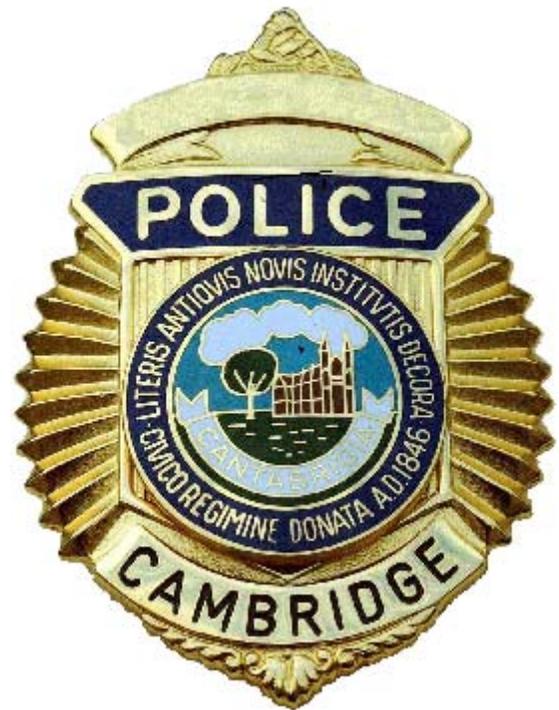


SECTION IV

BUSINESS DISTRICT PROFILES

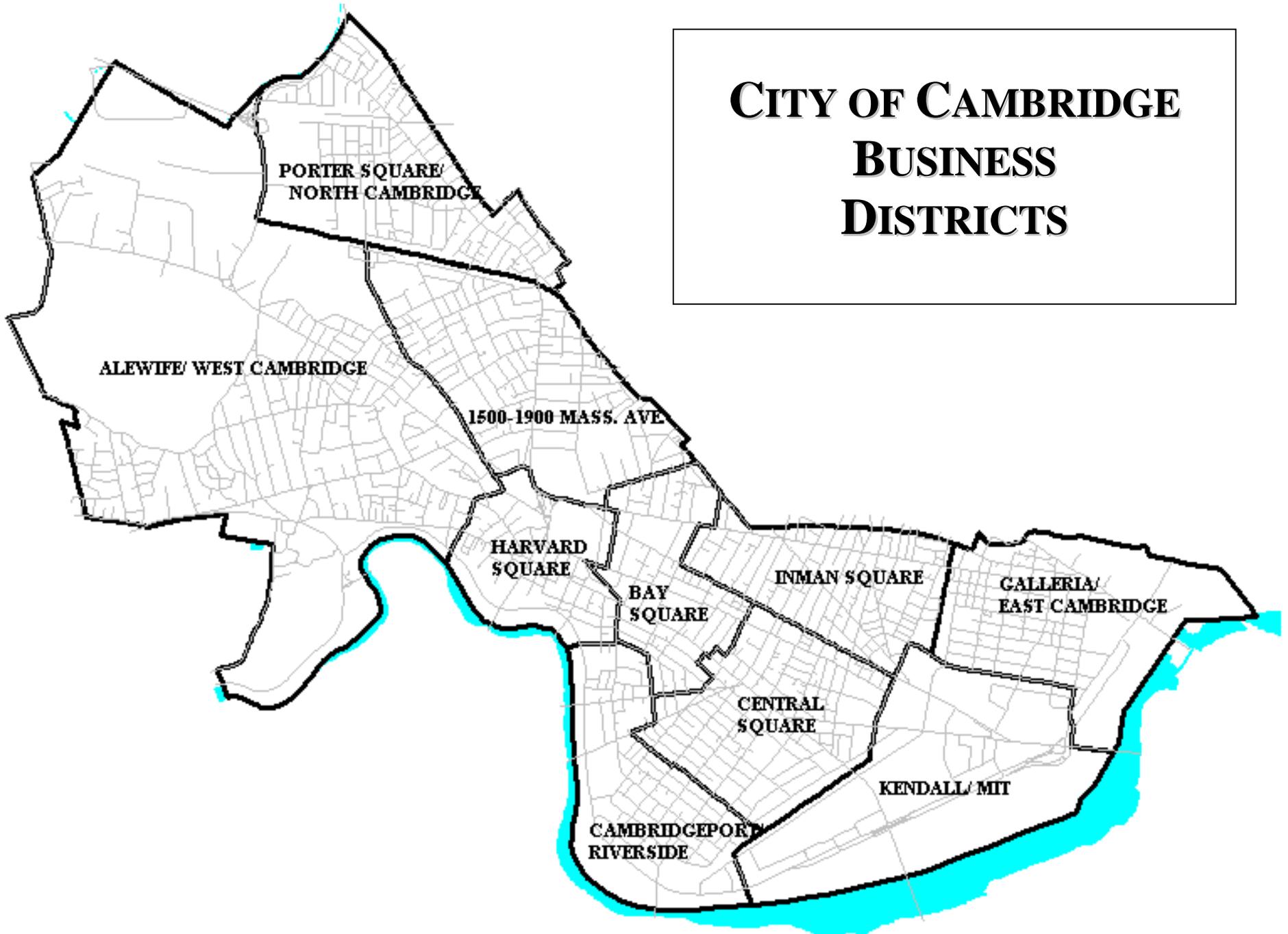
1. **GALLERIA / EAST
CAMBRIDGE**
2. **KENDALL / MIT**
3. **INMAN SQUARE**
4. **CENTRAL SQUARE**
5. **CAMBRIDGEPORT/
RIVERSIDE**
6. **BAY SQUARE**
7. **HARVARD SQUARE**
8. **1500-1900 MASS AVE**
9. **PORTER SQUARE**
10. **ALEWIFE / WEST
CAMBRIDGE**



THE FOLLOWING IS AN OVERVIEW
OF SPECIFIC CRIMES FOR
CAMBRIDGE BUSINESS DISTRICTS



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE BUSINESS DISTRICTS



***Business Area # 1:
East Cambridge/Galleria***

Boundaries: bordered by Somerville, the Charles River, Binney Street, and the Conrail Railroad line

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial Concentration include: The Galleria, Restaurants and retail shops on First Street, restaurants and retail shops on Cambridge Street between #1 and #700, industrial and retail establishments on Bent, Binney, Hurley, and Thorndike Streets.



Cambridgeside Galleria

In 2006, commercial burglaries, commercial robberies, shoplifting, and fraud/flim flam/counterfeiting were the crimes that experienced the most change from the previous year. **Commercial burglaries** doubled from 2005, to 30 incidents. Nine of the incidents occurred at construction sites and were related to the copper thefts occurring throughout the country. The majority of these burglaries occurred in the overnight hours when businesses were closed. There was one arrest for a commercial burglary that occurred because officers arrived on scene while the act was in progress. **Commercial robberies** fell 77% in 2006. One of those robberies occurred at the Citizens Bank on Cambridge St and resulted in an arrest. The arrested person walked into the bank, demanded money and implied he had a gun. Incidents of **shoplifting** are disproportionately high because the Galleria Mall is located within this business district. All but two of the incidents took place in the mall. Sixty percent of all shoplifting incidents in the mall ended in an arrest. This is a result of the strong presence of private security agents and a dedicated police detail. The Galleria mall accounted for about 30% of all shoplifting incidents citywide and made up 36% of all the shoplifting arrests citywide.

CRIME	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Larceny from Building	88	75	104	86	85
Larceny from Person	37	48	44	45	44
Commercial Burglary	26	10	8	15	30
Commercial Robbery	8	4	8	10	3
Shoplifting	150	118	145	134	103
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	98	76	78	58	70

MIT/KENDALL SQ./LOWER BROADWAY

Business Area # 2: MIT/Kendall Square/Lower Broadway

Boundaries: bordered by Binney Street, the Charles River, Amesbury Street, and the Conrail Railroad

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial Concentration include: Offices, shops, restaurants in Kendall Square, Cambridge Center, Offices and shops on Broadway between #1 and #200, Tech. Square, M.I.T., and the Hyatt Regency.



Kendall Square

Figures from this business district do not include information from MIT Police and therefore most of the crime occurring around MIT property or involving MIT students/faculty are not reported to the Cambridge Police. Of note in 2006 were the increases in **larcenies from persons** (100% increase) and **commercial burglaries** (63% increase). In addition, **larcenies from buildings** decreased by 24%. The majority of the larcenies from persons occurred when individuals left their property unattended and returned to find it gone. There was one arrest in the 13 **commercial burglaries** that occurred in 2006. This arrest occurred in late June when a man was spotted by security breaking into a construction site attempting to steal copper. He was apprehended with the assistance of a State Police K-9 unit. The sole **commercial robbery** in this area for 2006 occurred at a convenience store. The suspect ordered the cashier to turn over all the money in the register and then fled out the door.

CRIME	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Larceny from Building	52	45	31	37	28
Larceny from Person	14	9	15	6	12
Commercial Burglary	10	10	11	8	13
Commercial Robbery	3	4	3	2	1
Shoplifting	1	3	0	4	3
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	9	11	40	17	8

***Business Area # 3:
Inman Square/Harrington***

Boundaries: by the Conrail Railroad, the Somerville line, Leonard Avenue, Cambridge Street, Dana Street, and Broadway

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial Concentration include: the offices, shops, restaurants of Inman Square, all business establishments between 700 and 1400 Cambridge Street, offices, industries and restaurants on Hampshire Street and between 100 to 380 Prospect Street and 100 to 300 Broadway.

***Inman Square***

Larcenies from buildings remained steady in 2006. **Larcenies from persons**, however, increased by 60%. Over half of these occurred when people left their property unattended. Wallets, purses, and cell phones were most commonly taken. **Commercial burglaries** doubled from 2005 to 2006. Six of the locations were victimized multiple times throughout the year. Additionally, there were three arrests. One arrest occurred after a man broke into a restaurant and attempted to steal a cash register from the bar area. In another incident, three people were arrested for breaking into a construction site. Finally, a man was arrested for attempting to break into a building. There was a dramatic decrease in **commercial robberies** in 2006. The high number of incidents in 2005 had been the result of two individuals engaging in a spree of robberies in the area. They were subsequently arrested. **Shoplifting** incidents remained low in 2006. All four incidents occurred at Convenience stores in the area, where suspects allegedly stole small amounts of food and drinks.

CRIME	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Larceny from Building	30	29	35	30	29
Larceny from Person	7	14	18	15	24
Commercial Burglary	21	21	13	15	30
Commercial Robbery	3	5	7	19	3
Shoplifting	6	8	3	4	4
Fraud/Flim	38	50	40	40	42
Flam/Counterfeiting					

**Business Area #4:
Central Square**

Boundaries: the Conrail Railroad, Erie Street, Fairmont Street, River Street, Howard Street, Western Avenue, Pleasant Street, Green Street, Sellers Street, Bigelow Street, Doyle Way, Inman Street, and Broadway

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial Concentration include: shops, offices, restaurants between 200 and 830 Massachusetts Avenue, offices on Bishop Allen Drive, restaurants on Green Street, establishments between 770 and 910 Main Street, and City Hall

*Central Square*

Larcenies from buildings decreased by 17% in 2006. Twenty of these incidents were at health clubs in the area. This is consistent with trends throughout the city of thefts from health club lockers. Another 21 incidents involved property that was either forgotten or left unattended for a period of time. These two categories made up more than half of all larcenies from buildings in the Central Square area. **Larcenies from persons** rose slightly in 2006. Thirty-one of the incidents involved property that was left unattended. Another 25 incidents occurred while patrons were dining at area restaurants. In these dining thefts, patrons' wallets were usually taken from their purses or jackets hanging over the backs of chairs. This is a crime pattern that was replicated in Harvard Square as well as in Boston. Boston Police made two arrests related to this spree of crimes. **Commercial burglaries** increased 147% in 2006. This is due in large part to the homeless population that frequents the Central square area. Over half of the incidents occurred on the weekend. **Commercial robberies** decreased significantly in 2006 to its lowest level since 2001. **Shoplifting** incidents decreased slightly in 2006. Nearly half of these incidents resulted in an arrest. Most of the incidents occurred at one of three locations: grocery stores (17), CVS (20) or The Gap (35).

CRIME	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Larceny from Building	87	98	82	87	72
Larceny from Person	81	99	86	98	102
Commercial Burglary	57	18	49	15	37
Commercial Robbery	7	7	8	14	4
Shoplifting	104	75	78	119	107
Fraud/Flim	95	83	88	79	79
Flam/Counterfeiting					

***Business Area #5:
Cambridgeport/Riverside***

Boundaries: bordered by the Charles River, Amesbury Street, the Conrail Railroad, Erie Street, Fairmont Street, River Street, Howard Street, Kinnaird Street, and Flagg Street.

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial Concentration include: all businesses between 550 and 900 Memorial Drive, all industrial, retail and restaurants on Brookline, Pearl, Magazine, River and Western to the south of Erie Street.



*Memorial Drive/Lower
Cambridgeport*

There were two **commercial robberies** in the Cambridgeport/Riverside business district in 2006. On two different occasions in March, gas stations were robbed at gunpoint. Money was taken from the register in both incidents. **Commercial burglaries** are rare in this business district. Three of the eight incidents in 2006 occurred at the Amigos School on Putnam Ave, where, on all three occasions, computers and laptops were taken from classrooms. **Shoplifting** incidents occurred at grocery stores and Micro Center. Ten arrests were made. In all cases, loss prevention staff of the respective merchants apprehended the shoplifters. **Larcenies from persons** are not an overwhelming problem in this area. The few incidents of this kind were confined to the theft of purses and wallets at bars and hotel restaurants. No solid pattern could be identified in the 14 **larcenies from buildings** in this business district in 2006. The thefts were a combination of unattended purses stolen at bars and schools, items pilfered from store counters, personal property snatched from hotel rooms, and internal security problems at local businesses.

CRIME	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Larceny from Building	25	16	26	26	14
Larceny from Person	11	7	6	7	10
Commercial Burglary	4	4	2	4	8
Commercial Robbery	0	1	3	5	2
Shoplifting	11	10	8	13	16
Fraud/Flim	23	22	18	25	32
Flam/Counterfeiting					

**Business Area # 6:
Bay Square/Upper Broadway**

Boundaries: bordered by Inman St., Doyle Way, Bigelow St., Sellers St., Green St., Pleasant St., Western Avenue, Howard St., Kinnaird St., Putnam Avenue, Massachusetts Avenue, Prescott St., Kirkland St., the Somerville Line, Leonard Avenue, Cambridge St., Dana St., and Broadway

Major area of Business/Retail/Industrial concentration include: all offices, restaurants and establishments between 830 and 1050 Massachusetts Avenue, all retail industrial and offices on Cambridge between Dana Street and Trowbridge Street and on Harvard Street and Broadway between Inman and Trowbridge.



Bay Square

There was one **commercial robbery** in 2006. A man walked into a convenience store and ordered an employee to empty the register. **Shoplifting** continues to remain at a low level with only one incident reported in 2006. There were six **commercial burglaries** in 2006. Two of these incidents occurred only a few days apart and both involved persons breaking the windows of stores and taking lottery tickets off the counters. **Larcenies from buildings** decreased significantly in 2006 to 26. Most of the incidents involved property (usually cell phones) taken from lockers at the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School. There were 10 **larcenies from persons** in 2006. Again, a majority of the property taken had been left unattended and usually consisted of wallets or cell phones. Of the 26 incidents of **fraud/flim flam/counterfeiting**, the vast majority of incidents were for some type of fraud. Eleven of these incidents were of people whose credit card or bank account information was used without their knowledge. There was one instance of passing a bad check, which is of note to business owners. A woman passed several checks linked to an account that had no funds. She passed six checks at the same location totaling over \$350.

CRIME	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Larceny from Building	34	41	50	47	26
Larceny from Person	10	7	14	9	10
Commercial Burglary	8	15	4	16	6
Commercial Robbery	1	1	4	0	1
Shoplifting	3	4	3	4	1
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	19	31	27	34	26

**Business Area #7:
Harvard Square**

Boundaries: bordered by Prescott Street, Massachusetts Avenue, Putnam Avenue, Flagg Street, the Charles River, Ash Street, Mason Street, Garden Street, Waterhouse Street, Massachusetts Avenue, and Cambridge Street

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial concentration include: establishments and business offices on Massachusetts Avenue between 1050 and 1540, Mt. Auburn Street between 1 and 168, and the numerous restaurants, shops, and offices on Holyoke, Dunster, and Winthrop Streets, as well as, the Charles Square and University Place complexes.

*Harvard Square*

For the first time in the last 10 years, there were no **commercial robberies** reported in the Harvard Square area. **Larcenies from persons** continue to fall with 89 such incidents reported in 2006. Since 2004, they have fallen 35%. However, larcenies from persons who were dining in Harvard Square accounted for over half of all such incidents. Most of these occurred in the months of August and September, when al fresco cafes were the targets of thieves. Without the victims' knowledge, thieves would take purses hung on the backs of chairs or left under the table. Boston Police made two arrests at the end of August in these cases. Another similar MO emerged in October, this time with fewer incidents, which were split between Central and Harvard Squares. **Larcenies from buildings** has fallen 52% since 2004 with 43 incidents reported in 2006. Most of these were of wallets, purses, and backpacks left unattended or forgotten. There were 18 **commercial burglaries** in 2006. Of these 18, the vast majority were burglaries of retail locations where cash was taken from a safe or cash register. Several offices were burglarized as well. The targets were usually electronics, such as laptops. There were 56 reports of **shoplifting** in 2006. Twenty-eight percent of the incidents resulted in an arrest. Fourteen of these incidents occurred at Urban Outfitters. The majority of the **fraud** incidents in 2006 involved people having their credit cards or ATM cards used without their knowledge. There was one instance of a woman trying to fill a false prescription.

CRIME	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Larceny from Building	68	80	90	78	43
Larceny from Person	147	100	136	113	89
Commercial Burglary	28	22	20	14	18
Commercial Robbery	6	3	5	4	0
Shoplifting	79	77	62	52	56
Fraud/Flim	69	58	50	37	28
Flam/Counterfeiting					

MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE (1500-1900 block)

Business Area #8: Massachusetts Avenue Corridor

Boundaries: bordered by Kirkland Street, the Somerville Line, the B&M Railroad, Sherman Street, Garden Street, Waterhouse Street, Massachusetts Avenue, and Cambridge Street

Major areas of Business, Retail, and Industrial concentration include: retail shops, restaurants and offices between 1540 to 1880 Massachusetts Avenue, businesses and offices on Garden, Sherman and Oxford Streets.



1500-1900 Massachusetts Avenue

In 2006, **larcenies from buildings** fell considerably to 25 incidents. This represents a 52% decrease from 2005 and is at its lowest level since 1998. This is due by and large to the reduction of thefts from lockers at area health clubs. Locker thefts accounted for nearly half of all larcenies from buildings in 2005; in 2006 they represented only 24% of all such crimes. **Larcenies from persons** rose slightly in 2006, yet there was no pattern to the crime. The majority of incidents involved a person leaving an item unattended and it was gone upon their return. Of the eight **commercial burglaries** in 2006, there were two distinct types. The first occurred twice and is similar to events in other parts of the City, where suspects broke into convenience stores and stole the lottery scratch ticket boxes. In the other type, there were three incidents where power tools were stolen from construction sites in the area. One of the two **commercial robberies** in 2006 resulted in an arrest. A man tried to rob a market, was unsuccessful, and was later apprehended when he attempted to steal a purse from a woman walking down the street. The suspect was linked in both crimes because the officers recognized the purse-snatcher as fitting the description given earlier in the day of the would-be robber. Of the seven cases of **shoplifting** reported in 2006, five occurred at the Gap clothing store. Of the 36 instances of **fraud**, eight involved the website www.craigslist.org. This is an internet community where users post products and services for sale, including apartments, motor vehicles, furniture, and electronics. In all of the cases involving Craig's List, a potential buyer agreed to send payment for a posted item and never received the product in return.

CRIME	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Larceny from Building	34	42	46	52	25
Larceny from Person	17	11	15	12	19
Commercial Burglary	6	3	10	16	8
Commercial Robbery	3	8	3	2	2
Shoplifting	8	9	2	3	7
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	29	36	35	35	36

**Business Area # 9:
Porter Square/ North
Cambridge**

Boundaries: bordered by the B&M Railroad, Alewife Brook Parkway, and the Somerville Line

Major areas of Business/Retail/ Industrial concentrations include: all retail and commercial establishments between 1840 Massachusetts Avenue and the Arlington line, including Porter Square Mall. All commercial properties along Rindge and Sherman to the border of the RR tracks.



Porter Square

Incidents of **shoplifting** decreased to 21 in 2006 within the Porter Square Area. This amounts to a 32% reduction. Ten of the incidents occurred at the Shaw's Supermarket. There were 10 arrests for shoplifting, 9 of which occurred at the Shaw's. The amount of **larcenies from buildings** went unchanged from 2005 to 2006. Seven of the thirty-six incidents took place at construction sites, three of which seemed to be related as they occurred at the construction site around 316 Rindge Ave. In all three cases, kitchen appliances were stolen from unfinished condominiums. There were also two incidents of copper construction materials stolen from construction sites. **Commercial burglaries** increased 50% in 2006. In many of the incidents, the suspects gained entry by breaking glass windows. **Commercial robberies** increased to 13 in 2006. Seven of the incidents occurred at convenience stores, four in particular at the Bread and Butter. Four of the incidents were robberies at area banks. There one incident of a taxi driver being robbed. **Larcenies from persons** increased to 17 in 2006. Nearly half of the incidents were the result of people leaving their belongings (mainly cell phones and wallets) unattended for a period of time. There was an increase of 14% in **fraud/flim flam/counterfeiting** incidents in 2006. This increase can be attributed to an influx of computer and internet related scams. In most of these cases individuals paid for items online and never received them.

CRIME	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Larceny from Building	37	31	37	36	36
Larceny from Person	24	15	23	12	17
Commercial Burglary	15	13	6	16	24
Commercial Robbery	4	5	6	10	13
Shoplifting	31	19	31	31	21
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	34	36	33	35	40

**Business Area #10:
West Cambridge/Alewife**

Boundaries: bordered by the Charles River, the Watertown, Belmont, and Arlington Lines, Alewife Brook Parkway, the B&M Railroad, Sherman Street, Garden Street, Mason Street, and Ash Street

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial concentration include: businesses and offices on Mt. Auburn Street between 180 and 700 including the Shaw's Supermarket, the Fresh Pond Mall, industrial and research complexes on Smith, Fawcett, Mooney and Cambridge Park Drive, the Huron Village area, shops and restaurants on Concord and Garden Street.



Alewife/West Cambridge

Larcenies from buildings decreased 33% in 2006, which is a continuation of a downward trend since 2004. Larcenies from buildings are down 44% from 2004. A quarter of the incidents occurred in the back room of a business. Usually an employee placed a wallet or jacket in an employee storage room and returned after work to find it missing. **Larcenies from persons** also decreased in 2006. There were 52% fewer incidents than in 2005. Five of the incidents were the result of property left unattended. **Shoplifting** incidents also decreased in 2006, by 33%. Half of all incidents resulted in an arrest. Eight of the incidents in 2006 occurred at the Whole Foods Market. This was the one location with the most incidents. It also accounted for the most arrests (7 of the 13). Of the other incidents, five occurred at clothing stores and eleven occurred at area supermarkets. **Commercial burglaries** increased slightly in 2006 to 18 incidents. Five of the incidents were at Barrell Plumbing where copper pipes and wiring were stolen. This was part of a larger trend across the City and country. There were 11 **commercial robberies** in the Alewife/West Cambridge Business District in 2006. Two arrests were made. The Cambridge Gateway Inn was robbed twice in October about 10 days apart. Both incidents involved the same suspects, who were arrested in Boston for other robberies in the area. There was one arrest made in an incident of **fraud** in 2006. The defendant stole the credit cards of the victim and used the account to wire money.

CRIME	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Larceny from Building	64	61	71	60	40
Larceny from Person	41	19	24	25	12
Commercial Burglary	25	18	16	14	18
Commercial Robbery	5	3	13	7	11
Shoplifting	60	35	49	39	26
Fraud/Flim	48	44	38	50	49
Flam/Counterfeiting					

