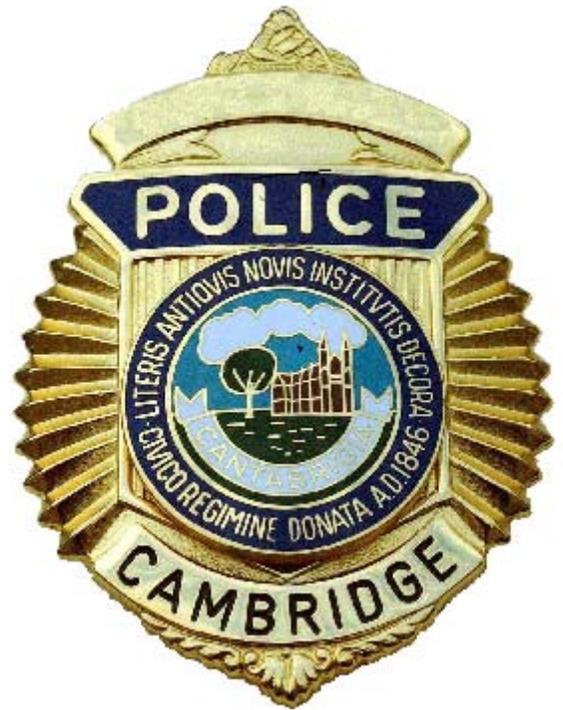


# SECTION III

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILES

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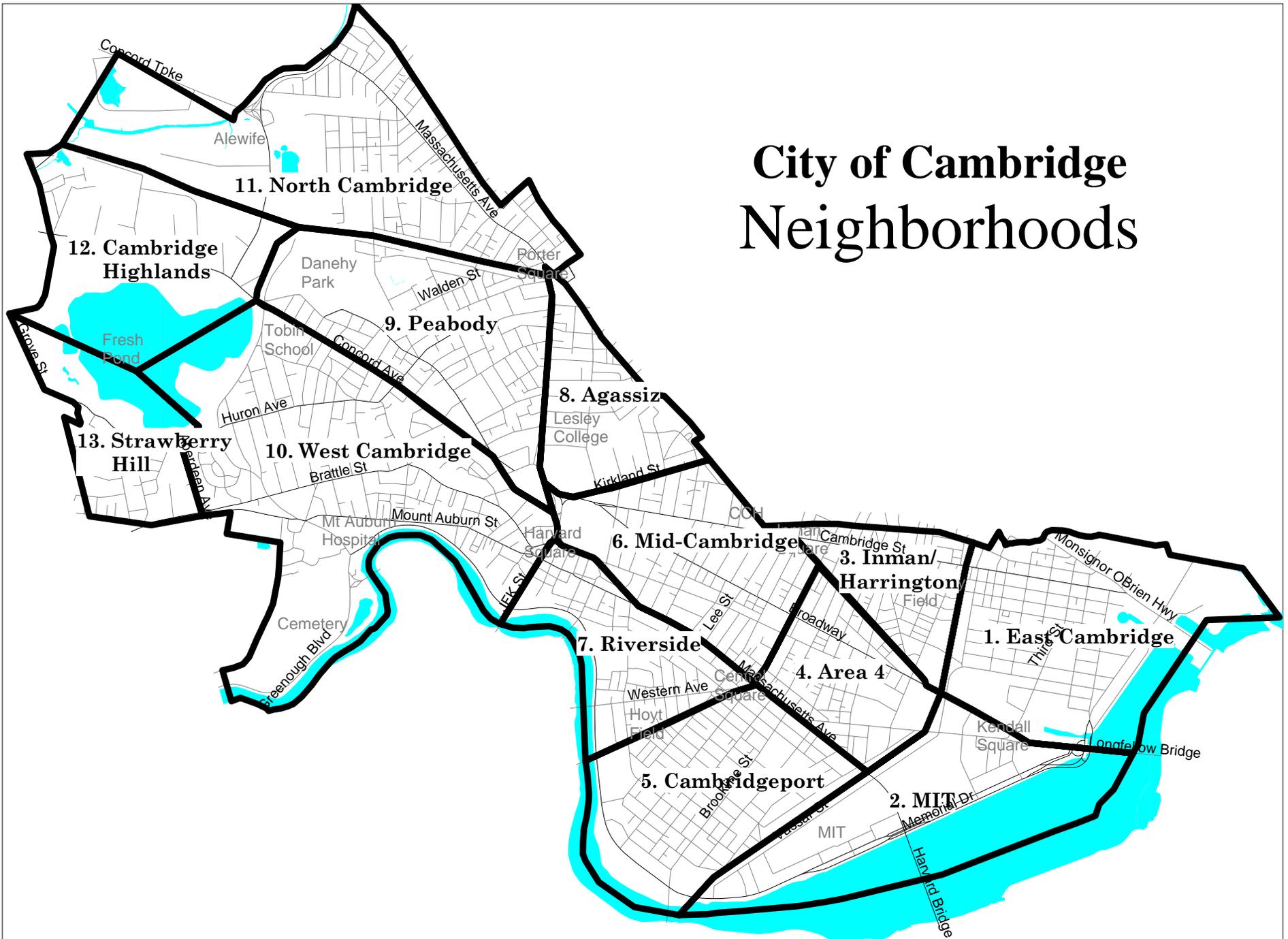
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THE FOLLOWING IS AN OVERVIEW  
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# City of Cambridge Neighborhoods



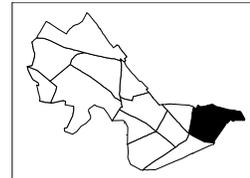
## NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKDOWN OF INDEX CRIMES IN 2006

Crime	East Camb	MIT	Inman/Harrington	Area 4	Camb. Port	Mid-Camb	Riverside	Agassiz	Peabody	W. Camb	N. Camb	Camb Highlands	Strw. Hill	Total
Aggravated Assault*	19	5	29	42	34	24	21	4	12	17	24	4	1	237*
Arson	2	1	3	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	13
Auto Theft	21	7	23	26	25	27	12	11	38	13	21	3	6	233
Commercial Break	36	2	20	30	16	11	12	0	9	16	23	12	2	189
Commercial Robbery	3	0	3	4	2	0	2	0	2	4	14	2	2	38
Drugs	7	1	14	45	27	12	11	1	5	6	18	1	1	149
Flim Flam	10	1	5	4	4	2	4	4	4	4	6	2	3	53
Forgery*	45	5	20	33	41	35	35	10	22	27	36	13	7	331*
Homicide	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Housebreak	41	1	53	54	85	78	31	24	43	43	31	3	9	496
Indecent Assault	2	1	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	2	18
Indecent Exposure	0	0	2	3	7	3	3	1	2	4	2	2	0	29
Larceny (Misc)	13	2	4	7	3	7	3	2	2	6	6	2	0	57
Larceny from Building	90	11	16	37	40	36	32	14	16	44	39	11	0	386
Larceny from MV	94	24	61	64	67	85	43	43	111	63	64	18	17	754
Larceny from Person	47	8	12	28	55	31	62	8	14	48	17	5	2	337
Larceny from Residence	21	0	14	14	28	30	21	16	37	37	21	0	7	246
Larceny of Bicycle	16	7	12	21	27	30	18	8	20	12	28	2	3	204
Larceny of Plate	4	1	1	2	4	2	6	1	2	1	5	0	1	30
Larceny of Services	1	0	5	0	5	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	0	21
Mal. Dest. Property	63	4	62	66	78	52	59	22	72	57	108	16	15	674
Peeping & Spying	2	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Shoplifting	104	2	1	55	62	8	14	6	1	45	21	22	3	344
Simple Assault	37	3	50	60	67	35	43	8	21	26	35	6	7	398
Street Robbery	20	1	23	36	19	12	10	3	13	4	18	5	6	170

\*Included in the total are one aggravated assault and two forgery incidents that took place in unknown locations.

# NEIGHBORHOOD 1

## EAST CAMBRIDGE



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by the Charles River, Main Street, Broadway, the B&A Railroad, and the Somerville border

**POPULATION:** 7,294 residents  
2,726 households

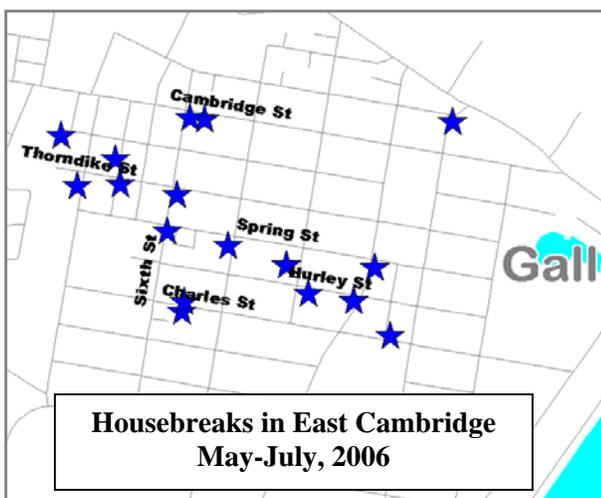
**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:** \$47,979

Neighborhood #1 lies within the patrol boundaries of Car 1 (2 officers) and Car 1R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 1A, 1B, and 1C.

### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2002-2006

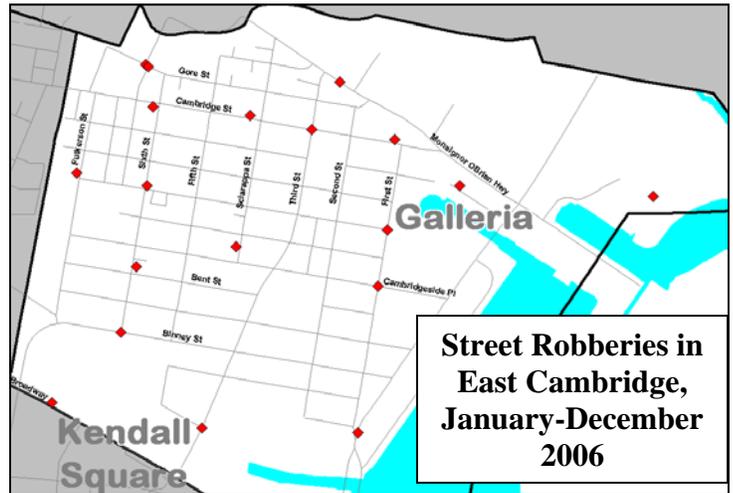
CRIME	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Housebreaks	39	35	38	62	41
Street Robbery	18	18	15	17	20
Auto Theft	55	43	56	34	21
Larceny from MVs	112	129	86	62	94
Malicious Destruction	141	111	86	108	63
Drug Incidents	12	20	15	16	7

### 2006 YEAR END REVIEW



- Housebreaks** in East Cambridge decreased 34% in 2006, from 62 incidents down to 41, showing significant improvement after the increase in 2005. The neighborhood experienced 46% of its breaks in the months of May, June, and July (shown in the map to the left). Five arrests were made throughout the year, one during the months mentioned above. Windows were the typical points of entry in many of the housebreaks, with numerous reports of air conditioners being pushed in. Electronics such as laptops, iPods, cameras, DVD players, and TVs were most often reported stolen.

- **Street robberies** in East Cambridge increased by three incidents (18%) in 2006 compared to 2005. Eight of the twenty incidents, or 40%, occurred in the last three months of the year. A pattern did not form among these incidents, as they were generally isolated incidents throughout the year. However, some of the robberies targeted people walking alone to or from the Galleria or the Lechmere train station. Eight people were arrested in four of the incidents during 2006.



- **Auto theft** decreased 38% in East Cambridge in 2006, mirroring a trend experienced across the city. Approximately 22% of the stolen cars were Hondas, which is the most commonly stolen vehicle in the City. Thefts were generally spread throughout the year, with the exception of July when seven vehicles (various makes and years) were stolen. The majority of the incidents took place on weekend days. To date, 13 (62%) of the vehicles stolen from East Cambridge in 2006 have been recovered.

- **Larcenies from motor vehicles** increased by 52% in East Cambridge, recording the highest total in the neighborhood since 2003. In 68% of these larcenies, access to the inside of the vehicle was gained by breaking a window. East Cambridge experienced a rash of incidents beginning in December of 2005 where GPS navigation systems were being stolen from vehicles. Detectives were able to identify a suspect with the help of intelligence received from neighboring departments, and the suspect was arrested in early 2006. GPS thefts decreased during the warm months of 2006 but picked up again in the winter heading into 2007.

- **Malicious destruction** decreased 42% in 2006 from the previous year. This is a substantial reduction, dropping the total to its lowest level in over 15 years. A factor that may have contributed to this is the decrease in tire slashings from 2005 to 2006. In 2005, there were 38 reports of tire slashing in East Cambridge, where as only 5 were reported in 2006, representing an 87% decline. There were also fewer reports of graffiti and pin stripping.

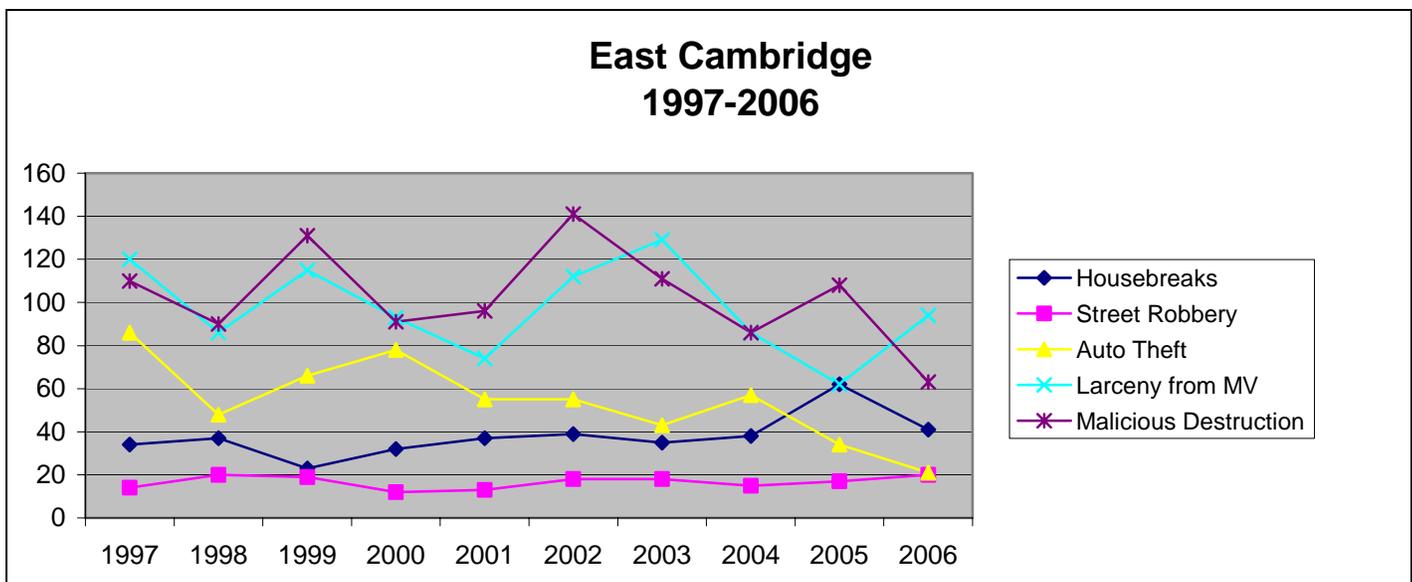
- **Drug incidents** in East Cambridge decreased by 56% in 2006, falling to less than half of the average number of incidents reported in the previous five years. Four of the incidents involved cocaine, and one each involved marijuana, heroin, and pills. Three of the incidents this year resulted in arrests, the majority of which were for possession or distribution. Investigations and surveillance by the Special Investigations Unit were involved in four of the seven total incidents, including two of the three that led to arrests.

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR EAST CAMBRIDGE TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2006
Housebreaks	38	36	42
Street Robbery	10	19	17
Auto Theft	156	86	44
Larceny from MVs	121	106	93
Malicious Destruction	118	110	101

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

With the booming Cambridgeside Galleria and the fringe of Cambridge Center as its most prominent features, East Cambridge may be the most heavily trafficked commercial region in the city. It has a smaller than average residential population. Other features of the neighborhood include the Lechmere MBTA station, the Kennedy-Longfellow Elementary School, and the Middlesex County Courthouse.

- **Street robberies** increased to 25 incidents with the opening of the Cambridgeside Galleria in 1991, but they dropped in 1997 and have remained at or below 20 incidents ever since. Most of these are pack or bullyboy robberies committed by and against juveniles. Other robbery patterns—predatory in nature—sometimes appear on Cambridge Street near the B&A Railroad.
- The motor vehicle related crimes of **auto theft**, **larceny from motor vehicles**, and **malicious destruction of property** have, in the past, occurred at the highest rates here of anywhere in Cambridge due to the level of commercial parking around the Cambridgeside Galleria, along Cambridge Street, and in the vicinity of Cambridge Center. However, the neighborhood has dropped in ranking in recent years.
- **Assaults, threats** and related crimes between plaintiffs, victims, or complainants and defendants sometimes occur in the area of the Middlesex County Courthouse.

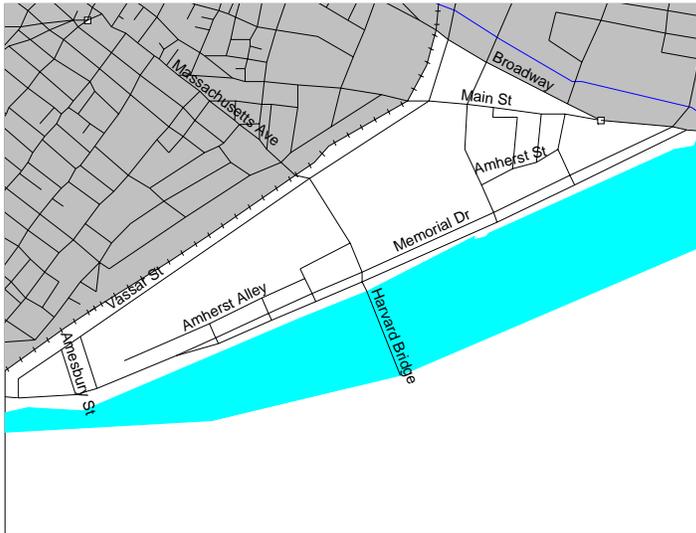
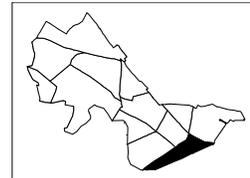


## 2005 YEAR END REVIEW

The number of **housebreaks** reported in East Cambridge in 2005 was high in comparison to previous years. A pattern early in the year targeted locations under construction. Scattered breaks throughout the beginning of the year included multiple incidents on Spring St, Winter St, and Charles St. • The majority of the **street robbery** suspects were teenage males with knives who demanded money from their victims, Thursday through Sunday between 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. The robberies were scattered over the course of the year and no significant patterns developed. An incident that occurred on Sixth and Cambridge Streets involved two suspects approaching the victim, pulling a rope around his neck and demanding money. A very similar incident was reported within the same hour that evening in the Inman neighborhood. These incidents were unique in that rope had never been used as a weapon in street robberies in Cambridge, but a similar incident has not been reported since that night. • **Auto thefts** decreased 39% from 2004. The majority of the auto thefts occurred in repeat locations along Sixth, Cambridge, and Charles Streets. • Over the past six years, East Cambridge has been a hotspot for **larcenies from motor vehicles**. In approximately 39% of the incidents, the perpetrator broke a car window in order to steal items on the inside. Approximately 23% of the incidents involved the theft of items on the exterior of the vehicles, such as tires and headlights. • There were 19 arrests for **drug sales or possession** in 13 of the 16 incidents in this neighborhood over the course of 2005. Marijuana, heroin, and cocaine were the three drugs people were found to be in possession of or selling that resulted in their arrest.

# NEIGHBORHOOD 2

# M.I.T. AREA



**BOUNDARIES:** bounded by Main Street, Broadway, the B&A Railroad, and the Charles River

**POPULATION:** 5,486 residents  
794 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$37,287

Neighborhood #2 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 1 and Car 3 (2 officer cars). M.I.T. has its own police force that patrols this area.

## COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2002-2006

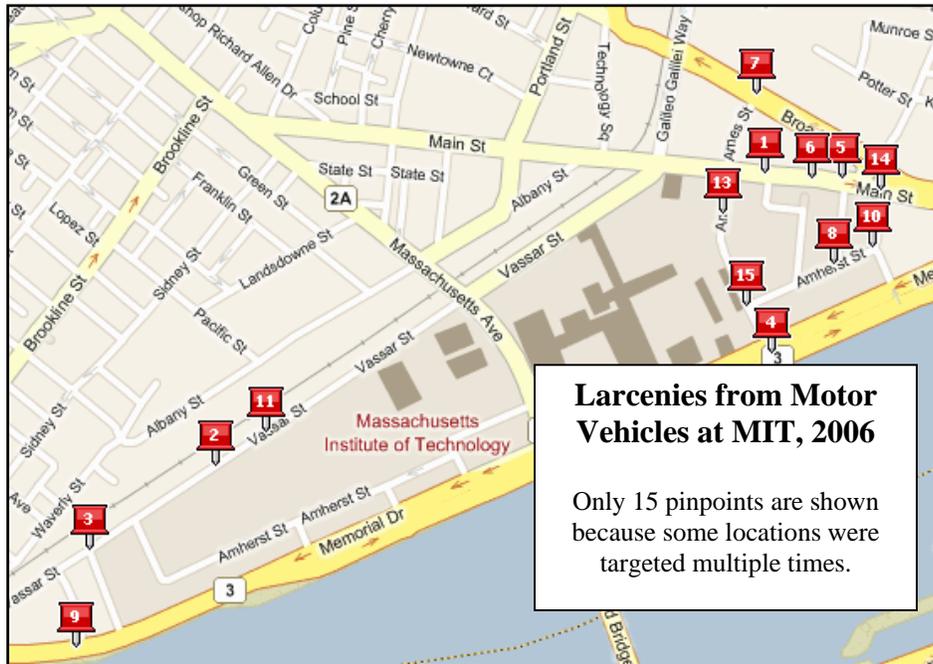
CRIME	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Housebreaks	0	1	2	3	1
Street Robbery	0	6	2	1	1
Auto Theft	9	12	15	4	7
Larceny from MVs	15	28	18	16	24
Malicious Destruction	10	16	10	11	4
Drug Incidents	4	1	0	1	1

## 2006 YEAR END REVIEW

*Please note that the majority of the crime in the MIT area is reported to the MIT police, contributing to the low numbers tallied by the Cambridge Police Department. These low numbers make it difficult to pinpoint information significant to pattern identification.*

- One **housebreak** was reported to the Cambridge Police in May, in which a homeless man was arrested for entering an MIT dorm.
- The lone **street robbery** was reported in July, in which a male was arrested for stealing his ex-girlfriend's computer and camera after she refused to speak with him.
- **Auto thefts** in this part of the City increased by three incidents from 2005 to 2006. However, the number of auto thefts still mirrors the overall decline in this type of crime across the city in 2006.
- Suspects broke a window to gain entry in 75% of the **larcenies from motor vehicles**. Although incidents increased by 50%, they did not reach the five-year high and continue to be relatively consistent. The pattern of stealing GPS systems at the end of 2005 continued into 2006, with the first three larcenies being GPS systems.

- **Malicious destruction** reported a five-year low in 2006, a 64% decrease from 2005. There were only four incidents reported, all of which took place before mid-May. One involved BB pellets shattering a business window, two involved damage to cars, and the last was a graffiti arrest.
- In the lone **drug-related incident**, police performed surveillance and arrested an individual after a confidential informant provided information on someone who was selling marijuana.



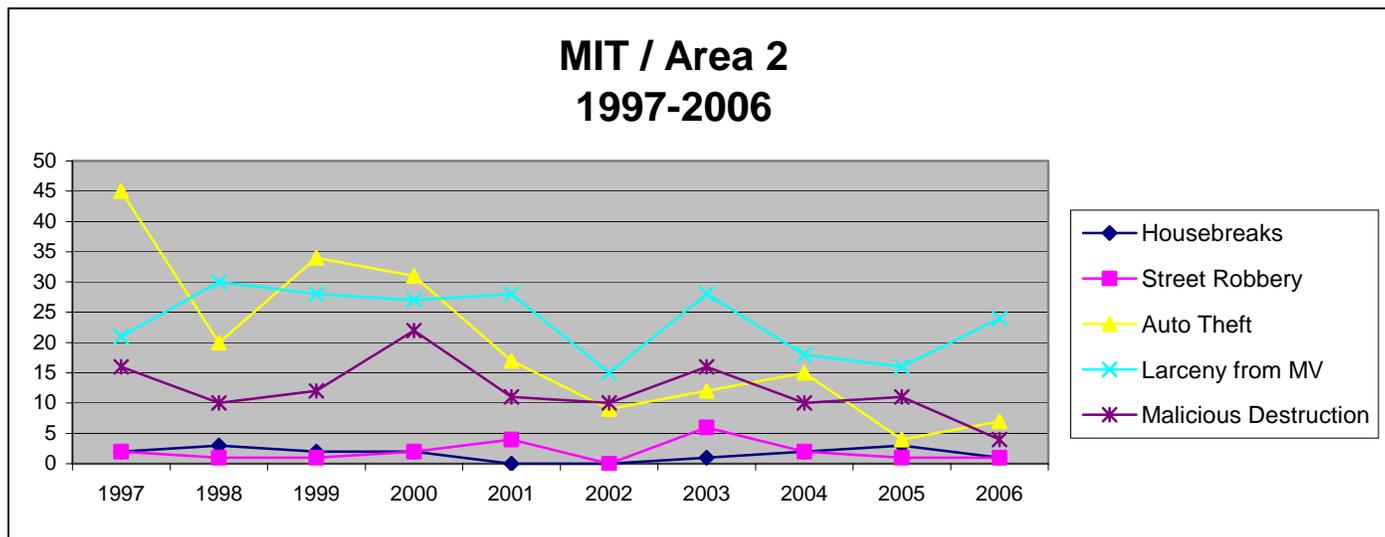
ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR M.I.T. AREA TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2006
Housebreaks	19	4	1
Street Robbery	11	5	2
Auto Theft	102	55	11
Larceny from MVs	56	49	22
Malicious Destruction	47	28	10

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology is the dominant venue in the MIT Neighborhood given that MIT property envelops most of the neighborhood. Its large student population—a large proportion of which is foreign—is alluring to local criminals, who often consider students to be unsuspecting prey.

*The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has its own police force, which reports its own crime statistics to the Uniform Crime Reporting system. Statistics contained in this profile—and in the rest of the report—do not include crimes on M.I.T. property except for arrests and incidents in which Cambridge Police Officers participated.*

- The large number of automobiles parked each day on Vassar Street, Ames Street, Amherst Street, and at the Hyatt Regency Hotel have traditionally accounted for high numbers of **auto thefts** and **larcenies from motor vehicles**.
- **Street robbery** patterns have sometimes emerged at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Vassar Street, and outside the Bank of America ATM on Main Street. These are often predatory, targeting college students that are walking in the areas late at night. Over the course of 20 years, however, M.I.T. has maintained a street robbery level well below the other neighborhoods.
- Bicycles parked at racks on sidewalks all around M.I.T. have been targeted by thieves in large numbers. M.I.T. and Cambridge Police make several arrests per year for **larcenies of bicycles**.

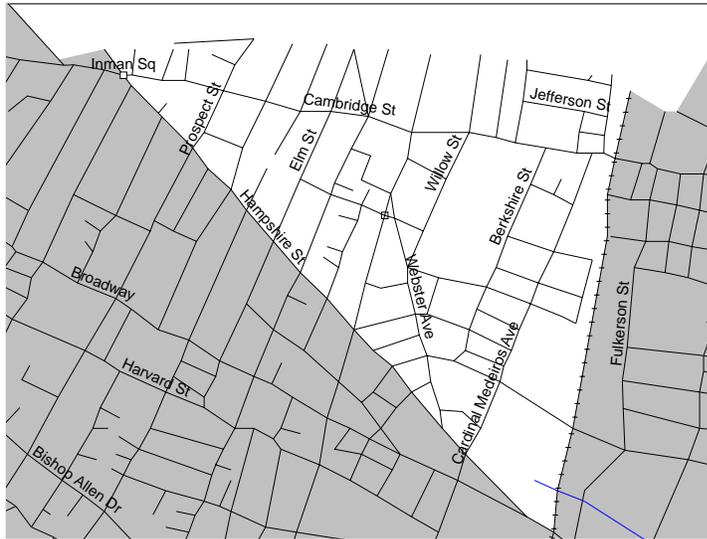
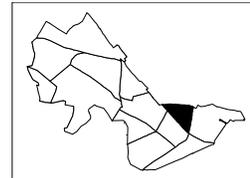


### 2005 YEAR END REVIEW

There were three **housebreaks** reported in 2005, two (one which was an attempt) resulted in the arrest of four individuals. • There was one **street robbery** reported to Cambridge Police, in which a woman's purse was snatched while she was walking on Broadway. • Of the four **auto thefts**, three were stolen from Vassar Street. • Over 60% of the **larcenies from motor vehicles** in this area took place on Vassar Street or around Cambridge Center. In most incidents, vehicle windows were broken and various items were stolen. • Cars were the targets of **malicious destruction** in 82% of the incidents in 2005.

# NEIGHBORHOOD 3

# INMAN/HARRINGTON



**BOUNDARIES:** bounded by the B&A Railroad, Hampshire Street, and the Somerville line.

**POPULATION:** 7,345 residents  
2,734 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:** \$39,899

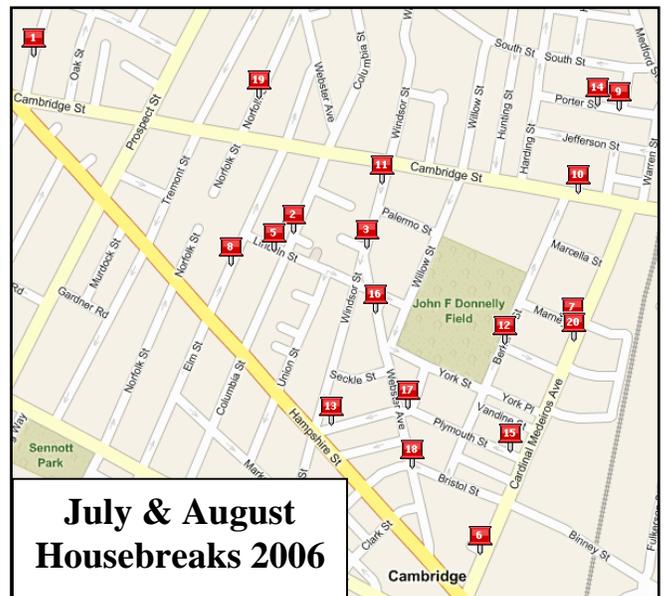
Neighborhood #3 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 1 (2 officers) and Car 3R (1 officer). Also included within this area are walking routes 3A, 3B, and 3C.

## COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2002-2006

CRIME	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Housebreaks	37	20	61	34	53
Street Robbery	10	6	9	15	23
Auto Theft	48	55	45	23	23
Larceny from MVs	47	34	52	30	61
Malicious Destruction	58	66	70	67	62
Drug Incidents	5	21	11	11	14

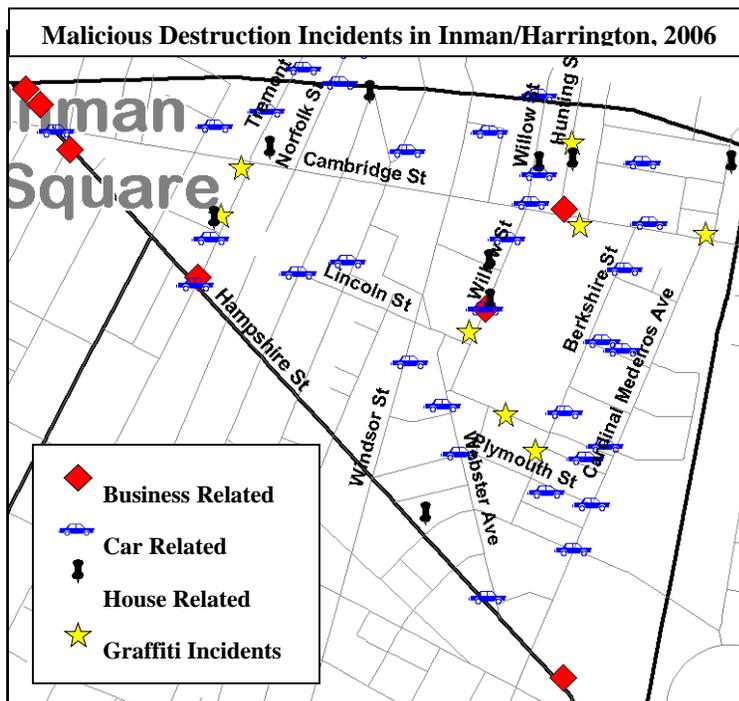
## 2006 YEAR END REVIEW

- Although **housebreaks** dropped off in 2005, they rose again in 2006, increasing by 56%. However, the 2006 total of 53 incidents was still under the five-year high of 61 seen in 2004. Nineteen percent of the 53 breaks were attempts in which no entry was gained to the residence. Residences that experienced multiple breaks during the year were located on Cambridge St, Cardinal Medeiros Ave, Columbia St, Lincoln St, and Marney St. July and August were active months in Inman, with 40% of the housebreaks being reported during these months. There was a daytime pattern that developed during this period, in which entry was being gained through unlocked windows. Electronics were targeted in most cases and the pattern dispersed with the arrest of three juveniles.
- Street robberies** continued to increase in 2006, marking a five-year high. There was a pattern that



developed in April involving Sectors 1, 2, and 3. The four incidents that occurred in Inman/Harrington took place between 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. and were pack robberies with five or more teens involved. The suspects in these robberies demanded money but were unsuccessful in two of the four incidents. Two purse snatchings took place at the end of the year on Cambridge St. In fact, 48% of the street robberies in 2006 took place on Cambridge St or at an intersection including this street.

- **Auto thefts** stayed the same from 2005 to 2006, even though there was a citywide reduction in auto thefts this year. Throughout the year, multiple incidents were reported on Cambridge, Willow, and Berkshire Streets. Vehicle makes and models ranged widely; however, victims reported Hondas stolen most often (five incidents). Approximately 26% of the stolen vehicles had been recovered as of January 2007.
- **Larcenies from motor vehicles** increased by 103% from the five-year low reported in 2005. There were no discernible patterns, as incidents seemed generally dispersed throughout the year. In December, there were twelve incidents, four of which involved cars that had their stereos stolen or tampered with and three that involved the theft of loose change. Overall, the most common items targeted in this neighborhood were car stereo systems. Five people were arrested throughout the year in connection to the breaks, and 43% of the victims reported that the suspects broke windows to gain access to the vehicles.



- **Malicious destruction** continued to decline from the five-year high reported in 2004. Nearly 53% of the incidents reported in 2006 were car related, including tire slashings (8%), broken windows (24%), and other car-related incidents (19%). Most of these car incidents were isolated and did not occur in sprees or form patterns. Between February and August, eight businesses had their windows broken, five of which were located on Hampshire St. Nine reports were for graffiti on residential and commercial buildings, including four on Cambridge St.

- **Drug incidents** increased by 27% in 2006, although this is still 33% lower than the five-year high reported in 2003. Thirteen of the incidents in Inman/Harrington resulted in arrests.

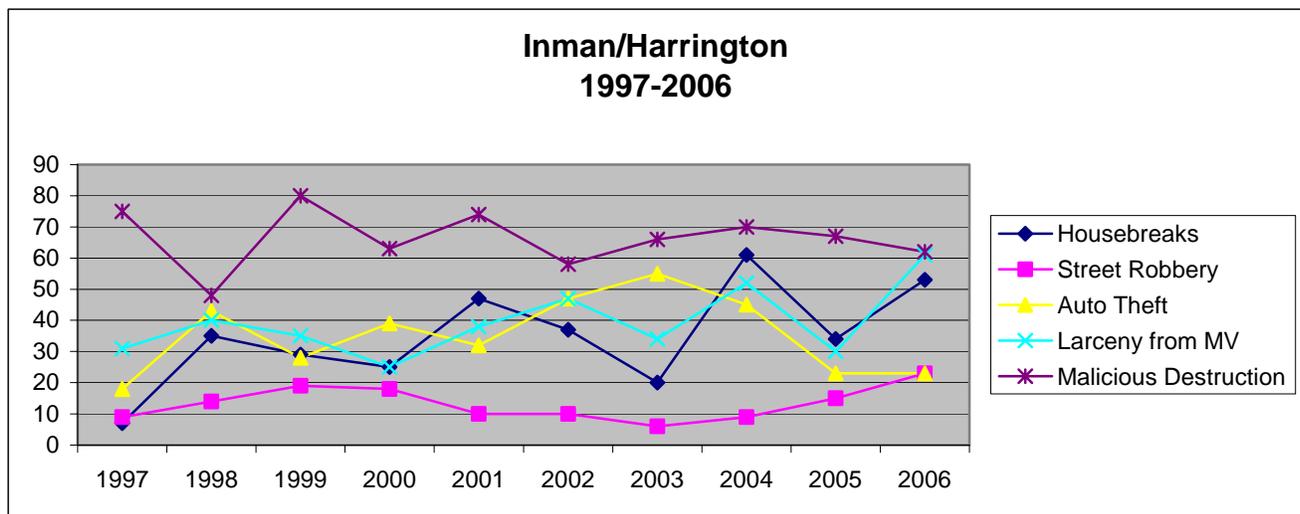
Unlike in 2005 when a majority of the drug incidents involved marijuana, a majority (57%) of the 2006 incidents involved the possession or distribution of cocaine.

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR INMAN/HARRINGTON TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2006
Housebreaks	57	38	42
Street Robbery	14	15	12
Auto Theft	89	48	38
Larceny from MVs	66	45	44
Malicious Destruction	94	79	66

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

The Inman/Harrington neighborhood's population ranks at the median for the city; consequently, so do many of its crimes. Inman/Harrington is also marked by a number of commercial establishments along Cambridge Street, in Inman Square, and around One Kendall Square.

- Inman/Harrington has an average number of **housebreaks**, given its population. Cambridge St, Marney St, Cardinal Medeiros Ave, Columbia St, and Plymouth St have been "hot spots" for this crime. The density of housebreaks generally increases in the lower half of the neighborhood.
- **Auto theft** and **malicious destruction** have remained at median levels in the 2000s. The related crime of **larceny from motor vehicles**, on the other hand, is lower in only five other neighborhoods.
- The King Open School and Donnelly Field guarantee a certain share of juvenile related crime, such as vandalism, fights, and petty larcenies.
- **Drug** sales are sometimes a problem between the stretch of Roosevelt Towers and Inman Sq.

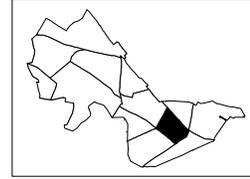


## 2005 YEAR END REVIEW

While **housebreaks** were at a high in 2004, they dropped off in 2005 with a 44% decrease. April and June were active months in Inman, with over 40% of the housebreaks being reported during these months. However, no discernable patterns developed. Some apartment complexes reported multiple break-ins on the same day, including buildings on Willow St, Webster Ave and Hampshire St. While some housebreaks in this area occurred overnight, a majority of the incidents occurred during daytime hours between noon and 8:00 p.m. • **Street robberies** increased in the Inman area by 66% over 2004, reaching its highest point in the last five years. No patterns developed, although there were a few incidents that were connected with incidents in adjacent neighborhoods: an incident in May was the second of two reports on the same evening of suspects using rope to choke a victim while robbing them. Two arrests were made for street robbery; one of an individual that stole a young boy's bicycle from him, and a second arrest of a suspect that was positively identified after using a broom handle to threaten a victim and attempt to steal his cell phone. • **Auto thefts** declined by 49% in 2005, reflecting the sharp citywide reduction in auto thefts. Throughout the year, multiple incidents were reported on Cambridge and Windsor Streets, as well as on Webster Ave and Plymouth St. • **Larcenies from motor vehicles** declined by 42% from the high reported in 2004. Multiple incidents were reported on Willow and Cambridge Streets. Nearly 14% of the victims reported having left their car doors unlocked prior to the theft. • The number of **malicious destruction** incidents in Inman in 2005 was roughly close to the totals for the previous four years. Most incidents involved some form of vandalism to a vehicle: broken windows, tire slashings, etc. • **Drug** incidents remained constant and the majority of the arrests were for marijuana possession or distribution.

# NEIGHBORHOOD 4

## AREA 4



**BOUNDARIES:** the B&A Railroad, Massachusetts Avenue, Prospect Street, and Hampshire Street

**POPULATION:** 7,263 residents  
2,523 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$34,306

Neighborhood #4 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 2 (2 officers), and Car 4R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 4A, 4B, and 4C, and Central 10.

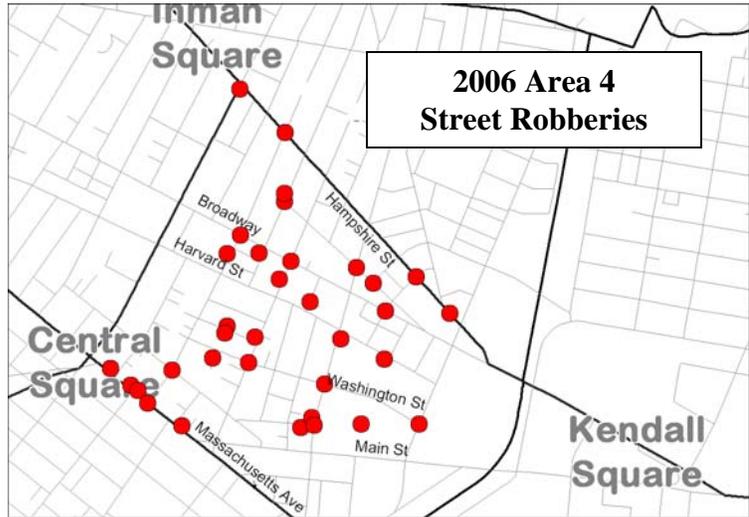
### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2002-2006

CRIME	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Housebreaks	49	41	70	37	54
Street Robbery	30	31	40	27	36
Auto Theft	64	57	43	26	26
Larceny from MVs	86	50	70	54	64
Malicious Destruction	99	105	90	80	66
Drug Incidents	23	26	22	37	45

### 2006 YEAR END REVIEW

- Although **housebreaks** in Area 4 increased by 46% in comparison to 2005, they still remained around the five-year average. Area 4 reported the third highest number of housebreaks in the City with 54 incidents. Seven of the housebreaks were attempts in which no entry was gained to the residence. Just a few streets accounted for a high proportion of the activity; Essex, Suffolk, and Washington Streets reported 33% of the housebreaks. Six residences in Area 4 were the targets of housebreaks on more than one occasion. There was heavy late spring activity, with May and June seeing the most housebreaks, accounting for 35% of the total. A majority of the housebreaks occurred during the daytime from noon to 5:00 p.m. Daytime is the most common time for housebreaks to occur because most residences are left unoccupied while residents are away from their homes at work. The most common method of entry was doors being shoved or forced open.

- Area 4 reported the highest number of **street robberies** in the City in 2006. A pattern evolved towards the end of February into early March with six possibly related incidents concentrated around Columbia St. These incidents took place on Tuesdays and Thursdays and involved young juvenile suspects threatening males walking alone between midnight and 1:00 a.m. Extra police presence in this area during this time helped stop these robberies from occurring. Another pattern developed later in the year in mid-October. This was a weekend street robbery pattern with six related robberies between 10:00 p.m. and 2:30 a.m. around Broadway. A Malden teen was arrested in this area on Willow St. after robbing a victim. There were six sporadic purse snatchings over the course of the year, and there were six street robberies that resulted in the arrest of the perpetrator. Overall, 36% of the robberies in Area 4 took place between 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Fifteen incidents (36%) took place on Massachusetts Ave, Columbia St., and Windsor St.



- Although Area 4 reported the third highest number of **auto thefts** in the City this year, this was the lowest number reported in Area 4 in at least 10 years. Bishop Allen Drive, Main, Market, Norfolk, Washington, and Windsor Streets were locations of multiple thefts. Hondas represented 31% of the thefts, which is common throughout the City. To date, 38% (10) of the 26 cars stolen have been recovered.

- The number of **larcenies from motor vehicles** in 2006 increased 19% from 2005. Of the 64 larcenies, 5 (8%) were to the exterior of the motor vehicle, including two incidents of headlight theft and two tire thefts. Note that 13 of the larcenies from motor vehicles were likely due to car doors being left unlocked. In an additional six incidents, entry was gained in an "unknown" manner with no signs of force, possibly through an unlocked door. The most commonly targeted items were car stereos and bags left in plain view. There were half a dozen GPS thefts in Area 4, which was part of a citywide trend in 2006.

- The number of **malicious destruction incidents** in Area 4 decreased by 18% from last year. The most commonly reported incidents were business windows being smashed (19 incidents, or 29%). Twenty-three percent of the incidents took place on Harvard St. and Broadway. The majority of the car related incidents were isolated and did not occur in sprees or form patterns. Five businesses had their windows broken and a church's parking lot fence was broken. Eleven reports were for graffiti on residential and commercial buildings, including two on Columbia St. There were four BB Gun related incidents; two car windows were shot out, one business window was shot out, and one residence window on Harvard St. was shot out.

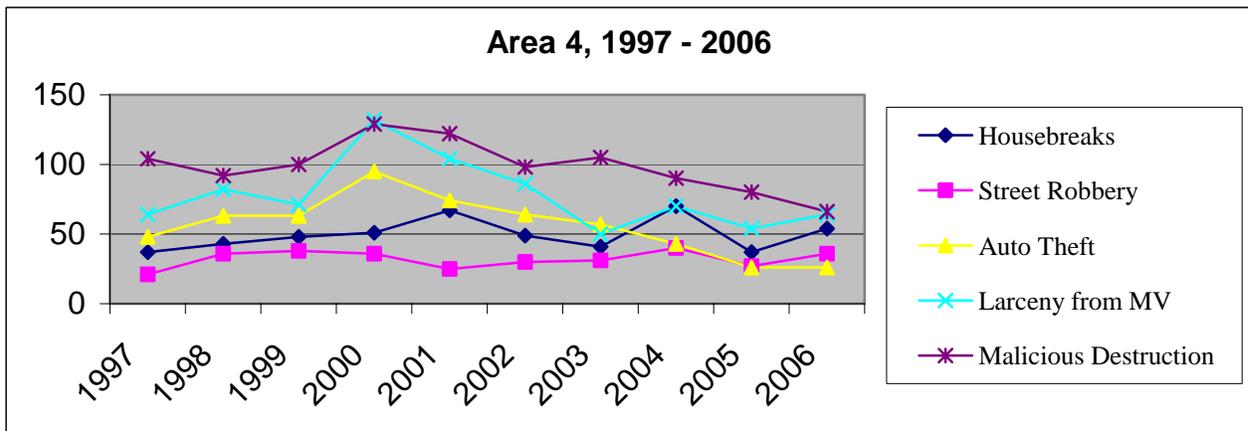
- Drug** incidents increased by 22% over last year. Approximately 82% (37) of the drug incidents resulted in an arrest. Forty-six percent of the arrests were for marijuana trafficking or possession, and thirty-eight percent were for crack/cocaine trafficking, possession, or sale. Eleven of the arrests were made following successful Special Investigations Unit efforts, and four of the drug arrests were made following a motor vehicle stop. The majority of the arrests (16) were made after individuals using drugs in public were observed by officers.

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR AREA 4 TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2006
Housebreaks	101	62	53
Street Robbery	75	47	32
Auto Theft	147	78	48
Larceny from MVs	134	77	71
Malicious Destruction	131	109	94

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Area 4 has a less-than-average residential population among Cambridge neighborhoods, but it has a higher population density than most due to the smaller size of the neighborhood. Coupled with a series of commercial establishments lining Massachusetts Avenue, multi-family homes, as well as large apartment buildings and two public housing developments (Newtowne Court and Washington Elms), Area 4 is different from all others.

- In recent years, because of community crime watches, the Cambridge Housing Authority, and policing by the Cambridge Police Special Investigations Unit, more potential drug incidents have been prevented in the neighborhood's residential areas.
- Area 4 **housebreaks** have increasingly rated higher than average, moving from the fifth to the third highest rank among Cambridge neighborhoods over the past 20 years. Area 4 is often a prime target, due to its high population density in residential areas. In both Mid-Cambridge and Area 4, the Crime Analysis Unit identifies several discernable housebreak patterns that often emerge each year.



## 2005 YEAR END REVIEW

The number of **housebreaks** in Area 4 decreased by 48% in 2005 compared to 2004. This decrease in Area 4 housebreaks can be mostly attributed to the decline in spring and summer patterns. Much of the housebreak activity in Area 4 was focused early in the week with a majority of the incidents occurring on Mondays, between 11am – 5pm. There was heavy summer activity, with 18 incidents (49%) between June and September. • Area 4 reported the second highest number of **street robberies** in the City in 2005, second only to Cambridgeport. Despite this, no major patterns evolved in this area. Overall, 48% of the robberies in Area 4 took place between 6:30pm and 10pm. Seven incidents (26%) took place on Massachusetts Ave and five incidents (19%) occurred on Norfolk St. • The 26 **cars reported stolen** this year was the lowest number reported in Area 4 in at least 10 years. Hondas represented 27% of the thefts, which is common throughout the city. • The number of **larcenies from motor vehicles** decreased 23% from 2004 to 2005. Of the 54 larcenies, 9 (17%) were to the exterior of the motor vehicle, including three incidents of headlight theft from Audis. This was part of an overall Audi headlight pattern involving incidents throughout the city. • The number of **malicious destruction** incidents in Area 4 decreased slightly in 2005, by 12%. The most commonly reported incidents were business windows being smashed (11 incidents). In three cases, a pellet or B.B. gun was used. Harvard St. was hit the hardest with 18% of the incidents; these included car windows being smashed, cars being keyed, residences being targeted, and tires being slashed. • Approximately 57% of the **drug** incidents were for crack/cocaine trafficking and possession, and 38% were for marijuana trafficking and possession. Approximately 85% (32) of the drug incidents resulted in an arrest. Three of the drug arrests were made following a motor vehicle stop, and three arrests were made after individuals using drugs in public were observed by officers.