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# Automated Geographic Coding Based on the Statistics Canada Postal Code Conversion Files 

## Including Postal Codes through September 2008

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ABSTRACT
$P C C F+$ Version 5 consists of a SAS control program and a series of reference files derived from the most recent Statistics Canada Postal Code Conversion File (PCCF) and a 2006 postal code population weight file (WCF). It automatically assigns a full range of geographic identifiers (down to dissemination area, dissemination block, and latitude, longitude) based on postal codes. It is consistent and logical in the way it does this. Any incorrect coding due to errors in the underlying reference files can easily be corrected once identified. To do such coding by manual methods would require highly skilled coders with much time and access to the full mailing address or property description. Even so, the results of manual coding would tend to be less accurate (particularly in urban areas), and they could inadvertently introduce systematic bias (especially in rural areas).
As long as the postal codes on the incoming file are valid for the corresponding addresses, $P C C F+$ will usually generate highly accurate geographic coding. Manual geographic coding is no longer required except in very rare circumstances. Records for most postal codes which serve more than one dissemination area-including most rural postal codes and several classes of urban postal codes-are assigned geographic codes based on a population-weighted random allocation among the possible dissemination areas and blocks. This produces an unbiased allocation of events in relation to the resident population. However, because of the nature of the postal code conversion files, a few classes of valid postal codes (for which only the post office location is known) cannot be assigned full geographic identifiers corresponding to a place of residence or business. In such cases, as well as for postal codes that do not match exactly to the PCCF or WCF, the first two or three characters of the postal code are used to try to assign partial geographic identifiers to the extent possible. This takes care of many situations where the last one, two, or three characters of the postal code are invalid, but the first two or three characters are valid. Problem records include full diagnostic and reference information. Business and institutional addresses are clearly identified, which facilitates determining if the postal code corresponds to the client's usual place of residence (or business), or was the result of a keying or reporting error. An alternate version of the control program is also provided for better coding of the location of health facilities and professional offices, as opposed to places of residence, where that is desired.

Note: For authorized university research and teaching purposes, $P C C F+$ is available under the Data Liberation Initiative (DLI). For general information on the DLI, including contact persons at each participating university, see the Statistics Canada website: www.statcan.ca (Learning resources / Postsecondary/Data Liberation Initiative). On the DLI FTP site, the $P C C F+$ filenames are shown in the directory -/health/pccf5D-fccp5D.
For public health professionals in all levels of government across Canada, and those in NGOs and universities (excepting those in the private sector), the Public Health Agency of Canada offers free access to GIS resources licensed for redistribution, including PCCF and PCCF+. For more information, visit their website at www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/php. psp/gis_e.html, or contact them by email at gishelp@phac-aspc.gc.ca, or by telephone toll free at 1-877-430-9995.

For Statistics Canada internal use, see ligeodepot2\ttplGeographie_2006_Geography\Geo_Data_ProductsProduits_de_données_Géo\PCCFplus_version5D_..ir:

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## GETTING STARTED

## Introduction

To do automated geographic coding based on postal codes using PCCF + , all you need to do is follow Steps 1,2 and 3 below. The rest of the documentation provides supplementary detail and background information which should be read eventually, but it is not essential to getting started. A list of Abbreviations begins on page 17, the References begin on page 19, and a List of Appendices available can be found on page 23.
If you want to find out what the program does and how it works before getting started, skip Steps 1-3, and begin reading at the section entitled Origins and objectives of $P C C F+$. Then come back to Step 1 when you are ready to begin coding.

## Step 1: Getting set up

The $P C C F+$ package consists of five SAS control files (the programs) plus several reference files derived mainly from the Statistics Canada Postal Code Conversion File (PCCF) and Weighted Conversion Files (WCF). To use the programs, you must first have installed SAS on to your computer and copied all of the files shown in Table 1 (on page 7) into your own directory. For residence coding, edit the program GEORES5x.SAS. For coding of health facilities or office locations, edit the program GEOINS5x.SAS.

## Step 2: Identifying your input file (with postal codes to be assigned geography)

Your incoming data to be coded will be known to the programs as HLTHDAT. You must indicate to the program where to find your income file, by changing the shaded filename shown below to your own incoming filename.ext at the following line:


Your incoming file can be sorted in any order or unsorted. Each logical record of the incoming file must contain a unique identifier (ID), plus a postal code (PCODE) if available. The postal code can have a space or hyphen between the first 3 characters (FSA) and the last 3 characters (LDU), or no space. Those fields can be anywhere in the file, but you must tell SAS where to find them, as in the following example:
DATA HLTHDATO; INFILE HLTHDAT MISSOVER; INPUT

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { INPUT } \\ & \text { © S } \end{aligned}$ | ID |
| :---: | :---: |
| (8)88 | FSA |
| (4) 92 | LDU |

SCHARB. /* UNIQUE IDENTIFIER OR REGISTRAT NUMBER */
SCHAR 3 . $/ *$ FSA (ANA)--FIRST 3 CHARACTERS OF PCODE */
SCHAR3.; /* LDU (NAN)--LAST 3 CHARACTERS OF PCODE */
/* POSTAL CODE (ANANAN) */.
The ID can be numerical, alphabetic or mixed. It can be up to 12 characters in length, and can be found anywhere in your file, as specified in the INPUT statement. If ID is more than 12 characters in length, the output file formatting would have to be modified. Records with the same ID but different postal codes will each be assigned geographic codes. However, if the same ID and postal code appear in combination more than once, only one example of each combination will be retained. The postal code can also be found anywhere in the file, with the FSA optionally separated from the LDU, or together.

## Step 3: Naming the two output files produced

$P C C F+$ will produce two output files, one for all of the coded data, and a subset of that which contains the problem records (errors, warnings and notes). You must specify the name of these output files by changing the shaded filenames to the names you want your output files to be called. We suggest using the extensions GEO and PRB for these files, but you can use any extensions you wish.

```
filename HLTHOUT OQ8 Ypogefovsumplgate.geo'; /* the main output file */
```



The first of these two output files, known to SAS as HLTHOUT, will contain the ID and postal code from your incoming HLTHDAT file, plus all of the geographic codes which the programs could successfully determine, and diagnostic fields to help you understand how the coding proceeded in each case.

The second output file，known to SAS as GEOPROB，will contain a subset of the HLTHOUT records，for any cases identified as errors，warnings or notes．To facilitate checking and correction，it will be sorted by type of problem（errors first，followed by warnings，followed by notes），then by delivery mode type（DMT），then by postal code．In the unlikely event that none of the HLTHOUT records were identified as potential problems（errors，warnings，or notes）， then the GEOPROB dataset and corresponding file would be empty．
When Steps 1， 2 and 3 are completed，you will be ready to start assigning geographic identifiers to your file based on postal codes．If you are eager to get started，go right ahead．Just submit the SAS program．The rest of the documentation can be read later．To make the SAS printout easier to read，the page setup（under the file menu）should specify landscape orientation，and the print setup（also under the file menu）should specify font SAS monospace 8 point．

## Step 4 （optional）：Getting appropriate geographic coding for FSAs which were moved（V1H \＆V9G）

After completing Step 3 （running the program），check the printed output．Immediately following the Summary of Automated Coding Results（at the beginning of the LST output），if your data contained any postal codes beginning with V1H or V9G which were moved south in 1997，you will see a table showing how many postal codes with each of those two FSA were involved．If that table is present（and non－blank），then to get the appropriate geographic coding for those postal codes，you may need to run a supplemental program（R5xOLD for residential coding，or I5xOLD for institutional coding）．Whether or not you need to run the supplemental program depends on the vintage of your postal codes（see Appendix C for how the vintage of a postal code is defined）．If the vintage of your postal codes is I April 1999 or later，then use of the supplemental programs is unnecessary and will have no effect on the data．In all other cases，if the results of Step 3 show problem postal codes beginning in V1H or V9G，you should run the supplemental program to ensure that the appropriate geographic codes are assigned．
First identify your input file，as you did in Step 2，except that this time the input filename will be the same as the HLTHOUT filename which you identified in Step 3.
Assuming that each record in your data has approximately the same vintage of postal code，then check the first input data step in R5xOLD or I5xOLD，and modify the value of PCVDATC if required，as shown in the shaded area below： If your data contain no postal codes of vintage later than 1 June 1996，then do not change the value of PCVDATC．
／＊ONLY CHANGE DATE BELOW IF VINTAGE IS LATER THAN 19970601：＊／
PCVDATC＝＇婁99706011＇；$/ *$ YYYYMMDD VINTAGE OF PCODES＊／
／＊MM＝01－12；DD＝01－31 ONLY－NOT OO OR 99 ＊／
When you have completed the above，submit the supplemental program．Depending on the vintage of your postal codes，some，none or all of the geographic coding for postal codes beginning with V1H and／or V9G may be changed to correspond to their former location．

The rest of this step is needed only if each record of your data may have a different vintage ofpostal code，so that the global change of the PCVDATC as shown above is not appropriate．But if（as will most often be the case）the global change was appropriate，then stop here．

If each record of your data may have a different vintage of postal code，then append that date to the end of each HLTHOUT record output by GEORES5x or GEOINS5x，and then revise the first input data step in R5xOLD or I5xOLD to include the following line：
（13）TRTMDATC SCHAR8．；／＊YYYYMMDD VINTAGE OF PCODE＊／•
And in that case，don＇t forget to delete the semicolon at the end of the old input statement；and to comment out the line （just below the end of the input statement）that defines PCVDATC as a constant．Do the latter by adding the SAS comment characters as shown in the shaded text below：

```
璁 PCVDATC='19970601'; 授 /* YYYYMMDD VINTAGE OF PCODES */
```

Table 1 Files included in PCCF + Version 5x

| Filename / PC filename (if different) | Description |
| :---: | :---: |
| GEORES5x.SAS | SAS PROG (RESIDENCE CODES) |
| GEOINS5x.SAS* | ALT SAS PROG (OFFICE CODES) |
| R5xOLD.SAS\# | SAS PROG OLD FSAs (RESIDENCE CODES) |
| I5xOLD.SAS\#* | ALT SAS PROG OLD FSAs (OFFICE CODES) |
| DIST5x.SAS | CALCULATES MINIMUM DISTANCE TO CLOSEST OF MANY LAT LONG |
| EXPLODE2.SAS + GROUPED.TXT | TRANSFORMS COUNT DATA TO EQUIVALENT INDIVIDUAL RECORDS |
| FIXPCBAD.SAS + PCBAD.TXT | FIX COMMON ERRORS IN CANADIAN POSTAL CODES. |
| BLDG9606.EGMRES.CAN | POSSIBLE RES FOR DMT E G M |
| ELDG0803.TXTFIEZ3.CAN | BLDG NAMES \& ADDRESSES |
| CPADR.NADR0803.CAN | NUMBER ADDRESS RANGES FOR PCODE |
| GEOREF06.ARDEF.CAN | AGRICULTURAL REGION (CROP DISTRICT) DEFINITIONS |
| GEOREF06. ARNAMES. CAN | AGRICULTURAL REGION (CROP DISTRICT) NAMES |
| GEOREF06. DB06EADA. CAN | 2006 DISSEMINATION BLOCK TO 1981-2001 EA/DA |
| GEOREF06.CCSSAC.CAN | CENSUS CONSOLIDATED SUBDIVISION DEFS, SACTYPE, SAC |
| GEOREF06. CCSNAMES. CAN | CENSUS CONSOLIDATED SUBDIVISION NAMES |
| GEOREF06. CDNAMES. CAN | CENSUS DIVISION NAMES |
| GEOREF06. CSDNAMES. CAN | CENSUS SUBDIVISION NAMES |
| GEOREF06.CSIZE06.CAN | COMMUNITY SIZE BASED ON 2006 CMACA POP (INCL CMA NAMES) |
| GEOREF06. DABLK06.CAN | BLOCKS WITHIN DISSEMINATION AREAS |
| GEOREF06. DABLKPNT06.CAN | POINTER TO BLOCKS WITHIN DISSEMINATION AREAS |
| GEOREF06. DPINAMES. CAN | DESIGNATED PLACE NAMES |
| GEOREF06.ERDEF.CAN | ECONOMIC REGION DEFINITIONS |
| GEOREF06.ERNAMES.CAN | ECONOMIC REGION NAMES |
| GEOREF06. FEDNAMES. CAN | FEDERAL ELECTORAL DISTRICT |
| GEOREF06.GTF06.CAN | GECGRAPHIC ATTRIBUTES AT BLOCK LEVEL |
| GEOREF06.HRDEF07L.CAN | HEALTH REGIONS DEFINITIONS |
| GEOREF06.HRNAM05C.CAN | HEALTH REGION NAMES AND POPULATIONS |
| GEOREF06.INSTFLG.CAN | INSTITUTIONAL FLAG |
| GEOREF06. NSREL.96. CAN | NORTH SOUTH RELATIONSHIP (BASED ON 1996 PRCDCSD) |
| GEOREF06. SUBDEF07L.CAN | HEALTH DISTRICT DEFINITIONS |
| GEOREF06. SUBNAM5C.CAN | HEALTH DISTRICT NAMES |
| *GEOREF06.THDIST2.COD | TORONTO HEALTH PLANNING AREA NAMES AND CODES |
| *GEOREF06. THPA06DA. DEF | TORONTO HEALTH PLANNING AREA DEFINITIONS |
| GEOREF06.DB01DA06.CAN | 2001 CENSUS DISSEMINATION BLOCK TO 2006 DISSEMINATION AREA |
| MSWORD.FCCP5x.PDF | PCCF+ USER GUIDE-FRENCH |
| MSWORD. FMT5xGEO.DOC | MS word Shell for Printing The Main output file (.geo) |
| MSWORD. FMT5xPRB. DOC | MS word SHELL FOR PRINTING THE PROBLEM FILE (.PR |
| MSWORD. PCCFSx. PDF | PCCF+ USER GUIDE-ENGLISH |
| PCCFYYmm, BCVUNIQ. CAN\# | PCODES PRIOR TO MOVE--OLD FSAs |
| PCCFYYmm. CPCOMM. CAN | CANADA POST COMMUNITY NAMES |
| PCCFYymm. DUPS . CAN | ALL OCCURRENCES DUPLICATE PCODES |
| PCCFYYmm. FSAGEOG.CAN | GEOGRAPHY AT EACH FSA |
| PCCFYYmm. FSAGEO1.CAN\# | GEOGRAPHY AT EACH FSA-OLD ESAS |
| PCCFYYmm.FSA12GEO.CAN | GEOGRAPHY AT EACH FSA 12 |
| PCCFYYmm.FSAI2GE1.CAN\# | GEOGRAPHY AT EACH FSA12-OLD FSAs |
| PCCFYymm. POINTDUP. CAN | POINTER TO 1ST DUPLICATE PCODE |
| PCCFYymm.RPO.CAN* | RURAL POST OFFICE LOCATIONS |
| PCCFYYmm.UNIQ.CAN | PCODES UNIQUE ON PCCF |
| PCCFYYmm. WCFPOINT. CAN | POINTER TO 1ST DUPLICATE PCODE ON WCF |
| PCCFYYmm. WCFUDUPS. CAN | ALL OCCURRENCES DUPL+UNIQUE PCODES ON WCF |
| PCCFC06.WCFBLK. CAN | BLOCKS SERVED BY WCF POSTAL CODES |
| PCCFC06. WCFBLKPT. CAN | POINTER TO BLOCKS SERVED BY WCF POSTAL CODES |
| PCCFCO6.FSAPOINT.CAN | POINTER TO 1ST DUPLICATE FSADABLK - |
| PCCFCO6. FSAUDUPS. CAN. | ALL OCCURRENCES DUPL+UNIQUE FSADABLK, |
| SAMPLEDAT.CAN | SAMPLE DATA FOR TESTING PROGRAMS |
| SERVICES.IGE | TEST DATA FOR PROGRAM DIST4x.SAS |
| PCBAD. TXT | TEST DATA FOR PROGRAM FIXPCBAD.SAS |
| SESREF.QAIPE06.CAN | IPPE QUINTILES WITHIN CMACA (BASED ON 2006 CENSUS DATA) |

Note: Provincial or regional subsets of the reference files will end with one of the following extensions in place of CAN: NF NS PE NB PQ ON MB SK AB BC YT NT NU ATL PRA WES. (For the meanings of the filename extensions, see page 17.) For best results, all of the files used should have the same extensions.

* An asterisk following a filename indicates that it is only needed for office coding.
\# A number sign following a filename indicates that it is only needed for coding FSAs which have-been moved. PCCFyymm replaced by PCCF0803 (March 2008), etc.
GEORES5x GEOINS5x replaced by GEORES5C GEOINS5C (Version SC), etc.


## HOW THE PACKAGE WORKS

## Origins and objectives of PCCF +

PCCF + consists of two SAS control programs (GEORES5x for residential coding, GEOINS5x for office coding) and a series of reference files derived from the Statistics Canada Postal Code Conversion File (PCCF), the Postal Code Population Weight File (WCF) and other sources. It automatically assigns a full range of geographic identifiers (PR CD CSD CMA CT DA BLK LAT LONG etc.) based on postal codes. It is consistent and logical in the way it does this. PCCF+ uses techniques developed over a period of years for research studies at Statistics Canada. Any incorrect coding due to errors in the underlying reference files can easily be corrected once identified. To do such coding by manual methods would require highly skilled coders with much time and access to full mailing addresses. Even so, the results of manual coding would tend to be less accurate (particularly in urban areas), and they could inadvertently introduce systematic bias (especially in rural areas).
Version 1: 1986 Census geography; equal weight to each duplicate record
Version 2: 1991 Census geography; 2B (20\% sample) household weights for most duplicate records
Version 3: 1996 Census geography; 2A ( $100 \%$ count) population weights for most duplicate records
Version 4: 2001 Census geography, 2A ( $100 \%$ count) population weights for most duplicate records
Version 5: 2006 Census geography, 2A ( $100 \%$ count) population weights for most duplicate records

## Objectives

At their place of residence, $\mathbf{2 4 \%}$ of the Canadian population use postal codes which are vague and ambiguous with respect to location (see Table 2, page 22), or which are only linked to post office location. This is the biggest problem facing geographic coding from Canadian postal codes. For example, about $20 \%$ of the population uses rural postal codes (which each serve an average of about 1100 persons), $3 \%$ use rural route services from urban post offices, and $1 \%$ use small post office boxes. For the other $76 \%$ of Canadians, the vast majority use postal codes presenting little or no problem with respect to geographic coding, which can usually be done with great precision. For example, for the most common category of service-letter carrier delivery to a private dwelling-only about 30 people share the same postal code. However, a few classes of urban postal codes are primarily used by businesses and institutions, and may or may not be valid as a place of residence. It is important to identify and deal with the various sorts of problems represented by each of the above categories, and that is what $P C C F+$ does, or helps you to do, as summarized below.

- Deal with community mail boxes and other sources of duplicate records on the PCCF (DMT A, B).
- Identify postal codes which may be used by businesses or institutions (DMT E, G, M).
- Provide geographically unbiased coding despite the great ambiguity of rural postal codes and rural routes from urban post offices (DMT W, H, T).
- Provide geographically unbiased coding for persons or organizations using small PQ boxes at urban post offices (DMT K), and for those using General Delivery at urban post offices (DMT J):
- Provide client site coding (vs PO location) for institutions using large PO boxes (DMT M).
- Deal with retired postal codes, taking into account problems related to previous DMT.
- . Provide for translation across different vintages of census geography.


## Bells and whistles

- Use the FSA to impute or partially impute geographic coding where the postal code is not found or is only linked to post office geography.
- Use the first 1 or 2 characters of the postal code for partial imputation if FSA not found.
- Provide information which may help in correcting erroneous or problematic postal codes, or for finding geographic codes by other means (if possiblè); try to furnish enough information so that the user can decide whether to accept or reject the coding suggested, if correction of the underlying problem is not possible or feasible.
- For postal codes which may or may not refer to a place of business (DMT E, G, or M); flag records for postal codes known to serve non-residential addresses, and flag those known to serve residential addresses.
- For areas consisting primarily of collective dwellings, indicate the predominate type of dwelling (hospital, nursing home, prison, etc.).


## Operational requirements

- 'Provide detailed diagnostics indicating how the coding was done, what problems were encountered, and how ambiguous the postal code was (especially re CD and CSD codes).
- Document everything in a detailed User's Guide.
- Make it simple to use by persons with little or no previous knowledge of geography or computers, and small enough to run regional subsets on unsophisticated personal computers.
- Update semi-annually following release of new vintages of the PCCF.

What's new in Version 5D? Routine update to include postal codes through to the end of September 2008.

## What was new in Version 5C?

Full geographic coding is now done to 2006 vintage census geography, using 2006 census population weights where required. 2006 geography replaces the 2001 census geography. Although the new PCCF separates retired from active postal codes, they are all included in PCCF + , though still flagged as retired if appropriate.

QAIPPE is NW based on 2006 income data.
Three fields newly added to the regular PCCF-related to the quality of the postal conversion process at Statistics Canadawere ported to PCCF+. POINSTAL, QILEVEL, GMETHOD.

Canada Post Air Stage offices are now flagged: AIRLIFT.
EA or DA from all census geography vintages since 1981 are now included (EA81uid, EA86uid, EA91uid, EA96uid, DA01uid, DA06uid).
All but one (AIRLIFT) of the new variables are appended to the end of the file (beginning with position 117), so the record layout up to that point is almost unchanged. (except CT is now length 7 versus 6 previously)
Health regions and health districts: updated definitions with a reference date of December 2007.

## What was new in Version 4J?

Updated to include postal codes through to the end of September 2006. A combined variable (CSIZEMIZ) has been added, showing both urban size group (CSIZE) plus rural metropolitan influence zone (MIZ). A new field for the 2006 dissemination area has been appended (DA06uid), based on the 2001 census block information. Alberta health district (sub-RHA) coding has been added, based on a DA approximation of the definitions which came into effect in 2005, and Alberta health regions are now numbered according to the provincial standard.
What was new in Version 4H? Routine update to include postal codes through to the end of March 2006.

## What was new in Version 4G?

Routine update to include postal codes through to the end of October 2005. For the Federal Electoral Districts, 2003 Representation Order (FED2003), riding names and definitions have been updated to include changes in 2004 and 2005. Ontario health region (HR) definitions have been updated to include changes through August 2005 (LHIN Version 11).

## What was new in Version 4F?

Health region and health district definitions have been updated to 1 June 2005 reference date (Statistics Canada, Health Indicators, June 2005, catalogue 82-221-XIE; Statistics Canada, Health Regions 2005: Boundaries and Correspondence with Census Geography, catalogue 82-402-XIE). Most notable changes were in Newfoundland and Labrador (amalgamation of four regions into two; other regions unchanged), Nova Scotia (definition of 9 district health authorities as subsets of health zones), Ontario (district health councils abolished in favour of 14 local health integration networks (LHINs); one public health unit dissolved and split between two other units), and Alberta (boundary change between two regions). There were also name changes for 2 health regions in Québec.
Population weights for rural areas now include estimates for under enumerated Indian reserves.

## What was new in Version 4D?

In Version 4D, a new field was added at the end of the main output file for the federal eleetoral district--2003 representation order (FED2003). Those were the ridings used for the June 2004 federal election. The heatth district (SUB) field once again identifies CLSCs in Québec, based on the best fit of each census dissemination area. Numerous corrections to programming and files resulted in better coding for urban and rural areas.

## What was new in Version 4A?

In Version 4, coding is to 2001 census standard geography, using 2001 census population weights when required. By contrast, Version 3 coding was to 1996 census geography, using 1996 census population weights when required.
For 2001 census, the dissemination area has replaced the enumeration area as the lowest standard level of geography for most data dissemination purposes. However, dissemination areas are built up from census blocks, which are the basic geographic
units required for the definition of health regions, health districts, federal electoral districts, designated places, and the census urban and rural area typology, as well as for best fit correspondence to previous census geographies. So for geographic coding purposes, the dissemination area plus census block replaces the enumeration area, and that change is reflected in $P C C F+$ Version 4. Block-level coding is much more precise than enumeration area-level coding, but the file sizes are much larger now than previously ( 478,707 blocks versus 49,361 EAs in 1996), so execution time of the programs has noticeably increased.

In previous census geographies, the federal electoral district code was an integral part of the enumeration area code (PRFEDEA), which was lowest standard level of geography for both geographic coding and data dissemination purposes. For the 2001 census geography, the enumeration area is used only for data collection purposes, so it has been dropped from $P C C F+$ Version 4. The federal electoral district code has been retained, but it has been moved to near the end of the file. Note that for the 1996 census, the federal electoral district representation order was that of 1987 , while for the 2001 census, it changed to the 1996 representation order.

The 2001 census population weight file allows for population-weighted random allocation among multiple dissemination areas served by a single postal code. As with previous versions of $P C C F+$, this is done for several classes of postal codes (those with delivery mode types of H through Z ) which mainly provide service to rural residents. Then within the randomly selected dissemination area, an additional population-weighted random allocation is performed to select a single block from among the multiple census blocks in that dissemination area. The latter routine is new for Version 4, as it is required for defining several of the geographic levels of major interest to users.
When imputations of geographic coding are required based on the first three characters of the postal code (the forward sortation area or FSA), a complete set of geographic codes down to dissemination area and block are imputed from rural as well as urban FSAs. Previously, a complete set of codes was only imputed for urban FSAs.
The definitions of health regions (HR) and health districts (SUB) have been updated to reflect recent changes in sorie. provinces, as well as the new census geographic concepts.
An updated neighbourhood income quintile field (QAIPPE) is based on 2001 census data by dissemination area.
The community size field (CSIZE) has been updated, based on 2001 census populations. This field classifies census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations by population size, and the residual area not in any census metropolitan area or census agglomeration--also known as "rural and small town Canada" (Plessis et al, 2001).

A new field for the statistical area classification type (SACTYPE) has been added. This field distinguishes among census metropolitan areas (all of which are tracted), tracted versus untracted census agglomerations, and the residual area not in any census metrópolitan area or census agglomeration ("rural and small town Canada"), with the latter further classified by the relative importance of commuting flows to work in any census metropolitan area or census agglomeration--also known as "metropolitan influence zones" or MIZ.
A new field defining the North-South relationship (NSREL) in Canada has been added. This field distinguishes South from South transition, North transition and North. It is based on methods described by Puderer and McNiven (2000).
A new field for the rural-urban block (BLKURB) has been added. This is an alternate way of defining urban and rural, based on the population density of each census block, which permits both urban and rural areas to be defined within as well as outside of census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations. Note however that in the vast majority of rural areas, the census block and dissemination area are imputed based on population-weighted random allocations among the many such units known to fall within the postal code service area, so this field should only be used with due caution for the definitional difficulties. Classification based on urban postal codes is much more certain, as the specific block is almost always known with much greater certainty. This field is defined as follows: IF UARA GE 9910 then blevire 0 ; else if uara ne . Then BLKURB=1.

A new field for economic region (ER) has been added. Economic regions (formerly known as "subprovincial regions") are defined as aggregates of adjacent complete census divisions except in, Ontario, where in one case an ER is defined as an aggregate of adjacent census subdivisions, but splitting census division boundaries.

A new field for census agricultural region (AR) has been added. ARs are defined as aggregâtes of complete adjacent census divisions, except in Saskatchewan, where they are defined as aggregates of adjacent census consolidated subdivisions, without respect to census division boundaries.

A new field for census consolidated subdivision (CCS) has been added. CCSs are defined as aggregations of adjacent census subdivisions within a given census division.

The various categories of the representative point flag field (RPF) have been redefined to correspond with the new 2001 census geography concepts.

The enumeration area collective dwelling field (EACOLL) and the enumeration area comment flag field (EACMTFLG) have been deleted, since enumeration areas are now used only for data collection purposes, and no longer appear on the PCCF + output files. In its place, a new field (INSTFLG) has been added to help identify records likely to be for institutional residents.
A supplemental program (DIST4x.SAS) has been added to calculate distances from each postal code on one output file (usually the result of GEORES4x.SAS), to the closest of many postal codes on another file (which would usually be the output of GEOINS4x.SAS). Typically this would be used for calculating distances from residences to some kind of health facility or health professional. Basic familiarity with SAS programming is required for use of this supplementary program.

## What was new in version 3E?

Health regions (HR) and health district (SUB) codes were assigned based on the enumeration area code, if present. If an enumeration area code was not present, then the program attempted to assign health region and health district codes based on the census subdivision code, if known, as long as $90 \%$ or more of the census subdivision population resided in a single health region or health district.
Canada Post recently moved two FSAs in British Columbia: 100km south in the case of V9G, and 400 km south in the case of V1H. This means that the vintage of the postal code must now be taken into account in order to correctly assign geography in such cases. Thus, the main programs (GEORES3E \& GEOINS3E) were revised to assign only the most current geographic codes for those cases, and supplementary programs (R3EOLD \& I3EOLD) were written to assign the old geographic coding where required, depending on the vintage of the postal codes (which can be specified). The supplementary programs also print out a summary of the corrections and problems encountered in the recoding, if any, and merge the corrections back into a revised main file. To explain how to use the supplementary programs, and to determine whether or not their use is required, a new Step 4 (optional) was added to the Getting Started section of the documentation.
To further increase the functionality of the output files, community size (CSIZE) codes are now assigned based on the census metropolitan area and census agglomeration code (the CMA field, which includes CA codes). Also, to demonstrate the ease of attaching geographically-coded variables from other data sets (such as summary data from the quinquennial census), neighbourhood income quintile (QAIPPE) codes are now assigned, based on the enumeration area code.
The CPCCODE field (a sequential numeric code corresponding to the Canada Post Community Name) was fully implemented. In previous versions, records which were coded by the weighted conversion file (WCF) were not assigned a CPCCODE, but beginning with Version 3E, all records with a valid postal code have had it assigned.
The main output files (dataset HLTHOUT) are identical in format to those produced by Version 3D, except for the addition of the 4 new fields (HR SUB CSIZE QAIPPE) appended to the end of the record, as noted in the revised documentation. The output of the supplementary programs (R3EOLD and I3EOLD) also include 3 additional fields (BTHDATEC RETDATEC PCVDATC) appended to the end of the record.
The problem file output was modified slightly by reducing the latitude and longitude fields each to 2 digits in order to leave enough room to show the HR and SUB fields.
The documentation was revised to reflect the above changes.

## What was new in Version 3 (all other updates)?

- Version 3 produced output coded to 1996 Census standard geography, whereas Version 2 coded to 1991 census standards, and Version 1 coded to 1986 census standards.
- Whenever possible, 1996 2A (100\%) population weights were used for postal codes served by rural post offices, or by rural routes, PO boxes, and suburban route service from urban post offices. However, 1991 2B ( $20 \%$ sample) household weights were used for such postal codes if they were not part of the 1996 census population weight file.
- EAs were imputed for rural as well as most urban postal codes. However, imputation of EA from urban FSAs (new in Version 2) was no longer performed for postal codes linked to post office geography, for which the service area or users might be outside the nominal FSA boundaries.
- New fields were added, but all of the former fields were retained, as was the "look and feel" of the programs. The only change to the definitions of former fields is for problem (PROB) type 2 (unused since Version 1), which was redefined as a Warning (rather than Error as formerly) when the postal code was improbable as a place of residence. The PROB field has been renamed LINK, so that the meaning of the field values will be intuitive: LINK $=0$ means no link, and LINK $=9$ means best link. Latitude and longitude were shown with much greater precision (degrees +6 places after the decimal rather than degrees +4 places previously). The field CCSUM was no longer written to the files, but it was still calculated for the printouts.

DPL A field for Designated Place (DPL) code was added. This was a new sub-municipal level of geography with the 1996 census.

RESFLG Postal codes for addresses which were improbable as a place of residence were now flagged (RESFLG), as are postal codes for business and institutional type addresses which appeared to be possible places of residence.
EACOL A field for Enumeration Area Collective Dwelling (EACOL) type was added. This field identified EAs which were specific to hospitals, nursing homes, prisons, etc.
EACMT An Enumeration Area Comment (EACMT) could occur in the problem file output if other address information was not available. The comment field usually named the collective dwelling, business or institution specific to that EA. A flag field (EACMTFLG) identified EAs for which such comments were available in the G96EACMT file.

Five new diagnostic fields were added. The first three were derived from the PCCF, while the last two were derived from other sources:

DMTDIFF A new field based on the previous DMT (DMTDIFF) allowed retired postal codes to be used without fear of overlooking problems related to the previous DMT.
RPF The Representative Point Flag (RPF) indicated the precision of the underlying geographic linkage (to BLKFACE or EA, and single or multiple links in each case).
SERV The Canada Post Service Type code (SERV) distinguished route service with street address from route service without street address.

PREC The precision (PREC) of latitude and longitude coordinates was indicated with respect to the service area of the postal code, as well as with respect to the blockface or EA nature of the coordinates, and with respect to the nature of the imputation required (if any). $0=$ least precise; $9=$ most precise.
NADR The number of address ranges (NADR) served by a postal code was usually one, but might be many. For example, community mail boxes and rural route services usually refer to several address ranges, while most other urban postal codes refer to only one address or address range.
Because of these changes, the record layout for the last section of both output files was changed.
The source program code was still written in SAS, and was easily modifiable-for example, to reduce the printed output by deleting frequency tabulations of each field. As before, the source program was self-documenting to facilitate understanding of what the program actually did and didn't do.

Preliminary versions of supplemental files and model programs were made available for translating back and forth between 1991 and 1996 census geographies.

## What was new in Version 2?

Version 2 of $P C C F+($ Geocodes/PCCF) incorporated several significant improvements over the original version.

- Manual geographic coding was no longer required for records with valid postal codes, except in very rare circumstances (<1\%). Previously, about 10-15\% of records with valid postal codes could not be coded to census tract and enumeration area without manual intervention. Now most postal codes for rural routes from urban post offices, for post office boxes (group of boxes), as well as for suburban service and general delivery, could automatically be assigned the full complement of geographic codes available for other types of postal codes.
- Records with postal codes which serve more than one enumeration area--including most rural postal codes and several classes of urban postal codes-were assigned geographic codes based on a household-weighted random allocation among the possible locations. This produced an ufbiased allocation of events in relation to the resident population. An alternative program could be chosen which would assign all rurateostal codes to village centres.
- Problem records now included better diagnostic and reference information. Fields indicating the source of the matching and the number of different levels of geographic codes assigned were added, in addition to the previously availabie fields which indicated the type of problem, the number of census divisions and census subdivisions served by the postal code, and the DMT.
- Business and institutional addresses were more clearly identified. The problem records for most such cases showed the building, company, or institutional establishment name and brief addréss--which helped determine if the postal code corresponds to the client's usual place of residence (or business), or was the result of a keying or reporting error.
- "Most likely" partial geographic coding based on the first two characters of the postal code was suggested (where possible) for records with invalid postal codes. Previously, such coding was attempted only if the first three characters were valid.
- For geographic coding of the location of health facilities and health professionals, an alternate SAS control program (GEONS $4 x$ ) and one additional file (RPO) were provided. With the alternate program and file, records with rural postal codes were assigned to the same enumeration area as the rural post office.


## How the reference files were produced

To develop the reference files used, the PCCF was pre-processed as follows. First the file was analyzed to determine which postal codes were unique, and which occurred more than once on the file (linked to more than one dissemination area, block or blockface). The unique postal codes were then separated from the duplicate codes. Only the essential fields of the PCCF were retained, to reduce disk storage and memory requirements. Canada Post community names were assigned numeric codes so the names could be moved off to a much smaller, non-redundant auxiliary file. Census subdivision names (but not the corresponding numeric SGC codes) were also removed to a much smaller, non-redundant auxiliary file. Additional reference files were created to show the relationship of the first three characters of the postal code to corresponding census divisions, census subdivisions, census metropolitan areas/census agglomerations, census tracts, enumeration areas, and latitude/longitude. A similar file was created showing the relationship of the first 2 characters of the postal code to the most frequently corresponding census geography and latitude/longitude. Other files were created for matching postal codes to a subset of the 1991, 1996, 2001 and 2006 Postal Code Population Weight Files or Weighted Conversion Files (WCF), which are based on census population or household counts by postal codes and census geography. For Version 5, missing block codes are assigned by population-weighted imputation from dissemination area, if available. A building name and address file was constructed to help check the validity of postal codes for problem records related to business, commercial and institutional establishments. Using census data plus visual inspection of building names, postal codes for addresses which are improbable as a place of residence were flagged, as were postal codes for business and institution-type addresses which appear to be possible places of residence. Health region and health district codes were obtained from provincial health departments. When necessary, dissemination area and block approximations to the definitions were created. A file showing neighbourhood income quintiles within each census metropolitan area or census agglomeration (CMACA) or provincial rural and small town areas was created, based on dissemination area summary data from the 2006 census. Community size groups were determined, based on the 2006 census population in each CMACA. Areas outside of any CMACA were taken as the smallest community size group ("rural and small town Canada").

## What the package does

The result is a set of related files, which together with the SAS control programs provided, can be used for automated coding of most records with a valid postal code. As long as the postal codes on your incoming file are yalid for the addresses, $P C C F+$ will generate highly accurate geographic coding for your data. However, because of the nature of the PCCF and WCF, a few classes of valid postal codes still cannot be assigned full geographic identifiers corresponding to a place of residence or place of business. In such cases, as well as for postal codes that do not match exactly to the PCCF or WCF, the first three characters of the postal code are used to try to assign partial geographic identifiers to the extent possible. If that fails, then the first two characters of the postal code are tried.
In each case where PCCF + encounters a possible problem with its automated coding, diagnostic codes are output to the problem file, together with any partial geographic identifiers which may have been determined. The program listing prints out the problem records grouped by type of problem; the records themselves follow a brief printed message describing the problem and suggesting how to correct it. Usually the first thing to do is to check the postal code to make sure that it was correctly entered, and to see that the postal code shown is the correct one for the address.

## Why it is important to have accurate postal codes

The coding produced by PCCF+ is only as good as the postal codes on your incoming data file. The Postal Code Directory issued by Canada Post, or computerized versions of the directory (available from variousisjurces), can be used to find missing postal codes as well as to validate or correct existing postal codes on your file. With computerized versions, the reverse lookup of address ranges from postal codes is an effective and efficient way of validating postal codes for incomplete or incorrectly spelled addresses. Note that in addition to its troublesome consequences for geographic coding, the absence of a valid postal code on your file could adversely affect any later follow up which might be required. Moreover, the delivery of mail by Canada Post may be delayed or impossible without a valid postal code.

## How the matching process works

The routines in GEORES5x are for assigning geographic codes for places of usual residence. Similar routines in GEOINS5x can be used to assign geographic codes for locations of health facilities or offices of health professionals.

The SAS control program for residential coding is explained below; procedures which apply only to office coding are shown in italics:
(1) First, rural postal codes and postal codes served by rural route delivery or suburban services from urban post offices, or which indicate a group of post office boxes or a single post office box, are matched to a subset of the Weighted Conversion File (WCF)--consisting of about 75,000 records for 12,000 different postal codes. As most such codes serve more than one dissemination area, the geographic codes are assigned randomly in proportion to the distribution of population with that postal code, as seen in the WCF. For coding of office locations, etc., the GEOINS5x program omits the rural postal codes from this step, so that they can all be assigned to the same dissemination area as the rural post office.
Second, remaining postal codes which are unique on the PCCF (only linked to a single dissemination area, block or blockface) are matched to corresponding codes on the incoming HLTHDAT file. There are about 560,000 of these unique codes for all Canada, including most urban postal codes. For coding of office locations, rural postal codes logether with their corresponding post office geography (File RPO) are added at this point, since those records are also unique.
Then postal codes which are not unique on the PCCF (over 260,000 different postal codes for which about 1.4 million PCCF records exist, including each of the multiple occurrences of the same postal code) are matched to the remaining records from the HLTHDAT file. Most urban postal codes and some rural postal codes which are not unique on the PCCF (in the sense that they link to more than one dissemination area, block or blockface) are nonetheless not ambiguous in terms of higher levels of geography such as CD, CSD or CMA, CT. To avoid "many-to-many" matching, the matching in this part of the program is done in two steps: (a) Each remaining HLTHDAT record (not already matched to the WCF or to the PCCF unique file) is matched by postal code to a pointer file (POINTDUP) which contains a single record for each postal code which occurs more than once on the PCCF. The pointer file shows how many times the postal code occurs, and the physical location (observation number) of the first occurrence of that postal code on the DUPS file. (b) The information on the POINTDUP file is used to match each successive HLTHDAT record with the next occurrence of that postal code on the DUPS file. This has the effect of distributing events for such postal codes across all possible dissemination areas, blocks or blockfaces which are served by that postal code--with equal weight assigned to each PCCF record.
Because block codes are required for coding of HR SUB FED UARA, missing block codes are now assigned based on population-weighted imputation from the dissemination area code, if that is available.
Error records are then identified and processed as follows: (a) Any record with a postal code which did not match on all 6 characters to the PCCF is identified as an error record (LINK $=0$ ). (b) Records with postal codes which matched, to the PCCF or WCF, but whose DMT is M or X are also identified as error records (LINK=1), since the PCCF only indicates their post office location. (c) The geographic codes for error records are set to missing values. (d) Using auxiliary files, an attempt is then made to assign highly probable CMA, CD and CSD codes, plus CT and DA for urban postal codes. Coding will be suggested based on the first 3 characters of the postal code (FSA), or failing that, based on the first 2 characters of the postal code. PR (only) may be assigned based on the first character of the postal code.

Health region and health district codes are then assigned by matching to DA, or to DA and BLK, if required.
Neighbourhood income quintiles within each CMA or CA (QAIPPE) are then assigned, based on the DA. Note that neighbourhood income data are not available for DAs made up of institutional collective dwellings.
Community size codes (CSIZE) are then assigned, based on CMA or CA populations from the 2001 census. Statistical area classification type (SACTYPE) codes are assigned, based on the CMA or CA code (for SACTYPEs 1-4) plus the PRCDCSD (for SACTYPEs 5-8). Economic region (ER) codes are assigned, based on the PRCD (or PRCDCSD in Ontario only). Agricultural region (AR) codes are assigned based on PRCD (or PRCDCCS in Saskatchewan only). A residence flag is assigned by matching to PCODE to identify non-residential versus residential postal codes among postal codes whose DMT is E, G or M.
1981, 1986, 1991 and 1996 enumeration area codes are assigned using 2006 block to EA/DA correspondence files.
All records with their corresponding geography (to the extent found) are output to the HLTHOUT (.GEO) file. If some or all geographic codes could not be determined, those fields are set to missing values before writing to the

HLTHOUT (.GEO) file. See Appendix A for the record layout, and Appendix $\mathbf{C}$ for an explanation of the fields and codes.
A smaller file (GEOPROB) is then created containing: records with postal codes which could not be matched on all 6 characters (LINK type 0 : error); records with postal codes for a Delivery Mode Type (DMT) which is only linked to post office location on the PCCF (LINK type 1 : error), and for which census location data were not available on the WCF; records where the DMT frequently indicates a non-residential address (LINK types 3 and 4: warning); records for postal codes known to indicate a non-residential address (LINK type 2: warning); records which could have been assigned more than one CSD based on the unweighted PCCF (LINK type 5: note); records which could have been assigned to more than one CSD based on the WCF (LINK type 6: note). See Appendix B for the record layout, and Appendix $C$ for an explanation of the fields and codes.
A one page summary of what happened, including the number of records in each link type above is printed in the program listing, together with suggestions as to what to do in each case. The summary also shows the distribution of records by the number of geographic codes which were assigned. See Appendix $D$ for sample output.
Frequency counts of the occurrence of each value of the main fields are printed out. This is done first for the entire HLTHOUT dataset, and then for the GEOPROB subset.
The entire problem dataset (GEOPROB) is printed out. In this case, the spacing of the printout mirrors that of the corresponding file. See Appendix $D$ for sample output.
The first 500 records from the output dataset (HLTHOUT, including fully coded, partially coded, and uncoded records) are printed out. The printout includes one field which is not present in the output dataset: DISTANCE, which was calculated for illustrative purposes only. See Appendix D for sample output.

## How the programs deal with multiple matches

Version 5 of $P C C F$ + has two different ways of dealing with multiple matches-where a single postal code can be linked to more than one dissemination area, block or blockface. (1) For rural postal codes (with a 0 in the second position) and for urban postal codes with a delivery mode type (DMT) of $\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{K}, \mathrm{M}, \mathrm{T}$ and Z , a subset of the WCF is used whenever possible to make a population-weighted random'distribution of records among the applicable geographic areas served. In this way, if $75 \%$ of the population served by a postal code was known to be in DA 1001 , then on average, $75 \%$ of the records will be assigned to that DA. Next, within the randomly selected DA, a specific block is selected, using weights based on total block population in the blocks served in whole or in part by the postal code. (2) For other types of postal codes with multiple matches possible, equal weight is given to each dissemination area, block or blockface. Successive events at such a postal code are coded in turn to each applicable dissemination area, block or blockface. For office coding only, rural postal codes are always assigned to the dissemination area and block to which the PCCF single link indicator (SLI) is assigned.
In most cases, a full majling address would not allow any greater accuracy in the determination of CSD, and using only the city or community name line of the address for coding purposes would tend to bias the results towards whichever CSD had a name most similar to that of the postal community. The result would be the often-noted "hot spots" surrounded by "cold spots".
In summary, then, whenever a postal code can be linked to more than one CSD, an explanatory message is printed, the record is output to the problem file (as a Note only), and a systematically selected CSD code is written out to both the main file (HLTHOUT) and the problem file (GEOPROB). For office coding, links to more than one CSD are rare, since rural postal codes are assigned to the dissemination area and block to which the PCCF SLI is assigned.

## How the programs deal with reuse of postal codes (beginning with Version 3E)

After a period of retirement, postal codes are sometimes rebirthed by Canada Post for reuse at a new location. Such reuse may also entail a change of DMT. Reuse of postal codes occurs most frequently, but not exclusively, in areas undergoing rapid expansion which was not foreseen by Canada Post planners when the FSA structure was initiàlly created. However, in almost all cases, reuse of postal codes occurs within the same FSA, and most frequently within afvery short distance of the former use. Thus, reuse of postal codes is not normally a problem, and the birth date and retirement date of postal codes is not part of the usual processing of postal codes in the GEORES5x and GEOINS5x programs. In the late 1990s however, two entire FSAs in British Columbia were first retired, and then moved by Canada Post (approximately 100 km south in the case of V9G, and 400 km south in the case of V1H). So the main programs (GEORES5x and GEOINS5x) were revised to assign only the most current geography to records with those two FSAs. Supplemental programs (R5xOLD and I5xOLD) were written to read the output of the main program, and reassign the old geographic coding where required, based on the vintage of the postal codes (which may be specified by the user). Users with less than current data from British Columbia will thus need to run the main program (eg, GEORES5x) followed by the supplemental program (eg, R5xOLD). The results from the supplemental program are automatically merged back into the data output from the main program. However, if your data do not include postal codes
with those FSAs, or if you data only contain postal codes of vintage 19990401 or later, then use of the alternate programs is unnecessary and will have no effect on the coding produced by the regular programs GEORES5x and GEOINS5x.

## How to indicate unknown or partially unknown postal codes

If the postal code for a given record does not match exactly to any postal code on the PCCF, PCCF + will attempt to assign partial geography based on the first 1,2 or 3 characters the unmatched postal code. Thus, you should give some thought to how unknown or partially complete postal codes should be indicated on your incoming file. If you were to assign the nonexistent postal code H 0 HOHO (ho-ho-ho!) to records with missing (and unfindable) postal codes, then those records would all be assigned PR 24 and CMA 462, since nearly all postal codes beginning with H are from metropolitan Montréal, Québec. Even worse, the non-existent postal code H9H9H9 would be assigned to PR 24, CMA 462 and CD 65 (Île de Montréal), since that is the only place legitimate codes beginning with H 9 H are found. If only the province of residence is known, be sure to indicate the corresponding first letter (for example, B for Nova Scotia) in the initial position of the postal code field, so that the province and region code (PR) will be generated and written to the output files and listings.

## How to run PCCF+

To do automated geographic coding based on postal codes using PCCF + all you need to do is follow steps 1,2 and 3 at the beginning of this User's Guide. The rest of the documentation provides supplementary detail and background information which should be read eventually, but which is not essential to getting started.

## Future versions of $\boldsymbol{P C C F}+$

For each new version of the PCCF, which is to be released semi-annually, a corresponding update of $P C C F+$ will be produced. Supplementary files and sample programs for $\mathrm{EA} \Leftrightarrow \mathrm{DA}+$ BLK translation across census years are now available (contact Russell Wilkins for more information).

## Verification of geographic coding produced by PCCF +

Table 3 (page 21) shows the population-based error percentages for each level of geography, for coding produced by PCCF + Version 3 (R3A) compared to coding from the PCCF Single Link Indicator (SLI), and compared to population-weighted coding from FSA only. In each case, the "gold standard" is a $1 \%$ sample of the census population and corresponding postal codes collected in the 1996 Census of Canada. The error percentages are consistently smaller for the PCCF+ method, compared to the SLI method, at all levels of geography. At the CSD level, for example, the SLI error percentage is three times higher than that produced by PCCF + . At the CT level (mostly in urban postal codes areas), the SLI did much better than at the CSD level, but the error percentage was still over $40 \%$ higher compared to $P C C F+$.

However, if the only objective is to assign codes as close as possible to the real census DA centroids (whether or not the population is distributed among all applicable areas), then the SLI method may be somewhat more accurate, at least beyond the $75^{\text {th }}$ percentile of distance.

## WHERE TO GET HELP

## Technical assistance

Any technical problems noted with the functioning of these programs or suggestions for improvements to the programs or documentation should be addressed to Russell Wilkins, Health Information and Research Division, Statistics Canada, RHC24A, 100 Tunney's Pasture Driveway, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0T6, telephone 1-613-951-5305, fax 1-613-951-3959, email russell.wilkins@statcan.gc.ca. If corresponding by email, be sure to include your telephone number and mailing address.
Canadian Vital Statistics and Cancer Registry users only: For copies of the control programs and/or provincial or regional subsets of the Canada files, or operational problems getting started using the programs, please:contact Colette Brassard,
 1850, fax 1-613-951-0709, email colette.brassard@statcan.gc.ca. Colette can also handle technical questions related to PCSAS running under UNIX, DOS or Windows.

## Suspected problems with the PCCF or PCCF +

... . If you have identified possible errors in coding, please look at the SOURCE diagnostic code. If the SOURCE code is $\mathrm{F}, \mathrm{D}$ or V you may have identified possible errors on the Postal Code Conversion File, so please report these to the Geography Division of Statistics Canada, which is responsible for the creation, maintenance and updates to the PCCF. Include a list of the postal codes which you find suspicious, the geography assigned by the PCCF, and an indication of the nature of the
problem (which fields appear to be wrong?). Contact the GeoHelp desk, Geography Division, Statistics Canada, JT3-B6, Ottawa, Ontario K1A0T6, telephone 1-613-951-3889, fax 1-613-951-0569, email geohelp@statcan.gc.ca.
If on the other hand the SOURCE code is C, I, 3, or 2, the problem is not with the PCCF itself, but rather with the supplementary files created by the Health Analysis and Measurement Group. The same applies to problems with the RESFLG or diagnostic codes (LINK, SOURCE, NCSD, NCD, RPF, PREC, NADR, CODER, CPCCODE). For all such cases, contact Russell Wilkins at the address noted above.

## ADDITIONAL REFERENCE INFORMATION

## Acceptable characters and numbers in Canadian postal codes

The first character must be in A B CE GHJKLMNPRSTVXY. The third and fifth characters may be any character valid for the first position, plus $W$ and $Z$. The second, fourth and sixth positions may be any single numeric digit (0-9). Acceptable syntax does not guarantee that the postal code will be valid; many combinations have never been used. See Appendices F1, F2 and F3 for acceptable characters or combinations of characters in the first 1, 2 or 3 positions, respectively.

## Filename extensions

The filename extensions have the following meaning:

| CAN | Canada |
| :--- | :--- |
| NF or NL | Newfoundland and Labrador |
| PE | Prince Edward Island |
| NS | Nova Scotia |
| NB | New Brunswick |
| QC | Québec |
| ON | Ontario |
| MB | Manitoba |
| SK | Saskatchewan |
| AB | Alberta |
| BC | British Columbia (including data for YT and NT) |
| YK or YT | Yukon |
| NT | Northwest Territories |
| NU | Nunavut |
| ATL | Atlantic region (NF NS PE NB) |
| PRA | Prairie region (MB SK AB) |
| WES | Western region (MB SK AB BC YT NT NU) |
| DOC | Documentation (in MS Word format) |

## Abbreviations

Some of the abbreviations used in this documentation and programs are as follows:

| AIRLIFT | Canada Post Air Stage community, requiring airlift delivery at least 6 months per year. |
| :--- | :--- |
| ANANAN | Alpha numeric alpha numeric alpha numeric (format of Canadian postal codes) |
| AR | Census agricultural region (short for PRAR) |
| BLKF | Blockface (not identified except by latitude longitude and RPF) |
| BLKURB | Urban block within CMACA area or non-CMACA area |
| CA | Census agglomeration (included in CMA field) |
| CCHS | Canadian Community Health Survey |
| CCS | Census consolidated subdivision (short for PRCDCCS) |
| CD | Census division (a county-level code; short for PRCD) |
| CMA | Census metropolitan area (this field also includes CAs) |
| CODER | PCCF+ program, version and release (eg, R5A=GEORES5A) |
| CPCCODE | Canada Post community code (corresponding to a postal community name) |
| CSD | Census subdivision (a municipal-level code; short for PRCDCSD) |
| CSDNAME | Name of CSD (unique within province and CSDTYPE). |
| CSDTYPE | Type of CSD. |
| CSIZE | Community size code (based on 2006 CMACA population) |


| CT | Census tract (a neighborhood-level code; unique within CMA) |
| :---: | :---: |
| DA | Census dissemination area; also short for PRCDDA (replaces enumeration area for 2001) |
| DB or BLK | Dissemination block; short for DByyuid (PRCDDA+BLK) . |
| DIAG | Diagnostic fields (in HLTHOUT and GEOPROB files) |
| DISTANCE | Distance in km between two centroids (shortest or "great circle" distance) |
| DMTDIFF | Previous DMT if different than current DMT. |
| DMT | Delivery mode type (specified by Canada Post) |
| DPL | Designated place (a sub-municipal level code used for unincorporated places; unique within PR) |
| DPLTYPE | Designated place type. |
| EA | Enumeration area (also short for PRFEDEA) |
| EA96UID | 1996 enumeration area (PRFEDEA for 1996). |
| ER | Economic region (formerly "subprovincial region"), unique within PR. |
| FED | Federal electoral district (unique within PR) |
| FSA | Forward sortation area (first three characters of postal code) |
| GEOPROB | SAS dataset name used for the output file containing all problem records (including errors, warnings and notes) |
| GMETHOD | Geocoding method used to build regular PCCF. |
| HLTHDAT | SAS dataset name used for the incoming records to be coded |
| HLTHOUT | SAS dataset name used for the output records after processing |
| HR | Health region (as defined by provincial health departments) |
| ID | Identifier (unique identifier or registration number, as defined by user) |
| INSTFLG | Institutional flag |
| IPPE | Neighbourhood income per person equivalent (based on 2006 DA summary data) |
| JCL | Job control language (for mainframe computers) |
| LAT | Latitude (North) |
| LDU | Local delivery unit (last three characters of the postal code) |
| LL | Latitude and longitude |
| LONG | Longitude (West) |
| NSREL | North-South relationship |
| OBS | Observations (records in SAS dataset) |
| PCCF | Postal Code Conversion File |
| PCODE | Postal code |
| POINSTAL | Postal installation geography flag. |
| PR | Province and region |
| QAIPPE | Quintile of neighbourhood income per person equivalent (within CMACA or residual) |
| QILEVEL | Quality indicator of PCCF links to community (QICOMM), street (@ISTREET) and address (QIADDR) |
| PREC | Precision of geographic coding |
| PRCDDA | Province, census division and dissemination area |
| PRFEDEA | Province, federal electoral district, and enumeration area-latter not shown for 2001 |
| RESFLG | Residence flag |
| RPF | Representative point flag (indicates if latitude longitude refer to DA, BLK or $\stackrel{\bullet}{\text { B }} \mathrm{LKF}$ ) |
| SACTYPE | Statistical area classification type |
| SAS | Statistical Analysis System |
| SERV | Canada Post service type |
| SGC | Standard Geographic Classification code (PR CD CSD) |
| SOURCE | Source of geographic codes assigned (CDFI 3210 or.) |
| SLI | Single link indicator (used mainly to avoid multiple matches when weights not used) |
| SUB | Health district (as defined by provincial health departments) . - |
| TRACTED | If centroid is in a census tracted area, then TRACTED=1. |
| UARA | Urban area, rural area code |
| WCF | Weighted Conversion File (PCCF-style records with PRCDDA and population-based weights derived from the 2006, 2001 and 1996 censuses, and household-based weights derived from the 1991 census) |

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Table 2
Distribution of postal codes and census population by delivery mode type (DMT), September 2002 PCCF and May 2001 Census.

| Delivery mode type (DMT) | PCCF |  |  |  |  | Census |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Pcodes |  | Records |  | $\mathrm{Rec} / \mathrm{Pc}$ <br> --- <br> av | Pcodes |  | Population |  | Pop/Pc$\qquad$ av |
|  | n | \% | n | \% |  | n | \% | n | \% |  |
| Total | 823,556 | 100.0 | 1,987,055 | 100.0 | 2.4 | 671,797 | 100,0 | 29,779,095 | 100.0 | 44 |
| Urban post office (PO) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 29,71,05 |  |  |
| Urban services |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A (ordinary urban) | 717,537 | 87.1 | 1,264,191 | 63.6 | 1.8 | 638,936 | 95.1 | 20,115,945 | 67.6 | 31 |
| B (apartments) | 17,291 | 2.1 | 27,361 | 1.4 | 4.6 | 16,329 | 2.4 | 2,561,093 | 8.6 | 157 |
| E (business, etc) | 9,193 | 1.1 | 25,003 | 1.3 | 2.7 | 2,364 | 0.4 | 28,803 | 0.1 | 12 |
| G (gov, inst, etc) | 8,284 | 1.0 | 24,299 | 1.2 | 2.9 | 2,303 | 0.3 | 83,971 | 0.3 | 36 |
| M (single PO box) | 5,052 | 0.6 | 19,690 | 1.0 | 3.9 | - 900 | 0.1 | 16,438 | 0.1 | 18 |
| Rural services from urban PO |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| H (rural route) | 996 | 0.1 | 58,459 | 2.9 | 58.7 | 1,014 | 0.2 | 859,807 | 2.9 | 848 |
| $J$ (general delivery) | 645 | 0.1 | 2,425 | 0.1 | 3.8 | 282 | 0.0 | 3,311 | 0.0 . | 12 |
| K (group of PO boxes) | 7,239 | 0.9 | 31,681 | 1.6 | 4.4 | 4,402 | 0.7 | 231,686 | 0.8 | 53 |
| T (suburban service) | 77 | 0.0 | 1,357 | 0.1 | 17.6 | 60 | 0.0 | 15,044 | 0.1 | 251 |
| X (mobile route) | 1 | 0.0 | 62 | 0.0 | 62.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 179 | 0.0 | 179 |
| $Z$ (retired) | 52,064 | 6.3 | 203,759 | 10.3 | 3.9 | 15 | 0.0 | 282 | 0.0 | $19^{\circ}$ |
| Rural post office |  |  | . |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| W (rural PO , all service types) | 5,177 | 0.6 | 328,768 | 16.5 | 63.5 | 5,191 | 0.8 | 5,862,536 | 19.7 | 1,129 |

Table 3
Comparison of population-based coding errors using PCCF + Version 3 (GEORES3A) versus coding errors using the PCCF single link indicator (SLI), versus coding errors using FSA-based imputation (FSA)

| Level |  | FSA | SLI | R3A | Diff | Ratio <br> SLI/R3A |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PR | Province | $\%$ | $\%$ |  | $\%$ | SLI-R3A |

Note: Population-based coding errors were defined as the sum over all areas at this level of the absolute value of the population coded less the population known from the census sample, expressed as a percentage of the total population in all areas atthis level. Based on simple $1 \%$ sample of individuals in the 1996 total population. Error percentages calculated after improbable census postal codes excluded from sample.

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| INPUT | ／＊ 2006 | 6 VINTAGE CENSUS GEOGRAPHY，UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED＊／ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| （8） 1 | ID | \＄CHAR12．／＊RECORD IDENTIFICATION（AS INPUT）＊／ |
| ＠13 | PCODE | \＄CHAR6．／＊POSTAL CODE（AS INPUT） |
| （19 | RESFLG | \＄CHAR1．／＊RESIDENCE FLAG ON PCODES IF DMT＝E，G，M |
| ＠20 | PR | \＄CHAR2．／＊PROVINCE CODE（99＝UNKNOWN） |
| 2 | CD | \＄CHAR2．／＊CENSUS DIVISION CODE（ $00=$ UNKNOWN）＊／ |
| ＠2 | CSD | \＄CHAR3．／＊CENSUS SUBDIVISION CODE（ $999=$ UNKNOWN）＊／ |
| （128 | CM | \＄CHAR3．／＊CMA OR CA CODE（999＝UNKN； $000=$ NOT APPL ）＊／ |
| ＠31 | CT | \＄CHAR7．／＊CENSUS TRACT（9999．99＝UNKN；0000．00＝NA）＊／ |
| ©39 | DA | \＄CHAR4．／＊DISSEMINATION AREA（9999＝MISSING） |
| ＠43 | BLK | \＄CHAR2．／＊DISSEMINATION BLOCK（．9＝MISSING） |
| 5 | INSTFLG | \＄CHAR1．／＊INSTITUTIONAL FLAG |
| ©46 | LAT | z8．／＊LATITUDE DEGREES（2）＋DECIMALS（6）＊／ |
| ©54 | LONG | 29．／＊LONGITUDE DEGREES（3）＋DECIMALS（6）＊／ |
| （164 | DPL | \＄CHAR3．／＊DESIGNATED PLACE（ $000=$ NOT APPL $; 999=$ UNKN）＊／ |
| ©67 | DMTDIFF | \＄CHARI．／＊PREVIOUS OR ALTERNATE DMT IF DIFFERENT＊／ |
| ©68 | DMT | \＄CHAR1．／＊DELIVERY MODE TYPE：＊／ |
| （169 | LINK | \＄CHAR1．／＊LINK TYPE（INCREASING CONFIDENCE）＊／ |
| Q70 | SOURCE | \＄CHAR1．／＊SOURCE OF GEOGRAPHIC CODES＊／． |
| （171 | NCSD | 1．／＊NUMBER CSD POSSIBLE AT THIS PCODE 1－9＋＊／ |
| ＠7 | NCD | 1．／＊NUMBER CD POSSIbLE AT THIS PCODE 1－9＋ |
| ®73 | RPF | \＄CHAR1．／＊REPRESENTATIVE POINT（CENTROID）FLAG |
| ＠74 | SERV | \＄CHAR1．／＊SERVICE TYPE＊／ |
| 75 | PREC | \＄CHAR1．／＊PRECISION OF LAT LONG（0＝LEAST；9＝MOST）＊／ |
| （176 | NADR | 1．／＊NUMBER OF ADDRESS RANGES FOR THIS PCODE＊／ |
| ®78 | CODER | \＄CHAR3．／＊CODER：＇R4A＇＝GEORES4A SEPT 2002 PCCF |
| Q82 | CPCCODE | \＄CHAR4．／＊CANADA POST COMMUNITY CODE（SEQUENTIAL）＊／ |
| ＠87 | HR \＄ | \＄CHAR2．／＊HEALTH REGION CODE（UNIQUE WITHIN PR） |
| 89 | SUB | \＄CHAR3．／＊HEALTH DISTRICT CODE（UNIQUE IN PR／PR＋HR（QC ONLY） |
| ®9 | CSIZE | \＄CHAR1．／＊COMMUNITY SIEE CODE（BASED ON CMACA 2001 POP） |
| ＠95 | QAIPPE | \＄CHAR1．／＊NEIGHBOURHOOD INCOME QUINTILE（WITHIN CMACA） |
| ＠97 | SACTYPE | \＄CHAR1．／＊STATISTICAL AREA CLASSIF TYPE（INCL TRACTED，MIZ） |
| 8 | CSIZEMIZ | \＄CHAR1．／＊URBAN CMACA SIZE＋RURAL MIZ |
| ®99 | NSR | \＄CHAR1．／＊NORTH－SOUTH RELATIONSHIP |
| ＠100 | AIRLIFT | \＄CHAR1．／＊CANADA POST AIR STAGE COMMUNITY（ $6+$ MONTHS／YEAR） |
| Q101 | BLKURB | \＄CHAR1．／＊URBAN BLOCK INDICATOR（ $1=$ URBAN； $0=$ RURAL； $9=$ MISSING） |
| 103 | FED | \＄CHAR3．／＊FEDERAL ELECTORAL DIST（UNIQUE IN PR） |
| 07 | ER | \＄CHAR2．／＊ECONOMIC REGION（UNIQUE WITHIN PR） |
| ＠110 | AR | \＄CHAR2．／＊CENSUS AGRICULTURAL REGION（CROP DIST）－UNIQUE IN PR＊／ |
| ＠113 | ccs | \＄CHAR3．／＊CENSUS CONSOLIDATED SUBDIVISION（UNIQUE WITHIN PR） |
| 117 | POINSTAL | \＄CHARI．／＊POSTAL INSTALLATION GEOGRAPHY FLAG（ $0=$ NO， $1=\mathrm{YES}$ ） |
| 118 | QILEVEL | \＄CHAR3．／＊QUALITY OF LINKS TO COMMUNITY，STREET AND ADDRESS |
| ＠121 | GMETHOD | \＄CHAR1．／＊GEOCODING METHOD USED TO BUILD REGULAR PCCF RECORD |
| ©123 | EA81UID | \＄CHAR8．／＊ 1981 ENUMERATION AREA（PRFEDEA） |
| 32 | EA86UID | \＄CHAR8．／＊ 1986 ENUMERATION AREA（PRFEDEA） |
| ＠141 | EA91UID | \＄CHAR8．／＊ 1991 ENUMERATION AREA（PRFEDEA） |
| ＠150 | EA96UID | \＄CHAR8．／＊ 1996 ENUMERATION AREA（PRFEDEA） |
| ©159 | DA01UID | \＄CHAR8．／＊． 2001 DISSEMINATION AREA（PRCDDA） |
| ＠168 | DA06UID | \＄CHAR8．／＊ 2006 DISSEMINATION AREA（PRCDDA）运家边＊／ |
| ／＊THE FOLLOWING FIELDS APPLY TO ALTERNATE PROGRAMS R4XOLD I4XOLD ONLY：＊／ ＠177 BTHDATC \＄CHAR6．／＊YYYYMM OF PCCF PCODE BIRTH DATE ＠184 RETDATEC \＄CHAR6．／＊YYYYMM OF PCCF PCODE RETIREMENT DATE ＠191 PCVDATC \＄CHAR6．；／＊YYYYMM OF USERS＇PCODE VINTAGE |  |  |
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The dataset HLTHOUT is sorted first by ID，then by PCODE．If the incoming file HLTHDAT corntains any records with identical ID + PCODE，only a single example of each combination will be processed．Then when the HLTHOUT records are merged back to the main file，every record with the same ID＋PCODE will be assigned the same geographic codes，even if more than one set of geographic codes were possible for that postal code．

## APPENDIX B:

## RECORD LAYOUT OF THE GEOPROB FILE (.PRB)

DATA GEOPROB;SET GEOPROB;BY LINK;FILE GEOPROB; PUT

| ID | SCHAR12./* RECORD IDENTIFICATION (AS INPUT) |
| :---: | :---: |
| (4) 13 PCODE | \$CHAR6. /* POSTAL CODE (AS INPUT) |
| 19 RESFLG | \$CHAR1. /* RESIDENCE FLAG ON PCODES IF DMT=E, G, M |
| 20 PR | \$CHAR2. /* PROVINCE CODE ( $99=$ UNKNOWN) |
| 22 | \$CHAR2. /* CENSUS DIVISION CODE ( $00=$ UNKNO |
| 24 CSD | \$CHAR3. /* CENSUS SUBDIVISION CODE (999=UNKNOWN) |
| 28 CMA | \$CHAR3. /* CMA OR CA CODE (999=UNKN;000=NOT APPL) |
| 31 CT | \$CHAR7. /* CENSUS TRACT (9999.99=UNKN;0000.00=NA) |
| 39 DA | \$CHAR4. /* DISSEMINATION AREA (9999=UNKNOWN) |
| 43 BLK | \$CHAR2. /* DISSEMINATION BLOCK (00 |
| 45 INSTF | \$CHARI. /* INSTITUTIONAL FLAG |
| /* NOTE: GEOPROB HAS diff Layout from hlthout beginning with lat |  |
| (8.46 LAT | \$CHAR2. /* LATITUDE DEGREES (2) |
| 48 LONG | \$CHAR2. /* LONGITUDE DEGREES (3) |
| 51 HR | \$CHAR2. /* HEALTH REGION CODE (UNIQUE |
| 53 | \$CHAR3. /* HLTH DIST CODE (UNIQUE IN PR /PR+HR (QC) |
| 7 | \$CHAR3. /* DESIGNATED PLACE ( $999=$ UNKN; $000=$ NOT APPL)*/ |
| - 5 DPL | /* DIAGNOSTIC FLAGS: |
| 61 DMTDIFF | SCHAR1. /* PREVIOUS DMT IF DIFFERENT |
| 62 DM | \$CHAR1. /* DELIVERY MODE TYPE |
| 63 | \$CHAR1. /* LINK TYPE |
| 64 SOURCE | \$CHAR1. /* SOURCE OF GEOGRAPHIC CODES |
| 65 NCSD | 1. /* NUM CSD POSSIBLE AT THIS PCODE/FSA/FSA12* |
| 66 NCD | 1. /* NUM CD POSSIble at this plode/FSA/FSA12 |
| 67 RP | \$CHAR1. /* REPRESENTATIVE POINT (CENTROID) FLAG |
| 68 SERV | \$CHAR1. /* SERVICE TYPE |
| 69 PR | \$CHAR1. /* PRECISION (0=LEAST; $9=$ MOST) |
| 70 NADR | 1. /* NUMBER OF ADDRESS RANGES FOR THIS PCODE |
| /* NO OTHER FIELDS OF HEALTHOUT PRESENT IN THE GEOPROB FILE/* FOLLOWING 3 FIELDS ONLY PRESENT IN GEOPROB FILE: |  |
|  |  |
| 72 ADR | \$CHAR50. /* BLDG NAME, STREET ADR, CITY |
| @123 CSDNAME | \$CHARB. /* FIRST 8 CHARACTERS OF CSD NAME |
| 131 CSDTYP | \$CHAR2.;/* CSDTYPE WITH '*' REPLACING TRAILING |

The dataset GEOPROB is sorted first by LINK, then by RESFLG, DMT (or DMTDIFF if $D M T={ }^{\prime} Z^{\prime}$ ), PCODE, $\mathrm{PR}, \mathrm{CD}, \mathrm{CSD}, \mathrm{DA}$, BLK and ID. That ensures that records with similar types of problems will be grouped together, which will facilitate corrections.

## APPENDIX C: <br> EXPLANATION OF FIELDS AND CODES APPEARING IN THE OUTPUT FILES AND PRINTOUTS

Except as noted, the following fields appear on both of the output files (HLTHOUT and GEOPROB) produced by PCCF+. When the same field appears on both files, it does not necessarily appear in the same position.

## Identification (ID)



Record identification. This field will appear exactly as read in from the HLTHDAT file, including leading or trailing blanks, if any, plus all numbers, letters and special characters. The ID can be any combination of alphabetic, numeric or other characters.

## Postal Code (PCODE)

- 13 PCODE \$CHAR6. /* POSTAL CODE (ANANAN) */

Postal code. The first three characters of the postal code represent the Forward Sortation Area (FSA). The last three characters represent the Local Delivery Unit (LDU). A zero (0) in the second position of the postal code indicates service from a rural post office. Rural route services and suburban route services are also provided from urban post offices (where the second position of the postal code is not 0 ), in which cases the PCCF will show a Delivery Mode Type (DMT) of H (rural route service) or T (suburban route service).

Lower case alphabetic characters in the postal code field will be converted to upper case prior to matching.
If the province of residence is known (but nothing else), then the first letter of the postal code on your incoming file should correspond to the first letter for that province as assigned by Canada Post (for example, use B for a Nova Scotia resident of unknown address).

## Residence Flag on Postal Code if DMT is E, G or M (RESFLG)



If the delivery mode type (DMT)is E, G or M, then RESFLG indicates postal codes for possible or improbable residence addresses, or postal codes for which the residential or non-residential nature is undetermined. If the DMT is not in $\mathrm{E}, \mathrm{G}$ or M , then RESFLG will be blank. See GEOPROB output (@72 ADR. \$CHAR50.) for Canada Post buildingname and address information, if available.

## Province, Census Division and Census Subdivision (PRCDCSD)

This field is composed of three subfields:

| (120 PR | \$CHAR2. | /* PROVINCE CODE */ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (22 CD | \$CHAR2. | /* CENSUS DIVISION CODE */ |
| (18) 24 CSD | \$CHAR3. | /* CENSUS SUBDIVISION CODE */ |

The form of this field tells you how much is known, and how much is unknown about eachof the three subfields. The output will have one of the following forms (where each " n " represents a number from 0 through 9 ):
nnnnnnn $\quad$ PR CD and CSD known
nnnn999 PR and CD known, CSD unknown
nn00999 PR known, CD and CSD unknown
$9900999 \quad$ PR CD and CSD unknown

See the 2006 Standard Geographical Classification (SGC) for lists of valid codes for PR PRCD and PRCDCSD. A missing CD is indicated by 00 (since 99 is a legitimate CD code in northern Quebec); other missing fields for SGC are filled with '9's. Files cdnames and csonames show the names of each CD and CSD.

## Census Metropolitan Area/Census Agglomeration and Census Tract (CMACT)

This field is composed of two subfields:

| © 28 CMA | SCHAR3. | /* CMA OR CA CODE ( $000=$ NONE; $999=$ UNKNOWN $) ~ * / ~$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

The form of this field tells you how much is known, and how much is unknown about each of the subfields. The output will have one of the following forms (where each " n " represents a number from 0 through 9 ):

| 000000.00 | Not in any CMA or CA |
| :--- | :--- |
| nnn nnn.nn | CMA/CA with urban Census Tract |
| nnn 999.99 | CMA/CA with urban Census Tract, but CT unknown |
| 999999.99 | CMA/CA unknown, and CT unknown (if any) |

Note that CMA codes 996-999 as shown in 2006 GeoSuite are not true CMA codes as defined by the 2006 Standard Geographic Classification, but rather Statistical Area Classification (SAC) codes, including Metropolitan Influence Zones (MIZ). Only true CMA codes are shown here, plus 999 for unknown CMA, and 000 for not in any CMA (or CA).

## Dissemination Area (DA)

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(3)39 DA SCHAR4. /* DISSEMINATION AREA {UNIQUE WITHIN PRCD}; 9999=MISSING */
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The dissemination area is the smallest geographic unit for which population characteristics are diffused from the 2006 census. In censuses prior to 2001, that role was filled by the enumeration area, but for the 2001 and 2006 censuses, the enumeration area was used for collection purposes only.

## Dissemination Block (BLK)

(4) 43 BLK \$CHAR2. /* DISSEMINATION BLOCK (UNIQUE WITHIN PRCDDA); 00=MISSING */

A dissemination block is an area bounded on all sides by roads and/or boundaries of standard geographic areas. Blocks cover all the territory of Canada. The block is the smallest geographic area for which population and dwelling counts are disseminated. There may be as many as 99 blocks within a DA, so the missing value for block is a period.

## Institutional Flag (INSTFLG)



This field is used to help identify records likely to be for institutional residents. It is usualiy blank. The categories should not be expected to correspond to the classification of facilities used by the Health Statistics Division, provincial or territorial authorities.

Beginning with the following fields, the record layout of the GEOPROB file differs from that of the HLTHOUT file. Where fields are common to both files, only the layout for the HLTHOUT file is shown as program lines, although differences in the GEOPROB file may be mentioned in the field description and shown within square brackets.

## Latitude and longitude (LAT LONG)

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(4) 46 LAT 28. /* LATITUDE DEGREES(2) +DECIMALS(6) */ [0 46 LAT Z2. On GEOPROB file]
* 53 LONG Z9. /* LONGITUDE DEGREES(3)+DECIMALS(6) */ [0 48 LONG Z2. on GEOPROB file]
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Latitude and longitude. If SOURCE $=\mathrm{F}, \mathrm{D}, \mathrm{C}$ or I , then the latitude and longitude shown refer to dissemination area, block or blockface coordinates (the RPF field tells you which, and the PREC field indicates the spatial precision of the coding). If SOURCE $=\mathrm{I}, 3$ or 2 , then the latitude and longitude shown will be the average latitude and longitude of all postal codes in that FSA or aggregate of FSAs. The latter are clearly only approximate locations, so the corresponding distance calculations will also be only approximate. If the first two characters of the postal code were invalid, then latitude and longitude will be unknown, and each field will contain a single period ("."), which indicates a missing numerical value. Exceptionally for these two fields, 99999999 and 999999999 are not used to indicate missing values, since those would have been taken as legitimate values for the distance calculations, thus resulting in extreme distances, rather than missing distances. Note that in the GEOPROB file, in order to conserve space only two places after the implied decimal are shown.

## Designated Place (DPL)

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@ 64 DPL $CHAR3. /* DESIGNATED PLACE (999mUNKN;000=NONE) */
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〔@ 57 DPL \$CHAR3, on GEOPROB file]
The Designated Place (DPL) field is for a generally submunicipal level geography which was new with the 1996 census, and only applicable in some provinces. For 2006, a DPL is defined as a group of census blocks which refer to an unincorporated place usually within a single census subdivision (CSD), but some cross CSD boundaries, of which a few also cross census division (CD) boundaries. Note that because DPLs mostly occur in areas served by rural postal codes (where a single postal code serves a group of DAs and many census blocks), such areas are difficult or impossible to define with reasonable accuracy in terms of postal codes alone. File DPLNAMES shows the names of the DPLs assigned by provincial authorities.

## Diagnostic flags (DMTDIFF, DMT, LINK, SOURCE, NSCD, NCD, RPF, SERVE, PREC, NADR)

Note: There are now 10 characters (with no spaces between them) for diagnostic flags on both the HLTHOUT and GEOPROB files. These diagnostic flags are for DMTDIFF, DMT, LINK, SOURCE, NCSD, NCD, RPF, SERV, PREC and NADR. In addition, the GEOPROB file and printout will show truncated address information (if applicable), or Designated Place Name (if applicable), or Canada Post Community Name or Census Division Name, and Census Subdivision Name and Census Subdivision Type (if known or estimated from partial matching).

## Different Delivery Mode Type (DMTDIFF)

@ 67 DMTDIFF $\$ 1 . / *$ PREVIOUS OR ALTERNATE DMT IF DIFFERENT */
[@ 61 DMTDIFF $\$ 1$. on GEOPROB file]
This field is for the previous Delivery mode type (DMT) if different from the current DMT. This üsually occurs when the current $\mathrm{DMT}=\mathrm{Z}$ (retired).

## Delivery Mode Type (DMT)

(3) 68 DMT \$1. /* DELIVERY MODE TYPE */ [© 62 DMT \$1. On GEOPROB file]

The Delivery Mode Type is a single character which will be $W$ if delivery is from a rural post office, or will be another alphabetic character if delivery is from an urban post office, or 9 if DMT is missing or not applicable. The Delivery Mode Type is determined by Canada Post, except that, beginning with Versiton 3 of $P C C F+$, W is always used in place of blank for any delivery mode from a rural post office.

W Rural postal codes (regardless of type of service) now always have a DMT of W. Where more than 1 CSD is served by the rural post office, this will result in a Note to that effect on the GEOPROB file. No action is recommended in such cases, since manual coding would defeat the population-weighted allocation.

Ordinary household (including community mail boxes) served by letter carrier. The most common DMT; usually no problem.
B Apartment building (large) served by letter carrier. No problem with this DMT.

E Business buildings served by letter carrier. This DMT resuits in a Warning message, with the suggestion to check postal code/address, to see if they refer to a legitimate residence or office location. In most cases, the RESFLG field will indicate whether the postal code is probable or improbable as a place of residence. The building name and brief address are shown on the GEOPROB file. The legitimacy of a postal code with this DMT may also depend on the nature of the records being coded: appropriate codes for offices are not necessarily appropriate for residences.
G Large Volume Receiver served by letter carrier (includes many institutions). This DMT results in a Warning message, with the suggestion to check postal code/address, to see if they refer to a legitimate residence or office location. In most cases, the RESFLG field will indicate whether the postal code is probable or improbable as a place of residence. The building, company or institution name and brief address will be shown on the GEOPROB file. The legitimacy of postal codes with this DMT may also depend on the nature of the records being coded: appropriate codes for offices are not necessarily appropriate for residences. For example, a postal code for a nursing home may be reasonable for coding the place of usual residence on a death record, but it would be highly suspicious on a birth record.
Special note concerning Delivery Mode Types $H, J, K, M, R$ and T: Except on rare occasions, it is no longer necessary to manually recode records with a DMT of H (for rural route delivery from an urban post office), $J$ (General Delivery--pick up from an urban post office counter), $K$ (pick-up from group of urban post office boxes), or $T$ (suburban service delivery from an urban post office). Most postal codes with those DMTs can now be assigned a full set of geographic codes by reference to the WCF (SOURCE $=C$ ). That also applies to many postal codes with DMT of $M$ (pick up from a single large urban post office box) and $R$ (miscellaneous services; no longer used by Canada Post).
H Rural route delivery from urban post office. For most nural routes, the WCF shows the 2006 Census 2A population weights associated with each PCODE/PRCDDA combination. As rural routes serve large areas, more than one CSD or CD may be linked to a postal code with this DMT, in which case the record will be output to the GEOPROB file with a Note to that effect. If the SOURCE is not equal to ' C ', then only PR and CMA will be imputed from FSA, since the service area of these postal codes extends out into adjacent rural FSAs.
J General delivery (poste restante). Residence location may be available from census data (WCF, SOURCE=C). Otherwise, this DMT will result in an Error, and the only geographic codes assigned would be based on populationweighted imputation within the FSA (SOURCE=I) or on "most likely" values for the FSA (SOURCE=3).
K Group of post office boxes. Residence location may be available from census data (WCF). Otherwise, this DMT will resuit in an Error, and the only geographic codes assigned would be based on population-weighted imputation within the FSA (SOURCE=1) or on "most likely" values for the FSA (SOURCE=3).
M Single post office box. If present on the WCF (SOURCE=C), will be fully coded. In most cases, the RESFLG field will indicate whether the postal code is probable or improbable äs a place of residence. The building, company or institution name and brief address will be shown on the GEOPROB file. If not present on the WCF, postal codes with this DMT will result in an Error, since the PCCF only links postal codes with this DMT to post office location. In that case the only geographic codes which could be assigned would be imputed from population-weighted imputation within the FSA (SOURCE=1), or on based on "most likely" values for the FSA (SOURCE=3).
R Miscellaneous delivery services. Residence location may be available from census data (WCF). Otherwise, this DMT will result in an Error, as the regular PCCF only links these to post office location, and the only geographic codes which could be assigned would be based on "most likely" values for the FSA. DMT R is no longer used by Canada Post, but it may appear in the field for previous DMT.
T Suburban service delivery (rare). Residence location may be available from census data (WCF). Otherwise, this DMT will result in an Error, as the regular PCCF only links these to post office location, and the only geographic codes which could be assigned would be based on "most likely" values for the FSA.
$D M T=X$ is only linked to post office location, and thus results in an Error message as wellasooutput to the GEOPROB file. However, since in such cases the first three characters of the postal code are krown to bevalid, then a "most likely" PR and CMA may often be imputed and an average LAT and LONG for the FSA would be assigned by the programs.
$\mathrm{X} \quad$ Mobile route (urban industrial areas; rare). This DMT will result in an Error, as the regular PCCF only links these to post office location, and the only geographic codes which could be assigned would be based on "most likely" values for the FSA.
W Rural postal codes. Usually geography for records with rural postal codes will be derived from the Weighted Conversion File (SOURCE=C).
Z. Retired postal codes. Usually the DMTDIFF field will show the previous DMT for retired postal codes. If so, the LINK and other diagnostic codes make use of the DMTDIFF. However, if DMTDIFF is blank, then there is a slight chance that a currently retired postal code may have formerly had a DMT of E, G, M or X, so this condition will result in output of the record to the problem file with a Warning message to that effect.
9 Not applicable. No exact match to the PCCF or WCF, hence DMT is unknown. These will result in an Error message as well as output to the GEOPROB file. A partial set of geographic codes may still be assigned based on the first 1,2 or 3 characters of the postal code (SOURCE $=1,2,3$ or $I$ ).

## Link type code (LINK) - (formerly PROB prior to Version 4) © 69 LINK $\$ 1 . / *$ LINK TYPE (INCREASING CONFIDENCE) */ [@ 63 LINK $\$ 1$. on GEOPROB file]

The meanings of the numbers in this field are as follows:
0 Error: No match to PCCF (UNIQ, DUPs, or wCF).
1 Error: Linked to PO geography.
2 Warning: Non-residential. DMT=E, G or M and EGMRES $=-$ (probable non-residential).
3 Warning: Business building (may possibly not be a legitimate residence). dMT=E and EGMRESublank.
4 Warning: Commercial or institutional (check if legitimate residence). DMT C G or M and EGMRES mblank .
5 Warning: Retired postal code (slight chance of DMT problem prior to retirement, if DMT=2, and DMTDIFF=blank).
6 Note: Multiple match to CSD. CSD assigned by random allocation among possible CSDs shown in PCCF, with equal weight to each DA or BLK served. No further action required.
7 Note: Multiple match to CSD. CSD assigned by random allocation among possible CSDs shown in WCF, based on distribution of population by postal code and DA at the time of the 2001 census (no further action required).
9 Not applicable (no error, warning or note). Such records do not appear on the GEOPROB flle or printout.
The link type code identifies the type of problems encountered in coding. The link type codes (LINK) and corresponding messages (MESSAGE) are arranged in hierarchical order, starting with 0 for the most serious problems, and going to 9 for no problem at all (not even a Warning or Note). If more than one type of problem was present, only the worst type is shown.

## Source of Geographic Codes (SOURCE)

- 70 SOURCE \$1. /* SOURCE OF GEGGRAPhic CODES AND LAT/LONG */ [© 64 SOURCE \$1. on geoprob file]

The possible values of this field are as follows:
F • A full set of geographic codes and latitude/longitude were derived from an exact match to.a PCCF unique record.
D A full set of geographic codes and latitude/longitude were derived from an exact match to a PCCF duplicate record.
C A full set of geographic codes and latitudeflongitude were derived from an exact match to a WCF record (for DMT of $H, J, K$, some M, R, T, W, or Z).
I Full geography was imputed from the first 3 characters of a postal code (when DMT=9 or most M), using census population weights.
3 A partial set of geographic codes was assigned based on only the first 3 characters of this postal code (if $90 \%$ certain). Average latitude and longitude of the FSA were assigned.
2 A partial set of geographic codes were assigned based on only the first 2.characters of this postal code. Average latitude and longitude of the FSA12 were assigned (if $90 \%$ certain). CT and DA+BLK always set to missing values. All of the records with this SOURCE are due to unknown (non-existent) postal codes.
1 A province code was assigned based on only the first character of this postal code: No other geographic codes or latitude and longitude were assigned. All of the records withothis SOURCE are due to unknown (non-existent) postal codes.
0 . The first character of this postal code is not in the set used for Canadian postal codes. No geographic codes assigned.
V A full set of geographic codes and latitude/longitude were derived from an exact match to a PCCFUNIQ record for a postal code with an FSA of V1H or V9G, including geography from the period prior to the rebirth of those FSAs in their new locations. This SOURCE only occurs where the program R5xOLD or I5xOLD is used to recode British Columbia FSAs which were moved by Canada Post.

## Coding Completing Summary Code (CCSUM)

In Versions 3, 4 and 5, this field is not present in either output file, but is calculated for frequency tables in the printouts. This field shows how many geographic codes were assigned. It is the sum over all of the coding completion variables, which each have a value of 1 if a given geographic code was assigned.
$0 \quad$ No geographic codes were assigned, or latitude and longitude.
1 One geographic code was assigned: a province code, with no latitude or longitude.
2 Two geographic codes were assigned: a province and Census Division or Census Metropolitan Area / Census Agglomeration code, plus an average latitude and longitude for the FSA or aggregate of FSAs.
3 Three geographic codes were assigned: province, Census Division and Census Subdivision; or province, Census Division and Census Metropolitan Area or Census Agglomeration, plus an average latitude and longitude for the FSA or aggregate of FSAs.
4 Four geographic codes were assigned: province, Census Division, Census Subdivision, and Census Metropolitan Area or Census Agglomeration, plus an average latitude and longitude for the FSA or aggregate of FSAs.
6 - Six geographic codes were assigned: province, Census Division, Census Subdivision, Census Metropolitan Area or Census Agglomeration, Census Tract (if applicable) and Dissemination Area, plus the latitude and longitude of the Dissemination Area.
7 All 7 geographic codes were assigned: province, census division, census subdivision, census metropolitan area or census agglomeration, dissemination area, and census block, plus the latitude and longitude of the block or blockface.

## Number of Census Subdivisions (NCSD)

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(3) NCSD 1./* NUMBER CSD POSSIBLE AT THIS PCODE (1-9+) */ [@ 65 NCSD 1. on GEOPROB file]
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This field indicates the number of Census Subdivisions served in whole or in part by this postal code. A value of 9 indicates 9 or more. Most urban postal codes serve only one Census Subdivision.

## Number of Census Divisions (NCD)

© 72 NCD 1. /* NUMBER CD POSSIBLE AT THIS PCODE (1-9+) */ [@66 NCD 1 . on GEOPROB file]
This field indicates the number of Census Divisions served in whole or in part by this postal code. A value of 9 indicates 9 or more. Most urban postal codes serve only one Census Division.

## Representative Point Flag (RPF)



## Service Type (SERV)

```
@ 74 SERV $1./* SERVICE TYPE (1,2=WITH STREET ADR)
/* 1=STREET ADR W/ LETTER CARRIE
/* 3=PO BOX
/* 4-ROUTE SERVICE W/O STREET ADR
/* 5=GENERAL DELIVERY
/* 9=UNHNOWN (WHEN SOURCEEI 3 2 1)
/* O=UNKNOWN (WHEN SOURCE=F D C) (%)
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    * [@68 SERvisi \(]\) on GEOPROB file]
    
## Precision (PREC)

- 75 PREC $\$ 1 . / *$ PRECISION OF LAT LONG ( $0=$ LEAST ; $9=$ MOST )



## Number of Address Ranges (NADR)

(0. 76 NADR 1.i/* NUMBER ADRRESS RANGES FOR THIS PCODE (1-9+) */ [ $\AA 70$ NADR 1 . on GEOPROB file]

This field indicates the number of address ranges served by this postal code. A value of 9 indicates 9 or more. The address ranges may be on different streets. Only the first or last address, range (if applicable) is shown in the problem file output and printout

The following two fields (CODER and CPCCODE) are not present on the GEOPROB file:

## Coder (CODER)

(3) 7 B CODER $\$ 3 . / *$ CODER: R5A=GEORES5A APR 2007 PCCF */ inot on GEOPROB file]

The $P C C F+$ program and version is indicated by the CODER field. For example, CODER I5A indicates that the GEOINS program was run using the April 2007 vintage of the PCCF. Information about the coder is necessary for interpretation of the Canada Post Community Code (CPCCODE), and for understanding why certain categories of postal codes were coded the way they were. Using the wrong program to do the coding (GEORES for office coding, or GEOINS for residential codingthe opposite of what was intended) could easily go undetected without this field.

## Canada Post Community Code (CPCCODE)



Canada Post Communities were numbered sequentially after arranging in alphabetical order within provinces and territories. The numbering of communities will clearly change anytime there is an addition, deletion of a community, or change in spelling of a community name. That is why the CPCCODE can only be interpreted if correctly paired with the corresponding list of communities (see file РССFYYMm.сРсомм). For example, CODERs R5C and I5C use the community list of March 2008; the use of a list from any other month or year would be meaningless.

## HR Health Region


(9) 87 HR \$CHAR2. /* HEALTH REGION CODE (UNIQUE WITHIN PR) (99=MISSING) */ -
[(®) 51 HR \$CHAR2. on GEOPROB file]
Health regions are subprovincial areas defined by provincial departments of health. In some cases, those definitions may split dissemination areas or blocks between two or more health regions, but to simplify the coding here, each DA+BLK has been uniquely assigned to a single health region. Since each health region covers many DAs, most of which are not split, this simplification should have little effect on the number of events coded to each health region. The two-character HR code is only unique within a given province. Where a province only uses a single digit to represent a health region, a zero has been added preceding that digit. Note that the definitions used were generally those in effect on 31 December 2007, but the
definitions may be changed by provinces at any time, particularly in provinces without a long history of producing data by health region. See Appendix H1 for a summary of health regions by province and type, and Appendix H3 for a complete list of health regions. File GrNAM07 shows the name of each HR, including unofficial descriptive names for unnamed HRs.

## Health District (SUB) <br> ( 89 SUB SCHAR3. /* HEALTH DISTRICT CODE - UNIQUE WंITHIN PR OR PR+HR (QC ONLY) */ <br> [© 53 SUB \$CHAR3. on GEOPROB file] /* BLANKaNOT APPLICABLE; 999mAPPLICABLE BUT MISSING */

Health districts are geographically-defined areas which are smaller than health regions. They are defined by several but not all provincial departments of health. In most but not all cases, health districts are subdivisions of health regions. In all cases, a health district code is only unique within a given province. In Quebec and Alberta, the health district (CLSC) code is only unique within the province and health region. Where a province uses only one or two characters to represent a health district, the second and/or third characters will be blank. See Appendix H2 for a summary of health districts by province and type, and Appendix H 4 for a complete list of health districts. File SUBNAMO7 shows the name of each health district. Source: Same as for health regions. Alphabetic codes corresponding to Toronto Health Planning Areas (major and minor areas) have been appended as a suffix to Ontario health district code 95 . The definitions for the latter were provided by the Toronto Public Health Department.

## The following 5 fields are not present on the GEOPROB file:

## Community Size (CSIZE)



Community Size is defined in terms of the 2006 census population in each census metropolitan area or census agglomeration (CMA or CA), as shown above. Community Size 1 consists of Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver CMAs. Community Size 2 consists of Ottawa-Gatineau, Edmonton, Calgary; Québec, Winnipeg and Hamilton CMAs. Community Size 3 includes all 18 other CMAs plus 7 of the larger CAs. Community Size 4 includes all 106 other CAs. Community Size 5-"rural and small town Canada"--includes all places not included in any CMA or CA. (i.e., places with an urban area population less than about 10,000 , plus rural areas). Note that the lower threshold of CSIZE $=1$ has been increased, since Qttawa-Hull is much closer in size to Edmonton and Calgary than to Montreal, Vancouver or.Toronto.
Note that almost all records with a valid FSA (whether or not the rest of the postal code is valid) can be assigned to a CMA or CA, and thus to a CSIZE category. According to Statistics Canada's recommended definition, rural and small town Canada (Plessis et al, 2001) is defined as CSIZE='5'.

## Neighbourhood Income Quintile (QAIPPE)

(-95 QAIPPE \$1. /* 2006 NEIGHBOURHOOD INCOME QUINTILE (WITHIN CMACA): */

| /* | $1=L O W E S T$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| INCOME QUINTILE | $* /$ |  |
| /* | $5=$ HIGHEST INCOME QUINTILE | $* /$ |
| 9*MISSING |  | $* /$ |

Neighbourhood income per person equivalent (IPPE) is a household size-adjusted measure of household income, based on 2006 census summary data at the DA level, and using person-equivalents implied by the 22066 low income cut-offs (LICOs). Note that the 2001 single person equivalents were 1.00 for 1 person, 1.25 for 2 persons, 1.55 for 3 persons, 1.95 for 4 or 5 persons, and 2.44 for 6 or more persons sharing the same household (regardless of age). For a description of how IPPE was calculated previously based on 1991 census summary data and single-person equivalents from the 1991 LICOs, see Ng et al. (1993).

Within each CMA, CA or provincial residual area not in any CMA or CA, the DA average IPPE was used to rank all DAs, and then the population was divided into approximate fifths, thus creating community-specific income quintiles based on IPPE. The quintiles were defined within each area in order to better reflect the relative nature of this measure, to minimize the effect on household welfare of large differences in housing costs, and to ensure that each CMA or CA would have about an equal percentage of the population in each income quintile.

The following five fields are new beginning with Version 4:

## Statistical Area Classification Type (SACTYPE)



In census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations, the Statistical Area Type is defined by characteristics of the CMACA. In areas outside of any census metropolitan area or census agglomeration, the Statistical Area Type is defined by characteristics of the census subdivision, based on commuting flows to work in census metropolitan areas or census agglomerations (metropolitan influence zone or MIZ). For more details, see the following source: McNiven C, Puderer H , Janes D. Census Metropolitan Area and Census Agglomeration Influence Zones (MIZ): A Description of the Methodology. Geography Working Paper Series No. 2000-2. Catalogue No. 92F0138MPE. Ottawa: Geography Division, Statistics Canada, 2000.

## Community Size and Metropolitan Influence Zone (CSIZEMIZ)

(0) 98 CSIZEMIZ SCHAR1. /* COMMUNITY SIZE AND METROPOLITAN INFLUENCE ZONE */

| /* $1=1.5$ MILLION AND OVER | $* /$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $/ * 2=500,000-1,499,999$ | $* /$ |
| $/ * 3=100,000-\quad 499,999$ | $* /$ |
| $/ * 4=10,000-\quad 99,999$ | $* /$ |
| $/ * 5=$ NON-CMACA: STRONG MIZ | $* /$ |
| /* $6=$ NON-CMACA: MODERATE MIZ | $* /$ |
| /* 7=NON-CMACA: WEAK/NO MIZ, TERRITORIES | $* /$ |
| /* 8=NON-CMACA: UNKNOWN MIZ | $* /$ |
| /* 9=UNKNOWN IF CMACA OR NOT | $* /$ |

This variable is a combination of the CSIZE variable for urban areas, and of the SACTYPE variable for rural areas. See the definitions of each for more information.

## North-South Relationship (NSREL)

```
@ 99 NSREL $1. /* NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONSHIP:
/* N=NORTH
/* P=NORTH TRANSITION .*/
*/
/* R=SOUTH TRANSITION */
/* S=SOUTH - */
/* 9=MISSING */
```

The North-South relationship classification (NSREL) is described in the following source: McNiven C, Puderer H . Delineation of Canada's North: An examination of the North-South relationship in Canada. Geography Working Paper Series No. 2000-3. Catalogue No. 92F0138MPE. Ottawa: Geography Division, Statistics Canada, 2000. For PCCF + , NSREL is determined by the 1996 census subdivision code.

## Canada Post Air Stage Community (AIRLIFT)

> ©100 AIRLIFT \$CHAR1. /* *=CANADA POST AGE STAGE COMMUNITY (6+ MONTHS/YEAR) */
"An Air Stage Office is a Post Office to or from which all mail must be airlifted for more than six (6) months of every year as a viable surface transportation alternative is not available. These offices are generally confined to remote or isolated communities. An office designated an Air Stage Office is deemed to be Air Stage for the whole year." http://www.canadapost.ca/tools/pg/manual/PGairstage-e.asp (Last updated: 2007-09-17)

## Urban Block Flag (BLKURB)



Use of this field is not recommended, because coding to block in areas served by rural postal services is always imputed from a randomly selected dissemination area, based on population weights for each block served, so classification of such blocks as urban or rural is only probabilistic. Classification based on urban postal codes is much more certain, as the specific block is almost always known with much greater certainty. This field is defined as follows: IF UARA GE 9910 then bleurb=0; else IF UARA NE . Then blourb=1; For geography based on postal codes, a far more robust definition is Statistics Canada's recommended definition of "rural and small town Canada" (Plessis et al, 2001) -- where CSIZE='5' (all non-CMACA).

## Federal Electoral District -- 2003 Representation Order (FED)

- 103 FED \$CHAR3. /* FEDERAL ELECTORAL DISTRICT, 2003 LIST */

A Federal Electoral District is the area represented by member of the House of Commons. The Federal Electoral Districts used for the 2006 Census were based on the 2003 Representation Order (list). If missing, FED will be set to 999. If an exact match to the PCCF was not possible, but the postal code indicated an urban FSA, then the FED may have been imputed proportionally to the population using that FSA (SOURCE=I). Otherwise (when SOURCE=3, 2 or 1), the FED will be 999. File FEDNAMES shows the official name of each FED.

## Economic Region (ER)

```
0107 ER $2. /* ECONOMIC REGION (UNIQUE WITHIN PR) */
```

An economic region (formerly "subprovincial region") is a collection of complete census divisions (except for one CD in Ontario which is split between 2 ERs) which is used for analysis of regional economic activity. The Ontario CD of Halton (3524) is split between the ER of Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula and the ER of Toronto. The ER code is only unique within a given province or territory. File ERNAMES shows the name of each ER.

## Census Agricultural Region (AR) or Crop District

| (1) 110 AR | \$CHAR2 . /* |  | /* |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | /* | 1 |  |  |

Census agricultural regions are used by the Census of Agriculture for disseminating agricultural statistics. ARs are composed of groups of adjacent census divisions, except in Saskatchewan, where they are composed of groups of adjacent census consolidated subdivisions (CCS) not respecting census division boundaries. ARs are not defined for the territories. The AR code is unique only when preceded by the province code. File ARNAMES shows the name of each AR, including unofficial descriptive names for otherwise unnamed ARs.

## Census Consolidated Subdivision (CCS)

- 113 CCS SCHAR3. /* CENSUS CONSOLIDATED SUBDIVISION--UNIQUE IN PR (999=MISSING) */

CCSs are composed of groups of adjacent census subdivisions within the same census division. The CCS code is unique only when preceded by the province and census division codes. File CCSNAMES shows the name of each CCS, which is the same as that of its largest CSD.


## Postal Installation Geography Flag (POINSTAL)

©117 POINSTAL \$CHAR1. /* POSTAL INSTALLATION GEOGRAPHY FLAG ( $0=$ NO, $1=Y E S, 2=$ UNKN) */
Quality indicators for PCCF links at each of three levels (QICOMM, QISTREET, QIADDR):
Quality Indicator for PCCF Link to Community (QICOMM)
@118 QICOMM, \$1. /* QUALITY INDICATOR FOR PCCF LINK TO COMMUNITY */
/* $A=V E R Y$ GOOD, $B=G O O D, C=F A I R, N=N O M A T C H, U=U N K N O W N ~ * /$

# Quality Indicator for PCCF Link to Street (QISTREET) <br> ```@119 QISTREET $1. /* QUALITY INDICATOR FOR PCCF LINK TO STREET */``` <br> /* $A=V E R Y$ GOOD, $B=G O O D, C=F A I R, N=N O M A T C H, U=U N K N O W N ~ * /$ <br> Quality Indicator for PCCF Link to Address Range (QIADDR) <br> @120 QIADDR \$1. /* QUALITY INDICATOR FOR PCCF LINK TO ADDRESS RANGE */ <br> /* A=VERY GOOD, B=GOOD, C=FAIR, N=NO MATCH, U=UNKNOWN */ <br> Geocoding Method Used to Build Regular PCCF Record (GMETHOD) <br> @121 GMETHOD \$CHAR1. /* GEOCODING METHOD USED TO BUILD REGULAR PCCF RECORD */ <br> /* 1=AUTO, 2=CENSUS, $3=2001$ CONVERSION, 4=MANUAL */ 

## 1981 Enumeration Area (EA81UID)

```
0 123 EA96UID $CHAR8. /* 1981 ENUMERATION AREA = PR(2)+FED(3)+EA(3) */
```

This field shows the 1981 enumeration area (PRFEDEA), based on the 2006 dissemination block to 1981 enumeration area correspondence file.

## 1986 Enumeration Area (EA86UID)

132 EA86UID \$CHAR8. /* 1986 ENUMERATION AREA $=\operatorname{PR}(2)+\mathrm{FED}(3)+\mathrm{EA}(3)$ */
This field shows the 1986 enumeration area (PRFEDEA), based on the 2006 dissemination block to 1986 enumeration area correspondence file.

## 1991 Enumeration Area (EA91UID)

- 141 EA91UID SCHAR8. /* 1991 ENUMERATION AREA $=\operatorname{PR}(2)+\operatorname{FED}(3)+E A(3)$, /

This field shows the 1991 enumeration area (PRFEDEA), based on the 2006 dissemination block to 1991 enumeration area correspondence file.

## 1996 Enumeration Area (EA96UID)

(8) 150 EA96UID \$CHAR8. $/ * 1995$ ENUMERATION AREA $=\operatorname{PR}(2)+$ FED (3) +EA (3) */

This field shows the 1996 enumeration area (PRFEDEA), based on the 2006 disseminatign block to 1996 enumeration area correspondence file.

## 2001 Dissemination Area (DA01UID)

© 159 DAOIUID \$char8. /* 2001 DISSEMINATION AREA (PRCDDA) */

## 2006 Dissemination Area (DA61UID)

© 168 DA01UID \$char8. /* 2006 DISSEMINATION AREA (PRCDDA) */

The following three fields (ADR, CSDNAME, CSDTYPE) are not present on the HLTHOUT file, they only appear on the GEOPROB file:

## Building Name and Address (ADR)


This field shows either (1) a somewhat abbreviated building name (if applicable), plus a street address and Canada Post community name (if available), or (2) a designated place name (if applicable) followed by the designated place type within parentheses, followed by a space plus the Canada Post community name (if available), followed by a colon (:) plus an abbreviated census division name and type code (if available), or (3) the Canada Post community name (if available), followed by a colon, plus an abbreviated census division name and type code. The contents of this field are intended to provide the most useful written description of the exact location which can be shown more or less readably in 50 spaces. This field only applies to problem records; it is not shown on the HLTHOUT file or printout.

With respect to Canada Post community names, note that the service areas of postal communities are defined by Canada Post with little regard for municipal boundaries established by local authorities, and that is frequently a source of confusion for geographic coding. Also, many smaller rural municipalities have no post office of their own, so those municipal names will appear only rarely in mailing addresses.
The census division name (if present) shows the first 16 characters of the alphabetic name corresponding to the PRCD code of the Standard Geographical Classification, plus a space, followed by the 3-character CSDTYPE. If the CD field is missing ( 00 ), the 20 characters immediately following the colon will be blank. If a building name and address plus Canada Post community name are shown, then no census division name and type will be shown.

## Census Subdivision Name (CSDNAME)

```
@123 CSDNAME $CHARB. /* FIRST 8 CHAR OF CSD NAME */ lonIy on GEOPROB filel
```

This field contains the first 8 characters of the Census Subdivision Name. If the Census Subdivision (the last three positions of the PRCDCSD field) is missing (999), then the CSDNAME field will be blank. A truncated version of the CSDNAME field is shown only on the GEOPROB file and printout; it does not appear on the HLTHOUT file or printout. See file csdNames for the complete name and corresponding CSDTYPE.

## Census Subdivision Type (CSDTYPE)

```
@131 CSDTYYE $2. /* CSD TYPE WITH * REPLACING TRAILING BLANK */ [only on GEOPROB file]
```

This field contains a one or two character abbreviation of the Census Subdivision Type. To facilitate uploading and downloading, if the second (and last) character of this field is blank, the blank will be replaced by an asterisk in order to ensure that every record will be of the same fixed length. (Uploading and downloading utility programs frequently delete trailing blanks, which would otherwise produce variable record lengths for successive records. The asterisk at the end of each record ensures that this won't happen. This field is shown only on the GEOPROB file and printout; it does not appear on the HLTHOUT file or printout.

## Distance (DISTANCE)

This field shows the distance (in km ) from the latitude and longitude centroid of the Montreal Children's Hospital to the centroid of the HLTHOUT record. If latitude and longitude of the HLTHOUT record could not be determined (that is, if their values were "."), then DISTANCE will be missing (indicated by a single period ("."). This field appears only on the printout of the HLTHOUT dataset. It is not written to the corresponding file, since DISTANCE was calculated merely as an illustration of how the latitude and longitude information can be used. For more details on the use of latitude and longitude for the calculation of distances using the PCCF, see Ng E and Wilkins R, How far is it to the nearest hospital? Health Reports 1993;5(2):157-177. A SAS program for calculating distances from each record in one file to the record for the record with the closest latitude and longitude on another file is included (DIST5X.SAS): see Appendix K.

## Message (MESSAGE)

A brief explanatory message corresponding to the link type code (LINK) appears in the summary table and on the GEOPROB printout only; it does not appear in the GEOPROB or HLTHOUT files.


The link type codes (LINKs) and corresponding messages (MESSAGEs) are arranged in hierarchical order, starting with 0 for the most serious problems, and going to 9 for no problem at all (not even a warning or note). If more than one type of
problem was present, only the worst type is shown. The "no problem" message only appears on the summary table, since records with no problems (error, warning or note) are not part of the GEOPROB file or printout.

The following three fields are only present on the output from R5xOLD and I5xOLD, which are used with older data for assigning geographic codes to British Columbia FSAs which have now been moved by Canada Post:

## Birth date of postal code as used in this location (BTHDATC)

Q177 BTHDATEC \$CHARG. /* YYYYMM OF BIRTH DATE OF PCCF PCODE */
[only present on OLDCODES and HLTHOUT2 files produced by R5xOLD or I5xOLD]

## Retirement date of postal code as used in this location (RETDATC)

©184 TDATEC SCHARG. /* YYYYMM OF RETIREMENT DATE OF PCCF PCODE */
[Only present on OLDCODES and HLTHOUT2 files produced by R5xOLD or 15xOLD]

Postal code vintage (PCVDATC)-for alternate programs R5xOLD, I5xOLD only

```
@191 VDATC $CHAR6. /* YYYYMM OF USER'S POSTAL CODE VINTAGE (AT THIS LOCATION) */
```

[from user input and written to OLDCODES and HLTHOUT2 files produced by R5xOLD or I5xOLD]

In this context, vintage refers to the year and month when the user's postal code was reported or generated (looked up). In most cases, the date of the event will be a reasonable proxy for the vintage of the postal code on the user's file. However, if postal codes were missing when the data were collected, and subsequently looked up or generated (manually or by computer), then the vintage of the postal code may be months or even years later than the date of the event. Note that it is common for retired postal codes to remain in use for many months or even years after their retirement by Canada Post. However, it is safe to assume that newly created postal codes are not reported until after the postal code birth date indicated by Canada Post.
This field is created by user input and is only present in the OLCODES and HLTHOUT2 files produced by the supplemental programs R5x and I5OLD which are used to assign the old geographic coding to British Columbia FSAs V1H and V9G. Postal codes with those two FSAs were first retired and then subsequently moved and reused by Canada Post. V1H was moved about 400 km south beginning 1 July 1997, while V9G was moved about 100 km south beginning 1 April 1999. Beginning with Version 3E, the regular programs GEORES3x and GEOINS3x print a warning if your data contain either of the two FSAs which were moved. If your data do not include postal codes with those FSAs, or if your data only contains postal codes of vintage April 1999 or later, then use of the alternate programs is unnecessary and will have no effect on the coding produced by the regular programs GEORES5x and GEOINS5x.

## APPENDIX D: <br> SAMPLE OUTPUTS FROM THE PCCF + PACKAGE

Summary table of results of the automated geographic coding
SUMMARY OF AUTOMATED CODING RESULTS USING GEOCODES/PCCF VERSION 5

$8 \quad 0.20$ NOT CODED AT ALL
390.98 PARTIALLY CODED TO PR ONLY
20.05 PARTIALLY CODED TO PR $+(C D$ OR CMA) -6 APPROX LAT LONG
120.30 PARTIALLY CODED TO PR+CD+CMA--AND APPROX LAT LONG
$8 \quad 0.20$ PARTIALLY CODED TO PR+CD+CMA+CSD--AND APPROX LAT LONG
3927 9B. 27 FULLY CODED TO PR+CD+CMA+CSD+CT+BLK--AND DA/BLK/BLKFACE LAT LONG

|  | PCODE | PRCDC |  | CT |  | LAT LONG |  |  |  |  |  | C | Q S |  |  |  |  |  | DA06UID |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 246602 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1304183033 | H1ASG | 602 | 462 | 582 | 292702 | 45653189073503887 | 000 | A9 | R5 | 32 | 0630 |  | 3115 | 044 | 0 | 06 | 025 | 24045358 | 24662927 |
| 1304183332 | G1H2C | 230 | 421 | 273 | 082102 | 46856140071245151 | 000 | A9D1 | R5 | 2602 | 03 |  | 12 |  | 20 | 03 | 30 | 24 | 21 |
| 1304183333 | G1H7 | 24 | 421 | 273 | 081902 | -46850294071240870 | 000 | A9F1 | R5C | 2602 | 03500 | 22 | 12 | 015 | 20 | 3 | 030 | 24 | 19 |
| 204183632 | G8T8 | 2437055 | 442 | 200. | 015 | 46367087072500828 | 000 | B90111 | R5 | 2576 | 0440 | 31 | 13 S | 014 | 70 | 04 | 050 |  | 59 |
| 304184533 | J8v2 | 2481 | 505 | 841. | 037 | 45510303075735348 | 000 | A9D11 | R5 | 2769 | 07300 | 23 | 12 | 023 | 60 | 08 | 015 |  |  |
| 31 | G1P1H | 242 | 421 | 039. | 065 | 4682208907132961 | 000 | A9D1 | R5 | 333 | 0320 |  | 12s | 05 | 20 | 03 | 025 | 24 | 24230659 |
|  |  | 24 | 421 | 140. | 04800 | 4680599507137031 | 000 | A9D1 |  | 287 | 031 | 2 | 12 |  | 20 | 03 | 060 | 240 | 24230480 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 43936649078879882 | 000 | A9D |  | 525 | 093 | 3 | 13 | 016 | 30 | 03 | 01 | 35 | 87 |
| 6010 |  |  |  |  |  | 51 | 000 | A9 | R5 | 483 | 043 | 2 | 12 | 030 | 50 | 01 | 005 | 35 | 35250597 |
| 1601005431 | R2v | 461 | 602 | 552 | 00060 | 49952430097133317 |  | A9D1117 | R5 | 62 | 10 | 2 | 12 | 01 | 50 | 09 | 040 | 460 |  |
| 32 | P7A5G | 355800 | 595 | 015.00 |  | 48438 | 000 | A9F11191 | R5C | 55 |  |  | 12 | 013 | 50 | 09 | 040 | 4600 | 46110006 |
| 33 | P7B3 | 3558004 | 595 | 011.01 |  |  | 000 | A9F111191 |  | 5576 | 1462 |  | 135 |  |  | $05$ | $004$ | 35084320 |  |
| 01009010 | M6S | 3520005 | 535 | 050.01 |  | 43637293079471415 | 00 | B9 |  | 5589 | 0795B |  | 115 |  | 30 | 03 | 005 | 35063258 | 7 |
| 601009033 | M6P | 352000 | 535 | 100 | 140201 | 43664058079462540 | 000 | A9E | R5C | 558 | 0795E |  | 115 |  | 30 | 03 | 005 | 35098002 | 2 |
| 01010231 | K7M7B | 3510010 | 521 | 01. | 01 | 44250712076533691 | 000 | B9D1111 | R5C | 497 | 1041 | 31 | 13 |  | 15 | 04 | 010 | 35037506 | 36 |
| 0101153 | L5c3s8 |  | 535 | 527.08 | 069101 | 43577841079654532 | 000 | A9D11117 | R5C | 5131 | 065 |  | 115 |  | 30 |  |  | 35049404 | 35210691 |
| 01011910 | S0E1E | 471 | 000 | 000.00 | 00 | 61 | 000 | W7C93445 | R5C | 6768 | 08 |  | 67R | 006 |  |  | 072 |  | 47140158 |
| 101 | L7R4M | 352400 | 537 | 207. | 05 | 43334767079821521 | 00 | 89F111191 | R5 | 4482 | 0436 |  | 12S | 010 | So |  | 002 | 55008 |  |
| 601016133 | L2S2M | 3526 | 539 | 003 | 037 | 43145861079253296 | 00 | A9F111191 | R5 | 5500 | 0446 | 31 | 135 | 051 | 50 |  | 053 | 35090216 | 35260378 |
| 601017132 | L4N | 35 | 568 | 005 | 038 | 443 | 00 | A9F111191 |  | 438 | 12 | 35 | 23 | 00 | 40 |  | 042 |  | 35431008 |
|  |  |  | 56 | 102 | 01 | 42 | 00 | A9F111191 | R5 | 51 | 01 | 43 | 3245 | 07 | 70 | 01 | 030 | 35 | 35380158 |
| 01017910 | N4B2W | 280 | 547 | 000.00 |  |  | 000 | A9F111191 | R5C | 558 | 07951 |  | 11 | 008 | 30 | 03 | 005 | 350 |  |
| 01018131 | N6G2ES | 353903 | 555 | 044.04 | 035003 | 43006922081306309 |  |  | R5 | 4637 | 02 |  | 34 | 02 | 50 | 01 | 052 | 35 | 35280301 |
| 601019332 | L5G1 | 3521005 | 535 | 540.0 | 037901 | 43553413079585884 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 04 | 60 | 01 | 036 | 350454 | 35390350 |
| 01019721 | R2K0 | 4611 | 602 | 133.0 | 070502 | 49927590097100976 | 000 | A9F11191 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 005 | 3504806 | 35210379 |
| 01020010 | M4E3M | 352000 | 535 | 022.0 | 37990 | 43679294079286660 | 000 | A9D11117 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | T7P | 481 | 000 | 000.0 | 004620 | 54164822113845804 | 000 | A9F112181 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1020610 | N | 3532004 | 546 | 000 | 007010 | 42876846080729595 | 000 | B9F112 | R5 | 5582 | 02 |  |  |  | 60 | 01 | 012 |  |  |
| 01029610 | M1 |  | 535 | 362 | 374701 | 43785351079167697 | 000 | A9011116 | R5C | 5427 | 0995M |  | 11 |  | 30 | 03 | 005 | 35077053 |  |
| 01025533 | т5 | 4811061 | 835 | 04.6. | 020303 | 3550678113501115 | 000 | A9F111191 | R5C | 7265 | 6504 |  | 12 L |  | 60 | 05 | 061 | 80 |  |
| 01026631 | K1V9K | $350600{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 505 | 002.05 | 087501 | 45347074075665245 | 000 | B9F11119 | R5C | 5256 | 115 |  | 125 | 06 | 10 | 04 | 008 | 35059014 |  |
| 32 | S4V0G7 | 4706027 | 705 | 008.02 | 01970 | 50432251104564832 | 000 | A9D11117 | R5C | 6848 | 04 |  | 135 | 013 | 10 | 2B | 027 | 4.7007161 | 47060197 |
| 31 | N7S | 3538030 | 562 | 102.02 | 015903 | 42970869082365165 | 000 | A9F111191 | R5C | 5418 | 0142 |  | 24 | 07 | 70 | 01 | 030 | 35072208 | 35380159 |
| 01028832 | N7T6J8 | 3538030 | 562 | 008.00 | 019504 | 42982172082396827 | 000 | A9F111191 | RSC | 5418 | 0142 |  | 245 | 07 | 70 | 01 | 030 | 35072164 | 35380195 |
| 退029531 | T1 | 4802012 | 810 | 019.00 | 016101 | 49678240112881944 | 000 | A9D11117 | RSC | 7450 | 1003 |  | 24 | 018 | 10 | 02 | 011 | 48017419 | 48020161 |
|  |  | 3521005 | 535 | 52 | 069502 | 43576525079661365 | 000 | A9F111191 | RSC | 5131 | 0653 |  | 115 | 046 | 30 | 02 | 005 | 35049405 | 5210695 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 43597525079626646 | 000 | B9F111191 | R5C | 5131 | 0653 |  | 115 | 047 | 30 | 02 | 005 | 35047113 | 26 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 000 | A9 | R5 | 4833 | 0437 | 2 | 125 | 029 | 50 | 01 | 005 | 35032002 | 35250447 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 228 | 115 |  | 34 | 070 | 15 | 04 | 07 | 35068254 | 35470224 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 000 |  |  | 62 | 10 |  | 12 S | 014 | 50 | 09 | 040 | 46014208 | 461107 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4125 | 014 | 50 | 09 |  | 46014003 | 461108 |

Sample printout from the GEOPROB dataset（．GEO）GEOCODES／PCCF VERSION 5
CDTYP CSDNAME TY
（ERRORS \＆WARNINGS，BUT NO NOTES）
BLDG NAME，ADR（CPCOMM：CMA／DPL）：CDNAME
GEOC ORTN FILE DABLK LL HRSUB DPL DIAG
：Avalon Peninsul DIV CONCEPTIT＊
：Rimouski－Neiget MRC ESPRIT－SM＊ Montréal CU DOLLARD－V＊ Frontenac CTY KORONT ${ }^{*}$ ：Toronto Thompson Capital
：Winnipeg
GULLIES

## CMA

0 ERROR：NO MATCH TO PCCF－－－CHECK PCODE／ADDRESS \＆OR CODE MANUALLY
1202050810 A1X5J7 $1001485001301.02013501470501 \quad 00090131994$

Not cmaca Kingston CMA Toronto CMA
$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}1802106710 & \text { VISAX1 } 5933042 & 925 & 006.00 & 004302 & 5012 & 14 & 000 & 90121994 . \text { Kamloops CA1 } \\ 1802068310 & \text { V4T4JS } & 5935027 & 915 & 102.02 & 015502 & 4911 & 13 & 175 & 90141994 . & \text { Kelowna CAl：Westbank（UNP）} \\ 1803049810 & \text { V9C5T3 } 5917044 & 935 & 154.02 & 048004 & 4812 & 41 & 000 & 90 I 51994 .\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}1802106710 & \text { VISAX1 } 5933042 & 925 & 006.00 & 004302 & 5012 & 14 & 000 & 90121994 . \text { Kamloops CA1 } \\ 1802068310 & \text { V4T4JS } & 5935027 & 915 & 102.02 & 015502 & 4911 & 13 & 175 & 90141994 . & \text { Kelowna CAl：Westbank（UNP）} \\ 1803049810 & \text { V9C5T3 } 5917044 & 935 & 154.02 & 048004 & 4812 & 41 & 000 & 90 I 51994 .\end{array}$
1 ERROR：LINKED TO PO GEOG－－CODE MANUALLY IF RESID ADD AVAILABLE
1604055531 R4J1A1 4611999602999.99999900490999000 J21I2282

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2 WARNING：NON－RESIDENTIAL PCODE－－CHECK PCODE／ADDRESS（LEGIT RES？）
 1603422510 LAC9S7－3500999 535999.99999900 ．．．99999．999 E2F119191 BUSINESS BUILDING I20 NEWKIRK RD RICHMOND HILL 1602226510 T2S2T6－4800999 $825999.99999900 . .99 \quad 999$ E2F119191 FOODVALE OFEICE COMPLEX SOOS ELBOW DR SW CALGAR TYGyLNOW 002 AV XATITO SOb G马ET NOYLOGOIA
$1+280_{d}$

## PCODE PRCDCSD CMA CT

$\begin{array}{lllllllll}1301031010 & \text { H9G3X9 } & 2466140 & 462 & 521.01 & 235801 & 4507 & 06 \\ 1602451310 & \text { K7K2T0 } & 3510010 & 521 & 008.00 & 018405 & 4407 & 024 \\ 1604153110 & \text { M3Y4A1 } & 3520005 & 535 & 999.99 & 999900 & 4307 & 999 \\ 1604305110 & \text { R3N3L2 } & 4611040 & 602 & 008.00 & 038001 & 4909 & 10 \\ 1802106710 & \text { V1S4X1 } & 5933042 & 925 & 006.00 & 004302 & 5012 & 14 \\ 1802068310 & \text { V4T4JS } & 5935027 & 915 & 102.02 & 015502 & 4911 & 13 \\ 1803049810 & \text { V9C5T3 } & 5917044 & 935 & 154.02 & 048004 & 4812 & 41\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}1604055531 & \text { R4J1A1 } 4611999 & 602 & 999.99 & 999900 & 4909 & 9\end{array}$

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| CMA/CA RMR/AR | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CT } \\ & \text { SR } \end{aligned}$ | Type Type | Name <br> Nom | Tracted Secteurs |  |
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| 501 | 000.00 | CA/AR | Cornwall |  |  |
| 502 | 000.00 | CA/AR | Hawkesbury |  |  |
| 505 | 999.99 | CMA/RMR | Ottawa-Hull (Gatineau) | CT/SR |  |
| 512 | 000.00 | CA/AR | Brockville |  |  |
| 515 | 000.00 | CA/AR | Pembroke |  |  |
| 516 | 000.00 | CA/AR | Petawawa |  |  |
| 521 | 999.99 | CMA/RMR | Kingston | CT/SR |  |
| 522 | 999.99 | CA/AR | Belleville | CT/SR |  |
| 527 | 000.00 | CA/AR | Cobourg |  |  |
| 528 | 000.00 | CA/AR | Port Hope and Hope |  |  |
| 529 | 999.99 | CA/AR | Peterborough | CT/SR |  |
| 530 | 000.00 | CA/AR | Kawartha Lakes (Lindsay) | . |  |
| 531 | 000.00 | CA/AR | Centre Wellington |  |  |
| 533 | 000.00 | CA/AR | Ingersoll |  |  |
| 532 | 999.99 | CMA/RMR | Oshawa | CT/SR |  |
| 535 | 999.99 | CMA/RMR | Toronto | CT/SR |  |
| 537 | 999.99 | CMA/RMR | Hamilton | CT/SR |  |
| 539 | 999.99 | CMA/RMR | St Catharines-Niagara | CT/SR |  |
| 541 | 999.99 | CMA/RMR | Kitchener | CT/SR |  |
| 543 | 999.99 | CA/AR | Brantford | CT/SR |  |
| 544 | 000.00 | CA/AR | Woodstock |  |  |
| 546 | 000.00 | CA/AR | Tillsonburg |  |  |
| 547 | 000.00 | .CA/AR | Norfolk (Simcoe) |  |  |
| 550 | 999.99 | CA/AR | Guelph | CT/SR |  |
| 553 | 000.00 | CA/AR | Stratford |  |  |
| 555 | 999.99 | CMA/RMR | London | CT/SR |  |
| 556 | 000.00 | CA/AR | Chatham-Kent |  |  |
| 557 | 000.00 | CA/AR | Leamington |  |  |
| 559 | 999.99 | CMA/RMR | Windsor | CT/SR |  |
| 562 | 999.99 | CA/AR | Sarnia (Sarnia-Clearwater) | CT/SR |  |
| 566 | 000.00 | CA/AR | Owen Sound |  |  |
| 567 | 000.00 | CA/AR | Collingwood | - |  |
| 568 | 999.99 | CA/AR | Barrie | CT/SR |  |
| 569 | 000.00 | CA/AR | Orillia |  |  |
| 571 | 000.00 | CA/AR | Midland |  |  |
| 575 | 999.99 | CA/AR | North Bay | CT/SR |  |
| 580 | 999.99 | CMA/RMR | Sudbury | CT/SR |  |
| 582 | 000.00 | CA/AR | Elliot Lake | . |  |
| 584 | 000.00 | CA/AR | Haileybury |  |  |
| 586 | 000.00 | CA/AR | Timmins |  |  |
| 590 | 999.99 | CA/AR | Sault Ste. Marie | CT/SR |  |
| 595 | 999.99 | CMA/RMR | Thunder Bay | CT/SR |  |
| 598 | 000.00 | CA/AR | Kenora |  |  |
| 602 | 999.99 | CMA/RMR | Winnipeg | CT/SR |  |
| 607 | 000.00 | CA/AR | Portage la Prairie | - |  |
| 610 | 000.00 | CA/AR | Brandon |  |  |
| 640 | 000.00 | CA/AR | Thompson |  |  |
| 705 | 999.99 | CMA/RMR | Regina | CT/SR |  |
| 710 | 000.00 | CA/AR | Yorkton |  |  |
| 715 | 000.00 | CA/AR | Moose Jaw |  |  |
| 720 | 000.00 | CA/AR : | Swift Current | $\sim$ |  |
| 725 | 999.99 | CMA/RMR | Saskatoon | CT/SR |  |
| 735 | 000.00 | CA/AR | North Battleford | - |  |
| 745 | 000.00 | CA/AR | Prince Albert |  |  |
| 750 | 000.00 | CA/AR | Estevan |  |  |



## APPENDIX F <br> GEOGRAPHIC CODING FROM PARTIAL POSTAL CODES BASED ON PCCF

| APPENDIX F1 | Geographic coding from the first character of the postal code |
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| APPENDIX F2 | Geographic coding from the first two characters of the postal code |
| APPENDIX F3 | Geographic coding from the first three characters of the postal code |

APPENDIX F1
GEOGRAPHIC CODING FROM THE FIRST CHARACTER OF THE POSTAL CODE

| Letter | Province/Territory Major Geographic Area (Canada Post) | Standard Abbreviation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | Newfoundland and Labrador | NF, NL |
| B | Nova Scotia | NS |
| C | Prince Edward Island | PE |
| E | New Brunswick | NB |
| G H J | Québec | QC |
| G | Québec East |  |
| H | Montréal Metro |  |
| J | Québec West |  |
| KLMNP | Ontario | ON |
| K | Eastern Ontario |  |
| L | Central Ontario |  |
| M | Toronto Metro |  |
| N | Southwestern Ontario |  |
| P | Northern Ontario |  |
| R | Manitoba | MB |
| S | Saskatchewan | SK |
| T | Alberta | AB |
| V | British Columbia | BC |
| X | Northwest Territories | NT |
| X | Nunavut | NU* |
| Y | Yukon | YK, YT |

In the PCCF, some postal codes may be linked to a different province from their first character allocation: Those records are not mistakes; they reflect the reality of Canada Post sortation and delivery patterns.

## APPENDIX F2

GEOGRAPHIC CODING FROM THE FIRST TWO CHARACTERS OF THE POSTAL CODE

| FS | FSA12 - FIRST TWO CHARACTERS OF POSTAL CODE |
| :--- | :--- |
| NPC | NUMBER OF POSTAL CODES |
| CMA | MOST COMMON CENSUS METROPOLITAN AREA OR CENSUS AGGLOMERATION (CMA/CA) |
| PCMA | PERCENTAGE OF POSTAL CODES WITHIN THAT CMA/CA |
| PRCD | MOST COMMON CENSUS SUBDIVISION (CD) |
| PCD | PERCENTAGE OF POSTAL CODES WITHIN THAT CD |
| PRCDCSD | MOST COMMON CENSUS SUBDIVISON (CSD) |
| PCSD | PERCENTAGE OF POSTAL CODES WITHIN THAT CSD |
| AVLAT | AVERAGE LATTTUDE IN DEGREES(2)+DECIMALS(6) |
| AVLONG | AVERAGE LONGITUDE IN DEGREES(3)+DECIMALS(6) |
| $T$ | l=CMA/CA IS CENSUS TRACTED; 0=CMA/CA NOT TRACTED |

GEOGRAPHIC CODING FROM FIRST TWO CHARACTERS OF THE POSTAL CODE

| FS | NPC | CMA | CMA | - | PCD | D |  | AVLAT | AVLONG |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NEWFOUNDLAND |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A0 | 8720 | 000 | 91.6 | 1001 | 36.4 | 1010025 | 3.6 | 48692998 | 055088390 |  |
| A1 | 14510 | 001 | 94.9 | 1001 | 96.5 | 1001519 | 44.2 | 47597789 | 052895286 |  |
| A2 | 4619 | 015 | 42.8 | 1005 | 43.3 | 1005018 | 41.6 | 49270448 | 058618991 |  |
| A8 | 1061 | 000 | 100.0 | 1005 | 98.3 | 1005004 | 75.2 | 49202405 | 057425012 |  |
| nova scotia - nouvelle Ecosse |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| B0 | 12350 | 000 | 79.2 | 1212 | 11.3 | 1207001 | 6.2 | 45076455 | 063718581 |  |
| B1 | 15659 | 225 | 97.8 | 1217 | 97.8 | 1217030 | 96.8 | 46147758 | 060158701 |  |
| B2 | 14528 | 205 | 33.2 | 1209 | 33.2 | 1209034 | 33.2 | 45323562 | 062612204 |  |
| B3 | 11459 | 205 | 100.0 | 1209 | 100.0 | 1209034 | 100.0 | 44650437 | 053639261 |  |
| B4 | 9495 | 000 | 48.1 | 1209 | 36.6 | 1209034 | 36.6 | 44937568 | 064147955 |  |
| B5 | 1982 | 000 | 100.0 | 1202 | 98.4 | 1202006 | 78.6 | 43848198 | 066115568 |  |
| B9 | 782 | 000 | 100.0 | 1215 | 96.4 | 1215002 | 67.1 | 45637082 | 061361888 |  |

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND - ILE DU PRINCE-EDOUARD

| C0 | 3064 | 000 | 88.4 | 1103 | 38.4 | 1103051 | 3.5 | 46393913 | 063288804 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C1 | 6715 | 105 | 69.0 | 1102 | 69.2 | 1102075 | 49.0 | 46294117 | 063324159 | 0 |


| NEW | BRUNSWICR | - NOUVEAU | BRUNSWICK |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- |
| EO | 779 | 000 | 84.0 | 1305 | 14.1 | 1305022 | 6.5 | 46389014 | 066076066 | 0 |
| E1 | 15877 | 305 | 59.5 | 1307 | 50.5 | 1307022 | 38.1 | 46522230 | 065014890 | 1 |
| E2 | 13036 | 310 | 70.5 | 1301 | 49.8 | 1301006 | 46.9 | 45830833 | 065994531 | 1 |
| E3 | 12573 | 320 | 51.4 | 1310 | 46.5 | 1310032 | 32.7 | 46438924 | 067076430 | 0 |
| E4 | 19010 | 000 | 88.7 | 1307 | 39.2 | 1307016 | 7.9 | 46138331 | 054948817 | 0 |
| E5 | 8840 | 000 | 62.2 | 1305 | 43.6 | 1302026 | 6.6 | 45360280 | 066341074 | 0 |
| E6 | 3104 | 000 | 72.9 | 1310 | 96.3 | 1310036 | 10.1 | 45987063 | 067023061 | 0 |
| E7 | 9362 | 000 | 79.1 | 1311 | 47.2 | 1313027 | 17.6 | 46739566 | 067807609 | 0 |
| E8 | 6361 | 000 | 93.2 | 1315 | 59.2 | 1314017 | 10.2 | 47782720 | 065756752 | 0 |
| E9 | 2026 | 000 | 100.0 | 1309 | 98.4 | 1309036 | 22.7 | 46969757 | 065532936 | 0 |

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| G0 | 33748 | 000 | 86.1 | 2419 | 5.3 | 2425005 | 1.5 | 47310886 | 069878275 | 0 |
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| G1 | 24214 | 421 | 100.0 | 2423 | 100.0 | 2423025 | 33.9 | 46819596 | 071258016 | 1 |
| G2 | 6660 | 421 | 100.0 | 2423 | 100.0 | 2423025 | 41.3 | 46837120 | 071334689 | 1 |
| G3 | 6385 | 421 | 62.3 | 2423 | 62.3 | 2423050 | 27.0 | 46896799 | 071422039 | 1 |
| G4 | 7682 | 000 | 43.6 | 2497 | 36.0 | 2497010 | 32.2 | 49399082 | 066494830 | 0 |
| G5 | 15513 | 000 | 37.2 | 2429 | 26.1 | 2429075 | 24.3 | 47570479 | 069452730 | 0 |
| G6 | 18462 | 421 | 46.7 | 2424 | 24.2 | 2424020 | 21.5 | 46408126 | 071394919 | 1 |
| G7 | 12025 | 408 | 85.5 | 2494 | 88.0 | 2494070 | 35.4 | 48207620 | 071152540 | 1 |
| G8 | 19470 | 442 | 32.9 | 2437 | 32.9 | 2493040 | 22.3 | 47948976 | 072253309 | 1 |
| G9 | 10906 | 444 | 58.6 | 2436 | 58.6 | 2436028 | 22.4 | 46593926 | 072669965 | 0 |

H0 $\quad 26464280.8 \quad 2465 \quad 80.8 \quad 2465005 \quad 80.845596425 \quad 0737544011$ H1 $18591462100.02466100 .02466025 \quad 66.2456022370735672141$ H2 $12312462100.02466100 .02466025 \quad 94.2455314350735938461$ H3 $19253462100.02466100 .02466025 \quad 79.5455268820735810401$ $\begin{array}{llllllllllll}\text { H4 } & 11889 & 462 & 100.0 & 2466 & 100.0 & 2466025 & 44.8 & 45497248 & 073647974 & 1\end{array}$ H5 184462100.02466100 .02466025100 .0455055550735638831 H7 17586462100.02465100 .02465005100 .0455844620737422391 H8 $6619462100.02466100 .02466040 \quad 40.2454524050737205561$ H9 11031462100.02466100 .0246609517 .3454588990738431071

| J0 | 53471 | 000 | 80.5 | 2477 | 6.6 | 2477045 | 1.8 | 45911707 | 073909726 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| J1 | 13499 | 433 | 57.7 | 2443 | 57.3 | 2443025 | 31.4 | 45402097 | 071977030 | 1 |
| J2 | 20960 | 450 | 28.0 | 2447 | 29.0 | 2454045 | 19.3 | 45543203 | 072799842 | 1 |
| J3 | 19864 | 462 | 63.4 | 2457 | 35.7 | 2453052 | 16.1 | 45617648 | 073243552 | 1 |
| J4 | 12772 | 462 | 100.0 | 2458 | 82.2 | 2458030 | 40.2 | 45520845 | 073471763 | 1 |
| J5 | 10840 | 462 | 80.6 | 2460 | 49.7 | 2460028 | 20.8 | 45713608 | 073523125 | 1 |
| J6 | 19207 | 462 | 64.9 | 2464 | 27.7 | 2464010 | 19.9 | 45584375 | 073732693 | 1 |
| J7 | 21611 | 462 | 98.9 | 2473 | 27.5 | 2474005 | 10.4 | 45612533 | 073906771 | 1 |
| J8 | 20248 | 505 | 62.1 | 2481 | 52.1 | 2481015 | 30.1 | 45663266 | 075170281 | 1 |
| J9 | 14973 | 000 | 30.0 | 2481 | 22.8 | 2486033 | 16.1 | 47114840 | 077103037 | 0 |


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| K0 | 23077 | 000 | 63.9 | 3506 | 13.6 | 3506008 | 13.6 | 44884429 | 076631417 | 0 |
| K1 | 20952 | 505 | 100.0 | 3506 | 99.9 | 3506008 | 99.9 | 45405662 | 53963 | 1 |
| K2 | 14532 | 505 | 100.0 | 3506 | 100.0 | 3506008 | 100.0 | 45325412 | 075801349 | 1 |
| K4 | 4995 | 505 | 99.9 | 3506 | 78.4 | 3506008 | 78.4 | 45404421 | 075467527 | 1 |
| K6 | 7214 | 501 | 55.1 | 3501 | 56.8 | 3501012 | 54.1 | 44978275 | 075001277 |  |
| K7 | 15349 | 000 | 56.1 | 3510 | 41.3 | 3510010 | 41.2 | 44613422 | 076449034 | 0 |
| K8 | 9938 | 522 | 50.9 | 3512 | 51.7 | 3547064 | 32.9 | 44942336 | 077325422 | 1 |
| K9 | 9410 | 529 | 55.9 | 3515 | 56.3 | 3515014 | 50.5 | 44250562 | 078392667 | 1 |
| L0 | 19101 | 000 | 35.2 | 3543 | 34.2 | 3543064 | 11.0 | 43837075 | 079602011 | 0 |
| L1 | 24599 | 532 | 60 | 3518 | 95.3 | 3518013 | 26.5 | 43889998 | 078896495 | 1 |
| L2 | 18189 | 539 | 100.0 | 3526 | 100.0 | 3526053 | 49.4 | 43117811 | 079164068 | 1 |
| L3 | 23930 | 535 | 60.6 | 3519 | 56.9 | 3519036 | 42.7 | 43759213 | 079355697 | 1 |
| L4 | 37369 | 535 | 80.7 | 3519 | 63.9 | 3519028 | 29.9 | 43.952919 | 079547401 | 1 |
| L5 | 21016 | 535 | 100.0 | 3521 | 99.9 | 3521005 | 99.6 | 43578973 | 079683154 | 1 |
| L6 | 24763 | 535 | 100.0 | 3521 | 48.5 | 3521010 | 48.1 | 43640506 | 079683774 | 1 |
| L7 | 13570 | 537 | 56.4 | 3524 | 76.2 | 3524002 | 56.4 | 43527431 | 079817659 | 1 |
| 18 | 15006 | 537 | 100.0 | 3525 | 99.8 | 3525005 | 99.8 | 43234567 | 079817558 |  |
| L9 | 19055 | 537 | 37 | 3525 | 36 | 3525005 | 36.8 | 43854474 | 079835175 | 1 |
| M1 | 21549 | 535 | 10 | 3520 | 100 | 3520005 | 100 | 43755928 | 079273864 | 1 |
| M2 | 7057 | 535 | 100.0 | 3520 | 100.0 | 3520005 | 100.0 | 43775313 | 079374016 | 1 |
| M3 | 6299 | 535 | 100.0 | 3520 | 100.0 | 3520005 | 100.0 | 43743713 | 079425542 | 1 |
| M4 | 13567 | 535 | 100.0 | 3520 | 100.0 | 3520005 | 100.0 | 43698456 | 079361357 | 1 |
| M5 | 15221 | 535 | 100.0 | 3520 | 100.0 | 3520005 | 100.0 | 43675710 | 079384617 | 1 |
| M6 | 14998 | 535 | 100.0 | 3520 | 100.0 | 3520005 | 100.0 | 43678295 | 079444237 | 1 |
| M7 | 7321 | 535 | 100.0 | 3520 | 99 | 3520005 | 99.9 | 43772760 | 079256491 | 1 |
| M8 | 4765 | 535 | 100.0 | 3520 | 100.0 | 3520005 | 100.0 | 43627375 | 079507944 | 1 |
| M9 | 11231 | 535 | 100 | 3520 | 100 | 3520005 | 100.0 | 43697411 | 079544313 | 1 |
| NO | 26984 | 000 | 70.5 | 3541 | 12.9 | 3536020 | 7.4 | 43330599 | 081236163 | 0 |
| N1 | 12358 | 550 | 47.9 | 3523 | 55.0 | 3523008 | 46.9 | 43416650 | 080208927 | 1 |
| N2 | 14488 | 541 | 91.6 | 3530 | 91.6 | 3530013 | 57.4 | 43512239 | 080595031 | 1 |
| N3 | 14116 | 543 | 38.6 | 3529 | 49.1 | 3529006 | 38.6 | 43207343 | 080284965 | 1 |
| N4 | 10680 | 000 | 27.8 | 3532 | 44.2 | 3532042 | 23.3 | 43568070 | 080797509 | 0 |
| NS | 13846 | 555 | 71.8 | 3539 | 45.9 | 3539036 | 45.7 | 42979796 | 081130889 | 1 |
| N6 | 11679 | 555 | 100.0 | 3539 | 100.0 | 3539036 | 98.9 | 42965876 | 081264298 | 1 |
| N7 | 10003 | 562 | 45.3 | 3538 | 45.3 | 3538030 | 42.0 | 42919191 | 082131032 | 1 |
| N8 | 20606 | 559 | 81.6 | 3537 | 93.4 | 3537039 | 73.2 | 42305006 | 082903203 | 1 |
| N9 | 9387 | 559 | 87 | 3537 | 100. | 3537039 | 58.9 | 42226099 | 083007092 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| P0 | 14943 | 000 | 77.8 | 3556 | 12.3 | 3553005 | 7.7 | 47309726 | O82863230 | 0 |
| P1 | 6355 | 575 | 59.5 | 3548 | 59.5 | 3548044 | 58.4 | 45843666 | 079379444 | 1 |
| P2 | 4586 | 000 | 100.0 | 3548 | 61.6 | 3548055 | 61.4 | 46532787 | 079974989 | 0 |
| P3 | 7356 | 580 | 99.1 | 3553 | 99.1 | 3553005 | 99.1 | 46509799 | 080986910 | 1 |
| P4 | 3171 | 586 | 99.6 | 3556 | 99.8 | 3556027 | 99.6 | 48485322 | 081334694 | 0 |
| P5 | 2178 | 000 | 59.3 | 3557 | 41.0 | 3557041 | 40.7 | 47342945 | 082341557. | 0 |
| P6 | 4558 | 590 | 98.4 | 3557 | 100.0 | 3557061 | 97.0 | 46526814 | 084328802 | 1 |
| P7 | 8471 | 595 | 97.2 | 3558 | 100.0 | 3558004 | 92.1 | 48418849 | 089263932 | 1 |
| P8 | 1224 | 000 | 100.0 | 3560 | 100.0 | 3560027 | 71.2 | 49855947 | 092622560 | 0 |
| P9 | 2297 | 000 | 52. | 355 | 52.2 | 3559012 | 50.3 | 49166390 | 093915089 | 0 |
| MANITOBA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RO' | 27955 | 000 | 91.4 | 4615 | 9.5 | 4612047 | 2.7 | 50196632 | 098677222 | 0 |
| R1 | 3978 | 000 | 56.4 | 4613 | 57.7 | 4609029 | 37.3 | 50065044 | 097508266 | 0 |
| R2 | 14470 | 602 | 100.0 | 4611 | 95.7 | 4611040 | 95.7 | 49900951 | 097109966 | 1 |
| R3 | 13724 | 602 | 99.8 | 4611 | 98.0 | 4611040 | 98.0 | 49869041 | 0971.78703 | 1 |
| R4 | 685 | 602 | 89.1 | 4611 | 39.7 | 4613037 | 36.6 | $49933145^{\circ}$ | 09f7326239 | 1 |
| R5 | 681 | 000 | 78.0 | 4602 | 100.0 | 4602044 | 36.1 | 49611033 | 096727890 | 0 |
| R6 | 1675 | 000 | 100.0 | 4603 | 100.0 | 4603053 | 49.0 | 49180672 | 098023385 | 0 |
| R7 | 7819 | 610 | 79.8 | 4607 | 82.3 | 4607062 | 79.0 | 50073414 | 099970886 | 0 |
| R8 | 1137 | 640 | 51.4 | 4622 | 52.0 | 4622026 | 51.4 | 55262655 | 099754019 | 0 |
| R9 | 1371 | 000 | 100.0 | 4621 | 100.0 | 4621045 | 82.1 | 53816538 | 101255834 | 0 |


| SASKATCHEWAN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| So | 45480 | 000 | 93.9 | 4706 | 8.7 | 4714077 | 0.7 | 51459590 | 105501095 | 0 |
| S2 | 77 | 705 | 100.0 | 4706 | 100.0 | 4706055 | 93.5 | 50771863 | 104930221 | 1 |
| 53 | 1739 | 710 | 95.9 | 4709 | 99.6 | 4709012 | 90.2 | 51210549 | 102459513 | 0 |
| 54 | 15666 | 705 | 82.0 | 4706 | 82.2 | 4706027 | 80.6 | 50271632 | 104411088 | 1 |
| S6 | 8186 | 745 | 50.2 | 4715 | 50.8 | 4707039 | 48.4 | 51820806 | 105645797 | 0 |
| S7 | 13922 | 725. | 99.7 | 4711 | 99.3 | 4711066 | 95.9 | 52128091 | 106646292 | 1 |
| S9 | 7472 | 720 | 45.6 | 4708 | 45.9 | 4708004 | 43.2 | 51839414 | 108347372 | 0 |
| ALberta |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| T0 | 41400 | 000 | 87.7 | 4810 | 12 | 4813001 | 1.9 | 52625780 | 113307693 | 0 |
| T1 | 19353 | 810 | 32.0 | 4802 | 48.3 | 4802012 | 32.0 | 50187681 | 112637785 | 1 |
| T2 | 30159 | 825 | 99.8 | 4806 | 99.9 | 4806016 | 98.7 | 51009148 | 114051146 |  |
| T3 | 15976 | 825 | 99.9 | 4806 | 99.9 | 4806016 | 91.8 | 51094669 | 114144681 | 1 |
| T4 | 14087 | 000 | 35.3 | 4808 | 56.2 | 4808011 | 29.7 | 52255111 | 113746748 | 0 |
| TS | 30050 | 835 | 100.0 | 4811 | 100.0 | 4811061 | 99.8 | 53565419 | 113510532 | 1 |
| T6 | 21179 | 835 | 100.0 | 4811 | 100.0 | 4811051 | 99.4 | 53503746 | 113488256 | 1 |
| T7 | 10840 | 835 | $63.2{ }^{\text {c }}$ | 4811 | 68.7 | 4811034 | 34.8 | 53592056 | 114632026 | 1 |
| T8 | 16099 | 835 | 59.2 | 4811 | 59.2 | 4819012 | 35.4 | 54283468 | 115512293 | 1 |
| T9 | 15386 | 835 | 25.3 | 4811 | 37.4 | 4811016 | 18.6 | 54010457 | 112055117 | 1 |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA - COLOMBIE-BRITANIQUE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| V0 | 26977 | 000 | 83.5 | 5929 | 8.9 | 5929011 | 3.2 | 50581494 | 121419253 | 0 |
| V1 | 37163 | 000 | 26.7 | 5935 | 23.3 | 5935010 | 19.3 | 50891711 | 119031397 | 0 |
| V2 | 42064 | 970 | 19.1 | 5909 | 32.7 | 5953023 | 16.6 | 50679854 | 121922514 | 1 |
| V3 | 36463 | 933 | 97.1 | 5915 | 97.1 | 5915004 | 49.1 | 49181802 | 122793984 | 1 |
| V4 | 20037 | 933 | 83.2 | 5915 | 83.2 | 5915004 | 39.7 | 49184436 | 122453350 | 1 |
| v5 | 20689 | 933 | 100.0 | 5915 | 100.0 | 5915022 | 57.8 | 49248451 | 123035856 | 1 |
| V6 | 21510 | 933 | 100.0 | 5915 | 100.0 | 5915022 | 83.4 | 49249617 | 123129197 | 1 |
| V7 | 13323 | 933 | 100.0 | 5915 | 100.0 | 5915015 | 31.8 | 49272881 | 123116292 | 1 |
| v8 | 23709 | 935. | 66.0 | 5917 | 70.0 | 5917021 | 25.4 | 49851907 | 124722195 | 1 |
| v9 | 35760 | 938 | 21.7 | 5925 | 35.5 | 5921007 | 18.4 | 49288128 | 124390847 | 1 |

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES OR NUNAVUT - TERRITORIES DU NORD-OUUEST OU NUNAVUT
X0 $1167000 \quad 99.76106 \quad 57.56106016 \quad 24.1 \quad 636453301133463450$


| YUKON |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Y0 | 317 | 000 | 98.1 | 6001 | 100.0 | 6001029 | 26.2 | 62232499 | 135620588 | 0 |
| Y1 | 3461 | 990 | 99.9 | 6001 | 100.0 | 6001009 | 99.2 | 60724190 | 135072254 | 0 |

## APPENDIX F3

## GEOGRAPHIC CODING

## FROM THE FIRST THREE CHARACTERS OF THE POSTAL CODE

gEOGRAPHIC CODING FROM THE FIRST THREE CHARACTERS OF THE POSTAL CODE

| FSA | FORWARD SORTATION AREA - FIRST THREE CHARACTERS OF POSTAL CODE |
| :--- | :--- |
| NPC | NUMBER OF POSTAL CODES |
| CMA | MOST COMMON CENSUS METROPOLITAN AREA OR CENSUS AGGLOMERATION (CMA/CA) |
| PCMA | PERCENTAGE OF POSTAL CODES WITHIN THAT CMA/CA |
| PRCD | MOST COMMON CENSUS SUBDIVISION (CD) |
| PCD | PERCENTAGE OF POSTAL CODES WITHIN THAT CD |
| PRCDCSD | MOST COMMON CENSUS SUBDIVISON (CSD) |
| PCSD | PERCENTAGE OF POSTAL CODES WITHIN THAT CSD |
| AVLAT | AVERAGE LATITUDE IN DEGREES (2) +DECIMALS (6) |
| AVLONG | AVERAGE LONGITUDE IN DEGREES (3) +DECIMALS (6) |
| $T$ | 1=CMA/CA IS CENSUS TRACTED; O=CMA/CA NOT TRACTED |

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## APPENDIX H Health Regions and Health Districts

## APPENDIX H1

Summary List of Health Regions, by Province and Type, Canada, December 2007

| PR | Health Region Type | HRTYP | Number |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total |  |  |  |
| NF | Regional Integrated Health Authority ........................................ RIH...................... 4 |  |  |
| PE | County ..............................................................................CTY....................... 3 |  |  |
| NS | Health Zone ........................................................................ZON...................... 6 |  |  |
| NB | Region ..............................................................................REG....................... 7 |  |  |
| QC | Région socio-sanitaire ...........................................................RSS ..................... 18 |  |  |
| ON | Local Health Integration Network ........................................................................................ 14 |  |  |
| MB | Regional Health Authority .....................................................RHA ..................... 11 |  |  |
| SK | Regional Health Authority ..................................................................................................... 12 |  |  |
|  | Health Authority ..................................................................HAU....................... 1 |  |  |
| AB | Regional Health Authority ............................................................................................................................................................................ 4Health Region............... |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | Health ................................................................................. HLT....................... 3 |  |  |
| BC | Health Service Delivery Area................................................................................................................................... 5 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| YK | Territory ..............................................................................TER........................ 1 |  |  |
| NT | Territory ..................................................................................................................................................................... 11Territory.......................$~$ |  |  |
| NU |  |  |  |

The 16 Health Service Delivery Areas in BC roll up to 5 Regional Health Authorities, which are designated by the first digit of the Health Region code.

## APPENDIX H 2

Summary List of Health Districts by Type and Province, Canada, December 2007

| PR | Health District Type | SUBTYP | Number |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total |  |  | -..... 149 |
| NS | District Health Authority | DHA | ......... 9 |
| - QC | Centre local de services communautaires | ..CLS | ..... 174 |
| ON | Public Health Unit (incl Toronto). | PHU | $\ldots$ |
|  | Health Planning Area (Toronto only) ....... | . HPA | ...s.. 16 |
| AB | Sub-regional health authority (by 2007 definitions) | .... SUB | ......... 70 |
| BC | Local Health Area .......................... | ... LHA | ...... 89 |

For Version 5C of PCCF+, the health district codes for BC are not shown, nor are the Toronto Health Planning Areas. Ontario health districts (PHUs) are defined without reference to Ontario health region (LHN) boundaries. In all other provinces, health districts roll up to health regions.



| PRHR | health region / region socio | HRTYP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BRITISH COLURALA / COLONBIE-BRITANNIQUE |  |  |
| 591 | INTERIOR | RHA |
| 5911 | EAST KOOTENAY | HSD |
| 5912 | KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY | HSD |
| 5913 | OKANAGAN | HSD |
| 5914 | THOMPSON/CARIBOO | HSD |
| 592 | FRASER | RHA |
| 5921 | FRASER EAST | HSD |
| 5922 | FRASER NORTH | HSD |
| 5923 | FRASBR SOUTH | HSD |
| 593 | VANCOUVER CENTRAL | RHA |
| 5931 | RICHMOND | HSD |
| 5932 | VANCOUVER | HSD |
| 5933 | NORTH SHORE/COAST GARIEALDI | HSD. |
| 594 | VANCOUVER ISLAND | RHA |
| 5941 | SOUTH VANCOUVER ISLAND | HSD |
| 5942 | CENTRAL VANCOUVER ISLAND | HSD |
| 5943 | NORTH VANCOUVER ISLAND | HSD |
| 595 | NORTHERN | RHA |
| 5951 | NORTHWEST | HSD |
| 5952 | NORTHERN INTERIOR | HSD |
| 5953 | NORTHEAST | HSD |
| TERRITORIES / TERRITOIRES |  |  |
| 6001 | YUKON | TER |
| 6101 | NORTHWEST | TER |
| 6102 | NuNAVUT | TER |

APPENDIX H4:
HEALTH DISTRICTS, CANADA, DECEMBER 2007 DISTRICTS SOCIO-SANITAIRES, CANADA, DÉCEMBRE 2007
PRHR SUB NAME / NOM ..... SUBTYP
NOVA SCOTIA / NOUVELLE-ÉCOSSE
12011 BRIDGEWATER ..... DHA
12012 YARMOUTH ..... DHA
12023 KENTVILLE ..... DHA
12034 TRURO ..... DHA
12035 AMHERST ..... DHA
12046 NEW GLASGOW ..... DHA
12047 ANTIGONISH ..... DHA
12058 CAPE BRETON ..... DHA
12059 HALIFAX ..... DHA
QUEBEC
2401101 RIMOUSKI-NEIGETTE ..... CLS
2401102 LA MITIS ..... CLS
2401103 MATANE ..... CLS
2401105 LA MATAPEDIA ..... CLS
2401301 LES BASQUES ..... CLS
2401302 SAINT-ELEUTHERE ..... CLS
2401303 RIVIERE-DU-IOUP ..... CLS
2401304 KAMOURASKA ..... CLS
2401305 CABANO ..... CLS
2402101 FJORD ..... CLS
2402102 SAGUENAY ..... CLS
2402103 JONQUIERE ..... CLS
2402106 CHICOUTIMI ..... CLS
2402202 DOMAINE-DU-ROY ..... CLS
2402203 MARIA-CHAPDELAINE ..... CLS
2402204 LAC-SAINT-JEAN-EST ..... CLS
2403000 PORTNEUF ..... CLS
2403101 LAURENTIEN ..... C̈S
2403102 SAINTE-FOY - SILLERY ..... CLS
2403201 QUEBEC-HAUTE-VILLE ..... CLS
2403202 QUEBEC-BASSE-VILLE ..... CLS
2403203 LIMOILOU-VANIER ..... CLS
2403204 DUBERGER-LES SAULES-LEBOURGNEUF ..... CLS
2403300 LORE'T'TEVILLE - VAL-BELAAIR ..... CLS
2403401 BEAUPORT ..... CLS
2403402 ORLEANS ..... CLS
2403500 CHARLESBOURG ..... CLS
2403701 CHARLEVOIX-EST ..... CLS
2403702 CHARLEVOIX-OUEST ..... CLS
2404401 HAUT-SAINT-MAURICE ..... CLS
2404402 MEKINAC ..... CLS
2404403 CENTRE-DE-ILA-MAURICIE ..... CLS
2404404 MASKINONGE ..... CLS
2404405 TROIS-RIVIERES ..... CLS
2404406 DES CHENAUX ..... CLIS
2404407 CAP-DE-LA-MADELEINE ..... CLS
2404501 NICOLET-YAMASKA ..... CLS
2404502 BECANCOUR ..... CLS
2404503 DRUMMOND ..... CLS
2404504 ARTHABASKA ..... CLS
2404505 DE L'ERABLE ..... CLS
2405101 GRANIT ..... CLS

| 2405102 | ASBESTOS | CLS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2405103 | HAUT-SAINT-FRANCOIS | CLS |
| 2405104 | VAL SAINT-FRANCOIS | CLS |
| 2405105 | COATICOOK | CLS |
| 2405106 | MEMPHREMAGOG | CLS |
| 2405107 | FLEURIMONT-LENNOXVILLE | CLS |
| 2405108 | SHERBROOKE | CLS |
| 2406101 | LAC SAINT-LOUIS | CLS |
| 2406103 | PIERREFONDS | CLS |
| 2406104 | DOLLARD-DES-ORMEAUX | CLS |
| 2406105 | LACHINE | CLS |
| 2406201 | POINTE-SAINT-CHARLES | CLS |
| 2406202 | VERDUN | CLS |
| 2406204 | SAINT-PAUL | CLS |
| 2406206 | LASALLE | CL |
| 2406301 | RIVIERE-DES-PRAIRIES | CLS |
| 2406302 | POINTE-AUX-TREMBLES | CLS |
| 2406303 | MERCIER-EST | CLS |
| 2406304 | MERCIER-OUEST | CLS |
| 2406305 | HOCHELAGA-MAISONNEUVE | CLS |
| 2406306 | ROSEMONT | CLS |
| 2406308 | ANJOU | CLS |
| 2406309 | SAINT-LEONARD | CLS |
| 2406401 | COTE-DES-NEIGES | CLS |
| 2406402 | SNOWDON | CLS |
| 2406403 | COTE-SAINT-LUC | CLS |
| 2406404 | MONT-ROYAL | CLS |
| 2406501 | NOTRE-DAME DE GRACE - MONTREAL-OUEST | CLS |
| 2406503 | METRO | CLS |
| 2406504 | SAINT-LOUIS DU PARC | CLS |
| 2406505 | SAINT-HENRI | CLS |
| 2406601 | MONTREAL-NORD | CLS |
| 2406603 | SAINT-MICHEL | CLS |
| 2406605 | AHUNTSIC | CLS |
| 2406606 | BORDEAUX-CARTIERVILLE | CLS |
| 2406608 | SAINT-LAURENT | CLS |
| 2406701 | MONTREAL-CENTRE-SUD | CLS |
| 2406702 | Plateau mont-royal | CLS |
| 2406704 | PARC-EXTENSION | CLS |
| 2406705 | MONTREAL-CENTRE-VILLE | CLS |
| 2406706 | 6 VILleray | CLS |
| 2406707 | PETITE PATRIE | CLS |
| 2407201 | HULL | CLS |
| 2407202 | AYLMER | CLS |
| 2407300 | gatineau | CLS |
| 2407400 | PONTIAC | CLS |
| 2407500 | LES COLLINES-DE-L'OUTAOUAIS | CLS |
| 2407600 | DES FORESTIERS | CLS |
| 2407701 | 1 VALLEE-DE-LA-LIEVRE | CLS |
| 2407702 | 2 PETITE-NATION | CLS |
| 2408101 | 1 TEMISCAMING | CLS |
| 2408102 | 2 VILLE-MARIE | CLS |
| 2408103 | 3 ROUYN-NORANDA | CLS |
| 2408104 | 4 ABITIBI-OUEST | CLS |
| 2408105 | 5 ABITIBI | CLS |
| 2408106 | 6 VALLEE-DE-L'OR | CLS |
| 2409101 | 1 Les ESCOUMINS | CLS |
| 2409102 | 2 FORESTVILLE | CLS |
| 2409103 | 3 MANICOUAGAN | CLS |
| 2409105 | PORT-CARTIER | CLS |


| 2409106 | SEPT-ILES | CLS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2409107 | CANIAPISCAU | CLS |
| 2409109 | MINGANIE | CLS |
| 2409110 | BASSE COTE-NORD | CLS |
| 2409112 | TERRITOIRE NASKAPI | CLS |
| 2410101 | CHIBOUGAMAU/CHAPAIS | CLS |
| 2410102 | LEBEL-SUR-QUEVILLON | CLS |
| 2410103 | MATAGAMI | CLS |
| 2410104 | BAIE-JAMES | CLS |
| 2411201 | BONAVENTURE | CLS |
| 2411203 | PABOK | CLS |
| 2411204 | GASPE | CLS |
| 2411205 | GRANDE-VALLEE | CLS |
| 2411206 | ILES-DE-LA-MADELEINE | CLS |
| 2411207 | MURDOCHVILLE | CLS |
| 2411208 | DENIS-RIVERIN | CLS |
| 2411209 | AVIGNON | CLS |
| 2412101 | LAC ETCHEMIN | CLS |
| 2412102 | LA NOUVELLE-BEAUCE | CLS |
| 2412103 | BEAUCE-SARTIGAN | CLS |
| 2412104 | ROBERT-CLICHE | CLS |
| 2412105 | L'AMIANTE | CLS |
| 2412401 | DESJARDINS | CLS |
| 2412402 | CHAUDIERE | CLS |
| 2412403 | BELLECHASSE | CLS |
| 2412404 | LOTBINIERE | CLS |
| 2412702 | L'ISLET | CLS |
| 2412704 | MONTMAGNY | CLS |
| 2413801 | DUVERNAY | CLS |
| 2413803 | CHOMEDEY | CLS |
| 2413805 | PONT-VIAU | CLS |
| 2413.807 | SAINTE-ROSE-DE-LAVAL | CLS |
| 2414201 | D'AUTRAY | CLS |
| 2414202 | MATAWINIE | CLS |
| 2414203 | JOLIETTE | CLS |
| 2414204 | MONTCALM | CLS |
| 2414205 | LES MOULINS | CLS |
| 2414206 | L'ASSOMPTION | CLS |
| 2415101 | DEUX-MONTAGNES - MIRABEL | cis |
| 2415102 | THERESE-DE-BLAINVILLE | CLS |
| 2415103 | ANTOINE-LABELLE | CLS |
| 2415104 | RIVIERE-DU-NORD - MIRABEL | CLS |
| 2415105 | LES PAYS-D'EN-HAUT | CLS |
| 2415106 | LES LAURENTIDES | CLS |
| 2415107 | ARGENTEUIL | CLS |
| 2416001 | VAUDREUIL-SOULANGES | CLS |
| 2416002 | HAUT-SAINT-LAURENT | CLS |
| 2416003 | VALLEYFIELD-BEAUHARNOIS | .CLS |
| 2416004 | CHATEAUGUAY-MERCIER | CLS |
| 2416005 | LES JARDINS DE NAPIERVILLE | CLS |
| 2416006 | SAINT CONSTANT - LA PRAIRIE | CLS |
| 2416007 | BROSSARD - SAINT-LAMBERT | CLS |
| 2416008 | LONGUEUIL-OUEST | CLS |
| 2416009 | LONGUEUIL-EST | CLS |
| 2416010 | ST-HUBERT | CLS |
| 2416011 | LAJEMMERAIS | CLS |
| 2416012 | SAINT-JEAN-SUR-RICHELIEU - SAINT-LUC | CLS |
| 2416013 | SAINT-BRUNO - BELOEIL - SAINT-HILAIRE | CLS |
| 2416014 | CHAMBLY-CARIGNAN-MARIEVILLE | CLS |
| 2416015 | BAS RICHELIEU | CLS |




| 480619 | Sturgeon County | SUB |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 480620 | Fort Saskatchewan | SUB |
| 480701 | Aspen West | SUB |
| 480702 | Aspen Central | SUB |
| 480703 | Aspen North | SUB |
| 480704 | Aspen East | SUB |
| 480801 | Peace Northwest | SUB |
| 480802 | Peace Northeast | SUB |
| 480803 | Peace Southeast | SUB |
| 480804 | Peace Southwest | SUB |
| 480901 | High Level | SUB |
| 480902 | La Crete | SUB |
| 480903 | Northern Lights Northwest | SUB |
| 480904 | Fort McMurray | SUB |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA / COLOMBIE-BRITANNIQUE |  |  |
| Prirsus | NAME / NOM | SUBTYP |
| 5911001 | FERNIE | LHA |
| 5911002 | CRANBROOK | LHA |
| 5911003 | KIMBERLEY | LHA |
| 5911004 | WINDERMERE | LHA |
| 5911005 | CRESTON | LHA |
| 5911018 | GOLDEN | LHA |
| 5912006 | KOOTENAY LAKE | LHA |
| 5912007 | NELSON | LHA |
| 5912009 | castlegar | LHA |
| 5912010 | ARROW LAKES | LHA |
| 5912011 | TRAIL | LHA |
| 5912012 | GRAND FORKS | LHA |
| 5912013 | Kettle valley | LHA |
| 5913014 | SOUTHERN OKANAGAN | LHA |
| 5913015 | PENTICTON | LHA |
| 5913016 | KEREMEOS | LHA |
| 5913017 | PRINCETON | LHA |
| 5913021 | ARMSTRONG-SPALLUMCHEEN | LHA |
| 5913022 | VERNON | LHA |
| 5913023 | CENTRAL OKANAGAN | LHA |
| 5913077 | SUMMERLAND | LHA |
| 5913078 | ENDERBY | LHA |
| 5914019 | REVELSTOKE | LHA |
| 5914020 | SALMON ARM | LHA |
| 5914024 | KAMLOOPS | LHA |
| 5914025 | 100 MILE HOUSE | LHA |
| 5914026 | NORTH THOMPSON | LHA |
| 5914027 | CARIBOO-CHILCOTIN | LHA |
| 5914029 | LILLOOET | LHA |
| 5914030 | SOUTH CARIBOO | LHA |
| 5914031 | MERRITT | LHA |
| 5921032 | HOPE | LHA |
| 5921033 | CHILLIWACK | LHA |
| 5921034 | ABBOTSFORD | LHA |
| 5921075 | MISSION | LHA |
| 5921076 | AGASSIZ-HARRISON | LHA |
| 5922040 | NEW WESTMINSTER | LHA |
| 5922041 | BURNABY | LHA |
| 5922042 | MAPLE RIDGE | LHA |
| 5922043 | COQUITLAM | LHA |
| 5923035 | LANGLEY | LHA |



## APPENDIX J Census divisions, 2006

The numeric code and corresponding census division name, including descriptive names for otherwise unnamed CDs.


| 2416 M | MRC Charlevoix |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2417 M | MRC L'Islet |
| 2418 M | MRC Montmagny |
| 2419 M | MRC Bellechase |
| 2420 | MRC L'ile-d'Orleans |
| 2421 | MRC La Cote-de-Beaupre |
| 2422 | MRC La Jacques-Cartier |
| 2423 T | TE. Québec |
| 2425 | Té Lévis |
| 2426 M | MrC La Nouvelle-Beauce |
| 2427 | MRC Robert-Cliche |
| 2428 | MRC Les Etcheming |
| 2429 | MRC Beauce-Sartigan |
| 2430 | MRC Le Granit |
| 2431 | MRC L'Amiante |
| 2432 | MRC L'Erable |
| 2433 | MRC Lotbinière |
| 2434 | MRC Portneuf |
| 2435 | MRC Mekkinac |
| 2436 | TÉ Shawingigan |
| 2437 | CDR Francheville |
| 2438 | MRC Bécancour |
| 2439 | MRC Arthabaska |
| 2440 | MRC Asbestos |
| 2441 | MRC Le Haut-Saint-François |
| 2442 | MRC Le Val-Saint-François |
| 2443 | TÉ Sherbrooke |
| 2444 | MRC Coaticook |
| 2445 | MRC Memphremagog |
| 2446 | MRC Brome-Missisquoi |
| 2447 | MRC La Haute-Yamaska |
| 2448 | MRC Acton |
| 2449 | MRC Drummond |
| 2450 | MRC Nicolet-Yamaska |
| 2451 | MRC Maskinonge |
| 2452 | MRC D'Autrày |
| 2453 | MRC Le Bas-Richelieu |
| 2454. | ..MRC Les Maskoutains |
| 2455 | MRC Rouville --" |
| 2456 | MRC Le Haut-Richëlieu |
| 2457 | MRC La vallee-du-Richelieu |
| 2458 | TE Longueuil |
| 2459 | MRC Lajemmerais |
| 2460 | MRC L'Assomption |
| 2461 | MRC Joliette |
| 2462 | MRC Matawinie |
| 2463 | MRC Montcalm |
| 2464 | MRC Les Moulins |
| 2465 | TÉ Laval |
| 2466 | TE Montréal |
| 2467 | MRC Roussillon |
| 2468 | MRC Les Jardins-de-Napierville |
| 2469 | MRC Le Haut-Saint-Laurent |
| 2470 | MRC Beauharnojs-Salaberry |
| 2471 | MRC Vaudreuil=Soulanges |
| 2472 | MRC Deux-Moritagnes |
| 2473 | MRC Therèse-De Blainville |
| 2474 | TÉ Mirabel |
| 2475 | MRC La Riviere-du-Nord |
| 2476 | MRC Argenteuil |
| 2477 | MRC Les Pays-d'en-Haut |
| 2478 | MRC Les Laurentides |
| 2479 | MRC Antoine-Labelle |
| 2480 | MRC Papineau |
| 2481 | TÉ Gatineau - |
| 2482 | MRC Les Collines-de-1'Outaouais |
| 2483 | MRC La Vallee-de-la-Gatineau |

3484 MRC Pontiac
2485 MRC Temiscamingue
2486 TE Rouyn-Noranda
2487 MRC Abitibi-Ouest
2488 MRC Abitibi
2489 MRC Vallee-de-1'Or
2490 TE La Tuque
2491 MRC Le Domaine-du-Roy
2492 MRC Maria-Chapdelaine
2493 MRC Lac-Saint-Jean-Est
2494 CDR Le Saguenay-et-son-Fjord
2495 MRC La Haute-cote-Nord
2496 MRC Manicouagan
2497 CDR Sept-Rivieres--Caniapiscau
2498 CDR Minganie--Basse-Cote-Nord
2499 CDR Nord-du-Quebec
3501 UC Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry
3502 UC Prescott and Russell
3502 CDR Ottawa
3506
3507 UC Leeds and Grenville
3509 CTY Lanark
3510

4605 CDR Turtle Mountain
4606 CDR Wallace
4607 CDR Brandon
4608 CDR Swift Current
4609 CDR Portage la Prairie
4610 CDR Macdonald-Cartier
4611 CDR Winnipeg
4612 CDR Springfield-Broken Head
4613 CDR St Andrews
4614 CDR Rookwood-Woodlands
4615 CDR Langford-Minto
4616 CDR Lake of the Prairies
4617 CDR Dauphin
4618 CDR Interlake South-Gimli
4619 CDR Lake Winnipeg-Winnipegosie
4620 CDR Swan River
4621 CDR Moose Lake
4622 CDR Thompson
4623 CDR Hudson Bay
4701 CDR Estevan
4702 CDR Weyburn
4703 CDR Lake of the Rivers
4704 CDR Maple Creek
4705 CDR Melville
4706 CDR Regina
4707 CDR Moose Jaw
4708 CDR Swift Current
4709 CDR Yorkton
4710 CDR Big Quill-Foam Lake-Kutawa
4711 CDR Saskatoon
4712 CDR Battleford-Biggar-Vanscoy
4713 CDR Kindersley-Unity
4.714 CDR Star City-Nipawin-Hudson Bay

4715 CDR Prince Albert
4716 CDR North Battleford
4717 CDR Lloydminster-Meadow Lake
4718 CDR Northern Saskatchewan
4801 CDR Medicine Hat
4802 CDR Lethbridge
4803 CDR Southwest (Cardston-Willow/Pincher)
4804 CDR Hanna-Oyen-Consort
4805 CDR Drumheller
4805 CDR Calgary
4807 CDR Stettler-Wainwright
4808 CDR Red Deer
4809 CDR Rocky Mountain House
4810 CDR Camrose-Vermillion River-Lloydminster
4811 CDR Edmonton
4812 CDR Cold Lake
4813 CDR Woodlands
4814 CDR Yellowhead
4815 CDR Jasper-Banff
4816 CDR Wood Buffalo
4817 CDR Peace River
4818. CDR Greenview

4819 CDR Grande Prairie
5901 RD East Kootignay
5903 RD Central Kootenay
5905 RD Kootenay Boundary
5907 RD Okanagan-Similkameen
5909 RD Fraser Valley
5915 RD Greater Vancouver .
5917 RD Capital
5919 RD Cowichan Valleỳ
5921 RD Nanaimo
5923 RD Alberni-Clayoquot
5925 RD Comox-Strathcona
5927 RD Powell River


Census Division Type (CDtype)
Genre de la division de recensement (CDgenre)

| Type/Genre | Census Division / Division de recensement |
| :--- | :--- |
| CDR | County / Comté |
| CT | County |
| CTY | District |
| DIS | District Municipality |
| DM | Management Board |
| MB | Municipalité régionale de comté |
| MRC | Regional District |
| RD | Region |
| REG | Regional Municipality |
| RM | Territoire équivalent |
| TE | Territory |
| TER | United Counties |
| UC |  |

## APPENDIX K Economic regions

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1010 Avalon Peninsula
1020 South Coast - Burin Peninsula
1030 West Coast - Northern Peninsula - Labrador
1040 Notre Dame - Central Bonavista Bay
1110 Prince Edward Island

1210 Cape Breton
1220 North Shore
1230 Annapolis Valley
1240 Southem
1250 Halifax
1310 Campbellton - Miramichi
1320 Moncton - Richibucto
1330 Saint John - St. Stephen
1340 Fredericton - Oromocto
1350 Edmundston - Woodstock
2410 Gaspésie - Îles-de-la-Madeleine
2415 Bas-Saint-Laurent
2420 Capitale-Nationale
2425 Chaudière - Appalaches
2430 Estrie
2433 Centre-du-Québec
2435 Montérégie
2440 Montréal
2445 Laval
2450 Lanaudière
2455 Laurentides
2460 Outaouais
2465 Abitibi - Témiscamingue
2470 Mauricie
2475 Saguenay - Lac-Saint-Jean
2480 Côte-Nord
2490 Nord-du-Québec

## 3510 Ottawa

3515 Kingston - Pembroke
3520 Muskoka - Kawarthas
3530 Toronto
3540 Kitchener - Waterloo - Barrie
3550 Hamilton - Niagara Peninsula
3560 London

PRER ERNAME
3570 Windsor - Sarnia
3580 Stratford - Bruce Peninsula
3590 Northeast
3595 Northwest
4610 Southeast
4620 South Central
4630 Southwest
4640 North Central
4650 Winnipeg
4660 Interlake
4670 Parklands
4680 North
4710 Regina - Moose Mountain
4720 Swift Current - Moose Jaw
4730 Saskatoon - Biggar
4740 Yorkton - Melville
4750 Prince Albert
4760 Northem
4810 Lethbridge - Medicine Hat
4820 Camrose - Drumheller
4830 Calgary
4840 Banff-Jasper - Rocky Mountain House
4850 Red Deer
4860 Edmonton
4870 Athabasca - Grande Prairie - Peace River
4880 Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake
5910 Vancouver Island and Coast
5920 Lower Mainland - Southwest
5930 Thompson - Okanagan
5940 Kootenay
5950 Cariboo
5960 North Coast
5970 Nechako
5980 Northeast
6010 Yukon
6110 Northwest Territories
6210 Nunavut

APPENDIX L Census agricultural regions, 2006
including unofficial descriptive names for otherwise unnamed regions

| PR | AR | Arname |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 10 | 01 | Southeastern |
| 10 | 02 | Central |
| 10 | 03 | Western and Labrador |
| 11 | 01 | Eastern |
| 11 | 02 | Central |
| 11 | 03 | Western |
| 12 | 01 | Southwestern |
| 12 | 02 | Annapolis Valley |
| 12 | 03 | Central |
| 12 | 04 | Eastern |
| 12 | 05 | Cape Breton |
| 13 | 01 | Northwestern - Nord-Ouest |
| 13 | 02 | Southwestern - Sud-Ouest |
| 13 | 03 | Southeastern - Sud-Est |
| 13 | 04 | Northeastern - Nord-Est |
| 24 | 01 | Bas-Saint-Laurent |
| 24 | 02 | Saguenay--Lac-Saint-Jean--Cote-Nord |
| 24 | 03 | Québec |
| 24 | 04 | Mauricie |
| 24 | 05 | Estrie |
| 24 | 06 | Montréal--Laval |
| 24 | 07 | Lanaudiere |
| 24 | 08 | Outaouais |
| 24 | 09 | Laurentides |
| 24 | 10 | Abitibi-Témiscamingue--Nord-du-Quebec |
| 24 | 11 | Gaspesie--iles-de-la-Madeleine |
| 24 | 12 | Chaudière-Appalaches |
| 24 | 13 | Monteregie |
| 24 | 14 | Centre-du-québec |
| 35 | 01 | Southern Ontario - Sud de l'Ontario |
| 35 | 02 | Western Ontario - Ouest de l'Ontario |
| 35 | 03 | Central Ontario - Centre de l'ontario |
| 35 | 04 | Eastern Ontario - Est de 1'Ontario |
| 35 | 05 | Northern Ontario - Nord de l'Ontario |
| 46 | 01 | Southwestern |
| 46 | 02 | Brandon-Wallace |
| 46 | 03 | Neepawa-Minnedosa-Shoal Lake |
| 46 | 04 | Lake of the Prairies |
| 46 | 05 | Swan River |
| 46 | 06 | Dauphin |
| 46 | 07 | Centre-West |
| 46 | 08 | Centre-South |
| 46 | 09 | Centre-East |
| 46 | 10 | Southeastern |
| 46 | 11 | Centre-North |
| 46 | 12 | Northern |

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## APPENDIX M Canada Post Air Stage Offices

What Is An Air Stage Office?
According to Canada Post, "An Air Stage Office is a Post Office to or from which all mail must be airlifted for more than six (6) months of every year as a viable surface transportation alternative is not available. These offices are generally confined to remote or isolated communities. An office designated an Air Stage Office is deemed to be Air Stage for the whole year." http://www.canadapost.ca/tools/pg/manual/PGairstage-e.asp (Last updated: 2007-09-17)

## APPENDICE M Les Bureaux du Service aérien omnibus des Postes Canada

De quoi s'agissent les Bureaux du Service aérien omnibus?
D'après Postes Canada, «Il s'agit d'un bureau de poste à partir ou à destination duquel tout le courrier doit être transporté par avion parce qu'il n'y a pas de moyen de transport par voie de terre viable durant au moins six mois par année. Ce type de bureau est généralement situé dans les régions éloignées ou isolées. Tout bureau de poste désigné bureau du Șervice aérien omnibus le demeure pendant toute l'année. \%
http://www.postescanada.ca/tools/pg/manual/PGairstage-f.asp (Mise à jour : 2007-09-17)
Table 1: List of Air Stage Offices
Tableau 1 : Liste des bureaux du Service aérien omnibus


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| NATUASHIS | NL | A0P | 1A0 |
| NEGGINAN | MB | ROB | OZO |
| NORMAN WELLS | NT | XOE | 0V0 |
| NORTH SPIRIT LAKE | ON | POV | 2G0 |
| OCEAN FALLS | BC | VOT | 1P0 |
| OGOKI | ON | POT | 2L0 |
| OLD CROW | YT | YOB | 1N0 |
| OONA RIVER | BC | VOV | 1E0 |
| OWEEKENO | BC | VON | 3 SO |
| OXFORD HOUSE | MB | ROB | 1 Co |
| PANGNIRTUNG | NU | XOA | ORO |
| PAUINGASSI | M8 | ROB | 2G0 |
| PAULATUK | NT | XOE | 1NO |
| PEAWANUCK | ON | POL | 2HO |
| PIKANGIKUM | ON | POV | 2LO |
| POND INLET | NU | XOA | 0S0 |
| POPLAR HILL | ON | POV | 3E0 |
| POPLAR RIVER | MB | ROB | 0Z0 |
| PORT-MENIER | QC | G0G | 2Y0 |
| POSTVILLE | NL | AOP | 1N0 |
| PORT NEVILLE | BC | VOP | 1M0 |
| PUKATAWAGAN | MB | ROB | 1G0 |
| PUVIRNITUQ | QC | JOM | 1 PO |
| QIKIQTARJUAQ | NU | XOA | OBO |
| QUAQTAQ | QC | JOM | 1 J 0 |
| RAE LAKES | NT | XOE | 1R0 |
| RANKIN INLET | NU | XOC | OGO |
| RED SUCKER LAKE | MB | ROB | 1H0 |
| REFUGE COVE | BC | VOP | 1P0 |
| REPULSE BAY | NU | XOC | OHO |
| RESOLUTE | NU | XOA | 0VO |
| RIGOLET | NL | AOP | 1P0 |
| SACHIGO LAKE | ON | POV | 2PO |
| SACHS HARBOUR | NU | XOE | 020 |
| SALLUIT | QC | JOM | 1s0 |


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| SANI KILUAQ | NU | XOA OWO |
| SHAMATTAWA | MB | ROB 1K0 |
| SIMOOM SOUND | BC | V0P 150 |
| SOUTH INDIAN LAKE | ME | ROB 1N0 |
| ST-AUGUSTIN-SAGUENAY | QC | GOG 2RO |
| ST THERESA POINT | MB | R0B 1J0 |
| STEVENSON ISLAND | MB | ROB 2H0 |
| STONY RAPIDS | SK | SOJ 2RO |
| STUART ISLAND | BC | VOP 1V0 |
| SULLIVAN BAY | BC | VON 3H0 |
| SUMMER BEAVER | ON | POT 3B0 |
| SURGE NARROWS | BC | Vop 1 W0 |
| TADOULE LLAKE | MB | ROB 2C0 |
| TALOYOAK | NU | XOB 180 |
| TASIUJAQ | QC | JOM 1T0 |
| TETE-A-LA-BALEINE | QC | GOG 2W0 |
| TROUT LAKE | NT | XOE 170 |
| TUKTOYAKTUK | NT | XOE 1C0 |
| TULITA | NT | XOE OKO |
| UMIUJAQ | QC | JOM 1 Y0 |
| URANIUM CITY | SK | SOJ 2WO |
| WAASAGOMACH | MB | ROB 120 |
| WARE | BC | VOJ 3B0. |
| WEAGAMOW LAKE | ON. | POV 2Y0 |
| WEBEQUIE | ON | POT 3A0 |
| WEKWETI | NT. | XOE 1W0 |
| WHA TI | NT | XOE 1P0 |
| WHALE COVE | NU | XOC OJO |
| WILLIAMS HARBOUR | NL. | ADK 5VO |
| WOLLASTON LAKE | SK | SOJ 3C0 |
| WUNNUMMIN LAKE | ON | P0V 220 |
| YORK LANDING | MB | R0B 2B0 |

## APPENDIX N

## SUPPLEMENTARY PROGRAM DIST5X.SAS

DIST5x.SAS is a supplementary program for calculating distances from each record on one file to the closest of many records on a second file.

Use of this program requires that you have already generated two output files through previous use of $P C C F+$ Version 5 x . It first reads in both files. Then, for each record in the first file, it calculates the distance to each record in the second file. It retains only the minimum distance, plus the ID of the record in the second file for which the minimum distance was found.

By default, the program assumes that you have previously defined two categories of records in the second file (for example, specialist and non-specialist physicians, or general hospitals and children's hospitals). You can modify the program to work with additional or fewer categories, defined and coded however you want.

Basic familiarity with SAS programming is required for use of this supplementary program.

## APPENDIX 0

## SUPPLEMENTARY PROGRAM EXPLODE2.SAS

EXPLODE2. SAS is a supplementary program to read in a data file containing counts for postal codes, and transform it into a file containing individual records, including a unique ID, for each occurrence of those postal codes. This is necessary for the data to be coded using PCCF + .

Basic familiarity with SAS programming is required for use of this supplementary program. A sample data file for testing this program is provided (GROUPED. TXT):

## APPENDIX P

## SUPPLEMENTARY PROGRAM FIXPCBAD.SAS

Appendix $O$ is a supplementary program for fixing common errors in Canadian postal codes. It is intended for preprocessing of files prior to coding using PCCF+. A sample data file for testing this program is provided (PCBAD.TXT).


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    47 2B Regina-Moose Jaw
    47 3P Gravelbourg-Enfield (3AN)
    4739 Lake of the Rivers-Laurier-Hart Butte (3AS)
    47 3R Swift Current (3BN)
    47 3S Grassy Creek (3BS)
    47 4A Maple Creek-White Valley
    47 4B Gull Lake-Happyland
    47 5A Yorkton
    4758 Cote-Good Lake-Preeceville
    47 6A Lumsden
    47 6B Saskatoon
    47 7A Kindersley-St Andrews
    47 7B Biggar-Round Valley
    47 8A Star City-Nipawin-Hudson Bay
    47 日B Humbolt
    47 9A Prince Albert-North Battleford
    47 9B Britannia-Meadow Lake-Battle River
    4700 Northern Saskatchewan
    4801 Medicine Hat-Hanna
    4802 Lethbridge-Drumheller
    4803 Calgary-Foothills
    48 4A Stettler-Wainwritht
    48 4B Camrose-Vermillion River-Lloydminater
    4805 Edmonton-Red Deer-Rocky Mountain House
    4806 Yellowhead-Woodlands-Cold Lake-Wood Buffalo
    4807 Peace River-Grande Prairie
    5901 Vancouver Island-Coast
    5902 Lower Mainland-Southwest
    5903 Thompson-Okanagan
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    6000 Yukon - - -
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