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# RIO GRANDE COUNTY PROPERTY ASSESSMENT STUDY

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**RE: Final Report for the 2017 Colorado Property Assessment Study**

Dear Mr. Mauer:

Wildrose Appraisal Inc.-Audit Division is pleased to submit the Final Reports for the 2017 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

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## Colorado

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.

Wildrose Audit has completed the Property Assessment Study for 2017 and is pleased to report its findings for Rio Grande County in the following report.



## Historical Information

Rio Grande County had an estimated population of approximately 11,479 people with 12.6 people per square mile, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2016 estimated census data. This represents a -4.2 percent change from April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2016.

The gateway to the San Juan Mountains, Rio Grande County is one of the highlights of the San Luis Valley. The county covers 913 square miles ranging from around 7,000 feet on valley floor to numerous 13,000-foot peaks. The scenic landscape and close community make Rio Grande County a great place to vacation, work and live. There are three municipalities within the county, Monte Vista, Del Norte, and South Fork and all have been historically developed along the rail line that follows the Rio Grande River.

Monte Vista is the county's largest community situated on the valley floor and is the center of the agricultural aspect of the county. There are numerous festivals and events that take place in

and around Monte Vista. The Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge is a stop for migratory Sand Hill Cranes every year.

Del Norte is a quaint town with a focus on its historic past. It is the county seat, home to the Rio Grande County Museum, and maintains a historic façade on its main street. Home to many small shops and boutiques, it is a beautiful place to shop and also provides recreational activity with climbing, hiking, and fishing close by.

The newest town in Rio Grande County is South Fork. South Fork is surrounded by the Rio Grande National Forest and other public lands and has easy access to Wolf Creek Ski Area. Developed as a logging center, it has become a gem of the Valley with a booming housing market, world class 18 hole golf course, and the distinction of being the Gateway to the Silver Thread scenic byway.

*([www.riograndecounty.org](http://www.riograndecounty.org))*

# 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, 2015 through June 20, 2016. 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. 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 Rio Grande County are:

<b>Rio Grande County Ratio Grid</b>					
<b>Property Class</b>	<b>Number of Qualified Sales</b>	<b>Unweighted Median Ratio</b>	<b>Price Related Differential</b>	<b>Coefficient of Dispersion</b>	<b>Time Trend Analysis</b>
*Commercial/Industrial	19	0.982	1.012	8.3	Compliant
Condominium	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Single Family	183	1.040	1.007	13.8	Compliant
Vacant Land	51	0.996	1.055	19.3	Compliant

*\*County Sales File augmented by one supplemental appraisal*

After applying the above described methodologies, it is concluded from the sales ratios that Rio Grande 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 Rio Grande County has complied with the statutory requirements to analyze the effects of time on value in their county. Rio Grande 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

Rio Grande 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.

<b>Sold/Unsold Results</b>	
<b>Property Class</b>	<b>Results</b>
Commercial/Industrial	Compliant
Condominium	N/A
Single Family	Compliant
Vacant Land	Compliant

**Conclusions**

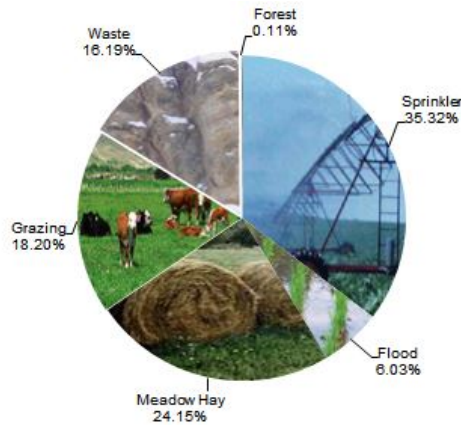
After applying the above described methodologies, it is concluded that Rio Grande County is reasonably treating its sold and unsold properties in the same manner.

**Recommendations**

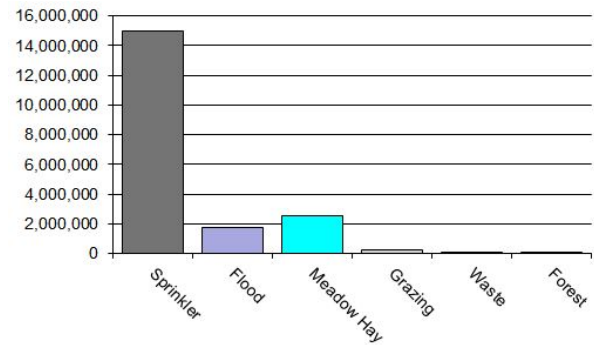
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# AGRICULTURAL LAND STUDY

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:

<b>Rio Grande County Agricultural Land Ratio Grid</b>						
<b>Abstract Code</b>	<b>Land Class</b>	<b>Number Of Acres</b>	<b>County Value Per Acre</b>	<b>County Assessed Total Value</b>	<b>WRA Total Value</b>	<b>Ratio</b>
4107	Sprinkler	66,981	224.10	15,010,263	15,390,055	0.98
4117	Flood	11,444	154.18	1,764,420	1,864,377	0.95
4137	Meadow Hay	45,799	55.47	2,540,275	2,540,275	1.00
4147	Grazing	34,512	7.29	251,728	251,728	1.00
4177	Forest	204	14.62	2,982	2,982	1.00
4167	Waste	30,697	2.22	68,204	68,204	1.00
<b>Total/Avg</b>		<b>189,637</b>	<b>103.56</b>	<b>19,637,872</b>	<b>20,117,621</b>	<b>0.98</b>

### Recommendations

None

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## Agricultural Outbuildings

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### 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.

of Property Taxation for the valuation of agricultural outbuildings.

### Recommendations

None

### Conclusions

Rio Grande County has substantially complied with the procedures provided by the Division

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## Agricultural Land Under Improvements

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### 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

Rio Grande 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
- Aerial Photography/Pictometry

Rio Grande 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
- Aerial Photography/Pictometry

Rio Grande 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

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.

WRA reviewed the sales verification procedures in 2017 for Rio Grande County. This study was conducted by checking selected sales from the master sales list for the current valuation period. Specifically WRA selected 89 sales listed as unqualified.

All but two of the sales selected in the sample gave reasons that were clear and supportable. Two sales had insufficient reason for disqualification.

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.

When less than 50 percent of sales are qualified in any of the three property classes (residential, commercial, and vacant land), the contractor analyzed the reasons for disqualifying sales in any subclass that constitutes at least 20 percent of the class, either by number



of properties or by value, from the prior year. 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.

If 50 percent or more of the sales are qualified, the contractor has reviewed a statistically significant sample of

unqualified sales, excluding sales that were disqualified for obvious reasons.

The following subclasses were analyzed for Rio Grande County:

- 0100 Residential Lots
- 2130 Special Purpose
- 2135 Warehouse/Storage
- 2235 Warehouse/Storage
- 3115 Manufacturing/Processing
- 3215 Manufacturing/Processing

### **Conclusions**

Rio Grande County appears to be doing a good job of verifying their sales.

### **Recommendations**

None



# ECONOMIC AREA REVIEW AND EVALUATION

## **Methodology**

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

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## Earth and Stone Products

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### **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 2017 in Rio Grande County. The review showed that subdivisions were discounted pursuant to the Colorado Revised Statutes in Article 39-1-103 (14). Discounting procedures were applied to all subdivisions where less than 80 percent of all sites were sold using the present worth method. The market approach was applied where 80 percent or more of the subdivision sites were sold. An absorption period was estimated for each subdivision that was discounted. An appropriate discount rate was

developed using the summation method. Subdivision land with structures was appraised at full market value.

### **Conclusions**

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

### **Recommendations**

None

# 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 granted under lease, permit, license, concession, contract, or other agreement.

Rio Grande County has been reviewed for their procedures and adherence to guidelines when

assessing and valuing agricultural 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

Rio Grande 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

None

# PERSONAL PROPERTY AUDIT

Rio Grande 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.

Rio Grande 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
- 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.

Rio Grande County submitted their personal property written audit plan and was current for the 2017 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
- Incomplete or inconsistent declarations
- Accounts with omitted property
- Businesses with no deletions or additions for 2 or more years
- Non-filing Accounts - Best Information Available
- Accounts protested with substantial disagreement

### **Conclusions**

Rio Grande 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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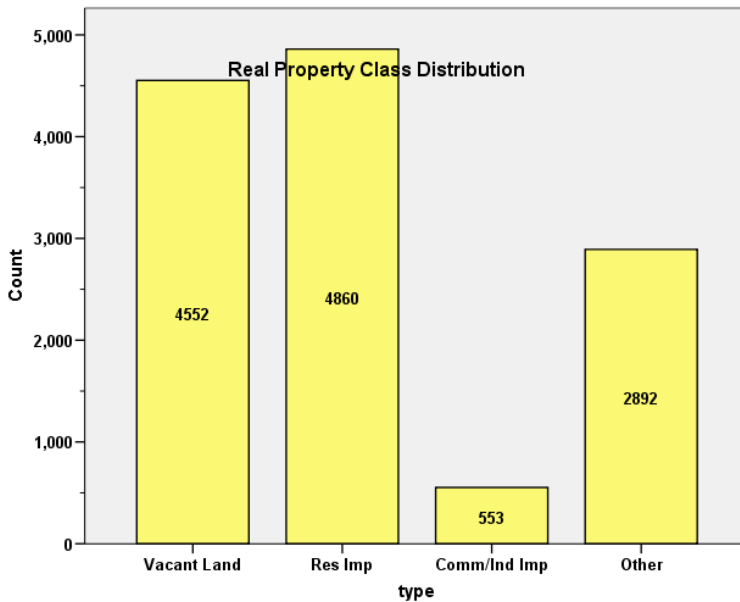
# APPENDICES



**STATISTICAL COMPLIANCE REPORT**  
**FOR RIO GRANDE COUNTY**  
 2017

**I. OVERVIEW**

Rio Grande County is located in south central Colorado. The county has a total of 12,857 real property parcels, according to data submitted by the county assessor’s office in 2017. 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 77.4% of all vacant land parcels.

For residential improved properties, single family properties accounted for 95.8% of all residential properties.

Commercial and industrial properties represented a much smaller proportion of property classes in comparison. Commercial/industrial sales accounted for 4.3% of all such properties in this county.

**II. DATA FILES**

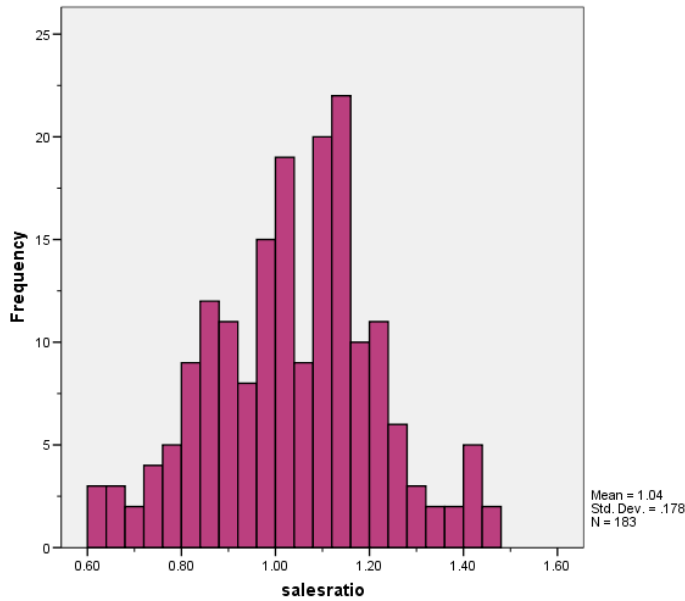
The following sales analyses were based on the requirements of the 2017 Colorado Property Assessment Study. Information was provided by the Rio Grande Assessor’s Office in April 2017. The data included all 5 property record files as specified by the Auditor.

### III. RESIDENTIAL SALES RESULTS

There were 190 qualified residential sales for 18 month period ending June 30, 2016. Seven sales were trimmed resulting in a final total of 183 sales. These sales were analyzed as follows:

Median	<b>1.040</b>
Price Related Differential	<b>1.007</b>
Coefficient of Dispersion	<b>13.8</b>

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.

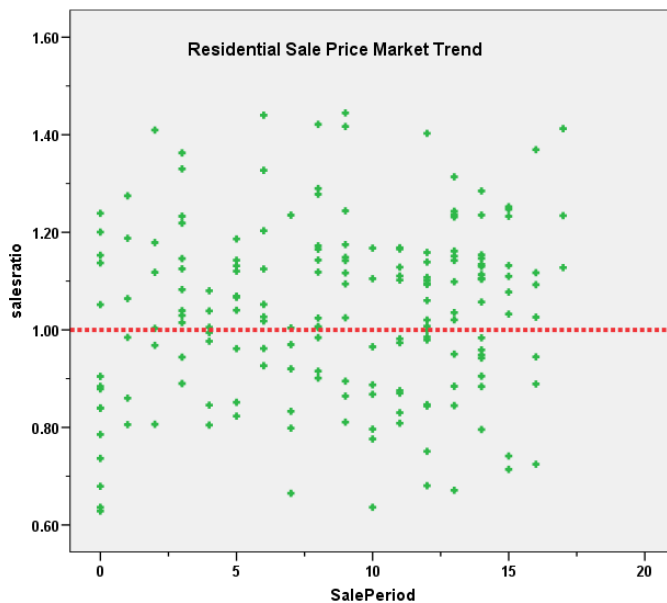
### Residential Market Trend Analysis

We next analyzed the residential dataset using the 18-month sale period for any residual market trending, with the following results:

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

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients B	Std. Error	Standardized Coefficients Beta	t	Sig.
1	(Constant)	1.004	.026		38.128	.000
	SalePeriod	.004	.003	.108	1.467	.144

a. Dependent Variable: salesratio



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 2017 mean and median value per square foot for sold and unsold residential properties, as follows:

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VALSF

	N	Median	Mean
UNSOLD	4,434	\$82.79	\$93.62
SOLD	183	\$97.34	\$105.14

### Hypothesis Test Summary

	Null Hypothesis	Test	Sig.	Decision
1	The distribution of VALSF is the same across categories of sold.	Independent-Samples Mann-Whitney U Test	.000	Reject the null hypothesis.

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

Given that the Mann-Whitney test indicated a significant difference statistically between sold and unsold single family residences, we next compared the median change in actual value for taxable years 2016 and 2017 between sold and unsold residential properties, as follows:

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DIFF	N	Median	Mean
UNSOLD	4,670	1.09	1.13
OLD	183	1.10	1.12

### Hypothesis Test Summary

	Null Hypothesis	Test	Sig.	Decision
1	The medians of DIFF are the same across categories of sold.	Independent-Samples Median Test	.007	Retain the null hypothesis.

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

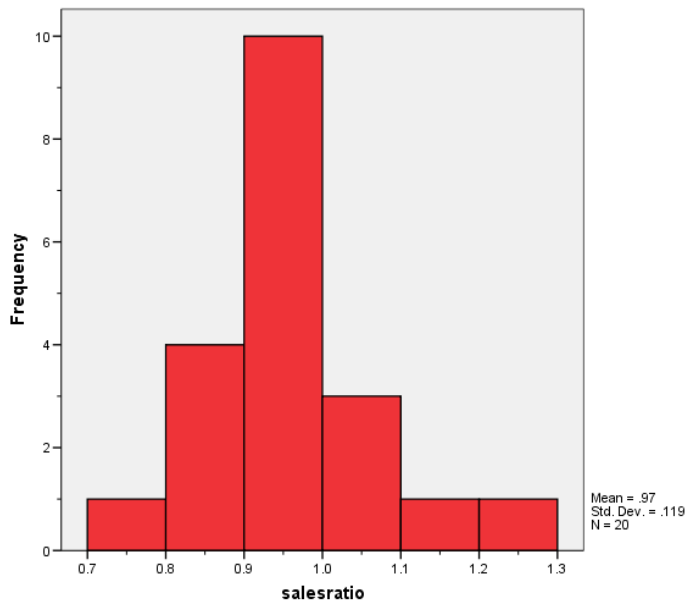
Based on these results, we concluded that the assessor valued sold and unsold residential properties consistently in 2017.

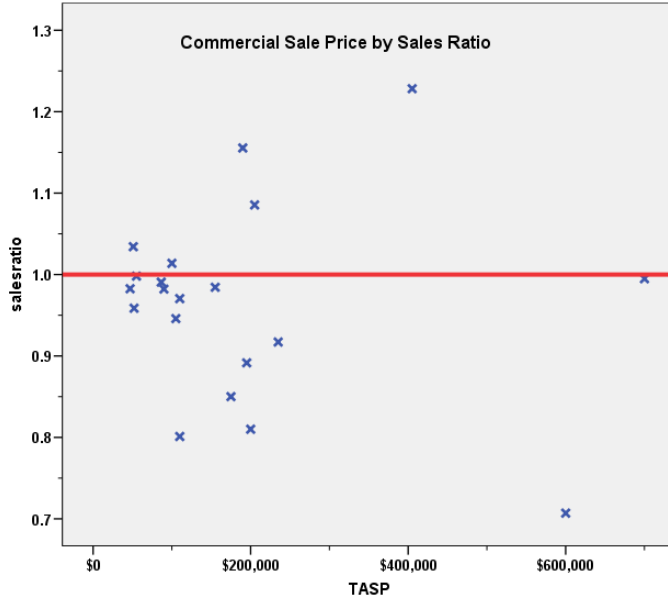
#### IV. COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SALE RESULTS

There were 19 commercial/industrial qualified sales between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2016. We augmented these sales with 1 supplemental appraisal, resulting in a total count of 20 commercial properties for this analysis. The 19 sales were used exclusively to analyze market trending and the sold/unsold comparison analysis. The sales ratio analysis results were as follows:

Median	<b>0.982</b>
Price Related Differential	<b>1.012</b>
Coefficient of Dispersion	<b>8.3</b>

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





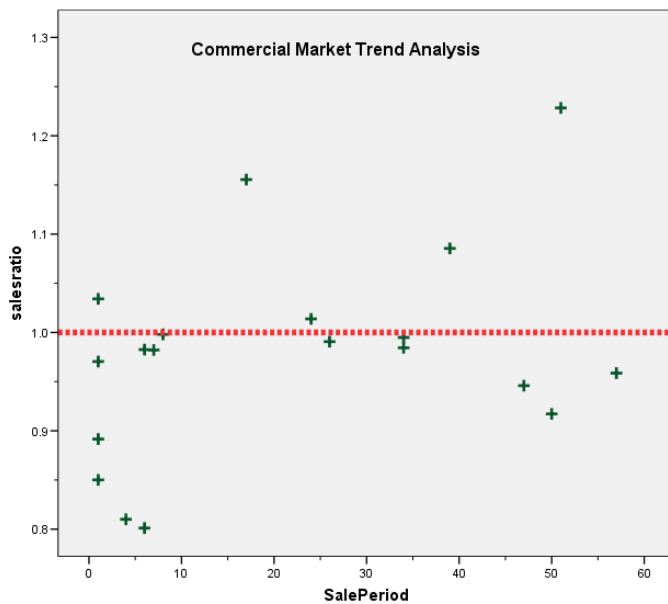
### Commercial Market Trend Analysis

The 19 commercial sales were next analyzed, examining the sale ratios across the 5 year sale period with the following results:

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

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients B	Std. Error	Standardized Coefficients Beta	t	Sig.
1	(Constant)	.935	.035		27.007	.000
	SalePeriod	.002	.001	.380	1.696	.108

a. Dependent Variable: salesratio



The above results indicate that there was no significant market trend residual in the commercial/industrial sale ratios.

### Sold/Unsold Analysis

We compared the 2017 median actual value per square foot between sold and unsold commercial/industrial properties to determine if the assessor was valuing each group consistently. While this is a challenge to prove in this county, given the small number of sales and the overall small number and diversity of commercial/industrial properties in general, the following results indicate that based on the median and mean actual value per square foot, both groups were valued in a consistent manner:

#### Report

VALSF			
sold	N	Median	Mean
UNSOLD	534	\$14	\$82
SOLD	19	\$21	\$26

#### Hypothesis Test Summary

	Null Hypothesis	Test	Sig.	Decision
1	The distribution of VALSF is the same across categories of sold.	Independent-Samples Mann-Whitney U Test	.034	Retain the null hypothesis.

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

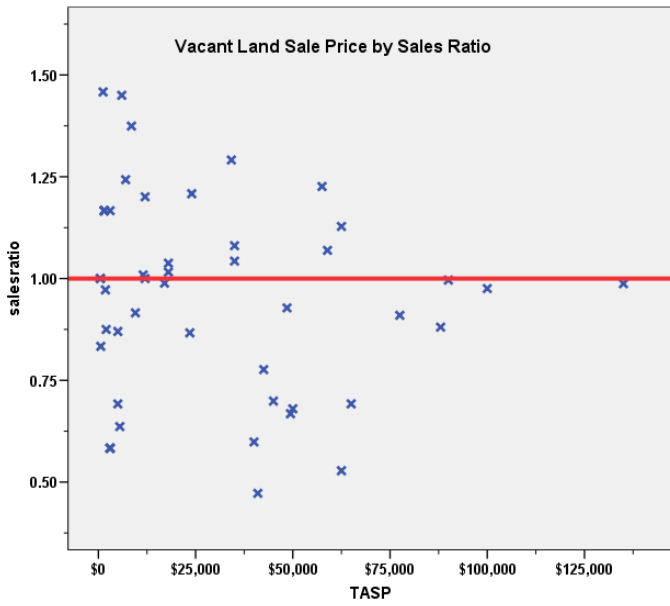
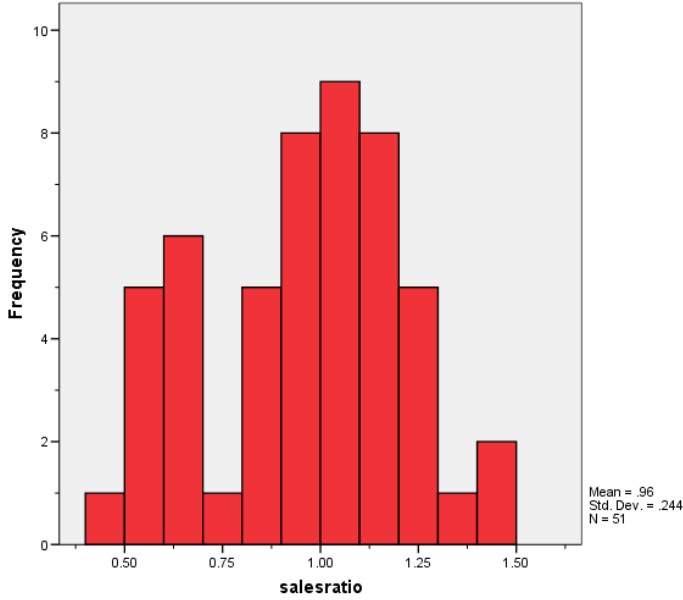
The above results indicated that sold and unsold commercial properties were valued consistently.

### V. VACANT LAND SALE RESULTS

There were 53 qualified vacant land sales for the 18 month period ending June 30, 2016. We trimmed 2 sales with extreme ratios, resulting in a final total of 51 sales. These sales were analyzed as follows:

Median	<b>0.996</b>
Price Related Differential	<b>1.055</b>
Coefficient of Dispersion	<b>19.3</b>

The above tables indicate that the Rio Grande 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

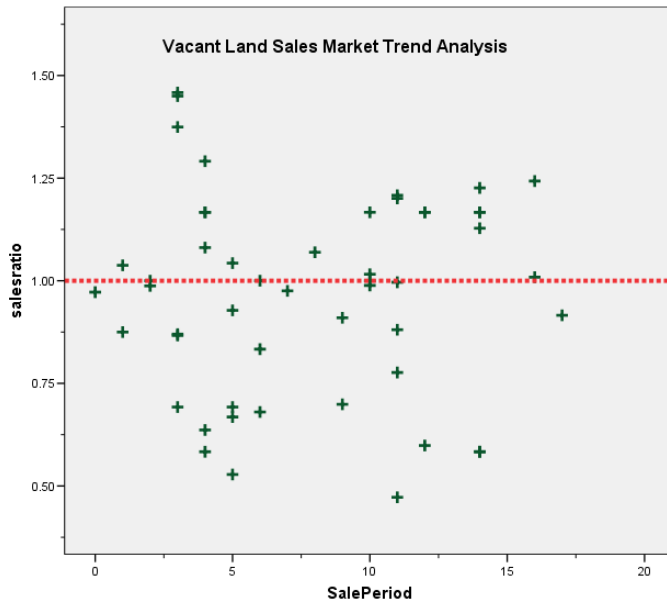
The assessor did not apply any market trend adjustment to the vacant land dataset. The 51 vacant land sales were analyzed, examining the sale ratios across the 18 month sale period with the following results:



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

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized	t	Sig.
		B	Std. Error	Coefficients Beta		
1	(Constant)	.962	.068		14.160	.000
	SalePeriod	.000	.007	.007	.051	.959

a. Dependent Variable: salesratio



The market trend results indicated no statistically significant trend. We concur that no market trend adjustments were warranted for properties in this class for Rio Grande County.

**Sold/Unsold Analysis**

We compared the median change in actual value between taxable years 2016 and 2017 for vacant land properties to determine if sold and unsold properties were valued consistently, as follows:

<b>Report</b>			
DIFF			
sold	N	Median	Mean
UNSOLD	4,498	1.00	1.03
SOLD	51	1.00	.98

### 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	.034	Retain the null hypothesis.

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

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

### 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 Rio Grande 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
1212.00	4,424	\$72.82	\$79.46
4277.00	166	\$73.74	\$81.32

### Hypothesis Test Summary

	Null Hypothesis	Test	Sig.	Decision
1	The distribution of IMPVALSF is the same across categories of ABSTRIMP.	Independent-Samples Mann-Whitney U Test	.623	Retain the null hypothesis.

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

### VII. CONCLUSIONS

The results from the statistical analysis indicate that residential, commercial, vacant land, and agricultural residential properties in Rio Grande County were compliant with Colorado State Audit guidelines.

**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 Mean Centered
	Lower Bound	Upper Bound		Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Lower Bound			Upper Bound				
.891	.866	.917	.882	.857	.930	96.2%	.875	.848	.901	1.019	.158	19.5%	

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**

**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 Mean Centered
	Lower Bound	Upper Bound		Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Lower Bound			Upper Bound				
.965	.909	1.021	.982	.917	.998	95.9%	.953	.844	1.063	1.012	.083	12.3%	

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 Mean Centered
	Lower Bound	Upper Bound		Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Lower Bound			Upper Bound				
.965	.896	1.033	.996	.910	1.043	95.1%	.914	.839	.989	1.055	.193	25.2%	

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.

**Residential Median Ratio Stratification**

**Sale Price**

**Case Processing Summary**

		Count	Percent
SPRec	LT \$25K	1	0.5%
	\$25K to \$50K	3	1.6%
	\$50K to \$100K	24	13.1%
	\$100K to \$150K	40	21.9%
	\$150K to \$200K	37	20.2%
	\$200K to \$300K	50	27.3%
	\$300K to \$500K	22	12.0%
	\$500K to \$750K	6	3.3%
Overall		183	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		183	

**Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP**

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
LT \$25K	.625	1.000	.000	.
\$25K to \$50K	.958	1.019	.070	12.6%
\$50K to \$100K	.962	.989	.191	23.5%
\$100K to \$150K	.922	1.003	.160	19.6%
\$150K to \$200K	.893	1.004	.128	16.2%
\$200K to \$300K	.863	1.003	.142	18.9%
\$300K to \$500K	.892	1.009	.159	20.7%
\$500K to \$750K	.809	1.014	.082	11.6%
Overall	.882	1.019	.158	19.7%

**Sub-Class**

**Case Processing Summary**

		Count	Percent
ABSTRIMP	1212.00	180	98.4%
	1230.00	3	1.6%
Overall		183	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		183	

**Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP**

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
1212.00	.884	1.020	.159	19.8%
1230.00	.852	1.005	.054	8.1%
Overall	.882	1.019	.158	19.7%

## Age

### Case Processing Summary

		Count	Percent
AgeRec	Over 100	35	19.1%
	75 to 100	15	8.2%
	50 to 75	20	10.9%
	25 to 50	38	20.8%
	5 to 25	72	39.3%
	5 or Newer	3	1.6%
Overall		183	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		183	

### Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
Over 100	.870	1.019	.150	19.7%
75 to 100	.857	1.017	.194	24.8%
50 to 75	.875	1.029	.167	19.6%
25 to 50	.863	1.027	.146	19.0%
5 to 25	.934	1.030	.150	18.7%
5 or Newer	.965	.973	.118	19.5%
Overall	.882	1.019	.158	19.7%

## Improved Area

### Case Processing Summary

		Count	Percent
ImpSFRec	LE 500 sf	1	0.5%
	500 to 1,000 sf	21	11.5%
	1,000 to 1,500 sf	52	28.4%
	1,500 to 2,000 sf	57	31.1%
	2,000 to 3,000 sf	49	26.8%
	3,000 sf or Higher	3	1.6%
Overall		183	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		183	

### Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
LE 500 sf	.625	1.000	.000	.
500 to 1,000 sf	.760	1.089	.247	30.7%
1,000 to 1,500 sf	.870	1.041	.178	21.9%
1,500 to 2,000 sf	.917	1.028	.136	17.2%
2,000 to 3,000 sf	.886	1.018	.118	15.2%
3,000 sf or Higher	1.083	1.103	.160	25.2%
Overall	.882	1.019	.158	19.7%

### Improvement Quality

#### Case Processing Summary

	Count	Percent
QUALITY 0	7	3.8%
1	88	48.1%
2	75	41.0%
3	13	7.1%
Overall	183	100.0%
Excluded	0	
Total	183	

### Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
0	.700	1.048	.231	32.9%
1	.897	1.008	.168	20.8%
2	.881	1.026	.151	19.0%
3	.832	1.009	.067	9.3%
Overall	.882	1.019	.158	19.7%

### Improvement Condition

#### Case Processing Summary

	Count	Percent
CONDITION 0	7	3.8%
1	88	48.1%
2	75	41.0%
3	13	7.1%
Overall	183	100.0%
Excluded	0	
Total	183	

### Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
0	.700	1.048	.231	32.9%
1	.897	1.008	.168	20.8%
2	.881	1.026	.151	19.0%
3	.832	1.009	.067	9.3%
Overall	.882	1.019	.158	19.7%

### Commercial Median Ratio Stratification

#### Sale Price

#### Case Processing Summary

		Count	Percent
SPRec	\$25K to \$50K	1	5.0%
	\$50K to \$100K	6	30.0%
	\$100K to \$150K	3	15.0%
	\$150K to \$200K	5	25.0%
	\$200K to \$300K	2	10.0%
	\$300K to \$500K	1	5.0%
	\$500K to \$750K	2	10.0%
Overall		20	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		20	

### Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
\$25K to \$50K	.983	1.000	.000	.
\$50K to \$100K	.994	1.000	.019	2.6%
\$100K to \$150K	.946	1.001	.060	11.0%
\$150K to \$200K	.892	1.002	.108	16.5%
\$200K to \$300K	1.001	1.006	.084	11.9%
\$300K to \$500K	1.228	1.000	.000	.
\$500K to \$750K	.851	.987	.169	23.9%
Overall	.982	1.012	.083	12.3%

**Sub-Class**

**Case Processing Summary**

		Count	Percent
ABSTRIMP	2212.00	7	35.0%
	2215.00	1	5.0%
	2220.00	4	20.0%
	2230.00	6	30.0%
	2235.00	2	10.0%
Overall		20	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		20	

**Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP**

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
2212.00	.970	1.115	.081	13.5%
2215.00	1.228	1.000	.000	.
2220.00	.989	1.001	.053	9.9%
2230.00	.904	1.005	.081	11.3%
2235.00	1.006	.998	.008	1.1%
Overall	.982	1.012	.083	12.3%

**Age**

**Case Processing Summary**

		Count	Percent
AgeRec	Over 100	6	30.0%
	75 to 100	3	15.0%
	50 to 75	4	20.0%
	25 to 50	3	15.0%
	5 to 25	4	20.0%
Overall		20	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		20	

**Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP**

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
Over 100	.964	1.013	.063	9.0%
75 to 100	.995	.987	.090	16.8%
50 to 75	.916	1.044	.085	10.1%
25 to 50	.970	1.118	.130	20.9%
5 to 25	1.006	1.002	.063	10.0%
Overall	.982	1.012	.083	12.3%



## Improved Area

### Statistics

ImpSFRec

N	Valid	20
	Missing	0

### ImpSFRec

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	500 to 1,000 sf	1	5.0	5.0	5.0
	1,500 to 2,000 sf	1	5.0	5.0	10.0
	3,000 sf or Higher	18	90.0	90.0	100.0
	Total	20	100.0	100.0	

## Improvement Quality

### Case Processing Summary

		Count	Percent
QUALITY	1	10	50.0%
	2	9	45.0%
	3	1	5.0%
Overall		20	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		20	

### Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
1	.993	.980	.066	10.5%
2	.959	1.087	.098	14.4%
3	.917	1.000	.000	.
Overall	.982	1.012	.083	12.3%

## Improvement Condition

### Case Processing Summary

		Count	Percent
CONDITION	1	10	50.0%
	2	9	45.0%
	3	1	5.0%
Overall		20	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		20	

**Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP**

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
1	.993	.980	.066	10.5%
2	.959	1.087	.098	14.4%
3	.917	1.000	.000	.
Overall	.982	1.012	.083	12.3%

**Vacant Land Median Ratio Stratification**

**Sale Price**

**Case Processing Summary**

		Count	Percent
SPRec	LT \$25K	31	60.8%
	\$25K to \$50K	10	19.6%
	\$50K to \$100K	9	17.6%
	\$100K to \$150K	1	2.0%
Overall		51	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		51	

**Ratio Statistics for CURRLND / TASP**

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
LT \$25K	1.009	.989	.184	23.7%
\$25K to \$50K	.738	1.024	.271	36.5%
\$50K to \$100K	.975	1.002	.160	22.6%
\$100K to \$150K	.987	1.000	.000	.
Overall	.996	1.055	.193	24.7%

**Subclass**

**Case Processing Summary**

		Count	Percent
ABSTRRLND	100.00	43	84.3%
	520.00	1	2.0%
	550.00	3	5.9%
	1112.00	4	7.8%
Overall		51	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		51	

### Ratio Statistics for CURRLND / TASP

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
100.00	1.000	1.059	.197	25.0%
520.00	.989	1.000	.000	.
550.00	.680	.925	.195	33.9%
1112.00	1.100	.909	.140	17.2%
Overall	.996	1.055	.193	24.7%