

## NAME

**csv** - process data in a CSV (Comma-Separated Values) file.

## SYNOPSIS

**csv [-frh] [-max field] [-min field] [-mean field] [-records field value] file**

## DESCRIPTION

The **csv** program reads data from a CSV file (**file**), processes the contents and produces results according to command-line arguments, as follows.

**-f** Display the number of fields in the first record of **file**.

**-r** Display the number of records in **file**.

**-h** Treat the first record of **file** as a header record rather than a data record.

**-max field** Display the maximum value in the indicated **field** of the data records. The first field is numbered 0. This option ignores non-numeric data in the indicated field. If there is no numeric data in the indicated field in any of the data records the program exits with error code 1.

**-min field** Display the minimum value in the indicated **field** of the data records. The first field is numbered 0. This option ignores non-numeric data in the indicated field. If there is no numeric data in the indicated field in any of the data records the program exits with error code 1.

**-mean field** Display the arithmetic mean (average) value in the indicated **field** of the data records. The first field is numbered 0. This option ignores non-numeric data in the indicated field. If there is no numeric data in the indicated field in any of the data records the program exits with error code 1.

**-records field value** Display the records from **file** containing **value** in the the indicated **field**. The first field is numbered 0. Value is formatted according to the same rules as data in fields.

## EXAMPLES

These examples are based on the following [sample file](#). In compliance with [stated requirements](#) this file is also available from the original source as [Television viewing time of all television stations, by viewer demographic characteristics, content and type of programme, Canada](#), published by Statistics Canada under the [Open Government License - Canada](#).

Assume that '%' is the operating system prompt.

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% csv -f 05020004-eng.csv
8
% csv -r 05020004-eng.csv
820
% csv -h -min "Ref_Date" 05020004-eng.csv
1998
% csv -h -max "Ref_Date" 05020004-eng.csv
2004
% csv -h -mean "Value" 05020004-eng.csv
10.26
% csv -h -min "Ref_Date" -max "Ref_Date" -mean "Value" 05020004-eng.csv
1998
2004
10.26
% csv -h -records "Value" 61.1 05020004-eng.csv
1998,Canada,"Total, all persons two years and older",Foreign television
programmes,"Total, all types of television programmes",v21419952,1.1.3.1,61.1
2001,Canada,"Total, all persons two years and older",Foreign television
programmes,"Total, all types of television programmes",v21419952,1.1.3.1,61.1
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## EXIT STATUS

0 if execution terminates normally

1 if execution terminates abnormally

## STANDARDS

The input file is expected to adhere to the [rfc4180 standard](#) for CSV files. This file is available on-line at <https://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc4180.txt>