

# The England-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 1)

## Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 171,443 England-born persons in Victoria (18.9 % of Australia’s total), being the top ranked overseas-born community in Victoria. The England-born decreased by 0.4% (625) from 172,068 persons in 2011. They are well distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with minor concentrations in the LGAs of Mornington Peninsula (6.8%), Casey (5.0%), Yarra Ranges (4.7%) and Frankston (4.4%). A significant proportion (19.0%) live in regional Victoria.

The England-born reflected a mature to ageing profile: 10.3% were aged 25 years and below; 18.7% were aged 26-44 years; 36.7% were aged 45-64 years; and 34.5% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 56 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 102 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for Victoria.

There were 1,769,214 persons identified with English ancestry. Most were born in Australia (83.6%) and England (8.7%). Two-thirds (66.5%) of the England-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 4.0% arrived in 1996-2000; 6.5% arrived in 2001-2005; 9.3% arrived in 2006-2010; and 10.3% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most (96.8%) of the England-born speak English only. The England-born follow a variety of Christian faiths: Anglican (33.0%), Catholic (11.6%) and Uniting Church (2.2%); 38.5% have no religion. Almost two-thirds (64.5%) of the England-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

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>	133,300	14.7	134,022	14.7	127,820	14.9	-722	-0.5	6,202	4.9
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	38,144	4.2	38,045	4.2	36,141	4.2	99	0.3	1,904	5.3
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>171,443</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>172,068</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>163,957</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>-625</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>8,111</b>	<b>4.9</b>
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>907,570</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>911,593</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>856,939</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-4,023</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>54,654</b>	<b>6.4</b>

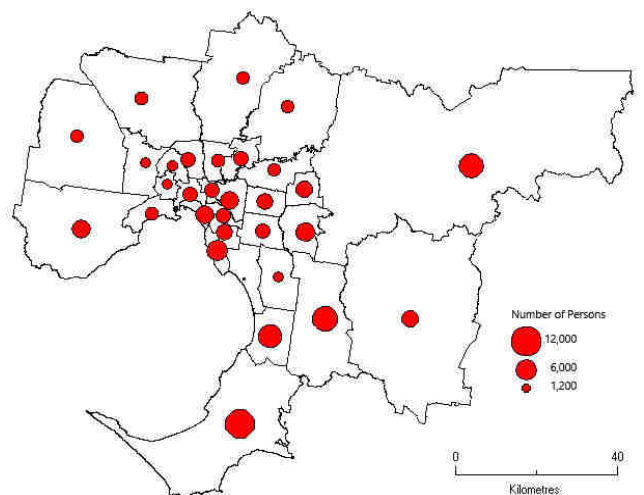
<sup>(a)</sup> Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.  
<sup>(b)</sup> Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

### Distribution of England-born, Top 5 LGAs: 2016 Census

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Mornington Pen (S)	11,598	6.8	11,651	6.8	1
Casey (C)	8,504	5.0	9,014	5.2	2
Yarra Ranges (S)	8,094	4.7	8,633	5.0	3
Greater Geelong (C)	7,950	4.6	7,865	4.6	5
Frankston (C)	7,510	4.4	7,927	4.6	4
Rest of Melbourne	95,139	55.5	94,457	54.9	-
Rest of Reg Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	32,645	19.0	32,520	18.9	-
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>171,443</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>172,068</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-</b>

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

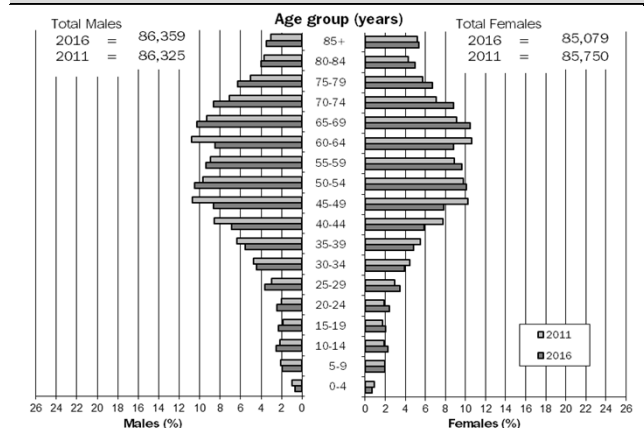
### Distribution of England-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



### Age Distribution of England-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	1,146	0.7	1,643	1.0	-30.2
5-11	4,956	2.9	4,806	2.8	3.1
12-18	5,443	3.2	4,593	2.7	18.5
19-25	5,961	3.5	4,848	2.8	23.0
26-44	31,983	18.7	36,375	21.1	-12.1
45-54	31,763	18.5	34,823	20.2	-8.8
55-64	31,122	18.2	33,783	19.6	-7.9
65-74	32,733	19.1	28,014	16.3	16.8
75+	26,338	15.4	23,186	13.5	13.6
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>171,443</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>172,068</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>56</i>		<i>54</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>102</i>		<i>101</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>

### Age and Gender Distribution of England-born, Victoria, 2016



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
England	153,644	8.7	155,963	9.7	-1.5
New Zealand	40,693	2.3	34,356	2.1	18.4
India	10,559	0.6	8,584	0.5	23.0
South Africa	8,165	0.5	6,267	0.4	30.3
USA	4,734	0.3	3,733	0.2	26.8
Australia	1,479,153	83.6	1,350,715	83.6	9.5
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	72,286	4.1	55,293	3.4	30.7
<b>Total responses<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>1,769,214</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,614,911</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9.6</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 England-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
French	462	0.3	347	0.2	33.1
Greek	242	0.1	246	0.1	-1.6
Italian	239	0.1	269	0.2	-11.2
Malayalam	236	0.1	113	0.1	108.8
Punjabi	225	0.1	175	0.1	28.6
Other languages <sup>(a)</sup>	2,791	1.6	2,151	1.3	29.8
English only	166,038	96.8	167,715	97.5	-1.0
Not stated	1,194	0.7	1,052	0.6	13.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>171,443</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>172,068</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-0.4</b>

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

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

Religious affiliation <sup>(a)</sup>	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Anglican	56,637	33.0	71,036	41.3	-20.3
Catholic	19,973	11.6	21,673	12.6	-7.8
Uniting Church	3,837	2.2	5,288	3.1	-27.4
Christian, nfd	2,901	1.7	2,682	1.6	8.2
Baptist	1,995	1.2	2,292	1.3	-13.0
Other religions	12,697	7.4	14,129	8.2	-10.1
No religion <sup>(b)</sup>	66,041	38.5	46,508	27.0	42.0
Not stated	7,355	4.3	8,460	4.9	-13.1
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>171,443</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>172,068</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-0.4</b>

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

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

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

Year of arrival <sup>(a)</sup>	England-born		Total OSB, Vic <sup>(c)</sup>	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	114,074	66.5	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	6,872	4.0	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	11,102	6.5	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	15,871	9.3	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 <sup>(b)</sup>	17,615	10.3	381,130	22.7
Not stated	5,911	3.4	58,517	3.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>171,443</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 England-born: 2016, 2011**

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	166,038	96.8	167,715	97.5	-1.0
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	4,185	2.4	3,176	1.8	31.8
Well	304	0.2	267	0.2	13.9
Not well	104	0.1	115	0.1	-9.6
Not at all	40	0.0	36	0.0	11.1
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	774	0.5	760	0.4	1.8
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>171,443</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>172,068</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-0.4</b>

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	658	0.6	851	0.8	-22.7
5-11	2,926	2.6	2,436	2.3	20.1
12-18	3,786	3.4	2,778	2.6	36.3
19-25	3,532	3.2	2,769	2.6	27.6
26-44	15,988	14.5	18,487	17.2	-13.5
45-64	41,682	37.7	45,057	41.8	-7.5
65-74	23,710	21.4	19,831	18.4	19.6
75+	18,338	16.6	15,536	14.4	18.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>110,618</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>107,740</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>
% of England-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					64.5%
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.3%

## Economic characteristics

The educational levels of the England-born are slightly higher than for total Victoria: 27.7% have a bachelor degree or higher; 11.2% have an advanced diploma or diploma; and 16.2% have a certificate, compared to 24.3%, 9.2% and 14.4% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the England-born at 56.4% is slightly lower than total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 4.5% is also lower than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the England-born are fairly different from those for total Victoria: 17.8% work as managers, 29.0% are professionals and 14.1% are clerical and administrative workers, compared to 13.5%, 23.3% and 13.3% for Victoria. Less of the England-born are sales workers (7.3%), machinery operators and drivers (4.1%) and labourers (5.7%), compared with 13.3%, 5.8% and 9.0% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns of the England-born are fairly similar to total Victoria, with some exceptions. More of the England-born are employed in professional, scientific, technical and administration (14.4%), education and training (10.2%) and healthcare and social assistance (14.1%), compared to 11.4%, 8.6% and 12.5% for total Victoria. Less of them are employed in construction (6.9%), wholesale and retail trade (11.6%) and accommodation and food services (4.1%) than Victoria (8.3%, 13.4% and 6.6%).

The weekly personal income distribution pattern of the England-born is higher than total Victoria: 26.1% receive \$400-\$799, 15.3% receive \$1,250-\$1,999 and 12.3% receive \$2,000 or more, compared to 23.1%, 13.6% and 7.5% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment <sup>(a)</sup>	England-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	10,458	6.4	8,581	5.2	1,877	21.9	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	5,474	3.4	4,700	2.9	774	16.5	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	28,693	17.6	25,513	15.6	3,180	12.5	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	18,195	11.2	16,849	10.3	1,346	8.0	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	26,431	16.2	26,372	16.1	59	0.2	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only <sup>(b)</sup>	58,882	36.2	64,353	39.3	-5,471	-8.5	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment <sup>(c)</sup>	213	0.1	256	0.2	-43	-16.8	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc <sup>(d)</sup>	14,542	8.9	16,929	10.4	-2,387	-14.1	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>162,882</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>163,548</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-666</b>	<b>-0.4</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, England-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation <sup>(a)</sup>	England-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>	91,938	53.6	94,960	55.2	-3,022	-3.2	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	87,841	51.2	91,242	53.0	-3,401	-3.7	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	4,097	2.4	3,718	2.2	379	10.2	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	69,146	40.3	66,373	38.6	2,773	4.2	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	1,798	1.0	2,215	1.3	-417	-18.8	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> <sup>(b)</sup>	8,558	5.0	8,523	5.0	35	0.4	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>171,443</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>172,068</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-625</b>	<b>-0.4</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>	56.4%		58.1%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> <sup>(d)</sup>	4.5%		3.9%				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, England-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Occupation <sup>(a)</sup>	England-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	15,602	17.8	14,989	16.4	613	4.1	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	25,454	29.0	25,578	28.0	-124	-0.5	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	10,173	11.6	11,305	12.4	-1,132	-10.0	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	8,089	9.2	7,692	8.4	397	5.2	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	12,343	14.1	13,987	15.3	-1,644	-11.8	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	6,415	7.3	6,445	7.1	-30	-0.5	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	3,558	4.1	4,086	4.5	-528	-12.9	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	5,003	5.7	5,370	5.9	-367	-6.8	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated <sup>(b)</sup>	1,214	1.4	1,793	2.0	-579	-32.3	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>87,841</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>91,242</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-3,401</b>	<b>-3.7</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, England-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Industry of employment <sup>(a)</sup>	England-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	1,299	1.5	1,331	1.5	-32	-2.4	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	6,883	7.8	10,039	11.0	-3,156	-31.4	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	1,053	1.2	951	1.0	102	10.7	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	6,053	6.9	6,377	7.0	-324	-5.1	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	10,204	11.6	11,724	12.8	-1,520	-13.0	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	3,611	4.1	3,195	3.5	416	13.0	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	3,589	4.1	3,790	4.2	-201	-5.3	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	2,122	2.4	2,153	2.4	-31	-1.4	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	3,767	4.3	4,080	4.5	-313	-7.7	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	1,304	1.5	1,234	1.4	70	5.7	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	12,636	14.4	13,049	14.3	-413	-3.2	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	5,357	6.1	5,616	6.2	-259	-4.6	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	8,943	10.2	8,474	9.3	469	5.5	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	12,389	14.1	12,471	13.7	-82	-0.7	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	4,923	5.6	4,968	5.4	-45	-0.9	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	3,707	4.2	1,787	2.0	1,920	107.4	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>87,841</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>91,242</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-3,401</b>	<b>-3.7</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), England-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Total personal income, weekly <sup>(a)</sup>	England-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	619	0.4	710	0.4	-91	-12.8	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	9,834	6.0	8,552	5.2	1,282	15.0	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	32,663	20.1	47,935	29.3	-15,272	-31.9	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	42,461	26.1	36,557	22.4	5,904	16.2	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	26,254	16.1	26,257	16.1	-3	-0.0	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	24,983	15.3	22,075	13.5	2,908	13.2	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	19,980	12.3	15,507	9.5	4,473	28.8	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	6,083	3.7	5,957	3.6	126	2.1	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>162,882</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>163,548</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-666</b>	<b>-0.4</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*.