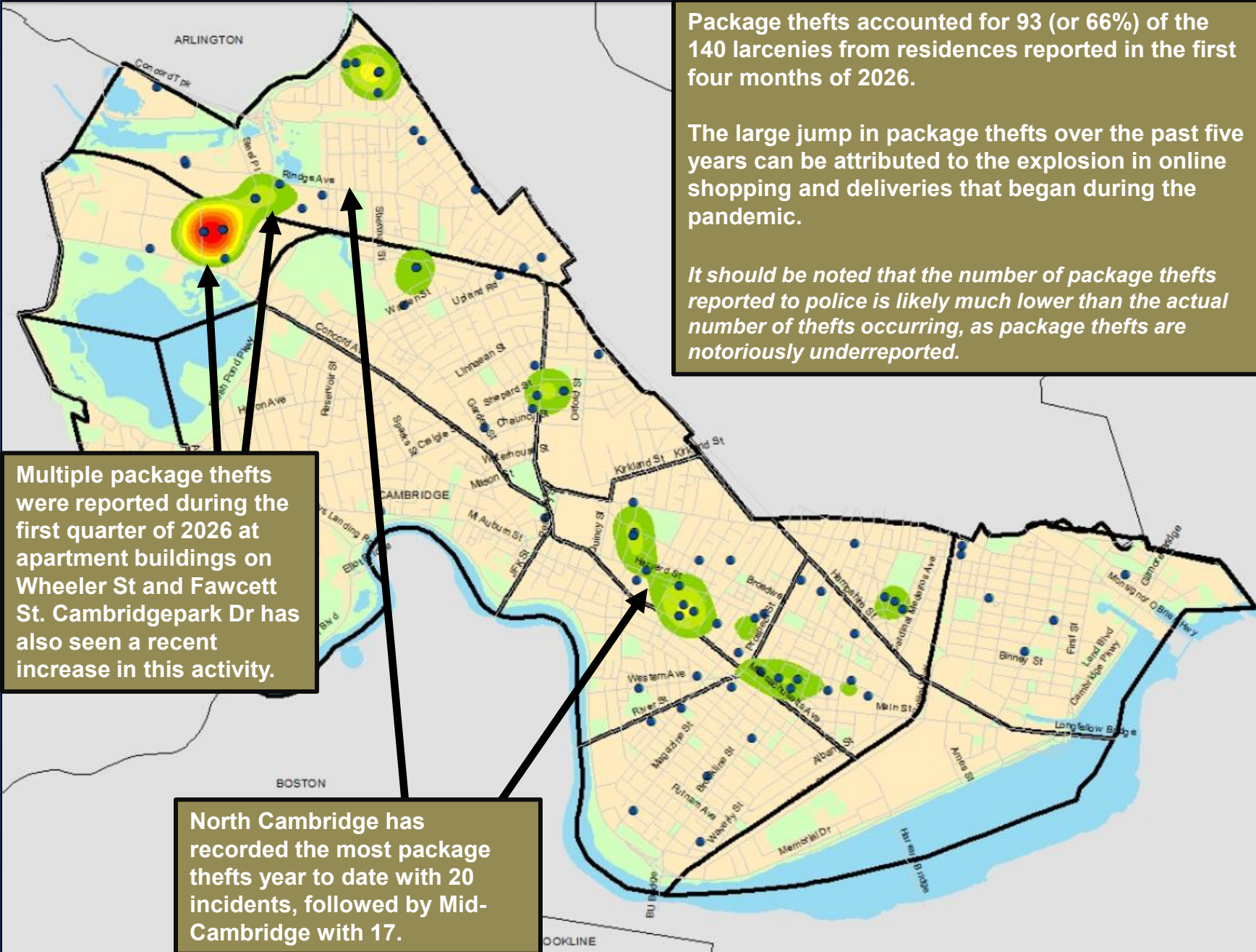


Geographic Breakdown of Package Thefts: 1.1.26 – 4.27.26

Package thefts accounted for 93 (or 66%) of the 140 larcenies from residences reported in the first four months of 2026.

The large jump in package thefts over the past five years can be attributed to the explosion in online shopping and deliveries that began during the pandemic.

It should be noted that the number of package thefts reported to police is likely much lower than the actual number of thefts occurring, as package thefts are notoriously underreported.



Multiple package thefts were reported during the first quarter of 2026 at apartment buildings on Wheeler St and Fawcett St. Cambridgepark Dr has also seen a recent increase in this activity.

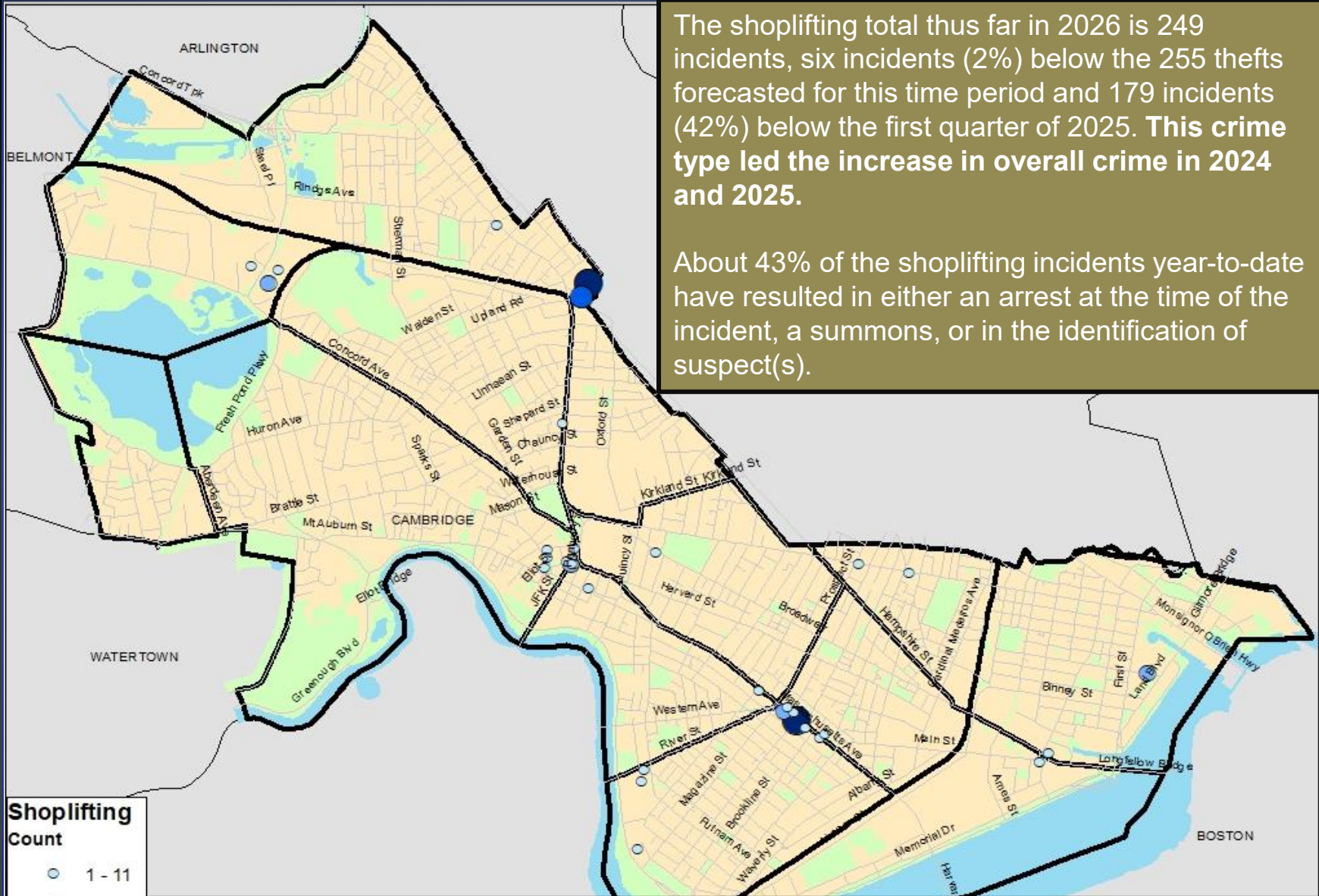
North Cambridge has recorded the most package thefts year to date with 20 incidents, followed by Mid-Cambridge with 17.



Geographic Breakdown of Shoplifting: 1.1.26 – 4.27.26

The shoplifting total thus far in 2026 is 249 incidents, six incidents (2%) below the 255 thefts forecasted for this time period and 179 incidents (42%) below the first quarter of 2025. **This crime type led the increase in overall crime in 2024 and 2025.**

About 43% of the shoplifting incidents year-to-date have resulted in either an arrest at the time of the incident, a summons, or in the identification of suspect(s).



Shoplifting Count	
○	1 - 11
●	12 - 22
●	23 - 32
●	33 - 42

Year-to-date, the Target in Central Square has seen the most incidents with 42, followed by the CVS in Porter Square with 34, and the Target in Porter Square with 31. Nine locations have seen more than 10 incidents of shoplifting so far this year.



AUTO THEFT

No Patterns

- The five-year weighted average for auto thefts for the first four months of the year is 29, and with 18 reported so far in 2026, Cambridge has experienced a decrease of 38% below the expected total. Auto thefts also dropped 31% (eight incidents) when compared with the first four months of 2025.
- The neighborhood breakdown for auto thefts so far in 2026 is as follows: Cambridgeport – 8; Peabody, North Cambridge, and Riverside – 2 each; and Baldwin, East Cambridge, Strawberry Hill, and West Cambridge – 1 each.
- Two of the 18 auto thefts reported so far this year involved a situation where the operator left the vehicle running in order to deliver a package or grab food. When the victim returned, the vehicle was gone.
- Seven of the 18 motor vehicles stolen in 2026 have been recovered to date.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

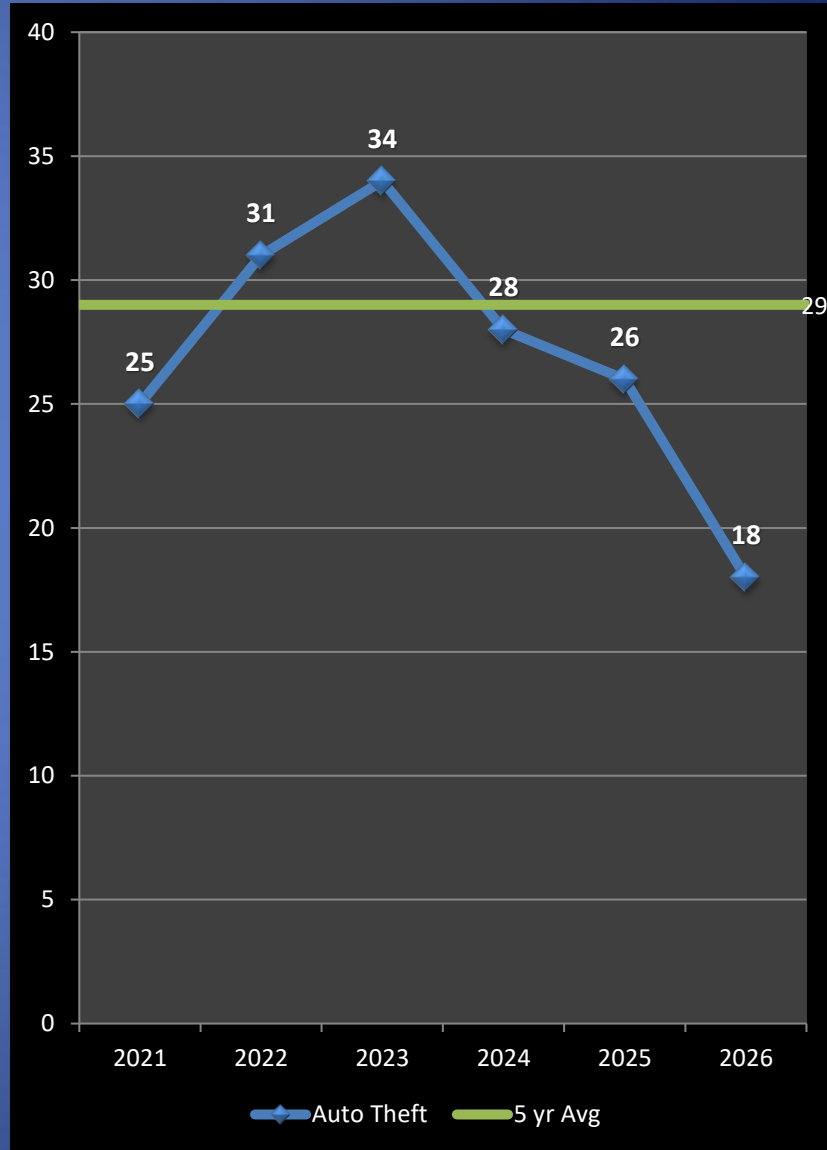
+75%

Previous Year

-31%

5-Year Average

-38%



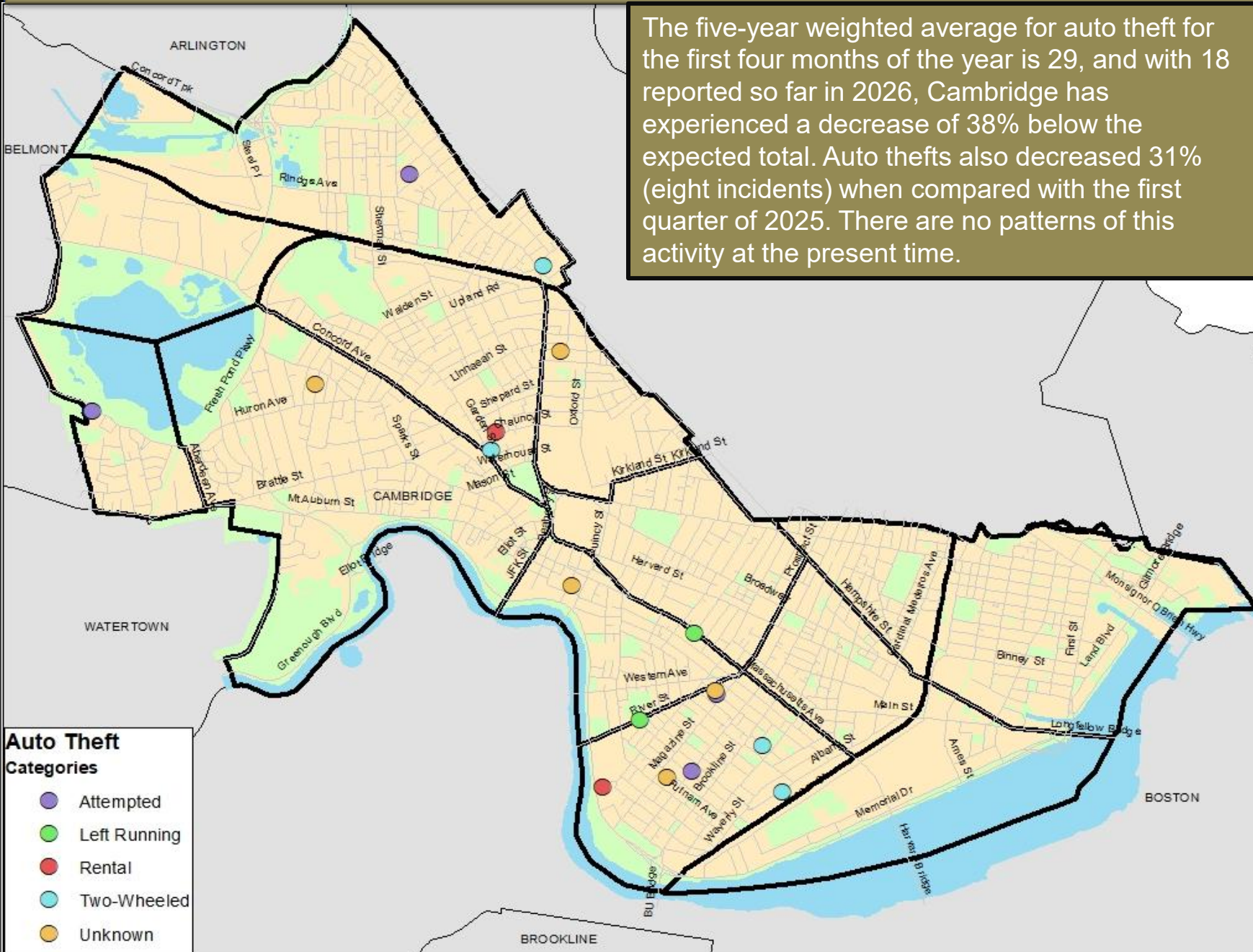


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To Share Information with the CPD:

- 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