Although it has the 3rd highest percentage of immigrant headed households in Brooklyn and borders one of Brooklyn's most racially diverse districts, East Flatbush is ranked 54th citywide in racial diversity. The originsations of home purchase loans have been rising consistently in recent years and the share of such loans that are subprime also has increased. CD 217 ranks 8th citywide in the rate of subprime refinance loans, and 12th citywide in the rate of notices of foreclosures. An additional sign of neighborhood distress is that the district has had consistently a high rate of low birth weights—significantly higher than borough or the citywide averages. The low level of construction activity and the high level of serious code violations also indicate neighborhood distress.