# CCRI geographic component

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## CCRI Geocoding subgroup





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CANADIAN CENTURY RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE



## Main goals

# To provide the user with:

- geographic information and tools to apprehend the spatial dimension of considered phenomena
- statistical background to help with the assessment of the sample at any level

## **CCRI** geographic products

- 1. Digitized published tables (N=23)
- 2. Polygons files
- 3. Processing of the micro-data
  - a. Location of the micro-data
  - b. Coding of census geographic variables



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### Canadian census geographies

- Census-taking geography:
  - Based upon electoral geography
  - Two levels:
    - Census division (CD) = Federal electoral district
    - Enumeration area (EA) = Polling district ("walked" by the enumerator)
  - Used for the enumeration and the preservation of manuscript census schedules (bending and microfilming)

#### Census-compilation and -dissemination geography:

- Based upon local administrative organisation (municipalities) or on cadastral units (where there is no municipal organisation)
- Two levels:
  - Census division (CD) = supralocal administrative entities (county)
  - Census subdivision (CSD) = municipality (city, town, village, parish) or cadastral unit (township)
- Absent from manuscript schedules

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### Locate the micro data sample



### EA split by province (1911-1951)



## Three examples

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- 2. Mapping the sample data: Aggregating the microdata by Census geographic units, using GIS for mapping and other data exploration
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### Canadian-born population, 1921 (N= 6,832,747)



#### British-born population, 1921 (N= 1,065,454)



#### Foreign-born population, 1921 (N= 890,282)



Proportion of British-born in the non-Canadian-born population, 1921 (total: 54.5%)



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CCRI Reference map showing CDs and CSDs, 1911 and 1921



Mapping of data from CCRI sample at 1911 CSDs



CCRI microdata 1911 aggregated for mapping at CD



CCRI microdata 1911 overlaid by 1921 CDs



Ability to re-aggregate based on CSDs may allow better intercensual comparisons



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Selected CSDs Nova Scotia >70% Presbyterian (from published table)

## Literacy rate (can read and can write)





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Mapping results of analysis by Group A and Group B

## The CCRI's specificities

- Fully integrated micro- and aggregate published data, both georeferenced
- Two-way cross-census harmonisation tools (cartographic and statistical)

## Perspectives for the CCRI geographic component

- Updating and enhancing geographic files: census tracts polygons in some cities?
- Propositions for geographical groupings?
- Canadian HGIS?