



Cambridge Police Department BridgeStat

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(Abridged Version)

Produced by the Crime Analysis Unit



Part I Total Crime

An analysis of serious crime statistics for the first four months of 2020 reveals a slight increase of 2% in the Part One index total for Cambridge when compared with 2019. Over the first 17 weeks of this year, there were 657 serious crimes reported in the City. For the same time period in 2019, the combined total for Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny & Auto theft was 644 incidents, 13 fewer than this year. When measured against the five-year average, minimal change has been registered, with only two fewer crimes recorded so far this year when compared with the projected total of 659 incidents.

Further analysis of the crime totals for the first 118 days of 2020 indicates that violent crimes recorded a moderate 8% increase so far this year, while property crimes registered a minimal tick of 1% upward with 7 additional crimes reported when compared with the same time frame in 2019.

The modest incline for violent crime (+8%) can be attributed to a series of robberies of food delivery drivers during February that was eradicated with an arrest in early March. Also, on April 23rd, Jose Bermudez was arrested for the fatal daylight stabbing of a homeless man in Central Square on April 14. Bermudez is being held without bail and his next court date is set for June 25. This was the first murder in Cambridge in over 15 months.

When measuring the serious crime totals of April versus the previous month of March of 2020, a measurable upswing of 21% in the number of index incidents with 27 additional crimes counted in the fourth month of this year. The 240% surge in larcenies from motor vehicles and the 55% increase in larceny of bicycles when compared with the previous month were the key indicators fueling this incline. With just six weeks of comparative data to study, it is still too early to determine the effect that COVID -19 and social distancing are having on the crime rate in our City. However, larcenies from unlocked vehicles, thefts of packages, psychiatric-related calls, and scams targeting the elderly are the trends that are being closely monitored at this time

See next slide for the Part I Crime Chart through April 2020.



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	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	3/3/20 - 3/30/20	3/31/20 - 4/27/20	Change	2019	2020	Change	Avg	Change
Homicide	0	1	IN-CALC	1	1	0%	1	0%
Rape	2	0	-100%	5	7	40%	6	17%
Robbery	4	3	-25%	15	17	13%	19	-11%
Commercial Robbery	2	2	0%	3	6	100%	8	-25%
Street Robbery	2	1	-50%	12	11	-8%	11	0%
Aggravated Assault	10	14	40%	54	56	4%	52	8%
Total Violent Crime	16	18	13%	75	81	8%	78	4%

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Burglary	18	9	-50%	43	62	44%	75	-17%
Commercial Break	8	4	-50%	6	20	233%	13	54%
Housebreak	10	5	-50%	37	42	14%	62	-32%
Larceny	90	125	39%	497	495	0%	480	3%
Larceny (Misc)	0	4	IN-CALC	7	11	57%	10	10%
Larceny from Building	10	3	-70%	89	67	-25%	95	-29%
Larceny from MV	10	34	240%	82	74	-10%	85	-13%
Larceny from Person	2	8	300%	52	34	-35%	51	-33%
Larceny from Residence	24	33	38%	82	109	33%	74	47%
Larceny of Bicycle	22	34	55%	66	88	33%	42	110%
Larceny of Plate	0	0	IN-CALC	7	0	IN-CALC	7	-100%
Larceny of Services	1	0	-100%	4	2	-50%	7	-71%
Shoplifting	21	9	-57%	108	110	2%	109	1%
Auto Theft	5	4	-20%	29	19	-34%	26	-27%
Total Property Crime	113	138	22%	569	576	1%	581	-1%

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Total Part I Crime	129	156	21%	644	657	2%	659	0%



Help Prevent Crime

And keep yourself informed!

To receive information from the CPD:

- 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.
- “Like” the Cambridge Police Department on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CambridgePolice
- Follow [@CambridgePolice](https://twitter.com/CambridgePolice) on Twitter.
- 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.**
- Send an Anonymous Crime Tip E-Mail at www.CambridgePolice.org/Tips



Questions?

- The complete 2018 Cambridge Police Annual Crime Report is available on our website at www.CambridgePolice.org.
- The 2019 Annual Crime Report will be released later this spring.
- We welcome all questions, comments, and suggestions.
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