



Recent Quotes and 2007 Statistics Dealing With Crime in Boston

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- “Thursday, May 10, 2007 – Prior to the first meeting of the new Anti-Crime Council, Governor Deval Patrick today announced a \$15 million anti-crime plan to put more police on the street and to combat youth violence across Massachusetts...A supplemental budget to be filed today includes \$11 million for grants under the Senator Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative and \$4 million for the hiring and training of new police officers...The Shannon grants, administered by the Executive Office of Public Safety, are to be awarded to communities based on risk assessments that took into account the city or town’s violent and property crime rates, the percentage of population between the ages of 15 and 19 and the number of young homicide victims. The grants cover a range of proven crime-fighting activities including but not limited to increased surveillance and patrolling of hot spots, youth outreach and mentoring, after-school programs, tutoring, drug treatment, job training and placement, GED programs and community-wide anti-gang meetings.” - Official website of the Governor, press release.

- “We need to remain united in our commitment to end the violence and solve this heinous crime. Together, we can take back the streets and start a new era of hope.” Mayor Menino, October 5, 2007, BPDNews.org, *Boston Police Department on-line news reports*

- “Academic failure is a leading indicator for delinquency” –ED Law Project

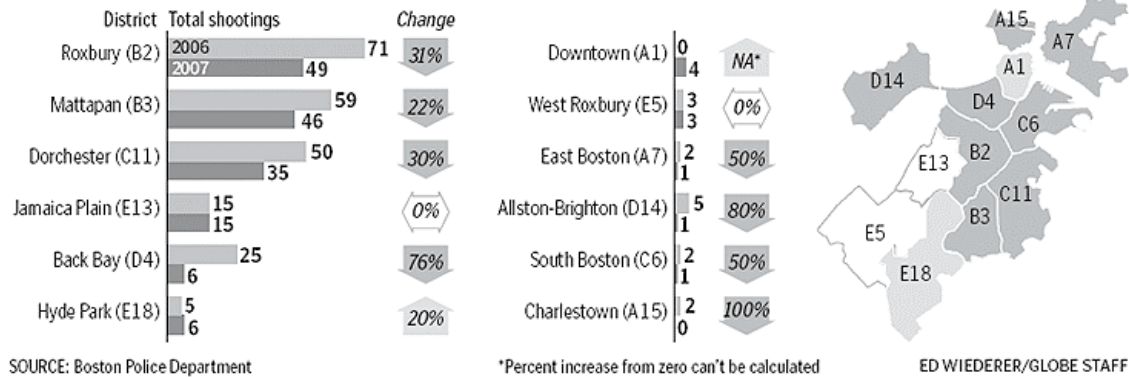
- “Its crucial for troubled and not-yet troubled teens to secure adult mentoring relationships and to develop ties with more positive peers if they are going to stay out of trouble” –Fightcrime.org

- "We believe that an increased visibility and a better connection to the community has resulted in a reduction of violent crime." –Police Commissioner Edward F. Davis; Boston Globe, August 2007

- “Even more than the statistics, it is the tone of the killings and the young age.” Boston Globe, August 27, 2007

- “ Education is crucial to a child’s success. The impact of academic failure is far-reaching, affecting every child’s personal development and future access to jobs, healthcare, and adequate housing...School success is vital to at-risk children, because it helps them build the resilience they need to overcome the other obstacles in their lives” –*Youth Advocacy Project Community Notebook: Education Edition*, Fall 2007

There were 167 shootings in Boston through July 25 of this year, down from 239 for the same period a year ago.



- (Graph) The Boston Globe, August 1, 2007, Maria Crammer, Boston Globe Staff

- "In Dorchester, shootings through July 25, [2007] plunged 30 percent from the same period last year, and in Roxbury...shootings dropped by 31 percent." –Boston Globe, August 1, 2007, Maria Crammer, Boston Globe Staff

- "Citywide, shootings are down nearly one-third compared with the same time last year. The number of homicides is down 17 percent, and violent crime overall is down by about 10 percent. The new statistics show that decreases are more pronounced in some neighborhoods that have been hit hardest by street violence since 2004, when shootings and homicides began surging in Boston."- Boston Globe, August 1, 2007, Maria Crammer, Boston Globe Staff

- "Culture trumps laws. It matters what we say to our children. It matters how we're entertained. It matters when we watch superheroes solving problems violently."- Boston Globe, April 30, 2007, Deborah Prothrow-Stith, professor of public health practice at the Harvard School of Public Health

- "[According to the State Department of Public Health] during the 2006-2007 school year, state officials estimate that among the roughly 298,000 students enrolled in grades 9-12, more than 44,000 carried a weapon at some point, 85,000 got into fights, and more than 28,000 were members of a gang." –Boston Globe, October 1, 2007, Melissa Cramer, Staff

- "Today the legal system doesn't seem to offer protection for young men of color, who often say that they would never call the police for help. Instead they would handle the dispute privately"- Boston Globe, April 30, 2007

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