



## Read Me File

### for the Material and Social Deprivation Index (MSDI), Canada 2016

Description of the files in folders A, B and C

FILE	DESCRIPTION
<b>A-MSDI Data Canada 2016</b>	
1. Correspondence table (Excel)	Contains all values of the MSDI plus geographical information
2. Description of the correspondence table's content (Word)	Documents and explains the variables in the correspondence table
<b>B-Assignment of the MSDI in dissemination areas to postal codes Canada 2016</b>	
3. User guide for the assignment program (Word)	Explains the steps to assign a dissemination area to a postal code
Folder with SAS code and text files	Adds the MSDI values to 6-digit postal codes and, if available, to municipal codes
<b>C-Population numbers by age and sex for different versions of the MSDI Canada 2016</b>	
4. National version (Canada)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can2016_Population_sex_age_MSDI_eng.xlsx</li> </ul>
5. Regional version (5 major Canadian regions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CanReg_2016_Population_sex_age_MSDI_eng.xlsx</li> </ul>
6. Local versions	<p>Geographic areas (4 Canadian territorial zones)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. CanZone_2016_Population_sex_age_MSDI_eng.xlsx</li> </ul> <p>Metropolitan areas (3 largest CMAs in Canada : Montréal, Toronto and Vancouver)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. CanCMA_2016_Population_sex_age_MSDI_eng.xlsx</li> </ul>
<b>Methods Guide</b>	
<p>2011. The Québec Index of Material and Social Deprivation: Methodological Follow-up, 1991 through 2006.</p> <p>2017. Challenges of updating the Deprivation Index with 2011 Census and NHS</p> <p>2019. Material and social deprivation index: a summary.</p>	Provides methodological information about the MSDI (User guide)

#### Additional resources

- [Memory aid](#) explaining inequality measures (only in French)
- Internet pages on the topic of [deprivation](#), the [Material and social deprivation index](#) and the [new indices of multiple and multidimensional deprivation](#)