



Cambridge Police Department BridgeStat

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Part I Total Crime

A review of serious crime incidents reported over the first ten months of 2022 indicates a moderate increase of 8% in the Part One Index total for Cambridge when compared with the same time period in 2021. Through October 31st of this year, there were 2,323 serious crimes reported in the City. For the same time period in 2021, the combined total for Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny & Auto theft was 2,143 incidents, 180 fewer than this year. When measured against the five-year average, a 14% increase in the crime index has been recorded.

Further analysis of the crime totals for the first ten months of 2022 indicates that violent crimes jumped upward 27% when compared with 2021, with 68 additional crimes reported. A review of violent crimes reveals that there were: zero homicides, 34 rapes, 87 robberies, and 198 aggravated assaults reported through October of 2022. Property crime registered a slight increase of 6% with 112 additional crimes counted through the 31st of October of 2022.

Three target crimes have recorded major increases this year, with street robberies surging from 46 incidents to 72 crimes (+57%), housebreaks from 100 reports to 152 incidents (+52%), and larceny from building up 65 crimes (+56%) when comparing the first ten months of 2022 with the same time frame last year. The 26% decrease in larcenies of bicycles and the 40% drop in commercial burglary when compared with the same time period in 2021 are the key trend indicators identified in 2022 that have kept the overall crime index at a moderate increase.

When analyzing the serious crime totals of October 2022 versus the previous month of September, there has been a modest decline of 8% in the number of index incidents, with 21 fewer crimes reported. A contributing factor this month was the 16% decrease in bike thefts, compared to the 95% rise reported in September.

	<u>4 Week Snapshot</u>			<u>Year to Date</u>			<u>Five Year</u>	
	9/6/22 - 10/3/22	10/4/22 - 10/31/22	Change	2021	2022	Change	Avg	Change
Total Violent Crime	31	27	-13%	251	319	27%	250	28%
Total Property Crime	245	228	-7%	1892	2004	6%	1792	12%
Total Part I Crime	276	255	-8%	2143	2323	8%	2042	14%



Part I Property Crime

Analysis of property crime totals for the first ten months of 2022 points to a 6% increase when measured against the 2021 totals and a 12% rise above the five-year average, with 112 additional incidents above the total for the first ten months of last year and 212 crimes above the forecasted number of 1,792.

Two of the major property crime categories recorded significant declines when measured against the first ten months of 2021. Notably there has been a 26% reduction in larceny of bicycles, which is down 140 incidents from the high total of 541 bike thefts through October 3^{1st} of 2021. Commercial breaks also registered a sharp dip of 40% (-65 incidents) for the first ten months of the year.

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	9/6/22 - 10/3/22	10/4/22 - 10/31/22	Change	2021	2022	Change	Avg	Change
Burglary	18	19	6%	165	191	16%	169	13%
Commercial Break	2	1	-50%	65	39	-40%	51	-24%
Housebreak	16	18	13%	100	152	52%	118	29%
Larceny	213	201	-6%	1620	1678	4%	1530	10%
Larceny (Misc)	13	7	-46%	48	76	58%	40	90%
Larceny from Building	16	18	13%	116	181	56%	148	22%
Larceny from MV	30	45	50%	364	366	1%	281	30%
Larceny from Person	12	10	-17%	80	99	24%	103	-4%
Larceny from Residence	35	25	-29%	293	288	-2%	250	15%
Larceny of Bicycle	82	69	-16%	541	401	-26%	456	-12%
Larceny of Plate	3	1	-67%	21	22	5%	17	29%
Larceny of Services	1	0	-100%	3	12	300%	9	33%
Shoplifting	21	26	24%	154	233	51%	227	3%
Auto Theft	14	8	-43%	107	135	26%	92	47%
Total Property Crime	245	228	-7%	1892	2004	6%	1792	12%



Part I Violent Crime

From January 1st to October 31st of 2022, there were 319 violent crimes recorded in Cambridge, 68 more (+27%) than the 251 reported during the first ten months of 2021, and 69 (+28%) above the 250 incidents forecasted for the year.

There were 34 rapes recorded in Cambridge during the first ten months of 2022, while there were 23 reported during the same time period in 2021. The trend observed during Covid of a high percentage of aggravated assaults occurring in Central Square and peripheral side streets has continued in 2022 with 71 of the 198 citywide reports occurring in this area. The street robbery total has climbed from 46 incidents over the first ten months of 2021 to 72 (+57%) through October 31st of 2022. This total is also 24 incidents (+50%) above the forecasted total of 48 street robberies for this time period.

The last murder in Cambridge took place on March 27th, 2021. In that incident, a fatal shooting occurred at approximately 12:40 a.m. on Pemberton Street. The victim was reportedly located unconscious outside his vehicle by a passerby who called 911. The victim was transported to Mount Auburn Hospital where he later died. The victim has been identified as Xavier Louis-Jacques, 19, of Cambridge. The investigation is ongoing.

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	9/6/22 - 10/3/22	10/4/22 - 10/31/22	Change	2021	2022	Change	Avg	Change
Homicide	0	0	IN-CALC	1	0	IN-CALC	1	-100%
Rape	4	5	25%	23	34	48%	23	48%
Robbery	10	5	-50%	56	87	55%	62	40%
Commercial Robbery	3	0	-100%	10	15	50%	14	7%
Street Robbery	7	5	-29%	46	72	57%	48	50%
Aggravated Assault	17	17	0%	171	198	16%	164	21%
Total Violent Crime	31	27	-13%	251	319	27%	250	28%



MURDER

No Patterns

- There has not been a murder recorded in Cambridge during the first ten months of 2022.
- Nineteen months ago, on Saturday 3/27/21, there was a fatal shooting that occurred at approximately 12:40 a.m. on Pemberton Street. The victim was reportedly located unconscious outside his vehicle by a passerby who called 911. The victim was transported to Mount Auburn Hospital where he later died. The victim has been identified as Xavier Louis-Jacques, 19, of Cambridge. The investigation is ongoing. Zero murders have been reported in Cambridge since this incident.
- On April 23, 2020, Jose Bermudez was arrested for the fatal daylight stabbing of 33-year-old Danilo Perez in Central Square on April 14. Bermudez and Perez were both part of the homeless community and were known to each other. Bermudez is being held without bail. This was the first homicide reported in Cambridge since January of 2019 and it ended up being the only homicide recorded in 2020.
- There was one murder in Cambridge in 2019. The Middlesex DA's Office and the Cambridge Police are asking for public 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 the motive.

Percent Change*

Last 4 Weeks

0%

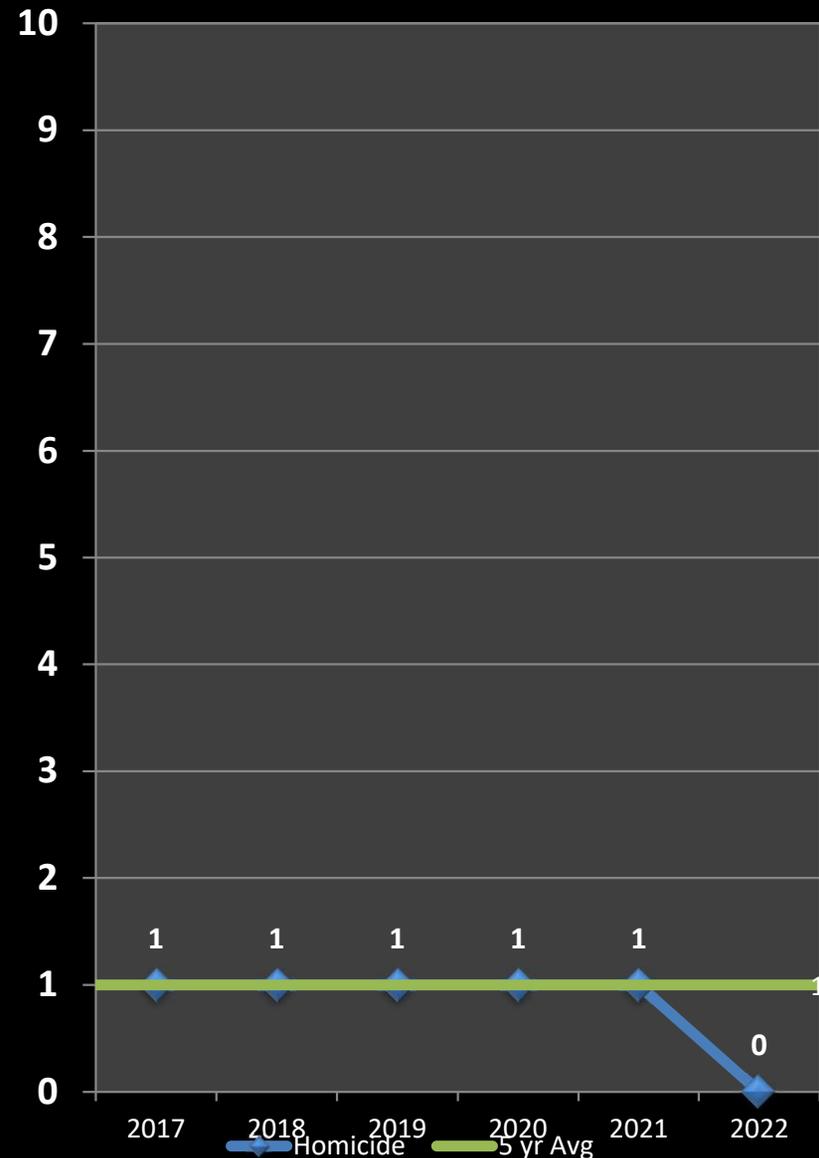
Previous Year

-100%

5-Year Average

-100%

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RAPE

No Patterns

- There were 34 rapes reported in Cambridge during the first ten months of 2022, while there were 23 incidents reported through October 31st of 2021. The 34 rapes so far in 2022 have been categorized as 15 acquaintance incidents, seven blitz scenarios, seven domestic incidents, four contact assaults, and a home invasion. One of the blitz incidents did result in an arrest.
- Final counts indicate that there were 36 rapes reported in 2021, nine more than were reported in 2020. That total was also nine incidents above the five-year average of 27 crimes.
- The sexual assaults in 2021 were classified as 11 domestic situations, 17 involving acquaintances as the predator, five contact incidents, and three blitz scenarios that remain under investigation.
- 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 one and five—remains extremely low.

Percent Change*

Last 4 Weeks

+25%

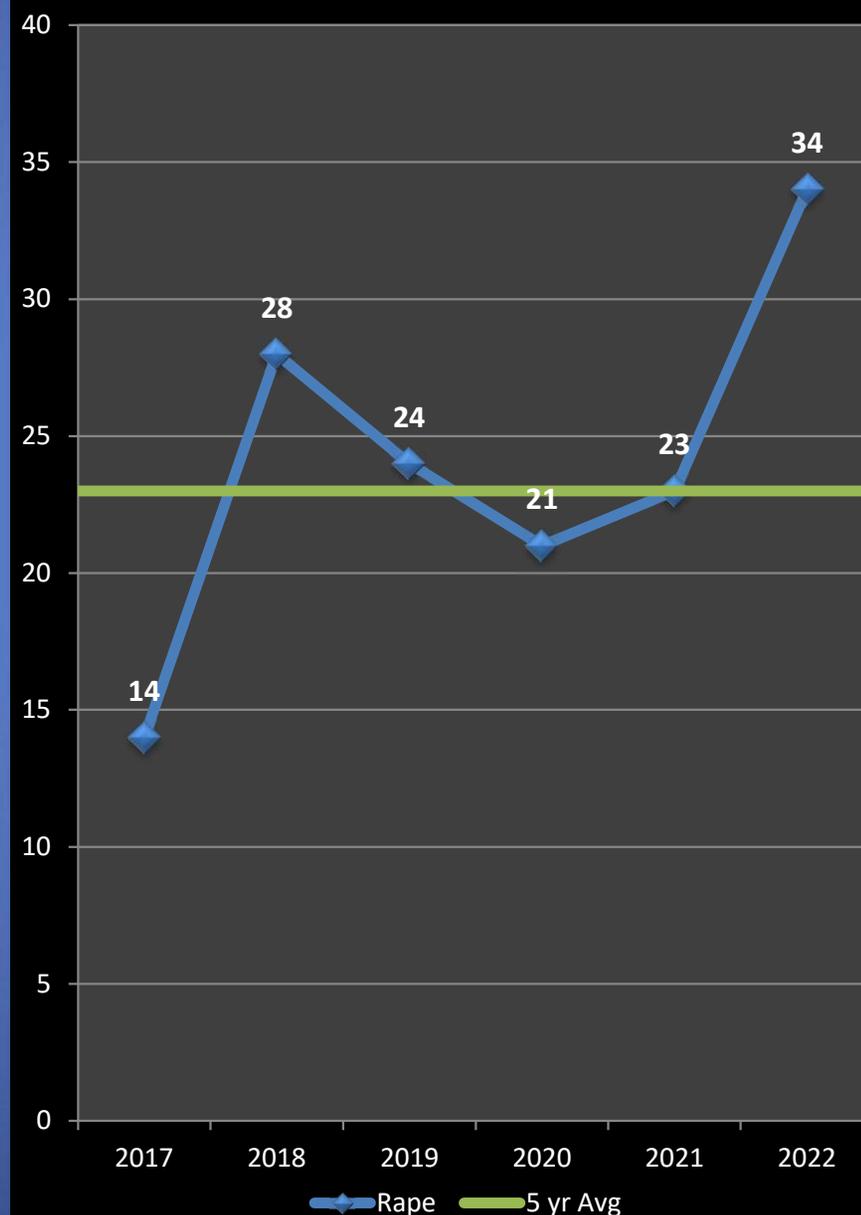
Previous Year

+48%

5-Year Average

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AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

No Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

Previous Year

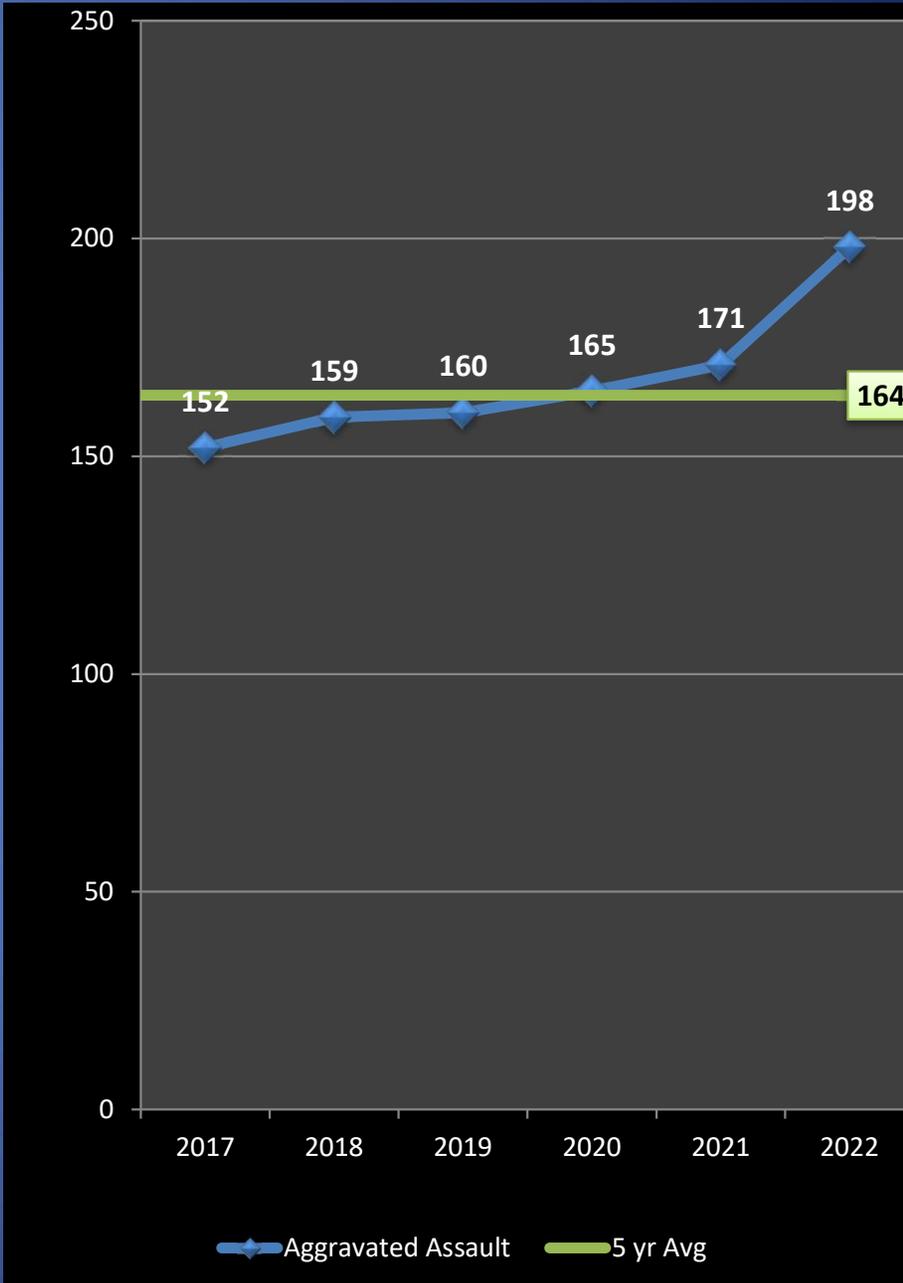
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+16%

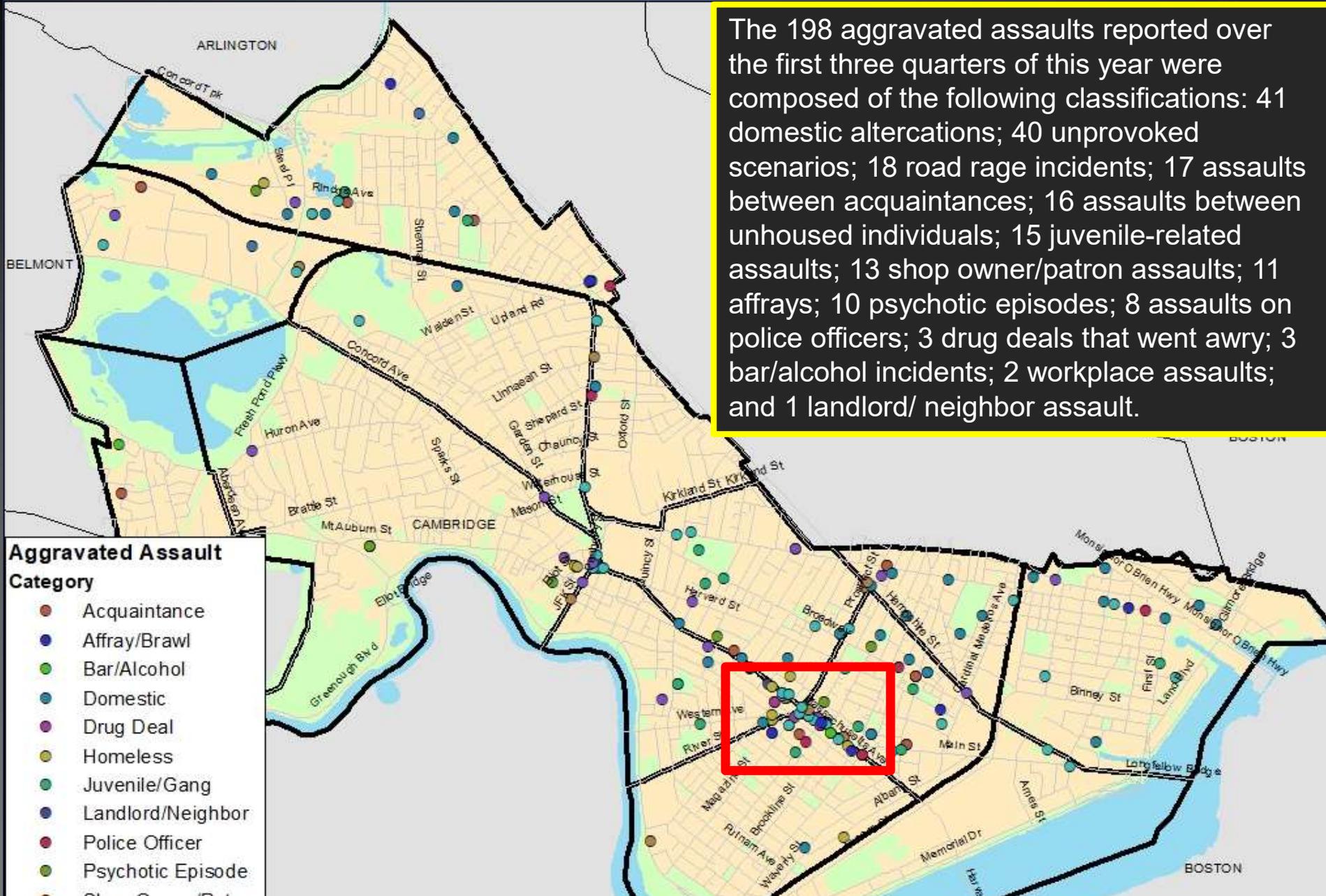
+21%

- The total of 198 aggravated assaults reported through October 31st of 2022 is 27 crimes (+16%) above the total for the first ten months of 2021, and 34 incidents (+21%) above the forecast of 164 crimes for the five-year average.
- The 198 aggravated assaults reported over the first three quarters of this year were composed of the following classifications: 41 domestic altercations; 40 unprovoked scenarios; 18 road rage incidents; 17 assaults between acquaintances; 16 assaults between unhoused individuals; 15 juvenile-related assaults; 13 shop owner/patron assaults; 11 affrays; 10 psychotic episodes; 8 assaults on police officers; 3 drug deals that went awry; 3 bar/alcohol incidents; 2 workplace assaults; and 1 landlord/neighbor assault.
- The trend observed during the Covid period of a high percentage of aggravated assaults occurring in and around the periphery of Central Square has continued in 2022 with 71 of the 198 citywide reports in this area. There were a number of altercations between unhoused individuals where knives were the weapon most commonly employed.
- There have been 13 confirmed shots fired incidents in Cambridge through October 31, 2022. The 2nd shooting with injuries this year was recorded on October 3 when a 34-year-old male from Cambridge was non-fatally shot in Central Square. Through the same time period in 2021, there were 5 shots fired incidents and 7 shootings with injuries reported in Cambridge (including the last recorded homicide). See maps on slides 9 and 10 for more info.





Geographic Breakdown of Aggravated Assaults: 1.1.22 – 10.31.22



Aggravated Assault Category

- Acquaintance
- Affray/Brawl
- Bar/Alcohol
- Domestic
- Drug Deal
- Homeless
- Juvenile/Gang
- Landlord/Neighbor
- Police Officer
- Psychotic Episode
- Shop Owner/Patron
- Traffic Parking
- Unprovoked
- Workplace

The trend observed during the Covid period of a high percentage of aggravated assaults occurring in and around the periphery of Central Square has continued in 2022 with 71 of the 198 citywide reports in this area.

Confirmed Shots Fired and Shootings in Cambridge: 1.1.22 – 6.30.22

There have been 13 confirmed shots fired incidents in Cambridge through 10/31/22, two of which resulted in non-fatal injuries. Through the same time period in 2021, there were five shots fired incidents and seven shootings with injuries reported in Cambridge (including the last recorded homicide).

Shots Fired on 2.15 at 7:20pm
Windsor St & Harvard St
 ShotSpotter alert. Multiple shell casings recovered. No injuries reported. Two males from Somerville and Lynn have been charged in connection with this incident.

Shots Fired on 6.18 at 12:30pm
Hurley St & First St
 No ShotSpotter alert. Multiple shell casings recovered. No injuries reported. Three males, two from Boston and one from Somerville, were arrested.

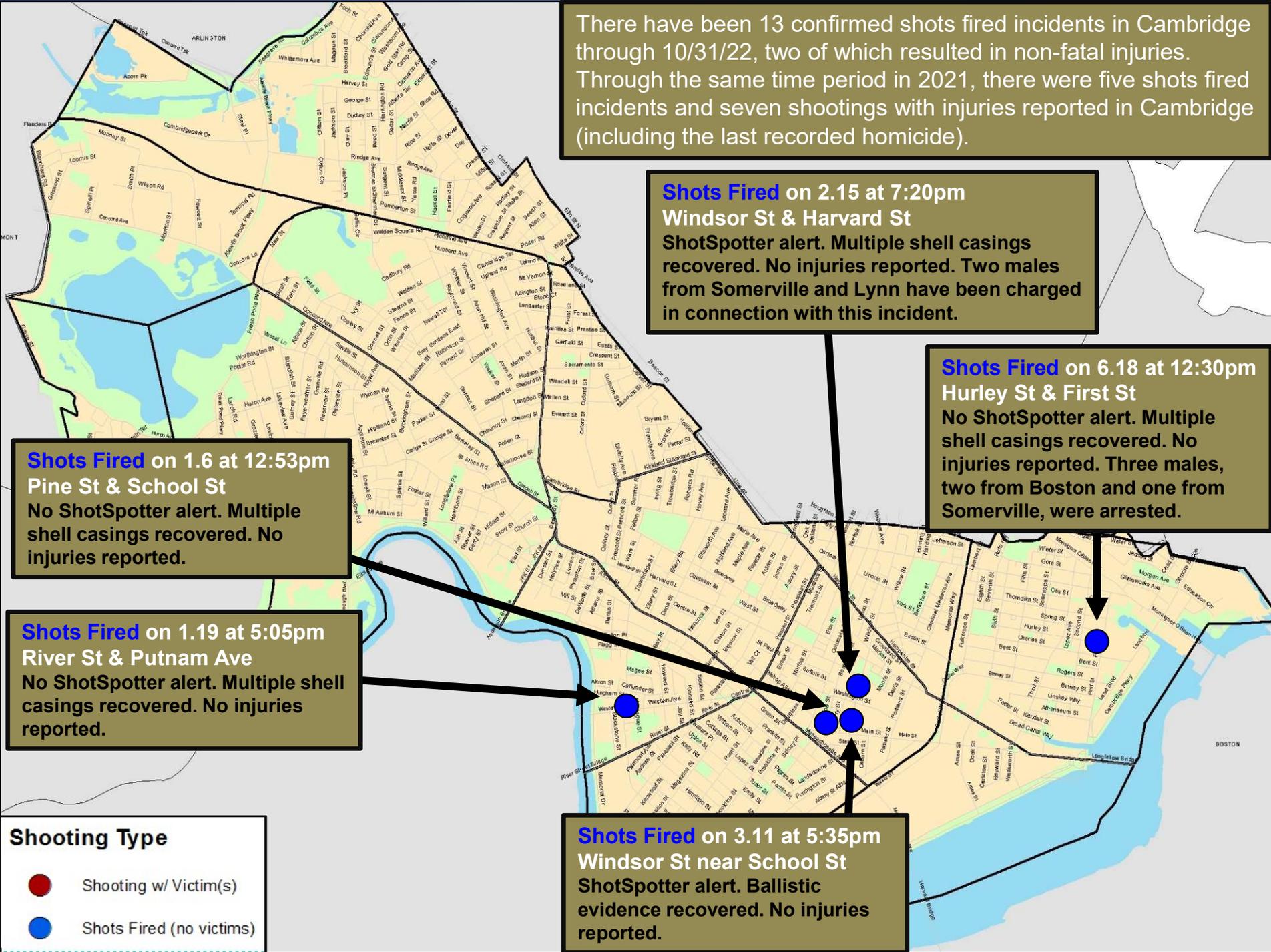
Shots Fired on 1.6 at 12:53pm
Pine St & School St
 No ShotSpotter alert. Multiple shell casings recovered. No injuries reported.

Shots Fired on 1.19 at 5:05pm
River St & Putnam Ave
 No ShotSpotter alert. Multiple shell casings recovered. No injuries reported.

Shots Fired on 3.11 at 5:35pm
Windsor St near School St
 ShotSpotter alert. Ballistic evidence recovered. No injuries reported.

Shooting Type

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





Confirmed Shots Fired and Shootings in Cambridge: 7.1.22 – 10.31.22

There have been 13 confirmed shots fired incidents in Cambridge through 10/31/22, two of which resulted in non-fatal injuries. Through the same time period in 2021, there were five shots fired incidents and seven shootings with injuries reported in Cambridge (including the last recorded homicide).

Shots Fired on 7.30 at 2:30am
Church St
No ShotSpotter alert. Ballistic evidence and a firearm recovered. No injuries reported. One male from Reading arrested.

Shots Fired on 10.8 at 12:19am,
800 block of Mass Ave
No ShotSpotter alert. Multiple shell casings recovered. No gunshot injuries reported.

Shots Fired on 9.11 at 1:00pm
Market St & Windsor St
No ShotSpotter alert. Multiple shell casings recovered. No injuries reported. Cambridge male arrested.

Shots Fired on 8.27 at 12:33am
Magee St & Putnam Ave
ShotSpotter alert. Multiple shell casings recovered. No injuries reported. Everett male arrested.

Shots Fired on 9.7 at 4:07am,
Donnelly Field
ShotSpotter alert. Ballistic evidence recovered. No injuries reported.

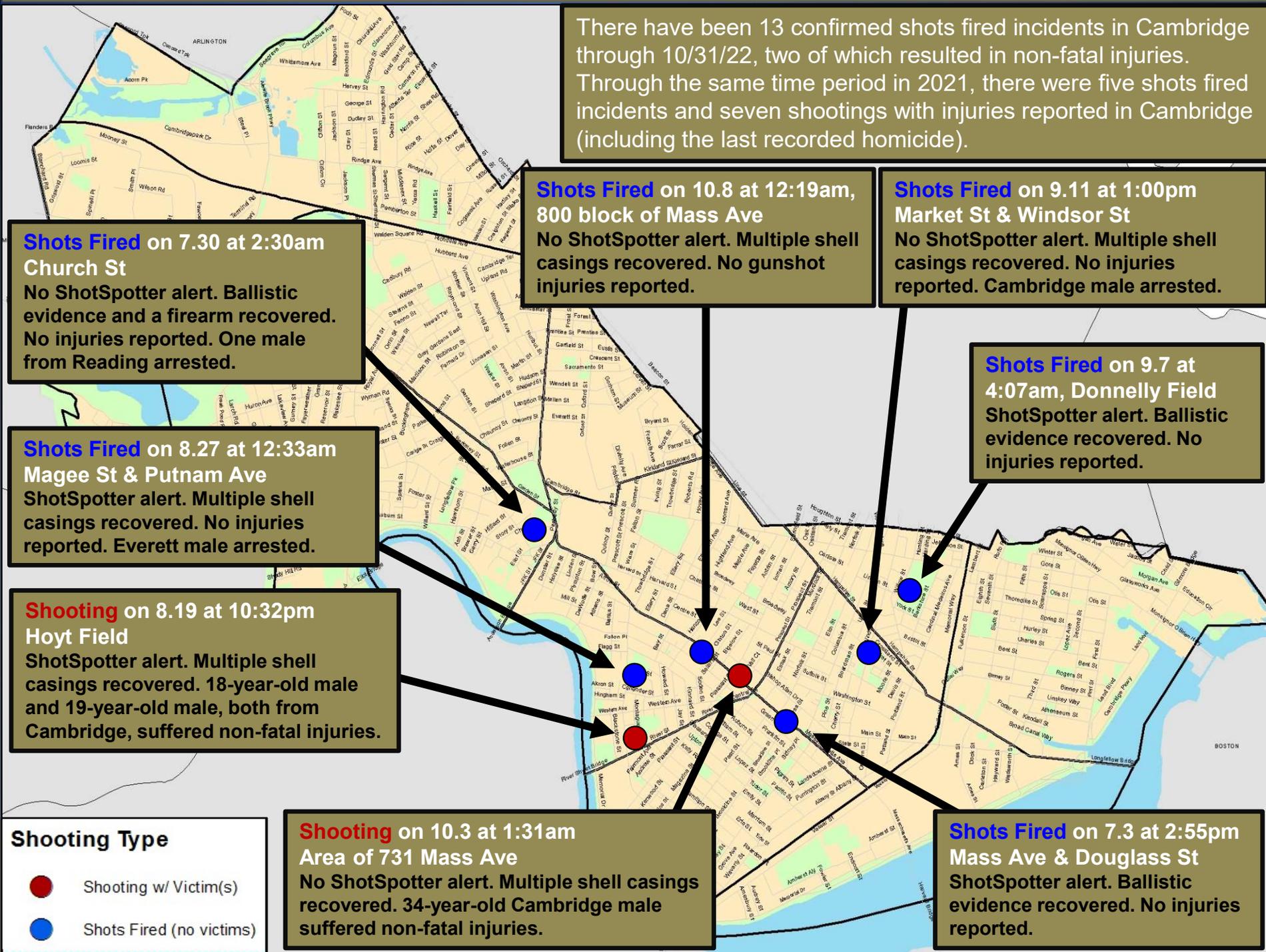
Shooting on 8.19 at 10:32pm
Hoyt Field
ShotSpotter alert. Multiple shell casings recovered. 18-year-old male and 19-year-old male, both from Cambridge, suffered non-fatal injuries.

Shooting on 10.3 at 1:31am
Area of 731 Mass Ave
No ShotSpotter alert. Multiple shell casings recovered. 34-year-old Cambridge male suffered non-fatal injuries.

Shots Fired on 7.3 at 2:55pm
Mass Ave & Douglass St
ShotSpotter alert. Ballistic evidence recovered. No injuries reported.

Shooting Type

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





Robbery

No Patterns

- The five-year average for overall robbery in Cambridge for the first ten months of the year is 62 incidents. Through October 31st of 2022, 87 robberies were recorded, which translates to a 40% increase above the projected total and a 55% leap above the 56 robberies counted during the first ten months of 2021.
- There have been 15 commercial robberies committed in Cambridge over the first ten months of this year, five more (+50%) than in 2021. There have been three bank robberies at the same bank in Harvard Square since April 27th. The two incidents in June involved an arrest during a shoplifting escalation on Broadway and a bank robbery arrest on Alewife Brook Pkwy. Both of the commercial robberies during July involved shoplifting escalations at a convenience store and a department store. The three September incidents involved two shoplifting escalations at a drug store in Harvard Square and a convenience store in North Cambridge and a shoe store robbery at the CambridgeSide Shopping Center. There were no commercial robberies reported in August or October.
- The street robbery total surged from 46 incidents over the first ten months of last year to 72 (+57%) through October 3^{1st} of 2022. This total is also 24 incidents above the forecasted total of 48 street robberies for the first ten months of the year. Forty-four of these street robberies have been concentrated in and around the periphery of Central Square, with the predominant scenario involving a few predatory suspects stealing cell phones/personal belongings from unhoused individuals around the Square. This continues a trend that emerged over the last few months of 2021. Otherwise, no discernable patterns have emerged with this increase.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

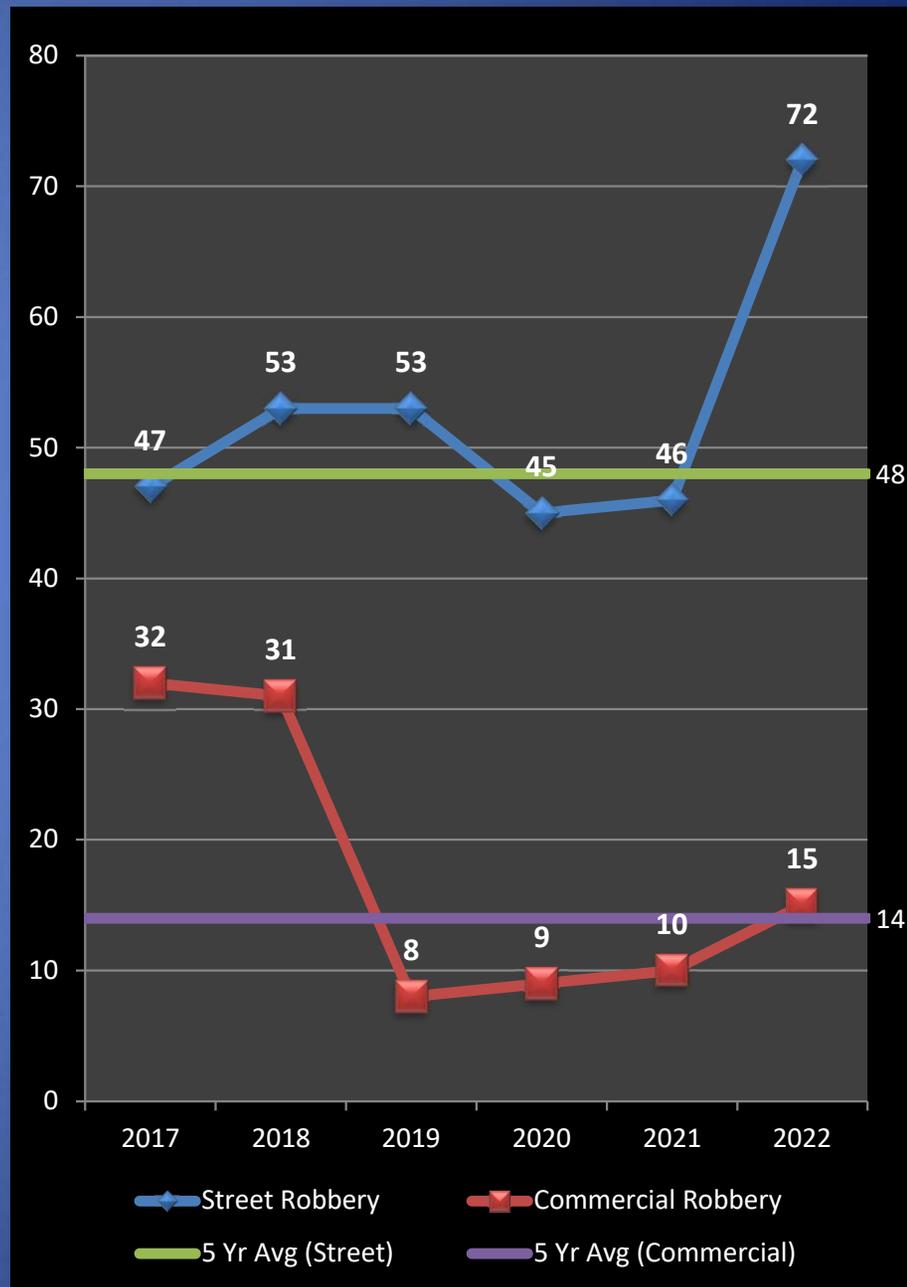
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Previous Year

+55%

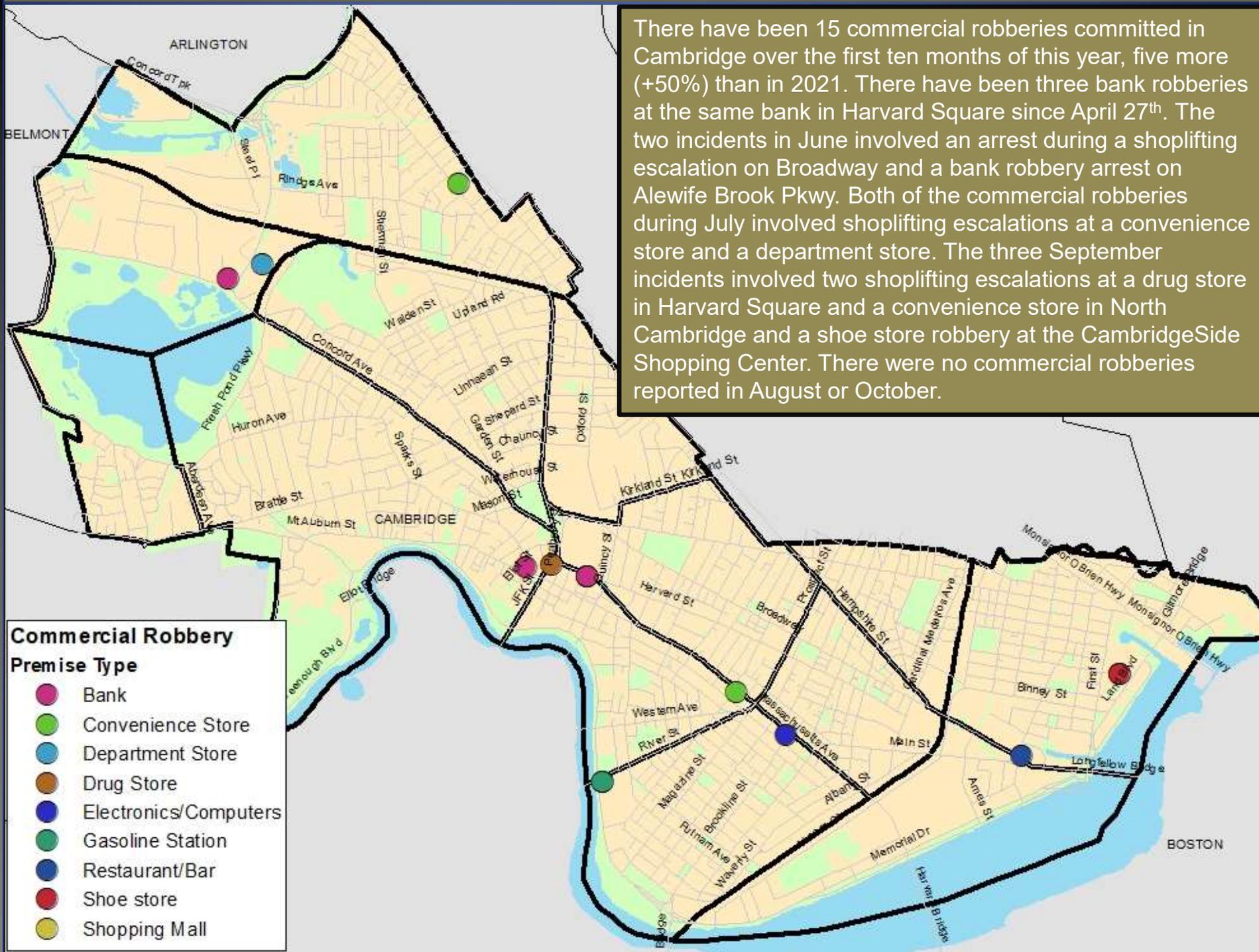
5-Year Average

+40%





Geographic Breakdown of Commercial Robbery : 1.1.22 – 10.31.22

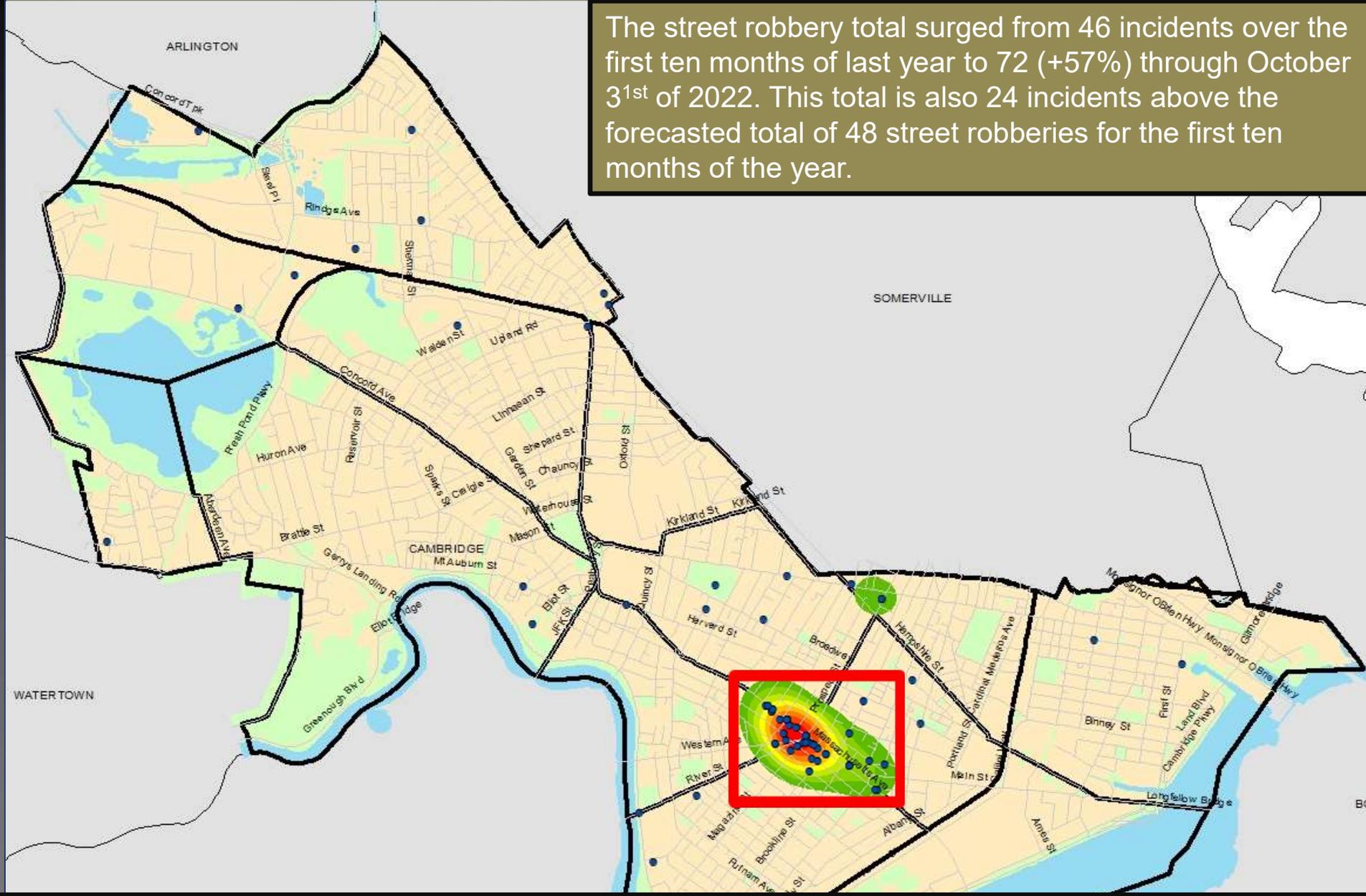


There have been 15 commercial robberies committed in Cambridge over the first ten months of this year, five more (+50%) than in 2021. There have been three bank robberies at the same bank in Harvard Square since April 27th. The two incidents in June involved an arrest during a shoplifting escalation on Broadway and a bank robbery arrest on Alewife Brook Pkwy. Both of the commercial robberies during July involved shoplifting escalations at a convenience store and a department store. The three September incidents involved two shoplifting escalations at a drug store in Harvard Square and a convenience store in North Cambridge and a shoe store robbery at the CambridgeSide Shopping Center. There were no commercial robberies reported in August or October.



Geographic Breakdown of Street Robberies: 1.1.22 – 10.31.22

The street robbery total surged from 46 incidents over the first ten months of last year to 72 (+57%) through October 3¹st of 2022. This total is also 24 incidents above the forecasted total of 48 street robberies for the first ten months of the year.



Forty-four of these street robberies have been concentrated in and around the periphery of Central Square, with the predominant scenario involving a few predatory suspects stealing cell phones/personal belongings from unhoused individuals around the Square. This continues a trend that emerged over the last few months of 2021. Otherwise, no discernable patterns have emerged with this increase.



Burglary

No Patterns

- The property index crime of burglary, the combination of residential and commercial breaks, has registered an increase of 13% with 22 additional incidents during the first ten months of 2022 when compared to the five-year average of 169 breaks, and a 16% rise when compared with 2021 through October 31st.
- Housebreaks over the first ten months of 2022 have jumped 52% over the same time period in 2021, with 152 incidents reported this year compared to the 100 recorded over the first ten months of 2021. There was a minor increase in housebreaks from September to October of this year with two additional incidents reported. A series of nighttime breaks along the Arlington and Belmont borders that appears to have been curtailed with the arrest of a career housebreaker in a neighboring town in late July was the most notable pattern identified during the summer.
- There have been 39 commercial breaks reported in the first ten months of 2022, which is twelve incidents (-24%) below the 51 crimes forecasted for the first ten months of the year. After nearly 18 months of registering increases during the Covid period, this target crime is registering a decrease of 40% below last year's total through October 31st with 26 fewer incidents recorded.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

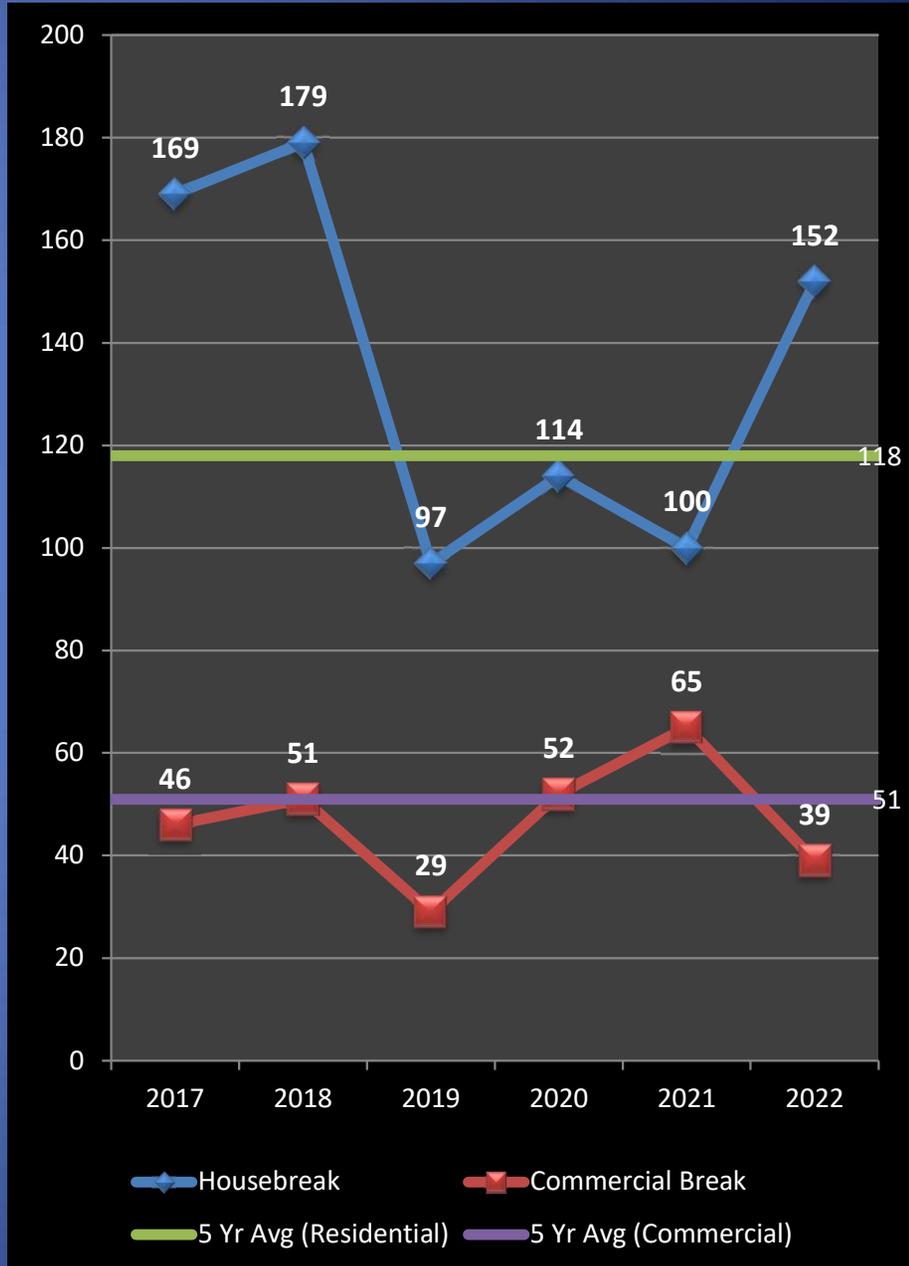
+6%

Previous Year

+16%

5-Year Average

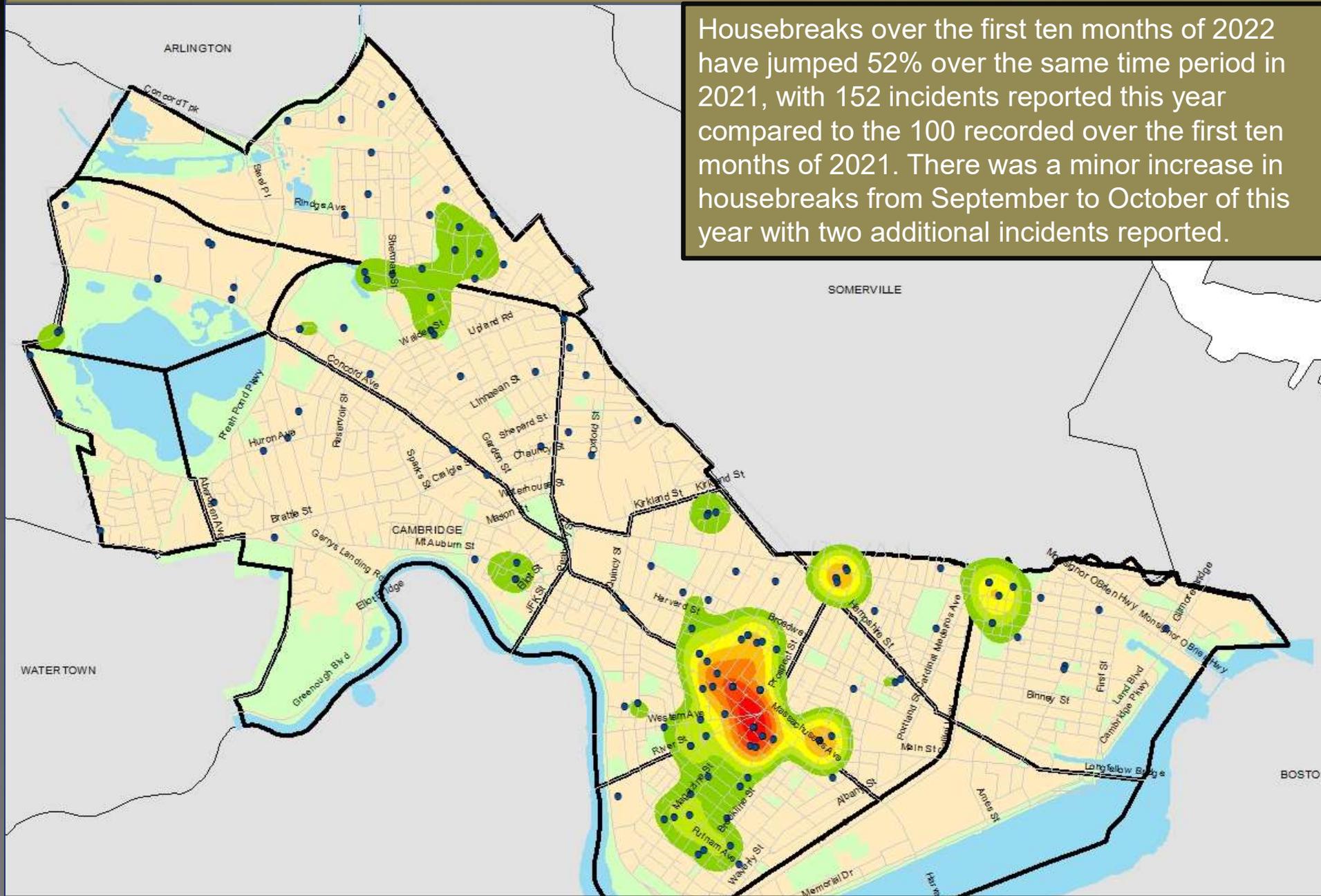
+13%





Geographic Breakdown of Housebreaks: 1.1.22 – 10.31.22

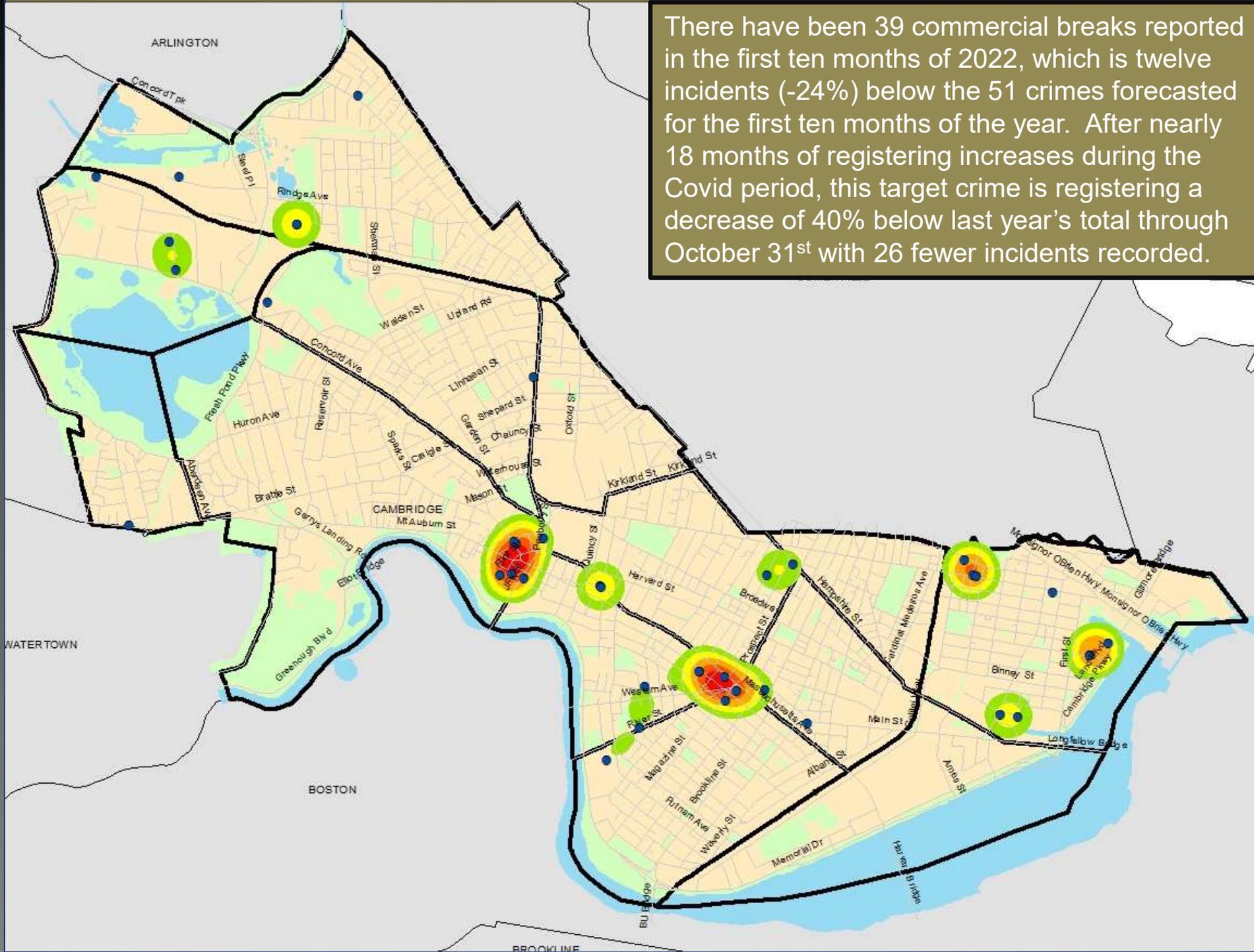
Housebreaks over the first ten months of 2022 have jumped 52% over the same time period in 2021, with 152 incidents reported this year compared to the 100 recorded over the first ten months of 2021. There was a minor increase in housebreaks from September to October of this year with two additional incidents reported.



The highest concentration of housebreaks has been in the neighborhoods on the periphery of Central Square: Cambridgeport, Mid-Cambridge, the Port, and Riverside. About 60% of the housebreaks over the first ten months of the year were committed in the lower half of the city below Harvard Square.

Geographic Breakdown of Commercial Breaks: 1.1.22 – 10.31.22

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LARCENY

Sporadic Pattern

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

-6%

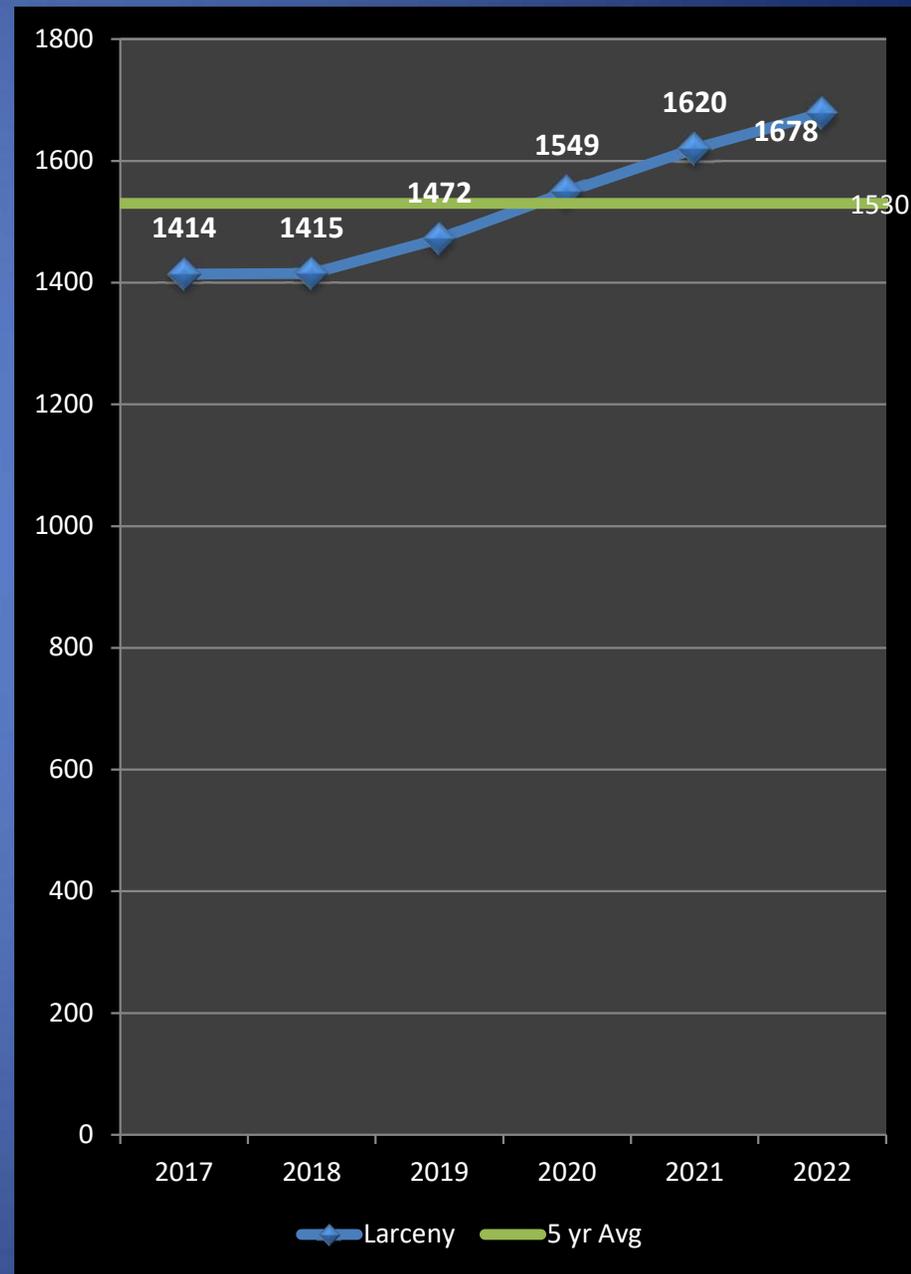
Previous Year

+4%

5-Year Average

+10%

- Preliminary stats indicate that overall larceny in 2022 is registering at **1,678 incidents, with a 4% increase over the same time frame in 2021.** The total number of larcenies reported year-to-date in 2022 is 10% above the 5-year average of 1,530 incidents.
- **The larceny from motor vehicle total through October 31st, 2022, is 366 incidents, which is 1% above the same time frame in 2021.** The 366 thefts reported represent an increase of 85 incidents (+30%) above the number forecasted for 2022. Much of this upsurge can be attributed to the continuing trend of catalytic converter thefts citywide.
- **Through the first ten months of 2022, there were 99 larcenies from the person reported in Cambridge, up 19 incidents (24%) over the same time period in 2021.** The 2022 total is down 4% below the 5-year average of 103.
- **There were 181 larcenies from buildings reported through the first ten months of 2022.** This total is 56% (65 incidents) above the same time frame in 2021 and is 33 incidents (22%) above the 5-year average. There has been a series of thefts from lockers at a gym near Porter Sq this year. Incidents slowed after an arrest was made, but they continue to occur sporadically. With most buildings now open to the public in 2022, it is expected that we will continue to see an increase in this activity when compared to the past two years.
- **Larcenies from residences are down 5 incidents (-2%) in 2022 when compared with 2021.** Package thefts made up the majority of this crime in recent years and registered even higher than average in 2020 and 2021, likely due to the increased volume of deliveries during the pandemic. Package thefts have accounted for 186 (or 65%) of the 288 larcenies from residences thus far in 2022.
- **Larceny of bicycles is typically one of the major property crimes in the city. This is still the case in 2022, but the total of 401 bike thefts reported thus far in 2022 is actually down 26% (140 thefts) below the same time frame in 2021.** Bike thefts are also down 12% (55 thefts) below the five-year average so far this year.





LARCENY From MV

No Patterns

- The larceny from motor vehicle total through October 31st, 2022, is 366 incidents, which is 1% above the total for the same time period in 2021. The 366 thefts from cars reported thus far in 2022 also indicates an increase of 85 crimes (+30%) above the number forecasted through the first 43 weeks of 2022. Comparing the last four weeks to the previous four, there has been an increase in larcenies from motor vehicles with 15 more crimes reported.
- The neighborhoods with the highest larceny from motor vehicle totals so far in 2022 are: North Cambridge (55), Mid Cambridge (49), Peabody (45), and West Cambridge and Cambridgeport (39 each).
- Catalytic converter thefts became a problem in Cambridge when a series of thefts were reported by residents primarily in the Cambridgeport neighborhood in January of 2021. Surges continued sporadically throughout the year with the pattern resurfacing over the final two months of 2021.
- In 2022, catalytic converter thefts have continued with an additional 111 incidents reported. There was not a single catalytic converter theft reported in August, but this trend reversed in September with 11 new thefts reported and an additional 10 in October. The majority of the catalytic converter thefts in Cambridge have involved 2004-2009 Toyota Priuses, along with a few Honda Elements and CR-Vs. The highest concentrations in 2022 have been in the northern part of Cambridge, along the periphery of Central Sq, and in East Cambridge—see the map on the next slide for a visual interpretation.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

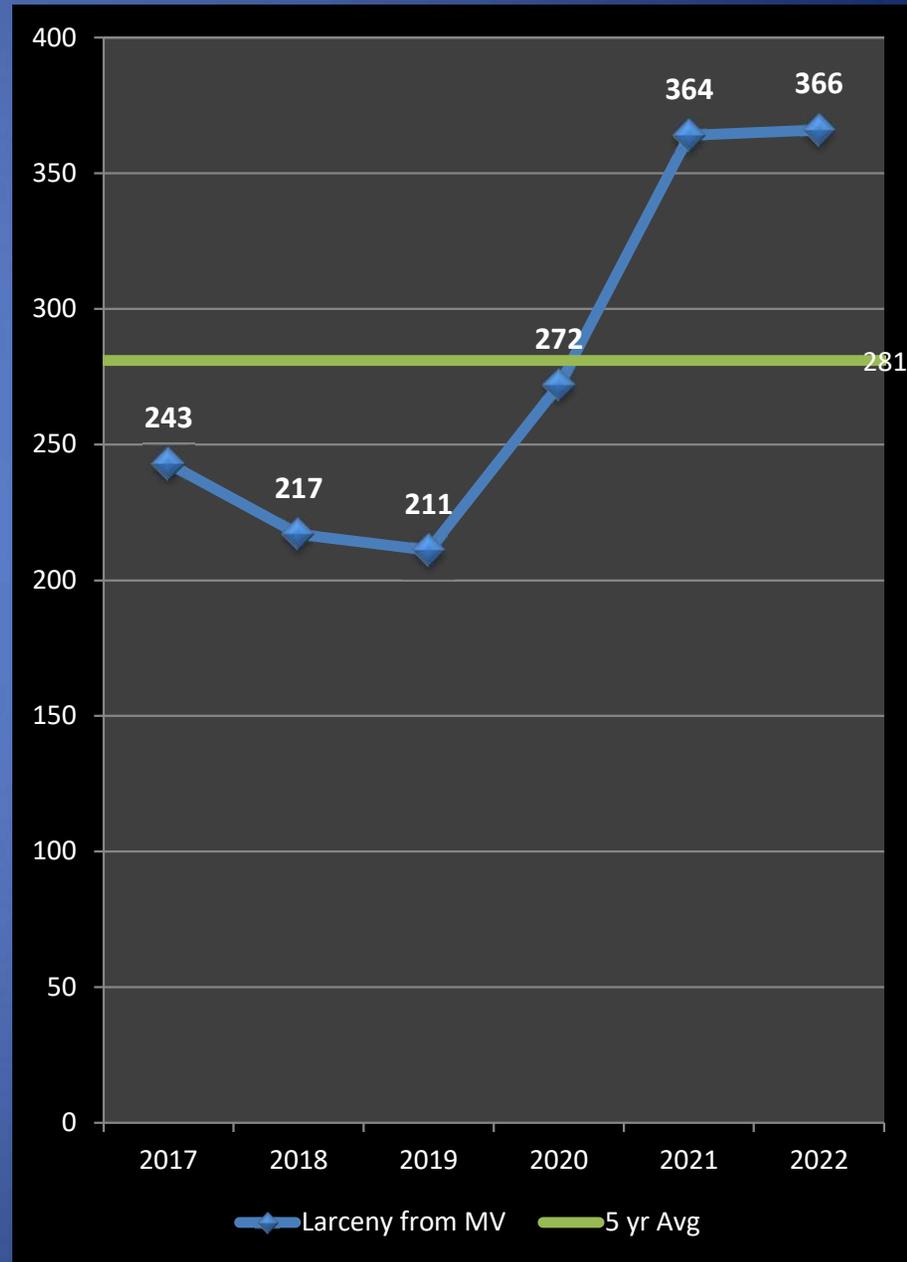
+50%

Previous Year

+1%

5-Year Average

+30%

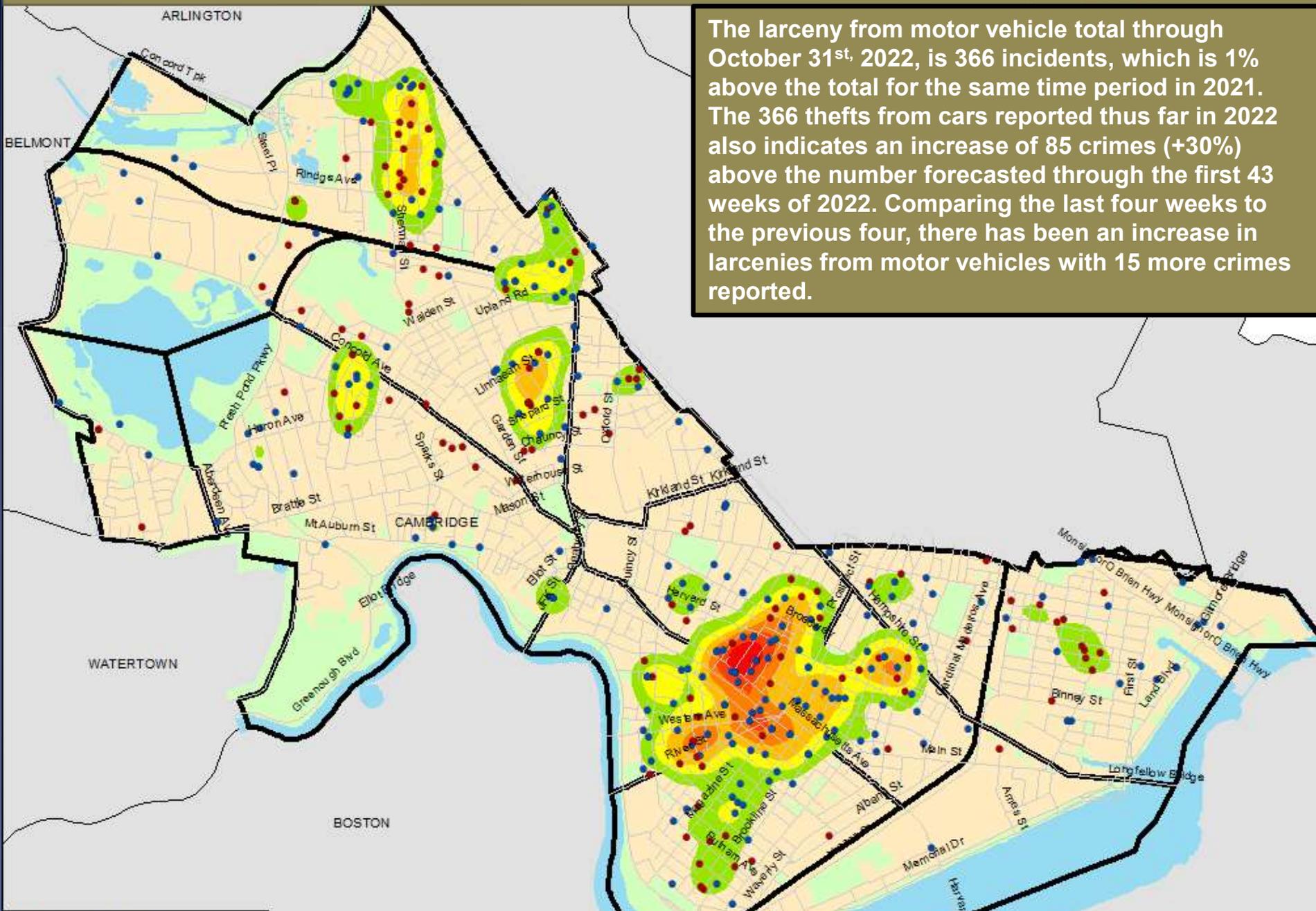




Geographic Breakdown of Larceny from Motor Vehicles: 1.1.22 – 10.31.22

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October 2022

- Larceny from MV**
- Larceny from MV
 - Theft from Exterior of MV

Catalytic converter thefts became a problem in Cambridge in January of 2021. In 2022, 111 catalytic converter thefts have been reported, with concentrations in N. Cambridge, Mid-Cambridge & E. Cambridge. After no thefts were reported in August, 11 thefts were reported in September and another 10 in October.



LARCENY *from Person*

No Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

-17%

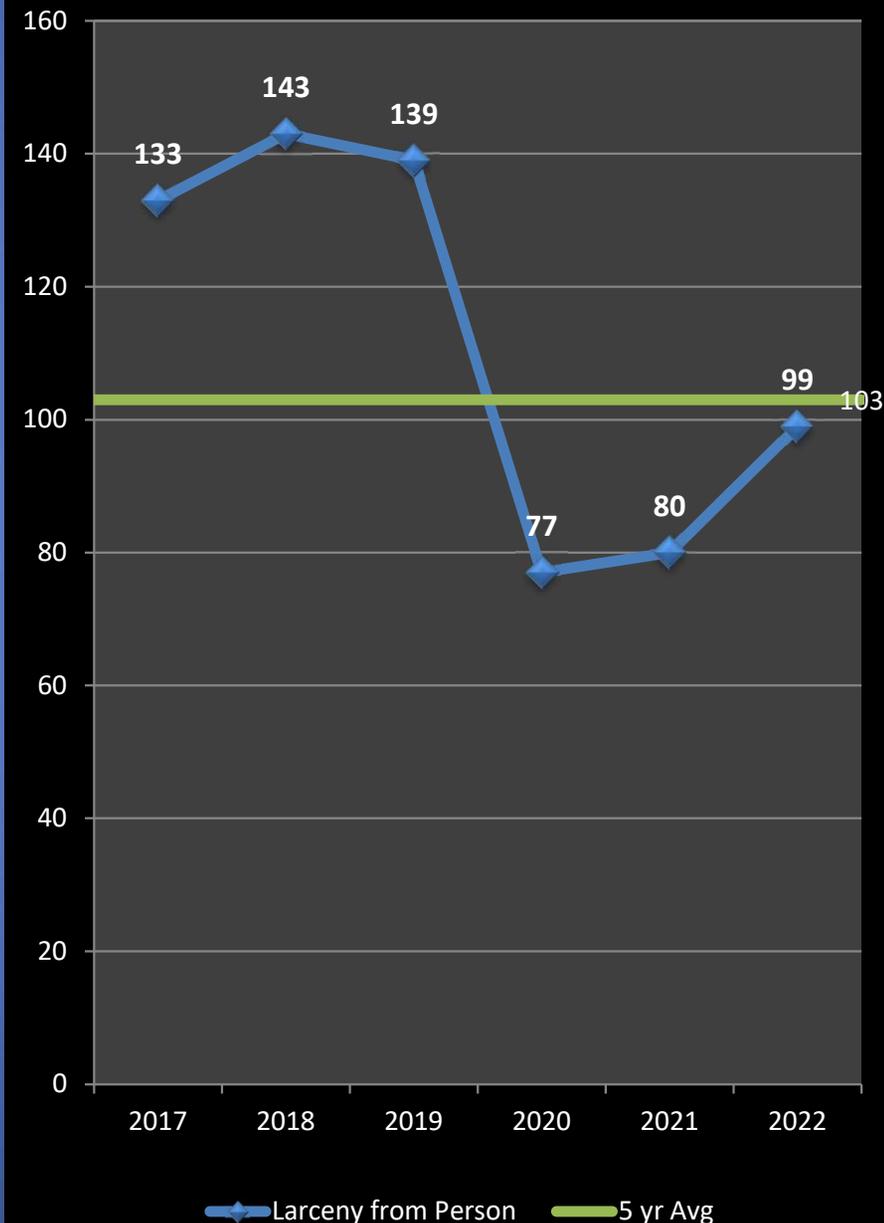
Previous Year

+24%

5-Year Average

-4%

- Larcenies from the person in 2022 have increased by 19 incidents (up to 99 thefts) when compared to the same time period in 2021 and have dropped by four incidents when compared to the five-year average of 103. Ten thefts were reported in the past four weeks, down 17% (two incidents) from the previous four weeks.
- Forty-nine of the 99 incidents this year have taken place in Central Square. Until March, there had not been a larceny from the person reported at all in Harvard Square. However, this business district now accounts for 19 larcenies from the person in 2022. The others have taken place throughout the city, with Porter Square registering the next highest amount with nine thefts, followed by Alewife/West Cambridge with five. The numbers citywide have been trending upward compared to the last two years, as COVID-related closures and restrictions have been lifted.
- In recent years, higher numbers in Central Sq have mainly been due to grab-and-run situations or incidents that involved individuals who are unhoused whose property may have been stolen while they were asleep or otherwise distracted. In 2022, pocket-picking and unattended items have accounted for 33 of the 49 incidents in Central Square.

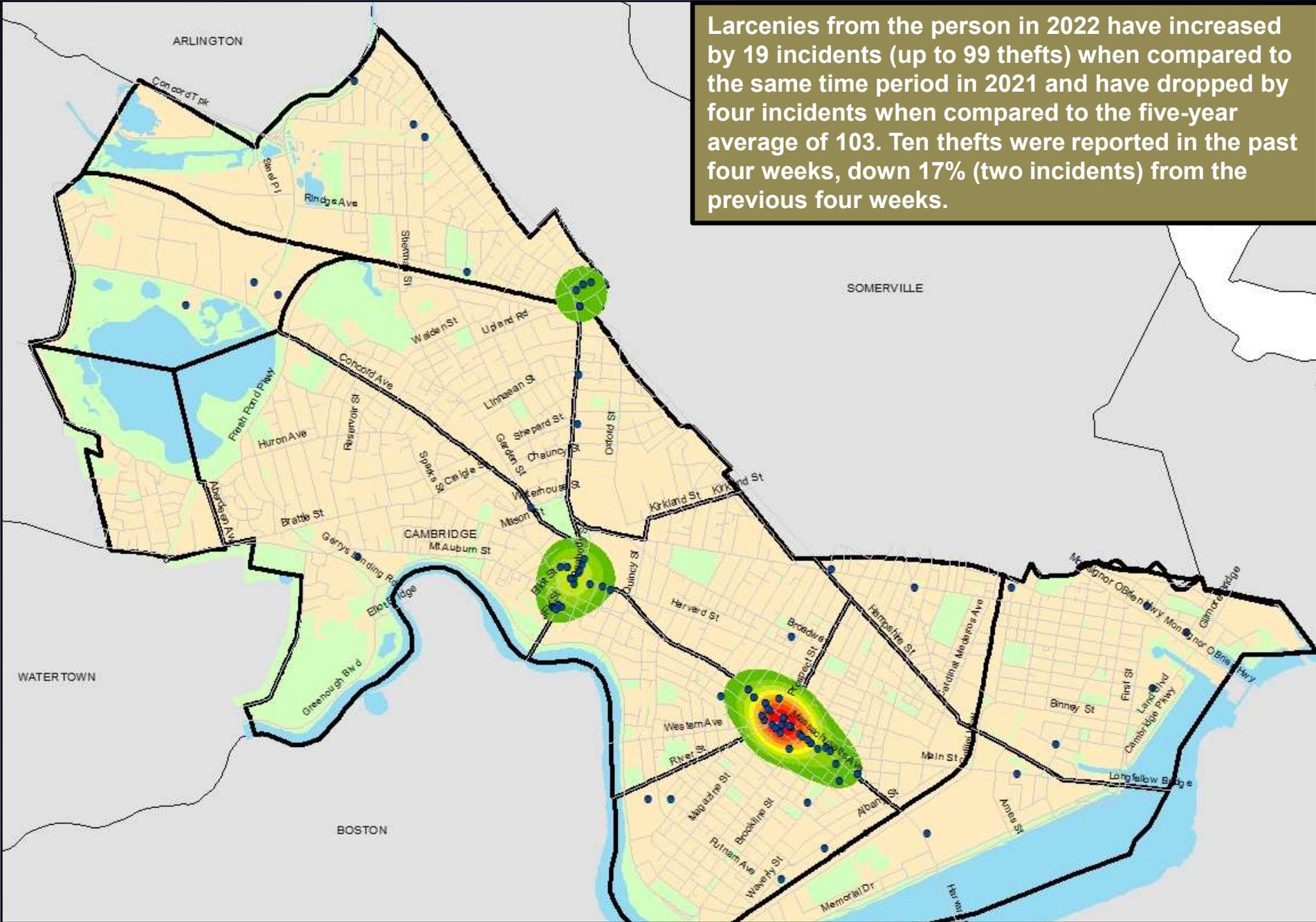




Geographic Breakdown Larceny from Person: 1.1.22 – 10.31.22

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Larcenies from the person in 2022 have increased by 19 incidents (up to 99 thefts) when compared to the same time period in 2021 and have dropped by four incidents when compared to the five-year average of 103. Ten thefts were reported in the past four weeks, down 17% (two incidents) from the previous four weeks.



October 2022

Central Sq accounts for the highest number of larcenies from the person at 49, while Harvard Sq, which had yet to report a larceny from the person in 2022 until March, has now recorded 19 incidents.



LARCENY of Bicycle

No Patterns

- Likely due at least in part to the colder weather and snow this year, 2022 started off with a sharp decline in bike thefts. This has, surprisingly, continued as 401 thefts have been reported citywide through October 31st, 2022, leading to a substantial 26% decrease below last year and an 12% decline below the five-year average.
- October saw a decrease compared to September, with 80 in September and 77 in October (down 4%). Although there was a slight decrease in October, September and October account for 39% of bicycle thefts in 2022.
- So far in 2022, only around 34% (138) of the thefts reported citywide have occurred north/west of Harvard Square.
- Of the 401 bike thefts reported year-to-date in 2022, 302 (75%) were reportedly locked at the time of the theft.

Top Neighborhoods for Bike Theft in 2022

Neighborhood	YTD Total	% Citywide
Cambridgeport	67	17%
The Port	51	13%
North Cambridge	49	12%
Peabody	42	10%
Riverside	41	10%

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

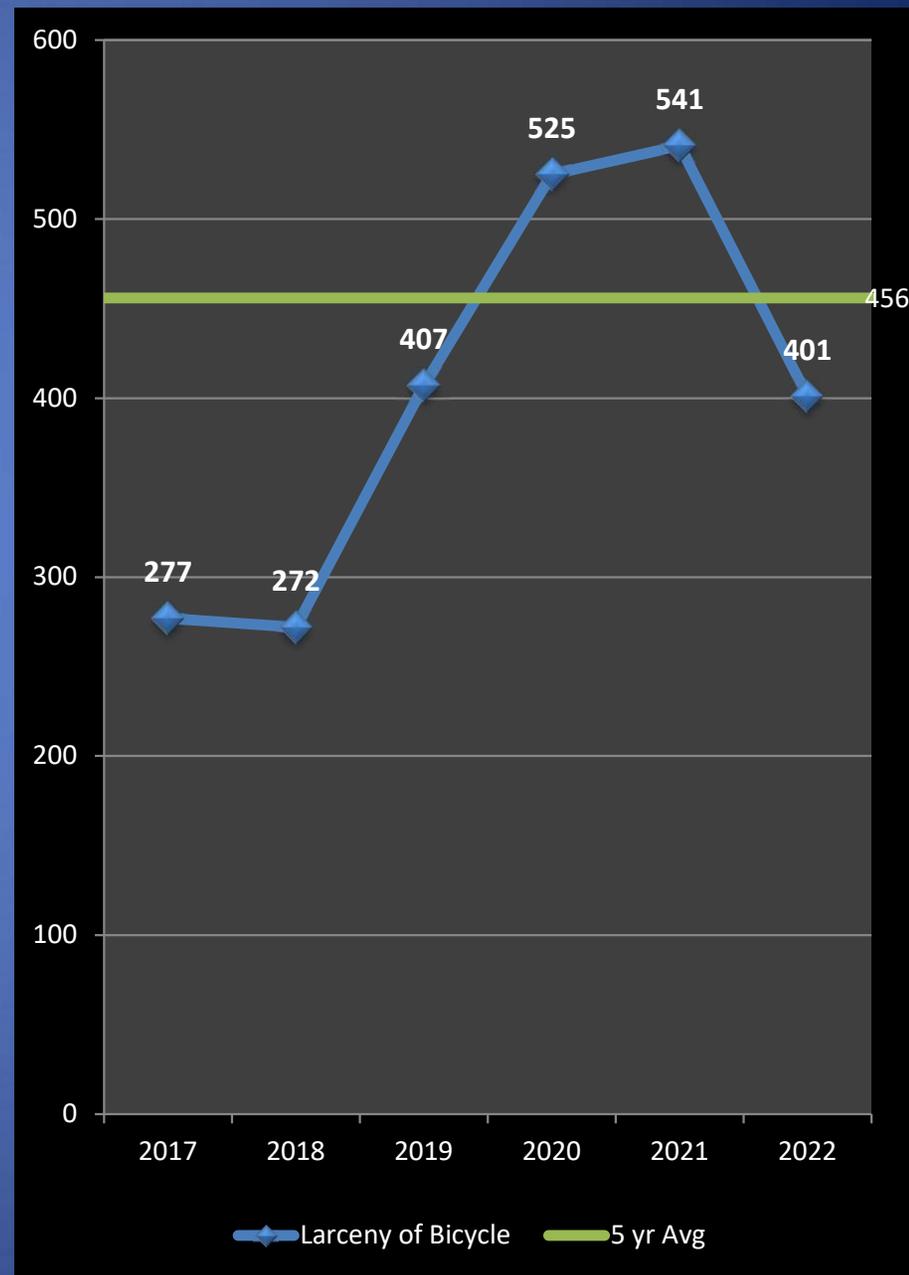
Previous Year

5-Year Average

-16%

-26%

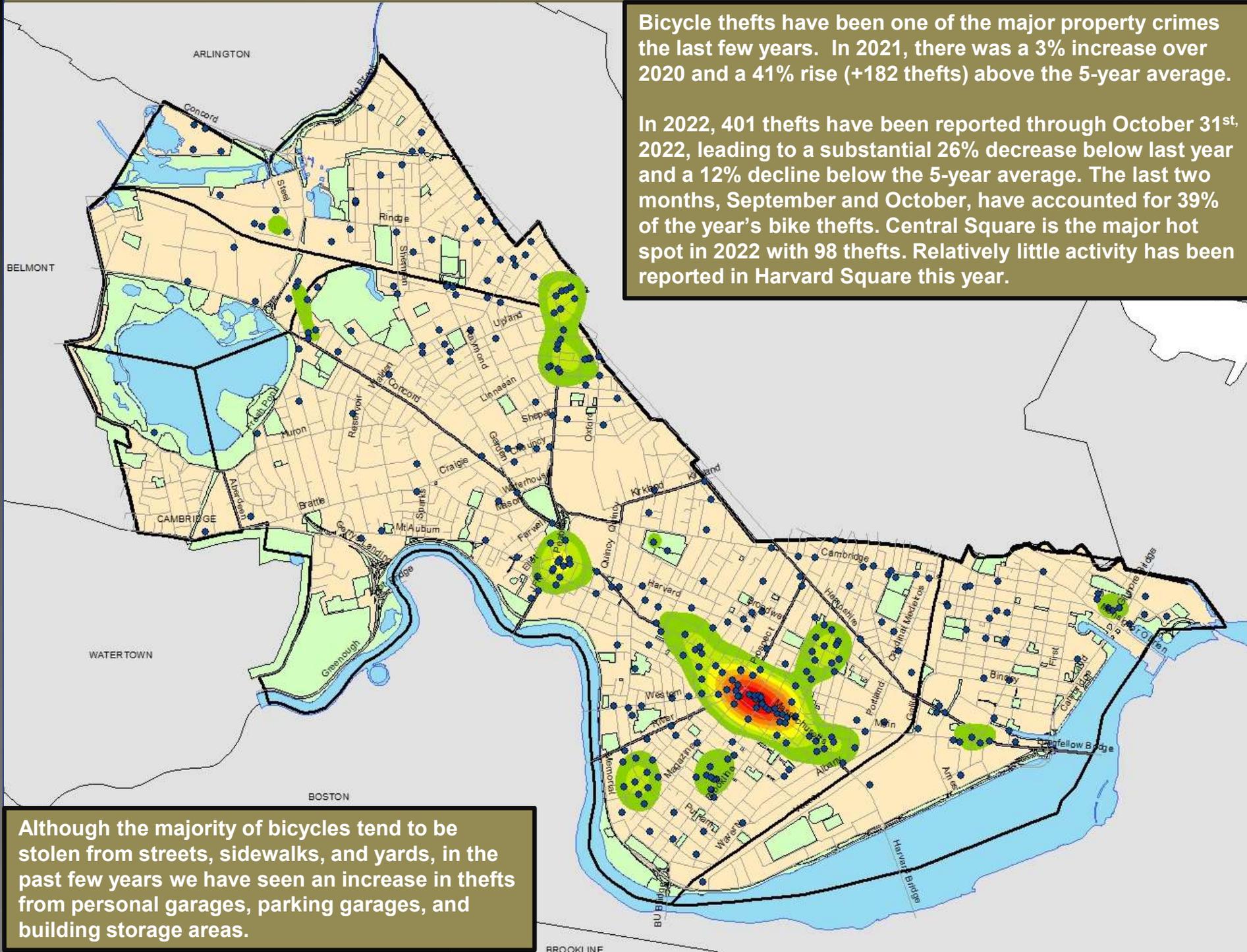
-12%



Geographic Breakdown of Larceny of Bicycles: 1.1.22 – 10.31.22

Bicycle thefts have been one of the major property crimes the last few years. In 2021, there was a 3% increase over 2020 and a 41% rise (+182 thefts) above the 5-year average.

In 2022, 401 thefts have been reported through October 31st, 2022, leading to a substantial 26% decrease below last year and a 12% decline below the 5-year average. The last two months, September and October, have accounted for 39% of the year's bike thefts. Central Square is the major hot spot in 2022 with 98 thefts. Relatively little activity has been reported in Harvard Square this year.

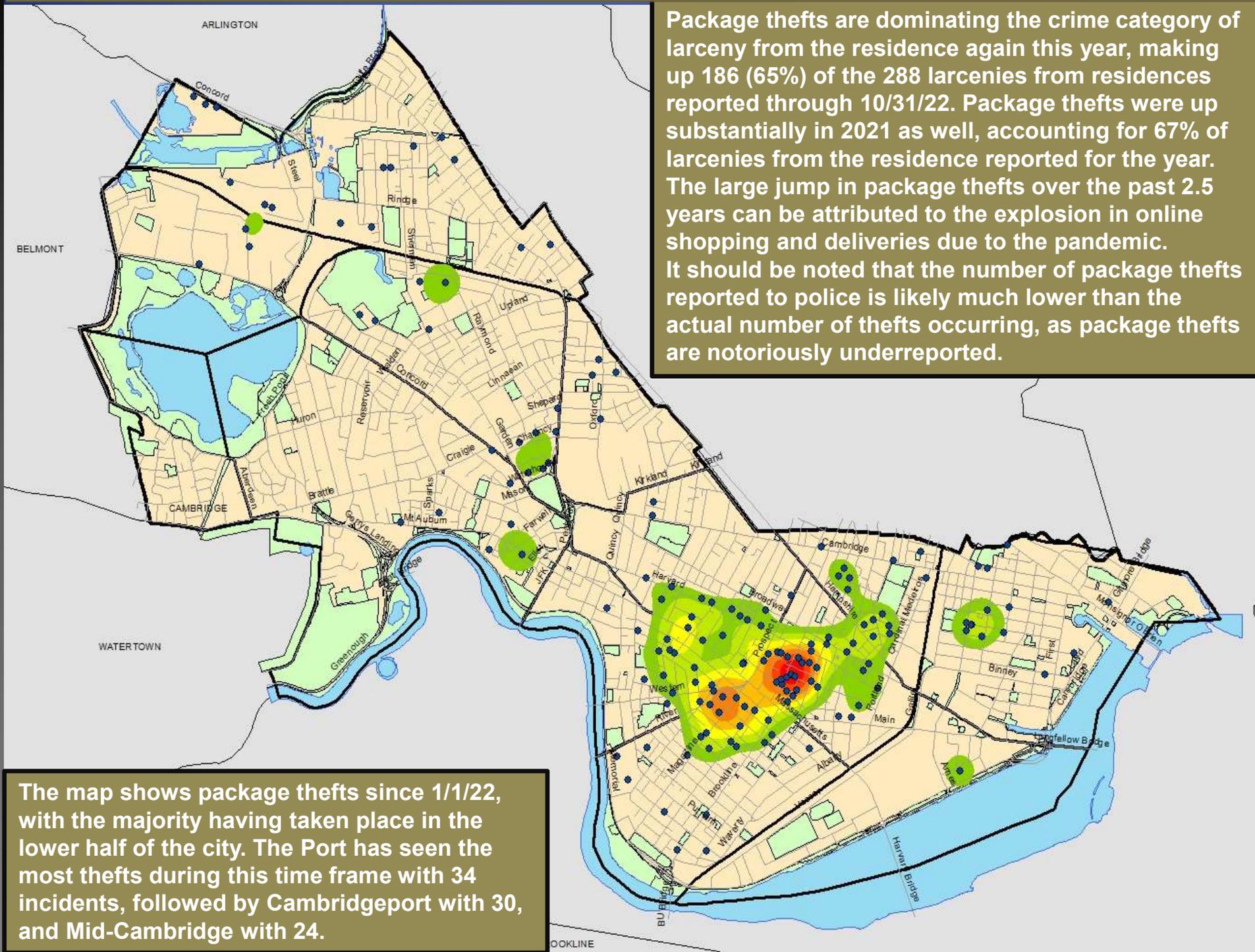


Although the majority of bicycles tend to be stolen from streets, sidewalks, and yards, in the past few years we have seen an increase in thefts from personal garages, parking garages, and building storage areas.



Geographic Breakdown of Package Thefts: 1.1.22 – 10.31.22

Package thefts are dominating the crime category of larceny from the residence again this year, making up 186 (65%) of the 288 larcenies from residences reported through 10/31/22. Package thefts were up substantially in 2021 as well, accounting for 67% of larcenies from the residence reported for the year. The large jump in package thefts over the past 2.5 years can be attributed to the explosion in online shopping and deliveries due to the pandemic. It should be noted that the number of package thefts reported to police is likely much lower than the actual number of thefts occurring, as package thefts are notoriously underreported.



The map shows package thefts since 1/1/22, with the majority having taken place in the lower half of the city. The Port has seen the most thefts during this time frame with 34 incidents, followed by Cambridgeport with 30, and Mid-Cambridge with 24.



AUTO THEFT

No Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

-43%

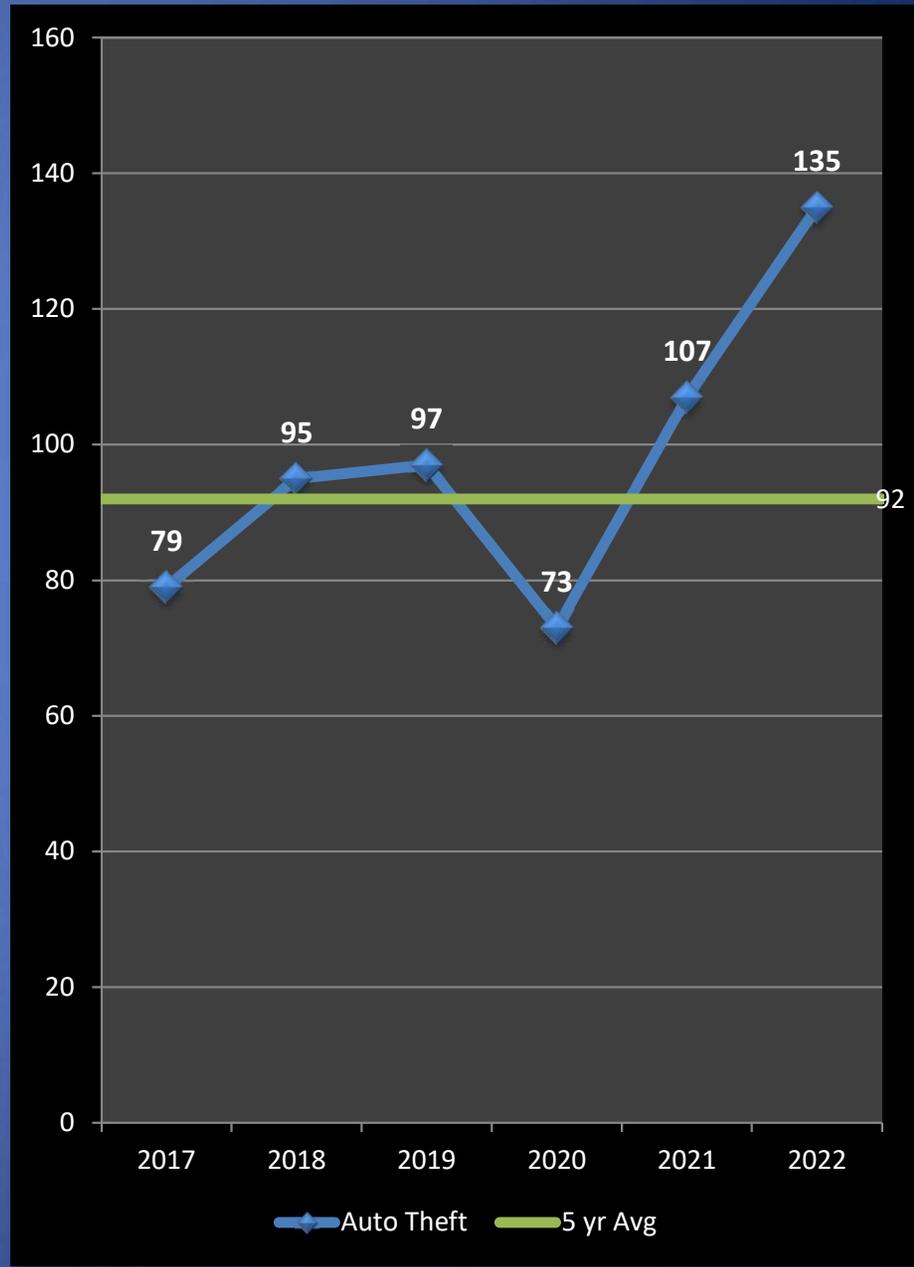
Previous Year

+26%

5-Year Average

+47%

- The projected 5-year weighted average for auto thefts through October 31st of 2022 is 92, and with 135 reported in 2022, we have experienced an increase of 47% over the expected total thus far this year. Auto thefts in 2022 are also up 26% over last year, with 28 additional incidents reported.
- When comparing the most recent four weeks (October) to the previous four weeks (September), auto thefts have decreased by 43%, with six fewer incidents reported in October. Multiple two-wheeled vehicles have been stolen in the past two months with the warmer weather, and the yearly total for these thefts is around 54, accounting for 40% of all auto thefts.
- This year, there have been multiple thefts reported where the operator left the vehicle unlocked and running in order to deliver a package or grab food. When the victim returned, the vehicle was gone. Two juveniles were arrested in February, believed to be responsible for at least two such thefts out of Harvard Square.
- The neighborhood breakdown for auto theft totals thus far in 2022 is as follows: Riverside – 19; The Port – 19; Cambridgeport – 18; East Cambridge – 17; North Cambridge – 14; Peabody – 13; West Cambridge – 12; Inman/ Harrington – 8; Mid-Cambridge – 8; MIT – 3; Baldwin – 3; and Strawberry Hill – 1.
- Forty of the 135 vehicles reported stolen in 2022 have been recovered to date.





Geographic Breakdown of Auto Thefts: 1.1.22 – 10.31.22

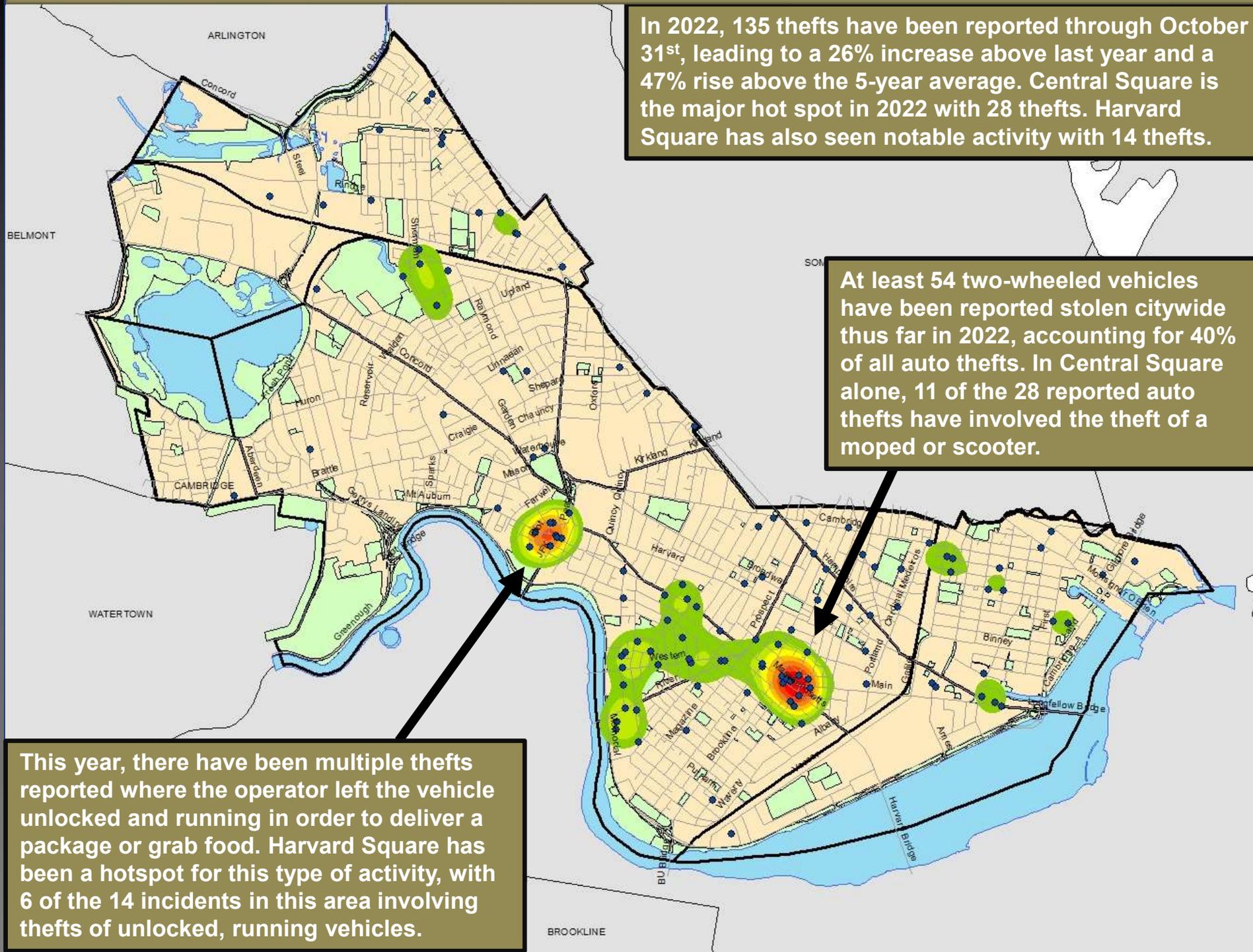
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October 2022

In 2022, 135 thefts have been reported through October 31st, leading to a 26% increase above last year and a 47% rise above the 5-year average. Central Square is the major hot spot in 2022 with 28 thefts. Harvard Square has also seen notable activity with 14 thefts.

At least 54 two-wheeled vehicles have been reported stolen citywide thus far in 2022, accounting for 40% of all auto thefts. In Central Square alone, 11 of the 28 reported auto thefts have involved the theft of a moped or scooter.

This year, there have been multiple thefts reported where the operator left the vehicle unlocked and running in order to deliver a package or grab food. Harvard Square has been a hotspot for this type of activity, with 6 of the 14 incidents in this area involving thefts of unlocked, running vehicles.





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