## Package ‘cancensus’

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**add_unique_names_to_region_list**

Convenience function for creating unique names from region list

**Description**

Names of municipalities are not always unique, especially at the CSD level. This function takes as input a subset of a regions list as generated from `list_census_regions()` and de-duplicates names as needed by adding the municipal status in parenthesis. If this does not de-duplicate the name then the geographic identifier will be further added in parenthesis behind that.

**Usage**

```r
add_unique_names_to_region_list(region_list)
```

**Arguments**

- `region_list` a subset of a regions list as gotten from `list_census_regions()`

**Value**

The same list of regions with an extra column ‘Name‘ with de-duplicated names.

**Examples**

```r
## Not run:
# This will return a warning that no match was found, but will suggest similar named regions.
library(dplyr)
list_census_regions("CA21") %>%
  filter(level=="CSD", CMA_UID=="59933") %>%
  add_unique_names_to_region_list()
## End(Not run)
```

**as_census_region_list**

Convert a (suitably filtered) data frame from `list_census_regions` to a list suitable for passing to `get_census`.

**Description**

Convert a (suitably filtered) data frame from `list_census_regions` to a list suitable for passing to `get_census`.

**Usage**

```r
as_census_region_list(tbl)
```
Arguments

tbl    A data frame, suitably filtered, as returned by `list_census_regions`.

Examples

```r
## Not run:
library(dplyr, warn.conflicts = FALSE)

# Query the CensusMapper API for the total occupied dwellings
# of 20 random Census Subdivisions, in Census 2016.
regions <- list_census_regions("CA16") %>%
  filter(level == "CSD") %>%
  sample_n(20) %>%
  as_census_region_list()

occupied <- get_census("CA16", regions = regions,
                      vectors = c("v_CA16_408"),
                      level = "Regions")

## End(Not run)
```

child_census_vectors

List all child variables from vector hierarchies given either a list of Census variables returned by `list_census_vectors`, `search_census_vectors`, `find_census_vectors`, or a direct string reference to the vector code.

Usage

```r
child_census_vectors(
  vector_list,
  leaves_only = FALSE,
  max_level = NA,
  keep_parent = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

- `vector_list`: the list of vectors to be used, either a character vector or a filtered tibble as returned from `list_census_vectors`.
- `leaves_only`: boolean flag to indicate if only final leaf vectors should be returned, i.e. terminal vectors that themselves do not have children.
A dataset with code table summaries for census data

Description

A dataset with code table summaries for census data

Author(s)

derived from StatCan definitions

References

Description

A dataset City of Vancouver skytrain station locations

Author(s)

City of Vancouver Open Data

References

https://opendata.vancouver.ca/explore/dataset/rapid-transit-stations/information/

dataset_attribution

Get attribution for datasets

Description

Get attribution for datasets

Usage

dataset_attribution(datasets)

Arguments

datasets Vector of dataset identifiers

Value

Returns a string to be used as attribution for the given datasets.

Examples

# Attribution string for the 2006 and 2016 census datasets
dataset_attribution(c('CA06','CA16'))
explore_census_regions

Interactively browse Census variables and regions on Censusmapper.ca in a new browser window

Description
Finding the right Census variables or regions can be complicated. explore_census_vectors(dataset) and explore_census_regions(dataset) will open a new browser page or tab to an interactive Census variable and region exploration and selection tool on the Censusmapper.ca website. Interactive tools available for the CA16, CA11, CA06, and CA01 Census datasets and geographies.

Usage
explore_census_regions(dataset = "CA16")

Arguments
dataset The dataset to query for available vectors, e.g. 'CA16'. Interactive tools available for the CA16, CA11, CA06, and CA01 Census datasets and geographies.

Examples
## Not run:
explore_census_vectors(dataset = "CA16")
explore_census_regions(dataset = "CA11")

## End(Not run)
Arguments

**dataset**  
The dataset to query for available vectors, e.g. 'CA16'. Interactive tools available for the CA16, CA11, CA06, and CA01 Census datasets and geographies.

Examples

```r
## Not run:
expose_census_vectors(dataset = "CA16")
expose_census_regions(dataset = "CA11")
## End(Not run)
```

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**find_census_vectors**  
Query the CensusMapper API for vectors using exact, semantic, or keyword search

Description

Query the available list of Census vectors based on their label and return details including vector code. Default search behaviour expects an exact match, but keyword or semantic searches can be used instead by setting `query_type='keyword'` or `query_type='semantic'` instead. Keyword search is useful when looking to explore Census vectors based on broad themes like "income" or "language". Keyword search separates the query into unigrams and returns Census vectors with matching words, ranked by incidence of matches. Semantic search is designed for more precise searches while allowing room for error for spelling or phrasing, as well as for finding closely related vector matches. Semantic search separates the query into n-grams and relies on string distance measurement using a generalized Levenshtein distance approach.

Some census vectors return population counts segmented by Female and Male populations, in addition to a total aggregate. By default, query matches will return matches for the Total aggregation, but can optionally return only the Female or Male aggregations by adding `type='female'` or `type='male'` as a parameter.

Usage

```r
find_census_vectors(query, dataset, type = "all", query_type = "exact", ...)
```

Arguments

**query**  
The term or phrase to search for e.g. 'Oji-cree'. Search queries are case insensitive.

**dataset**  
The dataset to query for available vectors, e.g. 'CA16'. To see a list of available datasets: `list_census_datasets()`
get_census

Access to Canadian census data through the CensusMapper API

Description

This function allows convenient access to Canadian census data and boundary files through the CensusMapper API. An API key is required to retrieve data.

Usage

get_census(
  dataset,
  regions,
  level = NA,
  vectors = c(),
  type = 'all',
  query_type = 'exact'
)

Examples

find_census_vectors('Oji-cree', dataset = 'CA16', type = 'total', query_type = 'exact')
find_census_vectors('commuting duration', dataset = 'CA11', type = 'female', query_type = 'keyword')
find_census_vectors('after tax income', dataset = 'CA16', type = 'total', query_type = 'semantic')

## Not run:
# This incorrect spelling will return a warning that no match was found,
# but will suggest trying semantic or keyword search.
find_census_vectors('Ojibwey', dataset = 'CA16', type = 'total')

# This will find near matches as well
find_census_vectors('Ojibwey', dataset = 'CA16', type = 'total', query_type = "semantic")

find_census_vectors('commute duration', dataset = 'CA16', type = 'female', query_type = 'keyword')
find_census_vectors('commute duration', dataset = 'CA11', type = 'all', query_type = 'keyword')
find_census_vectors('ukrainian origin', dataset = 'CA16', type = 'total', query_type = 'keyword')

## End(Not run)
geo_format = NA,
resolution = "simplified",
labels = "detailed",
use_cache = TRUE,
quiet = FALSE,
api_key = Sys.getenv("CM_API_KEY")
)

Arguments

dataset A CensusMapper dataset identifier.

regions A named list of census regions to retrieve. Names must be valid census aggregation levels.

level The census aggregation level to retrieve, defaults to "Regions". One of "Regions", "PR", "CMA", "CD", "CSD", "CT", "DA", "EA" (for 1996), or "DB" (for 2001-2016).

vectors An R vector containing the CensusMapper variable names of the census variables to download. If no vectors are specified only geographic data will get downloaded.

geo_format By default is set to NA and appends no geographic information. To include geometric information with census data, specify one of either "sf" to return an sf object (requires the sf package) or "sp" to return a SpatialPolygonsDataFrame-class object (requires the rgdal package). If user requests geo-spatial data and neither package is available, a context menu will prompt to install the sf package.

resolution Resolution of the geographic data. By default simplified geometries will be download. For lower level geometries like DB or DA this will be very close to the high resolution data. Simplification generally increases as the geographic aggregation level increases. If high resolution geometries are required then this option can be set to 'high'. By default this setting is set to 'simplified'.

labels Set to "detailed" by default, but truncated Census variable names can be selected by setting labels = "short". Use label_vectors(...) to return variable label information in detail.

use_cache If set to TRUE (the default) data will be read from the local cache if available.

quiet When TRUE, suppress messages and warnings.

api_key An API key for the CensusMapper API. Defaults to options() and then the CM_API_KEY environment variable.

Details

For help selecting regions and vectors, see list_census_regions and list_census_vectors, or check out the interactive selection tool at https://censusmapper.ca/api by calling explore_census_vectors()

Source

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get_intersecting_geometries

**Examples**

# Query the API for data on dwellings in Vancouver, at the census subdivision level:
## Not run:
census_data <- get_census(dataset='CA16', regions=list(CMA="59933"),
  vectors=c("v_CA16_408","v_CA16_409","v_CA16_410"),
  level='CSD')

# Query the API for data on dwellings in Vancouver, at the census subdivision level, and return the associated geography files in `sf` format:
census_data <- get_census(dataset='CA16', regions=list(CMA="59933"),
  vectors=c("v_CA16_408","v_CA16_409","v_CA16_410"),
  level='CSD', geo_format = "sf")

# Make the same query, but this time drop descriptive vector names:
census_data <- get_census(dataset='CA16', regions=list(CMA="59933"),
  vectors=c("v_CA16_408","v_CA16_409","v_CA16_410"),
  level='CSD', geo_format = "sf", labels="short")

# Get details for truncated vectors:
label_vectors(census_data)

## End(Not run)

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**get_intersecting_geometries**

Get identifiers for census regions intersecting a geometry

**Description**

This function returns a list of regions that intersect a given geometry input. This list of regions can be used directly to query census when one is interested in census data for a particular geographic region that does not coincide with defined census geometries. The returned value can be used as the `regions` parameter in `get_census` to get corresponding census geographies and variables that cover the given geometry. Input spatial objects can be any `sf` or `sfc` class objects such as `POINT`, `MULTIPOINT` or `POLYGON`.

This function comes with CensusMapper API limits

**Usage**

get_intersecting_geometries(
  dataset, 
  level, 
  geometry, 
  simplified = FALSE, 
  use_cache = TRUE, 
  quiet = FALSE, 
  api_key = Sys.getenv("CM_API_KEY")
)
get_statcan_geographic_attributes

Arguments

```
dataset      A CensusMapper dataset identifier.
level        The census aggregation level to retrieve. One of "Regions", "PR", "CMA", "CD", "CSD", "CT", "DA", "EA" (for 1996 census), or "DB" (for 2001-2016 censuses).
geometry     A valid sf or sfc class object. As long as the geometry is valid, any projection is accepted. Objects will be reprojected as server-side intersections use lat/lon projection.
simplified   If TRUE will return a region list compatible with get_census, otherwise will return a character vector of matching region ids.
use_cache    If set to TRUE (the default) data will be read from the local cache if available.
quiet        When TRUE, suppress messages and warnings.
api_key      An API key for the CensusMapper API. Defaults to options() and then the CM_API_KEY environment variable.
```

Source

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Examples

```r
## Not run:
# Example using a POINT-class object from a pair of lat/lon coordinates
point_geo <- sf::st_sfc(sf::st_point(c(-123.25149, 49.27026)), crs=4326)
regions <- get_intersecting_geometries(dataset = 'CA16', level = 'CT', geometry = point_geo)
census_data <- get_census(dataset = 'CA16', regions = regions,
                           vectors=c("v_CA16_408","v_CA16_409","v_CA16_410"),
                           level='CT')

# Example using a POLYGON-class object from a bounding box with four coordinates
poly_geo <- sf::st_as_sfc(sf::st_bbox(c(ymin = 49.25, ymax = 49.30,
                                      xmin = -123.25, xmax = -123.30)), crs = 4326)
regions <- get_intersecting_geometries(dataset = 'CA16', level = 'CT', geometry = poly_geo)
census_data <- get_census(dataset = 'CA16', regions = regions,
                           vectors=c("v_CA16_408","v_CA16_409","v_CA16_410"),
                           level='CT')
## End(Not run)
```
Description

Reads the Geographies Attributes File for the given census year. The table contains the information on how all the geographic levels are related for each area, and population, dwelling and household counts. Data gets cached after first download if the cancensus cache path has been set. A reference guide is available at https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/en/catalogue/92-151-G2021001

Usage

```r
get_statcan_geographic_attributes(census_year = "2021", refresh = FALSE)
```

Arguments

- `census_year` census year to get the data for, right now only 2006, 2011, 2016, 2021 are supported
- `refresh` (logical) refresh the cache if true

Value

tibble with the relationship data

Examples

```r
# list add the cached census data
## Not run:
get_statcan_geographic_attributes("2021")
## End(Not run)
```

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get_statcan_geographies

*Read the geosuite data*

Description

Reads the original unprocessed geographic boundary files from Statistics Canada

Usage

```r
get_statcan_geographies(
  census_year,
  level,
  type = "cartographic",
  cache_path = NULL,
  timeout = 1000,
  refresh = FALSE,
  quiet = FALSE
)
```
get_statcan_geo_suite

Arguments

census_year  census year to get the data for, right now only 2021 is supported
level         geographic level to return the data for, valid choices are "PR", "CD", "CMACA", "CSD", "CT", "ADA", "DA", "FED", "DPL", "POPCNTR", "FSA"
type          type of geographic data, valid choices are "cartographic" or "digital"
cache_path    optional path to cache the data. If the cancensus cache path is set the geographic
data gets cached in the "geographies" subdirectory of the cancensus cache path.
timeout       optional timeout parameter, adjust as needed if the data download times out
              when using slow connections
refresh       (logical) refresh the cache if true
quiet         (logical) suppress messages if `TRUE`

Value

a spatial dataframe with the geographic data

Examples

# get the digital geographic boundaries for provinces and territories
## Not run:
get_statcan_geographies(census_year="2021",level="PR",type="digital")
## End(Not run)

Description

Reads the geosuite data for the given level and census year. Data gets cached after first download
if the cancensus cache path has been set. For older years `get_statcan_geographic_attributes()` can
fill in most of the information

Usage

get_statcan_geo_suite(level, census_year = "2021", refresh = FALSE)

Arguments

level         geographic level to return the data for, valid choices are "DB", "DA", "ADA", "CT", "CSD", "CMACA", "CD", "PR", "FED", "DPL", "ER", "PN", "POPCNTR"
census_year  census year to get the data for, right now only 2021 is supported
refresh      (logical) refresh the cache if true
get_statcan_wds_data

Value
tibble with the geosuite data

Examples

# list add the cached census data
## Not run:
get_statcan_geo_suite("DA","2021")

## End(Not run)

get_statcan_wds_data  Query the StatCan WDS for data

Description
Get official census data from Statistics Canada for a given set of DGUIDs. Only available for
the 2021 census. The downloaded data gets enriched by geographic and characteristic names based
on metadata obtained via `get_statcan_wds_metadata()`. Data is cached for the duration of the R
session.

Usage

get_statcan_wds_data(
  DGUIDs,
  members = NULL,
  version = NULL,
  gender = "All",
  language = "en",
  refresh = FALSE
)

Arguments

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<td>census year to get the data for, right now only 2021 is supported. Valid DGUIDs for a given geographic level can be queried via <code>get_statcan_wds_metadata()</code></td>
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<td>members</td>
<td>list of Member IOs to download data for. By default all characteristics are downloaded. Valid Member IDs and their descriptions can be queried via the <code>get_statcan_wds_metadata()</code> call.</td>
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<tr>
<td>version</td>
<td>optionally specify a version of the data to download. For example, for FED level data, version 1.3 will access the 2013 representation order, whereas version 2.0 will access the 2023 representation order. By default the latest available version is accessed.</td>
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<td>gender</td>
<td>optionally query data for only one gender. By default this queries data for all genders, possible values are &quot;Total&quot;, &quot;Male&quot;, &quot;Female&quot; to only query total data, or for males only or for females only.</td>
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get_statcan_wds_metadata

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**language**

specify language for geography and characteristic names that get added, valid choices are "en" and "fr"

**refresh**

default is ‘FALSE’ will refresh the temporary cache if ‘TRUE’

---

Value

tibble with the enriched census data

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Examples

```r
# get data for federal electoral district 2013A000459021
get_statcan_wds_data(DGUIDs="2013A000459021",level="FED")
```

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get_statcan_wds_metadata

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*Query the StatCan WDS for metadata*

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Description

Get official metadata information from Statistics Canada for a given geographic level. Only available for the 2021 census. Data is cached for the duration of the R session.

Usage

get_statcan_wds_metadata(census_year, level, version = NULL, refresh = FALSE)

Arguments

- **census_year**: census year to get the data for, right now only 2021 is supported
- **level**: geographic level to return the data for, valid choices are "PR", "CD", "CMACA", "CSD", "CT", "ADA", "DA", "ER", "FED", "DPL", "POPCNTR", "FSA"
- **version**: optionally specify a version of the data to download. For example, for FED level data, version 1.3 will access the 2013 representation order, whereas version 2.0 will access the 2023 representation order. By default the latest available version is accessed.
- **refresh**: default is ‘FALSE’ will refresh the temporary cache if ‘TRUE’

Value

tibble with the metadata
Examples

```r
# get metadata for federal electoral districts
## Not run:
get_statcan_wds_metadata(census_year="2021", level="FED")

## End(Not run)
```

label_vectors  

Return Census variable names and labels as a tidy data frame

Description

Return Census variable names and labels as a tidy data frame

Usage

```r
label_vectors(x)
```

Arguments

- `x`: A data frame, sp or sf object returned from `get_census` or similar.

Value

A data frame with a column `variable` containing the truncated variable name, and a column `label` describing it.

Examples

```r
## Not run:
# Query census data with truncated labels:
label_data <- get_census(dataset="CA16", regions=list(CMA="59933"),
                         vectors=c("v_CA16_408", "v_CA16_409", "v_CA16_410"),
                         level='CSD', geo_format = "sf", labels="short")

# Get details for truncated vectors:
label_vectors(label_data)

## End(Not run)
```
**list_cancensus_cache**  *List cached files*

Description

Lists all cached data and metadata if available

Usage

```r
list_cancensus_cache()
```

Value
tibble with metadata on cached data

Examples

```r
# list add the cached census data
list_cancensus_cache()
```

**list_census_datasets**  *Query the CensusMapper API for available datasets.*

Description

Query the CensusMapper API for available datasets.

Usage

```r
list_census_datasets(use_cache = TRUE, quiet = FALSE)
```

Arguments

- `use_cache` If set to TRUE (the default), data will be read from a temporary local cache for the duration of the R session, if available. If set to FALSE, query the API for the data, and refresh the temporary cache with the result.
- `quiet` When TRUE, suppress messages and warnings.

Value

Returns a data frame with a column `dataset` containing the code for the dataset, a column `description` describing it, a `geo_dataset` column identifying the geography dataset the data is based on, an `attribution` column with an attribution string, a `reference` column with a reference identifier, and a `reference_url` column with a link to reference materials.
Examples

```r
# List available datasets in CensusMapper
list_census_datasets()
```

```r
list_census_regions(dataset, use_cache = TRUE, quiet = FALSE)
```

Arguments

- **dataset** The dataset to query for available regions, e.g. "CA16".
- **use_cache** If set to TRUE (the default), data will be read from a local cache that is maintained for the duration of the R session, if available. If set to FALSE, query the API for the data, and refresh the local cache with the result.
- **quiet** When TRUE, suppress messages and warnings.

Value

Returns a data frame with the following columns:

- **region** The region identifier.
- **name** The name of that region.
- **level** The census aggregation level of that region.
- **pop** The population of that region.
- **municipal_status** Additional identifiers to distinguish the municipal status of census subdivisions.
- **CMA_UID** The identifier for the Census Metropolitan Area the region is in (if any).
- **CD_UID** The identifier for the Census District the region is in (if any).
- **PR_UID** The identifier for the Province the region is in (if unique).

Examples

```r
## Not run:
list_census_regions('CA16')
## End(Not run)
```
list_census_vectors  
Query the CensusMapper API for available vectors for a given dataset.

Description

Query the CensusMapper API for available vectors for a given dataset.

Usage

list_census_vectors(dataset, use_cache = TRUE, quiet = TRUE)

Arguments

dataset  The dataset to query for available vectors, e.g. "CA16".
use_cache  If set to TRUE (the default), data will be read from a local cache that is maintained for the duration of the R session, if available. If set to FALSE, query the API for the data, and refresh the local cache with the result.
quiet  When FALSE, shows messages and warnings. Set to TRUE by default.

Value

Returns a data frame detailing the available Census vectors (i.e. variables) for a given Census dataset. This data frame has columns vector containing the short code for the variable, type describing whether it’s a female, male, or total aggregate, label indicating the name of the variable, units indicating whether the value represents a numeric integer, percentage, dollar figure, or ratio, parent_vector to show hierarchical relationship, aggregation indicating whether the value is additive or a transformation, and a column details with a detailed description of the variable generated by traversing all labels within its hierarchical structure.

Examples

```r
## Not run:
# List all vectors for a given Census dataset in CensusMapper
list_census_vectors('CA16')

## End(Not run)
```
**list_recalled_cached_data**

List recalled data stored in local cache

**Description**

Checks the local cached database for recalled data and lists all recalled cached entries

**Usage**

```r
def list_recalled_cached_data(
  cached_data = list_cancensus_cache(),
  warn_only_once = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

- `cached_data` List of locally cached data to check for recall, default is `list_cancensus_cache()` in which case it will get checked against all locally cached data
- `warn_only_once` Will only warn on first run during each session, `FALSE` by default

**Value**

tibble with rows describing locally cached recalled data

**Examples**

```r
## Not run:
list_recalled_cached_data()
## End(Not run)
```

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**parent_census_vectors**

List all parent variables from vector hierarchies given either a list of Census variables returned by `list_census_vectors`, `search_census_vectors`, `find_census_vectors`, `or a direct string reference to the vector code.`

**Description**

List all parent variables from vector hierarchies given either a list of Census variables returned by `list_census_vectors`, `search_census_vectors`, `find_census_vectors`, or a direct string reference to the vector code.

**Usage**

```r
parent_census_vectors(vector_list)
```
**remove_from_cancensus_cache**

**Description**

Remove cached data for paths given

**Usage**

`remove_from_cancensus_cache(paths)`

**Arguments**

- `paths`  
  list of paths to remove, as returned by the path column in `list_cancensus_cache`

**Value**

freed-up disk space
## remove_recalled_cached_data

### Description
Checks the local cached database for recalled data and removes cached data that has been recalled.

### Usage
```r
remove_recalled_cached_data()
```

### Value
Storage size of removed locally cached data that got freed up in number of bytes.

### Examples
```r
## Not run:
remove_recalled_cached_data()
## End(Not run)
```

## search_census_regions

### Query the CensusMapper API for regions with names matching a searchterm.

### Description
Runs a query against the CensusMapper API to retrieve region data with names matching specific queries. Users can optionally specify the target geography level (e.g. `level = 'CMA'`, `level = 'CSD'`, etc.). Alternatively, calling `explore_census_vectors()` will launch the interactive region selection tool on the CensusMapper site in a new web page or tab.

### Usage
```r
search_census_regions(searchterm, dataset, level = NA, ...)
```
Arguments

- **searchterm**: The term to search for e.g. "Victoria". Search terms are case insensitive. If unable to find a given search term, this function will suggest the correct spelling to use when possible.
- **dataset**: The dataset to query for available regions, e.g. "CA16".
- **level**: One of NA, 'C', 'PR', 'CMA', 'CD', or 'CSD'. If specified, only return variables of specified 'level'.
- **...**: Further arguments passed on to `list_census_regions`.

Value

A census region list of the same format as `list_census_regions()` containing the matches.

Examples

```r
## Not run:
# This will return a warning that no match was found, but will suggest similarly named regions.
search_census_regions('Victoria', 'CA16')

# This will limit region results to only include CMA level regions
search_census_regions('Victoria', 'CA16', level = "CMA")

## End(Not run)
```

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**search_census_vectors**  
*Query the CensusMapper API for vectors with descriptions matching a search term or phrase (deprecated)*

**Description**

Query the CensusMapper API for vectors with descriptions matching a search term or phrase (deprecated)

**Usage**

`search_census_vectors(searchterm, dataset, type = NA, ...)`

**Arguments**

- **searchterm**: The term or phrase to search for e.g. "Ojibway". Search terms are case insensitive. If unable to find a given string, this function will suggest similarly named objects.
- **dataset**: The dataset to query for available vectors, e.g. "CA16".
- **type**: One of NA, 'Total', 'Male' or 'Female'. If specified, only return variables of specified 'type'.
- **...**: Further arguments passed on to `list_census_vectors`.
Examples

```r
search_census_vectors('Ojibway', 'CA16')
# Not run:
# This will return a warning that no match was found, but will suggest similar terms.
search_census_vectors('Ojibwe', 'CA16', 'Total')
```

## End(Not run)

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**set_cancensus_api_key**  
Set Censusmapper API key

**Description**

Cancensus requires a free Censusmapper API key to retrieve data. This function helps set the key for either the duration of the session (default) or permanently for use across sessions.

**Usage**

```r
set_cancensus_api_key(key, overwrite = FALSE, install = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

- `key`: a Censusmapper API key. For more information on keys see the [API key section](#).
- `overwrite`: Option to overwrite any existing Censusmapper keys already stored locally.
- `install`: Option to install permanently for use across sessions.

**Examples**

```r
## Not run:
set_cancensus_api_key("YOUR_CM_API_KEY")

# This will set the key permanently until overwritten again
set_cancensus_api_key("YOUR_CM_API_KEY", install = TRUE)
```

## End(Not run)

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**set_cancensus_cache_path**  
Set persistent cancensus cache location

**Description**

Cancensus provides session caching for retrieved data to increase speeds and reduce API usage. This function will create a persistent cache across sessions.
Usage

set_cancensus_cache_path(cache_path, overwrite = FALSE, install = FALSE)

Arguments

cache_path       a local directory to use for saving cached data
overwrite        Option to overwrite any existing cache path already stored locally.
install          Option to install permanently for use across sessions.

Examples

## Not run:
set_cancensus_cache_path("~/cancensus_cache")

# This will set the cache path permanently until overwritten again
set_cancensus_cache_path("~/cancensus_cache", install = TRUE)

## End(Not run)

show_cancensus_api_key

View saved Censusmapper API key

Description

View saved API key

Usage

show_cancensus_api_key()

Examples

show_cancensus_api_key()
show_census_cache_path

View saved cache directory path

Description

View saved cache path

Usage

show_census_cache_path()

Examples

show_census_cache_path()
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