



Read Me File

for the Material and Social Deprivation Index (MSDI), Canada 1996

Description of the files in folders A, B, C and D

FILE	DESCRIPTION
A-MSDI Data, Canada 1996	
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-Assignment of the MSDI to postal codes, Canada 1996	
3. User guide for the assignment program (Word)	Explains the steps to assign the MSDI index to a postal code
Folder with SAS code and text files	Adds the MSDI index to 6-digit postal codes and, if available, to municipal codes
C-Population numbers by age and sex for different versions of the MSDI, Canada 1996	
4. National version (Canada)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can1996_Population_sex_age_MSDI_eng.xlsx
5. Regional version (5 major Canadian regions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CanReg_1996_Population_sex_age_MSDI_eng.xlsx
6. Local versions	<p>Geographic areas (4 Canadian territorial zones)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. CanZone_1996_Population_sex_age_MSDI_eng.xlsx <p>Metropolitan areas (3 largest CMAs in Canada : Montréal, Toronto and Vancouver)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. CanCMA_1996_Population_sex_age_MSDI_eng.xlsx
D-Methodological documents	
2011 The Québec Index of Material and Social Deprivation: Methodological Follow-up, 1991 through 2006. 2019 Material and social deprivation index: a summary.	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](#)