

# 2024 CHARLES E. SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE BROCKTON

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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: \$745,842.88

Strategies	Outcomes		Funding Allocation
<b>Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention</b>	<b>67</b> youth received case management services	<b>106</b> youth received street outreach services	<b>\$295,252.35</b>
<b>Community Mobilization</b>	<b>500</b> community members attended events, meetings, & presentations	<b>2</b> community events, meetings, & presentations held	<b>\$36,415.42</b>
<b>Education &amp; Employment</b>	<b>91</b> youth participated in employment programs	<b>91</b> youth participated in education programs	<b>\$61,432.31</b>
<b>Positive Youth Development &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>605</b> youth participated in recreation programs	<b>615</b> youth participated in youth development programs	<b>\$279,911.96</b>
<b>Suppression</b>	<b>7</b> hot spot patrols completed	<b>6</b> arrests of gang members/high impact players	<b>\$72,830.84</b>

### Youth Risk Assessments

- 57% **LOW-RISK\*** Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.
- 35% **MODERATE-RISK\*** Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as truancy.
- 8% **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

*"When this youth first joined the Summer Leaders Program, he was shy and reserved, often sticking close to two other teens and staying quiet in group settings. However, after joining Kidz Konnect and the Achiever's Program, he began to truly come out of his shell. He started engaging more with others, sharing his thoughts, and becoming more confident in his interactions. His love for art was apparent, as he thrived in creative activities, finding new ways to express himself. This newfound confidence even led him to speak in front of the entire Achiever's Program, including peers and adults (something he never would have been comfortable doing before). This youth is an extremely capable, creative, and intelligent teen, and it is amazing to watch him grow."*  
~Kidz Konnect (Old Colony YMCA)

# Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts

Brockton

Total Population (2023/2024 Estimates)	7,136,171	104,890
Population Lives in Poverty (2024)	10.4%	13.9%
Unemployment Rate (2024)	3.4%	5.0%
Total School Population (2023-2024)	966,726	16,997
Low-Income (2024-2025)	42.1%	74.0%
High School Dropout Rate (2022-2023)	2.1%	5.9%

Sources: [www.census.gov/quickfacts](http://www.census.gov/quickfacts); [profiles.doe.mass.edu](http://profiles.doe.mass.edu); <https://lmi.dua.eol.mass.gov/LMI/LaborForceAndUnemployment#>

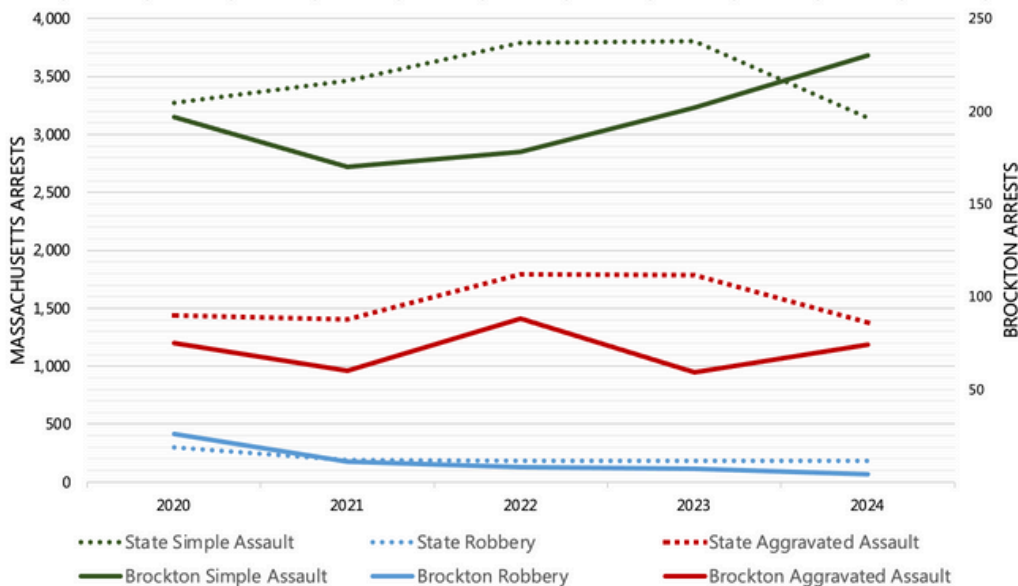
## Gang Activity in Brockton

17  
Street Gangs

300  
Active Gang  
Members

The type of gang activity in the city of Brockton frequently changes. Recently, Brockton experienced several car thefts in and around the city. Gangs recruit younger individuals to assist with these thefts by hiding material and/or keys for vehicles. The internet, social media, and music videos serve as means of recruitment and platforms for gang feuds. Gun violence in Brockton continues to occur, with gangs retaliating against each other.

## 5-Year Crime Trends for Offenses Committed by Youth Ages 10-24, 2020-2024



### Changes in Crime for Young People Ages 10-24, 2020-2024

Simple assaults from 2020-2024 in...

- Massachusetts decreased 4%
- Brockton increased 17%

Robberies from 2020-2024 in...

- Massachusetts decreased 40%
- Brockton decreased 85%

Aggravated assaults from 2020-2024 in...

- Massachusetts decreased 4%
- Brockton decreased 1%

Source: National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

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