

# 2025 CHARLES E. SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE

## METRO MAYORS COALITION

Communities: Braintree, 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, 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: \$815,703.17\*

Strategies	Outcomes		Funding Allocation
Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention	<b>84</b> youth received case management services	<b>66</b> youth had their case management goals achieved	\$61,418.00
Community Mobilization	<b>1,050</b> community members attended events, meetings and presentations	<b>207</b> community events, meetings, and presentations held	\$48,866.99
Education & Employment	<b>45</b> youth participated in an education program	<b>246</b> youth participated in an employment program	\$122,029.00
Positive Youth Development & Recreation	<b>1,469</b> youth participated in a recreation program	<b>1,487</b> youth participated in youth development programs	\$330,825.81
Suppression	<b>679</b> hotspot patrols completed	<b>11</b> arrests of gang members/high impact players during hot spot patrols, warrant sweeps, or home visit	\$120,632.75

\*In 2025, \$131,930.63 was allocated to administrative/other costs for the site.

### Youth Risk Assessments

- 50% **LOW-RISK\*** Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.
- 39% **MODERATE-RISK\*** Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as truancy.
- 11% **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 has been a student at the boxing program who was involved in some juvenile incidents, where the student was getting in trouble at school and outside of school. The student was given an opportunity to participate in the boxing program and now has thrived in this new role. The student has been mentoring new participants and leading the boxing sessions. The student has expressed staying involved as he gets older and wants to become a police officer to help others make good decisions with their lives."*

*~Cambridge Police Department*

Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Secretary Gina Kwon  
Office of Grants and Research, Executive Director Kevin Stanton

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

# Community Risk Factors

Location	Total Population	Lives in Poverty	Unemployment Rate	Total School Population	Low-Income	Dropout Rate
Massachusetts	7,154,084	9.7%	4.8%	948,709	41.1%	2.0%
Braintree	39,134	5.9%	4.0%	5,718	27.5%	0.6%
Cambridge	121,186	12.8%	3.8%	8,199	35.0%	0.8%
Chelsea	40,245	20.7%	5.3%	7,222	76.4%	6.9%
Everett	51,825	14.7%	4.2%	8,051	68.9%	5.2%
Malden	66,693	11.4%	4.3%	7,382	59.1%	3.3%
Quincy	103,434	10.6%	4.5%	9,898	46.5%	0.7%
Revere	60,702	11.5%	5.0%	8,700	63.6%	4.1%
Somerville	82,149	9.8%	3.7%	5,541	43.7%	1.5%
Winthrop	18,739	7.2%	4.5%	2,100	36.4%	1.7%

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#>

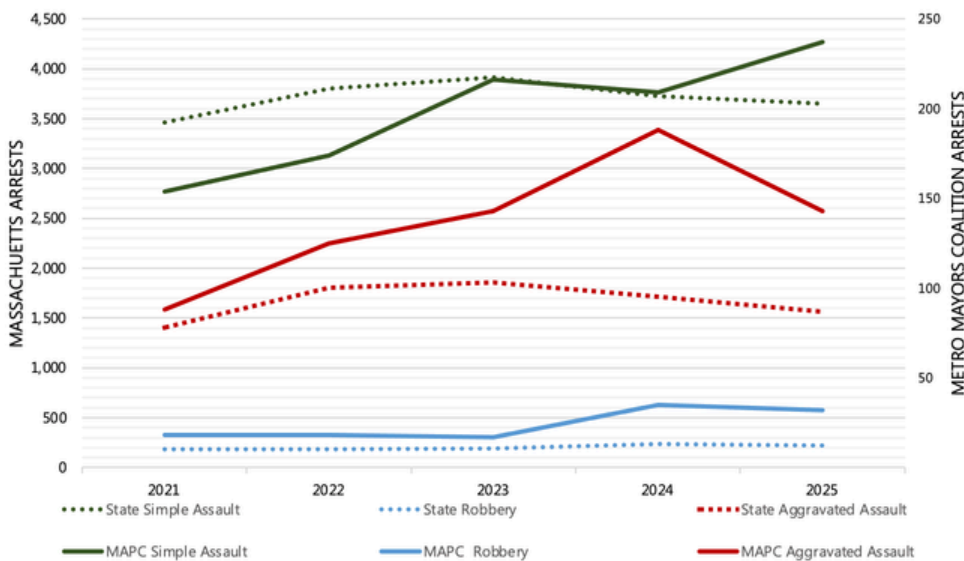
## Gang Activity in Metro Mayors Coalition

Approximately 35  
Gangs across MAPC  
sites

Approximately 125  
Gang Members  
Between the Ages  
10-24

Communities continued to report a range of gang-related criminal activity, including firearms offenses, assaults, shootings, homicides, burglaries, motor vehicle theft, and various drug-related crimes. Partners also noted the ongoing use of social media by gang members to showcase activities, recruit new members, and support illicit operations. Several municipalities observed that local incidents were influenced by spillover from larger neighboring cities.

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



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

NIBRS data from Chelsea from October-December 2025.

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

- Massachusetts increased 5%
- Metro Mayors Coalition increased 54%

Arrests for robberies from 2021-2025 in...

- Massachusetts increased 20%
- Metro Mayors Coalition increased 78%

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

- Massachusetts increased 11%
- Metro Mayors Coalition increased 63%

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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