

# 2024 CHARLES E. SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE METRO MAYORS COALITION

Communities: Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Quincy, Revere, Somerville, Winthrop

Funded Partners: Braintree Police Department, Cambridge Community Art Center, Cambridge Police Department, Cambridge Youth Programs - City Peace, CAPIC - Revere PAL, Center for Teen Empowerment, Chelsea Police Department, City of Chelsea - Jordan Boys & Girls Club, City of Malden, Everett Police Department, Malden Police Department, Malden/Mystic Valley YMCA, North Suffolk Community Services (Youth Mental Health Initiative), Quincy Police Department, Quincy Recreation Department, Revere Police Department, ROCA Inc., Somerville Police Department, Winthrop Community Against Substance Abuse (CASA), Winthrop Police Department

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: \$786,070.91\*

Strategies	Outcomes		Funding Allocation
Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention	42 youth received case management services	50 youth received street outreach services	\$68,984.49
Community Mobilization	1,637 community members attended events, meetings, & presentations	241 community events, meetings, & presentations held	\$53,416.08
Education & Employment	50 youth participated in employment programs	64 youth participated in education programs	\$107,173.48
Positive Youth Development & Recreation	1,611 youth participated in recreation programs	1,689 youth participated in youth development programs	\$304,420.62
Suppression	1,114 hot spot patrols completed	78 law enforcement home visits	\$123,981.50

\*In 2024, \$128,094.74 was allocated to administrative/other costs for the site.

## Youth Risk Assessments

- 59% **LOW-RISK\*** Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.
- 31% **MODERATE-RISK\*** Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as truancy.
- 10% **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

*"One young man found joy from connecting with peers and engaging in collaboration. He came to the Art Center withdrawn and restless. This isolation increased and contributed to his feelings of anxiety and hopelessness. In the past, he had been hospitalized for growing mental health concerns. Once he joined the Art Center's Teen Media Program, he began connecting with his peers and instructor. He joined in on discourse and collaboration, which gave him a sense of purpose and passion. He finally broke out of his shell and lowered his defenses. For this young man, the Art Center was more than a space to participate in the Arts; it was pivotal in restoring his sense of belonging and community and instilled in him hope for the future."*

~Cambridge Community Art Center

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

# Community Risk Factors

	Massachusetts	Cambridge	Chelsea	Everett	Malden	Quincy	Revere	Somerville	Winthrop
Total Population (2024/2023 Estimate)	7,136,171	118,214	38,319	50,318	65,133	101,597	57,954	80,407	18,319
Population Lives in Poverty (2024)	10.4%	12.4%	20.6%	15.4%	13.3%	11.4%	12.4%	10.1%	7.1%
Unemployment Rate (2024)	3.4%	2.9%	4.0%	3.3%	3.7%	3.7%	4.1%	3.2%	3.3%
Total School Population (2023-2024)	966,726	9,070	7,277	8,298	7,224	9,866	8,788	5,614	2,110
Low-Income (2023-2024)	42.1%	36.4%	78.9%	72.2%	61.2%	47.5%	66.1%	46.8%	36.3%
High School Dropout Rate (2022-2023)	2.1%	0.8%	5.5%	4.8%	3.0%	1.7%	4.6%	2.0%	1.5%

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

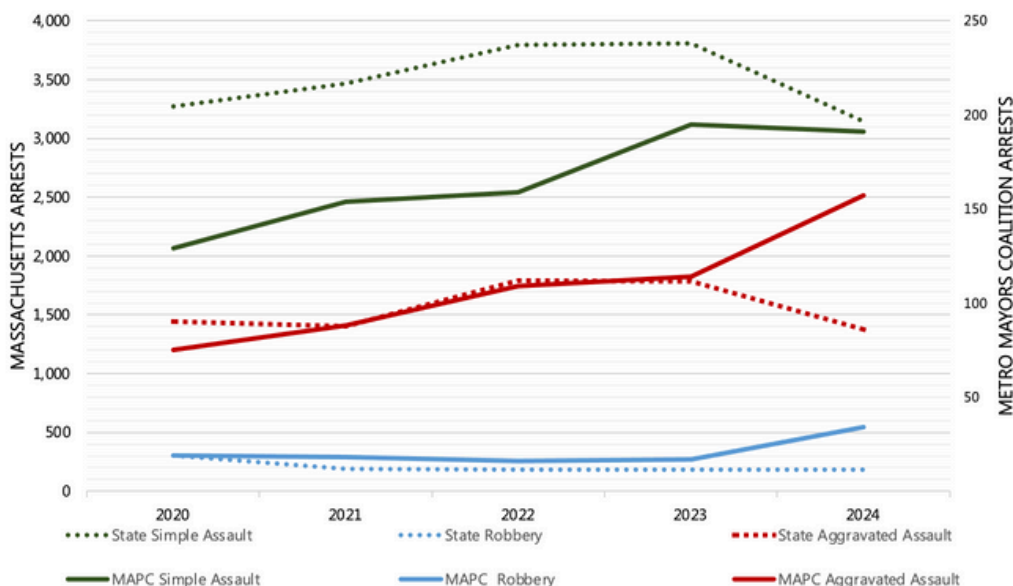
## Gang Activity in Metro Mayors Coalition

Approximately 33 Gangs across MAPC sites

Approximately 203 Gang Members Between the Ages 10-24

Crimes committed by gangs include firearms offenses, assaults, shootings, homicides, burglaries, motor vehicle theft, and drug offenses (especially involving fentanyl). Several communities documented the continued use of social media by gang members to broadcast activities online for recruitment purposes and narcotic distribution. Many communities are also continuing to see activity spill over from larger neighboring cities. The gangs reported across the coalition include Maplewood, Port 44, East Side Money Gang, GOA, Cape Verdean Outlaws, Wendover, Heath Street, H Block, NOB, 250 Broadway, 10 Yeamans, Coolidge St, 18th Street, MS-13, 1700, Riverside, Eastville / MP45 / 480, 22s, Young Bloods, Bloods, Maverick St. (East Boston), and Latin Kings. Somerville and Cambridge do not gather gang-related data.

## 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%
- Metro Mayors Coalition increased 48%

Robberies from 2020-2024 in...

- Massachusetts decreased 40%
- Metro Mayors Coalition increased 79%

Aggravated assaults from 2020-2024 in...

- Massachusetts decreased 4%
- Metro Mayors Coalition increased 109%

Source: National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

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