



Cambridge Police Department BridgeStat

February 2026

Produced by the Crime Analysis Unit



Part I Total Crime

An analysis of the serious crime statistics for the first two months of 2026 points to a large decrease of 31% in the Part One index total for Cambridge when compared with 2025. During the first two months of the year, there were 393 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 567 incidents. When measured against the five-year average, a 16% decrease in the crime index has been registered.

Further analysis of the crime totals for the first two months of 2025 indicates that violent crimes recorded an 8% decrease when compared with last year. There was one homicide, three rapes, eight robberies, and 55 aggravated assaults recorded from the beginning of the year through March 2, 2026.

The numbers indicate that property crimes have dropped 34% in 2026 with crime totals registering significantly under the 2025 amount. The 45% decrease in shoplifting and 64% drop in larceny of bicycles during the first two 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 has been colder and snowier than recent years, which has undoubtedly contributed to the reduction in reported crimes.

When analyzing the serious crime totals of February 2026 versus the previous month of January 2026, there was a decrease of 12% in the number of index incidents, with 23 fewer crimes reported in February.

	<u>4 Week Snapshot</u>			<u>Year to Date</u>			<u>Five Year</u>	
	1/6/26 - 2/2/26	2/3/26 - 3/2/26	Change	2025	2026	Change	Avg	Change
Total Violent Crime	35	22	-37%	73	67	-8%	59	14%
Total Property Crime	156	146	-6%	494	326	-34%	409	-20%
Total Part I Crime	191	168	-12%	567	393	-31%	468	-16%



Part I Property Crime

Analysis of property crime totals for February 2026 reveals a 34% decrease when measured against the same time in 2025 and a 20% drop below the five-year average of 409.

All but two of the property crime categories recorded notable decreases when measured against the first two months of 2025, including a 47% decrease in housebreaks, a 64% drop in bicycle thefts and a very substantial reduction of 45% in shopliftings. The only increase that is worth noting is the 25% rise in larcenies from residences, likely due to increased reports of package thefts around and following the holidays.

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	1/6/26 - 2/2/26	2/3/26 - 3/2/26	Change	2025	2026	Change	Avg	Change
Burglary	13	10	-23%	39	24	-38%	43	-44%
Commercial Break	6	7	17%	20	14	-30%	12	17%
Housebreak	7	3	-57%	19	10	-47%	31	-68%
Larceny	139	134	-4%	440	296	-33%	351	-16%
Larceny (Misc)	1	7	600%	9	8	-11%	10	-20%
Larceny from Building	10	12	20%	33	24	-27%	32	-25%
Larceny from MV	22	7	-68%	39	35	-10%	50	-30%
Larceny from Person	3	2	-33%	16	5	-69%	15	-67%
Larceny from Residence	31	32	3%	56	70	25%	60	17%
Larceny of Bicycle	5	6	20%	36	13	-64%	36	-64%
Larceny of Plate	4	1	-75%	3	5	67%	5	0%
Larceny of Services	0	0	IN-CALC	1	0	IN-CALC	3	-100%
Shoplifting	63	67	6%	247	136	-45%	139	-2%
Auto Theft	4	2	-50%	15	6	-60%	15	-60%
Total Property Crime	156	146	-6%	494	326	-34%	409	-20%



Part I Violent Crime

From January 1st to March 2nd, 2026, there were 67 violent crimes recorded in Cambridge, six incidents (-8%) below last year's total of 73 incidents and eight incidents (+14%) above the 59 crimes forecasted for the first two months of the year.

There were three rapes reported in Cambridge through March 2nd, which is even with the number reported during the first two 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 has diminished somewhat in 2026, at least temporarily. Only 12 of the 55 aggravated assaults year-to-date (or 22%) have been reported in Central Square, as well as only two of the eight street robberies (or 25%).

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.

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	1/6/26 - 2/2/26	2/3/26 - 3/2/26	Change	2025	2026	Change	Avg	Change
Homicide	1	0	-100%	1	1	0%	0	IN-CALC
Rape	2	0	-100%	3	3	0%	5	-40%
Robbery	4	4	0%	14	8	-43%	13	-38%
Commercial Robbery	0	0	IN-CALC	4	0	IN-CALC	4	-100%
Street Robbery	4	4	0%	10	8	-20%	9	-11%
Aggravated Assault	28	18	-36%	55	55	0%	41	34%
Total Violent Crime	35	22	-37%	73	67	-8%	59	14%



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

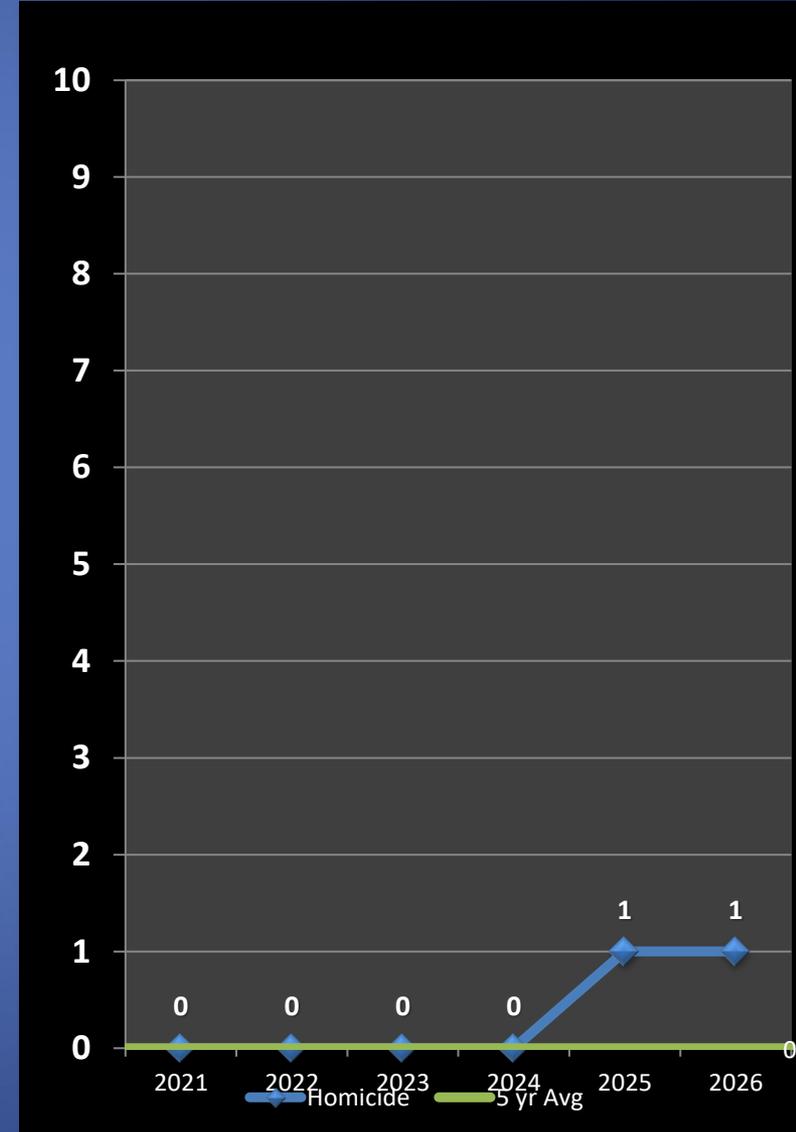
5-Year Average

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RAPE

No Patterns

- There have been three rapes reported in Cambridge so far in 2026, which is even with the three reported during the first two months of 2025 and is down two (-40%) from the five-year weighted average of five.
- The rapes reported so far in 2026 have been categorized as two domestic assaults and one contact 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

-100%

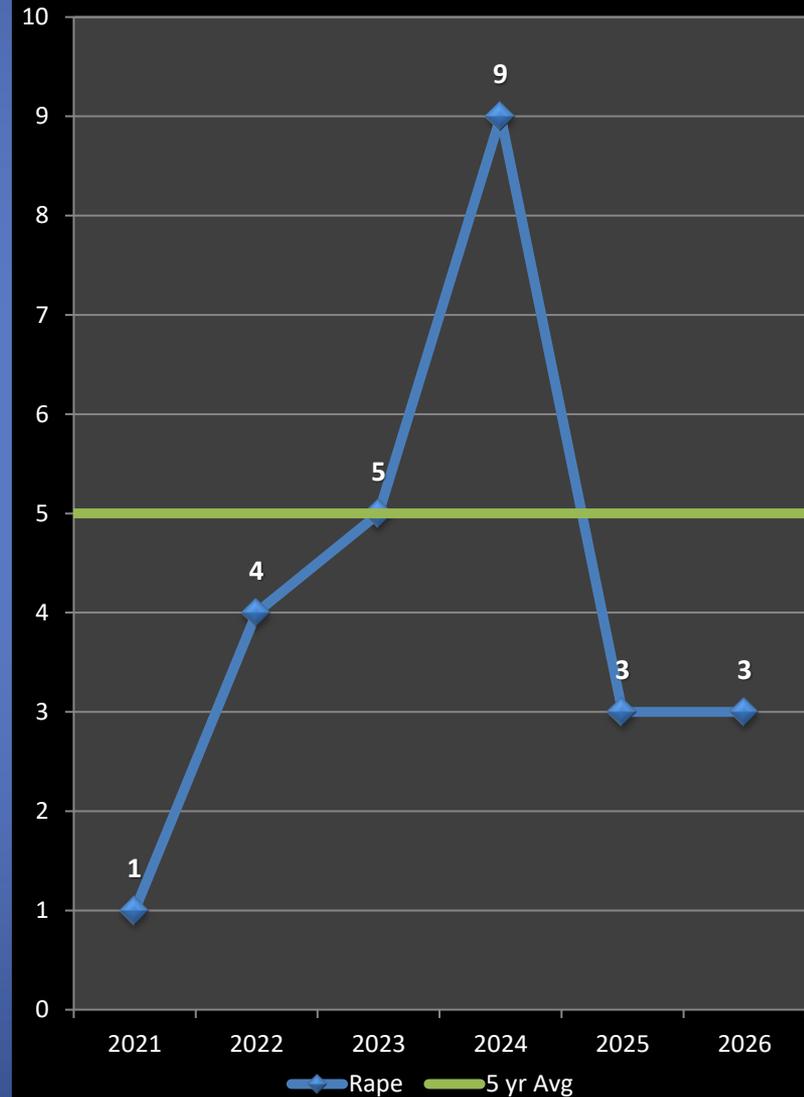
Previous Year

0%

5-Year Average

-40%

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AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

No Patterns

- The total of 55 aggravated assaults reported through March 2, 2026, is in line with the number of assaults reported during the first two months of 2025. However, the total reported through 3/2 is 34% above the five-year average of 41.
- The 55 aggravated assaults reported in 2026 are comprised of the following classifications: 18 domestic altercations; 12 unprovoked scenarios; six traffic & parking assaults; four each of assaults on police officers, psychotic episodes and shop owner/patron assaults; three assaults between acquaintances; two landlord/neighbor assaults; one each of juvenile assaults and third lover situations.
- Although likely, it is unknown at this time if the trend observed during the past couple years of a high percentage of aggravated assaults taking place in Central Square will continue into 2026. While 12 of the 55 assaults have taken place in that business district thus far, it remains to be seen if this will become the historic hot spot of the past, as only two were reported within that area in February.
- There has been one confirmed shots fired incident through 3/2 of 2026, which resulted in no injuries. Through the same time period in 2025, there were three shots fired incidents, two resulting in gunshot wounds (one non-fatal and one homicide) and one resulting in no injuries.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

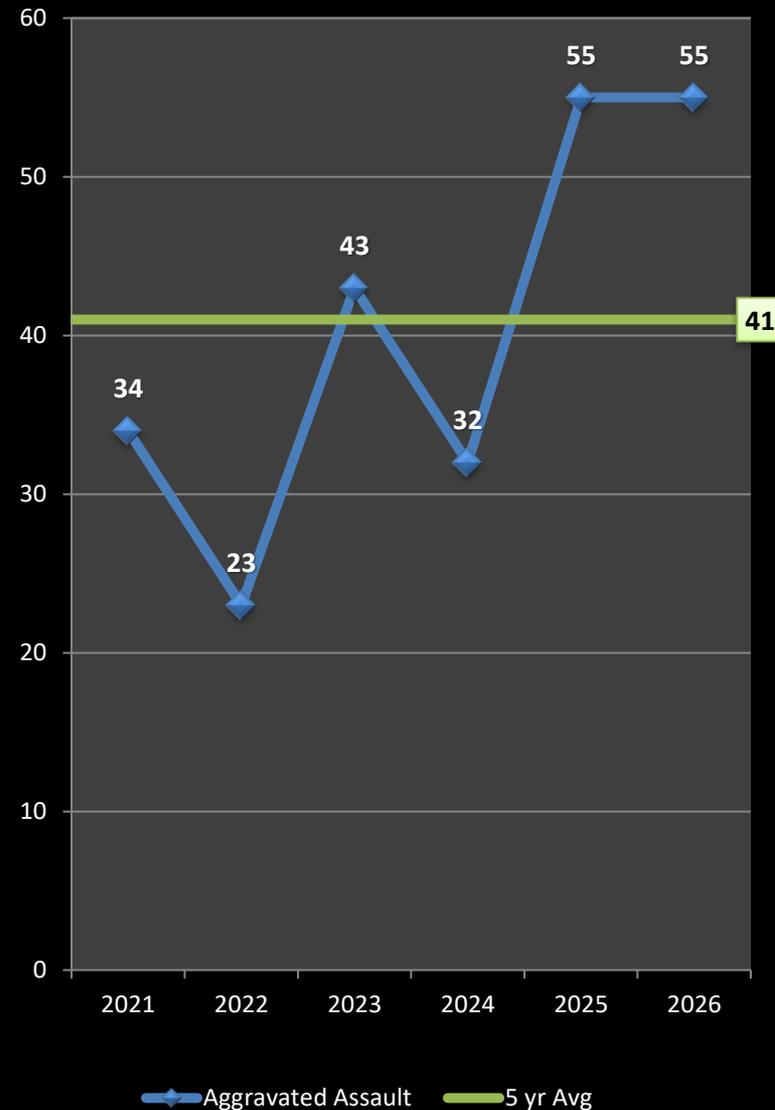
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Previous Year

0%

5-Year Average

+34%

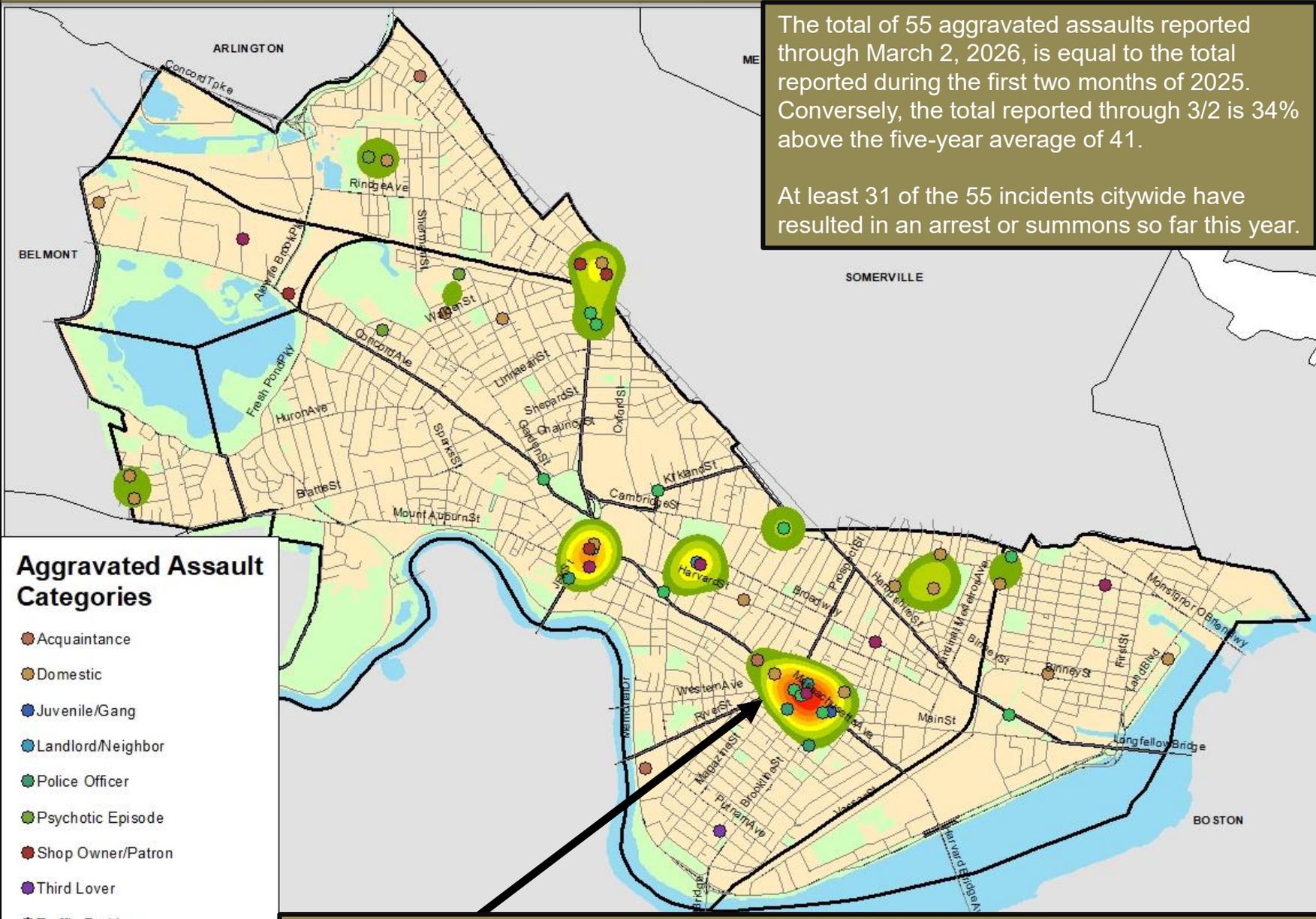




Geographic Breakdown of Aggravated Assaults: 1.1.26 – 3.2.26

The total of 55 aggravated assaults reported through March 2, 2026, is equal to the total reported during the first two months of 2025. Conversely, the total reported through 3/2 is 34% above the five-year average of 41.

At least 31 of the 55 incidents citywide have resulted in an arrest or summons so far this year.



Central Square has recorded 12 assaults year-to-date, with assaults against police officers and unprovoked assaults being the top categories, accounting for six of the incidents (3 each).

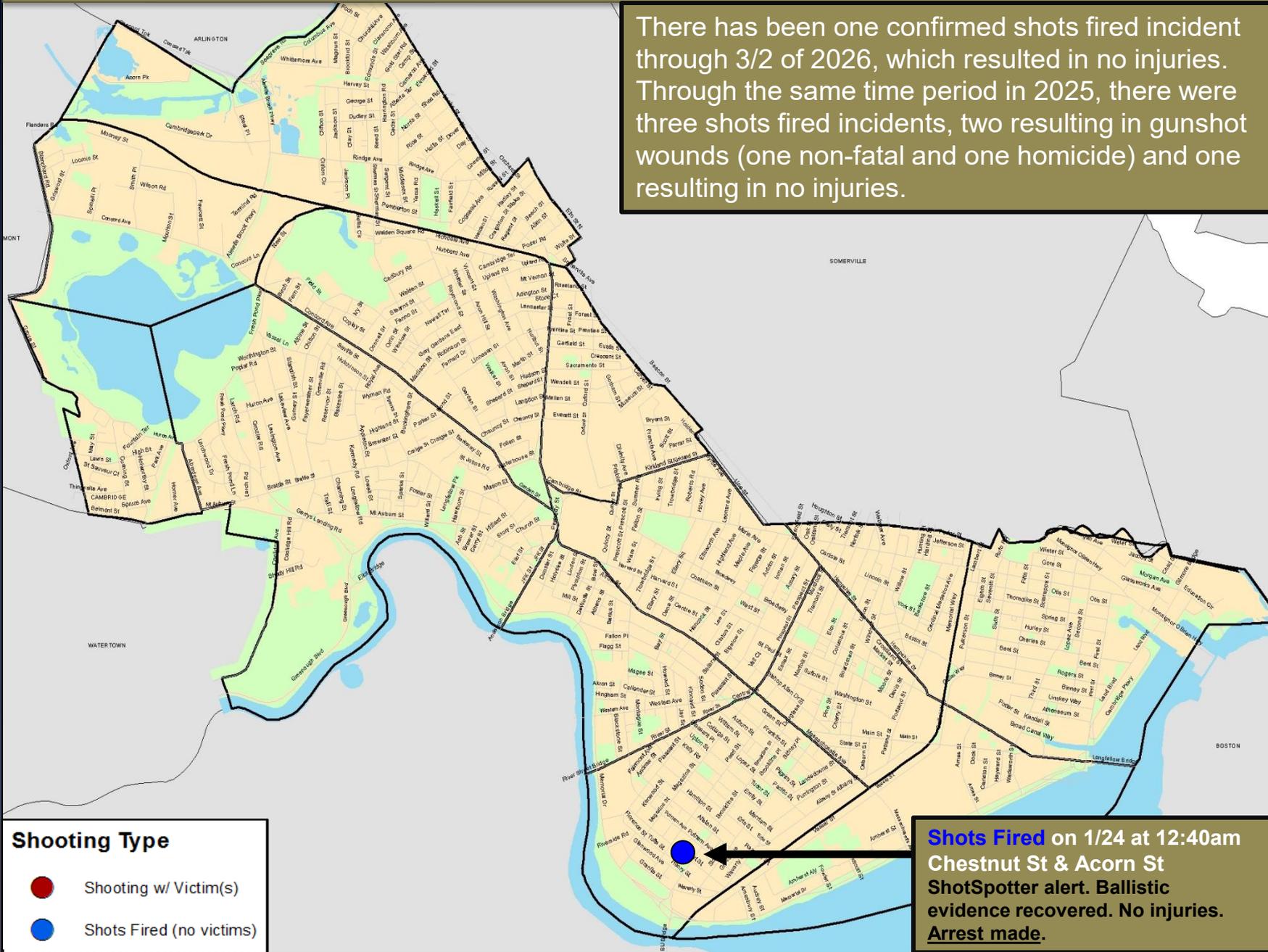


Shootings & Shots Fired in Cambridge: 1.1.26 – 3.2.26

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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 3/2 is 13 incidents. In 2026, eight total robberies have been recorded to date, which translates to a 38% drop below the projected total and a 43% decrease below the 14 robberies reported through 3/2 in 2025.
- There have been eight unrelated street robberies and no commercial robberies reported thus far in 2026.

2025 Review:

- There were 30 commercial robberies reported in 2025. This total was up five incidents (20%) over the 25 robberies reported in 2024 and was up seven incidents (30%) over the five-year average of 23. All 30 robberies were unrelated, but 24 of the 30 involved shoplifting incidents at department and convenience stores across the city that escalated into robberies.
- Street robberies in 2025 dropped eight incidents (-9%) from the 85 reported in 2024 to 77 in 2025 and declined by three incidents (-4%) below the five-year average of 80. No defined street robbery patterns were reported anywhere in Cambridge in 2025.
- Forty-seven of the 77 street robberies reported in 2025 (or 61%) took place in or around Central Square. This is similar to a trend seen in this area that began in 2021 and continued throughout all of 2022 and much of 2023 and 2024. Multiple incidents in this area involved unhoused individuals as victims and/or suspects.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

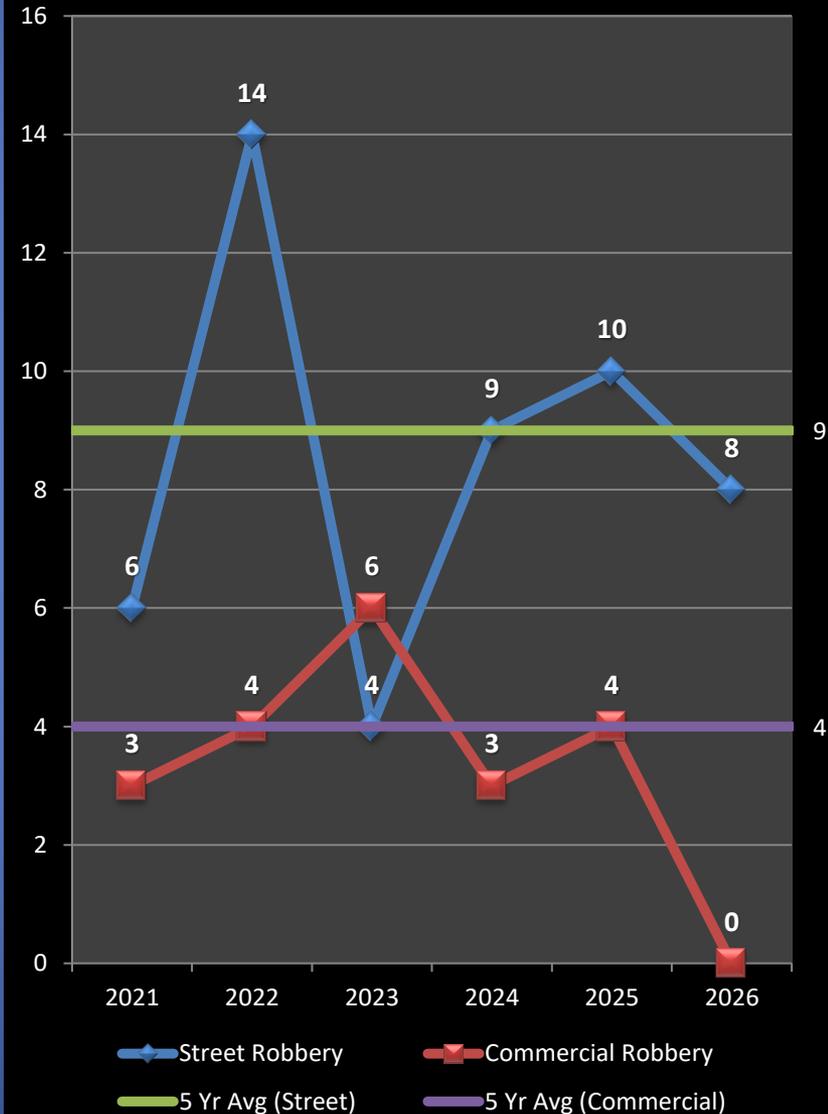
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Previous Year

-43%

5-Year Average

-38%



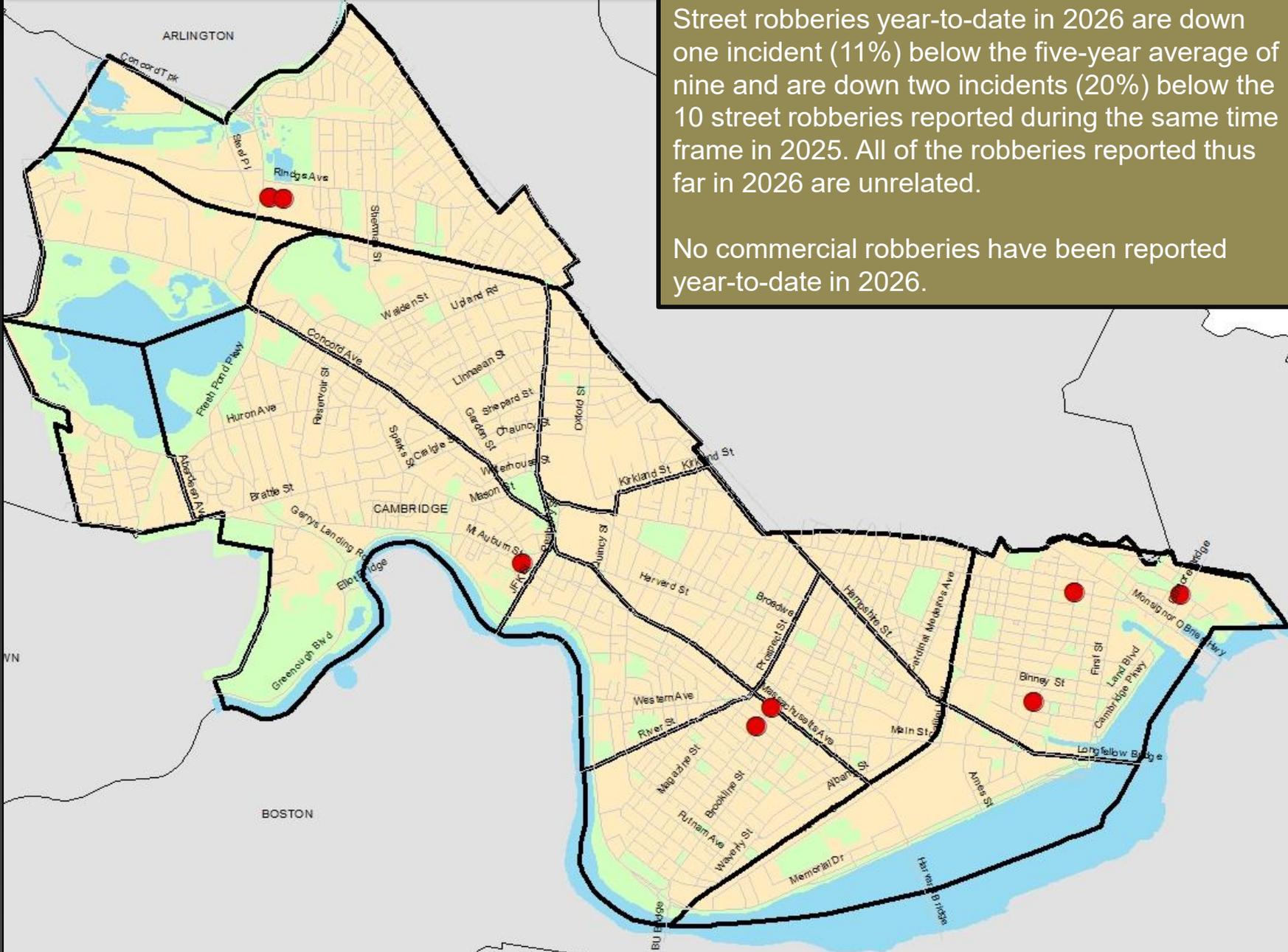


Geographic Breakdown of Street Robberies: 1.1.26 – 3.2.26

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Street robberies year-to-date in 2026 are down one incident (11%) below the five-year average of nine and are down two incidents (20%) below the 10 street robberies reported during the same time frame in 2025. All of the robberies reported thus far in 2026 are unrelated.

No commercial robberies have been reported year-to-date in 2026.





Burglary

No Patterns

- The property index crime of burglary, the combination of residential and commercial breaks, recorded a decrease of 38% through March 2nd of 2026 when compared to the 39 incidents reported during the first two months of 2025. The total of 24 burglary incidents reported thus far in 2026 was also 44% below the five-year average of 43.
- Housebreaks through February decreased by nine incidents (47%) from 19 in 2025 to 10 in 2026.
- Of the 10 housebreaks that have occurred so far this year, five of them took place in the North Cambridge neighborhood.
- Commercial breaks are down by six incidents (30%), dropping from 20 incidents in the first two months of 2025 to 14 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

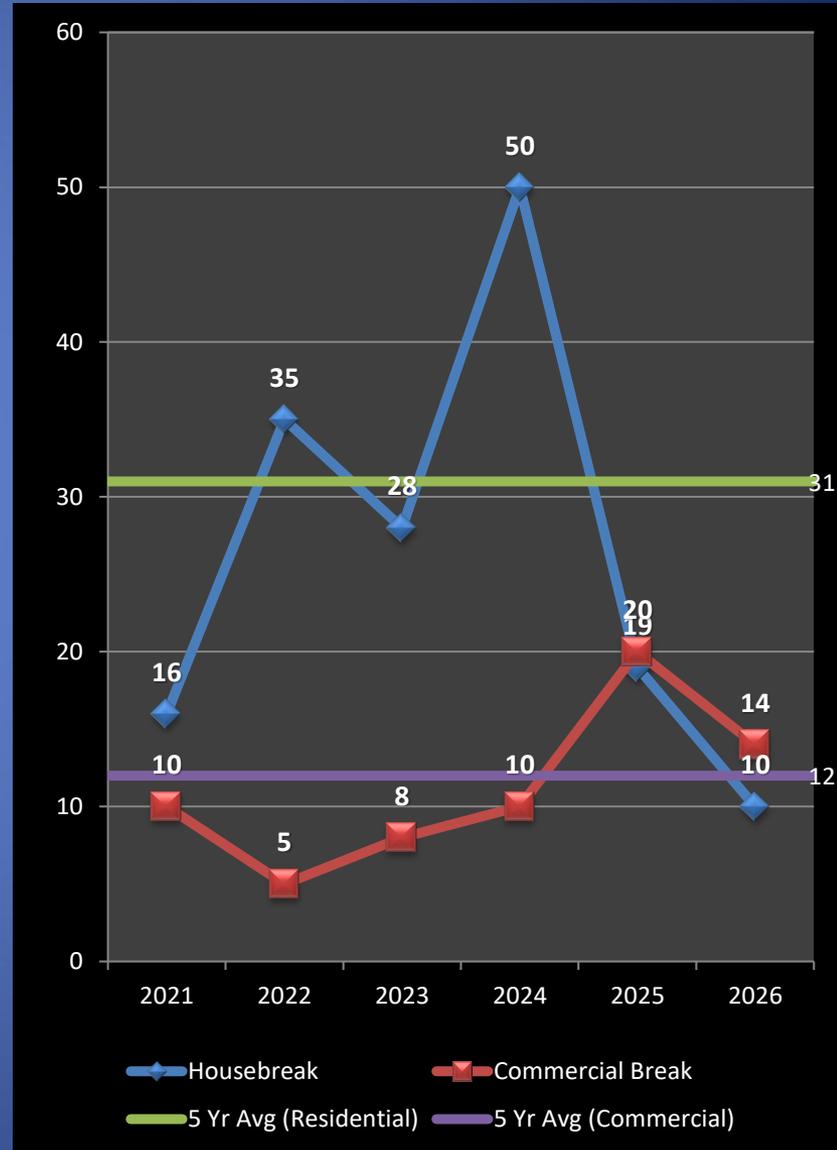
-23%

Previous Year

-38%

5-Year Average

-44%



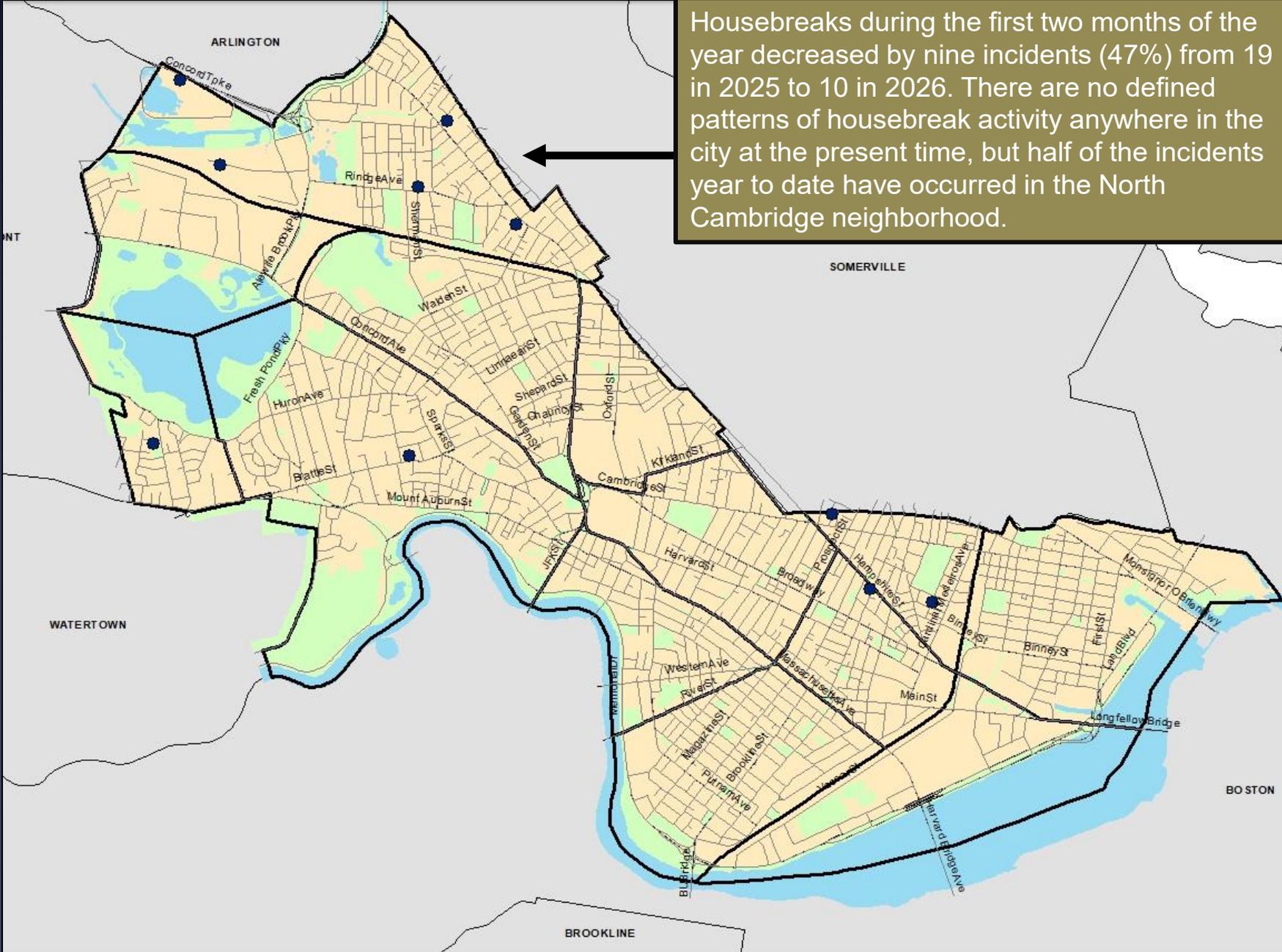


Geographic Breakdown of Housebreaks: 1.1.26 – 3.2.26

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Housebreaks during the first two months of the year decreased by nine incidents (47%) from 19 in 2025 to 10 in 2026. There are no defined patterns of housebreak activity anywhere in the city at the present time, but half of the incidents year to date have occurred in the North Cambridge neighborhood.





LARCENY

No Patterns

- Preliminary stats indicate that overall larceny through March 2nd of 2026 registered at 296 incidents, 33% below the same time in 2025. The total of 296 larcenies reported in 2026 is also 16% below the 5-year average of 351 incidents.
- The larceny from motor vehicle total through March 2nd, 2026, is 35 incidents, 10% below the same time frame in 2025. This is also 30% (15 incidents) below the five-year average of 50 incidents.
- Through March 2nd, 2026, there were five larcenies from the person reported in Cambridge, down 69% (11 incidents) when compared to 2025. Cambridgeport had the most incidents with two reports so far this year.
- There were 24 larcenies from buildings reported in the first two months of 2026. This total is nine incidents (27%) below the same time in 2025 and eight incidents (25%) below the five-year average. Despite the overall decrease, we are monitoring a recent rise in thefts from lockers at health clubs in the Central & Porter Sq areas.
- Larcenies from residences are up 14 incidents (25%) in 2026 when compared with 2025. Package thefts make up the majority of this crime type and have registered even higher than average since 2020 due to the increased volume of deliveries that began during the pandemic. Package thefts have accounted for 50 (or 71%) of the 70 larcenies from residences so far this year.
- There have been 13 larcenies of bicycles reported so far in 2026. This total is 23 incidents (64%) below both the first two months of 2025 and the five-year average of 36. The top neighborhoods for bike thefts so far in 2026 are North Cambridge and Riverside with four and three, respectively.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

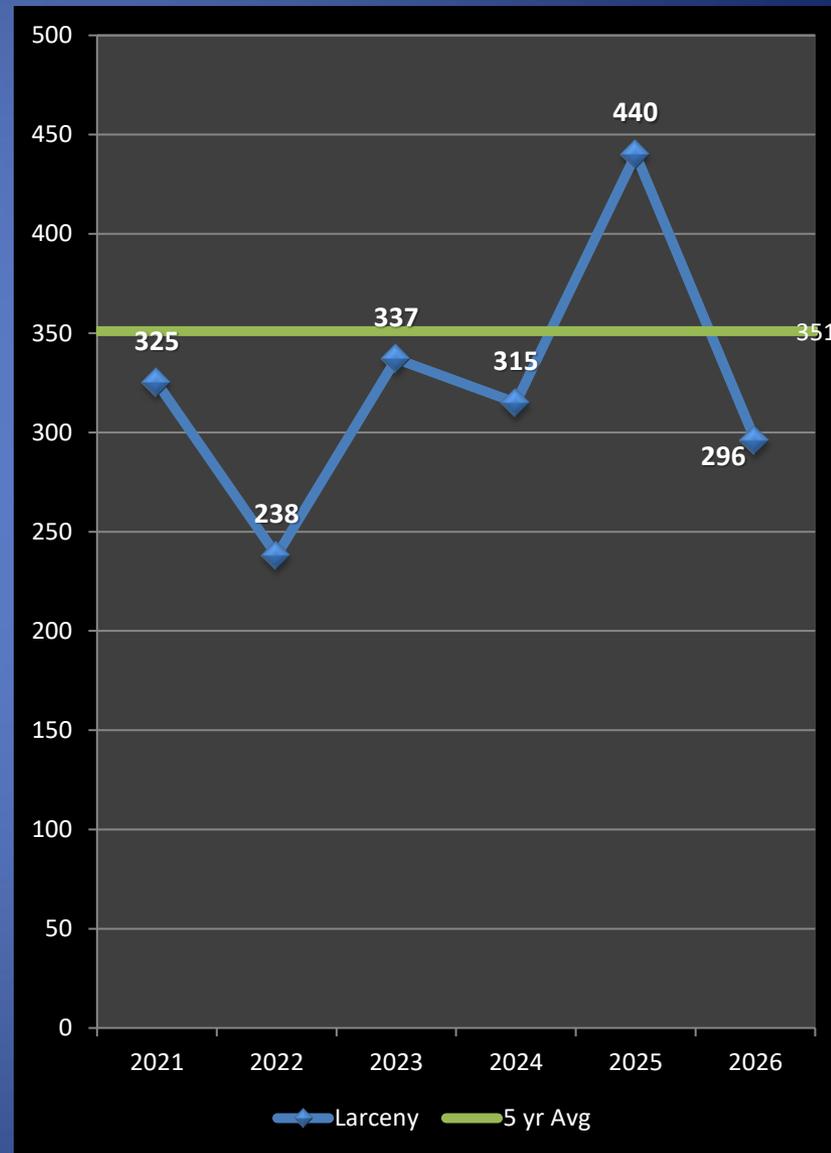
-4%

Previous Year

-33%

5-Year Average

-16%





LARCENY From MV

No Patterns

- The larceny from motor vehicle total through March 2nd, 2026, is 35 incidents, which is 10% (four incidents) below the same time period in 2025. The 35 thefts from vehicles reported so far this year also indicate a decrease of 15 incidents (30%) below the 50 car breaks forecasted for this month.
- The neighborhoods with the most larcenies from motor vehicles in the first two months of 2025 were Mid-Cambridge and North Cambridge with nine incidents each, the same as last month.
- Comparing the last four weeks (February) to the previous four (January), there was a 68% decrease in larcenies from motor vehicles, with 15 fewer incidents reported in February.
- Of the 35 incidents reported so far in 2026, 18 vehicles (51%) were entered via unknown means and 12 vehicles (34%) were entered through an unlocked door at the time of the theft.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

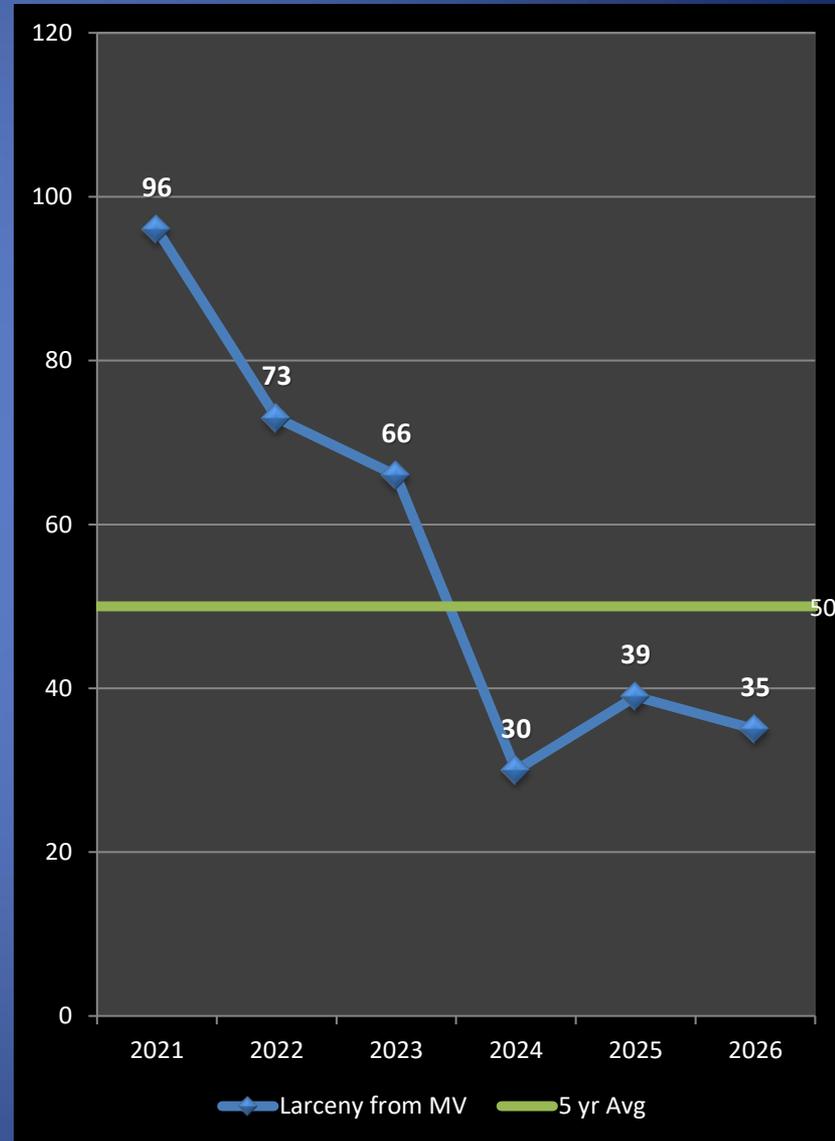
-68%

Previous Year

-10%

5-Year Average

-30%



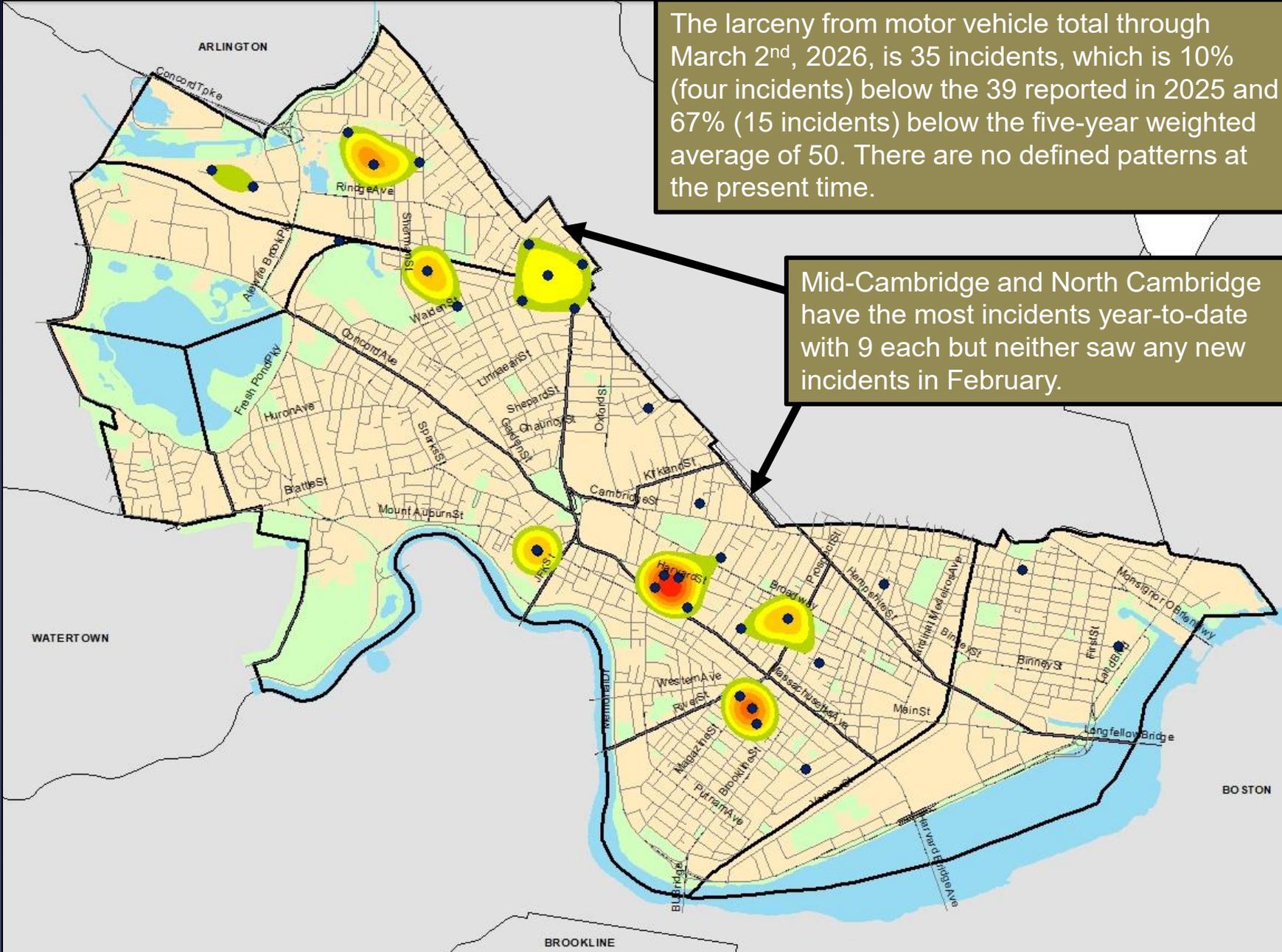


Geographic Breakdown of Larceny from Motor Vehicles: 1.1.26 – 3.2.26

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The larceny from motor vehicle total through March 2nd, 2026, is 35 incidents, which is 10% (four incidents) below the 39 reported in 2025 and 67% (15 incidents) below the five-year weighted average of 50. There are no defined patterns at the present time.

Mid-Cambridge and North Cambridge have the most incidents year-to-date with 9 each but neither saw any new incidents in February.



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LARCENY of Bicycle

No Patterns

- Likely due to the colder weather and snow this year, 2026 has started off with a sharp decline in bike thefts. There have been 13 bicycle thefts reported citywide so far in 2026, down 64% from the 36 reported during the same time frame in 2025. Additionally, the 2026 total is registering at 64% below the five-year average of 36.
- The most recent four weeks (February 2026) saw a 20% increase in bike thefts when compared with the previous four weeks (January 2026), with one additional theft reported in February.
- Seven bike thefts (or 54% of all citywide thefts year-to-date) have occurred north of Harvard Square.
- Of the 13 bike thefts reported in 2026, 10 (77%) were reportedly locked at the time of the theft.

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

Neighborhood	YTD Total	% Citywide
North Cambridge	4	31%
Riverside	3	23%
Inman/Harrington	2	15%
Mid-Cambridge	2	15%
Peabody	1	8%
The Port	1	8%

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

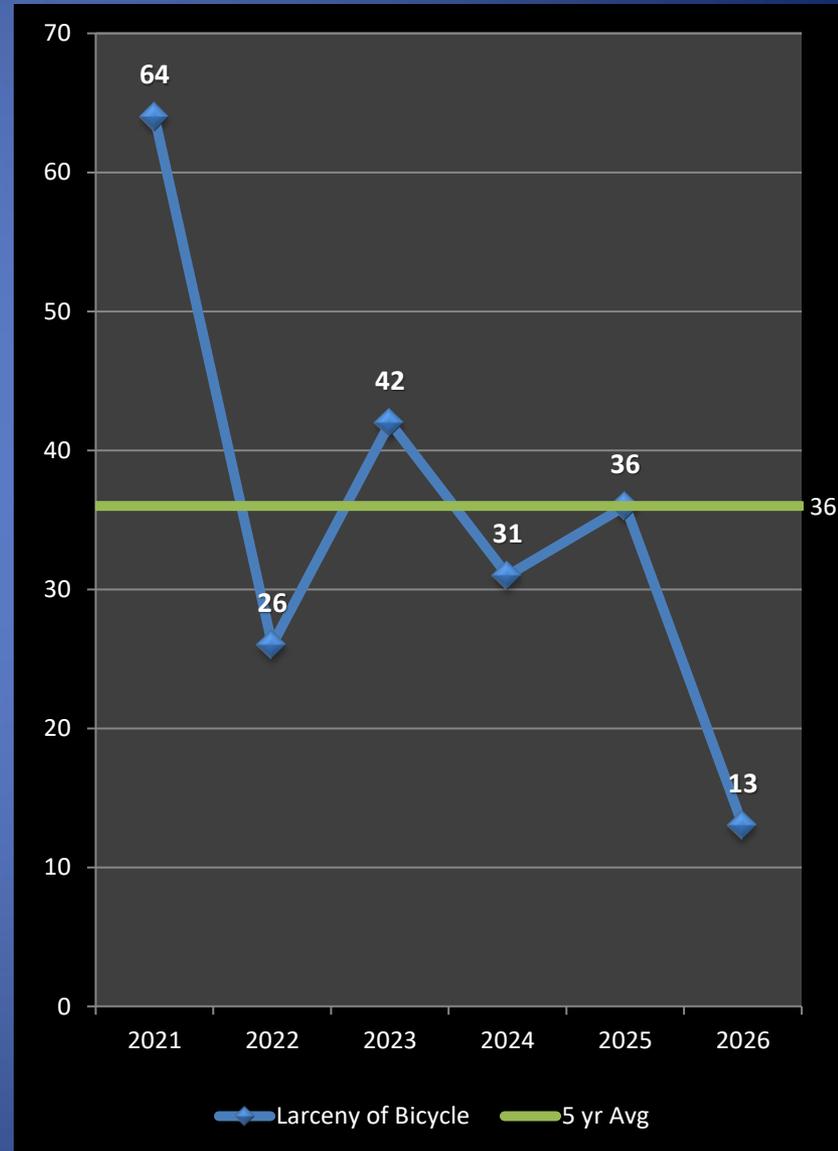
+20%

Previous Year

-64%

5-Year Average

-64%

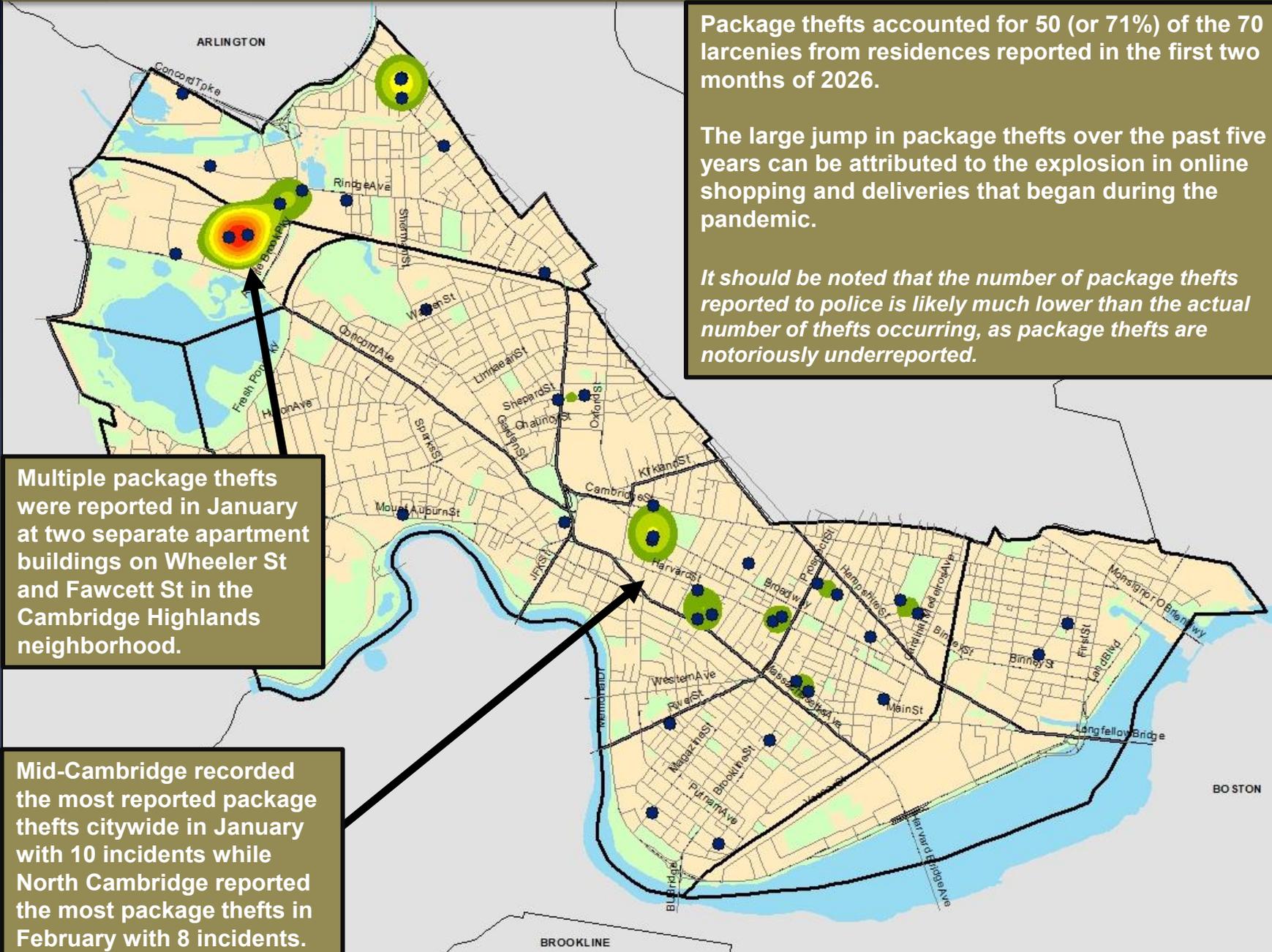




Geographic Breakdown of Package Thefts: 1.1.26 – 3.2.26

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Package thefts accounted for 50 (or 71%) of the 70 larcenies from residences reported in the first two 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 in January at two separate apartment buildings on Wheeler St and Fawcett St in the Cambridge Highlands neighborhood.

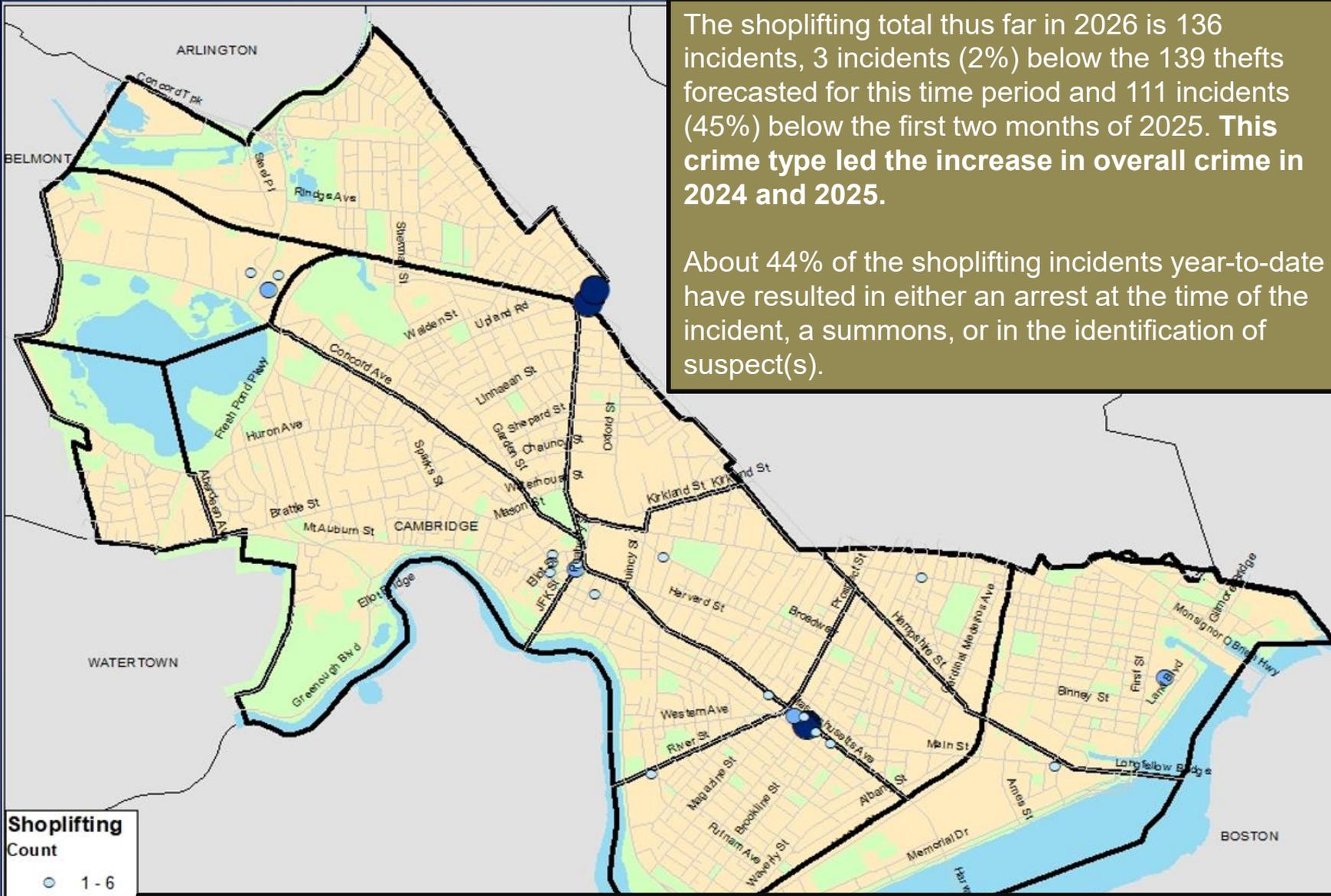
Mid-Cambridge recorded the most reported package thefts citywide in January with 10 incidents while North Cambridge reported the most package thefts in February with 8 incidents.



Geographic Breakdown of Shoplifting: 1.1.26 – 3.2.26

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Shoplifting Count

- 1 - 6
- 7 - 12
- 13 - 17
- 18 - 22

The shoplifting total thus far in 2026 is 136 incidents, 3 incidents (2%) below the 139 thefts forecasted for this time period and 111 incidents (45%) below the first two months of 2025. **This crime type led the increase in overall crime in 2024 and 2025.**

About 44% 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).

Year-to-date, the Target in Central Square has seen the most incidents with 22, followed by the Target in Porter Square with 19, and the CVS in Porter Square with 18. Only 5 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 two months of the year is 15, and with six reported so far in 2026, Cambridge has experienced a decrease of 60% below the expected total. Auto thefts also dropped 60% (nine incidents) when compared with the first two months of 2025.
- The neighborhood breakdown for auto thefts so far in 2026 is as follows: Cambridgeport – 3; and Riverside, North Cambridge, and Baldwin with 1 each.
- Two of the six auto thefts reported so far this year involved a situation where the operator left the vehicle unlocked and/or running in order to deliver a package or grab food. When the victim returned, the vehicle was gone.
- Two of the six motor vehicles stolen in 2026 have been recovered to date.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

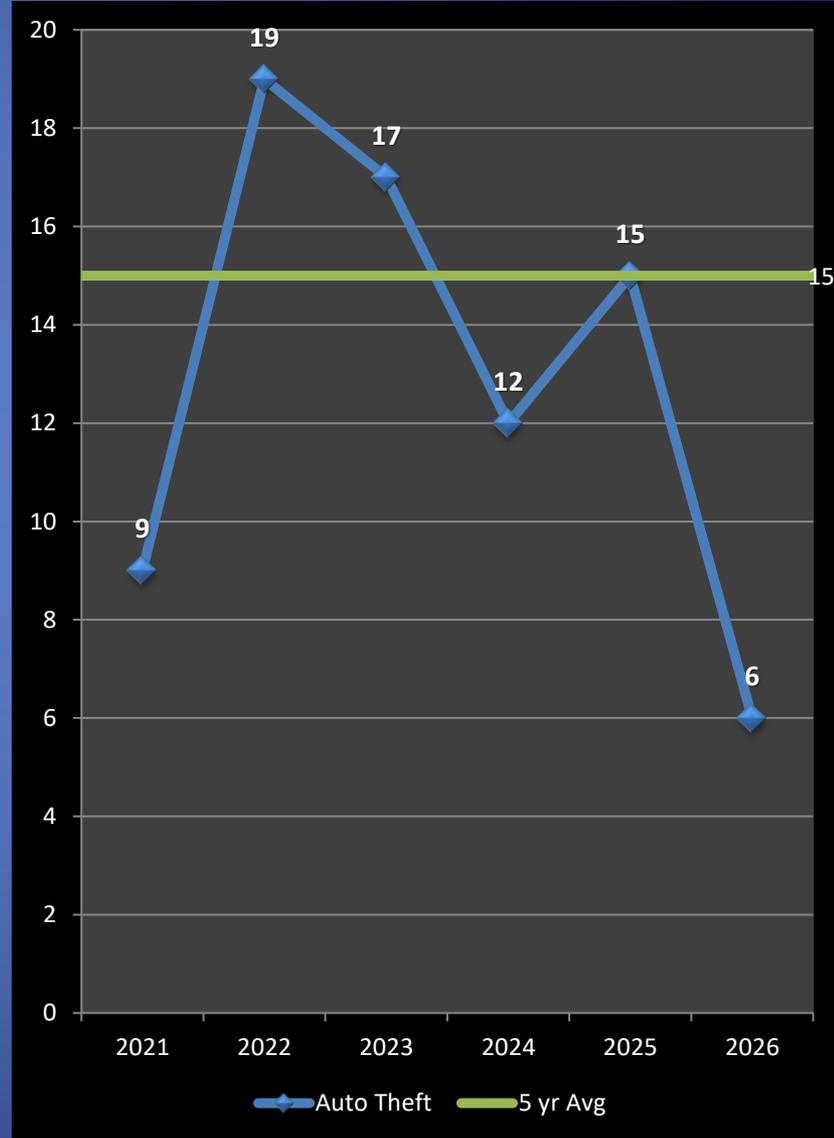
-50%

Previous Year

-60%

5-Year Average

-60%





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- Sign up with for the **Cambridge Alert Network**, to receive alerts about emerging crime patterns, neighborhood meetings, and crime prevention tips, by visiting www.CambridgeMa.gov/AlertNetwork.
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- Visit our website at www.CambridgePolice.org for valuable information and reports including the Daily Log and BridgeStat, which is published on the first Friday of every month.
- Download our “MyPD” smartphone app at www.CambridgePolice.org/MyPD.

To Share Information with the CPD:

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