

# 2023 CHARLES E. SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE METRO MAYORS COALITION

Communities: Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Quincy, Revere, Somerville, Winthrop

Funded Partners: Cambridge Community Art Center, Cambridge Police Department, Cambridge Youth Programs - City Peace, CAPIC - Revere PAL, Center for Teen Empowerment, Chelsea Police Department, City of Chelsea - Jordan Boys & Girls Club, City of Malden, Everett Police Department, Malden Police Department, Malden/Mystic Valley YMCA, North Suffolk Community Services (Youth Mental Health Initiative), Quincy Police Department, Quincy Recreation Department, Revere Police Department, ROCA Inc., Somerville Police Department, Winthrop Community Against Substance Abuse, Winthrop Police Department

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: \$757,147.86\*

Strategies	Outcomes		Funding Allocation
<b>Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention</b>	<b>21</b> youth received case management services	<b>25</b> youth received street outreach services	<b>\$90,862.31</b>
<b>Community Mobilization</b>	<b>1,138</b> community members attended events, meetings, & presentations	<b>155</b> community events, meetings, & presentations held	<b>\$12,990.64</b>
<b>Education &amp; Employment</b>	<b>227</b> youth participated in employment programs	<b>89</b> youth participated in education programs	<b>\$111,849.45</b>
<b>Positive Youth Development &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>1,215</b> youth participated in recreation programs	<b>1,342</b> youth participated in youth development programs	<b>\$282,600.59</b>
<b>Suppression</b>	<b>758</b> hot spot patrols completed	<b>36</b> law enforcement home visits	<b>\$126,912.04</b>

\*In 2023, \$131,932.84 was allocated to administrative/other costs for the site.

### Youth Risk Assessments

- 55% **LOW-RISK\*** Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.
- 34% **MODERATE-RISK\*** Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as truancy.
- 11% **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

*"Our team was able to engage with a habitual runaway youth from our city. We immersed ourselves with the youth and his story to understand why he ran away consistently. We learned who he truly was, which differed from how he was portrayed due to his behavioral issues. Officers arrived at a deeper connection and understanding of his family situation. To date, this young man has not run away again.*

*This success is attributable to the successful youth interaction supported by Shannon."*

*~Cambridge Police Department*

Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Secretary Terrence Reidy  
Office of Grants and Research, Executive Director Kevin Stanton

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

# Community Risk Factors

	Massachusetts	Cambridge	Chelsea	Everett	Malden	Quincy	Revere	Somerville	Winthrop
Total Population (2023/2022 Estimate)	7,001,399	118,488	38,637	49,350	64,712	101,727	58,528	79,762	18,510
Population Lives in Poverty (2018-2022)	10.4%	12.1%	21.4%	14.4%	13.5%	11.2%	12.3%	10.2%	8.2%
Unemployment Rate (January-November 2023)	3.1%	2.2%	3.1%	2.6%	2.8%	2.9%	3.2%	2.4%	2.8%
Total School Population (2022-23)	964,066	8,228	7,278	8,144	7,270	10,419	8,611	5,595	2,059
Low-Income (2023)	42.2%	35.5%	78.1%	71.5%	60.7%	47.2%	65.2%	48.3%	37.2%
High School Dropout Rate (2020-21)	2.1%	0.9%	6.5%	3.7%	3.1%	1.2%	3.9%	3.4%	3.0%

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)

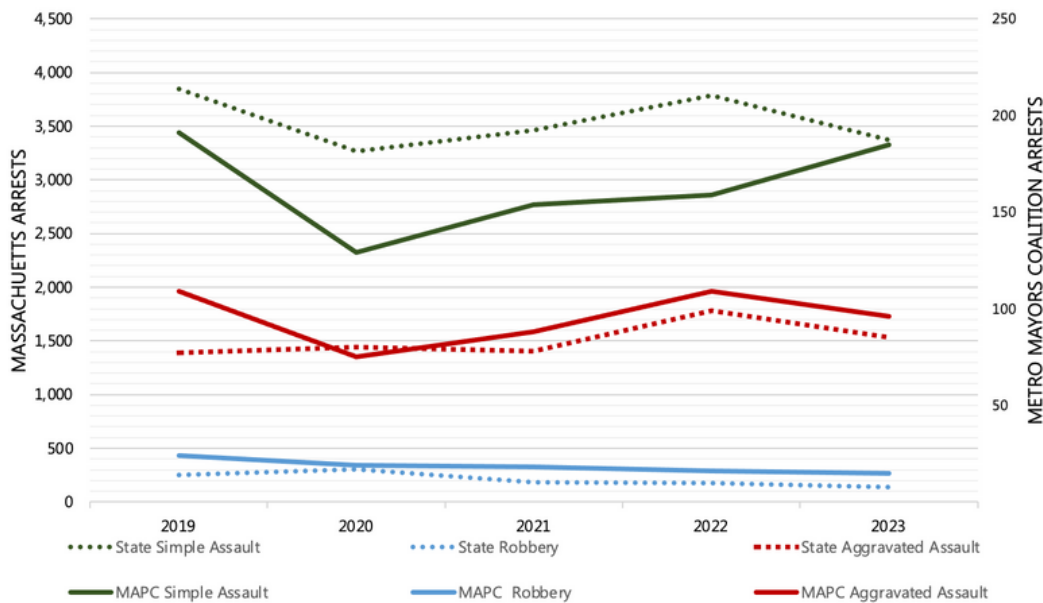
## Gang Activity in Metro Mayors Coalition

Approximately 30+ Gangs across the Communities

Approximately 467+ Gang Members

Across the 8 Coalition communities, the most frequently identified gangs were Maplewood, Port 44s/22s, 18th Street, and East Side Money. Crimes committed by gangs included firearms offenses, assaults, shootings, homicides, burglaries, motor vehicle theft, and drug offenses (especially involving fentanyl). A trend documented by several communities was the continued use of social media by gang members to broadcast activities online for recruitment purposes and for narcotic distribution. Many communities are also continuing to see activity spill over from larger neighboring cities.

## 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%
- Metro Mayors Coalition decreased 3%

Robberies in...

- Massachusetts decreased 46%
- Metro Mayors Coalition decreased 38%

Aggravated assaults in...

- Massachusetts increased 10%
- Metro Mayors Coalition decreased 12%

Source: National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

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