

The Nepal-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 38)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 9,390 Nepal-born persons in Victoria (17.1% of Australia’s total), ranked 38<sup>th</sup> among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Nepal-born increased by 117.9% (5,081) from 4,309 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the LGAs of Moreland (25.1%), Darebin (9.2%), Brimbank (6.4%), Maribyrnong (6.2%) and Hume (6.1%).

The Nepal-born reflected a young to adult age profile: 31.4% were aged 25 years and under; 63.1% were aged 26-44 years; 4.9% were aged 45-64 years; and 0.8% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 28 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 128 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 10,923 persons identified with Nepalese ancestry. Most of them were born in Nepal (81.4%) and Australia (12.3%). Only 1.5% of the Nepal-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 3.1% arrived in 1996-2000; 4.0% arrived in 2001-2005; 41.2% arrived in 2006-2010; and 47.6% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most (93.9%) of the Nepal-born speak Nepalese at home. Four-fifths (80.5%) of the Nepal-born are Hindu and 11.4% are Buddhist; only 3.4% have no religion. One-fifth (20.9%) of the Nepal-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Nepal-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>	8,880	16.2	4,109	16.7	783	17.1	4,771	116.1	3,326	424.8
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	511	0.9	201	0.8	51	1.1	310	154.2	150	294.1
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>9,390</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>4,309</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>5,081</b>	<b>117.9</b>	<b>3,478</b>	<b>418.5</b>
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>54,754</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>24,635</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,566</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>30,119</b>	<b>122.3</b>	<b>20,069</b>	<b>439.5</b>

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

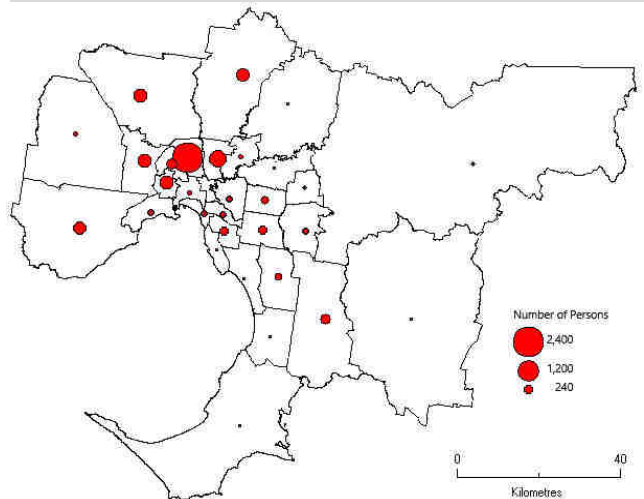
<sup>(b)</sup> Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Moreland (C)	2,357	25.1	1,261	29.3	1
Darebin (C)	864	9.2	381	8.8	2
Brimbank (C)	600	6.4	296	6.9	4
Maribyrnong (C)	580	6.2	298	6.9	3
Hume (C)	576	6.1	120	2.8	11
Rest of Melbourne	3,888	41.4	1,758	40.8	-
Rest of Reg Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	510	5.4	199	4.6	-
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>9,390</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,309</b>	<b>100.0</b>	-

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

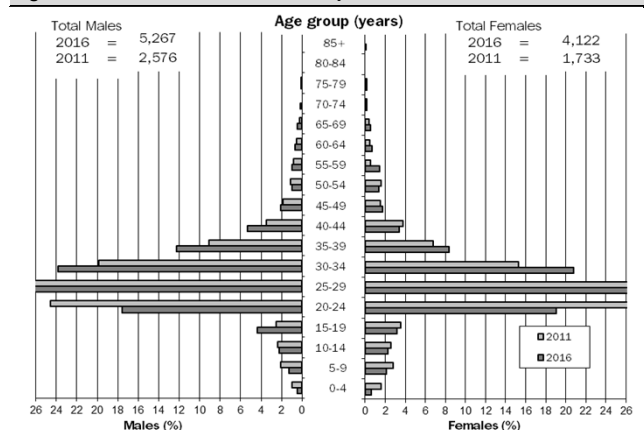
Distribution of Nepal-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Nepal-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	54	0.6	53	1.2	1.9
5-11	251	2.7	140	3.2	79.3
12-18	301	3.2	162	3.8	85.8
19-25	2,334	24.9	1,450	33.7	61.0
26-44	5,921	63.1	2,305	53.5	156.9
45-54	288	3.1	131	3.0	119.8
55-64	166	1.8	45	1.0	268.9
65-74	57	0.6	20	0.5	185.0
75+	21	0.2	8	0.2	162.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>9,390</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,309</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>117.9</b>
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>28</i>		<i>27</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>128</i>		<i>149</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Nepal	8,896	81.4	4,024	85.3	121.1
Bhutan	294	2.7	134	2.8	119.4
India	102	0.9	45	1.0	126.7
Hong Kong	65	0.6	40	0.8	62.5
Singapore	46	0.4	20	0.4	130.0
Australia	1,345	12.3	339	7.2	296.8
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	166	1.5	118	2.5	40.7
<b>Total responses<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>10,923</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,720</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>131.4</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 Nepal-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Nepali	8,819	93.9	3,981	92.4	121.5
Hindi	72	0.8	51	1.2	41.2
Oth Sthn Asian langs	31	0.3	19	0.4	63.2
Gujarati	21	0.2	-	-	-
Indo-Aryan, nec	17	0.2	3	0.1	466.7
Other languages <sup>(a)</sup>	45	0.5	31	0.7	45.2
English only	325	3.5	193	4.5	68.4
Not stated	41	0.4	31	0.7	32.3
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>9,390</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,309</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>117.9</b>

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

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

Religious affiliation <sup>(a)</sup>	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Hinduism	7,558	80.5	3,228	74.9	134.1
Buddhism	1,066	11.4	734	17.0	45.2
Christian, nfd	41	0.4	24	0.6	70.8
Catholic	33	0.4	25	0.6	32.0
Islam	28	0.3	9	0.2	211.1
Other religions	130	1.4	111	2.6	17.1
No religion <sup>(b)</sup>	318	3.4	104	2.4	205.8
Not stated	195	2.1	74	1.7	163.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>9,390</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,309</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>117.9</b>

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

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

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

Year of arrival <sup>(a)</sup>	Nepal-born		Total OSB, Vic <sup>(c)</sup>	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	143	1.5	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	289	3.1	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	372	4.0	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	3,864	41.2	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 <sup>(b)</sup>	4,467	47.6	381,130	22.7
Not stated	247	2.6	58,517	3.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>9,390</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 Nepal-born: 2016, 2011**

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	325	3.5	193	4.5	68.4
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	4,539	48.3	1,908	44.3	137.9
Well	4,036	43.0	1,917	44.5	110.5
Not well	287	3.1	181	4.2	58.6
Not at all	130	1.4	37	0.9	251.4
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	62	0.7	74	1.7	-16.2
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>9,390</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,309</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>117.9</b>

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	16	0.8	3	0.5	433.3
5-11	89	4.5	23	3.7	287.0
12-18	107	5.5	43	6.9	148.8
19-25	137	7.0	63	10.1	117.5
26-44	1,389	70.9	392	62.7	254.3
45-64	197	10.1	94	15.0	109.6
65-74	14	0.7	4	0.6	250.0
75+	6	0.3	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,959</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>213.4</b>

% of Nepal-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 20.9%

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

## Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Nepal-born are higher than for total Victoria: 13.5% have a postgraduate degree, 24.6% have a bachelor degree and 18.3% have an advanced diploma or diploma, compared to 5.4%, 16.5% and 9.2% for total Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Nepal-born at 84.7% is higher than total Victoria at 60.5%. The unemployment rate for the Nepal-born is also higher at 8.3%, than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Nepal-born differ from those for total Victoria: 4.2% work as managers, 12.0% are professionals, 4.5% are clerical and administrative workers 4.5% are sales workers and 2.7% are machinery operators and drivers, compared to 13.5%, 23.3%, 13.3%, 9.7% and 5.8% respectively for total Victoria. More of the Nepal-born work as technicians and trade workers (23.1%), community and personal service workers (18.6%) and labourers (29.4%), compared to 13.1%, 10.6% and 9.0% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns for the Nepal-born are different from total Victoria. Less of them are employed in most categories, particularly construction (1.4%), wholesale and retail trade (6.7%) and education and training (2.5%), compared to 8.3%, 13.4% and 8.6% for Victoria. The exception is that more of the Nepal-born are employed in accommodation and food services (36.8%), professional, scientific, technical and administration (12.4%) and healthcare and social assistance (20.3%), compared to 6.6%, 11.4% and 12.5% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Nepal-born is different from total Victoria. More of them receive nil income (12.4%), 15.8% receive \$1-\$399, 34.9% receive \$400-799 and 26.4% receive \$800-\$1,249, compared to 9.7%, 20.1%, 23.1% and 16.7% for Victoria. Less of the Nepal-born receive income of \$1,250-\$1,999 (6.6%) and \$2,000 or more (1.6%), compared to 13.6% and 7.5% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment <sup>(a)</sup>	Nepal-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	1,209	13.5	418	10.3	791	189.2	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	117	1.3	39	1.0	78	200.0	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	2,206	24.6	781	19.3	1,425	182.5	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	1,637	18.3	1,116	27.5	521	46.7	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	581	6.5	275	6.8	306	111.3	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only <sup>(b)</sup>	2,693	30.1	1,020	25.2	1,673	164.0	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment <sup>(c)</sup>	118	1.3	39	1.0	79	202.6	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc <sup>(d)</sup>	398	4.4	377	9.3	21	5.6	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>8,954</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,053</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,901</b>	<b>120.9</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, Nepal-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation <sup>(a)</sup>	Nepal-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>	7,588	80.8	3,375	78.3	4,213	124.8	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	6,959	74.1	3,201	74.3	3,758	117.4	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	629	6.7	174	4.0	455	261.5	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	1,288	13.7	592	13.7	696	117.6	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	78	0.8	91	2.1	-13	-14.3	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> <sup>(b)</sup>	429	4.6	254	5.9	175	68.9	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>9,390</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,309</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,081</b>	<b>117.9</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>	84.7%		83.2%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> <sup>(d)</sup>	8.3%		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, Nepal-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Occupation <sup>(a)</sup>	Nepal-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	290	4.2	105	3.3	185	176.2	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	832	12.0	356	11.1	476	133.7	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	1,610	23.1	791	24.7	819	103.5	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	1,293	18.6	479	15.0	814	169.9	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	315	4.5	189	5.9	126	66.7	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	305	4.4	156	4.9	149	95.5	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	191	2.7	112	3.5	79	70.5	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	2,045	29.4	916	28.6	1,129	123.3	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated <sup>(b)</sup>	87	1.3	94	2.9	-7	-7.4	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>6,959</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,201</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,758</b>	<b>117.4</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, Nepal-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Industry of employment <sup>(a)</sup>	Nepal-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	34	0.5	11	0.3	23	209.1	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	353	5.1	248	7.7	105	42.3	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	20	0.3	12	0.4	8	66.7	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	94	1.4	56	1.7	38	67.9	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	463	6.7	273	8.5	190	69.6	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	2,559	36.8	1,255	39.2	1,304	103.9	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	121	1.7	48	1.5	73	152.1	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	55	0.8	26	0.8	29	111.5	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	93	1.3	68	2.1	25	36.8	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	33	0.5	4	0.1	29	725.0	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	862	12.4	356	11.1	506	142.1	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	113	1.6	47	1.5	66	140.4	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	175	2.5	78	2.4	97	124.4	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	1,411	20.3	456	14.2	955	209.4	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	235	3.4	101	3.2	134	132.7	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	333	4.8	147	4.6	186	126.5	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>6,959</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,201</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,758</b>	<b>117.4</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), Nepal-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Total personal income, weekly <sup>(a)</sup>	Nepal-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	32	0.4	37	0.9	-5	-13.5	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	1,111	12.4	427	10.5	684	160.2	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	1,416	15.8	1,271	31.4	145	11.4	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	3,122	34.9	1,493	36.8	1,629	109.1	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	2,363	26.4	465	11.5	1,898	408.2	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	593	6.6	165	4.1	428	259.4	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	142	1.6	57	1.4	85	149.1	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	174	1.9	142	3.5	32	22.5	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>8,954</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,053</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,901</b>	<b>120.9</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*.