
Canadian Subdivisions Documentation

Canadian Postal Codes

Subdivisions 

Introduction:

Our Canadian Subdivisions product contains the latest Census Division and Subdivisions per postal code. This is a unique product which we created using our Canadian Postal Code data mapped to the Division / Subdivision as defined by Statistics Canada.

Statistics Canada currently defines 293 Census Divisions and 5,161 Subdivisions. The Divisions have a 4-digit number and the Subdivisions belonging to that Division begin with the same 4-digit number, followed by a 3-digit number.

This product can be used in assigning sales territory assignments and other applications where you need to sub-divide a province.

Statistics:

A Canadian Division is usually pretty large. They average out to about 126,000 people, but can be small (the smallest is only 683 people). The largest Division has a total population of about 2.8 million people (Toronto).

The average size of a Canadian Subdivision is about 7,150 people. Some of the largest Divisions aren't sub-divided so the Subdivision total is the same as the Division total. For instance, the Toronto Subdivision total population is about 2.6 million.

Note: not all subdivisions have postal codes assigned to them. Some are very sparsely populated.

Place Names:

We removed all accented characters from our files because of the difficulty in getting them to translate in some systems. For instance, we translate é to e.

Included Files:

Our files are normalized so that when loaded into a database, there is no redundancy. Here is a description of the files and their contents.

- **Postal-to-div-subdiv-full.csv** – This is the master file and contains one record for every Postal Code. It includes the Postal Code, province, city, Division code and Subdivision code.
- **Subdivisions-Demo.xlsx** – This is a demo file which joins the postal data with our other files, in order to show how the data relates to each other. We recommend that you view this spreadsheet.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	PostalCode	Prov	City	DivID	Division Name	DivType	DivTypeName	Subdivi	Subdivision Name	SubdivType	SubdivTypeName
2	A0A 0A1	NL	Avondale	1001	Division No. 1	CDR	Census Division	1001464	Avondale	T	Town
3	A0A 0A2	NL	Holyrood	1001	Division No. 1	CDR	Census Division	1001472	Holyrood	T	Town
4	A0A 0A3	NL	Trepassey	1001	Division No. 1	CDR	Census Division	1001113	Trepassey	T	Town
5	A0A 0A4	NL	South River	1001	Division No. 1	CDR	Census Division	1001426	North River	T	Town
6	A0A 0A5	NL	Northern Bay	1001	Division No. 1	CDR	Census Division	1001339	Division No. 1; Subd. G	SNO	Subdivision Non-Organized
7	A0A 0A6	NL	Clarks Beach	1001	Division No. 1	CDR	Census Division	1001426	North River	T	Town
8	A0A 0A7	NL	Conception Harbour	1001	Division No. 1	CDR	Census Division	1001461	Conception Harbour	T	Town
9	A0A 0A8	NL	Harbour Main	1001	Division No. 1	CDR	Census Division	1001469	Harbour Main-Chapel's Cove-Lakeview	T	Town

- **Subdivisions-Full.xlsx** – This is the full version of the above spreadsheet.
- **Divisions.csv** – This is the Divisions master list and includes the Division ID, Province Abbreviation, Division Type and Name, Total Population (from the most recent Census [2021 as of this writing], Previous population from the Last Census [2016 as of this writing], Percentage of Change, Total Dwellings, Occupied Dwellings, Total Land Area and Population per Square Kilometer. Note: some information such as Land Area is recorded by Statistics Canada is zero, but we’re not sure why.
- **Subdivisions.csv** – This is the Subdivisions master list and includes the Subdivision ID, Province Abbreviation, Subdivision Type and Name, Total Population from the most recent Census (note: some population figures will be zero), Previous Population (from the prior Census), Percentage of Change, Total Dwellings, Occupied Dwellings, Total Land Area and Population per Square Kilometer. Note: some information such as Land Area is recorded by Statistics Canada as zero, but we’re not sure why.
- **CensusDivisionTypes.csv** – This is the Division Types master list. There are 12 Division Types including Counties, Regions, Districts, etc.
- **CensusSubdivisionTypes.csv** – This is the Subdivision Types master list. There are 53 Subdivision Types including Cities, Cantons, Crown Colonies, Villages, etc.
- **States.csv** – This is our U.S. and Canadian states / provinces master list.