



Cambridge Police Department BridgeStat

March 2020

(Abridged Version)

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Part I Total Crime

An analysis of serious crime statistics for the First Quarter of 2020 reveals a moderate increase of 7% in the Part One index total for Cambridge when compared with 2019. Over the first three months of this year, there were 500 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 468 incidents, 32 fewer than this year. When measured against the five-year average, a small 4% rise in the crime index was recorded.

Further analysis of the crime totals for the first 90 days of 2020 indicates that violent crimes recorded a sizable 27% increase to start the year, while property crimes registered a slight 5% bounce upward with 19 additional crimes reported when compared with the same time frame in 2019. There have been no reports of shots being fired in Cambridge so far in 2020.

The increase in violent crime (+27%) can be attributed to a series of robberies of food delivery drivers during February that was eradicated with an arrest in early March. Despite the fact that major declines in larcenies from motor vehicles (-41%) and larcenies from the person (-21%) were recorded during the First Quarter of 2020, the substantial spike in commercial burglaries (+300%), bicycle thefts (+50%), and shopliftings (+31%) drove the slight 4% incline in property crimes for the first three months of 2020.

When measuring the serious crime totals of March versus the previous month of February of 2020, a measurable dip of 17% in the number of index incidents with 26 fewer crimes was counted in the third month of this year. The 82% decrease in larcenies from persons and the 36% dive in larcenies from buildings, when compared with the previous month, were the key indicators fueling this decline. With just two weeks of comparative data to study, it is too early to determine the effect that COVID-19 and social distancing will have on the crime rate in our City.

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



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<u>VIOLENT CRIME</u>	<u>4 Week Snapshot</u>			<u>Year to Date</u>			<u>Five Year</u>	
	2/4/20 - 3/2/20	3/3/20 - 3/30/20	Change	2019	2020	Change	Avg	Change
Homicide	0	0	IN-CALC	1	0	IN-CALC	0	IN-CALC
Rape	2	2	0%	4	7	75%	5	40%
Robbery	6	4	-33%	9	14	56%	13	8%
Commercial Robbery	2	2	0%	3	4	33%	6	-33%
Street Robbery	4	2	-50%	6	10	67%	7	43%
Aggravated Assault	16	9	-44%	35	41	17%	37	11%
Total Violent Crime	24	15	-38%	49	62	27%	55	13%

<u>PROPERTY CRIME</u>	<u>4 Week Snapshot</u>			<u>Year to Date</u>			<u>Five Year</u>	
	2/4/20 - 3/2/20	3/3/20 - 3/30/20	Change	2019	2020	Change	Avg	Change
Burglary	17	19	12%	34	54	59%	55	-2%
Commercial Break	8	8	0%	4	16	300%	9	78%
Housebreak	9	11	22%	30	38	27%	46	-17%
Larceny	105	89	-15%	363	369	2%	351	5%
Larceny (Misc)	3	0	-100%	2	7	250%	6	17%
Larceny from Building	14	9	-36%	71	63	-11%	73	-14%
Larceny from MV	11	10	-9%	68	40	-41%	63	-37%
Larceny from Person	11	2	-82%	33	26	-21%	35	-26%
Larceny from Residence	16	24	50%	68	76	12%	57	33%
Larceny of Bicycle	10	22	120%	36	54	50%	25	116%
Larceny of Plate	0	0	IN-CALC	4	0	IN-CALC	5	-100%
Larceny of Services	1	1	0%	4	2	-50%	5	-60%
Shoplifting	39	21	-46%	77	101	31%	82	23%
Auto Theft	8	5	-38%	22	15	-32%	18	-17%
Total Property Crime	130	113	-13%	419	438	5%	424	3%

<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>4 Week Snapshot</u>			<u>Year to Date</u>			<u>Five Year</u>	
	2/4/20 - 3/2/20	3/3/20 - 3/30/20	Change	2019	2020	Change	Avg	Change
Total Violent Crime	24	15	-38%	49	62	27%	55	13%
Total Property Crime	130	113	-13%	419	438	5%	424	3%
Total Part I Crime	154	128	-17%	468	500	7%	479	4%



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.
- Please direct your feedback to: BridgeStat@CambridgePolice.org.
- To review previous editions of BridgeStat, visit our website at www.CambridgePolice.org/BridgeStat.