



Cambridge Police Department BridgeStat

July 2026

Produced by the Crime Analysis Unit



Part I Total Crime

An analysis of the serious crime statistics for the first seven months of 2026 points to a notable decrease of 9% in the Part One index total for Cambridge when compared with 2025. During the first seven months of the year, there were 1,840 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 2,024 incidents. When measured against the five-year average, the crime index is on par with a 0% change (9 fewer incidents in 2026).

Further analysis of the crime totals for the first seven months of 2026 indicates that violent crimes recorded a 10% decrease when compared with last year. There were two homicides, 21 rapes, 45 robberies, and 185 aggravated assaults recorded from the beginning of the year through August 3, 2026.

Likewise, the numbers indicate that property crimes have dropped 9% so far in 2026 with crime totals registering significantly under the 2025 amount. The 28% decrease in shoplifting, the 34% drop in commercial breaks, and the 15% reduction in larcenies from motor vehicles during the first seven months of the year are 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 also undoubtedly contributed to the reduction in reported crimes during 2026.

When analyzing the serious crime totals of July 2026 versus the previous month of June 2026, there was a 6% increase in the number of index incidents, with 17 more crimes reported in July.

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	6/9/26 - 7/6/26	7/7/26 - 8/3/26	Change	2025	2026	Change	Avg	Change
Total Violent Crime	37	43	16%	280	253	-10%	261	-3%
Total Property Crime	258	269	4%	1744	1587	-9%	1588	0%
Total Part I Crime	295	312	6%	2024	1840	-9%	1849	0%



Part I Property Crime

Analysis of property crime totals through July 2026 reveals a 9% decrease when measured against the same time in 2025 and a 0% change (down one incident) from the five-year average of 1,588.

Overall, the majority of the property crime categories recorded decreases when measured against the first seven months of 2025. However, a 23% decrease in larceny from the person, a 34% drop in commercial breaks, a 15% decline in larceny from motor vehicles, and a substantial reduction of 28% in shopliftings (down 196 incidents) led to the overall decrease in property crimes so far this year. Meanwhile, the most notable increase at this time is a 21% rise in bicycle thefts (up 46 incidents), a crime that has heated up substantially in the past few months with the warmer weather.

	4 Week Snapshot				Year to Date			Five Year	
	6/9/26 - 7/6/26	7/7/26 - 8/3/26	Change		2025	2026	Change	Avg	Change
Burglary	15	20	33%		122	126	3%	141	-11%
Commercial Break	4	1	-75%		58	38	-34%	51	-25%
Housebreak	11	19	73%		64	88	38%	90	-2%
Larceny	233	229	-2%		1572	1403	-11%	1380	2%
Larceny (Misc)	6	15	150%		44	54	23%	48	13%
Larceny from Building	17	13	-24%		103	111	8%	115	-3%
Larceny from MV	14	30	114%		176	150	-15%	193	-22%
Larceny from Person	6	9	50%		48	37	-23%	53	-30%
Larceny from Residence	35	40	14%		262	250	-5%	232	8%
Larceny of Bicycle	64	43	-33%		217	263	21%	256	3%
Larceny of Plate	1	1	0%		10	21	110%	16	31%
Larceny of Services	1	0	-100%		4	5	25%	9	-44%
Shoplifting	89	78	-12%		708	512	-28%	458	12%
Auto Theft	10	20	100%		50	58	16%	67	-13%
Total Property Crime	258	269	4%		1744	1587	-9%	1588	0%



Part I Violent Crime

From January 1st to August 3rd, 2026, there were 253 violent crimes recorded in Cambridge, 27 incidents (10%) below last year's total of 280 incidents through this time frame and eight incidents (-3%) below the 261 crimes forecasted for the first seven months of the year.

There were 21 rapes reported in Cambridge through August 3rd, which is 5% (one incident) below the 22 reported during the first seven 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. Sixty-three of the 185 aggravated assaults year-to-date (or 34%) have been reported in Central Square, as well as 11 of the 34 street robberies (or 32%).

The second homicide of 2026 occurred during the early morning hours of July 4th. Preliminary investigation suggests that the victim, Xavier Bautista, 32, from Cambridge, was shot shortly before 4:30am in the area of Broadway & Norfolk St. His body was located by a pedestrian at around 5:30am and he was pronounced deceased on scene by Paramedics. One person has been arrested in connection with this homicide and the investigation is ongoing.

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	6/9/26 - 7/6/26	7/7/26 - 8/3/26	Change	2025	2026	Change	Avg	Change
Homicide	1	0	-100%	1	2	100%	0	IN-CALC
Rape	2	3	50%	22	21	-5%	24	-13%
Robbery	4	12	200%	48	45	-6%	59	-24%
Commercial Robbery	1	3	200%	12	11	-8%	14	-21%
Street Robbery	3	9	200%	36	34	-6%	46	-26%
Aggravated Assault	30	28	-7%	209	185	-11%	177	5%
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MURDER

No Patterns

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- The first homicide of 2026 in Cambridge was reported on January 6. At approximately 7:52pm, officers responded to a Norfolk Street apartment complex for a report of a stabbing. One victim, 37-year-old Antoine Johnson, of Freetown, MA, 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Percent Change*

Last 4 Weeks

Previous Year

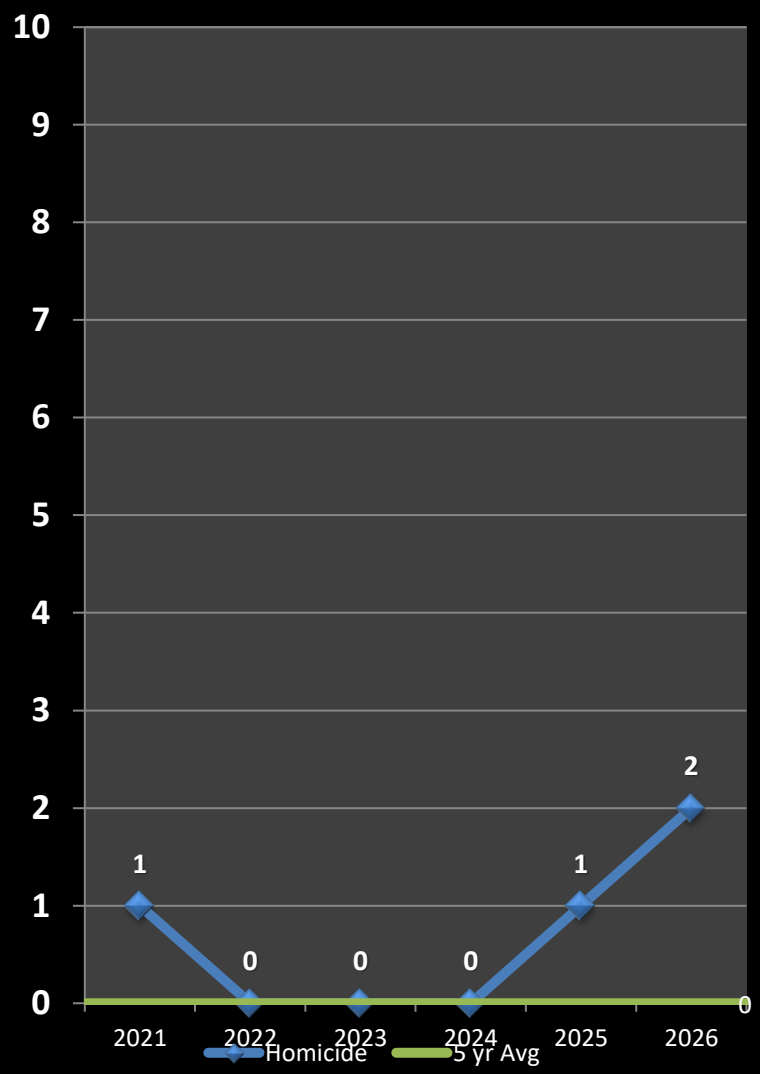
5-Year Average

-100%

+100%

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RAPE

No Patterns

- There have been 21 rapes reported in Cambridge so far in 2026, which is one less than the 22 reported during the first seven months of 2025. There have also been three fewer rapes reported through August 3rd, 2026, when compared to the five-year weighted average of 24.
- The rapes reported so far in 2026 have been categorized as ten domestic assaults, five acquaintance rapes, and three each of blitz and contact incidents.
- 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

+50%

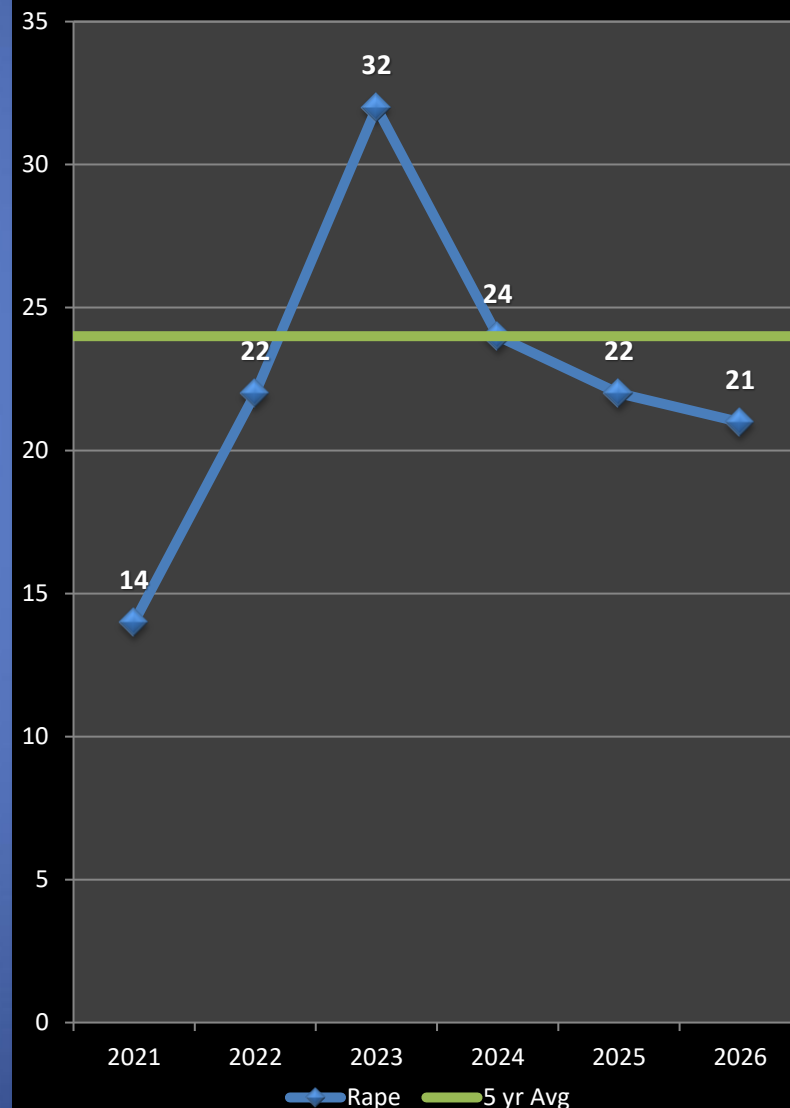
Previous Year

-5%

5-Year Average

-13%

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AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

No Patterns

- The total of 185 aggravated assaults reported through August 3, 2026, is 11% less than that reported during the first seven months of 2025. Conversely, the total reported through 8/3 is 5% above the five-year average of 177.
- The 185 aggravated assaults reported so far in 2026 are comprised of the following classifications: 47 unprovoked scenarios; 45 domestic altercations; 18 between acquaintances; 15 traffic & parking assaults; 13 affray/brawls; 12 shop owner/patron assaults; 10 assaults on police officers; eight psychotic episodes; five assaults between unhoused parties; four landlord/neighbor assaults; three each of juvenile assaults and workplace assaults; 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. Sixty-three of the 185 assaults year-to-date (or 34%) have taken place in that business district thus far. In July, 15 assaults took place in Central Square, followed by four in Inman Square.
- There have been two confirmed shots fired incidents and one fatal shooting in Cambridge through 8/3 of 2026. Through the same time period in 2025, there were five shots fired incidents, with three resulting in gunshot wounds (two non-fatal and one homicide) and two resulting in no injuries.
NOTE: The shooting on 5/11/26 resulted in two non-fatal injuries on the roadway of Memorial Dr (which is under State Police jurisdiction) and one shot fired into a residence on Memorial Dr with no injuries (which is under Cambridge Police jurisdiction). The suspect in this incident was taken into custody by State Police.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

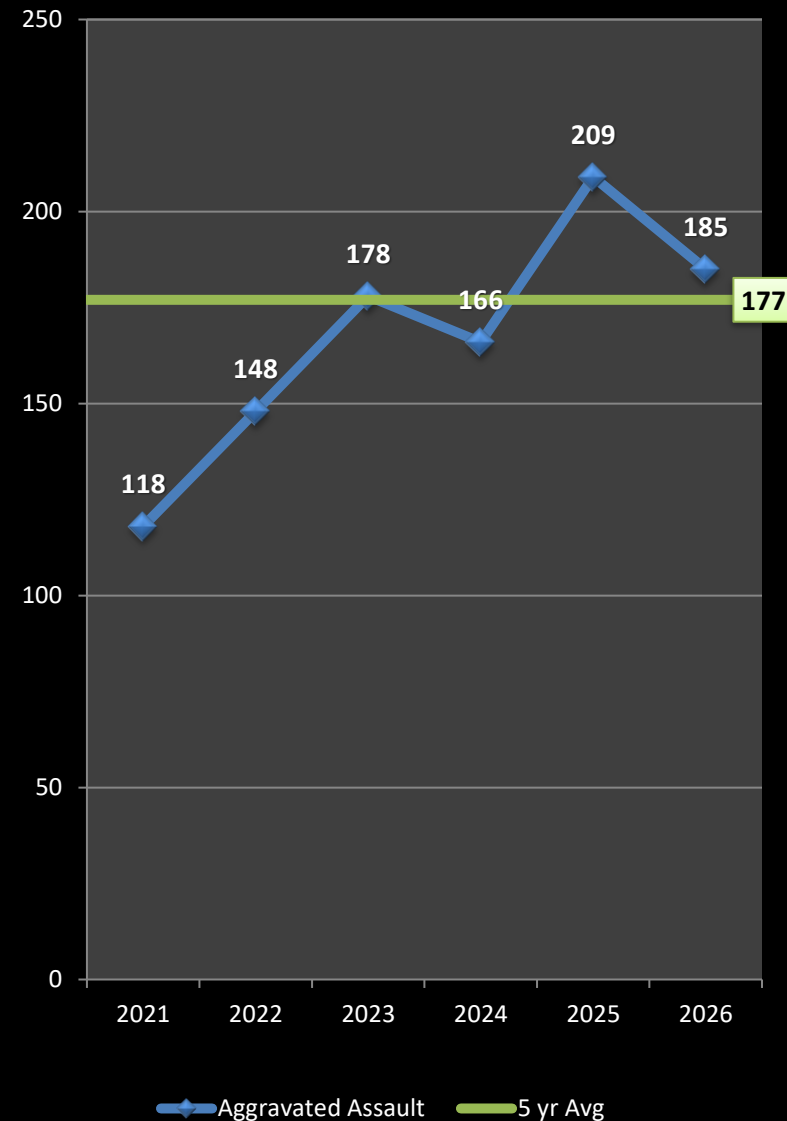
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Previous Year

-11%

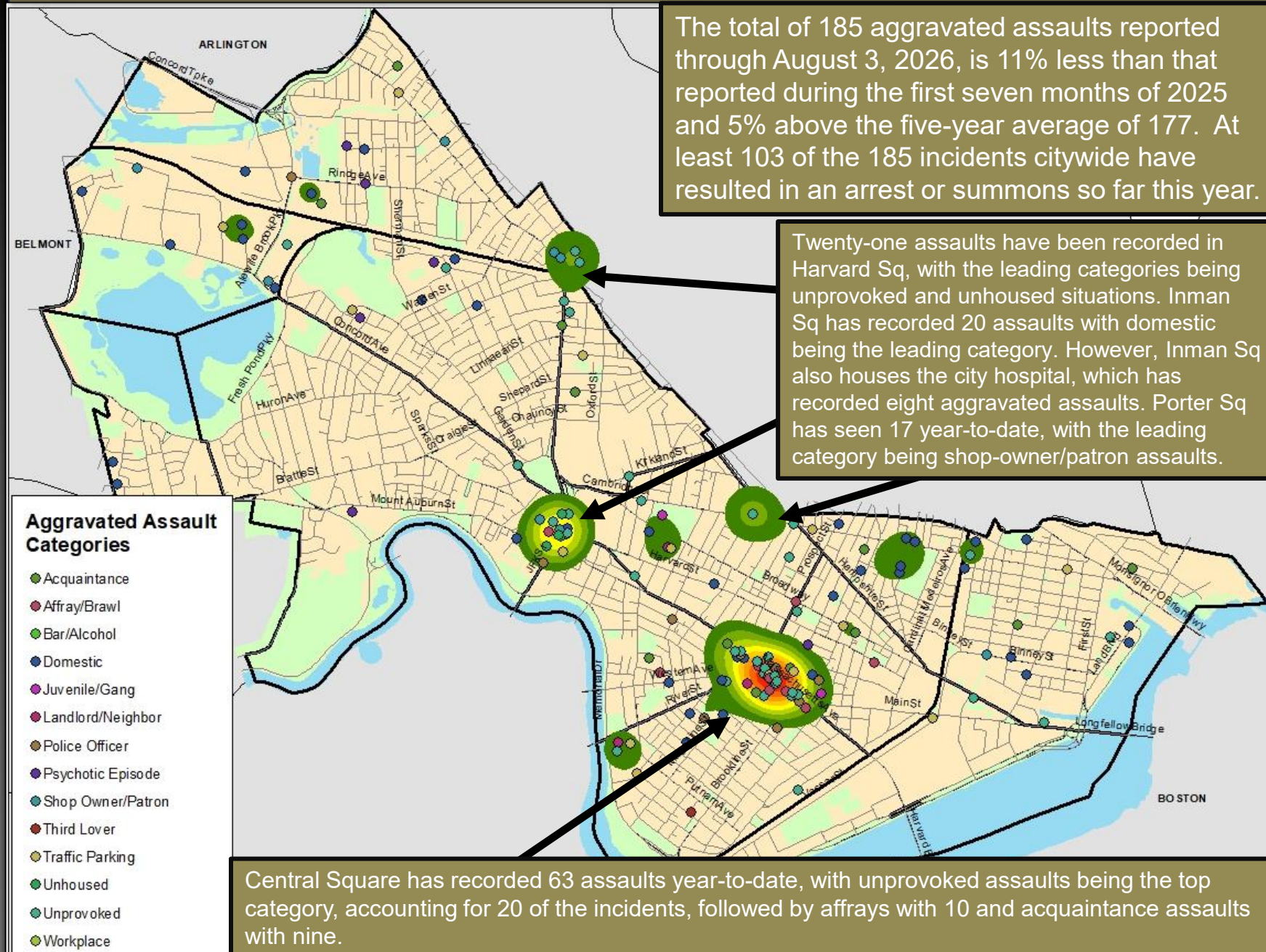
5-Year Average

+5%





Geographic Breakdown of Aggravated Assaults: 1.1.26 – 8.3.26





Shootings & Shots Fired in Cambridge: 1.1.26 – 8.3.26

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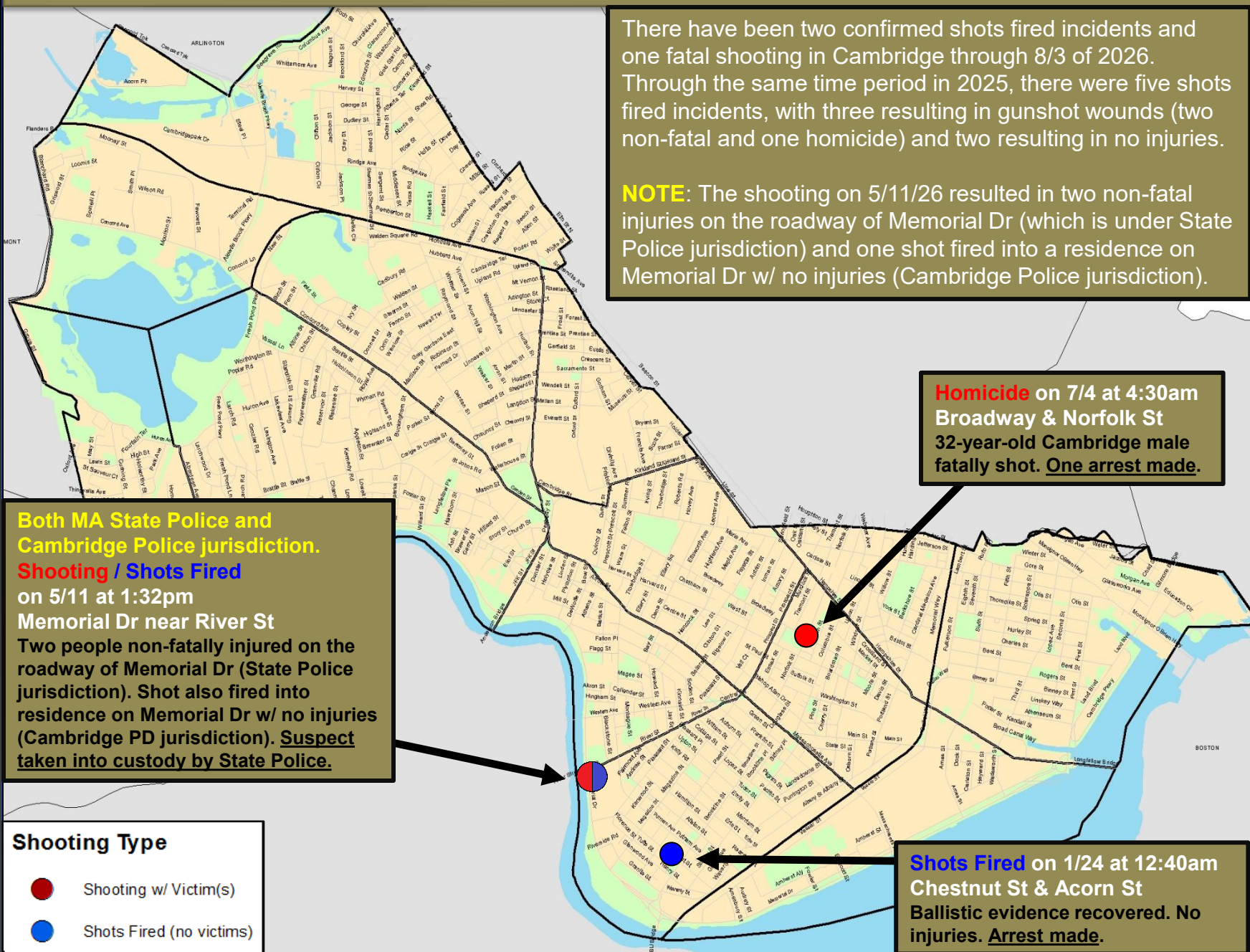
Homicide on 7/4 at 4:30am
Broadway & Norfolk St
32-year-old Cambridge male
fatally shot. One arrest made.

**Both MA State Police and
Cambridge Police jurisdiction.**
Shooting / Shots Fired
on 5/11 at 1:32pm
Memorial Dr near River St
Two people non-fatally injured on the
roadway of Memorial Dr (State Police
jurisdiction). Shot also fired into
residence on Memorial Dr w/ no injuries
(Cambridge PD jurisdiction). Suspect
taken into custody by State Police.

Shooting Type

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

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





Robbery

No Patterns

- The five-year average for overall robbery in Cambridge through the first seven months of the year is 59 incidents. In 2026, 45 total robberies have been recorded to date, which translates to a 24% drop below the projected total and a 6% decrease below the 48 robberies reported through 8/3 in 2025.
- Eleven commercial robberies have been reported year-to-date in 2026, down one incident (-8%) from the first seven months of 2025 and down three (-21%) from the five-year average of 14. All 11 robberies so far have been unrelated, but eight of the 11 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 12 incidents (-26%) below the five-year average of 46 and are down two incidents (-6%) below the 36 street robberies reported during the same time frame in 2025. The month of July saw an increase in incidents involving groups of young suspects stealing everything from bikes and mopeds to backpacks and wallets, although it is unknown if any are related at this time.
- The trend observed during the past few years of a high percentage of street robberies occurring in Central Square may very slowly be starting to re-emerge after a delayed start in 2026. However, this activity is still far below the level seen in recent years. Only 11 of the 34 street robberies (or 32%) year-to-date have been reported in this area, compared to 62% at the end of 2025.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

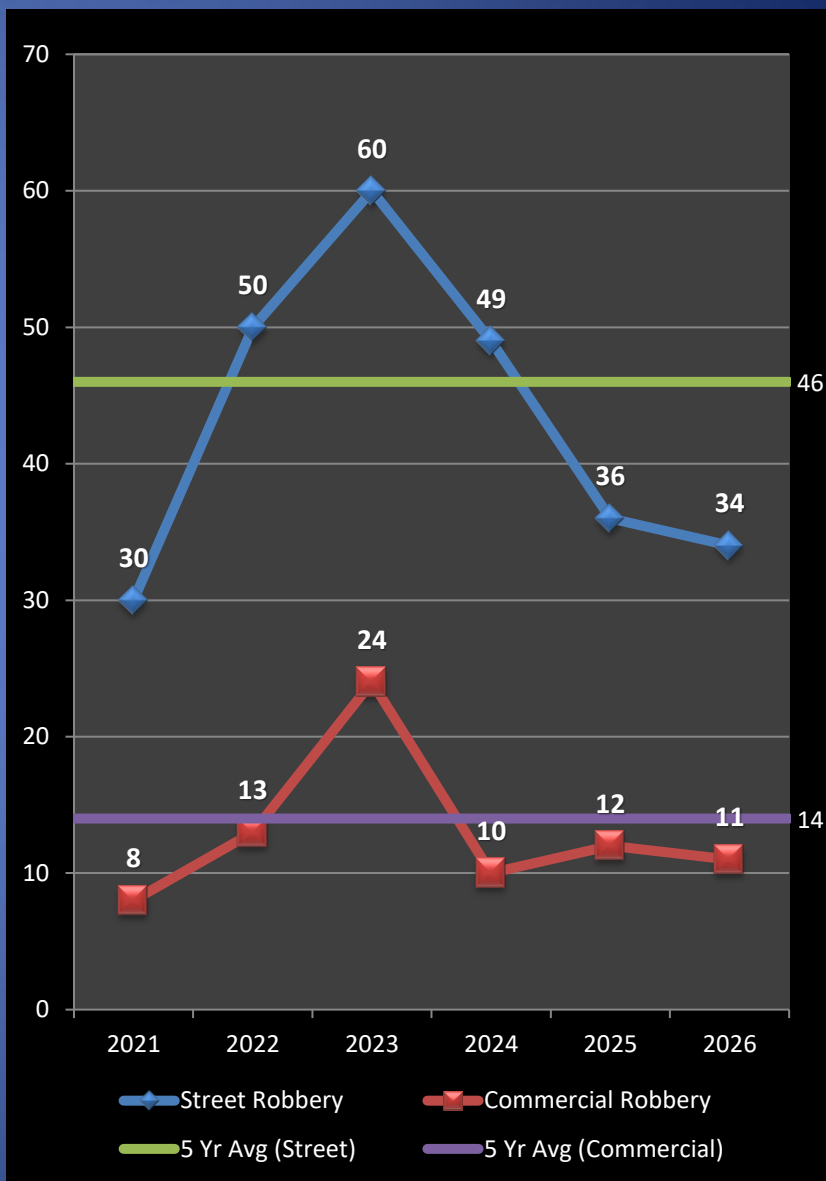
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Previous Year

-6%

5-Year Average

-24%

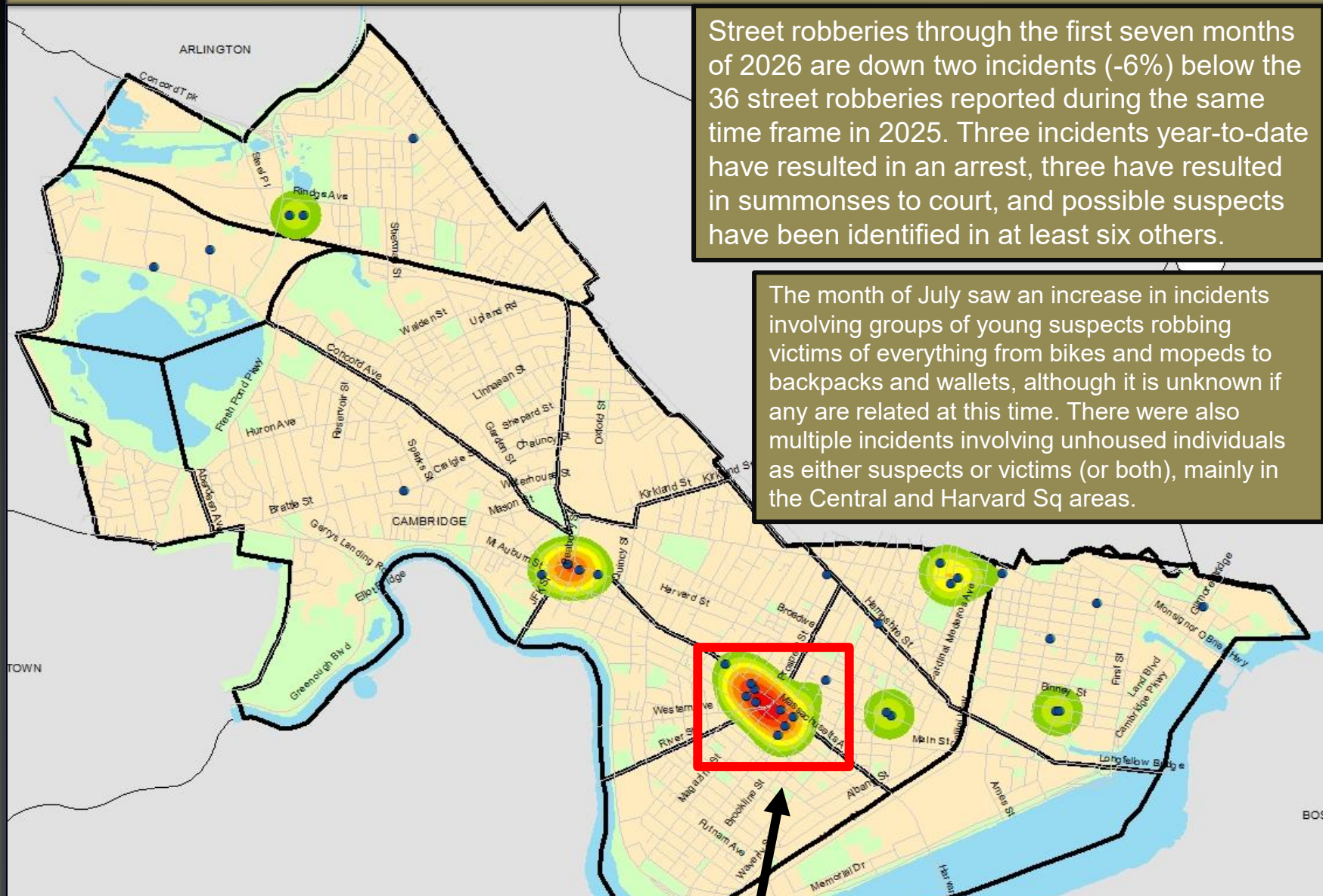




Geographic Breakdown of Street Robberies: 1.1.26 – 8.3.26

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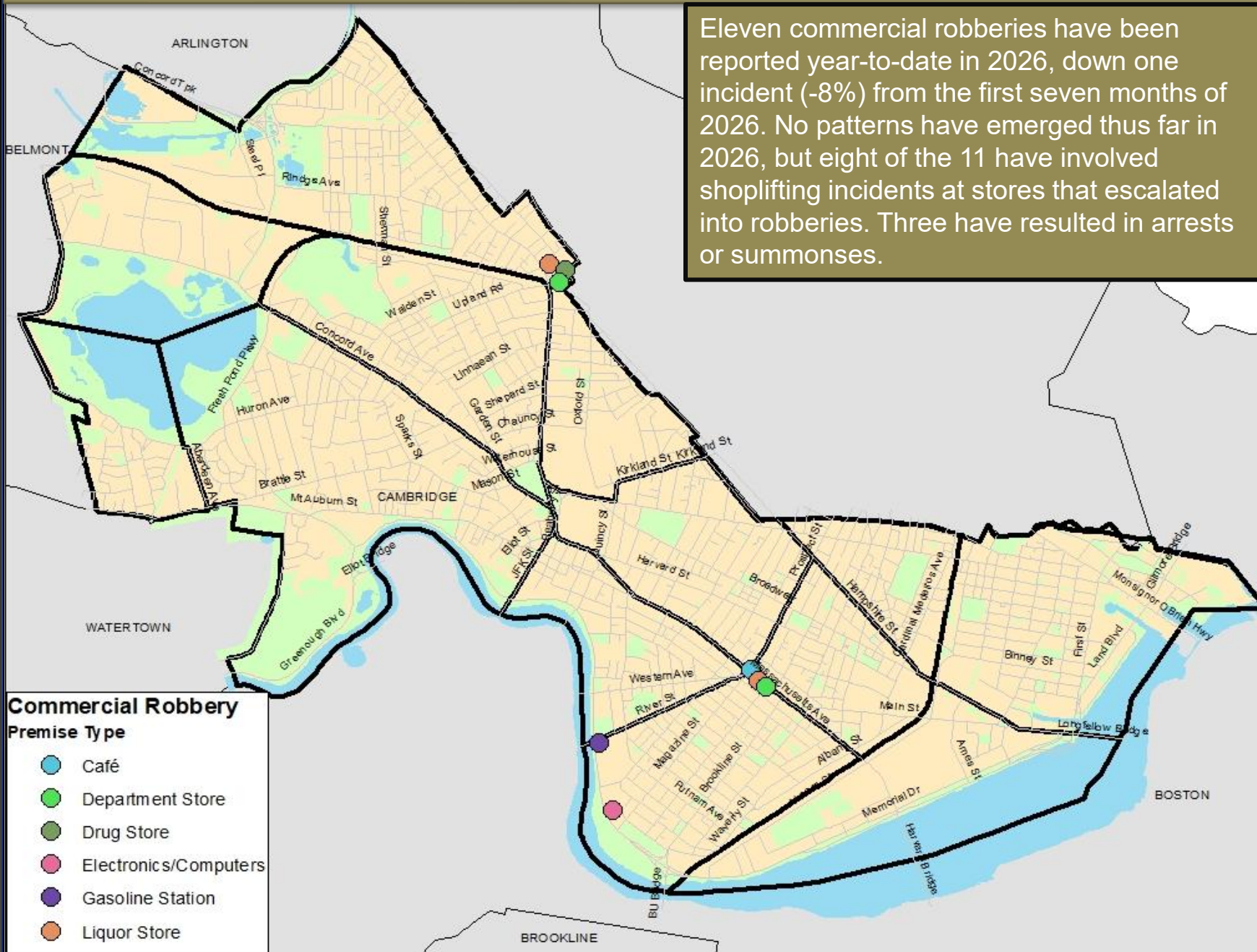


Although the highlighted Central Square area is still the main hotspot for street robberies citywide through the first seven months of 2026, this is not nearly the problem area that it has been in recent years. Eleven of the 34 street robberies (or 32%) year-to-date have been reported in this area, which is down from 62% at the end of 2025. Four new incidents were reported in this area in July.



Geographic Breakdown of Commercial Robberies: 1.1.26 – 8.3.26

Eleven commercial robberies have been reported year-to-date in 2026, down one incident (-8%) from the first seven months of 2026. No patterns have emerged thus far in 2026, but eight of the 11 have involved shoplifting incidents at stores that escalated into robberies. Three have resulted in arrests or summonses.





Burglary

No Patterns

- The property index crime of burglary, the combination of residential and commercial breaks, recorded an increase of 3% (four incidents) through August 3rd of 2026 when compared to the 122 incidents reported during the first seven months of 2025. The total of 126 burglary incidents reported thus far in 2026 is conversely 11% (15 incidents) below the five-year average of 141.
- Housebreaks through August 3rd increased by 24 incidents (38%) from 64 in 2025 to 88 in 2026. Of the 88 housebreaks that have occurred so far in 2026, the North Cambridge and Cambridgeport neighborhoods each reported 18 incidents, making them the top neighborhoods for housebreaks, followed by Peabody with 14 incidents.
- Commercial breaks are down by 20 incidents (34%), dropping from 58 incidents in the first seven months of 2025 to 38 in 2026. Sixteen of these have been elevated shoplifting incidents where the suspect was already trespassed from the store at the time of the theft.
- There are no defined patterns of residential or commercial burglaries anywhere in the city at the present time.

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Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

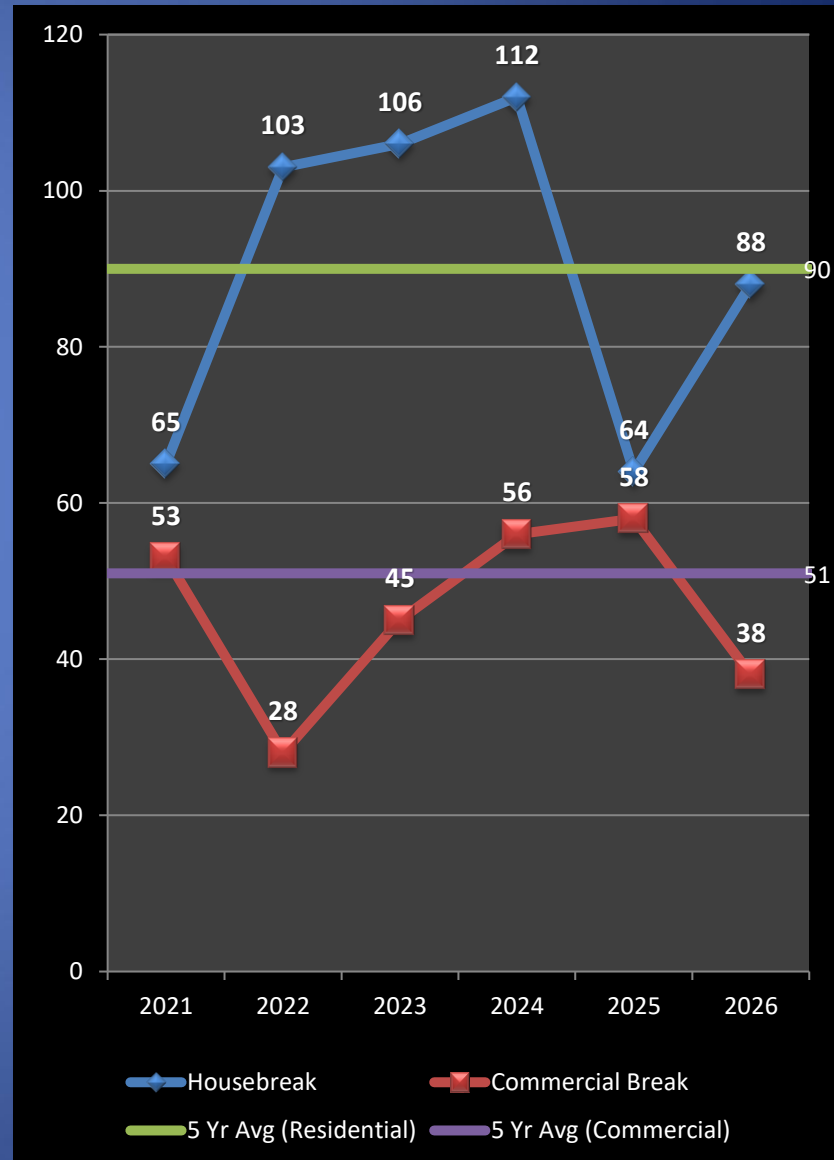
+33%

Previous Year

+3%

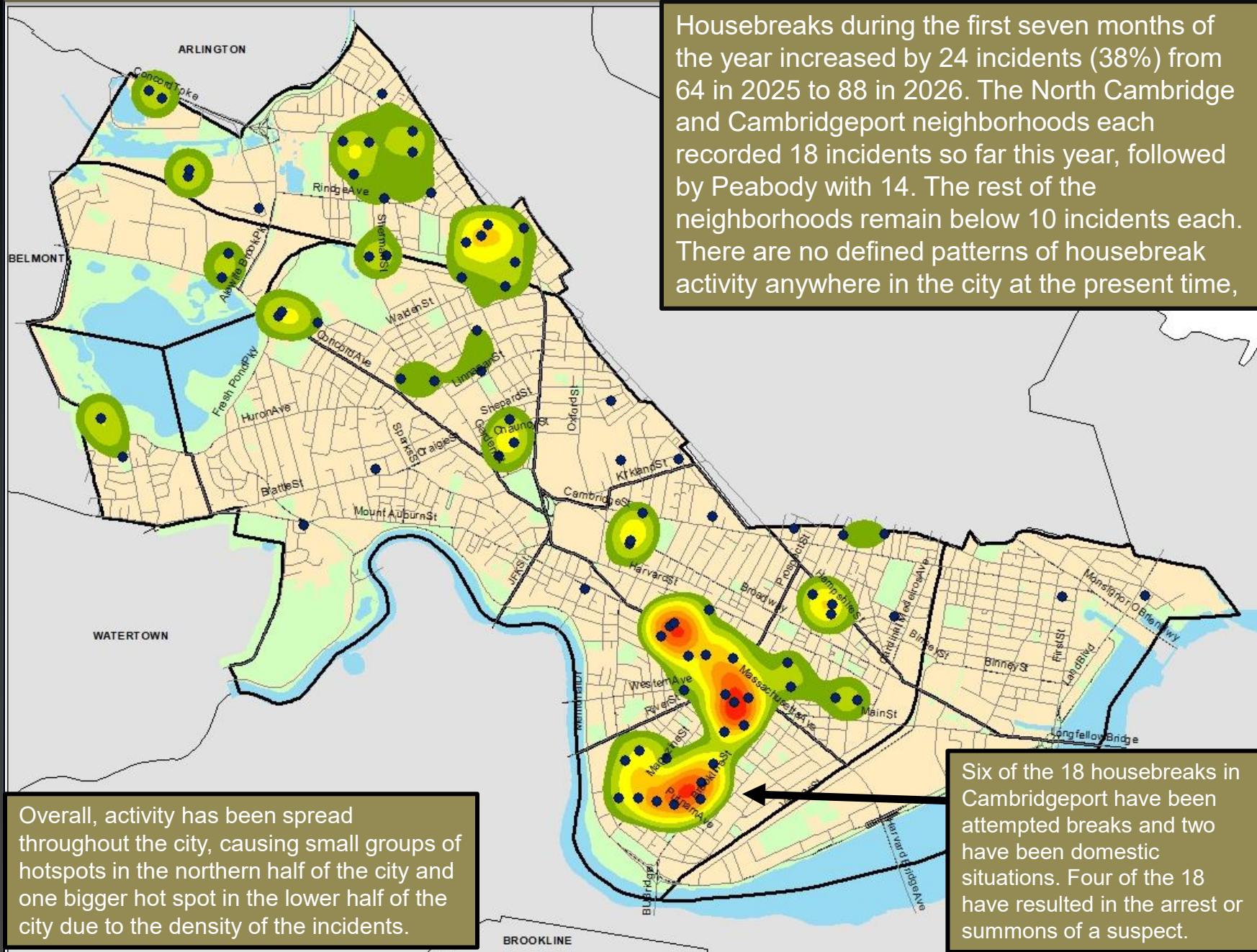
5-Year Average

-11%



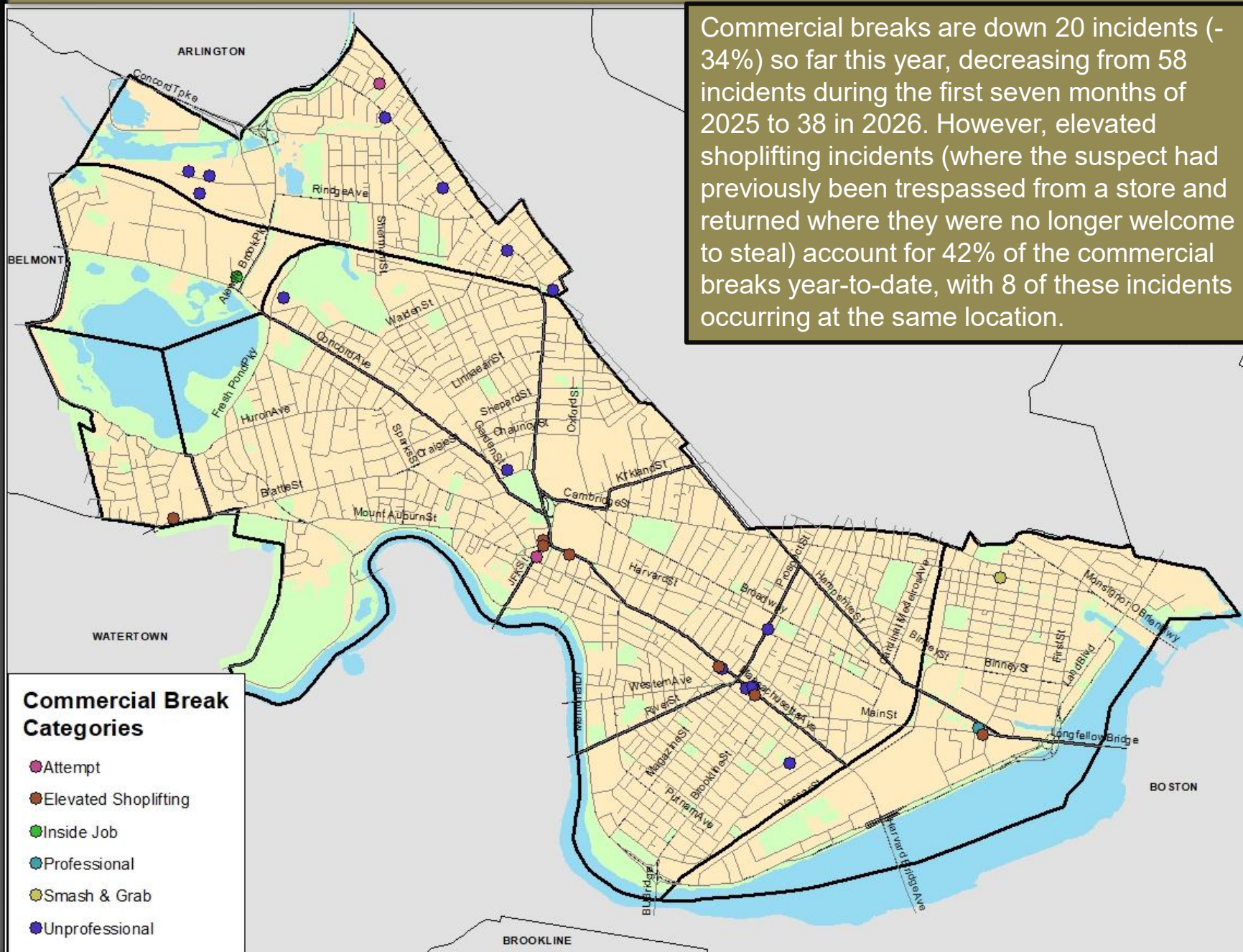


Geographic Breakdown of Housebreaks: 1.1.26 – 8.3.26





Geographic Breakdown of Commercial Breaks: 1.1.26 – 8.3.26





LARCENY

No Patterns

- **Overall larceny through August 3rd of 2026 has registered 1,403 incidents, 11% below the same time in 2025.** The total of 1,403 larcenies reported in 2026 is conversely 2% above the five-year average of 1,380 incidents.
- **The larceny from motor vehicle total through August 3rd, 2026, is 150 incidents, 15% below the same time frame in 2025.** This is also 22% (43 incidents) below the five-year average of 193 incidents.
- **Through August 3rd, 2026, there were 37 larcenies from the person reported in Cambridge, down 23% (11 incidents) when compared to 2025.** Harvard and Central Square have each recorded 11 incidents of larcenies from the person.
- **There were 111 larcenies from buildings reported in the first seven months of 2026.** This total is 8 incidents (+8%) above the same time in 2025 and four incidents (-3%) below the five-year average. There was a rise in thefts from lockers at health clubs in the Central & Porter Sq areas in the month of March, which dropped off in April and has fluctuated each month since, with no new incidents in July.
- **Larcenies from residences are down 12 incidents (-5%) in 2026 when compared with 2025.** Package thefts have accounted for 177 (or 71%) of the 250 larcenies from residences reported so far this year. North Cambridge has seen the most with 33, followed by Mid-Cambridge with 30.
- **There have been 263 larcenies of bicycles reported so far in 2026.** This total is 46 incidents (21%) above the first seven months of 2025 and 7 incidents (3%) above the five-year average of 256. The top neighborhood for bike thefts so far in 2026 is North Cambridge with 63 incidents.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

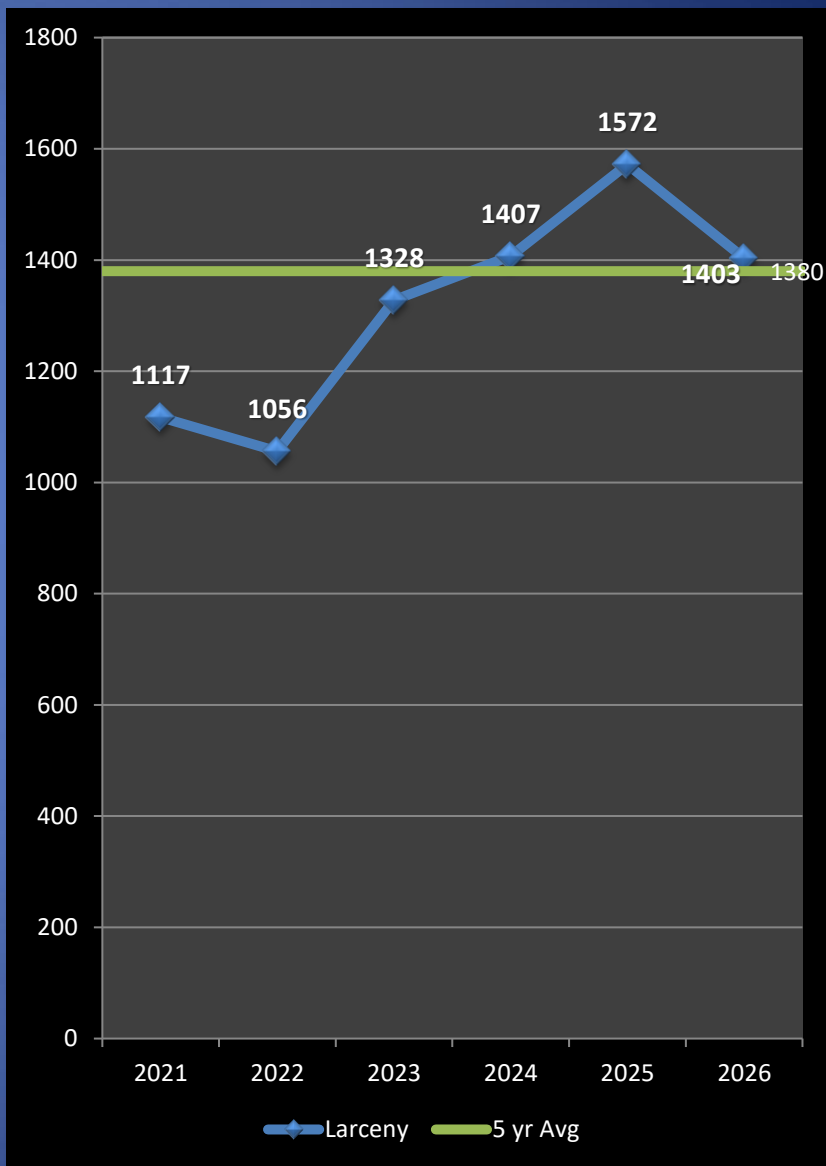
-2%

Previous Year

-11%

5-Year Average

+2%





LARCENY From MV

No Patterns

- The larceny from motor vehicle (LMV) total through the first seven months of 2026 is 150 incidents, which is 15% (26 incidents) below the same time period in 2025. The 150 thefts from vehicles reported so far this year also indicate a decrease of 43 incidents (-22%) below the 193 car breaks forecasted for this time period.
- The neighborhoods with the most larcenies from motor vehicles in the first seven months of 2026 were North Cambridge and Mid-Cambridge with 39 and 28 incidents, respectively.
- Comparing the last four weeks (July) to the previous four (June), there was a significant increase in the number of incidents reported, with 16 more incidents reported during July. Despite this increase, the year started out with fewer LMVs than expected, due to the cold weather and winter storms, and they remain low as we continue to progress through the year.
- Of the 150 incidents reported so far in 2026, 63 vehicles (42%) were entered through an unlocked door and 74 vehicles (49%) were entered via unknown means.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

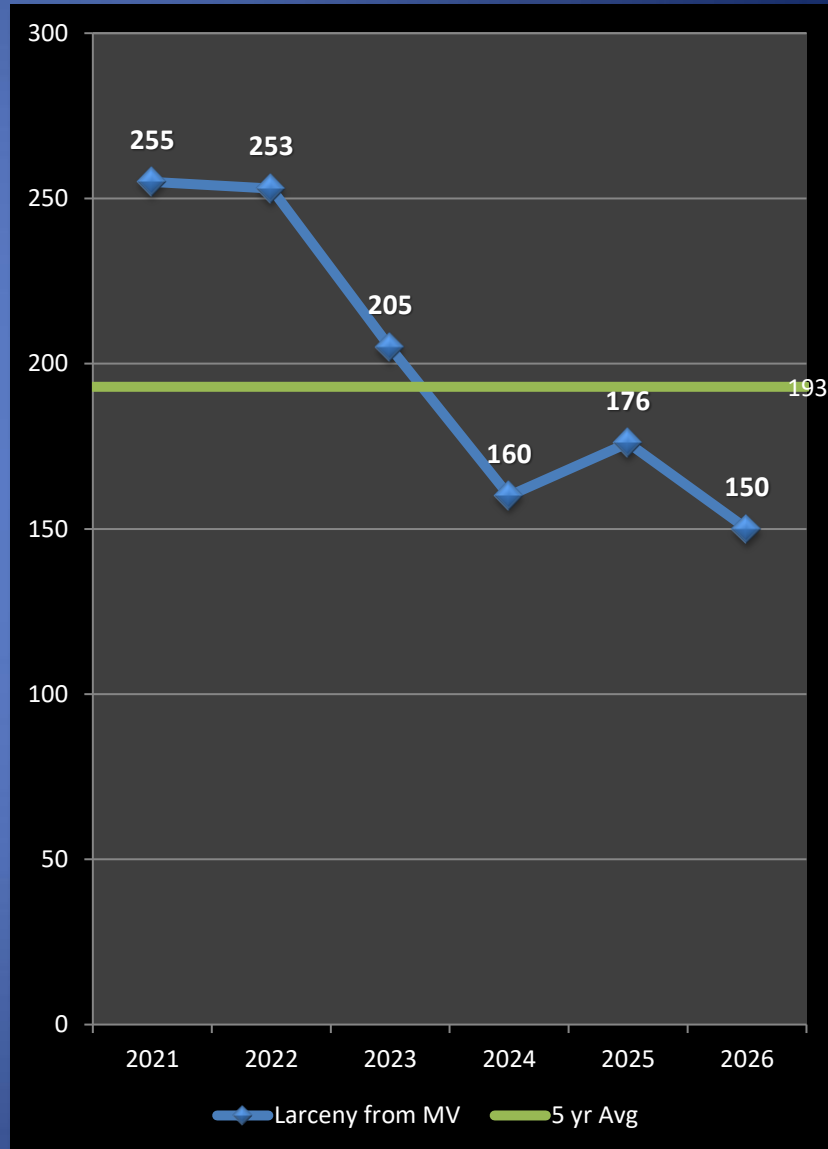
+114%

Previous Year

-15%

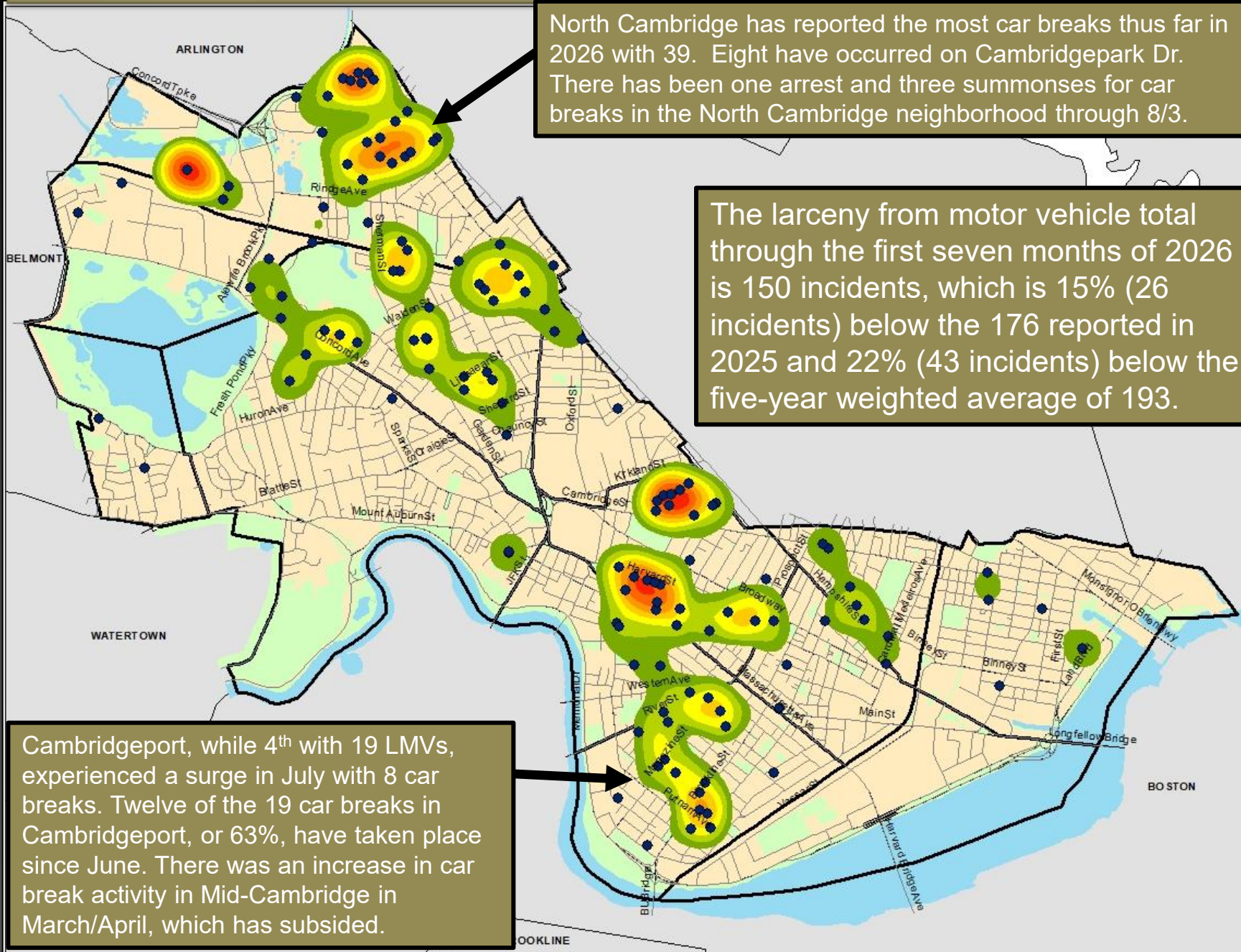
5-Year Average

-22%





Geographic Breakdown of Larceny from Motor Vehicles: 1.1.26 – 8.3.26





LARCENY of Bicycle

No Patterns

- Likely due at least in part to the colder weather and snow at the beginning of this year, 2026 started off with a sharp decline in bike thefts. However, this trend has reversed with the warmer weather. There have now been 263 bicycle thefts reported citywide so far in 2026, up 21% from the 217 reported during the same time frame in 2025. This increase in incidents also brought bike thefts up seven incidents (+3%) above the five-year weighted average of 256.
- Despite this sharp increase in incidents, the most recent four weeks (July) saw a 33% decrease in bike thefts when compared with the previous four weeks (June), with 21 fewer thefts reported.
- 126 bike thefts (or 48% of all citywide thefts year-to-date) have occurred north of Harvard Square.
- Of the 263 bike thefts reported so far in 2026, 183 (70%) 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	63	24%
The Port	31	12%
Cambridgeport	30	11%
Mid-Cambridge	30	11%
Riverside	26	10%

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

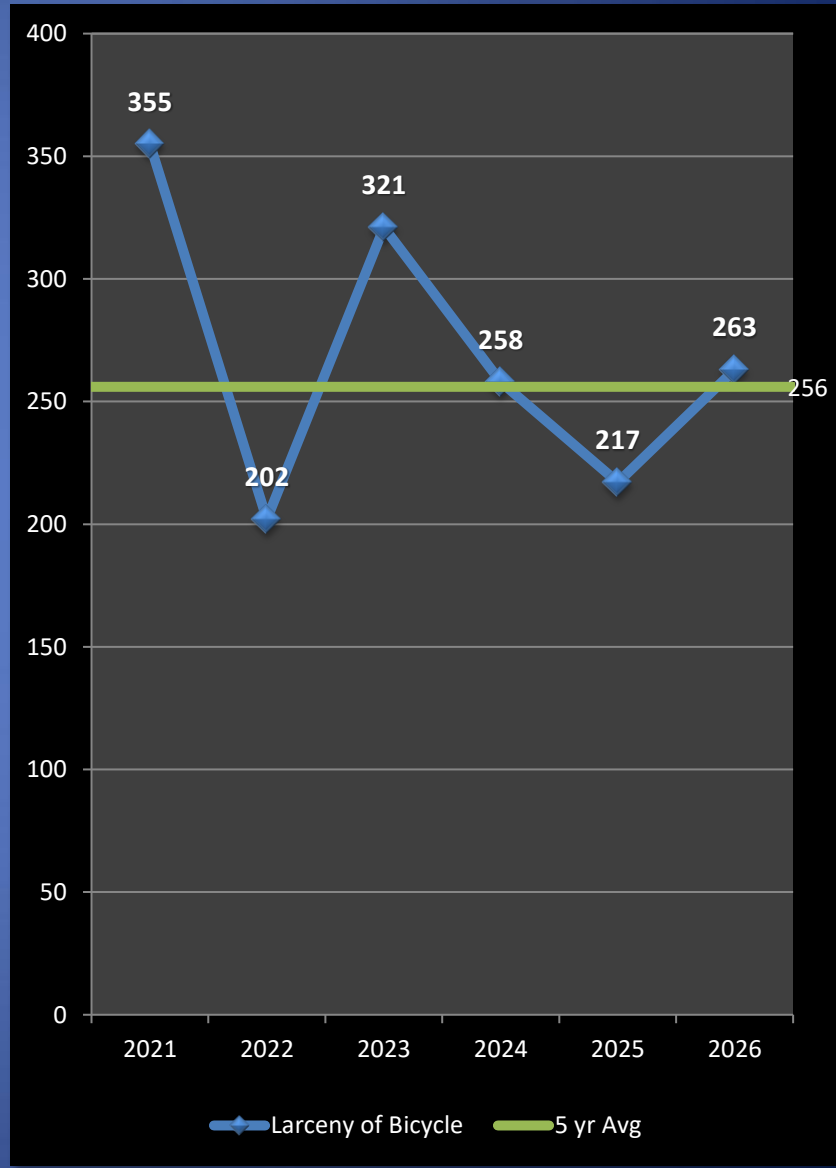
-33%

Previous Year

+21%

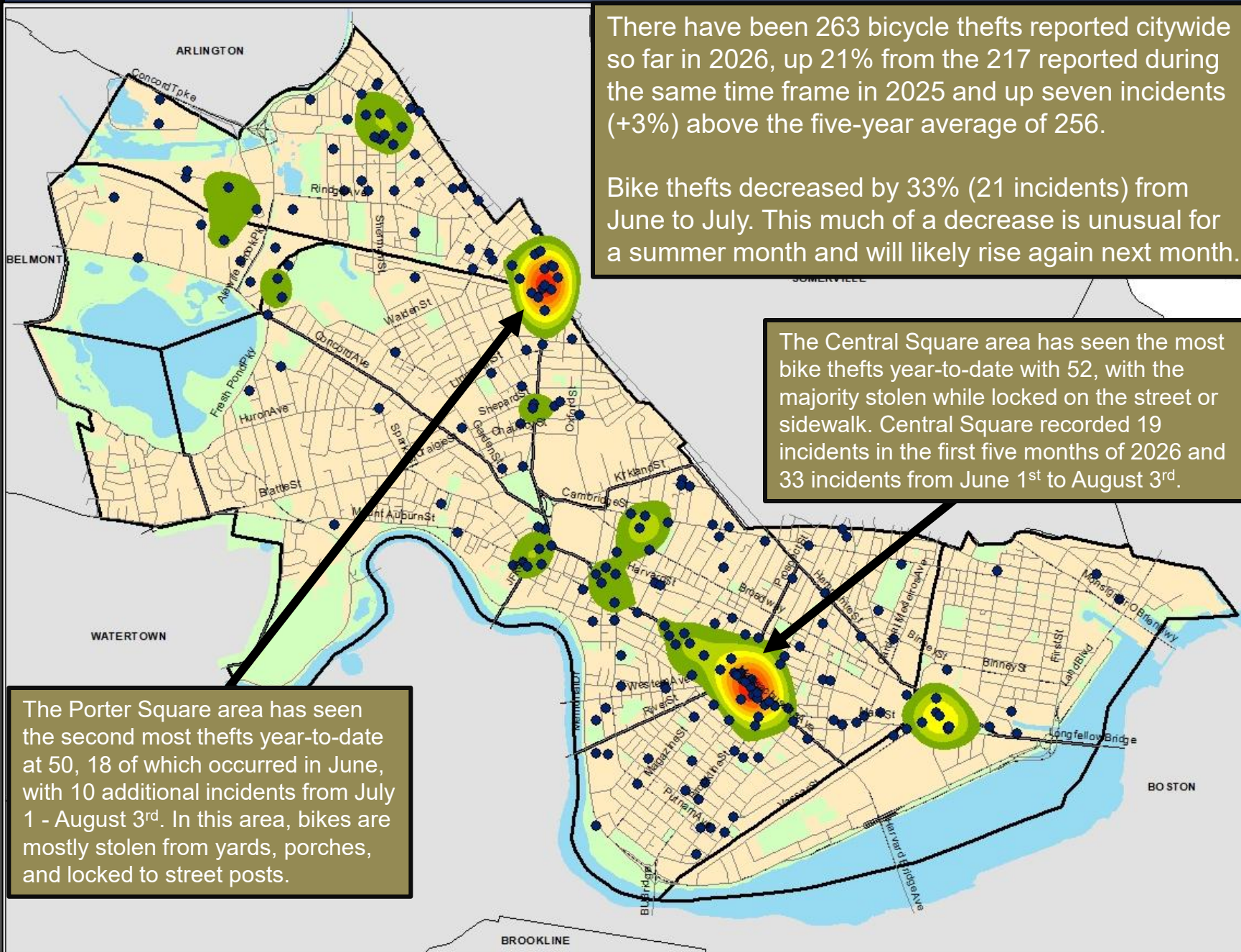
5-Year Average

+3%





Geographic Breakdown of Bicycle Thefts: 1.1.26 – 8.3.26

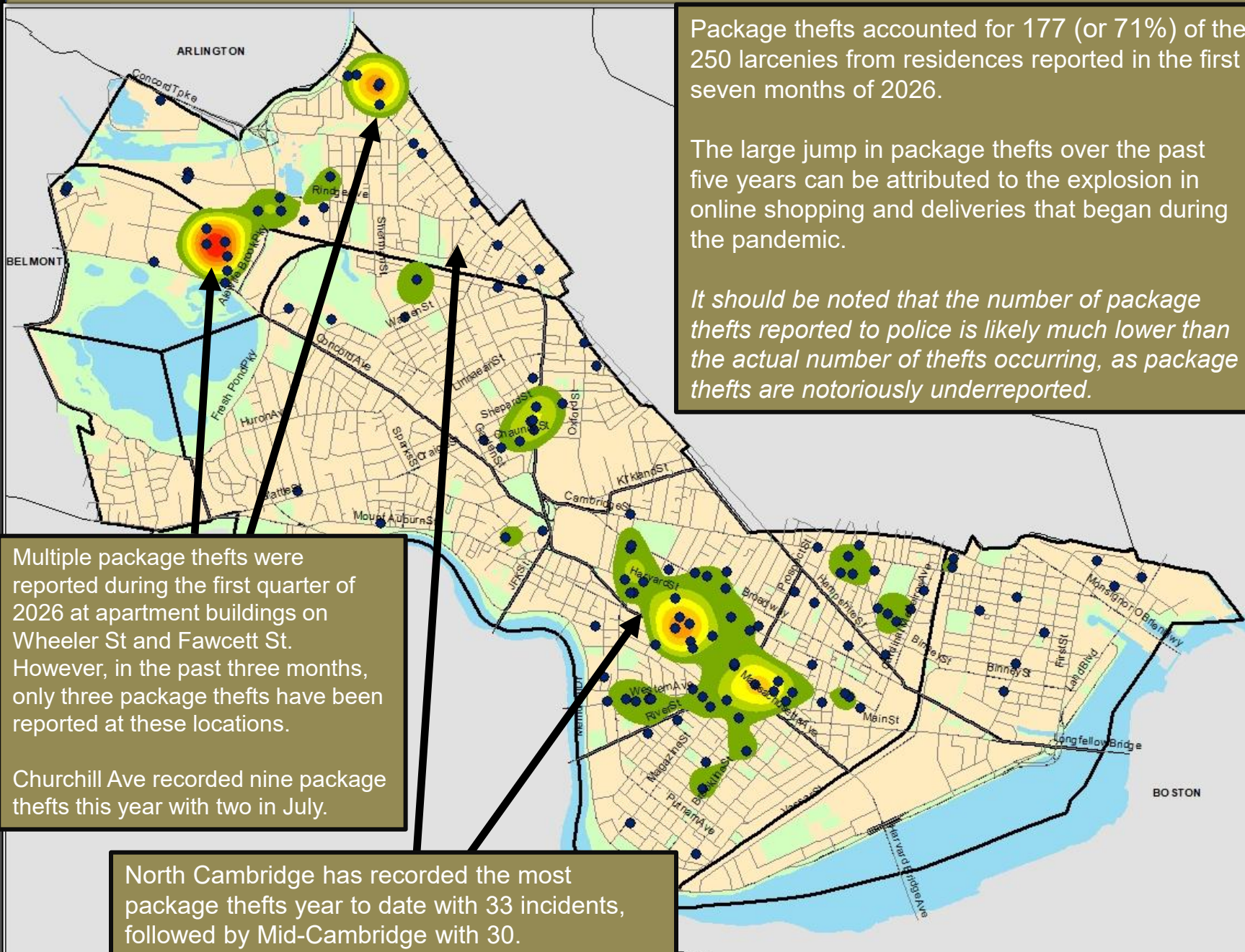




Geographic Breakdown of Package Thefts: 1.1.26 – 8.3.26

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Year-to-date, the Target in Central Square has seen the most incidents with 106, followed by the Target in Porter Square with 71, and the CVS in Porter Square with 64. Eleven 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 seven months of the year is 67 incidents, and with 58 reported so far in 2026, Cambridge has experienced a decrease of 13% below the expected total. Auto thefts conversely increased 16% (eight incidents) when compared with the first seven months of 2025.
- The neighborhood breakdown for auto thefts so far in 2026 is as follows: Cambridgeport – 14; The Port – 11; North Cambridge and Mid-Cambridge – 7 each; Peabody, West Cambridge, and Inman/Harrington – 4 each; Riverside – 3; and Strawberry Hill, East Cambridge, Baldwin, and MIT – 1 each.
- Four of the 36 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. This type of auto theft was very common last year and has decreased substantially in 2026.
- 28 of the 58 auto thefts reported so far this year have involved two-wheeled vehicles. There has been a large increase in moped/motorcycle thefts over the past month with 14 incidents reported in July, particularly across lower Cambridge. Many of the incidents that were witnessed have involved multiple young suspects who arrived on mopeds and proceeded to steal either attended or unattended mopeds before fleeing back over the river into Boston.
- 21 of the 58 motor vehicles stolen in 2026 have been recovered to date.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

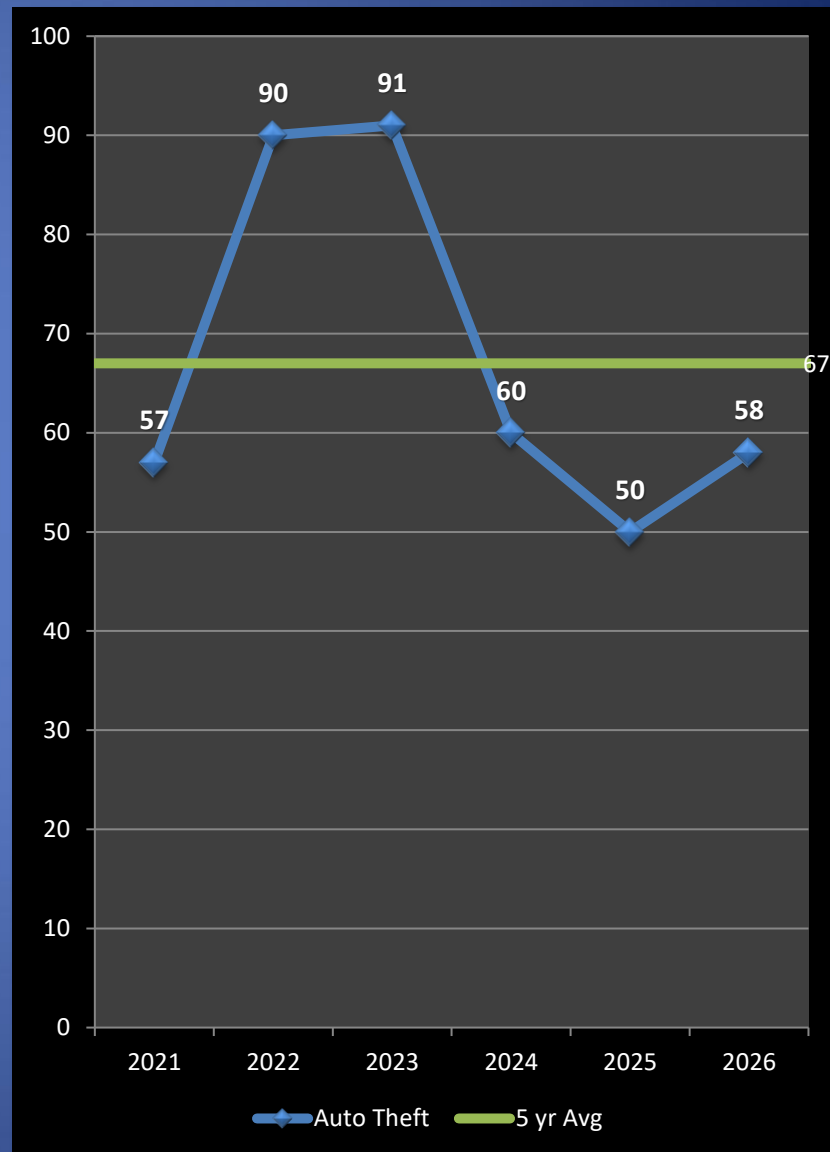
+100%

Previous Year

+16%

5-Year Average

-13%

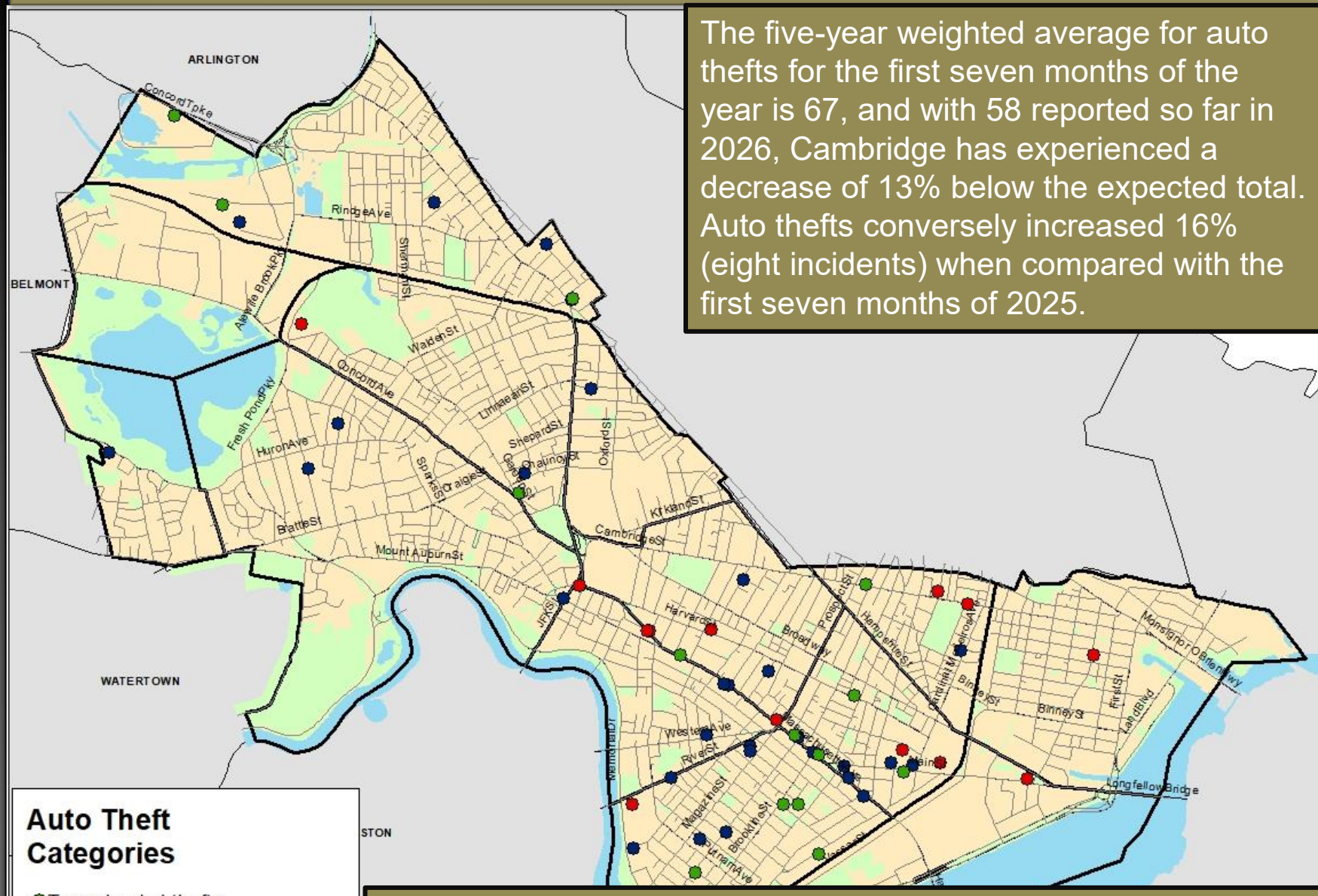




Geographic Breakdown of Auto Theft: 1.1.26 – 8.3.26

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Auto Theft Categories

- Two wheeled thefts
- Two-wheeled stolen since 7/1/26
- All auto thefts

The five-year weighted average for auto thefts for the first seven months of the year is 67, and with 58 reported so far in 2026, Cambridge has experienced a decrease of 13% below the expected total. Auto thefts conversely increased 16% (eight incidents) when compared with the first seven months of 2025.

The lower half of the city saw 12 of the 14 citywide two-wheeled vehicle thefts in July, as illustrated by the red dots. The green dots show the 10 incidents of two-wheeled thefts in the same area that took place from April to June.



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- Download our “MyPD” smartphone app at www.CambridgePolice.org/MyPD.

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 - 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