READ ME FILE
FOR THE MATERIAL AND SOCIAL DEPRIVATION INDEX (MSDI), CANADA 2021

Description of files included in folders A, B, C and D.

FILE	DESCRIPTION
A- MSDI Data Canada 2021	
1. Correspondence table (Excel)	Contains all values of the MSDI plus geographical information
2. Description of the correspondence table's content (PDF)	Documents and explains the variables in the correspondence table
B- Assignation of the MSDI in dissemination areas to postal codes, Canada 2021	
3. User guide for the assignation program (PDF)	Explains the steps to assign an index to a postal code
Folder with SAS code and text files	Adds the MSDI values to 6-digit postal codes and, if available, to municipal codes
C- Population numbers by age and sex for different versions of the MSDI, Canada 2021	
4. Description of the Excel files' content (PDF)	Describes variables in the population number files
5. National version (Canada) (Excel)	• Can2021_Population_sex_age_MSDI_en.xlsx
6. Regional version (5 major Canadian regions) (Excel)	• CanReg_2021_Population_sex_age_MSDI_en.xlsx
7. Local versions (Excel)	Geographic areas (4 Canadian territorial zones) • a. CanZone_2021_Population_sex_age_MSDI_en.xlsx Metropolitan areas (3 largest CMAs in Canada: Montréal, Toronto and Vancouver) • b. CanCMA_2021_Population_sex_age_MSDI_en.xlsx
D- Methodological guides	
2011. The Québec Index of Material and Social Deprivation: Methodological Follow-up, 1991 through 2006. 2017. Challenges of updating the Deprivation Index with 2011 Census and NHS 2019. Material and social deprivation index: a summary. 2024. Azevedo Da Silva et al. Material and social deprivation index 2021	Provides methodological information about the MSDI (User guide)

Additional resources

- Memory aid explaining inequality measures (only in French).
- Web pages on the topic of the deprivation, the material and social deprivation index and the indices of multiple and multidimensional deprivation.