

**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

Larcenies from buildings decreased by nine incidents when compared with the 2007 total which registered a 15% decline in this business district. Fifty-one percent of these types of thefts occurred at the Galleria Mall. Three distinct scenarios account for the majority of these larcenies at the Mall: the theft of employee property from back rooms of retail establishments, incidents that the Crime Analysis Unit categorize as inside jobs with employees stealing from their employer, and the rifling of cash from registers or property from counters. • Eighty-one percent of the **larcenies from persons** in the East Cambridge business district in 2008 occurred at the Galleria Mall. The trend of a high percentage of these thefts being from diners at the Food Court has changed over the past three years. Pickpockets have been targeting shoppers who leave their purses or cell phones unattended while searching for bargains. Further analysis reveals that nearly half of these incidents occurred on Friday and Saturday between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. • After going nearly 15 months without an incident, there were six **commercial robberies** registered in this business district in 2008. Three of the six robberies in 2008 were of taxicabs and remain under investigation. There were arrests in both of the bank robberies in the Galleria/East Cambridge district last year. • The decrease in thefts from construction sites that had plagued this area for almost two years is the major reason **commercial burglary (down 54% in 2008)** recorded its third lowest total in a decade. There were scattered weekend night breaks to restaurants in the 400 to 500 block of Cambridge Street, but no definite patterns were identified. • Shoplifting increased by 46 incidents and posted a 38% increase in this business district in 2008. Ninety-five percent of the **shoplifting** reports were at the Galleria Mall. Temporal analysis of this crime points to a trend of thefts between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Monday and Friday nights. Professional boosting teams avoided the Galleria in 2008.

CRIME	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Larceny from Building	104	86	85	60	51
Larceny from Person	44	45	44	46	54
Commercial Burglary	8	15	30	26	12
Commercial Robbery	8	10	3	0	6
Shoplifting	145	134	103	121	167
Fraud/Flim	78	58	70	41	66
Flam/Counterfeiting					