

2021 CHARLES E. SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE BOSTON

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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.

Strategies, Outcomes, and Funding Allocation*

Total Funding: \$1,826,274.34

Including \$24,871.28 in COVID-19 relief funding

Strategies	Outcomes		Funding Allocation
Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention	1,471 Received Case Management Services	221 Received Street Outreach Services	\$454,769.46
Community Mobilization	8,687 Community Members Attended Events, Meetings, & Presentations	348 Community Events, Meetings, & Presentations Held	\$106,366.83
Education & Employment	978 Participated in Employment Programs	1,437 Participated in Education Programs	\$311,812
Positive Youth Development & Recreation	1,400 Participated in Recreation Programs	1,712 Participated in Youth Development Programs	\$255,751.02
Suppression	234 Hot Spot Patrols Completed	118 Gang Members/High Impact Players Arrested	\$386,859.35

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Shannon CSI programs may have adjusted programming options (e.g., reduced numbers served to meet restrictions, remote programming) and/or shifted funding allocations. In Boston, \$310,715.67 was allocated to administrative costs.

Youth Risk Assessments

24%
LOW-RISK* Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.

57%
MODERATE-RISK* Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as truancy.

19%
HIGH-RISK* Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

* % of youth assessed for risk; responses in risk assessment may have been impacted by changes in context due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Success Highlight

"One of our program participants lost his home to a fire, leaving his family homeless. BAM staff was able to quickly mobilize resources that included cash assistance and basic needs as well as linked the family to external services that supported in finding a new place. BAM was there throughout the entire ordeal providing mental health supports to help the young man deal with the trauma of losing everything."

~Youth Guidance

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To learn more visit: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/shannon-community-safety-initiative-csi>

Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts

Boston

Total Population (2021/2020 Estimates)	6,984,723	675,647
Population Lives in Poverty	9.4%	18.9%
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	5.7%
Total School Population (2020-21)	970,443	70,213
Economically Disadvantaged	43.8%	71.2%
High School Dropout Rate	1.6%	3.9%

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

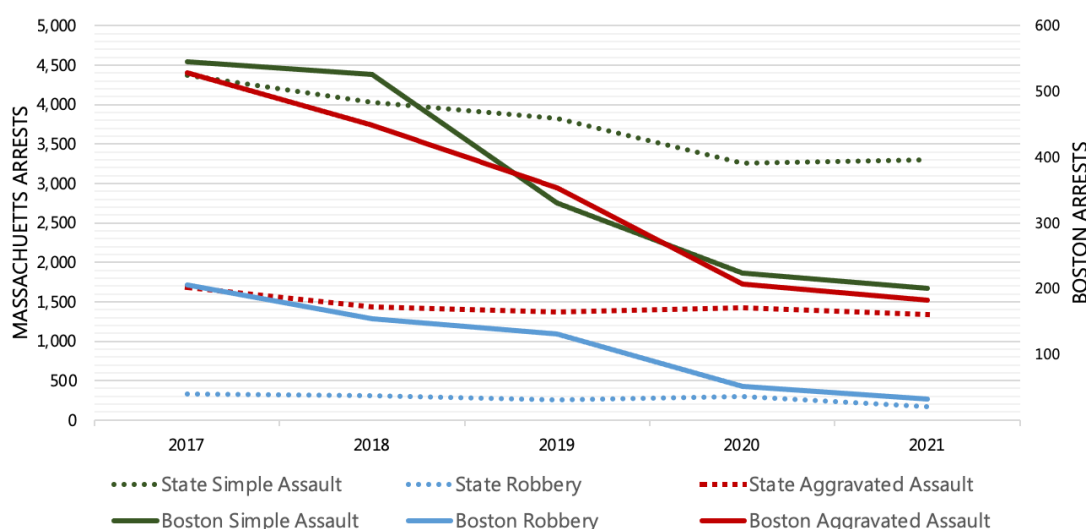
Gang Activity in Boston

102
Street Gangs

738
Gang Members
Under 25

In 2021, the Boston Police Department identified 102 active gangs. Boston Police Gang and Intelligence Officers classified 738 individuals between the ages of 14 and 24 as gang-involved. This intelligence was gathered through self-identification, field reports, arrest records, and collaboration with street workers, violence interrupters, the Department of Corrections, parole, clergy, and other community-based organizations. Neighborhoods most affected by youth and gang violence included Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan.

5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2017-2021



Changes in Crime for Young People Ages 10-24, 2017-2021

- Simple assaults in...
 - Massachusetts decreased 25%
 - Boston decreased 63%
- Robberies in...
 - Massachusetts decreased 47%
 - Boston decreased 84%
- Aggravated assaults in...
 - Massachusetts decreased 20%
 - Boston decreased 66%

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