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## Forest Hills station tops in vandalism reports for 2010

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**Forest Hills station saw the most vandalism reports last year among all MBTA subway stops, according to unofficial data on the T's website.**

Matching a decline systemwide, vandalism reports at the Orange Line terminus decreased from 23 in 2009 to 16 a year ago, which was one more than the 15 reported at Braintree. Alewife was next with 8 reported vandalisms during 2010.

The 298 vandalism reported across all T stops last year was a 13 percent decline from 2009.

Vandalism 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. Vandalism is considered a Part II crime.

Those less-serious 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.

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.

Forest Hills also had the [third-most reports of serious crime](#) and [reported the most assaults](#) of any MBTA stop last year.

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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