

2021 CHARLES E. SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE

TAUNTON/ATTLEBORO

Funded Partners: Attleboro Police Department, Taunton Boys & Girls Club Metro South, Taunton Housing Authority, Taunton Police Department

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: \$94,578.54

Strategies	Outcomes	Funding Allocation
Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention	<u>51</u> Received Case Management Services <u>9</u> Received Street Outreach Services	\$14,876.42
Education & Employment	<u>18</u> Participated in Education Programs	\$15,750
Positive Youth Development & Recreation	<u>55</u> Participated in Recreation Programs <u>69</u> Participated in Youth Development Programs	\$32,801.12
Suppression	<u>6</u> Hot Spot Patrols Completed <u>2</u> Gang Members/High-Impact Players Arrested	\$8,160

*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 Taunton/Attleboro, \$23,000 was allocated to administrative costs.

Youth Risk Assessments

59% **LOW-RISK*** Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.

32% **MODERATE-RISK*** Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as truancy.

9% **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 participant immigrated to the US from Haiti when she was 14 years old and resides with a single parent and 7 siblings. There was a major language barrier which left her below a grade level in school. She was referred to the YSC by the Taunton School system staff as an at-risk youth. She attended programming through the YSC (Boys & Girls Club, summer camp, basketball clinic) and actively participated. This individual graduated High School in 2020, is enrolled in a local Community College, and works a part-time job."

~Taunton Housing Authority

Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts

Taunton

Attleboro

Total Population (2021/2020 Estimate)	6,984,723	59,408	46,461
Population Lives in Poverty	9.4%	14.2%	8.6%
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	6.7%	5.3%
Total School Population (2020-21)	970,443	8,075	6,562
Economically Disadvantaged	43.8%	60.2%	42.5%
High School Dropout Rate	1.6%	1.4%	1.3%

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

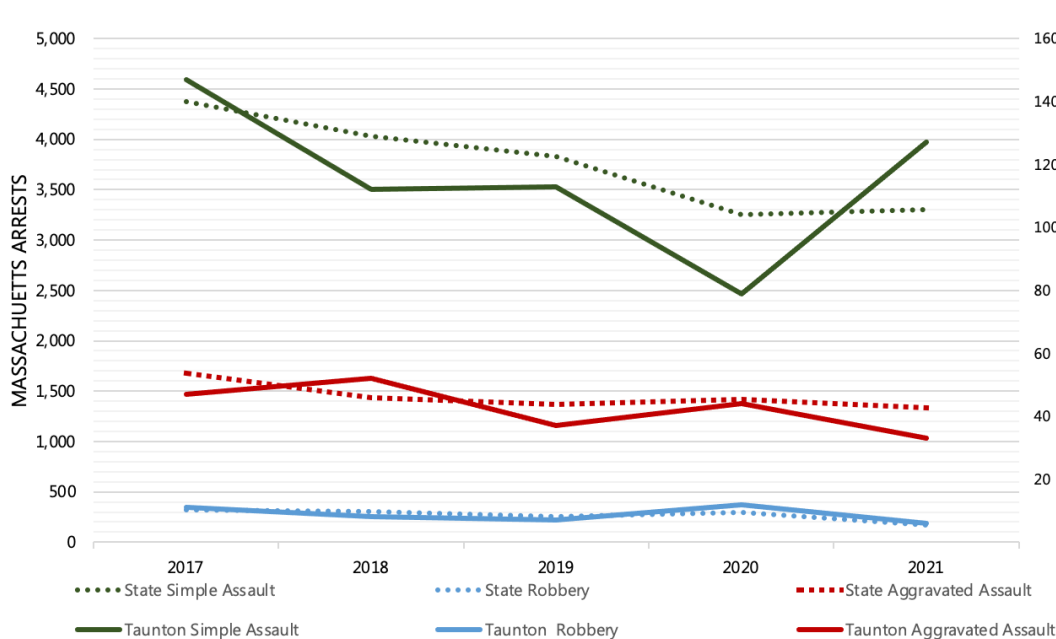
Gang Activity in Taunton/Attleboro

20
Street Gangs

80
Gang Members
Under 25

In 2021, the Taunton Police Department confirmed 20 gangs comprising approximately 175 gang members with 45% under the age of 25. Taunton Gang activity is "transit" as Taunton is considered to be a HUB that borders 6 different cities/towns and easily accessible from 5 different major Highways. Gang members are involved in drug dealing, assault & battery, shootings, home invasion's, domestic assaults, drug rips, stolen MV's, and "bike life culture". In the past year, gang members have experienced issues within their own gang causing infighting on top conflict with rival gang members.

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%
 - Taunton/Attleboro decreased 14%
- Robberies in...
- Massachusetts decreased 47%
 - Taunton/Attleboro decreased 45%
- Aggravated assaults in...
- Massachusetts decreased 20%
 - Taunton/Attleboro decreased 30%

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