

## Appendix A: Definitions

The following definitions were selected from the *2006 Census Dictionary* based on the variables used in the *2006 Census of Canada Maps*. See the Statistics Canada website for a complete listing of census variables and definitions at <http://www12.statcan.ca/census-recensement/2006/ref/dict/index-eng.cfm>.

### GEOGRAPHY

#### Dissemination Area (DA)

Small area composed of one or more neighbouring dissemination blocks, with a population of 400 to 700 persons. All of Canada is divided into dissemination areas.

#### Census Tract (CT)

Area that is small and relatively stable. Census tracts usually have a population of 2,500 to 8,000. They are located in large urban centers that must have an urban core population of 50,000 or more.

#### Census Subdivision (CSD)

Area that is a municipality or an area that is deemed to be equivalent to a municipality for statistical reporting purposes (e.g., as an Indian reserve or an unorganized territory). Municipal status is defined by laws in effect in each province and territory in Canada.

#### Census Metropolitan Area (CMA)

Area consisting of one or more neighbouring municipalities situated around a major urban core. A census metropolitan area must have a total population of at least 100,000 of which 50,000 or more live in the urban core.

**POPULATION:** Refers to population statistics.

**Total Population:** Refers to the total population per DA or CT (used for calculating percentages with other variables not mapped as raw values).

**Population Density:** Refers to the number of persons per square kilometre.

**Population Change 1996 -2001:** Percentage population change between two given census years.

**Persons Aged 0-4, 15-24, 45-59, Over 65:** Percent of the total population per DA or CT aged 0-4, 15-24, 45-59, Over 65 years.

**ETHNIC ORIGIN:** Refers to the status of belonging to a specific nation by origin, birth, or naturalization, or the ethnic or cultural group(s) to which the respondent's ancestors belong.

**Citizenship - Canadian:** Legal citizenship status of the respondent is Canadian by birth/naturalization.

**Citizenship - Other than Canadian:** Written-in response other than Canadian.

**Ethnic Origin - single responses:** Total number of individuals per DA or CT whose sole response to ethnic origin was one of the following: French; Italian; German; English (British Isles); Dutch (Netherlands); Ukrainian; Polish. [NOTE: these ethnic origins were selected from the complete list of ethnic origins available in the 2006 Census].

**Total Visible Minority Population:** Refers to the population group to which the respondent belongs - visible minorities are persons (other than Aboriginal persons), who are non-Caucasian in race or non-white in colour.

**EDUCATION:** Refers to the highest grade or year of elementary or secondary school attended, or to the highest level of university or college education completed.

**No Education Completed (less than Grade 9):** population aged 25 years and over with less than grade 9 education.

**Without Secondary School Graduation Certificate:** population aged 25 years and over who never received a secondary school graduation certificate due to incomplete course study.

**With Secondary School Graduation Certificate:** population aged 25 years and over who received a secondary school graduation certificate.

**Trades Certificate or Diploma:** population aged 25 years and over who received a trades certificate or diploma (non-university or university level recognition).

**College Certificate or Diploma:** population aged 25 years and over who received a college certificate or diploma.

**With Bachelor's Degree or Higher:** population aged 25 years and over who attended university and received a degree at the bachelor's level or higher including bachelor's, honour's, master's and earned doctorate degrees.

**EMPLOYMENT:** The employed labour force includes all persons who worked for pay or in self-employment in the week prior to Census day.

**Total Labour Force:** Refers to all persons 15 years of age and over who were either employed or unemployed during the week (Sunday to Saturday) prior to Census day.

**Unemployment Rate:** Refers to the unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the week (Sunday to Saturday) prior to Census Day (May 16, 2006).

**OCCUPATION:** Refers to the type of job a person aged 15 and over holds and the description of his or her duties.

**Sales and Service Occupations:** Refers to the population aged 15 years and over employed by the category "G" occupations including sales and service.

**Trades, Transport or Equipment Operator Occupations:** Refers to the population aged 15 years and over employed by the category "H" occupations including trades, transport and equipment operator.

**Primary Industry Occupations:** Refers to the population aged 15 years and over employed by the category "I" including occupations unique to primary industries.

**Manufacturing and Utilities Occupations:** Refers to the population aged 15 years and over employed by the category "J" occupations including processing; manufacturing and utilities.

**TRANSPORTATION TO WORK:** The main means a person uses between home and place of work.

**Driving to Work:** Refers to the population 15 years and older who drove to work.

**Riding Public Transit:** Refers to the population 15 years and older who rode public transit (bus, streetcar, subway, etc) to work.

**Cycling to Work:** Refers to the population 15 years and older who cycled to work.

**Walking to Work:** Refers to the population 15 years and older who walked to work.

**INCOME:** Dollar amount obtained by adding up the total income of all individuals and dividing this sum by the number of individuals with income.

**Average Full-time Income:** Average income of individuals refers to the dollar amount obtained by adding up the total income of all individuals 15 years of age and over who reported full-time income for 2005 and dividing this sum by the number of individuals with full-time income.

**Average Household Income:** Dollar amount obtained by adding up the total income of all family members (census/economic), persons 15 years of age and over not in families, or households and dividing this sum by the number of families, persons 15 years of age and over not in families, or households.

**Average Full-time Income (Male, Female):** Average income is calculated from unrounded data by dividing the aggregate full-time income of a specified group of individuals (total, female or male full-time labour force) by the number of individuals with income in that group.

**Prevalence of low income before tax 2005:** Percentage of economic families or persons not in economic families who spend 20% more than average of their before-tax income on food, shelter and clothing. The prevalence of low income before tax is the proportion or percentage of economic families or persons not in economic families in a given classification below the before tax low income cut-offs. These prevalence rates are calculated from unrounded estimates of economic families and persons not in economic families 15 years of age and over.

**HOUSING:** Refers to the set of living quarters in which a person or a group of persons resides or could reside.

**Gross Rent:** Average monthly total of all shelter expenses paid by tenant households. Gross rent includes the monthly rent and the costs of electricity, heat and municipal services. Refers to the total average monthly payments paid by tenant households to secure shelter.

**Value of Dwelling:** Refers to the dollar amount expected by the owner if the dwelling were to be sold.

**Dwellings Owned:** Refers to a private dwelling, other than one situated on a farm and occupied by a farm operator, which is owned or being bought by some member of the household.

**Dwellings Rented:** Refers to a private dwelling, other than one situated on a farm and occupied by a farm operator, which is not owned by some member of the household.

**Vintage of Dwelling:** Refers to the period in time during which the building or dwelling was originally constructed.

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