Number of Unique Youth Involved in Offenses/Incidents

In contrast to the city trend, the rate in which unique youth were involved in offenses in the Northeast neighborhood was below the city rate for all years included in this report. The offense rate remained relatively stable across all years included in this report; between 25 and 45 per 1,000 juveniles. As represented in Figure 5.1 the Northeast neighborhood’s rate of unique youth involved in Crime Offenses between 2006 and 2012 remained relatively stable across all years included in this report (between 20 and 35 per 1,000 youth) and below the Grand Rapids city rate. The unique youth involved in Status Offenses (Figure 5.2) in the Northeast neighborhood slightly increased between 2006 and 2009 followed by an overall decrease between 2009 and 2012. It remained below the Grand Rapids city rate for all years included in this report except 2009 and 2012 where it was about the same as the city rate. The rate of unique youth connected to Family Domestic Incidents in the Northeast neighborhood (Figure 5.3) remained at the Grand Rapids rate for all years included in this report and very stable (between 10 and 20 per 1,000).

Number of Unique Offenses/Incidents

In contrast to the city rate of unique offenses, the Northeast neighborhood’s unique offense rate remained below the city rate for all years included in this report and relatively stable - around 40 offenses per 1,000 juveniles. The rate change within the Crime Offense category in the Northeast neighborhood overall was relatively stable between 2007 and 2012 (around 30 per 1,000 youth); between 2006 and 2007 the rate decreased. For all years included in this report the rate change within the Crime Offense category was below the Grand Rapids city rate. The Status Offense rate remained
below the Grand Rapids city rate for all years included in this report except 2009 and 2012, where it was equal to the city rate. The rate of Family Domestic Incidents remained consistently at the city rate for all years included in this report as well except for 2006, where it was slightly below the city rate.

**Residence of Youth Inside or Outside of the Neighborhood**

As can be seen in Figure 5.8, the percent of youth residing inside and outside the Northeast neighborhood who were involved in offenses within the Northeast neighborhood was relatively consistent across years. For example in 2006, a little over 30 percent of the Crime and Status Offenses combined occurring in the Northeast neighborhood were attributed to youth residing inside of the neighborhood.
neighborhood and 40 percent were attributed to youth residing outside of the neighborhood.

When separating Crime Offenses and Status Offenses the proportion of the Norheasts’ resident youth committing Crime Offenses for most years increased slightly (when comparing to Crime and Status offenses combined) for 2007 through 2010; for other years the proportion stayed about the same. For Status Offenses, the proportion of the Northeast’s resident youth committing an offense was less than the proportion of resident youth committing offenses when both Crime and Status was combined.

**Age of Offenders/Incidents**

Figure 6.1 compares the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders in the Northeast neighborhood against the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders within Grand Rapids. The age of onset in the Northeast neighborhood is very similar to the age of onset for the city of Grand Rapids as a whole. The vast number of offenses are being committed by youth between the ages of 13 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 the Northeast neighborhood is displayed in the map on page 165. 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 the Northeast neighborhood, the areas with the highest density of juvenile offenses occurring are near the intersection of Leonard and Ball, near the intersection of Leonard and Fuller (51),
and the area surrounding Plymouth on the south side of the neighborhood. 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.
Concentration of Juvenile Offenses 2006 - 2012 – Northeast

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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