

# 2024 CHARLES E. SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE LYNN

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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: \$416,722.03

Strategies	Outcomes		Funding Allocation
Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention	<u>49</u> youth received case management services	<u>178</u> youth received street outreach services	\$205,129.01
Community Mobilization	<u>350</u> community members attended events, meetings, & presentations	<u>11</u> community events, meetings, & presentations held	\$25,311.91
Education & Employment	<u>35</u> youth participated in subsidized year-round employment programs	<u>20</u> youth participated in subsidized summer employment programs	\$86,182.29
Positive Youth Development & Recreation	<u>663</u> youth participated in recreation programs	<u>33</u> youth participated in youth development programs	\$44,745.91
Suppression	<u>300</u> hot spot patrols completed	<u>15</u> gang members/high impact players arrested	\$55,352.90

## Youth Risk Assessments

39%  
LOW-RISK\* Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.

21%  
MODERATE-RISK\* Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as truancy.

40%  
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

*"There was a 16-year-old young man whose name was consistently brought up in the reports of fights at his school. We were told that this client was assumed to be the leader of a group of youth causing issues in the school. This client was placed on 24-hour home confinement with a GPS monitor as his condition of release. During this time, he was engaged in many positive activities and made significant accomplishments. This young man joined the basketball team at the local Boys and Girls Club and helped bring his team to victory in the final championships. He applied for jobs from the LYSOA office and even secured one at a community program, LifeScene. Since his case has been resolved, he is seeking to return to school and graduate."*

~Lynn Youth Street Outreach Advocacy (LYSOA)

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

# Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts

Lynn

Total Population (2023/2024 Estimates)	7,136,171	101,241
Population Lives in Poverty (2024)	10.4%	13.7%
Unemployment Rate (2024)	3.4%	4.4%
Total School Population (2023-2024)	966,726	18,733
Low-Income (2024-2025)	42.1%	73.9%
High School Dropout Rate (2022-2023)	2.1%	5.5%

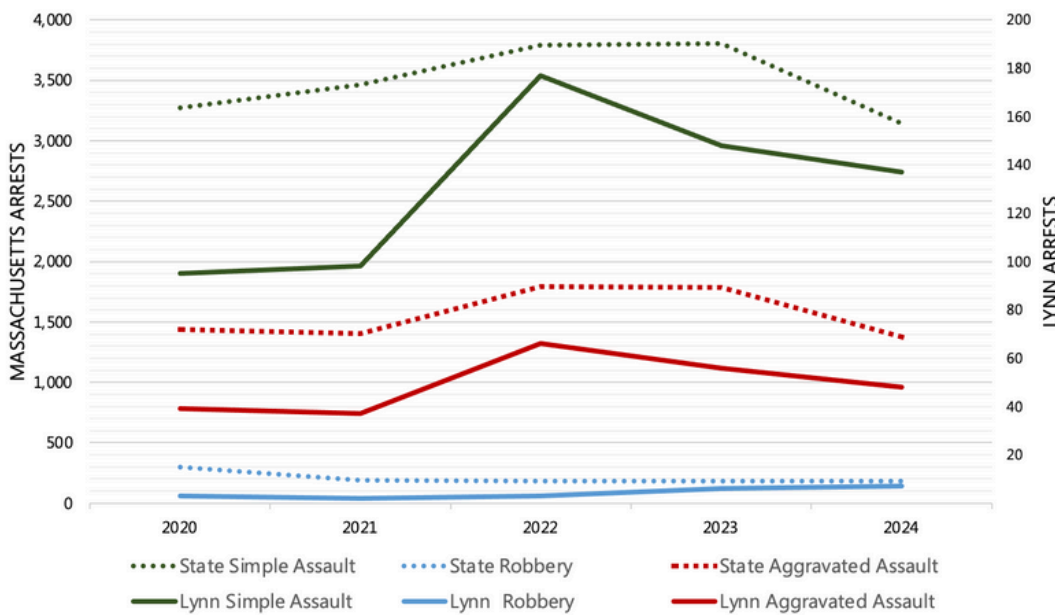
Sources: [www.census.gov/quickfacts](http://www.census.gov/quickfacts); [profiles.doe.mass.edu](http://profiles.doe.mass.edu); <https://lmi.dua.eol.mass.gov/LMI/LaborForceAndUnemployment#>

## Gang Activity in Lynn

8-15  
Street Gangs  
  
150-200  
Gang Members

Lynn's gang activity consists of murders, robberies, home invasions, shootings, stabbings, assaults, illegal drug and gun trafficking and sales, stolen cars, breaking & entering, credit card fraud, and laundering. Recruiting seems to be happening more in the junior high & high schools. About 90% of gang members are estimated to fall between the ages of 10-24.

## 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%
- Lynn increased 44%

Robberies from 2020-2024 in...

- Massachusetts decreased 40%
- Lynn increased 133%

Aggravated assaults from 2020-2024 in...

- Massachusetts decreased 4%
- Lynn increased 23%

Source: National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

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