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## Inventory of National Rural Health Research Related Databases

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**Database name:** **Census of Population**

**Thematic Coverage:** This census collects demographic, social, cultural, and economic information characterizing the Canadian population.

**Maintained by:** Census Operations Division, Statistics Canada

**Availability:** A public release version of the census is available through the Data Liberation Initiative (DLI). Some variables are suppressed (e.g. low income cut-off) and other are aggregated to protect the anonymity of individual survey respondents. Data tables extracted from the 2001 Census database that contain statistical information about every characteristic of the population, households, dwellings and families and other characteristics measured in the census are available at: <http://www12.statcan.ca/english/census01/Products/Standard/Index.cfm>. If information needs cannot be fully met by the public-use microdata file, custom tabulations are available from the census master file and charged on a cost recovery basis.

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**Start Date:** pre-1900

**Release Date:** Data release begins second quarter of proceeding year through 2 calendar years

**Frequency of collection:** Quinquennial (most recent 2001)

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**Data Collection:** All Canadian citizens and landed immigrants with a residence in Canada, Canadian citizens and landed immigrants who are abroad in the Armed Forces or on government services, Canadian citizens and landed immigrants at sea or in port aboard merchant vessels under Canadian registry, and non-permanent residents (persons who hold a student authorization permit, an employment authorization permit, a Minister's permit or who are refugee claimants) are surveyed. Data collection involves surveys being sent to 98% of the population, while an additional 2% of data are obtained through interviews.

**Sample:** The census of 2001 had 30,007,094 individuals.

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**Geographic coverage:** All provinces and territories, excluding foreign diplomats, foreign military personnel and their families and visitors from another country.

**Lowest geographic level collected:** Postal Codes / Block-face point indicator

**Lowest geographic level of release:** Enumeration Area / Block Face

**Existing rural variable:** No

Rural definitions that can be constructed from this database include (building block):

- ✓ Census “rural areas” (Enumeration Area)
  - ✓ Rural and Small Town definition (Census Subdivision)
  - ✓ Metropolitan area and census agglomeration Influenced Zones (Census Subdivision)
  - ✓ OECD “rural communities” definition (Census Consolidated Subdivision)
  - ✓ OECD “predominantly rural regions” definition (Census Division)
  - ✓ Ehrensaft’s “Beale codes” (Census Division)
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Data Elements:

- Socio-economic, demographic, social and geographic profiles
- Ethno-cultural and language profiles
- Information concerning disabled persons
- Migration and mobility
- Family profiles
- Dwellings: profiles by type and dwelling related characteristics
- Data on the aboriginal population
- Household profiles, ethnicity, mother tongue,
- Labour force activity and income

Notes:

All cells with less than 40 observations are suppressed. All economic data is suppressed when cells contain less than 250 observations.

No economic information is available for Aboriginal populations.

For more information, see website at:

<http://www12.statcan.ca/english/census01/release/index.cfm>