

Rodent Inspections

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What's In This Dataset?

This dataset contains information on rat inspections and intervention visits in NYC. Please note that if a property/taxlot does not appear in the file, that does not indicate an absence of rats - rather just that it has not been inspected. Similarly, neighborhoods with higher numbers of properties with active rat signs may not actually have higher rat populations but simply have more inspections.

Who Manages This Data?

This dataset is managed by the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Division of Environmental Health. Data source for this dataset is the Veterinary, Rodent and Vector Surveillance System (VRVSS). See the data dictionary file in the Attachments section of the OpenData website for a summary of data fields and allowable values.

Data is also available on the [Rat Information Portal](#), which is a web-based mapping application where users can view and map rat inspection and intervention data. Users can search results from Health Department inspections for rats at the level of individual properties, and view neighborhood maps.

Get Started With This Data:

How many rodent inspections occurred in my borough?

Columns (Fields, Attributes):

Column Name	Column Description
INSPECTION_TYPE	In conjunction with the JOBTICKETORWORKORDERID, uniquely identifies records in the dataset. Initial Inspection - Inspection conducted in response to a 311 complaint, or a proactive inspection conducted through our neighborhood indexing program. Compliance Inspection - If a property fails its initial inspection, the Health Department will conduct a follow up

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	<p>(Compliance) inspection.</p> <p>Baiting - Application of rodenticide, or monitoring visit by a Health Department Pest Control Professional.</p> <p>Clean Up - The removal of garbage and clutter from a property by the Health Department.</p> <p>Stoppage – Sealing of holes and cracks allowing free movement of pests.</p> <p>Initial Inspection - Inspection conducted in response to a 311 complaint, or a proactive inspection conducted through our neighborhood indexing program.</p> <p>Compliance Inspection - If a property fails its initial inspection, the Health Department will conduct a follow up (Compliance) inspection.</p> <p>Baiting - Application of rodenticide, or monitoring visit by a Health Department Pest Control Professional.</p> <p>Clean Up - The removal of garbage and clutter from a property by the Health Department.</p>
JOBTICKETORWORKORDERID	In conjunction with the INSPECTION_TYPE, uniquely identifies records in the dataset.
JOB_ID	Internal DOHMH administrative number to identify a job
JOB_PROGRESS	An indicator of the progress made in the job. Jobs may involve multiple inspections or other actions, and the progress indicator shows the order in which they took place.
BBL	Borough, Block, and Lot code, which is a unique identifier of NYC Taxlots. Every NYC property has its own BBL code, and inspections are conducted at the taxlot level. This dataset can be mapped by joining these inspectional results to a taxlot geography file such as the Department of City Planning's PLUTO dataset.
BOROCODE	The code assigned to the NYC borough, this code can also be found as the first digit in the BBL taxlot code above.
BLOCK	The block number for the inspected taxlot; block numbers repeat in different boroughs.
LOT	The lot number for the inspected taxlot; lot numbers can repeat in different blocks.
HOUSENUMBER	The address number of a building on the taxlot that was inspected
STREETNAME	The street name portion of the address of the taxlot that was inspected
ZIPCODE	The postal zipcode of the taxlot that was inspected
X_COORDINATE	X coordinate of the inspected taxlot in NY State Plane Long Island Coordinate system
Y_COORDINATE	Y coordinate of the inspected taxlot in NY State Plane Long Island Coordinate system



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LATITUDE	Latitude in decimal degrees of the inspected taxlot (WGS 1984)
LONGITUDE	Longitude in decimal degrees of the inspected taxlot (WGS 1984)
BOROUGH	The name of the NYC borough
INSPECTION_DATE	Date of the inspection.
RESULT	Result of the inspection, including: Active Rat Signs (ARS) - ARS include any of six different signs: 1) fresh tracks, 2) fresh droppings, 3) active burrows, 4) active runways and rub marks, 5) fresh gnawing marks, and 6) live rats. Problem Conditions - Problem conditions include garbage (poor containerization of food waste resulting in the feeding of rats), harborage (clutter and dense vegetation promoting the nesting of rats), and mice.
APPROVED_DATE	Date inspection is approved by supervisor at DOHMH.