

***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

Commercial robbery has become a concern in the Alewife/West Cambridge District. Business District #10 has averaged nearly nine robberies per year since 2004. There was one fewer robbery in 2008 than in 2007. Both of the bank robberies on Huron Ave in 2008 were cleared with the arrest of a teen from Cambridge. Three convenience store robberies on Concord Ave were linked to a pair of robbers from Somerville who went on a pre-Christmas crime spree throughout Greater Boston. • A previously identified trend involves a large percentage of Boston residents arrested for **shoplifting** at the Fresh Pond Mall. These shoplifters tend to be older in age and more professional than arrestees in other business districts. • **Larcenies from buildings** decreased 19% in this business district when compared with the figures of 2007. A pattern of thefts from workstations, patients' rooms, and supply cabinets at area hospitals was identified during the first quarter of the year. Between July and the end of the year, there was a marked increase in laptop thefts from research companies and wallets from lockers at health clubs in West Cambridge. • The major **larceny from the person** scenario in West Cambridge was the theft of wallets from the purses of distracted shoppers in supermarkets. • **Commercial burglary** registered a 57% decline in West Cambridge/Alewife this year. The smash-and-grab series that previously plagued businesses on Huron Ave, Concord Ave, and Alewife did not surface in 2008.

CRIME	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Larceny from Building	71	60	40	59	48
Larceny from Person	24	25	12	31	19
Commercial Burglary	16	14	18	23	10
Commercial Robbery	13	7	11	7	6
Shoplifting	49	39	26	17	30
Fraud/Flim	38	50	49	43	48
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