2017 Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative

BOSTON / BROOKLINE

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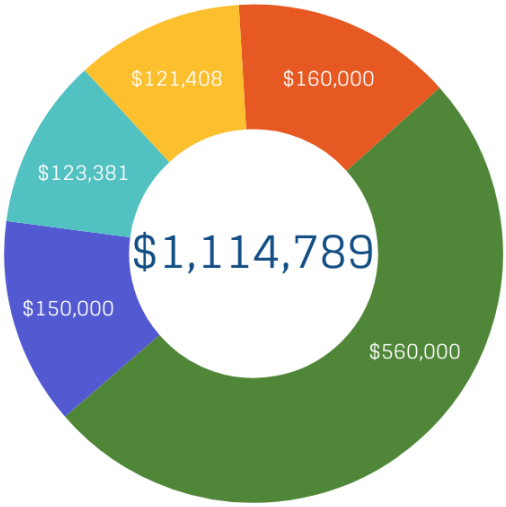
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts's Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model (CGM). Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. In each Shannon community, partners implement strategies that align with the CGM and respond to community problems. These strategies include education and employment opportunities, case management and street outreach or intervention, positive youth development and recreation, and coordinating a law enforcement response through suppression. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years, live in a high-risk area, and be high-risk or at-risk of becoming involved, or are currently involved, in gang activity. To learn more visit: https://www.mass.gov/service-details/shannon-community-safety-initiative-csi

Funding Allocation



1,821 Total Youth Served

42% At-Risk

Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity due to the presence of known risk factors such as exposure to gang affiliates in their home or community.

39% High-Risk

Youth exposed to the same risk factors as at-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as school failure, dropping out, truancy, substance abuse, and gang involvement as an affiliate or member not yet participating in violent criminal activity.

19% Proven-Risk

Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

=10% of Youth Served

Shannon Strategies & Outcomes

Positive Youth Development & Recreation*

1,082 Participated in Positive Youth Development Programs

946 Developed Communication and Conflict Resolution Skills

Case Management & Street Outreach or Intervention

1,471 Received Case Management Services

77 Received Street Outreach Services

Education & Employment

608 Participated in Education Programs

264 Completed a Subsidized Employment Program

Suppression

390 Hot Spot Patrols Completed

233 Law Enforcement Supported Home Visits

Community Mobilization

9.577 People Attended Events, Meetings, and Presentations

428 Community Events, Meetings, and Presentations Held

* Positive Youth Development refers to intentional efforts to provide opportunities for youth to enhance their interests, skills, and abilities.

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Community Risk Factors

	Massachusetts	Boston	Brookline
Total Population (2016 Estimate)	6,811,779	673,184	58,180
Population Lives in Poverty	11.4%	21.1%	12.4%
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	3.5%	3.2%
Total School Population) (2016-2017)	953,748	53,263	7,695
Economically Disadvantaged	30.2%	55.5%	9.6%
High School Dropout Rate	1.8%	4.4%	0.5%

Sources: www.census.gov/quickfacts; profiles.doe.mass.edu/; www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/

Gang Activity in Boston

98
Street Gangs

910
Gang Members Under 25 Years Old

During 2017, the Boston Police Department identified 98 active gangs. Boston Police Gang and Intelligence Officers classified 910 juveniles between the ages of 14 and 24 as gang-involved. This intelligence was gathered through self- identification, field reports, arrest records, and collaboration with street workers, violence interrupters, Department of Correction, parole, clergy and other community-based organizations. Neighborhoods most affected by youth and gang violence included Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan.

5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2013-2017

Massachusetts Simple Assaults

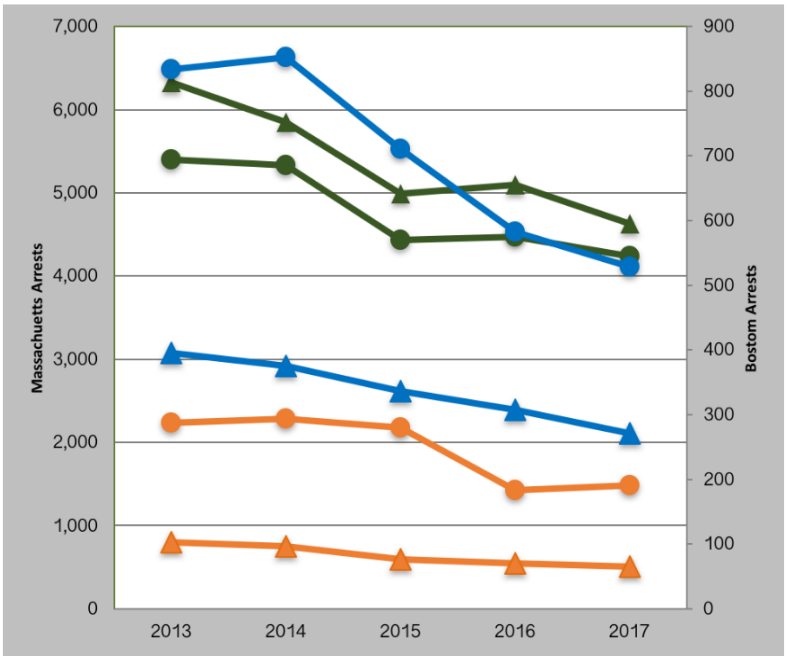
Simple assault arrests declined by 26.8% (1,698 arrests)

Massachusetts Aggravated Assaults

Aggravated assault arrests declined by 31.6% (973 arrests)

Massachusetts Robbery

Robbery arrests declined by 36.5% (292 arrests)



*Boston data only available for individuals ages 14-24

Boston/Brookline Simple Assaults

Simple assault arrests declined by 21.5% (149 arrests)

Boston/Brookline Aggravated Assaults

Aggravated assault arrests declined by 36.5% (304 arrests)

Boston/Brookline Robbery

Robbery arrests decreased by 33.7% (97 arrests)

Information contained in this report is from funding applications, quarterly reports supplied by the site, MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, US Census, MA Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, and MA State Police Crime Reporting Unit. Special thanks to the Statewide Research Partner, Clark University, for preparing this brief.