

2022 CHARLES E. SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE SPRINGFIELD

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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: \$1,201,514.08*

Strategies	Outcomes		Funding Allocation
Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention	140 Received Case Management Services	183 Received Street Outreach Services	\$136,504.35
Community Mobilization	250 Community Members Attended Events, Meetings, & Presentations	52 Community Events, Meetings, & Presentations Held	\$14,000.00
Education & Employment	94 Participated in Employment Programs	388 Participated in Education Programs	\$171,136.17
Positive Youth Development & Recreation	1,152 Participated in Recreation Programs	1,010 Participated in Youth Development Programs	\$437,619.07
Suppression	900 Hot Spot Patrols Completed	162 High-Impact Players Arraigned	\$375,816.84

*In 2022, \$66,437.66 was allocated to administrative costs.

Youth Risk Assessments

- 29% **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.
- 28% **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 individual faced challenges at home, in school, in the community, and with his own family. This individual did not know what their next steps would be after graduation. We helped him to get a job and went over different spending and saving strategies for his future. The individual plays basketball for the college he now attends, he was able to get a scholarship to help pay for school, and he was able to get a car. Additionally, relationships at home were mended."

~Springfield Boys & Girls Club Family Center

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

Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts

Springfield

Total Population (2021/2022 Estimates)	6,981,974	154,789
Population Lives in Poverty	10.4%	26.3%
Unemployment Rate (Nov. 2021 – Nov. 2022)	4%	6.7%
Total School Population (2021-22)	957,774	28,681
Low-Income	42.3%	86%
High School Dropout Rate (2020-21)	1.5%	1.9%

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

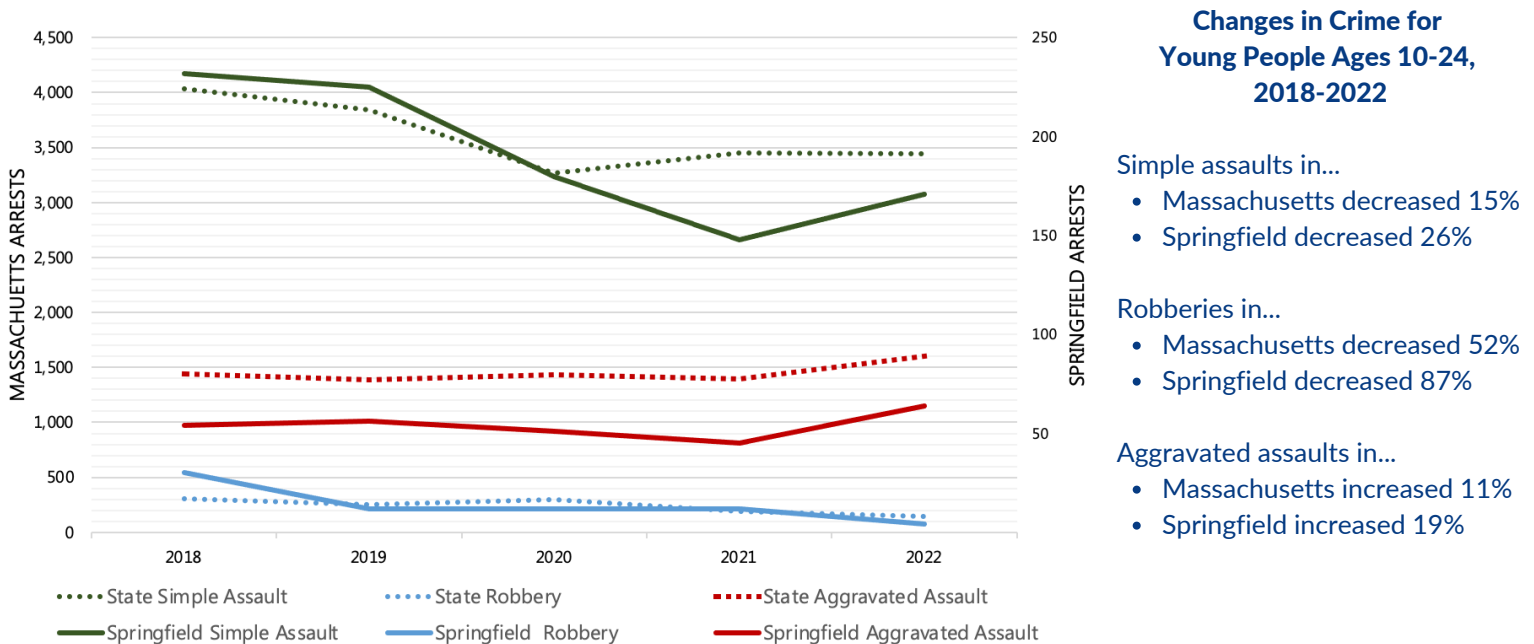
Gang Activity in Springfield

35
Street Gangs

1,122
Gang Members
under 25

Springfield gangs control a major share of the heroin market, resulting in increased drug-related shootings, assaults, and robberies. This activity has been expanding into the suburbs and neighboring states. Gang members continue to use social media for recruitment, fueling tensions between rival gangs and members of the same gangs. Ten of the 17 homicides that occurred during 2021 (59%) were gang-related. Springfield's murder rate (12 per 100k) is generally higher than in comparable-sized cities.

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



Source: National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

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