

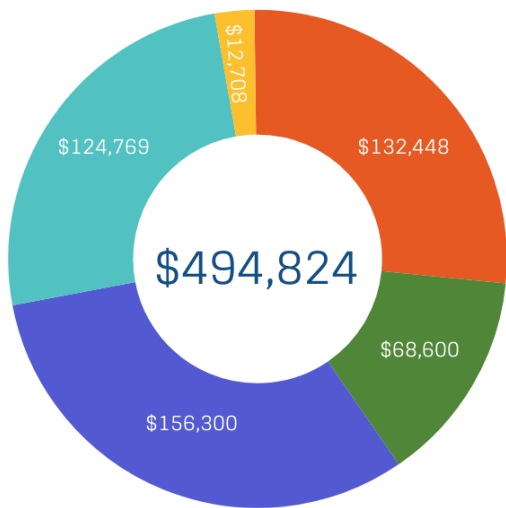
WORCESTER

Funded Partners

Boys & Girls Club of Worcester, Worcester Community Action Council, Worcester Police Department, Worcester Youth Center

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



2,557 Total Youth Served

58%
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.

37%
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.

5%
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*



1,615

Participated in Positive Youth Development Programs

1,277

Developed Communication and Conflict Resolution Skills

Case Management & Street Outreach or Intervention



218

Received Case Management Services

63

Case Management Goals Achieved

Education & Employment



90

Participated in Education Programs

46

Completed a Subsidized Employment Program

Suppression



366

Law Enforcement Supported Home Visits

35

Gang Members and High Impact Players Arrested

Community Mobilization



254

People Attended Events, Meetings, and Presentations

24

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.

Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts		Worcester
6,811,779	Total Population (2016 Estimate)	184,508
11.4%	Population Lives in Poverty	22.1%
3.8%	Unemployment Rate	4.5%
953,748	Total School Population (2016-2017)	25,479
30.2%	Economically Disadvantaged	57.2%
1.8%	High School Dropout Rate	2.2%

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

Gang Activity in Worcester

20
Street Gangs

400
Gang Members
Under 25 Years Old

During 2017, the Worcester Police Department's Gang Unit identified 20 gangs – including Kilby Street Posse, PVE, and Providence Street Posse – comprising approximately 1,000 gang members, of which roughly 40% were under the age of 25. Recruitment continued to occur mainly through social media. Gang activity included burglary, drug offenses, human trafficking, weapons offenses, and shootings.

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

