

# 2019 Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative

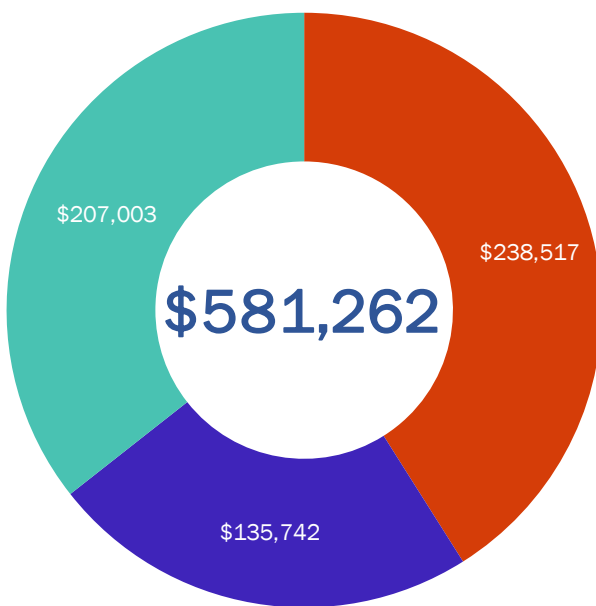
## LOWELL

### Funded Partners

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell, Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association, Career Center of Lowell, Lowell Community Health Center, Lowell High School, Lowell Police Department, Lowell Parks and Recreation, UTEC, West End Gym and YWCA

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



### 3,165 YOUTH SERVED

**51%**  
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.

**8%**  
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.

**41%**  
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\***



**2,043**

Participated in Positive Youth Development Programs

**648**

Developed Communication & Conflict Resolution Skills

**Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention**



**55**

Received Case Management Services

**50**

Referred to Education, Employment, or Mental Health Services

**Education & Employment**



**487**

Participated in Education Programs

**63**

Completed a Subsidized Employment Program

**Suppression**



**470**

Hot Spot Patrols Completed

**37**

Gang Members and High Impact Players Arrested

**Community Mobilization**



**2,527**

People Attended Events, Meetings, & Presentations

**28**

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

## LOWELL

111,670

20.7%

3.45%

18,076

57.7%

2.8%

Sources: [www.census.gov/quickfacts](http://www.census.gov/quickfacts); [profiles.doe.mass.edu/](http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/); [www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/](http://www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/)

## Gang Activity in Lowell

15

Street Gangs

58%

Gang Members  
Under 25

In 2019, the Lowell Police Department's gang intelligence unit confirmed 15 active gangs consisting of approximately 1,200 individuals, of which 58% were under the age of 25. Gang recruitment focused on young adolescents and several suspects of gang related crimes were under the age of 25 years. Gang activity primarily included firearms and drug-related crimes.

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

### MASSACHUSETTS SIMPLE ASSAULT

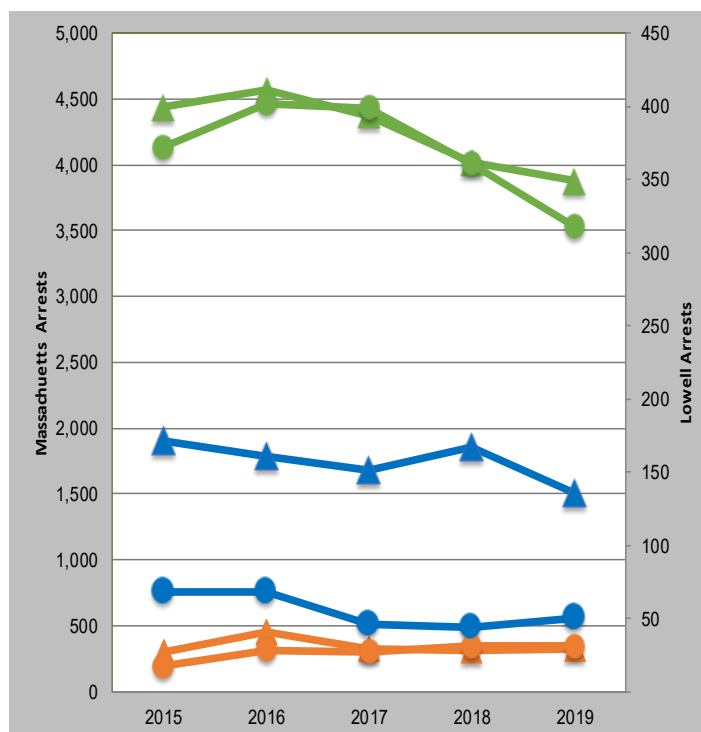
Simple assault arrests  
declined by 12.7% since  
2015 (563 arrests)

### MASSACHUSETTS AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

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

### MASSACHUSETTS ROBBERY

Robbery arrests increased by  
10% since 2015 (30 arrests)



### LOWELL SIMPLE ASSAULT

Simple assault arrests  
declined by 14.5% since 2015  
(54 arrests)

### LOWELL AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Aggravated assault arrests  
declined by 26.5% since 2015  
(18 arrests)

### LOWELL ROBBERY

Robbery arrests increased by  
82.4% since 2015 (14 arrests)