

Cambridge Police Department BridgeStat

June 2016

Produced by the Crime Analysis Unit

2016



Part I Total Crime

Significant increases in a number of larceny categories during the month of June triggered a reversal in crime from a 4% decrease for the first five months of 2016 down to a 1% decline for the first two quarters of the year. This modest downturn in serious crimes in Cambridge was incurred with 17 fewer index crimes recorded over the first six months of the year. When measured against the five-year average, a moderate 4% reduction in Part One crime has been recorded.

Further analysis of the crime totals for the first two quarters of 2016 indicates that while violent crimes registered a 7% incline with ten additional incidents so far in 2016, property crimes fell 2% with 27 fewer crimes counted when compared with the same time period in 2015.

Both violent and property crimes registered significant increases when compared with the totals for the previous month of May. The 75 additional property crimes during June of 2016 than in May of this year translates to a 49% incline, while violent crime, fueled by a 120% surge in aggravated assaults, rose 52%.

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			<u>Five Year</u>		
	5/3 - 5/30	5/31 - 6/27	Change	2015	2016	Change		Avg	Change
Total Violent Crime	21	32	52%	134	144	7%		154	-6%
Total Property Crime	152	227	49%	1165	1138	-2%		1186	-4%
Total Part I Crime	173	259	50%	1299	1282	-1%		1340	-4%

2016



Part I Property Crime

Analysis of property crime totals for the first two quarters of 2016 reveals a 2% decline when measured against the 2015 totals and a 4% contraction below the five-year average. The 53 fewer larceny from motor vehicles over the first six months of 2016 is the major factor influencing the moderate decrease in property crimes. Housebreaks which surged during the first quarter have been on the wane over the past three months but are still up 11% for the year.

When comparing the May totals with those of June, the property crime categories of larceny from motor vehicles (+125%), larceny from person (+107%) and shoplifting (+94%) were the prime contributors to the 49% increase from one month to the other.

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	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			<u>Five</u>	Five Year	
	5/3 - 5/30	5/31 - 6/27	Change	2015	2016	Change	Avg	Change	
Burglary	26	21	-19%	188	171	-9%	173	-1%	
Commercial Break	4	5	25%	60	29	-52%	39	-26%	
Housebreak	22	16	-27%	128	142	11%	134	6%	
Larceny	117	195	67%	923	906	-2%	960	-6%	
Larceny (Misc)	3	1	-67%	25	14	-44%	18	-22%	
Larceny from Building	14	25	79%	182	149	-18%	182	-18%	
Larceny from MV	12	27	125%	228	175	-23%	237	-26%	
Larceny from Person	14	29	107%	83	106	28%	122	-13%	
Larceny from Residence	10	28	180%	121	137	13%	98	40%	
Larceny of Bicycle	45	48	7%	104	145	39%	115	26%	
Larceny of Plate	1	3	200%	13	11	-15%	15	-27%	
Larceny of Services	1	1	0%	6	5	-17%	8	-38%	
Shoplifting	17	33	94%		164	2%	165	-1%	
Auto Theft	9	11	22%	54	61	13%	54	13%	
Total Property Crime	152	227	49%	1165	1138	-2%	1186	-4%	

June 2016



Part I Violent Crime

The projected five-year weighted average for violent crime in Cambridge for the first two quarters of the year is 154 incidents. Through June 27th of this year, there were 144 violent crimes recorded in the City, 10 crimes above last year (7%) and 10 serious crimes under the total forecasted for the first six months of the year (-6%).

The Cambridge Police responded to a report of a shooting outside of 140 Harvard Street on 6/25/16. 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 was the second homicide recorded in the City in 2016.

There have been two additional street robberies reported in Cambridge this year when compared with the same time frame in 2015 to post a 7% increase. There was a moderate incline from 5 street robberies in May of this year to 7 in June. The majority of these incidents were concentrated around the neighborhoods of Central Square. The five-year average for street robbery in Cambridge for the first two quarters of the year is 34 incidents. Over the first six months of 2015, 30 incidents were reported, which translates to a 12% decline below the projected total.

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			<u>Five</u>	Five Year	
	5/3 - 5/30	5/31 - 6/27	Change	2015	2016	Change	Avg	Change	
Homicide	0	1	IN-CALC	1	2	100%	1	100%	
Rape	3	1	-67%	12	14	17%	13	8%	
Robbery	8	8	0%	39	3 9	0%	46	-15%	
Commercial Robbery	3	1	-67%	11	9	-18%	11	-18%	
Street Robbery	5	7	40%	28	30	7%	34	-12%	
Aggravated Assault	10	22	120%	82	89	9%	94	-5%	
Total Violent Crime	21	32	52%	134	144	7%	154	-6%	



MURDER

No Patterns

- 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.
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 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 was the second homicide recorded in the City in 2016.

There were three murders in Cambridge in 2015.

- On April 14th, 2015, Carlos D. Colina was arraigned in Middlesex District Court and was charged with the April 4th murder of Jonathan Camilien, 26, of Somerville, in an apartment on Binney St.
- On August 24th, Roosselin Altidor, 25, of Medford was arraigned in Cambridge District Court on a charge of murder in connection with a homicide in Cambridge on Wednesday, August 12. Rasaun Nichols, 31, of Cambridge, was killed by gunshots while in a vehicle in the area of Newtowne Court.
- Antwan Gonsalves, 33, of Cambridge was arrested on September 24th and charged with murder in connection with a homicide that involved a stabbing in Central Square on the night of September 12, 2015. Killed was Tywann Jones, 35, of Roxbury.

Percent Change* Previous Year 5-Year

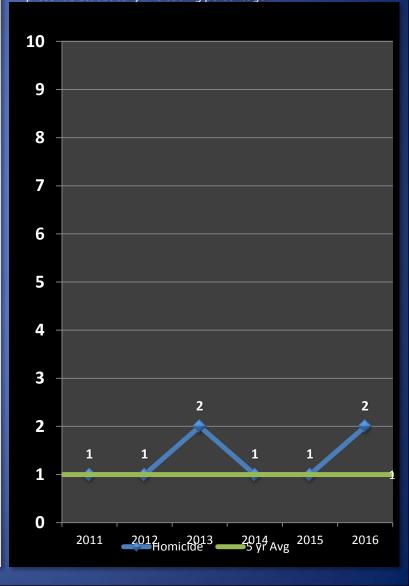
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Last 4 Weeks

In-Cal

5-Year Average

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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, 1990-2015

- 56 people murdered in 51 incidents (in 4 of the incidents, 2 or more people were killed)
- 37 victims were male (average age of 34)
- 19 victims were female (average age of 41)
- Most common weapons: handguns (25 incidents) and knives (14 incidents)
- 15 of the 48 cases are still under investigation or remain unsolved
- 24 of the 30 cases since 2000 have been cleared by arrest or by the death of the suspect, including all three murders in both 2013 and 2015, and one of the two murders in 2014.



Unsolved Murders: 1999 to 2015

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



lan 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.



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



Unsolved Murders: 1999 to 2015

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.





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.





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

July 3, 2014, Windsor Street.

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RAPE No Patterns

- There have been 14 rapes reported in Cambridge during the first two quarters of 2016, two more than the 12 that were recorded in this time period last year. Seven of the incidents this year have been classified as acquaintance rapes, one as a domestic, three as contact crimes, and the final three have yet to be classified and remain under investigation. There were no stranger-to-stranger rapes recorded in Cambridge during the first five months of 2016.
- The final count of rape in Cambridge for 2015 that was submitted to the FBI was 25 crimes, one more (+4%) than in 2014.
- The following is the breakdown of Rape classifications in Cambridge in 2015: one stranger-to-stranger, eleven involving acquaintances, nine contact situations, two domestic sexual assault, and two blitz scenarios.
- The FBI's Uniform Crime Report for 2014 reports that: there were an estimated 84,041 forcible rapes reported to law enforcement nationally in 2014. This estimate was 2.4% higher than the 2013 estimate, and 1.8% and 10.9% lower than the 2010 and 2005 estimates, respectively. The rate of forcible rapes in 2014 was estimated at 26.4 per 100,000 inhabitants.

Percent Change*

Last 4 Weeks Previous Year

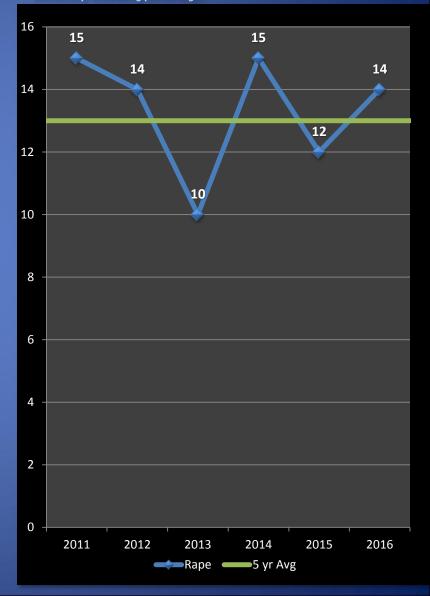
-67%

+17%

+8%

5-Year Average

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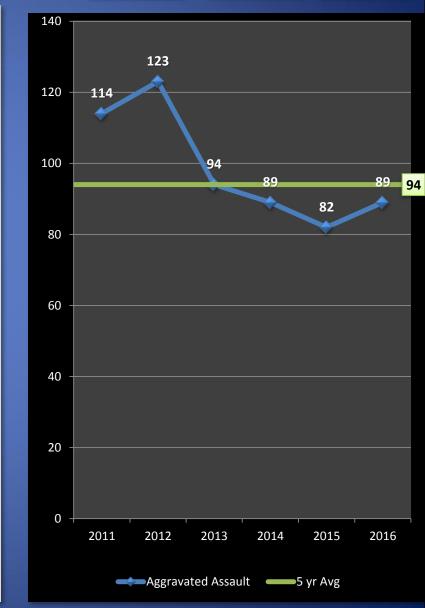
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

No Patterns

- When comparing the total of aggravated assaults for the first two quarters of 2016 with the same time frame last year, there has been a 9% increase recorded with seven additional incidents over the first 6 months of this year.
 The total of 89 aggravated assaults presents five fewer incidents (-5%) under the projected five-year average of 94 crimes for the first six months of the year.
- From April to May, there was a significant decline in reports of aggravated assaults, which produced a 59% decrease (-13 incidents). Domestic assault surged upward from ten crimes in May to 22 in June.
- The 89 aggravated assaults over the first six months of 2016 were composed of the following classifications: 12 fights among acquaintances; 28 domestic situations; 4 juvenile assaults; 10 unprovoked scenarios; 7 bar brawls; 2 psychotic episodes; 7 homeless scenarios; a confrontation between a shop owner and a patron; 3 workplace assaults, a third lover scenario, 3 traffic and parking situations, 6 assaults on a police officer, one drug deal and 4 miscellaneous brawls.
- Past trends indicate that invariably 30 to 40 percent of aggravated assaults are domestic related. That statistic has held over the first five months of 2016 with 28 of the 89 assaults classified as domestic.

Percent Change

+120% Previous Year 5-Year Average

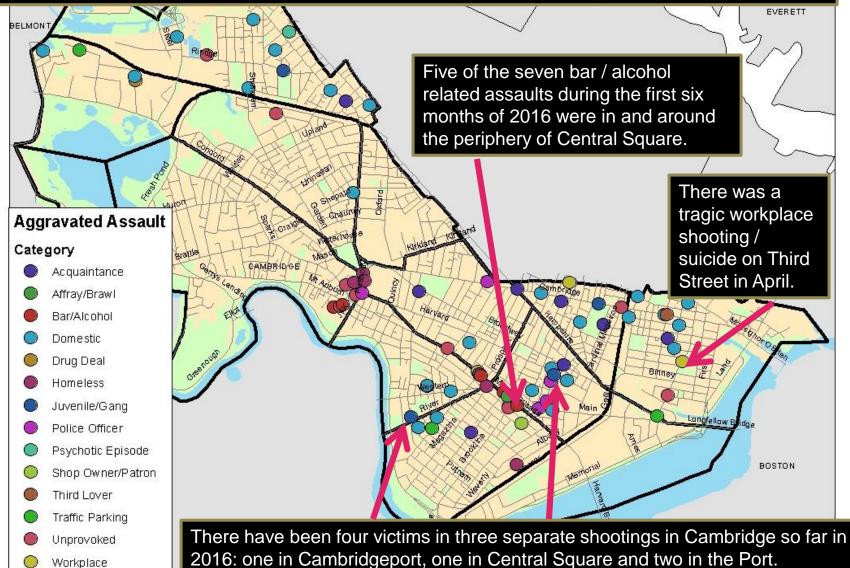


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Geographic Breakdown of Aggravated Assaults: Jan – June of 2016

Past trends indicate that domestic violence invariably accounts for 30-40% of all assaults in the City each year. That number has held true over the first five months of 2016 with 28 of the 89 crimes (31%) classified as domestic scenarios.





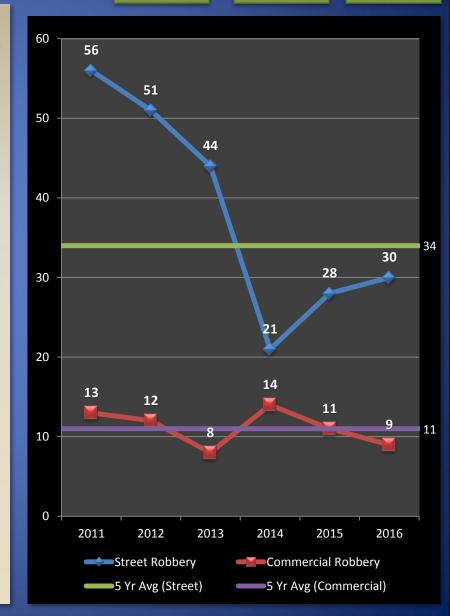
ROBBERY

No Patterns

- The 5-year average for overall robbery in Cambridge for the first two quarters of the year is 46 incidents. For the first 6 months of 2016, 39 robberies were recorded, which translates to an 15% decline below the forecasted 5 year average and is the same number reported during the first two quarters of 2015.
- The street robbery total for the first six months of 2016 (30 incidents) has risen 7% when compared with last year, though it is down 12% below the five-year average of 34 crimes. The first street robbery pattern alert to be identified in the City over the past 18 months was issued during the last week of April. There were 5 street robberies in the Cambridgeport/Port neighborhoods reported over the course of 6 days to the Cambridge Police Department. The majority of the victims were males between 20 and 30 years of age. The robberies were committed between midnight and 2 AM with the suspects being juvenile males on bikes. A knife was brandished in two of the incidents. Since extra patrols have been allocated two months ago to the area, there have been a few sporadic and unrelated incidents.
- Commercial robberies have dropped from 11 incidents during the first two quarters of 2015 to 9 (-18%) so far in 2016.

Percent Change

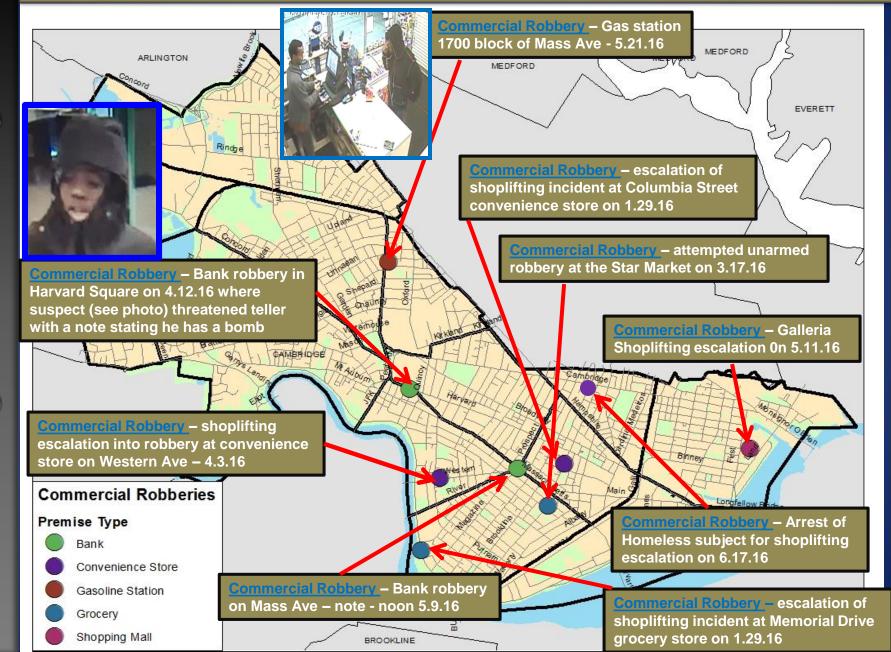
Last 4 Weeks Previous Year 5-Year Average 0% -15%



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Geographic Breakdown of Commercial Robbery: January – June 2016

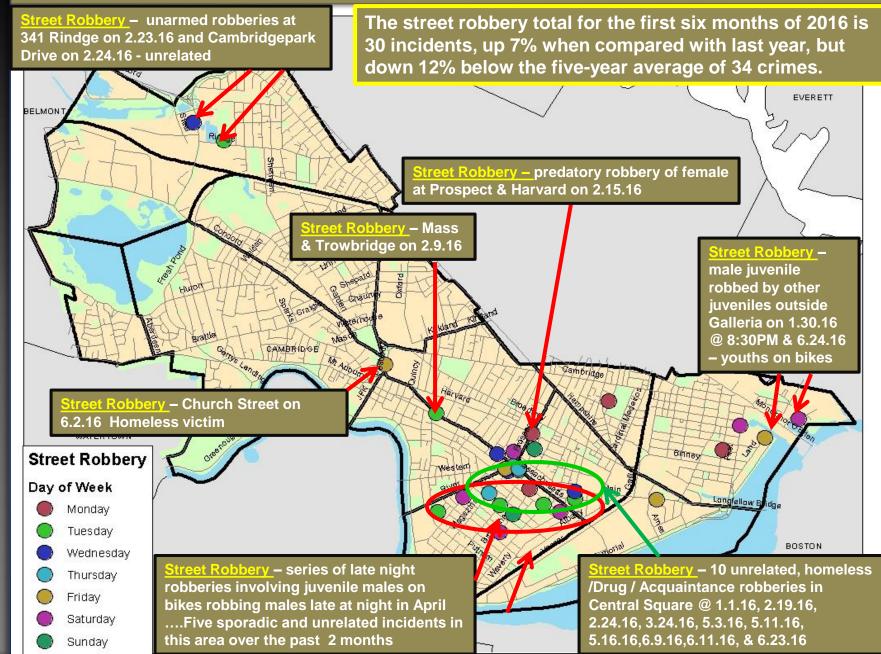


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Geographic Breakdown of Street Robbery: January – June 2016





Burglary

No Pattern

 The property index crime of burglary, the combination of residential and commercial breaks, has fallen a mere 1% in 2016 when compared to the five-year average, with 2 less incidents reported over the projected total of 173 breaks, and has dropped 9% when compared with last year's total for the first six months of the year, with 17 fewer burglaries recorded.

- Housebreaks have increased from 128 incidents
 during the first 24 weeks of 2015 to 142 in 2016, which
 translates to a 11% increase. The Crime Analysis Unit
 has been closely monitoring sporadic on-gain, offagain housebreak series in the neighborhoods
 surrounding Central Square throughout 2016. Extra
 patrols have been allocated and alerts have been
 issued and at the present time no identifiable patterns
 or clusters are operational in these areas.
- There have been 29 commercial breaks in Cambridge over the first six months of 2016 as compared to 60 during the same time period last year, which translates to a 52% reduction. The only identifiable series of related commercial breaks in the City were between the 2100 and 2500 blocks of Mass Ave in North Cambridge in the middle of February. Sporadic breaks into offices in Harvard and Central Square surfaced as a potential problem in March.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks Previous Year 5-Year Average

-19%

-9%

-1%

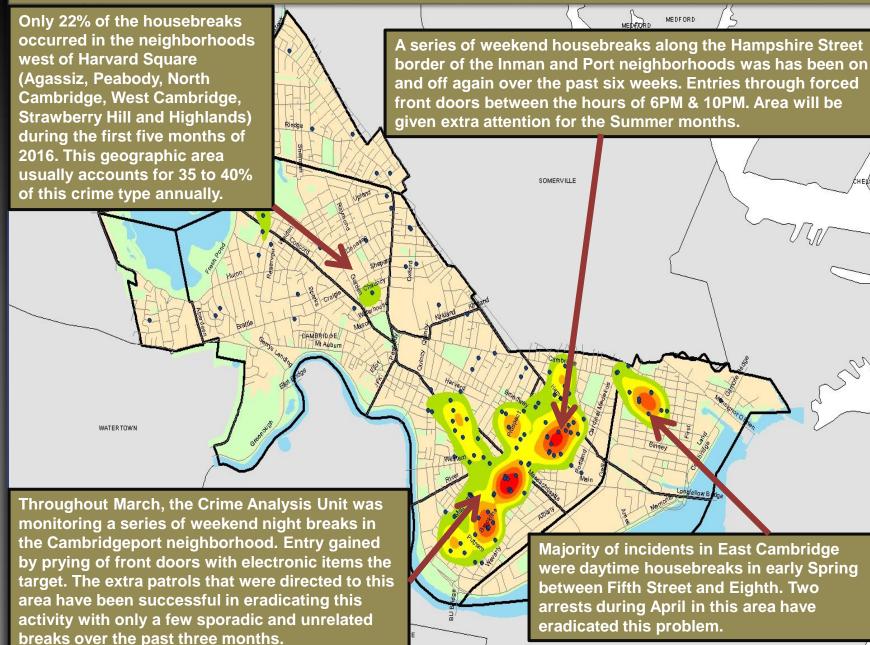


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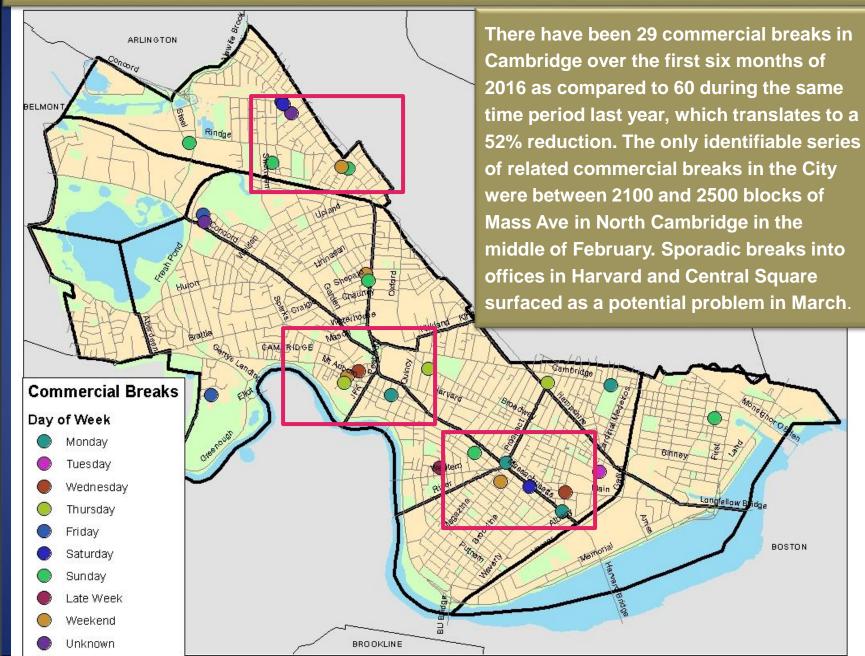
Geographic Breakdown of Housebreaks: January – June of 2016



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Geographic Breakdown of Commercial Breaks: January – June of 2016





LARCENY

No Patterns

Overall larceny through the first six months of 2016
registered at 2% (or 17 incidents) below the same time frame in
2015. The preliminary total of 906 larcenies reported year-to-date
is 6% below the 5-year weighted average of 960 incidents for the
first six months of the year.

- Larcenies from motor vehicles through June 27th have decreased by 53 crimes, or 23%, from the number reported during the same time frame in 2015. After recording a significant decline with incidents plunging from 46 in April to 11 in May (-76%) with the 11 thefts from cars representing one of the lowest monthly totals for this crime type in a number of years, a spike of 125% was registered in June with 15 additional crimes.
- Larcenies from the person in 2015 remained well below the 2014 totals throughout the entire year. This trend has reversed during 2016, with 23 additional incidents (+28%) reported this year above the number seen through the first six months of 2015. The most active area of the city in the past four weeks was Harvard Square, which experienced 12 incidents.
- There have been 149 larcenies from buildings reported thus far in 2016. This is 18% (33 incidents) below the 182 incidents reported in 2015 and 18% below the 5-year average of 182. There are no patterns or trends of this crime in the city at the present time.
- Larcenies from residences have registered a slight incline through June 2016, with 16 more incidents (+13%) reported this year than during this time frame in 2015. Over the past 4 weeks there has been a substantial spike in this crime from 10 reports the previous 4 weeks to 28 reports, or an increase of 180%. This can be attributed to 13 package thefts during this time compared to 4 the previous month.
- Through June 27th, 2016, there have been 145 bikes reported stolen in Cambridge, up 41 incidents from the 104 thefts reported through the same time in 2015 and up 30 from the 5-year average of 115. With the warmer weather earlier this year compared to previous years, it is no surprise that bike thefts have increased and will likely remain high over the upcoming months.

Percent Change

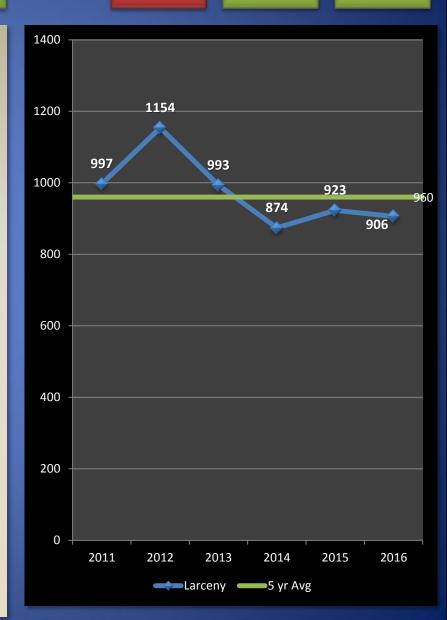
Last 4 Weeks Previous Year

+67%

-2%

-6%

5-Year Average





LARCENY From MV

No Patterns

- A weighty decline of 23% has been recorded for larceny from motor vehicles when comparing the first two quarters of this year with that of 2015. There have been 53 fewer thefts reported so far this year. This property crime has slipped 26% when measured against the 5-year average, with 62 fewer incidents than the projected total of 237 thefts.
- After recording a significant decline in larceny from motor vehicles with incidents plunging from 46 during April to 11 in May (-76%) with the 11 thefts from cars representing one of the lowest monthly totals for this crime type in Cambridge in a number of years, a spike of 125% was registered in June with 15 additional crimes counted. Historically, the temporal trend of numerous thefts from cars on weekends, has not materialized in Cambridge in 2016. At the present time, there are no operational patterns, trends or concentrations have been identified in the City.
- A loosely knit group of thieves originating in Fort Lauderdale, FL, called the Felony Lane Gang, has been operational throughout the New England states for the past two months. The team concentrates on breaking into cars in parks, fitness centers, and daycares, where women have left their purses in plain view. The team then takes personal items and quickly forges checks and makes fraudulent credit card purchases. During April, two thefts at a school parking lot in Cambridge may be connected to this group, with no additional incidents in the city since that time.

Percent Change

Previous Year Last 4 Weeks

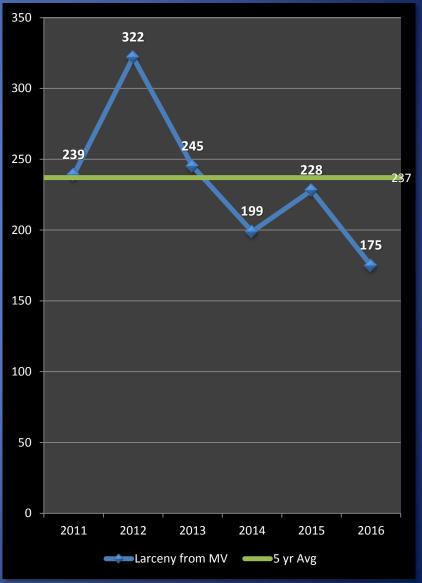
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-26%

5-Year Average





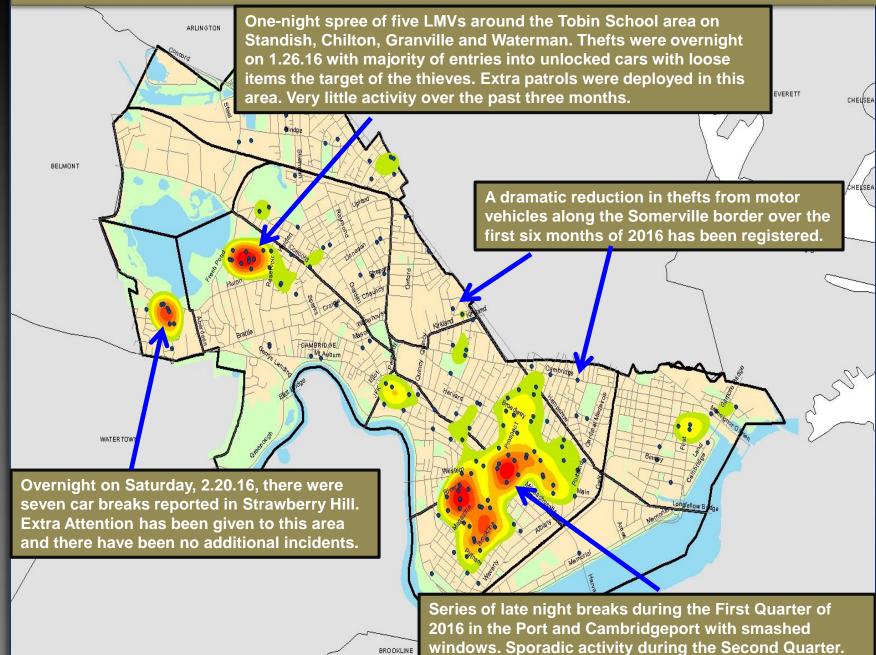


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Geographic Breakdown of Larceny from MVs: January – June of 2016





LARCENY: from Person No Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

Previous Year

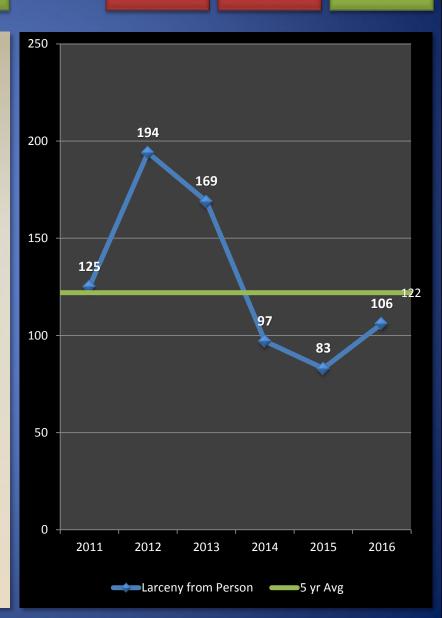
5-Year Average

+107%

+28%

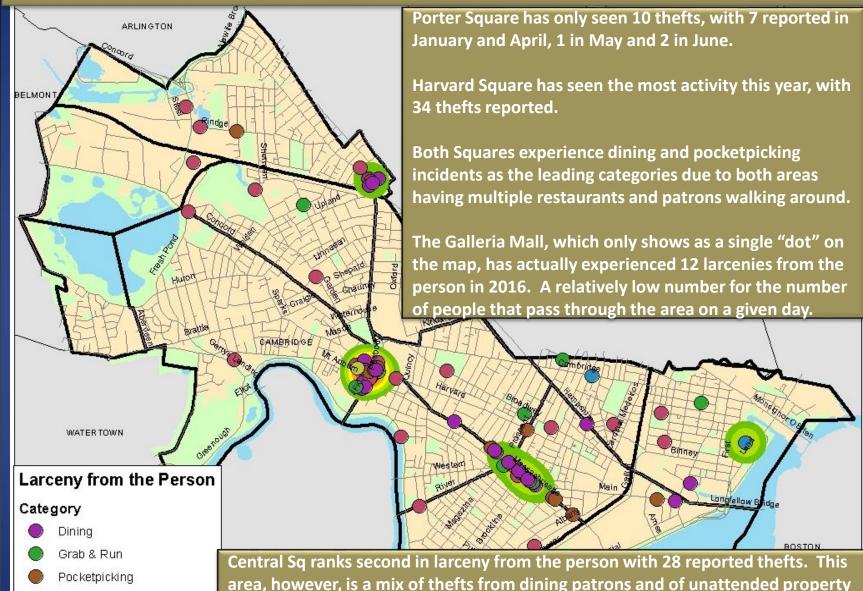
-13%

- Larcenies from the person have been on the rise during 2016, after two years of very little activity and few patterns in 2014 and 2015. This crime type is up 23 incidents (28%) through the first six months of 2016, when compared with the same time frame in 2015. The total of 106 incidents reported thus far in 2016 is 16 incidents, or 13%, below the five-year average of 122 for the first six months of the year. Incidents have doubled when comparing the most recent four weeks (June) to the previous four weeks (May), with 15 more thefts reported this month.
- Harvard Square has seen the most activity thus far in 2016, with 34 incidents reported. The most active areas of the city in the past four weeks were Harvard Square with 12 incidents followed closely by Central Sq with 10. Incidents evenly spanned from thefts while dining to pickpocketing incidents to thefts of unattended property. Never leave your personal belongings unattended while you go up to a counter or run to the restroom in a restaurant or cafe; this is the perfect opportunity to have items stolen. It is likely that this crime will continue to rise the previous two years saw very low totals.
- Now that the warmer weather has picked back up, we have seen a few reports where people have left items unattended at parks or playgrounds and the items have been stolen. There were three such reports taken in May and in June throughout the city.





Geographic Breakdown of Larceny from Persons: January – June of 2016



where people turn their back or walk away and upon return the item has been

stolen. Ten such thefts were reported here in June; the highest monthly total thus

June 2016 Shopping

Theater

Unattended (Other)

far for this area.



LARCENY: of Bicycle

No Patterns

Percent Change

Previous Year

5-Year Average

+7%

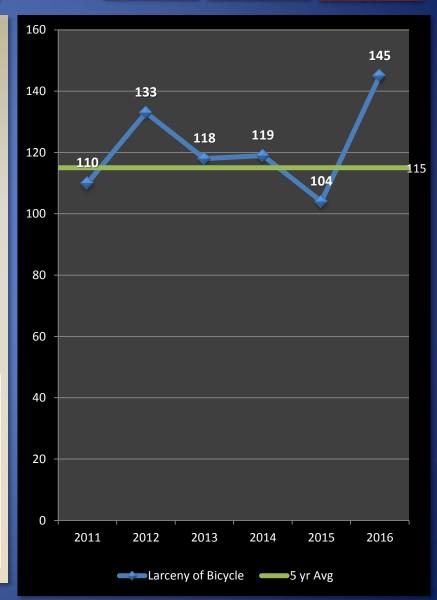
Last 4 Weeks

+39%

+26%

- There have been 145 bike thefts reported over the first two quarters of 2016. This number is 41 incidents above the total reported during the same time frame last year (+39%) and also 30 incidents above the 5year average of 115 (+26%). There was a moderate increase in bike thefts of three incidents over the past four weeks with a rise from 45 to 48 incidents.
- Neighborhoods that have seen the most bike thefts in 2016 are East Cambridge with 25, followed Cambridgeport with 20, West Cambridge with 18, and Mid-Cambridge with 17. Cambridgeport has been most active neighborhood for bike thefts in the past month with 11 thefts, followed by Mid -Cambridge with 7.
- 66% (96) of the 145 bicycles stolen year-to-date in 2016 were locked at the time of the thefts.
- Top Neighborhoods for Bike Thefts Year-To-Date:

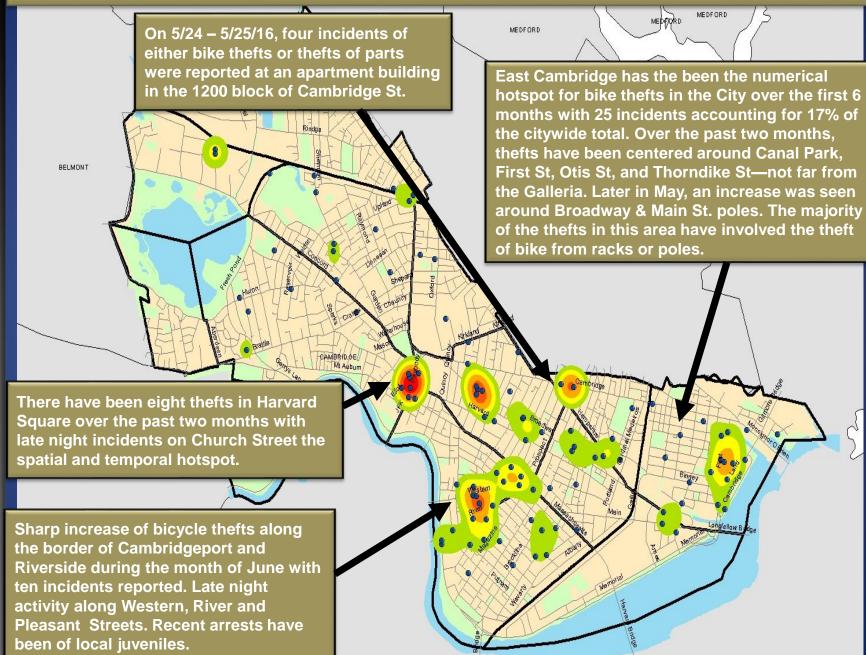
Neighborhood	YTD Total	% Citywide			
East Cambridge	25	17%			
Cambridgeport	20	14%			
West Cambridge	18	12%			
Mid-Cambridge	17	12%			
Riverside	15	10%			



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Geographic Breakdown of Larceny of Bikes: April – June 2016





AUTO THEFT

No Patterns

- The projected 5-year weighted average for auto thefts for the first six months of the year is 54 incidents. With 61 thefts reported thus far in 2016, we are 13% (7 incidents) above the average and 13% (7 incidents) above the number reported during this time frame in 2015.
- There were 11 auto thefts reported in June, which is up 2 incidents or 22% from that reported in May.
- Since the beginning of the year, the following neighborhoods have recorded auto thefts: Cambridgeport (13), The Port (10), Mid-Cambridge (7), East Cambridge (7), Peabody (6), West Cambridge (4), Riverside (4), Inman (4), North Cambridge (3), Agassiz (2), and Strawberry Hill (1).
- The Port saw 4 thefts in June, double the number recorded by any other neighborhood during this time.
- Over the past few years, warmer weather has led to increases in thefts of mopeds and scooters. This trend began as expected in April, with 6 such thefts reported. But surprisingly, there were no scooter thefts reported anywhere in Cambridge in May and only 2 reported in June. Despite this hiatus in activity, we do expect numbers to rise over the upcoming summer months.
- Of the 61 cars stolen thus far in 2016, 33 (54%) have been recovered to date.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

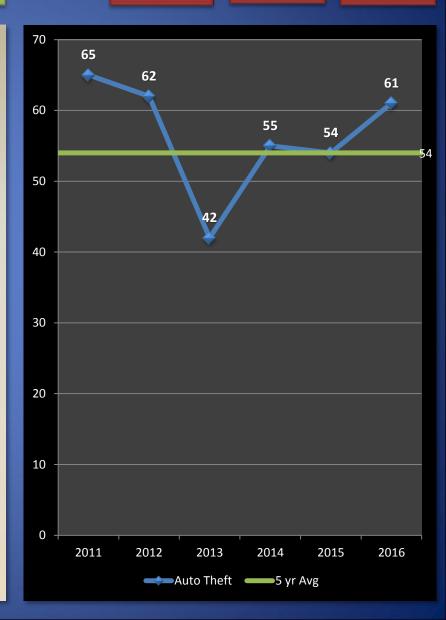
Previous Year

5-Year Average

+22%

+13%

+13%





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 emerging crime patterns, neighborhood
 meetings, and crime prevention tips, by
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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.
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