

# 2022 CHARLES E. SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE TAUNTON/ATTLEBORO

Funded Partners: Taunton Housing Authority, Taunton 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: \$126,882.78\*

Strategies	Outcomes		Funding Allocation
<b>Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention</b>	<b>44</b> Received Case Management Services	<b>44</b> Case Management Goals Achieved	<b>\$22,545.67</b>
<b>Positive Youth Development &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>38</b> Participated in Recreation Programs	<b>38</b> Participated in Youth Development Programs	<b>\$33,818.51</b>
<b>Suppression</b>	<b>7</b> Hot Spot Patrols Completed	<b>3</b> Gang Members/High-Impact Players Arrested	<b>\$40,346.49</b>

\*In 2022, \$30,172.11 was allocated to administrative costs.

## Youth Risk Assessments

100% **LOW-RISK\*** Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.

0% **MODERATE-RISK\*** Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as truancy.

0% **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

*"The Youth Services Coordinator referred an at-risk youth to the Boys and Girls Club Grant sponsored Shannon Grant program in 2021. The youth has been a member of the Club and attending consistently since. In November, the youth applied for a part-time counselor position and was hired by the Club."*

*~Taunton Housing Authority*

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

# Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts

Taunton

Attleboro

Total Population (2021/2022 Estimates)	6,981,974	59,600	46,580
Population Lives in Poverty	10.4%	13.5%	9.1%
Unemployment Rate (Nov. 2021 – Nov. 2022)	4%	4.6%	3.8%
Total School Population (2021-22)	957,774	8,766	6,654
Low-Income	42.3%	58%	40.5%
High School Dropout Rate (2020-21)	1.5%	.08%	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)

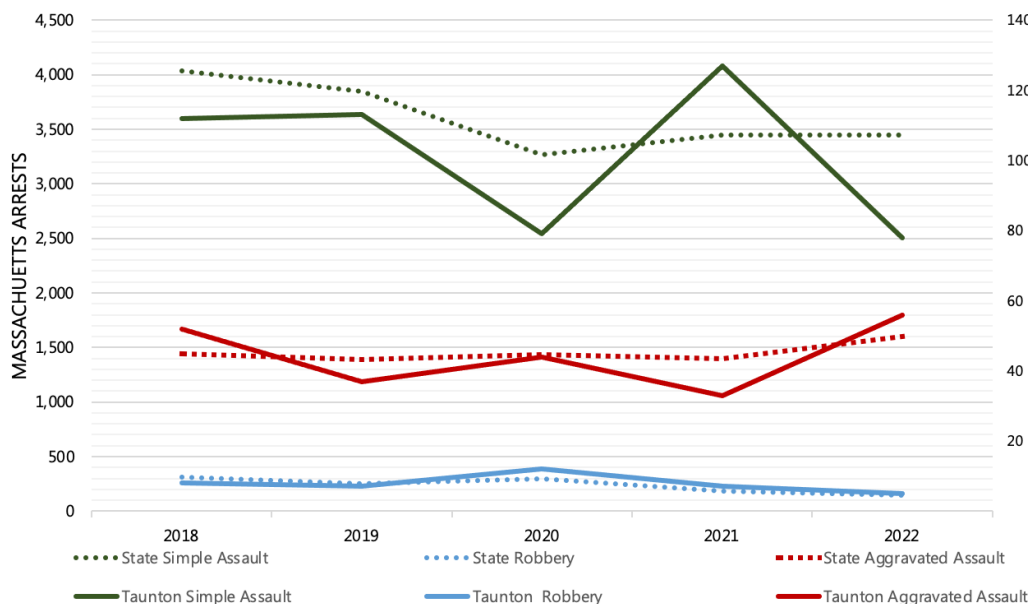
## Gang Activity in Taunton/Attleboro

100-120  
Street Gangs

40  
Gang Members  
Under 25

Taunton's gang activity includes drug crimes, firearm crimes, robbery, motor vehicle theft, assault and battery, murder, as well as different types of assault and battery. In the past year, there has been some inter-gang violence between popular gangs in the area. Taunton sees a large portion of their gang members to be transient gang members going between Brockton and Boston and/or from Taunton to New Bedford.

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



Source: National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

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

- Simple assaults in...
  - Massachusetts decreased 15%
  - Taunton/Attleboro decreased 30%
- Robberies in...
  - Massachusetts decreased 52%
  - Taunton/Attleboro decreased 38%
- Aggravated assaults in...
  - Massachusetts increased 11%
  - Taunton/Attleboro increased 8%

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