

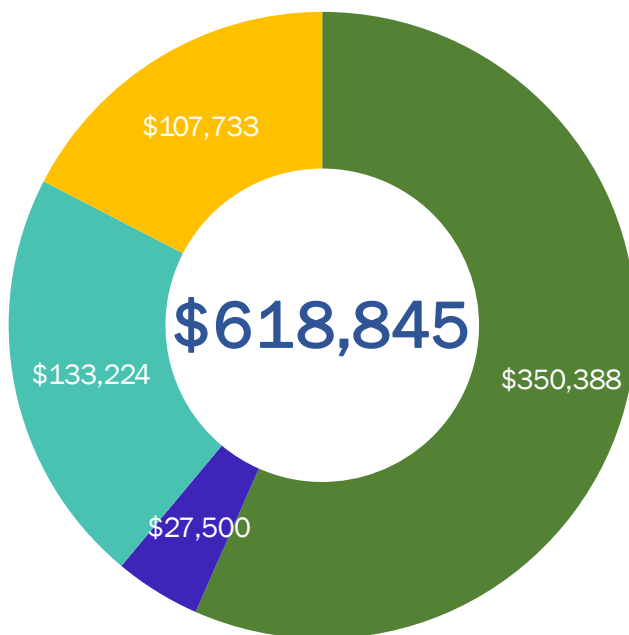
# 2019 Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative NEW BEDFORD

## Funded Partners

Bristol County District Attorney's Office, New Bedford Police Department, New Bedford Shannon, United Way of Greater New Bedford

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



## 419 YOUTH SERVED

**0%**  
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.

**3%**  
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.

**97%**  
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

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



**419**

Received Case Management Services

**92**

Street Outreach Workers Deployments

**400**

Case Management Goals Achieved

**303**

Supported in Aftermath of Homicide

**Education & Employment**



**157**

Participated in Education Programs

**40**

Obtained a Subsidized Employment Position

**Suppression**



**42**

Hot Spot Patrols Completed

**1881**

Overtime Hours Spent on Hot Spot Patrols

**Community Mobilization**



**7,200**

People Attended Events, Meetings, & Presentations

**69**

Community Events, Meetings, & Presentations Held

\* Positive Youth Development refers to intentional efforts to provide opportunities for youth 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

## NEW BEDFORD

95,315

21.1%

5.12%

16,516

68.0%

3.8%

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 New Bedford

26

Street Gangs

200

Gang Members  
Under 25

In 2019, New Bedford Police Department confirmed 26 active gangs with 505 validated gang members. Of the 505 validated gang members, 200 (39%) were under the age of 25. The largest gangs were the Latin Kings, the Shotgun Crips, Crips, Asian Boyz, Bloods, 18<sup>th</sup> Street, 40 Block, YAKK (Young Active King Killers), Black Gangster Disciples, Insane Gangster Disciples, Gangster Disciples, MS13. Gang related activity included shootings, stabbings, physical assault and efforts to claim turf and/or status in specific neighborhoods. Gang members used social media for recruitment, retaliation and fueling tensions between rival gangs, neighborhood sets, and members of the same gangs.

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

### MASSACHUSETTS SIMPLE ASSAULT

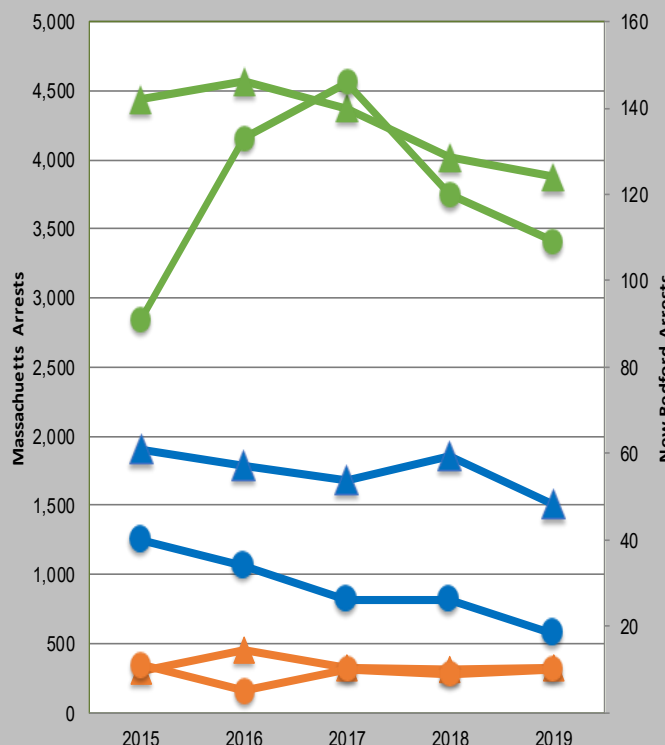
Simple assault arrests  
declined by 12.7% since 2015  
(563 arrests)

### 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)



### NEW BEDFORD SIMPLE ASSAULT

Simple assault arrests  
increased by 19.8% since  
2015 (18 arrests)

### NEW BEDFORD AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Aggravated assault arrests  
declined by 55% since 2015  
(22 arrests)

### NEW BEDFORD ROBBERY

Robbery arrests declined by  
9.1% since 2015 (1 arrest)