

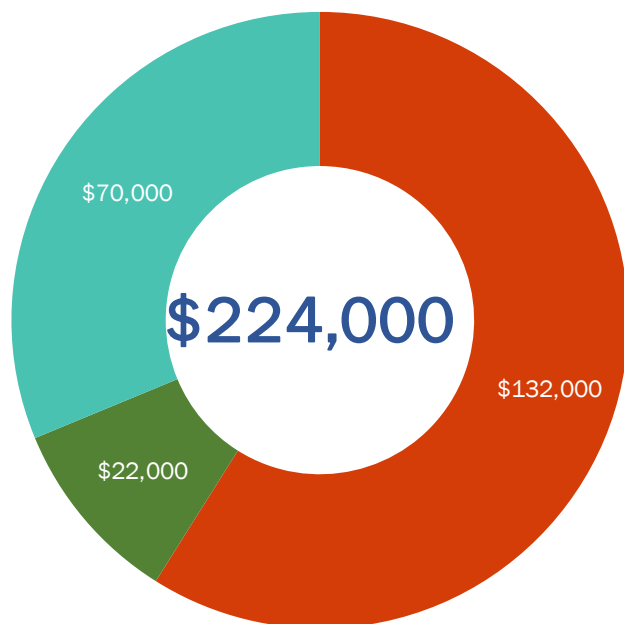
2019 Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative LAWRENCE

Funded Partners

ACT Lawrence, Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence, Change the Play Inc., Lawrence Family Development & Education Fund Inc., Lawrence Methuen Community Coalition/ Family Services of the Merrimack Valley, Lawrence YMCA and YWCA of Greater Lawrence

Funded by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research, 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.

FUNDING ALLOCATION



450 YOUTH SERVED

34%
LOW-RISK*

Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity due to the presence of known risk factors such as exposure to gang affiliates in their home or community.

32%
MODERATE-RISK*

Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as school failure, dropping out, truancy, substance abuse, and gang involvement.

34%
HIGH-RISK*

Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

* % of youth assessed for level of risk.

STRATEGIES & OUTCOMES

Positive Youth Development & Recreation*



505

Participated in Positive Youth Development Programs

284

Developed Communication & Conflict Resolution Skills

Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention



60

Received Case Management Services

60

Received Street Outreach Services

Education & Employment



44

Participated in Education Programs

57

Completed a Subsidized Employment Program

Suppression



96

Completed Hot Spot Patrols

187

Overtime Hours Spent on Hot Spot Patrols

Community Mobilization



686

People Attended Events, Meetings, & Presentations

12

Community Events, Meetings, & Presentations Held

* Positive Youth Development refers to intentional efforts to provide opportunities for you to enhance their interest, skills, and abilities.

Community Risk Factors

MASSACHUSETTS

6,892,503

10.0%

2.94%

1,007,005

32.8%

1.9%

Total Population
(2018 Estimate)

Population Lives in Poverty

Unemployment Rate

Total School Population
(2018-2019)

Economically Disadvantaged

High School Dropout Rate

LAWRENCE

80,376

23.7%

5.29%

17,509

70.7%

5.1%

Sources: www.census.gov/quickfacts; profiles.doe.mass.edu/; www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/

Gang Activity in Lawrence

5

Street Gangs

700

Gang Members

In 2019, Lawrence Police Department confirmed five street gangs of primary concern comprising over 700 members. Because of aggressive gang recruitment within the schools, gang members tended to be young, with ages ranging between 14 and 24 years. Primary gang-related crimes included drug trafficking, drug distribution, robbery, motor vehicle theft, inter-gang violence (including shootings), check forgery, and the unlawful possession of firearms.

5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2015-2019

MASSACHUSETTS AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

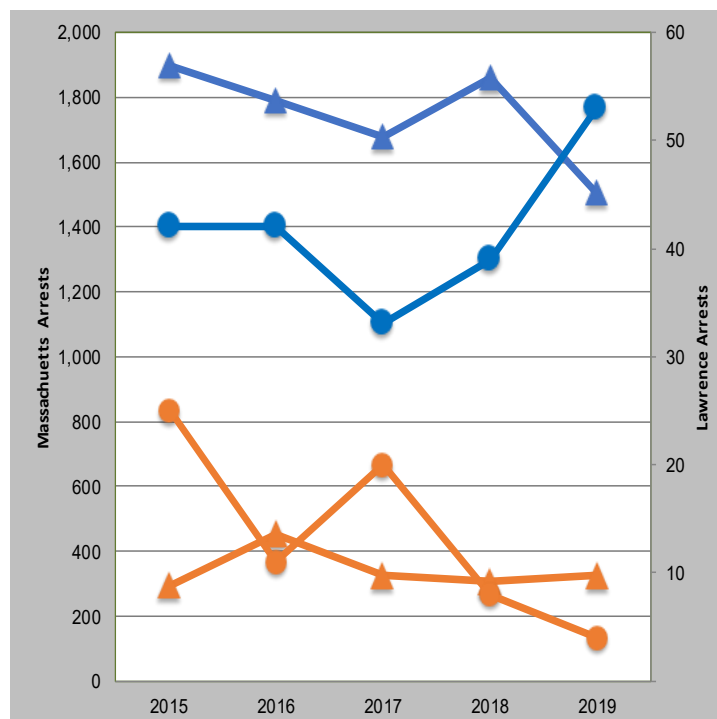


Aggravated assault arrests declined by 20.6% since 2015 (391 arrests)

MASSACHUSETTS ROBBERY



Robbery arrests increased by 10.1% since 2015 (30 arrests)



LAWRENCE AGGRAVATED ASSAULT



Aggravated assault arrests increased by 26.2% since 2015 (11 arrests)

LAWRENCE ROBBERY



Robbery arrests declined by 84% since 2015 (21 arrests)

Lawrence does not keep statistics for simple assault.