Number of Unique Youth Involved in Offenses/Incidents

In contrast to the city trend, the rate in which unique youth were involved in offenses in Baxter was much greater than Grand Rapids as a whole. While the offense rate dropped significantly in Baxter between 2006 and 2012 it continued to remain at a much higher rate than the overall city.

As represented in Figure 5.1 Baxter experienced a sudden drop in unique youth involved in Crime Offenses between 2006 and 2007 with a slight steady decline in unique youth involved in Crime Offenses between 2007 and 2009. Between 2009 and 2011 the unique youth involved Crime Offense rates rose again with a peak in 2010 and a decline again in 2011. The unique youth involved in Status Offenses (see Figure 5.2) in Baxter was continually higher than the Grand Rapids rate. The time period between 2006 and 2008 reveals the largest distance in Status Offense Rate between the neighborhood of Baxter and the City of Grand Rapids in general. The rate of unique youth connected to Family Domestic Incidents in Baxter (see Figure 5.3) slightly exceeded the Grand Rapids city rate between 2006 and 2011 with an upward trend in 2012.

Number of Unique Offenses/Incidents

In contrast to the city rate of unique offenses, Baxter's unique offense rate was above the city rate across all years within the report. The only time period the total unique offenses within Baxter dropped under a rate of 100 per 1,000 juveniles in the population was for a short period of time in 2009. While the overall unique offense rate within Baxter has declined significantly beginning in 2006 it continues to remain significantly higher than the city rate.
The rate change within the Crime Offense category in Baxter reveals a large decline between 2006 and 2007 and a steady decline between 2007 and 2009. The increase that occurred between 2009 and 2010 continued to remain through 2012. The Status Offense rate in Baxter was highest between 2006 and 2008 with a sharp decline thereafter. After the initial decline of unique Status Offenses beginning in 2008, relative stability between 40 and 60 per 1,000 youth in the population has continued through 2012. The unique Status Offense rate within Baxter continues to exceed the overall Grand Rapids Status Offense rate across all years. The Family Domestic Incident rate exceeded the city rate slightly between 2006 and 2011. Beginning in 2012 there has been a rapid increase in unique Family Domestic Incidents within Baxter.

Figure 5.2 Baxter - Rate of Youth Involved in Status Offenses

Figure 5.3 Baxter - Rate of Youth Involved in Family/Domestic Incidents

Figure 5.4 Baxter - Rate of Juvenile Crime/Status Offenses

Figure 5.5 Baxter - Rate of Juvenile Crime Offenses
Residence of Youth Inside or Outside of the Neighborhood
As can be seen in Figure 5.8, the percent of youth residing inside and outside the Baxter neighborhood who were involved in offenses within the Baxter neighborhood fluctuates on a yearly basis. For example in 2006, about 45 percent of the Crime and Status Offenses combined occurring in Baxter were attributed to youth residing inside the neighborhood and 45 percent were attributed to youth from outside of the neighborhood. Increases in youth from outside the neighborhood are evident between 2007 and 2009 and again in 2011 through 2012. When separating Crime Offenses and Status Offenses there is a slight increase in the proportion of Baxter resident youth committing Crime Offenses in 2006 and 2010. In regard to Concerning Status Offenses, 70 percent of the Status Offenses in 2008 were attributed to non-residents of the Baxter neighborhood.

Age of Offenders/Incidents
Figure 6.1 compares the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders in Baxter against the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders within Grand Rapids. In general, the age of onset in Baxter follows the same pattern as the Grand Rapids pattern. There are slight differentiations within years but overall the vast numbers of offenses are being committed by youth between the ages of 14 and 16 with 16 year old youth contributing the most toward Crime and Status Offenses within the neighborhood.

Density Map of Juvenile Offenses/Incidents
The geographical distribution of all juvenile offenses in Baxter is displayed in the map on page 57. All the juvenile offenses — including Criminal Offenses and Status Offenses — reported by the Grand
Rapids Police Department from 2006 through 2012 are included within this density map. These maps represent the location of offenses only, not the residence of the youth involved. In Baxter, there are five particular areas of density offenses with a number count between 21 and 50 offenses. The geographic area with the highest density of offenses with a count of 91 events is located in the northwest section of the neighborhood along the Eastern Avenue corridor between Bates Street SE and State Street SE. Further understanding of this area with a higher density of offenses can be developed through discussion with those familiar with the characteristics of the neighborhood and the particular blocks accounting for the high density of offenses.
Concentration of Juvenile Offenses 2006 - 2012 – Baxter

Legend

- Grand Rapids Public Schools
- City of Grand Rapids
- Neighborhood Boundaries
- Green Space
- Rivers & Lakes

Major Roads
- Business
- Expressway
- State
- Street

Number of Juvenile Offenses
- 1 - 10
- 11 - 20
- 21 - 50
- 51 - 230

Note: The (#) signifies the number of offenses in cells containing greater than 50 offenses.

Sources:
- Grand Rapids Police Department - 2013
- After School Programs Database - Our Community’s Children
- Community Research Institute

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