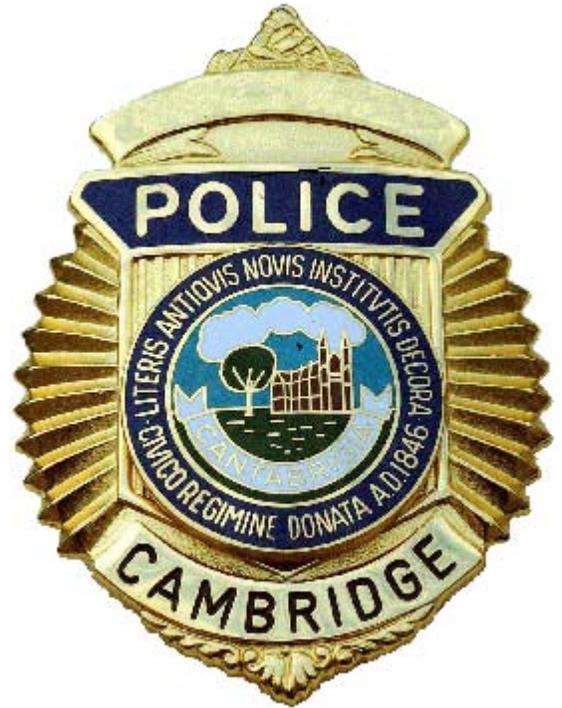


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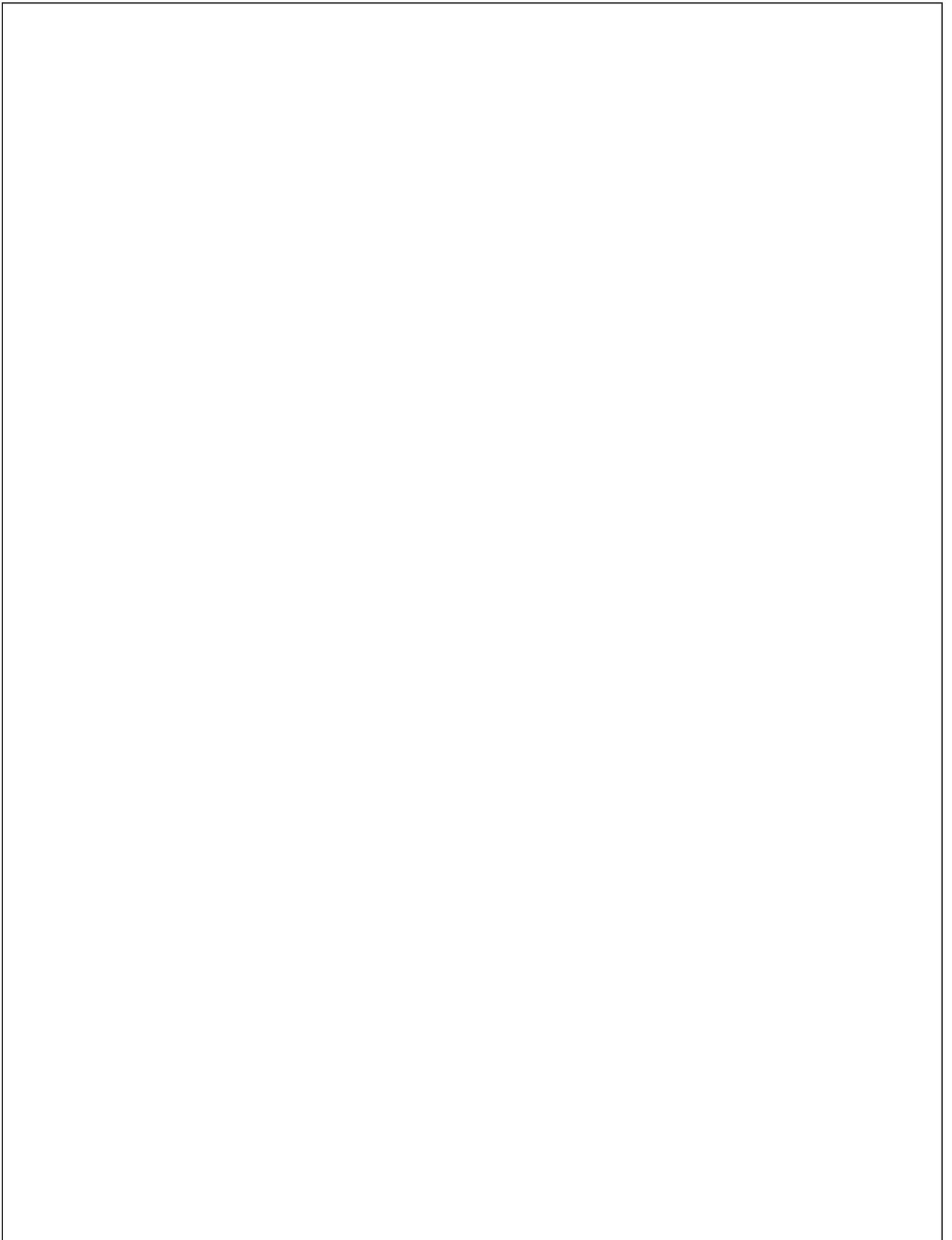
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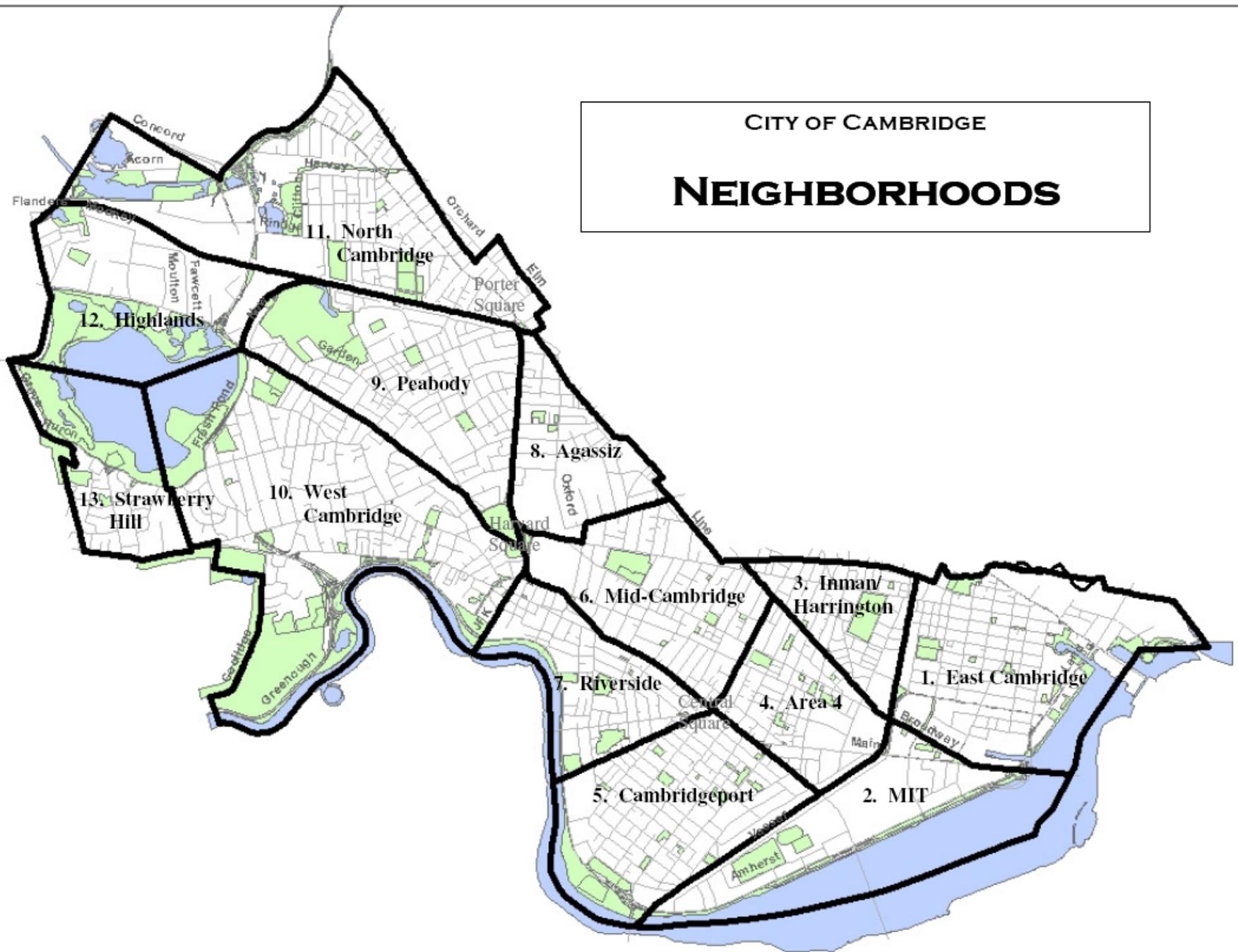
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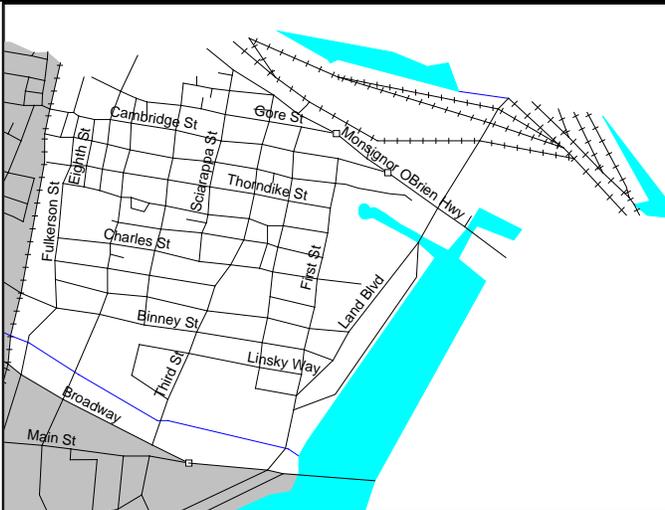
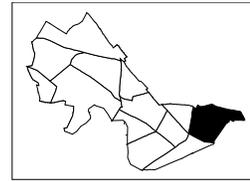


## NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKDOWN OF INDEX CRIMES IN 2010

<b>CRIME</b>	<b>East Camb</b>	<b>MIT</b>	<b>Inman/Harrington</b>	<b>Area 4</b>	<b>Camb. Port</b>	<b>Mid-Camb</b>	<b>Riverside</b>	<b>Agassiz</b>	<b>Peabody</b>	<b>W. Camb</b>	<b>N. Camb</b>	<b>Camb Highlands</b>	<b>Strw. Hill</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	24	3	29	46	43	19	25	5	8	21	23	1	4	<b>251</b>
<b>Arson</b>	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	<b>8</b>
<b>Auto Theft</b>	15	1	16	21	26	18	10	4	14	20	20	1	3	<b>169</b>
<b>Commercial Break</b>	4	2	5	2	13	4	12	3	4	7	19	5	7	<b>87</b>
<b>Commercial Rob.</b>	1	0	0	3	1	2	7	1	1	4	1	1	0	<b>22</b>
<b>Drugs</b>	3	2	11	21	21	13	5	2	0	4	4	1	2	<b>89</b>
<b>Flim Flam</b>	12	2	4	5	7	9	9	2	7	6	10	3	1	<b>77</b>
<b>Forgery</b>	32	10	21	21	39	40	22	13	20	36	37	6	11	<b>308</b>
<b>Homicide</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Housebreak</b>	23	0	41	47	44	65	29	21	27	24	40	0	5	<b>366</b>
<b>Indecent Assault</b>	4	1	2	5	6	4	3	1	1	1	4	0	0	<b>32</b>
<b>Indecent Exposure</b>	3	0	0	5	7	5	1	0	0	3	3	1	0	<b>28</b>
<b>Larceny (Misc)</b>	1	0	0	3	3	1	5	0	1	6	2	1	2	<b>25</b>
<b>Larceny from Building</b>	57	14	15	35	40	50	49	22	12	52	36	9	2	<b>393</b>
<b>Larceny from MV</b>	58	11	42	73	102	117	75	50	59	101	67	11	18	<b>784</b>
<b>Larceny from Person</b>	40	11	6	36	47	16	55	9	8	82	19	10	3	<b>342</b>
<b>Larceny from Residence</b>	15	0	16	21	24	40	17	6	18	10	20	2	3	<b>192</b>
<b>Larceny of Bicycle</b>	40	15	28	33	60	42	41	17	33	32	33	2	4	<b>380</b>
<b>Larceny of Plate</b>	8	2	2	3	7	5	3	2	3	3	4	0	1	<b>43</b>
<b>Larceny of Services</b>	3	0	4	1	5	1	2	0	2	6	3	2	2	<b>31</b>
<b>Mal. Dest. Property</b>	58	5	56	47	73	34	52	21	50	47	73	7	21	<b>544</b>
<b>Peeping &amp; Spying</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Shoplifting</b>	179	3	6	7	41	4	11	6	1	50	25	27	5	<b>365</b>
<b>Simple Assault</b>	48	6	44	56	58	40	47	5	22	33	42	3	11	<b>415</b>
<b>Street Robbery</b>	13	2	8	27	22	14	8	5	10	14	14	2	2	<b>141</b>

# NEIGHBORHOOD 1

## EAST CAMBRIDGE



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

**POPULATION AS OF 2000:**  
7,294 residents  
3,688 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME AS OF 1999:**  
\$41,583

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, 2006-2010

CRIME	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Housebreaks	41	26	28	40	23
Street Robbery	20	15	19	14	13
Auto Theft	21	24	15	20	15
Larceny from MVs	94	171	140	86	58
Malicious Destruction	63	107	90	67	58
Drug Incidents	7	20	14	7	3

Very few crime patterns emerged in East Cambridge in 2010. During the first quarter, two related street robberies were reported near the Galleria Mall, the second of which resulted in an arrest (see Robbery section on page 28). In June and July, areas of First and Third Streets in East Cambridge experienced an increase in bicycle thefts (see Larceny section on page 46). There was also a concentration of bicycle thefts during the summer months in the Cambridge Center parking garages.

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR EAST CAMBRIDGE TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2010
Housebreaks	38	36	37
Street Robbery	10	19	16
Auto Theft	156	86	34
Larceny from MVs	121	106	101
Malicious Destruction	118	110	93

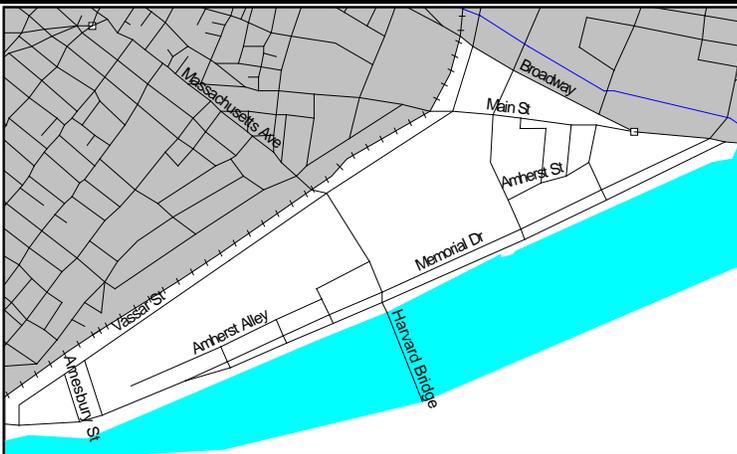
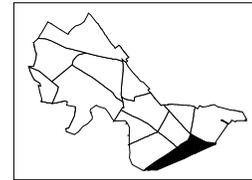
### NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

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 Cambridge Jail.

- **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. This was the case in 2009 and 2010, when packs of juveniles were robbing victims of high-end cell phones near the mall. 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. In 2010, East Cambridge ranked in the top third of all neighborhoods for malicious destruction, but was lower than usual in auto thefts and larcenies from motor vehicles. The drop in larcenies may possibly be due to a notable reduction in larcenies from vehicles in parking garages, which had been a problem in this area prior to 2009.
- **Assaults, threats** and related crimes between plaintiffs, victims, or complainants and defendants used to occur in the area of the Middlesex County Courthouse. In 2008, divisions of the court began to relocate to other jurisdictions to allow for renovations at the Cambridge Courthouse. This may account for at least part of the drop in simple assaults in East Cambridge since 2008 (down 16%).

## NEIGHBORHOOD 2

# M.I.T. AREA



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

**POPULATION AS OF 2000:**  
5,486 residents  
752 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME AS OF 1999:** \$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, 2006-2010

CRIME	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Housebreaks	1	1	0	0	0
Street Robbery	1	2	4	3	2
Auto Theft	7	5	5	3	1
Larceny from MVs	24	29	33	36	11
Malicious Destruction	4	5	5	6	5
Drug Incidents	1	3	1	3	2

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. No known patterns emerged in this neighborhood in 2010.

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR M.I.T. AREA TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2010
Housebreaks	19	4	1
Street Robbery	11	5	3
Auto Theft	102	55	8
Larceny from MVs	56	49	24
Malicious Destruction	47	28	8

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

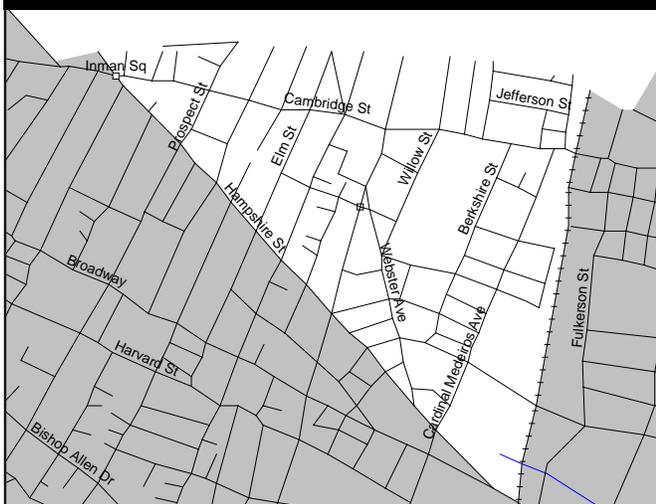
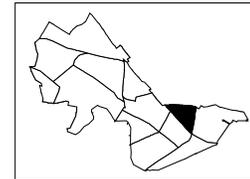
The Massachusetts Institute of Technology is the dominant venue in the MIT neighborhood given that MIT property envelops most of the area. Its large student population—a large proportion of which is foreign—is alluring to local criminals, who often consider students to be unsuspecting prey.

*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**. In 2010, however, the M.I.T. neighborhood had the lowest numbers of the city for both of these crimes.
- **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 most 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**.

## NEIGHBORHOOD 3

## INMAN/HARRINGTON



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

**POPULATION AS OF 2000:**

7,345 residents  
3,021 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME AS OF 1999:**  
\$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, 2006-2010

CRIME	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Housebreaks	53	80	55	27	41
Street Robbery	23	12	10	8	8
Auto Theft	23	18	25	13	16
Larceny from MVs	61	89	35	19	42
Malicious Destruction	62	73	60	86	56
Drug Incidents	14	23	12	10	11

No substantial patterns emerged in the Inman/Harrington neighborhood in 2010. Notably, housebreaks increased again in 2010 after having dropped off considerably in 2009, but they still were not at the level seen during 2007 and 2008 when this neighborhood and Area 4 were plagued with a persistent, on-again off-again housebreak pattern. The only notable housebreak activity in this neighborhood took place in late March and early April when a series of similar daytime and early evening housebreaks targeting electronics were reported in Mid-Cambridge, Area 4, and Inman. No arrests were made, but the series cooled off in April. The only other pattern-related incident of note in this neighborhood was a street robbery in September that was part of a one-night spree across lower Cambridge and into Somerville (see Robbery section on page 28).

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR INMAN/HARRINGTON TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2010
Housebreaks	57	38	46
Street Robbery	14	15	11
Auto Theft	89	48	30
Larceny from MVs	66	45	45
Malicious Destruction	94	79	67

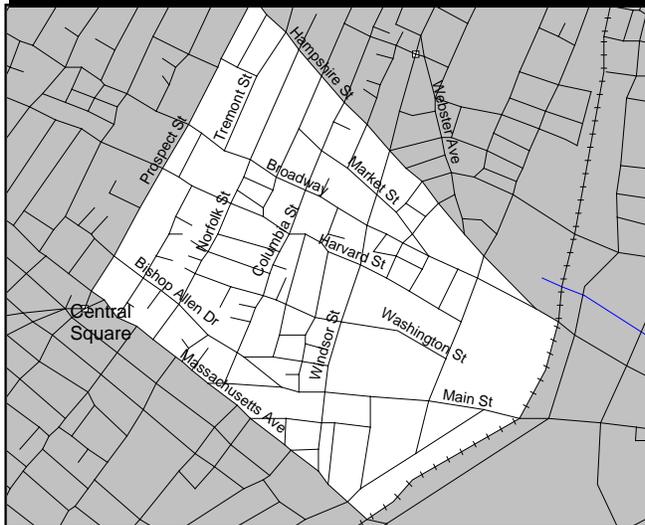
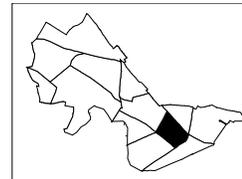
### NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

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 typically 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, nearing the Area 4 border.
- **Auto theft** and **malicious destruction** have remained at median levels over the past decade. The related crime of **larceny from motor vehicles (LMVs)**, on the other hand, was lower than Inman in only three other neighborhoods in 2010. This is consistent with the past, as LMVs tend to be lower in Inman than in most other neighborhoods in Cambridge.
- 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.

# NEIGHBORHOOD 4

## AREA 4



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

**POPULATION AS OF 2000:**

7,263 residents  
2,630 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME AS OF**

**1999:** \$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, 2006-2010

CRIME	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Housebreaks	54	86	47	30	47
Street Robbery	36	21	20	23	27
Auto Theft	26	35	31	17	21
Larceny from MVs	64	140	73	69	73
Malicious Destruction	66	54	90	52	47
Drug Incidents	45	37	21	20	21

Unlike in 2007 and 2008 when a persistent housebreak pattern plagued Area 4 and Inman/Harrington, only a couple brief housebreak series emerged in Area 4 in 2010. In late March into early April, as many as twelve daytime and early evening housebreaks were reported along the Somerville border in Mid-Cambridge into Inman/Harrington and Area 4. Entry was typically gained through forced doors and windows, and the main targets were laptops, TVs, portable electronics, and bank/credit cards. No arrests were made in this series, but the incidents cooled off in mid-April. There was also a series of five housebreaks reported in Area 4 over the course of two days in November. All of these incidents took place in apartment buildings at midday and targeted electronics. No arrests were made in either series.

There was one significant street robbery pattern that involved Area 4 incidents in 2010. Between mid October and early November, a total of 16 similar armed street robberies were reported in Cambridge, Brookline, and Boston. Three of these incidents took place in Area 4. An arrest brought this pattern to an end on November 3. (See Robbery section on page 28 for more details).

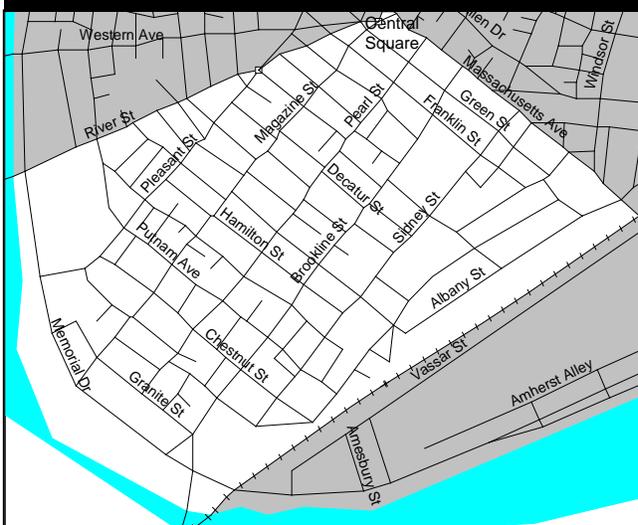
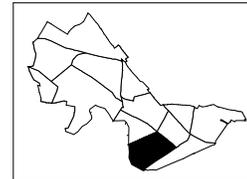
ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR AREA 4 TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2010
Housebreaks	101	62	53
Street Robbery	75	47	28
Auto Theft	147	78	39
Larceny from MVs	134	77	78
Malicious Destruction	131	109	80

## 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 (particularly in Central Square), 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 other neighborhoods.

- Area 4 **housebreaks** have increasingly rated higher than average. Area 4 is often a prime target for this type of crime due to its high population density in residential areas. Unlike in recent years, no significant patterns developed in Area 4 during 2009 or 2010.
- **Larceny from motor vehicles** is often a problem in Area 4. In 2010, Area 4 had the fifth highest number of incidents in the City. The theft of GPS units from vehicles is still a considerable problem both in Area 4 and citywide.
- Historically, Area 4 has ranked among the top neighborhoods for **drug incidents** in Cambridge. This was the case in 2010, as Area 4 tied with Cambridgeport for the most drug incidents in the City. This is likely due to the existence of Central Square in these two neighborhoods, which tends to be a hotspot of drug activity.

# NEIGHBORHOOD 5 CAMBRIDGEPORT



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by Massachusetts Avenue, the B&A railroad, the Charles River, and River Street

**POPULATION AS OF 2000:**  
10,052 residents  
4,598 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME AS OF 1999:**  
\$45,294

Neighborhood #5 is encompassed by the patrol boundaries of Car 3 (2 officers) and Car 5R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 5A, 5B, and Central 12.

### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2006-2010

CRIME	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Housebreaks	85	59	32	38	44
Street Robbery	19	19	16	32	22
Auto Theft	25	30	28	28	26
Larceny from MVs	67	140	120	160	102
Malicious Destruction	78	85	77	53	73
Drug Incidents	27	28	13	32	21

Cambridgeport experienced more notable crime patterns than most other neighborhoods in the City in 2010. A pattern of early evening housebreaks developed in April and continued through early May, ending with an unrelated arrest of possible suspects in mid-May (see Burglary section on page 40). One of the more prolific patterns in the City in 2010 was a pattern of larcenies from motor vehicles that took place in the parking lot of Whole Foods on River St and also sporadically in the parking lot at Trader Joe's/Microcenter on Memorial Dr. Over 17 incidents were reported between late September and mid November and ended with an arrest in late November (see Larceny from Motor Vehicles section on page 43). Cambridgeport also experienced a number of thefts of stereos from Hondas during the second quarter (see Larceny from Motor Vehicles section on page 44). Two street robbery series affected Cambridgeport this year. A one-night spree across lower Cambridge and Somerville in September included one street robbery on Magazine St. There was also a significant street robbery pattern in October and early November, which involved 16 armed street robberies in Cambridge, Brookline, and Boston. Two of these incidents took place in Cambridgeport. An arrest brought this pattern to an end on November 3 (See Robbery section on page 28 for more details on these two robbery series).

<b>ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR CAMBRIDGEPORT TARGET CRIMES</b>			
<b>Crime</b>	<b>1981-1990</b>	<b>1991-2000</b>	<b>2001-2010</b>
Housebreaks	156	66	57
Street Robbery	57	31	26
Auto Theft	165	85	44
Larceny from MVs	126	92	103
Malicious Destruction	106	106	99

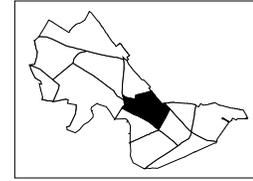
## **NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS**

Cambridgeport has the fifth highest residential population of the city's neighborhoods. It is characterized by several large apartment buildings as well as many one-, two-, and three-family houses. The neighborhood is bordered by a string of retail stores, hotels, and restaurants on Memorial Drive, River Street, and Massachusetts Avenue.

- **Street robberies** had been the most serious crime problem in Cambridgeport until recent years when they began to decline. However, in 2009, street robberies doubled in this neighborhood, due to an increase in incidents involving groups of juveniles robbing victims of high-end cell phones. This number dropped off in 2010, but it still remains a concern in the neighborhood. As with Area 4, Cambridgeport's street robberies tend to be concentrated near Massachusetts Avenue and Central Square.
- **Housebreaks**, usually higher than average in Cambridgeport, have declined significantly since the 1980s. The average number of housebreaks since 1991 is less than half of the 1980s' average. Cambridgeport's housebreak rate can be attributed to its large, densely packed residential population.
- **Larceny from motor vehicles** usually registers high in Cambridgeport. In 2010, this neighborhood reported the second highest number of incidents by far in the City, due in part to the pattern that emerged at Whole Foods in September.
- The homeless shelter located on Albany St is often a scene for **street robberies** and **aggravated assaults** between its patrons.

# NEIGHBORHOOD 6

## MID-CAMBRIDGE



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by Massachusetts Avenue, Prospect Street, Hampshire Street, the Somerville border, Kirkland Street, Quincy Street, and Cambridge Street

**POPULATION AS OF 2000:**  
13,589 residents  
6,375 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME AS OF 1999:** \$50,410

Neighborhood #6 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 2 (2 officers) and 6R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 6A, 6B, 6C, and Harvard 15

### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2006-2010

CRIME	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Housebreaks	78	56	61	36	65
Street Robbery	12	10	13	16	14
Auto Theft	27	31	28	20	18
Larceny from MVs	85	144	115	115	117
Malicious Destruction	52	76	44	47	34
Drug Incidents	12	16	15	10	13

After seeing a significant drop in housebreaks in Mid-Cambridge in 2009, incidents in 2010 rose back above the level seen in 2008, due to the emergence of the most prominent housebreak pattern in the city this year. Between July and September, roughly 30 breaks were reported in Mid-Cambridge and Agassiz. Somerville also experienced a marked increase in housebreaks during this time frame as well. In October, Somerville Police arrested a few suspects who were also believed to be suspects in the Cambridge incidents (see Burglary section on page 40 for more details).

Other patterns and series in this neighborhood in 2010 included a brief, six-day pattern of larcenies from motor vehicles in mid-February in the area of Broadway, Ware St, Harvard St, and Quincy St (no arrests made), thefts of stereos from Hondas during the second quarter (see Larceny section on page 43-44), a quick series of possibly related purse snatchings that took place at night in Mid-Cambridge, Peabody, and North Cambridge in October, and one incident in a pattern of sixteen armed street robberies in Cambridge and surrounding jurisdictions in October and early November (see Robbery section on page 28).

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR MID-CAMBRIDGE TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2010
Housebreaks	226	103	77
Street Robbery	49	18	15
Auto Theft	147	69	31
Larceny from MVs	198	103	104
Malicious Destruction	149	102	71

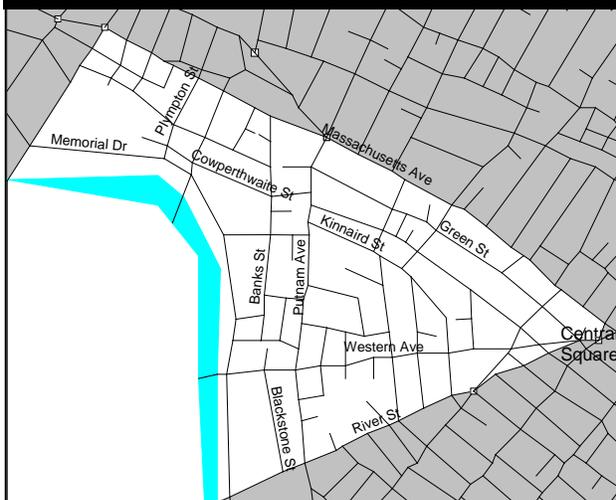
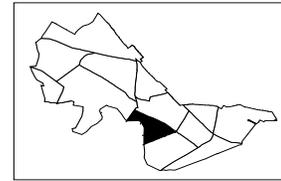
## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Mid-Cambridge is a busy neighborhood. In addition to the highest population of any neighborhood in Cambridge, Mid-Cambridge also has the city's largest high school (Cambridge Rindge & Latin), the Jackson Gardens residential complex, a good portion of Harvard University, and our own City Hall. It is bordered by the major thoroughways of Massachusetts Avenue, Prospect Street, and Cambridge Street, and three of the city's five busiest squares (Central, Harvard, and Inman) occupy its corners. Because of the enormous number of people living, working, shopping, and going to school within its borders, Mid-Cambridge tends to have a higher-than-average rate for several crimes.

*Harvard University, which has its own police department, patrols Harvard property in the western part of the neighborhood. Our statistics do not reflect most incidents that occur on Harvard University property.*

- **Residential burglary** is naturally higher in a neighborhood with the largest number of residences. Though the rate of this crime has been cut in half since the 1980s, it still remains a problem. Mid-Cambridge reported the largest number of housebreaks in the City in 2010.
- Mid-Cambridge also typically ranks high in **larceny from motor vehicles** and the related crime of **auto theft**.
- For the population size of Mid-Cambridge, **street robbery** is comparably low. Most of the incidents that do occur happen on Massachusetts Avenue and Cambridge St, and in Inman Square.
- The high amount of pedestrian traffic on Massachusetts Avenue leads to a large number of **bicycle thefts** each year, particularly in or near Harvard Square.

## NEIGHBORHOOD 7 RIVERSIDE



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by Massachusetts Avenue, River Street, the Charles River, and JFK Street

**POPULATION AS OF 2000:**  
10,897 residents  
3,738 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME AS OF 1999:**  
\$40,753

Neighborhood #7 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 3 (2 officer cars) and Cars 6R and 10R (1 officer cars). Also included within its boundaries are walking routes 7A and 7B.

### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2006-2010

CRIME	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Housebreaks	31	36	23	32	29
Street Robbery	10	11	9	14	8
Auto Theft	12	11	21	10	10
Larceny from MVs	43	63	75	48	75
Malicious Destruction	59	48	59	45	52
Drug Incidents	11	14	14	7	5

One of the most noteworthy patterns in Riverside in 2010 involved a series of larcenies from motor vehicles in the periphery of Harvard Sq during the second quarter. At least twelve incidents in Riverside, Peabody, and West Cambridge were part of this pattern, which involved a male suspect on a bicycle who broke vehicle windows with a brick and stole bags from inside. A suspect was arrested in an unrelated incident in late June, effectively ending the pattern (see Larceny from Motor Vehicle section on page 43). Other pattern-related incidents in this neighborhood included a street robbery in September that was part of a one-night spree across lower Cambridge and Somerville (see Robbery section on page 28) and a series of stereo thefts from Hondas during the second quarter (see Larceny section on page 44).

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR RIVERSIDE TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2010
Housebreaks	83	43	37
Street Robbery	34	17	14
Auto Theft	92	41	21
Larceny from MVs	87	47	49
Malicious Destruction	78	75	64

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

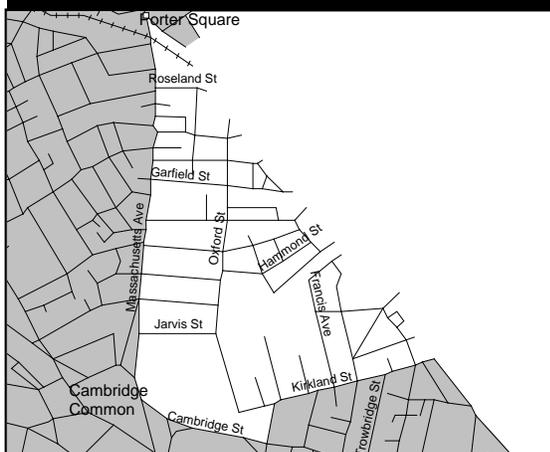
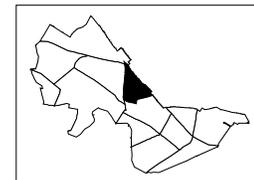
Riverside has the fourth highest population in the city, but it ranks well below the average for almost all index crimes. Along with its 11,000 residents, Riverside has two housing developments (Putnam Gardens and the River-Howard homes), two major parks (Hoyt Field and Riverside Press Park), and many commercial establishments along Massachusetts Avenue, River Street, and Western Avenue. Several Harvard University dormitories and other properties occupy the northwestern quarter. Riverside's borders also encompass the United States Post Office located in Central Square.

*Harvard University, which has its own police department, patrols Harvard property in the northwestern part of this neighborhood. Our statistics do not reflect most incidents that occur on university property.*

- **Malicious destruction** is the only crime that has not shown a significant average decline in Riverside since the 1980s, though it is typically low compared to the rest of the city. Most of this vandalism targets motor vehicles. Occasional patterns of this crime over long holiday weekends have been a problem in the past.
- **Street robberies** are low for a neighborhood of Riverside's population, but they remain a pressing problem. Riverside also has an exceptionally low number of **housebreaks** reported for its size.
- The only neighborhoods that usually have lower **auto theft** and **larceny from motor vehicles** totals have less than half of Riverside's population. However, larcenies from motor vehicles in Riverside in 2010 were higher than usual, possibly due to heightened larceny activity in the Harvard Sq area this year.

## NEIGHBORHOOD 8

## AGASSIZ



**BOUNDARIES:** bounded by Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge Street, Quincy Street, Kirkland Street, and the Somerville border

**POPULATION AS OF 2000:**  
5,241 residents  
1,980 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME AS OF 1999:** \$55,380

Neighborhood #8 is encompassed by the patrol boundaries of Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 9R (1 officer). It is also covered by walking routes 8A, 8B, and 8C.

## COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2006-2010

CRIME	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Housebreaks	24	17	20	14	21
Street Robbery	3	4	1	7	5
Auto Theft	11	11	8	12	4
Larceny from MVs	43	89	76	58	50
Malicious Destruction	22	17	9	7	21
Drug Incidents	1	0	0	1	2

Agassiz experienced parts of two notable patterns this year. Between July and September, over 30 housebreaks were reported in Mid-Cambridge, Agassiz, and across the border in Somerville. In October, Somerville Police arrested a number of individuals who were also believed to be suspects in the Cambridge incidents (see Burglary section on page 40 for more details). There was also a significant street robbery pattern in October and early November, which involved 16 armed street robberies in Cambridge, Brookline, and Boston. Two of these incidents took place in Agassiz. An arrest brought this pattern to an end on November 3 (See Robbery section on page 28 for more details on these two robbery series). In addition to these patterns, there were also concentrations of larcenies from motor vehicles that developed intermittently along the Agassiz/Mid-Cambridge border throughout the year (see Larceny section on page 43).

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR AGASSIZ TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2010
Housebreaks	67	26	25
Street Robbery	11	7	4
Auto Theft	45	19	11
Larceny from MVs	47	30	49
Malicious Destruction	45	28	18

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

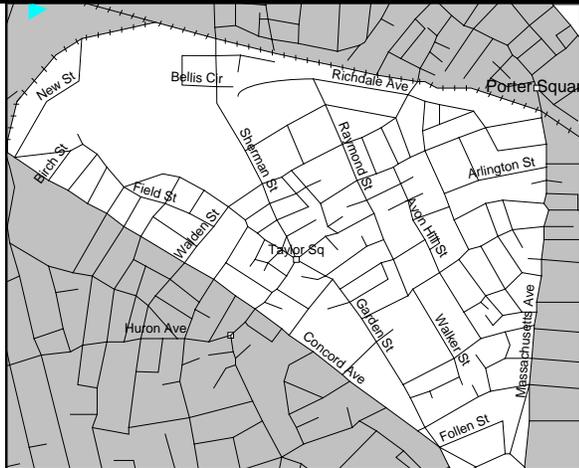
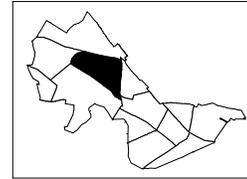
Over half of the Agassiz neighborhood is occupied by Harvard University and Lesley University. The rest of the residential population is concentrated primarily in a triangle in the northern section of the neighborhood, capped by bustling Porter Square. A number of businesses line Massachusetts Avenue on Agassiz's west border.

*Harvard University, which has its own police department, patrols Harvard property in the southern part of the neighborhood. Our statistics do not reflect most incidents that occur on Harvard University property.*

- Agassiz has a lower-than-average rate for almost every measured crime. Unlike some other neighborhoods, only one of its borders is defined by a major, heavily trafficked avenue. Only three other neighborhoods have lower average totals of **housebreaks, auto thefts** and **street robberies**, and only one neighborhood has fewer **malicious destruction incidents**.
- Juveniles entering the neighborhood from Somerville were suspected in a pattern of **street robberies** in 1996 and 1997; such patterns arise occasionally, usually clustered at the intersections of Massachusetts Avenue and Wendell Street or Oxford Avenue and Sacramento Street. These occasional patterns generally occur in the late night on weekends.
- Somerville juveniles have also been associated with occasional tire-slashings on Forest Street and Massachusetts Avenue. The **malicious destruction** statistics have also reflected incidents of spray-painting at the Baldwin School in the past.

# NEIGHBORHOOD 9

# PEABODY



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by the B&M Railroad, Concord Avenue, Garden Street, and Massachusetts Avenue

**POPULATION AS OF 2000:**

11,794 residents  
5,538 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME AS OF**

**1999:** \$58,708

Neighborhood #9 is encompassed by Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 9R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 9A, 9B, 9C, and 9D.

## COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2006-2010

CRIME	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Housebreaks	43	59	50	43	27
Street Robbery	13	7	13	11	10
Auto Theft	38	18	24	20	14
Larceny from MVs	111	125	105	104	59
Malicious Destruction	72	83	52	45	50
Drug Incidents	5	8	3	2	0

Peabody experienced a few different types of crime patterns in 2010. A series of larcenies from motor vehicles took place along the periphery of Harvard Sq during the second quarter. At least twelve incidents in Riverside, Peabody, and West Cambridge were part of this pattern, which involved a male suspect on a bicycle who broke vehicle windows with a brick and stole bags from inside. A suspect was arrested in an unrelated incident in late June, bringing the pattern to an end (see Larceny from Motor Vehicle section on page 43). From August to September, a series of daytime housebreaks were reported in Peabody. Approximately 12 incidents were part of this pattern, which involved entry through cut window screens and thefts of jewelry, silverware, and laptops (see Burglary section on page 40). A significant street robbery pattern involving 16 armed street robberies occurred in October and early November in Cambridge, Brookline, and Boston. Three of these incidents took place in Peabody. An arrest brought this pattern to an end on November 3 (See Robbery section on page 28 for more details).

### ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR PEABODY TARGET CRIMES

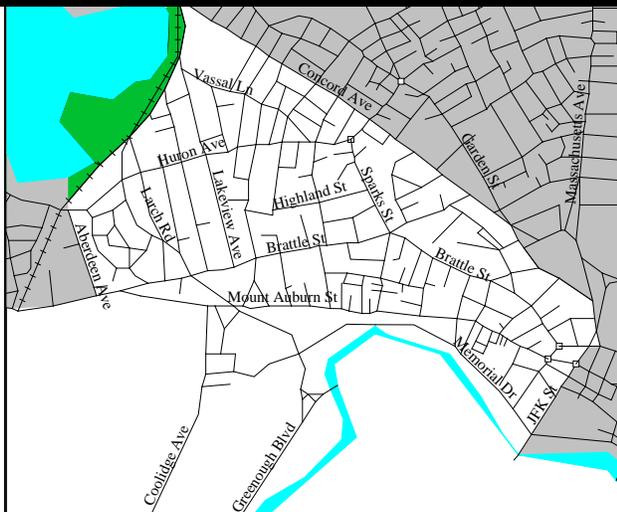
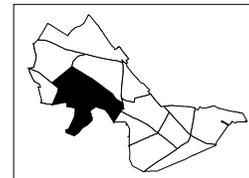
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2010
Housebreaks	150	53	49
Street Robbery	21	14	10
Auto Theft	94	42	30
Larceny from MVs	74	60	80
Malicious Destruction	135	72	74

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Peabody has the second highest population in the city, yet most of its crimes are at or below the city's average. The neighborhood's residences include several large apartment complexes, a public housing development (Lincoln Way), and hundreds of single- and double-family houses. Peabody boasts two of the biggest public parks in the city: Cambridge Common and Danehy Park. Large commercial establishments mark Massachusetts Avenue and Walden Square Road.

- Cambridge Common has traditionally experienced after-dark crimes ranging from **public drinking** and **drug use** to **robbery** and **sexual assault**. Increased preventive patrol has diminished occurrences in recent years.
- Summer **housebreak** patterns sometimes plague Richdale Ave and Upland Rd.
- **Auto theft** and **larceny from motor vehicles** typically rank high in Peabody compared to most other neighborhoods in Cambridge. In 2010, larcenies from motor vehicles were down by over 40% in this neighborhood with very few incidents reported in the usual hotspot area along Mass Ave.

# NEIGHBORHOOD 10 WEST CAMBRIDGE



**BOUNDARIES:** bounded by the Charles River, JFK Street, Garden Street, Concord Avenue, Fresh Pond, Aberdeen Avenue, and the Watertown line

**POPULATION AS OF 2000:**  
8,149 residents  
3,986 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME AS OF 1999:**  
\$80,746

Neighborhood #10 is encompassed by the patrol boundaries of Car 4 (2 officers) and Cars 10R and 13R (1-officer cars). It also includes walking routes 10A, 10B, 10C, and Harvard 16.

### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2006-2010

CRIME	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Housebreaks	43	31	33	23	24
Street Robbery	4	6	13	4	14
Auto Theft	13	24	26	25	20
Larceny from MVs	63	105	139	116	101
Malicious Destruction	57	52	50	40	47
Drug Incidents	6	3	7	5	4

In 2010, most of the crime in West Cambridge took place in and around Harvard Square. One of the most persistent problems in this area over the past few years has involved dipper activity (larcenies from persons) at cafés and restaurants in the Square. This year, larcenies from persons became problematic in March and continued throughout much of the summer, resulting in a number of separate arrests (see Larceny from Person section on page 45). The other crime to plague this area in 2010 was larceny from motor vehicles (LMVs). Patterns of LMVs developed along the western periphery of Harvard Square

sporadically throughout the year, with the most notable pattern occurring in the second quarter. This pattern involved a male suspect on a bicycle throwing bricks through vehicle windows to steal items from inside. A suspect was arrested in late June (see Larceny from Motor Vehicle section on page 43). There was also a sporadic pattern of housebreaks in the West Cambridge area in late July through early September. Nine late week and weekend breaks were reported, which involved window entry and thefts of laptops, other electronics, tool, and purses. No suspects were arrested (see Burglary section on page 40).

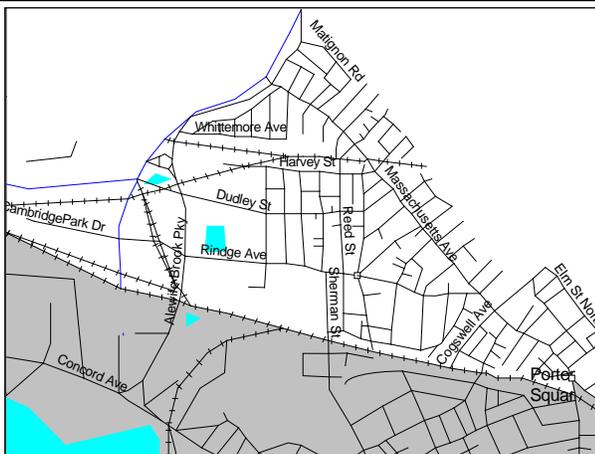
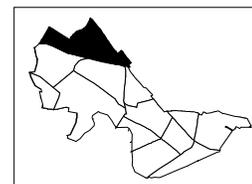
ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR WEST CAMBRIDGE TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2010
Housebreaks	105	38	37
Street Robbery	18	11	9
Auto Theft	105	41	25
Larceny from MVs	134	72	81
Malicious Destruction	92	76	58

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

West Cambridge is geographically the largest neighborhood in the City. Its east end contains a good portion of Harvard Square, bustling with commercial traffic. Its western border is marked by Fresh Pond and Kingsley Park. In between are the beautiful homes of Brattle Street, the expansive Cambridge Cemetery, Mount Auburn Hospital, and half a dozen elementary schools. *Harvard University, which has its own police department, patrols Harvard property in the eastern part of the neighborhood. Our statistics do not reflect most incidents that occur on Harvard University property.*

- Although West Cambridge’s population is slightly larger than average, almost all of its target crimes are lower than average. Only **larcenies from motor vehicles** and **street robberies** ranked higher than average in 2010. The larceny increase can be attributed to the patterns of car breaks seen in the periphery of Harvard Square this year. Larcenies in this neighborhood tend to be concentrated in the area bordered by Sparks St, Concord Ave, and Mt. Auburn St.
- **Housebreaks**, once a pressing problem, have been reduced substantially since the 1980s. Summertime residential burglary patterns, once the scourge of West Cambridge, only emerge occasionally now.
- **Bicycle theft** patterns strike the Harvard Square area each spring and summer. The large number of bicycles, used by college students and Harvard Square visitors, parked in the area lead to high levels of theft. **Larcenies from persons** become a problem every spring and summer around Harvard Square and in its many commercial establishments. In 2010, this problem continued sporadically throughout the year, resulting in multiple arrests.

# NEIGHBORHOOD 11 NORTH CAMBRIDGE



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by the Belmont line, the Arlington Line, the Somerville Line, Porter Square, and the B&M Railroad

**POPULATION AS OF 2000:**  
11,237 residents  
4,948 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME AS OF 1999:** \$44,784

Neighborhood #11 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 11R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 11A, 11B, 11C, and 11D.

## COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2006-2010

CRIME	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Housebreaks	31	55	34	54	40
Street Robbery	18	11	22	12	14
Auto Theft	21	24	21	20	20
Larceny from MVs	64	100	90	74	67
Malicious Destruction	108	68	88	54	73
Drug Incidents	18	12	8	11	4

Very few patterns affected North Cambridge this year. During the first quarter, a brief housebreak pattern emerged in the area, involving just six breaks in February. A suspect arrested for a housebreak in Somerville in April admitted to being active in the North Cambridge area as well (see Burglary section on page 40). The other pattern involving North Cambridge this year was a regional series perpetrated by a suspect who was later arrested by Cambridge Police and the Bank Robbery Task Force. One of the bank robberies in this pattern occurred in North Cambridge in December (see Robbery section on page 27).

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR NORTH CAMBRIDGE TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2010
Housebreaks	100	64	49
Street Robbery	30	21	16
Auto Theft	130	68	32
Larceny from MVs	105	62	71
Malicious Destruction	125	112	89

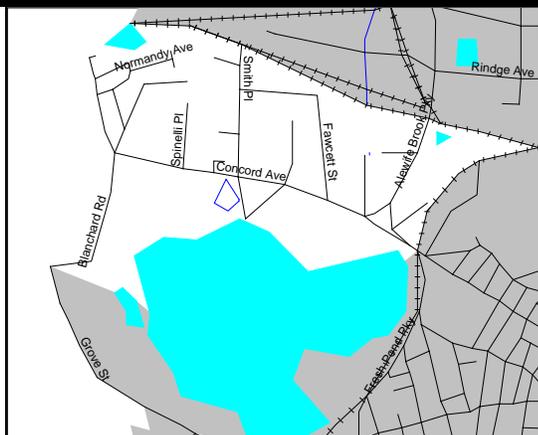
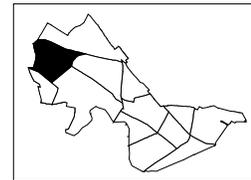
## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

North Cambridge has the third highest population in the city. It includes a public housing development (Jefferson Park/Jackson Place) and the towering Fresh Pond Apartments. Within its confines are three major public parks (Rindge Field, Russell Field, and Linear Park), the bustling Porter Square, and the Alewife MBTA Station. Dozens of commercial establishments line Massachusetts Avenue. As with Mid-Cambridge, its elevated crime rate reflects its high residential and commercial population.

- **Housebreak** patterns tend to occur during the summer months, although the only housebreak pattern in this neighborhood in 2010 occurred in the winter. Incidents are scattered quite liberally throughout the neighborhood's residential population. North Cambridge's housebreak average has been cut in half since the 1980s.
- **Street robberies** have traditionally been problematic in Russell Field, Linear Park, and around the Alewife MBTA Station. In the most common scenario, local (Cambridge or Somerville) youths will form packs and strong-arm victims walking in these areas late at night. No defined street robbery patterns emerged in North Cambridge in 2010.

## NEIGHBORHOOD 12

## HIGHLANDS



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by the B&M Railroad, the Belmont line, and Fresh Pond.

**POPULATION AS OF 2000:**

498 residents  
267 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME AS OF 1999:**

\$56,500

Neighborhood #12 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 4 (2 officers) and Car 13R (1 officer). Also included is walking route 12C.

## COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2006-2010

CRIME	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Housebreaks	3	2	2	2	0
Street Robbery	5	2	1	5	2
Auto Theft	3	6	3	4	1
Larceny from MVs	18	21	20	9	11
Malicious Destruction	16	8	11	10	7
Drug Incidents	1	1	0	0	1

The only notable pattern-related incident in the Highlands in 2010 was an armed commercial robbery at the CVS on Alewife Brook Parkway in July, which was part of a regional spree and resulted in the arrests of both suspects in Woburn a day later (see Robbery section on page 27 for more details).

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR CAMBRIDGE HIGHLANDS TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2010
Housebreaks	6	2	2
Street Robbery	8	2	2
Auto Theft	54	16	5
Larceny from MVs	38	23	16
Malicious Destruction	28	26	19

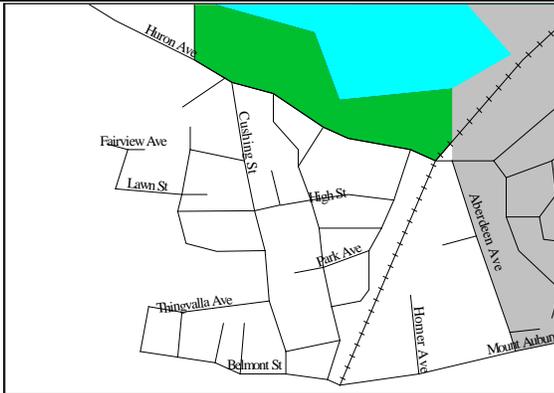
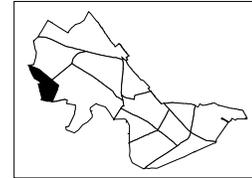
### NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Cambridge Highlands' minuscule population makes for very little residential criminal activity in the neighborhood. The Highlands' border encompasses the Fresh Pond Mall, the northern part of Fresh Pond, and a number of warehouses. Most crime here is commercial and is covered in the business district profiles.

- Cambridge Highlands typically vies with Strawberry Hill for the lowest index crime totals in the city. For almost all index crimes this decade, it has ranked twelfth or thirteenth out of the thirteen neighborhoods.
- **Auto theft, larceny from motor vehicle, and malicious destruction** have occasionally become a problem in the Fresh Pond Mall and Fresh Pond Cinema parking lot. Mall security, however, has drastically reduced such incidents in recent years—almost to the point of statistical insignificance. Small patterns of automobile-related crimes have been known to emerge on Smith Place and Mooney Street.
- **Larceny from persons** occasionally exhibits some patterns around the Fresh Pond Mall and the Fresh Pond Cinema, where pocket-pickers use the darkness of the theater to conceal their crimes.

# NEIGHBORHOOD 13

## STRAWBERRY HILL



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by Fresh Pond, Aberdeen Avenue, the Watertown line, and the Belmont line.

**POPULATION AS OF 2000:**

2,510 residents

1,094 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME AS OF 1999:**

\$44,107

Neighborhood #13 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 4 (2 officers) and Car 13R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 13A and 13B.

### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2006-2010

CRIME	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Housebreaks	9	11	6	4	5
Street Robbery	6	0	0	2	2
Auto Theft	6	5	9	4	3
Larceny from MVs	17	18	32	19	18
Malicious Destruction	15	23	14	18	21
Drug Incidents	1	1	3	0	2

No notable patterns were reported in the Strawberry Hill neighborhood in 2010.

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR STRAWBERRY HILL TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2010
Housebreaks	17	10	9
Street Robbery	4	3	2
Auto Theft	17	8	7
Larceny from MVs	22	12	18
Malicious Destruction	25	23	21

### NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

With its small population, Strawberry Hill challenges Cambridge Highlands for the lowest crime rates in the City. The neighborhood's citizenry includes the residents of the Corcoran Park housing development and the large apartment building at 700 Huron Avenue. Its primary commercial establishment is Shaw's Supermarket.

- Overall, Strawberry Hill can be considered one of the safest areas in the City. In 1995, 1996, 2001, 2007, and 2008 there were no **street robberies** reported, and only one reported in 1999 and 2004.
- Corcoran Park has historically been a "hot spot" for the occasional **housebreak**, and for some juvenile crime. Frequent "Park and Walks" address these problems.
- For **auto theft**, **larceny from motor vehicles**, and **malicious destruction**, Strawberry Hill continually ranks as one of the lowest in the City. The "hot" spots for these crimes tend to be centered in the area of 700 Huron Ave or the Shaw's parking lot.

