

# CHAFFEE COUNTY PROPERTY ASSESSMENT STUDY







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Mr. Mike Mauer Director of Research Colorado Legislative Council Room 029, State Capitol Building Denver, Colorado 80203

RE: Final Report for the 2018 Colorado Property Assessment Study

Dear Mr. Mauer:

Wildrose Appraisal Inc.-Audit Division is pleased to submit the Final Reports for the 2018 Colorado Property Assessment Study.

These reports are the result of two analyses: A procedural audit and a statistical audit.

The procedural audit examines all classes of property. It specifically looks at how the assessor develops economic areas, confirms and qualifies sales, develops time adjustments and performs periodic physical property inspections. The audit reviews the procedures for determining subdivision absorption and subdivision discounting. Valuation methodology is examined for residential properties and commercial properties. Procedures are reviewed for producing mines, oil and gas leaseholds and lands producing, producing coal mines, producing earth and stone products, severed mineral interests, and non-producing patented mining claims.

Statistical audits are performed on vacant land, residential properties, commercial/industrial properties and agricultural land. A statistical analysis is performed for personal property compliance on the eleven largest counties: Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Denver, Douglas, El Paso, Jefferson, Larimer, Mesa, Pueblo and Weld. The remaining counties receive a personal property procedural study.

Wildrose Appraisal Inc. – Audit Division appreciates the opportunity to be of service to the State of Colorado. Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

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# INTRODUCTION



The State Board of Equalization (SBOE) reviews assessments for conformance to the Constitution. The SBOE will order revaluations for counties whose valuations do not reflect the proper valuation period level of value.

The statutory basis for the audit is found in C.R.S. 39-1-104 (16)(a)(b) and (c).

The legislative council sets forth two criteria that are the focus of the audit group:

To determine whether each county assessor is applying correctly the constitutional and statutory provisions, compliance requirements of the State Board of Equalization, and the manuals published by the State Property Tax Administrator to arrive at the actual value of each class of property.

To determine if each assessor is applying correctly the provisions of law to the actual values when arriving at valuations for assessment of all locally valued properties subject to the property tax.

The property assessment audit conducts a two-part analysis: A procedural analysis and a statistical analysis.

The procedural analysis includes all classes of property and specifically looks at how the assessor develops economic areas, confirms and qualifies sales, and develops time adjustments. The audit also examines the procedures for adequately discovering, classifying and valuing agricultural outbuildings, discovering subdivision build-out subdivision and discounting procedures. Valuation methodology for vacant land, improved properties commercial residential and properties is examined. Procedures for producing mines, oil and gas leaseholds and lands producing, producing coal mines, producing earth and stone products, severed mineral interests and non-producing patented mining claims are also reviewed.

Statistical analysis is performed on vacant land, residential properties, commercial/industrial properties, agricultural land, and personal property. The statistical study results are compared with State Board of Equalization compliance requirements and the manuals published by the State Property Tax Administrator.

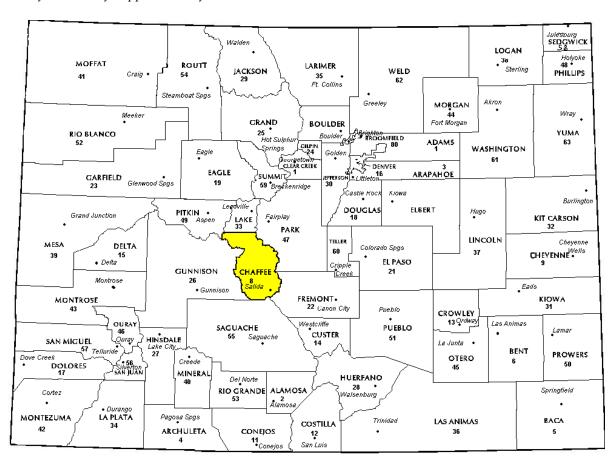
Wildrose Audit has completed the Property Assessment Study for 2018 and is pleased to report its findings for Chaffee County in the following report.



# REGIONAL/HISTORICAL SKETCH OF CHAFFEE COUNTY

#### **Regional Information**

Chaffee County is located in the Central Mountains region of Colorado. The Central Mountains Region is in the central portion of Colorado. It extends from the northern Gilpin county boundary approximately 210 miles southeasterly to the southern boundary of Colorado, including Chaffee, Clear Creek, Custer, Fremont, Gilpin, Huerfano, Lake, Las Animas, Park, and Teller counties.





#### Historical Information

Chaffee County had an estimated population of approximately 19,058 people with 18.81 people per square mile, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2016 estimated census data. This represents a 7.01 percent change from April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2016.

Chaffee County is on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains in central Colorado. Bordered on the west by the Sawatch Range, including the 14,000 foot Continental Divide, the eastern boundary of the county follows the Mosquito Range, descending toward the south. Located high in the Upper Arkansas Valley, the Arkansas River flows toward the southeast, between the two mountain ranges.

The area is the crossroads for the three highways: U.S. 24, 50 and 285. Driving distance from Denver is approximately 144 miles, 102 miles from Colorado Springs and Pueblo, and 65 miles from Gunnison.

The elevation of the area ranges from just under 7,000 to over 14,000 feet on its highest peaks, providing some of the most spectacular views to be seen anywhere in the world. In fact, Chaffee County has more mountain peaks of 14,000-foot or more than any other county in Colorado and is often referred to as the "Fourteener" Region.

The history of the County and the surrounding area is a rich mix of many influences. The area was originally settled by the Ute Indians, for whom many of the local mountain peaks are named. Chaffee County was established in 1879 and named for Jerome Chaffee, Colorado's first United States Senator and local investor.

Early in its history the area experienced an influx of explorers, miners, railroad expansionists, farmers and ranchers. The influence of each has dwindled over the years, but their mark in the history of the area is evident throughout the valley. (salida.com)



# RATIO ANALYSIS

# Methodology

All significant classes of properties were analyzed. Sales were collected for each property class over the appropriate sale period, which was typically defined as the 18-month period between January 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016. Counties with less than 30 sales typically extended the sale period back up to 5 years prior to June 30, 2016 in 6-month increments. If there were still fewer than 30 sales, supplemental appraisals were performed and treated as proxy sales. Residential sales for all counties using this method totaled at least 30 per county. For commercial sales, the total number analyzed was allowed, in some cases, to fall below 30. There were no sale quantity issues for counties requiring vacant land analysis or condominium analysis. Although it was required that we examine the median and coefficient of dispersion for all counties, we also calculated the weighted mean and pricerelated differential for each class of property. Counties were not passed or failed by these

latter measures, but were counseled if there were anomalies noted during our analysis. Qualified sales were based on the qualification code used by each county, which were typically coded as either "Q" or "C." The ratio analysis included all sales. The data was trimmed for counties with obvious outliers using IAAO standards for data analysis. In every case, we examined the loss in data from trimming to ensure that only true outliers were excluded. Any county with a significant portion of sales excluded by this trimming method was examined further. No county was allowed to pass the audit if more than 5% of the sales were "lost" because of trimming. For the largest 11 counties, the residential ratio statistics were broken down by economic area as well.

#### **Conclusions**

For this final analysis report, the minimum acceptable statistical standards allowed by the State Board of Equalization are:

ALLOWABLE STANDARDS RATIO GRID					
Property Class	Unweighted Median Ratio	Coefficient of Dispersion			
Commercial/Industrial	Between .95-1.05	Less than 20.99			
Condominium	Between .95-1.05	Less than 15.99			
Single Family	Between .95-1.05	Less than 15.99			
Vacant Land	Between .95-1.05	Less than 20.99			



# The results for Chaffee County are:

Chaffee County Ratio Grid							
Number of Unweighted Price Coefficient Qualified Median Related of Property Class Sales Ratio Differential Dispersion							
Commercial/Industrial	57	0.998	1.034	11	Compliant		
Condominium	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Single Family	1,278	0.995	1.017	9	Compliant		
Vacant Land	387	1.000	1.019	6.8	Compliant		

After applying the above described methodologies, it is concluded from the sales ratios that Chaffee County is in compliance

with SBOE, DPT, and Colorado State Statute valuation guidelines.

Recommendations



# TIME TRENDING VERIFICATION

#### Methodology

While we recommend that counties use the inverted ratio regression analysis method to account for market (time) trending, some counties have used other IAAO-approved methods, such as the weighted monthly median approach. We are not auditing the methods used, but rather the results of the methods used. Given this range of methodologies used to account for market trending, we concluded that the best validation method was to examine the sale ratios for each class across the appropriate sale period. To be specific, if a county has considered and adjusted correctly for market trending, then the sale ratios should remain stable (i.e. flat) across the sale period. If a residual market trend is detected, then the county may or may not have addressed market

trending adequately, and a further examination is warranted. This validation method also considers the number of sales and the length of the sale period. Counties with few sales across the sale period were carefully examined to determine if the statistical results were valid.

#### Conclusions

After verification and analysis, it has been determined that Chaffee County has complied with the statutory requirements to analyze the effects of time on value in their county. Chaffee County has also satisfactorily applied the results of their time trending analysis to arrive at the time adjusted sales price (TASP).

#### Recommendations



# SOLD/UNSOLD ANALYSIS

#### Methodology

Chaffee County was tested for the equal treatment of sold and unsold properties to ensure that "sales chasing" has not occurred. The auditors employed a multi-step process to determine if sold and unsold properties were valued in a consistent manner.

We test the hypothesis that the assessor has valued unsold properties consistent with what is observed with the sold properties based on several units of comparison and tests. units of comparison include the actual value per square foot and the change in value from the previous base year period to the current base year. The first test compares the actual value per square foot between sold and unsold properties by class. The median and mean value per square foot is compared and tested for any significant difference. This is tested using non-parametric methods, such as the Mann-Whitney test for differences in the distributions or medians between sold and unsold groups. It is also examined graphically and from an appraisal perspective. Data can be stratified based on location and subclass. The second test compares the difference in the median change in value from the previous base year to the current base year between sold and unsold properties by class. The same combination of non-parametric and appraisal testing is used as with the first test. A third test employing a valuation model testing a sold/unsold binary variable while controlling for property attributes such as location, size, age and other attributes. determines if the sold/unsold variable is statistically and empirically significant. three tests indicate a significant difference between sold and unsold properties for a given class, the Auditor may meet with the county to determine if sale chasing is actually occurring,

or if there are other explanations for the observed difference.

If the unsold properties have a higher median value per square foot than the sold properties, or if the median change in value is greater for the unsold properties than the sold properties, the analysis is stopped and the county is concluded to be in compliance with sold and unsold guidelines. All sold and unsold properties in a given class are first tested, although properties with extreme unit values or percent changes can be trimmed to stabilize the analysis. The median is the primary comparison metric, although the mean can also be used as a comparison metric if the distribution supports that type of measure of central tendency.

The first test (unit value method) is applied to both residential and commercial/industrial sold and unsold properties. The second test is applied to sold and unsold vacant land properties. The second test (change in value method) is also applied to residential or commercial sold and unsold properties if the first test results in a significant difference observed and/or tested between sold and unsold properties. The third test (valuation modeling) is used in instances where the results from the first two tests indicate a significant difference between sold and unsold properties. It can also be used when the number of sold and unsold properties is so large that the nonparametric testing is indicating a false rejection of the hypothesis that there is no difference between the sold and unsold property values.

These tests were supported by both tabular and graphics presentations, along with written documentation explaining the methodology used.



Sold/Unsold Re	sults
Property Class	Results
Commercial/Industrial	Compliant
Condominium	N/A
Single Family	Compliant
Vacant Land	Compliant

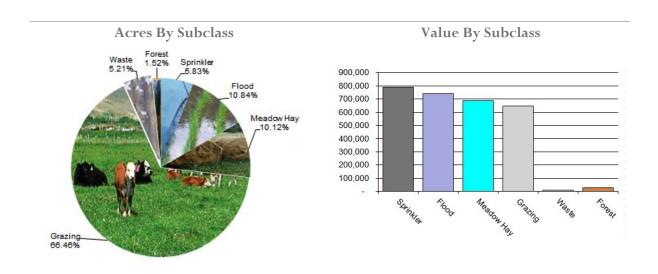
# Conclusions

After applying the above described methodologies, it is concluded that Chaffee County is reasonably treating its sold and unsold properties in the same manner.

# Recommendations



# AGRICULTURAL LAND STUDY



# **Agricultural Land**

County records were reviewed to determine major land categories such as irrigated farm, dry farm, meadow hay, grazing and other In addition, county records were reviewed in order to determine if: Aerial photographs are available and are being used; soil conservation guidelines have been used to classify lands based on productivity; crop rotations have been documented; typical commodities and yields have been determined; orchard lands have been properly classified and valued; expenses reflect a ten year average and are typical landlord expenses; grazing lands have been properly classified and valued; the number of acres in each class and subclass have been determined; the capitalization rate was properly applied. Also, documentation was required for the valuation methods used and locally developed yields, carrying capacities, and expenses. Records were also checked to ensure that the commodity prices and expenses, furnished by the Property Tax Administrator (PTA), were applied properly.

(See Assessor Reference Library Volume 3 Chapter 5.)

#### Conclusions

An analysis of the agricultural land data indicates an acceptable appraisal of this property type. Directives, commodity prices and expenses provided by the PTA were properly applied. County yields compared favorably to those published by Colorado Agricultural Statistics. Expenses used by the county were allowable expenses and were in an acceptable range. Grazing lands carrying capacities were in an acceptable range. The data analyzed resulted in the following ratios:



	Chaffee County Agricultural Land Ratio Grid									
Abstract	Number County County WRA Abstract Of Value Assessed Total									
Code	Land Class	Acres	Per Acre 7	Total Value	Value	Ratio				
4107	Sprinkler	3,743	211.19	790,428	835,744	0.95				
4117	Flood	6,961	106.52	741,551	768,346	0.97				
4137	Meadow Hay	6,499	105.99	688,839	688,839	1.00				
4147	Grazing	42,669	15.11	644,735	644,735	1.00				
4177	Forest	979	2.22	26,080	26,080	1.00				
4167	Waste	3,347	2.22	7,437	7,437	1.00				
Total/Avg		64,198	45.16	2,899,070	2,971,181	0.98				

#### Recommendations

None

# **Agricultural Outbuildings**

# Methodology

Data was collected and reviewed to determine if the guidelines found in the Assessor's Reference Library (ARL) Volume 3, pages 5.74 through 5.77 were being followed.

#### **Conclusions**

Chaffee County has substantially complied with the procedures provided by the Division of Property Taxation for the valuation of agricultural outbuildings.

#### Recommendations



# **Agricultural Land Under Improvements**

# Methodology

Data was collected and reviewed to determine if the guidelines found in the Assessor's Reference Library (ARL) Volume 3, pages 5.19 and 5.20 were being followed.

#### Conclusions

Chaffee County has used the following methods to discover land under a residential improvement on a farm or ranch that is determined to be not integral under 39-1-102, C.R.S.:

- Questionnaires
- Field Inspections
- Phone Interviews
- In-Person Interviews with Owners/Tenants
- Written Correspondence other than Questionnaire
- Personal Knowledge of Occupants at Assessment Date
- Aerial Photography/Pictometry

Chaffee County has used the following methods to discover the land area under a residential improvement that is determined to be not integral under 39-1-102, C.R.S.:

- Property Record Card Analysis
- Questionnaires
- Field Inspections
- Phone Interviews
- In-Person Interviews with Owners/Tenants
- Written Correspondence other than Questionnaire
- Personal Knowledge of Occupants at Assessment Date
- Aerial Photography/Pictometry

Chaffee County has substantially complied with the procedures provided by the Division of Property Taxation for the valuation of land under residential improvements that may or may not be integral to an agricultural operation.

#### Recommendations



# SALES VERIFICATION

#### According to Colorado Revised Statutes:

A representative body of sales is required when considering the market approach to appraisal.

(8) In any case in which sales prices of comparable properties within any class or subclass are utilized when considering the market approach to appraisal in the determination of actual value of any taxable property, the following limitations and conditions shall apply:

(a)(I) Use of the market approach shall require a representative body of sales, including sales by a lender or government, sufficient to set a pattern, and appraisals shall reflect due consideration of the degree of comparability of sales, including the extent of similarities and dissimilarities among properties that are compared for assessment purposes. In order to obtain a reasonable sample and to reduce sudden price changes or fluctuations, all sales shall be included in the sample that reasonably reflect a true or typical sales price during the period specified in section 39-1-104 (10.2). Sales of personal property exempt pursuant to the provisions of sections 39-3-102, 39-3-103, and 39-3-119 to 39-3-122 shall not be included in any such sample.

(b) Each such sale included in the sample shall be coded to indicate a typical, negotiated sale, as screened and verified by the assessor. (39-1-103, C.R.S.)

The assessor is required to use sales of real property only in the valuation process.

(8)(f) Such true and typical sales shall include only those sales which have been determined on an individual basis to reflect the selling price of the real property only or which have been adjusted on an individual basis to reflect the selling price of the real property only. (39-1-103, C.R.S.)

Part of the Property Assessment Study is the sales verification analysis. WRA has used the above-cited statutes as a guide in our study of the county's procedures and practices for verifying sales.

WRA reviewed the sales verification procedures in 2018 for Chaffee County. This study was conducted by checking selected sales from the master sales list for the current valuation period. Specifically WRA selected 37 sales listed as unqualified.

All of the sales in the unqualified sales sample had reasons that were clear and supportable.

For residential, commercial, and vacant land sales with considerations over \$500, the contractor has examined and reported the ratio of qualified sales to total sales by class and performed the following analyses of unqualified sales:

The contractor has examined the manner in which sales have been classified as qualified or unqualified, including a listing of each step in the sales verification process, any adjustment procedures, and the county official responsible for making the final decision on qualification.

The contractor has reviewed with the assessor any analysis indicating that sales data are inadequate, fail to reflect typical properties, or have been disqualified for insufficient cause. In addition, the contractor has reviewed the disqualified sales by assigned code. If there appears to be any inconsistency in the coding, the contractor has



conducted further analysis to determine if the sales included in that code have been assigned appropriately.

**Conclusions** 

Chaffee County appears to be doing a good job of verifying their sales. WRA agreed with the

county's reason for disqualifying each of the sales selected in the sample. There are no recommendations or suggestions.

Recommendations



# ECONOMIC AREA REVIEW AND EVALUATION

#### Methodology

Chaffee County has submitted a written narrative describing the economic areas that make up the county's market areas. Chaffee County has also submitted a map illustrating these areas. Each of these narratives have been read and analyzed for logic and appraisal sensibility. The maps were also compared to the narrative for consistency between the written description and the map.

#### Conclusions

After review and analysis, it has been determined that Chaffee County has adequately

identified homogeneous economic areas comprised of smaller neighborhoods. Each economic area defined is equally subject to a set of economic forces that impact the value of the properties within that geographic area and this has been adequately addressed. Each economic area defined adequately delineates an area that will give "similar values for similar properties in similar areas."

#### Recommendations



# NATURAL RESOURCES

#### **Earth and Stone Products**

#### Methodology

Under the guidelines of the Assessor's Reference Library (ARL), Volume 3, Natural Resource Valuation Procedures, the income approach was applied to determine value for production of earth and stone products. The number of tons was multiplied by an economic royalty rate determined by the Division of Property Taxation to determine income. The income was multiplied by a recommended Hoskold factor to determine the actual value. The Hoskold factor is determined by the life of the reserves or the lease. Value is based on two variables: life and tonnage. The operator determines these since there is no other means to obtain production data through any state or private agency.

#### **Conclusions**

The County has applied the correct formulas and state guidelines to earth and stone production.

#### Recommendations

None

# **Producing Mines**

#### Methodology

Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS) Article 39, Section 6, and the Assessor's Reference Library (ARL), Volume 3 are the basis for valuing producing mine property. The gross value of the ore extracted during the preceding year is determined. All costs of treatment, reduction, transportation and sale are deducted to estimate gross proceeds. The costs of extraction are deducted from the gross proceeds to estimate net proceeds.

The current value for assessment is determined by determining if 25% of the gross proceeds or 100% of the net proceeds is greater, then applying that number as the valuation for assessment.

#### **Conclusions**

The County valued the producing mine production using acceptable appraisal procedures.

#### Recommendations



# VACANT LAND

#### **Subdivision Discounting**

Subdivisions were reviewed in 2018 in Chaffee County. The review showed that subdivisions were discounted pursuant to the Colorado Revised Statutes in Article 39-1-103 (14) and by applying the recommended methodology in ARL Vol 3, Chap 4. Subdivision Discounting in the intervening year can be accomplished by reducing the absorption period by one year. In instances where the number of sales within an approved plat was less than the absorption rate

per year calculated for the plat, the absorption period was left unchanged.

#### **Conclusions**

Chaffee County has implemented proper procedures to adequately estimate absorption periods, discount rates, and lot values for qualifying subdivisions.

#### Recommendations



# POSSESSORY INTEREST PROPERTIES

#### **Possessory Interest**

Possessory interest property discovery and valuation is described in the Assessor's Reference Library (ARL) Volume 3 section 7 in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 39-1-103 (17)(a)(II)C.R.S. Possessory Interest is defined by the Property Tax Administrator's Publication ARL Volume 3, Chapter 7: A private property interest in government-owned property or the right to the occupancy and use of any benefit in government-owned property that has been under lease, permit, concession, contract, or other agreement.

Chaffee County has been reviewed for their procedures and adherence to guidelines when assessing and valuing agricultural, commercial and ski area possessory interest properties. The county has also been queried as to their confidence that the possessory interest properties have been discovered and placed on the tax rolls.

#### Conclusions

Chaffee County has implemented a discovery process to place possessory interest properties on the roll. They have also correctly and consistently applied the correct procedures and valuation methods in the valuation of possessory interest properties.

#### Recommendations



# PERSONAL PROPERTY AUDIT

Chaffee County was studied for its procedural compliance with the personal property assessment outlined in the Assessor's Reference Library (ARL) Volume 5, and in the State Board of Equalization (SBOE) requirements for the assessment of personal property. The SBOE requires that counties use ARL Volume 5, including current discovery, classification, documentation procedures, current economic lives table, cost factor tables, depreciation table, and level of value adjustment factor table.

The personal property audit standards narrative must be in place and current. A listing of businesses that have been audited by the assessor within the twelve-month period reflected in the plan is given to the auditor. The audited businesses must be in conformity with those described in the plan.

Aggregate ratio will be determined solely from the personal property accounts that have been physically inspected. The minimum assessment sample is one percent or ten schedules, whichever is greater, and the maximum assessment audit sample is 100 schedules.

For the counties having over 100,000 population, WRA selected a sample of all personal property schedules to determine whether the assessor is correctly applying the provisions of law and manuals of the Property Tax Administrator in arriving at the assessment levels of such property. This sample was selected from the personal property schedules audited by the assessor. In no event was the sample selected by the contractor less than 30 schedules. The counties to be included in this study are Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Denver, Douglas, El Paso, Jefferson, Larimer, Mesa, Pueblo, and Weld. All other counties received a procedural study.

Chaffee County is compliant with the guidelines set forth in ARL Volume 5 regarding discovery procedures, using the following methods to discover personal property accounts in the county:

- Public Record Documents
- MLS Listing and/or Sold Books
- Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development Contacts
- Local Telephone Directories, Newspapers or Other Local Publications
- Personal Observation, Physical Canvassing or Word of Mouth
- Questionnaires, Letters and/or Phone Calls to Buyer, Seller and/or Realtor
- Social Media
- Online Advertising

The county uses the Division of Property Taxation (DPT) recommended classification and documentation procedures. The DPT's recommended cost factor tables, depreciation tables and level of value adjustment factor tables are also used.

Chaffee County submitted their personal property written audit plan and was current for the 2018 valuation period. The number and listing of businesses audited was also submitted and was in conformance with the written audit plan. The following audit triggers were used by the county to select accounts to be audited:

- Businesses in a selected area
- Accounts with obvious discrepancies
- New businesses filing for the first time
- Incomplete or inconsistent declarations
- Accounts with omitted property



- Same business type or use
- Businesses with no deletions or additions for 2 or more years
- Non-filing Accounts Best Information Available
- Accounts close to the \$7,400 actual value exemption status
- Accounts protested with substantial disagreement
- At request of business owner

#### **Conclusions**

Chaffee County has employed adequate discovery, classification, documentation, valuation, and auditing procedures for their personal property assessment and is in statistical compliance with SBOE requirements.

#### Recommendations



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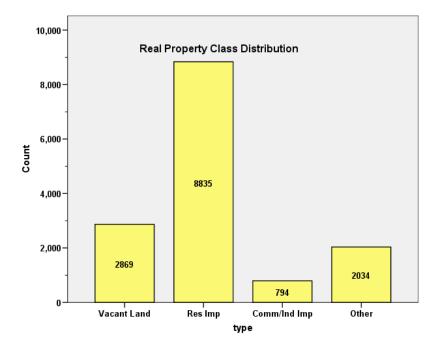
# APPENDICES



#### STATISTICAL COMPLIANCE REPORT FOR CHAFFEE COUNTY 2018

#### I. OVERVIEW

Chaffee County is located in central Colorado. The county has a total of 14,352 real property parcels, according to data submitted by the county assessor's office in 2018. The following provides a breakdown of property classes for this county:



The vacant land class of properties was dominated by residential and PUD land. Residential lots (coded 100) accounted for 74.2% of all vacant land parcels.

For residential improved properties, single family properties accounted for 92.6% of all residential properties.

Commercial and industrial properties represented a much smaller proportion of property classes in comparison. Commercial/industrial sales accounted for 5.5% of all such properties in this county.

#### II. DATA FILES

The following sales analyses were based on the requirements of the 2018 Colorado Property Assessment Study. Information was provided by the Chaffee Assessor's Office in May 2018. The data included all 5 property record files as specified by the Auditor.

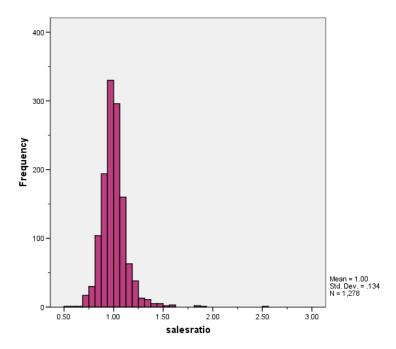


#### III. RESIDENTIAL SALES RESULTS

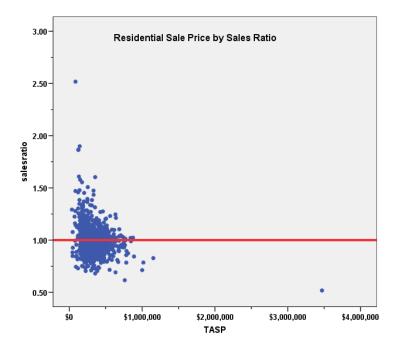
After excluding one sale with an extreme sales ratio, there were 1,278 qualified residential sales in the 48-month period ending June 30, 2016. The sales ratio analysis was analyzed as follows:

Median	0.995
Price Related Differential	1.017
Coefficient of Dispersion	0.09

The above ratio statistics were in compliance with the standards set forth by the Colorado State Board of Equalization (SBOE) for the overall residential sales. The following graphs describe further the sales ratio distribution for these properties:







The above graphs indicate that the distribution of the sale ratios was within state mandated limits. No sales were trimmed.

#### **Residential Market Trend Analysis**

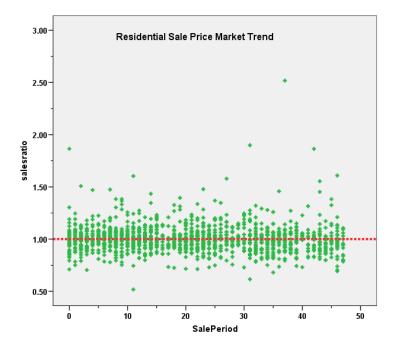
We next analyzed the residential dataset using the 48-month sale period for any residual market trending, with the following results:

#### **Coefficients**<sup>a</sup>

		Unstandardized		Standardized Coefficients		
Model		В	Std. Error	Beta	t	Sig.
1	(Constant)	1.012	.007		146.910	.000
	SalePeriod	.000	.000	044	-1.565	.118

a. Dependent Variable: salesratio





The above analysis indicated that there was no residual market trend in the sale ratios across the 48 month period.

#### **Sold/Unsold Analysis**

In terms of the valuation consistency between sold and unsold residential properties, we compared the median actual value per square foot for 2018 between each group, as follows:

F	₹	E	)	p	(	)	r	t

VALSE				
sold	N	Median	Mean	
UNSOLD	7,398	\$153	\$181	
SOLD	1,278	\$157	\$164	

#### Report VALSF

ECONAREA	sold	N	Median	Mean
2	UNSOLD	3,757	\$156	\$187
	SOLD	611	\$155	\$161
3	UNSOLD	3,382	\$146	\$166
	SOLD	570	\$150	\$153



# **Hypothesis Test Summary**

	Null Hypothesis	Test	Sig.	Decision
1	The distribution of VALSF is the same across categories of solo	Independent- Samples Mann- Whitney U Test	.008	Retain the null hypothesis.

Asymptotic significances are displayed. The significance level is .00.

The above results indicate that sold and unsold residential properties were valued in a consistent manner.

#### IV. COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SALE RESULTS

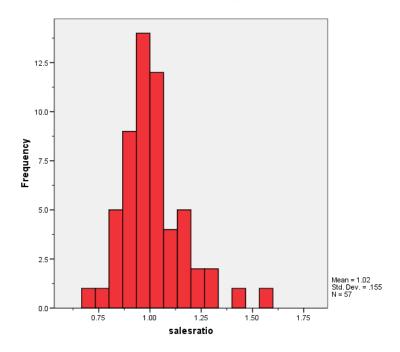
There were 57 qualified commercial sales in the 48 month period ending June 30, 2016. The sales ratio analysis was analyzed as follows:

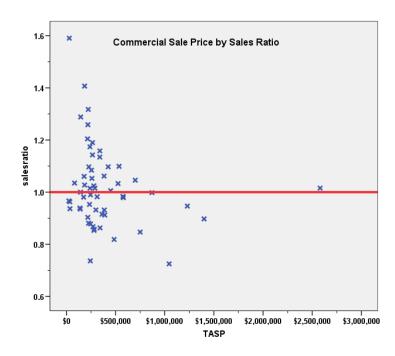
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Median	0.998
Price Related Differential	1.034
Coefficient of Dispersion	11.0

The above table indicates that the Chaffee County commercial/industrial sale ratios were in compliance with the SBOE standards. The following histogram and scatter plot describe the sales ratio distribution further:









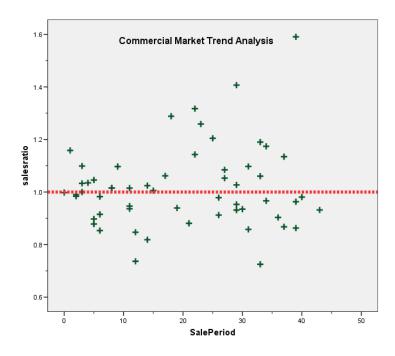
#### **Commercial Market Trend Analysis**

The 57 commercial/industrial sales were next analyzed, examining the sales ratios across the 48-month sale period with the following results:

#### Coefficients<sup>a</sup>

		Unstandardized	Coefficients	Standardized Coefficients		
Model		В	Std. Error	Beta	t	Sig.
1	(Constant)	.986	.038		25.950	.000
	SalePeriod	.002	.002	.132	.985	.329

a. Dependent Variable: salesratio



The market trend results indicated no statistically significant trend, indicating that the assessor has adequately addressed the issue of market trending for commercial/industrial properties in Chaffee County.

#### **Sold/Unsold Analysis**

We compared the median actual value per square foot for sold and unsold commercial properties to determine if the assessor was valuing each group consistently, as follows:

Report VALSF			
sold	N	Median	Mean
UNSOLD	728	\$88	\$102
SOLD	57	\$109	\$118



#### Hypothesis Test Summary

	Null Hypothesis	Test	Sig.	Decision
1	The distribution of VALSF is the same across categories of sold	Independent- Samples ne Mann- I. Whitney U Test	.019	Retain the null hypothesis.

Asymptotic significances are displayed. The significance level is .01.

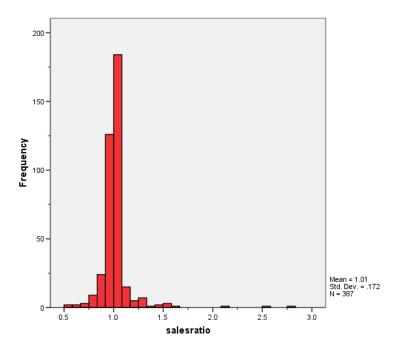
Based on these results, we concluded that the assessor was valuing sold and unsold commercial properties consistently in Chaffee County.

#### V. VACANT LAND SALE RESULTS

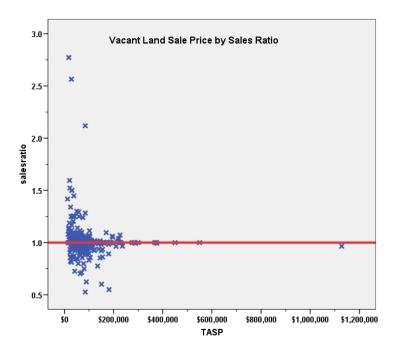
There were 387 qualified vacant land sales in the 24-month period ending June 30, 2016. The sales ratio analysis was analyzed as follows:

Median	1.000
Price Related Differential	1.019
Coefficient of Dispersion	6.8

The above table indicates that the Chaffee County vacant land sale ratios were in compliance with the SBOE standards. The following histogram and scatter plot describe the sales ratio distribution further:







# **Vacant Land Market Trend Analysis**

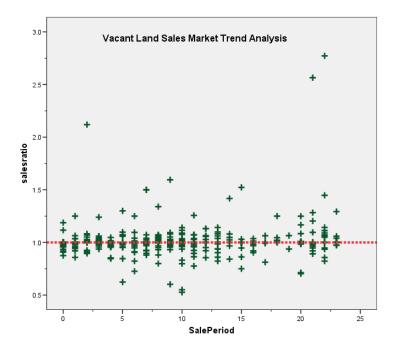
The 387 vacant land sales were next analyzed, examining the sales ratios across the 24 month sale period with the following results:

# **Coefficients**<sup>a</sup>

		Unstandardized		Standardized Coefficients		
Model		В	Std. Error	Beta	t	Sig.
1	(Constant)	.985	.015		64.662	.000
	SalePeriod	.003	.001	.114	2.252	.025

a. Dependent Variable: salesratio





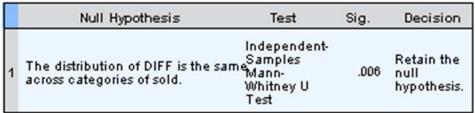
Based on the above results, we concluded that the assessor has adequately addressed market trending in the vacant land valuation.

#### Sold/Unsold Analysis

We compared the median change in actual value between taxable years 2016 and 2018 for vacant land properties to determine if sold and unsold properties were valued consistently, as follows:

Report DIFF			
sold	N	Median	Mean
UNSOLD	2,263	1.01	1.08
SOLD	366	1.05	1.11

# Hypothesis Test Summary



Asymptotic significances are displayed. The significance level is .00.



The above results indicated that sold and unsold vacant land properties were valued consistently at the subdivision level.

#### VI. AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENTS ANALYSIS

The final statistical verification concerned the assigned actual values for agricultural residential improvements. We compared the actual value per square foot rate for this group and compared it to rates assigned to residential single family improvements in Chaffee County.

The following indicates that agricultural residential improvements were valued in a manner similar to the single family residential improvements in this county:

Report			
IMPVALSF			
ABSTRIMP	N	Median	Mean
1212	7,925	\$106.31	\$112.83
4277	45	\$110.30	\$110.09

# Hypothesis Test Summary

	Null Hypothesis	Test	Sig.	Decision
1	The distribution of IMPVALSF same across categories of ABSTRIMP.	Independent- is th&amples Mann- Whitney U Test	.871	Retain the null hypothesis.

Asymptotic significances are displayed. The significance level is .05.

#### VII. CONCLUSIONS

Based on this statistical analysis, there were no significant compliance issues concluded for Chaffee County as of the date of this report.



#### STATISTICAL ABSTRACT Residential

#### Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP

		ce Interval for		95% Cor	nfidence Interval fo	95% Confidence Interval for Weighted Mean				Coefficient of Variation		
Mean	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Median	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Actual Coverage	Weighted Mean	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Mean Centered
1.003	.995	1.010	.995	.989	1.000	95.3%	.985	.975	.996	1.017	.090	13.3%

The confidence interval for the median is constructed without any distribution assumptions. The actual coverage level may be greater than the specified level. Other confidence intervals are constructed by assuming a Normal distribution for the ratios.

#### Commercial/Industrial

#### Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP

		ence Interval for 95% Confidence Interval for Median 95% Confidence Interval for Weighted Mean							Coefficient of Variation			
Mean	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Median	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Actual Coverage	Weighted Mean	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Mean Centered
1.018	.976	1.059	.998	.953	1.033	96.7%	.984	.946	1.022	1.034	.110	15.2%

The confidence interval for the median is constructed without any distribution assumptions. The actual coverage level may be greater than the specified level. Other confidence intervals are constructed by assuming a Normal distribution for the ratios.

#### **Vacant Land**

	95% Confidence Interval for Mean			95% Cor	nfidence Interval fo	or Median		95% Confiden Weighte	ice Interval for ed Mean			Coefficient of Variation
Mean	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Median	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Actual Coverage	Weighted Mean	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Mean Centered
1.014	.996	1.031	1.000	1.000	1.000	95.8%	.995	.983	1.006	1.019	.068	16.9%

The confidence interval for the median is constructed without any distribution assumptions. The actual coverage level may be greater than the specified level. Other confidence intervals are constructed by assuming a Normal distribution for the ratios.



# **Residential Median Ratio Stratification**

# Sale Price

# **Case Processing Summary**

		Count	Percent
SPRec	\$25K to \$50K	5	0.4%
	\$50K to \$100K	12	0.9%
	\$100K to \$150K	33	2.6%
	\$150K to \$200K	151	11.8%
	\$200K to \$300K	482	37.7%
	\$300K to \$500K	493	38.6%
	\$500K to \$750K	85	6.7%
	\$750K to \$1,000K	14	1.1%
	Over \$1,000K	3	0.2%
Overall		1278	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		1278	

#### **Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP**

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
\$25K to \$50K	.927	1.013	.138	21.9%
\$50K to \$100K	1.067	1.013	.275	45.6%
\$100K to \$150K	1.124	1.000	.202	28.0%
\$150K to \$200K	1.023	.999	.096	12.7%
\$200K to \$300K	1.003	1.001	.079	10.7%
\$300K to \$500K	.979	1.001	.077	10.7%
\$500K to \$750K	.976	1.000	.080	10.6%
\$750K to \$1,000K	.913	1.002	.105	13.7%
Over \$1,000K	.785	1.129	.132	24.4%
Overall	.995	1.017	.090	13.5%

#### **Subclass**

# **Case Processing Summary**

		Count	Percent
ABSTRIMP	1174	1	0.1%
	1212	1163	91.0%
	1214	2	0.2%
	1215	12	0.9%
	1220	2	0.2%
	1225	1	0.1%
	1230	96	7.5%
	1894	1	0.1%
Overall		1278	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		1278	



# **Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP**

		Price Related	Coefficient of	Coefficient of Variation
Group	Median	Differential	Dispersion	Median Centered
1174	.979	1.000	.000	
1212	.996	1.015	.092	13.8%
1214	.999	1.000	.010	1.5%
1215	.990	1.001	.055	7.2%
1220	.936	.995	.038	5.4%
1225	.518	1.000	.000	
1230	.989	1.000	.057	8.2%
1894	1.039	1.000	.000	
Overall	.995	1.017	.090	13.5%

# Age

# **Case Processing Summary**

		Count	Percent
AgeRec	Over 100	62	4.9%
	75 to 100	55	4.3%
	50 to 75	146	11.4%
	25 to 50	317	24.8%
	5 to 25	589	46.1%
	5 or Newer	109	8.5%
Overall	•	1278	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		1278	

				Coefficient of
		Price Related	Coefficient of	Variation
Group	Median	Differential	Dispersion	Median Centered
Over 100	.944	1.027	.132	17.1%
75 to 100	1.004	1.020	.117	14.6%
50 to 75	1.004	1.028	.108	14.8%
25 to 50	.991	1.034	.102	15.6%
5 to 25	.996	1.010	.079	12.3%
5 or Newer	.996	1.004	.045	6.9%
Overall	.995	1.017	.090	13.5%



# Improved Area

# **Case Processing Summary**

		Count	Percent
ImpSFRec	LE 500 sf	9	0.7%
	500 to 1,000 sf	103	8.1%
	1,000 to 1,500 sf	283	22.1%
	1,500 to 2,000 sf	326	25.5%
	2,000 to 3,000 sf	305	23.9%
	3,000 sf or Higher	252	19.7%
Overall		1278	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		1278	

# **Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP**

		Price Related	Coefficient of	Coefficient of Variation
Group	Median	Differential	Dispersion	Median Centered
LE 500 sf	.984	1.011	.143	18.8%
500 to 1,000 sf	.994	1.012	.100	15.3%
1,000 to 1,500 sf	.983	1.017	.098	16.2%
1,500 to 2,000 sf	.998	1.013	.087	12.1%
2,000 to 3,000 sf	.992	1.017	.089	12.7%
3,000 sf or Higher	1.003	1.026	.076	12.0%
Overall	.995	1.017	.090	13.5%

# **Improvement Quality**

# **Case Processing Summary**

		Count	Percent
QUALITY	Average	415	32.5%
	Average Plus	170	13.3%
	Fair	272	21.3%
	Fair Plus	297	23.2%
	Good	50	3.9%
	Good Plus	6	0.5%
	Low	8	0.6%
	Low Plus	59	4.6%
	Very Good	1	0.1%
Overall		1278	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		1278	



# **Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP**

				Coefficient of
		Price Related	Coefficient of	Variation
Group	Median	Differential	Dispersion	Median Centered
Average	.995	1.019	.071	10.8%
Average Plus	.995	1.014	.089	13.6%
Fair	.994	1.023	.108	16.7%
Fair Plus	.998	1.012	.089	12.4%
Good	.990	1.016	.076	12.7%
Good Plus	1.037	1.007	.077	10.6%
Low	.983	1.006	.137	16.4%
Low Plus	.989	1.013	.141	19.2%
Very Good	1.045	1.000	.000	
Overall	.995	1.017	.090	13.5%

# **Improvement Condition**

# **Case Processing Summary**

		Count	Percent
CONDITION	А	1	0.1%
	Average	552	43.2%
	Badly Worn	12	0.9%
	Good	713	55.8%
Overall		1278	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		1278	

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
A	.855	1.000	.000	
Average	.994	1.020	.110	16.3%
Badly Worn	1.019	1.054	.133	16.6%
Good	.995	1.015	.073	10.8%
Overall	.995	1.017	.090	13.5%



# **Commercial Median Ratio Stratification**

# Sale Price

# **Case Processing Summary**

		Count	Percent
SPRec	LT \$25K	1	1.8%
	\$25K to \$50K	3	5.3%
	\$50K to \$100K	1	1.8%
	\$100K to \$150K	4	7.0%
	\$150K to \$200K	4	7.0%
	\$200K to \$300K	22	38.6%
	\$300K to \$500K	11	19.3%
	\$500K to \$750K	6	10.5%
	\$750K to \$1,000K	1	1.8%
	Over \$1,000K	4	7.0%
Overall		57	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		57	

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
LT \$25K	.967	1.000	.000	
\$25K to \$50K	.963	1.025	.226	46.1%
\$50K to \$100K	1.035	1.000	.000	
\$100K to \$150K	.970	.998	.107	19.3%
\$150K to \$200K	1.044	.998	.110	20.4%
\$200K to \$300K	1.015	1.005	.121	14.9%
\$300K to \$500K	.982	1.005	.094	11.5%
\$500K to \$750K	1.008	1.007	.061	8.6%
\$750K to \$1,000K	.998	1.000	.000	
Over \$1,000K	.922	.967	.092	13.8%
Overall	.998	1.034	.110	15.7%



# Subclass

# **Case Processing Summary**

		Count	Percent
ABSTRIMP	1212	1	1.8%
	1712	1	1.8%
	2212	11	19.3%
	2215	1	1.8%
	2216	3	5.3%
	2220	3	5.3%
	2221	1	1.8%
	2224	1	1.8%
	2225	2	3.5%
	2228	1	1.8%
	2230	10	17.5%
	2235	6	10.5%
	2245	10	17.5%
	2716	1	1.8%
	2718	1	1.8%
	3212	2	3.5%
	3215	1	1.8%
	6939	1	1.8%
Overall		57	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		57	

		Price Related	Coefficient of	Coefficient of Variation
Group	Median	Differential	Dispersion	Median Centered
1212	1.317	1.000	.000	
1712	.912	1.000	.000	
2212	.932	1.032	.090	12.6%
2215	1.015	1.000	.000	
2216	.984	1.005	.012	2.3%
2220	1.158	1.047	.137	20.6%
2221	1.099	1.000	.000	
2224	.736	1.000	.000	
2225	1.174	1.011	.097	13.7%
2228	1.084	1.000	.000	
2230	.990	1.024	.092	12.6%
2235	.965	1.061	.123	29.1%
2245	1.012	.995	.074	10.1%
2716	1.174	1.000	.000	
2718	.853	1.000	.000	
3212	1.075	1.001	.020	2.9%
3215	1.204	1.000	.000	
6939	1.033	1.000	.000	
Overall	.998	1.034	.110	15.7%



# Age

# **Case Processing Summary**

		Count	Percent
AgeRec	Over 100	3	5.3%
	75 to 100	1	1.8%
	50 to 75	12	21.1%
	25 to 50	19	33.3%
	5 to 25	22	38.6%
Overall		57	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		57	

# **Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP**

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
Over 100	1.000	.987	.079	13.8%
75 to 100	.912	1.000	.000	
50 to 75	1.026	1.000	.105	14.1%
25 to 50	.967	1.034	.105	17.9%
5 to 25	1.025	1.041	.109	14.7%
Overall	.998	1.034	.110	15.7%

# **Improved Area**

# **Case Processing Summary**

		Count	Percent
ImpSFRec	500 to 1,000 sf	7	12.3%
	1,000 to 1,500 sf	8	14.0%
	1,500 to 2,000 sf	9	15.8%
	2,000 to 3,000 sf	12	21.1%
	3,000 sf or Higher	21	36.8%
Overall		57	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		57	

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
500 to 1,000 sf	.967	.998	.024	3.6%
1,000 to 1,500 sf	.921	1.001	.065	8.0%
1,500 to 2,000 sf	1.143	1.064	.161	20.6%
2,000 to 3,000 sf	1.073	1.045	.111	15.2%
3,000 sf or Higher	.984	1.010	.092	12.3%
Overall	.998	1.034	.110	15.7%



# **Improvement Quality**

# **Case Processing Summary**

		Count	Percent
QUALITY	Average	37	64.9%
	Fair	6	10.5%
	Fair Plus	1	1.8%
	Good	7	12.3%
	Low	6	10.5%
Overall		57	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		57	

#### **Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP**

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
Average	1.000	1.054	.115	16.9%
Fair	.944	.999	.067	9.3%
Fair Plus	1.317	1.000	.000	
Good	.998	.981	.088	11.2%
Low	1.002	1.009	.099	14.5%
Overall	.998	1.034	.110	15.7%

# **Improvement Condition**

# **Case Processing Summary**

		Count	Percent
CONDITION	Average	30	52.6%
	Badly Worn	2	3.5%
	Good	25	43.9%
Overall		57	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		57	

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
Average	.982	1.045	.119	18.1%
Badly Worn	.998	.992	.063	8.9%
Good	1.015	1.025	.101	13.8%
Overall	.998	1.034	.110	15.7%



#### **Economic Area**

# **Case Processing Summary**

		Count	Percent
ECONAREA	2	22	51.2%
	3	21	48.8%
Overall		43	100.0%
Excluded		14	
Total		57	

#### **Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP**

		Price Related	Coefficient of
Group	Median	Differential	Dispersion
2	1.007	1.030	.101
3	.990	1.030	.122
Overall	.998	1.031	.112

#### **Vacant Land Median Ratio Stratification**

#### Sale Price

# **Case Processing Summary**

		Count	Percent
SPRec	LT \$25K	33	8.5%
	\$25K to \$50K	76	19.6%
	\$50K to \$100K	198	51.2%
	\$100K to \$150K	41	10.6%
	\$150K to \$200K	22	5.7%
	\$200K to \$300K	11	2.8%
	\$300K to \$500K	4	1.0%
	\$500K to \$750K	1	0.3%
	Over \$1,000K	1	0.3%
Overall		387	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		387	

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
LT \$25K	1.050	1.015	.161	33.7%
\$25K to \$50K	1.000	1.009	.099	22.7%
\$50K to \$100K	1.000	1.001	.051	11.6%
\$100K to \$150K	1.000	1.002	.030	5.8%
\$150K to \$200K	1.000	.997	.063	14.0%
\$200K to \$300K	1.000	1.001	.018	3.1%
\$300K to \$500K	1.000	1.000	.002	0.3%
\$500K to \$750K	1.000	1.000	.000	
Over \$1,000K	.966	1.000	.000	
Overall	1.000	1.019	.068	17.2%



# Subclass

# **Case Processing Summary**

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		Count	Percent
ABSTRLND	100	160	41.3%
	200	5	1.3%
	300	4	1.0%
	400	4	1.0%
	510	5	1.3%
	520	5	1.3%
	530	4	1.0%
	540	4	1.0%
	550	6	1.6%
	1112	167	43.2%
	1115	1	0.3%
	1135	10	2.6%
	1624	1	0.3%
	2112	1	0.3%
	2114	1	0.3%
	2125	1	0.3%
	2130	1	0.3%
	2135	2	0.5%
	3112	2	0.5%
	3120	1	0.3%
	9159	1	0.3%
	9179	1	0.3%
Overall		387	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		387	



		Price Related	Coefficient of	Coefficient of Variation
0	Madian			
Group	Median	Differential	Dispersion	Median Centered
100	1.000	1.022	.074	17.8%
200	.999	1.030	.057	12.6%
300	1.000	.964	.280	64.6%
400	1.000	.996	.009	2.0%
510	1.080	1.123	.123	19.6%
520	.976	1.004	.047	6.9%
530	.998	1.000	.003	0.4%
540	.997	1.025	.028	4.6%
550	.989	.985	.047	8.8%
1112	1.000	1.017	.060	16.1%
1115	1.000	1.000	.000	
1135	.992	1.159	.139	22.0%
1624	1.000	1.000	.000	
2112	1.000	1.000	.000	
2114	.921	1.000	.000	
2125	1.000	1.000	.000	
2130	1.000	1.000	.000	
2135	1.000	1.000	.000	0.0%
3112	1.000	1.000	.000	0.0%
3120	1.000	1.000	.000	
9159	1.000	1.000	.000	
9179	1.095	1.000	.000	
Overall	1.000	1.019	.068	17.2%