

2023 CHARLES E. SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE BROCKTON

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Funded by the Office of Grants and Research, a state agency that is part of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, 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: \$718,400.00*

Strategies	Outcomes		Funding Allocation
Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention	107 youth received case management services	190 youth received street outreach services	\$320,297.49
Education & Employment	27 youth participated in employment programs	85 youth participated in education programs	\$78,598.97
Positive Youth Development & Recreation	391 youth participated in recreation programs	405 youth participated in youth development programs	\$251,208.99
Suppression	40 hot spot patrols completed	4 arrests of gang members/high impact players	\$23,999.70

*In 2023, \$44,294.85 was allocated to administrative/other costs for the site.

Youth Risk Assessments

65% **LOW-RISK*** Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.

25% **MODERATE-RISK*** Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as truancy.

10% **HIGH-RISK*** Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

* % of youth assessed for risk

Success Highlight

"Participant D had been expelled from school after an altercation with another student. They were having challenges due to conflicts in the home and began running away and engaging in unsafe behaviors and street-related activities. Participant D worked with a case manager to get into therapy, obtained academic support for re-engagement in school, worked on relationships with their family, and rebuilt trust with their mom. They brought up their grades and took it upon themselves to take extra classes to graduate on time. As gang-involved activities decreased, participant D also began cheerleading and went to Nationals this year for competition. They have been studying for their driver's permit test and working with their case manager on permanent employment. We are looking forward to what lies ahead for their bright future!"

~Safe Corners (Old Colony YMCA)

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

Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts

Brockton

Total Population (2022/2023 Estimates)	7,001,399	104,826
Population Lives in Poverty	10.4%	12.9%
Unemployment Rate (Jan. – Nov. 2023)	3.1%	4.3%
Total School Population (2022-23)	964,066	17,193
Low-Income (2023)	42.2%	74%
High School Dropout Rate (2020-21)	2.1%	5.1%

Sources: www.census.gov/quickfacts; profiles.doe.mass.edu; www.lmi.dua.eol.mass.gov/LMI/LaborForceAndUnemployment

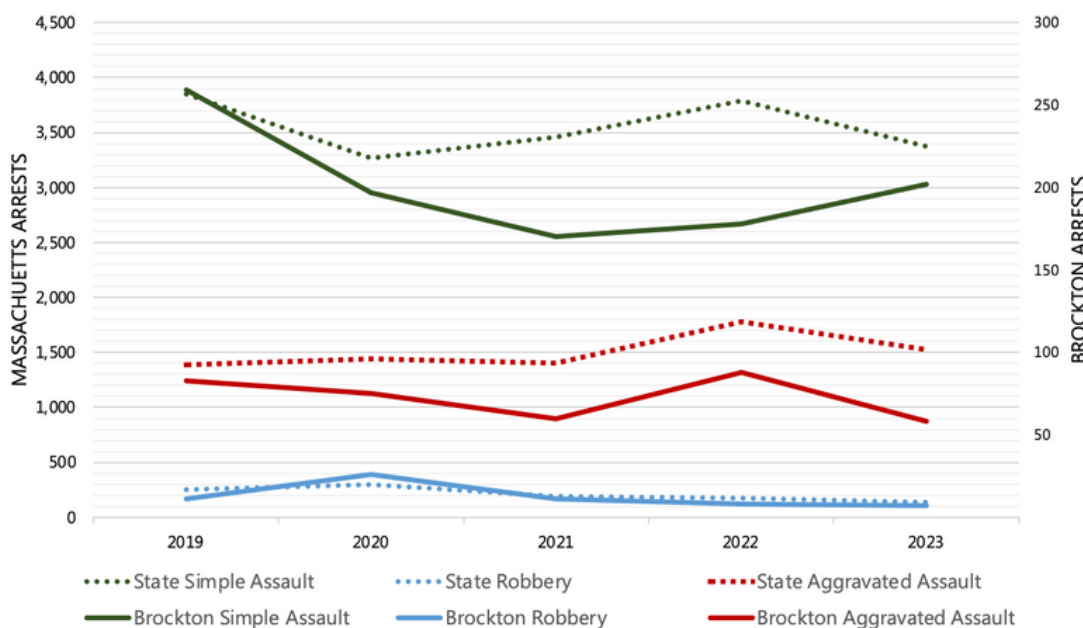
Gang Activity in Brockton

17
Street Gangs

300
Active Gang
Members

Gang activity continues to be an area of concern in Brockton. With more than 300 gang members in the community, recruitment has increased especially the recruitment of younger adults to serve as "carriers" or "lookouts." More recently, there is a grave concern with shootings, motor vehicle theft, and retaliatory violence.

5-Year Crime Trends for Offenses Committed by Youth Ages 10-24, 2019-2023



Changes in Crime for Young People Ages 10-24, 2019-2023

- Simple assaults in...
- Massachusetts decreased 12%
 - Brockton decreased 22%
- Robberies in...
- Massachusetts decreased 46%
 - Brockton decreased 36%
- Aggravated assaults in...
- Massachusetts increased 10%
 - Brockton decreased 30%

Source: National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

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