Astoria, one of the most populous community districts in the City, became significantly more expensive to live in between 2000 and 2006. The median monthly rent in Astoria rose 13%, and the price of 2-4 family homes almost doubled in the same time period. The vacancy rate among rental units is under 3 percent, suggesting a very tight market. The homeownership rate in Astoria is far lower than the borough average, with only about one in five households owning their homes.