Number of Unique Youth Involved in Offenses/Incidents
The Highland Park neighborhood rate of unique youth involved in Crime and Status Offenses was below the city rate throughout all years of the analysis. Between 2006 and 2012 the rate remained relatively steady with a small decline in 2009. As represented in Figure 5.1 Highland Park unique youth involved in Crime Offenses was quite low - never exceeding 22 per 1,000 youth in the population over the seven year period. The unique youth involved in Status Offenses (Figure 5.2) in Highland Park was higher than the Grand Rapids rate between 2006 and 2007 and again between 2009 and 2010. After dipping below the city rate in late 2010 through 2011, the rate increased slightly above the city rate in late 2011. The rate of unique youth connected to Family Domestic Incidents in Highland Park (Figure 5.3) slightly exceeded the Grand Rapids city rate between 2008 and 2009 at which time it leveled off mirroring the city rate into 2012.

Number of Unique Offenses/Incidents
Highland Park's unique offense rate was below the city rate from 2006 until mid-year 2007. Beginning in 2008, a significant decrease occurred into 2009. While rate variation occurred between 2009 and 2012 the rate never exceeded the City of Grand Rapids rate. The rate within the Crime Offense category in Highland Park exceeded the city rate for a short period of time in 2007-2008 yet remained well below the city rate average at all other times. The Status Offense rate in Highland Park was highest in 2006 with a sharp decline into 2007. After the initial decline of unique Status Offenses beginning in 2007, the rate surpassed the city average slightly in 2010 and late 2011. The Family Domestic Incident rate was slightly higher than the city rate mid-year 2008 through mid-year 2010.
Residence of Youth Inside or Outside of the Neighborhood

As can be seen in Figure 5.8, the percent of youth residing outside the Highland Park neighborhood who were involved in offenses within the Highland Park neighborhood varies on a yearly basis. Except for 2009, when all offenses were attributed to residents of Highland Park there is variation across all other years within the analysis. When separating Crime Offenses and Status Offenses we see similar variations in proportion of crime offenses by youth in Highland Park except for 2009 and 2011 in which
all offenders were residents of the neighborhood. In regard to Status Offenses, the numbers again fluctuate considerably between residents and non-residents by year except for 2008 when all Status Offenders were non-residents and 2009 when all Status Offenders were residents.

**Age of Offenders/Incidents**

Figure 6.1 compares the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders in Highland Park against the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders within Grand Rapids. In general, the age of onset in Highland 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 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 Highland Park is displayed in the map on page 122. 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 Highland Park, there are no particular egregious areas of high offense density. 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 higher density of offenses.
Figure 5.8 Highland Park - Residence of Offenders Crime and Status Offenses

Figure 5.9 Highland Park - Residence of Offenders Crime Offenses

Figure 6.0 Highland Park - Residence of Offenders Status Offenses

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

Legend

Major Roads

Number of Juvenile Offenses

H Grand Rapids Public Schools
City of Grand Rapids
Neighborhood Boundaries
Green Space
Rivers & Lakes

Business
Expressway
State
Street

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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