Number of Unique Youth Involved in Offenses/Incidents

The Black Hills neighborhood rate of unique youth involved in Crime and Status Offenses fluctuated to a greater degree than the Grand Rapids city rate between 2006 and 2012. The offense rate in Black Hills rose between 2006 and 2007 and rose above the city rate again between mid-year 2008 and mid-year 2010 before dropping well below the city rate between 2011 and 2012. As represented in figure 5.1 Black Hills experienced a sudden drop in unique youth involved in Crime Offenses between 2007 and 2008 with a steady incline in unique youth involved in Crime Offenses between 2009 and 2010. Between 2010 and 2012, the unique youth involved in Crime Offense rates again rapidly declined. The unique youth involved in Status Offenses (Figure 5.2) in Black Hills was higher than the Grand Rapids rate between 2008 and 2010. The rate of unique youth connected to Family Domestic Incidents in Black Hills (Figure 5.3) significantly exceeded the Grand Rapids city rate between 2006 and late 2008 and again between early 2009 and 2012.

Number of Unique Offenses/Incidents

In contrast to the city rate of unique offenses, Black Hills unique offense rate was above the city rate in 2007 and again between 2009 through mid-year 2010. After which, a steep decline in unique offenses occurred between mid-year 2010 through 2012. The rate change within the Crime Offense category in Black Hills reveals a large decline between mid-year 2007 and 2009 and a steady decline after mid-year 2010. The Status Offense rate in Black Hills was highest in 2009 with a sharp decline thereafter. After the initial decline of unique Status Offenses beginning in 2009, no Status Offenses were reported between 2011 and 2012. The Family Domestic Incident rate exceeded the city rate between 2006 and mid-year 2008 and again mid-year 2009 through mid-year 2011. Beginning mid-year 2011 there has...
been a rapid decrease in unique Family Domestic Incidents within Black Hills.

Residence of Youth Inside or Outside of the Neighborhood
As can be seen in Figures 5.8, the percent of youth residing inside and outside the Black Hills neighborhood who were involved in offenses within the Black Hills neighborhood fluctuates on a yearly basis. In general, after 2006 the majority of offenders for Crime and Status Offenses were residents of Black Hills. Between 2011 and 2012 all offenses were committed by residents of the neighborhood. When separating Crime Offenses and Status Offenses there is a slight increase in the proportion of non-Black Hills resident youth committing Crime Offenses in 2006 and 2009. Regarding Status
Offenses, between 25 percent to 50 percent of the Status Offenses between 2006 and 2009 were attributed to residents of the Black Hills neighborhood. In 2010, the residence of Status Offenders was unknown and there were no reported offenses from 2011 through 2012.

**Age of Offenders/Incidents**

Figure 6.1 compares the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders in Black Hills against the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders within Grand Rapids. In general, the age of onset in Black Hills 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 15 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 Black Hills is displayed in the map on page 69. 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. Within Black Hills, there are no specific geographic locations exhibiting an egregious amount of offenses. The northern end of Kensington Park and the blocks just southeast of the Oxford/Dorchester intersection have a slightly higher density of offenses than Black Hills overall. Further understanding of these areas with a slightly 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/incidents.
Concentration of Juvenile Offenses 2006 - 2012 – Black Hills

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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