Number of Unique Youth Involved in Offenses/Incidents

The Grandville neighborhood rate of unique youth involved in Crime and Status Offenses rose rapidly between 2007 and 2008, meeting the city rate by 2008. Between mid-2008 and 2009 the rate declined and remained below the Grand Rapids city rate into 2012. As represented in Figure 5.1 Grandville experienced less unique youth involved in Crime Offenses than the City of Grand Rapids as a whole across all years of analysis. The unique youth involved in Status Offenses (Figure 5.2) in Grandville was higher than the Grand Rapids rate between late 2007 through late 2008. After which Status Offenses declined and mirrored the city rate into 2012. The rate of unique youth connected to Family Domestic Incidents in Grandville (Figure 5.3) remained relatively steady mirroring the Grand Rapids city rate except for a small drop in 2008 and a slight increase above the city rate between 2011 and 2012.

Number of Unique Offenses/Incidents

In contrast to the city rate of unique offenses, Grandville’s unique offense rate was below the city rate from 2006 through 2012. An increase in 2008 raised the rate to 60 per 1,000 juveniles in the population. The rate within the Crime Offense category in Grandville remained below the city rate for all years. The Status Offense rate in Grandville was highest in 2008 when it exceeded the city rate for a short period of time. The Family Domestic Incident rate remained relatively similar to the city rate.

Residence of Youth Inside or Outside of the Neighborhood

As can be seen in 5.8, the percent of youth residing outside the Grandville neighborhood who were involved in offenses within the Grandville neighborhood varies on a yearly basis. In 2006, more than 60
percent of offenders for Crime and Status Offenses were residents of Grandville. Yet between 2007 and 2008 and again between 2010 and 2011 the percentage revealed an increase of individuals residing outside of Grandville committing offenses within the neighborhood. When separating Crime Offenses and Status Offenses we see similar variations in proportion of crime offenses by youth in Grandville that are attributed to non-Grandville and Grandville resident youth. Relating to Status Offenses, the numbers again fluctuate with a significant percentage of Status Offenders being recorded as unknown.
concerning residence.

Age of Offenders/Incidents

Figure 6.1 compares the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders in Grandville against the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders within Grand Rapids. In general, the age of onset in Grandville 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 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 Grandville is displayed in the map on page 112. 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 Grandville, the highest density of offenses occurring emanates from the area surrounding the Southwest Community Campus School. Further understanding of 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 Grandville - Residence of Offenders
Crime and Status Offenses

Figure 5.9 Grandville - Residence of Offenders
Crime Offenses

Figure 6.0 Grandville - Residence of Offenders
Status Offenses

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

Legend

H 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:
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