

**Annual Income Estimates for Census Families and
Individuals (T1 Family File)**

Senior Data

— User's Guide —

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Introduction

Urban planning, social policy, and local marketing strategies require a comprehensive understanding of regional socio-economic characteristics. The T1 Family File (T1FF) data available for low levels of geography can contribute significantly to this knowledge.

The databank on seniors is one of these T1FF data sources. This databank is compiled from information obtained through annual personal income tax returns and is updated annually.

Beginning with the 1990 tax year, four tables concentrating on seniors and their census family situation were available. With the 1994 data, a fifth table on senior individuals was added to the previous four. See also *Statistical tables - Footnotes and historical availability*.

Beginning with 2007, the age groups for tables 3, 4 and 5 have been changed to the following ones: 0 to 34, 35 to 54, 55 to 64 and 65+.

For simplicity, this documentation has been divided into four sections:

The first section deals with the source of the data, its currency and accuracy and how the data are presented to maintain confidentiality.

The second section on data tables includes notes of explanation and describes the format of the data tables. Starting with 2010 the T1FF standard tables are available at no cost on CANSIM for the following geographies: Canada, the provinces and territories, census metropolitan areas (CMA) and census agglomerations (CA starting as of 2008). Data for other levels of geography can be obtained by contacting the Client Services Section of the Income Statistics Division, Statistics Canada (613-951-7355, toll free 1-888-297-7355, e-mail:income@statcan.gc.ca).

The glossary, in the third section, will provide the data user with definitions of the terms used in this documentation.

The fourth section contains an explanation of the geographic levels available.

Note: For additional information on families, please refer to the T1FF Statistics Canada product [13C0016](#) Family Data

Section 1 - The data

Data Source

Development of Small Area and Administrative Data T1 Family File (T1FF) is based on the census family concept. This concept, specific to Statistics Canada, is similar to the traditional family concept. The census family data include parent(s) and children (i.e., children who do not live with their spouse or partner and do not have children of their own) living in the same dwelling.

Starting with the 1992 tax year, common-law couples were recognized as a separate category on the T1 General Tax form. As a result, the coverage of couple families (in which common-law families are included) is very high. Beginning with the 2000 data, same-sex couples reporting as a couple are included as common-law couples, and therefore counted in the couple category.

The initial population used to develop the family units comprises all taxfilers for the reference year and represents approximately two-thirds of the Canadian population. The family units are formed from information obtained on the tax returns of the taxfiling family members.

First, taxfilers from the same family, including children, are matched using common links (e.g., spousal social insurance number, same name, and same address). Prior to 1993, non-filing children were identified from information on their parents' tax form. Information from the Federal Family Allowance Program was used to assist in the identification of children. Since 1993, children are added to the family by using the Canada Child Tax Benefit (CCTB) file, the provincial births files and previous years of the T1FF.

The remaining taxfilers who have not been matched in the family formation process become *persons not in census families* (formerly non-family persons). They may be living with a family to whom they are related (e.g., brother-in-law, cousin, grandparent) or unrelated (e.g., lodger, roommate). They may be living with other persons not in census families or living alone.

The T1FF approximates the total Canadian population. It contains information on sources of income (from the taxfilers) and some demographic indicators (derived from both the taxfilers and the non-filers).

For the most part, tax returns were filed in the spring of the year following the reference year. The mailing address at the time of filing is the basis for the geographic information in the tables.

The databank on seniors is a subset of the Census families databank. Data begin with the 1990 tax year. A senior for the purposes of these data is a person 55 years of age or over. A senior census family is a couple family where at least one of the partners is aged 55 or over, or a lone-parent family where the parent is aged 55 or over.

Data Currency

Since the data are taken from tax records, they are current data from tax returns filed for the year noted on the tables. For example, 2012 income records are taken from 2012 tax returns filed in the spring of 2013, with data released during the summer of 2014. Data are released on an annual basis.

Data Quality

The introduction of the federal sales tax (FST) credit in 1986 and the goods and services tax (GST) credit in 1989 resulted in more seniors filing tax returns. The databank on seniors was created to meet a need for information on this specific age range — families and persons aged 55 and over.

The data that appear in the tables are taken directly from the family databank, built from the income tax and the Canada Child Tax Benefit (CCTB) records. Information on income is obtained from taxfilers and includes incomes of their non-filing spouses and children. Demographic information is derived from taxfilers and non-filing spouses and/or children, such as the estimates of "total taxfilers and dependents".

The Income Statistics Division's population estimates compare well with estimates obtained through other sources. For example, coverage rates by age from the databank, compared to the official population estimates, are:

Table A – Coverage by Age and by Province, 2012

Rates of Coverage by Age	%
under 20	101.6
20-24	85.2
25-29	89.4
30-34	91.1
35-39	94.5
40-44	96.4
45-49	96.6
50-54	93.2
55-59	92.8
60-64	94.3
65-74	94.7
75+	95.5
Total	95.0
Rates of Coverage by Province	%
Newfoundland & Labrador	97.5
Prince Edward Island	95.7
Nova Scotia	95.5
New Brunswick	97.4
Quebec	96.2
Ontario	94.5
Manitoba	96.1
Saskatchewan	95.5
Alberta	93.5
British Columbia	94.3
Yukon Territory	91.1
Northwest Territories	94.5
Nunavut	92.8
Canada	95.0

Coverage rates by age and by province are based on comparisons with the estimated population counts to July 1, 2013 available on CANSIM table 051-0001 from Statistics Canada.

Most children do not file because they have low or no income. Improvements have been made to the process of identifying children. For example, the introduction of the Universal Child Care Benefit program in 2006 has allowed the identification of more children under the age of six. These changes have resulted in improved coverage of children in the T1FF data compared to the official Statistics Canada population estimates. The impact of these changes is most notable in the counts and median total income of lone-parent families although it is not possible to distinguish the precise impact of the improvements separately from normal year-to-year change.

Some elderly Canadians receiving only Old Age Security (OAS) pension and Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) do not file because they have low or no taxable income. However,

with the introduction of the federal sales tax (FST) credit in 1986 and the goods and services tax (GST) credit in 1989, the percentage of the elderly population filing tax returns has increased. In 2012, 94.6% filed tax returns, up from 75% in 1989 (when comparing taxfilers aged 65 years or more with the 65 years or more population estimate counts to July 1, 2013, available from Statistics Canada's CANSIM database, table 051-0001). The introduction of the FST and GST credits has also resulted in more low-income families filing tax returns.

Beginning in 1992, family total income was changed to include income of non-filing spouses reported on the taxfiler's income tax return. This caused an increase in family total income as well as an increase in median income for 1992. Starting with the 2001 data, wage and salary income of non-filing spouses can be identified, in some cases, from T4 earnings statements.

Comparing the tax-based family median income figures (T1FF) to the Statistics Canada Survey of Consumer Finances (SCF) shows the following results (Table A). The SCF was replaced by the Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics (SLID), and the definition of a family was changed for SLID.

Table B – Comparison of Census Family Incomes

Year	Median Income, All Census families		% ratio
	T1FF	SCF/SLID	
1990	42,700	44,783	95.3%
1991	42,900	45,368	94.6%
1992	43,500	46,175	94.2%
1993	43,000	45,583	94.3%
1994	43,000	46,908	92.3%
1995	44,200	47,124	93.8%
1996	44,800	48,023	93.3%
1997	45,900	48,862	93.9%
1998	47,300	48,600	97.3%
1999	48,600	50,900	95.5%
2000	50,800	55,016	92.3%
2001	53,500	55,100	97.1%
2002	55,000	56,000	98.2%
2003	56,000	57,800	96.9%
2004	58,100	59,900	97.0%
2005	60,600	63,866	97.4%
2006	63,600	64,200	99.1%
2007	66,550	67,100	99.2%
2008	68,860	69,600	98.9%
2009	68,410	69,200	98.9%
2010	69,860	71,400	97.8%
2011	72,240	74,700	96.7%

Note: The above T1FF medians are taken from the T1FF family databank being discussed here; the Survey of Consumer Finances (SCF) medians for 1990 to 1997 are from Statistics Canada's annual publication 13-208: Family Incomes, Census Families. The 2000 T1FF median is compared to the 2001 Census data (2000 income) and the 2005 T1FF median is compared to the 2006 Census data (2005 income). Starting from 1998 the Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics (SLID) median is taken from CANSIM table 202-0408. Because data in CANSIM for 202-0408 are presented in 2011 constant dollars, the series has been adjusted in current dollars using Consumer Price Indexes. The SCF and SLID estimates do not include the Territories.

Confidentiality and Rounding

All data are subject to the confidentiality procedures of rounding and suppression.

To protect the confidentiality of Canadians, counts are rounded. Rounding may increase, decrease, or cause no change to counts. Rounding can affect the results obtained from calculations. For example, when calculating percentages from rounded data, results may be distorted as both the numerator and denominator have been rounded. The distortion can be greatest with small numbers.

All reported amounts are rounded to the nearest five thousand dollars.

Since 1990, data cells represent counts of 15 or greater, and are rounded to a base of 10. For example, a cell count of 15 would be rounded to 20 and a cell count of 24 would be rounded to 20.

For 1988 and 1989 data, all counts are 25 or greater and are rounded to the nearest 25. Reported amounts are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

For data up to and including 1987, all counts are randomly rounded to a base of 5, and reported amounts are unrounded, but are adjusted according to the rounding of the counts.

Note: *Counts* represent the number of persons. *Reported amounts* are aggregate dollar amounts reported.

Suppressed Data

To maintain confidentiality, data cells have been suppressed whenever:

- areas comprise less than 100 taxfilers;
- cells represent less than 15 taxfilers;
- cells were dominated by a single taxfiler;
- cells for median income were based on a rounded count of less than 20 taxfilers.

Suppressed data may occur:

i) Within one area:

- when one of the income categories is suppressed, a second category must also be suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential data by subtraction (called residual disclosure) (Table B); when one of the gender categories is suppressed, the other gender category must also be suppressed to avoid residual disclosure (Table B);
- when one age group category is suppressed, another age group must also be suppressed to avoid residual disclosure.

ii) Between areas:

- when a variable amount in one area is suppressed, that variable amount is also suppressed in another area to prevent disclosure by subtraction.

Table C – Suppression of Income Data, An Illustration
Amount (Millions of Dollars)

	Males	Females	Total
Wages/Salaries/Commissions	6.7	3.4	10.2
Self-Employment	0.3	0.2	0.5
Dividends and Interest	1.2	1.1	2.3
Employment Insurance	0.7	0.3	1
Old Age Security/Net Federal Supplements	0.7	0.5	1.1
Canada/Quebec Pension Plan	1.1	0.5	1.6
Private Pensions	1.9	0.4	2.3
Canada Child Tax Benefits	x	x [*]	0.1
Goods and Services Tax Credit/Harmonized Sales Tax Credit	x ^{**}	x ^{**}	0.2
Workers' Compensation	0.1	0.1	0.2
Social Assistance	0.2	0.2	0.5
Provincial Refundable Tax Credits	0.1	0.1	0.2
Registered Retirement Savings Plan Income	0.1	0.1	0.2
Other Income	0.6	0.6	1.2
Total Income	14.5	7.8	22.3

- x Confidential when reported by fewer than 15 taxfilers. (In the data supplied to clients, the suppressed cell will contain a "0".)
- x^{*} For the same income variable, the value for the opposite gender was suppressed in the table to avoid disclosure by subtraction.
- x^{**} The value for a second income variable was suppressed elsewhere in the table to avoid disclosure by subtraction.

Section 2 - The data tables

The following section lists the T1FF standard senior tables available for Canada, provinces and territories, federal electoral districts, economic regions, census divisions, census metropolitan areas, census agglomerations, and census tracts. In some cases tables retrieved in an Excel have been divided in parts for display purposes. Starting with 2010, the T1FF standard tables are available at no cost on CANSIM for the following geographies: Canada, provinces and territories, census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations.

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Table 1: Senior Census Family Units by Age Group

CANSIM Table 111-0032 Senior's characteristics, by family type and age of oldest individual

The non CANSIM version of this table is in 3 parts.

Table 1a: Senior couple families by age of older partner and presence of children

Table 1b: Senior lone-parent families by age of parent and persons not in census families by age

Table 1c: Total census families and persons not in census families by age of older partner/parent/person not in a census family and presence of children

Table 2: Persons in Senior Census Family Units by Age Group and Gender

CANSIM Table 111-0033 Senior's characteristics, by family type, sex and age group

The non CANSIM version of this table is in 3 parts.

Table 2a: Persons in senior couple families by age group and gender

Table 2b: Persons in senior lone-parent families and senior persons not in census families by age group and gender

Table 2c: Persons in senior census family units and senior persons not in census families by age group and gender

Table 3: Sources of Income of Senior Couple Families

CANSIM Table 111-0034 Senior's characteristics, by family type, age of oldest individual and source of income

Counts and amounts by source of income and age of older partner:

- Employment income
- Investment income
- Pensions
- RRSP income
- Other income
- Total family income

Table 4: Sources of Income of Senior Lone-Parent Families and Senior Persons not in Census Families

CANSIM Table 111-0034 Senior's characteristics, by family type, age of oldest individual and source of income

Counts and amounts by source of income and age of parent or non-family person:

- Employment income
- Investment income
- Pensions
- RRSP income
- Other income
- Total family income

Table 5: Sources of Income of Senior Individuals by Age Group

CANSIM Table 111-0035 Senior's characteristics, by age group and source of income

Counts and amounts by source of income and age:

- Employment income
- Investment income
- Pensions
- RRSP income
- Other income
- Total family income

Statistical Tables – Footnotes and Historical Availability

All tables:

- Because they are based on a different methodology, estimates of the number of Census families presented in these tables differ from estimates produced by Demography Division.
- Available for census divisions and census metropolitan areas starting with the 1990 data.
- Available for census tracts, economic regions and federal electoral districts starting with 1999 data.
- Available for census agglomerations starting with 2001 data.
- The income shown could be reported by any member of the family.
- Starting with the 2000 data, couple families include same-sex couples.
- Working Income Tax Benefit is included in Government Transfers and Total Income starting with 2010 data.

Table 1:

- Available in its current format beginning with the 1990 data.
- Age groupings are cumulative. This means, for example, that if a person is 87 years of age, that person will be included in the 55+ age group, the 60+ age group, the 65+ age group, the 70+ age group, etc.
- There is no age limit for children in these families.

Table 2:

- Available in its current format beginning with the 1990 data.
- Age groupings are cumulative. This means, for example, that a person 87 years of age will be included in the 55+ age group, the 60+ age group, the 65+ age group, the 70+ age group, etc.

Table 3:

- Available in its current format beginning with the 1990 data.
- The sources of income have changed over the years, depending on the information available from the T1 (most notably RRSP income first shown in the 1994 tables).
- Since 1994, OAS payments also include guaranteed income supplements and spousal allowances.
- Starting in 1999, the RRSP income includes only RRSP income of persons aged 65+ years.
- Starting with 2007, the age groups 0 to 34, 35 to 54, 55 to 64 and 65+ have replaced the age groups 55 to 64, 65 to 74, 75+ and 65+.

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- Starting with 2007, the age groups 0 to 34, 35 to 54, 55 to 64 and 65+ have replaced the age groups 55 to 64, 65 to 74, 75+ and 65+.

Table 5:

- Available in its current format beginning with the 1994 data.
- The sources of income have changed over the years, depending on the information available from the T1.
- Since 1994, OAS payments also include guaranteed income supplements and spousal allowances.
- In 1996, "transfer payments" was replaced by two separate categories: government transfers and other pensions. Prior to 1996, the category of other (private) pensions was included in the total transfer payments.
- Starting in 1999, the RRSP income includes only RRSP income of persons aged 65+ years.
- Starting with 2007, the age groups 0 to 34, 35 to 54, 55 to 64 and 65+ have replaced the age groups 55 to 64, 65 to 74, 75+ and 65+.
- Working Income Tax Benefit is included in Government Transfers and Total Income starting with 2010 data.

Section 3 - Glossary of terms

Age

Is calculated as of December 31 of the reference year (i.e., tax year minus year of birth). Starting in 2007, all the counts are rounded to the nearest 10.

Alberta Family Employment Tax Credit

Beginning in 1997, the Alberta Family Employment Tax Credit is a non-taxable amount paid to families with working income that have children under the age of 18. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical tables.

Alberta Resource Rebate

Is a one-time payment of \$400 made in 2006 to residents of Alberta who filed an income tax return and who were 18 years and over. Rebate for children who are under 18 will be paid to their primary caregiver. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical tables for 2006 only.

Alimony

Includes payments from one former spouse to the other, for couples that are separated or divorced. Child support is also included in this variable, as reported on line 128 of the T1 tax form, where both alimony and child support are reported together, without distinction. Starting with 1998, this information is taken from line 156 of the T1 (support payments received). Included in "Other income" in the statistical tables.

All (Census) Families

Include couple families and lone-parent families.

Average Family Size

Is the average count of persons in the census family.

British Columbia Climate Action Dividend

It is a one-time payment of \$100 made in 2008 to all residents of British Columbia. The British Columbia Climate Action Dividend (BCCAD) is a payment intended to help British Columbians make changes to reduce their use of fossil fuels. The Canada Revenue Agency is administering this program on behalf of British Columbia. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical tables for 2008 only.

British Columbia Earned Income Benefit

Beginning in 1996, families whose annual earned income is more than \$3,750 may also be entitled to the B.C. earned income benefit. The maximum monthly benefit is dependent on the number of eligible children and the family's net income

British Columbia Family Bonus

Commencing in July 1996, the BC Family Bonus program provides non-taxable amounts paid monthly to help low- and modest-income families with the cost of raising children under the age of 18. This program includes the basic Family Bonus and the BC Earned Income Benefit. Benefits are combined with the CCTB into a single monthly payment. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical tables.

British Columbia Harmonized Sales Tax Credit

Introduced in 2010, this credit is a non-taxable refundable payment to help low-income individuals and families offset the impact of the sales taxes they pay. It replaced the British Columbia Sales Tax Credit.

British Columbia Low Income Climate Action Tax Credit

Beginning in 2008, the province of British Columbia introduced the British Columbia Low Income Climate Action Tax Credit. This credit is intended to help low income individuals and families with the carbon taxes they pay and is part of the province's commitment that the carbon tax be revenue neutral. The Canada Revenue Agency will administer this program on behalf of British Columbia. This credit is an ongoing non-taxable quarterly payment. Included in *Goods and services tax/harmonized sales tax (GST/HST) credit* in the statistical tables.

British Columbia Sales Tax Credit

From 1994 to 2009, the British Columbia Sales Tax Credit was provided to low-income families and individuals.

British Columbia Seniors Home Renovation Tax Credit

Introduced in 2012, the B.C. seniors home renovation tax credit assists individuals 65 and over with the cost of certain permanent home renovations to improve accessibility or help a senior be more functional or mobile at home.

British Columbia Seniors Supplement

Beginning in 2005, the province of British Columbia introduced a monthly payment to seniors receiving federal Old Age Security (OAS) and the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS).

Canada Child Tax Benefit (CCTB)

Is a system that replaces (beginning with the 1993 data year) the previous federal Family Allowance program, the non-refundable child deduction and the refundable Child Tax Credit. It is an income supplement for individuals who have at least one qualified dependent child. The Canada Child Tax Benefit is also based on the individual's family income and the number of dependent children. The Universal Child Care Benefit is added to the CCTB beginning with the 2006 data in the statistical tables.

Canada/Quebec Pension Plan (CPP/QPP)

Are compulsory contributory social insurance plans that protect workers and their families against loss of income due to retirement, disability or death. Canada Pension Plan and Quebec Pension Plan benefits include all benefits reported for the reference year.

Census Family

This definition of the census family classifies people in the following manner: 1) couples (married or common-law) living in the same dwelling, with or without children; and 2) lone-parents (male or female) with one or more children. The residual population is called "persons not in census families" and is made up of persons living alone and of persons living in a household but who are not part of a couple family or lone-parent family. *See also* "Children".

Children

Are taxfilers or imputed persons in couple and lone-parent families. Taxfiling children do not live with their spouse, have no children of their own and live with their parent or parents. Previous to the 1998 data, taxfiling children had to report "single" as their marital status. Most children are identified from the Canada Child Tax Benefit file, a provincial births file or a previous T1 family file.

CityID

Since names can be, in some cases, quite long and cumbersome for handling in electronic files, municipalities are given a city identification number. Starting in 2007, the CityID is a five digits alpha-numeric component. It is created with the first letter of **Postal Code** followed by "9" and a four digits number. Each first letter of **Postal Code** is allocated a range of number from 1 to 9999 (more explanation in geography section).

Couple Family

Previously Husband-Wife Family

Consists of a couple living together (whether married or common-law) at the same address, and any children living at the same address; taxfiling children do not live with their spouse, have no child of their own and live with their parent or parents. Previous to the 1998 data, taxfiling children had to report "single" as their marital status. Beginning in 2000, same-sex couples reporting as couples are counted as couple families. *See also Census families.*

Dependents

For the purpose of these databanks, dependents are the non-filing members of a family. We do not attempt to measure dependency in any way, but are able to identify certain non-filing family members, and include these in the total counts of people in a given area.

Dividend Income

Includes dividend income from taxable Canadian corporations (such as stocks or mutual funds) as reported on line 120 of the personal income tax return, and then grossed down to the actual amounts received; dividend income does not include dividends received from foreign investments (which are included in interest income and reported on line 121).

Dual-Earner Families

Are couple families where both spouses have an employment income greater than zero.

Economic Dependency Ratio (EDR)

Is the sum of transfer payment dollars received as benefits in a given area, compared to every \$100 of employment income for that same area. For example, where a table shows an Employment Insurance (EI) dependency ratio of 4.69, it means that \$4.69 in EI benefits were received for every \$100 of employment income for the area.

Employment Income

Includes wages and salaries, commissions from employment, training allowances, tips and gratuities, self-employment income (net income from business, profession, farming, fishing and commissions) and Indian Employment Income (since 1999).

Employment Insurance (EI) *Previously Unemployment Insurance (UI)*

Comprises all types of benefits paid to individuals under this program, regardless of reason, including regular benefits for unemployment, fishing, job creation, maternity, parental/adoption, retirement, self-employment, sickness, training and work sharing.

Families Reporting Income

Families are counted for a given source of income when that income is received by at least one family member. Families and individuals may report more than one source of income.

Family Benefits

See Alberta Family Employment Tax Credit; British Columbia Family Bonus; Canada Child Tax Benefit; New Brunswick Child Tax Benefit Supplement; Newfoundland and Labrador Child Benefit; Northwest Territories Child Benefit; Nova Scotia Child Tax Benefit; Nunavut Child Benefit; Ontario Child Care Supplement for Working Families; Manitoba Child Tax Benefit; Quebec Child Assistance Payment; Yukon Child Benefit.

Family Total Income

Is the sum of the total incomes of all members of the family (see "Total income"). New to the 1992 definition of total income is income for non-filing spouses. The information is derived from the taxfiling spouse.

Family with labour income

Includes all families where at least one of its members has reported employment income (wages, salaries, commissions or self-employment) or employment insurance benefits in the reference year.

Goods and Services Tax (GST) Credit

Includes all amounts received through this program. In 1990, the goods and services tax credit began replacing the federal sales tax (FST) credit. By 1991, the FST credit no longer existed. Beginning in 1997, the GST was harmonized with the provincial sales taxes for certain provinces.

Government Transfer Payments

For the purpose of these data, transfer payments denote the following payments made to individuals by the federal or provincial governments:

- Unemployment Insurance/ Employment Insurance since 1982;
- Federal Sales Tax Credit (from 1988 to 1990);
- Goods and Services Tax (GST) credit (which began replacing the FST credit in 1990 and completely replaced it by 1991, and became the GST/HST credit starting in 1997);
- Family Allowance program up to 1992;
- Child Tax Credit (to 1992);
- Canada Child Tax Benefit (starting with 1993);
- Universal Child Care Benefit since 2006;
- Old Age Security since 1982;
- Net Federal Supplements (includes Guaranteed Income Supplement) since 1992;
- Canada and Quebec Pension plans benefits, non-taxable income and provincial refundable tax credits (both beginning in 1990), since 1982;
- Working Income Tax Benefit (starting in 2007 depending on the province or territory; included since 2010 in the statistical tables);
- Provincial Refundable Tax Credits/Family Benefits – for a complete list please see the “Provincial Refundable Tax Credits/Family Benefits” section.

The individuals in this case receive these payments without providing goods or services in return. Previous to the 1996 data, *Transfer payments* also included superannuation and other (private) pensions.

Harmonized Sales Tax (HST)

In Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, the provincial sales tax has been harmonized with the goods and services tax (GST) since 1997, to become the harmonized sales tax. Ontario and British Columbia harmonized their provincial sales tax starting in 2010. For this reason, the federal GST credit is now known as the GST/HST credit.

Husband-Wife Family

Similar to the Couple family concept but excludes same-sex couples. For more information, see Couple family.

Imputed Persons

Are persons who are not taxfilers, but are reported or otherwise identified by a taxfiler (for example, a non-filing spouse or child).

Income After Tax

Is total income minus provincial and federal income taxes plus Quebec Abatement.

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Is a comparison of the variable for the given area with either the province (province = 100) or with Canada (Canada = 100).

Interest Income

Refers to the amount Canadians claimed on line 121 of the personal income tax return. This amount includes interest generated from bank deposits, Canada Savings Bonds, corporate bonds, treasury bills, investment certificates, term deposits, annuities, mutual funds, earnings on life insurance policies and all foreign interest and foreign dividend incomes.

Investment Income

Includes both interest income and dividend income.

Labour Income

Includes income from employment and Employment Insurance benefits.

Level of Geography

Is a code designating the type of geographic area to which the information in the table applies. See the section on Geography for further information.

Limited Partnership Income

Is net income (i.e., gross income less expenses) from a limited partnership, where a limited partner is a passive or non-active partner whose liability as a member is limited to his or her investment. Included in "Other income" in the statistical tables.

Lone-Parent Family

Is a family with only one parent, male or female, and with at least one child. See also "Census families" and "Children".

Low-Income Measure (LIM)

The Low-Income Measure is a relative measure of low income. LIMs are a fixed percentage (50%) of adjusted median family income where *adjusted* indicates a consideration of family needs. The family size adjustment used in calculating the Low-Income Measures reflects the precept that family needs increase with family size. For the LIM, each additional adult, first child (regardless of age) in a lone-parent family, or child over 15 years of age, is assumed to increase the family's needs by 40% of the needs of the first adult. Each child less than 16 years of age (other than the first child in a lone-parent family), is assumed to increase the family's needs by 30% of the first adult. A family is considered to be low income when their income is below the Low-Income Measure (LIM) for their family type and size.

Manitoba 55 Plus Program

Included in 2012, the 55 PLUS Program provides quarterly benefits to lower-income Manitobans who are 55 years of age and over.

Manitoba Advanced Tuition Tax Rebate

Introduced in 2010 by the Province of Manitoba to assist post-secondary students claim an advanced credit against tuition fees payable for the school year up to November of the current tax year. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical table

Manitoba Child Tax Benefit

Beginning in 2008, the Manitoba Child Benefit (MCB) is a provincial supplement program that replaces and enhances the Child Related Income Support Program. The MCB provides monthly benefits to low-income Manitoba families needing assistance with the cost of raising children. The MCB is part of Manitoba's Rewarding Work strategy to help Manitobans move from income assistance to work. Under the MCB, maximum monthly benefits are available to families at higher income levels, and assets are no longer considered when calculating eligibility benefits. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical tables.

Manitoba Education Property Tax Credit

Instituted in 2001 by the Province of Manitoba to assist all residents to offset some or all school tax component paid along with their property taxes. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical tables.

Manitoba School Tax Credit For Homeowners

Introduced in 2001 by the Province of Manitoba to assist homeowners 55 years of age to receive an additional tax credit against property taxes paid. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical table

Median

Is the middle number in a group of numbers. Where a median income, for example, is given as \$26,000, it means that exactly half of the incomes reported are greater than or equal to \$26,000, and that the other half are less than or equal to the median amount. Median incomes in the data tables are rounded to the nearest hundred dollars and starting with 2007 to the nearest ten dollars. Zero values are not included in the calculation of medians for individuals, but are included in the calculation of medians for families.

Negative Income

Generally applies to net self-employment income, net rental income and net limited partnership income. Negative income would indicate that expenses exceeded gross income.

Net Federal Supplements

Are part of the Old Age Security (OAS) pension program, intended to supplement the income of pensioners and spouses with lower income; payments take the form of a Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) or a Spouse's Allowance (SPA). Between 1990 and 1993, net federal supplements were included in "non-taxable income".

Net Rental Income

Is income received or earned from the rental of property, less related costs and expenses. Included in "Other income".

New Brunswick Child Tax Benefit

Since 1997, the New Brunswick Child Tax Benefit (NBCTB) is a non-taxable amount paid monthly to qualifying families with children under the age of 18. The New Brunswick Working Income Supplement (NBWIS) is an additional benefit paid to qualifying families with earned income who have children under the age of 18. Benefits are combined with the CCTB into a single monthly payment. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical tables.

New Brunswick Home Energy Assistance Program

Is a one-time payment of \$100 made in 2007 to residents of New Brunswick to help low-income families cope with high electricity and energy prices. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical tables of 2007 only.

New Brunswick Low Income Seniors Benefit

Included in 2005, this credit is a refundable credit available to assist low-income seniors in New Brunswick. The government offers a \$400.00 annual benefit to qualifying applicants.

Newfoundland and Labrador Child Benefit

Beginning in 1999, the Newfoundland and Labrador Child Benefit (NLCB) is a non-taxable amount paid monthly to help low-income families with the cost of raising children under the age of 18. The Mother Baby Nutrition Supplement (MBNS) is an additional benefit paid to qualifying families who have children under the age of one. In addition, The Mother Child Benefit Supplement (MCBS) is a one-time payment made at the time of birth for each child. In 2008 the Newfoundland and Labrador introduced two additional parental benefits known as Progressive Family Growth Benefit (PFGB) and the Parental Support Benefit (PSB). Starting in 2011, there is a new, non refundable, Child Care Credit amount equal to child care expenses currently deductible from income. Benefits are combined with the CCTB into a single monthly payment. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical tables

Newfoundland & Labrador Harmonized Sales Tax Credit

Newfoundland and Labrador has chosen to introduce a supplementary provincial HST credit for its residents. Residence and amount apart, eligibility for the Newfoundland and Labrador credit is identical to federal GST credit requirements, and application for the Newfoundland and Labrador HST credit is automatic if one applies for federal GST credit and is resident in Newfoundland and Labrador; the federal government will calculate the Newfoundland and Labrador credit (if any) and pay it in due course. This credit has been included in the statistical tables since 2005.

Newfoundland and Labrador Home Heating Rebate

Beginning in 2007, the Newfoundland and Labrador Home Heating Rebate is an amount available to individuals and families with a household income of \$30,000 or less regardless of whether they heat their homes by home heating fuel, electricity or wood. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical tables.

Newfoundland and Labrador Mother Baby Nutrition Supplement

This refundable tax credit is intended to help low income pregnant mothers and families with children under the age of one with the cost of extra food during pregnancy and infancy. It is a monthly financial benefit which was introduced in 2002. The applicant must be a permanent resident of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Newfoundland and Labrador Mother Child supplement

Since 2007, and in addition to those who are eligible for the Mother Baby Nutrition Supplement, mothers of newborn babies are receiving a refundable tax credit of \$90 at the time of the birth of their child.

Newfoundland and Labrador Parental Support Benefit (PSB)

Is a monthly benefit available to residents of the province of Newfoundland and Labrador for the 12 months after the child's birth or the 12 months after the adopted child is placed in the home on or after January 1st 2008.

Newfoundland and Labrador Progressive Family Growth Benefit

Starting in 2008, the Progressive Family Growth Benefit is a refundable tax credit that provides a \$1,000 lump sum payment to residents of the province who give birth to a baby or have a child placed with them for adoption.

Newfoundland and Labrador Seniors Benefit

The Newfoundland Seniors' Benefit (NSB) was announced in Newfoundland & Labrador's 1999 budget. It is a supplement to the HST credit.

If the tax filer and/or the tax filer's partner were 65 or older at any time in the year, and they have applied for GST credit on their federal return, they may receive a payment per year. To receive the credit, the tax filer/or the tax filer's partner has to apply for the GST/HST credit. Benefits are then combined with the October payment of the federal GST/HST credit. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical tables.

Non-Family Person

See Persons not in Census Families

Non-Negative Income

Is income that is zero or greater.

Non-Taxable Income/Provincial (refundable) Tax Credits

Non-taxable income refers to the amounts included in a taxfiler's income when applying for refundable tax credits, but not included in the calculation of taxable income; these amounts include workers' compensation payments, net federal supplements received (Guaranteed Income Supplements and/or Spouse's Allowance), and social assistance payments. Beginning with the 1994 data, information is available separately for net federal supplements, workers' compensation and social assistance. Provincial tax credits are a refundable credit paid to individuals by the province in which he or she resided as of December 31 of the taxation year. See also *Provincial refundable tax credits*.

Northwest Territories Child Benefit

Beginning in July 1998, the Northwest Territories Child Benefit (NWTCB) is a non-taxable amount paid monthly to qualifying families with children under age 18. The Territorial Worker's Supplement, part of the NWTCB program, is an additional benefit paid to qualifying families with working income who have children under age 18. Benefits are combined with the CCTB into a single monthly payment. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical tables.

Northwest Territories Cost of living Tax Credit

Included in 2000, this refundable tax credit is available only to residents of the N.W.T. on December 31 of the taxation year. It is not available to trusts or estates and is based on an adjusted net income. Accordingly, although there is no age limitation on claiming the credit, the recipient must have income to be entitled to basic credit and does not take any account of spousal income; each taxpayer computes it based on his or her income alone, regardless of marital status.

Northwest Territories Supplement of Cost of living Tax Credit

The Cost of living tax credit is supplemented by the additional refundable credit "Supplement of Cost of living Tax credit", which is not based on income, but is only available N.W.T. residents 18 years of age or over on the last day of the taxation year. The recipient does not have to declare income for the year to obtain the supplement. However, if there was an income, the supplement is reduced by the basic refundable cost of living credit of the taxfiler and its spouse or common-law partner (if any), so the cost of living credit and the supplement cannot double up. Unlike the basic credit, which is claimed by each spouse/partner independently, one of the spouse must claim the supplement for both. Since the supplement is refundable and not income-tested, it does not matter to household income which spouse or partner makes the claim. This supplement was added in 2002.

Nova Scotia Affordable Living Tax Credit

Beginning in 2010, with the Harmonized Sales Tax increase, households with low and modest incomes will receive a quarterly tax credit to offset the restoration of the Harmonized Sales Tax. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical tables.

Nova Scotia Child Tax Benefit

Beginning in October 1998, but retro-active to July 1998, the Nova Scotia Child Benefit (NSCB) is a non-taxable amount paid monthly to help low- and modest-income families with the costs of raising children under the age of 18. Benefits are combined with the CCTB into a single monthly payment. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical tables.

Nova Scotia Credit for Volunteer firefighter & Ground Search & Rescue tax credit

Beginning in 2007, this credit is made to residents of Nova Scotia who have been volunteer firefighters for a minimum of six months in the calendar year. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical tables.

Nova Scotia Poverty Reduction Tax Credit

Beginning in 2010, the Poverty Reduction Credit provides tax-free payments to help about 15,000 low-income residents who are in receipt of social assistance. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical tables.

Nova Scotia Taxpayer Refund Program

Is a one-time payment of \$155 made in 2003 to residents of Nova Scotia who paid \$1 or more in provincial income tax. The refund is part of the government's commitment to lower taxes in the province. Included in 2003 data only.

Nunavut Child Benefit

Beginning in July 1998, the Nunavut Child Benefit (NUCB) is a non-taxable amount paid monthly to qualifying families with children under age 18. The Territorial Worker's Supplement, part of the NUCB program, is an additional benefit paid to qualifying families with working income who have children under age 18. Benefits are combined with the CCTB into a single monthly payment. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical tables.

Nunavut Cost of Living Credit

Included in 2000, after Nunavut was carved out of the Northwest Territories, it inherited this unique refundable cost of living credit for residents of Nunavut who qualify. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical tables.

Nunavut Volunteer Fire-Fighter Credit

Beginning in 2008, the Volunteer Fire Fighter tax credit is allowed to residents of Nunavut who were volunteer fire fighter for a minimum of six months during the year. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical tables for reference years 2008 to 2011.

Old Age Security (OAS) Pension

Is part of the Old Age Security program, a federal government program that guarantees a degree of financial security to Canadian seniors. All persons in Canada aged 65 or older, who are Canadian citizens or legal residents, may qualify for a full OAS pension, depending on their years of residence in Canada after reaching age 18. Old Age Security benefits include all benefits reported for the reference year, excluding Guaranteed Income Supplements and Spouse's Allowance benefits; see also "Net Federal Supplements" and "Non-Taxable Income/Provincial (refundable) Tax Credits". Starting with the 1994 data, OAS income of non-filing spouses was estimated and included in the tables.

Ontario Child Activity Tax Credit

Introduced in 2010, the Province of Ontario to assist residents with the cost of registering their children (under the age of 19) in eligible activities as defined by the Province. Included in Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits in the statistical tables.

Ontario Child Benefit Program

Effective in July 2007, the Ontario Child Benefit is integrating its Ontario Child Care Supplement program with its basic social assistance benefits for children. It is intended to be completely integrated with the federal child tax benefit program. Benefits are combined with the CCTB into a single monthly payment. Included in Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits in the statistical tables.

Ontario Child Care Supplement for Working Families (OCCS)

Included in 1998, the Ontario Child Care Supplement for Working Families (OCCSWF) is a tax-free monthly payment to help with the cost of raising children under the age of seven. Benefits are combined with the Canadian Child Tax Benefit (CCTB) into a single monthly payment. Included in Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits in the statistical tables. This credit will be completely integrated into the Ontario Child Benefit in 2014.

Ontario Energy and Property Tax Credit

Introduced in 2010, the Ontario Energy and Property Tax Credit helps low- to moderate-income individuals 18 years of age and older, and families, with the sales tax they pay on energy and with property taxes. Included in provincial refundable tax credits/Family Benefits in the statistical tables. It became part of the Ontario Trillium Benefit in 2012.

Ontario Guaranteed Annual Income System (GAINS)

Included in 2012, the Ontario Guaranteed Annual Income System (GAINS) ensures a guaranteed minimum income for Ontario seniors by providing monthly payments to qualifying pensioners. The monthly GAINS payments are on top of the federal Old Age Security (OAS) pension and the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) payments received.

Ontario – Healthy Homes Renovation Tax Credit

Effective in 2012, the Healthy Homes Renovation Tax Credit is a permanent, refundable personal income tax credit for seniors, and family members who live with them, to help with the costs of improving safety and accessibility in their home.

Ontario Home Electricity Relief

Was a one-time payment of \$120 made in 2006 to lower-income residents of Ontario to assist them with the rising cost of electricity. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical tables.

Ontario Homeowner's property Tax and Sales Tax credit

Starting in 1986 and ending in 2009, the Ontario Homeowner's property Tax and Sales Tax credit helps low- to moderate-income Ontarians who were 16 years of age and older (if the individual was under 19 and lived with someone who received Canada Child Tax Benefit payments for them, they were not eligible) with property taxes and the sales tax they pay. Included in provincial refundable tax credits/Family Benefits in the statistical tables. After 2009 it was separated and replaced by the Ontario Energy and Property Tax Credit and the Ontario Sales Tax Credit.

Ontario - Northern Ontario Energy Credit

Beginning in 2010, the Province of Ontario introduced the Northern Ontario Energy Credit for residents of these Northern Ontario districts: Algoma, Cochrane, Kenora, Manitoulin, Nipissing, Parry Sound, Rainy River, Sudbury, Thunder Bay or Timiskaming who pay rent or property tax on their principle residents and who apply for the credit. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical tables and as of 2012 is part of the Ontario Trillium Benefit.

Ontario Sales Tax Credit

Introduced in 2010, the Ontario Sales Tax Credit helps low- to moderate-income individuals, 19 years of age and older, and families, with the sales tax they pay. Included in provincial refundable tax credits/Family Benefits in the statistical tables. As of 2012 it is part of the Ontario Trillium Benefit.

Ontario Senior Homeowners Property Tax Grant

Beginning in 2008, this grant is an annual amount provided to help offset property taxes for seniors with low and moderate incomes who own their own homes. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical tables.

Ontario Sales Tax Transition Credit

Introduced in 2010, this benefit provides three payments to families and single people to help with the transition to the HST. Families (including single parents) can receive up to \$1,000 in total. If the person is single, he or she can get up to \$300 in total. The first benefit payment and the second benefit payment were paid in June and December 2010. The final benefit payment was paid in June 2011. Included in provincial refundable tax credits/Family Benefits in the statistical tables.

Ontario Trillium Benefit

Effective 2012, the Ontario Trillium Benefit helps people pay for energy costs, and provides relief for sales and property tax. It includes the following:

- Ontario Sales Tax Credit
- Ontario Energy and Property Tax Credit
- Northern Ontario Tax Credit

Other Government Transfers

Added in 2010. Currently only includes the Working Income Tax Benefit (WITB).

Other Income

Includes net rental income, alimony, income from a limited partnership, retiring allowances, scholarships, amounts received through a supplementary unemployment benefit plan (guaranteed annual income plan), payments from income-averaging annuity contracts, as well as all other taxable income not included elsewhere. Beginning with the 1992 data, this variable also includes the imputed income of imputed spouses, as derived from the tax return of the filing spouse. Beginning with the 2008 data, this variable also includes the registered disability savings plan income. See also "Total income".

Parent

Is a person for whom we have identified one or more children living at the same address. See *also* "Census families" and "Children".

Participation Rate

Is the count of a given population of an area with labour income expressed as a percentage of the total for that same population in that same area.

Persons not in Census Families *Previously Non-Family Persons*

Is an individual who is not part of a census family – couple family or a lone-parent family. These persons may live with their married children or with their children who have children of their own (e.g., grandparent). They may be living with a family to whom they are related (e.g., sibling, cousin) or unrelated (e.g., lodger, roommate). They may also be living alone or with other persons not in census families. See *also* "Census families".

Prince Edward Island volunteer firefighter tax credit

Beginning in 2012, this credit is available for residents of Prince Edward Island who have been volunteer firefighter in the calendar year.

Private (other) Pensions

Include pension benefits (superannuation and private pensions) other than Old Age Security pension benefits and Canada/Quebec Pension Plan benefits.

Provincial Refundable Tax Credits/Family Benefits

Unlike non-refundable tax credits, these amounts are paid to the taxfiler, regardless of tax liability. Included below are the refundable provincial tax credits received by taxfilers:

Alberta:

- Alberta Family Employment Tax Credit since 1997;
- Alberta Resource Rebate for 2006 only.

British Columbia:

- British Columbia Sales Tax Credit from 1994 to 2009;
- British Columbia Harmonized Sales Tax Credit from 2010 to 2012;
- British Columbia Senior's Home Renovation Tax Credit from 2012;
- British Columbia low Income Climate Action Tax Credit from 2008;
- British Columbia Climate Action Dividend for 2008 only;
- British Columbia Family Bonus since 1996;
- British Columbia Earned Income Benefit since 1996;
- British Columbia Seniors' Supplement since 2005.

Prince Edward Island:

- Volunteer Firefighter Tax Credit since 2012.

Manitoba:

- Manitoba Homeowner School Tax Credit since 2001;
- Manitoba Advance Tuition Tax Rebate since 2010;
- Manitoba Education Property Tax Credit since 2001;
- Manitoba Child Benefit since 2008;
- Manitoba 55 plus Program since 2012.

New Brunswick:

- New Brunswick Child Tax Benefit since 1997;
- New Brunswick Low-income Senior's benefit since 2005;
- Home Energy Assistance Program for 2007 only.

Nova Scotia:

- Nova Scotia Poverty Reduction Tax Credit since 2010;
- Volunteer firefighter & Ground Search & Rescue tax credit since 2007;
- Nova Scotia Affordable Living Tax Credit since 2010;
- Nova Scotia Child Benefit since 1998;
- Nova Scotia one-time payment Taxpayer Refund Program for 2003 only.

Nunavut :

- Volunteer firefighter credit (2008 to 2011);
- Nunavut Cost of living tax credit since 2000;
- Nunavut Child Benefit since 1999.

Ontario:

- Ontario Homeowners's property tax and sales tax credit from 1986 to 2009;
- Ontario Healthy Home Renovation Tax Credit since 2012;
- Ontario Energy and Property Tax Credit (for 2010 and 2011);
- Ontario Child Activity Tax Credit since 2010;
- Ontario Sales Tax Credit (for 2010 and 2011);
- Northern Ontario Energy Credit (for 2010 and 2011);
- Ontario Guaranteed Annual Income System (GAINS) since 2012;
- Ontario Child Benefit since 2007;
- Ontario Sales Tax Transition Credit (for 2010 and 2011 only);
- Ontario Trillium Benefit – Includes the Northern Ontario Energy credit, the Ontario Energy, and the Property Tax Credit and the Ontario Sales Tax Credit, since 2012;
- Senior Homeowners Property Tax Grant since 2008;
- Ontario Child Care Supplement for Working Families since 1998;
- Ontario Home Electricity Relief for 2006 only.

Quebec:

- Quebec Family allowances (de 1994 à 1997) replaced by the Quebec Family credits;
- Individuals Living in Northern villages Tax Credit (from 2007 TO 2010);
- Solidarity Tax Credit – Includes the Québec Sales Tax Credit, Property Tax Rebate and the northern villages tax credit, since 2011;
- Quebec Sales Tax Credit (TVQ) (from 2003 to 2010);
- Quebec Child Assistance Payments since 2005;
- Quebec Family credits (de 1997 à 2004) replaced by the Quebec Child Assistance Payments;

Saskatchewan:

- Saskatchewan Sales Tax Credit from 2000 to 2008;
- Saskatchewan Low-Income Tax Credit since 2008;
- Saskatchewan Child Benefit from 1998 to 2008;
- Active Families Benefit since 2010;
- Graduate Retention Program tuition Rebate since 2008.

Newfoundland & Labrador:

- Newfoundland & Labrador Harmonized Sales Tax Credit since 2005;
- Newfoundland & Labrador Seniors' Benefit since 1999;
- Newfoundland & Labrador Parental Support Benefit since 2008;
- Newfoundland & Labrador Child Benefit since 1999;
- Newfoundland & Labrador Progressive Family Growth Benefit since 2008;
- Newfoundland & Labrador Home Heating Rebate Program since 2007;
- Newfoundland & Labrador Mother Child supplement since 2007;
- Newfoundland & Labrador Mother Baby Nutrition Supplement (Included in the Newfoundland & Labrador Child Benefit credit.) since 2002.

Northwest Territories:

- Cost of living Tax Credit since 2000;
- Northwest Territories Child Benefit since 1998;
- Supplement of Cost of living Tax Credit since 2002.

Yukon:

- Yukon First Nations Income Tax Credit since 2008;
- Yukon Low Income Family Tax Credit for 2011 only;
- Yukon Child Benefit since 1999.

Quebec Child Assistance Payment *Previously Quebec Family Benefit*

The Régie des rentes du Québec administers the child assistance payment program that is part of Québec's family policy. This program provides for the payment of a family allowance intended to cover the basic needs of children under age 18 in low-income families. This payment adds to the Canada Child Tax Benefit paid by the federal government. In 2005, the Child Assistance Payment program replaced the Quebec Family Allowance which was in place from 1994 to 2004. Available starting with 1994 data. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical tables.

Quebec Family Benefits *Previously Quebec Family Allowance plan*

In September 1997, the *Act respecting family assistance allowances* was repealed and replaced with the *Act respecting family benefits*. A number of changes were made: previously universal, the family allowance now varied with family income (selective allowance); the allowance for newborn children and the allowance for young children were abolished. However, entitlements under the *Act respecting family assistance allowances* were maintained for children born on or before September 30, 1997.

The new family allowance was based on family status, number of children, and net family income for the previous year. The amount was set for a 12-month period starting on July 1. This benefit was replaced with the child assistance payment in 2005.

Quebec Family Allowance plan

In January 1974, a new program known as the *Régime des allocations familiales du Québec* (Quebec family allowance plan) came into effect. It replaced the school allowance of 1961 and the family allowance of 1967. Under the plan, a monthly allowance was paid to the mother of any unmarried child under 18 who was deemed to have his or her principal residence in Quebec. In 1979, the implementation of a provision of the *Act respecting the consolidation of the statutes and regulations* changed the name of the *Régime des allocations familiales du Québec*, which became the *Loi sur les allocations familiales* (Family allowance act).

This credit was added to the 1994 reference year and was replaced by the Quebec Family Benefits in 1997, which was then replaced by the Quebec Child Assistance Payment (2005).

Quebec – Individuals Living in Northern villages Tax Credit

Beginning in 2007, this credit is for residents of a northern village as defined by the Quebec Government. It consists of a monthly payment for each of the spouses plus an additional amount per month for each dependent child. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical tables. As of 2011 it is part of the Quebec Solidarity Tax Credit.

Quebec Property Tax Refund

This property tax refund was paid to residents of Québec on December 31 of the taxation year and who were the owner, tenant or subtenant of an eligible dwelling where the taxfiler was living on December 31. The property taxes used for the credit include the school taxes and municipal taxes applicable to the dwelling, minus any portion of the taxes that is refundable in any manner whatsoever. This tax credit could not be included in the released data since the information was available only using the data from the provincial Quebec tax form. However, it was replaced by the housing component of the solidarity tax credit, which was introduced in 2011.

Quebec Sales Tax Credit

Beginning in 2003, the Province of Quebec instituted The Sales Tax Credit to assist low income residents who pay the Quebec Sales Tax. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical tables. As of 2011 it is part of the Quebec Solidarity Tax Credit.

Quebec Solidarity Tax Credit

On July 1, 2011, the solidarity tax credit took effect, thereby replacing the QST credit, the property tax refund and the credit for individuals living in northern villages. Included in provincial refundable tax credits/Family Benefits in the statistical tables.

Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) Income

Beginning in 2008, the RDSP is for individuals for whom a valid disability certificate has been filed. Contributions can be made by the beneficiary or by qualified persons legally authorized to act for the beneficiary. The contributions are not deductible but the income earned is not taxable as long as it remains in the plan. Contributions are subject to a lifetime limit of \$200,000; they will be matched in some degree by government contributions. Included in *Other income* in the statistical tables.

Registered Retirement Savings Plan Income (RRSP)

Is any money withdrawn from a RRSP, either as a lump sum or as a periodic payment. Included in this amount are withdrawals and monies from RRSP annuities. Note that monies from a Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF) may be reported on line 115 (other pensions or superannuation) if the recipient is 65 years of age or older; otherwise, monies from a RRIF are reported on line 130 (other income). Information on RRSP income is available starting with the 1994 data. Starting in 1999, only RRSP income of persons aged 65 years or older is included.

Saskatchewan Active Family Benefit

Beginning in 2009, the Province of Saskatchewan provides a refundable tax credit for eligible expenses for children for cultural, recreational, or sports activities. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical tables.

Saskatchewan Child Benefit

Beginning in July 1998, the Saskatchewan Child Benefit (SCB) is a non-taxable amount paid monthly to help lower-income families with the cost of raising children under age of 18. Benefits are combined with the CCTB into a single monthly payment. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical tables. This program was terminated in 2008.

Saskatchewan Graduate Retention Program Tuition Rebate

The Graduate Retention Program rewards students in Saskatchewan by providing a refund up to \$20,000 of fees paid by eligible graduates who live in Saskatchewan and who file a Saskatchewan income tax return. The Graduate Retention Program became effective January 1, 2008. Included in provincial refundable tax credits/Family Benefits in the statistical tables.

Saskatchewan Low-Income Tax Credit

The Government replaced and enhanced the provincial Sales Tax Credit with a new Low-Income Tax Credit, effective October 2008, to reduce the taxes of lower income provincial residents. The credit is fully refundable, meaning that a person does not have to pay income tax in order to receive the benefits. A recipient must file an income tax return as a resident of Saskatchewan and meet income and family criteria to be eligible for benefits. The first payment was made in January 2009. Included in provincial refundable tax credits/Family Benefits in the statistical tables.

Saskatchewan Sales Tax Credit

Introduced in 2000 and ended in 2008, this credit is aimed at offsetting the effects of sales tax on lower income earners in Saskatchewan. It is a program designed to improve the fairness of the provincial sales tax for low-income Saskatchewan residents. Eligibility for the Saskatchewan Sales Tax credit is identical to federal GST credit requirements, and application for the SSTC credit is automatic if you apply for federal GST credit and are resident in Saskatchewan as of December 31 of the base year. The SSTC credit is combined with the payment of the federal GST/HST credit and paid in full. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical tables. It has been replaced by the Saskatchewan Low-Income Tax Credit.

Self-Employment Income

Is net income from business, professional, commission, farming and fishing.

Self-Employment Income Tax exempted for Indian

Indian registered, or eligible to be registered, under the *Indian Act*, that earns tax-exempt, self-employed income on a reserve in Canada. Included in *Labour Income – self-employment* in the statistical tables starting in 2010.

Single-Earner Family

Is defined, in couple families, as only one of the partners having employment income greater than zero or, in lone-parent families, as the parent with employment income greater than zero.

Social Assistance

Includes payments made in the year on the basis of a means, needs or income test (whether made by an organized charity or under a government program). The value is reported on line 145 of the personal income tax return. Available only since 1994; previously included in "Non-taxable income".

Spouse

Is either partner in a couple family.

Suppressed Data

Are intentionally omitted because they breach confidentiality. All data counts under a certain number are suppressed along with the corresponding income amounts. If the count for one cell or component is suppressed, then corresponding income aggregates in another cell are also suppressed to avoid disclosure by subtraction (called residual disclosure). See the section on Confidentiality.

Taxfilers

Most taxfilers are people who filed a tax return for the reference year and were alive at the end of the year. Starting with the 1993 tax year, those taxfilers who died within the tax year and who had a non-filing spouse had their income and their filing status attributed to the surviving spouse.

Total Income

Note: this variable was revised over the years, as reflected in the comments below; data users who plan to compare current data to data from previous years should bear in mind these changes. Also, it should be noted that all income amounts are gross, with the exception of net rental income, net limited partnership income and all forms of net self-employment income.

Total income includes income of deceased individuals.
Incomes have been imputed since 1992.

Income reported by tax filers from any of the following sources:

- Employment income
 - Wages/salaries/commissions
 - Other employment income as reported on line 104 of the tax form (tips, gratuities, royalties, etc.)
 - Net self-employment
 - Indian Employment Income (new in 1999)
 - Self-Employment Income Tax exempted for Indian (since 2010)
- Investments
 - Interest and other investment income;
 - Dividend income;
- Government Transfers
 - Employment Insurance
 - Unemployment Insurance/ Employment Insurance since 1982;
 - Quebec Parental Insurance Plan since 2006;
 - Pension Income
 - Old Age Security since 1982;
 - Net Federal Supplements (previously included in other income, shown separately since 1992)
 - Guaranteed Income Supplement created in 1967 and Spousal Allowance created in 1975, available since 1992;
 - Spousal Allowance (included in Net Federal Supplements since 1992; previously included in non-taxable income.
 - Canada and Quebec Pension plans benefits, non-taxable income and provincial refundable tax credits (both beginning in 1990), since 1982;
 - Retirement Pensions (private) since 1982;
 - Child Benefit;
 - Family Allowance program up to 1992;
 - Child Tax Credit up to 1992;
 - Canada Child Tax Benefit (starting with 1993);
 - Universal Child Care Benefit since 2006;
 - Federal Tax, Goods and Services Tax, Harmonized Sales Tax
 - Federal Sales Tax Credit (from 1988 to 1990);
 - Goods and Services Tax (GST) credit from 1990 to 1996;
 - Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) credit since 1997
 - Workers' Compensation (included in other income prior to 1992 and shown separately since 1992);

- Social Assistance (included in other income prior to 1992 and shown separately since 1992);
- Provincial Refundable Tax Credits/Family Benefits – for a complete list please see the “Provincial Refundable Tax Credits/Family Benefits” section.
- Other Government Transfers
 - Working Income Tax Benefit (starting in 2007 depending on the province or territory; included since 2010 in the statistical tables)
- Private Pensions
- Registered Retirement Savings Plan Income since 1994; previously in "other income" ; since 1999, only for tax filers 65+)
- Other Income
 - Included as ‘other income’ prior to 1990
 - Net limited partnership income
 - Alimony
 - Net rental income
 - Income for non-filing spouses (since 1989; included in "other income")
 - Other incomes as reported on line 130 of the tax form (fellowships, bursaries, etc.)
 - Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) Income as reported on line 125 of the tax form (introduced in 2008)

Monies not included in income above are: veterans' disability and dependent pensioners' payments, war veterans' allowances, lottery winnings and capital gains.

Unemployment Insurance (UI)

See Employment Insurance (EI)

Universal Child Care Benefit

Beginning in July 2006, the Universal Child Care Benefit (UCCB) is a taxable amount of \$100 paid monthly for each child under 6 years of age. Included in “*Canada Child Tax Benefits*” in the statistical tables.

User-Defined Areas

Are areas that have been defined by the data users as the specific area for which they require data. The smallest "building block" for these special areas is the six-character **Postal Code**. To obtain data, provide us with a list of the **Postal Codes** for which data are required and we will provide the aggregated data. Also, the user-defined area may be a total of a number of individual standard areas, grouped together for a total, rather than a number of individual areas each with their own total. Of course, the area must satisfy our confidentiality requirements, or no data can be produced. See section on Geography.

Wages, Salaries and Commissions

Include employment pay and commissions as stated on T4 information slips, training allowances, tips, gratuities and royalties. Starting with the 1999 data, the total of wages, salaries and commissions includes tax-exempt employment income earned on an Indian reserve. Starting with the 2001 data, wage and salary income of non-filing spouses was identified, in some cases, from T4 earnings statements.

Workers' Compensation

Includes any compensation received under Workers' Compensation in respect of an injury, disability or death. This value is reported on line 144 of the personal income tax return. Information on Workers' Compensation is available as a distinct income source starting with the 1994 data; previously included in "Non-taxable Income".

Working Income Tax Benefit

An incentive for the working poor to keep working instead of depending solely on other types of government assistance (hence it is viewed as a government transfer)..

The tax filer can claim the Working Income Tax Benefit (WITB) if he or she meets all of the following conditions:

- He or she was a resident of Canada throughout the year;
- He or she earned income from employment or business;
- At the end of the year, he or she was 19 years of age or older, or he or she had an eligible spouse, or you had an eligible dependant.

In addition, the tax filer working income must be greater than \$3,000 to claim the basic WITB and greater than \$1,150 to claim the WITB disability supplement. Included in *Other Government Transfers* in the statistical tables starting in 2010.

Yukon Child Benefit

Beginning in 1999, the Yukon Child Benefit (YCB) is a non-taxable amount paid monthly to help low- and modest-income families with the cost of raising children under the age of 18. Benefits are combined with the CCTB into a single monthly payment. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical tables.

Yukon Cost of living tax credit

The Yukon permits a reduction of tax based on income. If living as a couple at the end of the year, only the spouse with the higher income may claim the credit. This credit is included in the *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical table for 2011 only.

Yukon First Nations Tax Credit

Beginning in 2008, the Yukon First Nations Tax Credit provides that both the Government of Canada and the Government of Yukon will share the field of personal income tax with self-governing Yukon First Nations. It is for individuals residing on the settlement lands of the self-governing First Nations. The transferred amount is referred to as Yukon First Nations Tax that consists of a federal abatement and a Yukon First Nations income tax credit. Included in *Provincial refundable tax credits/Family benefits* in the statistical tables.

Section 4 - Geography

The data are available for the following geographic areas. See "Statistical Tables - Footnotes and Historical Availability" for further details. The mailing address at the time of filing is the basis for the geographic information in the tables.

Standard areas:

Canada
Provinces and Territories

Postal Geography

- City Totals
- Urban Forward Sortation Areas (excludes Rural Routes and Suburban Services, and Other Urban Areas within City)
- Suburban Services*
- Rural Routes (Within City)*
- Rural **Postal Code** Areas (Within City)
- Other Urban Areas (Non-residential within city)
- Rural Communities (not in City)
- Other Provincial Totals

*These postal geography levels were available in the past but are no longer available for this data.

Census Geography

- Economic Regions
- Census Divisions
- Census Metropolitan Areas
- Census Agglomerations
- Census Tracts
- Federal Electoral Districts (2003 Representation Order)

User-defined areas:

Users may select a specific area of interest that is not a standard area for which data can be made available in standard format. To obtain data, provide us with a list of the **Postal Codes** for which data are required and we will provide the aggregated data. Of course, the area must satisfy our confidentiality requirements, or no data can be produced. See the "Special Geography" section for further information.

Geographic Levels – Postal Geography

The various data compiled from the taxfile are available for different levels of the postal geography, and for some levels of the Census geography. Coded geographic indicators appearing on the data tables are shown below with a brief description.

Level of Geography (L.O.G.)	Postal Area	Description
12	Canada	This level of data is an aggregation of the provincial/territorial totals (code 11). The national total is identified by the region code Z99099.
11	Province or Territory Total	<p>This level of data is an aggregation of the following geographies within a province:</p> <p>City Totals = Code 08 Rural Communities = Code 09 Other Provincial Totals = Code 10</p> <p>These totals are identified by a provincial/territorial postal letter, then a "990" followed by the province/territory code, as follows:</p> <p>Newfoundland and Labrador = A99010 Nova Scotia = B99012 Prince Edward Island = C99011 New Brunswick = E99013 Quebec = J99024 Ontario = P99035 Manitoba = R99046 Saskatchewan = S99047 Alberta = T99048 British Columbia = V99059 Northwest Territories = X99061 Nunavut = X99062 Yukon Territory = Y99060</p>

10	Other Provincial Total ("P" Pot)	<p>This level of data is an aggregation of small communities in the province that had less than 100 taxfilers, where these communities are combined into a "pot". Before 1992, it was identified by the same codes as the provincial/territorial totals, and only the "Delivery Mode" codes 2 and 3 distinguished between the two. To avoid this problem, starting with the 1992 data, an "8" appears after the provincial/territorial letter instead of a "9". The "9" will be reserved for the provincial/territorial total, as explained in 11 above. These "pot" codes are as follows:</p> <p>Newfoundland and Labrador = A89010 Nova Scotia = B89012 Prince Edward Island = C89011 New Brunswick = E89013 Quebec = J89024 Ontario = P89035 Manitoba = R89046 Saskatchewan = S89047 Alberta = T89048 British Columbia = V89059 Northwest Territories = X89061 Nunavut = X89062 Yukon Territory = Y89060</p>
09	Rural Communities (Not in City)	<p>For data obtained prior to reference year 2011, this level of geography was called "Rural Postal Codes (Not in a City)".</p> <p>This level of geography pertains to rural communities that have one and only one rural Postal Code. Rural Postal Codes can be identified by a "zero" in the second position of the Postal Code. For this level of geography, only the name of the community appears with the disseminated data. The actual rural Postal Code is not displayed with the disseminated data.</p> <p>The 2012 databanks contain 4,009 areas coded as level of geography 09.</p>

08	City Total	<p>This level of data is an aggregation of the following geographies for unique place names within a province/territory:</p> <p>Urban FSA (Residential)..... Code 03 Rural Route..... Code 04 Suburban Services..... Code 05 Rural Postal Code Areas (within city)Code 06 Other Urban Area..... Code 07</p> <p>As of 2011, data for L.O.G. 04 and 05 are suppressed but included in the city totals.</p> <p>They have the following format: e.g., Edmonton = T95479; Regina = S94876. The pattern is the postal letter of the city plus "9" in the second position (indicating a total), followed by a 4 digit numeric code for the community (often called "CityID").</p> <p>In general, postal cities do not coincide exactly with census subdivisions.</p> <p>The 2012 databanks contain 1,670 areas coded as level of geography 08.</p>
07	Other Urban Area (Non-residential within city - "E" Pot)	<p>This aggregation of data (or "pot") covers non-residential addresses within an urban centre and all other data not otherwise displayed. Commercial addresses, post office boxes and general delivery are included, as are residential addresses with too few taxfilers to report separately. They can be recognized by codes that are similar to the city totals, with a distinguishing difference: an "8" will follow the city postal letter rather than the "9" of the city total (e.g., Edmonton = T85479; Regina = S84876).</p> <p>The 2012 databanks contain 450 areas coded as level of geography 07.</p>

06	Rural Postal Code Areas (Within City)	<p>For data obtained prior to reference year 2011, this level of geography was called "Rural Postal Codes (Within a City)".</p> <p>These data pertain to rural Postal Codes that belong to communities with more than one rural Postal Code. These occur in areas that were formerly serviced by rural delivery service and changed by Canada Post to urban delivery service or in communities served by more than one rural Postal Code. Rural Postal Codes can be identified by a "zero" in the second position of the Postal Code. Although data is disseminated individually for each rural Postal Code associated with a community, only the community name appears with the disseminated data. The actual rural Postal Codes are not displayed with the disseminated data. Therefore, for this level of geography, community names will appear more than once.</p> <p>The 2012 databanks contain 584 areas coded as level of geography 06.</p>
05	Suburban Service	<p>No longer available.</p> <p>Sparsely populated fringe areas of urban centres may receive their postal service from an urban post office by delivery designated as "suburban service". Their region code retains all six characters of the Postal Code. Suburban Services are usually near or on the perimeters of urban areas, and mail is delivered by a contractor to group mail boxes, community mail boxes and/or external delivery sites (e.g., kiosks, miniparks).</p>
04	Rural Route	<p>No longer available.</p> <p>Reasonably well-settled rural areas may receive their postal service from an urban post office by delivery designated as "rural route". Mail is delivered by a contractor to customers living along or near well-defined roads. Their region code retains all six characters of the Postal Code.</p>

03	Urban FSA (Residential Area)	<p>The urban Forward Sortation Area (FSA, identified by the first three characters of the Postal Code) includes all residential addresses covered by the first three characters of a Postal Code in a particular urban area (not including levels 04 and 05). Only residential FSAs are considered for these databanks.</p> <p>An Urban FSA of this type can be identified by the FSA followed by three blanks. One FSA can be split in different parts if it is associated with more than one city.</p> <p>The 2012 databanks contain 2,459 areas coded as level of geography 03.</p>
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Adding postal areas without duplication

Data files according to the postal geography will often contain subtotals and totals. Many data users need to add certain geographies in order to come up with a total for their particular area of interest. However, including subtotals during this process results in double-counting some populations, and this leads to an erroneous total. The following is a summary of which postal areas are aggregations in the standard postal geography.

Urban FSAs (LOG 3), Rural Routes (LOG 4), Suburban Services (LOG 5), Rural **Postal Code** areas within a city (LOG 6) and Other Urban Areas (LOG 7) add up to City Totals (LOG 8).

City Totals (LOG 8), Rural Communities not in a city (LOG 9) and Other Provincial Totals (LOG 10) add up to provincial/territorial totals (LOG 11).

Provincial/territorial totals (LOG 11) add up to the Canada total (LOG 12).

Thus, using the Level of geography codes:

$$3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 = 8$$

$$8 + 9 + 10 = 11$$

City identification number (CityID)

As of 2007, CityID has been modified.

Previous to 2007:

- CityID was a 4 digits number
- Each municipality had a unique number between 1 and 9999
- Almost every number was allocated to a municipality. Few numbers remained available for future new municipalities.

Starting with 2007data:

To create more possibilities without changing the CityID length in our systems:

- CityID number is now combined with 1st letter of **Postal Code**
- Each 1st letter of **Postal Code** has a possibility of numbers, ranged from 1 to 9999 (Table E)
- Old numbers have been kept for existing municipality and 1st letters of **Postal Code** have been added to them (Table D)
- New municipalities have been assigned a new CityID number in new format (Table D)

Table D

Postal Code	Municipality name	2006 and Prior	2007 and Follow
K1A xxx	Ottawa	2434	K2434
G3C xxx	Stoneham-et-Tewkesbury	n/a	G2

Table E

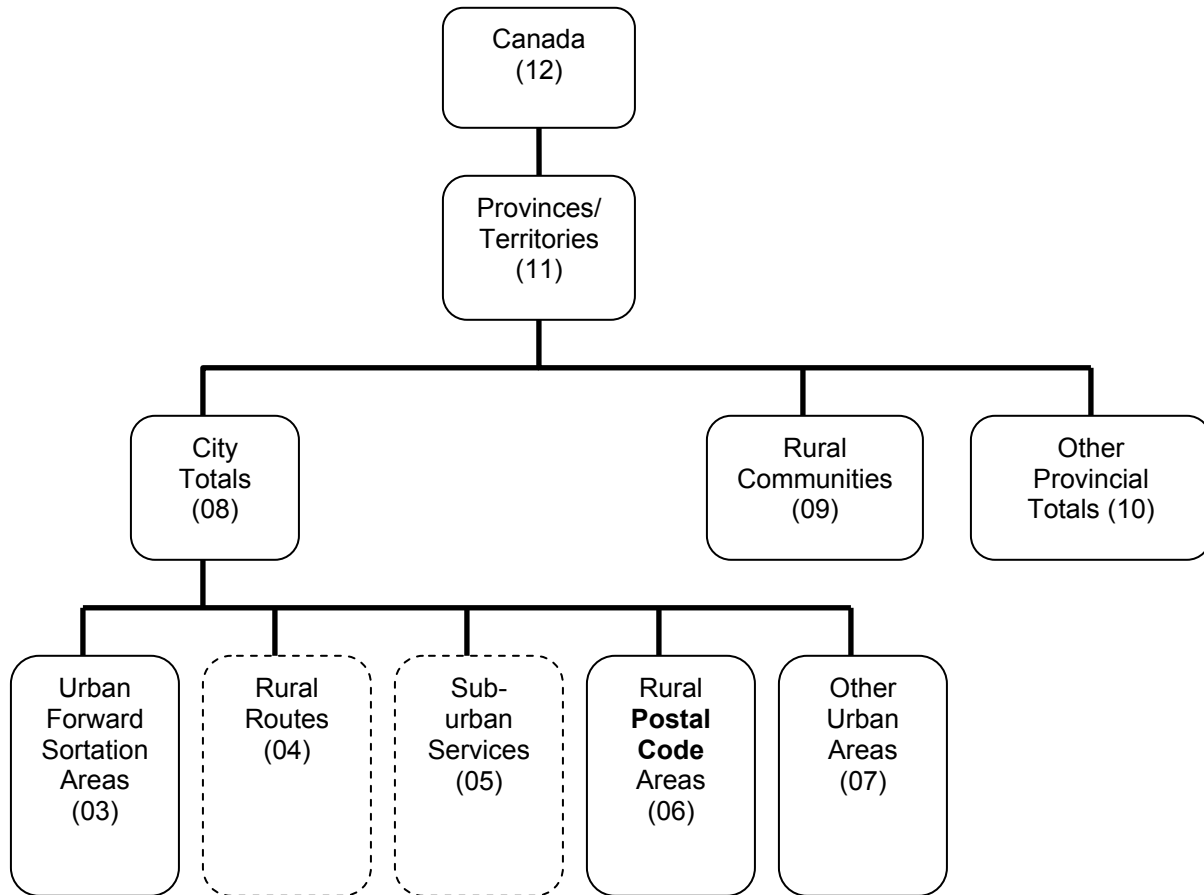
Province	Letter file	Range of number
Newfoundland & Labrador	A	1 – 9999
Prince Edward Island	C	1 – 9999
Nova Scotia	B	1 – 9999
New Brunswick	E	1 – 9999
Quebec	G	1 – 9999
Quebec	H	1 – 9999
Quebec	J	1 – 9999
Ontario	K	1 – 9999
Ontario	L	1 – 9999
Ontario	M	1 – 9999
Ontario	N	1 – 9999
Ontario	P	1 – 9999
Manitoba	R	1 – 9999
Saskatchewan	S	1 – 9999
Alberta	T	1 – 9999
British Columbia	V	1 – 9999
Yukon	Y	1 – 9999
Northwest Territories	X	1 – 9999
Nunavut	X	1 – 9999

Therefore, it is now essential to identify a municipality by adding the **Postal Code** 1st letter to the number in order to get the proper municipality in the proper province (Table F):

Table F

Letter	Number	Municipality name	Province
A	2	Avondale	NL
B	2	Bible Hill	NS
T	2	Rocky View	AB
G	2	Stoneham-et-Tewkesbury	QC

Hierarchy of postal geography



Geographic Levels – Census Geography

Data are also available for the following levels of the Census geography; the following table shows the coded designators for these geographies, as well as a brief description of each.

Level of Geography (L.O.G.)	Area	Description
12	Canada	This level of data is an aggregation of the provincial/territorial totals (L.O.G. 11). The national total is identified by the region code Z99099.
11	Province or Territory Total	<p>These totals are identified by a provincial/territorial postal letter, then a "990" followed by the province/territory code, as follows:</p> <p>Newfoundland and Labrador = A99010 Nova Scotia = B99012 Prince Edward Island = C99011 New Brunswick = E99013 Quebec = J99024 Ontario = P99035 Manitoba = R99046 Saskatchewan = S99047 Alberta = T99048 British Columbia = V99059 Northwest Territories = X99061 Nunavut = X99062 Yukon Territory = Y99060</p>
61	Census Tract	<p>Census tracts (CTs) are small geographic units representing urban or rural neighbourhood-like communities in census metropolitan areas (see definition below) or census agglomerations with an urban core population of 50,000 or more at time of 1996 Census. CTs were initially delineated by a committee of local specialists (such as planners, health and social workers and educators) in conjunction with Statistics Canada.</p> <p>The 2012 databanks contain 5,367 areas coded as level of geography 61, based on 2011 Census.</p>

51	Economic Region	<p>An economic region is a grouping of complete census divisions (see definition below) with one exception in Ontario. Economic regions (ERs) are used to analyse regional economic activity. Within the province of Quebec, ERs are designated by law. In all other provinces, they are created by agreement between Statistics Canada and the provinces concerned. Prince Edward Island and the territories each consist of one economic region.</p> <p>The 2012 databanks contain 76 areas coded as level of geography 51, based on 2011 Census.</p>
42	Census Agglomeration	<p>The general concept of a census agglomeration (CA) is one of a very large urban area, together with adjacent urban and rural areas that have a high degree of economic and social integration with that urban area. CAs have an urban core population of at least 10,000, based on the previous census.</p> <p>The 2012 databanks contain 133 area codes as level of geography 42, based on the 2011 Census: 114 CAs, 6 provincial parts for the 3 CAs which cross provincial boundaries and 13 residual geographies called Non CMA-CA, one for each province and territory.</p>
41	Census Metropolitan Area	<p>The general concept of a census metropolitan area (CMA) is one of a very large urban area, together with adjacent urban and rural areas that have a high degree of economic and social integration with that urban area. CMAs have an urban core population of at least 100,000, based on the previous census.</p> <p>The 2012 databanks contain 35 areas coded as level of geography 41, based on 2011 Census:</p> <p>001, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador 205, Halifax, Nova Scotia 305, Moncton, New Brunswick 310, Saint John, New Brunswick 408, Saguenay, Quebec 421, Québec, Quebec 433, Sherbrooke, Quebec 442, Trois-Rivières, Quebec 462, Montréal, Quebec 505, Ottawa-Gatineau (3 items: combined, Quebec part and Ontario part)</p>

		<p>521, Kingston, Ontario 529, Peterborough, Ontario 532, Oshawa, Ontario 535, Toronto, Ontario 537, Hamilton, Ontario 539, St-Catharines-Niagara, Ontario 541, Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo, Ontario 543, Brantford, Ontario 550, Guelph, Ontario 555, London, Ontario 559, Windsor, Ontario 568, Barrie, Ontario 580, Greater Sudbury, Ontario 595, Thunder Bay, Ontario 602, Winnipeg, Manitoba 705, Regina, Saskatchewan 725, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan 825, Calgary, Alberta 835, Edmonton, Alberta 915, Kelowna, British Columbia 932, Abbotsford-Mission, British Columbia 933, Vancouver, British Columbia 935, Victoria, British Columbia</p>
31	Federal Electoral District	<p>A federal electoral district (FED) refers to any place or territorial area represented by a member of Parliament elected to the House of Commons. There are 308 FEDs in Canada according to the 2003 Representation Order. The Representation Order is prepared by the Chief Electoral Officer describing, naming and specifying the population of each electoral district established by the Electoral Boundaries Commission and sent to the Governor in Council.</p> <p>The 2012 databanks contain 308 areas coded as level of geography 31.</p>

21	Census Division	<p>A census division (CD) is a group of neighbouring municipalities joined together for the purposes of regional planning and managing common services (such as police or ambulance services). A CD might correspond to a county, a regional municipality or a regional district.</p> <p>CDs are established under laws in effect in certain provinces and territories of Canada. In other provinces and territories where laws do not provide for such areas (Newfoundland and Labrador, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta), Statistics Canada defines equivalent areas for statistical reporting purposes in cooperation with these provinces and territories.</p> <p>The 2011 Census contain 293 areas coded as level of geography 21; however, the 2012 databanks contain 295 areas since the CD of Halton (Ont.) straddles 2 Economic Regions.</p> <p>Starting in 2007, Census divisions are identified in the tables by a six digits code:</p> <p>2 first digits = Province 2 next digits = Economic Region 2 last digits = Census Division</p>
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Changes in Census Geography – 2011 boundaries as compared to 2006 boundaries

When comparing data between the 2011 and 2012 reference years, users should consider that some of the changes in the data can be due to Census boundary changes. The data for the 2011 reference year is produced according to the 2006 Census boundaries, while the data for the 2012 reference year is based on the 2011 Census boundaries.

Changes to Census Metropolitan Areas (CMA)

There were a few boundary changes which impact the total area covered by specific CMAs. Census subdivisions (CSD) previously considered to be outside CMA areas were added in five CMAs (Table G). Census subdivision is the general term for municipalities (as determined by provincial/territorial legislation) or areas treated as municipal equivalents for statistical purposes (e.g., Indian reserves, Indian settlements and unorganized territories).

Table G

CMA Code	CMA Name	Added CSD Code	Added CSD Name
433	Sherbrooke	2442095	Val-Joli
		2445115	Orford
505	Ottawa-Gatineau	2480145	Bowman
		2480140	Val-des-Bois
		2482010	Notre-Dame-de-la-Salette
		2480065	Mayo
421	Québec	2434007	Neuville
408	Saguenay	2494245	Saint-David-de-Falardeau
		2494230	Sainte-Rose-du-Nord
		2494225	Saint-Félix-d'Otis
		2494260	Saint-Charles-de-Bourget
442	Trois-Rivières	2437225	Saint-Luc-de-Vincennes
		2451020	Yamachiche
550	Guelph	3523001	Puslinch

There was also a slight change in the area covered by the Montreal CMA due to a minor modification of in the boundary of the CSD of L'Assomption (CSD code 2442095).

Changes to Census Agglomerations (CA)

Two CAs were retired since they no longer met the appropriate population criteria (CA 446 - La Tuque and CA 960 - Kitimat), while five new CAs were introduced (CA 605 - Steinbach, CA 826 - Strathmore, CA 821 - High River, CA 831 - Sylvan Lake and CA 832 - Lacombe). Forty five CAs, which exist on both the 2006 and 2001 Census boundaries, had boundary changes which altered the area they covered (Table H). For more information on specific boundary changes, please refer to the section "How to obtain more information" at the end of this document.

Table H

CA Code	CA Name	CA Code	CA Name
015	Corner Brook	481	Amos
105	Charlottetown	485	Rouyn-Noranda
320	Fredericton	544	Woodstock
328	Bathurst	553	Stratford
329	Miramichi	571	Midland
330	Campbellton	584	Temiskaming Shores
335	Edmundston	607	Portage la Prairie
403	Matane	735	North Battleford
404	Rimouski	750	Estevan
405	Rivière-du-Loup	820	Okotoks
406	Baie-Comeau	830	Red Deer
410	Alma	833	Camrose
411	Dolbeau-Mistassini	850	Grande Prairie
428	Saint-Georges	865	Wetaskiwin
430	Thetford Mines	913	Penticton
437	Cowansville	925	Kamloops
440	Victoriaville	930	Chilliwack
444	Shawinigan	940	Port Alberni
447	Drummondville	943	Courtenay
450	Granby	944	Campbell River
452	Saint-Hyacinthe	952	Quesnel
454	Sorel-Tracy	965	Terrace
456	Joliette		

Changes to Census Divisions (CD)

Four CDs changed name in the province of Quebec. There was also a reorganisation of CSDs within specific CDs in British Columbia and in the Northwest Territories (Table I). For more information on specific boundary changes, please refer to the section “How to obtain more information” at the end of this document.

Table I

Province	2011 CD Code	2011 CD Name	2006 CD Code	2006 CD Name	Comments
Que.	242531	Les Appalaches	242531	L'Amiante	Name Change
Que.	243040	Les Sources	243040	Asbestos	Name Change
Que.	243553	Pierre-de Saurel	243553	Le Bas-Richelieu	Name Change
Que.	248098	Minganie--Le Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent	248098	Minganie--Basse-Côte-Nord	Name Change
B.C.	591024	Strathcona			2006 CD split
B.C.			591025	Comox-Strathcona	2006 CD split
B.C.	591026	Comox Valley			2006 CD split
N.W.T.	611001	Region 1			Restructured CD
N.W.T.	611002	Region 2			Restructured CD
N.W.T.	611003	Region 3			Restructured CD
N.W.T.	611004	Region 4			Restructured CD
N.W.T.	611005	Region 5			Restructured CD
N.W.T.	611006	Region 6			Restructured CD
N.W.T.			611006	Fort Smith	Restructured CD
N.W.T.			611007	Inuvik	Restructured CD

Geographic Levels - Special Geography

Clients may select geographical areas of their own definition; areas that are not part of the standard areas listed here (for example, bank service areas, retail store catchment areas). For this, clients must submit a list of the geographic areas that make up their special area, and we will aggregate the micro data to correspond to that area of interest. User-defined areas can be based on aggregations of provinces and territories, economic regions, census divisions, census metropolitan areas, census agglomerations, census tracts, federal electoral districts and census subdivisions. Information ordered for "user-defined" areas will be coded according to the following:

Level of Geography (L.O.G.)	Name	Description
93	Total for all user-defined areas	This level represents the sum total of all user-defined areas, and is the total of levels 91 and 92 described below.
92	Other user-defined areas	This level of geography represents all user-defined areas that were too small, in terms of population; to have information compiled on those areas individually (i.e. fewer than 100 taxfilers). Such areas are grouped into this "other" category.
91	Special user-defined area	Any area showing L.O.G. = 91 is an area defined by a specific user according to that user's needs (for example, school catchment areas, health districts, etc.)

Postal Code Conversion File

When a client is interested in purchasing data for areas made up of **Postal Codes** that are considered non-standard postal geography, a conversion file is necessary. In this context an electronic file containing a combination of **Postal Codes** making up one or more user-defined area(s) is referred to as a conversion file. The data can then be compiled for these user-defined areas (subject to our confidentiality restrictions).

For example, **Postal Code** based user-defined areas may be branch service or school catchment areas, neighbourhoods or almost any other region.

We invite your comments

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List of available products

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Product name	Product number	Release date
RRSP Contributors	17C0006	Fall - Winter
RRSP Contribution Limits (Room)	17C0011	Fall - Winter
Canadian Savers	17C0009	Fall - Winter
Canadian Investors	17C0007	Fall - Winter
Canadian Investment Income	17C0008	Fall - Winter
Canadian Taxfilers	17C0010	Fall - Winter
Canadian Capital Gains	17C0012	Fall - Winter
Charitable Donors	13C0014	Fall - Winter
Neighbourhood Income and Demographics	13C0015	Spring - Summer
Economic Dependency Profile	13C0017	Spring - Summer
Labour Income Profile	71C0018	Spring - Summer
Families	13C0016	Spring - Summer
Seniors	89C0022	Spring - Summer
Migration Estimates	91C0025	Fall