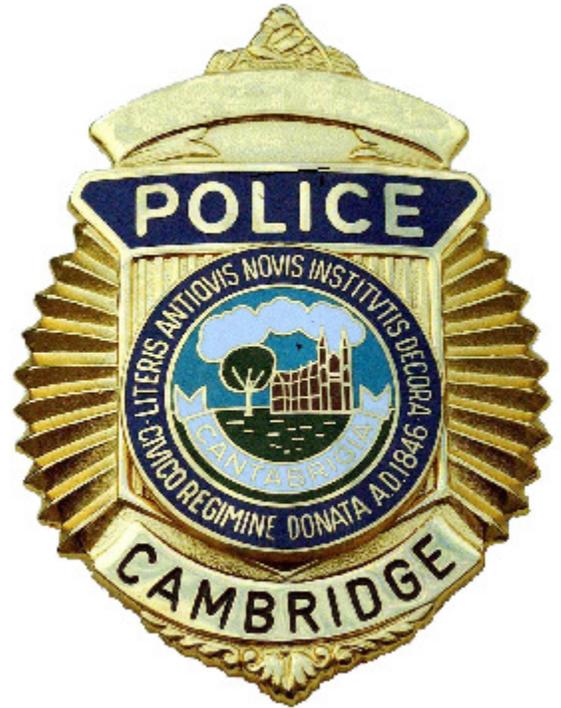


SECTION III

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILES

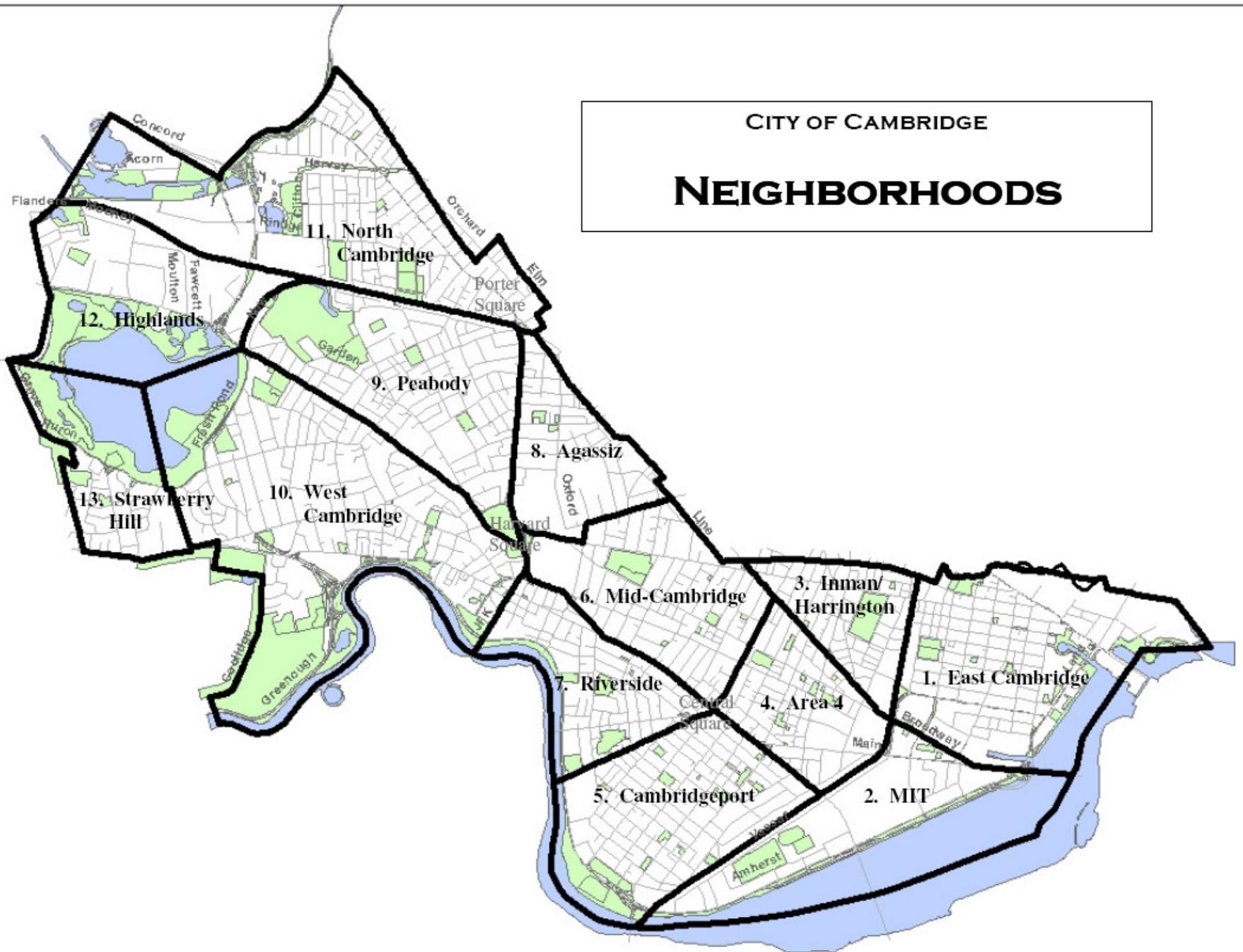
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THE FOLLOWING IS AN OVERVIEW
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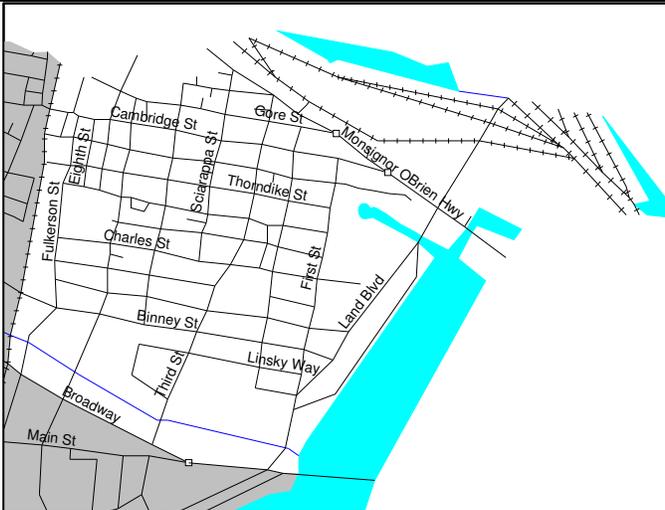
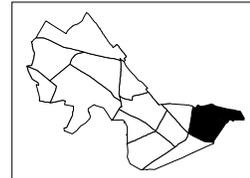
NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKDOWN OF INDEX CRIMES IN 2009

CRIME	East Camb	MIT	Inman/Harrington	Area 4	Camb-Port	Mid-Camb	Riverside	Agassiz	Peabody	W. Camb	N. Camb	Camb Highlands	Strw. Hill	Total
Aggravated Assault	32	4	33	32	38	21	21	8	13	15	29	2	7	255
Arson	4	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Auto Theft	20	3	13	17	28	20	10	12	20	25	20	4	4	196
Commercial Break	4	1	9	14	8	7	11	5	5	5	13	3	1	86
Commercial Rob.	2	0	1	2	2	3	5	0	1	0	2	1	2	21
Drugs	7	3	10	20	32	10	7	1	2	5	11	0	0	108
Flim Flam	9	4	3	3	7	6	5	2	2	9	5	2	2	59
Forgery*	48	11	22	30	38	36	26	17	30	24	38	7	7	334
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Housebreak	40	0	27	30	38	36	32	14	43	23	54	2	4	343
Indecent Assault	4	0	4	3	4	2	2	2	4	1	3	0	0	29
Indecent Exposure	2	0	2	3	6	4	3	0	2	0	3	0	1	26
Larceny (Misc)	3	0	1	4	0	8	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	26
Larceny from Building	56	14	8	31	37	28	22	24	12	46	21	20	2	321
Larceny from MV	86	36	19	69	160	115	48	58	104	116	74	9	19	913
Larceny from Person	45	7	12	32	44	17	55	11	10	68	21	8	1	331
Larceny from Residence	20	0	15	11	33	36	8	4	26	12	16	0	4	185
Larceny of Bicycle	19	8	21	40	44	34	21	8	28	25	30	3	3	284
Larceny of Plate	7	0	5	5	2	6	4	0	2	2	4	1	1	39
Larceny of Services	3	1	1	4	1	0	1	1	1	6	5	4	0	28
Mal. Dest. Property	67	6	86	52	53	47	45	7	45	40	54	10	18	530
Peeping & Spying	1	0	0	0	2	1	2	2	0	1	3	0	0	12
Shoplifting	165	1	1	13	60	3	10	0	1	37	50	21	7	369
Simple Assault	66	7	47	58	85	37	41	6	18	27	49	5	11	457
Street Robbery	14	3	8	23	32	16	14	7	11	4	12	5	2	151

*Included in the total is one forgery incident that took place in an unknown location.

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, 2005-2009

CRIME	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Housebreaks	62	41	26	28	40
Street Robbery	17	20	15	19	14
Auto Theft	34	21	24	15	20
Larceny from MVs	62	94	171	140	86
Malicious Destruction	108	63	107	90	67
Drug Incidents	16	7	20	14	7

Very few crime patterns emerged in East Cambridge in 2009. A pattern of larcenies from motor vehicles occurred in late August and early September (see Larceny section on page 43) and a brief pattern of early afternoon housebreaks took place over a weekend in mid-September (see Housebreak section on page 40). There were also scattered juvenile-related street robberies targeting high-end cell phones in the area of the Cambridgeside Galleria over the course of the year (see Street Robbery section on page 28), and a one-night spree of tire-slashings in July, which resulted in an arrest (see Malicious Destruction section on page 59).

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR EAST CAMBRIDGE TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2009
Housebreaks	38	36	38
Street Robbery	10	19	17
Auto Theft	156	86	36
Larceny from MVs	121	106	106
Malicious Destruction	118	110	97

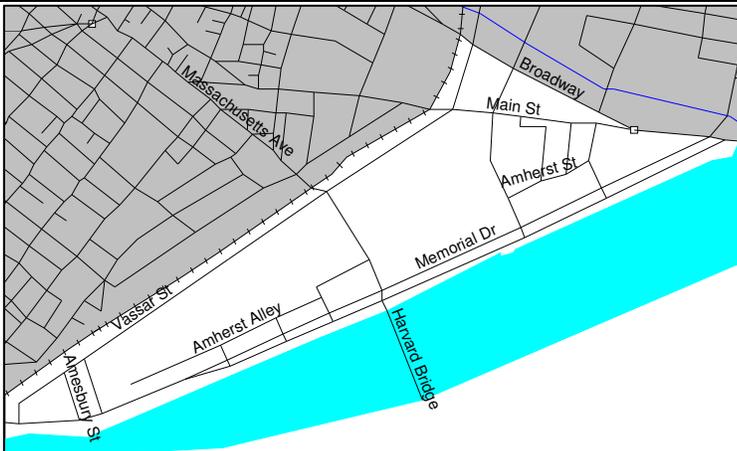
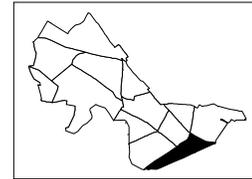
NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

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, 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 2009, East Cambridge ranked in the top third of all neighborhoods for auto thefts and malicious destruction and was lower than usual in larcenies from motor vehicles, possibly due to a notable reduction in larcenies from vehicles in parking garages.
- **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 substantial drop in simple assaults in East Cambridge in 2009 (45% drop).

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, 2005-2009

CRIME	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Housebreaks	3	1	1	0	0
Street Robbery	1	1	2	4	3
Auto Theft	4	7	5	5	3
Larceny from MVs	16	24	29	33	36
Malicious Destruction	11	4	5	5	6
Drug Incidents	1	1	3	1	3

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 2009.

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR M.I.T. AREA TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2009
Housebreaks	19	4	1
Street Robbery	11	5	3
Auto Theft	102	55	9
Larceny from MVs	56	49	25
Malicious Destruction	47	28	9

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

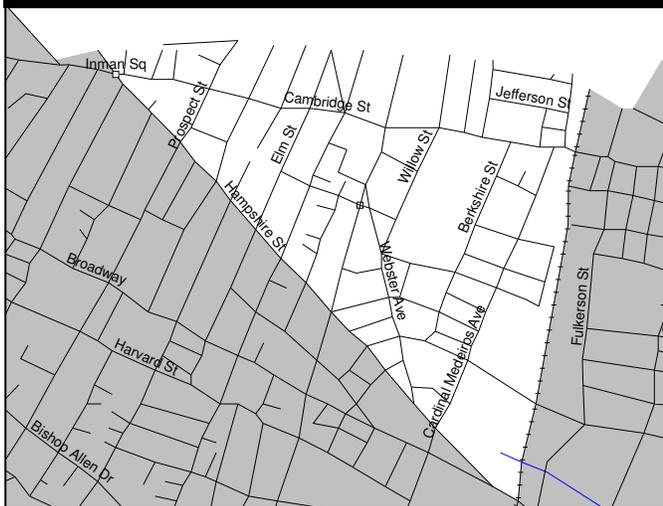
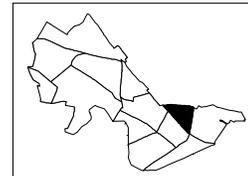
The Massachusetts Institute of Technology is the dominant venue in the MIT neighborhood given that MIT property envelops most of the area. Its large student population—a large proportion of which is foreign—is alluring to local criminals, who often consider students to be unsuspecting prey.

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**.
- **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, 2005-2009

CRIME	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Housebreaks	34	53	80	55	27
Street Robbery	15	23	12	10	8
Auto Theft	23	23	18	25	13
Larceny from MVs	30	61	89	35	19
Malicious Destruction	67	62	73	60	86
Drug Incidents	11	14	23	12	10

No substantial patterns emerged in the Inman/Harrington neighborhood in 2009. The only incidents of note were a few sporadic but similar commercial burglaries in Inman and Area 4 in May (see Commercial Burglary section on page 38) and two one-night tire-slashing sprees in July and October (see Malicious Destruction section on page 59). An arrest was made in the tire-slashing spree in July. Notably, housebreaks have dropped off considerably in both this neighborhood and in Area 4 after being plagued with a persistent, on-again off-again housebreak pattern throughout 2007 and 2008.

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR INMAN/HARRINGTON TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2009
Housebreaks	57	38	46
Street Robbery	14	15	11
Auto Theft	89	48	31
Larceny from MVs	66	45	45
Malicious Destruction	94	79	68

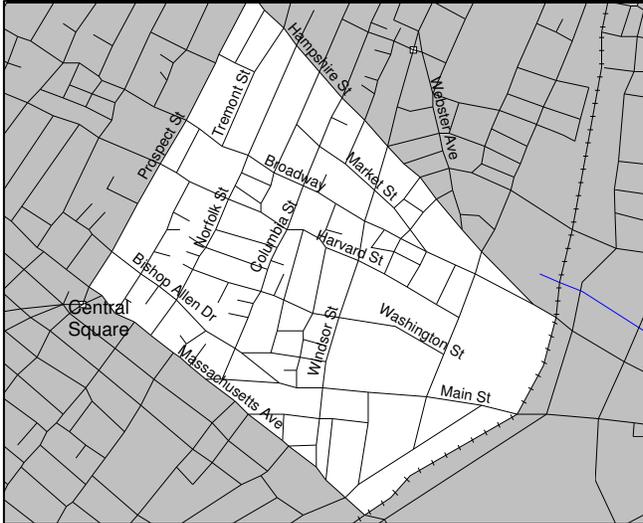
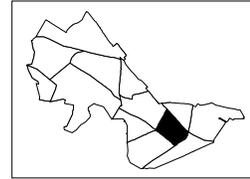
NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

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 in the 2000s. The related crime of **larceny from motor vehicles (LMVs)**, on the other hand, was lower in only one other neighborhood in 2009. 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, 2005-2009

CRIME	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Housebreaks	37	54	86	47	30
Street Robbery	27	36	21	20	23
Auto Theft	26	26	35	31	17
Larceny from MVs	54	64	140	73	69
Malicious Destruction	80	66	54	90	52
Drug Incidents	37	45	37	21	20

Unlike in 2007 and 2008 when a persistent housebreak pattern plagued Area 4 and Inman/Harrington, not a single notable housebreak pattern emerged in Area 4 in 2009. Other patterns that did develop in this neighborhood were two brief street robbery patterns involving Area 4 and Mid-Cambridge in September and again in November (see Street Robbery section on page 28), and a commercial break pattern involving Central Square businesses during the first quarter of the year, which resulted in an arrest (see Commercial Burglary section on page 38). Other incidents of note were a few sporadic but similar commercial burglaries in Inman and Area 4 in May, sporadic larcenies from persons at cafés and restaurants in Central Square throughout the year (see Larceny from Person section on page 45), and a one-night street robbery spree that resulted in the arrest of three young males from Plymouth.

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR AREA 4 TARGET CRIMES

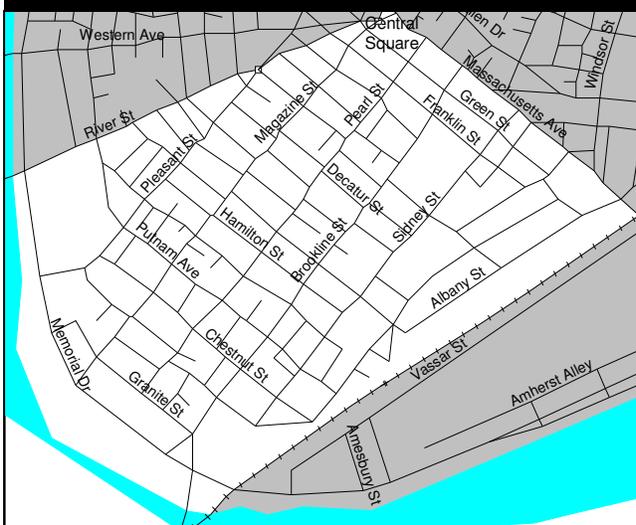
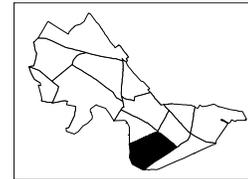
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2009
Housebreaks	101	62	53
Street Robbery	75	47	28
Auto Theft	147	78	41
Larceny from MVs	134	77	79
Malicious Destruction	131	109	84

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, leading to the notable reduction in this crime type.
- **Larceny from motor vehicles** is often a problem in Area 4. However, in 2009, Area 4 had the seventh lowest number of incidents in the City. Despite the lower ranking, the theft of GPS units from vehicles is still a substantial problem both in Area 4 and citywide.
- Historically, Area 4 has ranked among the top neighborhoods for **drug incidents** in Cambridge. 2009 was no exception, thanks to an undercover operation during the summer months that resulted in over 30 arrests, the majority of which took place in Central Square, especially in Area 4 and Cambridgeport. See the Narcotics section on page 55 for more info.

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, 2005-2009

CRIME	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Housebreaks	68	85	59	32	38
Street Robbery	30	19	19	16	32
Auto Theft	38	25	30	28	28
Larceny from MVs	89	67	140	120	160
Malicious Destruction	75	78	85	77	53
Drug Incidents	24	27	28	13	32

Cambridgeport experienced some of the more prolific crime patterns in the City in 2009. A commercial burglary pattern emerged in Central Square in January and ended with an arrest in March (see Commercial burglary section on page 38). A pattern of late evening housebreaks developed in February and continued sporadically until a suspect was arrested in April (see Housebreak section on page 40). Two patterns of larcenies from motor vehicles emerged in separate parts of the city in May and September (see Larceny from Motor Vehicle section on page 43). Other notable incidents that were not necessarily pattern-related included sporadic larcenies from persons in Central Square cafés and restaurants throughout the year (see Larceny from Person section on page 45), a cluster of unrelated late night street robberies in August (see Street Robbery section on page 28), and an undercover narcotics operation that resulted in over 30 arrests in and around the Central Square area between June and September (see Narcotics section on page 55).

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR CAMBRIDGEPORT TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2009
Housebreaks	156	66	58
Street Robbery	57	31	27
Auto Theft	165	85	46
Larceny from MVs	126	92	103
Malicious Destruction	106	106	101

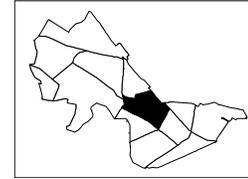
NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

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. 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 2009, this neighborhood reported the highest number of incidents by far in the City, due in part to patterns that emerged in May and 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, 2005-2009

CRIME	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Housebreaks	74	78	56	61	36
Street Robbery	20	12	10	13	16
Auto Theft	34	27	31	28	20
Larceny from MVs	65	85	144	115	115
Malicious Destruction	91	52	76	44	47
Drug Incidents	20	12	16	15	10

Housebreaks in Mid-Cambridge dropped considerably in 2009, with only one pattern of daytime incidents emerging during the first quarter of the year along the Mid-Cambridge/Riverside border (see Housebreak section on page 40). Other patterns in this neighborhood included two brief street robbery patterns involving Mid-Cambridge and Area 4 in September and again in November (see Street Robbery section on page 28), and intermittent patterns of larcenies from motor vehicles along the Mid-Cambridge/Agassiz border during the first and second quarters of the year (see Larceny section on page 43).

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR MID-CAMBRIDGE TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2009
Housebreaks	226	103	79
Street Robbery	49	18	15
Auto Theft	147	69	32
Larceny from MVs	198	103	102
Malicious Destruction	149	102	75

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

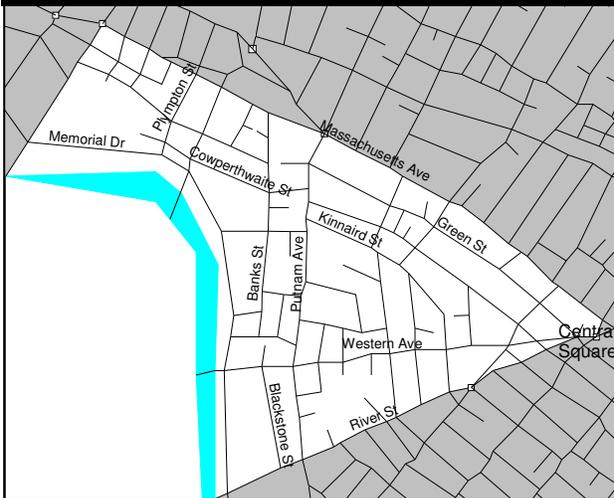
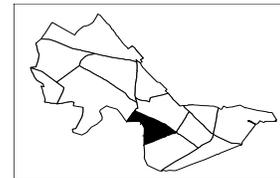
Avenue, Prospect Street, and Cambridge Street, and three of the city's five busiest squares (Central, Harvard, and Inman) occupy its corners. Because of the enormous number of people living, working, shopping, and going to school within its borders, Mid-Cambridge tends to have a higher-than-average rate 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 highest number of housebreaks in the City in 2008, but these incidents decreased over 40% in 2009 and brought the neighborhood ranking down to 5th in the City.
- Mid-Cambridge also 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, 2005-2009

CRIME	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Housebreaks	36	31	36	23	32
Street Robbery	14	10	11	9	14
Auto Theft	14	12	11	21	10
Larceny from MVs	43	43	63	75	48
Malicious Destruction	66	59	48	59	45
Drug Incidents	10	11	14	14	7

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.

One of the most noteworthy patterns in Riverside in 2009 was a multi-jurisdictional pattern involving late night street robberies near Harvard Square and along the border of Cambridge and Somerville near the Porter Square MBTA station in May. Thanks to a collaboration between Cambridge Police, Somerville Police, and MBTA Transit Police, an arrest was made in late May, effectively ending the pattern (see Street Robbery section on page 28). The only other pattern in Riverside this year was a daytime housebreak pattern in February along the Mid-Cambridge/Riverside border; no arrests were made (see Housebreak section on page 40).

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR RIVERSIDE TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2009
Housebreaks	83	43	38
Street Robbery	34	17	14
Auto Theft	92	41	22
Larceny from MVs	87	47	47
Malicious Destruction	78	75	65

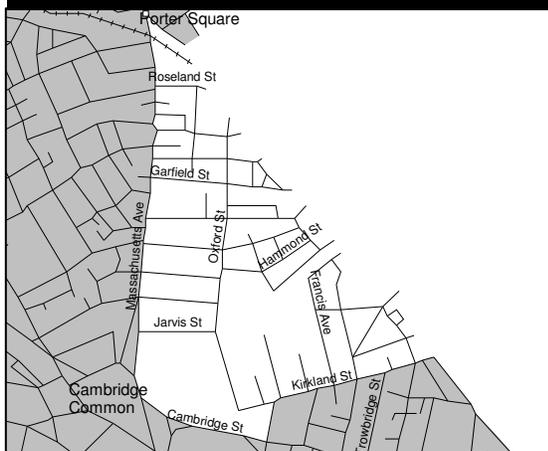
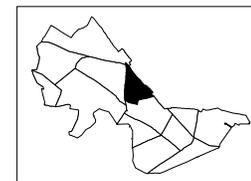
NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

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.

- **Malicious destruction** is the only crime that has not shown a significant average decline in Riverside since the 1980s, though it is 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 with lower **auto theft** and **larceny from motor vehicles** totals have less than half of Riverside's population.

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, 2005-2009

CRIME	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Housebreaks	26	24	17	20	14
Street Robbery	4	3	4	1	7
Auto Theft	11	11	11	8	12
Larceny from MVs	29	43	89	76	58
Malicious Destruction	19	22	17	9	7
Drug Incidents	2	1	0	0	1

Agassiz saw brief patterns of housebreaks and larcenies from motor vehicles in 2009. Between January and March, multiple evening housebreaks were reported in Agassiz, Peabody, and North Cambridge; an arrest was made in April (see Housebreak section on page 40). Concentrations of larcenies from motor vehicles developed along the Agassiz/Mid-Cambridge border during the first and second quarters of the year and sporadically throughout the year along the Agassiz/Peabody border (see Larceny section on page 43).

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR AGASSIZ TARGET CRIMES

Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2009
Housebreaks	67	26	26
Street Robbery	11	7	4
Auto Theft	45	19	12
Larceny from MVs	47	30	49
Malicious Destruction	45	28	18

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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.