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## Canadian Subdivisions Documentation

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# 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 5,250 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 114,000 people, but can be small (the smallest is only 629 people). The largest Division has a total population of about 2.6 million people (Toronto).

The average size of a Canadian Subdivision is about 6,400 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.

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- **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.
- **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 [2011 as of this writing], Previous population from the Last Census [2006 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 [2011 as of this writing] (note: some population figures will be zero), Previous population from the Last Census [2006 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.
- **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.
- **StatsCanSubdivisions.pdf** – This is Statistics Canada's PDF about Census Divisions and Subdivisions.