

## **Read Me File**

### **for the Material and Social Deprivation Index (MSDI), Canada 1991**

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

FILE	DESCRIPTION
<b>A-MSDI Data, Canada 1991</b>	
1. Correspondence table (Excel)	Contains all values of the MSDI plus geographical information
2. Description of the correspondence table's content (Word)	Documents and explains the variables in the correspondence table
<b>B-Assignment of the MSDI to postal codes, Canada 1991</b>	
3. User guide for the assignment program (Word)  Folder with SAS code and text files	Explains the steps to assign the MSDI index to a postal code  Adds the MSDI index to 6-digit postal codes and, if available, to municipal codes
<b>C-Population numbers by age and sex for different versions of the MSDI, Canada 1991</b>	
4. National version (Canada)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can1991_Population_sex_age_MSDI_eng.xlsx</li> </ul>
5. Regional version (5 major Canadian regions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CanReg_1991_Population_sex_age_MSDI_eng.xlsx</li> </ul>
6. Local versions	<p>Geographic areas (4 Canadian territorial zones)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a. CanZone_1991_Population_sex_age_MSDI_eng.xlsx</li> </ul> <p>Metropolitan areas (3 largest CMAs in Canada : Montréal, Toronto and Vancouver)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• b. CanCMA_1991_Population_sex_age_MSDI_eng.xlsx</li> </ul>
<b>D-Methodological documents</b>	
2011 The Québec Index of Material and Social Deprivation: Methodological Follow-up, 1991 through 2006.  2019 Material and social deprivation index: a summary.	Provides methodological information about the MSDI (User guide)

#### **Additional resources**

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