

The Germany-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 12)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 26,308 Germany-born persons in Victoria (25.6% of Australia's total), ranked 12<sup>th</sup> among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Germany-born decreased by 6.1% (1,713) from 28,021 persons in 2011. They are well distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with minor concentrations in the LGAs of: Knox (4.3%), Yarra Ranges (4.2%), Casey (3.9%) and Brimbank (3.6%). A significant proportion live in the regional LGA of Greater Geelong (5.1%) and in the rest of regional Victoria (19.4%).

The Germany-born reflected an ageing profile: 6.8% were aged 25 years and below; 15.3% were aged 26-44 years; 22.3% were aged 45-64 years; and 55.6% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 67 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 91 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 201,850 persons identified with German ancestry. Most of them were born in Australia (79.6%) and Germany (9.7%). Three-quarters (74.7%) of the German-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 3.9% arrived in 1996-2000; 4.3% arrived in 2001-2005; 5.9% arrived in 2006-2010; and 7.8% arrived in 2011-2016.

Over a third (36.7%) of the Germany-born speak German; 53.7% speak English only. The Germany-born are mainly Catholic (26.2%), Lutheran (15.3%) and Anglican (3.8%); 31.0% have no religion. Two-thirds (68.8%) of the Germany-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria.

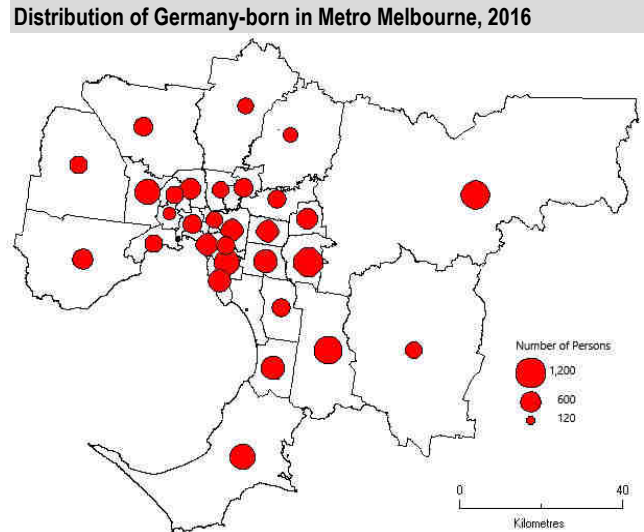
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Location	2016 Census		2011 Census		2006 Census		Change 2011-2016		Change 2006-2011	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	% change
Metro Melbourne <sup>(a)</sup>	20,211	19.7	21,508	19.9	21,534	20.2	-1,297	-6.0	-26	-0.1
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	6,103	5.9	6,513	6.0	6,587	6.2	-410	-6.3	-74	-1.1
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>26,308</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>28,021</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>28,123</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>-1,713</b>	<b>-6.1</b>	<b>-102</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>102,595</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>108,002</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>106,524</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-5,407</b>	<b>-5.0</b>	<b>1,478</b>	<b>1.4</b>

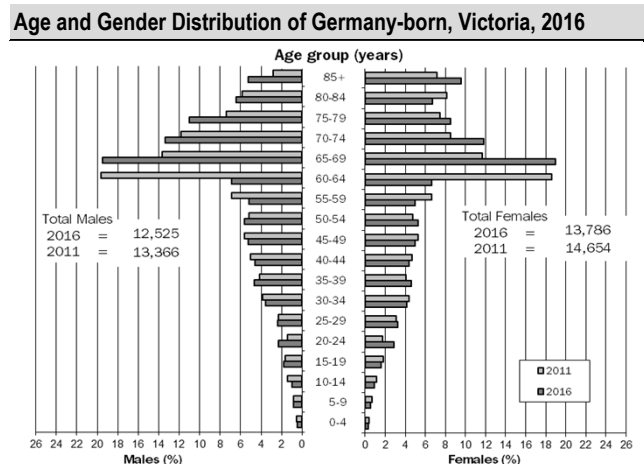
<sup>(a)</sup> Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.  
<sup>(b)</sup> Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Greater Geelong (C)	1,332	5.1	1,440	5.1	1
Knox (C)	1,144	4.3	1,340	4.8	2
Yarra Ranges (S)	1,109	4.2	1,226	4.4	3
Casey (C)	1,033	3.9	1,094	3.9	5
Brimbank (C)	935	3.6	1,096	3.9	4
Rest of Melbourne	15,645	59.5	16,407	58.6	-
Rest of Reg Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	5,115	19.4	5,415	19.3	-
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>26,308</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>28,021</b>	<b>100.0</b>	-

<sup>(a)</sup> Includes "Unincorporated Vic" and "No Usual Address Vic".



Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	96	0.4	122	0.4	-21.3
5-11	266	1.0	328	1.2	-18.9
12-18	469	1.8	636	2.3	-26.3
19-25	939	3.6	640	2.3	46.7
26-44	4,035	15.3	4,301	15.3	-6.2
45-54	2,774	10.5	2,916	10.4	-4.9
55-64	3,113	11.8	7,234	25.8	-57.0
65-74	8,363	31.8	6,360	22.7	31.5
75+	6,254	23.8	5,474	19.5	14.2
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>26,308</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>28,021</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-6.1</b>
Median Age	67		63		
Sex Ratio	91		91		91 males per 100 females



**Top 5 Countries of Birth of Persons with German Ancestry: 2016, 2011**

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Germany	19,650	9.7	21,422	11.7	-8.3
USA	2,756	1.4	2,108	1.1	30.7
New Zealand	2,536	1.3	1,905	1.0	33.1
South Africa	2,033	1.0	1,339	0.7	51.8
England	1,713	0.8	1,444	0.8	18.6
Australia	160,672	79.6	145,827	79.4	10.2
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	12,458	6.2	9,655	5.3	29.0
<b>Total responses<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>201,850</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>183,700</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9.9</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Includes all other countries, and birthplace not stated.

<sup>(b)</sup> Respondents have option of nominating several ancestries; only the 1st two responses were coded. This is the total of both 1st & 2nd responses.

This table is based on the ancestry with the most responses for Germany-born persons.

**Top 5 Languages Spoken at Home, Germany-born: 2016, 2011**

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
German	9,643	36.7	10,655	38.0	-9.5
Polish	436	1.7	503	1.8	-13.3
Ukrainian	219	0.8	228	0.8	-3.9
Greek	172	0.7	160	0.6	7.5
Bosnian	161	0.6	153	0.5	5.2
Other languages <sup>(a)</sup>	1,277	4.9	1,289	4.6	-0.9
English only	14,140	53.7	14,736	52.6	-4.0
Not stated	235	0.9	297	1.1	-20.9
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>26,308</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>28,021</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-6.1</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Includes "Inadequately described" and "Non-verbal, so described".

**Top 5 Religious affiliation, Germany-born: 2016, 2011**

Religious affiliation <sup>(a)</sup>	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Catholic	6,892	26.2	7,933	28.3	-13.1
Lutheran	4,036	15.3	7,013	25.0	-42.4
Anglican	1,001	3.8	964	3.4	3.8
Christian, nfd	634	2.4	458	1.6	38.4
Judaism	508	1.9	611	2.2	-16.9
Other religions	3,535	13.4	3,507	12.5	0.8
No religion <sup>(b)</sup>	8,163	31.0	5,914	21.1	38.0
Not stated	1,528	5.8	1,621	5.8	-5.7
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>26,308</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>28,021</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-6.1</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Religion based on 3 digit level of classification.

<sup>(b)</sup> No Religion, so described.

**Year of Arrival of Germany-born: 2016**

Year of arrival <sup>(a)</sup>	Germany-born		Total OSB, Vic <sup>(c)</sup>	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	19,647	74.7	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	1,036	3.9	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	1,128	4.3	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	1,549	5.9	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 <sup>(b)</sup>	2,041	7.8	381,130	22.7
Not stated	915	3.5	58,517	3.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>26,308</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,680,256</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Records the year of arrival in Australia for people born overseas

who intend staying in Australia for at least one year.

<sup>(b)</sup> Arrivals up to 9 Aug 2016.

<sup>(c)</sup> OSB stands for Overseas-born.

**Proficiency in English of Germany-born: 2016, 2011**

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	14,140	53.7	14,736	52.6	-4.0
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	9,701	36.9	10,067	35.9	-3.6
Well	1,983	7.5	2,652	9.5	-25.2
Not well	223	0.8	274	1.0	-18.6
Not at all	35	0.1	48	0.2	-27.1
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	222	0.8	248	0.9	-10.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>26,308</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>28,021</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-6.1</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Includes those who did not state a language and/or proficiency in English.

**Germany-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2016, 2011**

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	50	0.3	60	0.3	-16.7
5-11	165	0.9	164	0.8	0.6
12-18	290	1.6	443	2.3	-34.5
19-25	485	2.7	265	1.3	83.0
26-44	1,445	8.0	1,578	8.0	-8.4
45-64	3,801	21.0	7,983	40.6	-52.4
65-74	7,320	40.4	4,956	25.2	47.7
75+	4,577	25.2	4,211	21.4	8.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,130</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>19,668</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-7.8</b>
% of Germany-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					68.9%
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.3%

## Economic characteristics

The educational levels of the Germany-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria, with some exceptions. More of them have a postgraduate degree (8.1%) and a certificate (19.9%), compared to 5.4% and 14.4% for total Victoria. Less of them have a bachelor degree (12.7%) and school education only (32.4%), compared to 16.5% and 38.7% for total Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Germany-born at 41.0% is lower than total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 5.0% is also lower than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Germany-born are different from those for total Victoria. More of them (17.1%) work as managers and 29.9% work as professionals, compared to 13.5% and 23.3% for Victoria. Less of the Germany-born are technicians and trades workers (10.9%), sales workers (6.5%) and labourers (7.1%), compared to 13.1%, 9.7% and 9.0% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns of the Germany-born are also different from total Victoria. More of them are employed in manufacturing (9.5%), professional, scientific, technical and administration (15.4%) and education and training (10.9%), compared to 7.8%, 11.4% and 8.6% for Victoria. Less of them are employed in construction (5.6%), wholesale and retail trade (11.6%) and accommodation and food services (5.1%) than Victoria (8.3%, 13.4% and 6.6%).

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Germany-born is lower than for total Victoria. More of them receive \$1-\$399 (25.5%) and \$400-\$799 (30.9%), compared to 20.1% and 23.1% for Victoria. Less of the Germany-born receive \$800-\$1,249 (13.1%), \$1,250-\$1,999 (10.5%) and \$2,000 or more (8.1%) than Victoria (16.7%, 13.6% and 7.5%).

### Highest level of educational attainment, Germany-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Highest level of educational attainment <sup>(a)</sup>	Germany-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	2,081	8.1	1,740	6.4	341	19.6	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	528	2.0	502	1.8	26	5.2	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	3,283	12.7	3,001	11.0	282	9.4	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	2,638	10.2	2,648	9.7	-10	-0.4	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	5,120	19.9	5,726	21.0	-606	-10.6	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only <sup>(b)</sup>	8,348	32.4	9,198	33.7	-850	-9.2	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment <sup>(c)</sup>	74	0.3	70	0.3	4	5.7	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc <sup>(d)</sup>	3,716	14.4	4,431	16.2	-715	-16.1	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>25,792</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>27,324</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1,532</b>	<b>-5.6</b>	<b>4,845,710</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,355,243</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>490,467</b>	<b>11.3</b>

<sup>(a)</sup>This variable is applicable to persons aged 15 years and over.

<sup>(b)</sup>Includes persons who completed school to between Year 8 or below, and Year 12 level.

<sup>(c)</sup>Includes persons whose qualification is out of scope of this variable.

<sup>(d)</sup>Includes "Inadequately described".

### Labour force participation, Germany-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation <sup>(a)</sup>	Germany-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
<i>In the labour force</i>	10,583	40.2	12,073	43.1	-1,490	-12.3	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	10,052	38.2	11,555	41.2	-1,503	-13.0	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	531	2.0	518	1.8	13	2.5	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	14,638	55.6	14,382	51.3	256	1.8	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
Not stated	568	2.2	876	3.1	-308	-35.2	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
Not applicable <sup>(b)</sup>	521	2.0	696	2.5	-175	-25.1	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>26,308</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>28,021</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1,713</b>	<b>-6.1</b>	<b>5,926,624</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,354,039</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>572,585</b>	<b>10.7</b>
<i>Participation rate</i> <sup>(c)</sup>	41.0%		44.2%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> <sup>(d)</sup>	5.0%		4.3%				6.6%		5.4%			

<sup>(a)</sup>This variable is applicable to persons 15 years and over.

<sup>(b)</sup>Persons aged under 15 years.

<sup>(c)</sup>The participation rate represents the labour force (total employed and unemployed who are actively looking for work) expressed as a % of the civilian population aged 15 years and over, in the same age group.

<sup>(d)</sup>The unemployment rate represents the number of unemployed persons expressed as a % of the labour force.

**Occupation, Germany-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Occupation <sup>(a)</sup>	Germany-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	1,715	17.1	1,758	15.2	-43	-2.4	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	3,005	29.9	3,185	27.6	-180	-5.7	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	1,095	10.9	1,483	12.8	-388	-26.2	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	973	9.7	1,003	8.7	-30	-3.0	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	1,296	12.9	1,602	13.9	-306	-19.1	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	651	6.5	749	6.5	-98	-13.1	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	408	4.1	597	5.2	-189	-31.7	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	710	7.1	887	7.7	-177	-20.0	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated <sup>(b)</sup>	204	2.0	298	2.6	-94	-31.5	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>10,052</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11,555</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1,503</b>	<b>-13.0</b>	<b>2,736,125</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,530,635</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>205,490</b>	<b>8.1</b>

<sup>(a)</sup>This variable is applicable to employed persons aged 15 years and over.

<sup>(b)</sup>Includes "Inadequately described".

**Industry of Employment, Germany-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Industry of employment <sup>(a)</sup>	Germany-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	236	2.3	263	2.3	-27	-10.3	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	955	9.5	1,554	13.4	-599	-38.5	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	106	1.1	117	1.0	-11	-9.4	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	562	5.6	723	6.3	-161	-22.3	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	1,163	11.6	1,529	13.2	-366	-23.9	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	517	5.1	514	4.4	3	0.6	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	447	4.4	556	4.8	-109	-19.6	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	173	1.7	180	1.6	-7	-3.9	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	287	2.9	319	2.8	-32	-10.0	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	133	1.3	160	1.4	-27	-16.9	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	1,548	15.4	1,636	14.2	-88	-5.4	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	484	4.8	585	5.1	-101	-17.3	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	1,093	10.9	1,147	9.9	-54	-4.7	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	1,272	12.7	1,432	12.4	-160	-11.2	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	522	5.2	543	4.7	-21	-3.9	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	543	5.4	312	2.7	231	74.0	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>10,052</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11,555</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1,503</b>	<b>-13.0</b>	<b>2,736,125</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,530,635</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>205,490</b>	<b>8.1</b>

<sup>(a)</sup>This variable is applicable to employed persons aged 15 and over.

**Total Personal Income (Weekly), Germany-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Total personal income, weekly <sup>(a)</sup>	Germany-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	138	0.5	170	0.6	-32	-18.8	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	1,606	6.2	1,651	6.0	-45	-2.7	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	6,579	25.5	10,187	37.3	-3,608	-35.4	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	7,960	30.9	6,183	22.6	1,777	28.7	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	3,390	13.1	3,488	12.8	-98	-2.8	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	2,712	10.5	2,601	9.5	111	4.3	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	2,087	8.1	1,640	6.0	447	27.3	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	1,316	5.1	1,410	5.2	-94	-6.7	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>25,792</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>27,324</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1,532</b>	<b>-5.6</b>	<b>4,845,710</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,355,243</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>490,467</b>	<b>11.3</b>

<sup>(a)</sup>Applicable to persons aged 15 years and over.

This fact sheet is available for free download at [www.multicultural.vic.gov.au](http://www.multicultural.vic.gov.au), which also contains the Community Profiles series for birthplace groups, with more detailed tables on a wider range of demographic and socio-economic data.

Source of data: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, 2011, 2006*.