

# 2024 CHARLES E. SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE

# TAUNTON

Funded Partners: Taunton Housing Authority, Taunton 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: \$131,720.70\*

Strategies	Outcomes		Funding Allocation
Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention	64 youth received case management services	64 case management goals achieved	\$32,268.95
Positive Youth Development & Recreation	59 youth participated in recreation programs	59 youth participated in youth development programs	\$48,403.43
Suppression	5 law enforcement supported ride-alongs	1 gang members/high-impact players arrested	\$9,000.00

\*In 2024, \$42,048.32 was allocated to administrative/other costs for the site.

## Youth Risk Assessments

100% Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.  
LOW-RISK\*

0% Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as truancy.  
MODERATE-RISK\*

0% Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.  
HIGH-RISK\*

\* % of youth assessed for risk

## Success Highlight

*"The hiring of a second youth/family worker for the Taunton Housing Authority working out of Bristol Commons Family Complex allowed Taunton to expand its reach to more at-risk youth."*

*~Taunton Site Manager*

# Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts

Taunton

Total Population (2023/2024 Estimates)	7,136,171	60,412
Population Lives in Poverty (2024)	10.4%	13.7%
Unemployment Rate (2024)	3.4%	4.6%
Total School Population (2023-2024)	966,726	8,877
Low-Income (2024-2025)	42.1%	58.6%
High School Dropout Rate (2022-2023)	2.1%	2.6%

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#>

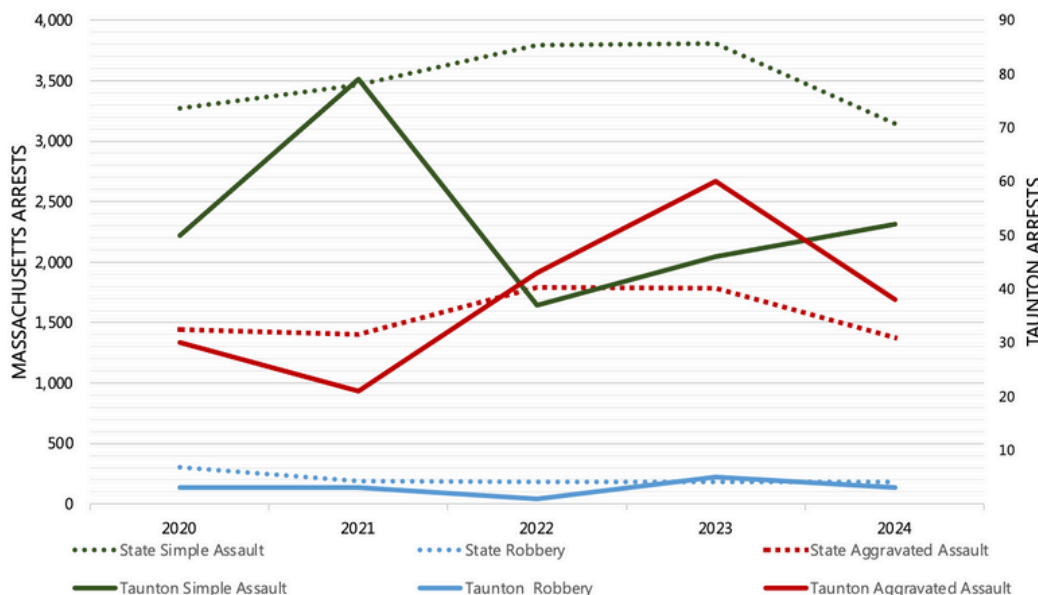
## Gang Activity in Taunton

6  
Street Gangs

55  
Gang Members  
Between the Ages  
of 10-24

Gang activity in Taunton covers a wide range of activities, including disorderly conduct, assault and battery with/without a dangerous weapon, home invasion, murder, larceny of a motor vehicle, illegal possession of a firearm, illegal possession of ammo, drug use, drug dealing, and drug trafficking. Much of the gang violence in Taunton occurs at an inter-gang level.

## 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%
  - Taunton increased 4%
- Robberies from 2020-2024 in...
  - Massachusetts decreased 40%
  - Taunton increased 0%
- Aggravated assaults from 2020-2024 in...
  - Massachusetts decreased 4%
  - Taunton increased 27%

Source: National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

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