Like many other New York City communities, CD 205 has witnessed an upsurge in home purchase and refinance lending, accompanied by a dramatic increase in subprime loans. Subprime home purchase loans have more than tripled from 10.5% in 2002 to 38.2% of loans in 2004. The rate of subprime refinance loans was among the highest in the City, at 50.7% in 2004.

Although reading and math performance have improved in recent years - math scores have increased by the most percentage points citywide - CD 205 remains behind the rest of New York City. This area also has the 2nd highest percentage of vacant land in the City. Contrary to citywide trends, the felony crime rate increased and the homeownership rate decreased in CD 205.