

The India-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 2)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 169,802 India-born persons in Victoria (37.3% of Australia’s total), ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The India-born increased by 51.9% (58,015) from 111,787 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the LGAs of Wyndham (13.2%), Casey (10.6%), Greater Dandenong (7.3%), Whittlesea (6.5%) and Monash (5.7%).

The India-born reflected a young adult to mature age profile: 20.5% were aged 25 years and below; 60.3% were aged 26-44 years; 13.7% were aged 45-64 years; and 5.4% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 33 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 120 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 209,257 persons identified with Indian ancestry. Most of them were born in India (65.6%) and Australia (21.6%). Only 10.8% of the India-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 4.3% arrived in 1996-2000; 11.4% arrived in 2001-2005; 35.6% arrived in 2006-2010; and 34.9% arrived in 2011-2016.

The India-born speak a variety of languages: Punjabi (26.0%), Hindi (21.6%), Malayalam (7.5%), Gujarati (6.9%) and Telugu (6.7%). The India-born follow a variety of religions: Hinduism (47.1%), Sikhism (23.4%), Catholic (13.7%), Islam (3.3%) and Anglican (1.3%); only 3.1% have no religion. Almost half (46.0%) of the India-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 53.8% for the total overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

India-born in Victoria and Australia: 2016, 2011 and 2006 Census

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>	161,078	35.4	106,596	36.1	50,775	34.5	54,482	51.1	55,821	109.9
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	8,727	1.9	5,188	1.8	2,079	1.4	3,539	68.2	3,109	149.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>169,802</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>111,787</b>	<b>37.8</b>	<b>52,852</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>58,015</b>	<b>51.9</b>	<b>58,935</b>	<b>111.5</b>
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>455,389</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>295,362</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>147,106</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>160,027</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>148,256</b>	<b>100.8</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.

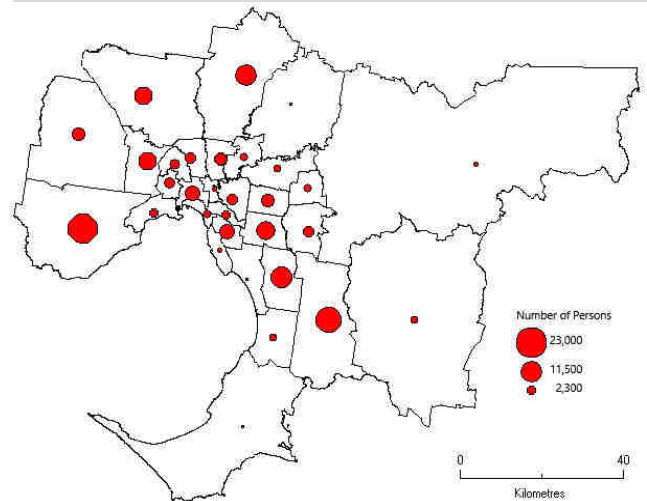
<sup>(b)</sup> Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

Distribution of India-born, Top 5 LGAs: 2016 Census

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Wyndham (C)	22,392	13.2	8,094	7.2	3
Casey (C)	17,931	10.6	10,310	9.2	1
Gter Dandenong (C)	12,412	7.3	10,010	9.0	2
Whittlesea (C)	11,115	6.5	5,247	4.7	6
Monash (C)	9,617	5.7	7,324	6.6	5
Rest of Melbourne	87,195	51.4	65,428	58.5	-
Rest of Reg Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	9,146	5.4	5,360	4.8	-
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>169,802</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>111,787</b>	<b>100.0</b>	-

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

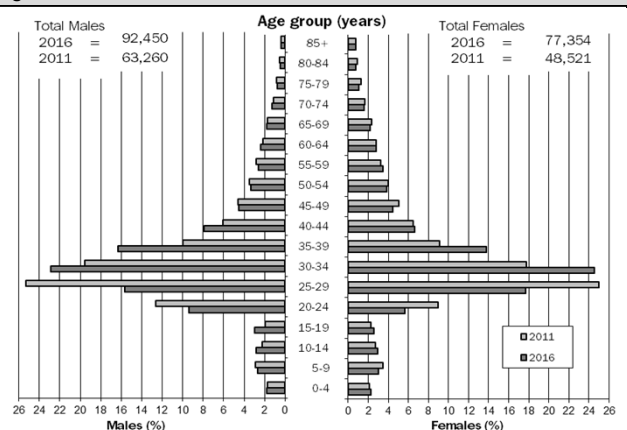
Distribution of India-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of India-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	3,444	2.0	2,085	1.9	65.2
5-11	6,968	4.1	4,686	4.2	48.7
12-18	6,026	3.5	3,434	3.1	75.5
19-25	18,550	10.9	17,828	15.9	4.0
26-44	102,464	60.3	61,865	55.3	65.6
45-54	13,687	8.1	9,528	8.5	43.7
55-64	9,445	5.6	6,076	5.4	55.4
65-74	5,788	3.4	3,733	3.3	55.0
75+	3,434	2.0	2,543	2.3	35.0
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>169,802</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>111,787</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>51.9</b>
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>33</i>		<i>30</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>120</i>		<i>130 males per 100 females</i>		

Age and Gender Distribution of India-born, Victoria, 2016



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
India	137,339	65.6	89,946	68.0	52.7
Fiji	5,809	2.8	4,359	3.3	33.3
Malaysia	3,019	1.4	2,307	1.7	30.9
England	1,939	0.9	1,285	1.0	50.9
Pakistan	1,746	0.8	695	0.5	151.2
Australia	45,130	21.6	24,122	18.2	87.1
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	14,261	6.8	9,656	7.3	47.7
<b>Total responses<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>209,257</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>132,370</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>58.1</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 India-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Punjabi	44,137	26.0	26,183	23.4	68.6
Hindi	36,744	21.6	21,912	19.6	67.7
Malayalam	12,797	7.5	7,649	6.8	67.3
Gujarati	11,637	6.9	7,794	7.0	49.3
Telugu	11,415	6.7	6,434	5.8	77.4
Other languages <sup>(a)</sup>	24,857	14.6	16,373	14.6	51.8
English only	27,482	16.2	24,583	22.0	11.8
Not stated	713	0.4	859	0.8	-17.0
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>169,802</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>111,787</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>51.9</b>

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

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

Religious affiliation <sup>(a)</sup>	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Hinduism	79,954	47.1	49,827	44.6	60.5
Sikhism	39,713	23.4	23,590	21.1	68.3
Catholic	23,275	13.7	20,470	18.3	13.7
Islam	5,664	3.3	3,479	3.1	62.8
Anglican	2,271	1.3	2,350	2.1	-3.4
Other religions	9,893	5.8	7,584	6.8	30.4
No religion <sup>(b)</sup>	5,345	3.1	2,499	2.2	113.9
Not stated	3,682	2.2	1,988	1.8	85.2
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>169,802</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>111,787</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>51.9</b>

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

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

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

Year of arrival <sup>(a)</sup>	India-born		Total OSB, Vic <sup>(c)</sup>	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	18,423	10.8	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	7,218	4.3	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	19,408	11.4	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	60,478	35.6	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 <sup>(b)</sup>	59,291	34.9	381,130	22.7
Not stated	4,984	2.9	58,517	3.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>169,802</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 India-born: 2016, 2011**

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	27,482	16.2	24,583	22.0	11.8
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	95,624	56.3	57,238	51.2	67.1
Well	37,384	22.0	24,451	21.9	52.9
Not well	5,777	3.4	3,352	3.0	72.3
Not at all	2,344	1.4	930	0.8	152.0
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	1,200	0.7	1,228	1.1	-2.3
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>169,802</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>111,787</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>51.9</b>

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	743	1.0	334	0.7	122.5
5-11	2,960	3.8	1,711	3.7	73.0
12-18	3,933	5.0	2,072	4.5	89.8
19-25	2,857	3.7	2,526	5.5	13.1
26-44	44,417	56.8	22,270	48.1	99.4
45-64	16,708	21.4	12,497	27.0	33.7
65-74	3,964	5.1	2,904	6.3	36.5
75+	2,587	3.3	1,995	4.3	29.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>78,183</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>46,312</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>68.8</b>

% of India-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 46.0%

% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 58.3%

## Economic characteristics

The educational levels of the India-born are higher than for total Victoria: 23.2% have a postgraduate degree; 29.9% have bachelor degree; and 12.5% have an advanced diploma or diploma, compared to 5.4%, 16.5% and 9.2% for Victoria. Less of them have a certificate (12.5%) and school education only (0.6%), compared to 14.4% and 38.7% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the India-born at 76.9% is higher than total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 8.1% is also higher than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the India-born are different from those for total Victoria. More of them work in accommodation and food services (9.0%), transport, postal and warehousing (10.1%) and professional, scientific, technical and administration (15.3%), compared to 6.6%, 4.8% and 11.4% for Victoria. Less of them work in construction (2.2%), wholesale and retail trade (11.6%) and education and training (4.6%), compared to 8.3%, 13.4% and 8.6% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern of the India-born is different from total Victoria: 16.3% receive nil income and 13.3% receive \$1-\$399, compared to 9.7% and 20.1% for Victoria. More of the India-born receive \$800-\$1,249 (22.2%), \$1,250-\$1,999 (16.2%) and \$2,000 or more (8.1%) than Victoria (16.7%, 13.6% and 7.5%).

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

Highest level of educational attainment <sup>(a)</sup>	India-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Postgraduate Degree	36,397	23.2	21,951	21.2	14,446	65.8	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	3,665	2.3	2,760	2.7	905	32.8	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	46,802	29.9	28,273	27.3	18,529	65.5	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	19,593	12.5	14,546	14.1	5,047	34.7	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	9,046	5.8	7,979	7.7	1,067	13.4	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only <sup>(b)</sup>	32,062	20.5	20,121	19.5	11,941	59.3	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment <sup>(c)</sup>	874	0.6	389	0.4	485	124.7	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc <sup>(d)</sup>	8,175	5.2	7,396	7.2	779	10.5	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>156,616</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>103,410</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>53,206</b>	<b>51.5</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, India-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation <sup>(a)</sup>	India-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
<i>In the labour force</i>	120,367	70.9	79,614	71.2	40,753	51.2	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	110,660	65.2	74,534	66.7	36,126	48.5	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	9,707	5.7	5,080	4.5	4,627	91.1	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	34,742	20.5	22,041	19.7	12,701	57.6	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	1,505	0.9	1,759	1.6	-254	-14.4	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> <sup>(b)</sup>	13,189	7.8	8,376	7.5	4,813	57.5	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>169,802</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>111,787</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>58,015</b>	<b>51.9</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>	76.9%		77.0%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> <sup>(d)</sup>	8.1%		6.4%				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, India-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Occupation <sup>(a)</sup>	India-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	11,519	10.4	6,358	8.5	5,161	81.2	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	29,748	26.9	18,561	24.9	11,187	60.3	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	12,048	10.9	8,458	11.3	3,590	42.4	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wks	11,200	10.1	6,561	8.8	4,639	70.7	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	12,515	11.3	10,135	13.6	2,380	23.5	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	8,713	7.9	5,983	8.0	2,730	45.6	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	11,474	10.4	7,568	10.2	3,906	51.6	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	11,439	10.3	8,856	11.9	2,583	29.2	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated <sup>(b)</sup>	2,017	1.8	2,043	2.7	-26	-1.3	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>110,660</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>74,534</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>36,126</b>	<b>48.5</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, India-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Industry of employment <sup>(a)</sup>	India-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	913	0.8	742	1.0	171	23.0	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	8,878	8.0	8,906	11.9	-28	-0.3	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	1,625	1.5	1,030	1.4	595	57.8	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	2,382	2.2	1,327	1.8	1,055	79.5	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	12,848	11.6	9,783	13.1	3,065	31.3	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	9,914	9.0	6,814	9.1	3,100	45.5	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	11,227	10.1	6,993	9.4	4,234	60.5	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	3,488	3.2	2,298	3.1	1,190	51.8	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	6,849	6.2	5,180	6.9	1,669	32.2	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	905	0.8	488	0.7	417	85.5	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	16,965	15.3	10,965	14.7	6,000	54.7	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	3,739	3.4	2,650	3.6	1,089	41.1	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	5,069	4.6	3,124	4.2	1,945	62.3	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	16,073	14.5	9,443	12.7	6,630	70.2	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	3,962	3.6	2,427	3.3	1,535	63.2	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	5,830	5.3	2,360	3.2	3,470	147.0	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>110,660</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>74,534</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>36,126</b>	<b>48.5</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), India-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Total personal income, weekly <sup>(a)</sup>	India-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	768	0.5	642	0.6	126	19.6	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	25,576	16.3	14,288	13.8	11,288	79.0	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	20,901	13.3	20,106	19.4	795	4.0	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	33,339	21.3	26,864	26.0	6,475	24.1	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	34,842	22.2	20,297	19.6	14,545	71.7	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	25,331	16.2	12,823	12.4	12,508	97.5	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	12,702	8.1	5,375	5.2	7,327	136.3	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	3,158	2.0	3,017	2.9	141	4.7	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>156,616</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>103,410</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>53,206</b>	<b>51.5</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*.