The Brownsville/Ocean Hill area, which had one of the lowest populations in New York City in 2000, was among the City’s poorest neighborhoods in 2005. It was near the top in many home lending categories in 2004. Home purchase and refinance loans were prevalent, and the rate of subprime loans was also extremely high. Although the crime rate and education performance have both improved since 2002, and math scores increased at the 2nd highest rate citywide in the last two years (in percentage points), Brownsville/Ocean Hill remains at the lower end citywide for these two important indicators. Housing prices continued to rise in recent years, and the percent of tax delinquencies lasting more than one year fell to 3.7% in 2004. CD 216 has among the City’s highest poverty rates and ranks 2nd citywide in the percent of housing units that are public housing.

Numbers in italics are based on a small number of observations and should be treated with caution.
1 Ranked out of 34 community districts with the same predominant housing type (2-4 family buildings).