

**Demographic characteristics**

At the 2016 Census, there were 21,125 Pakistan-born persons in Victoria (34.1% of Australia's total), ranked 15<sup>th</sup> among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Pakistan-born increased by 129.9% (11,938) from 9,187 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with significant concentrations in the LGAs of Moreland (14.5%), Casey (11.3%), Greater Dandenong (10.0%), Hume (9.8%) and Wyndham (9.8%).

The Pakistan-born reflected a young to adult age profile: 33.5% were aged 25 years and under; 54.8% were aged 26-44 years; 9.8% were aged 45-64; and 1.9% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 29 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 172 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 20,898 persons identified with Pakistani ancestry. Most of them were born in Pakistan (69.1%) and Australia (23.1%). Just 6.6% of the Pakistan-born persons in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 5.0% arrived in 1996-2000; 8.5% arrived in 2001-2005; 21.6% arrived in 2006-2010; and 55.7% arrived in 2011-2016.

Over two-thirds (69.1%) speak Urdu at home; 8.5% speak Pashto; 6.3% speak Hazaraghi; 2.8% speak Dari; and 1.8% speak Sindhi. Most (89.6%) of the Pakistani-born are Muslim and 2.3% are Catholic; 2.1% have no religion. Over one-third (37.0%) of the Pakistan-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

**Pakistan-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>	20,033	32.4	8,750	29.0	4,509	26.5	11,283	128.9	4,241	94.1
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	1,086	1.8	442	1.5	197	1.2	644	145.7	245	124.4
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>21,125</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>9,187</b>	<b>30.4</b>	<b>4,706</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>11,938</b>	<b>129.9</b>	<b>4,481</b>	<b>95.2</b>
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>61,913</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>30,221</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>16,993</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>31,692</b>	<b>104.9</b>	<b>13,228</b>	<b>77.8</b>

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

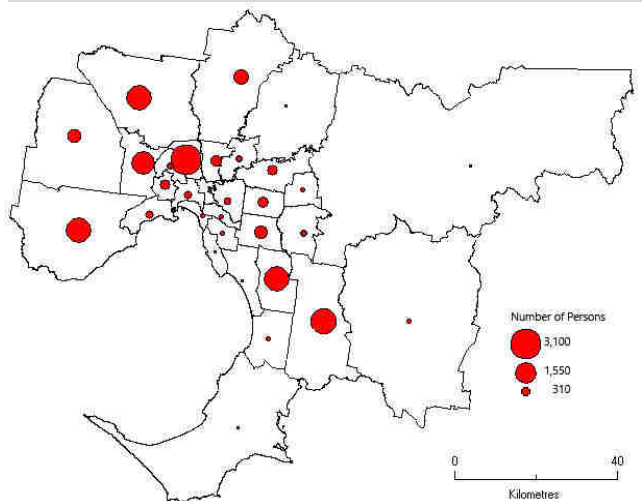
<sup>(b)</sup> Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

**Distribution of Pakistan-born, Top 5 LGAs: 2016 Census**

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Moreland (C)	3,070	14.5	1,431	15.6	1
Casey (C)	2,397	11.3	1,016	11.1	2
Greater Dandenong (C)	2,108	10.0	919	10.0	3
Hume (C)	2,069	9.8	569	6.2	6
Wyndham (C)	2,069	9.8	735	8.0	4
Rest of Melbourne	8,299	39.3	4,057	44.2	-
Rest of Reg Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	1,109	5.2	468	5.1	-
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>21,125</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,187</b>	<b>100.0</b>	-

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

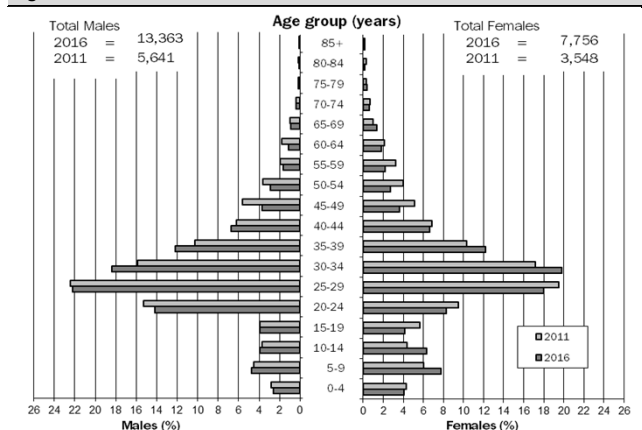
**Distribution of Pakistan-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016**



**Age Distribution of Pakistan-born: 2016, 2011 Census**

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	667	3.2	310	3.4	115.2
5-11	1,698	8.0	608	6.6	179.3
12-18	1,128	5.3	539	5.9	109.3
19-25	3,582	17.0	1,658	18.0	116.0
26-44	11,568	54.8	4,635	50.5	149.6
45-54	1,375	6.5	854	9.3	61.0
55-64	691	3.3	402	4.4	71.9
65-74	327	1.5	133	1.4	145.9
75+	95	0.4	49	0.5	93.9
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>21,125</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,187</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>129.9</b>
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>29</i>		<i>29</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>172</i>		<i>159</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>

**Age and Gender Distribution of Pakistan-born, Victoria, 2016**



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Pakistan	14,450	69.1	6,462	67.0	123.6
UAE	236	1.1	98	1.0	140.8
Saudi Arabia	179	0.9	61	0.6	193.4
New Zealand	152	0.7	93	1.0	63.4
England	117	0.6	82	0.9	42.7
Australia	4,829	23.1	2,404	24.9	100.9
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	892	4.3	442	4.6	101.8
<b>Total responses<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>20,898</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,642</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>116.7</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 Pakistan-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Urdu	14,591	69.1	6,493	70.7	124.7
Pashto	1,805	8.5	585	6.4	208.5
Hazaraghi	1,335	6.3	207	2.3	544.9
Dari	602	2.8	300	3.3	100.7
Sindhi	372	1.8	224	2.4	66.1
Other languages <sup>(a)</sup>	834	3.9	458	5.0	82.1
English only	1,464	6.9	873	9.5	67.7
Not stated	91	0.4	47	0.5	93.6
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>21,125</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,187</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>129.9</b>

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

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

Religious affiliation <sup>(a)</sup>	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Islam	18,935	89.6	8,194	89.2	131.1
Catholic	485	2.3	440	4.8	10.2
Hinduism	150	0.7	47	0.5	219.1
Anglican	61	0.3	60	0.7	1.7
Pentecostal	53	0.3	28	0.3	89.3
Other religions	232	1.1	150	1.6	54.7
No religion <sup>(b)</sup>	436	2.1	133	1.4	227.8
Not stated	781	3.7	135	1.5	478.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>21,125</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,187</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>129.9</b>

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

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

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

Year of arrival <sup>(a)</sup>	Pakistan-born		Total OSB, Vic <sup>(c)</sup>	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	1,401	6.6	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	1,052	5.0	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	1,794	8.5	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	4,562	21.6	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 <sup>(b)</sup>	11,775	55.7	381,130	22.7
Not stated	541	2.6	58,517	3.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>21,125</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 Pakistan-born: 2016, 2011**

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	1,464	6.9	873	9.5	67.7
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	11,442	54.2	5,016	54.6	128.1
Well	6,218	29.4	2,492	27.1	149.5
Not well	1,413	6.7	539	5.9	162.2
Not at all	387	1.8	170	1.9	127.6
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	211	1.0	104	1.1	102.9
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>21,125</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,187</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>129.9</b>

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	123	1.6	77	1.8	59.7
5-11	635	8.1	286	6.6	122.0
12-18	576	7.4	345	8.0	67.0
19-25	566	7.2	369	8.5	53.4
26-44	4,105	52.5	2,077	48.1	97.6
45-64	1,520	19.4	1,026	23.8	48.1
65-74	231	3.0	96	2.2	140.6
75+	72	0.9	39	0.9	84.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,826</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,316</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>81.3</b>

% of Pakistan-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 37.0%

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

## Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Pakistan-born are higher than for total Victoria: 20.7% have a postgraduate degree; and 26.1% have a bachelor degree, compared to 5.4% and 16.5% for Victoria. Only 4.4% of the Pakistan-born have a certificate and 31.1% have school education only, compared to 14.4% and 38.7% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Pakistan-born at 66.8% is higher than that for total Victoria at 60.5%. The unemployment rate for the Pakistan-born at 13.9% is also higher than for total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Pakistan-born are different from those for total Victoria. Less of the Pakistan-born (8.0%) are managers, 21.0% are professionals, 8.9% are technicians and trades workers and 9.0% are clerical and administrative workers, compared to 13.5%, 23.3%, 13.1% and 13.3% for Victoria. More of the Pakistan-born work as community & personal service workers (14.3%), machinery operators and drivers (15.3%) and labourers (12.8%) compared to 10.6%, 5.8% and 9.0% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns for the Pakistan-born are also different from total Victoria. Less of them are employed in construction (7.2%) and education and training (5.6%), compared to Victoria (8.3% and 8.6%). More of them are employed in transport, postal and warehousing (13.4%) and public administration and safety (7.3%), compared to 4.8% and 5.3% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Pakistan-born is lower than total Victoria. More of them receive nil income (23.4%) than Victoria (9.7%). Less of them receive \$1,250-\$1,999 (9.1%) and \$2,000 or more (4.9%), compared to Victoria (13.6% and 7.5%).

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

Highest level of educational attainment <sup>(a)</sup>	Pakistan-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	3,769	20.7	1,546	19.2	2,223	143.8	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	311	1.7	149	1.9	162	108.7	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	4,761	26.1	2,120	26.3	2,641	124.6	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	1,556	8.5	832	10.3	724	87.0	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	796	4.4	413	5.1	383	92.7	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only <sup>(b)</sup>	5,668	31.1	2,457	30.5	3,211	130.7	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment <sup>(c)</sup>	385	2.1	68	0.8	317	466.2	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc <sup>(d)</sup>	972	5.3	465	5.8	507	109.0	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>18,219</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,049</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10,170</b>	<b>126.4</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, Pakistan-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation <sup>(a)</sup>	Pakistan-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>	12,161	57.6	5,164	56.2	6,997	135.5	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	10,476	49.6	4,623	50.3	5,853	126.6	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	1,685	8.0	541	5.9	1,144	211.5	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	5,884	27.9	2,792	30.4	3,092	110.7	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	182	0.9	91	1.0	91	100.0	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> <sup>(b)</sup>	2,907	13.8	1,139	12.4	1,768	155.2	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>21,125</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,187</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11,938</b>	<b>129.9</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>	66.8%		64.2%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> <sup>(d)</sup>	13.9%		10.5%				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, Pakistan-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Occupation <sup>(a)</sup>	Pakistan-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	843	8.0	401	8.7	442	110.2	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	2,200	21.0	1,165	25.2	1,035	88.8	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	937	8.9	365	7.9	572	156.7	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	1,496	14.3	517	11.2	979	189.4	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	944	9.0	553	12.0	391	70.7	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	861	8.2	474	10.3	387	81.6	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	1,606	15.3	528	11.4	1,078	204.2	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	1,342	12.8	480	10.4	862	179.6	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated <sup>(b)</sup>	243	2.3	136	2.9	107	78.7	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>10,476</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,623</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,853</b>	<b>126.6</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, Pakistan-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Industry of employment <sup>(a)</sup>	Pakistan-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	48	0.5	22	0.5	26	118.2	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	757	7.2	410	8.9	347	84.6	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	119	1.1	60	1.3	59	98.3	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	297	2.8	84	1.8	213	253.6	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	1,365	13.0	722	15.6	643	89.1	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	821	7.8	395	8.5	426	107.8	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	1,405	13.4	489	10.6	916	187.3	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	297	2.8	155	3.4	142	91.6	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	367	3.5	243	5.3	124	51.0	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	96	0.9	50	1.1	46	92.0	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	1,328	12.7	635	13.7	693	109.1	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	766	7.3	325	7.0	441	135.7	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	591	5.6	264	5.7	327	123.9	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	1,145	10.9	502	10.9	643	128.1	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	370	3.5	132	2.9	238	180.3	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	708	6.8	146	3.2	562	384.9	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>10,476</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,623</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,853</b>	<b>126.6</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), Pakistan-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Total personal income, weekly <sup>(a)</sup>	Pakistan-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	100	0.5	79	1.0	21	26.6	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	4,263	23.4	1,744	21.7	2,519	144.4	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	3,781	20.8	2,116	26.3	1,665	78.7	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	4,266	23.4	1,672	20.8	2,594	155.1	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	2,816	15.5	1,125	14.0	1,691	150.3	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	1,654	9.1	690	8.6	964	139.7	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	893	4.9	346	4.3	547	158.1	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	446	2.4	280	3.5	166	59.3	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>18,219</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,049</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10,170</b>	<b>126.4</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*.