Number of Unique Youth Involved in Offenses/Incidents

The Garfield Park neighborhood is the most populous youth neighborhood in Grand Rapids. The 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 Garfield Park declined extensively between 2006 and 2007. Between 2007 and into 2008 the Garfield Park rate of unique youth involved in offenses and incidents rose above the city rate. Between 2008 and 2012 the unique youth involved rate remained slightly higher than the city rate.

As represented in Figure 5.1 Garfield Park experienced a gradual drop in unique youth involved in Crime Offenses between 2006 and 2007. Between 2007 and 2008 the unique youth involved in Crime Offense rates increased and then gradually decreased though never dipping below the city rate. The unique youth involved in Status Offenses (Figure 5.2) in Garfield Park declined lower than the Grand Rapids rate between 2006 into 2007. After dipping below the city rate in 2007 the rate increased above the city rate between 2008 and 2009 and remained slightly above the city rate into 2012. The rate of unique youth connected to Family Domestic Incidents in Garfield Park (Figure 5.3) remained relatively steady and similar to the Grand Rapids city rate.

Number of Unique Offenses/Incidents

In contrast to the city rate of unique offenses, Garfield Park’s unique offense rate was above the city rate beginning in 2006 and then sharply declined into 2007. A small increase between 2008 and 2009 was followed by a slightly larger increase between 2010 and 2012. The rate change within the Crime Offense category in Garfield Park reveals a large decline between 2006 and 2007 and a slight incline
beginning in 2007 followed by relative stability thereafter. The Status Offense rate in Garfield Park was highest in 2006 with a sharp decline into 2007. After the initial decline of unique Status Offenses beginning in 2007, Status Offenses increased into 2008 and then remained steady into 2010 with a slight increase in 2011 and 2012. The Family Domestic Incident rate remained relatively steady and comparable to the city rate between 2006 and 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 Garfield Park neighborhood who were involved in offenses within the Garfield Park neighborhood is less than Garfield Park resident.
youth who were committing offenses inside their neighborhood. When separating Crime Offenses and Status Offenses it is evident that a large proportion of crime offenses by youth in Garfield Park are attributed to resident youth. In regard to Status Offenses, the numbers of Garfield Park residents is also higher than non-residents.

**Age of Offenders/Incidents**
Figure 6.1 compares the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders in Garfield Park against the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders within Grand Rapids. In general, the age of onset in Garfield Park 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 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 Garfield Park is displayed in the map on page 107. 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/incidents only, not the residence of the youth involved. Within Garfield Park there are nine separate geographic locations revealing higher density offenses. Three of these locations are located in areas directly connected to Grand Rapids Public School locations. These areas are located around Dickinson School, Buchanan School, and Burton Middle/Burton
Elementary Schools. The other six areas of high density are located along the Burton Avenue and Division Avenue corridors. Specifically, the area located just east of Division Avenue between Griggs Street and Brown Street is a geographic location responsible for 51 offenses. 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 – Garfield Park

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
- Community Research Institute

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