



Cambridge Police Department BridgeStat

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Produced by the Crime Analysis Unit



Part I Total Crime

A review of Part One crime statistics for the first seven months of 2019 (from January 1st to July 29th) reveals that a slight increase of 2% was recorded in Cambridge. Over the first 30 weeks of 2019, there were 1,290 serious crimes reported in the City. For the same time period in 2018, the combined total for Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny & Auto theft was 1,259 incidents, 31 crimes fewer than this year. This moderate upturn in criminal activity comes on the heels of the 2018 crime statistic number in the City, which was the 2nd lowest total counted since 1960.

Further analysis of the crime totals for the first seven months of 2019 indicates that violent crimes recorded a demonstrable 19% decrease with 36 fewer incidents reported, while property crimes reported a small rise of 67 more crimes (+6%) when compared with the same time period last year.

When measuring the serious crime totals of July of 2019 versus the previous month of June, there has been a modest increase of 4% in the number of index incidents with 8 additional crimes counted in July versus June. The 83% upward surge in larceny of motor vehicles when compared with the previous month was the key factor in fueling the limited incline in the overall crime rate.

	<u>4 Week Snapshot</u>			<u>Year to Date</u>			<u>Five Year</u>	
	6/4/19 - 7/1/19	7/2/19 - 7/29/19	Change	2018	2019	Change	Avg	Change
Total Violent Crime	27	27	0%	186	150	-19%	171	-12%
Total Property Crime	184	192	4%	1073	1140	6%	1202	-5%
Total Part I Crime	211	219	4%	1259	1290	2%	1373	-6%



Part I Property Crime

Analysis of property crime totals for the first seven months of 2019 points to a 6% increase when measured against the 2018 total and a 5% reduction below the five-year average, with 67 additional incidents above the first 30 weeks of last year and 62 crimes below the 1,202 crimes forecasted for this time period. Six of the 14 property crime categories recorded declines when measured against this time period in 2018. A 41% decline in housebreaks sustains the long-standing decline in Burglary. Other property crimes registering major declines when compared with their 5-year averages include: larceny from building (-16%); and larceny from motor vehicles (-13%). The major negative trend associated with property crimes identified so far in 2019 has been the 78% upturn in larceny of bicycles.

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	6/4/19 - 7/1/19	7/2/19 - 7/29/19	Change	2018	2019	Change	Avg	Change
Burglary	11	14	27%	141	84	-40%	168	-50%
Commercial Break	4	7	75%	30	18	-40%	35	-49%
Housebreak	7	7	0%	111	66	-41%	133	-50%
Larceny	156	167	7%	883	990	12%	977	1%
Larceny (Misc)	2	5	150%	25	15	-40%	22	-32%
Larceny from Building	17	17	0%	154	145	-6%	173	-16%
Larceny from MV	12	22	83%	124	147	19%	169	-13%
Larceny from Person	12	12	0%	90	90	0%	99	-9%
Larceny from Residence	23	15	-35%	132	145	10%	127	14%
Larceny of Bicycle	64	59	-8%	129	230	78%	160	44%
Larceny of Plate	3	1	-67%	15	13	-13%	16	-19%
Larceny of Services	0	1	IN-CALC	16	6	-63%	14	-57%
Shoplifting	23	35	52%	198	199	1%	197	1%
Auto Theft	17	11	-35%	49	66	35%	58	14%
Total Property Crime	184	192	4%	1073	1140	6%	1202	-5%



Part I Violent Crime

From January 1st to July 29th of 2019, there were 150 violent crimes recorded in Cambridge, 36 incidents below last year (-19%) and 21 fewer violent crimes (-12%) than the 171 incidents forecasted for the first seven months of the year.

There have been 34 robberies reported over the first 30 weeks of 2019, with seven categorized as commercial and 27 classified as street crimes. There has been a significant decline of 29 incidents (-46%) when compared with 2018. After recording 17 rapes through July 29th of 2018, ten sexual assaults have been reported thus far in 2019. The five-year average for the first seven months of the year projects to 15 rapes being recorded in Cambridge; we are down 33% below the projection this year.

Over the first seven months of 2019, the total of aggravated assaults reported when compared with the same time period in 2018 was exactly the same. The 105 aggravated assaults reported over the first 30 weeks of the year is also just one crime (+1%) above the 104 forecasted for the five-year average.

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	6/4/19 - 7/1/19	7/2/19 - 7/29/19	Change	2018	2019	Change	Avg	Change
Homicide	0	0	IN-CALC	1	1	0%	1	0%
Rape	2	4	100%	17	10	-41%	15	-33%
Robbery	5	7	40%	63	34	-46%	51	-33%
Commercial Robbery	1	2	100%	24	7	-71%	19	-63%
Street Robbery	4	5	25%	39	27	-31%	32	-16%
Aggravated Assault	20	16	-20%	105	105	0%	104	1%
Total Violent Crime	27	27	0%	186	150	-19%	171	-12%



MURDER

No Patterns

- **UPDATE:** On July 22, 2018, 15-year-old Richelle Robinson of Cambridge died following an assault in which she was shoved to the ground on Cambridge Street. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner later ruled the cause of death to be blunt force trauma. On July 30, 2019, following an investigation by the Cambridge Police Department, the Massachusetts State Police, and the Middlesex District Attorney's Office, Isaias Plaza (4/7/00, homeless) was arraigned on charges of manslaughter and assault and battery causing serious bodily injury in connection with Robinson's death.
- The Middlesex District Attorney's Office and the Cambridge Police are asking for the public's assistance regarding the ongoing investigation into the fatal incident that occurred in the New Street area of Danehy Park around 6:30PM on the night of January 2nd, 2019. This incident is being investigated as a homicide. The preliminary investigation suggests that the victim, 60-year-old Paul Wilson, died as a result of blunt force trauma and that robbery does not appear to have been a motive. Anyone with any information may contact Massachusetts State Police assigned to the Middlesex District Attorney's Office at (781) 897-6600.
- The last recorded homicide in 2017 was on the night of November 16th in the area of Tremont and Hampshire Streets, Malachi Mims, 28, of Cambridge was shot and taken to a local hospital where he was later pronounced dead.
- On December 31st, 2017, Kevin Reddick, a 17-year-old Cambridge resident, was arrested in Boston and charged in connection with the shooting death. On November 29th of 2018, the Middlesex DA's Office announced Osiris Chambers, 17, of Cambridge, was also arraigned in Middlesex Superior Court in connection with the shooting death of Malachi Mims.

Percent Change*

Last 4 Weeks

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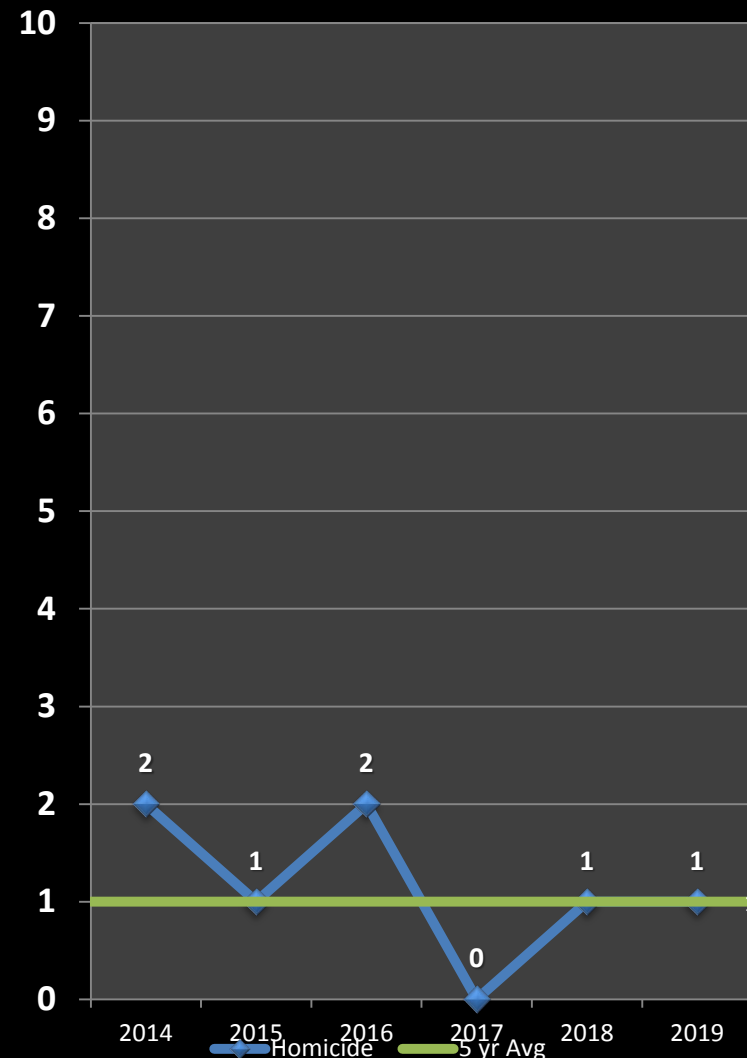
Previous Year

In-Calc

5-Year Average

In-Calc

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Characteristics of Murder in Cambridge

For the 30-year period between 1960 and 1989, the City of Cambridge averaged slightly less than five murders per year. The annual average since 1990 has fallen to approximately two per year. Trend analysis over recent years points to two recurring murder scenarios in Cambridge: domestic murder, in which one family member is brutally killed by another in a homicidal rage, and the murder of young males by a handgun or knife in acts of retaliatory street violence.

Cambridge Murder Statistics, 1990-2018

- 61 people murdered in 56 incidents (in 4 of the incidents, 2 or more people were killed)
- 41 victims were male
- 20 victims were female
- Most common weapons: handguns (29 incidents) and knives (13 incidents)
- 18 of the 56 cases are still under investigation or remain unsolved
- 26 of the 35 cases since 2000 have been cleared by arrest or by the death of the suspect, including all three murders in both 2013 and 2015, the 2018 incident, and one of the two murders in 2014 and 2017. There have been no arrests in the two murders in 2016.



Unsolved Murders: 1999 to 2018

Colin Burton, 30, of Dorchester, was shot and killed outside of Hi - Fi Pizza on Mass Ave in Central Square on September 18th, 1999. Burton was talking with the occupants of a Ford Explorer when the subject in the passenger seat fired through the window. Two suspects fled the scene. The case remains under active investigation.



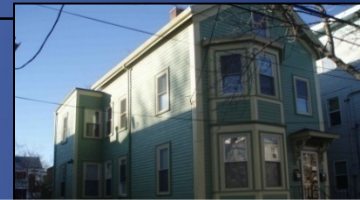
September 18, 1999, Mass Ave



April 5, 2002, Mass Ave

Ian Gray, 19, of Mattapan, was in an argument outside of the Rhythm & Spice restaurant that spilled out onto Mass Ave. A suspect that had left the scene returned with a group of people and a fight ensued. A knife was produced during the altercation and four gunshots were fired, fatally wounding Gray. This case remains open.

On June 17th, 2002 at 7:00PM, **Ricardo Williams**, 27, of Malden, was found in the driver's seat of a motor vehicle suffering from a gunshot wound to his face. Williams was taken to CCH where he was pronounced dead. This case remains open.



June 17, 2002, Windsor St.



June 16, 2009, Rindge Ave

Jason Ellcock, 33, of Malden, formerly of Cambridge and father of three, was found with multiple gunshot wounds in front of the driveway to 364 Rindge Ave at 3:05 AM on the night of June 16th, 2009. He was pronounced dead at the scene. This incident remains under investigation.

****Anyone with information about these crimes is asked to contact CPD at 617-349-3370.****



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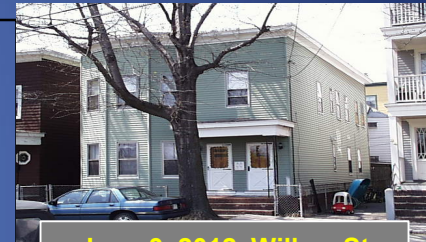
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March 12, 2011, Brookline St.

James Lauture, 30, of Cambridge, was sitting in a vehicle near Brookline and Watson Streets just after midnight on Saturday, March 12th, 2011, when an unknown gunman opened fire. The occupants in the car were able to drive to Central Square. Lauture died from multiple gunshot wounds. The other man in the vehicle survived. This case remains open.

On June 3rd, 2012, **Charlene Holmes**, 16, of Cambridge, was shot while sitting on a porch on Willow St. She later succumbed to her wounds at the hospital. The investigation into this incident remains active, but no arrests have been made to date.



June 3, 2012, Willow St



July 3, 2014, Windsor Street.

On July 3rd, 2014, at 10:00 PM, **Kensley David**, 22, suffered a single gunshot wound to the head while on Windsor Street. Investigators believe that the incident was not random. This case remains under investigation.

The first murder of 2016 in Cambridge occurred on the night of March 22nd when **Armando Hernandez Jr**, 30, of Belmont was killed by gunfire on Mt. Auburn St just before 10 PM. Area residents said they heard 10 or 11 gunshots. A second victim was hospitalized with a leg wound. This case remains under investigation.

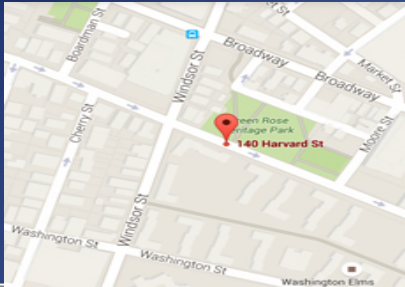


March 22, 2016, Mt Auburn St

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Unsolved Murders: 1999 to 2018



June 25, 2016, 140 Harvard St.

On June 25th of 2016, Cambridge Police responded to a report of a shooting outside of 140 Harvard Street. Arriving officers discovered the victim, **Anthony Clay**, 49, of Cambridge suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was transported to Massachusetts General Hospital where he was pronounced dead. This case remains under investigation.

At 3:40 a.m. on October 14, 2017, **Ednilson DaCosta**, 28, of Dorchester, was shot in a motor vehicle in the area of Windsor Street & Evereteze Way. He was pronounced deceased at a local hospital. Minutes later, another male was shot and killed in Somerville. On November 3, 2017, Tony Harris, 28, of Everett, was arrested for the Somerville homicide, but the murder of Ednilson DaCosta remains under investigation.



October 14, 2017, Windsor St.



RAPE

No Patterns

- After recording 17 rapes over the first seven months of 2018, there has been a dip down to ten sexual assaults counted through July 29th of 2019. Two of the incidents were registered in March, two in May, two in June, and 4 more counted in July. Four of these incidents have been categorized as domestic situations, five were classified as acquaintance assaults, and one was a blitz scenario involving homeless subjects near Central Square at the end of May.
- There were 29 rapes reported in Cambridge in 2018, up from the 19 incidents reported in 2017, which points to a 53% increase. When the 2018 total is measured against the five-year average for rapes annually in the city, a 26% uptick was recorded.
- Fourteen of the rapes in 2018 involved acquaintances, three were categorized as contact scenarios with the offender being someone the victim had met in a public place, ten were domestic situations, and two were classified as blitz assaults.
- Given the tendency for rape statistics to fluctuate each year, projecting future totals is a risky business at best. The actual number of stranger-to-stranger rapes each year in Cambridge—between one and five—remains extremely low.

Percent Change*

Last 4 Weeks

Previous Year

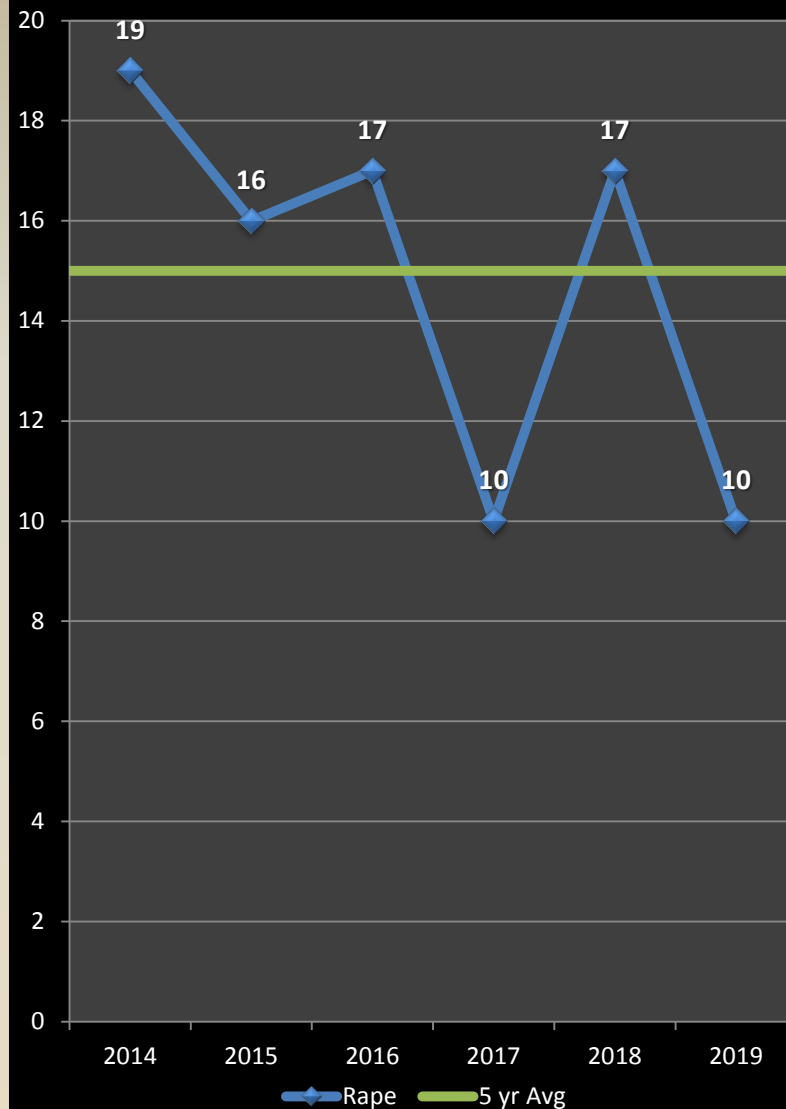
5-Year Average

In-Cal

-41%

-33%

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AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

No Patterns

- Over the first seven months of 2019 the total of aggravated assaults reported when compared with the same time period in 2018 was exactly the same. The 105 aggravated assaults reported over the first 30 weeks of the year is one crime (+1%) above the 104 forecasted for the five-year average.
- The 105 aggravated assaults reported through July 29th of 2019 were composed of the following classifications: 20 domestic altercations; 20 assaults between acquaintances; 23 unprovoked scenarios; 8 road rage incidents; 12 homeless assaults; 5 tiffs between shop owners & patrons; 3 juvenile fights; 4 landlord/tenant disputes; 2 assaults on a police officer; 2 fights in which victims were non-fatally stabbed but refused to cooperate with police; 2 psychotic episodes; 2 fights at a bar; and one of each of the following: a workplace fight and a brawl that resulted in shots fired.
- There have been seven shots fired and shooting incidents in Cambridge thus far in 2019. Two incidents were recorded in June. In the early morning hours of June 6th, two males fired a gun at four victims after a verbal dispute inside a Harvard Square restaurant with 1 shell casing recovered. No injuries were reported. On June 27th at 1AM at the intersection of Cherry and School streets, there was a Shot Spotter alert. One shell casing was recovered and no victims at the scene.
- There were five shots fired and shooting incidents in Cambridge in the first five months of 2019. An incident at 3:30am on 5.12.19, resulted in one victim with non-fatal injuries. The other 4 incidents did not result in any injuries: a Somerville male was arrested for the shots fired incident on 1.23.19 and two Boston juvenile males were arrested in connection with the 5.13.19 shots fired in Central Square.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

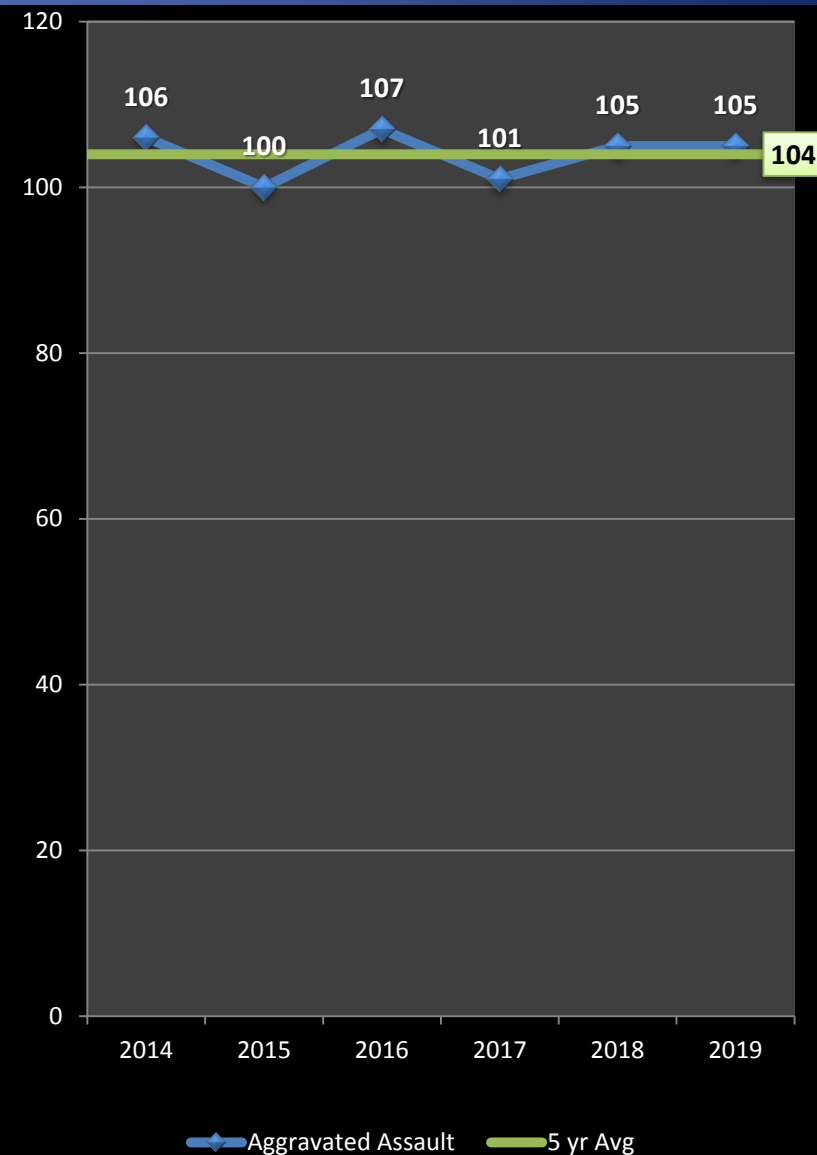
-20%

Previous Year

0%

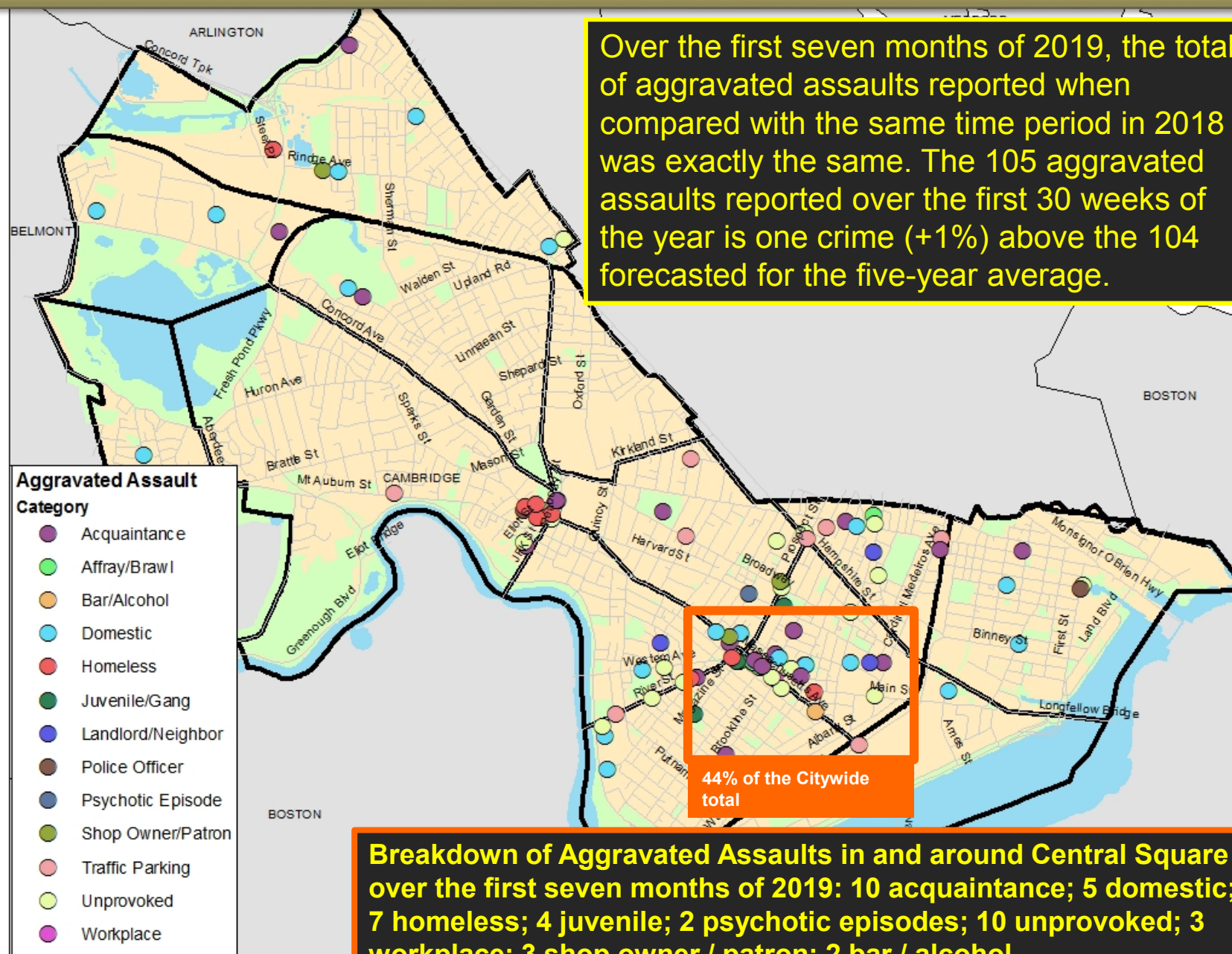
5-Year Average

+1%





Geographic Breakdown of Aggravated Assaults: 1.1.19 to 7.29.19

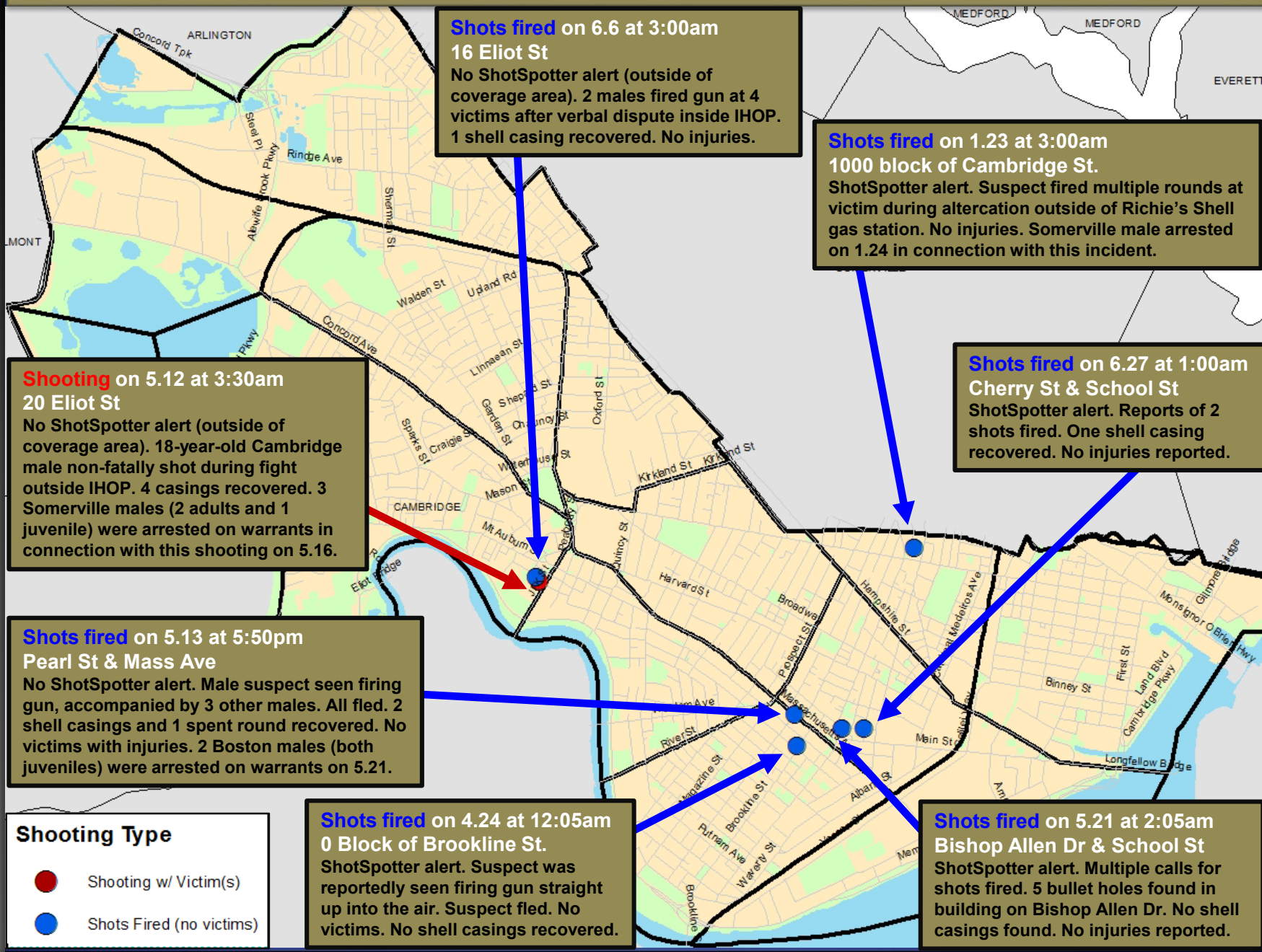




Shootings & Shots Fired in Cambridge: 1.1.19 – 7.29.19

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Robbery

No Patterns

- There have been 34 robberies reported over the first seven months of 2019, with seven categorized as commercial and 27 classified as street crimes. There has been a significant decline of 29 incidents (-46%) when compared with 2018. The five-year average for overall robbery in Cambridge for the first 210 days of the year is 51 incidents. Between January 1st and July 29th of this year, 34 robberies were recorded, which translates to a 33% decrease below the projected total of 51.
- There have been seven commercial robberies so far this year—all but one have been shopliftings that escalated into violent confrontations. These crimes occurred at the CambridgeSide Mall on January 25th; in Harvard Square on February 26th; at a drug store in Porter Square on March 11th; and at a Mass Ave gas station on March 30, at the CVS in Harvard Square on July 6th, and the Target in Porter Square on July 19th. The only non-shoplifting incident this year involved a demand for cash at a convenience store near Porter Square on June 13th; an arrest was made in this incident.
- Over the first seven months of 2019, there have been 27 street robberies, 12 fewer incidents (-31%) than in the same time period last year. The Crime Analysis Unit has not identified a street robbery pattern in the City in over 18 months.
- Five street robberies were reported during July of 2019, which included the following: a bike-jacking by juveniles on Green Street on 7.13.19; a homeless incident in Harvard Square on 7.16.19; a purse snatching in Harvard Square on 7.20.19; a homeless related incident on Sidney Street on 7.23.19; and what is considered the most violent robbery of 2019, a female was injured by a juvenile during a strong arm robbery near Binney Street on 7.13.19.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

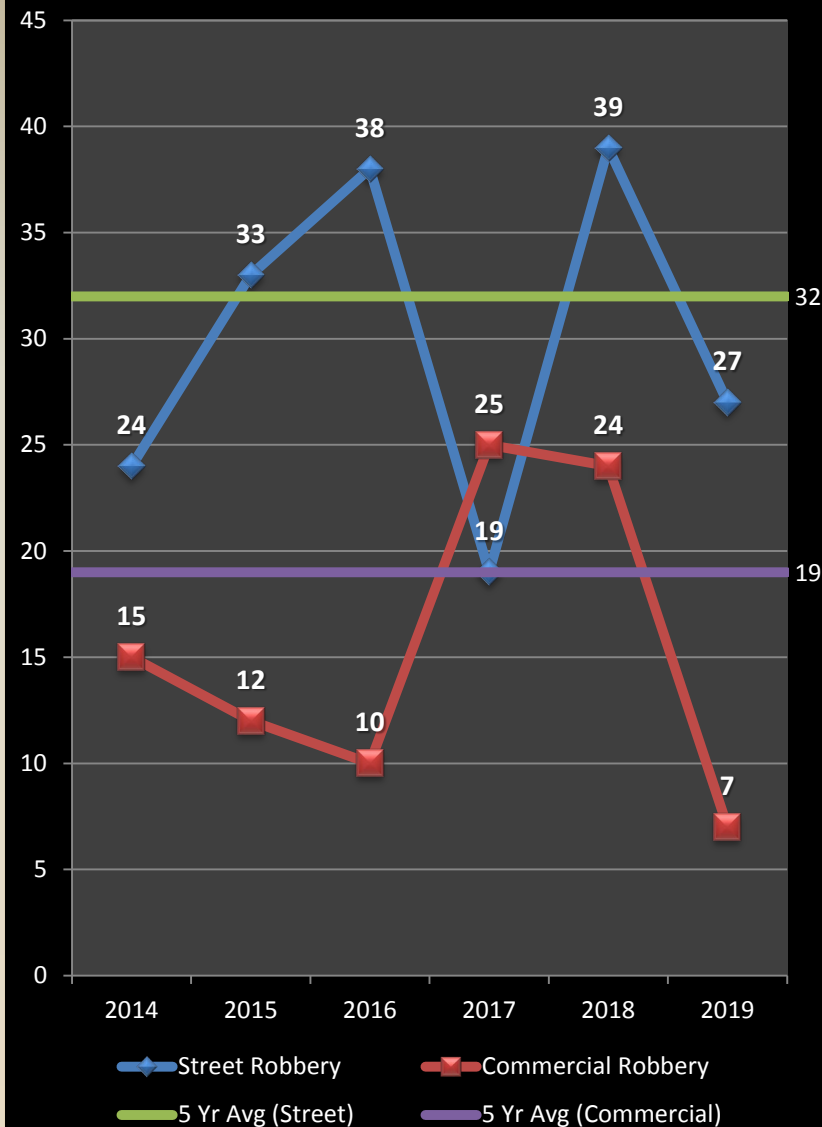
+40%

Previous Year

-46%

5-Year Average

-33%





Geographic Breakdown of Commercial Robberies: 1.1.19 to 7.29.19

Demand for cash at convenience store on Mass Ave north of Porter Square on June 13th at 11am.
Arrest.

Retail robbery - shoplifting escalation at a drug store in Porter Square on March 11th at 10pm

Retail robbery - shoplifting escalation at Target in Porter Square on July 19th at 4PM

Retail robbery in Harvard Square on July 6th at 11:45pm- shoplifting escalation

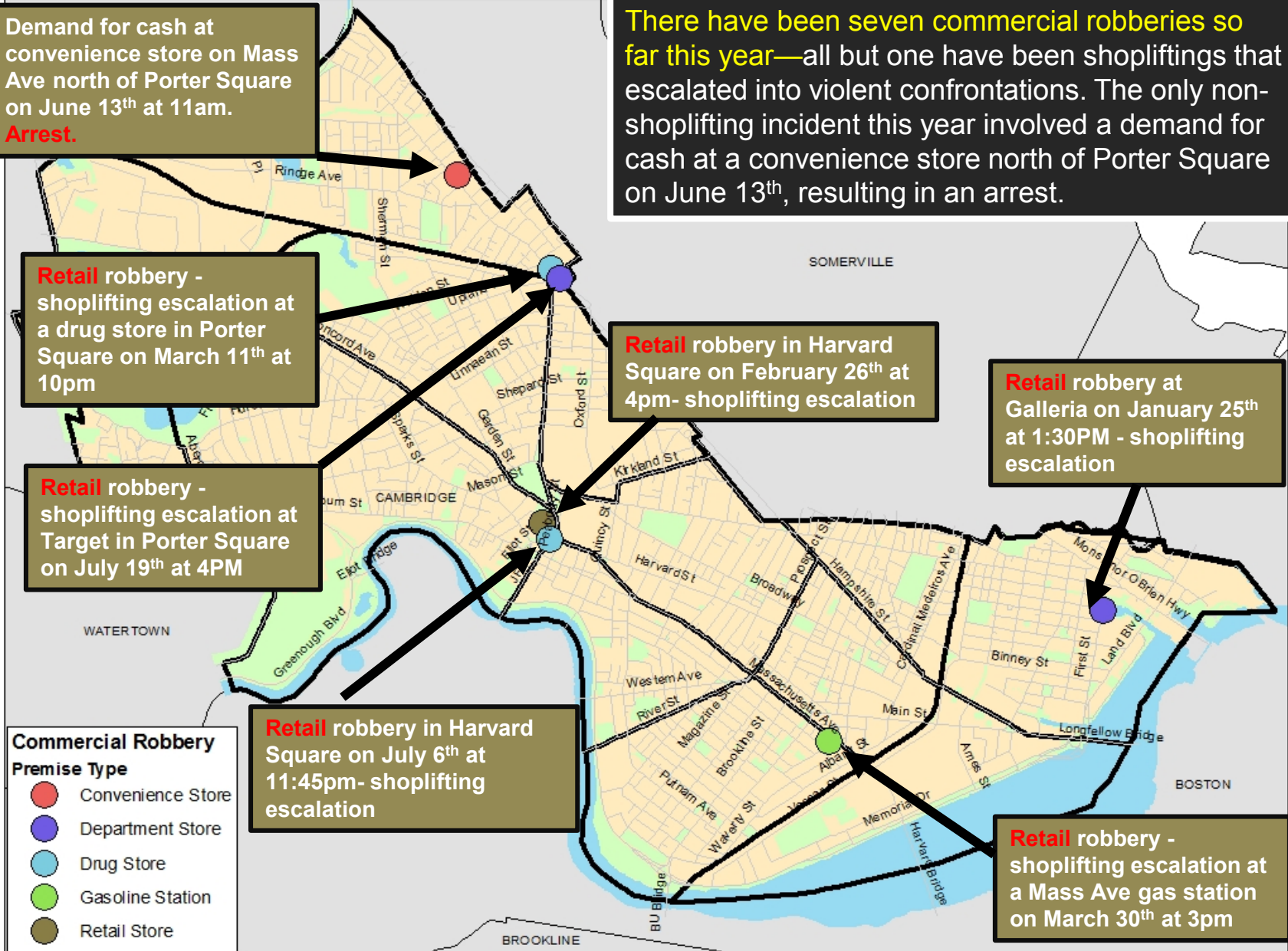
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Retail robbery in Harvard Square on February 26th at 4pm- shoplifting escalation

Retail robbery at Galleria on January 25th at 1:30PM - shoplifting escalation

Retail robbery - shoplifting escalation at a Mass Ave gas station on March 30th at 3pm

Commercial Robbery Premise Type	
●	Convenience Store
●	Department Store
●	Drug Store
●	Gasoline Station
●	Retail Store





Geographic Breakdown of Street Robberies: 1.1.19 to 4.30.19

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Geographic Breakdown of Street Robberies: 5.1.19 to 7.29.19

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5.19.19 @ 12:15PM
Incident between
juvenile acquaintances

6.13.19 @ 2:30PM
Male robbed juvenile of
property at Alewife
Station, demanded \$\$,
arrested

There have been 12 fewer street robberies reported over the first 30 weeks of 2019 (-31%) than the same time period last year. Over the first 7 months of 2019, there have been 27 street robberies. The Crime Analysis Unit has not identified a street robbery pattern in the City in over 18 months.

6.2.19 @ 1:50PM
Wallet theft at
McDonalds leads to
threatened violence

6.17.19 @ 3:20AM
Female suspect w/
knife on Huron
Ave, **arrested**

7.20.19 @ 9PM
Attempted purse
snatching on Mill St

6.16.19 @ 5:45PM
Juveniles w/ cap guns
at Harvard & Norfolk;
identified

7.13.19 @ 1:45PM
Attempted bike
jacking at Green &
Pleasant, 3 suspects

6.4 or 6.5.19 (unk time)
Male robbed of phone
& cash at gunpoint

5.7.19 @ 9PM
Female robbed of
cash by two
males w/ firearm
on Cushing St.

7.16.19 @ 10AM
Robbery b/t homeless
females on Brattle St.

7.13.19 @ 10:45PM
Female assaulted
and robbed of
purse on Loughrey
Walkway; **16-year-
old male arrested**

5.5.19 @ 11PM
Robbery b/t homeless
males at Mass Ave &
Church St.

7.23.19 @ 9:45PM
Female robbed of cash
by homeless female
who threatened
violence on Sidney St

5.5.19 @ 10:45PM
Male robbed of cell phone by 3 teenage males,
corner of Western & Kinnaird. **All arrested**

5.4.19 @ 6:30PM
Male robbed by three males
in area of Pacific & Sidney.
Possibly drug related.



Burglary

No Patterns

- The property index crime of burglary, the combination of residential and commercial breaks, has recorded a significant decrease of 50% when compared to the five-year average, with 84 fewer incidents reported below the projected total of 168 breaks. When compared with last year's historically low total of 141 incidents for the first 210 days of the year, a lesser, but still significant decrease of 40% has been recorded.
- Currently, there are no commercial burglary patterns, hot spots, or concentrations active in Cambridge. A historically low total of 18 incidents has been reported for the first 30 weeks of 2019, which translates to a substantial 40% decline below 2018 and a 49% crash under the forecast for the seven months of the year.
- Housebreaks plunged 41% when measured against the total for the first seven months of 2018 with 45 fewer incidents. A considerable decrease of 50% below the forecasted total of 133 housebreaks for the first 210 days of the year was registered.
- During the middle of March, the Crime Analysis Unit was monitoring a series of late afternoon / early evening breaks in Cambridgeport where entry into residences was gained by forcing side windows, and laptops and jewelry were the main targets of the offender(s). After a three-week hiatus in this activity, the CAU designated this pattern as having been eradicated.
- There have been only 24 housebreaks reported in Cambridge in the past three months, which represents one of the lowest three-month totals for housebreaks in Cambridge in decades.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

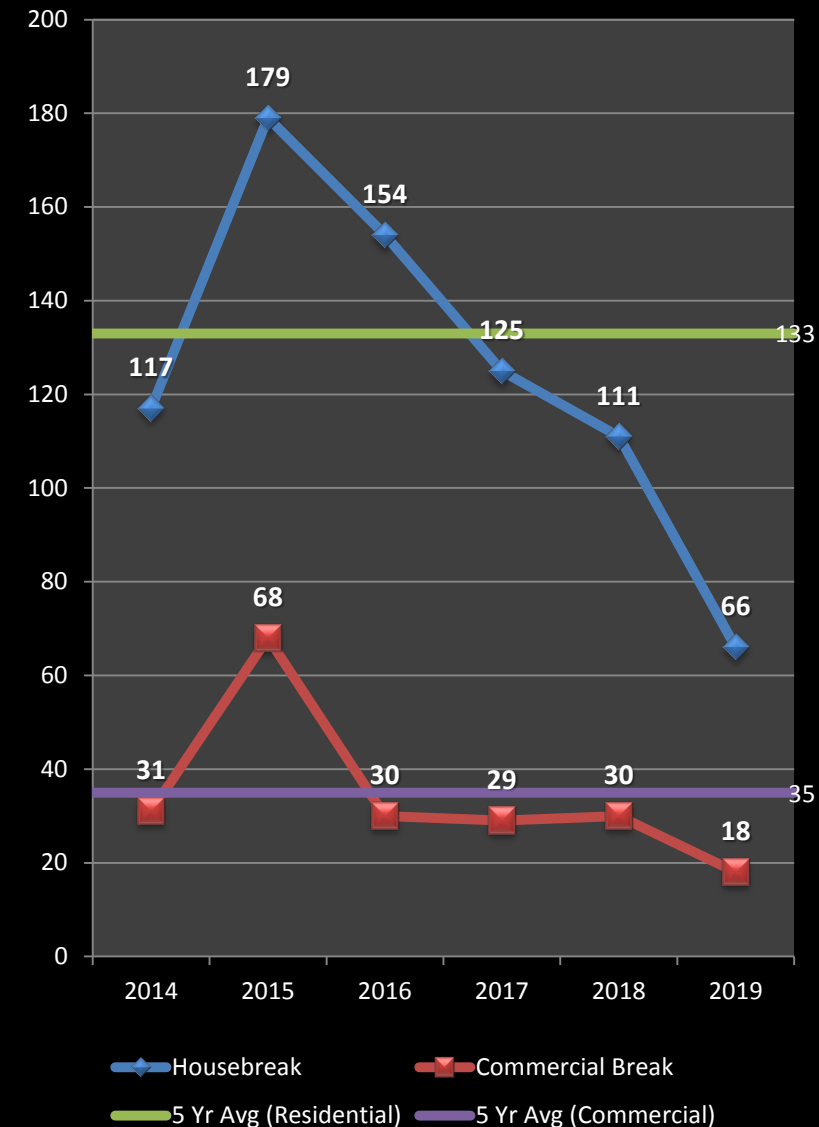
+27%

Previous Year

-40%

5-Year Average

-50%





Geographic Breakdown of Housebreaks: 1.1.19 – 7.29.19

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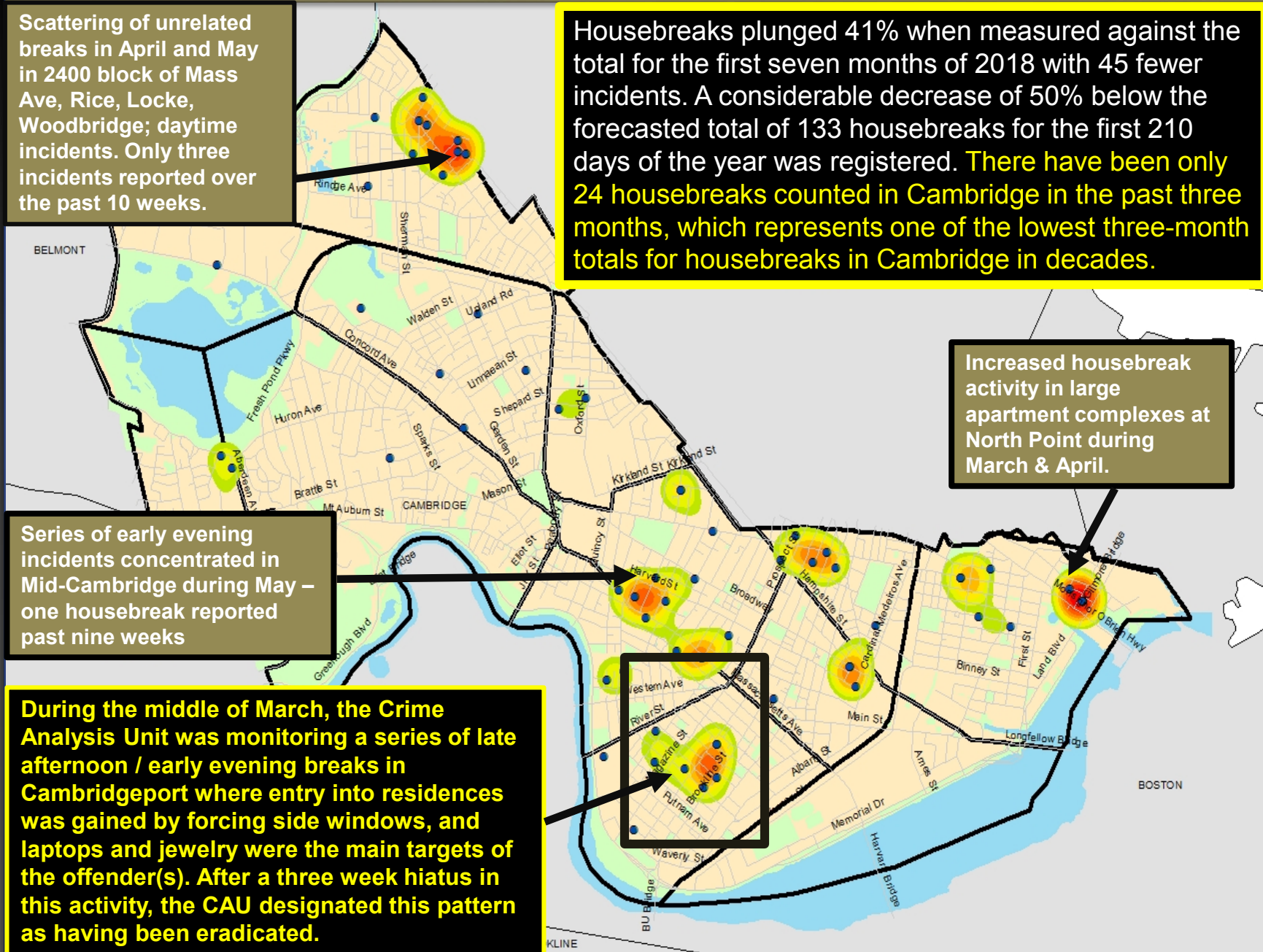
Scattering of unrelated breaks in April and May in 2400 block of Mass Ave, Rice, Locke, Woodbridge; daytime incidents. Only three incidents reported over the past 10 weeks.

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Increased housebreak activity in large apartment complexes at North Point during March & April.

Series of early evening incidents concentrated in Mid-Cambridge during May – one housebreak reported past nine weeks

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LARCENY

No Patterns

- **Overall larceny for the first seven months of 2019 registered at 107 incidents (12%) above the same time frame in 2018.** The total of 990 larcenies reported year-to-date in 2019 is also 13 incidents above the 5-year average of 977 incidents.
- **After coming off a 7% drop at the end of 2018, larcenies from MVs have reversed direction through July of 2019, with an increase of 19% (23 incidents) when compared with the same time frame in 2018.** This property crime is still 13% below the 5-year average, with 22 fewer incidents than the projected total of 143.
- **Through July 29, 2019, larcenies from the person are running even with 2018, each with a total of 90.** Central Sq has seen the most activity (36), followed by Harvard Sq (20).
- **There have been 145 larcenies from buildings reported during the first seven months of 2019.** This is 9 incidents (6%) below the same time frame in 2018 and 28 (16%) below the 5-year average. Thefts from gym lockers in Porter Square during the First Quarter of 2019 cooled off once a suspect was identified. A few sporadic thefts continue to be reported at this location.
- **Larcenies from residences in 2018 were up 37% over the previous year, and that trend has continued through the first half of 2019 with a 10% rise (+13 incidents) over the first seven months of last year.** Package thefts continue to dominate this crime category with 76 (52%) of the incidents reported year-to-date. This is just slightly below the 79 package thefts reported through July of last year.
- **Bicycle thefts are up 101 incidents (+78%) when compared with this time in 2018, and up 70 incidents (44%) when compared with the 5-year average.** West Cambridge has seen the most thefts year-to-date with 35, followed by Cambridgeport with 34.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

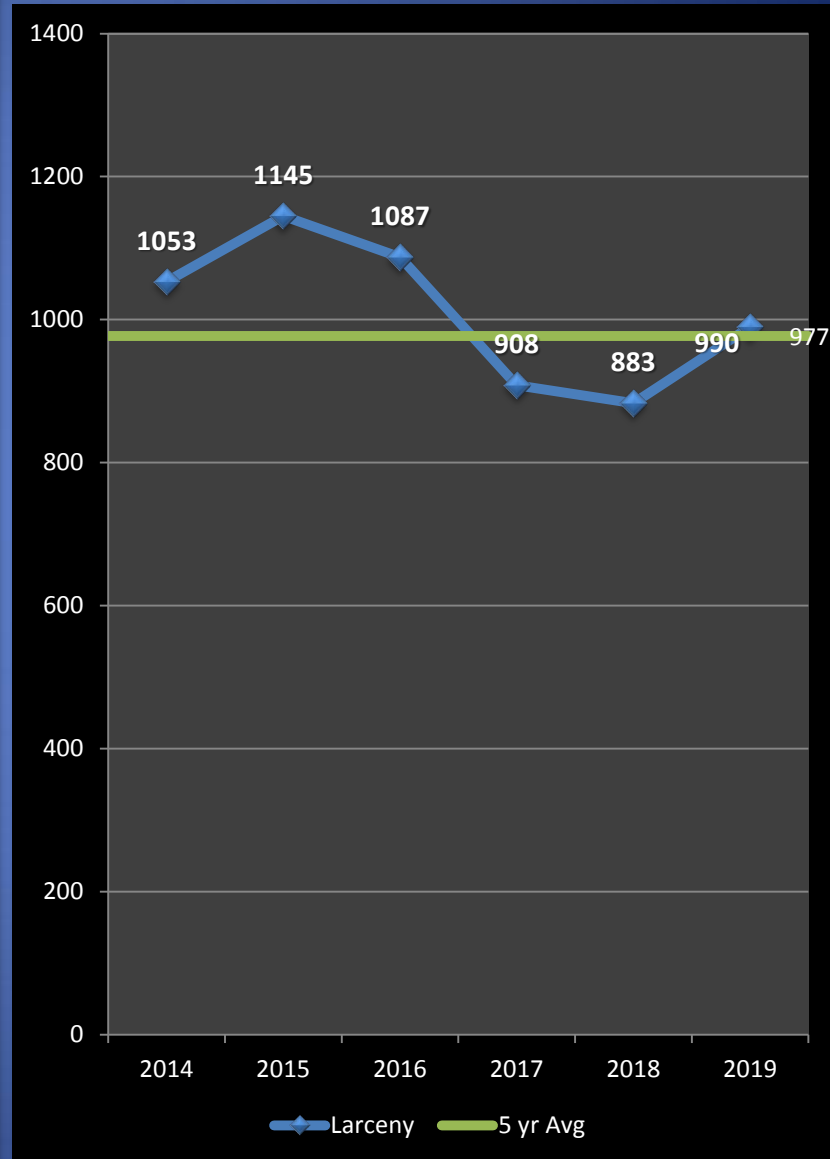
+7%

Previous Year

+12%

5-Year Average

+1%





LARCENY From MV

No Patterns

- The larceny from motor vehicle total for the first seven months of 2019 is 147 incidents, which is 19% above the total for the same time period in 2018. These 147 thefts from cars reported over the first 30 weeks of the year indicate a decrease of 22 incidents (-13%) below the number forecasted through the first 210 days of 2019. This upsurge in 2019 should be tempered by the fact that the numbers through the first seven months of the year for this crime in Cambridge were at historic lows in 2017 and 2018.
- There have been only two larcenies from motor vehicles reported in the Agassiz neighborhood, four in the Highlands, and five in Strawberry Hill so far in 2019.
- The majority of thefts in The Port neighborhood, ten in 2019, have been along the 500 block of Mass Ave and in the immediate periphery of Central Square in parking lots.
- There have been 39 LMVs reported in 2019 in the Cambridgeport / Riverside section of the City with the concentration of thefts from unlocked vehicles on the periphery of Central Square in January until the middle of February. Temporal trend was identified between 2AM and 5AM. Extra patrols appear to have calmed activity with only 9 incidents over the past three months. An arrest of known offender for thefts from cars in garages on Chestnut Street in late February eradicated pattern in the lower section of this neighborhood.
- Sharp increase of 83% (10 additional incidents) in larceny from motor vehicles from June to July of 2019. There was no spatial or temporal trend identified, but West Cambridge saw the most LMV activity in July with 6 reported thefts.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

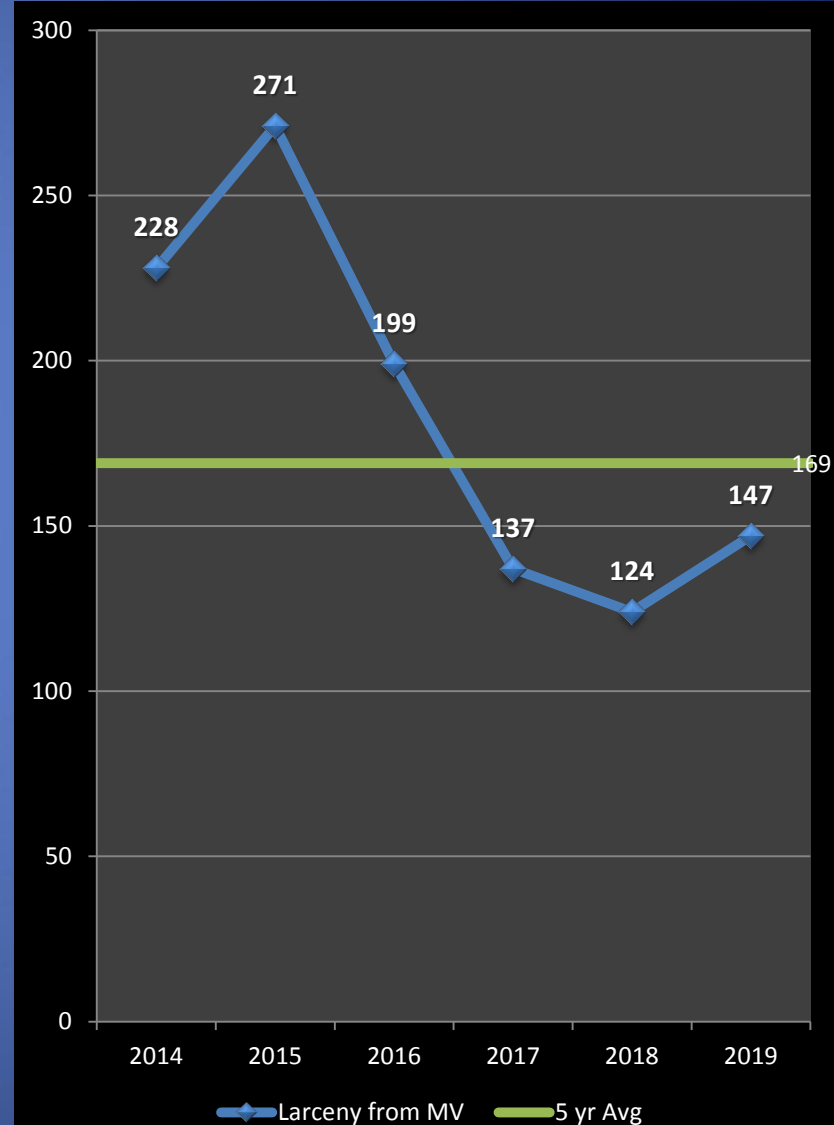
+83%

Previous Year

+19%

5-Year Average

-13%





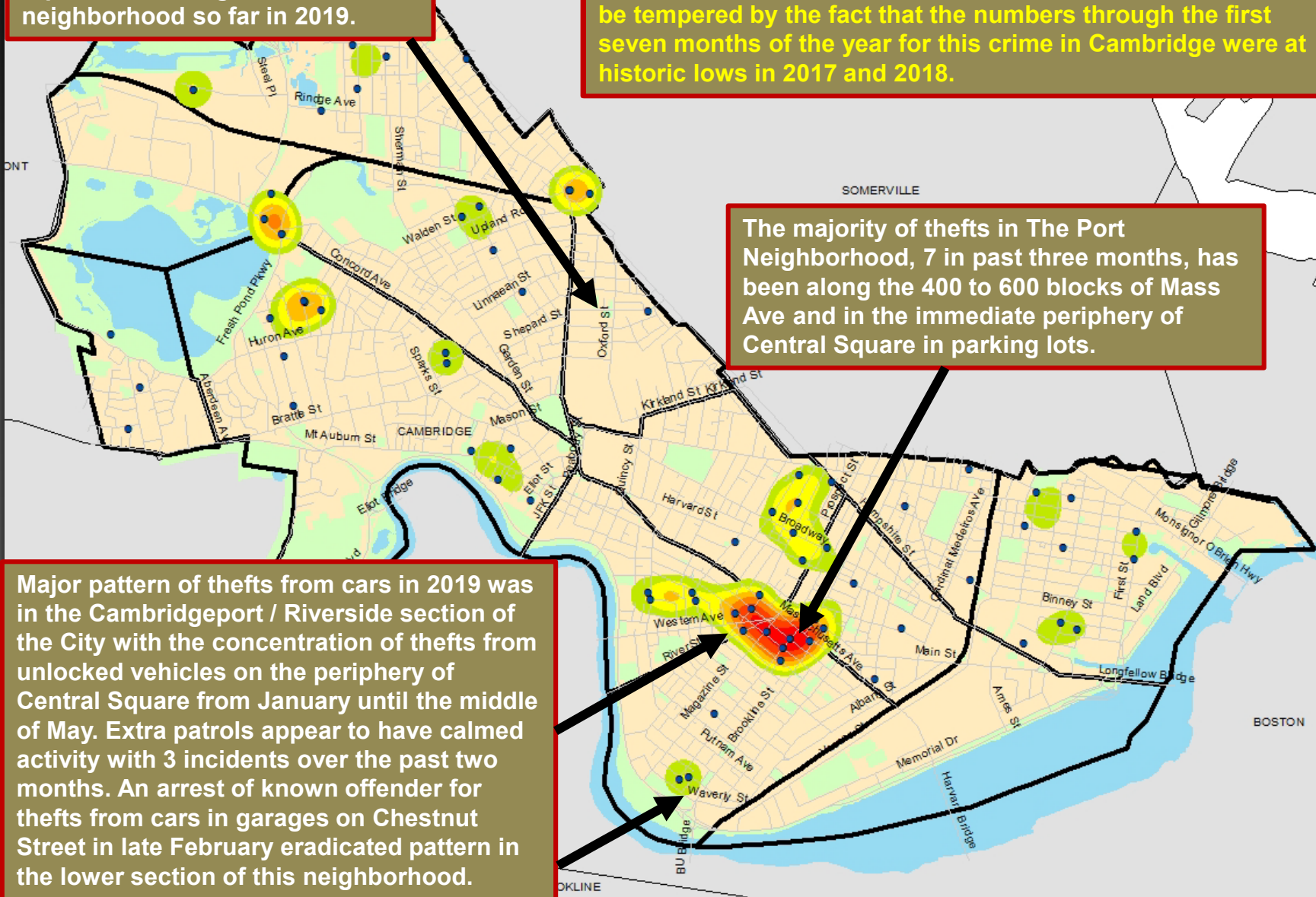
Geographic Breakdown of Larceny from Motor Vehicles: 4.1.19 – 7.29.19

There have been only two larcenies from motor vehicles reported in the Agassiz neighborhood so far in 2019.

The larceny from motor vehicle total for the first seven months of 2019 is 147 incidents, which is 19% above the total for the same time period in 2018. This upsurge in 2019 should be tempered by the fact that the numbers through the first seven months of the year for this crime in Cambridge were at historic lows in 2017 and 2018.

The majority of thefts in The Port Neighborhood, 7 in past three months, has been along the 400 to 600 blocks of Mass Ave and in the immediate periphery of Central Square in parking lots.

Major pattern of thefts from cars in 2019 was in the Cambridgeport / Riverside section of the City with the concentration of thefts from unlocked vehicles on the periphery of Central Square from January until the middle of May. Extra patrols appear to have calmed activity with 3 incidents over the past two months. An arrest of known offender for thefts from cars in garages on Chestnut Street in late February eradicated pattern in the lower section of this neighborhood.





LARCENY: *from Person*

No Patterns

- The larceny from person total for the first seven months of 2019 is running even with the total for the same time period in 2018. The 90 thefts from persons reported over the first 30 weeks of the year translates to a decrease of nine incidents (-9%) below the number forecasted through the first seven months of 2019.
- When comparing July 2019 to the previous month of June, no change has been recorded. Harvard Square was the most active business district in July with four incidents, followed by Central Square with three incidents.
- So far in 2019, Central Sq. has seen the most activity with 36 incidents, followed by Harvard Square with 20 incidents and the Galleria / East Cambridge area with 12. Eight thefts have been reported year-to-date at the CambridgeSide shopping center, three incidents have been reported at the Middle East bar/restaurant, and two incidents have been reported at numerous locations in both Central and Harvard Squares.
- A majority of the incidents thus far in 2019 have been comprised of thefts from patrons at restaurants/cafes/bars (21 incidents), thefts of otherwise unattended property, such as at local parks, sidewalks, or in shelters (20 incidents), thefts from shoppers (19 incidents), and grab & run incidents (19). The remaining incidents were categorized as pocket-pickings (11).

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

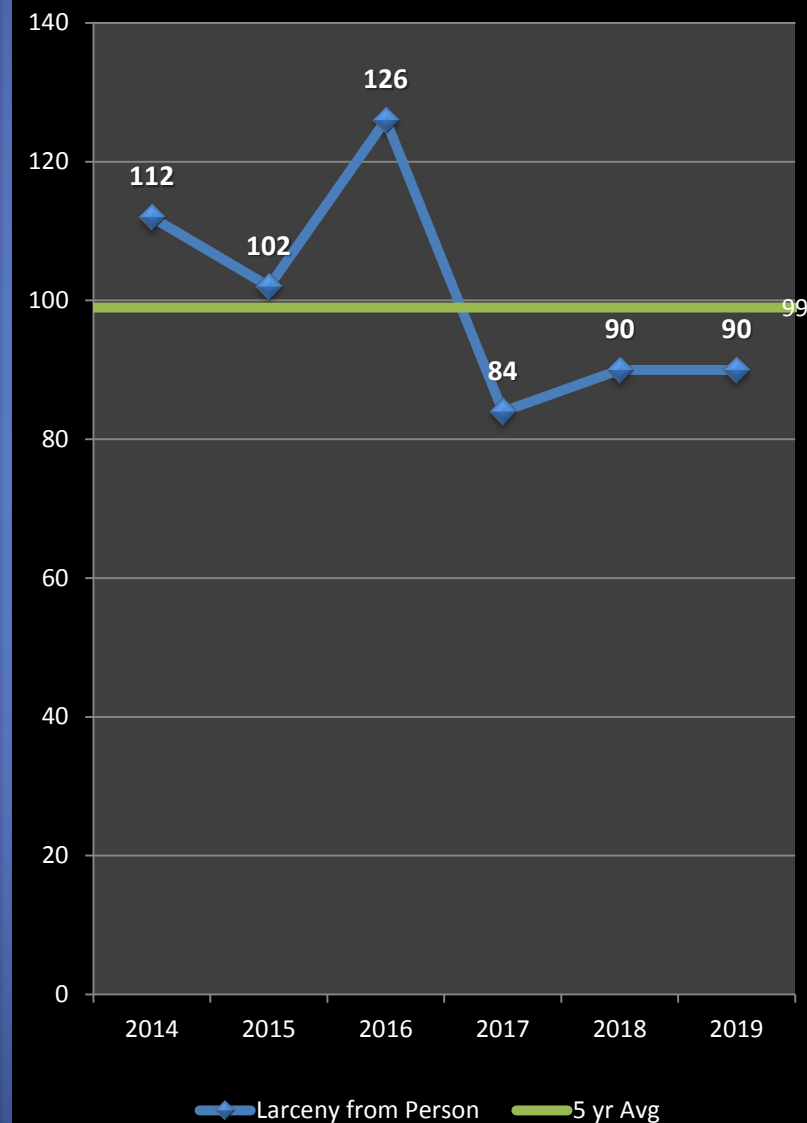
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Previous Year

0%

5-Year Average

-9%





Geographic Breakdown of Larceny from Person: 1.1.19 – 7.29.19

The larceny from person total for the first seven months of 2019 is running even with the total for the same time period in 2018. The 90 thefts from persons reported over the first 30 weeks of the year translates to a decrease of nine incidents (-9%) below the number forecasted through the first seven months of 2019.

Harvard Square has seen repeat thefts reported at Starbucks, The Gap store, and Wholesome Fresh. Six thefts occurred while victims were dining in the Square and five took place while patrons shopped.

Eight of the 12 incidents in East Cambridge took place at the CambridgeSide Mall. Seven of those eight involved thefts of property from victims as they shopped.

Three incidents have been reported at the Middle East restaurant. Two incidents each have been reported at the following locations in Central Square: the Goodwill Store, the Greek American Club, the YMCA, the shelter on Albany St, and H-Mart. Other incidents included thefts from people dining in the area and thefts of nearby but unattended items.

Central Square has seen the most activity in 2019 with 36 incidents, followed by **Harvard Square** with 20 and the **East Cambridge/CambridgeSide area** with 12 incidents.



LARCENY: of Bicycle

No Patterns

- Earlier in the year, it was believed that the substantial increase we were seeing in bike thefts was mostly due to more moderate winter temps than in recent years, leading to higher ridership and more bikes available to target. However, even the spring and summer months continue to register well above the warm months of 2018, and for this no explanation is readily apparent. Overall, bike thefts are up 78% (101 incidents) this year when compared with the first seven months of 2018, and up 44% (or 70 incidents) above the 5-year average of 160. There were 10 reported in January, 6 in February, 19 in March, 33 in April, 34 in May, 67 in June, and 61 in July.
- Of the 230 bike thefts reported so far this year, 168 (73%) were reportedly locked at the time of the theft.
- Three bike thefts resulted in arrests in July, all taking place in the Central Square area. Suspects were also identified in at least seven other thefts citywide this month.
- Although the majority of bicycles tend to be stolen from streets, sidewalks, and yards, we have seen an increase in thefts from parking garages and building storage areas this year. There have been 44 thefts from these more protected areas thus far in 2019, compared to only 9 through the end of July in 2018.
- Top Neighborhoods for Bike Theft in 2019:**

Neighborhood	YTD Total	% Citywide
West Cambridge	35	15%
Cambridgeport	34	15%
North Cambridge	32	14%

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

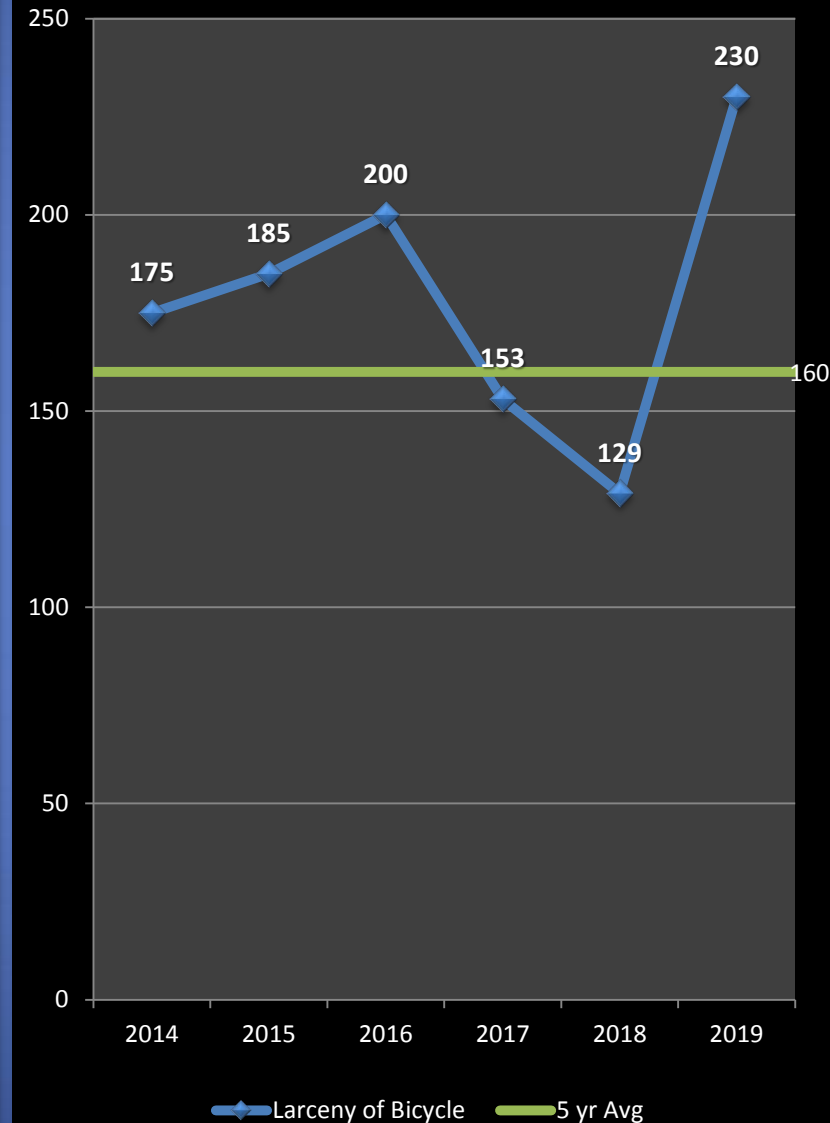
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Previous Year

+78%

5-Year Average

+44%

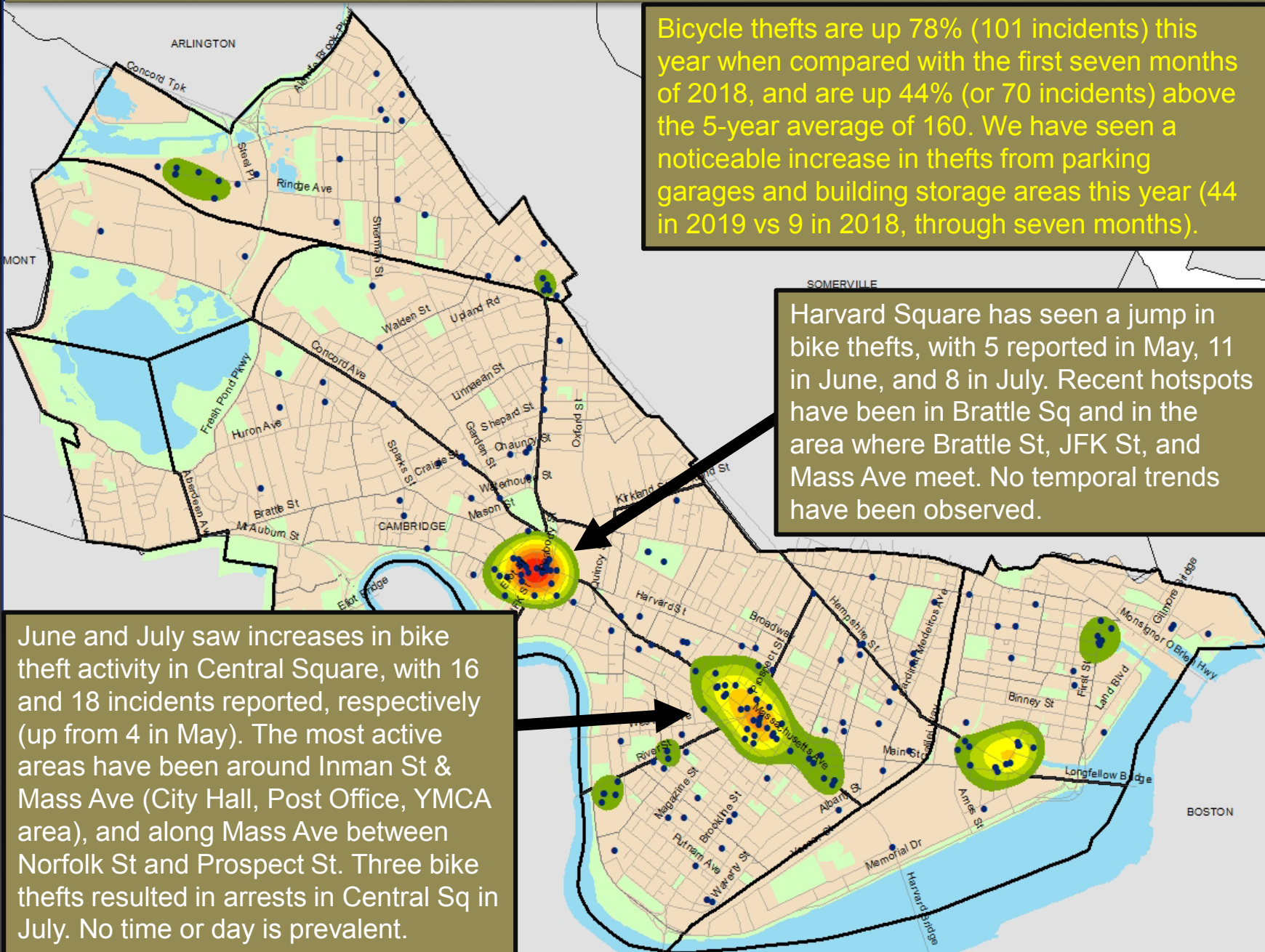




Geographic Breakdown of Bicycle Thefts: 1.1.19 to 7.29.19

Bicycle thefts are up 78% (101 incidents) this year when compared with the first seven months of 2018, and are up 44% (or 70 incidents) above the 5-year average of 160. We have seen a noticeable increase in thefts from parking garages and building storage areas this year (44 in 2019 vs 9 in 2018, through seven months).

Harvard Square has seen a jump in bike thefts, with 5 reported in May, 11 in June, and 8 in July. Recent hotspots have been in Brattle Sq and in the area where Brattle St, JFK St, and Mass Ave meet. No temporal trends have been observed.



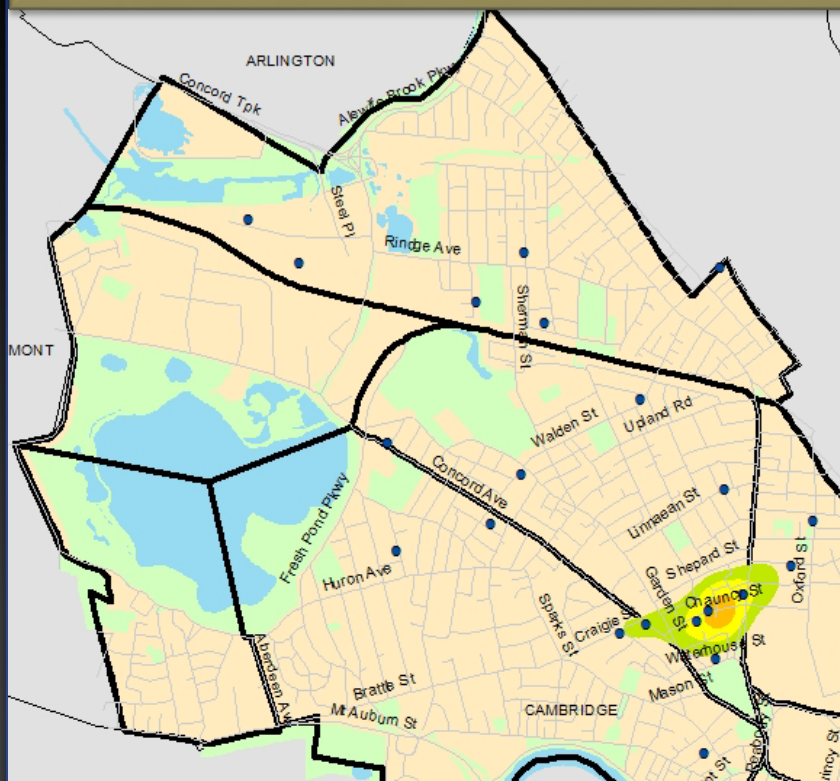
June and July saw increases in bike theft activity in Central Square, with 16 and 18 incidents reported, respectively (up from 4 in May). The most active areas have been around Inman St & Mass Ave (City Hall, Post Office, YMCA area), and along Mass Ave between Norfolk St and Prospect St. Three bike thefts resulted in arrests in Central Sq in July. No time or day is prevalent.



Geographic Breakdown of Package Thefts: 1.1.19 to 7.29.19

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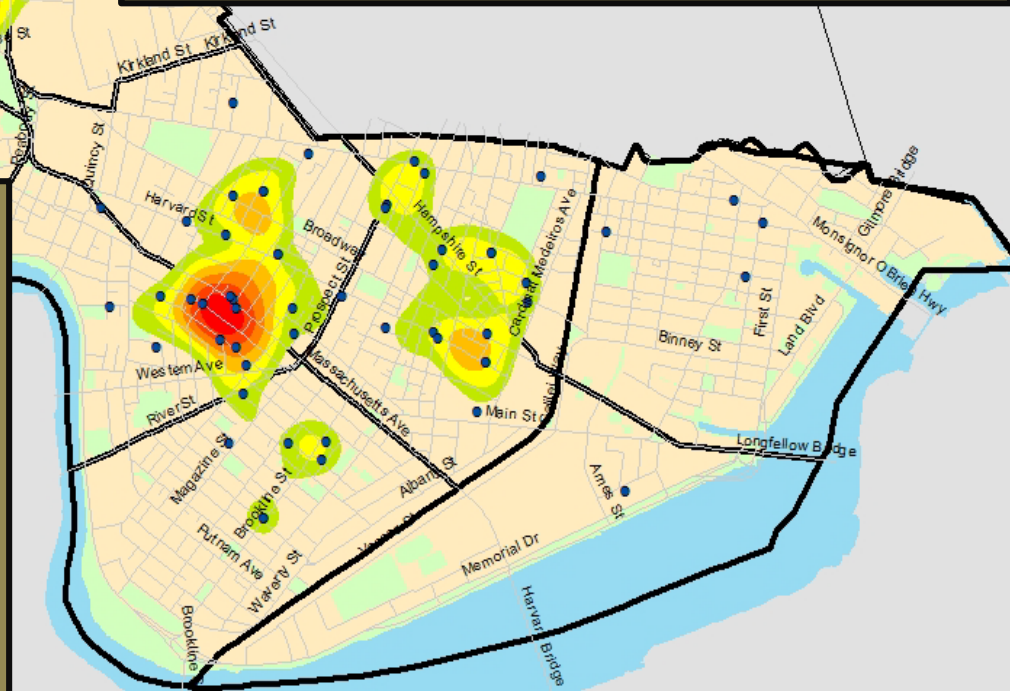


Larcenies from residences in 2018 were up 37% over the previous year, and that trend has continued through the first seven months of 2019 with a 10% rise (+13 incidents) over last year's first seven months. The 145 incidents reported year-to-date in 2019 are also 14% above the five-year average of 127 thefts.

Package thefts continue to dominate this crime category with 76 (52%) of the larcenies from residences reported year-to-date. However, they have fluctuated from month to month this year with 18 in January, 4 in February, 14 in March, 7 in April, 7 in May, 17 in June, and 9 in July for a total of 76 incidents. This total is 3 incidents below the 79 package thefts reported through the first seven months of last year.

The current leading neighborhoods for package thefts in 2019 are Mid-Cambridge with 13 (with a hotspot in the 200-300 blocks of Harvard St), The Port and Riverside with 10 each (with their respective hotspots in the 100 block of Harvard St and the 300-500 blocks of Franklin St), and Peabody with 9 (hotspot in the area of Chauncy & Mass Ave).

Temporally, weekday afternoons, particularly Tuesdays, have been the most reported day of the week for this crime to occur.





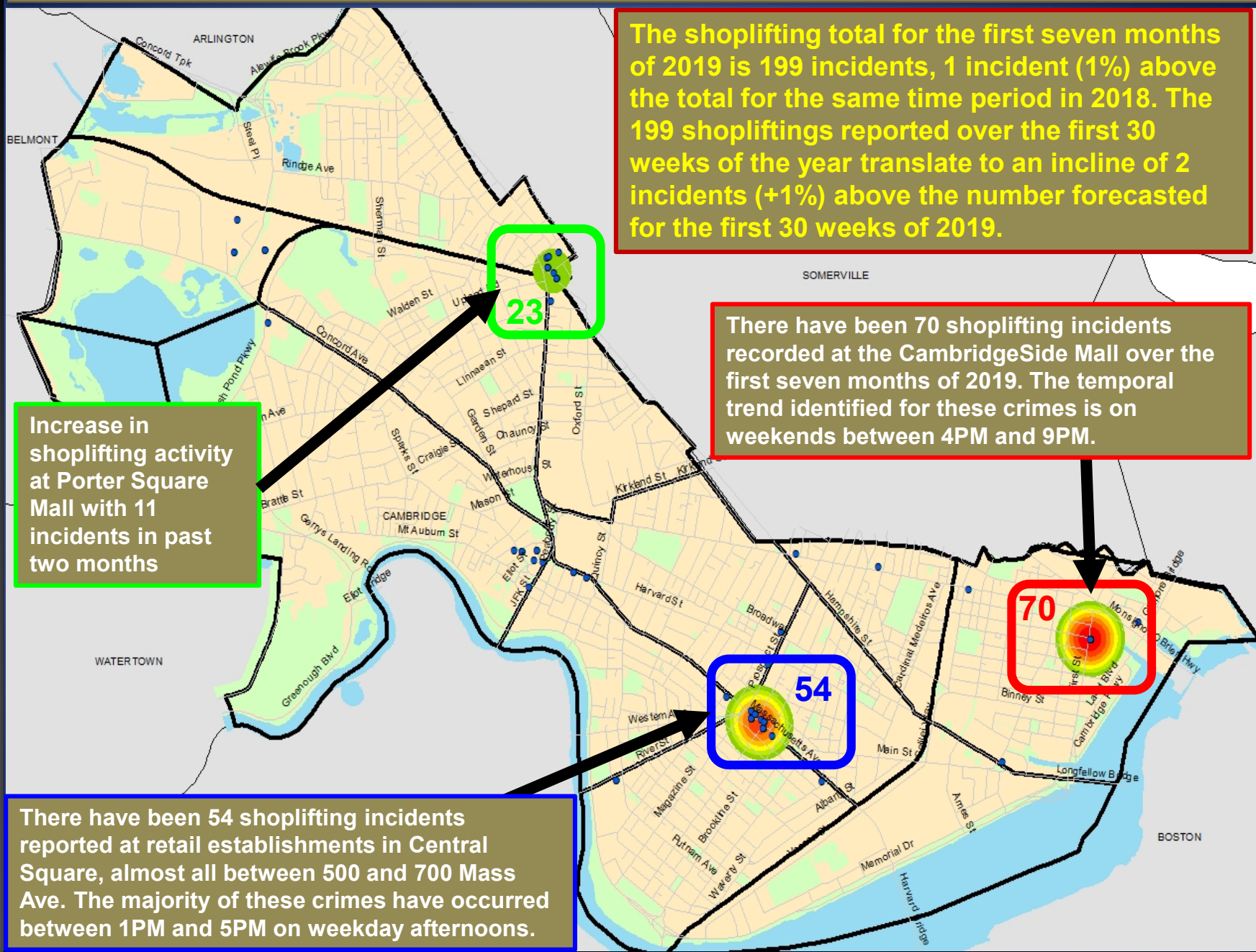
Geographic Breakdown of Shoplifting: 1.1.19 – 7.1.19

The shoplifting total for the first seven months of 2019 is 199 incidents, 1 incident (1%) above the total for the same time period in 2018. The 199 shopliftings reported over the first 30 weeks of the year translate to an incline of 2 incidents (+1%) above the number forecasted for the first 30 weeks of 2019.

There have been 70 shoplifting incidents recorded at the CambridgeSide Mall over the first seven months of 2019. The temporal trend identified for these crimes is on weekends between 4PM and 9PM.

Increase in shoplifting activity at Porter Square Mall with 11 incidents in past two months

There have been 54 shoplifting incidents reported at retail establishments in Central Square, almost all between 500 and 700 Mass Ave. The majority of these crimes have occurred between 1PM and 5PM on weekday afternoons.





AUTO THEFT

No Patterns

- The projected five-year weighted average for auto thefts for the first seven months of the year is 58 incidents. With 66 thefts reported in 2019 through July 29th, we are 14% above the average and 35% above the 49 reported during this time frame in 2018.
- There were 11 auto thefts reported in July, down 35% from the 17 reported in June. Only three of the incidents in June and two in July involved thefts of mopeds, scooters, or motorcycles. Usually these are more frequent in the summer months, but this has not been the case so far in 2019.
- One trend that emerged in June was the thefts of older model Toyotas from the Cambridgeport / Riverside area of the city. Many of these vehicles were also recovered in the same neighborhoods, leading to the speculation that some of these incidents may have involved thefts for joyriding purposes by suspects who live in the area. A juvenile from Cambridge was arrested after he was caught driving one of the stolen Toyotas in Somerville on July 12th. He is believed to be one of several juveniles involved in this series of thefts.
- Six of the 11 auto thefts reported in January 2019 involved Zipcar vehicles that were stolen from two parking garages in the Kendall Square area. This ended with the arrest of a juvenile in Boston who was caught driving one of the stolen vehicles.
- Only 13 vehicles so far in 2019 have been stolen from north of the Harvard Square area; the 53 other thefts took place in the lower half of the city. The Neighborhood breakdown is as follows: Riverside with 12, Cambridgeport with 10, The Port with 9, MIT and East Cambridge each with 8, North Cambridge with 6, Mid-Cambridge with 4, West Cambridge with 3, Inman and the Highlands with 2 each, and Peabody and Agassiz with 1 each.
- Notably, at least 27 (or 41%) of the vehicles stolen this year have been recovered.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

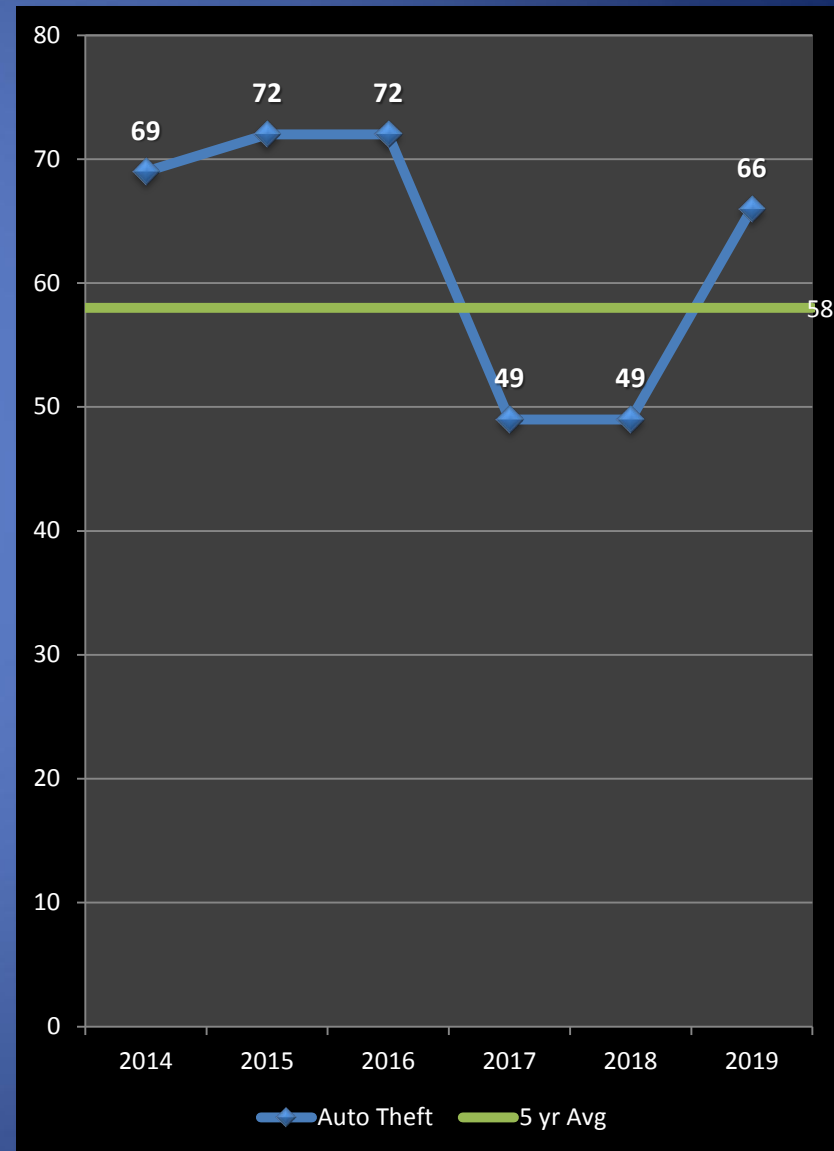
-35%

Previous Year

+35%

5-Year Average

+14%





Fraud / Scams / Cyber Crime

Recent / common phone and internet scams reported in Cambridge:

- Online rental scams in which a victim sends money and later discovers that there is no apartment to rent. ("Housing Scam" category)
- A caller or email claims to be from the IRS and says that the victim has been audited and owes money. This scam is often prevalent throughout tax season. IRS scams are down in 2019 compared to previous years.
- A caller claims to work for the government and states that there is a warrant out for the victim's arrest unless s/he pays a fee to clear it up. ("Government" scam category). In 2019, while IRS scams are down, we have seen a large increase in government scams that involve callers claiming to be from the Social Security Administration.
- A caller claims to be from a utility company and demands payment on an outstanding bill.
- A caller claims to have either kidnapped or been in an accident with a victim's relative and states that the relative is being held for ransom. ("Extortion/Kidnap" scam category)
- A caller claims to be offering computer services/anti-virus software and needs access to a victim's computer where they are able to remotely gain personal information.
- An employee receives an email from someone pretending to be their supervisor or the C.E.O. of the company and is tricked into purchasing gift cards for that person.
- New this summer, there has been an increase in scams targeting Uber drivers and draining their accounts.

Category	Year to Date (1/1 – 7/29)		
	2018	2019	Change
Counterfeiting	10	10	0%
Forgery/Uttering	159	167	5%
Identity theft	73	89	22%
Credit/ATM cards	53	53	0%
Forged check	19	17	-11%
Bad check	12	6	-50%
Application	2	1	-50%
Miscellaneous	0	1	N/A
Prescription	0	0	0%
Con Games	129	164	27%
Government	27	56	107%
Internet-related	39	47	21%
Housing Scam	26	35	35%
Extortion/Kidnap	6	10	67%
Housework/Utilities	12	5	-58%
Lottery	5	3	-40%
Travel	3	0	-100%
Charity	1	0	-100%
Psychic	0	0	0%
Miscellaneous	10	8	-20%
Embezzlement	4	0	-100%
Total	302	341	13%



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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.
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- Send an Anonymous Crime Tip E-Mail at www.CambridgePolice.org/Tips



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