

# 2023 CHARLES E. SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE LYNN

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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: \$401,635.37

Strategies	Outcomes		Funding Allocation
Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention	<u>54</u> youth received case management services	<u>67</u> youth received street outreach services	\$184,350.36
Education & Employment	<u>62</u> youth participated in employment programs	<u>54</u> youth participated in education programs	\$112,790.32
Positive Youth Development & Recreation	<u>565</u> youth participated in recreation programs	<u>54</u> youth participated in youth development programs	\$52,680.83
Suppression	<u>200</u> hot spot patrols completed	<u>17</u> gang members/high impact players arrested	\$51,813.87

## Youth Risk Assessments

43% LOW-RISK*	Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.
39% MODERATE-RISK*	Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as truancy.
18% 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

*"A participant entered the program as a reserved and quiet young adult. We watched their confidence grow as they became aware of the skill set they possess and started building healthy relationships with their peers. Since leaving the program, they obtained new part-time employment and reported a better school experience due to connections made during the program."*

*~LifeScene*

# Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts

Lynn

Total Population (2022/2023 Estimates)	7,001,399	100,891
Population Lives in Poverty	10.4%	14.1%
Unemployment Rate (Jan. – Nov. 2023)	3.1%	3.6%
Total School Population (2022-23)	964,066	17,104
Low-Income (2023)	42.2%	73.5%
High School Dropout Rate (2020-21)	2.1%	4.3%

Sources: [www.census.gov/quickfacts](http://www.census.gov/quickfacts); [profiles.doe.mass.edu](http://profiles.doe.mass.edu); [www.lmi.dua.eol.mass.gov/LMI/LaborForceAndUnemployment](http://www.lmi.dua.eol.mass.gov/LMI/LaborForceAndUnemployment)

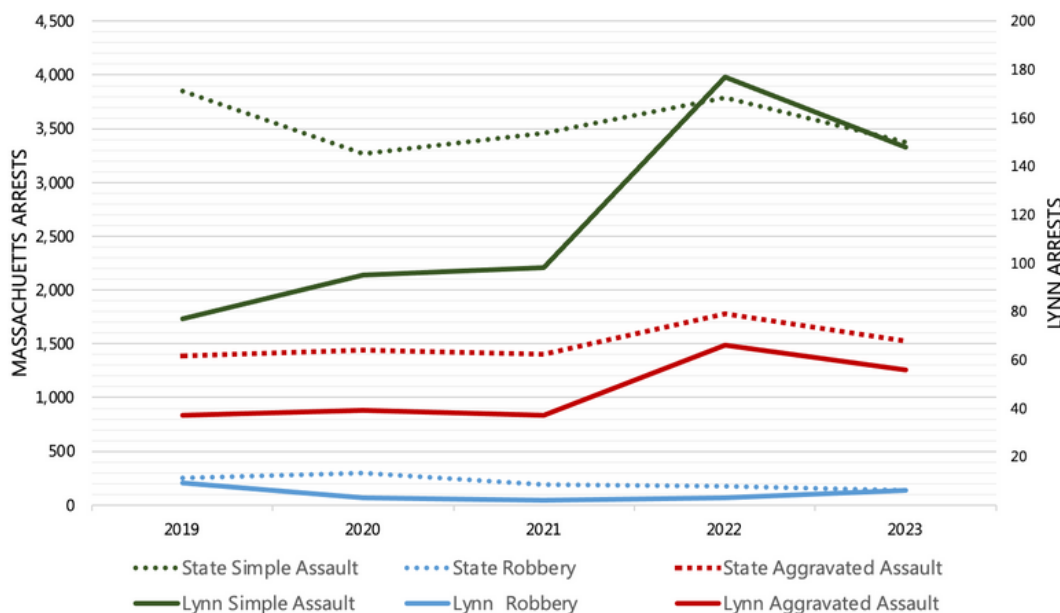
## Gang Activity in Lynn

11  
Street Gangs

100  
Gang Members

Lynn Police Department notes that gang recruitment primarily targets individuals in schools and on street corners. It is common for gang members from other communities to be active in Lynn.

## 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%
- Lynn increased 92%

Robberies in...

- Massachusetts decreased 46%
- Lynn decreased 33%

Aggravated assaults in...

- Massachusetts increased 10%
- Lynn increased 51%

Source: National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

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