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 North Park was significantly below the city rate for all years included in this report. The offense rate was relatively stable across the years 2008 to 2012; from 2006 to 2007 there was an increase in the rate followed by an immediate decline between 2007 and 2008. As represented in Figure 5.1 the rate of unique youth involved in Crime Offenses between 2006 and 2012 remained relatively stable across all years included in this report (between zero and 20 per 1,000 youth) and below the Grand Rapids city rate. The unique youth involved in Status Offenses (Figure 5.2) in North Park also remained stable and below the overall Grand Rapids city rate between 2006 and 2012. The rate of unique youth connected to Family Domestic Incidents in the North Park neighborhood (Figure 5.3) remained near the Grand Rapids rate for all years included in this report; there was a significant decrease in the rate between 2006 and 2007 followed by stabilization below the city rate between 2007 and 2010. Between 2010 and 2011 there was a slight increase that resulted in a rate above the city rate followed by an immediate decrease in the rate between 2011 and 2012 (resulting in a rate below the city rate for 2012).

Figure 5.0 North Park - Rate of Youth Involved in Crime and Status Offenses

Number of Unique Offenses/Incidents
In contrast to the city rate of unique offenses, the North Park neighborhood’s unique offense rate remained significantly below the city rate for all years included in this report. Between 2006 and 2007 there was an increase in the rate of unique offenses followed by a decrease between 2007 and 2008 and an extremely slight increase between the years 2008 and 2012. The rate change within the Crime Offense category in the North Park neighborhood was relatively stable between 2006 and 2012; it should be noted that there were slight fluctuations between 2006 and 2008. The crime rate was
significantly below the city of Grand Rapids rate for all years included in this report. The Status Offense rate also remained below the Grand Rapids city rate for all years included in this report and was stable (between zero and five per 1,000 youth). The rate of Family Domestic Incidents remained somewhat consistent for all years included in this report – there was a decrease between 2006 and 2007 and an increase between 2010 and 2011. The rate of youth involved in Family Domestic Incidents for the North Park neighborhood remained below the overall city rate for all years included in this report.
except 2006 and 2011.

**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 North Park neighborhood who were involved in offenses within the North Park neighborhood was somewhat consistent across years. The inconsistencies seen in Figure can be attributed to the small number or lack of offenses occurring in the North Park neighborhood across years.

When separating Crime Offenses and Status Offenses the proportion of the North Park’s resident youth committing Crime Offenses for most years remained the same (when comparing to Crime and Status offenses combined) across years. Again, the lack of or small number of offenses occurring in the North Park neighborhood is the reason for the absence of a clear pattern across years. For Status Offenses, in 2007 and 2008 all of the offenders in North Park resided outside of the neighborhood.

**Age of Offenders/Incidents**

Figure 6.1 compares the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders in the North Park neighborhood against the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders within Grand Rapids. The age of onset in the North Park neighborhood is somewhat 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 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 North Park is displayed in the map below. 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 North Park, the area with the highest density of juvenile offenses is in the northeast section of the neighborhood, bordering both the North End and city limits. 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 – North Park

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:
- Grand Rapids Police Department - 2013
- After School Programs Database – Our Community’s Children
- Community Research Institute

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