



# Appraisal Newsletter

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### 2015 PRELIMINARY SALE RATIO NUMBERS RELEASED BY THE STATE

The Division of Property Valuation, Department of Revenue, in March released the 2015 preliminary mid-year sales ratio study. The final report will be released in July or August of this year. The sales ratio study is an annual analysis of the relationship between appraised values established by the appraiser's office and the property's sale price.

According to the report, Douglas County's median ratio for residential property in 2015 was 98.9% with a COD of 6.3. A total of 157 sales were used in the study.

Residential		
Year	Median Ratio	COD
2014	98.2	8.4
2013	100.0	7.8
2012	103.3	8.1
2011	104.2	7.7
2010	101.2	6.2
2009	100.7	4.5
2008	100.3	4.3
2007	100	4.8
2006	99	5.4
2005	96	5.6
2004	98	5.6

The median ratio is the middle ratio after all the ratios are arrayed in order from the lowest to the highest. The statistic measures the appraisal level in the county. The appraisal level is an indication of how close the county's values are to the fair market value or the 100% level (the sale price). State statutes require that the county's appraisal level be between 90 and 110.

The COD (coefficient of dispersion) measures the amount of variation in the county valuations around the appraisal level (median). The smaller the COD the less variation in the ratios about the median ratio, which translates into better equity in the county values. State statutes require that the county's COD be less than 20 for all classes of property.

The PRD (price-related differential) for residential property in 2015 was 1.01. It was 1.02 in 2014. In 2013 it was

1.00. In 2012, 2011 and 2010 was 1.01. It was 1.00 in 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005 and 2004. The PRD measures the vertical equity or the relationship of low-value and high-value properties. A PRD of more than 1.00 suggests that high-value properties are under-appraised compared to low-value properties and a PRD of less than 1.00 suggests that high-value properties are over-appraised compared to low-value properties.

The 2015 median ratio for commercial property was 84.3% compared to 91.3 in 2014. The COD in 2015 was 24.5 compared to 21.7 in 2014. A total of 21 sales were used in the commercial study. The PRD for commercial property is 1.00 in 2015, in 2014 it was 1.18 compared to 1.1 in 2013.

Commercial		
Year	Median Ratio	COD
2014	84.3	21.7
2013	86.3	18
2012	88.2	14.6
2011	92.7	21.1
2010	84.2	15.2
2009	84.6	16.2
2008	98.6	14
2007	88.2	19.1
2006	96.0	19.8
2005	96.0	13.3
2004	94.0	16.4

### REAL ESTATE ASSESSED VALUES

Following is a breakdown comparing the real estate assessed values by property class between the tax years 2004 to 2016 (the numbers do not include other and not-for-profit totals which are reflected in total assessed value). The 2016 valuation numbers are not final and are through March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Year	Agricultural	Residential/Urban	Residential/Rural
2004	\$14,860,160	\$481,018,095	\$65,274,960
2005	\$15,056,080	\$527,733,290	\$70,469,515
2006	\$15,180,280	\$568,540,745	\$75,359,220
2007	\$15,029,905	\$600,613,010	\$80,162,420
2008	\$14,403,450	\$613,489,025	\$80,808,080
2009	\$13,530,450	\$608,446,270	\$81,011,800

Year	Agricultural	Residential/Urban	Residential/Rural
2010	\$13,290,985	\$614,489,755	\$80,804,222
2011	\$13,235,154	\$620,924,050	\$82,264,728
2012	\$13,910,545	\$624,509,903	\$72,576,893
2013	\$14,361,853	\$623,435,355	\$72,743,078
2014	\$15,301,357	\$628,560,642	\$83,078,748
2015	\$17,061,311	\$651,036,440	\$76,457,658
2016	\$10,271,044	\$675,393,915	\$78,195,086

\$18,040,270 in 2007. More specifically, in Baldwin City new construction amounted to 0.4% of the total new construction value. In Eudora new construction amounted to 2.3% of the total new construction value. In the City of Lawrence, new construction totaled 38.3% of the total new construction value.

### **INFORMAL MEETINGS UNDERWAY**

As of Thursday, March 31, 507 informal meetings were scheduled. The final number scheduled will not be available until after this newsletter is published. There are 359 requests for residential, agricultural or vacant parcels and 148 for commercial or income producing property. Very few decisions have been recorded at this early stage of the process. In 2015 there were 796 informal meeting requests recorded. This compares to 1,024 requests in 2014; 561 in 2013; 700 informal meetings in 2012; 940 and 569 meetings for the same timeframe in 2011 and 2010, respectively. The total number of meetings in 2009 were 951, in 2008 there were 864, in 2007 there were 1,370, 2006 had 1,196 and 1,180 in 2005. The total informal meetings in 2004 were 1,012 with 1,376 in 2003; 1,135 in 2002; 1,872 in 2001; 1,607 in 2000; 1,417 in 1999 and 1,874 in 1998.

Informal meetings began on Monday, March 21. A variety of requests and reasons for value changes have come up including some requests to increase the value. There have been several questions and appeals on agricultural land devoted to production once again due to the increase in agricultural value. Staff will consider all arguments and statements and completely research the valuation as they make their decisions. Informal meetings will continue as scheduled through May 13 and all decisions should be in the mail by end of day May 20.

For those who missed the filing deadline on March 30, there will be an opportunity to contest the valuation when the taxes are due later this year. This is referred to as a Protest of Payment of Ad Valorem Taxes. For the 2015 tax year, 220 property owners took advantage of this option. A property owner may only contest the valuation one time per year.



Year	Comm/Industrial	Farmstead	Vacant
2004	\$211,252,005	\$23,260,940	\$18,147,340
2005	\$224,868,165	\$25,175,830	\$21,901,180
2006	\$234,017,145	\$27,181,955	\$22,181,710
2007	\$244,276,195	\$28,720,085	\$22,139,575
2008	\$246,594,090	\$29,411,390	\$20,609,180
2009	\$259,937,670	\$30,525,325	\$19,892,940
2010	\$258,802,030	\$31,253,801	\$18,202,600
2011	\$259,303,110	\$32,218,232	\$18,421,834
2012	\$266,513,771	\$32,546,461	\$16,711,397
2013	\$262,964,247	\$32,871,833	\$14,879,653
2014	\$268,491,477	\$34,384,456	\$14,293,950
2015	\$278,808,117	\$35,212,670	\$16,242,697
2016	\$293,669,019	\$46,007,099	\$15,773,422

### **CITY/TOWNSHIP VALUATION DATA**

Following is the current breakdown of the real estate assessed valuation by cities and townships for 2016 compared to the 2015 values. The final numbers will not be available until after the values are certified to the County Clerk in June.

Location	2016	2015	% Diff
<b>Cities:</b>			
Baldwin	\$29,435,745	\$28,493,898	3.3%
Eudora	\$39,011,791	\$37,948,028	2.8%
Lawrence	\$896,638,720	\$855,474,936	4.8%
Lecompton	\$2,793,732	\$2,787,621	0.2%
<b>Townships:</b>			
Clinton	\$8,691,804	\$8,391,437	3.6%
Eudora	\$16,538,334	\$15,850,540	4.3%
Grant	\$8,568,930	\$8,190,721	4.6%
Kanwaka	\$19,693,331	\$18,977,723	3.8%
Lecompton	\$11,851,051	\$11,439,515	3.6%
Marion	\$11,720,507	\$10,952,344	7.0%
Palmyra	\$31,345,585	\$30,092,484	4.2%
Wakarusa	\$26,657,016	\$25,716,289	3.7%
Willow Springs	\$17,666,600	\$16,946,497	4.2%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,120,613,146</b>	<b>\$1,071,262,033</b>	<b>4.6%</b>

New construction county-wide accounts for \$11,082,960 of the 2016 total assessed amount which is about 1.0 % of the total assessed value. This number compares to \$11,377,382 in 2015; \$11,877,210 in 2014; \$19,606,877 in 2013; \$16,141,310 in 2012; \$11,751,170 in 2011; \$20,484,667 in 2010; \$10,501,159 in 2009; \$10,659,460 in 2008 and