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 Ottawa Hills overall was below the city rate except for the years 2006 and 2011. The offense rate decreased between 2006 and 2007 followed by a stable rate of around 20 per 1,000 youth between 2007 and 2010. The rate then increased sharply between 2010 and 2011 followed by a sharp decrease between 2011 and 2012. As represented in Figure 5.1 Ottawa Hills experienced a sharp decrease in the rate of unique youth involved in Crime Offenses between 2006 and 2007 followed by a stabilization between 2007 and 2011 where it remained between ten and 25 youth involved in crime offenses per 1,000 youth. It then decreased between 2011 and 2012 to be zero per 1,000 youth. The unique youth involved in Status Offenses (Figure 5.2) in Ottawa Hills was zero for 2006 through 2008; between 2008 and 2009 it increased moderately and, in 2010, decreased to be zero. Between 2010 and 2011 there was a sharp increase that rose to be above the Grand Rapids city rate followed by a sharp decrease back to zero (for 2012). The rate of unique youth connected to Family Domestic Incidents in the Ottawa Hills neighborhood (Figure 5.3) remained below the Grand Rapids rate for all years included in this report and very stable (between zero and ten per 1,000).

Number of Unique Offenses/Incidents

In contrast to the city rate of unique offenses, the Ottawa Hills neighborhood’s unique offense rate fluctuated to be above or below the city rate depending on the year. It decreased between 2006 and 2007 followed by a stabilization of about 20 per 1,000 youth between 2007 and 2010. Between 2010 and 2011 there was an extremely sharp increase followed by an extremely sharp decrease between 2011 and 2012. The rate change within the Crime Offense category in Ottawa Hills overall was relatively stable between 2007 and 2012 (between zero and 20 per 1,000); however in 2006 the
rate was above the Grand Rapids city rate (around 120 per 1,000 juveniles). The Status Offense rate was relatively stable between 2006 and 2010 (between zero and 10 per 1,000 juveniles) and below the Grand Rapids city rate followed by a sharp increase between 2010 and 2011 and then a sharp decrease to below the Grand Rapids city rate between 2011 and 2012. The Family Domestic Incident remained consistently below the city rate for all years included in this report as well. Overall, between 2006 and 2012, the Family Domestic Incident remained stable between zero and ten per 1,000 juveniles.

Residence of Youth Inside or Outside of the Neighborhood

Figure 5.2 Ottawa Hills - Rate of Youth Involved in Status Offenses

Figure 5.3 Ottawa Hills - Rate of Youth Involved in Family/Domestic Incidents

Figure 5.4 Ottawa Hills - Rate of Juvenile Crime/Status Offenses

Figure 5.5 Ottawa Hills - Rate of Juvenile Crime Offenses
As can be seen in Figure 5.8, the percent of youth residing inside and outside the Ottawa Hills neighborhood who were involved in offenses within the Ottawa Hills neighborhood was relatively consistent in that most of the offenders were from outside of the neighborhood. For example in 2006, 100 percent of the Crime and Status Offenses combined occurring in the Ottawa Hills neighborhood were attributed to youth residing outside of the neighborhood.

When separating Crime Offenses and Status Offenses the proportion of Ottawa Hills resident youth committing Crime Offenses for most years was the same except due to the small number of status offenses occurring in Ottawa Hills during 2006 and 2012. There were two years (2009 and 2011) where status offenses occurred in Ottawa Hills, with 100 percent of the offenders residing outside of the neighborhood.

**Age of Offenders/Incidents**

Figure 6.1 compares the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders in Ottawa Hills against the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders within Grand Rapids. The age of onset in Ottawa Hills differs from the Grand Rapids pattern for juveniles; however this is due to the fact that not many offenses occurred in Ottawa Hills during 2006 and 2012. The vast number of offenses are being committed by youth between the ages of 12 and 16 with 13 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 Ottawa Hills 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 Ottawa Hills, the highest density of offenses occurring is near the intersection of Giddings and Alexander Street (on the border of Ottawa Hills and Southeast End). The area near the intersection of Fisk Road and Chippewa also has a higher density of juvenile offenses occurring within the Ottawa Hills 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 – Ottawa Hills

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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