

# The South Eastern Europe, nfd-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (42)

## Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 8,061 South Eastern Europe-born persons in Victoria (34.6% of Australia's total), ranked 42<sup>nd</sup> among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The South Eastern Europe-born decreased by 8.9% (784) from 8,845 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the LGAs of Casey (11.6%), Brimbank (8.9%), Greater Dandenong (8.6%) and Wyndham (5.1%); 8.0% live in regional Victoria and 5.8% live in the regional LGA of Greater Geelong.

The South Eastern Europe-born reflected a significantly ageing profile: 1.4% were aged 25 years and under; 11.0% were aged 26-44; 43.6% were aged 45-64; and 44.1% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 62 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 98 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 9,258 persons identified with South Eastern European ancestry. Most of them were born in Australia (55.4%) and South Eastern Europe, not further defined (27.5%). Four-fifths (82.7%) of the South Eastern Europe-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 9.9% arrived in 1996-2000; 3.0% arrived in 2001-2005; 1.1% arrived in 2006-2010; and 0.7% arrived in 2011-2016.

The South Eastern Europe-born speak Serbian (28.7%), Serbo-Croat/ Yugoslavian (11.4%), Hungarian (11.3%), Croatian (5.7%) and Slovak (3.8%); 25.8% speak English only. Of those who speak a language other than English, 14.1% speak English not well/not at all. One-third (31.3%) are Catholic; 24.8% are Eastern Orthodox; 9.9% are Christian not further defined; 2.6% are Lutheran; and 2.5% are Muslim; 16.8% have no religion. Most (94.5%) have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the overseas-born in Victoria.

**South Eastern Europe, nfd-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>	6,969	30.0	7,522	30.0	9,587	28.7	-553	-7.4	-2,065	-21.5
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	1,089	4.7	1,323	5.3	1,626	4.9	-234	-17.7	-303	-18.6
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>8,061</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>8,845</b>	<b>35.3</b>	<b>11,217</b>	<b>33.6</b>	<b>-784</b>	<b>-8.9</b>	<b>-2,372</b>	<b>-21.1</b>
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>23,268</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>25,071</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>33,356</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1,803</b>	<b>-7.2</b>	<b>-8,285</b>	<b>-24.8</b>

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

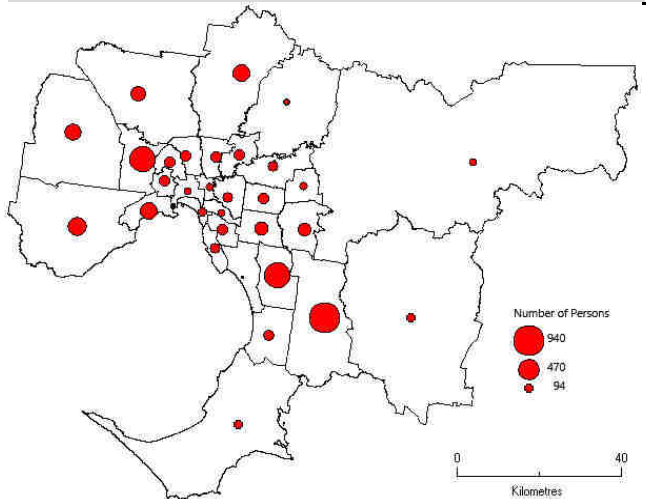
<sup>(b)</sup> Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

**Distribution of South Eastern Europe, nfd-born, Top 5 LGAs: 2016 Census**

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Casey (C)	938	11.6	891	10.1	1
Brimbank (C)	719	8.9	799	9.0	2
Gter Dandenong (C)	697	8.6	797	9.0	3
Greater Geelong (C)	471	5.8	574	6.5	4
Wyndham (C)	408	5.1	436	4.9	5
Rest of Melbourne	4,170	51.7	4,529	51.2	-
Rest of Reg Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	645	8.0	817	9.2	-
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>8,061</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,845</b>	<b>100.0</b>	-

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

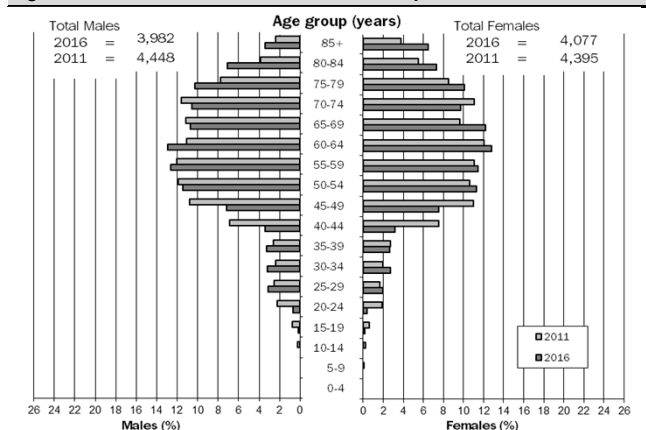
**Distribution of South Eastern Europe, nfd-born, Metro Melb, 2016**



**Age Distribution of South Eastern Europe, nfd-born: 2016, 2011 Census**

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	-	-	-	-	-
5-11	-	-	12	0.1	-100.0
12-18	8	0.1	50	0.6	-84.0
19-25	102	1.3	247	2.8	-58.7
26-44	890	11.0	1,210	13.7	-26.4
45-54	1,511	18.7	1,967	22.2	-23.2
55-64	2,004	24.9	2,042	23.1	-1.9
65-74	1,749	21.7	1,913	21.6	-8.6
75+	1,805	22.4	1,403	15.9	28.7
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>8,061</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,845</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-8.9</b>
<i>Median Age</i>	62		59		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	98		101 males per 100 females		

**Age and Gender Distribution, S Eastn Europe, nfd-born, Vic, 2016**



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
S E Europe, nfd	2,549	27.5	2,550	30.8	0.0
Bosnia & Herzeg	224	2.4	216	2.6	3.7
Croatia	182	2.0	185	2.2	-1.6
Serbia	151	1.6	148	1.8	2.0
Germany	143	1.5	117	1.4	22.2
Australia	5,129	55.4	4,424	53.5	15.9
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	901	9.7	627	7.6	43.7
<b>Total responses<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>9,258</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,267</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12.0</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 South Eastern Europe, nfd-born persons.

**Top 5 Languages Spoken at Home, S En Europe, nfd-born: 2016, 2011**

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Serbian	2,317	28.7	2,347	26.5	-1.3
Serbo-Croat/Yugoslav	921	11.4	992	11.2	-7.2
Hungarian	914	11.3	1,046	11.8	-12.6
Croatian	456	5.7	463	5.2	-1.5
Slovak	305	3.8	403	4.6	-24.3
Other languages <sup>(a)</sup>	998	12.4	1,161	13.1	-14.0
English only	2,079	25.8	2,337	26.4	-11.0
Not stated	63	0.8	96	1.1	-34.4
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>8,061</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,845</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-8.9</b>

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

**Top 5 Religious affiliation, South Eastern Europe, nfd-born: 2016, 2011**

Religious affiliation <sup>(a)</sup>	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Catholic	2,522	31.3	3,101	35.1	-18.7
Eastern Orthodox	2,002	24.8	2,847	32.2	-29.7
Christian, nfd	796	9.9	147	1.7	441.5
Lutheran	213	2.6	314	3.6	-32.2
Islam	205	2.5	280	3.2	-26.8
Other religions	575	7.1	792	9.0	-27.4
No religion <sup>(b)</sup>	1,352	16.8	984	11.1	37.4
Not stated	388	4.8	380	4.3	2.1
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>8,061</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,845</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-8.9</b>

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

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

**Year of Arrival of South Eastern Europe, nfd-born: 2016**

Year of arrival <sup>(a)</sup>	Eastern Europe, nfd		Total OSB, Vic <sup>(c)</sup>	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	6,667	82.7	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	800	9.9	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	238	3.0	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	89	1.1	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 <sup>(b)</sup>	54	0.7	381,130	22.7
Not stated	210	2.6	58,517	3.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>8,061</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 South Eastern Europe, nfd-born: 2016, 2011**

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	2,079	25.8	2,337	26.4	-11.0
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	2,682	33.3	2,797	31.6	-4.1
Well	2,056	25.5	2,387	27.0	-13.9
Not well	1,027	12.7	1,089	12.3	-5.7
Not at all	114	1.4	123	1.4	-7.3
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	98	1.2	107	1.2	-8.4
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>8,061</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,845</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-8.9</b>

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

**S En Europe, nfd-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2016, 2011**

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	-	-	-	-	-
5-11	-	-	9	0.1	-100.0
12-18	4	0.1	44	0.5	-90.9
19-25	90	1.2	224	2.7	-59.8
26-44	794	10.4	1,132	13.5	-29.9
45-64	3,347	43.9	3,837	45.6	-12.8
65-74	1,679	22.0	1,848	22.0	-9.1
75+	1,708	22.4	1,316	15.6	29.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,620</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,410</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-9.4</b>

% of South Eastern Europe, nfd-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 94.5%

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

## Economic characteristics

The education levels of the South Eastern Europe-born are lower than those for total Victoria: 2.5% have a postgraduate degree and 9.8% have a bachelor degree, compared to 5.4% and 16.5% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the South Eastern Europe-born at 41.2% is lower than that of total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate 6.3% is slightly lower than for total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the South Eastern Europe-born are different from those for total Victoria. Less of them are managers (18.3%) and professionals (36.4%), compared to 13.5% and 23.3% for Victoria. More of them are technicians & trades workers (16.2%), machinery operators & drivers (10.9%) and labourers (12.9%), compared to 13.1%, 5.8% and 9.0% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns of the South Eastern Europe-born are different from those for total Victoria. More of them are employed in manufacturing (14.1%), construction (12.0%) and professional, scientific technical & administration (13.6%), compared to Victoria (7.8%, 8.3% and 11.4%). Less of them are employed in accommodation & food services (2.4%), finance & insurance (2.2%) and education & training (6.2%), compared to 6.6%, 3.9% and 8.6% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the South Eastern Europe-born is lower than total Victoria. Less of them receive \$800-\$1,249 (13.0%), \$1,250-\$1,999 (10.5%) and \$2,000 or more (4.3%), compared to 16.7%, 13.6% and 7.5% for Victoria. More of them receive \$1-\$399 (32.7%) and \$400-\$799 (27.3%), compared to 20.1% and 23.1% for Victoria.

### Highest level of educational attainment, South Eastern Europe, nfd-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Highest level of educational attainment <sup>(a)</sup>	South Eastern Europe, nfd-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	205	2.5	149	1.7	56	37.6	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	90	1.1	57	0.6	33	57.9	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	787	9.8	724	8.2	63	8.7	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	693	8.6	609	6.9	84	13.8	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	1,453	18.0	1,472	16.7	-19	-1.3	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only <sup>(b)</sup>	3,668	45.5	4,300	48.8	-632	-14.7	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment <sup>(c)</sup>	199	2.5	227	2.6	-28	-12.3	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc <sup>(d)</sup>	956	11.9	1,276	14.5	-320	-25.1	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>8,058</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,820</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-762</b>	<b>-8.6</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, South Eastern Europe, nfd-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation <sup>(a)</sup>	South Eastern Europe, nfd-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>	3,320	41.2	3,862	43.7	-542	-14.0	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	3,111	38.6	3,661	41.4	-550	-15.0	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	209	2.6	201	2.3	8	4.0	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	4,554	56.5	4,686	53.0	-132	-2.8	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
Not stated	180	2.2	277	3.1	-97	-35.0	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
Not applicable <sup>(b)</sup>	-	-	26	0.3	-26	-100.0	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>8,061</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,845</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-784</b>	<b>-8.9</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>	41.2%		43.8%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> <sup>(d)</sup>	6.3%		5.2%				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, South Eastern Europe, nfd-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Occupation <sup>(a)</sup>	South Eastern Europe, nfd-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	368	11.8	383	10.5	-15	-3.9	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	589	18.9	580	15.8	9	1.6	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	504	16.2	669	18.3	-165	-24.7	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	262	8.4	257	7.0	5	1.9	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	371	11.9	414	11.3	-43	-10.4	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	190	6.1	231	6.3	-41	-17.7	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	338	10.9	498	13.6	-160	-32.1	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	402	12.9	520	14.2	-118	-22.7	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated <sup>(b)</sup>	71	2.3	112	3.1	-41	-36.6	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>3,111</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,661</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-550</b>	<b>-15.0</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, South Eastern Europe, nfd-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Industry of employment <sup>(a)</sup>	South Eastern Europe, nfd-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	25	0.8	42	1.1	-17	-40.5	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	438	14.1	796	21.7	-358	-45.0	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	25	0.8	33	0.9	-8	-24.2	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	373	12.0	400	10.9	-27	-6.8	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	319	10.3	422	11.5	-103	-24.4	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	75	2.4	110	3.0	-35	-31.8	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	226	7.3	271	7.4	-45	-16.6	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	62	2.0	52	1.4	10	19.2	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	67	2.2	94	2.6	-27	-28.7	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	32	1.0	39	1.1	-7	-17.9	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	424	13.6	427	11.7	-3	-0.7	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	159	5.1	163	4.5	-4	-2.5	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	192	6.2	179	4.9	13	7.3	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	360	11.6	361	9.9	-1	-0.3	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	145	4.7	169	4.6	-24	-14.2	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	169	5.4	121	3.3	48	39.7	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>3,111</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,661</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-550</b>	<b>-15.0</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), South Eastern Europe, nfd-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Total personal income, weekly <sup>(a)</sup>	South Eastern Europe, nfd-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	45	0.6	40	0.5	5	12.5	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	528	6.6	501	5.7	27	5.4	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	2,633	32.7	3,912	44.4	-1,279	-32.7	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	2,202	27.3	1,702	19.3	500	29.4	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	1,051	13.0	1,190	13.5	-139	-11.7	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	846	10.5	697	7.9	149	21.4	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	347	4.3	283	3.2	64	22.6	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	409	5.1	492	5.6	-83	-16.9	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>8,058</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,820</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-762</b>	<b>-8.6</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*.