

The Papua New Guinea-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 73)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 2,611 Papua New Guinea-born persons in Victoria (9.1% of Australia's total), ranked 73<sup>rd</sup> among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Papua New Guinea-born increased by 3.0% (77) from 2,534 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with minor concentrations in Boroondara (3.8%), Brimbank (3.6%), Hume (3.5%) and Whitehorse (3.5%); 19.5% live in regional Victoria and 4.0% live in the regional LGA of Greater Geelong.

The Papua New Guinea-born reflected a balanced to adult age profile: 11.0% were aged 25 years and under; 40.7% were aged 26-44 years; 42.4% were aged 55-64 years; and 6.2% were aged 65 and older. The median age was 44 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 75 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 1,281 persons identified with Papua New Guinean ancestry. Most were born in Papua New Guinea (51.9%) and Australia (42.7%). Almost three-quarters (72.4%) of the Papua New Guinea-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia before 1996; 2.8% arrived in 1996-2000; 3.8% arrived in 2001-2005; 5.2% arrived in 2006-2010; and 11.0% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most (82.3%) of Papua New Guinea-born speak English only; 6.7% speak Tok Pisin; and 4.0% speak Pidgin, not further defined. One-fifth (20.3%) of the Papua New Guinea-born are Catholic; 10.6% are Anglican; 7.1% are Uniting Church; 5.1% are Baptist; 29.6% have no religion. Four-fifths (79.5%) of the Papua New Guinea-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Papua New Guinea-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>	2,020	7.0	1,970	7.4	1,881	7.8	50	2.5	89	4.7
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	591	2.1	569	2.1	474	2.0	22	3.9	95	20.0
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>2,611</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>2,534</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>2,357</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>28,800</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>26,787</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>24,021</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,013</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>2,766</b>	<b>11.5</b>

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

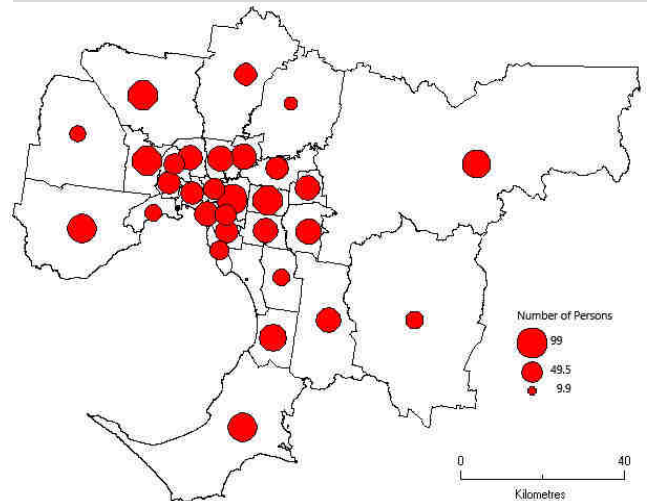
<sup>(b)</sup> Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

Distribution of Papua New Guinea-born, Top 5 LGAs: 2016 Census

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Greater Geelong (C)	105	4.0	105	4.1	1
Boroondara (C)	99	3.8	100	3.9	2
Brimbank (C)	95	3.6	87	3.4	5
Hume (C)	92	3.5	83	3.3	7
Whitehorse (C)	92	3.5	89	3.5	4
Rest of Melbourne	1,632	62.5	1,582	62.4	-
Rest of Reg Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	510	19.5	485	19.1	-
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>2,611</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,534</b>	<b>100.0</b>	-

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

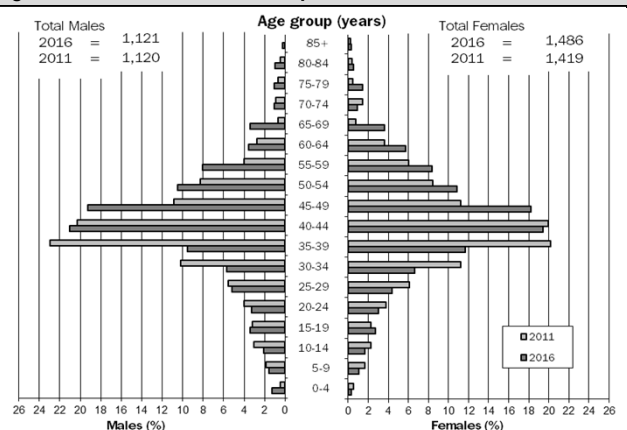
Distribution of Papua New Guinea-born in Metro Melb, 2016



Age Distribution of Papua New Guinea-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	20	0.8	12	0.5	66.7
5-11	45	1.7	82	3.2	-45.1
12-18	97	3.7	78	3.1	24.4
19-25	125	4.8	136	5.4	-8.1
26-44	1,063	40.7	1,452	57.3	-26.8
45-54	770	29.5	484	19.1	59.1
55-64	337	12.9	208	8.2	62.0
65-74	112	4.3	46	1.8	143.5
75+	49	1.9	27	1.1	81.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>2,611</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,534</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>44</i>		<i>40</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>75</i>		<i>79</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>

Age and Gender Distribution, Papua New Guinea-born, Vic, 2016



**Top 5 COBs of Persons with Papua New Guinean ancestry: 2016, 2011**

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Papua New Guinea	665	51.9	604	56.5	10.1
New Zealand	10	0.8	8	0.7	25.0
Indonesia	10	0.8	6	0.6	66.7
Solomon Islands	3	0.2	-	0.0	-
Nauru	3	0.2	-	0.0	-
Australia	547	42.7	435	40.7	25.7
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	36	2.8	16	1.5	125.0
<b>Total responses<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>1,281</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>19.8</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 most closely related to Papua New Guinea-born persons.

**Top 5 Languages Spoken at Home, Papua New Guinea-born: 2016, 2011**

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Tok Pisin	176	6.7	122	4.8	44.3
Pidgin, nfd	105	4.0	134	5.3	-21.6
PNG langs, nfd	29	1.1	26	1.0	11.5
Cantonese	17	0.7	19	0.7	-10.5
Motu (HiriMotu)	15	0.6	10	0.4	50.0
Other languages <sup>(a)</sup>	96	3.7	98	3.9	-2.0
English only	2,150	82.3	2,104	83.0	2.2
Not stated	20	0.8	21	0.8	-4.8
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>2,611</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,534</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>

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

**Top 5 Religious affiliation, Papua New Guinea-born: 2016, 2011**

Religious affiliation <sup>(a)</sup>	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Catholic	529	20.3	573	22.6	-7.7
Anglican	278	10.6	294	11.6	-5.4
Uniting Church	186	7.1	220	8.7	-15.5
Baptist	134	5.1	119	4.7	12.6
Christian, nfd	128	4.9	126	5.0	1.6
Other religions	518	19.8	509	20.1	1.8
No religion <sup>(b)</sup>	772	29.6	591	23.3	30.6
Not stated	83	3.2	102	4.0	-18.6
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>2,611</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,534</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>

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

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

**Year of Arrival of Papua New Guinea-born: 2016**

Year of arrival <sup>(a)</sup>	Papua New Guinea-bc		Total OSB, Vic <sup>(c)</sup>	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	1,890	72.4	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	73	2.8	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	98	3.8	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	136	5.2	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 <sup>(b)</sup>	286	11.0	381,130	22.7
Not stated	136	5.2	58,517	3.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>2,611</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 Papua New Guinea-born: 2016, 2011**

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	2,150	82.3	2,104	83.0	2.2
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	347	13.3	316	12.5	9.8
Well	89	3.4	95	3.7	-6.3
Not well	5	0.2	11	0.4	-54.5
Not at all	-	-	3	0.1	-100.0
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	18	0.7	15	0.6	20.0
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>2,611</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,534</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>

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

**Papua New Guinea-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2016, 2011**

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	-	-	3	0.1	-100.0
5-11	11	0.5	13	0.6	-15.4
12-18	31	1.5	31	1.5	-
19-25	64	3.1	88	4.4	-27.3
26-44	823	39.6	1,206	59.7	-31.8
45-64	1,002	48.2	612	30.3	63.7
65-74	102	4.9	41	2.0	148.8
75+	52	2.5	30	1.5	73.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,077</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,021</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.8</b>
% of Papua New Guinea-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					79.5%
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.3%

## Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Papua New Guinea-born are higher than for total Victoria. One-quarter (24.6%) have a bachelor degree; 8.7% have a postgraduate degree; and 3.4% have an advanced diploma or diploma, compared to 16.5%, 5.4% and 9.2% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Papua New Guinea-born at 74.6% is higher than total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate 7.2% is slightly higher than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Papua New Guinea-born are different from those for total Victoria. More of them work as managers (16.8%) and professionals (30.5%) compared to 13.5% and 23.3% for Victoria. Less of them work as technicians & trades workers (9.8%), sales workers (5.6%) and labourers (6.6%), compared to 13.1%, 9.7% and 9.0% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns for the Papua New Guinea-born are different from those for total Victoria. More of them are employed in professional, scientific, technical & administration (14.0%), public administration & safety (8.1%), education & training (12.9%) and healthcare & social assistance (17.2%), compared to 11.4%, 5.3%, 8.6% and 12.5% for Victoria. Less of them are employed in manufacturing (5.9%), construction (5.3%) and wholesale & retail trade (8.7%), compared to 7.8%, 8.3% and 13.4% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Papua New Guinea-born is different from total Victoria. More of them receive \$1,250-\$1,999 (18.7%) and \$2,000 or more (13.5%) compared to 13.6% and 7.5% for Victoria. Less of them receive nil income (8.5%) and \$1-\$399 (14.6%) compared to 9.7% and 20.1% for Victoria.

### Highest level of educational attainment, Papua New Guinea-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Highest level of educational attainment <sup>(a)</sup>	Papua New Guinea-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	218	8.7	161	6.7	57	35.4	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	110	4.4	104	4.3	6	5.8	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	617	24.6	606	25.1	11	1.8	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	337	13.4	292	12.1	45	15.4	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	396	15.8	364	15.1	32	8.8	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only <sup>(b)</sup>	676	26.9	708	29.3	-32	-4.5	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment <sup>(c)</sup>	8	0.3	13	0.5	-5	-38.5	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc <sup>(d)</sup>	156	6.2	165	6.8	-9	-5.5	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>2,513</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,417</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>4.0</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, Papua New Guinea-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation <sup>(a)</sup>	Papua New Guinea-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>	1,877	71.9	1,815	71.6	62	3.4	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	1,741	66.7	1,723	68.0	18	1.0	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	136	5.2	92	3.6	44	47.8	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	626	24.0	584	23.0	42	7.2	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
Not stated	14	0.5	17	0.7	-3	-17.6	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
Not applicable <sup>(b)</sup>	96	3.7	119	4.7	-23	-19.3	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>2,611</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,534</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>3.0</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>	<b>74.6%</b>		<b>75.2%</b>				<b>60.5%</b>		<b>61.4%</b>			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> <sup>(d)</sup>	<b>7.2%</b>		<b>5.1%</b>				<b>6.6%</b>		<b>5.4%</b>			

<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, Papua New Guinea-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Occupation <sup>(a)</sup>	Papua New Guinea-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	293	16.8	256	14.9	37	14.5	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	531	30.5	565	32.8	-34	-6.0	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	171	9.8	164	9.5	7	4.3	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	213	12.2	192	11.1	21	10.9	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	239	13.7	252	14.6	-13	-5.2	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	98	5.6	91	5.3	7	7.7	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	58	3.3	53	3.1	5	9.4	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	115	6.6	115	6.7	-	-	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated <sup>(b)</sup>	26	1.5	33	1.9	-7	-21.2	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>1,741</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,723</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1.0</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, Papua New Guinea-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Industry of employment <sup>(a)</sup>	Papua New Guinea-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	40	2.3	38	2.2	2	5.3	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	103	5.9	121	7.0	-18	-14.9	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	27	1.6	24	1.4	3	12.5	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	93	5.3	95	5.5	-2	-2.1	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	152	8.7	172	10.0	-20	-11.6	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	71	4.1	80	4.6	-9	-11.3	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	58	3.3	73	4.2	-15	-20.5	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	39	2.2	60	3.5	-21	-35.0	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	72	4.1	85	4.9	-13	-15.3	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	17	1.0	25	1.5	-8	-32.0	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	244	14.0	254	14.7	-10	-3.9	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	141	8.1	142	8.2	-1	-0.7	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	224	12.9	199	11.5	25	12.6	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	300	17.2	234	13.6	66	28.2	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	104	6.0	87	5.0	17	19.5	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	60	3.4	37	2.1	23	62.2	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>1,741</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,723</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1.0</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), Papua New Guinea-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Total personal income, weekly <sup>(a)</sup>	Papua New Guinea-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	14	0.6	21	0.9	-7	-33.3	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	214	8.5	197	8.2	17	8.6	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	368	14.6	473	19.6	-105	-22.2	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	585	23.3	490	20.3	95	19.4	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	445	17.7	489	20.2	-44	-9.0	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	470	18.7	434	18.0	36	8.3	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	338	13.5	269	11.1	69	25.7	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	72	2.9	45	1.9	27	60.0	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>2,513</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,417</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>4.0</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*.