

# 2022 CHARLES E. SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE BOSTON

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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: \$1,642,723.10\*

Strategies	Outcomes		Funding Allocation
<b>Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention</b>	<b>1,299</b> Received Case Management Services	<b>1,326</b> Case Management Goals Achieved	<b>\$342,490.57</b>
<b>Community Mobilization</b>	<b>3,059</b> Community Members Attended Events, Meetings, & Presentations	<b>177</b> Community Events, Meetings, & Presentations Held	<b>\$127,404.60</b>
<b>Education &amp; Employment</b>	<b>578</b> Participated in Employment Programs	<b>1,541</b> Participated in Education Programs	<b>\$264,046.97</b>
<b>Positive Youth Development &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>3,127</b> Participated in Recreation Programs	<b>1,332</b> Participated in Youth Development Programs	<b>\$240,395.99</b>
<b>Suppression</b>	<b>1,040</b> Hot Spot Patrols Completed	<b>100</b> Gang Members/High Impact Players Arrested	<b>\$402,988.19</b>

\*In 2022, \$264,321.13 was allocated to administrative costs and \$1,075.64 in other costs for laptops.

## Youth Risk Assessments

33% **LOW-RISK\*** Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.

48% **MODERATE-RISK\*** Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as truancy.

19% **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

*"One of our young adults that has a long history of complex trauma, foster homes, and homelessness after aging out, worked extremely hard with his VIAP Advocate over the course of the last 3 years to access stable housing, secure and maintain employment, and remain engaged with mental health support and case management services. He then completed the police academy, and recently left for boot camp and is assigned to the National Security Agency, part of the U.S. Department of Defense. A remarkable young adult, his first stop when he was on leave over the holidays was the VIAP program, whom he considers his family."*

~BMC VIAP

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# Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts

Boston

Total Population (2021/2022 Estimates)	6,981,974	654,776
Population Lives in Poverty	10.4%	17.6%
Unemployment Rate (Nov. 2021 – Nov. 2022)	4%	3.4%
Total School Population (2021-22)	957,774	68,140
Low-Income	42.3%	69.8%
High School Dropout Rate (2020-21)	1.5%	2%

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)

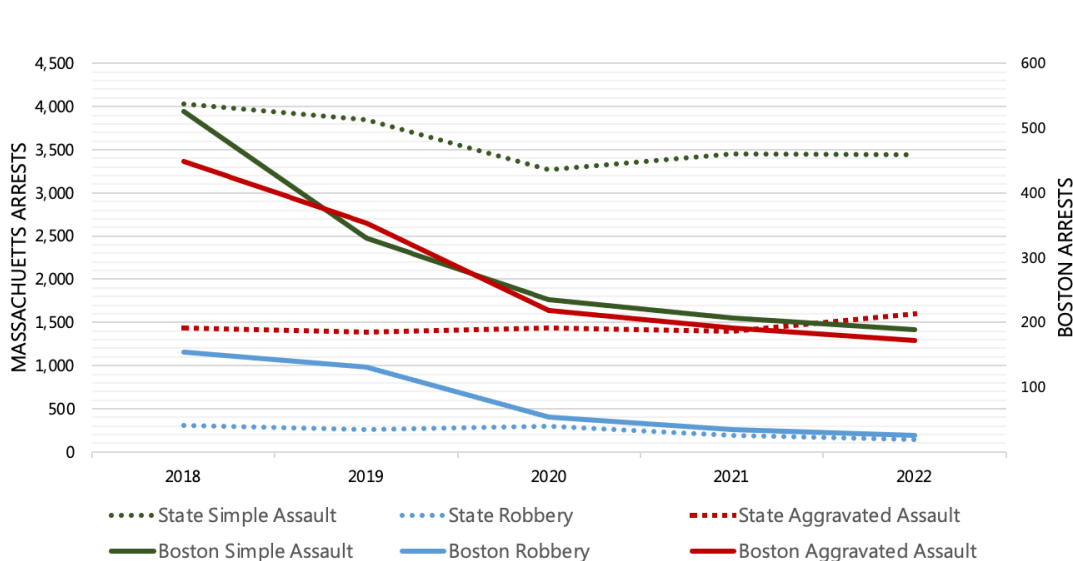
## Gang Activity in Boston

102+  
Street Gangs

745  
Gang Members  
Under 25

Gang activity in 2022 changed drastically from the decades preceding it. Today, there are fewer 'structured' gangs like the long-term neighborhood-based and location-based gangs such as H-Block, Mission Hill, Columbia Point, and more loosely affiliated groups. There are newer cohorts in parts of the city less affected by gun/gang violence, and an increased number of younger (10-14) individuals carrying firearms. Additionally, social media and music-sharing sites are increasingly being used to stoke contention between groups, neighborhoods, schools, and cultures with numerous videos, clips, and posts involving cash, firearms, fights, and shootings. In the past year, we have seen youth deface a gravesite, a school shooting, numerous Boston Public School teachers assaulted, and a very large racketeering case.

## 5-Year Crime Trends for Offenses Committed by Youth Ages 10-24, 2018-2022



### Changes in Crime for Young People Ages 10-24, 2018-2022

- Simple assaults in...
  - Massachusetts decreased 15%
  - Boston decreased 64%
- Robberies in...
  - Massachusetts decreased 52%
  - Boston decreased 83%
- Aggravated assaults in...
  - Massachusetts increased 11%
  - Boston decreased 62%

Source: National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

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