**Charitable Donors** 

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## **INTRODUCTION**

### Line 340 – Charitable Donations

This databank provides information on taxfilers classified as charitable donors. Charitable donors are defined as taxfilers reporting donations on line 340 of the tax return.

Persons making charitable donations, but not reporting them on their personal tax return are, of course, not included in this databank.

Only donations made to approved organizations were allowable as deductions in the tax system. Donations were eligible if made to Canadian registered charities and Canadian amateur athletic associations. They were also eligible if made to: prescribed universities outside Canada; certain tax exempt housing organizations in Canada; Canadian municipalities; the United Nations; and certain charities outside Canada to which the Government of Canada has made a gift.

It is possible to carry donations forward for up to five years after the year in which they were made. In the reference year, it was possible to claim donations made in any of the previous five, as long as they were not already claimed in a prior year. The donations made in the reference year could be claimed the same year, or could be carried forward to any of the next five years.

Some eligible donations may not have been claimed by taxfilers. These include donations for which no receipt was provided and donations for which the receipt was lost. No estimate of such donations is included in the amounts listed as given to charity.

A change in tax regulations was introduced in 1994. Taxfilers contributing to a recognized charity (as outlined above) were eligible to claim a tax credit of 17% of their donations on the first \$200, and 29% on the rest. Previously, taxfilers had to give \$250 to charity before the 29% credit was available.

Data on charitable donors are displayed for postal areas.

### The content of the databank is as follows:

### Table 1: Summary

- Column 1 City identification number
- Column 2 Postal area
- Column 3 Postal walk number
- Column 4 Level of geography (see Geography section)
- Column 5 Place name
- Column 6 Total Number of taxfilers
- Column 7 Number of charitable donors
- Column 8 Average age of donors
- Column 9 Average donation for age group 0-24
- Column 10 Average donation for age group 25-34
- Column 11 Average donation for age group 35-44
- Column 12 Average donation for age group 45-54
- Column 13 Average donation for age group 55-64
- Column 14 Average donation for age group 65+
- Column 15 Total amount of charitable donations (thousands of \$)
- Column 16 Median donation
- Column 17 Donors' median total income
- Column 18 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of donors' total income

### Table 2: Age and Sex (new beginning with 1995)

- Column 1 City identification number
- Column 2 Postal area
- Column 3 Postal walk number
- Column 4 Level of geography (see Geography section)
- Column 5 Place name
- Column 6 Total Number of taxfilers
- Column 7 Percent of taxfilers who are male
- Column 8 Percent of taxfilers who are female
- Column 9 Number of charitable donors
- Column 10 Percent of charitable donors who are male
- Column 11 Percent of charitable donors who are female
- Column 12 Percent of donors 0 24 years of age
- Column 13 Percent of donors 25 34 years of age
- Column 14 Percent of donors 35 44 years of age
- Column 15 Percent of donors 45 54 years of age
- Column 16 Percent of donors 55-64 years of age
- Column 16 Percent of donors 65+ years of age
- Column 17 Total median donation
- Column 18 Median donation of males
- Column 19 Median donation of females

Column 20 – Total amount of charitable donations (thousands of \$)

Column 21 – Total amount of charitable donations for males (thousands of \$)

Column 22 – Total amount of charitable donations for females (thousands of \$)

### Table 3: Income Groups (new beginning with 1997)

- Column 1 City identification number
- Column 2 Postal area
- Column 3 Postal walk number
- Column 4 Level of geography (see Geography section)
- Column 5 Place name
- Column 6 Total number of taxfilers
- Column 7 Total number of charitable donors
- Column 8 Percent of charitable donors with total income less than \$20,000
- Column 9 Percent of charitable donors with total income \$20,000+
- Column 10 Percent of charitable donors with total income \$40,000+
- Column 11 Percent of charitable donors with total income \$60,000+
- Column 12 Percent of charitable donors with total income \$80,000+
- Column 13 Total value of charitable donations (in thousands of dollars)
- Column 14 Percent of donations reported by donors with total income less than \$20,000
- Column 15 Percent of donations reported by donors with total income \$20,000+
- Column 16 Percent of donations reported by donors with total income \$40,000+
- Column 17 Percent of donations reported by donors with total income \$60,000+
- Column 18 Percent of donations reported by donors with total income \$80,000+

### **DATA SOURCE**

The data are derived from income tax returns. For the most part, tax returns were filed in the Spring of the year following the reference year. For example, for the 1998 tax year, income tax returns were filed by April 30, 1999. The mailing address at the time of filing is the basis for the geographic information in the tables.

Demographic characteristics such as age are given as of December 31 of the tax year. Income information is for the calendar year under review.

### **DATA FREQUENCY**

Data are updated on an annual basis.

### **DATA QUALITY**

### i) Number of Canadian taxfilers

The data used are direct counts from tax files. For the 1998 tax year, 20,883,430 Canadians (or 68.5%) filed tax returns.

Tax year	Number of Taxfilers ('000)	Date of Population Estimate	Population ('000)	Coverage (%)
1991	18,786	April 1, 1992	28,420	66.1
1992	19,267	April 1, 1993	28,801	66.9
1993	19,882	April 1, 1994	29,159	68.2
1994	20,184	April 1, 1995	29,515	68.4
1995	20,536	April 1, 1996	29,862	68.8
1996	20,772	April 1, 1997	30,189	68.8
1997	21,113	April 1, 1998	30,219	69.9
1998	20,883*	April 1, 1999	30,489	68.5

### FIGURE 1 – NUMBER OF CANADIAN TAXFILERS

Percent coverage is based on a comparison of the number of taxfilers in the Small Area and Administrative Data Division's taxfiler databank and estimates from the Statistics Canada's Demography Division.

\* the 1998 count of taxfilers is taken from a preliminary 1998 taxfile from Revenue Canada.

### ii) Elderly population

Some elderly Canadians receiving only Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement 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 1990, the percentage of the elderly population filing tax returns has increased. In 1998, approximately 91.5% of the population aged 55 and over filed tax returns, up from 85.7% in 1993.

1998 TAXFILERS BY AGE GROUP	% OF POPULATION <sup>(1)</sup>
24 and under	27.0
25-34	87.1
35-44	92.1
45-54	92.4
55-64	86.6
65 and over	95.0
Total	68.5

### FIGURE 2 – TAXFILERS BY AGE

<sup>(1)</sup> Percentage of population is based on a comparison of the number of taxfilers (from the preliminary 1998 taxfile) to the population estimates published in *Annual Demographic Statistics (catalogue no. 91-213)* 

### iii) Income

Persons with low income have no tax liability and are not required to file tax returns. However, with the introduction of the Child Tax Credit in 1978, the Federal Sales Tax (FST) Credit in 1986, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Credit in 1990, and the Child Tax Benefits in 1993, persons with low income are likely to file tax returns to apply for these credits.

The following is a comparison of individual median incomes from the Small Area and Administrative Data Division (SAADD) and the Statistics Canada's Survey of Consumer Finances (SCF, catalogue no. 13-207) for 1997:

SAADD median income	\$19,900
SCF median income	\$20,202
Difference	\$302

### **CONFIDENTIALITY AND ROUNDING**

Data cells represent counts equal to or greater than 15, and are rounded to the nearest 10. For example, a cell count of 16 would be rounded to 20 and a cell count of 24 would be rounded to 20. All reported dollar amounts are rounded to the nearest thousand or million dollars.

### SUPPRESSED DATA

To maintain confidentiality of individual taxfilers, data are suppressed when:

- areas are comprised of less than 100 taxfilers;
- cells represent less than 15 taxfilers;
- income totals are dominated by a single filer.

In some cases, where postal areas are too small to meet the minimum requirements for number of taxfilers, data may simply not be available.

Suppression of data may occur 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.

### NOTES AND DEFINITIONS

### AGE

is calculated as of December 31 of the reference year (i.e., tax year minus year of birth).

### **CHARITABLE DONOR**

is defined as a taxfiler reporting a charitable donation amount on line 340 of the personal income tax form.

### **CHARITABLE DONATION**

is the allowable portion of total donations, as reported on the income tax return.

### **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 is less than or equal to the median amount. Median incomes in the data tables are rounded to the nearest hundred dollars. With the exception of "Total Income", zero values are not included in the calculation of medians for individuals.

# **75<sup>TH</sup> PERCENTILE**

is the number, in a group of numbers ranked from highest to lowest, where one-quarter of the numbers fall above and three-quarters fall below. For example, if the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of total income is shown as \$60,000 this means that 25% of the population under review has a total income greater than or equal to \$60,000 and 75% of the population has a total income less than or equal to \$60,000.

### TAXFILER

is an individual who filed a personal income tax return for the referenced year.

### TOTAL INCOME

is the reported amounts of income by taxfilers from any of the following sources:

Labour force income

Employment income Wages, salaries and commissions Other employment income as reported on line 104 (tips, gratuities, royalties, etc.) Net self-employment income Employment Insurance benefits Pension income

Old Age Security/Net Federal Supplements (the latter including guaranteed income supplements and spouses' allowances since 1994) Canada/Quebec Pension Plans Superannuation and other (private) pensions Family Allowance benefits (until 1992) Interest and other investment income Dividend income RRSP income Net limited partnership income Net rental income Other income (e.g. alimony, and incomes reported on line 130, such as fellowships, bursaries, grants, etc.) Child tax credit (until 1992) Child tax benefit (starting with 1993) Provincial refundable tax credits (beginning in 1994) Other non-taxable income (beginning in 1993) Workers' compensation payments Social assistance payments Guaranteed income supplements Spouses' allowances

## GEOGRAPHY

## **Geographic levels – postal geography**

The various databanks 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	This level of data is an agg within a province:	regation of the following geographies
		City Totals	Code 08
		Rural Postal Codes	Code 09
		Other Provincial Totals	Code 10
			by a provincial/territorial postal letter, ne province/territory code, as follows:
		Newfoundland	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	Y99060

Level of Geography (L.O.G.)	Postal Area	Description	
10	Other Provincial Total ("P" Pot)	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:	
		Newfoundland Nova Scotia Prince Edward Island New Brunswick Quebec Ontario Manitoba Saskatchewan Alberta British Columbia Northwest Territories Nunavut Yukon	A89010 B89012 C89011 E89013 J89024 P89035 R89046 S89047 T89048 V89059 X89061 X89061 X89062 Y89060
09	Rural Postal Code (Not in City )	YukonY 89000This level of geography pertains to rural communities that have one and only one rural postal code. These stand-alone rural postal codes can be identified by a "zero" in the second position of the postal code and a level of geography code 09.The 1998 databanks contain 4,296 areas coded as level of geography 09.	

Level of Geography (L.O.G.)	Postal Area	Description	
08	City Total	This level of data is an aggregation of the following geographies for unique place names within a province/territory:Urban FSA (Residential)Code 03Rural RouteCode 04Suburban ServicesCode 05Rural Postal Code (within city)Code 06Other Urban AreaCode 07They 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").The 1998 databanks contain 769 areas coded as level of geography 08.	
07	Other Urban Area (Non- residential within city - "E" Pot)	<ul> <li>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).</li> <li>The 1998 databanks contain 462 areas coded as level of geography 07.</li> </ul>	
06	Rural Postal Code (Within City)	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 of this type can be identified by a "zero" in the second position of the postal code and a level of geography code 06. The 1998 databanks contain 307 areas coded as level of geography 06.	

Level of Geography (L.O.G.)	Postal Area	Description
05	Suburban Service	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 located inside an urban FSA, usually adjacent to more highly populated areas, and mail is delivered by a contractor to group boxes, community mail boxes and/or external delivery sites (e.g., kiosks, miniparks). The 1998 databanks contain 39 areas coded as level of geography 05.
04	Rural Route	Reasonably well settled rural areas may receive their postal service from an urban post office by delivery designated as "rural route", where mail is delivered by a contractor using a motorized vehicle to a group of boxes or to gate boxes. Their region code retains all six characters of the postal code. Rural routes are located outside an urban FSA. The 1998 databanks contain 941 areas coded as level of geography 04.
03	Urban FSA (Residential Area)	<ul> <li>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. This level of data is an aggregation of:</li> <li>Postal Walk Code 01 Other Postal Walk Code 02 An Urban FSA of this type can be identified by the FSA followed by three blanks.</li> <li>The 1998 databanks contain 1,601 areas coded as level of geography 03.</li> </ul>

Level of Geography (L.O.G.)	Postal Area	Description
02	Other Postal Walk	This level of data is an aggregation of urban residential postal codes unallocated to a letter carrier route and postal walks with less than 100 taxfilers. A postal walk record of this type can be identified by a region code which is the FSA followed by three blanks, and the postal walk number "XXXX". The 1998 databanks contain 177 areas coded as level of geography 02.
01	Postal Walk	This is the finest level of data and is an aggregation of urban residential postal codes allocated to a letter carrier route. A postal walk of this type can be identified by a region code which is the FSA followed by three blanks, and the postal walk number. The 1998 databanks contain 18,405 areas coded as level of geography 01.

# "Vintage" of the postal walks

The postal walks represented in the 1998 databanks were coded from a Canada Post Corporation file with a October 1999 reference date.

# **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	Name	Description
41	Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs)	The general concept of a CMA is one of a very large urban area, together with adjacent urban and rural areas which have a high degree of economic and social integration with that urban area. CMAs have a population of at least 100,000, based on the previous census.There are 26 CMAs in the 1998 databanks:001, St. John's, Newfoundland 205, Halifax, Nova Scotia 310, Saint John, New Brunswick 
		935, Victoria, British Columbia

21	Census Divisions (CDs)	General term applying to geographic areas established by provincial law, and intermediate between census subdivisions and the province (e.g., counties, regional districts, regional municipalities, etc.)
		In Newfoundland, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, census divisions have been created by Statistics Canada in co-operation with those provinces. There are 288 CDs in the 1998 databanks, based on the
		1996 Census boundaries.

### **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 postal codes that make up their special area, and we will aggregate the micro data to correspond to that area of interest. Information ordered for special, or "user-defined" areas will be coded according to the following:

Level of Geography	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 a code "91" is an area defined by a specific user according to that user's needs (for example, school catchment areas, health districts, etc.)

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Economic Dependency Profiles	13C0017	July
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