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Theory

Solomon is a suite of calculators that simplify the use of recognized methods in the sales grid. Six of the calculators are based on cost. Your subscription includes cost data licensed from Craftsman Book Company “National Building Cost 2025”.

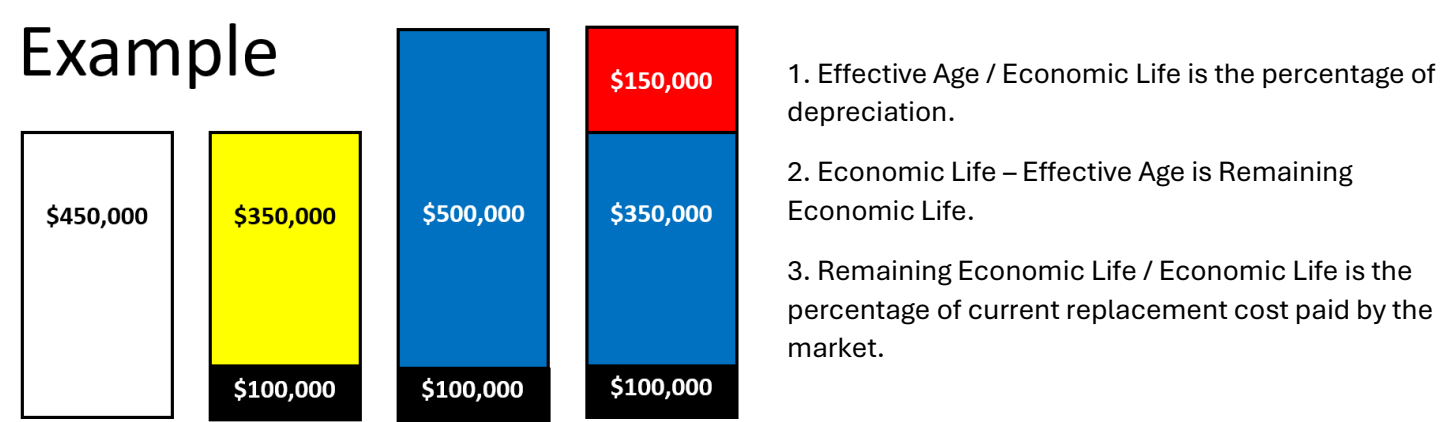
Solomon simplifies depreciated cost analysis. Depreciated cost is a recognized method<sup>1</sup> of developing adjustments in the sales grid.

The underlying concept is that real estate appraisers are engaged to develop an opinion of value that includes the site, “as-is” value of site improvements and the contributory value of the house. A key part of the analysis is the sales comparison grid, in which the appraiser applies adjustments to comparable sales. These adjustments reflect the contributory value of features of the house. If the house contributes 70% of its cost, and one more square foot of GLA costs \$100, then a GLA adjustment of \$70 is supported. If one more bath costs \$10,000, an adjustment of \$7,000 makes sense.

Here is an example: When a buyer and seller agree on a price of \$450,000, an appraiser who knows land values should think of this as the buyer paying \$100,000 for the site and \$350,000 for the building. (Assume \$100,000 includes “As-is value of Site Improvements.) The \$350,000 amount is called the Contributory Value of the Improvements. An appraiser who goes the next step and applies unbiased 3rd party cost data to the building characteristics may find that the current replacement cost of the building is \$500,000.

This means that depreciation is \$150,000. Contributory Value is 70% of replacement cost. (\$350,000 / \$500,000).

The assumptions of Economic Age-Life Depreciation (assumed in the 1004) are:



Solomon will help you support assignment results like effective age and remaining economic life. Beyond that, Solomon will simplify your analysis of these assignment results and their relationship to sales grid adjustments.

**Economic Age-Life Depreciation is the first of two key concepts you need to understand to properly apply depreciated cost analysis.**

When remaining economic life is extracted from the market, we have a basis for developing market-based adjustments *if we handle published cost data correctly.*

GLA cost data is published as average cost. We need to compare total cost of GLA, just like we compare sale prices of two comps we are using for a paired sale adjustment.

Key Point

Assume we need to support a GLA adjustment for a 2400sf house. We have located two sales in MLS that are identical except for GLA. Comp 1 has 2500sf and Comp 2 has 2300sf.

|        | Market Value | GLA  | Adjustment |
|--------|--------------|------|------------|
| Comp 1 | \$460,000    | 2500 |            |
| Comp 2 | \$446,000    | 2300 |            |
|        | \$14,000     | 200  | \$70       |

The adjustment is developed by dividing the change in market value by the change in GLA. In this case, \$70.

This is a classic example of Paired Data analysis.

<sup>1</sup> The Appraisal of Real Estate 15th Edition p372

“Paired data analysis is based on the premise that when two properties are equivalent in all respects but one, the value of the single difference can be measured by the difference in price between the two properties.”<sup>2</sup>

The logic is rock solid. Application of this logic is limited by the appraiser’s ability to locate pairs that are ‘equivalent in all respects but one.’

Depreciated cost analysis overcomes the ‘sparse pair’ problem.

If you are not able to find ‘two properties equivalent in all respects but one’ in MLS, there is another source of data that will provide the answer. This source is the cost manual.

If the average cost of 2500sf of GLA is \$144/sf, and the average cost of 2300sf of GLA is \$147.83/sf, we know that a change in GLA of 200sf results in a change in cost of \$20,000.

|        | GLA Size | Avg Cost | Total Cost | Marginal Cost |
|--------|----------|----------|------------|---------------|
| Comp 1 | 2500     | \$144.00 | \$360,000  |               |
| Comp 2 | 2300     | \$147.83 | \$340,000  |               |
| Change | 200      |          | \$20,000   | \$100.00      |

Key Point

The change in total cost divided by the change in GLA is the marginal cost of GLA.

*Marginal cost* is the additional cost incurred in the production of one more unit of a good or service<sup>3</sup>

When there is no depreciation, the contributory value is 100% of its cost. The marginal cost of a feature is the adjustment rate.

When there is depreciation, we need to combine the concept of marginal cost with economic age-life depreciation (assumed in the residential appraisal forms). If depreciation is 30%, then contributory value is 70%. If contributory value is 70% of cost, the GLA adjustment is \$70.00. \$100 x 70% is \$70.

Key Point

Economic Age-Life Depreciation: “A method of estimating depreciation in which the ratio between the effective age of a building and its total economic life is applied to the current cost of the improvements to obtain a lump-sum deduction; also known as the age-life method.”<sup>4</sup>

Economic Life: “The period over which improvements to real estate contribute to property value.”<sup>5</sup>

Effective Age: “The age of property that is based on the amount of observed deterioration and obsolescence it has sustained, which may be different from its chronological age.”<sup>6</sup>

Remaining Economic Life: “The estimated period over which existing improvements are expected to contribute economically to a property; an estimate of the number of years remaining in the economic life of a structure or structural components as of the effective date of the appraisal; used in the economic age-life method of estimating depreciation.”<sup>7</sup>

Recall our earlier example:

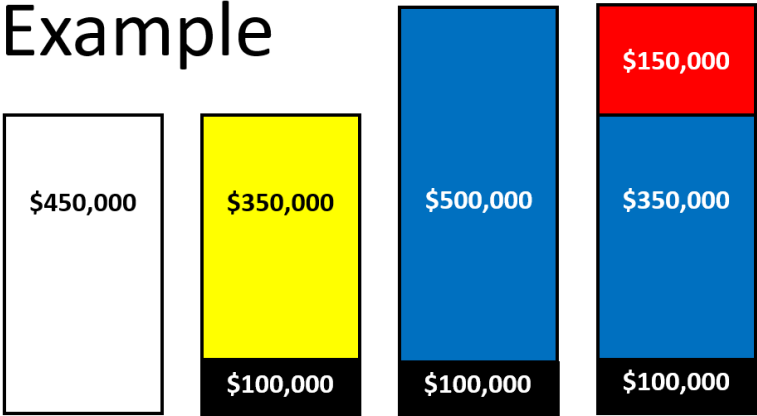
Depreciation is \$150,000.

\$150,000 / \$500,000 = 30%

The contributory value of the building is \$350,000. Replacement cost is \$500,000.

\$350,000 / \$500,000 = 70%

Example



<sup>2</sup> ibid  
<sup>3</sup> Economics Online  
<sup>4</sup> The Dictionary of Real Estate Appraisal 6<sup>th</sup> Edition  
<sup>5</sup> ibid  
<sup>6</sup> ibid  
<sup>7</sup> ibid

If Economic Life is 60 years, and depreciation is 30%, Effective Age must be 18 years.  $18/60 = 30\%$

If Effective Age is 18 years, Remaining Economic Life must be 42 years.  $60 - 18 = 42$ .

Contributory value of the building, *as a percentage replacement cost*, is Remaining Economic Life / Economic Life.

$$42/60 = 70\%$$

Depreciated cost is a recognized method of developing adjustments for the sales grid.<sup>8</sup> You need to start with a source of unbiased third-party cost data. The next step is to extract marginal cost from the cost manual. The third step is to extract depreciation from the market by completing the cost approach. Solomon automates all of this for you.

**Sidekick** uses the appraiser's estimates of Economic Life and Effective Age to calculate depreciated cost adjustments for GLA and sixteen other cost categories.

**Solomon Adjustment** uses the appraiser's estimate of Remaining Economic Life to calculate depreciated cost adjustments for GLA and nine other cost categories.

**Solomon Cost** extracts depreciation from the appraiser's estimate of market value and observed building characteristics to calculate depreciated cost adjustments for GLA and fifteen other cost categories.

**Solomon Cost New** is designed for new construction when there is no depreciation. Marginal replacement cost is calculated for GLA and thirteen other cost categories.

**Solomon Site** extracts site value from a comp sale price, building characteristics and the appraiser's estimate of effective age.

**Solomon Manufactured** calculates GLA and six other adjustments for manufactured housing.

Beyond cost related adjustments, Solomon provides tools you can use for adjustments that are not directly related to cost.

**Solomon Market Time** develops and documents market time adjustments by applying a rate of change to the interval between comparable contract date and report effective date. Rate of change is developed with secondary data (included) or \$ per day.

**Secondary Data** applies survey data percentages to market value of comparable properties

**Sensitivity Analysis** finds and documents the correlation between adjusted sale price and unadjusted grid categories.

**Forecast Analysis** forecasts an acreage site value from acreage site sales, an improved parcel from GLA etc.

All Solomon calculators are web applications you access by subscription.

Monthly subscriptions are renewed automatically. There is no contract, and you may cancel your subscription at any time.

Annual subscriptions offer a savings of two months compared to monthly subscriptions. Annual subscriptions need to be renewed manually.

**Solomon Plus includes all ten calculators.**

The standard Solomon subscription *does not* include Sidekick, Secondary Data, Sensitivity Analysis or Forecast Analysis.

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<sup>8</sup> The Appraisal of Real Estate 15<sup>th</sup> p362

Cost Data

Solomon licenses cost data from National Building Cost published by Craftsman Book Company. This means you do not need to pay separately for cost data. Solomon uses relevant data for each calculator in a streamlined manner. Quality and complexity assumptions are shown in Appendix B.

Cost data is comprised of a base cost, area modification factor and other factors. Solomon uses the term Zip Code Multiplier for Area Modification Factor. These are costs related to climate, material costs and labor rates that vary across the county. To bypass this cost modification, enter base instead of entering a zip code.

Other cost modifications are related to multiple builds, masonry construction etc. Solomon uses the term Factor for other factors. This is the quotation from National Building Cost:

“Note: Tract work and highly repetitive jobs may reduce the cost 8 to 12%. Add 4% to the square foot cost of floors above the second-floor level. Work outside metropolitan areas may cost 2 to 6% less. When the exterior walls are masonry, add 9 to 10% for class 2 and 1 structures and 5 to 8% for class 3, 4, 5 and 6 structures.”

The Solomon interpretations of how these should applied are as follows:

|                      |     |     |     |    |    |    |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| Quality Rating       | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4  | 5  | 6  |
| Multiple Builds      | -12 | -11 | -10 | -9 | -8 | -8 |
| Masonry Construction | 10  | 9   | 8   | 7  | 6  | 5  |

Use Factor to increase or decrease cost.

Factor can be used to account for multiple builds and masonry construction as shown above.

Factor can also be used to align effective age with your observation of the subject. If the house is 10 years old and Solomon Cost indicates effective age of 15 years, something is wrong. One possibility is Site Value or “As-is” Value of Site Improvements are too high. If you are confident of those numbers, the cost data may be too high. Using a negative value for the factor, such as -10, will lower effective age. A positive factor like 10 will increase effective age.

In **Solomon Cost**, when you are working with an estimate of value, factor does not change the adjustment rate. One dollar of cost will be offset by one dollar of depreciation.

**Solomon Cost New** can be used to extract a factor from your local market. In this example, if builder sale price is \$450,000, enter 450,000 in the Builder vs Cost Data field. The replacement cost factor is .3 meaning that an increase of 30% in cost is required to match local builder cost.

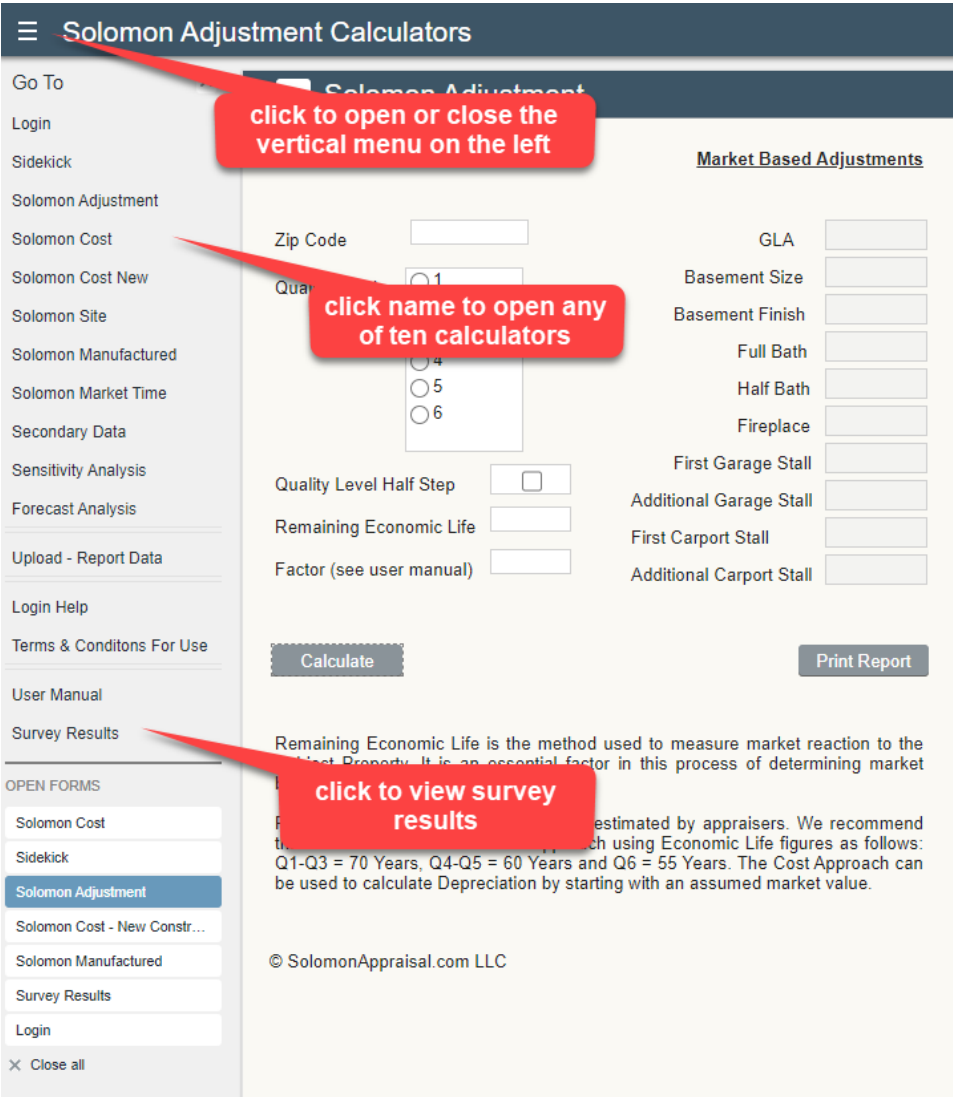
|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Builder Sale Price      | 450,000 |
| Builder vs Cost Data    | 1.20    |
| Replacement Cost Factor | .3      |

Navigation

Solomon Plus includes ten separate calculators.

Click the ‘hamburger’ to open or close the menu selections.

Click any calculator name



Click 'Survey Results' to view adjustments developed from peer consensus surveys.

Surveys are a form of secondary data. "Another form of data analysis—secondary data analysis—is used to support adjustments derived by other methods. This technique makes use of data that does not directly pertain to the subject or comparable properties. This secondary data describes the general real estate market and is usually collected by a data vendor research firm or government agency like the county assessor. Secondary data may need verification.<sup>9</sup>

Survey results can be found at <https://www.peerconsensus.com/survey-results/> These survey results are used to power the Secondary Data calculator.

<sup>9</sup> The Appraisal of Real Estate 15<sup>th</sup> Edition p373

Sidekick (Solomon Plus only)

1. Sidekick calculates depreciated cost adjustments from the appraiser’s quality rating, zip code and estimates of Economic Life and Remaining Economic Life.

2. Cost data is comprised of a base cost, area modification factor and other factors. Solomon uses the term Zip Code Multiplier for area modification factor. These are costs related to climate, material costs and labor rates that vary across the county. To bypass this cost modification, enter base instead of entering a zip code.

Other cost modifications are related to multiple builds, masonry construction etc. This is the quotation from National Building Cost:

“Note: Tract work and highly repetitive jobs may reduce the cost 8 to 12%. Add 4% to the square foot cost of floors above the second-floor level. Work outside metropolitan areas may cost 2 to 6% less. When the exterior walls are masonry, add 9 to 10% for class 2 and 1 structures and 5 to 8% for class 3, 4, 5 and 6 structures.”

Sidekick

UAD Quality

Zip Code

Economic Life

Effective Age

Remaining Economic Life

Depreciation %

Contributory Value %

Factor (see user manual)

4

55123

60

15

45

25

75

-9

1

Contributory Value

25%

75%

Depreciation

Contributory Value

3

GLA Bracketing

2316

Comp Search Range

20%

1852

2779

25%

1737

2895

4

Calculate

5

EqD

%EL

Adjust

Gross Living Area

Above Grade Full Bath

Above Grade Half Bath

Basement Size

Basement Finish

Basement Full Bath

Basement Half Bath

Fireplace

Additional Fireplace

First Garage Stall

Additional Garage Stall

First Carport

Additional Carport

100sf Deck

100sf Covered Porch

100sf Screen Porch

100sf Enclosed Porch

87

9,199

4,468

18

32

9,199

4,468

3,016

3,016

14,465

8,984

3,689

2,460

2,856

4,370

5,856

6,555

63

100

100

100

50

50

50

100

50

100

100

100

33

50

67

75

55

9,199

4,468

18

16

4,600

2,234

3,016

1,508

14,465

8,984

3,689

2,460

942

2,185

3,924

4,916

6

Calibrate Adjustments

7

Print Report

Solomon interpretation follows:

|                      |     |     |     |    |    |    |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| Quality Rating       | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4  | 5  | 6  |
| Multiple Builds      | -12 | -11 | -10 | -9 | -8 | -8 |
| Masonry Construction | 10  | 9   | 8   | 7  | 6  | 5  |

3. Enter subject GLA to get +/- 20% and +/- 25% MLS search criteria.
4. Click Calculate to see results.
5. %EL means percent of economic life. The default percentages shown work well for previously owned houses. Change these to fit your market.
6. Click Calibrate Adjustments for results.
7. Click Print report or screen shot to archive your calculations.

Sidekick works as follows:

1. Marginal Cost is extracted from unbiased 3<sup>rd</sup> party cost data for the appraiser’s choice of quality rating.
2. Marginal Cost is matched to location and other factors by use of a Multiplier.
3. The percentage of Contributory Value is extracted from the appraiser’s estimates of Economic Life and Effective Age.
4. Marginal Cost x % Contributory Value is the adjustment rate. These results are shown in the EqD column.

Note: The economic life of individual components of a building have different economic life than the building as a whole. Short lived items depreciate more quickly. For example, a deck has 20-year lifespan. This is 33% of 60 years, so the appraiser can account for this by entering 33 in the %EL column. Another example is a basement

bath which may have functional depreciation. %EL numbers are pre-filled in Sidekick but can be altered by the user.

“In applying the concepts of economic life, effective age, and remaining economic life expectancy, appraisers consider all elements of depreciation in one calculation. Therefore, the effective age estimate includes not only physical wear and tear but also any loss in value for functional and external considerations. This type of analysis is characteristic of the market extraction and economic age-life depreciation methods.”<sup>10</sup>

**Explaining your adjustments:**

Edit as necessary: “Building categories such as GLA, bath, basement, garage stall etc. are developed using the depreciated cost method. Marginal cost is extracted from unbiased, third-party cost data. Contributory value differs from cost due to depreciation. The contributory value percentage is developed from Effective Age and Economic Life. See Depreciated Cost Analysis Calculations page attached.” Use a screen capture tool to save the Sidekick calculations as a page in your report or in your workfile. Sidekick also provides the option of a pdf report.

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<sup>10</sup> The Appraisal of Real Estate 15<sup>th</sup> Edition p561







12. Enter basement full bath count. GLA cost data includes bathrooms. Basement finish does not, so it is added separately.

Solomon Cost

Building Characteristics

Market Value (est.)

1

360,000

Site Value (est.)

2

80,000

Site Improvement (est.)

3

20,000

Zip Code

4

55123

Quality Rating

5

▼

4

GLA sf

6

1,400

Does GLA sf = Heated sf and Cooling sf?

7

Yes

No

Heated sf

8

1,400

Central Air sf

9

1,400

Basement sf

10

1,400

Basement Finish sf

11

1,000

Basement Full Bath Count

12

1

Basement Half Bath Count

13

Fireplace Count

14

1

Deck sf

15

144

Covered Porch sf

16

Screen Porch sf

17

Enclosed Porch sf

18

Garage sf

19

440

Carport sf

20

Factor (see user manual)

21

-9

Additional Features

Description

Cost (\$)

Sauna

22

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Opinion of Site Value

25

80,000

Dwelling

26

225,123

Basement

27

82,144

Additional Features

28

16,432

Garage/Carport

29

26,400

Total Estimate of Cost New

30

350,098

Depreciation

31

90,098

Depreciated Cost - Improvements

260,000

32

As Is Value - Site Improvements

20,000

33

Market Value Estimate

360,000

34

Economic Life

60

35

Economic (Effective) Age

15

36

Remaining Economic Life

45

37

Depreciation Percentage

25

38

% Contributory Value

75

39

24

Calculate

Dwelling sf

160.80

40

Basement sf

58.67

41

Garage/Carport sf

60.00

42

● Depreciation

● Contributory Value

● Site + Site Improv...

100,000

90,098

260,000

48

Adjustment Calculations

Default Adjustment

% of Econ Life

Calibrated Adjustment

GLA sf

43

84

Basement sf

17

Basement Finish sf

29

Full Bath

8,377

Half Bath

4,069

Fireplace

2,517

Deck sf

26

Covered Porch sf

42

Screen Porch sf

56

Enclosed Porch sf

63

First Garage Stall

13,865

Additional Garage Stall

8,611

First Carport Stall

3,360

Additional Carport Stall

2,240

Additional Feature 1

5,941

Additional Feature 2

44

63

50

50

50

50

33

50

67

75

100

100

100

100

100

100

5'46

17

14

4,188

2,034

1,258

8

21

37

47

13,865

8,611

3,360

2,240

45

47

Calibrate Adjustments

Print Report

13. Enter basement half bath count. GLA cost data includes bathrooms. Basement finish does not, so it is added separately.

14. Enter fireplace count including all fireplaces, above and below grade.

15. Enter total square footage of all decks. Decks are assumed to be a framed structure on a post foundation.

16. Enter total square footage of all covered porches. Covered porches have roof systems similar to the house.

17. Enter total square footage of all screen porches. Screen porches have roof systems similar to the house and are enclosed with screen.

18. Enter total square footage of all enclosed porches. Enclosed porches have roof systems similar to the house and are enclosed with windows.

19. Enter total square footage of garage, regardless of how many garage doors. Do not include accessory buildings such as a pole barn. A garage is oriented toward residential car storage. A pole barn with garage doors is an accessory building and classified as a site improvement.

20. Enter total square footage of all carports.

21. The Factor field is used to account for cost difference beyond the zip code multiplier.

Quoting from our licensed source of cost data, “National Building Cost”:

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In this case, -9 is used to account for 9% lower cost for repetitive builds in a subdivision.

22. Add a description for an additional feature together with its cost. Use this for items the owner has added such as an elevator, second kitchen, wet bar, sauna etc. These are features inside the house. Exterior features are considered site improvements.
23. Click the links for details on integration of Solomon and ClickFORMS.
24. Click Calculate and the Cost Approach appears top right.
25. Site value transfers from appraiser’s input in 2.
26. Dwelling is calculated from appraiser’s input for Zip Code 4, Quality 5, GLA 6 and Factor 21.
27. Basement total cost is calculated from 10-13.
28. Additional features are calculated as a total of 14 through 18.

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1,400

Basement Finish sf

11

1,000

Basement Full Bath Count

12

1

Basement Half Bath Count

13

Fireplace Count

14

1

Deck sf

15

144

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% Contributory Value

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100

3,360

Additional Carport Stall

2,240

100

2,240

Additional Feature 1

5,941

Additional Feature 2

100

45

Calibrate Adjustments

47

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43. Default adjustments assume that all components of the house depreciate at the same rate. In this case, the contributory value is 75% of cost **39**. Depreciated cost is 75% of Cost New. Remaining Economic Life is 75% of Economic Life.

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Basement sf

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Opinion of Site Value

25

80,000

Dwelling

26

225,123

Basement

27

82,144

Additional Features

28

16,432

Garage/Carport

29

26,400

Total Estimate of Cost New

30

350,098

Depreciation

31

90,098

Depreciated Cost - Improvements

260,000

32

As Is Value - Site Improvements

20,000

33

Market Value Estimate

360,000

34

Economic Life

60

35

Economic (Effective) Age

15

36

Remaining Economic Life

45

37

Depreciation Percentage

25

38

% Contributory Value

75

39

24

Calculate

Dwelling sf

160.80

40

Basement sf

58.67

41

Garage/Carport sf

60.00

42

100,000

90,098

260,000

● Depreciation

● Contributory Value

● Site + Site Improvem...

Adjustment Calculations

Default Adjustment% of Econ LifeCalibrated Adjustment

GLA sf

43

84

44

63

5

46

Basement sf

17

100

17

Basement Finish sf

29

50

14

Full Bath

8,377

50

4,188

Half Bath

4,069

50

2,034

Fireplace

2,517

50

1,258

Deck sf

26

33

8

Covered Porch sf

42

50

21

Screen Porch sf

56

67

37

Enclosed Porch sf

63

75

47

First Garage Stall

13,865

100

13,865

45

Calibrate Adjustments

Additional Garage Stall

8,611

100

8,611

First Carport Stall

3,360

100

3,360

Additional Carport Stall

2,240

100

2,240

47

Print Report

Additional Feature 1

5,941

Additional Feature 2

100

44. The % of Econ Life column gives the appraiser the flexibility to account for components with lower economic life. If you agree with NAHB that a deck has a 20-year lifespan, use 33 (20 years is 33% of 60 years) to account for faster depreciation due to exposure to the elements (physical).

Remember that all forms of depreciation are included in the effective age of the house. If you believe that a basement bath has functional depreciation making it worth 50% of a GLA bath, enter 50.

The % of Econ Life fields are set according to my estimates in the Minneapolis / St Paul market. Change these percentages to fit your market.

The GLA percentage of 63 is based on a survey result of appraisers who use Solomon. GLA includes 20-year roof, 10 year paint, 10 year carpet, 25 year HVAC etc. so it makes sense that GLA depreciates faster than the structure as a whole.

45. Calibrated Adjustment is Default adjustment  $\times$  % Econ Life  $\times$  44.

46. Click Print Report for a hard copy or pdf of the calculator results.

### **Explaining Your Adjustments**

“Adjustments for building characteristics are developed with the depreciated cost method. See page three Adjustment Calculations and the Depreciated Cost Adjustments summary attached.”

Page 3 Additional Comments.

Adjustment Calculations: Adjustments for building cost categories such as GLA, bath count, basement size, basement finish sf, garage count and fireplace count are based on the amount they contribute to value.

Depreciated replacement cost is the amount that the building contributes to site value. Depreciation is x%, so the market is paying y% of replacement cost for the buildings. See Depreciation Calculation attached which includes the y% factor applied to relevant cost categories.

I include a screenshot of Solomon Cost calculations by inserting a page titled “Depreciated Replacement Cost Adjustment Calculations”.

People have asked how depreciated cost adjustments show market reaction. When depreciation is extracted from the market, depreciated cost adjustments are market based.







Solomon Cost - New Construction

Subject Characteristics

Site Value

80,000

Site Improvements

20,000

Zip Code

55123

Quality Level

4

GLA sf

2400

Does GLA sf = Heated sf and Cooling sf

Yes

No

Heated sf

2400

Central Air sf

2400

Basement sf

1200

Basement Finish sf

1000

Basement Full Bath Count

1

Basement Half Bath Count

Fireplace Count

1

Deck sf

240

Covered Porch sf

100

Screen Porch sf

Enclosed Porch sf

Garage sf

600

Carport sf

Builder Sale Price

625,000

Builder vs Cost Data

1.05

Replacement Cost Factor

.06

Calculate

Print Report

Use ClickForms Data

National Building Cost

Opinion of Site Value

80,000

Dwelling

357,032

Dwelling sf

149

Basement

84,393

Basement sf

70

Fireplace Deck Porch

18,986

Garage/Carport

34,531

Garage/Carport/ sf

58

Total Estimate of Cost New

494,943

Zero Depreciation

Replacement Cost of Improvements

494,943

As Is Value of Site Improvements

20,000

Indicated Value by Cost Approach

594,943

Local Builder Cost

Opinion of Site Value

80,000

Dwelling

387,090

Dwelling sf

161

Basement

84,393

Basement sf

70

Fireplace Deck Porch

18,986

Carport/Garage

34,531

Garage/Carport sf

58

Total Estimate of Cost New

525,000

Zero Depreciation

Replacement Cost of Improvements

525,000

As Is Value of Site Improvements

20,000

Indicated Value by Cost Approach

625,000

Replacement Cost Adjustments

GLA sf

123

Basement sf

25

Basement Finish sf

43

Full Bath

12,265

Half Bath

5,957

Fireplace

4,021

Deck sf

38

Covered Porch sf

58

Screen Porch sf

78

Enclosed Porch sf

87

First Garage Stall

19,286

Additional Garage Stall

11,978

First Carport Stall

4,919

Additional Carport Stall

3,279

Neither the Builder nor the market use published cost data. Rather, cost data is compiled from builder survey data, permit data of completed projects and other sources. The calculator will show 1004 Cost Approach data two ways. Top center **1** you will see cost approach data straight from the National Building Cost Manual. On the right, **2** you will see the National Building Cost Manual Data reconciled to the local builder cost. The Local Builder Cost data is used to calculate replacement cost adjustments bottom center **3**.

Builder vs Cost Data **4** is the percentage of published cost plus site and site improvements at which the builder is performing.

Replacement Cost Factor **5** is the percentage difference between replacement cost from National Building Cost **6** and Local Builder Cost **7**.

The Replacement Cost Factor **5** can be used as a cost multiplier from your market, keeping your cost calculations up to date and local.

Explaining Your Adjustments

Adjustments for building categories are developed by extracting marginal cost from published average cost data. Marginal cost is the cost of one more unit of production such as one more square foot, one more bath, one more garage stall etc.






Solomon MH

Solomon MH is a cost approach solution for manufactured housing. Solomon MH is part of the Solomon Plus subscription only. There is a separate User Manual linked in the application. The link to the user manual is in the lower right portion of the application.

Calculate

Lookup Additional Costs

 [Manufactured Housing User Manual](#)

Print report

Solomon Market Time

Solomon Market Time quickly applies an annual rate of change and/or \$ per day rate of change to the interval in days between the contract date (or closed sale date) of the comparable and the effective date of the report. Up to six comparables can be calculated on the same page.

1. Enter the street address of the comparable properties for which you will calculate a market time adjustment. This is an optional field to enhance your reporting.
2. Enter the sale price of the comparable properties for which you need a market time adjustment.
3. Enter the amount of seller concessions if the concessions result in a sale price that is higher than market value.
- Repeat for up to six properties.
4. Click on the calendar icon and select contract date for each comparable. In this case, December 7, 2023. This date will transfer to all properties in the calculator.
5. Click on the calendar icon and select the effective date of the report for each property.
6. Enter the annual percentage of change in the market. If the market is up 2.9%, enter 2.9. Use negative number for a decline. When using grouped data for a market time adjustment, a minimum of 30 observations are required for both time periods. The effective date transfers to all properties in the calculator.
7. If you know how to extract a \$ Per Day rate of change in the market, enter that amount and it will transfer to all properties in the grid. The dollar per day method may be more accurate if the market has fluctuated during the year. In this example, 30 is used.
8. Click Calculate. Calculations are made that result in a market supported time adjustment.

Solomon Market Time

Market Time - Property 1

Market Time - Property 2

Market Time - Property 3

Market Time - Property 4

Market Time - Property 5

Market Time - Property 6

Street Address

Comparable Sale Price

Concessions

Comparable Market Value

Comparable Contract Date

Effective Date

Interval (in days)

Annual Rate of Appreciation

Market Time Adjustment

\$ Per Day

Market Time Adjust (\$ Day)

123 Maple

400,000

5,000

395,000

12/07/2023

03/16/2024

100

2.9

3138

30

3000

Calculate

Clear Values

Print Report

Street Address

Comparable Sale Price

Concessions

Comparable Market Value

Comparable Contract Date

Effective Date

Interval (in days)

Annual Rate of Appreciation

Market Time Adjustment

\$ Per Day

Market Time Adjust (\$ Day)

234 Oak

425,000

425,000

12/22/2023

03/16/2024

85

2.9

2870

30

2550

Calculate

Clear Values

Print Report

Street Address

Comparable Sale Price

Concessions

Comparable Market Value

Comparable Contract Date

Effective Date

Interval (in days)

Annual Rate of Appreciation

Market Time Adjustment

\$ Per Day

Market Time Adjust (\$ Day)

345 Elm

399,000

399,000

01/03/2024

03/16/2024

73

2.9

2314

30

2190

Calculate

Clear Values

Print Report

Street Address

Comparable Sale Price

Concessions

Comparable Market Value

Comparable Contract Date

Effective Date

Interval (in days)

Annual Rate of Appreciation

Market Time Adjustment

\$ Per Day

Market Time Adjust (\$ Day)

456 Ash

410,000

410,000

01/24/2024

03/16/2024

52

2.9

1693

30

1560

Calculate

Clear Values

Print Report

Street Address

Comparable Sale Price

Concessions

Comparable Market Value

Comparable Contract Date

Effective Date

Interval In Days

Annual Rate Of Appreciation

Market Time Adjustment

\$ Per Day

Market Time Adjust (\$ Day)

465 Elm

409,000

409,000

01/23/2024

03/16/2024

53

2.9

1722

30

1590

Calculate

Clear Values

Print Report

Street Address

Comparable Sale Price

Concessions

Comparable Market Value

Comparable Contract Date

Effective Date

Interval In Days

Annual Rate Of Appreciation

Market Time Adjustment

\$ Per Day

Market Time Adjust (\$ Day)

321 Maple

430,000

430,000

01/30/2024

03/16/2024

46

2.9

1571

30

1380

Calculate

Clear Values

Print Report

Concessions are subtracted from Sale Price to show Comparable Market Value.

Comparable Contract date is subtracted from Appraisal Effective Date to show the Interval in Days between the two dates.

Market Time Adjustment is calculated by applying the annual rate of change to the interval in days.

If the annual rate is 2.9%, and the interval is 73 days, the result is \$2314.

\$ per day adjustments are made by multiplying the interval in days by the \$ per day rate.

Explaining Your Adjustments

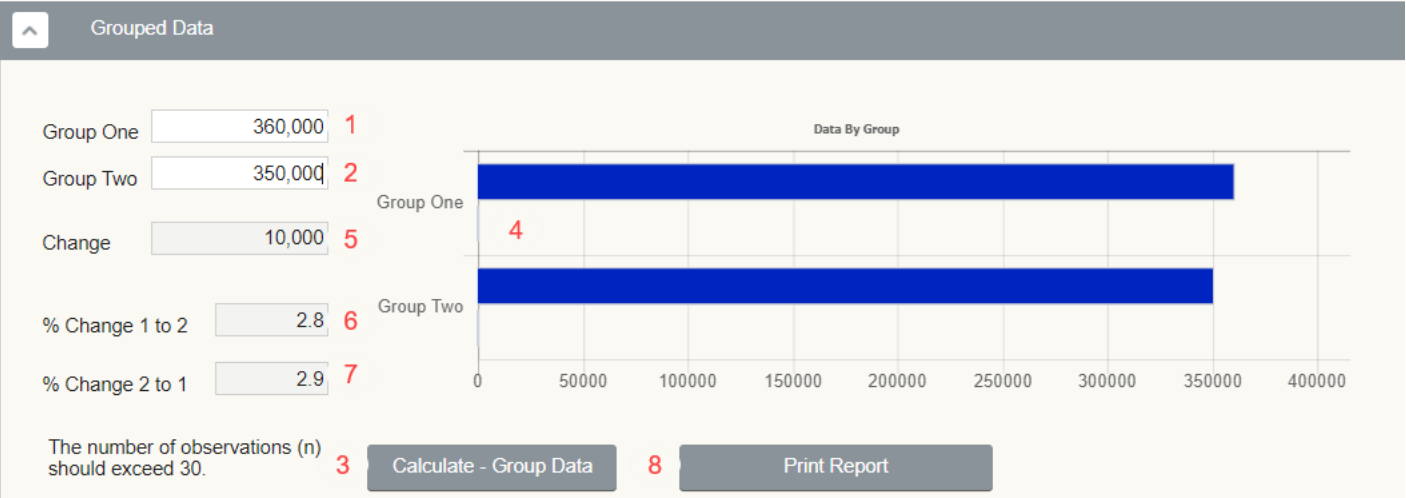
The market time adjustments are developed by applying the x % annual rate of change to the interval between comp contract date and report effective date. Edit as necessary.

The market time adjustments are developed by applying a rate of \$x per day to the interval in days between comp contract date and report effective date. Edit as necessary.

Solomon Grouped Data

- 1. Use an MLS search to find the mean value of a group properties similar to the subject.
- 2. Change one variable and enter the mean (average) value of the second group of properties.
- 3. Click Calculate
- 4. The bar chart is a data visualization of the difference that results from changing the variable under analysis.
- 5. Absolute difference between group one and group two.
- 6. Percentage change from group one to group two.
- 7. Percentage change from group two to group one.
- 8. Print a pdf of the calculation to document your adjustment calculation. You may also use a screen shot tool to add the calculation to a workfile document.

Grouped Data is included in Solomon Market Time because it is an accepted way to develop a market to market adjustment by comparing one time period to another to find the rate of change. “Grouped data analysis extends the logic of paired data analysis to larger datasets. In this technique, comparable sales are grouped by an independent variable such as date of sale and then the groups are studied as pairs.” The Appraisal of Real Estate 15<sup>th</sup> Ed. P373



Secondary Data

- 1. Enter Comp Sale Price
- 2. Enter Concessions
- 3. Click to see results
- 4. Click to view complete information about the nature of secondary data, methodology, and survey data.

Secondary Data Calculator

Sale Price

325,000

Concessions

10,000

Market Value

315,000

See Secondary Data Results

[Secondary Data Manual](#)

Print Report

3rd Bedroom

8,899

4th Bedroom

3,815

5th Bedroom

1,323

Fronts Busy Road

14,446

Backs Freeway

19,328

Backs Water Tower

16,163

Backs Power Lines

10,814

Backs Railroad Tracks

18,862

Central Air

Q3

11,431

Q4

8,600

Q5

6,631

In Ground Pool

Cold Winter

8,978

Mild Winter

13,104

Warm Winter

18,774

Pole Building per 1,000 sq ft

5,489

Steel Building per 1,000 sq ft

17,499

'As Is' Value of Site Improvements

City Sewer & Water

12,427

Well & Septic

13,265

Condition of Q4

C1 vs C2

26,564

C2 vs C3

26,643

C3 vs C4

23,553

C4 vs C5

30,870

C5 vs C6

46,935

Condition of Q3

C1 vs C2

24,989

C2 vs C3

28,067

C3 vs C4

24,759

C4 vs C5

31,500

C5 vs C6

41,675

Quality of C3

Q1 vs Q2

44,415

Q2 vs Q3

32,130

Q3 vs Q4

26,775

Q4 vs Q5

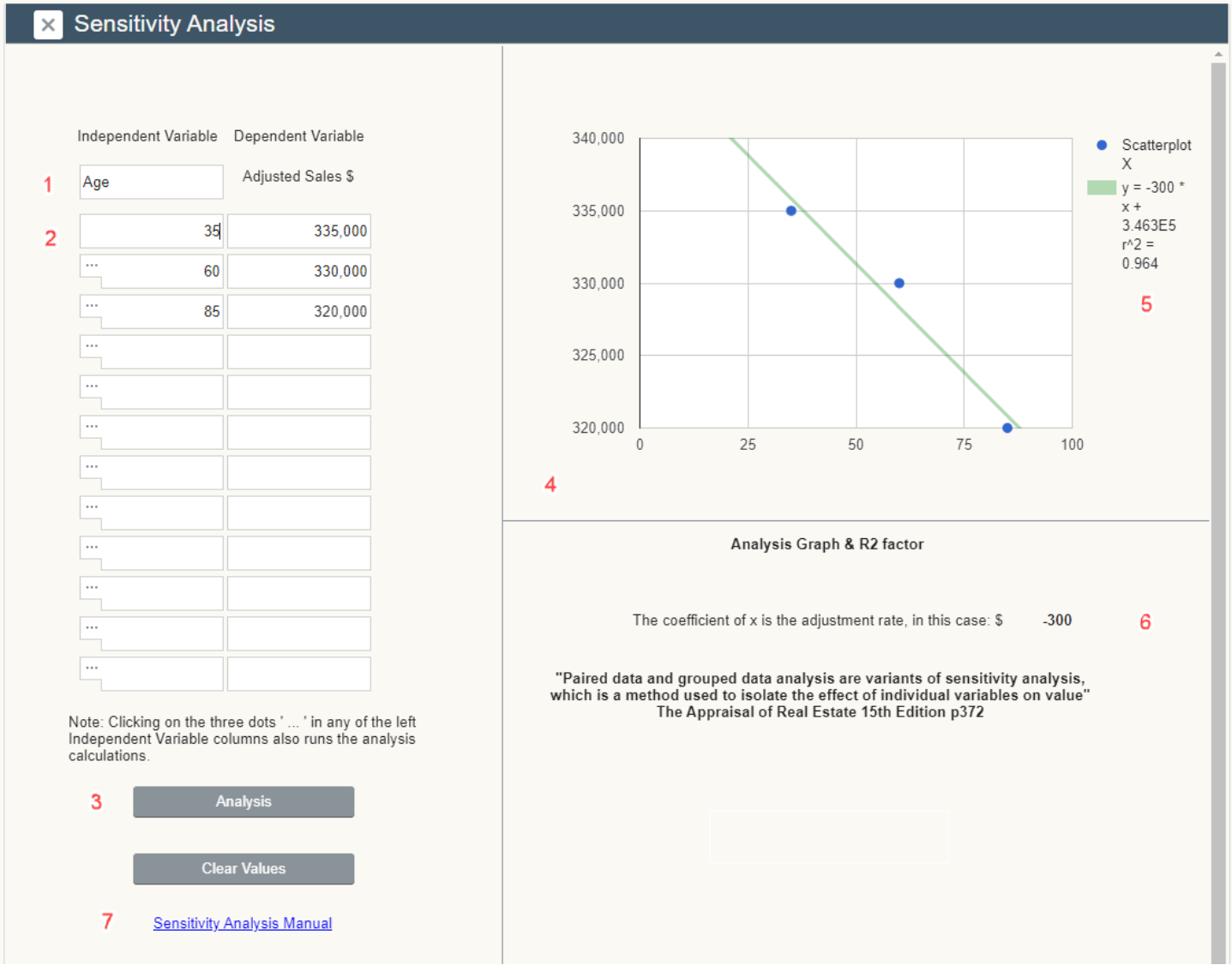
32,130

Q5 vs Q6

40,320

Sensitivity Analysis

- 1. Enter an adjustment category. In this case, Age.
- 2. Enter the value of the category for Comps 1-3 etc., in this case years. Enter adjusted sale price for each Comp.
- 3. Click Analysis.
- 4. Scatter plot appears showing relationship between the independent variable and adjusted sale price.
- 5. The r^2 value shows the Coefficient of Determination. In this case, 96% of change in adjusted sale price is due to change in age.
- 6. The coefficient of x is the adjustment rate. In this case, each year of age reduces adjusted sale price \$300.
- 7. Click to see how Sensitivity Analysis can be used for subjective adjustments such as View.



Forecast Analysis

- 1. Enter the element of comparison. If the element of comparison is subjective, use a ranking system such as 1 to 5 with 3 being average, 5 being highest and 1 being lowest.
- 2. Enter the adjusted sale price of the comparable.
- 3. Enter the element of comparison of the subject.
- 4. Click Forecast Analysis.
- 5. Inferred value is calculated.
- 6. Scatter plot graph provides a visual representation of the strength of the correlation between element of comparison and price.
- 7. The r^2 value shows the Coefficient of Determination. In this case, 80% of change in sale price is due to change in element of comparison.

Forecast Analysis

| Independent Variable |    | Dependent Variable |         |
|----------------------|----|--------------------|---------|
| Acres                |    | \$                 |         |
| 1                    | 10 | 2                  | 125,000 |
| ...                  | 8  |                    | 120,000 |
| ...                  | 15 |                    | 135,000 |
| ...                  | 9  |                    | 120,000 |
| ...                  | 5  |                    | 90,000  |
| ...                  |    |                    |         |
| ...                  |    |                    |         |
| ...                  |    |                    |         |
| ...                  |    |                    |         |
| ...                  |    |                    |         |
| ...                  |    |                    |         |
| ...                  |    |                    |         |
| ...                  |    |                    |         |

4Forecast Analysis

Note: Clicking on the three dots '...' in any of the left Independent Variable columns also runs the analysis calculations.

150,000  
135,000  
120,000  
105,000  
90,000

0 5 10 15 20

• Forecas...  
y = 4116.541 \* x + 79304.511  
r^2 = 0.798

6  
7

Inferential Statistics

Site Size

36

Inferred Site Value

5104,004

To save your results for your workfile or as a page in your report, click the Print Report button.



Reporting

Report the findings of the calculators on three pages of a 1004 report.

1. Insert a page in the report titled Depreciated Cost Adjustment Calculations with a screen capture of Solomon Cost.

|   |
|---|
|   |
| 2   |
| <b>Adjustment Calculations:</b> Adjustments for building cost categories such as GLA, bath count, basement size, basement finish sf, garage count and fireplace count are based on the amount they contribute to value. By definition, depreciated replacement cost is the amount that the building contributes to site value. Depreciation is xx%, so the market is paying xx% of replacement cost for the buildings. See Depreciation Calculation attached which includes the xx% factor applied to relevant cost categories. |
| <b>COST APPROACH TO VALUE (notrequired by Fannie Mae)</b>   |

2. Add commentary at the bottom of page 3 of the 1004 with this statement:

**Adjustment Calculations:** Adjustments for building cost categories such as GLA, bath count, basement size, basement finish sf, garage count and fireplace count are based on the amount they contribute to value. Depreciated replacement cost is the amount that the building contributes to site value. Depreciation is x%, so the market is paying y% of replacement cost for the buildings. See Depreciated Cost Adjustments summary attached which includes the y% factor applied to relevant cost categories.

3. On page 3 in the Summary of Sales Comparison Approach, I use comments like these:

“The Date of Sale / Time adjustments are developed by applying the x.x% appreciation rate (or \$/day) to the interval between comp contract date and report effective date. Adjustments for building characteristics are developed with the depreciated cost method. See page three Adjustment Calculations and the Depreciated Cost Adjustments summary attached.”

4. In the Support for the opinion of site value section begin with this and edit as necessary. If there are comparable site sales, summarize those and add attachments as necessary.

“There are no recent lot sales in this fully developed neighborhood. The allocation method applied at the 2023 assessor LTV ratio of xx% to the median price of \$xxx,000 infers \$xx. Assessor estimate is \$xx. The extraction method applied to Comp x indicates \$xx. Most weight is given the extraction method because it begins with a similar lot with similar improvements.

|   |
|---|
| <b>COST APPROACH TO VALUE (notrequired by Fannie Mae)</b>   |
| Provide adequate information for the lender/client to replicate the below cost figures and calculations.  |
| Support for the opinion of site value (summary of comparable land sales or other methods for estimating site value) There are no recent lot sales in this fully developed neighborhood. The allocation method applied at the 2021 assessor LTV ratio of xx% to the median price of \$xxx,000 infers \$xx. Assessor estimate is \$xx. The extraction method applied to Comp x indicates \$xx. Most weight is given the extraction method because it begins with a similar lot with similar improvements. |

5. Comments on Cost Approach should include National Building Cost Manual 2024 as the source of cost data. Don't report Solomon Cost as your source of cost data. Solomon Cost is a calculator that uses data from National Building Cost Manual 2024.

6. Enter the Quality rating from cost service. If the subject is Q3.5, report Q3 or Q4. Q3.5 is a high Q4 or a low Q3.

7. Enter the Effective Date of the cost data.

8. In Comments on Cost Approach, I use this: Quality Class 4 Good Standard is used (p 7, 12, 27 - 30). "As -is" value of Site Improvements includes depreciation to those features. The Age -Life method of depreciation assumed in this report includes all elements of depreciation to the Improvements in one calculation shown in the Physical category. Economic Life - Effective Age = Remaining Economic Life.

The page numbers 7, 12, 27 - 30 apply to all quality ratings.

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| COST APPROACH | ESTIMATED <input type="checkbox"/> REPRODUCTION OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACEMENT COST NFW  |
|               | Source of cost data National Building Cost Manual 2023 5   |
|               | Quality rating from cost service 4 6 Effective date of cost data 2023 7  |
|               | Comments on Cost Approach (gross living area calculations, depreciation, etc.)   |
|               | Quality Class 4 Good Standard is used (p 7, 12, 27-30). "As-is" value of Site Improvements includes depreciation to those features. The Age-Life method of depreciation assumed in this report includes all elements of depreciation to the improvements in one calculation shown in the |
|               | Physical category.. 8  |
|               | Economic Life - Effective Age = Remaining Economic Life  |
|               |  |

## Appendix A

### Glossary

**Age-Life Method:** a method of estimating depreciation in which the ratio between the effective age of a building and its total economic life is applied to the current cost of the improvements to obtain a lump sum deduction; also known as the economic age-life method – The Dictionary of Real Estate Appraisal 6th Ed p 6

**Depreciation:** a loss in property value from any cause; the difference between the cost of an improvement on the effective date of the appraisal and the market value of an improvement on the same date – The Dictionary of Real Estate Appraisal 6th Ed p 63

**Economic Age-Life Method:** see Age-Life Method (above) – The Dictionary of Real Estate Appraisal 6th Ed p 91.

**Economic Life:** the period over which improvements to real property contribute to property value. – The Dictionary of Real Estate Appraisal – 6th Ed p 72

**Effective Age:** The age of a property that is based on the amount of observed deterioration and obsolescence it has sustained, which may be different from chronological age. - The Dictionary of Real Estate Appraisal 6th Ed p 74

**Iteration:** a problem-solving or computational method in which a succession of approximations, each building on the one preceding, is used to achieve a desired degree of accuracy – Dictionary.com

**Remaining Economic Life:** the estimated period over which existing improvements are expected to continue to contribute economically to property value – The Appraisal of Real Estate 15th Ed p 565

**Marginal Cost:** the cost of one additional unit of any item produced or bought in quantity - "marginal cost". Dictionary.com Unabridged. Random House, Inc. 17 Apr 2017.

Appendix B

Single Family Quality Classification Assumptions

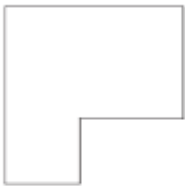
| National Building Cost Manual | Solomon | UAD |
|-------------------------------|---------|-----|
| Class 1 Luxury                | 1       | 1   |
| 1&2                           | 1.5     |     |
| Class 2 Semi Luxury           | 2       | 2   |
| 2&3                           | 2.5     |     |
| Class 3 Best Standard         | 3       | 3   |
| 3&4                           | 3.5     |     |
| Class 4 Good Standard         | 4       | 4   |
| 4&5                           | 4.5     |     |
| Class 5 Average Standard      | 5       | 5   |
| 5&6                           | 5.5     |     |
| Class 6 Minimum Standard      | 6       | 6   |

Complexity Assumptions:

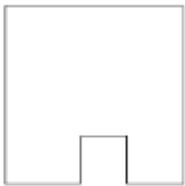
National Building Cost Manual uses building shapes to categorize complexity within a quality classification.



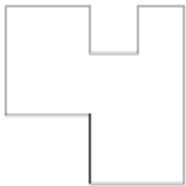
4 corners



6 corners



8 corners



10 corners

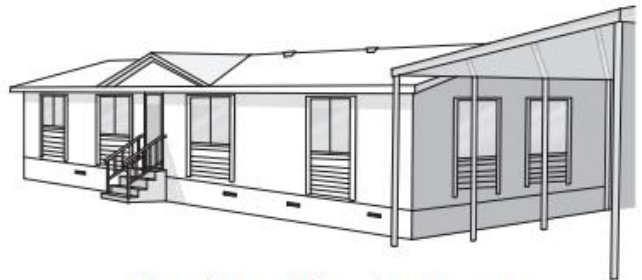
Solomon assumes Q1 is 10 corners, Q2 is 8 corners, Q3 is 6 corners and Q4-6 are 4 corners.

See next page for description of Quality Classifications.

Quality Classification

|   | Class 1<br>Luxury  | Class 2<br>Semi-Luxury  | Class 3<br>Best Std.  | Class 4<br>Good Std.   | Class 5<br>Average Std.   | Class 6<br>Minimum Std.   |
|---|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| Foundation<br>(9% of total cost)                        | Reinforced concrete.   | Reinforced concrete.  | Reinforced concrete.  | Reinforced concrete or concrete block.   | Reinforced concrete or concrete block.  | Reinforced concrete.  |
| Floor Structure<br>(12% of total cost)                  | Engineered wood or steel exceeding code minimums.  | Engineered wood or steel or reinforced concrete slab.   | Engineered wood or steel or reinforced concrete slab.   | Wood frame or slab on grade, changes in shape and elevation.   | Standard wood frame or slab on grade with elevation changes.  | Slab on grade. No changes in elevation.   |
| Wall Framing and Exterior Finish<br>(14% of total cost) | Wood or steel, very irregular walls, stone veneer, many architectural doors and windows.                                       | Wood or steel, irregular shape, masonry veneer, better grade doors and windows.   | Wood or steel, several wall offsets, wood or masonry accents, good grade doors and windows.                                     | Wood or steel, stucco or wood siding, some trim or veneer, average doors and windows.                            | Wood or steel, stucco or wood siding, few offsets, commodity grade doors and windows.                               | Wood or steel, stucco or hardboard siding, minimum grade doors and windows.                               |
| Roof<br>(10% of total cost)                             | Complex plan, tile, slate or metal, highly detailed.   | Multi-level, slate, tile or flat surface, decorative details.   | Multi-pitch, shake, tile or flat surface, large closed soffit.  | Wood trusses, tile or good shingles, closed soffit.  | Wood frame, shingle or built-up cover, open 24" soffit.   | Wood frame, composition shingle cover, open soffit.   |
| Floor Finish<br>(5% of total cost)                      | Terrazzo, marble, granite, or inlaid hardwood or best carpet throughout.   | Marble or granite entry, hardwood, good carpet or sheet vinyl elsewhere.  | Simulated marble tile entry, good carpet, hardwood or vinyl elsewhere.  | Better sheet vinyl and average carpet, some areas with masonry or tile.  | Good sheet vinyl and standard carpet, small area with tile or hardwood.   | Composition tile or minimum grade sheet vinyl.  |
| Interior Wall and Ceiling Finish<br>(8% of total cost)  | Plaster or gypsum wallboard with artistic finish, many offsets and wall openings, decorative details in nearly all rooms.      | Plaster on gypsum or metal lath or 2 layers of 5/8" gypsum wallboard, decorative details, many irregular wall openings. | Gypsum wallboard with putty or texture coat finish, some irregular walls, decorative details in living room, entry and kitchen. | 1/2" gypsum wallboard with textured finish, several irregular walls and wall openings, some decorative details.  | 1/2" gypsum wallboard with textured finish, most walls are rectangular, doors and windows are the only openings.    | 1/2" gypsum wallboard, smooth or orange peel finish. Nearly all walls are regular, no decorative details. |
| Interior Detail<br>(5% of total cost)                   | Exposed beams or decorative ceiling, 12' to 16' ceiling in great room, many sky widows, built-in shelving and alcoves for art. | Great room has 12' to 16' ceiling, most rooms have windows on two sides, formal dining area, several framed openings.   | Cathedral ceiling at entry, one or more floor level changes, several wall openings or pass-throughs, formal dining area.        | 8' or 9' ceiling throughout, walk-in closet in master bedroom, separate dining area, some decorative wood trim.  | 8' or 9' ceiling throughout, sliding mirrored closet doors, standard grade molding and trim, breakfast bar or nook. | Drop ceiling in kitchen, other rooms have 7'6" to 8' ceiling, minimum grade molding and trim.             |
| Bath Detail<br>(4% of total cost)                       | Custom large tile showers, separate elevated spa in master bathroom.   | Large tile showers, at least one bathtub, glass block or large window by each bath.                                     | Tile or fiberglass shower, at least one built-in bathtub, window in bathroom.   | Good plastic tub and shower in at least one bathroom, one small window in each bath.                             | Average plastic tub and shower in at least one bathroom.  | Minimum plastic tub and shower in one bathroom.   |
| Kitchen Detail<br>(8% of total cost)                    | Over 30 LF of deluxe wall and base cabinets, stone counter top, island work area, breakfast bar.                               | Over 25 LF of good custom base and wall cabinets, synthetic stone counter top, desk and breakfast bar.                  | Over 20 LF of good stock wall and base cabinets, tile or acrylic counter top, desk and breakfast bar or nook.                   | Over 15 LF of stock standard grade wall and base cabinets, low-cost tile or acrylic counter top, breakfast nook. | Over 10 LF of stock standard grade wall and base cabinets, low-cost acrylic or laminated plastic counter top.       | Less than 10 LF of low-cost wall and base cabinets, laminated plastic counter top, space for table.       |
| Plumbing<br>(12% of total cost)                         | 4 deluxe fixtures per bathroom, more bathrooms than bedrooms.  | 4 good fixtures per bathroom, more bathrooms than bedrooms.   | 3 good fixtures per bathroom, as many bathrooms as bedrooms.  | 3 standard fixtures per bathroom, less bathrooms than bedrooms.  | 3 standard fixtures per bathroom, less bathrooms than bedrooms.   | 3 minimum fixtures per bathroom, 2 bathrooms.   |
| Special Features<br>(3% of total cost)                  | 10 luxury built-in appliances, wet bar, home theater, pantry, wine cellar.   | 8 good built-in appliances, wet bar, walk-in pantry, central vacuum.  | 6 good built-in appliances, walk-in pantry, wet bar, central vacuum.  | 5 standard built-in appliances, sliding glass or French doors, laundry room.                                     | 4 standard grade kitchen appliances.  | 4 minimum grade kitchen appliances.   |
| Electrical System<br>(10% of total cost)                | Over 100 recessed or track lights, security system, computer network.  | 80 to 100 recessed lighting fixtures, security system, computer network.  | Ample recessed lighting on dimmers, computer network, multiple TV outlets.  | Limited recessed lighting on dimmers, multiple TV outlets.   | 12 lighting fixtures, switch-operated duplex plug outlets in bedrooms.  | 10 or less lighting fixtures, switch-operated plug outlets in most rooms.                                 |
| If Exterior Walls are Masonry                           | Reinforced split face concrete block or brick with face brick veneer.  | Reinforced block or brick with masonry veneer or stucco coat.   | Textured or coated concrete block or good quality detailed brick.   | Colored or coated concrete block or good quality brick.  | Colored concrete block or painted common brick.   | Painted concrete block or common-brick.   |

**Note:** Use the percent of total cost to help identify the correct quality classification.

**Appendix C****Manufactured Housing, Class 1****Manufactured Housing, Class 3****Manufactured Housing, Class 4****Manufactured Housing, Class 5**

See next page for Quality Classifications of Manufactured Housing.



Manufactured Housing

Quality Classification

|   | Class 1<br>Best Quality   | Class 2<br>Good Quality  | Class 3<br>Average Quality  | Class 4<br>Low Quality   | Class 5<br>Lowest Quality  |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|
| Design                                    | Indistinguishable from site-built construction, good floor plan and sight lines, superior fit and finish  | Comparable to site-built construction, good floor plan, shelves and alcoves, good fit and finish   | Clearly manufactured housing but with good design and materials, adequate fit and finish  | Mobile home design, utilitarian floor plan, commodity-grade materials  | Poor design, often sold unfinished, common only in Sun Belt states   |
| Roof<br>(12% of total cost)               | Complex roof line, 30-year architectural shingles, roof pitch at least 4" in 12", good overhang on all sides, R-38 insulation   | Decorative roof line, gable accents, 25-year shingles, 4" in 12" pitch, 12" overhang on all sides, R-33 insulation   | Gable accents, 25-year shingles, 4" in 12" pitch, 8" to 12" overhang front and back, R-21 insulation  | Simple roof line, less than 4" in 12" pitch, small overhang front and back, R-19 insulation  | Straight roof line, minimum pitch, little or no overhang, minimum roof cover, R-7 insulation   |
| Exterior Walls<br>(18% of total cost)     | Good fiber-cement siding, 9' to 10' high, decorative trim, 6" exterior walls, R-19 insulation, 7/16" plywood sheathing  | Painted fiber cement siding, 9' high, some trim, 6" exterior walls, R-15 insulation, 7/16" OSB sheathing   | Good foam-backed vinyl siding, 8' to 9' high, 4" exterior walls, R-13 insulation, 7/16" OSB sheathing   | Vinyl siding, 8' high, 4" exterior walls, R-11 insulation, 3/8" plywood sheathing  | Hardboard or economy siding, 7' high, 4" exterior walls, R-7 insulation  |
| Doors and Windows<br>(9% of total cost)   | Two 36" wide insulated steel panel exterior doors, solid core wood panel interior doors, good hardware, large insulated low-E vinyl sash windows, recessed entry  | Two 36" wide insulated steel exterior doors, hollow core wood interior doors, good hardware, good insulated low-E vinyl sash windows, recessed entry   | 36" wide steel front door with deadbolt, hollow core wood interior doors, average hardware, insulated vinyl windows, recessed entry   | 36" wide steel front door, hollow core wood interior doors, economy hardware, smaller dual glazed vinyl windows, 6' sliding bedroom door   | 34" or 32" wide aluminum exterior doors, hollow core wood interior doors, economy hardware, aluminum windows with storm sash   |
| Interior<br>(5% of total cost)            | Hardwood paneling or ½" gypsum board with good workmanship and trim throughout, coffered/vaulted/beamed ceilings, plank-type acoustical tile, mirrored walls, built-in buffet cabinets, custom drapes, skylights, window sills, good drapes with sheers throughout                        | Pre-finished hardwood paneling and trim or ½" gypsum board in all rooms, vaulted/beamed, ceiling in main rooms, good floor to ceiling drapes over sheer underlays in living room and dining room, several wall mirrors, some acoustic treatments                   | Pre-finished and grooved hardwood, plywood paneling or ½" gypsum board, no exposed fasteners, coordinated drapes in all rooms except kitchen and baths, one vaulted ceiling, acoustic tile, pre-finished wood trim                                    | Pre-finished fire rated plywood paneling or 3/8" gypsum board, some exposed fasteners, acoustical tile ceiling, economy drapes in living room, dining room, and bedrooms, vinyl on composition molding.                        | Stapled 3/8" vinyl-covered wallboard with battens at seams and corners, exposed fasteners or holding strips, unit may have been sold with interior finishing incomplete.   |
| Floors<br>(8% of total cost)              | Hardwood or ceramic tile entry, 30-50 oz. carpet, good vinyl in utility and guest bath. Good vinyl or hardwood in kitchen.  | 26-30 oz. carpet with 1/2" pad in all rooms except guest bath and utility, vinyl in kitchen, utility, and guest bath   | 22-26 oz. carpet with 1/2" rebond pad in all rooms except baths and kitchen, vinyl in kitchen and baths   | 16- 22 oz. carpet with 5 lb. pad in living, dining and bedrooms, economy vinyl sheet or tile in other areas  | Glued or stapled foam-backed carpet in living room and bedroom, economy vinyl elsewhere  |
| Heating<br>(7% of total cost)             | 110,000 BTU upflow air-condition-ready forced air furnace with exterior access door, metal ducting to all rooms, fireplace, dual-zone heating   | 80,000 to 110,000 BTU upflow or downflow air-condition-ready furnace with exterior access door, metal ducting to all rooms, fireplace  | 80,000 BTU upflow or downflow forced air condition-ready furnace, ducting to all rooms, simulated fireplace   | Forced air furnace, fiberglass attic ducting to all rooms, under-door return vents, ready for air conditioning unit.   | Forced air furnace, minimum taped fiberglass duct, registers at the room center, return vents under doors  |
| Kitchen<br>(23% of total cost)            | 18 ± LF of 25" wide stone or ceramic counter, 4" splash, luxury cabinets, roller drawers, dropped luminous ceiling, island work space, walk-in pantry, name-brand fixtures, cast iron sink, wet bar   | 16 ± LF of tile or Corian counter, 4" splash, quality wood cabinets, dropped luminous ceiling, island work space, walk-in pantry, good quality fixtures, stainless or integrated 8" deep sink  | 14 ± LF of Corian counter, 2" splash, average quality wood-face cabinets and hardware, built-in range and oven with hood and fan, pantry cabinet, 7" deep stainless or porcelain sink   | 12 ± LF laminate counter, smaller commodity-grade cabinets with wood raised panel doors, no lining, built-in range and oven, hood and fan, add for dishwasher if present   | 10 ± LF of 24" wide laminate counter, plastic-faced MDF cabinets, stapled and glued, economy range and oven, minimum grade sink and fixtures, add for dishwasher if present  |
| Baths and Plumbing<br>(14% of total cost) | 2 to 2½ baths, 8 fixtures, master bath with two basins, sunken 60" tub, fiberglass shower with glass door, quality medicine cabinets, 6 ± feet of mirror over 8 ± feet of cultured marble or ceramic tile lavatory top, decorative faucets, 40-gal. water heater, separate commode closet | 2 baths, vent fans, master bath will have two basins, sunken 60" tub and stall shower, quality medicine cabinets and fixtures, cultured marble vanities, good cabinets, 60" one-piece shower in guest bath, 30- to 40-gallon water heater, separate commode closet | 2 baths, vent fans, fiberglass shower with glass or plastic door, fiberglass 60" tub, acrylic round toilets, 6 to 8 LF cultured marble vanity in each bath, twin basin master bath with 4 ± foot mirror, good cabinets, 30- to 40-gallon water heater | 1¾ baths, fiberglass shower with plastic door, fiberglass one-piece 54" tub, acrylic round toilets, 4 to 5 linear foot cultured marble vanity with single basin, average quality cabinets and hardware, 30-gallon water heater | 1¾ baths, fiberglass 54" one-piece tub and shower with curtain, acrylic round toilets, small 4' plastic marble vanity, minimum quality cabinets and hardware, 20-gallon electric water heater, plastic supply and drain pipe |
| Bedrooms<br>(4% of total cost)            | 9 to 14 linear foot floor-to-ceiling sliding mirrored wardrobe doors, or large walk-in closets, phone and cable TV jacks  | 9 to 14 linear foot floor-to-ceiling mirrored sliding wardrobe doors in master bedroom or walk-in closets, phone and cable TV jacks  | 10 ± linear foot wardrobe, floor-to-ceiling mirrored sliding doors in master bedroom, cable TV jacks  | 8 ± linear foot wardrobe, pre-finished and grooved plywood doors, mirrored wardrobe door in master bedroom   | Five to six linear foot wardrobe, plain plywood sliding doors  |

Building Cost Historical Index

Use this table to find the approximate current dollar building cost when the actual cost is known for any year since 1957. Multiply the figure listed below for the building type and year of construction by the known cost. The result is the estimated 2024 construction cost.

| Year | Masonry Buildings | Concrete Buildings | Steel Buildings | Wood-Frame Buildings | Agricultural Buildings | Year of Construction |
|------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1957 | 16.85             | 17.39              | 15.69           | 13.02                | 13.20                  | 1957                 |
| 1958 | 16.37             | 16.74              | 14.93           | 12.98                | 15.75                  | 1958                 |
| 1959 | 15.86             | 16.21              | 14.58           | 12.43                | 12.62                  | 1959                 |
| 1960 | 15.49             | 15.91              | 14.35           | 12.25                | 12.38                  | 1960                 |
| 1961 | 15.17             | 15.85              | 14.10           | 12.02                | 12.33                  | 1961                 |
| 1962 | 14.83             | 15.38              | 13.76           | 11.88                | 12.15                  | 1962                 |
| 1963 | 14.61             | 14.98              | 13.60           | 11.66                | 11.02                  | 1963                 |
| 1964 | 14.19             | 14.81              | 13.41           | 11.25                | 11.57                  | 1964                 |
| 1965 | 13.73             | 14.42              | 12.95           | 11.01                | 11.27                  | 1965                 |
| 1966 | 13.11             | 14.00              | 12.45           | 10.53                | 10.95                  | 1966                 |
| 1967 | 12.81             | 13.33              | 11.64           | 10.02                | 10.51                  | 1967                 |
| 1968 | 12.28             | 12.60              | 11.11           | 9.47                 | 10.05                  | 1968                 |
| 1969 | 11.60             | 12.04              | 10.74           | 9.12                 | 9.48                   | 1969                 |
| 1970 | 11.14             | 11.51              | 10.20           | 8.67                 | 9.00                   | 1970                 |
| 1971 | 10.44             | 10.54              | 9.47            | 7.47                 | 8.39                   | 1971                 |
| 1972 | 9.71              | 9.76               | 8.85            | 7.49                 | 7.81                   | 1972                 |
| 1973 | 8.87              | 9.25               | 7.86            | 6.91                 | 7.33                   | 1973                 |
| 1974 | 7.89              | 8.48               | 7.38            | 6.46                 | 6.80                   | 1974                 |
| 1975 | 7.17              | 7.49               | 6.63            | 6.07                 | 6.06                   | 1975                 |
| 1976 | 6.72              | 7.14               | 6.29            | 5.85                 | 5.75                   | 1976                 |
| 1977 | 6.26              | 6.70               | 5.98            | 5.43                 | 5.41                   | 1977                 |
| 1978 | 5.83              | 6.26               | 5.51            | 4.99                 | 4.89                   | 1978                 |
| 1979 | 5.35              | 5.57               | 4.93            | 4.57                 | 4.63                   | 1979                 |
| 1980 | 4.85              | 5.06               | 4.39            | 4.10                 | 4.19                   | 1980                 |
| 1981 | 4.56              | 4.77               | 4.03            | 3.92                 | 3.91                   | 1981                 |
| 1982 | 4.43              | 4.56               | 3.91            | 3.78                 | 3.78                   | 1982                 |
| 1983 | 4.22              | 4.43               | 3.83            | 3.61                 | 3.56                   | 1983                 |
| 1984 | 3.94              | 4.15               | 3.65            | 3.34                 | 3.46                   | 1984                 |
| 1985 | 3.83              | 3.94               | 3.55            | 3.24                 | 3.40                   | 1985                 |
| 1986 | 3.73              | 3.92               | 3.49            | 3.19                 | 3.33                   | 1986                 |
| 1987 | 3.72              | 3.83               | 3.45            | 3.13                 | 3.30                   | 1987                 |
| 1988 | 3.65              | 3.68               | 3.39            | 3.10                 | 3.25                   | 1988                 |
| 1989 | 3.56              | 3.62               | 3.22            | 3.04                 | 3.14                   | 1989                 |
| 1990 | 3.35              | 3.48               | 3.06            | 2.82                 | 3.00                   | 1990                 |
| 1991 | 3.62              | 3.43               | 2.91            | 2.67                 | 2.84                   | 1991                 |
| 1992 | 3.24              | 3.39               | 2.87            | 2.66                 | 2.82                   | 1992                 |
| 1993 | 3.16              | 3.35               | 2.77            | 2.62                 | 2.77                   | 1993                 |
| 1994 | 3.09              | 3.13               | 2.67            | 2.52                 | 2.57                   | 1994                 |
| 1995 | 2.93              | 2.85               | 2.47            | 2.37                 | 2.43                   | 1995                 |
| 1996 | 2.83              | 2.81               | 2.41            | 2.32                 | 2.39                   | 1996                 |
| 1997 | 2.73              | 2.73               | 2.31            | 2.27                 | 2.33                   | 1997                 |
| 1998 | 2.60              | 2.60               | 2.22            | 2.17                 | 2.30                   | 1998                 |
| 1999 | 2.51              | 2.51               | 2.16            | 2.15                 | 2.26                   | 1999                 |
| 2000 | 2.44              | 2.44               | 2.07            | 2.07                 | 2.18                   | 2000                 |
| 2001 | 2.37              | 2.37               | 2.04            | 1.99                 | 2.13                   | 2001                 |
| 2002 | 2.31              | 2.31               | 1.99            | 1.97                 | 2.08                   | 2002                 |
| 2003 | 2.27              | 2.27               | 1.94            | 1.95                 | 2.05                   | 2003                 |
| 2004 | 2.17              | 2.17               | 1.89            | 1.90                 | 1.99                   | 2004                 |
| 2005 | 2.01              | 2.01               | 1.69            | 1.71                 | 1.95                   | 2005                 |
| 2006 | 1.90              | 1.90               | 1.56            | 1.53                 | 1.74                   | 2006                 |
| 2007 | 1.84              | 1.84               | 1.49            | 1.42                 | 1.62                   | 2007                 |
| 2008 | 1.72              | 1.72               | 1.41            | 1.36                 | 1.53                   | 2008                 |
| 2009 | 1.71              | 1.71               | 1.36            | 1.36                 | 1.53                   | 2009                 |
| 2010 | 1.67              | 1.67               | 1.28            | 1.35                 | 1.52                   | 2010                 |
| 2011 | 1.70              | 1.70               | 1.32            | 1.37                 | 1.56                   | 2011                 |
| 2012 | 1.67              | 1.67               | 1.18            | 1.32                 | 1.53                   | 2012                 |
| 2013 | 1.60              | 1.60               | 1.26            | 1.25                 | 1.43                   | 2013                 |
| 2014 | 1.59              | 1.59               | 1.25            | 1.23                 | 1.41                   | 2014                 |
| 2015 | 1.56              | 1.56               | 1.24            | 1.22                 | 1.40                   | 2015                 |
| 2016 | 1.55              | 1.55               | 1.36            | 1.23                 | 1.37                   | 2016                 |
| 2017 | 1.50              | 1.50               | 1.38            | 1.24                 | 1.37                   | 2017                 |
| 2018 | 1.43              | 1.43               | 1.19            | 1.13                 | 1.28                   | 2018                 |
| 2019 | 1.34              | 1.34               | 1.25            | 1.08                 | 1.22                   | 2019                 |
| 2020 | 1.32              | 1.32               | 1.19            | 1.10                 | 1.21                   | 2020                 |
| 2021 | 1.28              | 1.28               | 1.26            | 1.09                 | 1.21                   | 2021                 |
| 2022 | 1.22              | 1.22               | 1.10            | 1.01                 | 1.13                   | 2022                 |
| 2023 | 1.07              | 1.07               | 0.89            | 0.92                 | 1.01                   | 2023                 |
| 2024 | 1.00              | 1.00               | 1.00            | 1.00                 | 1.00                   | 2024                 |