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DESCRIPTIVE ABSTRACT: Data set contains information from the Ames Assessor's Office used in computing assessed values for individual residential properties sold in Ames, IA from 2006 to 2010.

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VARIABLE DESCRIPTIONS:
Tab characters are used to separate variables in the data file. The data has 82 columns which include 23 nominal, 23 ordinal, 14 discrete, and 20 continuous variables (and 2 additional observation identifiers).

Order (Discrete): Observation number

PID (Nominal): Parcel identification number - can be used with city web site for parcel review.

MS SubClass (Nominal): Identifies the type of dwelling involved in the sale.

020	1-STORY 1946 & NEWER ALL STYLES
030	1-STORY 1945 & OLDER
040	1-STORY W/FINISHED ATTIC ALL AGES
045	1-1/2 STORY - UNFINISHED ALL AGES
050	1-1/2 STORY FINISHED ALL AGES
060	2-STORY 1946 & NEWER
070	2-STORY 1945 & OLDER
075	2-1/2 STORY ALL AGES
080	SPLIT OR MULTI-LEVEL
085	SPLIT FOYER
090	DUPLEX - ALL STYLES AND AGES
120	1-STORY PUD (Planned Unit Development) - 1946 & NEWER
150	1-1/2 STORY PUD - ALL AGES
160	2-STORY PUD - 1946 & NEWER
180	PUD - MULTILEVEL - INCL SPLIT LEV/FOYER
190	2 FAMILY CONVERSION - ALL STYLES AND AGES

MS Zoning (Nominal): Identifies the general zoning classification of the sale.

A	Agriculture
C	Commercial
FV	Floating Village Residential
I	Industrial
RH	Residential High Density
RL	Residential Low Density
RP	Residential Low Density Park
RM	Residential Medium Density

Lot Frontage (Continuous): Linear feet of street connected to property

Lot Area (Continuous): Lot size in square feet

Street (Nominal): Type of road access to property

Grvl	Gravel
Pave	Paved

Alley (Nominal): Type of alley access to property

Grv1 Gravel
Pave Paved
NA No alley access

Lot Shape (Ordinal): General shape of property

Reg Regular
IR1 Slightly irregular
IR2 Moderately Irregular
IR3 Irregular

Land Contour (Nominal): Flatness of the property

Lvl Near Flat/Level
Bnk Banked - Quick and significant rise from street grade to building
HLS Hillside - Significant slope from side to side
Low Depression

Utilities (Ordinal): Type of utilities available

AllPub All public Utilities (E,G,W,& S)
NoSewr Electricity, Gas, and Water (Septic Tank)
NoSeWa Electricity and Gas Only
ELO Electricity only

Lot Config (Nominal): Lot configuration

Inside Inside lot
Corner Corner lot
CulDSac Cul-de-sac
FR2 Frontage on 2 sides of property
FR3 Frontage on 3 sides of property

Land Slope (Ordinal): Slope of property

Gtl Gentle slope
Mod Moderate Slope
Sev Severe Slope

Neighborhood (Nominal): Physical locations within Ames city limits (map available)

Blmngtn Bloomington Heights
Blueste Bluestem
BrDale Briardale
BrkSide Brookside
ClearCr Clear Creek
CollgCr College Creek
Crawfor Crawford
Edwards Edwards
Gilbert Gilbert
Greens Greens
GrnHill Green Hills
IDOTRR Iowa DOT and Rail Road
Landmrk Landmark
MeadowV Meadow Village
Mitchel Mitchell

Names	North Ames
NoRidge	Northridge
NPkVill	Northpark Villa
NridgHt	Northridge Heights
NWAmes	Northwest Ames
OldTown	Old Town
SWISU	South & West of Iowa State University
Sawyer	Sawyer
SawyerW	Sawyer West
Somerst	Somerset
StoneBr	Stone Brook
Timber	Timberland
Veenker	Veenker

Condition 1 (Nominal): Proximity to various conditions

Artery	Adjacent to arterial street
Feedr	Adjacent to feeder street
Norm	Normal
RRNn	Within 200' of North-South Railroad
RRAn	Adjacent to North-South Railroad
PosN	Near positive off-site feature--park, greenbelt, etc.
PosA	Adjacent to positive off-site feature
RRNe	Within 200' of East-West Railroad
RR Ae	Adjacent to East-West Railroad

Condition 2 (Nominal): Proximity to various conditions (if more than one is present)

Artery	Adjacent to arterial street
Feedr	Adjacent to feeder street
Norm	Normal
RRNn	Within 200' of North-South Railroad
RRAn	Adjacent to North-South Railroad
PosN	Near positive off-site feature--park, greenbelt, etc.
PosA	Adjacent to positive off-site feature
RRNe	Within 200' of East-West Railroad
RR Ae	Adjacent to East-West Railroad

Bldg Type (Nominal): Type of dwelling

1Fam	Single-family Detached
2FmCon	Two-family Conversion; originally built as one-family dwelling
Duplx	Duplex
TwnhsE	Townhouse End Unit
TwnhsI	Townhouse Inside Unit

House Style (Nominal): Style of dwelling

1Story	One story
1.5Fin	One and one-half story: 2nd level finished
1.5Unf	One and one-half story: 2nd level unfinished
2Story	Two story
2.5Fin	Two and one-half story: 2nd level finished
2.5Unf	Two and one-half story: 2nd level unfinished
SFoyer	Split Foyer
SLvl	Split Level

Overall Qual (Ordinal): Rates the overall material and finish of the house

10	Very Excellent
9	Excellent
8	Very Good
7	Good
6	Above Average
5	Average
4	Below Average
3	Fair
2	Poor
1	Very Poor

Overall Cond (Ordinal): Rates the overall condition of the house

10	Very Excellent
9	Excellent
8	Very Good
7	Good
6	Above Average
5	Average
4	Below Average
3	Fair
2	Poor
1	Very Poor

Year Built (Discrete): Original construction date

Year Remod/Add (Discrete): Remodel date (same as construction date if no remodeling or additions)

Roof Style (Nominal): Type of roof

Flat	Flat
Gable	Gable
Gambrel	Gabrel (Barn)
Hip	Hip
Mansard	Mansard
Shed	Shed

Roof Matl (Nominal): Roof material

ClyTile	Clay or Tile
CompShg	Standard (Composite) Shingle
Membran	Membrane
Metal	Metal
Roll Roll	
Tar&Grv	Gravel & Tar
WdShake	Wood Shakes
WdShngl	Wood Shingles

Exterior 1 (Nominal): Exterior covering on house

AsbShng	Asbestos Shingles
AsphShn	Asphalt Shingles
BrkComm	Brick Common
BrkFace	Brick Face
CBlock	Cinder Block
CemntBd	Cement Board
HdBoard	Hard Board

ImStucc	Imitation Stucco
MetalSd	Metal Siding
Other	Other
Plywood	Plywood
PreCast	PreCast
Stone	Stone
Stucco	Stucco
VinylSd	Vinyl Siding
Wd Sdng	Wood Siding
WdShing	Wood Shingles

Exterior 2 (Nominal): Exterior covering on house (if more than one material)

AsbShng	Asbestos Shingles
AsphShn	Asphalt Shingles
BrkComm	Brick Common
BrkFace	Brick Face
CBlock	Cinder Block
CemntBd	Cement Board
HdBoard	Hard Board
ImStucc	Imitation Stucco
MetalSd	Metal Siding
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PreCast	PreCast
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WdShing	Wood Shingles

Mas Vnr Type (Nominal): Masonry veneer type

BrkCmn	Brick Common
BrkFace	Brick Face
CBlock	Cinder Block
None None	
Stone	Stone

Mas Vnr Area (Continuous): Masonry veneer area in square feet

Exter Qual (Ordinal): Evaluates the quality of the material on the exterior

Ex	Excellent
Gd	Good
TA	Average/Typical
Fa	Fair
Po	Poor

Exter Cond (Ordinal): Evaluates the present condition of the material on the exterior

Ex	Excellent
Gd	Good
TA	Average/Typical
Fa	Fair
Po	Poor

Foundation (Nominal): Type of foundation

BrkTil	Brick & Tile
CBlock	Cinder Block
PConc	Poured Contrete
Slab Slab	
Stone	Stone
Wood Wood	

Bsmt Qual (Ordinal): Evaluates the height of the basement

Ex	Excellent (100+ inches)
Gd	Good (90-99 inches)
TA	Typical (80-89 inches)
Fa	Fair (70-79 inches)
Po	Poor (<70 inches)
NA	No Basement

Bsmt Cond (Ordinal): Evaluates the general condition of the basement

Ex	Excellent
Gd	Good
TA	Typical - slight dampness allowed
Fa	Fair - dampness or some cracking or settling
Po	Poor - Severe cracking, settling, or wetness
NA	No Basement

Bsmt Exposure (Ordinal): Refers to walkout or garden level walls

Gd	Good Exposure
Av	Average Exposure (split levels or foyers typically score average or above)
Mn	Mimimum Exposure
No	No Exposure
NA	No Basement

BsmtFin Type 1 (Ordinal): Rating of basement finished area

GLQ	Good Living Quarters
ALQ	Average Living Quarters
BLQ	Below Average Living Quarters
Rec	Average Rec Room
LwQ	Low Quality
Unf	Unfinshed
NA	No Basement

BsmtFin SF 1 (Continuous): Type 1 finished square feet

BsmtFinType 2 (Ordinal): Rating of basement finished area (if multiple types)

GLQ	Good Living Quarters
ALQ	Average Living Quarters
BLQ	Below Average Living Quarters
Rec	Average Rec Room
LwQ	Low Quality
Unf	Unfinshed
NA	No Basement

BsmtFin SF 2 (Continuous): Type 2 finished square feet

Bsmt Unf SF (Continuous): Unfinished square feet of basement area

Total Bsmt SF (Continuous): Total square feet of basement area

Heating (Nominal): Type of heating

Floor	Floor Furnace
GasA	Gas forced warm air furnace
GasW	Gas hot water or steam heat
Grav	Gravity furnace
OthW	Hot water or steam heat other than gas
Wall	Wall furnace

HeatingQC (Ordinal): Heating quality and condition

Ex	Excellent
Gd	Good
TA	Average/Typical
Fa	Fair
Po	Poor

Central Air (Nominal): Central air conditioning

N	No
Y	Yes

Electrical (Ordinal): Electrical system

SBrkr	Standard Circuit Breakers & Romex
FuseA	Fuse Box over 60 AMP and all Romex wiring (Average)
FuseF	60 AMP Fuse Box and mostly Romex wiring (Fair)
FuseP	60 AMP Fuse Box and mostly knob & tube wiring (poor)
Mix	Mixed

1st Flr SF (Continuous): First Floor square feet

2nd Flr SF (Continuous) : Second floor square feet

Low Qual Fin SF (Continuous): Low quality finished square feet (all floors)

Gr Liv Area (Continuous): Above grade (ground) living area square feet

Bsmt Full Bath (Discrete): Basement full bathrooms

Bsmt Half Bath (Discrete): Basement half bathrooms

Full Bath (Discrete): Full bathrooms above grade

Half Bath (Discrete): Half baths above grade

Bedroom (Discrete): Bedrooms above grade (does NOT include basement bedrooms)

Kitchen (Discrete): Kitchens above grade

KitchenQual (Ordinal): Kitchen quality

Ex	Excellent
Gd	Good
TA	Typical/Average

Fa Fair
Po Poor

TotRmsAbvGrd (Discrete): Total rooms above grade (does not include bathrooms)

Functional (Ordinal): Home functionality (Assume typical unless deductions are warranted)

Typ Typical Functionality
Min1 Minor Deductions 1
Min2 Minor Deductions 2
Mod Moderate Deductions
Maj1 Major Deductions 1
Maj2 Major Deductions 2
Sev Severely Damaged
Sal Salvage only

Fireplaces (Discrete): Number of fireplaces

FireplaceQu (Ordinal): Fireplace quality

Ex Excellent - Exceptional Masonry Fireplace
Gd Good - Masonry Fireplace in main level
TA Average - Prefabricated Fireplace in main living area or Masonry

Fireplace in basement

Fa Fair - Prefabricated Fireplace in basement
Po Poor - Ben Franklin Stove
NA No Fireplace

Garage Type (Nominal): Garage location

2Types More than one type of garage
Attchd Attached to home
Basment Basement Garage
BuiltIn Built-In (Garage part of house - typically has room above garage)
CarPort Car Port
Detchd Detached from home
NA No Garage

Garage Yr Blt (Discrete): Year garage was built

Garage Finish (Ordinal) : Interior finish of the garage

Fin Finished
RFn Rough Finished
Unf Unfinished
NA No Garage

Garage Cars (Discrete): Size of garage in car capacity

Garage Area (Continuous): Size of garage in square feet

Garage Qual (Ordinal): Garage quality

Ex Excellent
Gd Good
TA Typical/Average
Fa Fair
Po Poor

NA No Garage

Garage Cond (Ordinal): Garage condition

Ex Excellent
Gd Good
TA Typical/Average
Fa Fair
Po Poor
NA No Garage

Paved Drive (Ordinal): Paved driveway

Y Paved
P Partial Pavement
N Dirt/Gravel

Wood Deck SF (Continuous): Wood deck area in square feet

Open Porch SF (Continuous): Open porch area in square feet

Enclosed Porch (Continuous): Enclosed porch area in square feet

3-Ssn Porch (Continuous): Three season porch area in square feet

Screen Porch (Continuous): Screen porch area in square feet

Pool Area (Continuous): Pool area in square feet

Pool QC (Ordinal): Pool quality

Ex Excellent
Gd Good
TA Average/Typical
Fa Fair
NA No Pool

Fence (Ordinal): Fence quality

GdPrv Good Privacy
MnPrv Minimum Privacy
GdWo Good Wood
MnWw Minimum Wood/Wire
NA No Fence

Misc Feature (Nominal): Miscellaneous feature not covered in other categories

Elev Elevator
Gar2 2nd Garage (if not described in garage section)
Othr Other
Shed Shed (over 100 SF)
TenC Tennis Court
NA None

Misc Val (Continuous): \$Value of miscellaneous feature

Mo Sold (Discrete): Month Sold (MM)

Yr Sold (Discrete): Year Sold (YYYY)

Sale Type (Nominal): Type of sale

WD	Warranty Deed - Conventional
CWD	Warranty Deed - Cash
VWD	Warranty Deed - VA Loan
New	Home just constructed and sold
COD	Court Officer Deed/Estate
Con	Contract 15% Down payment regular terms
ConLw	Contract Low Down payment and low interest
ConLI	Contract Low Interest
ConLD	Contract Low Down
Oth	Other

Sale Condition (Nominal): Condition of sale

Normal	Normal Sale
Abnorml	Abnormal Sale - trade, foreclosure, short sale
AdjLand	Adjoining Land Purchase
Alloca	Allocation - two linked properties with separate deeds, typically
condo	with a garage unit
Family	Sale between family members
Partial	Home was not completed when last assessed (associated with New
Homes)	

SalePrice (Continuous): Sale price \$\$