

2021 CHARLES E. SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE BROCKTON

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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: \$648,809

Including \$25,000 in Covid-19 relief funding

Strategies	Outcomes		Funding Allocation
Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention	129 Received Case Management Services	121 Received Street Outreach Services	\$287,609.80
Community Mobilization	40 Community Members Attended Events, Meetings, & Presentations	4 Community Events, Meetings, & Presentations Held	\$18,353
Education & Employment	23 Participated in Employment Programs	121 Participated in Education Programs	\$78,110.74
Positive Youth Development & Recreation	212 Participated in Recreation Programs	255 Participated in Youth Development Programs	\$221,964.94
Suppression	4 Hot Spot Patrols Completed	91 Successful Home Visits (i.e., contact with youth or family)	\$42,770.53

*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.

Youth Risk Assessments

69% **LOW-RISK*** Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.

16% **MODERATE-RISK*** Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as truancy.

15% **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

"Participant N was 17, involved in a gang that she felt she could not leave, and experiencing homelessness. She had recently been a victim of street violence and expressed wanting to work with an outreach worker to get back on track and access shelter. Her case manager immediately connected her to a mental health clinician and established a safety plan with her while also providing basic needs supports. Participant N followed her safety goals, has left the crew/gang and located safe housing. She stated: 'I never felt like anyone cared about what would happen to me before' and 'You guys just showed up when I needed some help'"

~Safe Corners (Old Colony YMCA)

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

Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts

Brockton

Total Population (2021/2020 Estimate)	6,984,723	105,643
Population Lives in Poverty	9.4%	14.8%
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	8.6%
Total School Population (2020-21)	970,443	18,645
Economically Disadvantaged	43.8%	76.4%
High School Dropout Rate	1.6%	2.8%

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

Gang Activity in Brockton

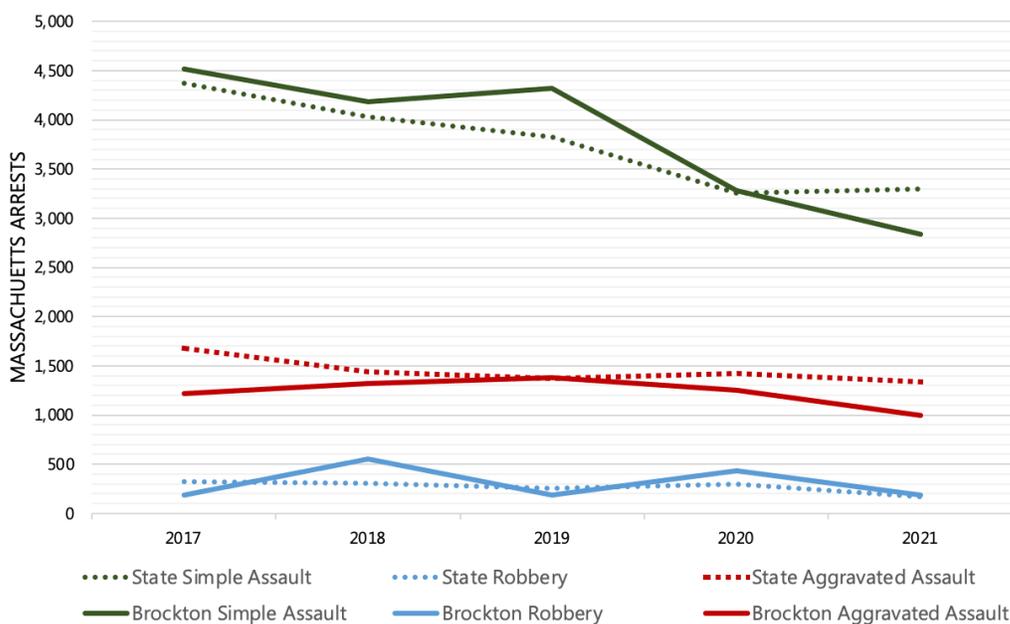
15
Street Gangs

200
Active Gang
Members

In 2021, it is estimated that fewer than 15 gangs drive the vast majority of criminal activity in Brockton. There are an estimated 200 active members with 67.5% between ages 10-24. Social media is an effective and ubiquitous recruitment tool. Additional recruitment involves requesting favors of youth like getting food, acting as a lookout, and renting cars or hotel rooms. This draws youth into the ranks while insulating gang members by creating barriers to their identities.

Gangs in Brockton continue to engage in firearms violence, including three shooting murders in a span of three weeks in August through September. Motor vehicle theft is a common delinquent activity for gang members, especially youth trying to prove their worth. Truancy is also pervasive, as is fighting at school. That has been an especially serious problem during fall and winter of 2021.

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%
- Brockton decreased 37%

Robberies in...

- Massachusetts decreased 47%
- Brockton decreased 0%

Aggravated assaults in...

- Massachusetts decreased 20%
- Brockton decreased 18%

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