

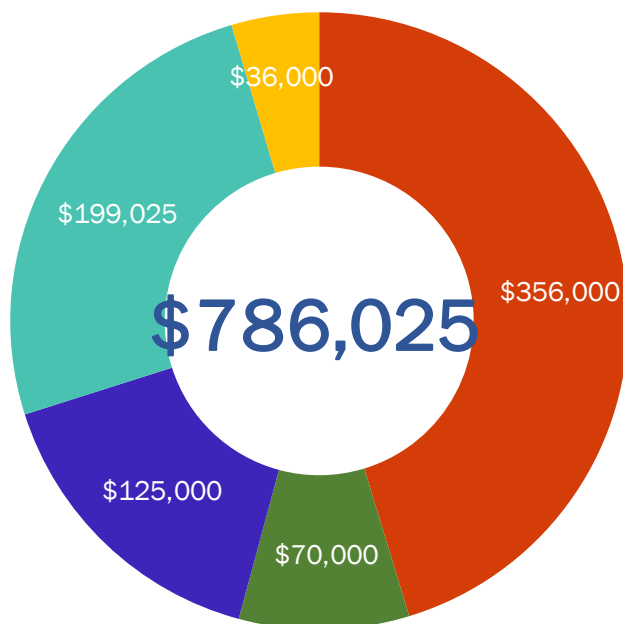
# 2019 Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative SPRINGFIELD

## Funded Partners

Boys & Girls Club-Carew & Acorn Street Family Center, Dunbar YMCA Community & Family Center, Greater New Life Christian Center, MLK Family Services, New North Citizen's Council, South End Community Center, Springfield Parks & Recreation Department, Springfield Police Department, The Salvation Army, YWCA of Western Massachusetts

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



## 621 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.

**42%**  
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.

**7%**  
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\*



**799**  
Participated in Recreation Programs

**528**  
Developed Communication & Conflict Resolution Skills

Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention



**180**  
Received Case Management Services

**186**  
Were Referred to Mental Health Services

Education & Employment



**662**  
Participated in Education Programs

**122**  
Completed a Subsidized Employment Program

Suppression



**147**  
Hot Spot Patrols Completed

**25**  
Gang Members and High Impact Players Arrested

Community Mobilization



**2,403**  
People Attended Events, Meetings, & Presentations

**94**  
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

## SPRINGFIELD

155,032

28.6%

5.53%

29,462

77.6%

5.1%

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 Springfield

34

Street Gangs

1,428

Gang Members  
Under 25

In 2018, the Springfield Police Department confirmed 34 gangs (15 national gangs and 19 local gangs) comprising an estimated 2,100 members and associates, of which 68% were under the age of 25. Gangs claimed a major share of the heroin market, resulting in increased drug-related shootings, assaults, and robberies; this activity has been expanding into the suburbs and neighboring states. Gang members used social media for recruitment, fueling tensions between rival gangs and members of the same gangs. Ten of the 17 homicides that occurred during 2018 involved gang members.

\* 2019 gang data was not available at the time of publication.

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

### MASSACHUSETTS SIMPLE ASSAULT

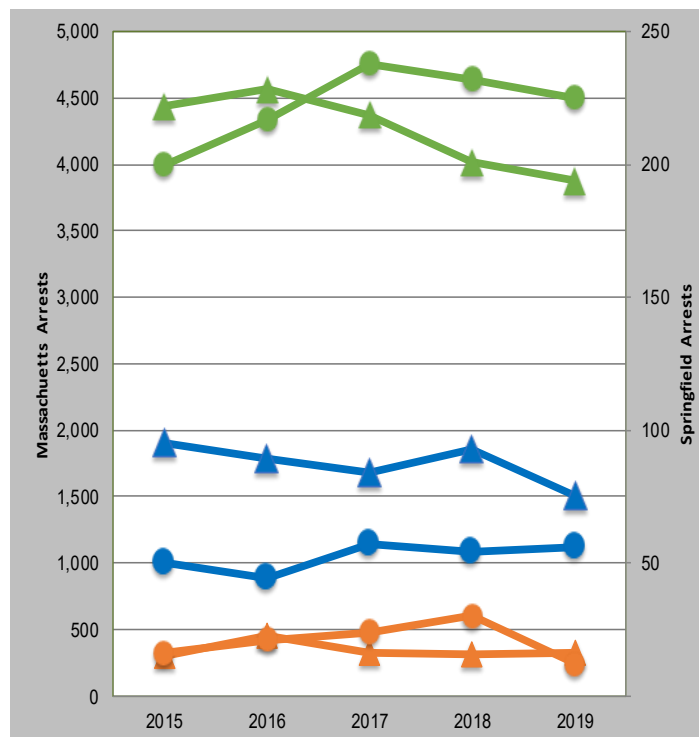
Simple assault arrests  
declined by 12.7% since  
2015 (563 arrests)

### MASSACHUSETTS AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

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

### MASSACHUSETTS ROBBERY

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



### SPRINGFIELD SIMPLE ASSAULT

Simple assault arrests  
increased by 12.5% since  
2015 (25 arrests)

### SPRINGFIELD AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Aggravated assault arrests  
increased by 12% since 2015  
(6 arrests)

### SPRINGFIELD ROBBERY

Robbery arrests declined by  
25% since 2015 (4 arrests)