

Unsupervised Fraud Model *On NYC Data*

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Executive Summary

In this paper, we will outline the process we used to develop and employ an unsupervised fraud detection model that can identify likely candidates of fraud within the NYC Department of Finance Property Valuation and Assessment database. Leveraging a weighted average of two fraud models, one developed as a heuristic function of z-scores, and the other using an autoencoder, we were able to mitigate any weaknesses introduced by either of the models used in isolation, further improving the expected accuracy of our fraud candidate predictions.

In our approach, we derived summary information from the data through exploratory data analysis and descriptive statistics. We assessed the distributions and frequency of numerical and categorical variables. We then algorithmically populated field values for incomplete records and created new variables that would give us sufficient information to distinguish between the anomalies and normal records.

From there, we normalized the variables and applied a dimensionality reduction technique to further derive a subset that contains the most relevant information about the data. Our first fraud score for each record was computed based on a summation of these values as a heuristic function of their z-scores. For our second model, we applied a neural network model that learned the representation of data, reconstructed it, and based on the reconstruction error observed, we computed our second fraud score. After rank ordering records based on fraud scores obtained from each of these techniques, we combined these two fraud score ranks to obtain our final score, based on which we identified the top fraud records.

The combined values produced a fraud score distribution with the vast majority of properties being ranked with a score of under 500, and a very small subset receiving scores over 500 - 2200, which was in line with our expectations for the dataset. We believe properties in the top end of this range are likely candidates for property fraud and recommend they be individually investigated by property experts within the NYC Department of Finance.

Description of Data

Our analysis was performed using the City of New York (“NYC”) Property Valuation and Assessment Data available on the NYC Open Data Portal (“Assessor’s Roll”). This data was first made publicly available on September 2, 2011 and has been updated on an as-needed basis. For the purposes of this analysis, the Assessor’s Roll data reviewed was last updated on September 10, 2018.

The primary use of the Assessor’s Roll is to assist in the determination of property tax bills for every new fiscal year; it acts as a record to help in determining the amount of property tax due, the entity responsible for paying it, and where to mail it. This is crucial to many local agencies as property taxes can make up a significant portion of their respective revenues. For example, in the fiscal year 2017, which ended on June 30, 2017, approximately 45 percent of all city tax revenues for NYC came from property taxes.

The data reviewed in this report can be found on Open Data. It is the condensed version of the Assessor’s Value Roll which includes 32 different fields for every property within NYC. Of the 32 fields, 14 fields are numeric and 18 are categorical; as of the last update (September 10, 2018), the Assessor’s Roll identified 1,070,994 properties.

An aggregate summary of the Assessor’s Roll is presented in Figure 1 below.

FIGURE 1 Field Summary

| Field | Field Type | Records | % Populated | Unique Values | Records with value zero | % with value zero |
|----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| RECORD | Categorical | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 1,070,994 | 0 | 0.00% |
| BBLE | Categorical | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 1,070,994 | 0 | 0.00% |
| B | Categorical | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 5 | 0 | 0.00% |
| BLOCK | Categorical | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 13,984 | 0 | 0.00% |
| LOT | Categorical | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 6,366 | 0 | 0.00% |
| EASEMENT | Categorical | 4,636 | 0.43% | 13 | 0 | 0.00% |
| OWNER | Categorical | 1,039,249 | 97.04% | 863,348 | 0 | 0.00% |
| BLDGCL | Categorical | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 200 | 0 | 0.00% |
| TAXCLASS | Categorical | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 11 | 0 | 0.00% |
| LTFRONT | Numeric | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 1,297 | 169,108 | 15.79% |
| LTDEPTH | Numeric | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 1,370 | 170,128 | 15.89% |
| EXT | Categorical | 354,305 | 33.08% | 4 | 0 | 0.00% |
| STORIES | Numeric | 1,014,730 | 94.75% | 112 | 0 | 0.00% |
| FULLVAL | Numeric | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 109,324 | 13,007 | 1.21% |

| Field | Field Type | Records | % Populated | Unique Values | Records with value zero | % with value zero |
|----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| AVLAND | Numeric | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 70,921 | 13,009 | 1.21% |
| AVTOT | Numeric | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 112,914 | 13,007 | 1.21% |
| EXLAND | Numeric | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 33,419 | 13,007 | 1.21% |
| EXTOT | Numeric | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 64,255 | 432,572 | 40.39% |
| EXCD1 | Categorical | 638,488 | 59.62% | 130 | 0 | 0.00% |
| STADDR | Categorical | 1,070,318 | 99.94% | 839,281 | 0 | 0.00% |
| ZIP | Categorical | 1,041,104 | 97.21% | 197 | 0 | 0.00% |
| EXMPTCL | Categorical | 15,579 | 1.45% | 15 | 0 | 0.00% |
| BLDFRONT | Numeric | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 612 | 228,815 | 21.36% |
| BLDDEPTH | Numeric | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 621 | 22,853 | 2.13% |
| AVLAND2 | Numeric | 282,726 | 26.40% | 58,592 | 0 | 0.00% |
| AVTOT2 | Numeric | 282,732 | 26.40% | 111,361 | 0 | 0.00% |
| EXLAND2 | Numeric | 87,449 | 8.17% | 44,196 | 0 | 0.00% |
| EXTOT2 | Numeric | 130,828 | 12.22% | 48,349 | 0 | 0.00% |
| EXCD2 | Categorical | 92,948 | 8.68% | 61 | 0 | 0.00% |
| PERIOD | Categorical | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 1 | 0 | 0.00% |
| YEAR | Categorical | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 1 | 0 | 0.00% |
| VALTYPE | Categorical | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 1 | 0 | 0.00% |

For the purposes of this report, we have mainly utilized numeric variables in our analysis, so summary statistics for the numeric variables are presented below in Figure 2.

FIGURE 2 Numeric Variables Statistics Summary

| Field | Records | Unique Values | Mean | Median | Mode | Min | Max | Std. Dev. |
|----------|-----------|---------------|---------|---------|-------|-----|---------------------|------------|
| LTFRONT | 1,070,994 | 1,297 | 36.64 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 9,999 | 74.03 |
| LTDEPTH | 1,070,994 | 1,370 | 88.86 | 100 | 100 | 0 | 9,999 | 76.40 |
| STORIES | 1,014,730 | 112 | 5.01 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 119 | 8.37 |
| FULLVAL | 1,070,994 | 109,324 | 874,264 | 447,000 | 0 | 0 | 6.1x10 ⁹ | 11,582,431 |
| AVLAND | 1,070,994 | 70,921 | 85,067 | 13,678 | 0 | 0 | 2.6x10 ⁹ | 4,057,260 |
| AVTOT | 1,070,994 | 112,914 | 227,238 | 25,340 | 0 | 0 | 4.6x10 ⁹ | 6,877,529 |
| EXLAND | 1,070,994 | 33,419 | 36,423 | 1,620 | 0 | 0 | 2.6x10 ⁹ | 3,981,575 |
| EXTOT | 1,070,994 | 64,255 | 91,186 | 1,620 | 0 | 0 | 4.6x10 ⁹ | 6,508,402 |
| BLDFRONT | 1,070,994 | 612 | 23.04 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 7,575 | 35.58 |
| BLDDEPTH | 1,070,994 | 621 | 39.92 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 9,393 | 42.71 |
| AVLAND2 | 282,726 | 58,592 | 246,235 | 20,145 | 2,408 | 3 | 2.3x10 ⁹ | 6,178,962 |
| AVTOT2 | 282,732 | 111,361 | 713,911 | 79,963 | 750 | 3 | 4.5x10 ⁹ | 11,652,529 |
| EXLAND2 | 87,449 | 44,196 | 351,235 | 3,048 | 2,090 | 1 | 2.3x10 ⁹ | 10,802,213 |
| EXTOT2 | 130,828 | 48,349 | 656,768 | 37,062 | 2,090 | 7 | 4.5x10 ⁹ | 16,072,510 |

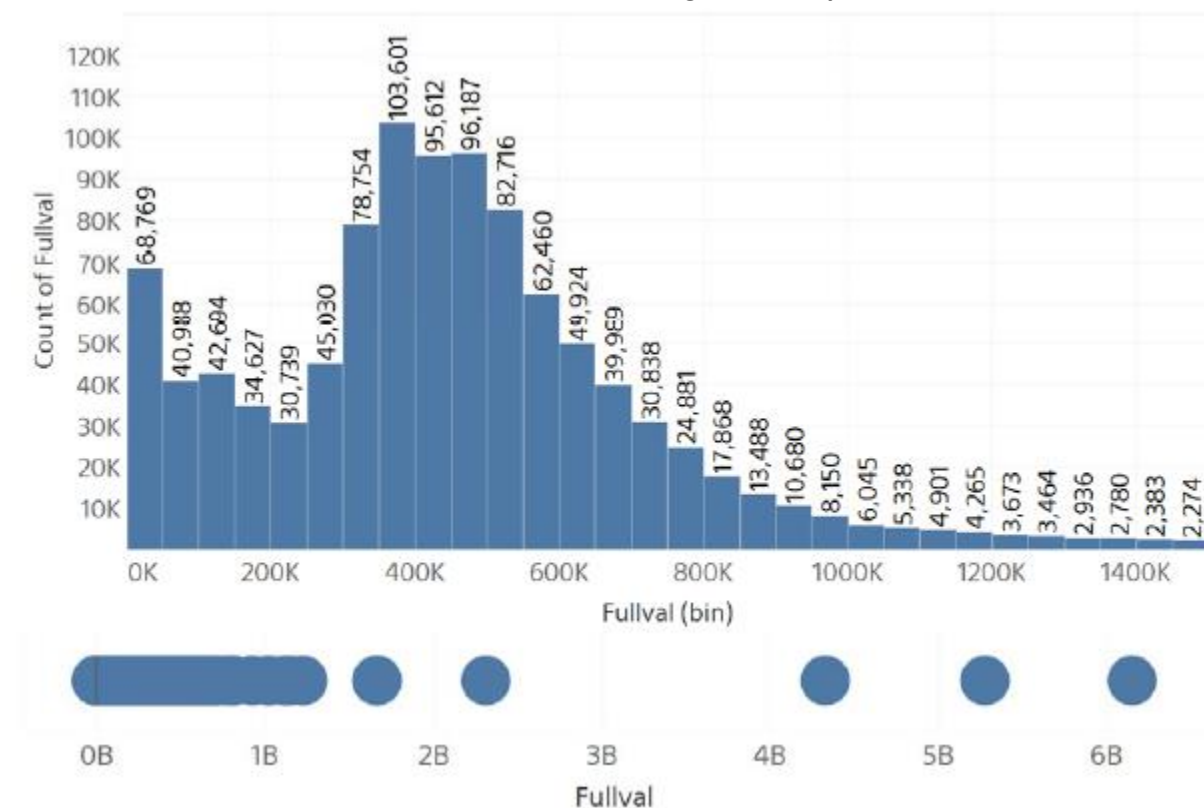
Summary Distributions of Most Important Variables

Below, we have identified several fields that were critical for our analysis: FULLVAL, AVLAND, and AVTOT. These are the primary variables that we used to identify outliers and predicted fraud. Details about these values and their distributions within the dataset are as follows:

FULLVAL

The FULLVAL field represents the total market value of a property. It is a numeric field which appears to have a bimodal distribution and is heavily right skewed, as shown in Figure 3 below. The boxplot at the bottom of Figure 3 supports the existence of a heavy right skew of the data distribution due to a few outliers in the billions. There is an upper whisker at 818,734 which results in 135,798 outliers.

FIGURE 3 FULLVAL Histogram & Boxplot

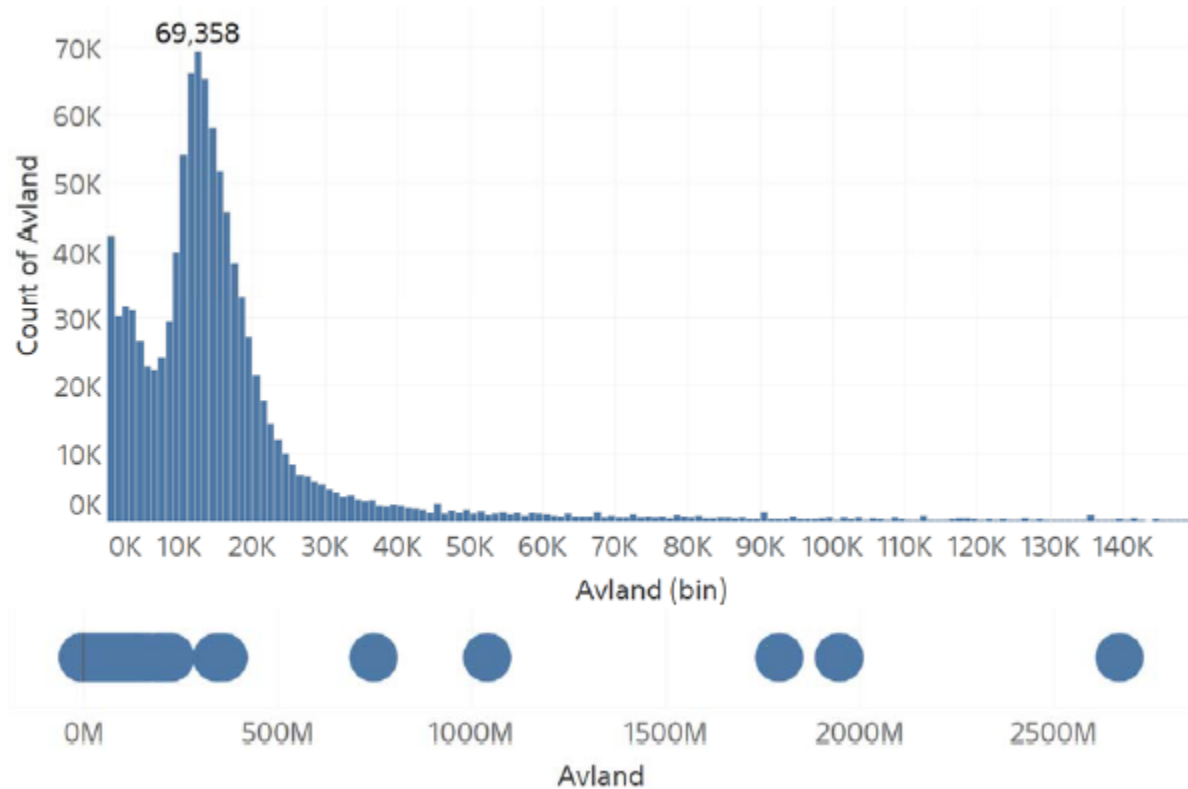


AVLAND

AVLAND is the current year's total market value of the land. It is a numeric field and appears to have a bimodal distribution and has a heavy right skew as shown in Figure 4 below.

The boxplot at the bottom of Figure 4 supports the existence of a heavy skew to the right due to a few outliers in the billions. There is an upper whisker at 192,998 which results in 39,315 outliers.

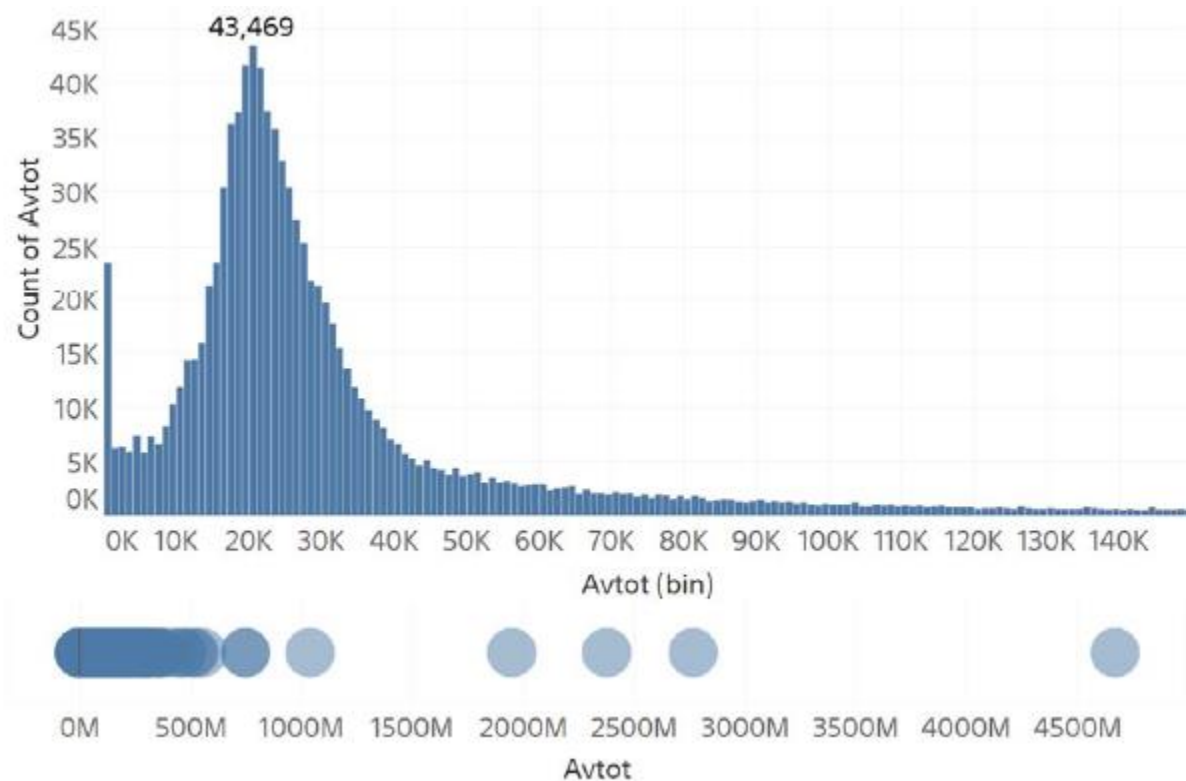
FIGURE 4 AVLAND Histogram & Boxplot



AVTOT

AVTOT is the current year's total market value of the property. It is a numeric field and appears to have a bimodal distribution and has a heavy right skew as shown in Figure 5 below. The boxplot at the bottom of Figure 5 supports the existence of a heavy skew to the right due to a few outliers in the billions. There is an upper whisker at 335,025 which results in 62,127 outliers.

FIGURE 5 AVTOT Histogram & Boxplot



Please refer to Appendix 1 for the complete Data Quality Report (“DQR”) on the NYC Property Valuation and Assessment Data. The DQR presents comprehensive detailing of each of the individual variables as well as their distributions and more information about the dataset in general.

Data Cleaning

The NYC Property and Valuation data included missing values for many fields. Since the focus of the analysis is primarily related nine (9) fields (FULLVAL, AVLAND, AVTOT, STORIES, LTFRONT, LTDEPTH, BLDFRONT, BLDDEPTH, AND ZIP), extensive effort was put forth into determining reasonable estimates for missing values. Up to 251,019 properties had missing data in one of the nine (9) fields. Figure 6 shows the count of missing data for each of these fields.

FIGURE 6 Missing Data

| Field | Count for Missing Data |
|----------|------------------------|
| FULLVAL | 13,007 |
| AVLAND | 13,009 |
| AVTOT | 13,007 |
| STORIES | 56,264 |
| LTFRONT | 169,108 |
| LTDEPTH | 170,128 |
| BLDFRONT | 228,815 |
| BLDDEPTH | 228,853 |
| ZIP | 29,890 |

We utilized both Python and Visual FoxPro (VFP) in order to create new variables/fields and fill in missing values or replace zeros (0) that misrepresented the property. For example, LTDEPTH and LTFRONT did not make sense with values at zero (0) and had to be replaced with an estimate. The strategy was to group properties by their nearest neighbors of the same building class and then fill in any missing values. If there were still zeros or missing values, the groupings would escalate to the next level going from locality at street name to ZIP code then borough, and finally citywide.

Using VFP, the street number, direction, and name were parsed out into separate fields, situs_num, situs_dir, and situs_name, respectively. From there, filling in zeros and missing values followed the process below:

1. Fill in ZIP Code based on the median of groupings by Borough, Block, and Situs_name
2. Fill in ZIP Code based on the median of groupings by Borough and Block
3. Fill in FULLVAL, AVTOT, AVLAND, LTFRONT, LTDEPTH, BLDFRONT, and BLDDEPTH based on the following (every subsequent level is an escalation to fill in any remaining zeros or missing values):
 - a. Groupings by Borough, Block, Situs_name, and BLDGCL
 - i. For BLDGCL = A2, A3, A4, A5, and A5 us the mean
 - ii. For all other BLDGCL, use the median
 - b. Median by groupings by ZIP and BLDCL

- c. Median by groupings by Borough and BLDGL
- d. Median by groupings by BLDGCL

After applying the process to fill in missing values, we were able to reduce the number of properties with missing values in one of the nine (9) fields to zero (0).

Variable Creation

To assess the market value of property, we considered the land and property value, and total units of building as our most important variables. New features such as building area, lot area, building volume are created as these values would highlight the dimensions of the property. Then we computed 9 ratios of value per two-dimensional or three-dimensional quantity measure to assess the value of the property per unit quantity measure. Ratios are aggregated over groups such as ZIP, TAXCLASS, borough to find out the average values of these ratios across each location, district and TAXCLASS. At last, we standardize these ratios based on the obtained 5 scale factors and further form 45 variables.

FIGURE 7 Variable Creation

| No. | Variable | No. | Variable | No. | Variable |
|-----|---|-----|----------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|
| 1 | $V_1 = \text{FULLVAL}$ | 21 | $r_2 / \langle r_2 \rangle_{g1}$ | 41 | $r_6 / \langle r_6 \rangle_{g1}$ |
| 2 | $V_2 = \text{AVLAND}$ | 22 | $r_2 / \langle r_2 \rangle_{g2}$ | 42 | $r_6 / \langle r_6 \rangle_{g2}$ |
| 3 | $V_3 = \text{AVTOT}$ | 23 | $r_2 / \langle r_2 \rangle_{g3}$ | 43 | $r_6 / \langle r_6 \rangle_{g3}$ |
| 4 | $S_1 = \text{LFTFRONT} * \text{LTDEPTH}$ | 24 | $r_2 / \langle r_2 \rangle_{g4}$ | 44 | $r_6 / \langle r_6 \rangle_{g4}$ |
| 5 | $S_2 = \text{BLDFRONT} * \text{BLDDEPTH}$ | 25 | $r_2 / \langle r_2 \rangle_{g5}$ | 45 | $r_6 / \langle r_6 \rangle_{g5}$ |
| 6 | $S_3 = S_2 * \text{STORIES}$ | 26 | $r_3 / \langle r_3 \rangle_{g1}$ | 46 | $r_7 / \langle r_7 \rangle_{g1}$ |
| 7 | $r_1 = V_1 / S_1$ | 27 | $r_3 / \langle r_3 \rangle_{g2}$ | 47 | $r_7 / \langle r_7 \rangle_{g2}$ |
| 8 | $r_2 = V_1 / S_2$ | 28 | $r_3 / \langle r_3 \rangle_{g3}$ | 48 | $r_7 / \langle r_7 \rangle_{g3}$ |
| 9 | $r_3 = V_1 / S_3$ | 29 | $r_3 / \langle r_3 \rangle_{g4}$ | 49 | $r_7 / \langle r_7 \rangle_{g4}$ |
| 10 | $r_4 = V_2 / S_1$ | 30 | $r_3 / \langle r_3 \rangle_{g5}$ | 50 | $r_7 / \langle r_7 \rangle_{g5}$ |
| 11 | $r_5 = V_2 / S_2$ | 31 | $r_4 / \langle r_4 \rangle_{g1}$ | 51 | $r_8 / \langle r_8 \rangle_{g1}$ |
| 12 | $r_6 = V_2 / S_3$ | 32 | $r_4 / \langle r_4 \rangle_{g2}$ | 52 | $r_8 / \langle r_8 \rangle_{g2}$ |
| 13 | $r_7 = V_3 / S_1$ | 33 | $r_4 / \langle r_4 \rangle_{g3}$ | 53 | $r_8 / \langle r_8 \rangle_{g3}$ |

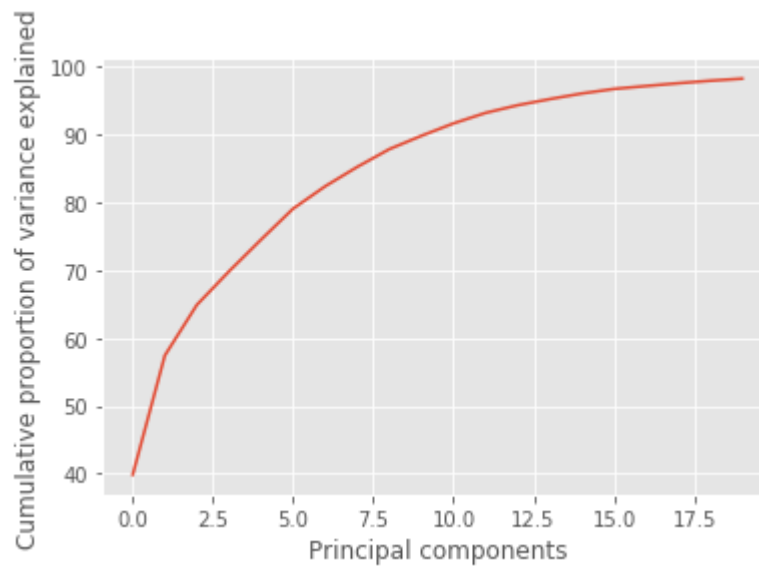
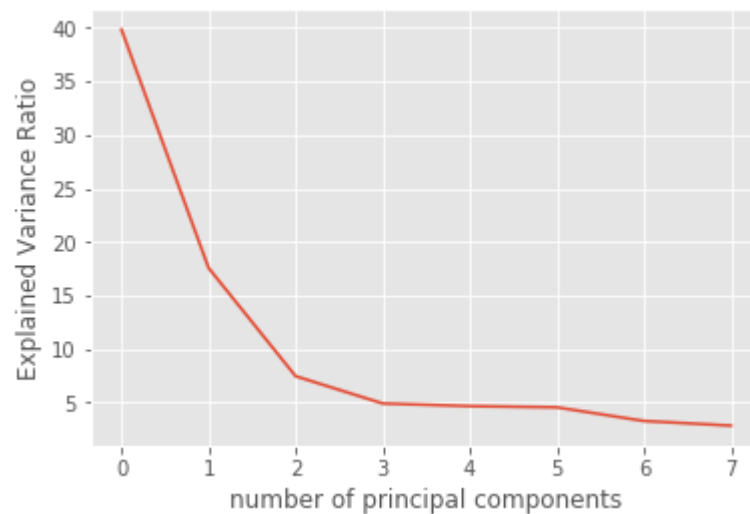
| No. | Variable | No. | Variable | No. | Variable |
|-----|----------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|
| 14 | $r_8 = V_3 / S_2$ | 34 | $r_4 / \langle r_4 \rangle_{g4}$ | 54 | $r_8 / \langle r_8 \rangle_{g4}$ |
| 15 | $r_9 = V_3 / V_3$ | 35 | $r_4 / \langle r_4 \rangle_{g5}$ | 55 | $r_8 / \langle r_8 \rangle_{g5}$ |
| 16 | $r_1 / \langle r_1 \rangle_{g1}$ | 36 | $r_5 / \langle r_5 \rangle_{g1}$ | 56 | $r_9 / \langle r_9 \rangle_{g1}$ |
| 17 | $r_1 / \langle r_1 \rangle_{g2}$ | 37 | $r_5 / \langle r_5 \rangle_{g2}$ | 57 | $r_9 / \langle r_9 \rangle_{g2}$ |
| 18 | $r_1 / \langle r_1 \rangle_{g3}$ | 38 | $r_5 / \langle r_5 \rangle_{g3}$ | 58 | $r_9 / \langle r_9 \rangle_{g3}$ |
| 19 | $r_1 / \langle r_1 \rangle_{g4}$ | 39 | $r_5 / \langle r_5 \rangle_{g4}$ | 59 | $r_9 / \langle r_9 \rangle_{g4}$ |
| 20 | $r_1 / \langle r_1 \rangle_{g5}$ | 40 | $r_5 / \langle r_5 \rangle_{g5}$ | 60 | $r_9 / \langle r_9 \rangle_{g5}$ |

Dimensionality Reduction

The main tool used for dimensionality reduction is Principal Components Analysis (“PCA”). PCA is a common dimensionality reduction algorithm that finds the dominant directions in a given set of data and rotates the coordinate system along these directions by creating new variables, called principal components (“PC’s”). These PC’s are orthogonal and ordered by the variance explained from the original data set. Put simply, each PC is a linear combination of the original variables so it can be thought of as a rotated axis from the original data set. When doing PCA, the PC’s are ordered by the variance that they explain so PC1 explains a greater amount of the variance of the dataset than PC2 and so on. Therefore, PCA is a very useful tool because one can select a subset of the PC’s that explain the majority of the variance/information in the dataset.

This is a critical step in the analysis as the expert variables that were created were many in number and were correlated to each other. Since PCA essentially creates a new coordinate system using a linear combination of the variables and is orthogonal, mathematically, the PC’s are considering the correlations of the different expert variables and representing them in a much more succinct manner. Therefore, there is a dual-benefit of using PCA as a means of dimensionality reduction as it also takes into account the correlations between the different variables.

Specifically, for this analysis, we performed PCA on the set of expert variables that were created in the last step. To best determine the number of PC’s to utilize, we performed PCA with 20 components initially so that we can generate a scree plot and check the eigenvalues of each of the PC’s to see which number of PC’s has the best balance of explaining the most variance and reducing the dimensionality considerably.

FIGURE 8 Cumulative explained variance**FIGURE 9 PCA Scree Plot**

As shown Figures 8 and 9, the biggest drop-off in the variance explained in the PC's ranges occurs anywhere from 6 to 10 PC's. For this analysis, we determined that 8 PC's are the best trade-off between dimensionality reduction and variance explained, as 8 PC's explain around 85% of the variance in the dataset.

We then re-performed our analysis using 8 PC's to obtain a dataset with greatly reduced dimensionality versus the original dataset, while still maintaining a bulk of the information. However, due to the PCA's functionality which orders the PC's in decreasing importance, it is imperative that we reclassify the PC's

to have an equal amount of weight distributed amongst themselves. To achieve this, z-scoring has been performed on the resulting PC's to rescale them, making the weight amongst the 8 various PC's equal.

Algorithms

There are two main algorithms that we utilized to calculate our fraud detection score: a heuristic function of the z-scores, and an Autoencoder. The outputs of these two algorithms were then combined using a weighted average rank order to obtain the final fraud score.

Model 1: Heuristic Function of Z-Scores

After performing the PCA and scaling the variables using z-scoring, our selected PC's are each of equal importance. One of the benefits of using z-scoring and PCA is that the current score for each of the individual PC's shows how many standard deviations the current data point is from the mean. Therefore, for the first fraud score, due to the equal weights of the PC's and the nature of the problem, the heuristic function for this analysis is a sum of the absolute values of the different components. This can be written mathematically as:

$$s_i = \sum_8 |z^i_s|$$

For the purposes of this analysis, there were other options that could be considered for the heuristic function such as taking the sum of the absolute squares of the different PC components. However, using the absolute squares approach, this would inflate the impact of any one particular PC component outlier. For this analysis, it is deemed more appropriate to take the absolute sums of the different PC's so that if there were records that were consistently marginal outliers, then the sum of those outliers would flag that record as suspicious as opposed to only flagging records where a large outlier occurred in any one PC, which alone may have been caused by a typo or recording error.

After the construction of this algorithm and applying it on the z-scored PC's, the fraud score for each of the records were computed. From there, we rank ordered the fraud scores in descending order with the highest numbers signaling records that we identified most likely to be fraudulent.

Model 2: Autoencoder

Autoencoders encode the data into a handful of significant features, essentially retains the information of the dataset in the hidden layer, and further decodes this back to a reconstructed form of the original data. Based on the reconstruction error (distance measures), we make a judgment on the presence of outliers. It's commonly used in reducing dimensionality and noise, but one of its important applications is anomaly detection. Typically, identifying data points that have different information compared to

other data points could be potential fraud transactions. Usually, a given dataset would have mostly normal instances with a few anomalies, autoencoders would have a reconstruction error on these anomalies, thus making it easy for us to detect possible fraud transactions. The autoencoders are trained and tested on the same set of data points, feeding in the input data as labels.

Autoencoders comprises of input and output layers, with encoding, hidden and decoding layers in between. The encoding layers encode the large data fed into it and reduces its dimensionality or compresses it to an encoded format via multiple encoding layers, thus storing the compressed data in a hidden layer. Then, this encoded data is gradually decoded, trying to replicate the input data, but with some reconstruction error in the output.

After constructing the neural network layers using the Keras Library, we trained the model on our input data such that it learned the data encodings in an unsupervised manner and resulted in a reconstructed form on the input data. The input data values were further subtracted from the output data values to find out the records that did not get reproduced well. Thus, this measure of reconstruction error is used in our fraud score.

Final Fraud Score

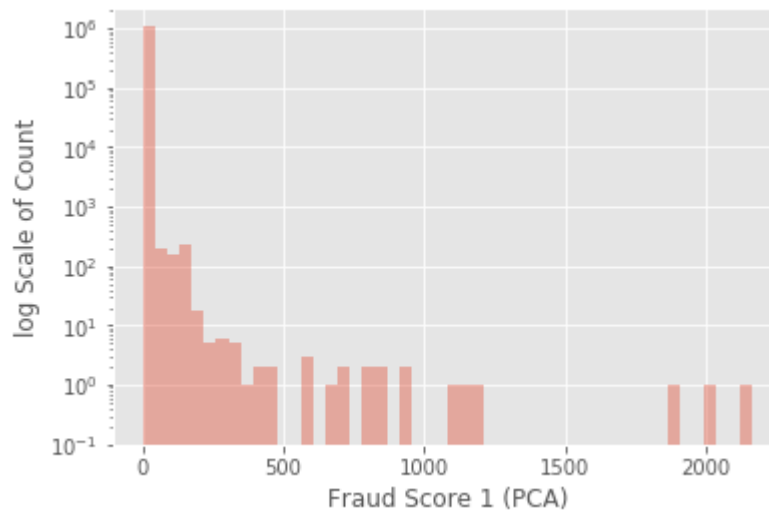
For the final fraud score, since both fraud scores were quantile binned, both of the fraud scores are on equal footing. Essentially, the quantile binning consisted of a ranked list in a descending order. Therefore, for the final fraud score, a weighted average rank order is constructed. To best determine the weights of the weighted average for the final fraud score, we decided to put equal weight on our Heuristic and Autoencoder scores, since both methods are equally valid for detecting anomalies that deviate away from average. Using an equal weight of 0.5 on the autoencoder and heuristic scores, our final calculation can be written mathematically as:

$$\begin{aligned} S_3 &= w_1 s_1 + w_2 s_2 \\ S_3 &= 0.5s_1 + 0.5s_2 \\ \text{with } w_1 + w_2 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Results

After performing the dimensionality reduction techniques, both of the algorithms were constructed with the quantile binning/rank ordering performed.

As shown in Figure 10 below, the histogram Fraud Score #1 (Heuristic Function) is illustrated.

FIGURE 10 Distribution of Fraud Score 1 based on PCA

The histogram shows that there are a significant number of properties with fraud scores over 500. Below is a table with the top ten most fraudulent properties as identified by PCA.

FIGURE 11 Top 10 highest fraud scores 1 based on the PCA

| Record | Rank | FS1 | PC1 | PC2 | PC3 | PC4 | PC5 | PC6 | PC7 | PC8 |
|---------|------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|-------------|
| 632816 | 1 | 2167.63 | 576.53 | -173.31 | -558.56 | 265.66 | 355.42 | 53.63 | 63.12 | 121.41 |
| 565392 | 2 | 2011.09 | 214.48 | 546.95 | 86.11 | -334.52 | 357.34 | -245.27 | -18.87 | - 207.56 |
| 917942 | 3 | 1894.77 | 441.34 | -37.52 | 697.85 | 423.75 | 127.84 | 51.41 | 20.85 | 94.21 |
| 111420 | 4 | 1207.13 | -0.12 | 0.52 | 12.64 | -95.59 | 82.28 | 284.37 | 621.02 | - 110.59 |
| 1067360 | 5 | 1131.96 | 34.06 | 378.10 | -84.74 | 109.75 | -69.53 | 55.64 | 20.03 | 380.11 |
| 67129 | 6 | 1093.39 | 186.40 | 51.55 | 191.11 | -258.90 | -259.38 | -52.03 | 70.69 | 23.33 |
| 585118 | 7 | 947.14 | 169.50 | -42.67 | 90.34 | -107.49 | -318.44 | -10.09 | 80.15 | 128.46 |
| 565398 | 8 | 937.24 | 389.18 | -62.13 | 118.64 | -66.31 | -109.64 | -15.71 | -46.24 | - 129.38 |

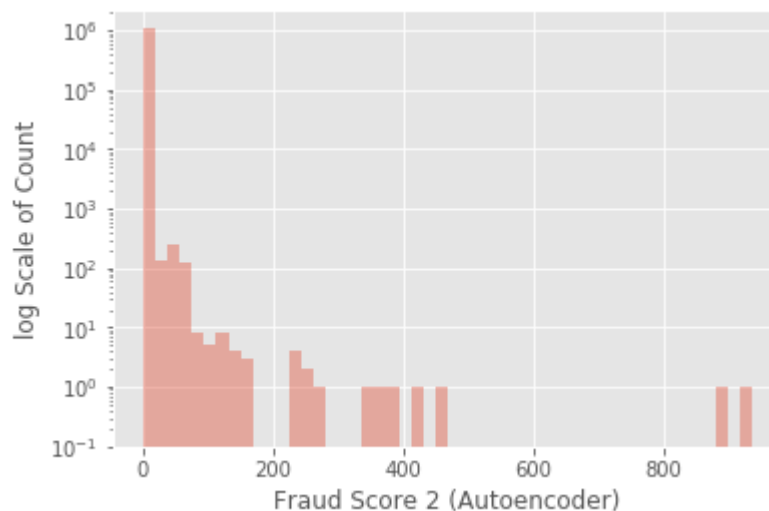
| Record | Rank | FS1 | PC1 | PC2 | PC3 | PC4 | PC5 | PC6 | PC7 | PC8 |
|--------|------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 230596 | 9 | 866.23 | 18.95 | 219.54 | -53.96 | 59.60 | -42.91 | 23.17 | 32.37 | 415.73 |
| 111426 | 10 | 844.34 | 0.01 | 0.97 | 10.35 | -71.70 | 60.86 | 208.94 | 420.25 | -71.26 |

FIGURE 12 Top 10 highest fraud scores 1 based on the PCA

| Record | Rank | Owner | Address | FS1 |
|---------|---------|------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| 632816 | 1070994 | 864163 REALTY, LLC | 86-55 BROADWAY | 2167.63 |
| 565392 | 1070993 | U S GOVERNMENT OWNRD | FLATBUSH AVENUE | 2011.09 |
| 917942 | 1070992 | LOGAN PROPERTY, INC. | 154-68 BROOKVILLE BOULEVARD | 1894.77 |
| 111420 | 1070991 | BOXWOOD FLTD PARNTERS | 1438 3 AVENUE | 1207.13 |
| 1067360 | 1070990 | | 20 EMILY COURT | 1131.96 |
| 67129 | 1070989 | CULTURAL AFFAIRS | 1000 5 AVENUE | 1093.39 |
| 585118 | 1070988 | NEW YORK CITY ECONOMIC | 28-10 QUEENS PLAZA SOUTH | 947.14 |
| 565398 | 1070987 | DEPT OF GENERAL SERVI | FLATBUSH AVENUE | 937.24 |
| 230596 | 1070986 | | BELL AVENUE | 866.23 |
| 111426 | 1070985 | 969 PARK CORP | 969 PARK AVENUE | 844.34 |

As shown in Figure 13 below, the histogram Fraud Score #2 is illustrated.

FIGURE 13 Distribution of Fraud Score 2 based on Autoencoder



Unlike the PCA, the fraud score based on the autoencoder shows that there aren't as many significant fraud scores over 500. Below is a table with the top ten most fraudulent properties as identified by the autoencoder.

FIGURE 14 Top 10 highest fraud scores 2 based on the Autoencoder

| Record | Rank | Fraud Score 2 |
|--------|------|---------------|
| 917941 | 1 | 937.760887 |
| 632815 | 2 | 884.909133 |
| 565391 | 3 | 467.300467 |
| 67128 | 4 | 422.655102 |
| 585117 | 5 | 384.621593 |
| 111419 | 6 | 369.916942 |
| 585438 | 7 | 339.987429 |
| 585119 | 8 | 269.9684 |
| 920627 | 9 | 257.831366 |
| 565397 | 10 | 253.580137 |

FIGURE 15 Top 10 highest fraud scores 2

| Record | Rank | owner | Address | Fraud Score 2 |
|---------|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 917942 | 1070994 | LOGAN PROPERTY, INC. | 154-68 BROOKVILLE BOULEVARD | 937.760887 |
| 632816 | 1070993 | 864163 REALTY, LLC | 86-55 BROADWAY | 884.909133 |
| 565392 | 1070992 | U S GOVERNMENT OWNRD | FLATBUSH AVENUE | 467.300467 |
| 67129 | 1070991 | CULTURAL AFFAIRS | 1000 5 AVENUE | 422.655102 |
| 585118 | 1070990 | NEW YORK CITY ECONOMI | 28-10 QUEENS PLAZA SOUTH | 384.621593 |
| 585439 | 1070989 | 11-01 43RD AVENUE REA | 11-01 43 AVENUE | 369.916942 |
| 565398 | 1070988 | DEPT OF GENERAL SERVI | FLATBUSH AVENUE | 339.987429 |
| 920628 | 1070987 | PLUCHENIK, YAAKOV | 7-06 ELVIRA AVENUE | 269.9684 |
| 585120 | 1070986 | | 28 STREET | 257.831366 |
| 1067001 | 1070985 | DRANOVSKY, VLADIMIR | 238 BEDELL AVENUE | 253.580137 |

After taking the weighted average of the rankings, we were left a new fraud score and rankings. Below is Figure 16 with the distribution of the Final Fraud Score.

FIGURE 16 Distribution of Final Fraud Score

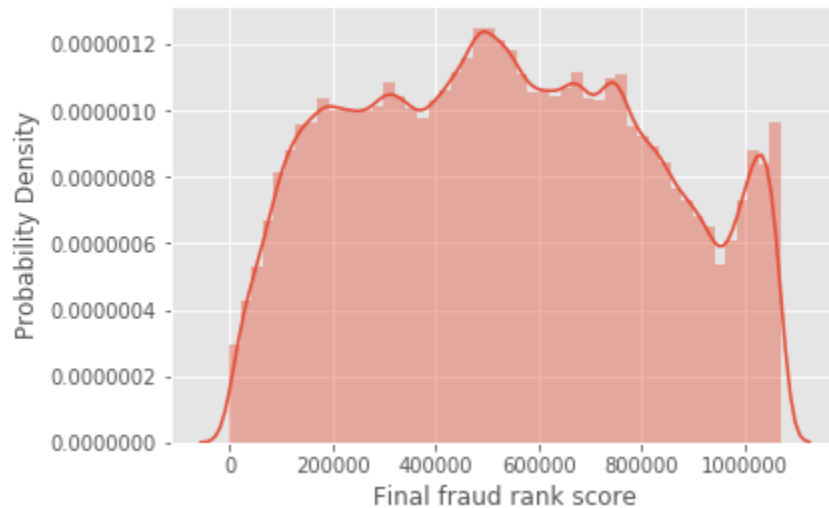


FIGURE 17 Top 10 Final Fraud Score

| Record | Rank | Address | Owner | Fraud Score |
|---------|------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| 632816 | 1 | 86-55 BROADWAY | 864163 REALTY, LLC | 1070993.5 |
| 917942 | 2 | 154-68 BROOKVILLE BOULEVARD | LOGAN PROPERTY, INC. | 1070993 |
| 565392 | 3 | FLATBUSH AVENUE | U S GOVERNMENT OWNRD | 1070992.5 |
| 111420 | 4 | 1438 3 AVENUE | BOXWOOD FLTD PARNTERS | 1070990 |
| 67129 | 5 | 1000 5 AVENUE | CULTURAL AFFAIRS | 1070990 |
| 585118 | 6 | 28-10 QUEENS PLAZA SOUTH | NEW YORK CITY ECONOMI | 1070989 |
| 585439 | 7 | 11-01 43 AVENUE | 11-01 43RD AVENUE REA | 1070986 |
| 565398 | 8 | FLATBUSH AVENUE | DEPT OF GENERAL SERVI | 1070986 |
| 111426 | 9 | 969 PARK AVENUE | 969 PARK CORP | 1070984.5 |
| 1067360 | 10 | 20 EMILY COURT | | 1070984 |

Below is a review of each of the top 10 most likely fraudulent properties based on the Final Fraud Score. Figure 18 shows the z-scores for each of the primary fields.

FIGURE 18 Z-Score Distribution for the Top 10 Fraud Scores

| Record | Rank | FULLVAL | AVLAND | AVTOT | LTFRONT | LTDEPTH | BLDFRONT | BLDDEPTH | STORIES |
|---------|------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|----------|----------|---------|
| 632816 | 1 | 0.17 | 0.30 | 0.16 | 0.71 | -0.19 | -0.72 | -1.12 | -0.48 |
| 917942 | 2 | 31.79 | 441.08 | 673.53 | 35.81 | -0.15 | -0.24 | -0.42 | -0.23 |
| 565392 | 3 | 368.51 | 478.98 | 280.86 | 0.41 | -0.09 | 0.39 | 1.27 | -0.48 |
| 111420 | 4 | -0.05 | -0.02 | -0.01 | 0.10 | -0.21 | 158.55 | 186.15 | 3.15 |
| 67129 | 5 | 523.89 | 656.54 | 399.27 | 5.75 | -0.14 | -0.20 | 0.46 | 1.22 |
| 585118 | 6 | 0.22 | 0.36 | 0.19 | 1.75 | 2.14 | -0.72 | -1.12 | 1.82 |
| 585439 | 7 | 0.24 | 0.04 | 0.21 | 0.24 | 0.34 | -0.72 | -1.12 | 0.61 |
| 565398 | 8 | 196.80 | 255.84 | 150.01 | 2.99 | 6.75 | -0.34 | -0.30 | -0.35 |
| 111426 | 9 | 1.66 | 1.11 | 1.29 | 0.84 | 0.55 | 157.77 | 186.05 | 0.85 |
| 1067360 | 10 | -0.01 | -0.01 | -0.03 | -0.45 | -0.91 | 0.01 | -0.24 | -0.35 |

Below is a review of each of the top 10 most fraudulent properties based on the Final Fraud Score:

Record: 632816

Record 632816 is considered the most likely fraudulent property. Although its valuation (FULLVAL, AVLAND, and AVTOT) were not outliers, its building area (BLDFRONT*BLDDEPTH, which would be 1 due to both fields equaling 1) make the property an outlier by price per building square footage. It is highly unlikely that the building would actually be 1 square foot. A closer look at the exemption codes reveals that the property receives an exemption for school tax relief.

Record: 917942

Record 917942 is considered the second most likely fraudulent property. It's valuation far exceeds the mean and median valuations. Furthermore, LTDEPTH, BLDFRONT, and BLDDEPTH values were originally zero (0) and filled with median values through the data cleaning process. Thus, it would be reasonable to see that the valuations per area also exceed both the average and median.

However, it may be reasonable to expect that this property would be an outlier as the exemption code classifies it as an airfield. Airfields are likely to have a large lot size relative to building square footage. Although Record 917942 only has LTFRONT filled, its massive AVLAND is likely due to the actual size of the property.

Record: 565392

Record 565392 is considered the third most likely fraudulent property. Similar to Record 917942, it's valuation far exceeds the mean and median valuations. Furthermore, it also has zero (0) for building area information and replacing it with the median would only result in value per square footage far exceeding both the average and median. The exemption code classifies the property as a park, and thus, the building square footage may actually be zero square feet. Leaving the square footage at zero, however, would not change the property from being flagged as fraudulent.

Record: 111420

Record 111420 is considered the fourth most likely fraudulent property. This property has high valuations and although it has high values for a building square footage, it's low lot square footage to flag the property for extremely high valuations for lot square footage. Furthermore, this property's extremely high building square footage may be the factor that triggers it to be considered fraudulent. Unlike the other school tax relief properties, this property has building area information given. Thus, more research may be required to discern whether or not this property is truly fraudulent or if it is following a rule regarding School Tax Relief properties.

Record: 67129

Record 67129 is considered the fifth most likely fraudulent property. It has a high valuation that far exceeds the mean and median valuations. Furthermore, it has zero (0) for building area information and replacing it with the median would only result in value per square footage far exceeding both average and median. The exemption code classifies the property as a park, and thus, the building square footage may actually be zero square feet. Leaving the square footage at zero, however, would not change the property from being flagged as fraudulent.

Record: 585118

Record 585118 is considered the sixth most likely fraudulent property. Similar to record 632816, this property has high valuations and a building square footage of 1 square foot. This would result in a high valuation per square foot and flag the property as fraudulent. This property also has the same

exemption code (School Tax Relief), which may be why the building square footage was inputted at 1 for both BLDFRONT and BLDDEPTH.

Record: 585439

Record 585439 is considered the seventh most likely fraudulent property. Similar to record 632816, this property has high valuations and a building square footage of 1 square foot. This would result in a high valuation per square foot and flag the property as fraudulent. Unlike the other properties classified as School Tax Relief, this property is classified as IND/Special Ex, which is currently unknown.

Record: 565398

Record 565398 is considered the eighth most likely fraudulent property. Similar to record 917942, this property has high valuations and zero (0) in both BLDFRONT and BLDDEPTH. Thus, replacing building area with median values would result in high valuations per square foot and flag the property as fraudulent. The property is currently classified as Port Terminals and that may explain why it is valued so highly.

Record: 111426

Record 111426 is considered the ninth most likely fraudulent property. This property has a high valuation and high building square footage. It is likely flagged for having high building square footage. The relative valuations per square footage as a result, may be very low and also flag the property being fraudulent. The property is considered veteran property by the exemption code and it is currently unknown whether or not that has any implications to the estimation of the valuations.

Record: 1067360

Record 1067360 is considered the tenth most likely fraudulent property. This property has a low lot square footage of 1 square foot. This is likely to result in a high valuation per lot square foot and flag the property as fraudulent. Unlike the other school tax relief properties, this property has building area information given. Thus, more research may be required to discern whether or not this property is truly fraudulent or if it is following a rule regarding School Tax Relief properties.

Conclusions

In this project, we leveraged the unsupervised learning method to detect the top 10 possible frauds among the NY Property Valuation and Assessment database. Using dimensionality reduction technology and z-scaling approach, we calculated two fraud scores, one with the heuristic function of z-scores and other with an autoencoder, for every property to eventually generate a final fraud score.

Most of the fraudulent properties are related to public properties such as schools and parks. These types of properties have either larger than normal lot square footage or building square footage, making the actual valuation of square footage far below the average. Furthermore, some properties only have

Lot or building square footages equal to one (1). There may be a specific reason for this and may require further exploration beyond the existing data.

However, with more time, we can develop a table to assist in identifying government properties and exclude them from the analysis. Doing so may change results into focusing on either or both commercial/industrial and residential properties. More time would also allow us to acquire external data sets to bring in and improve our analysis. Lastly, further clarification of project goals and scope may help drive us to focus on specific segments and isolate the potential frauds that we'd want to look at.

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Data Quality Report

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Introduction

This Data Quality Report ("DQR" or "Report") is a review of the City of New York ("NYC") Property Valuation and Assessment Data ("Assessor's Roll") available on the NYC Open Data portal. The Assessor's Roll was first made publicly available on September 2, 2011 and has been updated on an as-needed basis. For the purpose of this Report, the Assessor's Roll data reviewed was last updated September 10, 2018.

A. Purpose of the Assessor's Roll

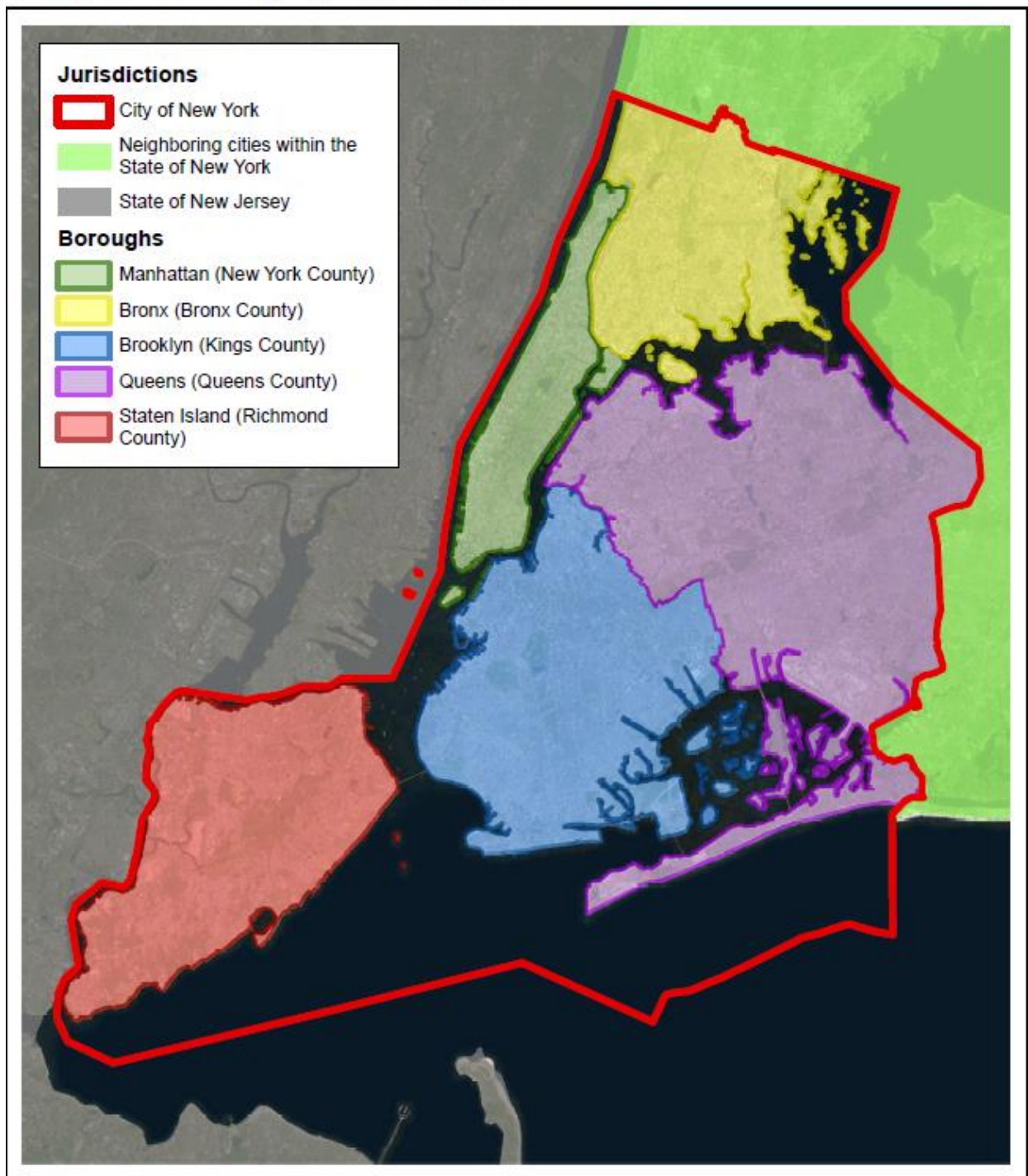
The primary use of the Assessor's Roll is to assist in the determination of property tax bills for every new fiscal year; it acts as a record to help in determining the amount of property tax due, the entity responsible for paying it, and where to mail it. This is important to many local agencies as property taxes can make up a significant portion of their revenues. For example, in the fiscal year 2017, which ended on June 30, 2017, approximately 45 percent of all city tax revenues for NYC came from property taxes.

However, the Assessor's Roll plays an important role in other functions as well. For example, School Districts looking to raise funds for the construction of a new school can pursue issuing debt through local taxes. State, county, and/or city regulations may place limitations on taxable amounts based on assessed values which makes it important for the School District to review the Assessor's Roll for the total valuation of taxable properties within their jurisdiction. The Assessor's Roll can be useful to industries. Examples include real estate, finance, market analysis, etc....

B. Summary of the Data

The data reviewed in this report can be found on Open Data. It is the condensed version of the Assessor's Value Roll which includes 31 different fields for every property within NYC. Of the 32 fields, 14 fields are numeric and 18 are categorical; as of the last update (September 10, 2018), the Assessor's Roll identified 1,070,994 properties. Please see Map 1 on the following page for a geographical extent of the data.

Map 1 - Geographic Profile



Field Summary

1.Aggregate Summary

| Field | Field Type | Records | % Populated | Unique Values | Records with value zero | % with value zero |
|----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| RECORD | Categorical | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 1,070,994 | 0 | 0.00% |
| BBLE | Categorical | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 1,070,994 | 0 | 0.00% |
| B | Categorical | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 5 | 0 | 0.00% |
| BLOCK | Categorical | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 13,984 | 0 | 0.00% |
| LOT | Categorical | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 6,366 | 0 | 0.00% |
| EASEMENT | Categorical | 4,636 | 0.43% | 13 | 0 | 0.00% |
| OWNER | Categorical | 1,039,249 | 97.04% | 863,348 | 0 | 0.00% |
| BLDGCL | Categorical | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 200 | 0 | 0.00% |
| TAXCLASS | Categorical | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 11 | 0 | 0.00% |
| LTFRONT | Numeric | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 1,297 | 169,108 | 15.79% |
| LTDEPTH | Numeric | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 1,370 | 170,128 | 15.89% |
| EXT | Categorical | 354,305 | 33.08% | 4 | 0 | 0.00% |
| STORIES | Numeric | 1,014,730 | 94.75% | 112 | 0 | 0.00% |
| FULLVAL | Numeric | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 109,324 | 13,007 | 1.21% |
| AVLAND | Numeric | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 70,921 | 13,009 | 1.21% |
| AVTOT | Numeric | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 112,914 | 13,007 | 1.21% |
| EXLAND | Numeric | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 33,419 | 13,007 | 1.21% |
| EXTOT | Numeric | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 64,255 | 432,572 | 40.39% |
| EXCD1 | Categorical | 638,488 | 59.62% | 130 | 0 | 0.00% |
| STADDR | Categorical | 1,070,318 | 99.94% | 839,281 | 0 | 0.00% |
| ZIP | Categorical | 1,041,104 | 97.21% | 197 | 0 | 0.00% |
| EXMPTCL | Categorical | 15,579 | 1.45% | 15 | 0 | 0.00% |
| BLDFRONT | Numeric | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 612 | 228,815 | 21.36% |
| BLDDEPTH | Numeric | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 621 | 22,853 | 2.13% |
| AVLAND2 | Numeric | 282,726 | 26.40% | 58,592 | 0 | 0.00% |
| AVTOT2 | Numeric | 282,732 | 26.40% | 111,361 | 0 | 0.00% |
| EXLAND2 | Numeric | 87,449 | 8.17% | 44,196 | 0 | 0.00% |
| EXTOT2 | Numeric | 130,828 | 12.22% | 48,349 | 0 | 0.00% |
| EXCD2 | Categorical | 92,948 | 8.68% | 61 | 0 | 0.00% |
| PERIOD | Categorical | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 1 | 0 | 0.00% |
| YEAR | Categorical | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 1 | 0 | 0.00% |
| VALTYPE | Categorical | 1,070,994 | 100.00% | 1 | 0 | 0.00% |

2.Numerical Field Summary

| Field | Records | Unique Values | Mean | Median | Mode | Min | Max | Std. Dev. |
|-----------|-----------|---------------|----------|---------|-------|-----|----------|------------|
| LTFRONT | 1,070,994 | 1,297 | 36.64 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 9,999 | 74.03 |
| LTDEPTH | 1,070,994 | 1,370 | 88.86 | 100 | 100 | 0 | 9,999 | 76.40 |
| STORIES | 1,014,730 | 112 | 5.01 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 119 | 8.37 |
| FULLVAL | 1,070,994 | 109,324 | 874,2641 | 447,000 | 0 | 0 | 6.1x10^9 | 11,582,431 |
| AVLAND | 1,070,994 | 70,921 | 85,067 | 13,678 | 0 | 0 | 2.6x10^9 | 4,057,260 |
| AVTOT | 1,070,994 | 112,914 | 227,238 | 25,340 | 0 | 0 | 4.6x10^9 | 6,877,529 |
| EXLAND | 1,070,994 | 33,419 | 36,423 | 1,620 | 0 | 0 | 2.6x10^9 | 3,981,575 |
| EXTOT | 1,070,994 | 64,255 | 91,186 | 1,620 | 0 | 0 | 4.6x10^9 | 6,508,402 |
| BLDFRONT | 1,070,994 | 612 | 23.04 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 7,575 | 35.58 |
| BLDDDEPTH | 1,070,994 | 621 | 39.92 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 9,393 | 42.71 |
| AVLAND2 | 282,726 | 58,592 | 246,235 | 20,145 | 2,408 | 3 | 2.3x10^9 | 6,178,962 |
| AVTOT2 | 282,732 | 111,361 | 713,911 | 79,963 | 750 | 3 | 4.5x10^9 | 11,652,529 |
| EXLAND2 | 87,449 | 44,196 | 351,235 | 3,048 | 2,090 | 1 | 2.3x10^9 | 10,802,213 |
| EXTOT2 | 130,828 | 48,349 | 656,768 | 37,062 | 2,090 | 7 | 4.5x10^9 | 16,072,510 |

3.Categorical Field Summary

| Field | Records | Unique Values | Most Common Filed | Percentage of Total |
|----------|-----------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| RECORD | 1,070,994 | 1,070,995 | N/A | N/A |
| BBLE | 1,070,994 | 1,070,995 | N/A | N/A |
| B | 1,070,994 | 5 | 4 | 33.43% |
| BLOCK | 1,070,994 | 13,984 | 3,944 | 0.36% |
| LOT | 1,070,994 | 6,366 | 1 | 2.28% |
| EASEMENT | 4,636 | 13 | E | 89.47% |
| OWNER | 1,039,249 | 863,348 | PARKCHESTER PRESER... | 0.58% |
| BLDGCL | 1,070,994 | 200 | R4 | 13.06% |
| TAXCLASS | 1,070,994 | 11 | 1 | 61.69% |
| EXT | 354,305 | 4 | G | 75.35% |
| EXCD1 | 638,488 | 130 | 1017 | 66.62% |
| STADDR | 1,070,318 | 839,281 | 501 SURF AVENUE | 0.08% |
| ZIP | 1,041,104 | 197 | 10,314 | 2.36% |
| EXMPTCL | 15,579 | 15 | X1 | 44.37% |
| EXCD2 | 92,948 | 61 | 1017 | 70.77% |
| PERIOD | 1,070,994 | 1 | Final | 100.00% |
| YEAR | 1,070,994 | 1 | 2010/11 | 100.00% |
| VALTYPE | 1,070,994 | 1 | AC-TR | 100.00% |

Field Details

The Assessor's Roll as 32 different fields. Below is a short description of every field including additional information such as graphs or tables to provide greater insights into the data:

1.RECORD

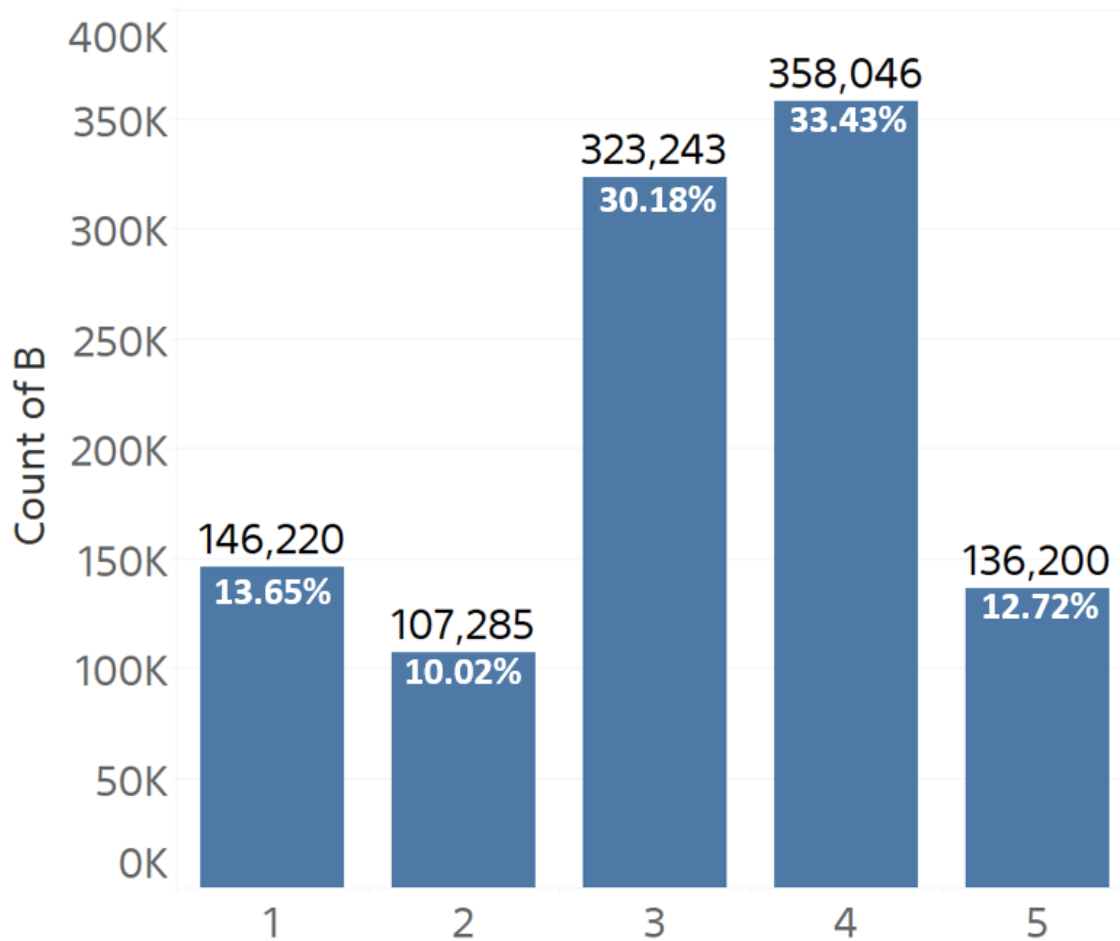
RECORD is a nominal categorical field that provides a unique ordinal identifier for each tuple. Since each tuple is assigned a single unique identifier, the field follows a uniform distribution. A graph or table would not provide any greater insight into the data and thus, was not included.

2.BBLE

The NYC Department of Finance has the Borough-Block-Lot classification system ("BBLE") as the unique identifier buildings and properties. This makes BBLE a categorical field. The structure of the BBLE number is 1 digit for Borough followed by 5 digits for Block and then 4 digits for Lot. Since each tuple is assigned a unique identifier, the field follows a uniform distribution. A graph or table would not provide any greater insight into the data and thus, was not included.

3.B

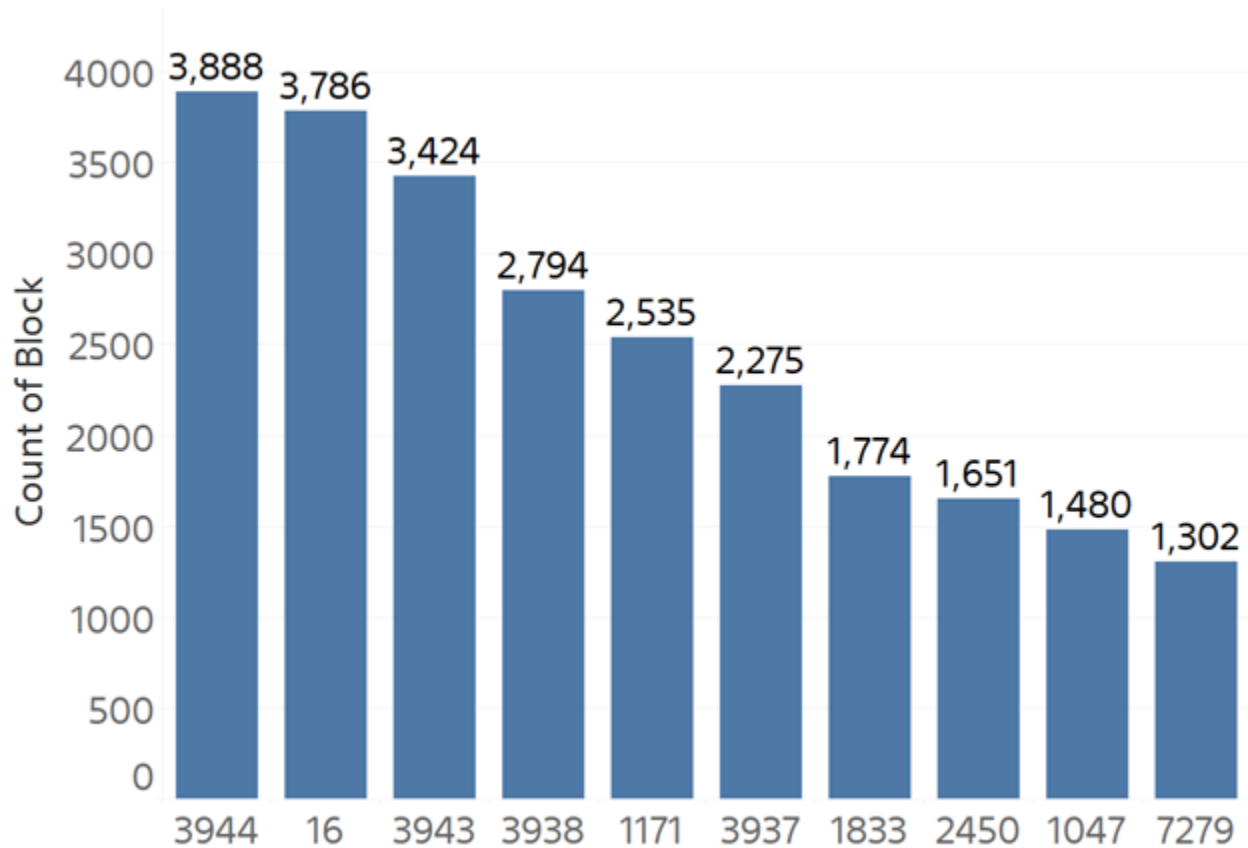
B is a categorical field that represents the borough which the parcel resides in. There are 1,070,994 records with one of five (5) unique boroughs that represent different counties: Manhattan (New York County), Bronx (Bronx County), Brooklyn (Kings County), Queens (Queens County), and Staten Island (Richmond County) which are coded 1 through 5, respectively. Graph 1 below shows a bar graph of B.



As shown in the graph above, Borough 4 (Queens) has the most tuples within the data followed by Borough 3 (Brooklyn). Together, the two make up most of the data. Skew is unimportant as the designation of Borough is more related geographically than its relation ordinally. As shown in Map 1 on page 2, Boroughs Queens and Brooklyn appear to be largest Boroughs by geographic size down on the southeastern portion of NYC.

4.BLOCK

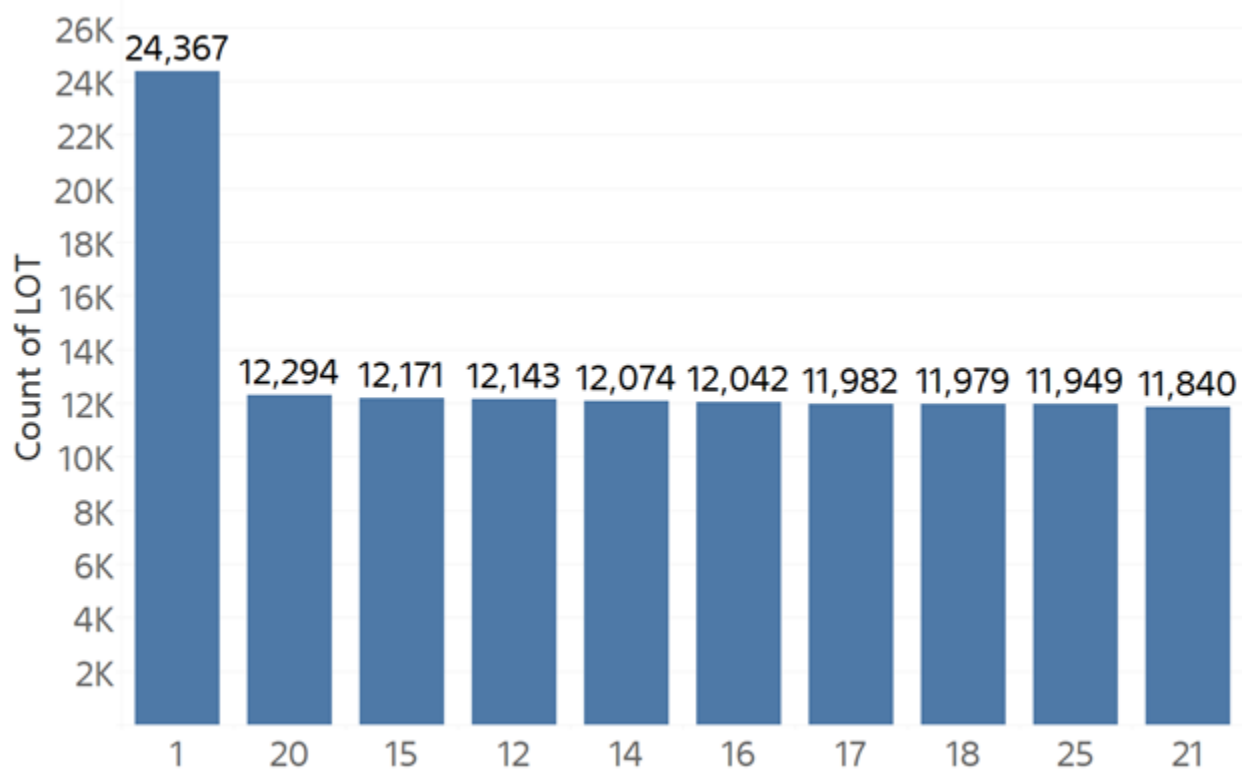
BLOCK is a categorical field that has 1,070,994 records that represent the Tax Block which a sub-division of a borough on which real properties are located. It is part of the Borough-Block-Lot classification system used by the NYC Department of Finance to identify real properties. Graph 2 on the following page shows a bar graph of BLOCK.



Based on Graph 2, it looks like the data has a slight skew to the right but not in an ordinal sense. In general, planning labels are ordinal, and it would make sense that the lower number of blocks, in general, would have on average, a higher number of samples. However, the data doesn't fully comply with that logic and further research may be needed. It is possible that some blocks were removed and replaced with blocks with a higher number.

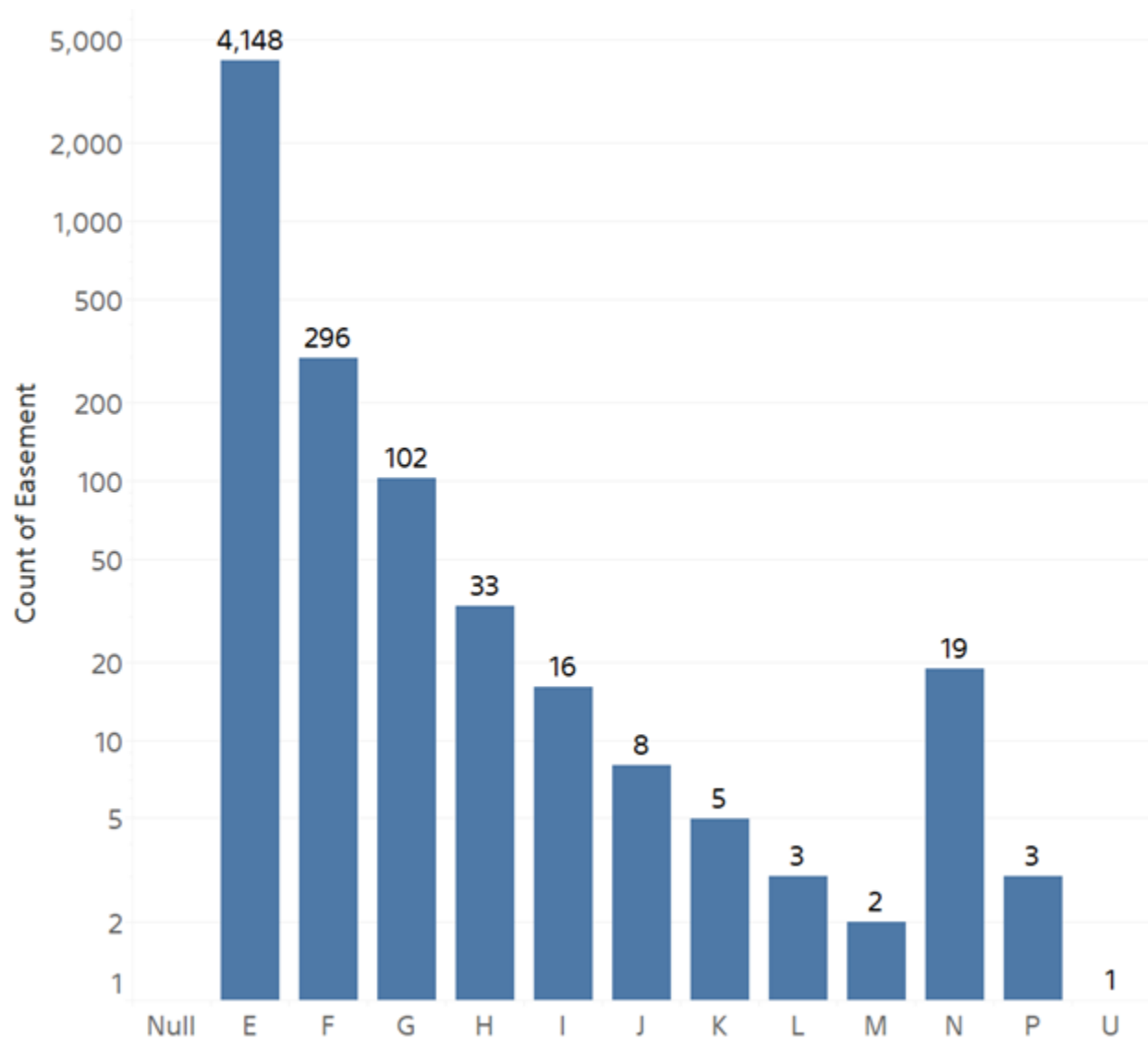
5.LOT

LOT is a categorical field that represents the Tax Lot, which is the smallest subdivision representing a unique location. There are 1,070,994 entries in the field and below is Graph 3 showing a graph of LOT:



Like BLOCK, LOT is a categorical field where the nominal assignments don't necessarily mean much based on their value. Graph 3 doesn't provide very much noteworthy information other than that lot 1 is approximately double if not greater than many other values. More information on how planners assigned the lot numbers may provide insight into the pattern observed above.

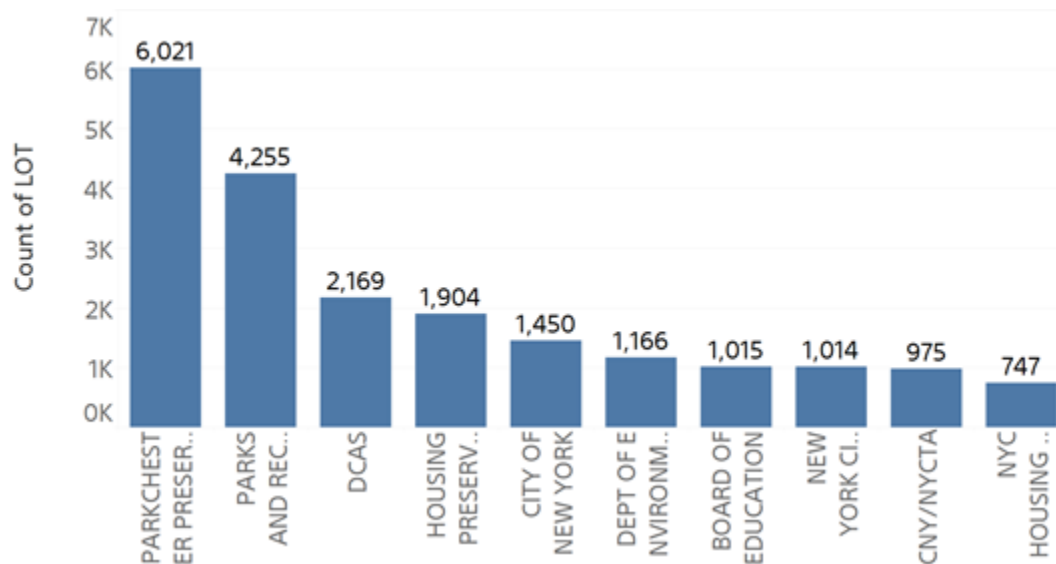
6.EASEMENT



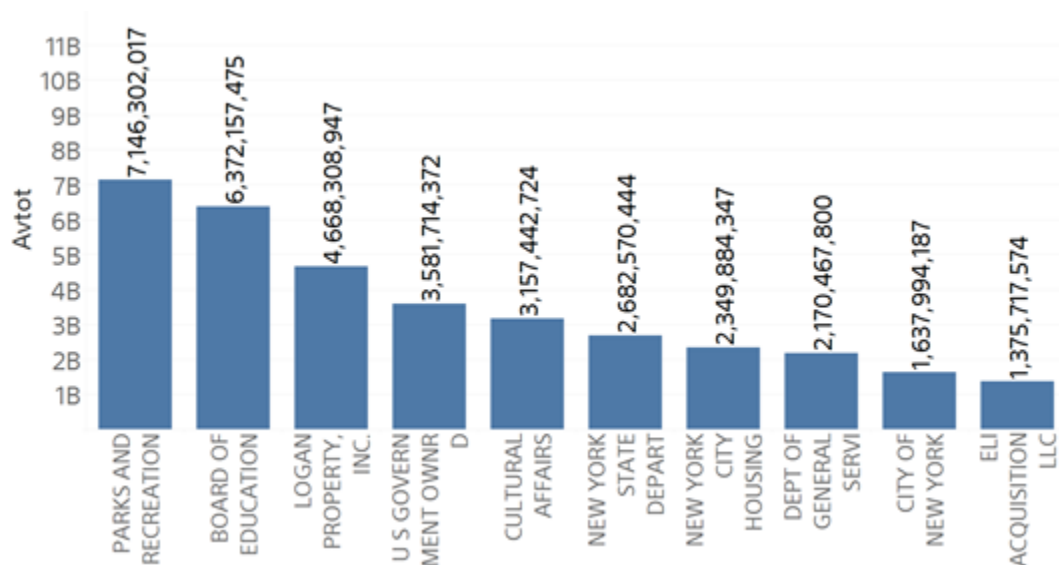
Although there is a pattern of decline as the designation descends down alphabetically, more information regarding the assignments in order to understand this trend.

7.OWNER

OWNER is a categorical field that has 1,039,249 valid records and indicates the entity responsible for the property. This field is important for when the NYC Department of Finance sends out the annual property tax bill. However, it may also be useful to aggregate properties to identify the largest landowners or property taxpayers. An example is when a local agency goes to issue a bond, it must publish a list of the top 20 largest landowners (by assessed value) in order to indicate the relative level of risk. The reason for this is that property taxes would pay for the bonds and the potential for a large landowner leaving is a risk of losing income. Graph 5 below shows the top 10 owners by lots:



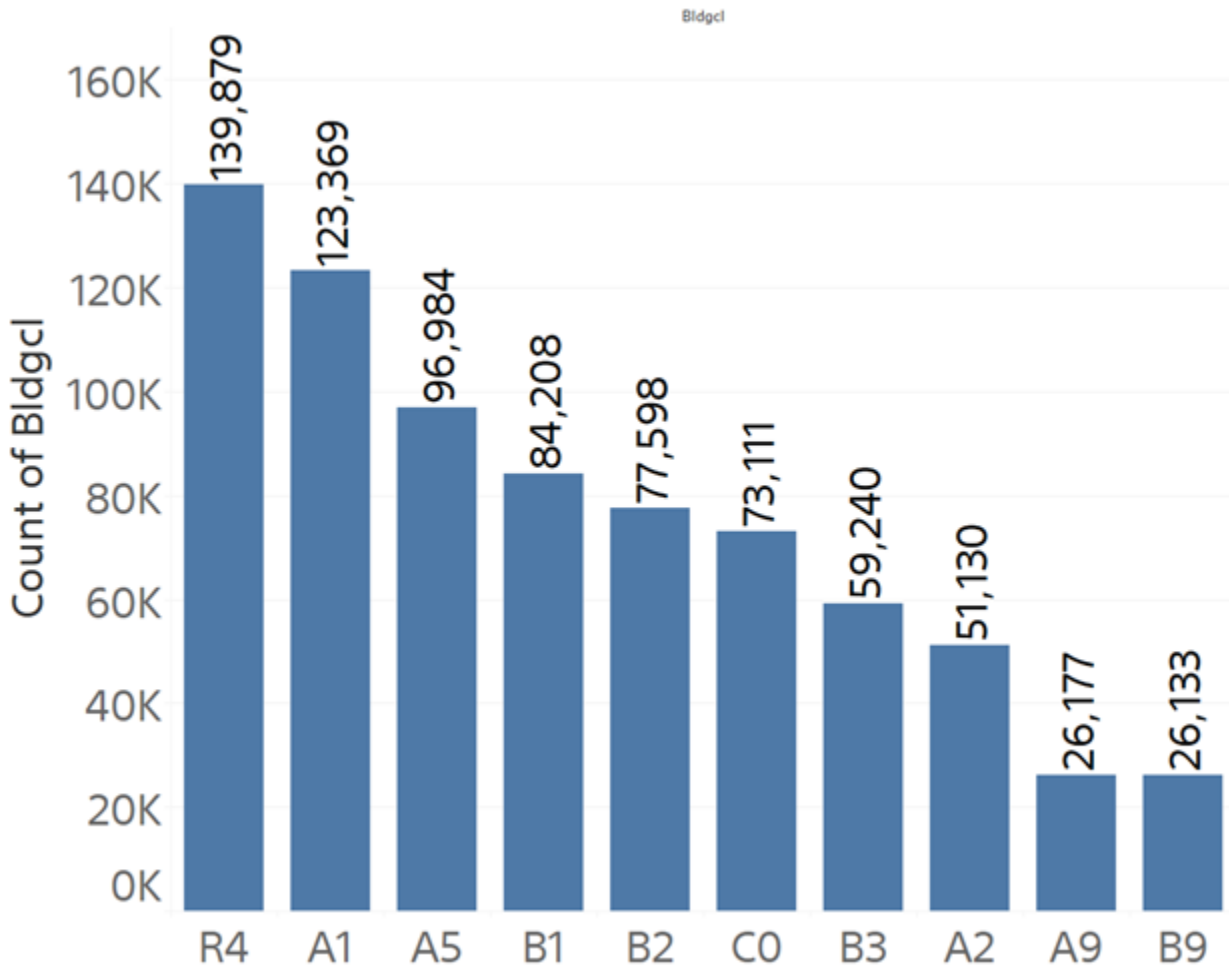
Graph 6 Below shows the top 10 owners by total assessed value:



Based on the graphs above, the number of lots and assessed value are skewed to the right.

8.BLDGCL

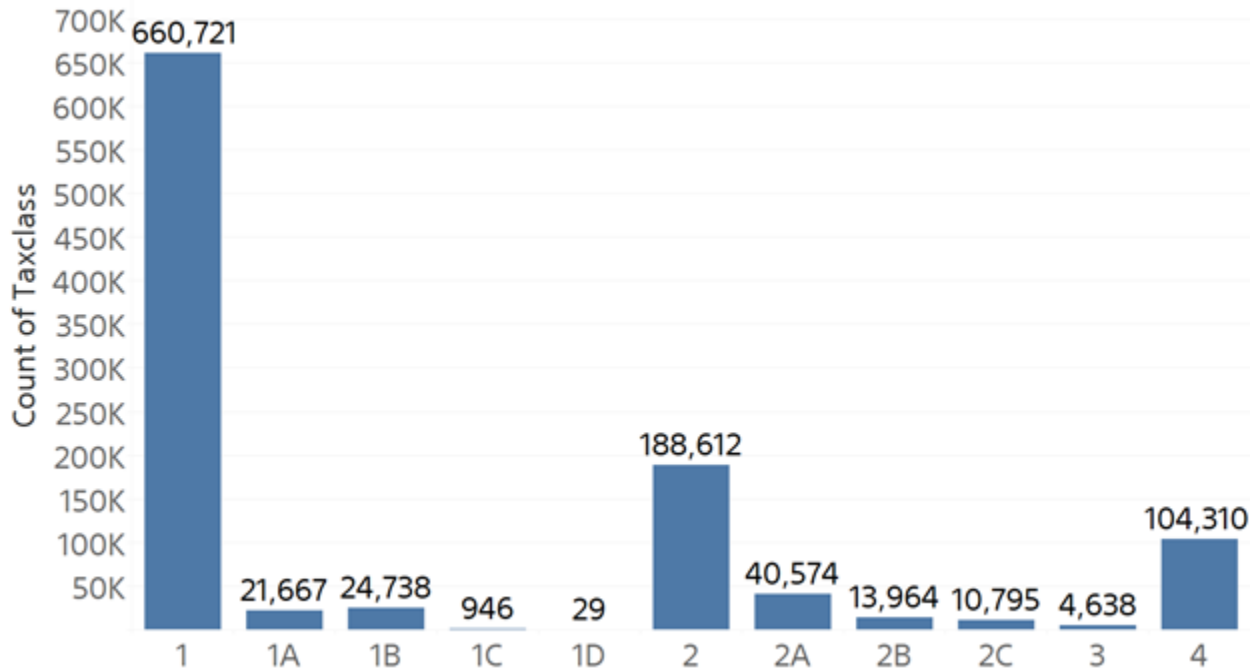
The BLDGCL field has 1,070,994 valid records and it is the building classification that provides information on a property's constructive use. The classification system is broken into two (2) parts, a letter indicating the general class of the property followed by a number providing more specific information regarding a property's use. Please see Exhibit 2 for more information regarding the NYC Building Classification. Graph 7 below shows the top 10 building classifications:



Although R4 (Condos) has the largest share of records, groups of A's and B's make up a larger share of the top 10. Based on the NYC Building Classification Codes in Exhibit 2, the A's and B's seem to be individual homes while R's are multifamily units. Thus, based on the top 10 list, at least 50.87% of the records are single family or two-family homes.

9.TAXCLASS

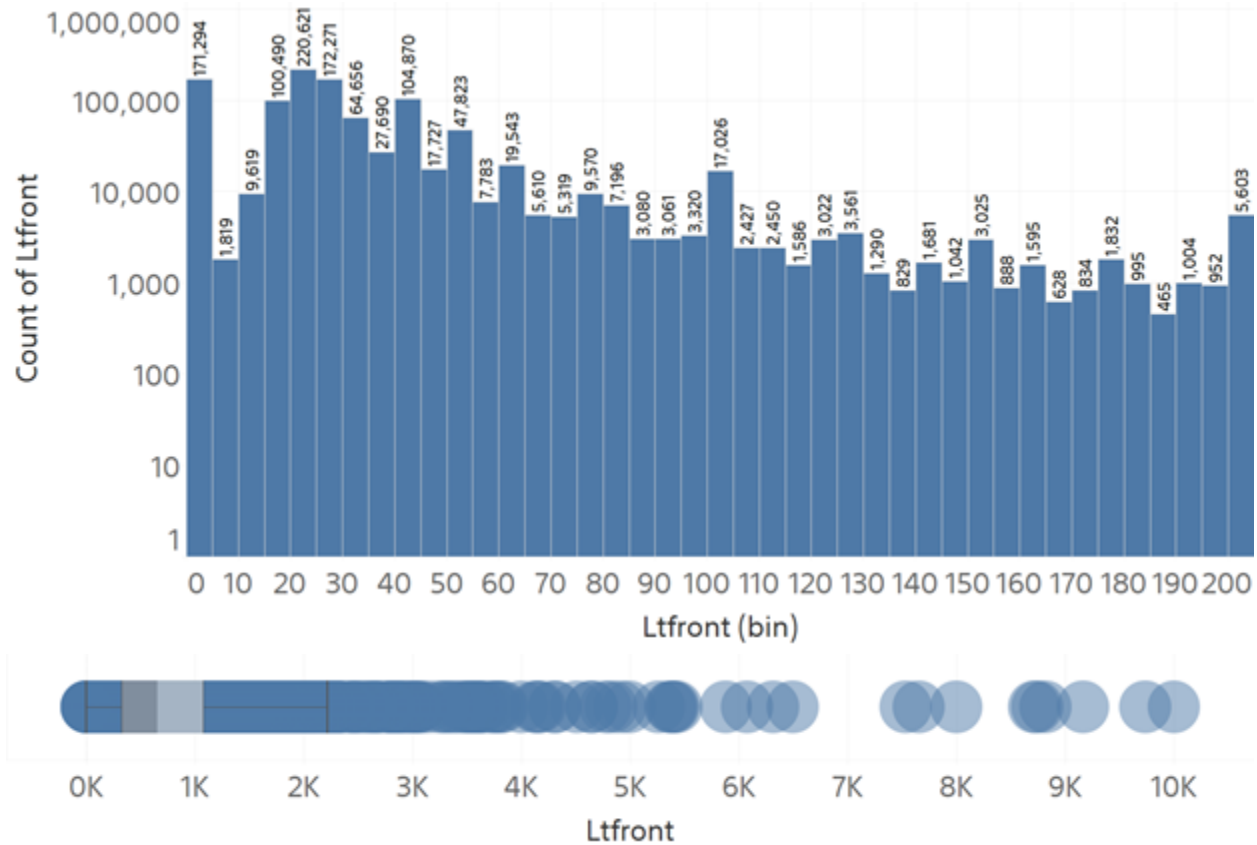
TAXCLASS is categorical field that represents the tax class designation assigned by the NYC Department of Finance and it is used to identify the correct tax rates when determining the annual property tax bill for all 1,070,994 properties/buildings. Please see Exhibit 3 for more information regarding the NYC Department of Finance tax classes. Graph 8 below shows a bar graph of the tax classes:



Based on Graph 8, most of the lots are related to residential properties since most of the tuples have values equal to or associated with 1 or 2.

10.LTFRONT

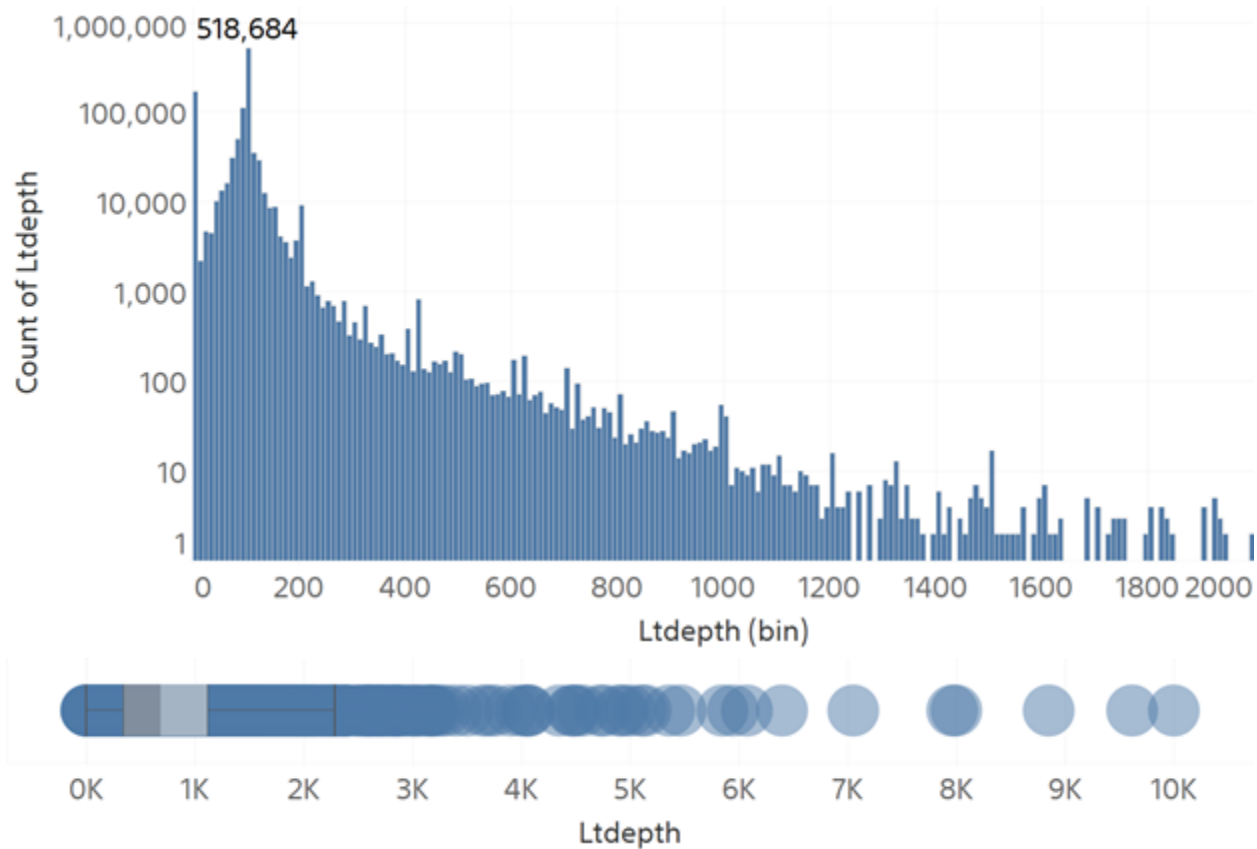
LTFRONT is the measurement of the lot width in feet. Thus, it is a numeric field and extra insight may be provided from a histogram and boxplot. Graph 9 below shows the histogram of LTFRONT followed by its boxplot:



Based on Graph 9 above, most of LTFRONT seems to show a skew to the right and that is backed by the subsequent boxplot. There is an upper whisker at 2,213 which results in 109 outliers.

11.LTDEPTH

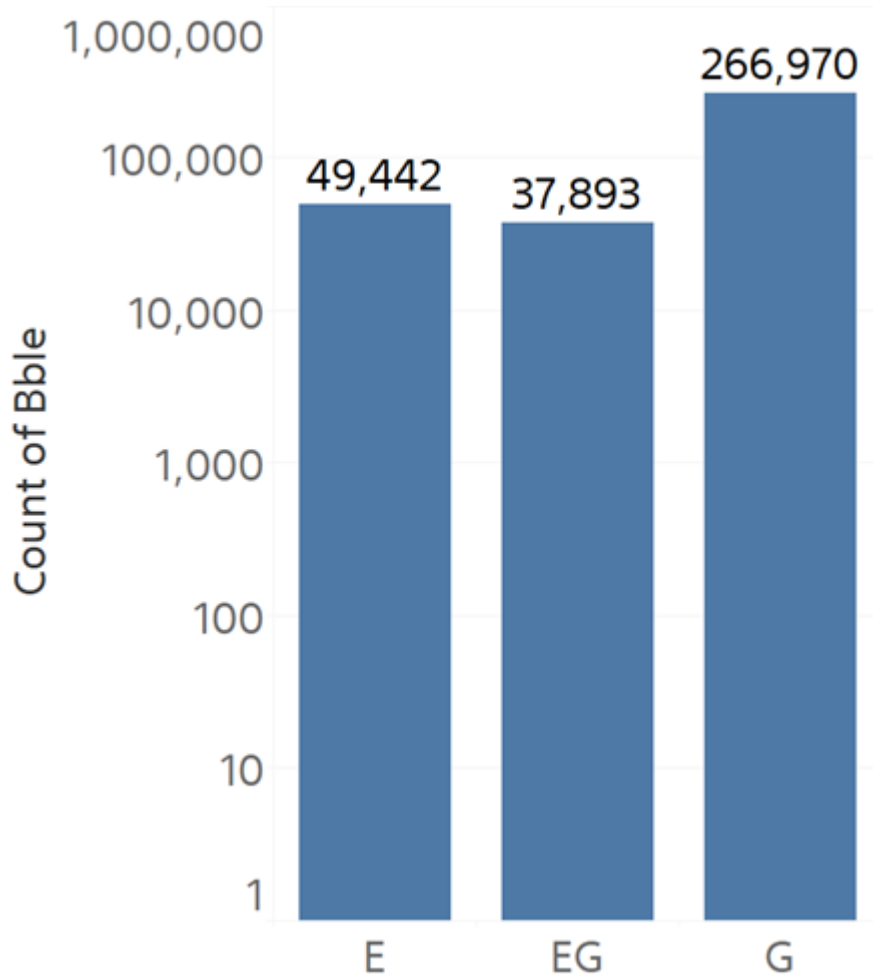
LTDEPTH is the measurement of the lot depth in feet. Thus, it is a numeric field and extra insight may be provided from a histogram and boxplot. Graph 10 below shows the histogram of LTDEP followed by its boxplot:



Based on Graph 10 above, most of LTDEPTH seems to show a skew to the right and that is backed by the subsequent boxplot. There is an upper whisker at 2,281 which results in 120 outliers.

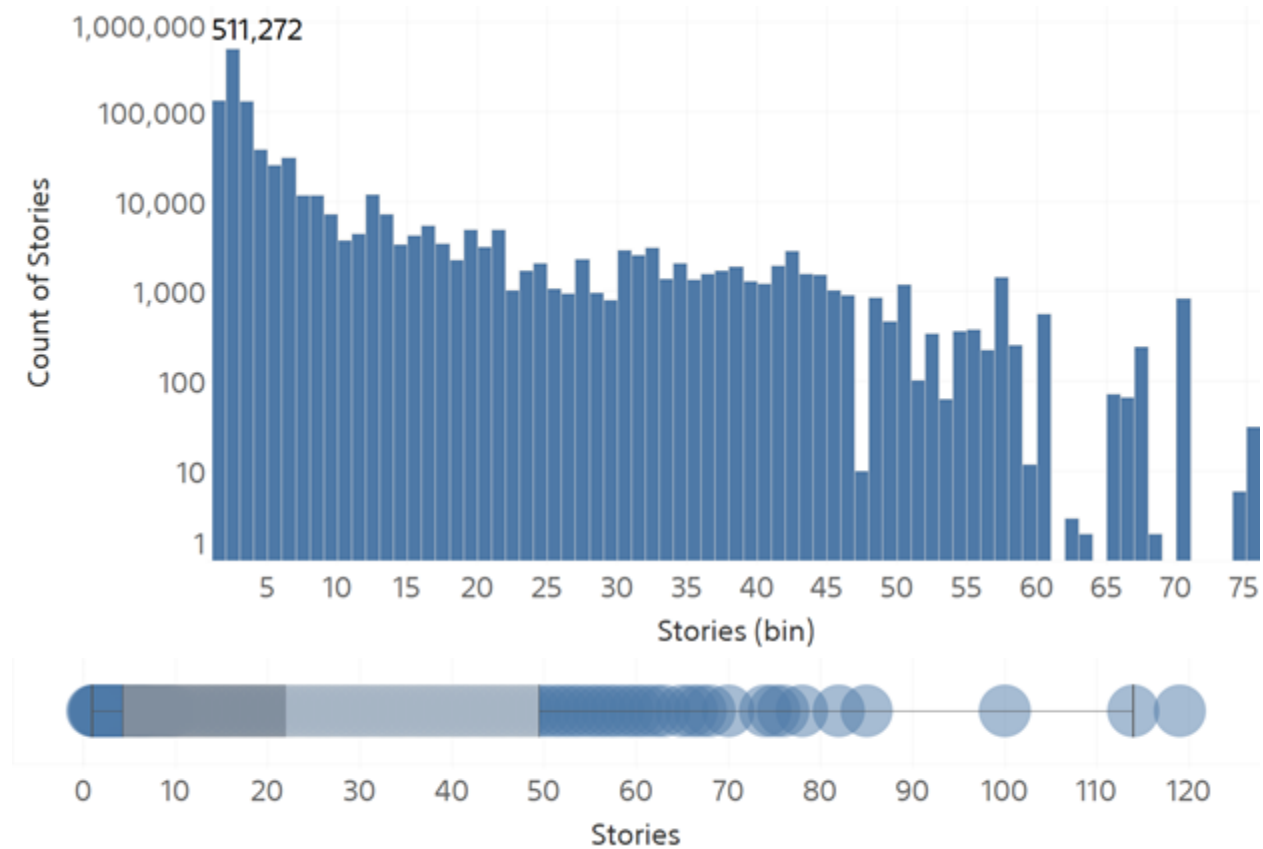
12.EXT

The EXT field only has 354,305 valid records and it is a categorical field that indicates whether or not the property has an extension and the type of extension has been made. According to the NYC Department of Finance, the field could only be filled with either E for Extension, G for Garage, or EG for Extension and Garage. Graph 11 below shows a bar graph of EXT:



13.STORIES

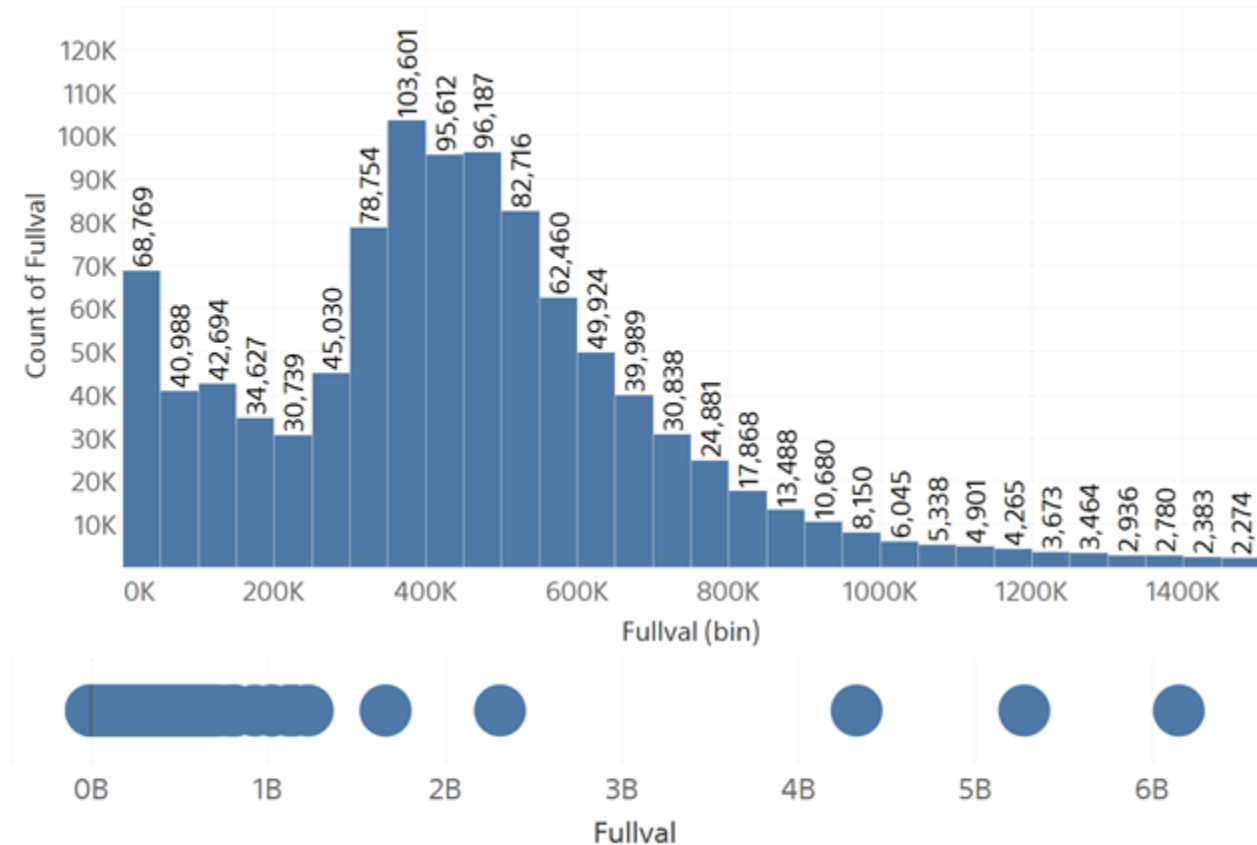
STORIES is a numeric field that indicates the number of floors for the building. It is a numeric field and extra insight may be provided from a histogram and boxplot. Graph 12 below shows the histogram of STORIES followed by its boxplot:



Based on Graph 12 and the subsequent boxplot, STORIES is skewed to the right. There is an upper whisker at 114 which results in 1 outlier.

14.FULLVAL

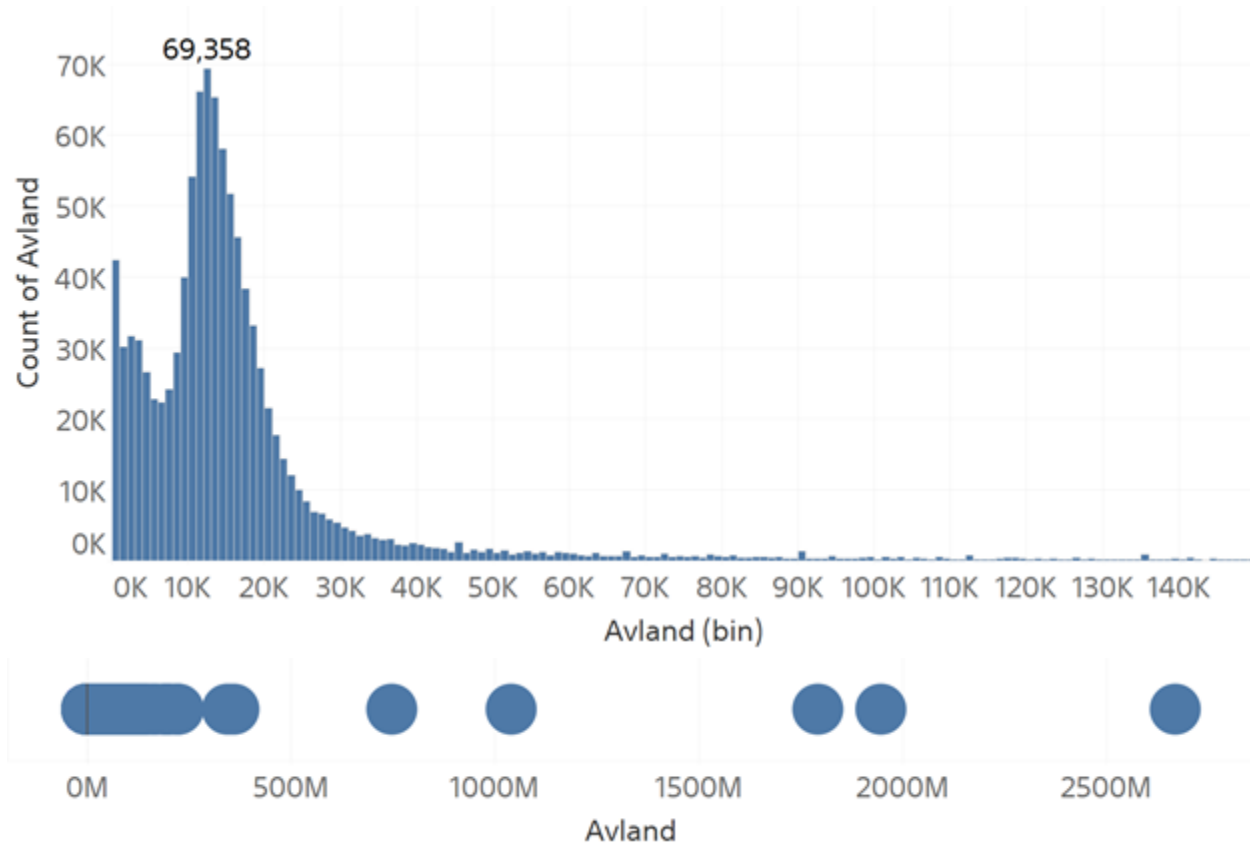
The FULLVAL field states the total market value of the property. It is a numeric field and extra insight may be provided from a histogram and boxplot. Graph 13 below shows the histogram of FULLVAL followed by its boxplot:



Based on Graph 13, FULLVAL appears to have a bimodal distribution and have a heavy skew to the right. The boxplot below Graph 13 supports the existence of a heavy skew due to a few outliers in the billions. There is an upper whisker at 818,734 which results in 135,798 outliers.

15.AVLAND

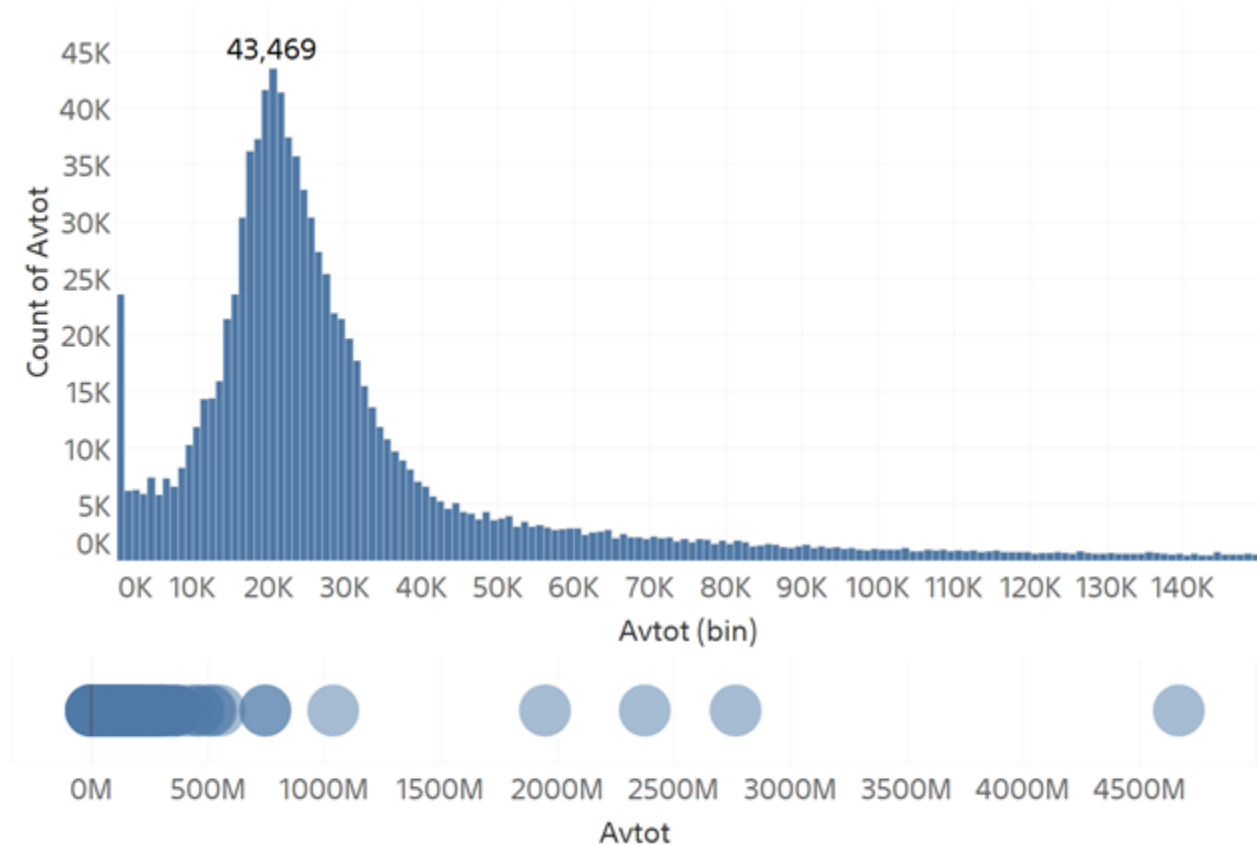
AVLAND is the current year's total market value of the land. It is a numeric field and extra insight may be provided from a histogram and boxplot. Graph 14 below shows the histogram of AVLAND followed by its boxplot:



Based on Graph 14, AVLAND appears to have a bimodal distribution and have a heavy skew to the right. The boxplot below Graph 13 supports the existence of a heavy skew due to a few outliers in the billions. There is an upper whisker at 192,998 which results in 39,315 outliers.

16.AVTOT

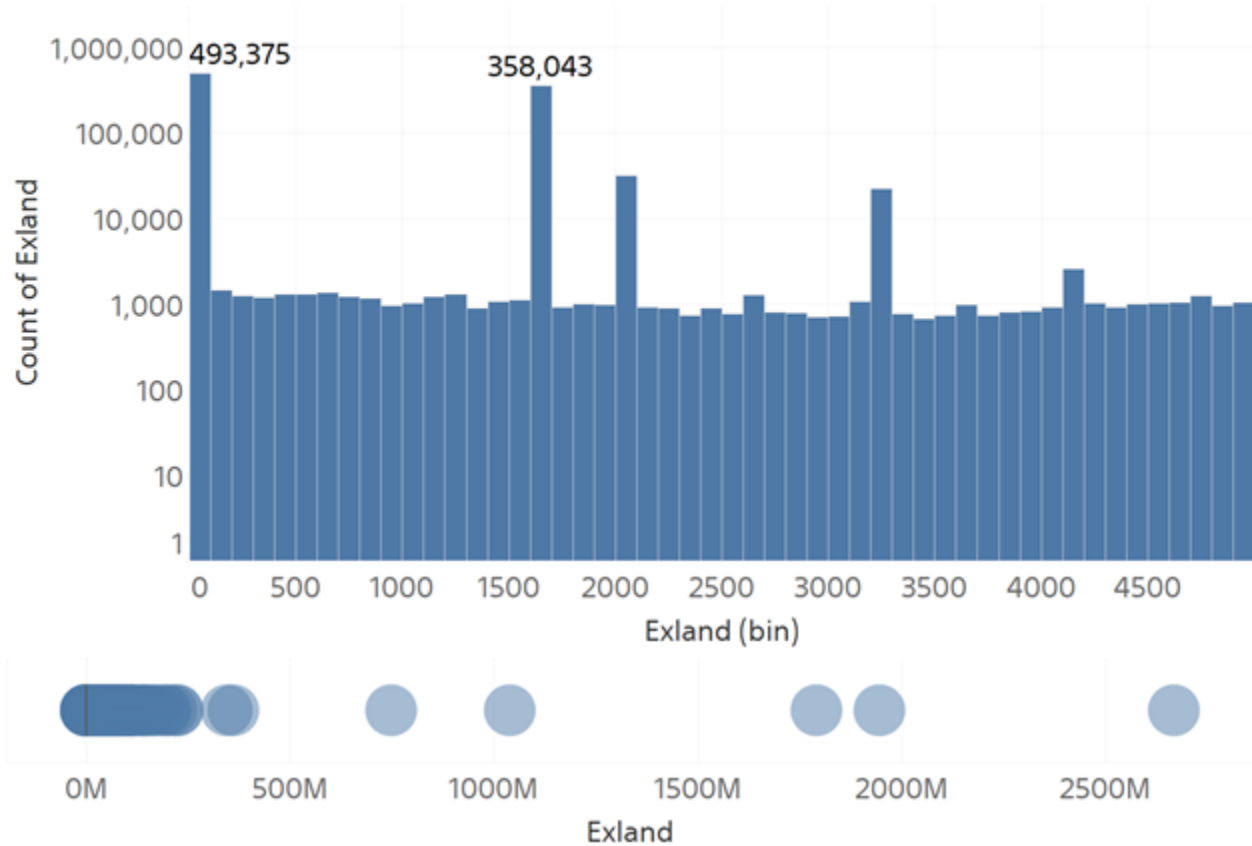
AVTOT is the current year's total market value of the property. It is a numeric field and extra insight may be provided from a histogram and boxplot. Graph 15 below shows the histogram of AVTOT followed by its boxplot:



Based on Graph 15, AVTOT appears to have a heavy skew to the right. The boxplot below Graph 15 supports the existence of a heavy skew due to a few outliers in the billions. There is an upper whisker at 335,025 which results in 62,127 outliers.

17.EXLAND

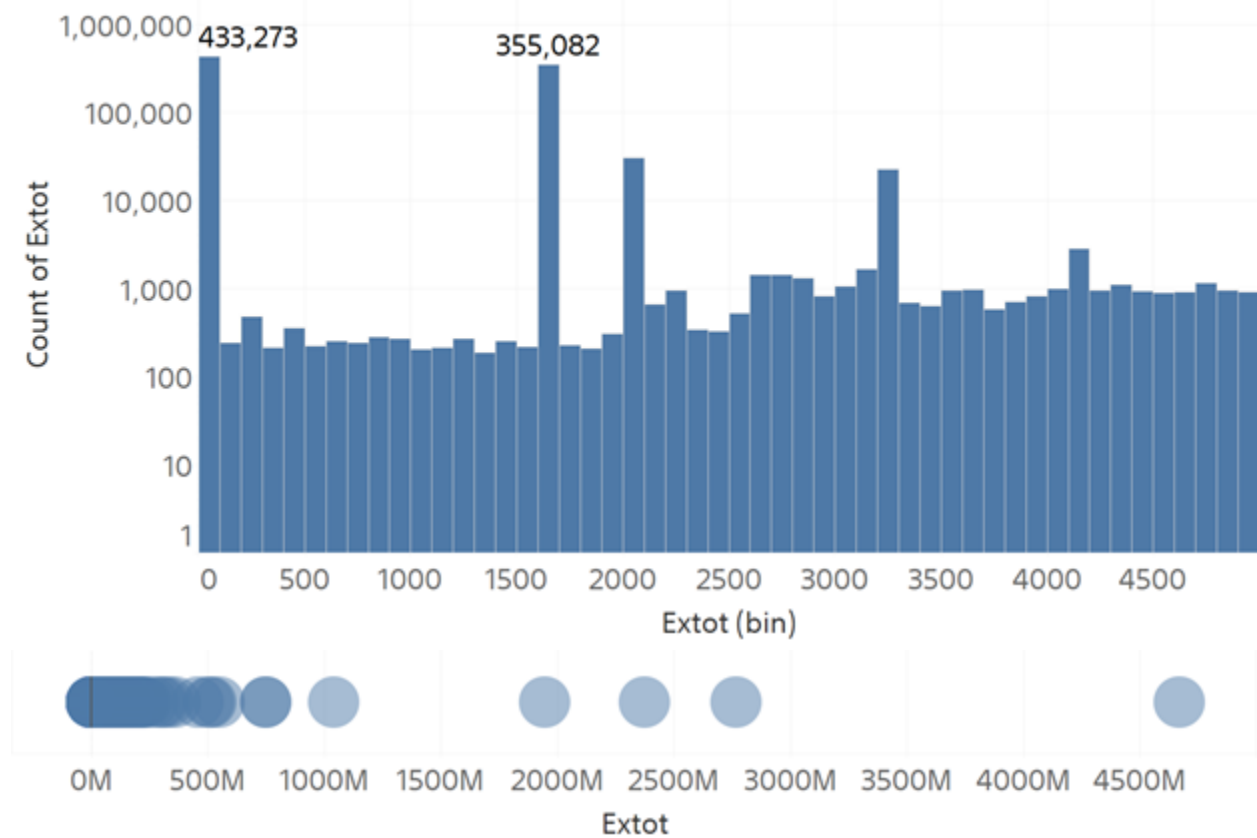
EXLAND is the current year's exempt land value. It is a numeric field and extra insight may be provided from a histogram and boxplot. Graph 16 below shows the histogram of EXLAND followed by its boxplot:



Based on Graph 16, EXLAND follows a non-normal distribution. There is an upper whisker at 109,521 which results in 14,747 outliers.

18.EXTOT

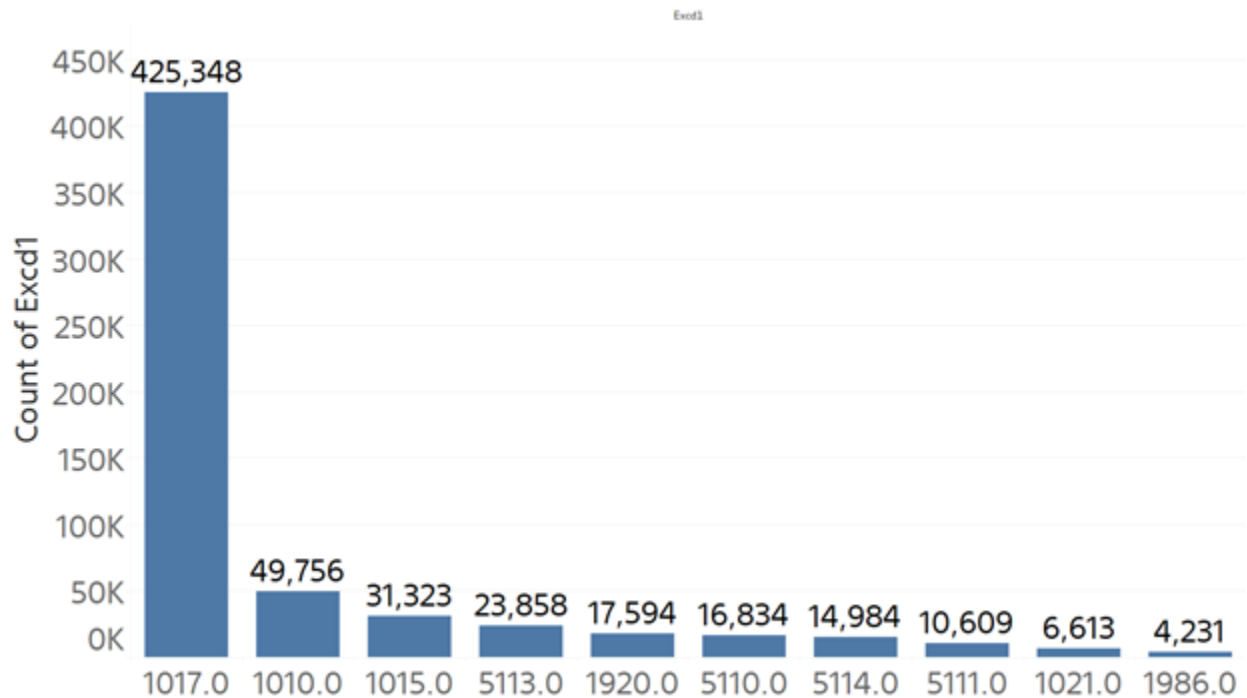
EXTOT is the current year's exempt total value. It is a numeric field and extra insight may be provided from a histogram and boxplot. Graph 17 below shows the histogram of EXTOT followed by its boxplot:



Like EXLAND, Graph 17 shows that EXTOT also follows a non-normal distribution. There is an upper whisker at 297,263 which results in 18,419 outliers.

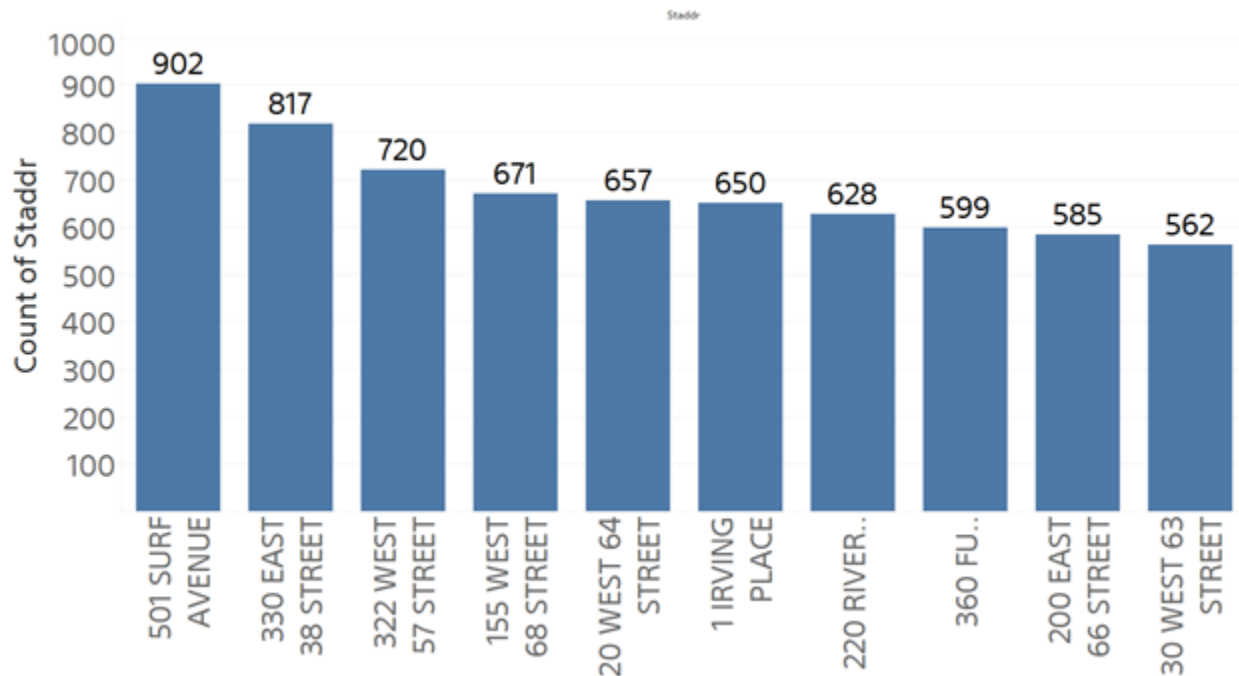
19.EXCD1

EXCD1 is a categorical field that identifies the exemption code relevant to assessed value. Please see Exhibit 4 for the NYC Exemption Classification Codes. Graph 18 below shows the bar graph of the top exemption codes:



20.STADDR

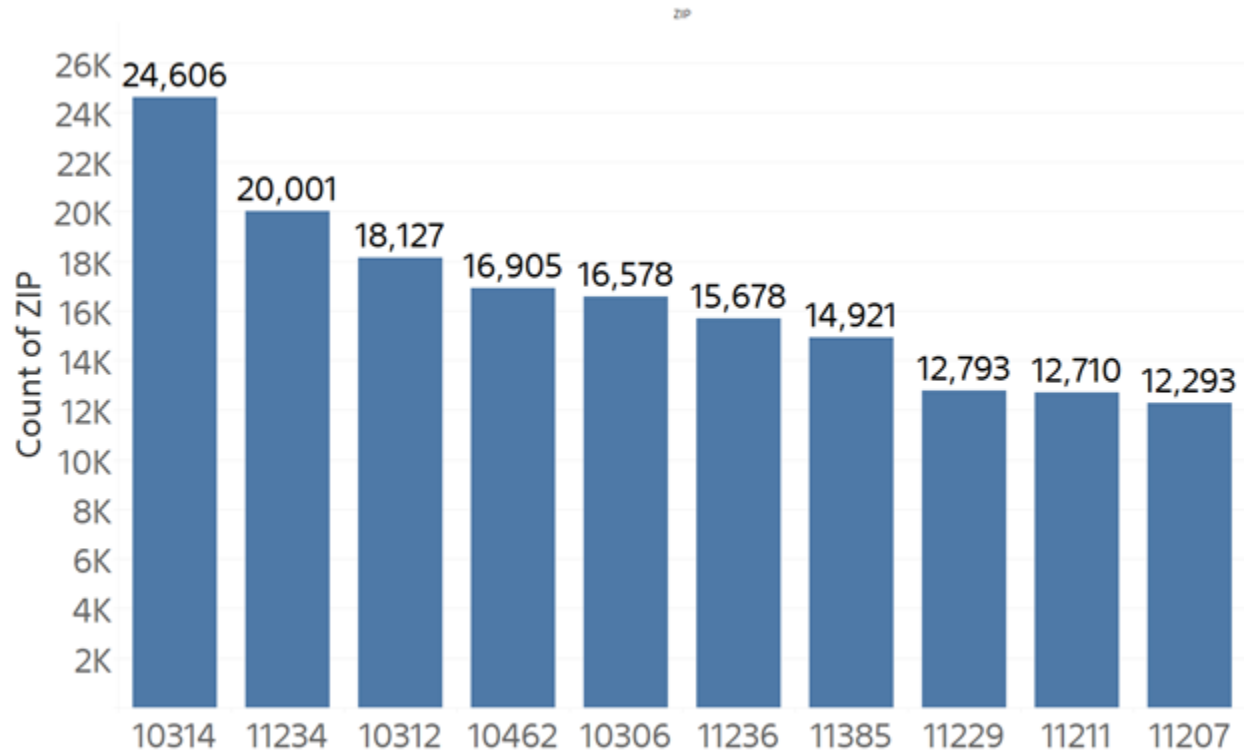
STADDR is a categorical field for street address of the property where the entire address contains the street number, direction, name, suffix, and apartment number. Graph 19 below shows the bar graph of the top street addresses:



Graph 19 shows that at least ten street addresses possess either multiple properties or homes. It is a possibility that these addresses for multi-family structures. More research is needed to further verify that.

21.ZIP

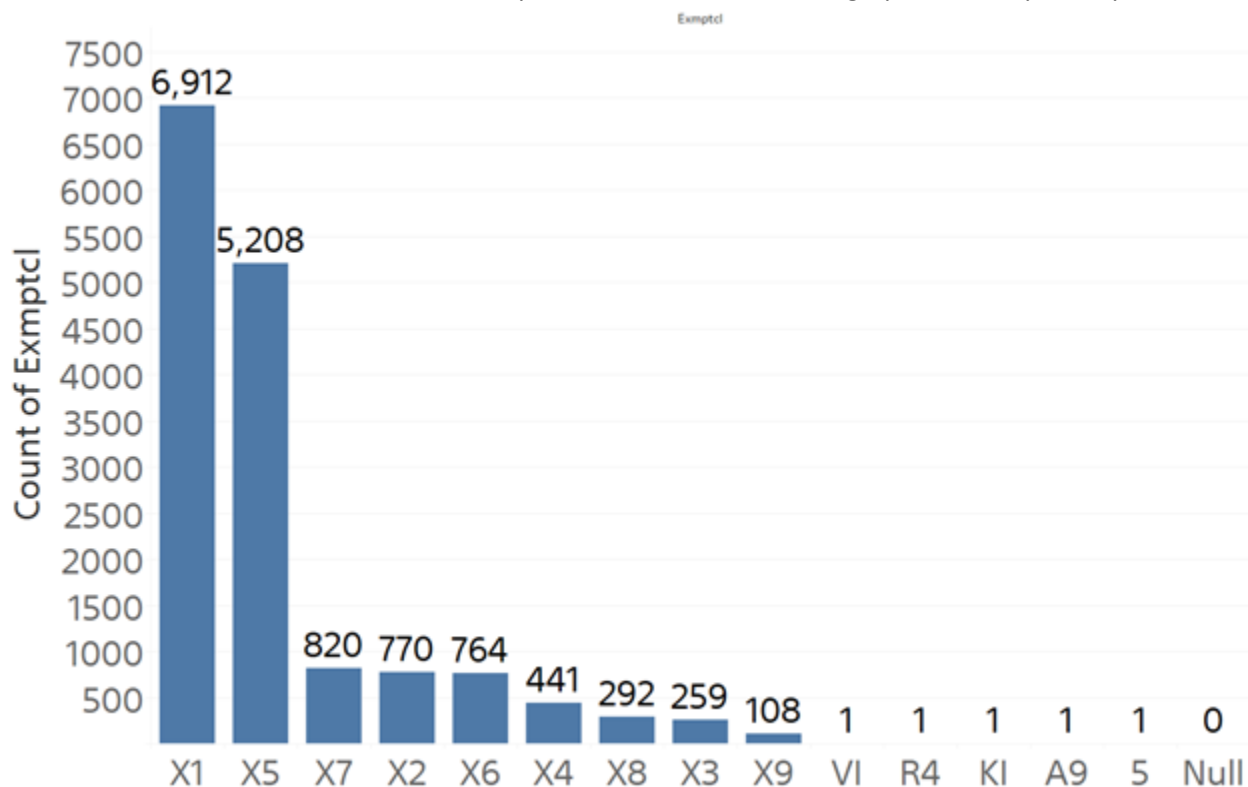
ZIP is a categorical field that is the ZIP code for the property. The ZIP code is a useful identifier in determining city and linking with other information. Graph 20 below shows the bar graph of the top ZIP codes:



Graph 20 does not reveal much other than a potential skew. Similar to the Borough map, a density map of ZIP codes could reveal insightful information and may be worthwhile to look into.

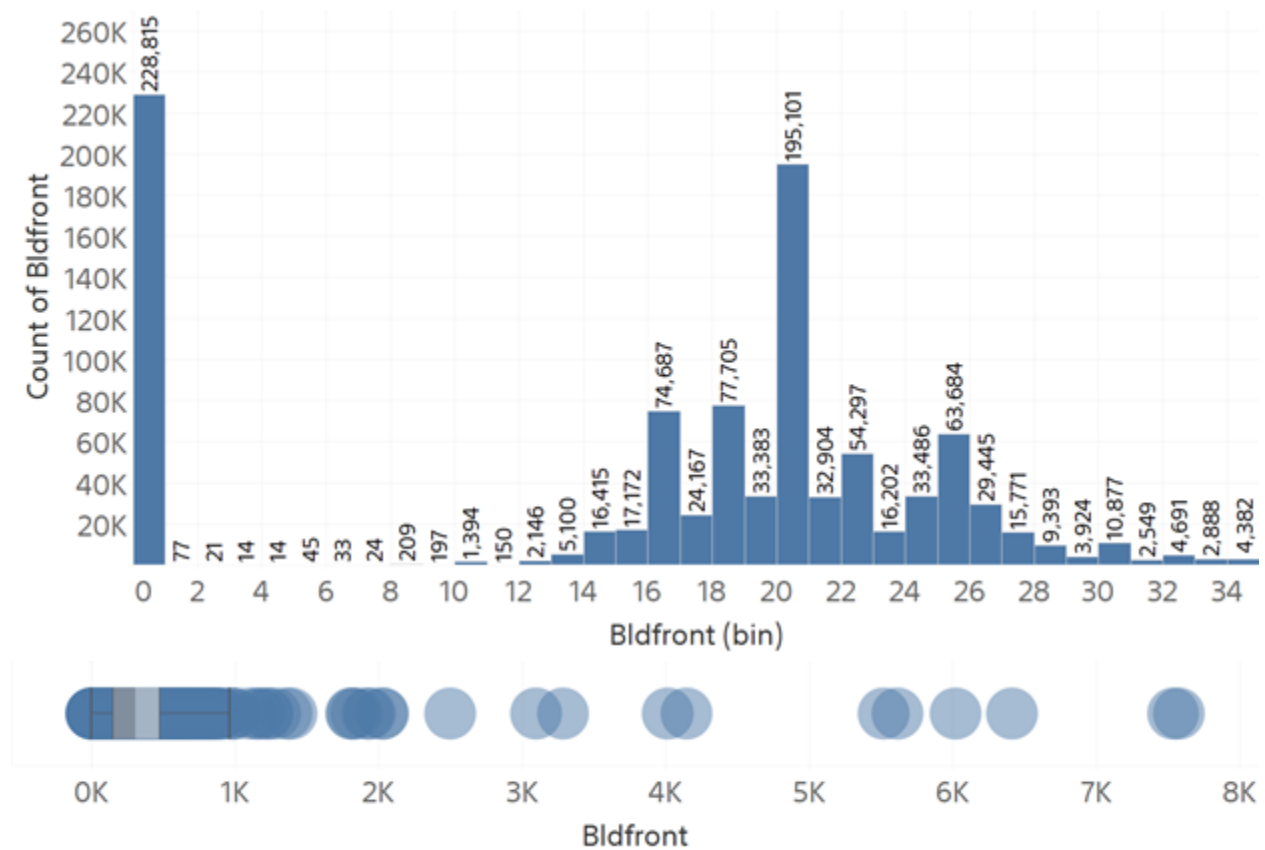
22.EXMPTCL

EXMPTCL is a categorical field for the exempt class which is used for fully exempt properties. If entered, the field should be between X1 and X9. Graph 21 below shows the bar graph of the top exempt class:



As shown in Graph 21, X1 and X5 are the top exemption classes.

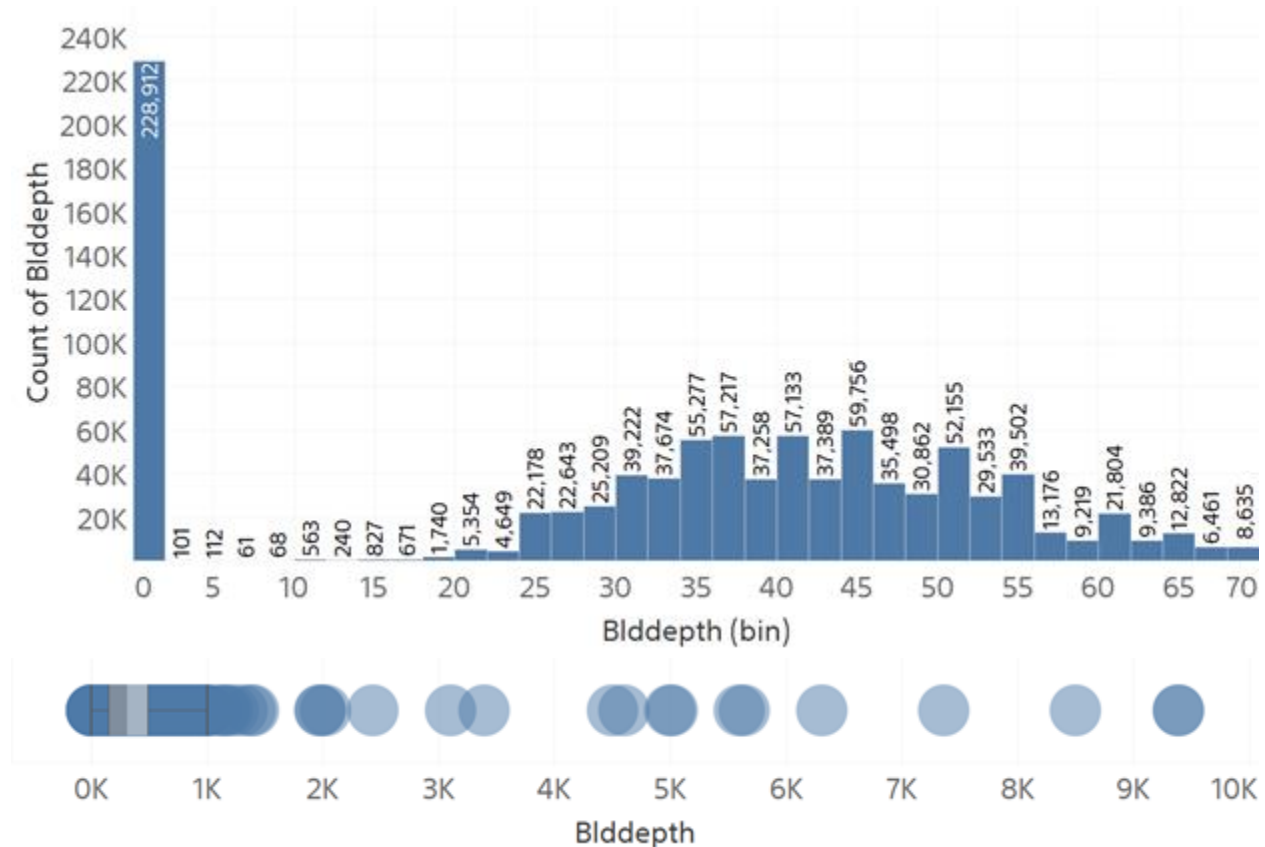
23.BLDFRONT



Based on Graph 22, BLDFRONT appears to potentially follow a normal distribution. However as shown in the boxplot below, it also suffers from a heavy skew to the right due to outliers. There is an upper whisker at 961 which results in 30 outliers.

24.BLDDEPTH

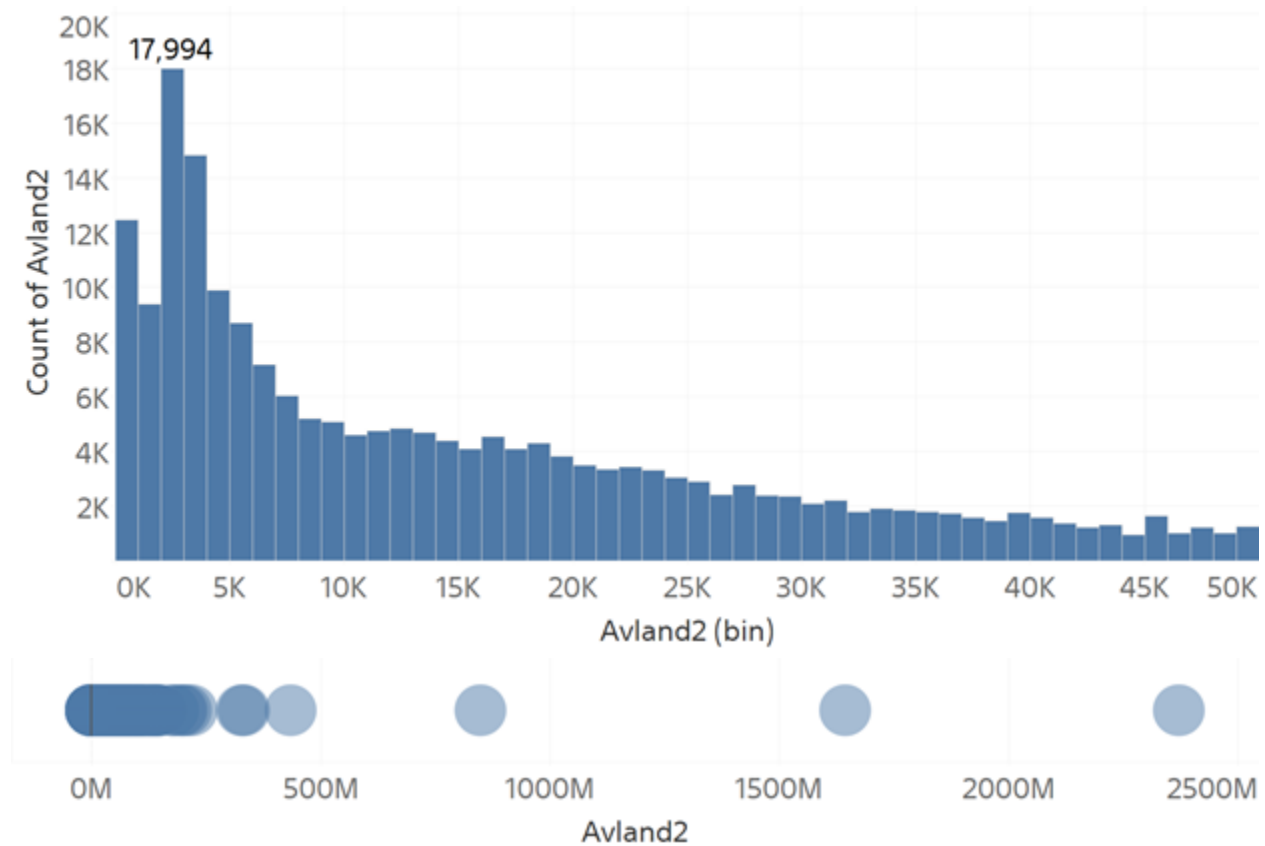
BLDDEPTH is the depth of the building in feet. It is a numeric field and extra insight may be provided from a histogram and boxplot. Graph 23 below shows the histogram of BLDGFRONT followed by its boxplot:



Like BLDGFRONT, Graph 23 shows that BLDDEPTH may follow a normal distribution. It's boxplot also shows that it suffers a skew to the right due to outliers. There is an upper whisker at 1,000 which results in 28 outliers.

25.AVLAND2

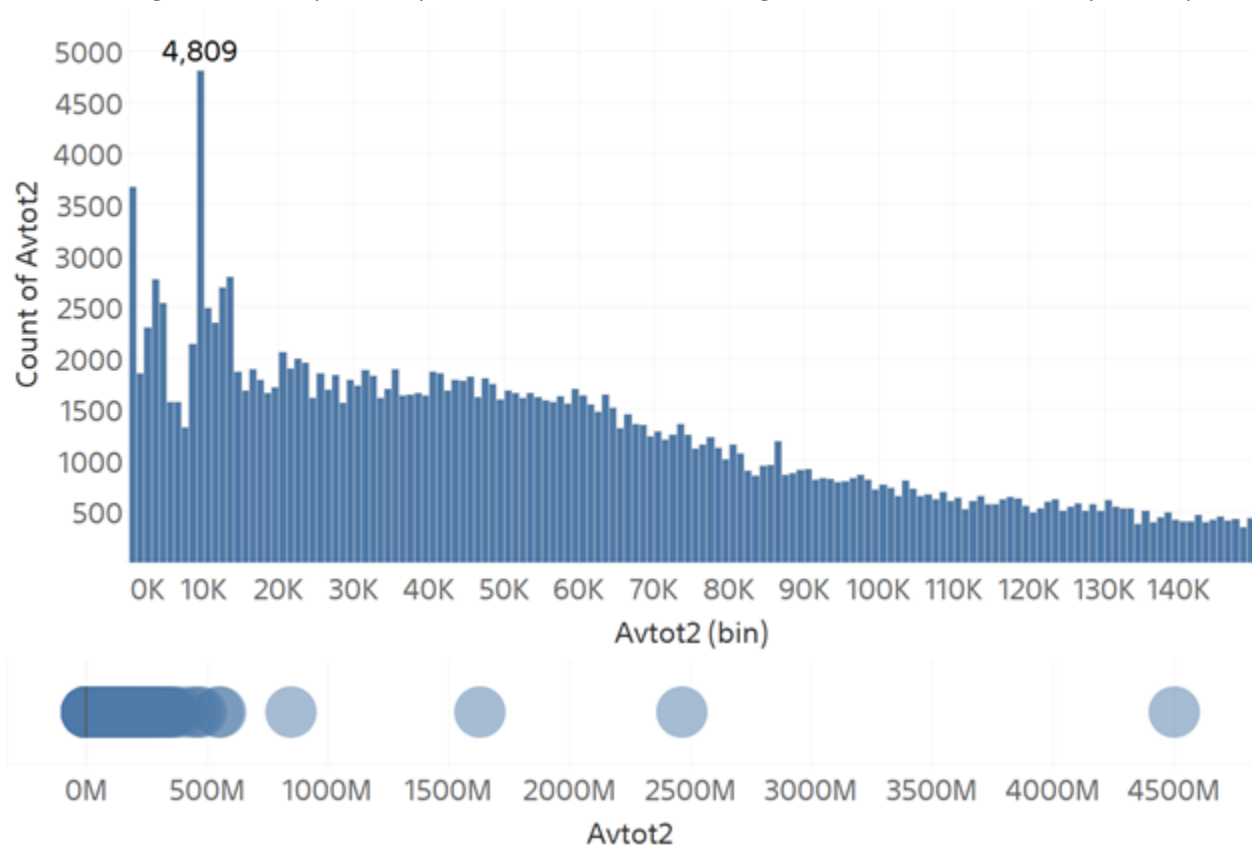
Current year's transitional assessed land value. It is a numeric field and extra insight may be provided from a histogram and boxplot. Graph 24 below shows the histogram of AVLAND2 followed by its boxplot:



Based on Graph 24, AVLAND2 may have a bimodal distribution but the key takeaway is that it is heavily skewed to the right. This is supported by the boxplot showing outliers in hundreds of millions to billions. There is an upper whisker at 233,910 which results in 29,028 outliers.

26.AVTOT2

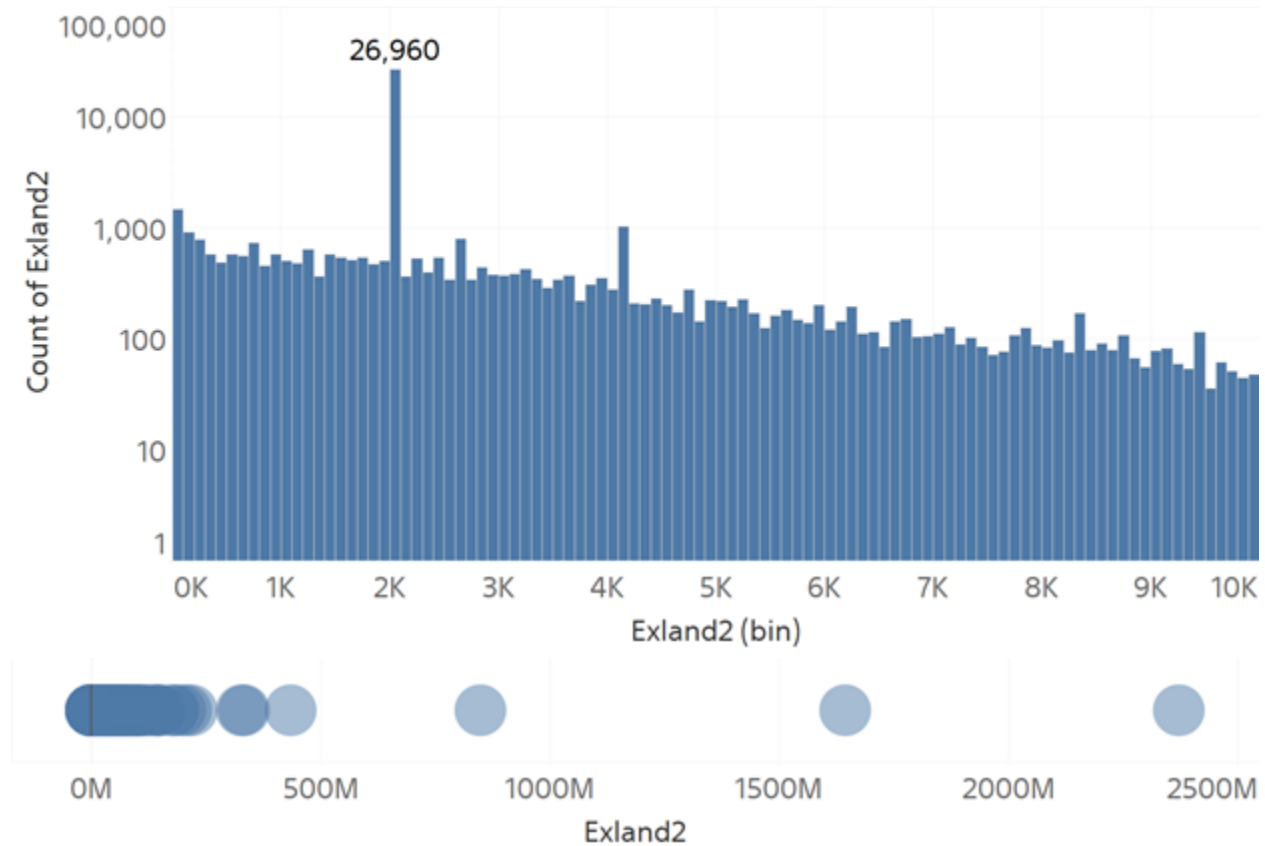
Current year's transitional assessed total value. It is a numeric field and extra insight may be provided from a histogram and boxplot. Graph 25 below shows the histogram of AVTOT2 followed by its boxplot:



Based on Graph 25, AVTOT2 may have a binomial distribution but the key takeaway is that it has a skew to the right. This is supported by the boxplot showing outliers in hundreds of millions to billions. There is an upper whisker at 860,760 which results in 26,880 outliers.

27.EXLAND2

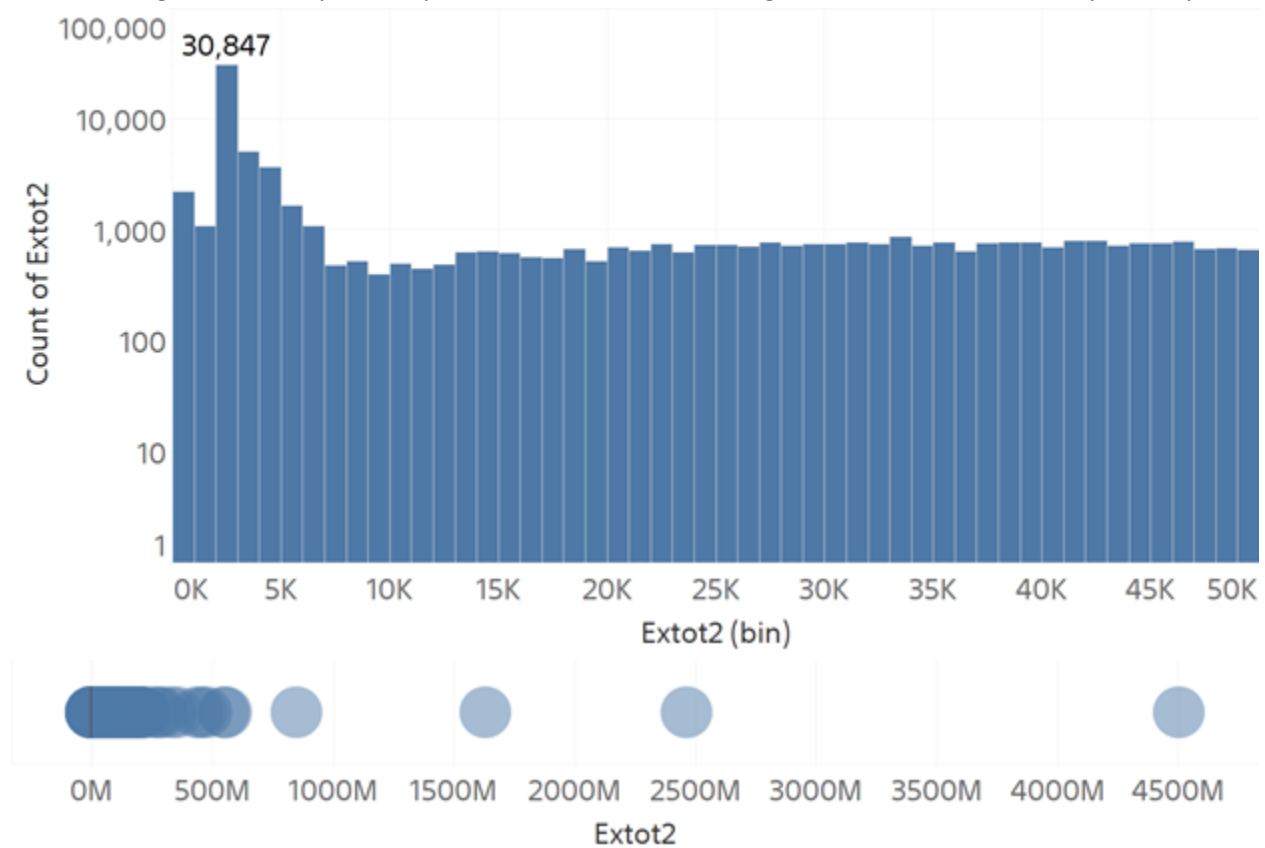
Current year's transitional exempt land value. It is a numeric field and extra insight may be provided from a histogram and boxplot. Graph 26 below shows the histogram of EXLAND2 followed by its boxplot:



Based on Graph 26, EXLAND2 appears to have a long tail to the right. This is supported by its boxplot with values in the millions to billions. There is an upper whisker at 443,250 which results in 6,348 outliers.

28.EXTOT2

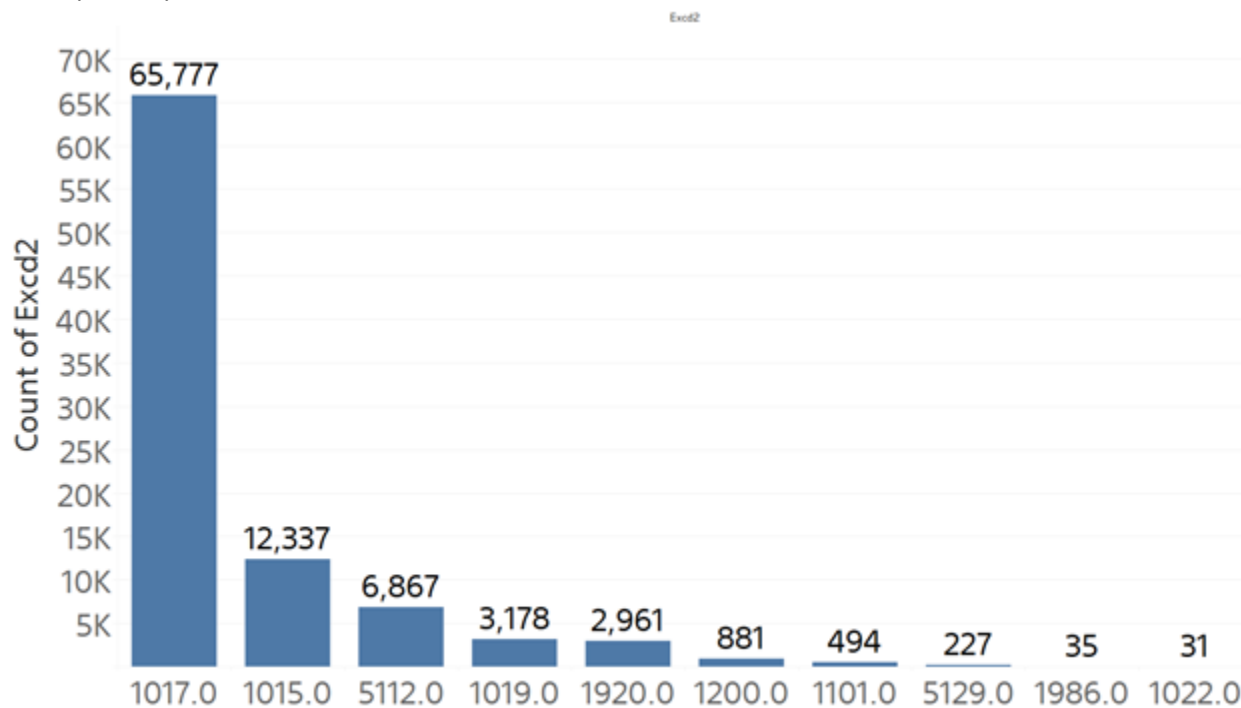
Current year's transitional exempt total value. It is a numeric field and extra insight may be provided from a histogram and boxplot. Graph 27 below shows the histogram of EXTOT2 followed by its boxplot:



Based on Graph 27, it is hard to determine the much of a pattern after the initial peak and subsequent decline. However, the boxplot helps to reveal a skew to the right due to outliers. There is an upper whisker at 650,853 which results in 11,241 outliers.

29.EXCD2

EXCD2 is a categorical field that identifies the exemption code relevant to transitional assessed value. Please see Exhibit 4 for the NYC Exemption Classification Codes. Graph 28 below shows the bar graph of the top exempt class:



Based on Graph 28, 1017 is the most popular exemption code for transitional assessed value; it is associated with school tax relief.

30.PERIOD

Period is a categorical field that might identify with the status of the Assessor's Roll for tax release purposes. Although there is uncertainty in the meaning of the field, every tuple has the same value (Final) and thus the field would only follow a uniform distribution. A graph or table would not provide any greater insight into the data and thus, was not included.

31.YEAR

YEAR is a categorical field that is likely associated with the initial fiscal year it came into the roll. In this case, all tuples are filled with the value '2010/11,' which likely to represent the 2010/2011 fiscal year (which began July 1, 2010 and ended June 30, 2011). This results in the field following a uniform distribution. A graph or table would not provide any greater insight into the data and thus, was not included.

32.VALTYPE

This field identifies what values are provided in the data. Every tuple has the same value, AC-TR, which stands for Actual-Transitional for Actual and Transitional Assessed Values. Since all the tuples have the same value, the field has a uniform distribution. A graph or table would not provide any greater insight into the data and thus, was not included.

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Exhibit 2: NYC Building Classifications

| Building Code | Description |
|---------------|--|
| A0 | CAPE COD |
| A1 | TWO STORIES - DETACHED SM OR MID |
| A2 | ONE STORY - PERMANENT LIVING QUARTER |
| A3 | LARGE SUBURBAN RESIDENCE |
| A4 | CITY RESIDENCE ONE FAMILY |
| A5 | ONE FAMILY ATTACHED OR SEMI-DETACHED |
| A6 | SUMMER COTTAGE |
| A7 | MANSION TYPE OR TOWNHOUSE |
| A8 | BUNGALOW COLONY - COOPERATIVELY OWNED LAND |
| A9 | MISCELLANEOUS ONE FAMILY |
| B1 | TWO FAMILY BRICK |
| B2 | TWO FAMILY FRAME |
| B3 | TWO FAMILY CONVERTED FROM ONE FAMILY |
| B9 | MISCELLANEOUS TWO FAMILY |
| C0 | THREE FAMILIES |
| C1 | OVER SIX FAMILIES WITHOUT STORES |
| C2 | FIVE TO SIX FAMILIES |
| C3 | FOUR FAMILIES |
| C4 | OLD LAW TENEMENT |
| C5 | CONVERTED DWELLINGS OR ROOMING HOUSE |
| C6 | WALK-UP COOPERATIVE |
| C7 | WALK-UP APT. OVER SIX FAMILIES WITH STORES |
| C8 | WALK-UP CO-OP; CONVERSION FROM LOFT/WAREHOUSE |
| C9 | GARDEN APARTMENTS |
| CM | MOBILE HOMES/TRAILER PARKS |
| D0 | ELEVATOR CO-OP; CONVERSION FROM LOFT/WAREHOUSE |
| D1 | ELEVATOR APT; SEMI-FIREPROOF WITHOUT STORES |
| D2 | ELEVATOR APT; ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE |
| D3 | ELEVATOR APT; FIREPROOF WITHOUT STORES |
| D4 | ELEVATOR COOPERATIVE |
| D5 | ELEVATOR APT; CONVERTED |
| D6 | ELEVATOR APT; FIREPROOF WITH STORES |
| D7 | ELEVATOR APT; SEMI-FIREPROOF WITH STORES |

| Building Code | Description |
|---------------|--|
| D8 | ELEVATOR APT; LUXURY TYPE |
| D9 | ELEVATOR APT; MISCELLANEOUS |
| E1 | FIREPROOF WAREHOUSE |
| E2 | CONTRACTORS WAREHOUSE |
| E3 | SEMI-FIREPROOF WAREHOUSE |
| E4 | METAL FRAME WAREHOUSE |
| E7 | SELF-STORAGE WAREHOUSES |
| E9 | MISCELLANEOUS WAREHOUSE |
| F1 | FACTORY; HEAVY MANUFACTURING - FIREPROOF |
| F2 | FACTORY; SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION - FIREPROOF |
| F4 | FACTORY; INDUSTRIAL SEMI-FIREPROOF |
| F5 | FACTORY; LIGHT MANUFACTURING |
| F8 | FACTORY; TANK FARM |
| F9 | FACTORY; INDUSTRIAL-MISCELLANEOUS |
| G0 | GARAGE; RESIDENTIAL TAX CLASS 1 |
| G1 | ALL PARKING GARAGES |
| G2 | AUTO BODY/COLLISION OR AUTO REPAIR |
| G3 | GAS STATION WITH RETAIL STORE |
| G4 | GAS STATION WITH SERVICE/AUTO REPAIR |
| G5 | GAS STATION ONLY WITH/WITHOUT SMALL KIOSK |
| G6 | LICENSED PARKING LOT |
| G7 | UNLICENSED PARKING LOT |
| G8 | CAR SALES/RENTAL WITH SHOWROOM |
| G9 | MISCELLANEOUS GARAGE OR GAS STATION |
| GU | CAR SALES/RENTAL WITHOUT SHOWROOM |
| G9 | CAR WASH OR LUBRITORIUM FACILITY |
| HB | BOUTIQUE: 10-100 ROOMS, W/LUXURY FACILITIES |
| HH | HOSTELS- BED RENTALS IN DORMITORY |
| HR | SRO- 1 OR 2 PEOPLE HOUSED IN INDIVIDUAL ROOMS (AFFORDABLE HOUSING) |
| HS | EXTENDED STAY/SUITE: AMENITIES SIMILAR TO APT |
| H1 | LUXURY HOTEL |
| H2 | FULL SERVICE HOTEL |
| H3 | LIMITED SERVICE; MANY AFFILIATED WITH NATIONAL CHAIN |
| H4 | MOTEL |
| H5 | HOTEL; PRIVATE CLUB, LUXURY TYPE |

| Building Code | Description |
|---------------|---|
| H6 | APARTMENT HOTEL |
| H7 | APARTMENT HOTEL - COOPERATIVELY OWNED |
| H8 | DORMITORY |
| H9 | MISCELLANEOUS HOTEL |
| I1 | HOSPITAL, SANITARIUM, MENTAL INSTITUTION |
| I2 | INFIRMARY |
| I3 | DISPENSARY |
| I4 | HOSPITAL; STAFF FACILITY |
| I5 | HEALTH CENTER, CHILD CENTER, CLINIC |
| I6 | NURSING HOME |
| I7 | ADULT CARE FACILITY |
| I9 | MISCELLANEOUS HOSPITAL, HEALTH CARE FACILITY |
| J1 | THEATRE; ART TYPE LESS THAN 400 SEATS |
| J2 | THEATRE; ART TYPE MORE THAN 400 SEATS |
| J3 | MOTION PICTURE THEATRE WITH BALCONY |
| J4 | LEGITIMATE THEATRE, SOLE USE |
| J5 | THEATRE IN MIXED-USE BUILDING |
| J6 | TELEVISION STUDIO |
| J7 | OFF BROADWAY TYPE THEATRE |
| J8 | MULTIPLEX PICTURE THEATRE |
| J9 | MISCELLANEOUS THEATRE |
| K1 | ONE STORY RETAIL BUILDING |
| K2 | MULTI-STORY RETAIL BUILDING (2 OR MORE) |
| K3 | MULTI-STORY DEPARTMENT STORE |
| K4 | PREDOMINANT RETAIL WITH OTHER USES |
| K5 | STAND-ALONE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT |
| K6 | SHOPPING CENTER WITH OR WITHOUT PARKING |
| K7 | BANKING FACILITIES WITH OR WITHOUT PARKING |
| K8 | BIG BOX RETAIL: NOT AFFIXED & STANDING ON OWN LOT W/PARKING |
| K9 | MISCELLANEOUS STORE BUILDING |
| L1 | LOFT; OVER 8 STORIES (MID MANH. TYPE) |
| L2 | LOFT; FIREPROOF AND STORAGE TYPE WITHOUT STORES |
| L3 | LOFT; SEMI-FIREPROOF |
| L8 | LOFT; WITH RETAIL STORES OTHER THAN TYPE ONE |
| L9 | MISCELLANEOUS LOFT |

| Building Code | Description |
|---------------|---|
| M1 | CHURCH, SYNAGOGUE, CHAPEL |
| M2 | MISSION HOUSE (NON-RESIDENTIAL) |
| M3 | PARSONAGE, RECTORY |
| M4 | CONVENT |
| M9 | MISCELLANEOUS RELIGIOUS FACILITY |
| N1 | ASYLUM |
| N2 | HOME FOR INDIGENT CHILDREN, AGED, HOMELESS |
| N3 | ORPHANAGE |
| N4 | DETENTION HOUSE FOR WAYWARD GIRLS |
| N9 | MISCELLANEOUS ASYLUM, HOME |
| O1 | OFFICE ONLY - 1 STORY |
| O2 | OFFICE ONLY 2 - 6 STORIES |
| O3 | OFFICE ONLY 7 - 19 STORIES |
| O4 | OFFICE ONLY WITH OR WITHOUT COMM - 20 STORIES OR MORE |
| O5 | OFFICE WITH COMM - 1 TO 6 STORIES |
| O6 | OFFICE WITH COMM 7 - 19 STORIES |
| O7 | PROFESSIONAL BUILDINGS/STAND ALONE FUNERAL HOMES |
| O8 | OFFICE WITH APARTMENTS ONLY (NO COMM) |
| O9 | MISCELLANEOUS AND OLD STYLE BANK BLDGS. |
| P1 | CONCERT HALL |
| P2 | LODGE ROOM |
| P3 | YWCA, YMCA, YWHA, YMHA, PAL |
| P4 | BEACH CLUB |
| P5 | COMMUNITY CENTER |
| P6 | AMUSEMENT PLACE, BATH HOUSE, BOAT HOUSE |
| P7 | MUSEUM |
| P8 | LIBRARY |
| P9 | MISCELLANEOUS INDOOR PUBLIC ASSEMBLY |
| Q1 | PARKS/RECREATION FACILITY |
| Q2 | PLAYGROUND |
| Q3 | OUTDOOR POOL |
| Q4 | BEACH |
| Q5 | GOLF COURSE |
| Q6 | STADIUM, RACE TRACK, BASEBALL FIELD |

| Building Code | Description |
|---------------|--|
| Q7 | TENNIS COURT |
| Q8 | MARINA, YACHT CLUB |
| Q9 | MISCELLANEOUS OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITY |
| RA | CULTURAL, MEDICAL, EDUCATIONAL, ETC. |
| RB | OFFICE SPACE |
| RG | INDOOR PARKING |
| RH | HOTEL/BOATEL |
| RK | RETAIL SPACE |
| RP | OUTDOOR PARKING |
| RR | CONDOMINIUM RENTALS |
| RS | NON-BUSINESS STORAGE SPACE |
| RT | TERRACES/GARDENS/CABANAS |
| RW | WAREHOUSE/FACTORY/INDUSTRIAL |
| R0 | SPECIAL CONDOMINIUM BILLING LOT |
| R1 | CONDO; RESIDENTIAL UNIT IN 2-10 UNIT BLDG. |
| R2 | CONDO; RESIDENTIAL UNIT IN WALK-UP BLDG. |
| R3 | CONDO; RESIDENTIAL UNIT IN 1-3 STORY BLDG. |
| R4 | CONDO; RESIDENTIAL UNIT IN ELEVATOR BLDG. |
| R5 | MISCELLANEOUS COMMERCIAL |
| R6 | CONDO; RESID.UNIT OF 1-3 UNIT BLDG-ORIG CLASS 1 |
| R7 | CONDO; COMMML.UNIT OF 1-3 UNIT BLDG-ORIG CLASS 1 |
| R8 | CONDO; COMMML.UNIT OF 2-10 UNIT BLDG. |
| R9 | CO-OP WITHIN A CONDOMINIUM |
| RR | CONDO RENTALS |
| S0 | PRIMARILY 1 FAMILY WITH 2 STORES OR OFFICES |
| S1 | PRIMARILY 1 FAMILY WITH 1 STORE OR OFFICE |
| S2 | PRIMARILY 2 FAMILY WITH 1 STORE OR OFFICE |
| S3 | PRIMARILY 3 FAMILY WITH 1 STORE OR OFFICE |
| S4 | PRIMARILY 4 FAMILY WITH 1 STORE OR OFFICE |
| S5 | PRIMARILY 5-6 FAMILY WITH 1 STORE OR OFFICE |
| S9 | SINGLE OR MULTIPLE DWELLING WITH STORES OR OFFICES |
| T1 | AIRPORT, AIRFIELD, TERMINAL |
| T2 | PIER, DOCK, BULKHEAD |
| T9 | MISCELLANEOUS TRANSPORTATION FACILITY |

| Building Code | Description |
|---------------|--|
| U0 | UTILITY COMPANY LAND AND BUILDING |
| U1 | BRIDGE, TUNNEL, HIGHWAY |
| U2 | GAS OR ELECTRIC UTILITY |
| U3 | CEILING RAILROAD |
| U4 | TELEPHONE UTILITY |
| U5 | COMMUNICATION FACILITY OTHER THAN TELEPHONE |
| U6 | RAILROAD - PRIVATE OWNERSHIP |
| U7 | TRANSPORTATION - PUBLIC OWNERSHIP |
| U8 | REVOCABLE CONSENT |
| U9 | MISCELLANEOUS UTILITY PROPERTY |
| V0 | ZONED RESIDENTIAL; NOT MANHATTAN |
| V1 | ZONED COMMERCIAL OR MANHATTAN RESIDENTIAL |
| V2 | ZONED COMMERCIAL ADJACENT TO CLASS 1 DWELLING: NOT MANHATTAN |
| V3 | ZONED PRIMARILY RESIDENTIAL; NOT MANHATTAN |
| V4 | POLICE OR FIRE DEPARTMENT |
| V5 | SCHOOL SITE OR YARD |
| V6 | LIBRARY, HOSPITAL OR MUSEUM |
| V7 | PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY |
| V8 | NEW YORK STATE OR US GOVERNMENT |
| V9 | MISCELLANEOUS VACANT LAND |
| W1 | PUBLIC ELEMENTARY, JUNIOR OR SENIOR HIGH |
| W2 | PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, YESHIVA |
| W3 | SCHOOL OR ACADEMY |
| W4 | TRAINING SCHOOL |
| W5 | CITY UNIVERSITY |
| W6 | OTHER COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY |
| W7 | THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY |
| W8 | OTHER PRIVATE SCHOOL |
| W9 | MISCELLANEOUS EDUCATIONAL FACILITY |
| Y1 | FIRE DEPARTMENT |
| Y2 | POLICE DEPARTMENT |
| Y3 | PRISON, JAIL, HOUSE OF DETENTION |
| Y4 | MILITARY AND NAVAL INSTALLATION |
| Y5 | DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE |
| Y6 | DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION |
| Y7 | DEPARTMENT OF PORTS AND TERMINALS |

| Building Code | Description |
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| Y8 | DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS |
| Y9 | DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION |
| Z0 | TENNIS COURT, POOL, SHED, ETC. |
| Z1 | COURT HOUSE |
| Z2 | PUBLIC PARKING AREA |
| Z3 | POST OFFICE |
| Z4 | FOREIGN GOVERNMENT |
| Z5 | UNITED NATIONS |
| Z7 | EASEMENT |
| Z8 | CEMETERY |
| Z9 | OTHER MISCELLANEOUS |

Exhibit 3: NYC Tax Classes

Every property within NYC is assigned one of four tax classes (1, 2, 3, or 4) based on the use of the property. Below is the designation and their associated uses:

Class 1: Most residential property of up to three units, vacant land that is zoned for residential use, and most condominiums that are not more than three stories.

Class 2: All other property that is primary residential, such as cooperatives and condominiums.

Class 3: Property with equipment owned by gas, telephone, and/or electric company.

Class 4: All other properties not included in classes 1, 2, and 3, such as offices, factories, warehouses, garage buildings, etc.

Each Tax Class is associated with different groups of building classes. Below are the groups of building classes that fall under each Tax Class:

| Tax Class | Building Classes |
|------------------|---|
| 1 | A0 - A9, B1 - B9, C0, G0, R3, R6, R7, S0 - S2, V0, V2, V3, Z0 |
| 2 | C1 - C9, D0 - D9, R0, R1, R2, R4, R8, R9, S3, S4, S5, S9 |
| 3 | U1 - U2, U4 - U9 |
| 4 | All Other Building Classes |

Exhibit 4: NYC Exemption Classification Codes

| Exempt Code | SDEA Code | Description | Status | Legal Ref |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1010 | 41101 | VETERAN | ACTIVE | RPTL § 458 |
| 1010 | 41121 | New Law Veteran | ACTIVE | RPTL § 458 |
| 1010 | 41131 | New Law Veteran | ACTIVE | RPTL § 458 |
| 1010 | 41141 | New Law Veteran | ACTIVE | RPTL § 458 |
| 1011 | 41300 | SER DISABLED VET | ACTIVE | RPTL §458(3) |
| 1015 | 41800 | SENIOR CITIZEN | ACTIVE | RPTL §467 |
| 1016 | 41910 | CRIME VICTIMS | ACTIVE | RPTL §459-b |
| 1017 | 41836 | SCHOOL TAX RELIEF | ACTIVE | RPTL § 425 |

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|------|-------|----------------------|--------|--------------|
| 1017 | 41856 | SCHOOL TAX RELIEF | ACTIVE | RPTL § 425 |
| 1019 | 41930 | DISABLE HOMEOWNER | ACTIVE | RPTL § 459C |
| 1021 | 25110 | HOUSE OF WORSHIP | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-a |
| 1022 | 25120 | RELIGIOUS-SCHOOL | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-a |
| 1023 | 25120 | RELIGIOUS-DORMITORY | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-a |
| 1101 | 21600 | PARSONAGE | ACTIVE | RPTL § 462 |
| 1102 | 21600 | RELIGIOUS MISSIONS | ACTIVE | RPTL § 462 |
| 1200 | 41400 | CLERGY | ACTIVE | RPTL § 460 |
| 1301 | 25800 | 420C HOUSING | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-C |
| 1401 | 25210 | HOSPITAL | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-a |
| 1402 | 25210 | HEALTH CENTER | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-a |
| 1403 | 25210 | NURSING HOME | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-a |
| 1404 | 25210 | HOSPITAL STAFF HSG | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-a |
| 1501 | 25130 | CHARITABLE | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-a |
| 1502 | 25130 | CHARITABLE | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-a |
| 1503 | 25130 | CHARITABLE | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-a |
| 1504 | 25130 | CHARITABLE HOUSING | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-a |
| 1505 | 25130 | NFP-CONTEMP USE | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-a |
| 1511 | 25400 | FRATERNAL ORGANIZ | ACTIVE | RPTL § 428 |
| 1521 | 25230 | MENTAL-MORAL IMPROVE | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-a |
| 1522 | 25110 | SALVATION ARMY | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-a |
| 1523 | 25130 | CHARITABLE PHILAN | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-a |
| 1561 | 46450 | VOL. FIRE CO. | ACTIVE | RPTL § 466 |
| 1562 | 26350 | PATROL SALVAGE | ACTIVE | RPTL § 468 |
| 1571 | 26100 | A.L.,VFW,CWV,JWV,ETC | ACTIVE | RPTL § 452 |
| 1572 | 29650 | MEMORIAL ASSN | ACTIVE | RPTL § 442 |
| 1601 | 25120 | COLLEGE-UNIVERSITY | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-a |
| 1602 | 25120 | SCHOOL-ELEM,HS,ACAD | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-a |
| 1603 | 25120 | STUDENT DORMITORY | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-a |
| 1604 | 25120 | FACULTY STUDENT HSG | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-a |
| 1605 | 25120 | MUSEUM | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-a |
| 1606 | 26000 | COOPER UNION | ACTIVE | C279-59 |
| 1620 | 26500 | INST OF ARTS SCI | ACTIVE | RPTL § 424 |
| 1630 | 29150 | OPERA HOUSE | ACTIVE | RPTL § 426 |

| Exempt Code | SDEA Code | Description | Status | Legal Ref |
|-------------|-----------|-----------------------------|--------|--------------|
| 1640 | 29500 | PERF ARTS BLDG | ACTIVE | RPTL § 427 |
| 1650 | 49200 | THEATRICAL CORP | ACTIVE | RPTL § 432 |
| 1660 | 29450 | ACADEMY OF MUSIC | ACTIVE | RPTL § 434 |
| 1700 | 27350 | CEMETERY (PRIVATE | ACTIVE | RPTL §446 |
| 1840 | 25300 | BIBLE | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-B |
| 1841 | 25300 | TRACT | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-B |
| 1850 | 25300 | BENEVOLENT | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-B |
| 1860 | 25300 | INFIRMARY | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-B |
| 1870 | 25300 | PUBLIC PLAYGROUND | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-B |
| 1871 | 25300 | SUPVD. SPORTSMANSHIP | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-B |
| 1872 | 25300 | ENF/LAW/CHILD/ANIMAL | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-B |
| 1880 | 25300 | SCIENTIFIC | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-B |
| 1881 | 25300 | LITERARY | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-B |
| 1882 | 25300 | LIBRARY | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-B |
| 1890 | 25300 | PATRIOTIC | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-B |
| 1891 | 25300 | HISTORICAL | ACTIVE | RPTL § 420-B |
| 1901 | 29600 | PASSENGER TERMINAL | ACTIVE | RPTL § 476 |
| 1902 | 47200 | CONSTRUCTION | ACTIVE | RPTL § 476 |
| 1903 | 47200 | RAILROAD CEILING | ACTIVE | RPTL § 489 |
| 1904 | 47200 | RAILROAD PASSENGER | ACTIVE | RPTL § 489 |
| 1905 | 47200 | COMMUTER CEILING | ACTIVE | RPTL § 489 |
| 1920 | 48070 | J-51 ALTERATION | ACTIVE | RPTL § 489 |
| 1925 | 48820 | 421g RES. CONVERS. LOW MANH | ACTIVE | RPTL § 421G |
| 1930 | 47700 | FALLOUT SHELTER | ACTIVE | RPTL § 479 |
| 1940 | 27500 | JAMAICA WATER | ACTIVE | RPTL §485-d |
| 1950 | 25500 | NON-PROFIT MED DENT | ACTIVE | RPTL § 486 |
| 1951 | 25500 | HIP CENTER | ACTIVE | RPTL § 486 |
| 1961 | 49530 | INDUST WASTE FACIL | ACTIVE | RPTL § 477 |
| 1963 | 47900 | ENVIRON PROT EX | ACTIVE | RPTL § 481 |
| 1964 | 47900 | ENVIRON PROT EX | ACTIVE | RPTL § 481 |
| 1965 | 49500 | SOLAR/WIND ENERGY | ACTIVE | RPTL § 487 |
| 1971 | 47750 | LIMIT.ON TEL TEL EQ | ACTIVE | RPTL § 470 |

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| 1972 | 47760 | TELECOM EQUIP | ACTIVE | S-471 |
| 1975 | 0 | PVT PROP ON US LAND | ACTIVE | BUCK ACT |
| 1981 | 47650 | NEW IND OR COMM BLDG | ACTIVE | RPTL § 489 |
| 1982 | 47650 | ALT IND OR COMM BLDG | ACTIVE | RPTL § 489 |
| 1984 | 47660 | ICIP DEFERED PAYMENT | ACTIVE | RPTL § 489 |
| 1985 | 47660 | ICIP REG. COMML EX | ACTIVE | RPTL § 489 |
| 1986 | 47660 | ICIP IND/SPECIAL EX | ACTIVE | RPTL § 489 |
| 1988 | 47680 | MIXED-USE - LOW MANH | ACTIVE | RPTL § 489A |
| 1990 | 13940 | TRUST FOR CULT RSRCE | ACTIVE | Art-Cult L Section 21 |
| 1992 | 49000 | PROF. MAJ LEA SPORTS | ACTIVE | RPTL § 429 |
| 2100 | 13350 | BOROUGH PRESIDENT | ACTIVE | RPTL § 406(1) |
| 2120 | 13350 | ARMORY | ACTIVE | RPTL § 406(1) |
| 2131 | 13350 | DEPT OF CORRECTION | ACTIVE | RPTL § 406(1) |
| 2132 | 13350 | POLICE DEPT | ACTIVE | RPTL § 406(1) |
| 2133 | 13350 | FIRE DEPT | ACTIVE | RPTL § 406(1) |
| 2134 | 13350 | POLICE FIRE | ACTIVE | RPTL § 406(1) |
| 2151 | 13800 | DEPT. OF EDUCATION | ACTIVE | RPTL § 408 |
| 2152 | 13350 | BOARD HIGHER EDUC (CUNY) | ACTIVE | RPTL § 406(1) |
| 2171 | 13350 | DEPT OF SANITATION | ACTIVE | RPTL § 406(1) |
| 2172 | 13350 | DEPT WATER RESOURCES | ACTIVE | RPTL § 406(1) |
| 2191 | 13350 | PORTS TERMINALS | ACTIVE | RPTL § 406(1) |
| 2198 | 14620 | AIRFIELD -DO NOT USE | ACTIVE | RPTL § 406(1) |
| 2201 | 13350 | DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DEP | ACTIVE | RPTL § 406(1) |
| 2202 | 13350 | DEPT OF REAL ESTATE (DCAS | ACTIVE | RPTL § 406(1) |
| 2220 | 13350 | DEPT OF SOC SERVICES (HRA | ACTIVE | RPTL § 406(1) |
| 2231 | 13350 | PARK | ACTIVE | RPTL § 406(1) |
| 2232 | 13350 | PUBLIC LIBRARY | ACTIVE | RPTL § 406(1) |
| 2233 | 13350 | PUBLIC MUSEUM | ACTIVE | RPTL § 406(1) |
| 2234 | 13350 | PUBLIC BEACH | ACTIVE | RPTL § 406(1) |
| 2251 | 13350 | DEPT OF HEALTH | ACTIVE | RPTL § 406(1) |
| 2252 | 13950 | HEALTH & HOSPITALS C | ACTIVE | McK U Con L Section 7400 |
| 2261 | 13350 | DEPT OF TRAFFIC | ACTIVE | RPTL § 406(1) |

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| 2262 | 13350 | DEPT OF HIGHWAYS | ACTIVE | RPTL § 406(1) |
| 2280 | 13350 | HOUSE PRES DEVL ADM | ACTIVE | RPTL § 406(1) |
| 2310 | 18040 | URBAN RENEWAL | ACTIVE | Gen Muni Law § 506, 555, 560 |
| 2350 | 13350 | NYC ECON DEV CORP | ACTIVE | RPTL § 406(1) |
| 2351 | 13350 | EDC - PILOT | ACTIVE | RPTL § 406(1) |
| 2400 | 13920 | NYC EDUC CONST FUND | ACTIVE | Education Law §468 |
| 2500 | 18020 | NYC INDUSTRIAL DEV | ACTIVE | RPTL §412a |
| 2501 | 18020 | IDA - PILOT | ACTIVE | RPTL §412a |
| 2600 | 13350 | NYC EMPL RETIRE SYS | ACTIVE | RPTL §404(2) |
| 3360 | 12100 | MILITARY | ACTIVE | RPTL §400(1)/State Law §54 |
| 3380 | 12100 | STATE HOSPITAL | ACTIVE | RPTL §404(1) |
| 3390 | 12100 | STATE LANDS BLDGS | ACTIVE | RPTL §404(1) |
| 3400 | 12100 | STATE PUBLIC WORKS | ACTIVE | RPTL §404(1) |
| 3410 | 18180 | NYS URBAN DEV (ESDC) | ACTIVE | RPTL §404(1) |
| 3420 | 12100 | ROOSEVELT ISLAND | ACTIVE | McK U Con Law § 6395 |
| 3500 | 12350 | DORMITORY AUTHORITY | ACTIVE | Pub Auth Law §1685 |
| 3600 | 12150 | STATE RETIRE SYSTEM | ACTIVE | RPTL §404(2) |
| 3700 | 12450 | NYS MED CARE FAC FIN | ACTIVE | McK U Con L Section 7421 |
| 3800 | 14000 | SCHOOL CONST AUTH | ACTIVE | Pub Auth Law §1742 |
| 4500 | 14120 | ARMED FORCES | ACTIVE | State L §59-g |
| 4520 | 14110 | POST OFFICE | ACTIVE | State L §54 |
| 4530 | 14100 | LIGHTHOUSE | ACTIVE | RPTL §400(1) |
| 4540 | 14100 | FED CEMETERY | ACTIVE | RPTL §446 |
| 4550 | 14110 | FED HOSPITAL | ACTIVE | State L §54 |
| 4600 | 14100 | FED GOVT LAND BLDGS | ACTIVE | RPTL §400(1) |
| 4650 | 27250 | AMTRAK (FED SUBSI RR | ACTIVE | 45 USC §546b |
| 5090 | 18120 | NYS Housing Finance Agency | ACTIVE | PHFL §45a |
| 5100 | 48460 | LTD PROFIT HSNG CO:LEASED | ACTIVE | PHFL §33(2), (3) |
| 5101 | 18080 | NYC HOUSING AUTH | ACTIVE | Pub Hsng L §§52(3), 52(5), 52(6) |
| 5102 | 38260 | STATE AIDED PUB HSG | ACTIVE | Pub Hsng L §§52(4), 52(5) |
| 5103 | 18080 | NYC HOUS AUTH-DUPPLIC | ACTIVE | Pub Hsng L §§52(3), 52(5), 52(6) |
| 5104 | 18080 | DWELLING FROM FED | ACTIVE | Pub Hsng L §§52(3), 52(5), 52(6) |

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| 5105 | 28120 | ST ASSISTED PRIV HSG | ACTIVE | RPTL §422 |
| 5106 | 48660 | HSG DEV FUND COMPANY (SRT) | ACTIVE | PHFL §577(3) |
| 5107 | 48540 | LIMITED DIVIDEND (SRT) | ACTIVE | PHFL §93(6) |
| 5108 | 48670 | REDEVELOPMENT (SRT) | ACTIVE | PHFL §§125, 127 |
| 5109 | 48650 | MITCHELL-LAMA (SRT) | ACTIVE | PHFL §33(1)(c)(d) |
| 5110 | 48800 | 421a (10 yr not cap) | ACTIVE | RPTL § 421A |
| 5111 | 41950 | 421b | ACTIVE | RPTL § 421B |
| 5112 | 48100 | URBAN DEV. ACT PROJ. | ACTIVE | Gen Muny L §696 |
| 5113 | 48800 | 421a (15 yr not cap) | ACTIVE | RPTL § 421A |
| 5114 | 48800 | 421a (25 yr not cap) | ACTIVE | RPTL § 421A |
| 5115 | 48690 | REDEV. PHASE OUT | ACTIVE | RPTL § 423 |
| 5116 | 48800 | 421a (20 yr not cap) | ACTIVE | RPTL § 421A |
| 5117 | 48800 | 421a (10 yr cap) | ACTIVE | RPTL § 421A |
| 5118 | 48800 | 421a (15 yr cap) | ACTIVE | RPTL § 421A |
| 5129 | 48743 | DIV OF ALT MGMT PROG | ACTIVE | PHFL §1106-h |
| 5130 | 48743 | Special Initiatives Program (SIP) | ACTIVE | PHFL §1106-h |
| 6110 | 14610 | PORT AUTH-WORLD TRAD | ACTIVE | McK U Con L §6611 |
| 6120 | 14640 | PORT AUTH - INVALID | ACTIVE | |
| 6130 | 14610 | PATH-DO NOT USE | ACTIVE | McK U Con L §6611 |
| 6140 | 14620 | PORT AUTH-AIR TERMIN | ACTIVE | McK U Con L §6635 |
| 6150 | 14630 | PORT AUTH-BUS FACILT | ACTIVE | McK U Con L §7210 |
| 6160 | 14600 | PORT AUTH-NARROWS BR | ACTIVE | McK U Con L §6562 |
| 6170 | 17000 | PORT AUTH-INDUST DEV | ACTIVE | McK U Con L §7181 |
| 6180 | 14640 | PORT AUTH-BRIDGE/TUN | ACTIVE | McK U Con L §6515 |
| 6200 | 12360 | MTA - BRIDGE/TUNNEL | ACTIVE | Pub Auth Law §566 |
| 6320 | 12360 | MTA - NYC TRANSIT | ACTIVE | Pub Auth Law §1216 |
| 6400 | 12360 | MTA - LIRR/MN | ACTIVE | Pub Auth Law §1275 |
| 6500 | 19950 | MUNICIPAL RAILROAD | ACTIVE | RPTL §456 |
| 6600 | 12350 | NY STATE POWER AUTH | ACTIVE | Pub Auth L §1012 |
| 6700 | 12350 | NY JOB DEVEL AUTH | ACTIVE | Pub Auth L §1806 |
| 6800 | 12350 | BATTERY PARK AUTH | ACTIVE | Pub Auth L §1981 |
| 7120 | 14210 | FOREIGN CONSULATE | ACTIVE | Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, Article 32 |
| 7150 | 14400 | UNITED NATIONS | ACTIVE | RPTL §416 |
| 7160 | 14220 | FOREIGN MISSION | ACTIVE | Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, Article |

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| 7165 | 14200 | FOREIGN EMBASSY | ACTIVE | RPTL §418 |
| 7166 | 14200 | FOREIGN STAFF HSING | ACTIVE | 22 U.S.C. 4305c |
| 7170 | 14410 | UN DEVELOP CORP | ACTIVE | McK U Con L §9613 |