

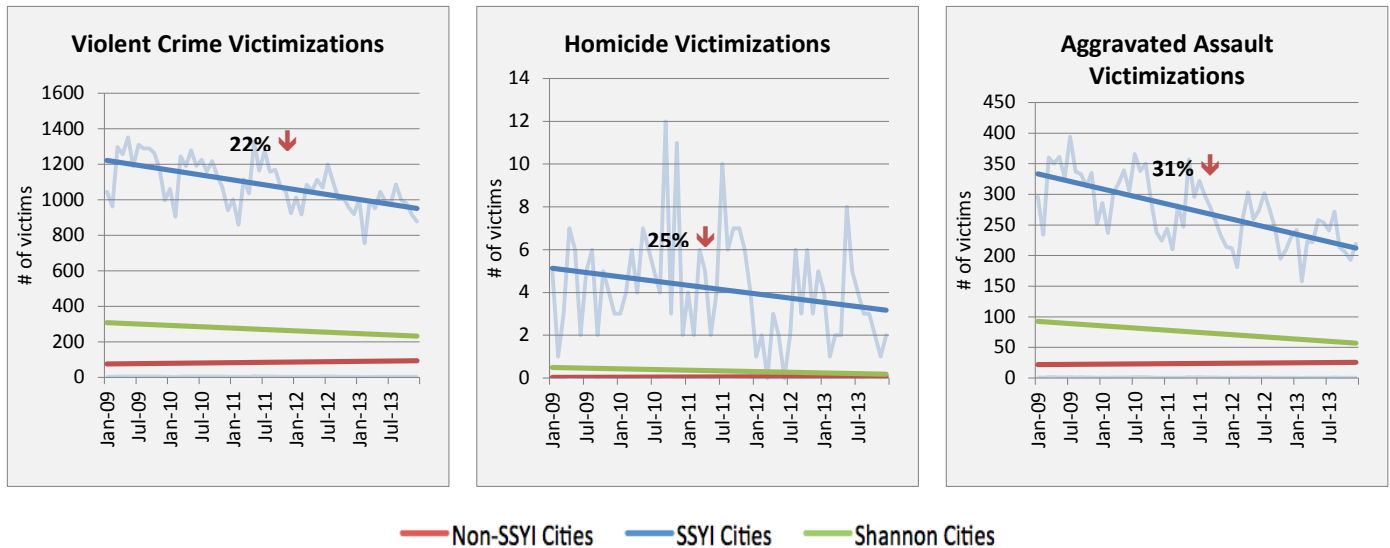
# 2014 Safe and Successful Youth Initiative Summary

Funded Cities: Boston, Brockton, Chelsea, Fall River, Holyoke, Lawrence, Lowell, Lynn, New Bedford, Springfield, Worcester

## OVERVIEW

Established under Executive Order 534, the Safe and Successful Youth Initiative (SSYI) is a comprehensive violence prevention strategy aimed at reducing youth homicides and serious assaults in Massachusetts. SSYI requires the implementation of a coordinated intervention strategy focused on “proven-risk youth,” and specifically young men identified by each city as the highest risk individuals for being perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence.

## Youth Victimization Trends, 2009-2013



Non-SSYI Cities are eight cities not funded by SSYI or Shannon. SSYI Cities also receive Shannon funding. Shannon Cities are the 17 cities funded exclusively by the Shannon initiative.

## Trend Analyses

### SSYI cities experienced a...

- ✓ **139 fewer** violent crime victimizations on average per month compared to 37 fewer among Shannon cities and 11 more in comparison cities
- ✓ **1 less** homicide on average per month
- ✓ **65 fewer** aggravated assault victimizations on average per month

## Results of SSYI Intervention

- ✓ SSYI had a **statistically significant impact** in reducing the number of victims of violent crimes reported to the police.
- ✓ SSYI also had a **statistically significant impact** in reducing the number of victims of homicide and aggravated assault.
- ✓ A city with SSYI has approximately **5.5 fewer victims of violence each month**, ages 14-24, or 60 fewer victims of violent crimes per year, per 100,000 citizens.
- ✓ As of 2010, the population in the 11 SSYI cities was 1,501,343 which amounts to **900 fewer victims**, ages 14-24 per year or **1,800 fewer victims between 2011-2013**.