Number of Unique Youth Involved in Offenses/Incidents

The Eastown neighborhood rate of unique youth involved in Crime and Status Offenses declined rapidly between 2006 and 2008 dipping below the city rate by 2008. Between mid-2008 and mid-2011 the rate exceeded the Grand Rapids city rate and then declined below the city rate again mid-2011 into 2012. As represented in Figure 5.0 Eastown experienced a gradual drop in unique youth involved in Crime Offenses between 2006 and 2008 albeit always remaining higher than the city rate until mid-2007. Between 2008 and 2009 the unique youth involved in Crime Offense rates rapidly increased and then steadily decreased between 2009 and 2012. The unique youth involved in Status Offenses (Figure 5.1) in Eastown was higher than the Grand Rapids rate between 2006 and 2007. After dipping below the city rate in 2007 through 2009 the rate increased slightly above the city rate between 2010 and 2011. The rate of unique youth connected to Family Domestic Incidents in Eastown (Figure 5.2) slightly exceeded the Grand Rapids city rate until 2010 at which time it dropped below the city rate into 2012.

Number of Unique Offenses/Incidents

In contrast to the city rate of unique offenses, Eastown’s unique offense rate was above the city rate from 2006 until mid-year 2007. A significant increase between 2008 and 2010 is tempered by a continual decline beginning in 2010 through 2012. The rate change within the Crime Offense category in Eastown mirrors a similar pattern evident and discussed within the overall offense rate. The Status Offense rate in Eastown was highest in 2006 with a sharp decline into 2007. After the initial decline of unique Status Offenses beginning in 2006, Status Offenses increased beginning in 2009 peaking in 2011 and beginning to decline again below the city rate. The Family Domestic Incident rate remained slightly higher than the city rate until 2010 when it declined below the city rate into 2012.
Residence of Youth Inside or Outside of the Neighborhood

As can be seen in Figure 5.8, the percent of youth residing outside the Eastown neighborhood who were involved in offenses within the Eastown neighborhood varies on a yearly basis. In 2007, more than 60 percent of offenders for Crime and Status Offenses were residents of Eastown. Yet, 2008 through 2010 revealed an increase of individuals residing outside of Eastown committing offenses within the neighborhood. Within 2011 and 2012 the proportions were relatively equal. When separating Crime Offenses and Status Offenses we see similar variations in proportion of crime offenses by youth in Eastown that are attributed to non-Eastown and Eastown resident youth. Concerning Status Offenses, the numbers again fluctuate considerably between residents and non-residents by year.

Figure 5.2 Eastown - Rate of Youth Involved in Status Offenses

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

Figure 5.4 Eastown - Rate of Juvenile Crime/Status Offenses

Figure 5.5 Eastown - Rate of Juvenile Crime Offenses
Age of Offenders/Incidents
Figure 6.1 compares the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders in Eastown against the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders within Grand Rapids. In general, the age of onset in Eastown 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 13 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 Eastown is displayed in the map on page 97. 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 Eastown, the highest density of offenses occurring emanates from the northern end of the neighborhood along Fulton Avenue just east of Carlton. This area borders the Fulton Heights neighborhood. Other areas bordering and within Eastown that have produced a higher density of offenses are along Fuller Avenue in the southwest area of the neighborhood bordering Baxter. 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.
Figure 5.8 Eastown - Residence of Offenders (Crime and Status Offenses)

Figure 5.9 Eastown - Residence of Offenders (Crime Offenses)

Figure 6.0 Eastown - Residence of Offenders (Status Offenses)

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

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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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