

# 2024 CHARLES E. SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE

## HAVERHILL/METHUEN

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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: \$310,467.70\*

Strategies	Outcomes		Funding Allocation
<b>Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention</b>	<u>116</u> youth received case management services	<u>171</u> youth received street outreach services	<b>\$94,990.53</b>
<b>Community Mobilization</b>	<u>3,236</u> community members attended events, meetings, & presentations	<u>247</u> community events, meetings, & presentations held	<b>\$31,032.31</b>
<b>Education &amp; Employment</b>	<u>576</u> youth participated in employment programs	<u>2,452</u> youth participated in education programs	<b>\$38,314.55</b>
<b>Positive Youth Development &amp; Recreation</b>	<u>1,994</u> youth participated in recreation programs	<u>1,614</u> youth participated in youth development programs	<b>\$98,283.45</b>
<b>Suppression</b>	<u>330</u> hot spot patrols completed	<u>14</u> gang members/high impact players arrested	<b>\$34,031.87</b>

\*In 2024, \$13,815.00 was allocated to administrative/other costs for the site.

### Youth Risk Assessments

72% **LOW-RISK\*** Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.

16% **MODERATE-RISK\*** Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as truancy.

12% **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

*"We had a participant in our healthy relationship workshop express their concern about a potentially unhealthy relationship. After carefully reviewing the knowledge and information from the workshop, the participant was able to create better boundaries with their peers, realizing how some behaviors are unhealthy or unsafe. The participant was very grateful to receive more knowledge on the topic."*

~ YWCA of Northeastern Massachusetts

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

# Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts

Haverhill

Methuen

Total Population (2023/2024 Estimates)	7,136,171	67,415	53,455
Population Lives in Poverty (2024)	10.4%	10.6%	8.2%
Unemployment Rate (2024)	3.4%	4.1%	4.4%
Total School Population (2023-2024)	966,726	9,524	7,875
Low-Income (2024-2025)	42.1%	61.0%	54.3%
High School Dropout Rate (2022-2023)	2.1%	4.3%	2.0%

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#>

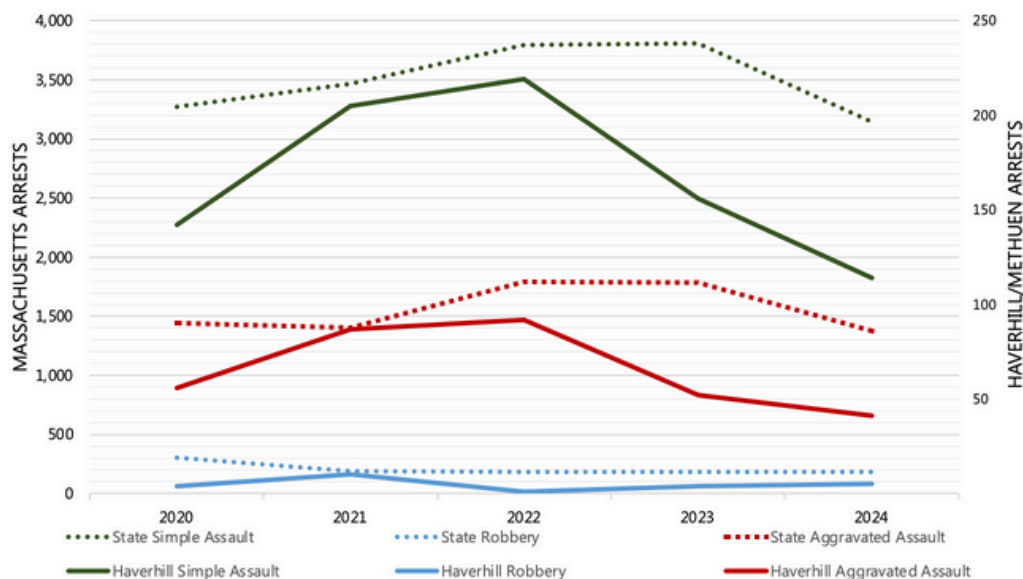
## Gang Activity in Haverhill/Methuen

21  
Street Gangs

750  
Active Gang  
Members

Haverhill gangs include Latin Kings, Crips, Trinitarios, Bloods, and Gangsta Disciples along with several cliques and provisional gangs associated with the named gangs. The named gangs have started provisional groups which attract younger youth from middle schools. Haverhill gangs are involved in home invasions, drug dealing, prostitution, and guns. Methuen gangs include Latin Gangsta Disciples (LGD), Gangsta Disciples, and Trinitarios primarily. The LGD and Trinitarios have been involved in several shootings throughout the city as well as drug dealing and firearm sales.

## 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%
  - Haverhill/Methuen decreased 20%
- Robberies from 2020-2024 in...
  - Massachusetts decreased 40%
  - Haverhill/Methuen increased 25%
- Aggravated assaults from 2020-2024 in...
  - Massachusetts decreased 4%
  - Haverhill/Methuen decreased 27%

Source: National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

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