

2023 CHARLES E. SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE TAUNTON

Funded Partners: Taunton Housing Authority, Taunton Police Department, Taunton RBJJ - Brazilian Top Team, Taunton Sports & Wellness Academy

Funded by the Office of Grants and Research, a state agency that is part of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, the Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model. Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years.

Strategies, Outcomes, and Funding Allocation

Total Funding: \$126,882.78*

Strategies	Outcomes		Funding Allocation
Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention	<u>38</u> youth received case management services	<u>38</u> case management goals achieved	\$20,382.92
Positive Youth Development & Recreation	<u>185</u> youth participated in recreation programs	<u>9</u> youth developed leadership skills	\$55,908.38
Suppression	<u>20</u> hot spot patrols completed	<u>1</u> gang member/high-impact player arrested	\$11,202.98

*In 2023, \$39,388.50 was allocated to administrative/other costs for the site.

Youth Risk Assessments

95% LOW-RISK*	Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.
5% MODERATE-RISK*	Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as truancy.
0% HIGH-RISK*	Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

* % of youth assessed for risk

Success Highlight

"The school counselors stated that several students gained self-confidence and leadership skills while attending the RBJJ program."

~Taunton RBJJ - Brazilian Top Team

Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts

Taunton

Total Population (2022/2023 Estimates)	7,001,399	59,922
Population Lives in Poverty	10.4%	12.7%
Unemployment Rate (Jan. – Nov. 2023)	3.1%	3.9%
Total School Population (2022-23)	964,066	8,643
Low-Income	42.2%	58.4%
High School Dropout Rate (2020-21)	2.1%	3.0%

Sources: www.census.gov/quickfacts; profiles.doe.mass.edu; www.lmi.dua.eol.mass.gov/LMI/LaborForceAndUnemployment

Gang Activity in Taunton

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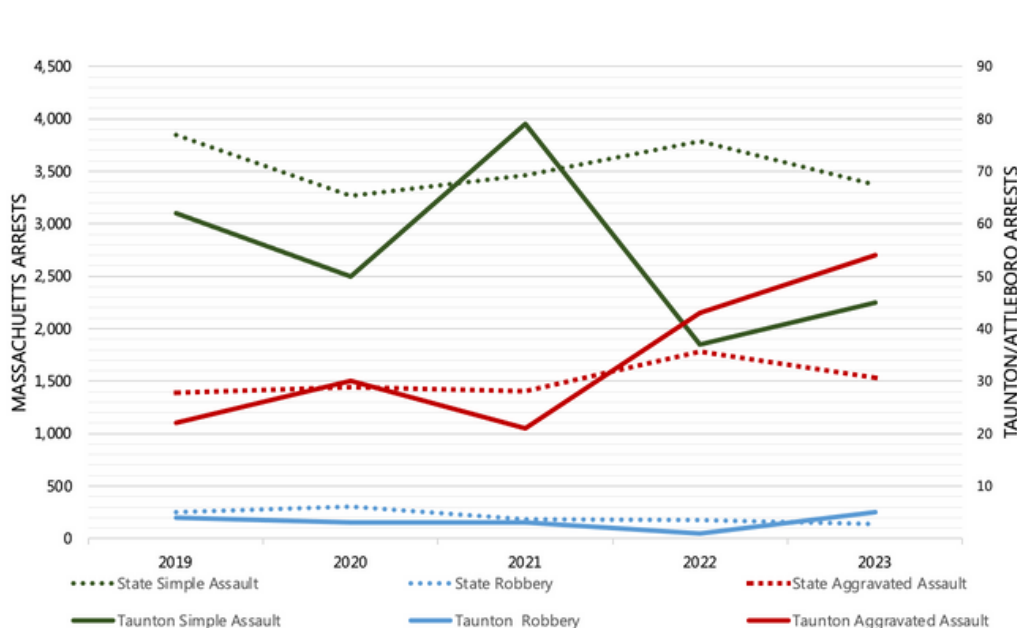
Street Gangs

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Gang Members
Between the Ages
of 10-24

There has been an increase in gang members who are under 18 years of age involved in firearms offenses, home invasions, robberies, stolen motor vehicles, drug-related incidents, and assault and battery cases. We have seen several of the gang members fighting within their gang as well as gang members leaving one gang to join another.

5-Year Crime Trends for Offenses Committed by Youth Ages 10-24, 2019-2023



Changes in Crime for Young People Ages 10-24, 2019-2023

Simple assaults in...

- Massachusetts decreased 12%
- Taunton decreased 27%

Robberies in...

- Massachusetts decreased 46%
- Taunton increased 25%

Aggravated assaults in...

- Massachusetts increased 10%
- Taunton increased 145%

Source: National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

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