

# 2022 CHARLES E. SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE HAVERHILL/METHUEN

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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: \$325,153.64

Strategies	Outcomes		Funding Allocation
<b>Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention</b>	<b>46</b> Street Outreach Deployments to Interrupt Retaliation or Mediate a Situation	<b>253</b> Received Street Outreach Services	<b>\$91,363.72</b>
<b>Community Mobilization</b>	<b>1,543</b> Community Members Attended Events, Meetings, & Presentations	<b>98</b> Community Events, Meetings, & Presentations Held	<b>\$24,024.66</b>
<b>Education &amp; Employment</b>	<b>311</b> Completed a Subsidized Year-Round Employment Program	<b>1,399</b> Participated in Education Programs	<b>\$45,132.73</b>
<b>Positive Youth Development &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>346</b> Participated in Recreation Programs	<b>365</b> Participated in Youth Development Programs	<b>\$84,947.02</b>
<b>Suppression</b>	<b>630</b> Hot Spot Patrols Completed	<b>12</b> Gang Members/High Impact Players Arrested	<b>\$79,685.51</b>

## Youth Risk Assessments

- 89% **LOW-RISK\*** Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.
- 1% **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

*"One youth was released from prison after serving a year sentence, and before that, he did twelve years. He was anxious and worried since he did not have anywhere to go. We started working with him from prison before his release, when he came out we already had a job, a rooming house, and transportation to and from work lined up for him. The youth was alone and without any family support and because of the opportunity through the Shannon program, he has a greater chance at thriving in his life and society. He now has offered to volunteer his days off to the community to give back and show his appreciation for the help he received."*

*~ Leaving the Street Ministries*

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

# Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts

Haverhill

Methuen

Total Population (2021/2022 Estimates)	6,981,974	67,361	52,798
Population Lives in Poverty	10.4%	10.8%	9.7%
Unemployment Rate (Nov. 2021 – Nov. 2022)	4%	3.9%	4.7%
Total School Population (2021-22)	957,774	9,662	7,769
Low-Income	42.3%	60.9%	52.8%
High School Dropout Rate (2020-21)	1.5%	2.4%	0.8%

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)

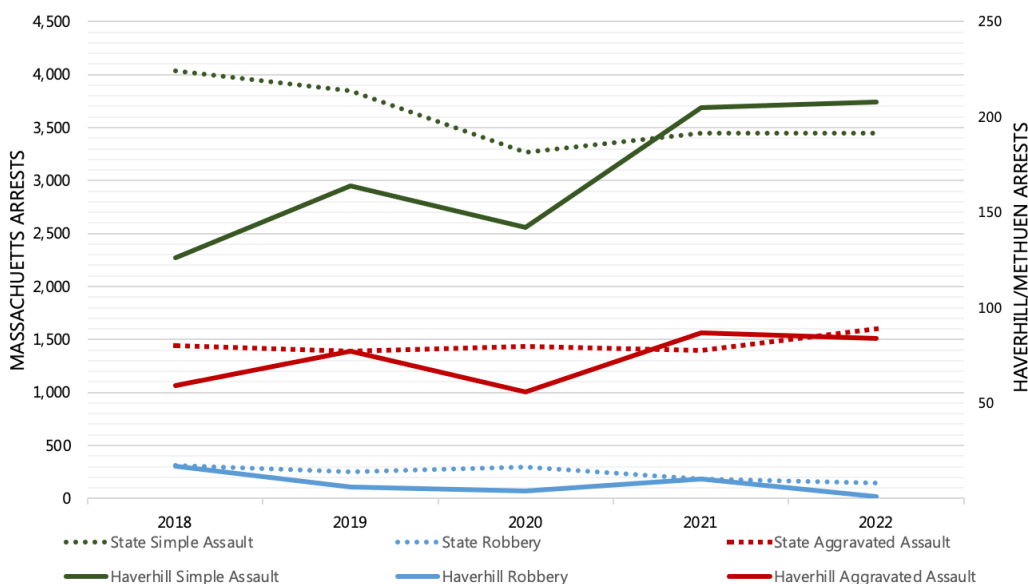
## Gang Activity in Haverhill/Methuen

26-28  
Street Gangs

400+  
Active Gang  
Members

Haverhill Methuen gang activity ranges from cliques to hybrid gangs and nationally recognized gangs including Bloods, Crips, Latin Kings, Trinitarios, and Gangsta Disciples. Outreach workers in Haverhill note that gangs have begun actively recruiting younger youth in schools as well as by forming provisional gangs. Gangs in Haverhill are primarily engaged in crimes that are economic in nature including drug dealing, home invasions, prostitution, gun crimes, and fraud via phone scams and "check washing." Most gang activity happens in the high-risk areas of the Acre and Mt. Washington in Haverhill. The Methuen/Arlington Neighborhood is where almost of gang activity happens. Gangs in the Methuen/Arlington area include the Trinitarios with 30 members residing in the neighborhood and another 120 members residing just across the city limits in the Arlington Neighborhood in Lawrence. The Latin Gangsta Disciples have 15 members living in the Methuen/Arlington Neighborhood and another 185 members living in Lawrence. These gangs are mostly involved in drug dealing and shootings. There is also the Kings of Tenney with 12 members. The Kings of Tenney are primarily involved in break-ins and armed robberies.

## 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%
  - Haverhill/Methuen increased 65%
- Robberies in...
- Massachusetts decreased 52%
  - Haverhill/Methuen decreased 94%
- Aggravated assaults in...
- Massachusetts increased 11%
  - Haverhill/Methuen increased 42%

Source: National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

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