

## **Frequently Asked Questions about Service Delivery Areas (SDAs)**

### **What are Service Delivery Areas (SDAs)?**

Service Delivery Areas (SDAs) are geographies intended to support service planning and delivery by providing service providers with data that is relevant to the local geographies they serve. SDAs are comprised of census dissemination areas (the smallest standard geography for census data) and have varying population thresholds for each municipality.

Each Service Delivery Area is identified by a letter and a number. For example, SDA B001 refers to the service delivery area in Brampton number 001. This number system provides the ability to easily identify areas of interest and communicate much more effectively.

### **How were Service Delivery Areas (SDAs) identified?**

SDAs were primarily drafted based on homogeneous, socioeconomic, census characteristics and broad-based consultations with service providers across Peel Region. Population thresholds (20,000 people for Mississauga, 15,000 people for Brampton and 5,000 for Caledon) were used, as well as, natural, street, and dissemination area (DA) boundaries.

### **How many Service Delivery Areas (SDAs) have been identified for Peel Region?**

A total of 71 SDAs were identified: 32 SDAs in Mississauga, 30 SDAs in Brampton and 9 SDAs in Caledon.

### **What is the benefit of having Service Delivery Areas (SDAs)?**

Service Delivery Areas (SDAs) will assist service delivery planning. SDA Profiles have been created to provide service providers with data that is relevant to the local geographies they serve.

### **How will the data be shared?**

Downloadable fact sheets are available on the Peel Data Centre website ([www.peeldatacentre.ca](http://www.peeldatacentre.ca)) for all seventy-one SDAs, Peel Region, Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon. General information fact sheets are available, as well as detailed fact sheets containing data specific to children between 0 and 6 years old for each profile. Each fact sheet includes glossary of terms.

Online tables, available on the Peel Data Centre website, provide more in-depth data. Both 2001 and 2006 Census data as well as the percentage changes in indicators between 2001-2006 data is presented for the seventy-one SDAs, Peel Region, Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon. Online tables focus on both key Census indicators for the general population and indicators relevant more specifically to children aged 0 to 6 years. The online tables allow users to compare data between SDAs or between the region, the municipality and the SDA.

Interactive mapping is also available. This is a cutting-edge feature using Google maps software to locate, by postal code or SDA number, the boundaries of a specified SDA. Additionally, Peel-based services such as libraries, child care sites, police stations, and community centres, are available for users to add to the printable maps. Thus the maps can be customized to highlight the availability of services in a specified SDA.

**What information is included in the SDA general fact sheets?**

SDA General Fact Sheets highlight key Census indicators such as family structure, countries of origin for recent immigrants, highest level of education, income, and knowledge of official languages, are presented for each of the 71 SDAs, Peel Region, Mississauga, Brampton, and Caledon. A detailed Google context map is also included to facilitate the readers in orientating the SDA boundaries.

**What information is included in the 0 to 6 specific fact sheets?**

Early Years fact sheets present key 0 to 6 specific Census indicators including the number of children aged 0 to 6 years in each age category, number of families with and without children, labour force and employment of parents with children, number and category of visible minority status, and prevalence of children in low income for each SDA is accessible.

**Where can the Service Delivery Area (SDA) profiles be found?**

For more information or to download online profiles and fact sheets visit [www.peeldatacentre.ca](http://www.peeldatacentre.ca).

**When will information be updated?**

With the release of the 2011 Census, some of the SDA geographies will be revised and amended to take into account population growth and thus ensure that set population thresholds are followed.

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