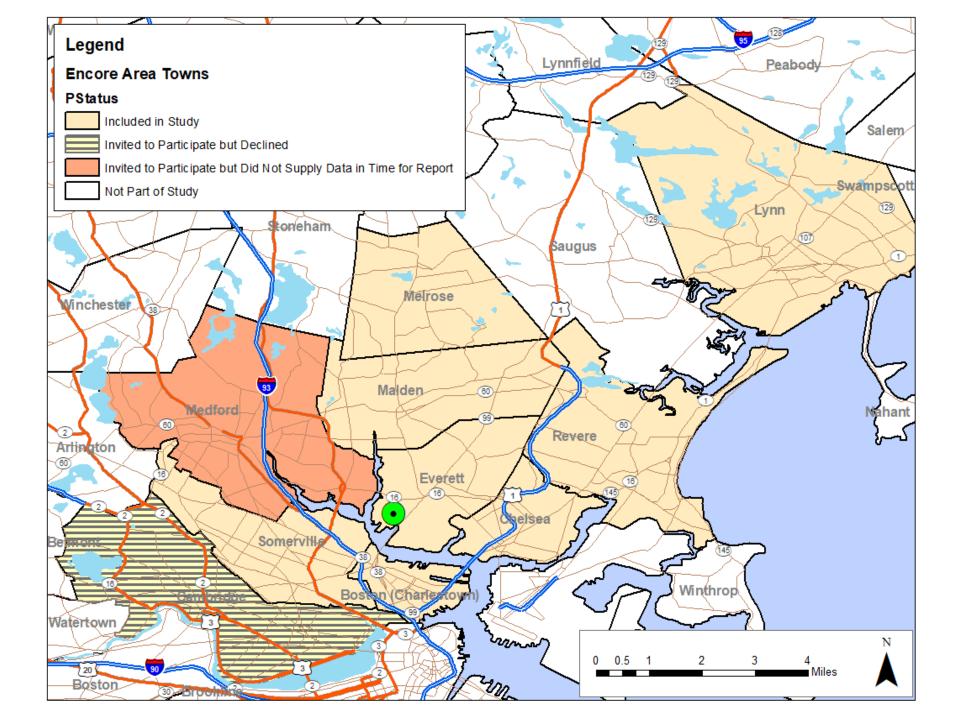
# Assessing the Impact of Gambling on Public Safety in Massachusetts

ANALYSIS OF ENCORE BOSTON HARBOR'S

FIRST SIX MONTHS

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## Summary

Encore Boston Harbor opened in June 2019.

It was the site of 124 arrests and 506 ejections during first six months.

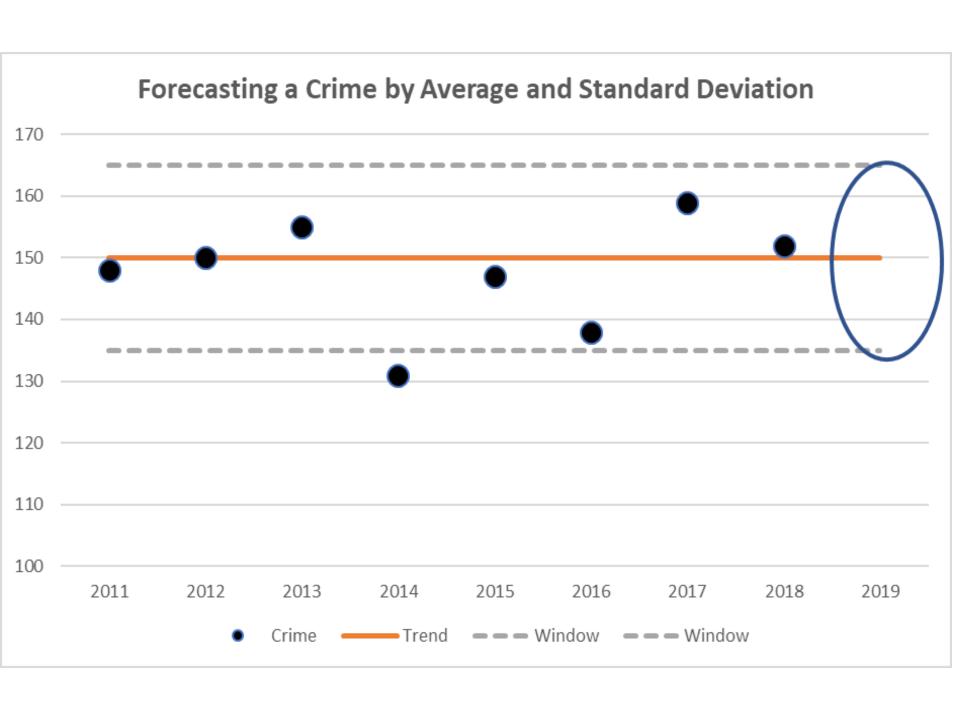
Crimes specifically at the casino led to a 9.5% increase in violent crime, a 5.1% increase in property crime, and a 6% increase in total crime for the city of Everett.

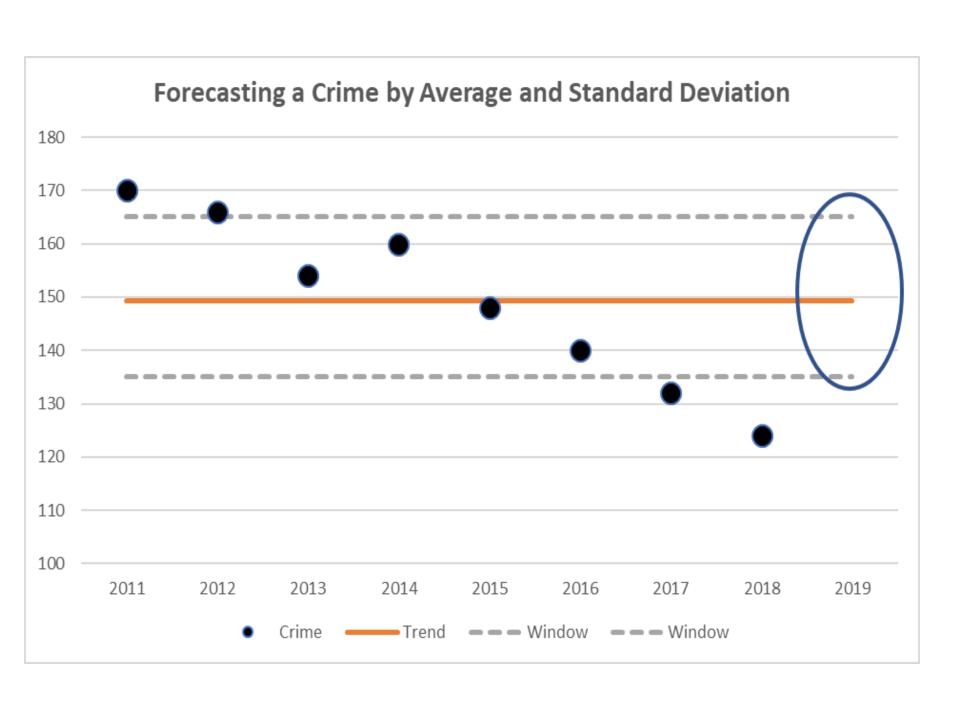
Crime totals were within expected ranges for the region and most cities.

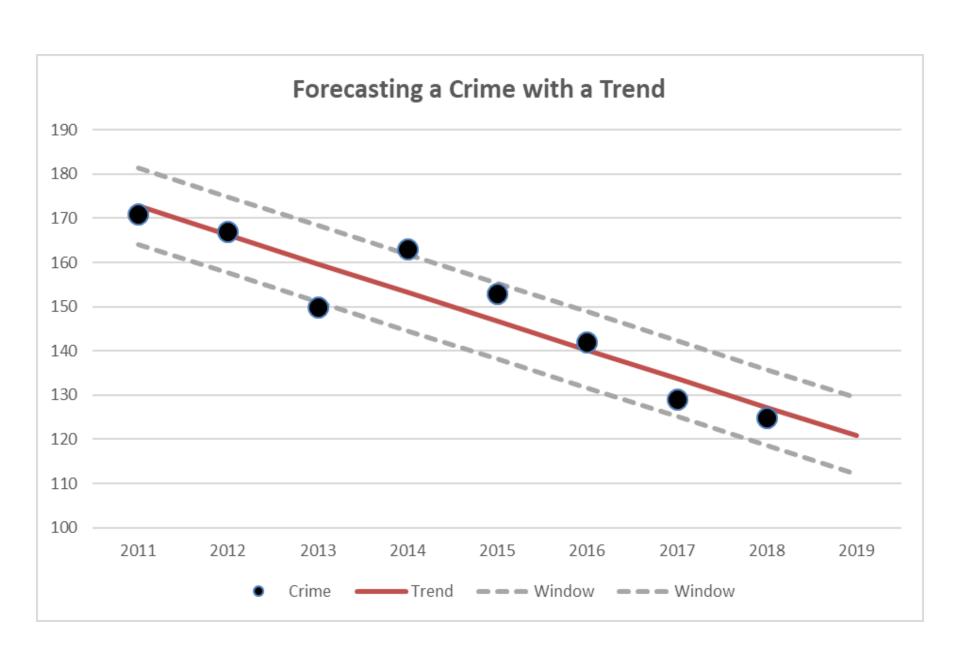
Some individual crimes increased but not in a way that could be traced to EBH.

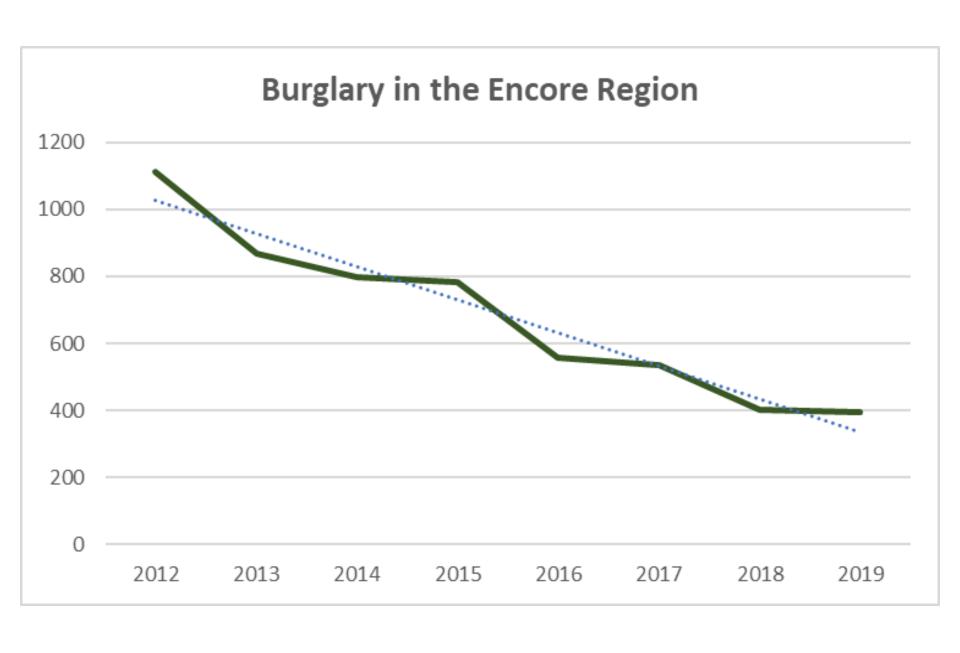
Only increase that could be definitively traced to EBH were traffic complaints in neighborhood east of casino

This being an initial six-month scan, we didn't go deep into causation









## **Everett Figures**

Category	Exp. Range	2019	Notes
Murder	0-1	3	No commonalities
Sexual assault	9-13	17	Residences, local victims/offenders
Aggravated Assault	51-65	70	Residences and street, north half
Thefts from buildings	9-17	23	Cluster in NE Everett, December
Fraud	6-22	23	"Con game" frauds at residences
Disorderly	3-18	21	Northern part of town
Drunk Driving	8-18	35	Particularly on Broadway
Total violent	125-191	210	Murder, sex assault, agg. Assault
Total property	442-596	514	Expected
Total crime	725-1023	926	Expected
<b>Total Collisions</b>	158-243	229	Expected

#### Patterns to monitor

(No link to EBH demonstrated yet)

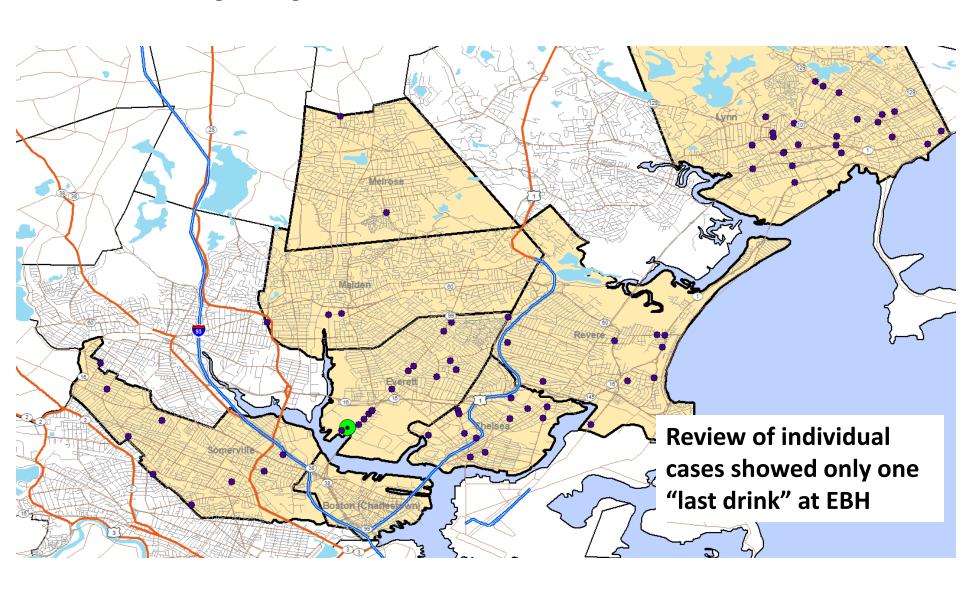
- Aggravated assault and disorderly conduct throughout Everett and in Chelsea
- Thefts from vehicles and auto theft in Charlestown
- Auto thefts in Malden
- Fraud in Revere
- MSP Crash increase on some local roads

### Traffic Collision OUIs

Agency	Avg	Slope	Туре	Window	2019	Result
Chelsea	14	0	С	9-19	13	Expected
Everett	2	0	С	1-3	14	High
Lynn	30	1	С	21-39	29	Expected
Malden	5	-1	Т	1-8	3	Expected
Melrose	2	0	С	1-3	2	Expected
Revere	16	1	С	9-23	12	Expected
Somerville	11	-1	С	6-16	10	Expected
Total	80	0	С	67-93	83	Expected

EBH listed four times as "last drink" locations since 1 July 2019

#### **OUI Arrests originating as traffic collision calls, Jul-Dec 2019**





#### What next?

Only 2 additional months of data before EBH closed.

COVID-19 closures will make analysis meaningless for March-May.

COVID-19 has affected crime rates of all types and probably will continue to have an effect once restrictions are lifted.

I will be consulting experts in quantitative evaluative research for help with more sophisticated models to help control for COVID-19.

#### Thank You!

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