Number of Unique Youth Involved in Offenses/Incidents

The Creston neighborhood rate of unique youth involved in Crime and Status Offenses fluctuated slightly more than the Grand Rapids city rate between 2006 and 2012. The offense rate in Creston rose above the city rate between 2006 and 2007 and again rose slightly above the city rate between mid-year 2008 and 2010 before dropping well below the city rate between 2011 and 2012.

As represented in figure 5.1 Creston experienced less unique youth involved in Crime Offenses between 2006 and 2008 than the City of Grand Rapids as a whole. Between 2008 and 2010 the unique youth involved in Crime Offenses rose slightly higher than the city rate. Between 2010 and 2012 Crime Offenses declined in Creston. The unique youth involved in Status Offenses (Figure 5.2) in Creston was higher than the Grand Rapids rate between 2006 and 2008. After which, unique youth involved in Status Offenses remained below the city rate. The rate of unique youth connected to Family Domestic Incidents in Creston (Figure 5.3) exceeded the Grand Rapids city rate between 2006 and late 2008. After 2008, the Family Domestic Incident rate in Creston mirrored the city rate and then began declining in 2011.

Number of Unique Offenses/Incidents

After a slight rise in the unique offense rate between 2006 and 2007, the neighborhood of Creston unique offense rate has either been in decline or remained relatively steady between 2007 and 2012. Beginning in 2010, the neighborhood of Creston has experienced a steady decline in total unique
offenses. The rate change within the Crime Offense category in Creston reveals a decline between 2006 and 2007 and a steady increase from 2007 through 2009. After 2009, Creston’s unique Crime rate has remained in steady decline through 2012. The Status Offense rate in Creston was highest in 2007 with a sharp decline through 2009. After the initial decline of unique Status Offenses beginning in 2009, the Status Offenses rate remained below the Grand Rapids city rate. The Family Domestic

**Figure 5.2 Creston - Rate of Youth Involved in Status Offenses**

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

**Figure 5.4 Creston - Rate of Juvenile Crime/Status Offenses**

**Figure 5.5 Creston - Rate of Juvenile Crime Offenses**
Incident rate exceeded the city rate between 2006 and 2008. After which, the Family Domestic Incident rate in Creston mirrored the city rate and began declining again in 2011.

**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 Creston neighborhood who were involved in offenses within the Creston neighborhood fluctuates on a yearly basis. In general, except for the year 2011, the majority of offenders for Crime and Status Offenses were evenly split between residents and non-residents of Creston. When separating Crime Offenses and Status Offenses there is a slight increase in the proportion of non-Creston resident youth committing Crime Offenses between 2010 and 2012. In regard to Status Offenses, between 2006 and 2010 there is a steady increase in the number of the Status Offenders within Creston who were residents of Creston. This number declines in 2011 and then returns to over 70 percent in 2012.

**Age of Offenders/Incidents**

Figure 6.1 compares the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders in Creston against the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders within Grand Rapids. In general, the age of onset in Creston 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 and 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 Creston is displayed in the map on page 74. All the juvenile offenses/incidents—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 Creston, there are a few specific geographic locations exhibiting a higher density of offenses. The area just west Riverside Middle School on the west side of Creston is one such area. In addition, two specific areas, one within Creston and one just outside of the Creston neighborhood are highly contributing geographies in regard to offenses. Within Creston, the area surrounding Creston High...
School contributed 82 offenses over the seven years of data. Also, on the furthest southwest edge of the neighborhood near the Leonard/Fuller corridor 51 offenses occurred. Further understanding of these areas 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 – Creston

Legend

- **H** 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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U.S. Census Youth Population 2010: 1515