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INTRODUCTION

Canada Post provides an electronic version of the Post Office Box Data available in Canada.

The data product contains the postal codes for Post Office Boxes across Canada, as well as the quantity / count of addresses per postal code within the dataset.

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

Media

The **Post Office Box Data** can be downloaded from the Canada Post FTP site with a user ID and password supplied by Canada Post.

FILE DESCRIPTIONS

The **Post Office Box** data product one file.

1) Post Office Box Data

The Post Office Box Data file contains all the valid postal codes in the country that have Post Office Box installations, as well as the count Post Office Box addresses per postal code.

FILE SPECIFICATIONS

Post Office Box Data File

Field Format:	Comma delimited fields
Record format:	CRLF delimited rows
File name:	poboxes_<<date>>.csv

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

The Post Office Box Data File

This record contains postal codes for Postal Office Box addresses.

Sort Order

Postal_Code

Record Descriptions

Field Name	Type	Length
POSTAL_CODE	CHAR	7
COUNTS	INT	N/A

DATA DICTIONARY – ELEMENT DESCRIPTIONS

Following will be a listing of all record elements for all record types within the Record Descriptions. Each element will include a brief definition and valid codes where applicable.

Elements

* POSTAL_CODE	A six-character, alphanumeric combination (ANA NAN) assigned to one or more postal box types. The Postal Code is an integral part of every postal address in Canada and is required for the mechanized processing of mail. *Postal Code is an official mark of Canada Post Corporation.
COUNTS	Count of Post Office Box addresses (includes both residential and business) per postal code. Applicable to poboxes_<<date>>.csv files only.