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 Southeast End was similar to Grand Rapids as a whole. While the offense rate overall decreased in the Southeast End between 2006 and 2008, it increased between 2008 and 2009, and then overall it decreased between 2009 and 2012 and in 2012, remained slightly above the city rate. As represented in Figure 5.1 the Southeast End experienced a decrease in unique youth involved in Crime Offenses between 2006 and 2008, followed by an increase between 2008 and 2009 and another overall decrease between 2009 and 2012. The rate of unique youth involved in crime offenses was around the same as the overall city for all years except 2009 and 2010 where it was above the city rate. The unique youth involved in Status Offenses (Figure 5.2) in the Southeast End remained about the same as the Grand Rapids rate for all years; it increased between 2006 and 2007, decreased between 2007 and 2009 and leveled off between 2009 and 2012. The rate of unique youth connected to Family Domestic Incidents in the Southeast End neighborhood (Figure 5.3) remained the same (slightly above the Grand Rapids rate) between 2006 and 2011 (around 20 per 1,000 youth) before decreasing between 2011 and 2012 (and being about the same as the overall city rate in 2012).

Number of Unique Offenses/Incidents

In contrast to the city rate of unique offenses, the Southeast End neighborhood’s unique offense rate remained about the same as the city rate across all years within the report except for 2009 where it was above the city rate. The total unique offenses within the Southeast End neighborhood remained under a rate of 100 per 1,000 juveniles in the population. The overall unique offense rate within the Southeast End declined significantly from 2006 to 2008, rose between 2008 and 2009, and steadily decreased between 2009 and 2012.
The rate change within the Crime Offense category in the Southeast End reveals a decline between 2006 and 2008, an increase between 2008 and 2009, an overall decline between 2009 and 2011 and a slight increase between 2011 and 2012. The crime rate within the Southeast End remained below the overall city rate for every year except 2007, 2009, and 2010 where it was about equal, and then above and above the city rate (respectively). The Status Offense rate in the Southeast End was highest in 2007 with an overall decline thereafter. The overall status offense rate for the Southeast End remained about the same as the Grand Rapids city rate until 2012 where it decreased to below the city rate. The unique status offense rate for the Southeast End fluctuated between 2006 and 2012 between 10 and 25 per 1,000 juveniles. The Family Domestic Incident remained about the same between the years.
2006 and 2011 before slightly decreasing between 2011 and 2012. Between 2006 and 2011 the Family Domestic Incident rate for the Southeast End remained consistently above the Grand Rapids overall city rate and in 2012 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 Southeast End neighborhood who were involved in offenses within the Southeast End neighborhood fluctuates on a yearly basis. For example in 2006, about 45 percent of the Crime and Status Offenses combined occurring in the Southeast End neighborhood were attributed to youth residing inside the neighborhood and about 35 percent were attributed to youth from outside of the neighborhood. Increases in youth from inside the neighborhood are evident between 2006 and 2008 and again in 2009 through 2011 with decreases between 2008 and 2009 and 2011 and 2012.

When separating Crime Offenses and Status Offenses there is a slight increase in the proportion of the Southeast End resident youth committing Crime Offenses for most years. In regard to Status Offenses, for most years more than 30 percent of the status offenses were committed by juveniles from the Southeast End neighborhood.

Age of Offenders/Incidents

Figure 6.1 compares the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders in Southeast End against the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders within Grand Rapids. In general, the age of onset in Southeast End follows the same pattern as the Grand Rapids pattern. There are slight differentiations within
years but overall 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 Southeast End is displayed in the map on the next page. 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 Southeast End, there is a multitude of high density juvenile offense areas. The intersection of Kalamazoo and Boston Street, the area surrounding Giddings Avenue and Alexander Street, the area to the west of Martin Luther King Park, and the border of the Southeast End and Baxter neighborhoods. 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 – Southeast End

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

Projection: U.S. State Plane NAD 83
South - International Feet

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