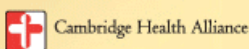


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## Alewife Station topped T stops in reported bike thefts last year

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**Alewife Station saw the most bicycle larceny reports last year among all MBTA subway stops, nearly tripling the number of bike thefts reported at the next closest contender, according to unofficial data on the T's website.**

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The MBTA has compiled its 2010 tally of serious crimes, including arson, assault, homicide, rape and various forms of theft. Overall, reported crime on the MBTA rose 19 percent last year to 986. Search a breakdown of crime by line and station. Our search does not include data on bus routes.

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There were 29 bike larcenies reported at Alewife during 2010, which was almost double than the 15 the Alewife station experienced two years ago. In 2009, Alewife was second to the 16 bicycle thefts at fellow Red Line stop Davis Square, which is now second this year with 11. JFK/UMass came in third last year with 10 bicycles stolen, up from four the year prior.

According to the T's website, Alewife and Davis have 174 and 165 spaces for bikes, respectively, while JFK/UMass just 18. Alewife is at the end of the Minuteman Bikeway.

The 156 bicycle thefts reported across all T stops last year was a 36 percent increase from 2009.

Bicycle larceny data used for this report was taken from raw statistics posted on the MBTA's website that are "subject to further review and change," the [site says](#).

A different, **officially-verified data set** was also used by Boston.com for several other recent stories about "Part I" crimes, or those deemed most serious by the MBTA, including arson, assault, homicide, rape and various forms of theft. Within that verified data set, bicycle larcenies are mixed

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into a general larceny category on a station-by-station level.

Larcenies rose system-wide by 11 percent from two years ago to 581 in 2010.

Overall, reported serious crimes on the T rose 19 percent last year to 987. Still, that number was the fourth-lowest in the past three decades. Only 2006, 2008 and 2009, the lowest total on record since the the data collecting began in 1980, saw fewer serious crimes reported.

Part II crimes consist of fare evasion, simple assault, vandalism, loitering, drug and alcohol violations, disorderly conduct, trespassing and others. That less-serious crime type saw a 5 percent increase last year to 5,218 reports.

The T is working on eventually rolling out an updated online interface on mbta.com that allows for a more user-friendly experience than the current one for commuters who want to research crime data on a station-by-station level, MacMillan said.

"We want to have a mechanism that can easily allow people to find out what's happening at their local stops," he said.

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