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Executive Summary

Public health services and programs in Canada are operated and administered through more or less decentralized regional and local public health units. This decentralization poses a challenge to researchers, complicating efforts to gather nationally-comparable evidence on public health systems and services. For example, the COVID-19 Canada Open Data Working Group has been collecting and organising data on key COVID-19 indicators at the health region level. However, due to discrepancies in definitions, structures, and boundaries of these health regions and different regional and local public health units, it has been challenging for researchers to link this data with the actions taken by local level units. In order to address this need, the UPHN Research Group has created a crosswalk for relating the two geographies (i.e., health regions and local public health units). This crosswalk provides a tool for researchers who want to study public health services at the regional level in Canada. In particular, this crosswalk can be used to relate LPHU to the COVID-19 data reported by COVID-19 Canada Open Data Working Group (CCODWG), enabling the evaluation of COVID-19-related policies at the local level in Canada. This document and its accompanying dataset provides this mapping and detailed notes on how it was created.

Keywords

Public health, health services research, regional health planning, local public health unit

Context

The structure of public health at regional and local levels in Canada is complex and dynamic. Public health services and programs in Canada are operated and administered through more or less decentralized regional and local public health units (RPHU and LPHU).¹ This decentralization poses a challenge to researchers, complicating efforts to gather nationally-comparable evidence on public health systems and services and impeding the kinds of intra-regional comparison that are essential for driving public health system learning.¹ For example, since March 2020, the COVID-19 Canada Open Data Working Group (CCODWG) has been collecting and organizing data on key COVID-19 indicators from different public sources at the health region, province/territory, and national levels.² Due to discrepancies in definitions, structures, and boundaries of different regional and local public health units, it has been challenging for researchers to link this data with the actions taken by local level units.

The Urban Public health Network (UPHN) Research Group has proposed definitions for local public health unit (LPHU) and regional public health unit (RPHU), which can be applied uniformly throughout the country to identify common units of public health operation and support intra-regional comparative research on public health systems and services.¹ They define LPHU as *the lowest unit of independent (or delegated) responsibility for a defined population, having direct responsibility for the administration of public health programs and services, and led (or co-led) by a qualified Medical Health Officer/Medical Officer of Health*. LPHU commonly administer and provide their services through multiple local public health delivery points. The team defines RPHU as the same as LPHU but *having responsibility for a defined population above the local level*. In some jurisdictions, LPHU are embedded within RPHU and may share responsibility and oversight for some public health programs and

services. LPHU are also known to change over time. Table 1 lists the LPHU and RPHU that were identified by the UPHN Research Group in 2021.

Although providing these definitions is helpful in order for them to be used effectively to advance comparative research, they need to also be related to leading statistical resources, including those provided by Statistics Canada. Semi-regularly, Statistics Canada identifies health regions in Canada for reporting purposes and disseminates population health outcomes for these geographies.^{3,4} Statistics Canada defines health regions as “legislated administrative areas defined by provincial ministries of health that are responsible for hospital boards or regional health authorities” (“health regions” are called by different names across different provinces; for example, in British Columbia, they are called “Health Authorities,” while in Alberta and Nova Scotia they are called “Zones”).⁴ Like local public health units, regions are defined administratively for the purpose of delivering health services and so tend to change periodically. For the most part, health regions align with other recognized administrative groupings such as counties or municipalities. This is especially true in the Atlantic provinces, Quebec, and Ontario (with minor exceptions in Northern Ontario). In the western provinces, health regions are less likely to follow existing boundaries.

Statistics Canada’s health regions may or may not overlap in a one-to-one fashion with the LPHUs defined by the UPHN Research Group depending on how different provinces and regions elect to co-distribute responsibility for health service and/or public health decision making. Thus the UPHN Research Group has created a crosswalk for relating the two geographies. This document and its accompanying dataset provides this mapping and detailed notes on how it was created. Relating the list of LPHU developed by the UPHN to these health regions will allow researchers to associate population health data with public health systems and services data at the local level.

Due to the timeliness of concerns relating to COVID, we also extended the crosswalk to the geographies being used by the COVID-19 Canada Open Data Working Group (CCODWG), a leading collator and distributor of pandemic outcomes.⁵

The Crosswalk

The COVID-19 Canada Open Data Working Group (CCODWG) has been providing comprehensive data on the COVID-19 epidemic in Canada in their open-source GitHub data repository from the early stage of the COVID-19 in Canada.⁵ CCODWG reports data on key COVID-19 indicators by province/territory, health region, and Canada. The health region is the smallest spatial unit for which CCODWG distributes COVID-19 data. For the purpose of populating data at the health region level, CCODWG adopted the Statistics Canada health region boundaries.⁶ Statistics Canada assigns each health region a four-digit numeric code. The first two digits represent the province or territory in which the region is located, and the second two digits represent the health region. For example, the code assigned to Oxford Elgin St. Thomas Health Unit is 3575, in which 35 refers to the provincial code for Ontario and 75 refers to the health region. These codes are the same as the codes used by the provincial ministries of health and could be found on Statistics Canada’s website.^{7,8}

The UPHN Research Group has related the health regions, as reported by CCODWG,⁵ to the LPHU, as previously identified by the UPHN Research Group.¹ There are some discrepancies between the CCODWG health region codes and Statistics Canada’s in one-to-one alignment. This is because British Columbia has reported COVID-19 outcomes at the RPHU level and Saskatchewan has not reported COVID-19 outcomes based on any recognized administrative boundaries. Specifically, CCODWG made the following changes

in the 2018 Statistics Canada health regions⁷ to reflect how sub-provincial COVID-19 data have been reported:⁵

- Renamed Oxford Elgin St. Thomas Health Unit (3575) to Southwestern Public Health Unit (3575).
- Removed Huron County Health Unit (3539) and Perth District Health Unit (3554) and replaced them with Huron Perth Public Health Unit (3539).
- Replaced British Columbia's 16 Health Service Delivery Areas (5911, 5912, 5913, 5914, 5921, 5922, 5923, 5931, 5932, 5933, 5941, 5942, 5943, 5951, 5952, 5953) with the 5 amalgamated Regional Health Authorities (591, 592, 593, 594, 595).
- Replaced Saskatchewan's 13 Regional Health Authorities (4701, 4702, 4703, 4704, 4705, 4706, 4707, 4708, 4709, 4710, 4711, 4712, 4713) with the 13 new zones (4711, 4712, 4713, 4721, 4722, 4723, 4731, 4732, 4741, 4751, 4761, 4762, 4763).

Table 2 presents the crosswalk for Statistics Canada and CCODWG health region codes.

In most cases, the health regions, LPHU, and CCODWG geographies overlap with one another in a one-to-one fashion. Table 2 also maps LPHU and both sets of health regions and their full names across all Canadian provinces and territories. The similarities and differences between the UPHN Research Group's LPHU, health regions reported by Statistics Canada in 2018,⁷ and the health regions used by CCODWG to report COVID-19 data, are summarized as follows:

- The UPHN Research Group identified 16 LPHU in British Columbia, which are parallel to the health regions identified by Statistics Canada. However, CCODWG replaced these 16 health regions with the five amalgamated regional health authorities based on RPHU membership; COVID-19 data in British Columbia are reported based on these five health regions.
- Alberta has five LPHU that are denoted as zones that coordinate and oversee public health services in Alberta. These five LPHU are also identified as five health regions by Statistics Canada, and CCODWG also reports COVID-19 data based on these five health regions.
- Statistics Canada recognizes 13 health regions in Saskatchewan in 2018, which are denoted as 'regional health authorities,' in 2021. However, the UPHN team identified 4 LPHU in the province because the 13 health regions did not fit the definition of LPHU or RPHU since Saskatchewan's health region amalgamation in 2017. Furthermore, CCODWG adopted the pre-identified 13 'regional health authorities' in Saskatchewan and replaced them with 13 new 'zones' using different codes.
- There are five LPHU in Manitoba. Statistics Canada uses these five health regions to report data in the province, which are named as health authorities, and COVID-19 data are also reported based on these five health regions by CCODWG.
- In Ontario, public health services are operated and coordinated through public health units (PHUs). The team identified 34 LPHU in Ontario. Statistics Canada prepared a total of 35 health regions that are denoted as Public Health Units (PHUs). However, CCODWG removed Huron County Health Unit (3539) and Perth District Health Unit (3554) and replaced them with Huron Perth Public Health Unit (3539). COVID-19 data are reported by different data repositories based on updated thirty-four health regions in the province.

- In Québec, there are a total of 18 LPHU that administer public health programs and services. Statistics Canada prepared 18 health regions with the same names and geographies in the province, and similarly, CCODWG reports COVID-19 data based on these 18 health regions.
- The public health services and programs are operated in New Brunswick by four LPHU, which are denoted as regions. Statistics Canada, however, recognizes seven health regions in the province, which are called ‘zones.’ These seven zones are adopted by CCODWG for the purpose of reporting COVID-19 data at the regional level in New Brunswick.
- Likely, in Nova Scotia, public health services are operated by four LPHU, which are denoted as ‘zones.’ Statistics Canada and CCODWG use these 4 regions to report data at the health region level in Nova Scotia.
- In Newfoundland and Labrador, local-level public health services are administered by four LPHU as identified by the UPHN Research Group. These LPHU are the same as health regions used by Statistics Canada and CCODWG and are called ‘health authorities.’
- Yukon, Nunavut, Prince Edward Island, and Northwest Territories have a single LPHU on their respective delegations. In these provinces/territories, CCODWG reports COVID-19 data based on one health region which is the same as the identified LPHU. Similarly, Statistics Canada uses the one health region in these provinces/territories to distribute population health data.

A computer friendly version of the crosswalk of LPHU and Statistics Canada and CCODWG health regions has also been prepared by our research team, which can be found in Appendix A. This crosswalk contains LPHU, RPHU, health regions’ names and codes, as well as their annual populations which can be combined with outcome events to calculate rates. Statistics Canada has recently released the estimates of population by health regions across Canada ³. CCODWG used these estimates and adjusted them to the health regions for which they are reporting COVID-19 data. For Saskatchewan’s 13 health regions, however, CCODWG obtained the health regions’ population counts from Saskatchewan.ca dashboard ⁹ and not from Statistics Canada. The crosswalk in this paper contains the Statistics Canada population estimates from 2016 to 2021, and the population counts published on CCODWG GitHub from 2019 to 2021. Since the population counts for Saskatchewan are not published by CCODWG for the years 2019 and 2020, these cells were left out blank in the crosswalk. A glossary of the variables listed in the computer friendly crosswalk is also provided in Appendix B.

This crosswalk provides a tool for researchers who want to study public health services at the regional level in Canada. In particular, this crosswalk can be used to relate LPHU to the COVID-19 data reported by CCODWG, enabling the evaluation of COVID-19-related policies at the local level in Canada.

Table 1. Regional and local public health units by province and territories in accordance with UPHN proposed definition.

Province/Territory	Regional Public Health Unit (RPHUs)	Local Public Health Units (LPHUs)
Alberta	Alberta Health	South Zone Calgary Zone Central Zone Edmonton Zone North Zone
British Columbia	Interior Health	East Kootenay Kootenay Boundary Okanagan Thompson Cariboo Shuswap
	Fraser Health	Fraser East Fraser North Fraser South
	Vancouver Coastal Health Authority	Richmond Vancouver North Shore/Coast Garibaldi
	Vancouver Island Health	South Vancouver Island Central Vancouver Island North Vancouver Island
	Northern Health	Northwest Northern Interior Northeast
Manitoba	N/A	Winnipeg Regional Health Authority Prairie Mountain Health Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority Northern Health Region
New Brunswick	N/A	East Region South Region Central Region North Region
Newfoundland and Labrador	N/A	Eastern Health Central Health Western Health Labrador-Grenfell Health
Nova Scotia	N/A	Western Zone Northern zone Eastern Zone Central Zone
Northwest Territories	N/A	Health and Social Services
Numavut	N/A	Department of Health
Ontario	N/A	Algoma Public Health Unit Brant County Health Unit Durham Region Health Department Grey Bruce Health Unit Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit Halton Region Health Department Hamilton Public Health Services Hastings and Prince Edward Counties Health Unit Huron Perth Health Unit Chatham-Kent Health Unit Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Health Unit Lambton-Health Unit Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit Middlesex-London Health Unit Niagara Region Public Health Department North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Northwestern Health Unit Ottawa Public Health Peel Public Health Peterborough Public Health Porcupine Health Unit Renfrew County and District Health Unit Eastern Ontario Health Unit Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Sudbury and District Health Unit Thunder Bay District Health Unit Timiskaming Health Unit Region of Waterloo, Public Health Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Health Unit Windsor-Essex County Health Unit York Region Public Health Services Southwestern Public Health Toronto Public Health
Prince Edward Island	N/A	Health PEI
Quebec	N/A	Bas-Saint Laurent Saguenay-Lac Saint Jean Health Region Capitale-Nationale Mauricie-et-Center-du-Québec Estrie Montreal Outaouais Abitibi-Témiscamingue North Shore Nord-du-Québec Gaspésie – Îles-de-la-Madeleine Chaudière-Appalaches Laval Lanaudière Laurentians Montérégie Nunavik Terres-Cries-de-la-Baie-James
Saskatchewan	Saskatchewan Health Authority	North Urban (Saskatoon) Urban (Regina) Rural
Yukon Territory	N/A	Department of Health and Social Services

Table 2. Local Public Health Units and their corresponding Statistics Canada and CCODWG health region codes and names

Province/Territory	Province/Territory code	HR name (StatsCan)	HR code (StatsCan)	HR name (ccodwg)	HR code (ccodwg)	RPHU	LPHU
Alberta	48	South Zone	4831	South	4831	Alberta Health	South Zone
		Calgary Zone	4832	Calgary	4832		Calgary Zone
		Central Zone	4833	Central	4833		Central Zone
		Edmonton Zone	4834	Edmonton	4834		Edmonton Zone
		North Zone	4835	North	4835		North Zone
British Columbia	59	East Kootenay Health Service Delivery Area	5911	Interior	591	Interior Health	East Kootenay
		Kootenay-Boundary Health Service Delivery Area	5912				Kootenay Boundary
		Okanagan Health Service Delivery Area	5913				Okanagan
		Thompson/Cariboo Health Service Delivery Area	5914				Thompson Cariboo Shuswap
		Fraser East Health Service Delivery Area	5921				Fraser
		Fraser North Health Service Delivery Area	5922	Fraser North			
		Fraser South Health Service Delivery Area	5923	Fraser South			
		Richmond Health Service Delivery Area	5931	Vancouver Coastal	593	Vancouver Coastal Health Authority	Richmond
		Vancouver Health Service Delivery Area	5932				Vancouver
		North Shore/Coast Garibaldi Health Service Delivery Area	5933				North Shore/Coast Garibaldi
		South Vancouver Island Health Service Delivery Area	5941	Island	594	Vancouver Island Health	South Vancouver Island
		Central Vancouver Island Health Service Delivery Area	5942				Central Vancouver Island
		North Vancouver Island Health Service Delivery Area	5943				North Vancouver Island
		Northwest Health Service Delivery Area	5951	Northern	595	Northern Health	Northwest
		Northern Interior Health Service Delivery Area	5952				Northern Interior
Northeast Health Service Delivery Area	5953	Northeast					
Manitoba	46	Winnipeg Regional Health Authority	4601	Winnipeg	4601	N/A	Winnipeg Regional Health Authority
		Prairie Mountain Health	4602	Prairie Mountain	4602		Prairie Mountain Health
		Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority	4603	Interlake-Eastern	4603		Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority
		Northern Regional Health Authority	4604	Northern	4604		Northern Health Region
		Southern Health	4605	Southern Health	4605		Southern Health
New Brunswick	13	Zone 1 (Moncton area)	1301	Zone 1 (Moncton area)	1301	N/A	East Region
		Zone 2 (Saint John area)	1302	Zone 2 (Saint John area)	1302		South Region
		Zone 3 (Fredericton area)	1303	Zone 3 (Fredericton area)	1303		Central Region
		Zone 4 (Edmundston area)	1304	Zone 4 (Edmundston area)	1304		North Region
		Zone 5 (Campbellton area)	1305	Zone 5 (Campbellton area)	1305		North Region
		Zone 6 (Bathurst area)	1306	Zone 6 (Bathurst area)	1306		North Region
		Zone 7 (Miramichi area)	1307	Zone 7 (Miramichi area)	1307		East Region
Newfoundland and Labrador	10	Eastern Regional Health Authority	1011	Eastern	1011	N/A	Eastern Health
		Central Regional Health Authority	1012	Central	1012		Central Health
		Western Regional Health Authority	1013	Western	1013		Western Health
		Labrador-Grenfell Regional Health Authority	1014	Labrador-Grenfell	1014		Labrador-Grenfell Health
Nova Scotia	12	Zone 1 - Western	1201	Zone 1 - Western	1201	N/A	Western Zone
		Zone 2 - Northern	1202	Zone 2 - Northern	1202		Northern zone
		Zone 3 - Eastern	1203	Zone 3 - Eastern	1203		Eastern Zone
		Zone 4 - Central	1204	Zone 4 - Central	1204		Central Zone
Northwest Territories	61	Northwest Territories	6101	NWT	6101	N/A	Health and Social Services
Nunavut	62	Nunavut	6201	Nunavut	6201	N/A	Department of Health
Ontario		The District of Algoma Health Unit	3526	Algoma	3526	N/A	Algoma Public Health Unit
		Brant County Health Unit	3527	Brant	3527		Brant County Health Unit
		Durham Regional Health Unit	3530	Durham	3530		Durham Region Health Department
		Grey Bruce Health Unit	3533	Grey Bruce	3533		Grey Bruce Health Unit
		Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit	3534	Haldimand-Norfolk	3534		Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit
		Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit	3535	Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge	3535		Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit
		Halton Regional Health Unit	3536	Halton	3536		Halton Region Health Department
		City of Hamilton Health Unit	3537	Hamilton	3537		Hamilton Public Health Services
		Hastings and Prince Edward Counties Health Unit	3538	Hastings Prince Edward	3538		Hastings and Prince Edward Counties Health Unit
		Huron County Health Unit	3539	Huron Perth	3539		Huron Perth Health Unit
		Perth District Health Unit	3554				
		Chatham-Kent Health Unit	3540	Chatham-Kent	3540		Chatham-Kent Health Unit
		Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox and Addington Health Unit	3541	Kingston Frontenac Lennox & Addington	3541		Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Health Unit
		Lambton Health Unit	3542	Lambton	3542		Lambton-Health Unit
		Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit	3543	Leeds Grenville and Lanark	3543		Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit
		Middlesex-London Health Unit	3544	Middlesex-London	3544		Middlesex-London Health Unit
		Niagara Regional Area Health Unit	3546	Niagara	3546		Niagara Region Public Health Department
		North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit	3547	North Bay Parry Sound	3547		North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
		Northwestern Health Unit	3549	Northwestern	3549		Northwestern Health Unit
		City of Ottawa Health Unit	3551	Ottawa	3551		Ottawa Public Health
		Peel Regional Health Unit	3553	Peel	3553		Peel Public Health
		Peterborough County—City Health Unit	3555	Peterborough	3555		Peterborough Public Health
		Porcupine Health Unit	3556	Porcupine	3556		Porcupine Health Unit
		Renfrew County and District Health Unit	3557	Renfrew	3557		Renfrew County and District Health Unit
		The Eastern Ontario Health Unit	3558	Eastern	3558		Eastern Ontario Health Unit
		Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit	3560	Simcoe Muskoka	3560		Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit
		Sudbury and District Health Unit	3561	Sudbury	3561		Sudbury and District Health Unit
		Thunder Bay District Health Unit	3562	Thunder Bay	3562		Thunder Bay District Health Unit
		Timiskaming Health Unit	3563	Timiskaming	3563		Timiskaming Health Unit
		Waterloo Health Unit	3565	Waterloo	3565		Region of Waterloo Public Health
		Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Health Unit	3566	Wellington Dufferin Guelph	3566		Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Health Unit
		Windsor-Essex County Health Unit	3568	Windsor-Essex	3568		Windsor-Essex County Health Unit
		York Regional Health Unit	3570	York	3570		York Regional Public Health Services
Oxford Elgin St. Thomas Health Unit	3575	Southwestern	3575	Southwestern Public Health			
City of Toronto Health Unit	3595	Toronto	3595	Toronto Public Health			
Prince Edward Island	11	Prince Edward Island	1100	Prince Edward Island	1100	N/A	Health PEI
Quebec	24	Région du Bas-Saint-Laurent	2401	Bas-Saint-Laurent	2401	N/A	Bas-Saint Laurent
		Région du Saguenay—Lac-Saint-Jean	2402	Saguenay	2402		Saguenay-Lac Saint Jean Health Region
		Région de la Capitale-Nationale	2403	Capitale-Nationale	2403		Capitale-Nationale
		Région de la Mauricie et du Centre-du-Québec	2404	Mauricie	2404		Mauricie-et-Centre-du-Québec
		Région de l'Estrie	2405	Estrie	2405		Estrie
		Région de Montréal	2406	Montréal	2406		Montreal
		Région de l'Outaouais	2407	Outaouais	2407		Outaouais
		Région de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue	2408	Abitibi-Témiscamingue	2408		Abitibi-Témiscamingue
		Région de la Côte-Nord	2409	Côte-Nord	2409		North Shore
		Région du Nord-du-Québec	2410	Nord-du-Québec	2410		Nord-du-Québec
		Région de la Gaspésie—Îles-de-la-Madeleine	2411	Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	2411		Gaspésie – Îles-de-la-Madeleine
		Région de la Chaudière-Appalaches	2412	Chaudière-Appalaches	2412		Chaudière-Appalaches
		Région de Laval	2413	Laval	2413		Laval
		Région de Lanaudière	2414	Lanaudière	2414		Lanaudière
		Région des Laurentides	2415	Laurentides	2415		Laurentians
		Région de la Montérégie	2416	Montérégie	2416		Montérégie
		Région du Nunavik	2417	Nunavik	2417		Nunavik
Région des Terres-Cries-de-la-Baie-James	2418	Terres-Cries-de-la-Baie-James	2418	Terres-Cries-de-la-Baie-James			
Saskatchewan	47	Keewatin Yathé Regional Health Authority	4712	Far North West	4711	Saskatchewan Health Authority	North
		Athabasca Regional Health Authority	4713	Far North Central	4712		North
		Mamawetan Churchill River Regional Health Authority	4711	Far North East	4713		North
		Prairie North Regional Health Authority	4710	North West	4721		North
		Prince Albert Parkland Regional Health Authority	4709	North Central	4722		North
		Kelsey Trail Regional Health Authority	4708	North East	4723		North
		Heartland Regional Health Authority	4707	Central West	4731		Rural
		Sunrise Regional Health Authority	4705	Central East	4732		Rural
		Saskatoon Regional Health Authority	4706	Saskatoon	4741		Urban (Saskatoon)
		Regina Qu'Appelle Regional Health Authority	4704	Regina	4751		Urban (Regina)
		Cypress Regional Health Authority	4703	South West	4761		Rural
		Five Hills Regional Health Authority	4702	South Central	4762		Rural
		Sun Country Regional Health Authority	4701	South East	4763		Rural
		Yukon Territory	60	Yukon	6001		Yukon

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Appendices

Appendix A: Local Public Health Units, Statistics Canada, and COVID-19 Canada Open Data Working Group crosswalk with population counts.

Appendix B: Labels of variables used in the data table of the crosswalk for Local Public Health Units and Statistics Canada Health Regions.

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Variables	Variable label
pr_name	Province or territory
pr_code	Standard geographical classification (SGC) code
hr_stc_name	Statistics Canada health region name
hr_stc_code	Statistics Canada health region code
hr_ccod_name	COVID-19 Canada open data working group health region name
hr_covid_code	COVID-19 Canada open data working group health region code
rphu	Regional public health unit
lphu	Local public health unit
hr_stc_pop_2016	Statistics Canada population estimate by health region in 2016
hr_stc_pop_2017	Statistics Canada population estimate by health region in 2017
hr_stc_pop_2018	Statistics Canada population estimate by health region in 2018
hr_stc_pop_2019	Statistics Canada population estimate by health region in 2019
hr_stc_pop_2020	Statistics Canada population estimate by health region in 2020
hr_stc_pop_2021	Statistics Canada population estimate by health region in 2021
hr_ccod_pop_2019	COVID-19 Canada open data working group adjusted population for each health region in 2019
hr_ccod_pop_2020	COVID-19 Canada open data working group adjusted population for each health region in 2020
hr_ccod_pop_2021	COVID-19 Canada open data working group adjusted population for each health region in 2021