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Bucking citywide trend, Allston-Brighton see increase in serious crime

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The Allston-Brighton area is the only one of a dozen police districts in Boston where serious crimes are up in the first three months of 2013 compared with the same period last year, according to [statistics](#) released by Boston Police.

Serious, or "part 1," crimes in Allston-Brighton are up 19 percent so far this year, fueled by the number of burglaries and attempted burglaries more than doubling.

Each of the 11 other police districts in Boston have seen serious crimes drop by at least 8 percent this year. Some of the districts have seen decreases as high as 31 percent.

Citywide, serious crimes are down by 15.4 percent this year.

Police classify seven crimes within the part 1, or most serious, group: homicide; rape and attempted rape; robbery and attempted robbery; aggravated assault; burglary and attempted burglary; larceny and attempted larceny; vehicle theft

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burglary and attempted burglary, larceny and attempted larceny, vehicle theft and attempted vehicle theft.

In Boston, crime is down in each of those categories this year, except for one – burglaries and attempted burglaries. But, if the data from Allston-Brighton is excluded, the number of burglaries and attempted burglaries across the rest of the city is down by 20 percent.

The abutting neighborhoods of Allston and Brighton are patrolled by police District D-14.

Between Jan. 1 and March 25 this year, there have been 127 burglaries and attempted burglaries in District D-14, a 123 percent jump from the 57 that were reported during the same span last year.

Burglary is defined as breaking and entering with intent to commit a felony, often to steal something. It is different from other theft-related crimes: robbery is stealing that involves force; larceny is stealing that involves no force or violence.

In Allston-Brighton, there have been 23 robberies and attempted robberies compared to 20 at this time last year. Vehicle thefts and attempted vehicle thefts are also up slightly, with 17 so far this year compared to 15 last year.

Meanwhile, larcenies and attempted larcenies are down – there have been 158 so far this year compared 172 at this time last year – and aggravated assaults have also dropped to 29 this year compare to 35 at this point a year ago.

There has been one homicide this year; at this point last year there had been none. The number of rapes and attempted rapes this year compared to last is the same, at two.

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