

2025 CHARLES E. SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE BROCKTON

Funded Partners: Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro South, Brockton Police Department, Health Imperatives, Hoops Collaborative Youth Development, Kids Konnect, Love to Learn Inc., Safe Corners, South Opportunity and Achievement Program, Strategies for Youth (Juvenile Justice Jeopardy), Youth Empowerment & Positivity

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: \$775,475.14*

Strategies	Outcomes		Funding Allocation
Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention	150 youth received case management services	244 goals of case management achieved	\$306,472.93
Community Mobilization	440 community members attended events, meetings, and presentations	30 community events, meetings, and presentations held	\$44,126.85
Education & Employment	1,220 youth participated in an education program	388 youth participated in an employment program	\$104,263.93
Positive Youth Development & Recreation	1,471 youth participated in a recreation program	1,632 youth participated in youth development programs	\$245,867.01
Suppression	12 arrests of gang members/high impact players during hot spot patrols, warrant sweeps, or home visit		\$8,126.85

*In 2025, \$66,617.56 was allocated to administrative/other costs for the site.

Youth Risk Assessments

46%
LOW-RISK* Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.

42%
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

"One of our youth had never participated in organized sports. He disengaged from school and avoided academic responsibility. Through consistent mentorship, guidance, and accountability...he is now an active high school basketball and football player. Sports give him structure, purpose, and motivation to succeed. He has embraced the role of a student athlete, understanding that maintaining strong grades and positive behavior is required to continue playing...He now remains in class, completes his schoolwork, and regularly stays after school for extra academic support."

~Safe Corners (Old Colony YMCA)

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

Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts

Brockton

Total Population (2025 Estimate)	7,154,084	105,788
Population Lives in Poverty (2020-2024)	9.7%	13.5%
Unemployment Rate (2025)	4.8%	5.9%
Total School Population (2024-2025)	948,709	18,507
Low-Income (2025-2026)	41.1%	72.3%
High School Dropout Rate (2023-2024)	2.0%	5.6%

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

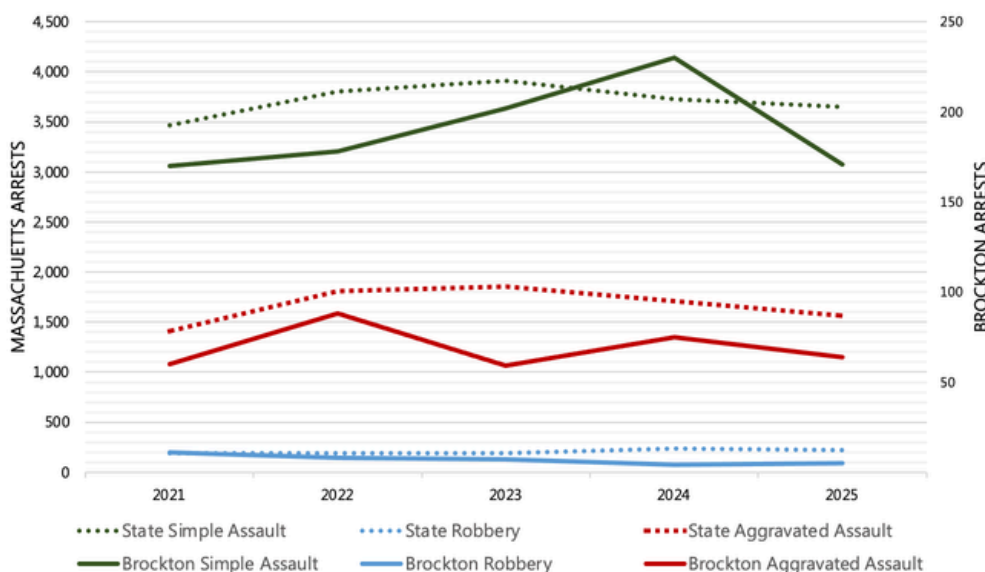
Gang Activity in Brockton

15
Street Gangs

270
Active Gang
Members

Brockton's gang activity largely involves car theft, drug activity, firearm-related crimes, and gang violence. The active members use a sense of belonging, protection, money, and drugs to recruit new members.

5-Year Trends in Youth Arrests (ages 10-24), 2021-2025



Changes in Youth Arrests for Simple Assault, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault

Arrests for simple assaults from 2021-2025 in...

- Massachusetts increased 5%
- Brockton increased 0.6%

Arrests for robberies from 2021-2025 in...

- Massachusetts increased 20%
- Brockton decreased 55%

Arrests for aggravated assaults from 2021-2025 in...

- Massachusetts increased 11%
- Brockton increased 7%

Source: National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

Further analytical work is needed to make an association between Shannon programming and changes in arrest trends in focal communities.

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