

# 2022 CHARLES E. SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE NEW BEDFORD

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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: \$1,097,167.80

<b>Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention</b>	<b>280</b> Received Case Management Services	<b>314</b> Received Street Outreach Services	<b>\$348,675.04</b>
<b>Community Mobilization</b>	<b>11,680</b> Community Members Attended Events, Meetings, & Presentations	<b>146</b> Community Events, Meetings, & Presentations Held	<b>\$174,337.52</b>
<b>Education &amp; Employment</b>	<b>20</b> Participated in Employment Programs	<b>22</b> Participated in Education Programs	<b>\$174,337.52</b>
<b>Positive Youth Development &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>82</b> Participated in Recreation Programs	<b>56</b> Participated in Youth Development Programs	<b>\$174,337.52</b>
<b>Suppression</b>	<b>87</b> Hot Spot Patrols Completed	<b>163</b> High-Impact Players Arrested	<b>\$225,480.20</b>

## Youth Risk Assessments

10%  
LOW-RISK\* Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.

25%  
MODERATE-RISK\* Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as truancy.

65%  
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, who happened to be homeless, enrolled in our Hlset program and passed all sections of the test on the first try. As he was preparing to take the test, he went couch-to-couch until his Case Manager was able to arrange for him a stable place to live. Upon passing his test in July, he completed OSHA 30 and 40 training as well as getting his Forklifting License. He now works a full-time job and has his own place to live."*

*~North Star Learning Center*

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/service-details/shannon-community-safety-initiative-csi>

# Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts

New Bedford

Total Population (2021/2022 Estimates)	6,981,974	100,941
Population Lives in Poverty	10.4%	18.7%
Unemployment Rate (Nov. 2021 – Nov. 2022)	4%	6.2%
Total School Population (2021-22)	957,774	15,145
Low-Income	42.3%	80.5%
High School Dropout Rate (2020-21)	1.5%	6.2%

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)

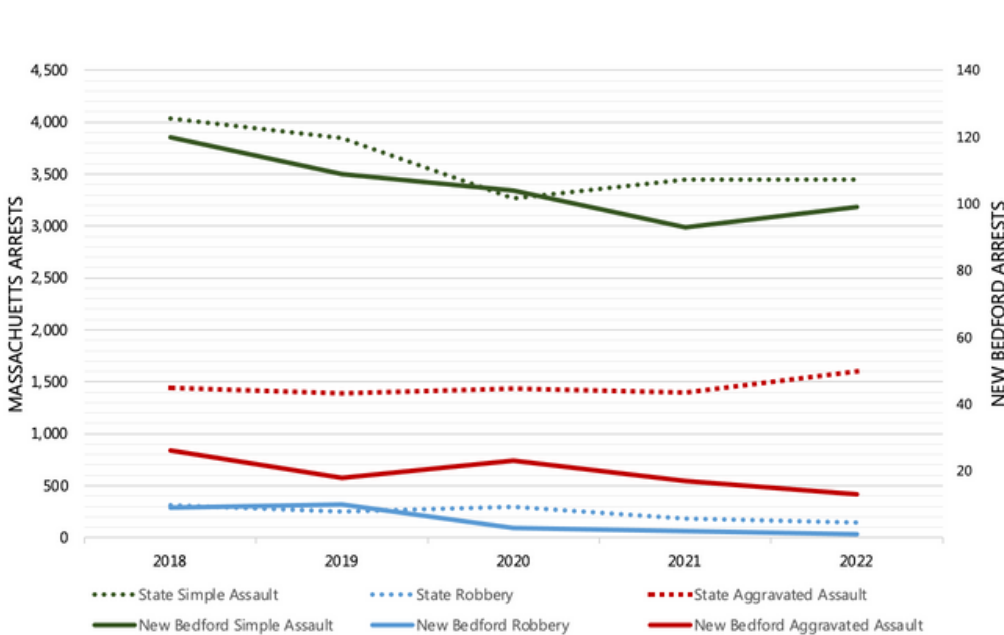
## Gang Activity in New Bedford

12  
Street Gangs

63  
Gang Members  
Under 25

New Bedford Police Department has purged its old system of documenting gang activity and has started a new data management system that is in the beginning stages. For this reason, the New Bedford site is unable to provide updates on gang activity in 2022.

## 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%
- New Bedford decreased 18%

#### Robberies in...

- Massachusetts decreased 52%
- New Bedford decreased 89%

#### Aggravated assaults in...

- Massachusetts increased 11%
- New Bedford decreased 50%

Source: National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

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