



Royal Mail Postcode Reference 2015.01 Release Notes

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Summary

The Royal Mail Postcode Reference database contains the names of the 1.7 million unique postcodes in the United Kingdom and the grid references of all geographic postcodes.

The dataset includes centroids of postcode sectors weighted by Pitney Bowes Software according to the distribution of delivery points (addresses) within each sector.

Optimised for geocoding use, the Postcode Reference File features indexed records and a more compact file size than the original Postzon data, to allow more rapid geocoding.

Note: For a summary of the numbers of residential, non-residential, and large-user delivery points (addresses) in each postcode, and the associated ward and NHS codes, refer to the separate Royal Mail Postcode Delivery Points database.

Benefits

- The Royal Mail Postcode Reference database is ideal for geocoding records in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, for use in both Marketing and more general analyses.
- The data contains postcode sector centroids weighted by distribution of delivery points within each sector, which means that you can use the database to geocode other postcode datasets, such as customer or client records, regardless of whether they contain full postcodes or just the postcode sector centroids.
- Analysis capability is enhanced by the inclusion of Post Town and Locality fields.

Features

Vintage: 2015.01

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GREAT BRITAIN

- There are 1,698,039 postcodes in 2015.01 versus 1,696,841 in 2014.08, an overall decrease of 1,198 postcodes.
- There are 7,077 new postcodes and 5,879 deleted postcodes.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- There are 48,392 postcodes in 2015.01 versus 48,382 in 2014.08, an overall increase of 10 new postcodes.
- There are 144 new postcodes and 134 deleted postcodes.