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Preface

This Interim List provides a summary of the changes to census subdivisions (e.g., municipal boundary changes) in effect between January 2, 2006 and January 1, 2011. This report represents the changes which have been processed by the Geography Division based on the information received and, therefore, does not include all the changes which may have occurred in this time period.

We would welcome any suggestions on the presentation of the Interim List or the planned frequency. Those users requiring more information about changes to census subdivisions should contact us by e-mail at infostats@statcan.gc.ca, or by phone at 1-800-263-1136.

Content considerations

Notification of the changes that take place during this period are obtained from the provincial gazette and statutes, the orders of the Municipal Board, and special provincial acts.

Boundary changes are compiled from legal descriptions and accompanying sketch maps onto a digital compilation base map which is maintained by the Geography Division, using the best available information. Copies of these maps are sent for verification to the municipal authority in each province/territory on an annual basis. Any corrections or additional changes reported back to the Geography Division are represented in the subsequent issue of the Interim List as change types 8, 8C, 9 or 9C (boundary revisions).

Geographic changes

To calculate population adjustments to census subdivisions (CSDs)¹ affected by a boundary change, the change can be categorized at the dissemination block² level into two types:

- annexation of a complete dissemination block
- annexation of a partial (split) dissemination block (complete dissemination blocks and partial dissemination blocks can be annexed within the same boundary change).

In the case of complete dissemination blocks, the population count adjustments are made using published data counts.

In the case of partial dissemination blocks, adjusted population counts are derived using 2006 Census collection instruments (visitation records³ and collection maps) for the dissemination block part being annexed. The population for the part dissemination block not

1. Census subdivision (CSD): a term applying to municipalities (as determined by provincial legislation) or their equivalents (e.g., Indian reserves, Indian settlements). In Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia and British Columbia, census subdivisions have been created by Statistics Canada, in cooperation with the provinces, as equivalents for municipalities.

2. Dissemination block (DB): an area bounded on all sides by roads and/or boundaries of standard geographic areas.

3. A visitation record is a registry of dwellings enumerated and records the dissemination block in which they are located. It includes a count of the occupants in the dwelling.

being annexed is the residual – published dissemination block population count minus the derived population count for the annexed part dissemination block.

Prior to the 1996 Census, the land area data contained in the Interim List was calculated manually using a digital planimeter for each CSD boundary change. This process was automated for the 2001 Census. As a result of this change, land area is no longer being calculated or published in the Interim List for individual changes, including those changes at the census subdivision level.

The following two text tables show census subdivision types by province and territory and the number of CSD changes by type of change. The summary data reflect the transactions in effect between January 2, 2006 and January 1, 2011.

**Table A Census subdivision types by province and territory,
as of January 1, 2011**

Census subdivision type		N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Y.T.	N.W.T.	Nvt.	Total
		376	113	99	273	1,285	574	287	959	435	743	37	41	31	5,253
C	City / Cité	...	...	...	4	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
CC	Chartered community	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3
CG	Community government	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	4
CM	County (municipality)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
CN	Crown colony / Colonie de la couronne	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
COM	Community	...	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
CT	Canton (municipalité de)	...	...	...	...	45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45
CU	Cantons unis (municipalité de)	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
CV	City / Ville	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
CY	City	3	2	...	4	...	46	9	16	17	49	1	1	1	149
CÉ	Cité	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
DM	District municipality	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	52	...	...	...	52
HAM	Hamlet	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	10	24	36
ID	Improvement district	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	7
IGD	Indian government district	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2
IM	Island municipality	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
IRI	Indian reserve / Réserve indienne	3	4	25	18	27	139	75	168	81	419	...	2	...	961
LGD	Local government district	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
LOT	Township and royalty	...	67	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	67
M	Municipality / Municipalité	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
MD	Municipal district	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	64	...	...	...	...	76
MU	Municipality	...	...	...	...	...	54	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	54
MÉ	Municipalité	...	...	...	...	619	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	619
NH	Northern hamlet	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	11
NL	Nisga'a land	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
NO	Unorganized / Non organisé	...	...	...	...	96	16	10	2	...	...	4	6	3	137
NV	Northern village	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	11
NVL	Nisga'a village	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
P	Parish / Paroisse (municipalité de)	...	...	...	150	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	150
PE	Paroisse (municipalité de)	...	...	...	...	179	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	179
RCR	Rural community / Communauté rurale	4	4
RDA	Regional district electoral area	158	158

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Table A Census subdivision types by province and territory, as of January 1, 2011 (continued)

Census subdivision type		N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Y.T.	N.W.T.	Nvt.	Total
RG	Region	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
RGM	Regional municipality	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	4
RM	Rural municipality	...	...	...	...	...	...	117	296	...	...	...	...	...	413
RV	Resort village	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	...	...	...	...	...	40
S-É	Indian settlement / Établissement indien	...	...	...	...	6	5	4	1	4	3	5	...	...	28
SA	Special area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	3
SC	Subdivision of county municipality / Subdivision municipalité de comté	...	...	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
SET	Settlement	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	3	13
SG	Self-government / Autonomie gouvernementale	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	4
SM	Specialized municipality	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	5
SNO	Subdivision of unorganized / Subdivision non organisée	92	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	92
SV	Summer village	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	51	...	...	...	...	51
SÉ	Settlement / Établissement	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	...	13
T	Town	277	7	31	13	...	88	51	147	108	14	3	4	...	743
TC	Terres réservées aux Cris	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
TI	Terre inuite	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
TK	Terres réservées aux Naskapis	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
TL	Teslin land	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
TP	Township	...	...	...	...	...	207	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	207
TV	Town / Ville	...	...	...	14	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
V	Ville	...	...	...	...	222	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	222
VC	Village cri	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
VK	Village naskapi	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
VL	Village	...	...	...	66	45	11	19	266	95	43	4	1	...	550
VN	Village nordique	...	...	...	...	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14

... not applicable

**Table B Number of census subdivision changes by type of change
(with 8C and 9C)**

Province or territory	Change code ¹																		Total
	1	2	2C	3	3C	23	4	5	5A	6	7	7C	8	8C	9	9C	10	11	
Newfoundland and Labrador	2	2	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	11
Prince Edward Island	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	3	...	4	...	...	15
Nova Scotia	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	5	1	6	1	1	17
New Brunswick	3	1	3	3	...	2	6	8	2	10	...	...	...	7	...	8	...	...	53
Quebec	4	7	2	40	1	5	13	11	5	12	2	...	3	18	3	18	10	10	164
Ontario	2	1	6	2	...	1	13	12	11	15	...	1	7	21	7	22	10	13	144
Manitoba	3	...	...	1	...	...	13	2	9	3	...	...	1	3	1	3	4	4	47
Saskatchewan	1	1	2	6	...	...	26	92	26	95	...	...	5	10	5	10	4	4	287
Alberta	1	4	12	1	32	...	19	89	17	89	...	...	1	10	1	10	...	...	286
British Columbia	33	23	2	1	1	...	126	43	62	54	42	1	8	42	8	43	5	5	499
Yukon	2	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	10
Northwest Territories	5	2	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	5	58	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	73
Nunavut	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Canada	56	41	27	59	34	8	221	261	134	290	102	3	26	120	26	125	35	38	1,606

... not applicable

1. Change code:

- 1 incorporation
- 2 change of census subdivision name
- 2C correction of census subdivision name
- 23 change of census subdivision name and type
- 3 change of census subdivision type
- 3C correction of census subdivision type
- 4 dissolution
- 5 census subdivision has annexed a new part from another census subdivision
- 5A census subdivision has annexed a complete census subdivision (could also include the annexation of another census subdivision part)
- 6 census subdivision has lost a part annexed by another census subdivision
- 7 revision of Standard Geographical Classification (SGC) code
- 7C correction of Standard Geographical Classification (SGC) code
- 8 census subdivision limits have been corrected and census subdivision has gained land area and population
- 8C census subdivision limits have been corrected and census subdivision has gained land area
- 9 census subdivision limits have been corrected and census subdivision has lost land area and population
- 9C census subdivision limits have been corrected and census subdivision has lost land area
- 10 population has been increased
- 11 population has been reduced

Descriptions of Tables 1 and 2

The Interim List contains two tables, which are available for download in three file formats:

- **CSV** (Comma Separated Values) which allows you to access each table in any spreadsheet application
- **XLS** (Microsoft Excel Spreadsheet) that can be viewed with Microsoft Excel
- **TXT** (tab-delimited ASCII files).

Table 1: Changes to census subdivisions in alphabetical order by province and territory (with 8C and 9C).

This bilingual table presents all types of changes received to date, with 2006 population reported according to January 1, 2011 census subdivision limits. The changes are listed in alphabetical order by province/territory and the data are available for download for all of Canada as well as by province/territory.

Click [Table 1](#) to get to the download page for Table 1.

Table 2: Changes to census subdivision codes, names, and types in numerical order, by province and territory.

This bilingual table presents only changes that impact on the Standard Geographical Classification (SGC)⁴ and therefore excludes annexations and boundary revisions. The changes are listed in SGC code order and the data are available for download for all of Canada as well as by province/territory.

Click [Table 2](#) to get to the download page for Table 2.

An important reference for users of the Interim List is the *Standard Geographical Classification* manual. It is composed of:

Volume I (The Classification) – Catalogue number 12-571-X

Volume II (Reference Maps) – Catalogue number 12-572-X.

4. The Standard Geographical Classification (SGC) is Statistics Canada's classification of geographic areas in Canada. The SGC provides unique numeric identification for three types of geographic areas: provinces/territories, census divisions and census subdivisions. The three geographic areas are hierarchically related. This relationship is reflected in the seven-digit code.