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RRSP CONTRIBUTORS (product #17C0006)

This databank provides information on taxfilers who contributed to an RRSP during the tax year under review.

The Content of the Databank is as follows:

Table 1: Summary

- Column 1 City identification number
- Column 2 Postal area
- Column 3 Postal walk
- Column 4 Level of geography (see geography section)
- Column 5 Place name
- Column 6 Total number of taxfilers
- Column 7 Number of RRSP contributors
- Column 8 Average age of RRSP contributors
- Column 9 Median employment income of RRSP contributors
- Column $10 75^{\text{th}}$ percentile of employment income of RRSP contributors
- Column 11 Amount of RRSP dollars reported (in thousands of dollars)
- Column 12 Median RRSP contribution

Table 2: Age Groups

- Column 1 City identification number
- Column 2 Postal area
- Column 3 Postal walk
- Column 4 Level of geography (see geography section)
- Column 5 Place name
- Column 6 Total number of taxfilers
- Column 7 Total number of RRSP contributors
- Column 8 Percent of contributors 0 to 24 years of age
- Column 9 Percent of contributors 25 to 34 years of age
- Column 10 Percent of contributors 35 to 44 years of age
- Column 11 Percent of contributors 45 to 54 years of age
- Column 12 Percent of contributors 55 to 64 years of age
- Column 13 Percent of contributors 65+ years of age
- Column 14 Total amount of RRSP dollars reported (in thousands of dollars)
- Column 15 Percent of contributions reported by age group 0 to 24
- Column 16 Percent of contributions reported by age group 25 to 34
- Column 17 Percent of contributions reported by age group 35 to 44
- Column 18 Percent of contributions reported by age group 45 to 54
- Column 19 Percent of contributions reported by age group 55 to 64
- Column 20 Percent of contributions reported by age group 65+

Table 3: Sex

- Column 1 City identification number
- Column 2 Postal area
- Column 3 Postal walk
- 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 Total number of RRSP Contributors
- Column 10 Percent of contributors who are male
- Column 11 Percent of contributors who are female
- Column 12 Total amount of RRSP dollars reported (in thousands of dollars)
- Column 13 Percent of contributions reported by males
- Column 14 Percent of contributions reported by females
- Column 15 Median RRSP contribution of all contributors
- Column 16 Median RRSP contribution of males
- Column 17 Median RRSP contribution of females

Table 4: Income Groups

Column 1 – City identification number

- Column 2 Postal area
- Column 3 Postal walk
- Column 4 Level of geography (see geography section)
- Column 5 Place name
- Column 6 Total number of taxfilers
- Column 7 Total number of RRSP contributors
- Column 8 Percent of RRSP contributors with total income less than \$20,000
- Column 9 Percent of RRSP contributors with total income \$20,000+
- Column 10 Percent of RRSP contributors with total income \$40,000+
- Column 11 Percent of RRSP contributors with total income \$60,000+
- Column 12 Percent of RRSP contributors with total income \$80,000+
- Column 13 Total amount of RRSP dollars reported (in thousands of dollars)

Column 14 – Percent of total RRSP amount reported by contributors with total income less than \$20,000

Column 15 – Percent of total RRSP amount reported by contributors with total income \$20,000+

Column 16 – Percent of total RRSP amount reported by contributors with total income \$40,000+

Column 17 – Percent of total RRSP amount reported by contributors with total income \$60,000+

Column 18 – Percent of total RRSP amount reported by contributors with total income \$80,000+

CANADIAN SAVERS (product #17C0009)

Line 120 – Taxable amount of dividends from taxable Canadian corporations

Line 121 - Interest and other investment income

This databank provides information on taxfilers who have been classified as savers.

Savers are defined as taxfilers who reported interest and investment income on line 121, but no dividend income on line 120 of the personal income tax return.

Interest and investment income sources would include interest from Canada Savings bonds, bank accounts, treasury bills, investment certificates, term deposits, earnings on life insurance policies as well as foreign interest and dividend income.

Dividend income would include dividends from taxable Canadian corporations (as stocks or mutual funds), but not dividends from foreign investments.

Taxfilers reporting Canadian dividend income would not be included in "savers", but would be classified as "investors".

The Content of the Databank is as follows:

Table 1: Summary

- Column 1 City identification number
- Column 2 Postal area
- Column 3 Postal walk
- Column 4 Level of geography (see geography section)
- Column 5 Place name
- Column 6 Total number of taxfilers
- Column 7 Number of savers
- Column 8 Average age of savers
- Column 9 Median total income of savers
- Column 10 Total amount of interest dollars reported (in thousands of dollars)
- Column 11 Median of interest dollars

Table 2: Age Groups

- Column 1 City identification number
- Column 2 Postal area
- Column 3 Postal walk
- Column 4 Level of geography (see geography section)
- Column 5 Place name
- Column 6 Total number of taxfilers
- Column 7 Total number of savers
- Column 8 Percent of savers 0-24 years of age
- Column 9 Percent of savers 25-34 years of age
- Column 10 Percent of savers 35-44 years of age
- Column 11 Percent of savers 45-54 years of age
- Column 12 Percent of savers 55-64 years of age
- Column 13 Percent of savers 65+ years of age
- Column 14 Total amount of interest income dollars reported (in thousands of dollars)
- Column 15 Percent of interest income reported by age group 0-24
- Column 16 Percent of interest income reported by age group 25-34
- Column 17 Percent of interest income reported by age group 35-44
- Column 18 Percent of interest income reported by age group 45-54
- Column 19 Percent of interest income reported by age group 55-64
- Column 20 Percent of interest income reported by age group 65+

Table 3: Sex

- Column 1 City identification number
- Column 2 Postal area
- Column 3 Postal walk
- 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 Total number of savers
- Column 10 Percent of savers who are male
- Column 11 Percent of savers who are female
- Column 12 Total amount of interest income reported (in thousands of dollars)
- Column 13 Percent of interest income reported by males
- Column 14 Percent of interest income reported by females
- Column 15 Median interest income of all savers
- Column 16 Median interest income of all male savers
- Column 17 Median interest income of all female savers

Table 4: Income Groups

Column 1 – City identification number

- Column 2 Postal area
- Column 3 Postal walk
- Column 4 Level of geography (see geography section)

Column 5 – Place name

Column 6 – Total number of taxfilers

Column 7 – Total number of savers

Column 8 – Percent of savers with total income less than \$20,000

Column 9 – Percent of savers with total income \$20,000+

Column 10 - Percent of savers with total income \$40,000+

Column 11 – Percent of savers with total income \$60,000+

Column 12 - Percent of savers with total income \$80,000+

Column 13 – Total amount of interest income reported (in thousands of dollars)

Column 14 – Percent of interest income reported by savers with total income less than \$20,000

Column 15 – Percent of interest income reported by savers with total income \$20,000+

Column 16 – Percent of interest income reported by savers with total income \$40,000+

Column 17 – Percent of interest income reported by savers with total income \$60,000+

Column 18 – Percent of interest income reported by savers with total income \$80,000+

CANADIAN INVESTORS (product #17C0007)

Line 120 – Taxable amount of dividends from taxable Canadian corporations

Line 121 – Interest and other investment income

This databank provides information on taxfilers classified as investors.

Investors include taxfilers who reported dividend income on line 120 of their personal tax return. They may or may not have also reported interest and other investment income on line 121. When income is also reported on line 121, that amount is added to the amount of dividend income received, and the sum becomes the investment income of the investor.

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 investors
- Column 8 Average age of investors
- Column 9 Median total income of investors
- Column 10 Amount of investment dollars (in thousands of dollars)
- Column 11 Percentage of the investment income derived from dividends
- Column 12 Median investment income

Table 2: Age Groups

- Column 1 City identification number
- Column 2 Postal area
- Column 3 Postal walk
- Column 4 Level of geography (see geography section)
- Column 5 Place name
- Column 6 Total number of taxfilers
- Column 7 Total number of investors
- Column 8 Percent of investors 0-24 years of age
- Column 9 Percent of investors 25-34 years of age
- Column 10 Percent of investors 35-44 years of age
- Column 11 Percent of investors 45-54 years of age
- Column 12 Percent of investors 55-64 years of age
- Column 13 Percent of investors 65+ years of age
- Column 14 Total amount of investment income dollars reported (in thousands of

dollars)

Column 15 – Percent of investment income reported by age group 0-24

Column 16 - Percent of investment income reported by age group 25-34

Column 17 - Percent of investment income reported by age group 35-44

Column 18 – Percent of investment income reported by age group 45-54

Column 19 – Percent of investment income reported by age group 55-64

Column 20 - Percent of investment income reported by age group 65+

Table 3: Sex

Column 1 – City identification number

Column 2 – Postal area

- Column 3 Postal walk
- 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 – Total number of investors

Column 10 - Percent of investors who are male

Column 11 – Percent of investors who are female

Column 12 – Total amount of investment income reported (in thousands of dollars)

Column 13 – Percent of investment income reported by males

Column 14 – Percent of investment income reported by females

Column 15 - Median investment income of all investors

Column 16 - Median investment income of all male investors

Column 17 – Median investment income of all female investors

Table 4: Income Groups

- Column 1 City identification number
- Column 2 Postal area
- Column 3 Postal walk
- Column 4 Level of geography (see geography section)

Column 5 – Place name

Column 6 – Total number of taxfilers

Column 7 – Total number of investors

Column 8 – Percent of investors with total income less than \$20,000

Column 9 – Percent of investors with total income \$20,000+

Column 10 - Percent of investors with total income \$40,000+

Column 11 - Percent of investors with total income \$60,000+

Column 12 – Percent of investors with total income \$80,000+

Column 13 – Total amount of investment income reported (in thousands of dollars)

Column 14 – Percent of investment income reported by investors with total income less than \$20,000

Column 15 – Percent of investment income reported by investors with total income \$20,000+

Column 16 – Percent of investment income reported by investors with total income \$40,000+

Column 17 – Percent of investment income reported by investors with total income \$60,000+

Column 18 – Percent of investment income reported by investors with total income \$80,000+

CANADIAN INVESTMENT INCOME (product #17C0008)

Line 120 – Taxable amount of dividends from taxable Canadian corporations

Line 121 – Interest and other investment income

This databank provides information on taxfilers who reported dividend income on line 120 of the tax return, or interest and other investment income on line 121, or both. These taxfilers include those designated as "savers" and those designated as "investors" in two other databanks available: *Canadian Savers* and *Canadian Investors*. In this databank, investment income includes both interest and dividends.

Dividend income includes dividends from taxable Canadian corporations (as stocks or mutual funds).

Interest and other investment income sources include interest from Canada Savings bonds, bank accounts, treasury bills, investment certificates, term deposits, earnings on life insurance policies as well as foreign interest and dividend income.

The Content of the Databank is as follows:

Table 1: Summary

- Column 1 City identification number
- Column 2 Postal area
- Column 3 Postal walk
- Column 4 Level of geography (see geography section)
- Column 5 Place name
- Column 6 Total number of taxfilers
- Column 7 Number of taxfilers with investment income
- Column 8 Average age of taxfilers with investment income
- Column 9 Median total income of taxfilers with investment income

Column 10 – Reported investment income dollars for all taxfilers with investment income (in thousands of dollars)

Column 11 - Median investment income for all taxfilers with investment income

Table 2: Age Groups

Column 1 – City identification number

- Column 2 Postal area
- Column 3 Postal walk
- Column 4 Level of geography (see geography section)
- Column 5 Place name
- Column 6 Total number of taxfilers
- Column 7 Total number of receivers of investment income
- Column 8 Percent of receivers of investment income 0-24 years of age
- Column 9 Percent of receivers of investment income 25-34 years of age

Column 10 - Percent of receivers of investment income 35-44 years of age

Column 11 – Percent of receivers of investment income 45-54 years of age

Column 12 - Percent of receivers of investment income 55-64 years of age

Column 13 – Percent of receivers of investment income 65+ years of age

Column 14 - Total amount of investment income dollars reported (in thousands of dollars)

Column 15 – Percent of investment income reported by age group 0-24

Column 16 - Percent of investment income reported by age group 25-34

Column 17 - Percent of investment income reported by age group 35-44

Column 18 – Percent of investment income reported by age group 45-54

Column 19 – Percent of investment income reported by age group 55-64

Column 20 - Percent of investment income reported by age group 65+

Table 3: Sex

Column 1 – City identification number

Column 2 – Postal area

Column 3 – Postal walk

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 – Total number of receivers of investment income

Column 10 - Percent of receivers of investment income who are male

Column 11 – Percent of receivers of investment income who are female

Column 12 – Total amount of investment income reported (in thousands of dollars)

Column 13 – Percent of investment income reported by males

Column 14 – Percent of investment income reported by females

Column 15 – Median investment income of all receivers of investment income

Column 16 – Median investment income of all male receivers of investment income

Column 17 – Median investment income of all female receivers of investment income

Table 4: Income Groups

Column 1 – City identification number

Column 2 – Postal area

Column 3 – Postal walk

Column 4 – Level of geography (see geography section)

Column 5 – Place name

Column 6 – Total number of taxfilers

Column 7 – Total number of receivers of investment income

Column 8 – Percent of receivers of investment income with total income less than \$20,000

Column 9 – Percent of receivers of investment income with total income \$20,000+

Column 10 – Percent of receivers of investment income with total income \$40,000+

Column 11 – Percent of receivers of investment income with total income \$60,000+

Column 12 – Percent of receivers of investment income with total income \$80,000+

Column 13 – Total amount of investment income reported (in thousands of dollars)

Column 14 – Percent of investment income reported by receivers of investment income with total income less than \$20,000

Column 15 – Percent of investment income reported by receivers of investment income with total income \$20,000+

Column 16 – Percent of investment income reported by receivers of investment income with total income \$40,000+

Column 17 – Percent of investment income reported by receivers of investment income with total income \$60,000+

Column 18 – Percent of investment income reported by receivers of investment income with total income \$80,000+

CANADIAN TAXFILERS (product #17C0010)

This databank provides a demographic and income profile of all Canadians who filed a personal tax return in the reference year.

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 Number of taxfilers
- Column 7 Percent of tax returns in French
- Column 8 Percent of taxfilers 0-24 years of age
- Column 9 Percent of taxfilers 25-34 years of age
- Column 10 Percent of taxfilers 35-44 years of age
- Column 11 Percent of taxfilers 45-54 years of age
- Column 12 Percent of taxfilers 55-64 years of age
- Column 13 Percent of taxfilers 65+ years of age
- Column 14 Average age of taxfilers
- Column 15 Median total income of taxfilers
- Column 16 75th percentile of total income of taxfilers
- Column 17 Percent reporting more than \$47,000ⁱ in total income
- Column 18 Percent reporting more than \$69,000ⁱⁱ in total income
- Column 19 Median employment income of taxfilers
- Column $20 75^{\text{th}}$ percentile of employment income of taxfilers

ⁱ This is the 85th percentile of total income, both sexes, Canada

ⁱⁱ This is the 95th percentile of total income, both sexes, Canada

Table 2: Income Groups

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 – Number of taxfilers

Column 7 – Percent of taxfilers with total income less than \$20,000

Column 8 - Percent of taxfilers with total income \$20,000+

Column 9 - Percent of taxfilers with total income \$40,000+

Column 10 - Percent of taxfilers with total income \$60,000

Column 11 - Percent of taxfilers with total income \$80,000+

Column 12 – Value of total income (in thousands of dollars)

Column 13 – Percent of total income reported by taxfilers with total income less than \$20,000

Column 14 – Percent of total income reported by taxfilers with total income \$20,000+

Column 15 – Percent of total income reported by taxfilers with total income \$40,000+

Column 16 – Percent of total income reported by taxfilers with total income \$60,000+

Column 17 – Percent of total income reported by taxfilers 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 ⁽¹⁾
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

⁽¹⁾ 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).

DIVIDEND INCOME

includes dividends received from taxable Canadian corporations (as stocks or mutual funds) as reported on line 120 of the personal income tax return, and then grossed down to the actual amounts received; dividend income does not include dividends received from foreign investments (which are included in interest income and reported on line 121).

EMPLOYMENT INCOME

is the total reported employment income. Employment income includes wages and salaries, commissions from employment, training allowances, tips and gratuities, and self-employment income (net income from business, profession, farming, fishing and commissions).

FRENCH

indicates the language of the tax form.

INTEREST INCOME

refers to amounts Canadians claimed on line 121 of the personal income tax return. This amount includes interest generated from bank deposits, Canada Savings Bonds, corporate bonds, treasury bills, investment certificates, term deposits, annuities, mutual funds, earnings on life insurance policies and all foreign interest and foreign dividend incomes.

INVESTMENT INCOME

includes both interest income and dividend income.

INVESTORS

include taxfilers who reported dividend income on line 120 of their personal tax return. They may or may not have also reported interest and other investment income on line 121. When such income is reported on line 121, this amount is added to the amount of dividend income received, and the sum becomes the investment income of the investor.

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.

REGISTERED RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN (RRSP)

is an individual retirement savings plan that is registered by Revenue Canada. It permits limited contributions, and income earned in the RRSP is exempt from tax until payments are received from the plan.

SAVERS

are defined as taxfilers who reported interest and investment income on line 121 of the personal income tax return, but no dividend income on line 120.

75TH 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 75th 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, rovalties. 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) 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, he 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)	YukonY89060This 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 03 Rural Route Code 04 Suburban Services Code 05 Rural Postal Code (within city) Code 06 Other Urban Area Code 07 They 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)	 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). The 1998 databanks contain 462 areas coded as level of geography 07. 	
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)		

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 an 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
Geography 41	Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs)	DescriptionThe 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 408, Chicoutimi-Jonquière, Québec 421, Québec, Québec 423, Sherbrooke, Québec

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.)
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		There are 288 CDs in the 1998 databanks, based on the 1996 Census boundaries.

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Level of Geography	Name	Description
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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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