

2021 CHARLES E. SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE HAVERHILL/METHUEN

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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: \$276,530.47

Including \$20,195.82 in COVID-19 relief funding

Strategies	Outcomes		Funding Allocation
Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention	<u>15</u> Street Outreach Deployments to Interrupt Retaliation or Mediate a Situation	<u>113</u> Received Street Outreach Services	\$84,517
Community Mobilization	<u>4,490</u> Community Members Attended Events, Meetings, & Presentations	<u>132</u> Community Events, Meetings, & Presentations Held	\$23,430.19
Education & Employment	<u>349</u> Participated in Employment Programs	<u>598</u> Participated in Education Programs	\$57,070.22
Positive Youth Development & Recreation	<u>2,665</u> Participated in Recreation Programs	<u>1,881</u> Participated in Youth Development Programs	\$85,512.15
Suppression	<u>122</u> Hot Spot Patrols Completed	<u>415</u> Successful Home Visits (i.e., contact with youth or family)	\$26,000.16

*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

99% **LOW-RISK*** Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.

1% **MODERATE-RISK*** Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as truancy.

0% **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 student mentioned she was dealing with body-image issues as she gained weight due to limited exercise when attending virtual classes. When she returned to school, she said she felt "uncomfortable in [her] own skin" and wanted to partake in a "diet". Other students would bully her, particularly boys, and she began to feel sad/depressed. The group and staff discussed positive body-image, self-worth, and mindful eating. Overtime, the student felt supported by peers and began to speak positively about herself and her body."

~ YWCA of Northeastern Mass

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

Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts

Haverhill

Methuen

Total Population (2021/2020 Estimate)	6,984,723	67,787	53,059
Population Lives in Poverty	9.4%	12.5%	9.2%
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	6.4%	7%
Total School Population (2020-21)	970,443	9,691	7,869
Economically Disadvantaged	43.8%	62.7%	53.6%
High School Dropout Rate	1.6%	2.2%	1.3%

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

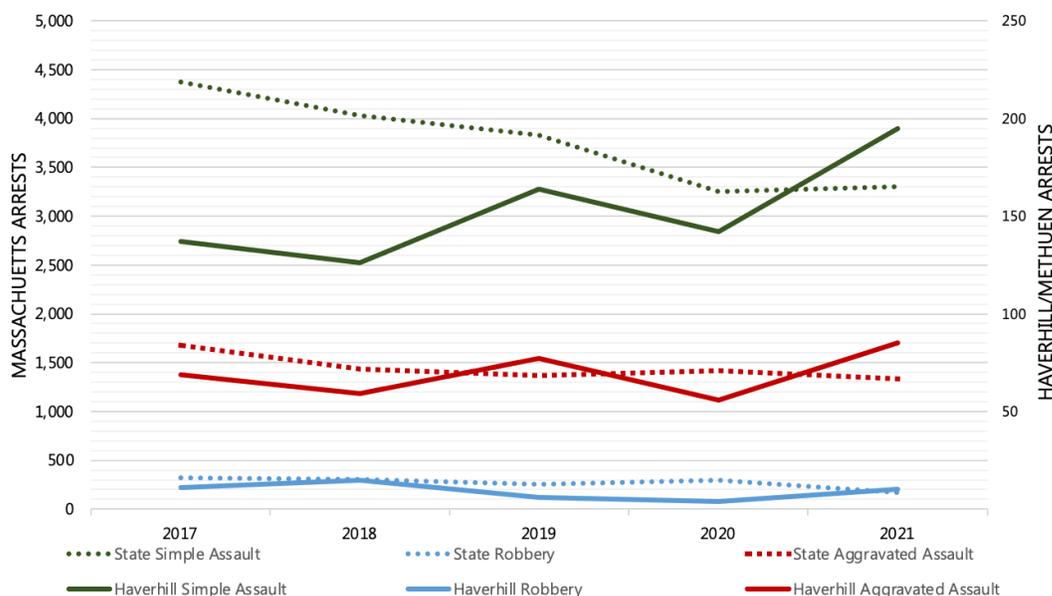
Gang Activity in Haverhill/Methuen

26-28
Street Gangs

400+
Active Gang
Members

In Haverhill/Methuen, most gang-related crimes are economic in nature (i.e., breaking & entry and home invasions to steal from other gang members). Larger gangs like Trinitarios are involved in prostitution and gun crimes. The Methuen/Arlington neighborhood shares many of the same gang issues as members cross town lines. Gangs in Haverhill are actively recruiting in the middle schools, with a concerted effort from Trinitarios and Gangsta Disciples. Both have provisional groups for the younger recruits (TRNs for Gangsta Disciples and Popots for the Trinitarios). Haverhill has had several shootings among local gangs, some in retribution for Nike Colon's death several years ago.

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%
 - Haverhill/Methuen increased 42%
- Robberies in...
- Massachusetts decreased 47%
 - Haverhill/Methuen decreased 9%
- Aggravated assaults in...
- Massachusetts decreased 20%
 - Haverhill/Methuen increased 23%

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