

Data Appendix

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Each year thousands of financial institutions report data about mortgages to the public, under the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA). We use here the data collected under HMDA in Michigan in 2022. For mortgage applications, the data will tell you if the consumer got the mortgage—look for applications that were ”originated”—or if the consumer was denied, didn’t complete the application, or something else happened. The data also have information about pre-approvals and loans sold from one institution to another. For each record, you can learn about the loan, the property characteristics, the applicant demographics, and the lender. The data are modified to protect applicant and borrower privacy.

The initial database presented 470k observations, after data-cleaning, we kept 243k observations. The representivity of the final dataset has been tested.

Table 1: Specifications of the data collected under HMDA, Michigan 2022.

Variable	Label	Type	Modality
derived_race	Race of the applicant	Categorical	White Black, Asian and Native
loan_purpose	Purpose of the loan	Categorical	1 for Home purchase 2 for Home improvement 31 for Refinancing 32 for cash-out Refinancing 4 for Other Purpose
loan_amount	Amount of the loan	Numerical	
loan_to_value_ratio	ratio of the total amount of debt secured by the property to the value of the property	Numerical	
interest_rate	interest rate for the covered	Numerical	
loan_term	number of months after which the legal loan or application obligation will mature	Numerical	
property_value	value of the property in dollars	Numerical	
income	Income of the applicant in dollars	Numerical	
applicant_credit_score_type	name and version of the credit scoring model used to generate the credit score		
Categorical	1 for Equifax Beacon 5.0		2 for Experian Fair Isaac 3 for FICO Risk Score Classic 04 4 for FICO Risk Score Classic 98 5 for VantageScore 2.0 6 for VantageScore 3.0 7 for More than one credit scoring model 8 for Other credit scoring model 9 for Not applicable 11 for Exempt
applicant_sex	Sex of the applicant	Categorical	1 for Male 2 for Female
applicant_age	Age of the applicant	Categorical	<25 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65-74 >74
deny	Has the application been deny?	Dummy	
same_sex	Is the co-applicant of the same sex of the applicant?	Dummy	