

# 2025 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: \$446,354.29

Strategies	Outcomes		Funding Allocation
Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention	<b>49</b> youth received case management services	<b>149</b> youth had their case management goals achieved	\$178,399.98
Community Mobilization	<b>101</b> community members attended events, meetings and presentations	<b>16</b> community events, meetings, and presentations held	\$16,081.64
Education & Employment	<b>249</b> youth participated in an education program	<b>69</b> youth participated in an employment program	\$125,542.69
Positive Youth Development & Recreation	<b>715</b> youth participated in a recreation program	<b>58</b> youth participated in youth development programs	\$57,617.76
Suppression	<b>75</b> hotspot patrols completed	<b>35</b> arrests of gang members/high impact players during hot spot patrols, warrant sweeps, or home visit	\$68,712.23

### Youth Risk Assessments

- 40% **LOW-RISK\*** Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.
- 33% **MODERATE-RISK\*** Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as truancy.
- 27% **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 youth is part of a family with many issues involving the police, DCF, and the CALM Team. This one youth somehow remains above/outside the family conflicts. He is at the Community Center every day, participates in all activities, positive in his interactions with others. The Shannon program is his safety, escape, and place to dream and plan...He clearly has benefited from the resources.”*

*~Lynn Housing Authority and Neighborhood Development*

# Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts

Lynn

Total Population (2025 Estimate)	7,154,084	103,489
Population Lives in Poverty (2020-2024)	9.7%	13.8%
Unemployment Rate (2025)	4.8%	5.3%
Total School Population (2024-2025)	948,709	17,193
Low-Income (2025-2026)	41.1%	73.6%
High School Dropout Rate (2023-2024)	2.0%	5.9%

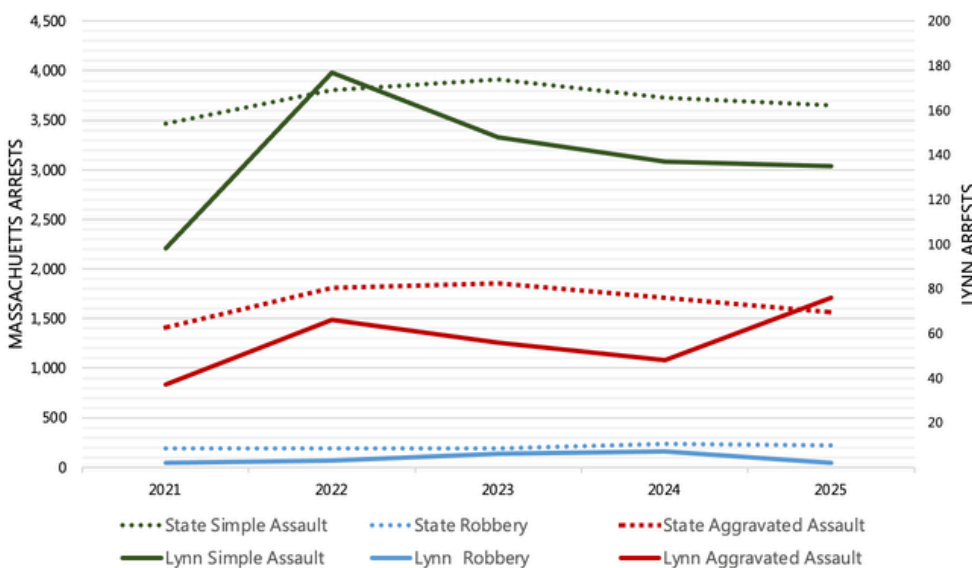
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## Gang Activity in Lynn

8  
Street Gangs  
  
250-300  
Gang Members

Since the start of the school year, there has been a noticeable increase in gang-related activity in the City of Lynn, including fights, assaults, shootings, street robberies, and other acts of violence. Throughout this period, there have been firearm-related arrests/sentences of gang associates. Gang involvement seems to be trending younger, and there is also increased involvement of young females. The recruitment of new gang associates continues to be within the junior high & high schools, along with the local neighborhoods.

## 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%
- Lynn increased 38%

Arrests for robberies from 2021-2025 in...

- Massachusetts increased 20%
- Lynn increased 0%

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

- Massachusetts increased 11%
- Lynn increased 105%

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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