

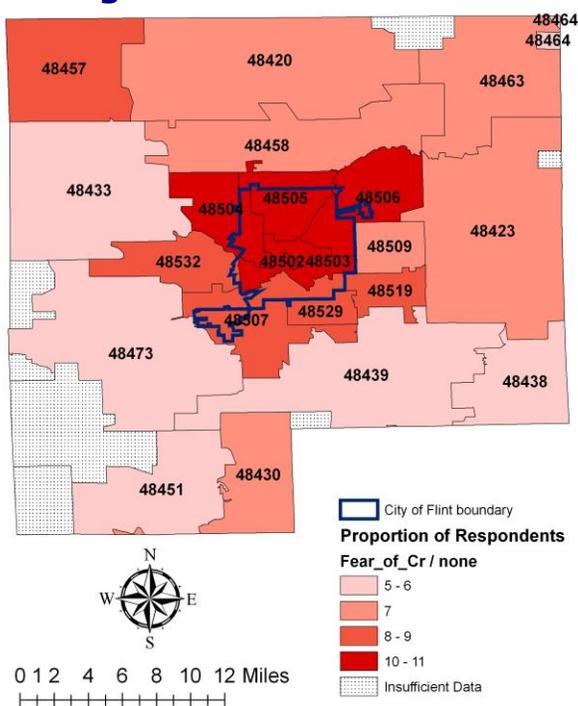
## Speak to Your Health! Crime Perception and Awareness in Genesee County

October is National Crime Prevention Month.<sup>1</sup> Feeling safe in your neighborhood may make you feel less sad and anxious.<sup>2</sup> You can make your neighborhood a safer place to live and help decrease crime in your community.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Speak to Your Health! Community Survey is a resource that provides information about crime perception and awareness in Genesee County. The results of the 2009 survey found that most people feel safe in their neighborhoods, but there are things we can improve:

### Average Score for Fear of Crime



- Most of Genesee County residents (76%) feel that they can trust people in their neighborhood and think it is safe to walk outside alone after dark (67%).
- On the other hand, 41% of Genesee County residents are fearful about crime in their neighborhood, and 14% think crime is higher in their neighborhood compared to others.
- Only 17% of people living in Genesee County had someone in their household participate in a neighborhood crime watch in the past 12 months.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

**Participate** in a neighborhood crime watch.  
**Ask** police about strategies for preventing crime.  
**Talk** to your neighbors and start a conversation about crime prevention in your area.  
**Help create** safe neighborhood spaces such as community gardens and parks.

### WHERE CAN YOU GET MORE INFORMATION?

**Flint Police Department General Information** (810) 237-6800

**National Crime Prevention Council** <http://www.ncpc.org/>

**Crime Prevention Assoc. of Michigan** <http://www.crimepreventionassociationofmichigan.org/>

**Crime Prevention Tips-City of Flint** <http://www.cityofflint.com/police/tips.asp>

**Michigan Youth Violence Prevention Center Blog** <http://yvpc.sph.umich.edu/blog/>

**Please take time to Speak to Your Health!**

Visit [www.gchd.us/survey](http://www.gchd.us/survey) to complete the 2011 survey

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<sup>1</sup> National Crime Prevention Council <http://www.ncpc.org/programs/crime-prevention-month/about> (Accessed 10/10/11)

<sup>2</sup> Kruger, D.J., Reischl, T.M., & Gee, G.C. (2007). Neighborhood social conditions mediate the association between physical deterioration and mental health. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 40, 261-271.