Definition: Refers to the type of building materials comprising the exterior walls of the dwelling.

Source: Census Question

The table below indicates, for each census year, the numbers of the census questions corresponding to this variable.

	Schedule 1a	Schedule 1b	Schedule 1c	Schedule 2	Schedule 2a
1911					
1921	9	9			
1931	8	8			
1941					
1951					

Census Guide, 1921

A. Census Question	Materials of construction.
B. Question Number	Column 9 of Forms 1A and 1B.
C. Variable(s) and Codes	MATERIAL
D. Reference Point	Not applicable.
E. Total Target Population	1 764 129
F. Statistical unit	The private dwelling
G. Targeted Population	Private dwellings.
H. Enumerators' Instructions	78. State whether the house is constructed of "stone," "brick" or "wood," etc. Thus the entry "stone" would signify stone house; "brick"would signify brick house; "wood" would signify wooden house, and so on. The initials "b.v." will indicate brick veneered; "p.l." plastered with lime mortar (on the exterior); "p.c." plastered with cement mortar. For houses constructed of cement blocks or of concrete, the abbreviation "con." will be used.

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Census Guide, 1931

. Census Question	Materials of construction (See instructions).
B. Question Number	8 schedules 1A and 1B.
C. Variable(s) and Codes	MATERIAL
D. Reference Point	As of census day, June 1, 1931.
E. Total Target Population	2, 227, 000
F. Statistical unit	The dwelling.
G. Targeted Population	Head of each family enumerated.
H. Enumerators' Instructions	98. Column 8: Materials of construction. The enumerator will indicate the principal materials of the exterior walls of the house in the following manner; thus the entry "S" would signify stone house; "B" would signify brick house; "W" would signify wooden house. The initials "b.v." will indicate brick veneered; "p.l." plastered with lime mortar (on the exterior) "p.c." plastered with cement mortar (stucco). For houses constructed of cement blocks or of concrete, the abbreviation "c.b." will be used. (See also foot of Schedule No. 1.)
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Codes:

- 1 "Brick"
- 2 "Brick and Concrete or cement blocks"
- 3 "Brick and Frame"
- 4 "Brick and Plastered with cement mortar"
- 5 "Brick and Plastered with lime mortar on exterior"
- 6 "Brick and Plastered, n.s"
- 7 "Brick and Stone"
- 8 "Brick and Tile"
- 9 "Brick and Wood"
- 10 "Adobe"
- 11 "Brick Veneered"
- 12 "Brick Veneered and Frame"
- 13 "Brick Veneered and Plastered with cement mortar"

- 14 "Brick Veneered and Plastered with lime mortar on exterior"
- 15 "Brick Veneered and Plastered, n.s"
- 16 "Stone"
- 17 "Stone and Brick Veneered"
- 18 "Stone and Concrete with cement mortar"
- 19 "Stone and Plastered with cement mortar"
- 20 "Stone and Plastered with lime mortar on exterior"
- 21 "Stone and Plastered, n.s"
- 22 "Stone and Stucco"
- 23 "Stone and Wood"
- 24 "Stone and Frame"
- 25 "Stucco"
- 26 "Stucco and Brick"
- 27 "Concrete or cement blocks"
- 28 "Plastered with cement mortar"
- 29 "Plastered with cement mortar and Brick Veneered"
- 30 "Plastered with cement mortar and Stucco"
- 31 "Plastered with lime mortar on exterior"
- 32 "Plastered, n.s"
- 33 "Wood"
- 34 "Wood and Brick Veneered"
- 35 "Wood and Concrete or cement blocks"
- 36 "Wood and Gravel"
- 37 "Wood and Plastered with cement mortar"
- 38 "Wood and Plastered with lime mortar on exterior"
- 39 "Wood and Plastered, n.s"
- 40 "Wood and Roughcast"
- 41 "Wood Frame"
- 42 "Wood, Other"
- 43 "Frame"
- 44 "Frame and Plastered with cement mortar"
- 45 "Frame and Plastered with lime mortar on exterior"
- 46 "Frame and Plastered, n.s"
- 47 "Metal Clad"
- 48 "Iron"
- 49 "Tin"
- 50 "Steel"
- 51 "Sod/Grass"
- 52 "Canvas/Cloth"
- 53 "Asbestos"
- 54 "Bark"
- 55 "Wood and Cloth"
- 56 "Gravel"
- 57 "Mud"
- 58 "Sided, n.s."
- 59 "Log"

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99 "Other"
99999001 "Blank"
99999002 "Damaged"
99999003 "Illegible"
99999004 "In Error"
99999005 "Suspicious"
99999006 "Missing -- Mandatory Field"
99999007 "Not Applicable"
99999008 "Not Mapped"
99999009 "Correction"
99999010 "Suggestion"
99999011 "Unknown - Suggestion"
99999012 "Multiple Response - Suggestion"
99999901 "None"
99999902 "Not Given"
99999903 "Unknown"
9999904 "Invalid Value"
9999999 "Uncodable"
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