



# City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

## OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE

JAMES F. REAGAN

CHIEF OF POLICE

March 16, 1972

Mr. John H. Corcoran  
City Manager  
City of Cambridge  
City Hall  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Mr. Manager:

The Cambridge Police Department is pleased to announce a decrease in the total number of incidents of serious crime in the City of Cambridge by 4.2% for 1971 as compared with 1970.

Individual analysis of each crime category (F.B.I. Classifications), reveals the following: Homicide and manslaughter, a decrease of 1; Robberies, an increase of 99; Assaults, a decrease of 93; Burglaries, a decrease of 203; Larcenies, a decrease of 64; Auto theft, a decrease of 121.

The total crime index in the City of Cambridge shows a decrease of 382 incidents, while the clearance rate for the incidents increased by 90 or 10.2%.

Affixed to this sheet please find a more detailed break-down of the crime index in the City of Cambridge.

The Cambridge Police Department is releasing these statistics in advance of the F. B. I. Uniform Crime Report, which is released during the summer, to give you and the citizens of Cambridge a general picture of criminal incidents in Cambridge for the year 1971.

Sincerely yours,

*James F. Reagan*  
James F. Reagan  
Chief of Police

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## CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## CRIME INDEX

OFFENSE (F.B.I. CLASSIFICATION)	1970	1971	change	percentage change
1. Criminal Homicide Manslaughter	6	5	- 1	- 16.6%
2. Forcible rape & Attempts	41	42	+ 1	+ 2.4%
3. Robbery Armed & unarmed	256	355	+ 99	+ 34.7%
4. Assaults	434	341	- 93	- 21.4%
5. Burglary	2181	1978	- 203	- 9.3%
6. Larceny over & under \$50.	2634	2570	- 64	- 2.4%
7. Auto theft	3360	3239	- 121	- 3.6%
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TOTAL CRIME INDEX	8912	8530	- 382	- 4.2%
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TOTAL OFFENSES CLEARED	874	964	+ 90	+ 10.2%



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
JOHN H. CORCORAN  
City Manager

March 20, 1972

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I hereby transmit a copy of a communication from Police Chief James F. Reagan which for the first time since 1960 reveals a decrease in the indices of crime of 4.2% from 8912 in 1970 to 8530 in 1971. The two areas of sizeable decrease are in Criminal Homocide-Manslaughter down 16.6% and Assaults down 21.4%, with Burglary showing a decrease of 9.3%. As with the trend nationally, the incidents of Robbery both armed and unarmed showed an increase of 34.7% with an additional ninety-nine cases.

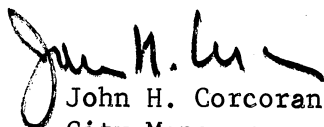
For the period 1960-1969 Cambridge suffered from a 332% increase in the incidence of crime with the highest increase in the areas of aggravated assault, burglary and auto thefts. Hopefully, we may be witnessing a long awaited break in this rising trend.

Our efforts in improving the capabilities of our Police Department must be intensified through training and a concentrated effort to improve criminal justice planning. The most essential ingredient toward making this possible is increased public support and citizen participation in improving law enforcement activities.

The results of many months of work in this area is about to be realized and I hope that the news of a decrease in crime will spear on this effort.

I commend the members of the Police Department on their achievement.

Yours truly,

  
John H. Corcoran  
City Manager

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*mitting one from* James F. Reagan,  
Chief of Police regarding crime in the  
City of Cambridge and revealing a de-  
crease in the year 1971

March 20, 1972.

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