Number of Unique Youth Involved in Offenses/Incidents
Total Unique Youth rates and total Unique Offenses and Incidents rates are not included for the Downtown neighborhood within this report. Considering the extremely low population of youth residing in the Downtown neighborhood, calculating rates based on this population number will provide non-valid outcomes that will lead to misinterpretations of the actuality of offenses/incidents and youth involvement in offenses/incidents within this neighborhood.

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 Downtown neighborhood who were involved in offenses within the neighborhood is dominated by juveniles who travel to Downtown from other neighborhoods. These numbers are similarly reflected when separating Crimes and Status Offenses.

Age of Offenders/Incidents
Figure 6.1 compares the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders in Downtown against the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders within Grand Rapids. In general, the age of onset in Downtown 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 Downtown is displayed in the map on the next page. 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 Downtown, there are no specific geographic locations exhibiting an egregious amount of offenses. The highest offense density location within Downtown is along Ottawa Avenue NW at the Calder Plaza. Further understanding of this area 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.
Concentration of Juvenile Offenses 2006 - 2012 – Downtown

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
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