

Canadian Century Research Infrastructure Project

Materials Background

Root variable: Materials

Synopsis of code set construction:

This code set was constructed using the expected responses from the Enumerator Guides and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics (DBS) code books, and by consulting the microdata for imputed values DBS did not expect or did not distinguish. Any imputed value that was a sensible response was given a code.

When asked about the materials used in building construction, many respondents gave unexpected or multiple answers. Codes were created to reflect multiple materials and to place similar types of materials in sequence for easier aggregation. For example, all the codes referring to bricks are in sequence. This means that a researcher will have more difficulty grouping codes based on the second multiple. For example, the code Stone and Wood is grouped with other Stone codes, not with other Wood codes. Since stone and wood are both common building materials, this difficulty cannot be avoided.

Understanding the numeric code:

This code has one or two digits. It is a standard sequence. There are no parent codes.

Code set application notes:

- Abbreviations were mapped if it was clear what it might be mapped to. For example, “w.b.” would be mapped to “Brick and Wood.”