

Package ‘AmesHousing’

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ames_raw

Raw Ames Housing Data

Description

Summon the data described by De Cock (2011) where 82 fields were recored for 2,930 properties in Ames IA.

Details

From the data documentation reference, the columns include:

- Order: Observation number
- PID: Parcel identification number - can be used with city web site for parcel review.
- MS SubClass: Identifies the type of dwelling involved in the sale.
- MS Zoning: Identifies the general zoning classification of the sale.
- Lot Frontage: Linear feet of street connected to property
- Lot Area: Lot size in square feet
- Street: Type of road access to property
- Alley: Type of alley access to property
- Lot Shape: General shape of property
- Land Contour: Flatness of the property
- Utilities: Type of utilities available
- Lot Config: Lot configuration
- Land Slope: Slope of property
- Neighborhood: Physical locations within Ames city limits (map available)
- Condition 1: Proximity to various conditions
- Condition 2: Proximity to various conditions (if more than one is present)
- Bldg Type: Type of dwelling
- House Style: Style of dwelling
- Overall Qual: Rates the overall material and finish of the house
- Overall Cond: Rates the overall condition of the house
- Year Built: Original construction date
- Year Remod/Add: Remodel date (same as construction date if no remodeling or additions)
- Roof Style: Type of roof
- Roof Matl: Roof material
- Exterior 1: Exterior covering on house
- Exterior 2: Exterior covering on house (if more than one material)
- Mas Vnr Type: Masonry veneer type
- Mas Vnr Area: Masonry veneer area in square feet
- Exter Qual: Evaluates the quality of the material on the exterior
- Exter Cond: Evaluates the present condition of the material on the exterior

- Foundation: Type of foundation
- Bsmt Qual: Evaluates the height of the basement
- Bsmt Cond: Evaluates the general condition of the basement
- Bsmt Exposure: Refers to walkout or garden level walls
- BsmtFin Type 1: Rating of basement finished area
- BsmtFin SF 1: Type 1 finished square feet
- BsmtFinType 2: Rating of basement finished area (if multiple types)
- BsmtFin SF 2: Type 2 finished square feet
- Bsmt Unf SF: Unfinished square feet of basement area
- Total Bsmt SF: Total square feet of basement area
- Heating: Type of heating
- HeatingQC: Heating quality and condition
- Central Air: Central air conditioning
- Electrical: Electrical system
- 1st Flr SF: First Floor square feet
- 2nd Flr SF: Second floor square feet
- Low Qual Fin SF: Low quality finished square feet (all floors)
- Gr Liv Area: Above grade (ground) living area square feet
- Bsmt Full Bath: Basement full bathrooms
- Bsmt Half Bath: Basement half bathrooms
- Full Bath: Full bathrooms above grade
- Half Bath: Half baths above grade
- Bedroom: Bedrooms above grade (does NOT include basement bedrooms)
- Kitchen: Kitchens above grade
- KitchenQual: Kitchen quality
- TotRmsAbvGrd: Total rooms above grade (does not include bathrooms)
- Functional: Home functionality (Assume typical unless deductions are warranted)
- Fireplaces: Number of fireplaces
- FireplaceQu: Fireplace quality
- Garage Type: Garage location
- Garage Yr Blt: Year garage was built
- Garage Finish: Interior finish of the garage
- Garage Cars: Size of garage in car capacity
- Garage Area: Size of garage in square feet
- Garage Qual: Garage quality
- Garage Cond: Garage condition
- Paved Drive: Paved driveway
- Wood Deck SF: Wood deck area in square feet
- Open Porch SF: Open porch area in square feet
- Enclosed Porch: Enclosed porch area in square feet
- 3-Ssn Porch: Three season porch area in square feet

- Screen Porch: Screen porch area in square feet
- Pool Area: Pool area in square feet
- Pool QC: Pool quality
- Fence: Fence quality
- Misc Feature: Miscellaneous feature not covered in other categories
- Misc Val: \$Value of miscellaneous feature
- Mo Sold: Month Sold
- Yr Sold: Year Sold
- Sale Type: Type of sale
- Sale Condition: Condition of sale

Value

ames_raw a tibble

Source

De Cock, D. (2011). "Ames, Iowa: Alternative to the Boston Housing Data as an End of Semester Regression Project," *Journal of Statistics Education*, Volume 19, Number 3.

<https://ww2.amstat.org/publications/jse/v19n3/decock/DataDocumentation.txt>

<http://ww2.amstat.org/publications/jse/v19n3/decock.pdf>

ames_schools

Ames Public Schools

Description

Locations of local schools and outline of elementary school districts. Elementary school district boundaries are returned as sf object in CRS 4326

Details

The data set includes the school name and the geocodes.

Value

ames_schools_geo
 a tibble

`make_ames`*Create a Processed Version of the Ames Housing Data*

Description

Create a Processed Version of the Ames Housing Data

Usage

```
make_ames()
```

```
make_ames_new()
```

```
make_ordinal_ames()
```

Details

For the processed version, the exact details can be found in the code of `make_ames` but a summary of the differences between these data sets and `ames_raw` is:

- All factors are *unordered*.
- PID and Order are removed.
- Spaces and special characters in column names were changed to snake case. To be consistent, `SalePrice` was changed to `Sale_Price`.
- Many factor levels were changed to be more understandable (e.g. `Split_or_Multilevel` instead of `080`)
- Many missing values were reset. For example, if the variable `Bsmt_Qual` was missing, this implies that there is no basement on the property. Instead of a missing value, the value of `Bsmt_Qual` was changed to `No_Basement`. Similarly, numeric data pertaining to basements were set to zero where appropriate such as variables `Bsmt_Full_Bath` and `Total_Bsmt_SF`.
- `Garage_Yr_Blt` contained many missing data and was removed.
- Approximate longitude and latitude are included for the properties. Also, note that there are 6 properties with identical geotags. These are units within the same building. For some properties, updated versions of the PID identifiers were found and are replaced with new values.

`make_ordinal_ames` is the same as `make_ames` but many factor variables were changed to class ordered (see below).

The documentation for `ames_raw()` contains descriptions of the columns although, as noted above, the column names in `ames_raw()` are slightly different from the processed versions.

`make_ames_new()` creates a data set of new properties. These were populated using less data sources than the original and lack a number of the condition and quality. Both properties were unsold at the time of this writing.

Value

A tibble with the data.

Examples

```
ames <- make_ames()  
nrow(ames)  
summary(ames$Sale_Price)
```

```
ames_ord <- make_ordinal_ames()  
ord_vars <- vapply(ames_ord, is.ordered, logical(1))  
names(ord_vars)[ord_vars]
```

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