**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 West Grand was similar to Grand Rapids as a whole. While the offense rate dropped in West Grand between 2006 and 2007, it increased between 2007 and 2008, and then overall it decreased between 2008 and 2011, and in 2012 it increased slightly and remained slightly higher the city rate.

As represented in figure 5.1 West Grand experienced a decrease in unique youth involved in Crime Offenses between 2006 and 2007, followed by an increase from 2007 to 2008. Between 2008 and 2010 the unique youth involved Crime Offense rates decreased with a slight and steady increase from 2010 to 2012. The unique youth involved in Status Offenses (Figure 5.2) in West Grand steadily remained around the Grand Rapids rate and overall steadily decreased between 2006 and 2012. The rate of unique youth connected to Family Domestic Incidents in West Grand (Figure 5.3) remained around the Grand Rapids city rate between 2006 and 2011, slightly increased and remained higher than the Grand Rapids rate in 2012.

**Figure 5.0 West Grand - Rate of Youth Involved in Crime and Status Offenses**

**Figure 5.1 West Grand - Rate of Youth Involved in Crime Offenses**

**Number of Unique Offenses/Incidents**

In contrast to the city rate of unique offenses, West Grand’s unique offense rate was below the city rate across all years within the report except for 2008. The total unique offenses within West Grand remained under a rate of 100 per 1,000 juveniles in the population. The overall unique offense rate within West Grand declined significantly from 2006 to 2007, it rose between 2007 and 2008, and overall it remained about the same between 2008 and 2012; remaining about the same as the city rate.
The rate change within the Crime Offense category in West Grand reveals a large decline between 2006 and 2007, an increase between 2007 and 2008, and a steady decline between 2008 and 2010. There was steady increase between 2010 and 2012 and the crime rate for West Grand remained about the same as the city rate in 2012. The Status Offense rate in West Grand was highest in 2006 and 2009 with an overall decline thereafter. The overall status offense rate for West Grand remained about the same as the overall city of Grand Rapids status offense rate except for 2009 where it slightly exceeded the rate for the overall city of Grand Rapids status offense rate. The unique status offense rate for West Grand remained relatively stable between 2006 and 2012 between 15 and 20 per 1,000 juveniles. The Family Domestic Incident rate hovered around the city rate between 2006 and 2011 and increased to
more than the city rate again in 2012.

**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 West Grand neighborhood who were involved in offenses within the West Grand neighborhood fluctuates on a yearly basis. For example in 2006, about 50 percent of the Crime and Status Offenses combined occurring in West Grand were attributed to youth residing inside the neighborhood and 30 percent were attributed to youth from outside of the neighborhood. Increases in youth from inside the neighborhood are evident between 2006 and 2007 and again in 2008 through 2011 with decreases between 2007 and 2008 and 2011 and 2012. When separating Crime Offenses and Status Offenses there is a slight decrease in the proportion of West Grand resident youth committing Crime Offenses in 2006 and 2010. In regard to Status Offenses, for most years more than 50 percent of the status offenses were for juveniles from the West Grand neighborhood.

**Age of Offenders/Incidents**

Figure 6.1 compares the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders in West Grand against the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders within Grand Rapids. In general, the age of onset in West Grand 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 West Grand 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 West Grand, the highest density of offenses occurring emanates near the intersections of Stocking and Alpine, Leonard and Alpine, and Leonard and Seward. 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 – West Grand