Number of Unique Youth Involved in Offenses/Incidents

The Midtown neighborhood rate of unique youth involved in Crime and Status Offenses increased rapidly between 2006 and 2007 at which time it remained above the city rate throughout the time period of this analysis. In 2009 the rate was 120 unique youth per 1,000 in the population involved in Crime and Status Offenses. This rate was more than twice the city rate in 2009. After 2009, the rate steadily declined and by 2012 was slightly higher than the city rate.

As represented in Figure 5.1 Midtown experienced a gradual incline in unique youth involved in Crime Offenses between 2006 and 2009 remaining above the city rate beginning in 2007 through 2012. The unique youth involved in Status Offenses (Figure 5.2) in Midtown increased in 2007, declined into 2008 and then increased again in 2009. After 2009, the unique youth Status Offense rate declined and remained steady, slightly above the city average through 2011. The rate of unique youth connected to Family Domestic Incidents in Midtown (Figure 5.3) slightly exceeded the Grand Rapids city rate beginning in 2006 into 2009 and then again mid-year 2010 into 2012.

Number of Unique Offenses/Incidents

Midtown’s rate of unique offenses was higher than the city rate from 2006 into 2012. In 2010, Midtown experienced a unique offense rate exceeding 140 youth per 1,000 youth in the population compared to a city average of 65 per 1,000 during the same time period. The rate change within the Crime Offense category in Midtown, while consistently above the city rate between 2007 and late 2011, reached a high of 80 per 1,000 in the population in 2009. The Status Offense rate in Midtown was highest in 2010 with a sharp decline into 2011. The Family Domestic Incident rate remained slightly higher than the city
rate beginning in 2006 through 2009 and again beginning 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 Midtown neighborhood who were involved in offenses within the Midtown neighborhood varies on a yearly basis. In 2007, over 70 percent of offenses committed in Midtown were explained by non-resident involvement. Yet, 2012 revealed an increase of individuals residing inside the Midtown neighborhood committing offenses within the neighborhood. When separating Crime Offenses and Status Offenses we see relatively similar variations in proportion of crime offenses by resident and non-resident youth as in the overall

**Figure 5.2 Midtown - Rate of Youth Involved in Status Offenses**

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

**Figure 5.4 Midtown - Rate of Juvenile Crime/Status Offenses**

**Figure 5.5 Midtown - Rate of Juvenile Crime Offenses**
offense category. In 2012 we see a large proportion of Status Offenses attributed to Midtown residents.

**Age of Offenders/Incidents**

Figure 6.1 compares the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders in Midtown against the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders within Grand Rapids. In general, the age of onset in Midtown 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 Midtown is displayed in the map on page 145. 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 Midtown, the highest density of offenses occurring emanates near the southeastern end of the neighborhood near Fulton Avenue and Diamond Avenue adjoined to the East Hills and Fulton Heights neighborhoods. This area is just north of Congress Elementary School. 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 – Midtown