

***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.

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**Larcenies from buildings** increased by 11 incidents in Business District #3 in 2008. Over 40% of the larcenies from buildings in the Inman Square business district involved the theft of unattended property from public buildings. Thieves scouted hospitals, schools, and city offices with employees' purses and wallets as the targets. Although larcenies from buildings increased 55% in 2008, it is not considered a significant crime problem in this area and no major patterns were detected. • **Commercial robberies** increased by one incident when compared with the five incidents reported in 2007. A female serial bank robber was arrested and charged with two incidents. The three late night convenience store robberies along Broadway were not related and remain under investigation. • **Commercial burglary** fell 47% when compared with the 2007 numbers and posted its lowest annual total in over a decade. Sporadic, unprofessional, smash-and-grab breaks occurred in the 700 to 1100 blocks of Cambridge St throughout the year and no patterns or links were identified. • The **shoplifting** totals are inconsequential and this type of larceny has never been a problem for Inman Square businesses. • Sixty percent of the **larcenies from persons** in this business district involved the theft of unattended property in parks and other public places. There has been a slight increase in professional pickpockets working Inman Square restaurants over the past two years. The thieves are targeting wallets from the purses of females while they are dining. However, this crime scenario is much more common in Harvard or Central Square. • Identity theft (30%) and fraudulent use of credit cards (37%) accounted for the majority of the fraud category.

CRIME	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Larceny from Building</b>	35	30	29	20	31
<b>Larceny from Person</b>	18	15	24	25	27
<b>Commercial Burglary</b>	13	15	30	17	9
<b>Commercial Robbery</b>	7	19	3	5	6
<b>Shoplifting</b>	3	4	4	5	5
<b>Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting</b>	40	40	42	44	52