

## Ratio Study Narrative 2025

General Information	
County Name	Hancock County

Person Performing Ratio Study			
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Sales Window		1/1/2024	to	12/31/2024
<b>If more than one year of sales were used, was a time adjustment applied?</b>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Explain, why not: Given the nature of the current real estate market, it was not appropriate to expand the sales window to include sales that were part of the great expansion of the real estate market of the past few years.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Explain the method used to calculate the adjustment:			

Groupings
<b>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.</b>

**\*\*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\*\***

**Brandywine and Blue River Townships improved residential sales were grouped together because of their proximity to each other and similarity in terms of rural properties.**

**Brown, Jackson, and Greene Townships improved residential sales were grouped together because they are located next to one another in the far northeast/rural section of Hancock County and have similar property and land characteristics.**

**Specifically, the residential property classes were trended while the vacant residential, commercial, and industrial properties were not trended prior to the ratio study given a lack of sales. There were not sufficient sales within each property class for commercial and industrial classes to develop a stratum for a ratio study.**

#### **Cyclical Reassessment**

**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%)**

Portions of: Please see the workbook for specific parcel list)

BUCK CREEK TOWNSHIP  
BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP  
BLUE RIVER TOWNSHIP  
BROWN TOWNSHIP  
CENTER TOWNSHIP

#### **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.  TBD	Click or tap to enter a date.	
Action taken by the PTABOA.	Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied
Effective date of the land order.	Click or tap to enter a date.	
Was the land order updated as part of the 2024 cyclical reassessment?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Any other changes or issues?	Notes: Hancock County will develop a land order in 2025 to be applied for 1/1/26 assessments.	

#### 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.**

**Per the DLGF, Cost table, depreciation, location cost multipliers (if applicable) were implemented. A preliminary ratio study was then conducted for all properties where sufficient sales data were available. This study dictated which property classes**

**required further analysis, stratification, reassessment, or calculation of a new neighborhood factor.**