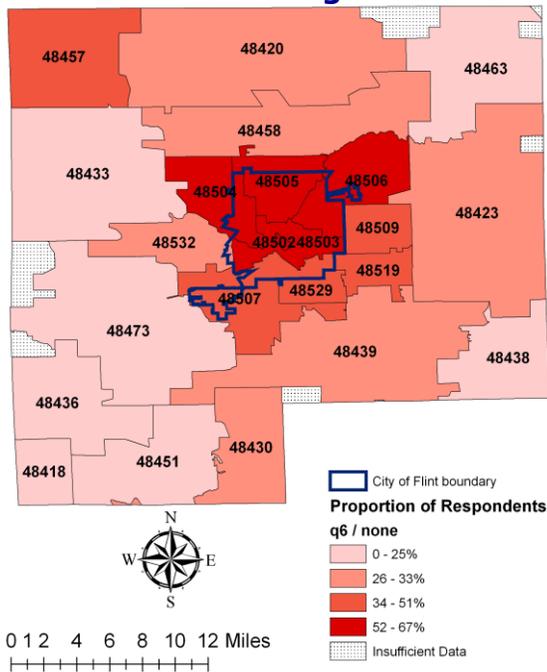


Neighborhood Safety and Crime in Flint, Michigan

Feeling safe in your neighborhood is important for your health. Children living in unsafe neighborhoods are less likely to be physically active and are more likely to have health problems.¹ Living in clean and safe neighborhoods can increase your physical health and make you a happier person.²

Percent of respondents who are somewhat or very fearful about crime in their neighborhood



DID YOU KNOW?

The Speak to Your Health! Community Survey is a resource that provides information about neighborhood safety and crime in Flint. The results of the 2009 survey found that neighborhoods could be nicer and safer places to live:

- 77% of Flint residents say that people in their neighborhood are willing to help other neighbors, but only 61% of people think that people in their neighborhood can be trusted
- Only 42% of Flint residents think it is safe to walk around their neighborhood alone after dark
- 90% of 18-24 year olds in Flint have not participated in a neighborhood project to improve neighborhood conditions in the last 12 months. The same is true for about 60% of people ages 25 years and older

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Participate in a neighborhood watch. Neighborhood watches can help keep crime down in your area

Start or join a block club. Block clubs help you get to know your neighbors and build a stronger community

Participate in a neighborhood clean-up day. Keeping your neighborhood clean can help keep crime down and can make your neighborhood a nicer place to live

WHERE CAN YOU GET MORE INFORMATION?

- **MI-YVPC** <http://yvpc.sph.umich.edu/>
- **YES** <http://yvpc.sph.umich.edu/projects/yes-youth-empowered-solutions/>
- **STRIVE** <http://www.safeyouth.gov/Pages/Home.aspx>
- **Clean and Green Program** <http://www.thelandbank.org/programs.asp#two>
- **National Crime Prevention Council** <http://www.ncpc.org/topics/home-and-neighborhood-safety>

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