

2022 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, 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
Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention	53 Received Case Management Services	76 Received Street Outreach Services	\$63,361.36
Community Mobilization	1,373 Community Members Attended Events, Meetings, & Presentations	257 Community Events, Meetings, & Presentations Held	\$8,854.81
Education & Employment	140 Participated in Employment Programs	160 Participated in Education Programs	\$113,731.03
Positive Youth Development & Recreation	1,126 Participated in Recreation Programs	842 Participated in Youth Development Programs	\$272,417.26
Suppression	5,706 Hot Spot Patrols Completed	255 Law Enforcement Home Visits	\$145,655.78

*In 2022, \$131,342.62 was allocated to administrative costs, \$20,285 was allocated to support partners' youth mental and behavioral health initiatives, and \$1,500 supported the Metro Mayors basketball tournament.

Youth Risk Assessments

- 47% **LOW-RISK*** Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.
- 43% **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

"During the pandemic, one of our longtime participants was arrested for assault and battery and other charges. The case lingered for a while, the co-defendant went to jail, and the youth from our program was issued an ankle bracelet and in-house restrictions. Despite those challenges, he has successfully transitioned to community college and is playing basketball for the team there. Now, he is focusing on obtaining a bachelor's degree from a 4-year school."

~CAPIC - Revere PAL

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

Community Risk Factors

	Massachusetts	Cambridge	Chelsea	Everett	Malden	Quincy	Revere	Somerville	Winthrop
Total Population (2021-2022 Estimates)	6,981,974	117,090	38,889	48,557	65,074	101,119	59,075	79,815	18,505
Population Lives in Poverty	10.4%	12.3%	22.5%	12.8%	14.7%	10.8%	13%	10.4%	8.3%
Unemployment Rate (Nov.2021-Nov.2022)	4%	2.2%	4%	3.3%	3.4%	3.5%	4.1%	2.4%	3.4%
Total School Population (2021-22)	957,774	8,026	7,203	7,862	7,401	10,261	8,441	5,505	1,967
Low-Income	42.3%	35.3%	80.5%	73.2%	62.6%	47.8%	67.7%	50.8%	38.2%
High School Dropout Rate (2020-21)	1.5%	1.1%	4.9%	4.5%	3.6%	1.1%	3.8%	1.9%	1.4%

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

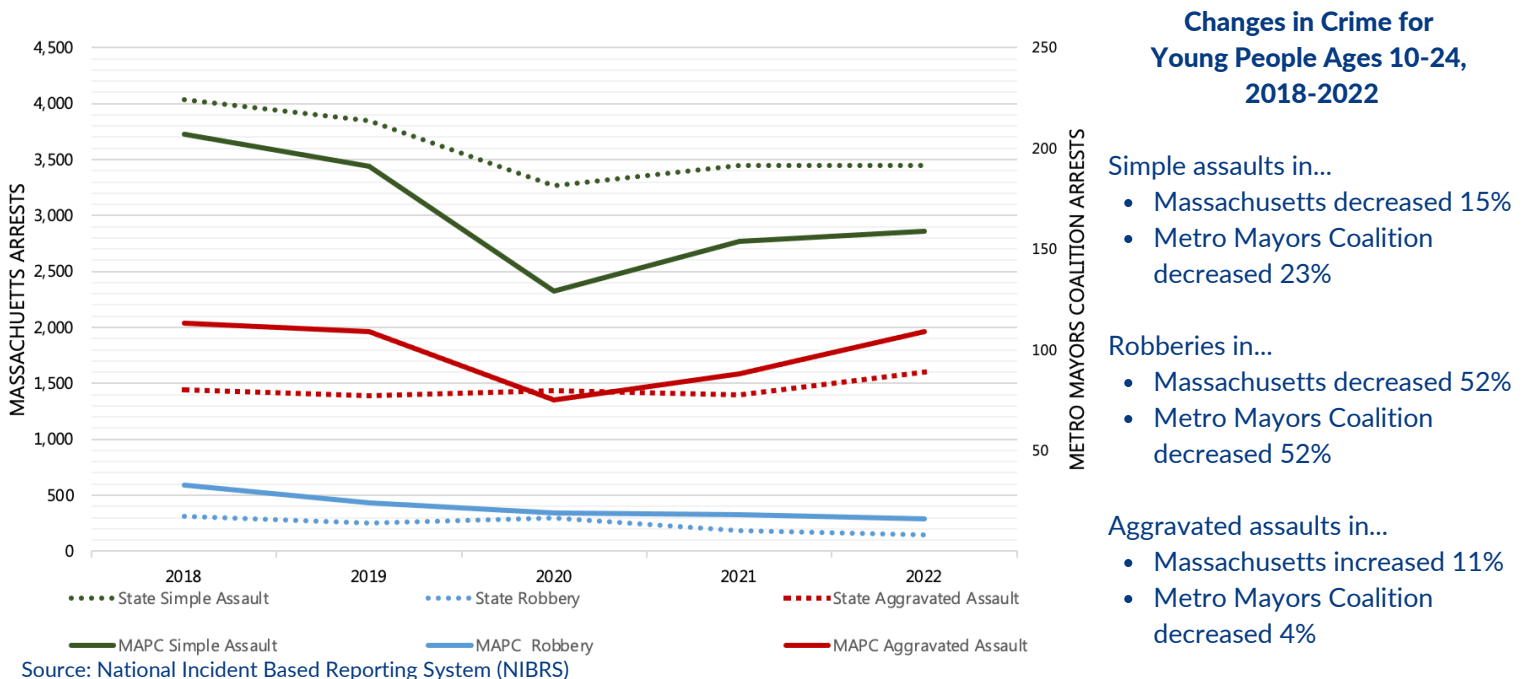
Gang Activity in Metro Mayors Coalition

Approximately 81 Gangs across the Communities

Approximately 472 Gang Members

Across the 8 Coalition communities, the most frequently identified gangs were Maplewood, Port 44s/22s, and 18th Street. Crimes committed by gangs included firearms offenses, assaults, shootings, homicides, burglaries, motor vehicle theft, and drug offenses (especially involving fentanyl). Trends documented by several communities include the continued use of social media by gang members to broadcast activities online for recruitment purposes and for narcotic distribution.

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



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