

RIO GRANDE COUNTY PROPERTY ASSESSMENT STUDY







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Ms. Natalie Mullis Director of Research Colorado Legislative Council Room 029, State Capitol Building Denver, Colorado 80203

RE: Final Report for the 2022 Colorado Property Assessment Study

Dear Ms. Mullis:

Wildrose Appraisal Inc.-Audit Division is pleased to submit the Final Reports for the 2022 Colorado Property Assessment Study.

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

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

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

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

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INTRODUCTION



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wildrose Audit has completed the Property Assessment Study for 2022 and is pleased to report its findings for Rio Grande County in the following report.

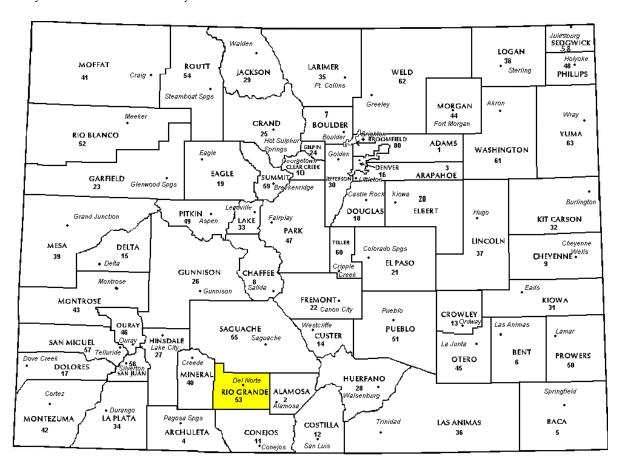


REGIONAL/HISTORICAL SKETCH OF RIO GRANDE COUNTY

Regional Information

Rio Grande 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

Rio Grande County has approximately 912 square miles and an estimated population of approximately 11,267 people, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2020 estimated census data. This represents a -6.0 percent change from April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019.

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)



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 Rio Grande County are:

Rio Grande County Ratio Grid					
Property Class	Number of Qualified Sales	Unweighted Median Ratio	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Time Trend Analysis
Commercial/Industrial	40	0.969	1.136	18.3	Compliant
Single Family	263	0.976	1.022	14.6	Compliant
Vacant Land	70	1.000	1.045	20.8	Compliant

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



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



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. 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. three tests indicate a significant difference between sold and unsold properties for a given class, the Auditor may meet with the county to determine if sale chasing is actually occurring,

or if there are other explanations for the observed difference.

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

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

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



Sold/Unsold F	Results
Property Class	Results
Commercial/Industrial	Compliant
Single Family	Compliant
Vacant Land	Compliant

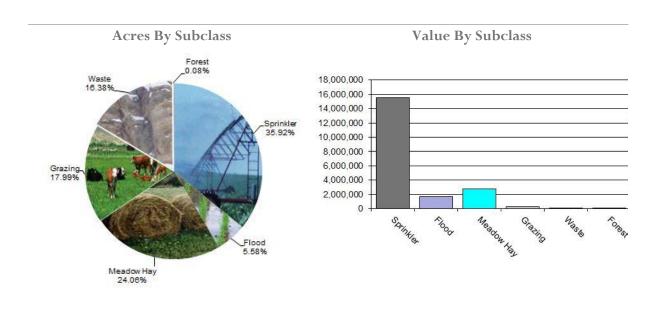
Conclusions

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



AGRICULTURAL LAND STUDY



Agricultural Land

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



	Rio Grande County Agricultural Land Ratio Grid					
		Number	County	County	WRA	
Abstract		Of	Value	Assessed	Total	
Code	Land Class	Acres	Per Acre	Total Value	Value	Ratio
4107	Sprinkler	67,955	207.90	14,127,923	13,787,448	1.02
4117	Flood	10,563	149.56	1,579,778	1,600,889	0.99
4137	Meadow Hay	45,514	54.70	2,489,719	2,489,719	1.00
4147	Grazing	34,044	7.33	249,395	249,395	1.00
4177	Forest	143	14.51	2,074	2,074	1.00
4167	Waste	30,983	2.20	68,205	68,205	1.00
Total/Avg		189,202	97.87	18,517,093	18,197,730	1.02

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

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

Property Taxation for the valuation of agricultural outbuildings.

Recommendations



Agricultural Land Under Improvements

Methodology

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

Conclusions

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
- In-Person Interviews with Owners/Tenants
- Written Correspondence other than Questionnaire
- Personal Knowledge of Occupants at Assessment Date

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
- In-Person Interviews with Owners/Tenants
- Aerial Photography/Pictometry
- General Knowledge of the county
- Maps
- Legal description of the property

Rio Grande 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



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 2022 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 38 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

Rio Grande County appears to be doing an adequate job of verifying their sales. WRA

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

Recommendations



ECONOMIC AREA REVIEW AND EVALUATION

Methodology

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



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



VACANT LAND

Subdivision Discounting

Subdivisions were reviewed in 2022 in Rio Grande 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

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

Recommendations



POSSESSORY INTEREST PROPERTIES

Possessory Interest

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

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



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 of Equalization Board (SBOE) requirements for the assessment of personal property. The SBOE requires that counties use ARL Volume 5, including current discovery, documentation classification, 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
- Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development Contacts
- Local Telephone Directories, Newspapers or Other Local Publications
- Personal Observation, Physical Canvassing or Word of Mouth
- Questionnaires, Letters and/or Phone Calls to Buyer, Seller and/or Realtor

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 2022 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:

- Incomplete or inconsistent declarations
- Businesses with no deletions or additions for 2 or more years
- Accounts close to the \$50,000 actual value exemption status
- 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



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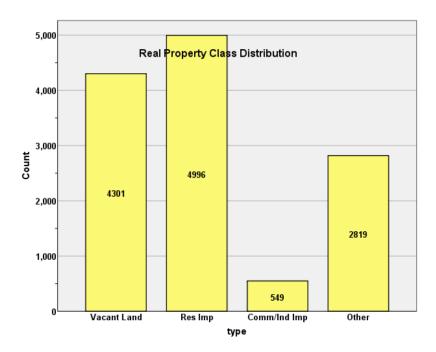
APPENDICES



STATISTICAL COMPLIANCE REPORT FOR RIO GRANDE COUNTY 2022

I. OVERVIEW

Rio Grande County is located in south central Colorado. The county has a total of 12,665 real property parcels, according to data submitted by the county assessor's office in 2022. 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 96.1% of all residential properties.

Commercial and industrial properties represented a much smaller proportion of property classes in comparison. Commercial/industrial properties 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 2022 Colorado Property Assessment Study. Information was provided by the Rio Grande Assessor's Office in April 2022. The data included all 5 property record files as specified by the Auditor.



III. RESIDENTIAL SALES RESULTS

There were 263 qualified residential sales for 24 month period ending June 30, 2020. These sales were analyzed as follows:

Median	0.976
Price Related Differential	1.022
Coefficient of Dispersion	14.6

We next stratified the sale ratio analysis by economic area and neighborhoods with at least 10 sales, as follows:

Economic Area Case Processing Summary

		Count	Percent
ECONAREA	1.00	134	51.1%
	2.00	11	4.2%
	3.00	29	11.1%
	4.00	83	31.7%
	5.00	5	1.9%
Overall		262	100.0%
Excluded		1	
Total		263	

Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion
1.00	.980	1.023	.148
2.00	.973	1.087	.220
3.00	.975	1.029	.146
4.00	.976	1.010	.138
5.00	.972	1.001	.037
Overall	.975	1.021	.146

The one economic area with a high COD had only 11 sales.



Neighborhoods with at least 10 sales Case Processing Summary

		Count	Percent
NBHD	1100	30	18.2%
	1102	25	15.2%
	1300	13	7.9%
	1400	18	10.9%
	1600	12	7.3%
	3100	11	6.7%
	4100	13	7.9%
	4300	19	11.5%
	4500	12	7.3%
	5701	12	7.3%
Overall		165	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		165	

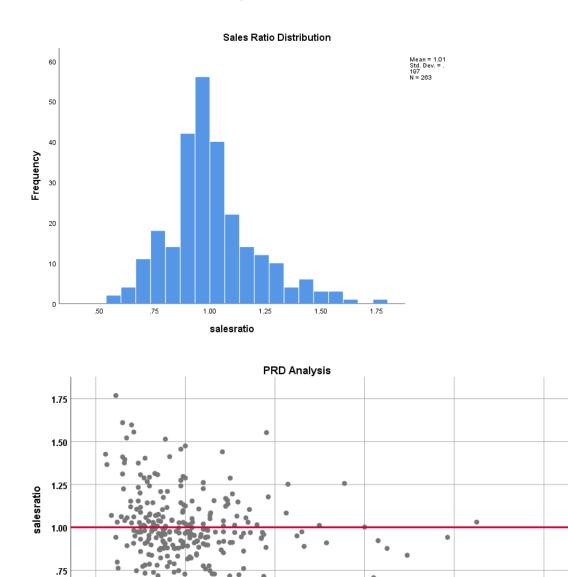
Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion
1100	.971	1.039	.176
1102	.970	1.015	.129
1300	.958	.996	.112
1400	.988	1.048	.246
1600	.962	.977	.129
3100	.897	.986	.170
4100	.976	.972	.165
4300	.996	1.041	.193
4500	.995	1.019	.110
5701	.986	1.022	.136
Overall	.973	1.017	.162

While the sales ratio results were compliant at the class and economic area levels (with sufficient sales), there were several neighborhoods with sales ratios or CODs out of compliance. Offsetting this observation is the fact that sale totals by neighborhoods are very low. We have consulted with the assessor to determine reasons for these results.

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.

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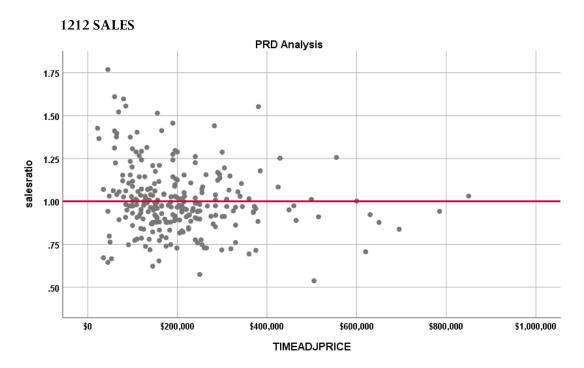
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Subclass 1212 PRD Analysis

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:



The Price-Related Differential (PRD) for 1212 sales is 1.022, which is within IAAO standards for the PRD. We also performed a regression analysis between the sales ratio and the assessor's current value to further test for regressivity or progressivity in the residential sales valuation, as follows:

Coefficients^a

		Unstandardized	Coefficients	Standardized Coefficients		
Model		В	Std. Error	Beta	t	Sig.
1	(Constant)	.980	.023		42.968	.000
	CURRTOT	.000000127	.000	.083	1.332	.184

a. Dependent Variable: salesratio

The slope of the line at 0.000000127 indicates that there is virtually no slope in the regression line, which indicates that sales ratios are similar across the entire sale price array. This indicates no regressivity or progressivity in the residential values assigned by the assessor.



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

Case Processing Summary

		Count	Percent
SPRec	LT \$100K	47	18.1%
	\$100K to \$200K	106	40.9%
	\$200K to \$300K	65	25.1%
	\$300K to \$400K	25	9.7%
	\$400K to \$500K	6	2.3%
	Over \$500K	10	3.9%
Overall		259	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		259	

Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion
LT \$100K	1.063	1.004	.192
\$100K to \$200K	.977	.999	.133
\$200K to \$300K	.953	.997	.114
\$300K to \$400K	.970	.999	.124
\$400K to \$500K	.993	1.003	.089
Over \$500K	.917	.992	.140
Overall	.975	1.022	.144

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

Residential Market Trend Analysis

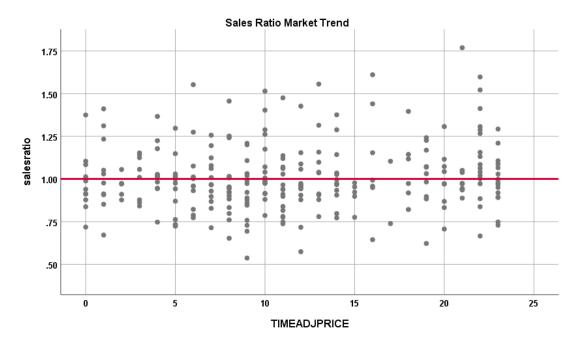
We next analyzed the residential dataset using the 18-month sale period for any residual market trending, with the following results:

Coefficients^a

		Unstandardized	Coefficients	Standardized Coefficients		
Model		В	Std. Error	Beta	t	Sig.
1	(Constant)	.972	.024		41.103	.000
	SalePeriod	.003	.002	.106	1.723	.086

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 median change in actual value for valuation year 2018 and valuation year 2020 between sold and unsold residential properties, as follows:

Report DIFF				
sold	N	Median	Mean	
UNSOLD	4561	1.12	1.13	
SOLD	262	1 12	1 13	

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	.613	Retain the null hypothesis.

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



We next stratified this analysis by economic area and by neighborhoods with at least 10 sales, as follows:

Economic Area

Report DIFF				
NBHD	sold	N	Median	Mean
1100	UNSOLD	361	1.1158	1.1237
	SOLD	30	1.1179	1.1209
1102	UNSOLD	315	1.0529	1.0641
	SOLD	25	1.0531	1.0766
1300	UNSOLD	135	1.1211	1.1282
	SOLD	13	1.1211	1.1281
1400	UNSOLD	420	1.1981	1.1942
	SOLD	17	1.2022	1.1833
1600	UNSOLD	247	1.0902	1.1082
	SOLD	12	1.0900	1.0802
3100	UNSOLD	214	1.2303	1.2337
	SOLD	11	1.2386	1.2439
4100	UNSOLD	165	1.2141	1.2162
	SOLD	13	1.2083	1.2330
4300	UNSOLD	214	1.1715	1.1705
	SOLD	19	1.1740	1.2012
4500	UNSOLD	132	1.1739	1.1770
	SOLD	12	1.1686	1.1643
5701	UNSOLD	204	.9823	.9886
	SOLD	12	.9839	1.0040

Based on these results, we concluded that the assessor valued sold and unsold residential properties consistently in 2022.

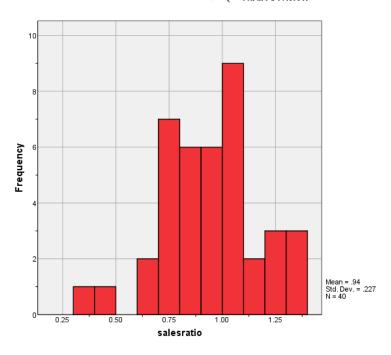
IV. COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SALE RESULTS

There were 42 commercial/industrial qualified sales for the 24 month period ending June 30, 2020. We trimmed 2 sales using IAAO standards, resulting in 40 qualified commercial sales. The sales ratio analysis results were as follows:

Median	0.969
Price Related Differential	1.136
Coefficient of Dispersion	18.3

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

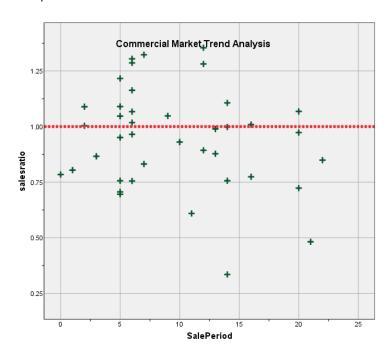
The commercial sales were next analyzed, examining the sale ratios across the 2 year sale period with the following results:



Coefficients^a

		Unstandardized		Standardized Coefficients		
Model		В	Std. Error	Beta	t	Sig.
1	(Constant)	1.021	.068		15.056	.000
	SalePeriod	008	.006	209	-1.319	.195

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 median change in value between valuation year 2018 and valuation year 2020 for 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:

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sold	N	Median	Mean
UNSOLD	489	1.00	1.33
SOLD	40	1.04	1.31



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	.046	Retain the null hypothesis.

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

Report DIFF				
ABSTRIMP	sold	N	Median	Mean
2212	UNSOLD	70	1.00	2.92
	SOLD	10	1.06	1.27
2215	UNSOLD	6	1.06	2.02
	SOLD	2	.75	.75
2220	UNSOLD	49	1.01	1.06
	SOLD	6	1.10	1.36
2230	UNSOLD	115	1.01	1.05
	SOLD	11	1.00	1.32
2235	UNSOLD	162	1.00	1.02
	SOLD	6	1.04	1.66

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

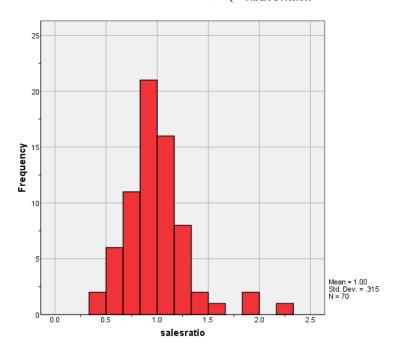
V. VACANT LAND SALE RESULTS

There were 70 qualified vacant land sales for the 24 month period ending June 30, 2020. These sales were analyzed as follows:

Median	1.000
Price Related Differential	1.045
Coefficient of Dispersion	20.8

The above table indicates 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

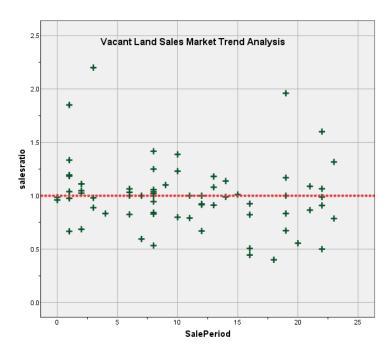
The vacant land sales were analyzed, examining the sale ratios across the 24 month sale period with the following results:



Coefficients^a

		Unstandardized	Coefficients	Standardized Coefficients		
Model		В	Std. Error	Beta	t	Sig.
1	(Constant)	1.077	.067		16.066	.000
	SalePeriod	007	.005	164	-1.367	.176

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 valuation year 2018 and valuation year 2020 for vacant land properties to determine if sold and unsold properties were valued consistently, as follows:

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DIFF			
sold	N	Median	Mean
UNSOLD	4180	1.00	.95
SOLD	70	1.00	1.01



We also stratified this analysis by subdivisions with at least 3 sales:

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DIFF			la a	
SUBDIVNO	sold	N	Median	Mean
70	UNSOLD	431	.67	.71
	SOLD	5	.67	.67
350	UNSOLD	4	.94	.94
	SOLD	4	.94	.94
400	UNSOLD	171	1.39	1.38
	SOLD	11	1.39	1.41
2040	UNSOLD	13	1.08	1.08
	SOLD	4	1.08	1.08

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

V. CONCLUSIONS

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



STATISTICAL ABSTRACT

Residential

	Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP											
									Coefficient of Variation			
Mean	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Median	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Actual Coverage	Weighted Mean	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Mean Centered
1.007	.984	1.031	.976	.966	1.002	95.2%	.986	.962	1.011	1.022	.146	19.6%

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.

Commercial

	Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP											
	95% Confidence Interval for 95% Confidence Interval for Weighted Mean 95% Confidence Interval for Weighted Mean Variation											
Mean	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Median	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Actual Coverage	Weighted Mean	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Mean Centered
.944	.872	1.017	.969	.849	1.047	96.2%	.831	.706	.957	1.136	.183	24.1%

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											
								Coefficient of Variation				
Mean	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Median	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Actual Coverage	Weighted Mean	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Mean Centered
1.001	.926	1.076	1.000	.925	1.033	95.9%	.958	.887	1.029	1.045	.208	31.5%

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.



Residential Median Ratio Stratification

Sub-Class

Case Processing Summary

		Count	Percent
ABSTRIMP	1212	259	98.5%
	1215	3	1.1%
	1230	1	0.4%
Overall		263	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		263	

Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
1212	.975	1.022	.144	20.2%
1215	1.079	.933	.229	34.5%
1230	1.307	1.000	.000	
Overall	.976	1.022	.146	20.4%

Age

Case Processing Summary

		Count	Percent
AgeRec	Over 100	35	13.3%
	75 to 100	32	12.2%
	50 to 75	45	17.1%
	25 to 50	61	23.2%
	5 to 25	90	34.2%
Overall		263	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		263	

Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
Over 100	.906	1.031	.139	18.2%
75 to 100	1.046	1.043	.221	27.7%
50 to 75	1.006	1.018	.152	19.3%
25 to 50	.990	1.020	.136	19.2%
5 to 25	.974	1.008	.114	16.9%
Overall	.976	1.022	.146	20.4%



Improved Area

Case Processing Summary

		Count	Percent
ImpSFRec	LE 500 sf	5	1.9%
	500 to 1,000 sf	38	14.4%
	1,000 to 1,500 sf	88	33.5%
	1,500 to 2,000 sf	58	22.1%
	2,000 to 3,000 sf	58	22.1%
	3,000 sf or Higher	16	6.1%
Overall		263	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		263	

Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
LE 500 sf	.973	1.000	.065	12.0%
500 to 1,000 sf	.962	1.072	.190	25.9%
1,000 to 1,500 sf	.979	1.024	.143	19.9%
1,500 to 2,000 sf	.971	1.021	.135	18.9%
2,000 to 3,000 sf	1.000	1.030	.142	19.7%
3,000 sf or Higher	.988	1.024	.130	18.6%
Overall	.976	1.022	.146	20.4%

Improvement Quality

Case Processing Summary

		Count	Percent
QUALITY	0 - 0	14	5.3%
	44562	125	47.5%
	44594	102	38.8%
	44623	19	7.2%
	44655	3	1.1%
Overall		263	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		263	

Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
0 - 0	.987	1.027	.251	30.3%
44562	.975	1.039	.141	20.5%
44594	.973	1.018	.138	19.1%
44623	1.015	1.025	.139	19.4%
44655	.942	.956	.112	18.3%
Overall	.976	1.022	.146	20.4%



Commercial Median Ratio Stratification

Sale Price Case Processing Summary

		Count	Percent
SPRec	LT \$25K	2	5.0%
	\$25K to \$50K	2	5.0%
	\$50K to \$100K	5	12.5%
	\$100K to \$150K	6	15.0%
	\$150K to \$200K	4	10.0%
	\$200K to \$300K	5	12.5%
	\$300K to \$500K	12	30.0%
	\$500K to \$750K	2	5.0%
	Over \$1,000K	2	5.0%
Overall		40	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		40	

Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
LT \$25K	1.118	.969	.150	21.2%
\$25K to \$50K	1.010	.997	.037	5.2%
\$50K to \$100K	1.018	1.005	.115	18.5%
\$100K to \$150K	1.132	1.002	.147	18.5%
\$150K to \$200K	.862	1.012	.162	23.7%
\$200K to \$300K	1.067	.997	.112	19.2%
\$300K to \$500K	.827	1.004	.156	22.5%
\$500K to \$750K	.546	1.017	.386	54.6%
Over \$1,000K	.736	1.067	.345	48.8%
Overall	.969	1.136	.183	23.6%

Sub-Class

Case Processing Summary

		Count	Percent
ABSTRIMP	1716	1	2.5%
	1721	1	2.5%
	2014	1	2.5%
	2032	1	2.5%
	2212	10	25.0%
	2215	2	5.0%
	2220	6	15.0%
	2225	1	2.5%
	2230	11	27.5%
	2235	6	15.0%
Overall		40	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		40	



Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
1716	1.090	1.000	.000	
1721	.774	1.000	.000	
2014	.804	1.000	.000	
2032	.756	1.000	.000	
2212	.981	1.246	.192	27.1%
2215	1.186	1.009	.100	14.1%
2220	.989	1.071	.138	17.1%
2225	1.323	1.000	.000	
2230	.998	1.090	.157	20.4%
2235	.880	1.266	.181	30.1%
Overall	.969	1.136	.183	23.6%

Improvement Age

Case Processing Summary

		Count	Percent
AgeRec	0	36	90.0%
	Over 100	1	2.5%
	75 to 100	1	2.5%
	50 to 75	2	5.0%
Overall		40	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		40	

Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
0	.981	1.148	.181	23.9%
Over 100	1.090	1.000	.000	
75 to 100	.774	1.000	.000	
50 to 75	.780	1.003	.030	4.3%
Overall	.969	1.136	.183	23.6%

Improvement Size

Case Processing Summary

		Count	Percent
ImpSFRec	0	36	90.0%
	500 to 1,000 sf	1	2.5%
	1,000 to 1,500 sf	1	2.5%
	1,500 to 2,000 sf	1	2.5%
	2,000 to 3,000 sf	1	2.5%
Overall		40	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		40	



Ratio Statistics for CURRTOT / TASP

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
0	.981	1.148	.181	23.9%
500 to 1,000 sf	1.090	1.000	.000	
1,000 to 1,500 sf	.804	1.000	.000	
1,500 to 2,000 sf	.774	1.000	.000	
2,000 to 3,000 sf	.756	1.000	.000	
Overall	.969	1.136	.183	23.6%

<u>Vacant Land Median Ratio Stratification</u> Sale Price

Case Processing Summary

		Count	Percent
SPRec	LT \$25K	47	67.1%
	\$25K to \$50K	9	12.9%
	\$50K to \$100K	11	15.7%
	\$100K to \$150K	3	4.3%
Overall		70	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		70	

Ratio Statistics for CURRLND / TASP

Crave	Madian	Price Related	Coefficient of	Coefficient of Variation
Group	Median	Differential	Dispersion	Median Centered
LT \$25K	1.000	.960	.245	36.5%
\$25K to \$50K	1.000	.985	.137	19.9%
\$50K to \$100K	1.033	1.016	.107	16.2%
\$100K to \$150K	.909	1.011	.120	24.5%
Overall	1.000	1.045	.208	31.5%

Subclass

Case Processing Summary

		Count	Percent
ABSTRLND	100	62	88.6%
	200	2	2.9%
	520	1	1.4%
	550	1	1.4%
	1112	4	5.7%
Overall		70	100.0%
Excluded		0	
Total		70	



Ratio Statistics for CURRLND / TASP

Group	Median	Price Related Differential	Coefficient of Dispersion	Coefficient of Variation Median Centered
100	.994	1.037	.215	32.7%
200	.927	1.090	.147	20.8%
520	1.037	1.000	.000	
550	1.111	1.000	.000	
1112	.836	1.088	.252	30.7%
Overall	1.000	1.045	.208	31.5%