Number of Unique Youth Involved in Offenses/Incidents

The Fulton Heights 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 Fulton Heights remained significantly higher than the City of Grand Rapids rate across all years except for a short period of time in 2008. Between 2006 and 2008 the Fulton Heights rate of unique youth involved in offenses and incidents declined rapidly meeting the lower city rate in 2008. After which, the Fulton Heights rate drastically increased again to a high of almost 120 per 1,000 youth in the population in 2009. After 2009, a decline in unique youth involvement occurred and continued through 2012 though continuing to remain higher than the city rate.

As represented in Figure 5.1, Fulton Heights experienced a steep drop in unique youth involved in Crime Offenses between 2006 and 2008 albeit always remaining higher than the city rate. 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 5.2) in Fulton Heights was lower than the Grand Rapids rate during all years except for a small period of time in 2011. The rate of unique youth connected to Family Domestic Incidents in Fulton Heights (Figure 5.3) was also below the Grand Rapids city rate except for a short time period in 2011.

Number of Unique Offenses/Incidents

In contrast to the city rate of unique offenses, Fulton Heights’ unique offense rate was above the city rate from 2006 through early 2012 except for a small portion of time within 2008. The rate change...
within the Crime Offense category in Fulton Heights reveals a similar pattern to the overall offense category. The Status Offense rate in Fulton Heights was below the city average across all years. The Family Domestic Incident rate was also below the city rate average across all years of this analysis.

Residence of Youth Inside or Outside of the Neighborhood
As can be seen in Figure 5.8, the percent of youth residing outside the Fulton Heights neighborhood
who were involved in offenses within the Fulton Heights neighborhood is much greater than Fulton Heights’ resident youth who were committing offenses inside their neighborhood. Within each year of analysis, more than 55 percent of offenders for Crime and Status Offenses were non-residents of Fulton Heights. When separating Crime Offenses and Status Offenses it is evident that a large proportion of crime offenses by youth inside Fulton Heights are attributed to non-Fulton Heights resident youth.

**Age of Offenders/Incidents**

Figure 6.1 compares the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders in Fulton Heights against the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders within Grand Rapids. In general, the age of onset in Fulton Heights follows the same pattern as the Grand Rapids pattern. Yet, there are differentiations within years. In particular younger individuals between 11 and 13 are responsible for a high number of offenses. Considering the data for this neighborhood is overrepresented by crime offenses as opposed to status offenses, this reveals an area in need of further discussion and analysis at the community level.

**Density Map of Juvenile Offenses/Incidents**

The geographical distribution of all juvenile offenses in Fulton Heights is displayed in the map below. 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 Fulton
Heights, the highest density of offenses occurring emanates from the area just south of the Kent Education Center-Mayfield and bordering the Eastown neighborhood along Fulton Street just east of Carlton. 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 – Fulton Heights

Legend

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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