2024
COSTILLA COUNTY PROPERTY ASSESSMENT STUDY

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RE: Final Report for the 2024 Colorado Property Assessment Study

Dear Ms. Castle:

East West Econometrics.-Audit Division is pleased to submit the Final Reports for the 2024 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.

East West Econometrics — 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 and subdivision discounting procedures. Valuation methodology for vacant land, improved residential properties and commercial 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.

East West Econometrics has completed the Property Assessment Study for 2024 and is pleased to report its findings for Costilla County in the following report.

REGIONAL/HISTORICAL SKETCH OF COSTILLA COUNTY

Regional Information

Costilla County is located in the San Luis Valley region of Colorado. The San Luis Valley is a large, broad, alpine valley in the Rio Grande Basin of south-central Colorado. The valley is drained to the south by the Rio Grande River which rises in the San Juan Mountains to the west of the valley. The San Luis Valley includes Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, and Saguache counties.
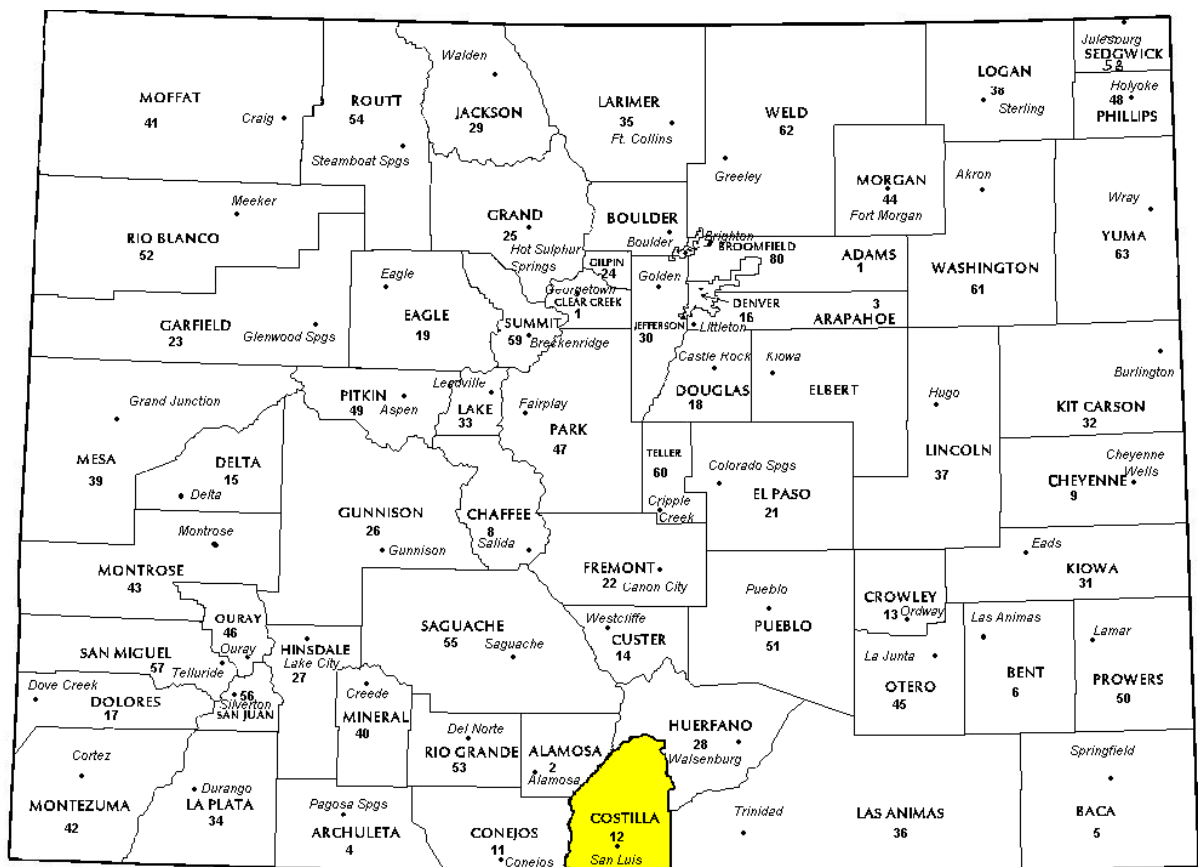
Historical Information

Costilla County has approximately 1,227 square miles and an estimated population of approximately 3,887 people, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2020 estimated census data. This represents a 10.3 percent change from April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019.

Costilla County was the first area of the state of Colorado to be colonized, with recorded history dating back to 1540, the year Coronado explored the Southwest. Costilla County was one of the original 17 counties created by the Territory of Colorado on November 1, 1861. The county was named for the Costilla River. Although San Miguel was originally designated the county seat, the county government was moved to San Luis in 1863.

The county's original boundaries had the county extend over much of south-central Colorado. Much of the northern portion became part of Saguache County in 1866, and the western portions were folded into Hinsdale and Rio Grande counties in 1874. Costilla County arrived at its modern boundaries in 1913 when Alamosa County was created from its northwest portions.

Costilla County is part of the San Luis Valley, an 8,000 square mile alpine valley nicknamed the American Tibet, with an average altitude of 7800 feet above sea level. Costilla County is the home to Colorado's oldest town, San Luis, founded in 1851. Many villages of the County were the last to be established on a Spanish/Mexican land grant in this country. It is home to Colorado's oldest Christian structure (the San Acacio Mission) and the nation's newest shrine, the Stations of the Cross, with hundreds of people walking on a pilgrimage from as far as Pueblo. The state's first water rights, the San Luis Peoples Ditch, is located in Costilla County. The County has the last working Commons in America where local residents have grazed their sheep, cattle and horses on six hundred shared, unfenced acres for hundreds of years. Colorado has fifty-four peaks that exceed 14,000 feet and four of those can be accessed from Costilla County: Little Bear, Lindsay, Culebra and Blanca, which at 14,345 is higher than Pikes Peak.

(Wikipedia.org, costillacounty-co.gov & slvguide.com)

RATIO ANALYSIS

Methodology

All significant classes of property were analyzed. Sales were collected for each property class over the eighteen month period from January 1, 2019 through June 30th, 2020. Property classes with less than thirty sales had the sales period extended in six month increments up to an additional forty-two months. If this extended sales period did not produce the minimum thirty qualified sales, the Audit performed supplemental appraisals to reach the minimum.

Although it was required that we examine the median and coefficient of dispersion for all counties, we also calculated the weighted mean and price-related 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.

All sixty-four counties were examined for compliance on the economic area level. Where there were sufficient sales data, the neighborhood and subdivision levels were tested for compliance. Although counties are determined to be in or out of compliance at the class level, non-compliant economic areas, neighborhoods and subdivisions (where applicable) were discussed with the Assessor.

Data on the individual economic areas, neighborhoods and subdivisions are found in the STATISTICAL APPENDIX.

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 Costilla County are:

Costilla County Ratio Grid					
Property Class	Number of Qualified Sales	Unweighted Median Ratio	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Time Trend Analysis
*Commercial/Industrial	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Single Family	149	0.952	1.037	14.8	Compliant
Vacant Land	1,384	0.998	1.061	20.1	Compliant

Due to the small number of sales, a procedural audit was performed

After applying the above described methodologies, it is concluded from the sales ratios that Costilla County is in compliance with SBOE, DPT, and Colorado State Statute valuation guidelines.

Recommendations

None

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 Costilla County has complied with the statutory requirements to analyze the effects of time on value in their county. Costilla County has also satisfactorily applied the results of their time trending analysis to arrive at the time adjusted sales price (TASP).

Recommendations

None

SOLD/UNSOLD ANALYSIS

Methodology

Costilla 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. The 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. The model determines if the sold/unsold variable is statistically and empirically significant. If all 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 non-parametric 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 Results	
Property Class	**Results**
Commercial/Industrial	N/A
Single Family	Compliant
Vacant Land	Compliant

Conclusions

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

Recommendations

None

AGRICULTURAL LAND STUDY

Acres By Subclass

Value By Subclass
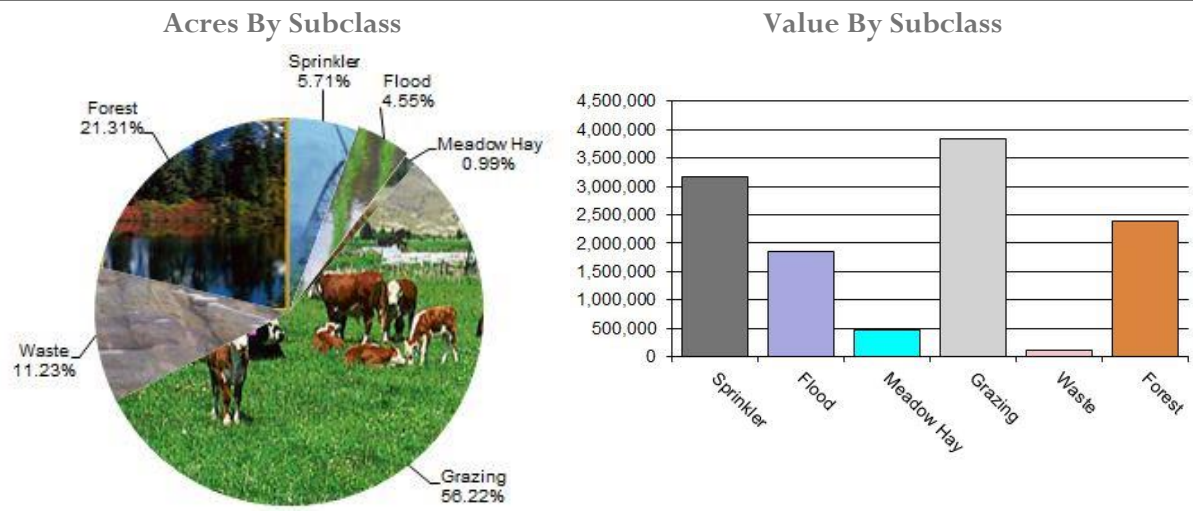
Agricultural Land

County records were reviewed to determine major land categories such as irrigated farm, dry farm, meadow hay, grazing and other lands. 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 any 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:

Costilla County Agricultural Land Ratio Grid						
Abstract Code	Land Class	Number Of Acres	County Value Per Acre	County Assessed Total Value	WRA Total Value	Ratio
4107	Sprinkler	24,154	131.10	3,166,685	3,279,090	0.97
4117	Flood	19,247	95.91	1,845,947	1,851,687	1.00
4137	Meadow Hay	4,197	114.70	481,404	481,404	1.00
4147	Grazing	237,889	16.13	3,835,989	3,835,989	1.00
4177	Forest	90,160	26.43	2,383,175	2,383,175	1.00
4167	Waste	47,517	2.19	103,975	103,975	1.00
Total/Avg		423,164	27.93	11,817,175	11,935,319	0.99

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

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

Recommendations

None

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

Costilla 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
- Personal Knowledge of Occupants at Assessment Date
- Aerial Photography/Pictometry

Costilla 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.:

- Questionnaires
- Field Inspections
- Phone Interviews
- Aerial Photography/Pictometry

Costilla County has 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

None

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.

EWE reviewed the sales verification procedures in 2024 for Costilla County. This study was conducted by checking selected sales from the master sales list for the current valuation period. Specifically EWE selected 34 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 $100,000, 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

Costilla County appears to be doing an adequate job of verifying their sales. EWE agreed with the county's reason for disqualifying each of the sales selected in the sample. There are no recommendations or suggestions.

Recommendations

None

ECONOMIC AREA REVIEW AND EVALUATION

Methodology

Costilla County has submitted a written narrative describing the economic areas that make up the county's market areas. Costilla 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 Costilla 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

None

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

VACANT LAND

Subdivision Discounting

Subdivisions were reviewed in 2024 in Costilla 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.

Conclusions

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

Recommendations

None

POSSESSORY INTEREST PROPERTIES

Costilla County is exempt from the Possessory Interest Study.

PERSONAL PROPERTY AUDIT

Costilla 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.

Costilla 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
- Local Telephone Directories, Newspapers or Other Local Publications
- Personal Observation, Physical Canvassing or Word of Mouth

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.

Costilla County submitted their personal property written audit plan and was current for the 2024 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:

- Accounts with obvious discrepancies
- Accounts with greater than 10% change
- Accounts close to the $52,000 actual value exemption status

Conclusions

Costilla 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

None

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APPENDICES

STATISTICAL COMPLIANCE REPORT
FOR COSTILLA COUNTY
2024

I. OVERVIEW

Costilla County is located in south central Colorado. The county has a total of 46,103 real property parcels, according to data submitted by the county assessor's office in 2024. The following provides a breakdown of property classes for this county:
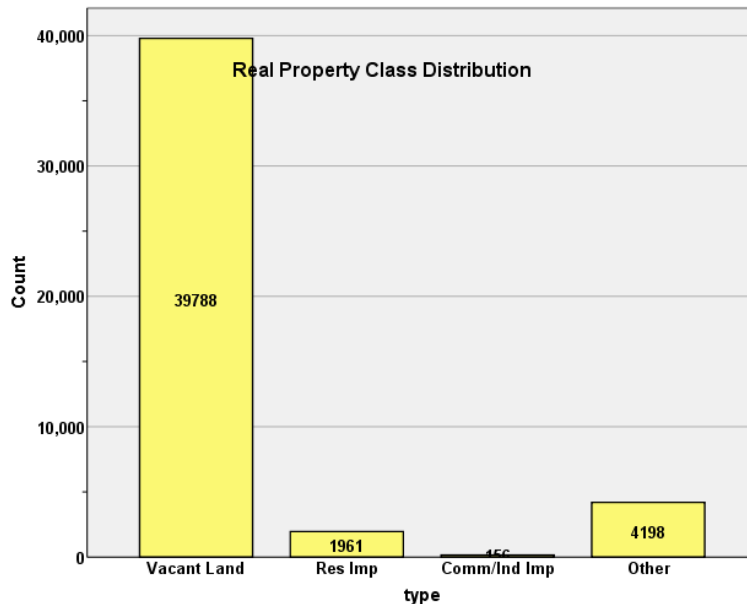
The vacant land class of properties was dominated by residential land. Residential lots (coded 100) accounted for 95.4% of all vacant land parcels.

For residential improved properties, single family properties accounted for over 98.7% of all residential real property.

Commercial and industrial properties represented a much smaller proportion of property classes in comparison. Commercial/industrial properties accounted for 0.35% of all such properties in this county.

II. DATA FILES

The following sales analyses were based on the requirements of the 2024 Colorado Property Assessment Study. Information was provided by the Costilla Assessor's Office in May 2024. The data included all 5 property record files as specified by the Auditor.

III. RESIDENTIAL SALES RESULTS

There were 149 qualified sales. The sale period used in this analysis was the 48-month period ending June 30, 2022. The following are the results from the sales ratio analysis:

Median	**0.952**
Price Related Differential	**1.037**
Coefficient of Dispersion	**14.8**

We next stratified the sale ratio analysis by neighborhoods with at least 9 sales, as follows:

Case Processing Summary

		Count	Percent
NBHD	100	6	4.0%
	200	7	4.7%
	210	2	1.3%
	300	3	2.0%
	400	1	0.7%
	500	8	5.4%
	600	7	4.7%
	701	32	21.5%
	702	41	27.5%
	703	16	10.7%
	705	1	0.7%
	706	1	0.7%
	712	12	8.1%
	720	7	4.7%
	722	1	0.7%
	723	1	0.7%
	730	1	0.7%
	732	1	0.7%
	740	1	0.7%
Overall		149	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		149	

Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion
100	.752	1.016	.169
200	.899	.987	.139
210	1.097	1.016	.125
300	.875	1.002	.092
400	.769	1.000	.000
500	.908	.985	.069
600	1.005	1.012	.089
701	.917	1.016	.126
702	1.003	1.051	.146
703	.953	1.027	.173
705	1.030	1.000	.000
706	1.048	1.000	.000

712	.958	1.063	.151
720	.889	1.063	.155
722	1.017	1.000	.000
723	.797	1.000	.000
730	1.073	1.000	.000
732	.845	1.000	.000
740	.952	1.000	.000
Overall	.952	1.037	.148

The overall 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 graph describes further the sales ratio distribution for these properties:
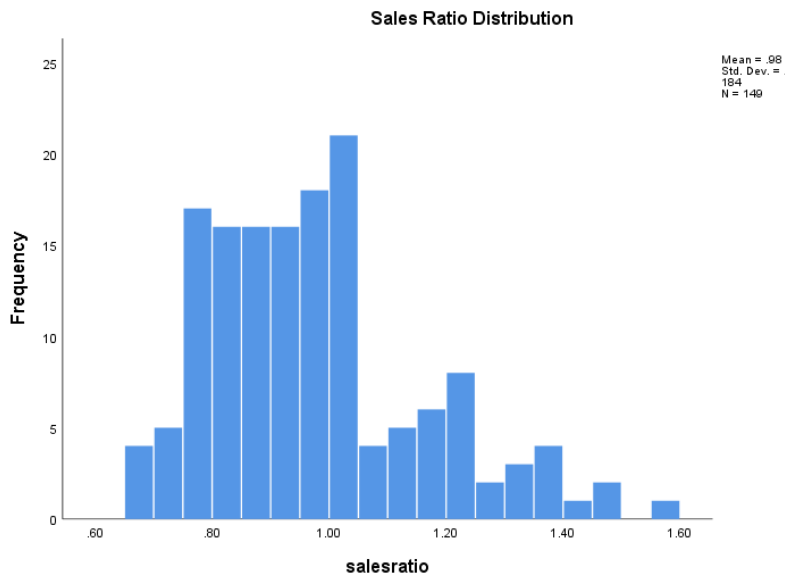
The above graph indicates that the distribution of the sale ratios was within state mandated limits.

Subclass 1212 PRD Analysis

We next analyzed residential properties identified as 1212 using the state abstract code system. These include single family residences, town homes and purged manufactured homes. The following indicates the distribution of sales ratios across the sale price spectrum:

1212 SALES
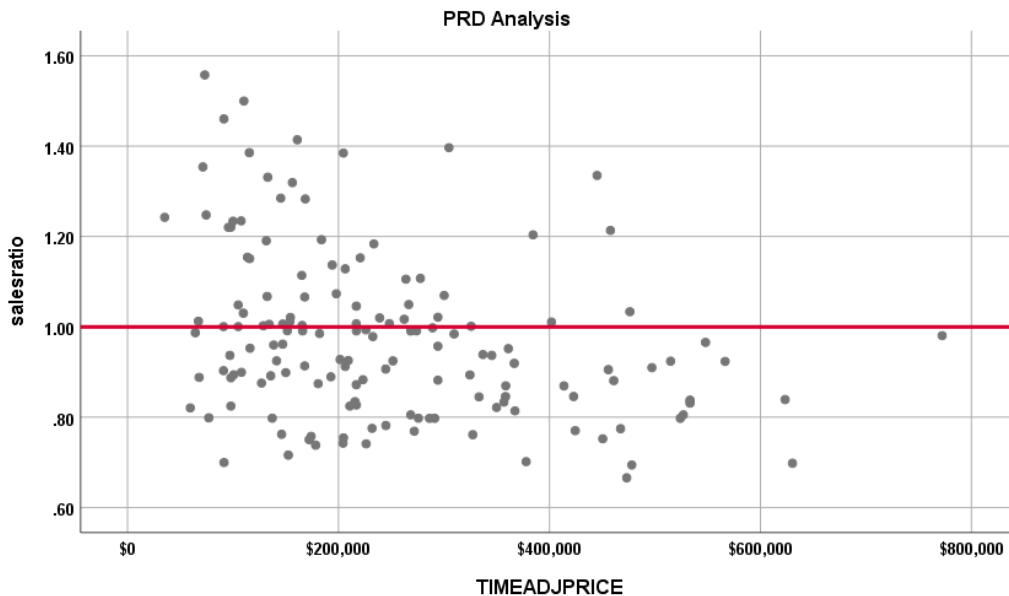
The Price-Related Differential (PRD) for 1212 sales is 1.029, which is within IAAO standards for the PRD. We also performed a regression analysis between the sales ratio and the assessors current value to further test for regressivity or progressivity in the residential sales valuation, as follows:

Coefficients[a]

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients B	Std. Error	Standardized Coefficients Beta	t	Sig.
1	(Constant)	.965	.029		33.413	.000
	CURRTOT	-1.402E-8	.000	-.011	-.129	.898

a. Dependent Variable: salesratio

The slope of the line was not statistically significant in the above model with a t value of -0.129, indicating that there is virtually no slope in the regression line.

We also stratified the sales ratio analysis by the sale price range, as follows:

Case Processing Summary

		Count	Percent
SPRec	LT $100K	16	11.0%
	$100K to $200K	46	31.7%
	$200K to $300K	41	28.3%
	$300K to $400K	42	29.0%
Overall		145	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		145	

Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
LT $100K	.962	1.010	.164	20.8%
$100K to $200K	1.003	1.006	.128	16.8%
$200K to $300K	.928	1.001	.120	15.2%
$300K to $400K	.875	1.008	.128	18.5%
Overall	.937	1.029	.139	17.9%

The above table indicates no regressivity in the sales ratios across sale price categories.

Residential Market Trend Analysis

We next analyzed the residential dataset using the 24-month sale period for any residual market trending, with the following results:

Coefficients[a]

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients B	Std. Error	Standardized Coefficients Beta	t	Sig.
1	(Constant)	.965	.026		37.610	.000
	SalePeriod	.000	.001	-.012	-.145	.885

a. Dependent Variable: salesratio

Sales Ratio Market Trend
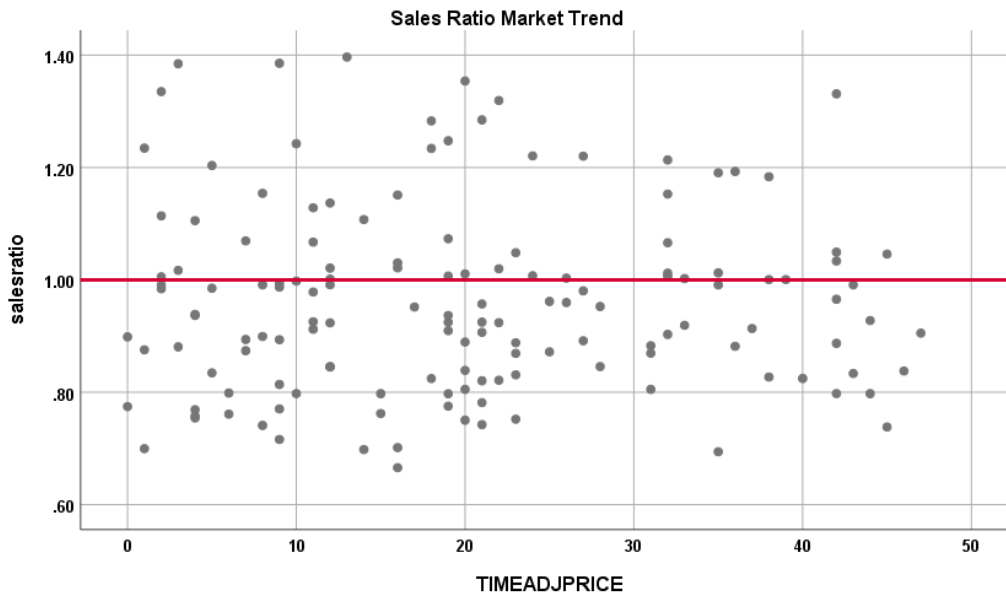
With no significant statistical trend evident in the sales ratio data, the above analysis indicated that the assessor has adequately addressed market trending in the valuation of residential properties.

Sold/Unsold Analysis

In terms of the valuation consistency between sold and unsold residential properties, we compared the median and mean change in actual value for both groups between the prior base year and the current base year, as follows:

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DIFF

sold	N	Median	Mean
UNSOLD	1660	1.38	1.45
SOLD	145	1.50	1.56

Hypothesis Test Summary

	Null Hypothesis	Test	Sig.	Decision
1	The distribution of DIFF is the same across categories of sold.	Independent-Samples Mann-Whitney U Test	.004	Retain the null hypothesis.

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

We next stratified this comparison test by neighborhoods with at least 10 sales, as follows:

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DIFF

NBHD	sold	N	Median	Mean
701	UNSOLD	155	1.68	1.63
	SOLD	29	1.61	1.59
702	UNSOLD	370	2.03	1.98
	SOLD	40	1.97	1.89
703	UNSOLD	139	1.34	1.37
	SOLD	16	1.36	1.49
712	UNSOLD	61	1.44	1.44
	SOLD	12	1.38	1.43

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

IV. COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SALE RESULTS

The County had less than ten qualified commercial sales for the June 30, 2022 valuation date. Consequently, a procedural analysis was performed by East/West staff for taxable year 2023. That procedural analysis is in effect for taxable year 2024. No other commercial analysis is required.

V. VACANT LAND SALE RESULTS

There were 1,384 qualified sales used in this analysis that for the 18-month period ending June 30, 2022. The sales were analyzed as follows:

Median	0.998
Price Related Differential	1.061
Coefficient of Dispersion	20.1

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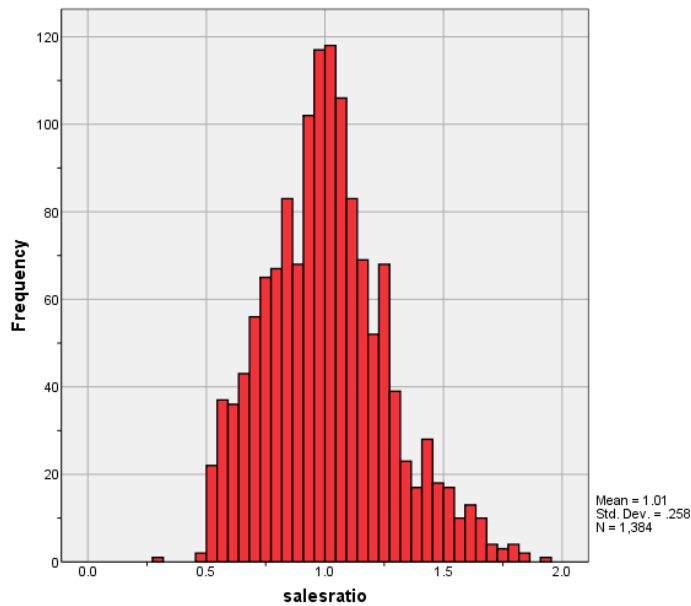
Vacant Land Market Trend Analysis

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

Coefficients[a]

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients		
		B	Std. Error	Beta	t	Sig.
1	(Constant)	.995	.013		74.086	.000
	SalePeriod	.001	.001	.029	1.077	.281

a. Dependent Variable: salesratio
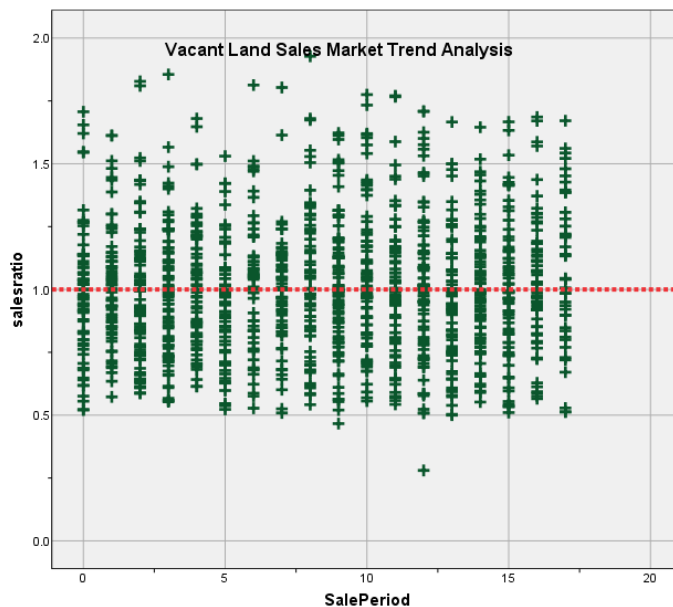
The market trend results indicated no statistically significant trend. We concluded that the assessor has adequately addressed market trending for vacant land in Costilla County.

Sold/Unsold Analysis

We compared the median change in actual value between the prior base year and the current base year for vacant land properties to determine if sold and unsold properties were valued consistently, as follows:

Report
DIFF

sold	N	Median	Mean
UNSOLD	38339	1.60	1.58
SOLD	1384	1.60	1.73

Hypothesis Test Summary

	Null Hypothesis	Test	Sig.	Decision
1	The distribution of DIFF is the same across categories of sold.	Independent-Samples Mann-Whitney U Test	.003	Retain the null hypothesis.

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

We also stratified this analysis by subdivisions with at least 10 sales, as follows:

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DIFF

SUBDIVNO	sold	N	Median	Mean
500	UNSOLD	566	1.00	1.16
	SOLD	17	5.79	5.26
701	UNSOLD	2951	1.70	1.83
	SOLD	170	1.88	1.86
702	UNSOLD	6958	1.56	1.62
	SOLD	343	1.60	1.65
703	UNSOLD	9197	1.70	1.71
	SOLD	264	1.70	1.74
704	UNSOLD	625	1.67	1.66
	SOLD	11	1.67	1.67
705	UNSOLD	540	2.12	2.11
	SOLD	18	2.12	2.12
706	UNSOLD	521	1.53	1.53
	SOLD	24	1.53	1.53
707	UNSOLD	1006	1.04	1.04
	SOLD	46	1.04	1.04
708	UNSOLD	536	1.40	1.40
	SOLD	23	1.40	1.40
712	UNSOLD	3045	1.43	1.31
	SOLD	66	1.43	1.49
715	UNSOLD	6990	1.60	1.60
	SOLD	265	1.60	1.59

The above results indicated that sold and unsold vacant land properties were valued consistently overall.

V. CONCLUSIONS

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

STATISTICAL ABSTRACT
Residential

Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP

| Mean | 95% Confidence Interval for Mean | | Median | 95% Confidence Interval for Median | | Actual Coverage | Weighted Mean | 95% Confidence Interval for Weighted Mean | | Price Related Differential | Coefficient of Dispersion | Coefficient of Variation |
	Lower Bound	Upper Bound		Lower Bound	Upper Bound			Lower Bound	Upper Bound			Mean Centered
.962	.935	.989	.937	.907	.987	95.4%	.934	.906	.963	1.029	.139	17.3%

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.

Vacant Land

Ratio Statistics for CURRLND / TASP

| Mean | 95% Confidence Interval for Mean | | Median | 95% Confidence Interval for Median | | Actual Coverage | Weighted Mean | 95% Confidence Interval for Weighted Mean | | Price Related Differential | Coefficient of Dispersion | Coefficient of Variation |
	Lower Bound	Upper Bound		Lower Bound	Upper Bound			Lower Bound	Upper Bound			Mean Centered
1.008	.994	1.021	.998	.985	1.004	95.0%	.950	.933	.966	1.061	.201	25.6%

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

Age

Case Processing Summary

		Count	Percent
AgeRec	Over 100	3	2.1%
	75 to 100	3	2.1%
	50 to 75	7	4.8%
	25 to 50	39	26.9%
	5 to 25	77	53.1%
	5 or Newer	16	11.0%
Overall		145	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		145	

Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
Over 100	.799	.957	.122	19.2%
75 to 100	.894	1.129	.196	30.9%
50 to 75	.888	1.025	.096	14.6%
25 to 50	.913	1.056	.128	16.9%
5 to 25	.953	1.032	.142	18.4%
5 or Newer	1.001	1.000	.106	14.9%
Overall	.937	1.029	.139	17.9%

Improved Area

Case Processing Summary

		Count	Percent
ImpSFRec	500 to 1,000 sf	17	11.7%
	1,000 to 1,500 sf	28	19.3%
	1,500 to 2,000 sf	28	19.3%
	2,000 to 3,000 sf	41	28.3%
	3,000 sf or Higher	31	21.4%
Overall		145	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		145	

Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
500 to 1,000 sf	.960	1.041	.144	19.8%
1,000 to 1,500 sf	1.003	1.012	.103	13.8%
1,500 to 2,000 sf	.909	1.022	.157	19.7%
2,000 to 3,000 sf	.905	1.038	.129	17.3%
3,000 sf or Higher	.939	1.015	.136	19.2%
Overall	.937	1.029	.139	17.9%

Improvement Quality

Case Processing Summary

		Count	Percent
QUALITY	1 - Fair	29	20.0%
	2 - Average	107	73.8%
	3 - Good	9	6.2%
Overall		145	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		145	

Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
1 - Fair	.913	1.049	.144	18.6%
2 - Average	.952	1.032	.136	17.6%
3 - Good	.833	.964	.136	19.7%
Overall	.937	1.029	.139	17.9%

Vacant Land Median Ratio Stratification

Sale Price

Case Processing Summary

		Count	Percent
SPRec	LT $25K	1296	93.6%
	$25K to $50K	73	5.3%
	$50K to $100K	15	1.1%
Overall		1384	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		1384	

Ratio Statistics for CURRLND / TASP

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
LT $25K	1.000	1.038	.201	25.9%
$25K to $50K	.824	.997	.190	23.2%
$50K to $100K	.855	1.011	.210	27.7%
Overall	.998	1.061	.201	25.9%

Sub-Class

Case Processing Summary

		Count	Percent
ABSTRLND	100.00	1326	95.8%
	520.00	2	0.1%
	530.00	5	0.4%
	540.00	11	0.8%
	550.00	36	2.6%
	560.00	3	0.2%
	1112.00	1	0.1%
Overall		1384	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		1384	

Ratio Statistics for CURRLND / TASP

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
100.00	1.000	1.057	.199	25.7%
520.00	.957	.872	.306	43.3%
530.00	1.004	1.061	.212	27.5%
540.00	.969	1.039	.181	28.0%
550.00	.923	1.082	.246	32.1%
560.00	.937	1.028	.136	25.1%
1112.00	.512	1.000	.000	.
Overall	.998	1.061	.201	25.9%