

# Cambridge, MA Retail Vacancy Open Data Metadata

**File Name:** Vacant Storefront Database

**Current as of:** November 1, 2024

## Source

The Economic Opportunity and Development Division maintains a listing of Cambridge’s ground floor vacant storefronts. This listing is not intended as a comprehensive source for ground floor vacancies in Cambridge. The data is sourced from Costar (an online real estate database), Cambridge Assessing Property Database, and staff commercial district inventory collection.

## Data Collection

- Data is collected twice a year.
- Data is collected from Costar, Cambridge Assessing Property Database, and staff commercial district inventory.
- Categories were determined by City Council and what information is publicly available.

## Limitations of the Data

- Data shows spaces that are vacant and spaces that are under lease but are under construction, so not all spaces are completely vacant.

## Other Information

Story Map of Vacant Storefront Database:

<https://cambridgegis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/0480fb6c0a7740cfba2b90c9855217f5>

## Summary Statistics

As of November 2024, 109 ground-floor properties are vacant.

Breakdown by district:

Commercial District	Retail Vacancies Recorded
Central Square	19
East Cambridge	14
Alewife	3
Harvard Square	12
Huron Village/Observatory Hill	5
Inman Square	9
Kendall Square	11
Porter Square/North Massachusetts Ave	23
Lower Massachusetts Ave	7
Smaller Districts	6

Breakdown by leasing activity:

<b>Status</b>	
Actively leasing	32
Unknown	38
Leased pending occupancy	28
Under redevelopment	7
For sale	4
Pop-up	0

Breakdown by ownership:

<b>Ownership Type</b>	
Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC)	55
Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT)	15
Trust	24
University	6
Domestic Profit Corporation	4
Foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC)	0
Retail Condo	0
Unknown	0
Individual	5
Local Government	0
Nonprofit Corporation	0

**For More Information**

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