

The Greece-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 10)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 47,240 Greece-born persons in Victoria (50.4% of Australia’s total), ranked 10<sup>th</sup> among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Greece-born decreased by 5.5% (2,751) from 49,991 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with major concentrations in the LGAs of Darebin (9.6%), Monash (9.4%), Whittlesea (8.0%), and Moreland (7.2%) and Kingston (6.1%).

The Greece-born reflected a significant ageing profile: 3.3% were aged 25 years and below; 4.6% were aged 26-44 years; 25.8% were aged 45-64 years; and 66.3% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 70 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 90 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 170,451 persons identified with Greek ancestry. Most of them were born in Australia (67.1%) and Greece (26.3%). Most (89.0%) of the Greece-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 0.8% arrived in 1996-2000; 0.5% arrived in 2001-2005; 0.7% arrived in 2006-2010; and 5.1% arrived in 2011-2016.

The Greece-born speak mainly Greek (87.7%) and Macedonian (3/3%); 7.5% speak English only. Of those who speak a language other than English, 33.2% speak English not well/not at all. Most (90.5%) of the Greece-born are of the Eastern Orthodox faith; 3.0% have no religion. Most (93.4%) of the Greece-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria.

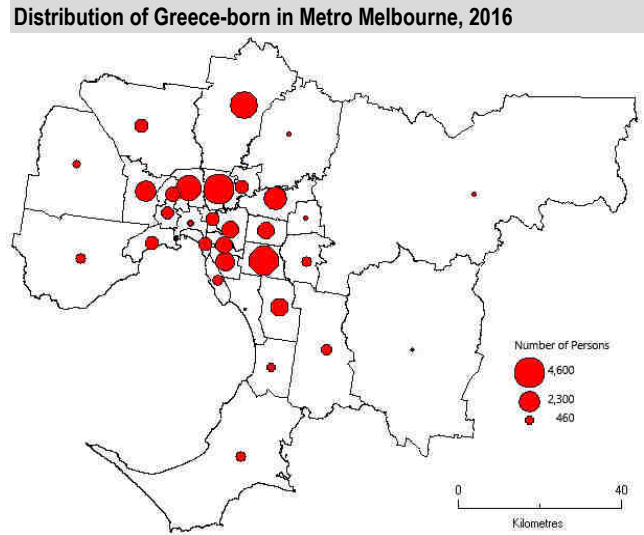
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Location	2016 Census		2011 Census		2006 Census		Change 2011-2016		Change 2006-2011	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	% change
Metro Melbourne <sup>(a)</sup>	45,618	48.7	48,310	48.3	52,386	47.6	-2,692	-5.6	-4,076	-7.8
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	1,626	1.7	1,681	1.7	1,944	1.8	-55	-3.3	-263	-13.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>47,240</b>	<b>50.4</b>	<b>49,991</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>54,324</b>	<b>49.4</b>	<b>-2,751</b>	<b>-5.5</b>	<b>-4,333</b>	<b>-8.0</b>
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>93,743</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99,938</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>109,990</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-6,195</b>	<b>-6.2</b>	<b>-10,052</b>	<b>-9.1</b>

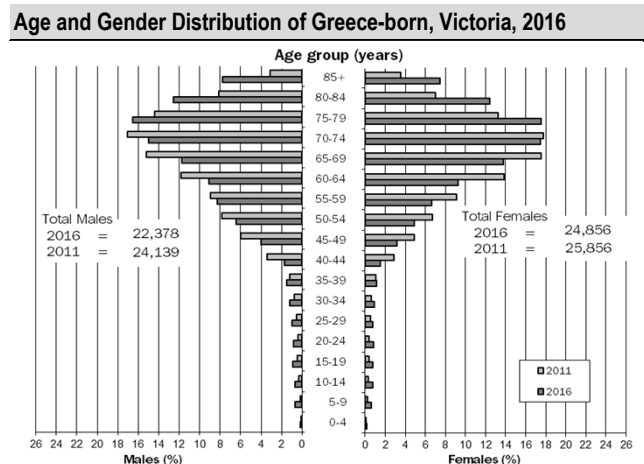
<sup>(a)</sup> Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.  
<sup>(b)</sup> Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Darebin (C)	4,553	9.6	5,003	10.0	1
Monash (C)	4,447	9.4	4,545	9.1	2
Whittlesea (C)	3,756	8.0	3,972	7.9	3
Moreland (C)	3,391	7.2	3,695	7.4	4
Kingston (C)	2,893	6.1	2,919	5.8	6
Rest of Melbourne	26,481	56.1	28,113	56.2	-
Rest of Reg Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	1,728	3.7	1,766	3.5	-
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>47,240</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>49,991</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	60	0.1	43	0.1	39.5
5-11	438	0.9	160	0.3	173.8
12-18	536	1.1	258	0.5	107.8
19-25	551	1.2	277	0.6	98.9
26-44	2,180	4.6	2,702	5.4	-19.3
45-54	4,343	9.2	6,333	12.7	-31.4
55-64	7,836	16.6	10,932	21.9	-28.3
65-74	13,743	29.1	16,917	33.8	-18.8
75+	17,555	37.2	12,370	24.7	41.9
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>47,240</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>49,991</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-5.5</b>
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>70</i>		<i>67</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>90</i>		<i>93 males per 100 females</i>		



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Greece	44,771	26.3	46,025	28.4	-2.7
Cyprus	2,489	1.5	2,831	1.7	-12.1
Egypt	2,046	1.2	2,319	1.4	-11.8
England	431	0.3	411	0.3	4.9
Turkey	336	0.2	319	0.2	5.3
Australia	114,328	67.1	105,169	65.0	8.7
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	6,054	3.6	4,707	2.9	28.6
<b>Total responses<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>170,451</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>161,781</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5.4</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 Greece-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Greek	41,406	87.7	43,941	87.9	-5.8
Macedonian	1,565	3.3	1,914	3.8	-18.2
Turkish	238	0.5	242	0.5	-1.7
Italian	59	0.1	118	0.2	-50.0
Mandarin	31	0.1	8	0.0	287.5
Other languages <sup>(a)</sup>	188	0.4	249	0.5	-24.5
English only	3,520	7.5	3,309	6.6	6.4
Not stated	217	0.5	210	0.4	3.3
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>47,240</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>49,991</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-5.5</b>

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

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

Religious affiliation <sup>(a)</sup>	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Eastern Orthodox	42,749	90.5	46,774	93.6	-8.6
Christian, nfd	603	1.3	186	0.4	224.2
Jehovah's Witnesses	307	0.6	353	0.7	-13.0
Islam	259	0.5	342	0.7	-24.3
Catholic	191	0.4	208	0.4	-8.2
Other religions	494	1.0	593	1.2	-16.7
No religion <sup>(b)</sup>	1,424	3.0	822	1.6	73.2
Not stated	1,199	2.5	713	1.4	68.2
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>47,240</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>49,991</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-5.5</b>

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

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

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

Year of arrival <sup>(a)</sup>	Greece-born		Total OSB, Vic <sup>(c)</sup>	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	42,043	89.0	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	358	0.8	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	251	0.5	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	315	0.7	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 <sup>(b)</sup>	2,402	5.1	381,130	22.7
Not stated	1,871	4.0	58,517	3.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>47,240</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 Greece-born: 2016, 2011**

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	3,520	7.5	3,309	6.6	6.4
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	12,878	27.3	12,726	25.5	1.2
Well	14,704	31.1	16,174	32.4	-9.1
Not well	14,692	31.1	16,109	32.2	-8.8
Not at all	1,015	2.1	1,216	2.4	-16.5
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	437	0.9	463	0.9	-5.6
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>47,240</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>49,991</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-5.5</b>

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	49	0.1	34	0.1	44.1
5-11	324	0.7	133	0.3	143.6
12-18	457	1.0	221	0.5	106.8
19-25	433	1.0	249	0.5	73.9
26-44	1,326	3.0	2,365	4.9	-43.9
45-64	11,303	25.6	16,627	34.5	-32.0
65-74	13,300	30.1	16,508	34.3	-19.4
75+	16,942	38.4	12,011	24.9	41.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,122</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>48,145</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-8.4</b>
% of Greece-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					93.4%
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.3%

## Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Greece-born are lower than for total Victoria: 64.5% have school education only and 9.9% have no educational attainment, compared to 38.7% and 1.0% for Victoria. Only 5.8% have a bachelor degree or higher (24.3% for Victoria).

The labour force participation rate of the Greece-born at 24.4% is much lower than for total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 6.1% is slightly lower than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Greece-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria, with some exceptions. More of them work as machinery operators and drivers (9.1%) and labourers (15.7%), compared to 5.8% and 9.0% for Victoria. Less of them work as professionals (14.4%) and community and personal workers (8.0%) than Victoria (23.3% and 10.6%).

The industry of employment patterns for the Greece-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria. The exceptions are that more of them are employed in manufacturing (9.9%) and transport, postal and warehousing (7.2%), compared to 7.8% and 4.8% for Victoria. Less of them are employed in education and training (6.2%) and healthcare and social assistance than Victoria (8.6% and 12.5%).

The weekly personal income levels for the Greece-born is lower than for total Victoria. More of the Greece-born receive \$1-\$399 (44.5%) and \$400-\$799 (27.4%) than Victoria (20.1% and 23.1%). Less of them (8.4%) receive \$800-\$1,249 (8.4%) and \$1,250 or more (8.0%), compared to 16.7% and 21.1% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment <sup>(a)</sup>	Greece-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	480	1.0	355	0.7	125	35.2	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	324	0.7	253	0.5	71	28.1	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	1,916	4.1	1,808	3.6	108	6.0	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	1,568	3.4	1,273	2.6	295	23.2	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	3,786	8.1	3,462	7.0	324	9.4	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only <sup>(b)</sup>	30,023	64.5	32,531	65.5	-2,508	-7.7	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment <sup>(c)</sup>	4,625	9.9	4,809	9.7	-184	-3.8	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc <sup>(d)</sup>	3,793	8.2	5,208	10.5	-1,415	-27.2	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>46,519</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>49,695</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-3,176</b>	<b>-6.4</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, Greece-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation <sup>(a)</sup>	Greece-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>	11,329	24.0	13,241	26.5	-1,912	-14.4	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	10,640	22.5	12,608	25.2	-1,968	-15.6	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	689	1.5	633	1.3	56	8.8	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	34,384	72.8	35,112	70.2	-728	-2.1	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
Not stated	806	1.7	1,346	2.7	-540	-40.1	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
Not applicable <sup>(b)</sup>	720	1.5	296	0.6	424	143.2	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>47,240</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>49,991</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-2,751</b>	<b>-5.5</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<sup>(c)</sup></i>	24.4%		26.6%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate<sup>(d)</sup></i>	6.1%		4.8%				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, Greece-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Occupation <sup>(a)</sup>	Greece-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	1,513	14.2	1,866	14.8	-353	-18.9	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	1,529	14.4	1,674	13.3	-145	-8.7	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	1,551	14.6	1,881	14.9	-330	-17.5	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	853	8.0	762	6.0	91	11.9	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	1,304	12.3	1,594	12.6	-290	-18.2	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	1,004	9.4	1,077	8.5	-73	-6.8	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	967	9.1	1,266	10.0	-299	-23.6	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	1,674	15.7	2,098	16.6	-424	-20.2	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated <sup>(b)</sup>	243	2.3	391	3.1	-148	-37.9	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>10,640</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12,608</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1,968</b>	<b>-15.6</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, Greece-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Industry of employment <sup>(a)</sup>	Greece-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	88	0.8	148	1.2	-60	-40.5	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	1,050	9.9	1,811	14.4	-761	-42.0	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	61	0.6	78	0.6	-17	-21.8	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	1,004	9.4	1,180	9.4	-176	-14.9	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	1,472	13.8	1,952	15.5	-480	-24.6	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	790	7.4	876	6.9	-86	-9.8	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	761	7.2	882	7.0	-121	-13.7	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	149	1.4	177	1.4	-28	-15.8	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	313	2.9	384	3.0	-71	-18.5	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	198	1.9	225	1.8	-27	-12.0	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	1,271	11.9	1,401	11.1	-130	-9.3	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	516	4.8	579	4.6	-63	-10.9	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	663	6.2	745	5.9	-82	-11.0	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	1,033	9.7	1,092	8.7	-59	-5.4	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	610	5.7	653	5.2	-43	-6.6	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	645	6.1	423	3.4	222	52.5	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>10,640</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12,608</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1,968</b>	<b>-15.6</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), Greece-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Total personal income, weekly <sup>(a)</sup>	Greece-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	271	0.6	209	0.4	62	29.7	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	3,118	6.7	2,464	5.0	654	26.5	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	20,700	44.5	29,098	58.6	-8,398	-28.9	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	12,723	27.4	8,444	17.0	4,279	50.7	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	3,886	8.4	3,737	7.5	149	4.0	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	2,481	5.3	2,257	4.5	224	9.9	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	1,257	2.7	1,036	2.1	221	21.3	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	2,086	4.5	2,447	4.9	-361	-14.8	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>46,519</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>49,695</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-3,176</b>	<b>-6.4</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*.