Ratio Study Narrative 2025

General Information	
County Name	Carroll County

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Sales	Window	12/1/2021	to	11/30/2024
If more than one year of sales were used, was a time adjustment applied?				
\boxtimes	Explain, why not: We	e did not have enou	gh paired sales to esta	ablish a reliable time
No	adjustment.			
	12/01/2021 – 11/30/2024 for Commercial & Industrial			
	12/01/2022 – 11/30/2024 for all other townships and groupings			
	Explain the method used to calculate the adjustment:			
Yes				

Groupings

Please provide a list of townships and/or major class groupings (if any). Additionally, please provide information detailing how the townships and/or major classes are similar in the market.

Please note that groupings made for the sole purpose of combining due to a lack of sales with no similarities will not be accepted by the Department

The Residential Vacant land was grouped (L1). Carroll County is mainly a rural county. Therefore, the homesites throughout the county are similar rural tracts and should be grouped for trending and sales ratio purposes. The land values were updated in the townships that were reassessed. Although some townships fall outside of the IAAO standards – there were not enough sales in most neighborhoods to make any further adjustments.

Carroll County is primarily an agricultural county. Many of the townships share the same school district, homesite rates and neighborhoods. Due to the number of sales and the similarity of neighborhoods, Adams, Carrolton, Liberty, Rock Creek and Washington Townships were grouped together for Residential Improved (R1); Clay and Madison were grouped together for Residential Improved (R2). All the remaining townships had enough sales and neighborhoods that they were trended on their own.

Due to the limited number of sales, there were not enough sales in a given township nor neighborhood to perform a ratio study. Commercial vacant sales were eliminated from the study.

The commercial and Industrial properties are mainly in the townships of Deer Creek and Monroe. However, with this being a small rural community, and due to the number of sales in individual neighborhoods, the commercial and industrial parcels were grouped together in the ratio study (C1). They are priced with the same cost manual and are looked at across all townships.

Cyclical	l Reassessment	t
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Please explain which townships were reviewed as part of the current phase of the cyclical reassessment. Also, list any townships where the number of parcels reviewed were more than the formally approved reassessment plan. Note: All parcels reviewed should meet the 25% requirement with the 2% tolerance threshold (23-27%)

Jefferson and the remaining parts of Tippecanoe Townships were reviewed as part of this phase of reassessment. The land order was also updated for these townships.

Land Order			
The land order used for the January 1, 2025, assessment along with the Narrative (optional) will be published on DLGF's website. Please provide the following information:			
Date the land order was submitted to PTABOA.	12/5/2024		
Action taken by the PTABOA.	⊠ Approved	☐ Denied	
Effective date of the land order.	1/1/2025		

Was the land order updated as part of the 2024 cyclical reassessment?	⊠ Yes	□ No
Any other changes or issues?	The land order is updated with the townships being reassessed.	

Comments

In this space, please provide any additional information you would like to provide the Department in order to help facilitate the approval of the ratio study. Such items could be standard operating procedures for certain assessment practices (e.g. effective age changes), a timeline of changes made by the assessor's office, or any other information deemed pertinent.

Carroll County has a permit system in place that assists the Assessor with updating their parcel records. Along with that the county uses the % complete chart to standardize changing effective years on parcels that add additions as well as extensive remodeling. During the sales validation process, the county also utilizes this same method of establishing an effective age. During the site visit, if an internal visit is denied, a call to the owner or seller provides additional information about the remodeling that may have occurred to the property. The Assessor also uses various websites to help establish the extent of internal remodeling not available from just outside appearance. On less extensive remodeling, change of condition my result.

To help speed the approval process along, we have included some additional spreadsheets:

- 1. Differences between Ratio Study and Worksheet explains the differences in value.
- 2. Carroll County Duplicate Parcels Used To explain parcels appearing more than once in the ratio study.

Because we are using multiple years in our ratio study, there are parcels that are duplicated in our study. Some of them are used as ResVac as well as ResImp. Others exist but are at least 12 months apart.

We have highlighted in our Formatted tabs sales that are part of one sale but have Different SDFID numbers. Please take care to add these together to reach the same statistics that we have found.