Number of Unique Youth Involved in Offenses/Incidents

The Eastgate neighborhood rate of unique youth involved in Crime and Status Offenses was well below the Grand Rapids city rate between 2006 and 2012. The offense rate in Eastgate fluctuated between a high of just over 20 per 1,000 youth in the population to a low of zero. As represented in Figure 5.1 Eastgate experienced a low rate of unique youth involved in Crime Offenses between 2006 and 2012. At no point during this time period did the rate of unique youth involved in Crime Offenses rise above ten juveniles per 1,000 in the population. The unique youth involved in Status Offenses (Figure 5.2) in Eastgate was higher than the Grand Rapids rate beginning in late 2008 and going into 2009. This was the only time period that the Eastgate neighborhood approached and moved beyond the city rate for Status Offenses. The rate of unique youth connected to Family Domestic Incidents in Eastgate (Figure 5.3) remained below the Grand Rapids city rate until 2011. Beginning in 2010 there has been a slight increase in Family Domestic Incidents in Eastgate and the trend has been increasing through 2011 into 2012.

Number of Unique Offenses/Incidents

In contrast to the city rate of unique offenses, Eastgate's unique offense rate was well below the city rate from 2006 into 2012. The rate change within the Crime Offense category in Eastgate reveals little change across the years of this analysis. The Status Offense rate in Eastgate was highest in 2009 with a sharp decline into 2010 when no offenses were reported. The Family Domestic Incident rate was below the city rate between 2006 and into 2011. The rate began to exceed the city rate in 2011 into
Residence of Youth Inside or Outside of the Neighborhood

As can be seen in Figure 5.8, the percent of youth residing outside the Eastgate neighborhood who were involved in offenses within the Eastgate neighborhood is pronounced in 2009. Eastgate resident youth who were committing offenses inside their neighborhood is evident in 2007 and 2008. In 2012,
50 percent of offenders for Crime and Status Offenses were non-residents of Eastgate. There were no offenses reported in 2006, 2010, and 2011. The analysis results in this section are a product of extremely low offense rates. For example, if there were only a few offenses committed in a particular year a percentage of residence location that claims 100 percent of offenders were residents of the neighborhood is of little value. Disaggregating offenses by Crime and Status merely magnifies the lack of inferential value within this section.

**Age of Offenders/Incidents**

Figure 6.1 compares the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders in Eastgate against the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders within Grand Rapids. In general, the age of onset in Eastgate follows the same pattern as the Grand Rapids pattern. There are slight differentiations within years but overall 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 Eastgate is displayed in the map below. 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 Eastgate, there are no egregious areas of high density offenses occurring. 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 a high density of offenses.
Figure 5.8 Eastgate - Residence of Offenders
Crime and Status Offenses

Figure 5.9 Eastgate - Residence of Offenders
Crime Offenses

Figure 6.0 Eastgate - Residence of Offenders
Status Offenses

Figure 6.1 Eastgate - Age of Offenders
Concentration of Juvenile Offenses 2006 - 2012 – Eastgate

Legend

- H: Grand Rapids Public Schools
- #: Neighborhood Boundaries
- Green Space
- Rivers & Lakes

Major Roads
- Business
- Expressway
- State
- Street

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

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

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