

***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

Commercial burglaries declined significantly (-56%) in 2008 in Porter Square. Five of the seven breaks were during the summer in the 2300 block of Mass Ave. However, these incidents were unrelated and no pattern was identified. • **Commercial robbery** also recorded a major decline in Porter Square, falling from nine incidents in 2007 to four in 2008. Three of the four robberies in Porter Square were at banks in the 2300 block of Mass Ave. A serial note-passing robber from Lexington, who was active throughout Greater Boston, was arrested and charged with two of Porter Square's bank robberies. • **Larceny from the person** fell 24% in Porter Square in 2008. The majority of these incidents occurred on weekday afternoons at the Porter Square Shopping Center. Patterns with pickpockets and professional dippers are seldom identified in this business district. • While **shoplifting** numbers were trending upward in other retail areas in the City, this target crime dropped nearly 60% in Porter Square. Eight of the thirteen shoplifting incidents in Business District #9 occurred at the Shaw's Supermarket in Porter Square.

CRIME	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Larceny from Building	37	36	36	23	32
Larceny from Person	23	12	17	25	19
Commercial Burglary	6	16	24	16	7
Commercial Robbery	6	10	13	9	4
Shoplifting	31	31	21	32	13
Fraud/Film	33	35	40	35	42
Flam/Counterfeiting					