

Package ‘cansim’

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Description Searches for, accesses, and retrieves new-format and old-format Statistics Canada data tables, as well as individual vectors, as tidy data frames. This package deals with encoding issues, allows for bilingual English or French language data retrieval, and bundles convenience functions to make it easier to work with retrieved table data. Optional caching features are provided.

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Encoding UTF-8

LazyData true

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adjust_cansim_values_by_variable
*(Deprecated) Adjust values in a retrieved Statistics Canada data table
using a scaling variable*

Description

(Deprecated) Adjust retrieved data table values by a scaled amount; however French does not work, probably due to encoding issues. This function is now deprecated and should not be used.

Usage

```
adjust_cansim_values_by_variable(data, var)
```

Arguments

data	A downloaded CANSIM data table
var	A now deprecated input

cansim_old_to_new	<i>Translate deprecated CANSIM table number into new NDM-format table catalogue number</i>
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Description

Returns NDM table catalogue equivalent given a standard old-format CANSIM table number

Usage

```
cansim_old_to_new(oldCansimTableNumber)
```

Arguments

```
oldCansimTableNumber
    deprecated style CANSIM table number (e.g. "427-0001")
```

Value

new-format NDM table number

Examples

```
cansim_old_to_new("026-0018")
```

categories_for_level	<i>Use metadata to extract categories for column of specific level</i>
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Description

For tables with data with hierarchical categories, metadata containing hierarchy level descriptions is used to extract categories at a specified level of hierarchy only.

Usage

```
categories_for_level(data, column_name, level = NA, strict = FALSE,
    remove_duplicates = TRUE)
```

Arguments

```
data          data table object as returned from get_cansim()
column_name   the quoted name of the column to extract categories from
level         the hierarchy level depth to which to extract categories, where 0 is top category
strict        (default FALSE) when TRUE will only extract that specific hierarchy level
remove_duplicates
              (default TRUE) When set to TRUE higher level grouping categories already captured by lower level hierarchy data will be removed
```

Value

A vector of categories

correspondence	<i>The correspondence file for old to new StatCan table numbers is included in the package</i>
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Description

The correspondence file for old to new StatCan table numbers is included in the package

Author(s)

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References

https://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/developers-developpeurs/cansim_id-product_id-concordance.csv

get_cansim	<i>Retrieves a Statistics Canada data table using CANSIM code or NDM table number</i>
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Description

Retrieves a data table as a tidy dataframe using either an old-style CANSIM code or a new-format NDM table number. This function will automatically convert old-style CANSIM codes into their new equivalents. Retrieved table data is cached for the duration of the current R session only by default.

Usage

```
get_cansim(cansimTableNumber, language = "english", refresh = FALSE)
```

Arguments

cansimTableNumber	the table number to load, accepts old CANSIM or new NDM table numbers
language	"en" or "english" for English and "fr" or "french" for French language versions (default is set to English)
refresh	(Optional) When set to TRUE, forces a reload of data table (default is FALSE)

Value

tibble format data table output

Examples

```
# Retrieve a table with an NDM code
get_cansim("34-10-0013")
# Retrieve a table with an old-style CANSIM code
get_cansim("026-0018")
```

```
get_cansim_changed_tables
```

Retrieve a list of modified tables since a given date

Description

Retrieve a list of tables that have been modified or updated since the specified date.

Usage

```
get_cansim_changed_tables(start_date)
```

Arguments

start_date	Starting date in YYYY-MM-DD format to look for changes that changed on or after that date
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Value

A tibble with Statistics Canada data table product ids and their release times

Examples

```
get_cansim_changed_tables("2018-08-01")
```

```
get_cansim_column_categories
```

Retrieve Statistics Canada data table categories for a specific column

Description

Returns table column details given an NDM table number in English or French. Retrieved table information data is cached for the duration of the R session only.

Usage

```
get_cansim_column_categories(cansimTableNumber, column,
  language = "english", refresh = FALSE)
```

Arguments

cansimTableNumber	the NDM table number to load
column	the specified column for which to retrieve category information for
language	"en" or "english" for English and "fr" or "french" for French language versions (default set to English)
refresh	(Optional) When set to TRUE, forces a reload of data table (default is FALSE)

Examples

```
get_cansim_column_categories("34-10-0013", "Geography")
```

```
get_cansim_column_list
```

Retrieve Statistics Canada data table column list

Description

Returns table column details given an NDM table number in English or French. Retrieved table information data is cached for the duration of the R session only.

Usage

```
get_cansim_column_list(cansimTableNumber, language = "english",
  refresh = FALSE)
```

Arguments

cansimTableNumber	the NDM table number to load
language	"en" or "english" for English and "fr" or "french" for French language versions (default set to English)
refresh	(Optional) When set to TRUE, forces a reload of data table (default is FALSE)

Examples

```
get_cansim_column_list("34-10-0013")
```

`get_cansim_cube_metadata`*Retrieve table metadata from Statistics Canada API*

Description

Retrieves table metadata given an input table number or vector of table numbers using either the new or old table number format. Patience is suggested as the Statistics Canada API can be very slow. The 'list_cansim_tables()' function can be used as an alternative to retrieve a (cached) list of CANSIM tables with (more limited) metadata.

Usage

```
get_cansim_cube_metadata(cansimTableNumber)
```

Arguments

cansimTableNumber

A new or old CANSIM/NDM table number or a vector of table numbers

Value

a tibble containing the table metadata

Examples

```
get_cansim_cube_metadata("34-10-0013")
```

`get_cansim_data_for_table_coord_periods`*Retrieve data for specified Statistics Canada data product for last N periods for specific coordinates*

Description

Allows for the retrieval of data for a Statistics Canada data table with specific coordinates for the N most-recently released periods. Caution: coordinates are concatenations of table member ID values and require familiarity with the TableMetadata data structure. Coordinates have a maximum of ten dimensions.

Usage

```
get_cansim_data_for_table_coord_periods(cansimTableNumber, coordinate,  
  periods = 1)
```

Arguments

cansimTableNumber	Statistics Canada data table number
coordinate	A string of table coordinates in the form "1.1.1.36.1.0.0.0.0"
periods	Numeric value for number of latest periods to retrieve data for

Value

A tibble with data matching specified coordinate and period input arguments

get_cansim_ndm	<i>Retrieve a Statistics Canada data table using NDM catalogue number</i>
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Description

Retrieves a data table using an NDM catalogue number as a tidy data frame. Retrieved table data is cached for the duration of the current R session only by default.

Usage

```
get_cansim_ndm(cansimTableNumber, language = "english",
  refresh = FALSE)
```

Arguments

cansimTableNumber	the NDM table number to load
language	"en" or "english" for English and "fr" or "french" for French language versions (defaults to English)
refresh	(Optional) When set to TRUE, forces a reload of data table (default is FALSE)

Value

tibble format data table output

Examples

```
get_cansim("34-10-0013")
```

get_cansim_table_info *Retrieve Statistics Canada data table information*

Description

Returns table information given an NDM table catalogue number in English or French. Retrieved table information data is cached for the duration of the R session only.

Usage

```
get_cansim_table_info(cansimTableNumber, language = "english",  
  refresh = FALSE)
```

Arguments

cansimTableNumber	the NDM table number to load
language	"en" or "english" for English and "fr" or "french" for French language versions (default set to English)
refresh	(Optional) When set to TRUE, forces a reload of data table (default is FALSE)

Examples

```
get_cansim_table_info("34-10-0013")
```

get_cansim_table_notes *Retrieve Statistics Canada data table notes*

Description

Returns table notes given an NDM table number in English or French. Retrieved table information data is cached for the duration of the R session only.

Usage

```
get_cansim_table_notes(cansimTableNumber, language = "english",  
  refresh = FALSE)
```

Arguments

cansimTableNumber	the NDM table number to load
language	"en" or "english" for English and "fr" or "french" for French language versions (default set to English)
refresh	(Optional) When set to TRUE, forces a reload of data table (default is FALSE)

Examples

```
get_cansim_table_notes("34-10-0013")
```

```
get_cansim_table_overview
```

Retrieve Statistics Canada data table overview text

Description

Prints table overview information as console output. In order to display table overview information, the selected CANSIM table must be loaded entirely to display overview information. Overview information is printed in console an in English or French, as specified.

Usage

```
get_cansim_table_overview(cansimTableNumber, language = "english",  
    refresh = FALSE)
```

Arguments

cansimTableNumber	the NDM table number to load
language	"en" or "english" for English and "fr" or "french" for French language versions (default set to English)
refresh	(Optional) When set to TRUE, forces a reload of data table (default is FALSE)

Value

none

Examples

```
get_cansim_table_overview("34-10-0013")
```

`get_cansim_table_subject`*Retrieve Statistics Canada data table subject detail*

Description

Returns table subject detail given an NDM table number in English or French. Retrieved table information data is cached for the duration of the R session only.

Usage

```
get_cansim_table_subject(cansimTableNumber, language = "english",
  refresh = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>cansimTableNumber</code>	the NDM table number to load
<code>language</code>	"en" or "english" for English and "fr" or "french" for French language versions (default set to English)
<code>refresh</code>	(Optional) When set to TRUE, forces a reload of data table (default is FALSE)

Examples

```
get_cansim_table_subject("34-10-0013")
```

`get_cansim_table_survey`*Retrieve Statistics Canada data table survey detail*

Description

Returns table survey detail given an NDM table number in English or French. Retrieved table information data is cached for the duration of the R session only.

Usage

```
get_cansim_table_survey(cansimTableNumber, language = "english",
  refresh = FALSE)
```

Arguments

cansimTableNumber	the NDM table number to load
language	"en" or "english" for English and "fr" or "french" for French language versions (default set to English)
refresh	(Optional) When set to TRUE, forces a reload of data table (default is FALSE)

Examples

```
get_cansim_table_survey("34-10-0013")
```

get_cansim_table_url *Retrieve a Statistics Canada data table URL given a table number*

Description

Retrieve URL of a table from the API given a table number. Offers a more stable approach than manually guessing the URL of the table.

Usage

```
get_cansim_table_url(cansimTableNumber, language = "en")
```

Arguments

cansimTableNumber	the NDM table number to load
language	"en" or "english" for English and "fr" or "french" for French language versions (defaults to English)

Value

String object containing URL for specified table number

Examples

```
get_cansim_table_url("34-10-0013")  
get_cansim_table_url("34-10-0013", language = "fr")
```

get_cansim_vector	<i>Retrieve data for a Statistics Canada data vector released within a given time frame</i>
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Description

Retrieve data for a Statistics Canada data vector released within a given time frame

Usage

```
get_cansim_vector(vectors, start_time, end_time = Sys.Date(),
  use_ref_date = TRUE)
```

Arguments

vectors	The list of vectors to retrieve
start_time	Starting date in YYYY-MM-DD format, applies to REF_DATE or releaseTime, depending on use_ref_date parameter
end_time	Set an optional end time filter in YYYY-MM-DD format (defaults to current system time)
use_ref_date	Optional, TRUE by default. When set to TRUE, uses REF_DATE of vector data to filter, otherwise it uses Statistics Canada's releaseDate value for filtering the specified vectors

Value

A tibble with data for vectors released between start and end time

Examples

```
get_cansim_vector("v41690973", "2015-01-01")
```

get_cansim_vector_for_latest_periods	<i>Retrieve data for specified Statistics Canada data vector(s) for last N periods</i>
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Description

Allows for the retrieval of data for specified vector series for the N most-recently released periods.

Usage

```
get_cansim_vector_for_latest_periods(vectors, periods = 1)
```

Arguments

vectors	The list of vectors to retrieve
periods	Numeric value for number of latest periods to retrieve data for

Value

A tibble with data for specified vector(s) for the last N periods

Examples

```
get_cansim_vector_for_latest_periods("v41690973", 10)
```

```
get_cansim_vector_info
```

Retrieve metadata for specified Statistics Canada data vectors

Description

Allows for the retrieval of metadata for Statistics Canada data vectors

Usage

```
get_cansim_vector_info(vectors)
```

Arguments

vectors	a vector of cansim vectors
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Value

A tibble with metadata for selected vectors

```
list_cansim_tables
```

Get overview list for all Statistics Canada data tables

Description

Generates an overview table containing metadata of available Statistics Canada data tables. A new and updated table will be generated if this table does not already exist in cached form or if the force refresh option is selected (set to FALSE by default). This can take some time as this process involves scraping through hundreds of Statistics Canada web pages to gather the required metadata. If option cansim.cache_path is set it will look for and store the overview table in that directory.

Usage

```
list_cansim_tables(refresh = FALSE)
```

Arguments

refresh Default is FALSE, and will regenerate the table if set to TRUE

Value

A tibble with available Statistics Canada data tables, listing title, Statistics Canada data table catalogue number, deprecated CANSIM table number, description, and geography

```
normalize_cansim_values
```

Normalize retrieved data table values to appropriate scales

Description

Facilitates working with Statistics Canada data table values retrieved using the package by setting all units to counts/dollars instead of millions, etc. If "replacement_value" is not set, it will replace the VALUE field with normalized values and drop the scale column. Otherwise it will keep the scale columns and create a new column named replacement_value with the normalized value. It will attempt to parse the REF_DATE field and create an R date variable. This is currently experimental.

Usage

```
normalize_cansim_values(data, replacement_value = NA,
  normalize_percent = TRUE, default_month = "01", default_day = "01")
```

Arguments

data A retrieved data table as returned from get_cansim() or get_cansim_ndm()
replacement_value (Optional) the name of the column the manipulated value should be returned in.
 Defaults to replacing the current value field
normalize_percent (Optional) When true (the default) normalizes percentages by changing them
 to rates
default_month The default month that should be used when creating Date objects for annual
 data (default set to "01")
default_day The default day of the month that should be used when creating Date objects for
 monthly data (default set to "01")

Value

Returns the input tibble with with adjusted values

Examples

```
cansim_table <- get_cansim("34-10-0013")
normalize_cansim_values(cansim_table)
```

search_cansim_tables *Search through Statistics Canada data tables*

Description

Searches through Statistics Canada data tables using a search term. A new table is generated if it already does not exist or if refresh option is set to TRUE. Search-terms are case insensitive, but will accept regular expressions for more advanced searching. The search function can search either through table titles or through table descriptions, depending on the whether or not search_description is set to TRUE or not. If refresh = TRUE, the table will be updated and regenerated using Statistics Canada's latest data. This can take some time since this process involves scraping through several hundred web pages to gather the required metadata. If option cache_path is set it will look for and store the overview table in that directory.

Usage

```
search_cansim_tables(search_term, search_fields = "both",
  refresh = FALSE)
```

Arguments

search_term	User-supplied search term used to find Statistics Canada data tables with matching titles
search_fields	By default, this function will search through table titles and keywords. Setting this parameter to "title" will only search through the title, setting it to "keyword" will only search through keywords
refresh	Default is FALSE, and will regenerate the table if set to TRUE

Value

A tibble with available Statistics Canada data tables, listing title, Statistics Canada data table catalogue number, deprecated CANSIM table number, description and geography

view_cansim_webpage	<i>View CANSIM table information in browser</i>
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Description

Opens CANSIM table on Statistics Canada's website using default browser. This may be useful for getting further info on CANSIM table and survey methods.

Usage

```
view_cansim_webpage(cansimTableNumber)
```

Arguments

cansimTableNumber	CANSIM or NDM table number
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Value

none

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