

The New Zealand-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 4)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 93,253 New Zealand-born persons in Victoria (18.0% of Australia's total), ranked 4<sup>th</sup> among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The New Zealand-born increased by 16.2% (13,019) from 80,234 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with minor concentrations in the LGAs of Wyndham (8.3%) and Casey (7.6%); 16.3% live in regional Victoria.

The New Zealand-born reflected a balanced age profile: 26.3% were aged 25 years and under; 36.8% were aged 26-44 years; 28.2% were aged 45-64; and 8.8% were aged 65 and over. The median age was 37, similar to total Victoria. The gender ratio was 99 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 39,565 persons identified with New Zealander ancestry. Most of them were born in Australia (53.2%) and New Zealand (42.0%). One-third (33.1%) of New Zealand-born arrived in Australia before 1996; 11.0% arrived in 1996-2000; 11.6% arrived in 2001-2005; 15.8% arrived in 2006-2010; and 24.5% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most (85.7%) of the New Zealand-born speak English only; 4.3% speak Samoan; and 1.4% speak Maori. Almost half (45.6%) of the New Zealand born have no religion; 13.0% are Catholic; 9.0% are Anglican; 4.8% are Christian not further defined; and 4.5% are Presbyterian/Reform. One-quarter (26.4%) of New Zealand-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

New Zealand-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>	78,906	15.2	67,042	13.9	53,013	13.6	11,864	17.7	14,029	26.5
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	14,353	2.8	13,194	2.7	10,986	2.8	1,159	8.8	2,208	20.1
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>93,253</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>80,234</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>63,995</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>13,019</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>16,239</b>	<b>25.4</b>
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>518,466</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>483,398</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>389,465</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>35,068</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>93,933</b>	<b>24.1</b>

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

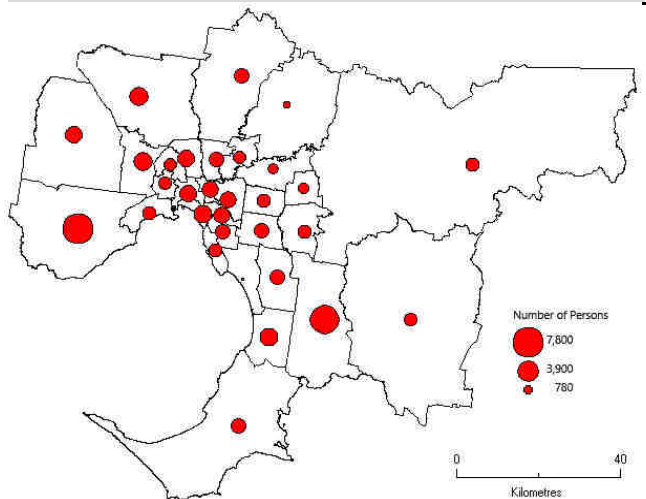
<sup>(b)</sup> Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Wyndham (C)	7,714	8.3	5,032	6.3	2
Casey (C)	7,112	7.6	5,972	7.4	1
Hume (C)	3,343	3.6	2,398	3.0	8
Brimbank (C)	3,273	3.5	2,407	3.0	7
Frankston (C)	3,144	3.4	2,883	3.6	4
Rest of Melbourne	53,445	57.3	47,639	59.4	-
Rest of Reg Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	15,231	16.3	13,920	17.3	-
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>93,253</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>80,234</b>	<b>100.0</b>	-

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

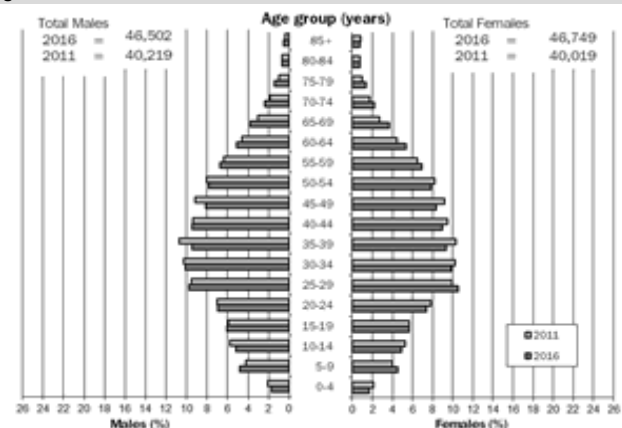
Distribution of New Zealand-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of New Zealand-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	1,579	1.7	1,662	2.1	-5.0
5-11	6,244	6.7	4,931	6.1	26.6
12-18	7,119	7.6	6,454	8.0	10.3
19-25	9,604	10.3	8,448	10.5	13.7
26-44	34,309	36.8	30,534	38.1	12.4
45-54	15,001	16.1	13,871	17.3	8.1
55-64	11,245	12.1	8,770	10.9	28.2
65-74	5,582	6.0	3,730	4.6	49.7
75+	2,581	2.8	1,842	2.3	40.1
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>93,253</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>80,234</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>16.2</b>
Median Age	37		37		
Sex Ratio	99		100		males per 100 females

Age and Gender Distribution of New Zealand-born, Victoria, 2016



**Top 5 COBs of Persons with New Zealander Ancestry: 2016, 2011**

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
New Zealand	16,613	42.0	15,588	45.1	6.6
England	448	1.1	374	1.1	19.8
Samoa	202	0.5	65	0.2	210.8
United States of Ameri	86	0.2	66	0.2	30.3
Cook Islands	67	0.2	32	0.1	109.4
Australia	21,068	53.2	17,529	50.7	20.2
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	1,052	2.7	900	2.6	16.9
<b>Total responses<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>39,565</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>34,554</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14.5</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 related to New Zealand-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Samoaan	3,990	4.3	2,588	3.2	54.2
Maori (New Zealand)	1,277	1.4	1,078	1.3	18.5
Tongan	800	0.9	530	0.7	50.9
Mandarin	667	0.7	328	0.4	103.4
Cantonese	481	0.5	430	0.5	11.9
Other languages <sup>(a)</sup>	5,159	5.5	3,491	4.4	47.8
English only	79,953	85.7	70,956	88.4	12.7
Not stated	923	1.0	833	1.0	10.8
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>93,253</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>80,234</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>16.2</b>

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

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

Religious affiliation <sup>(a)</sup>	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Catholic	12,113	13.0	12,087	15.1	0.2
Anglican	8,352	9.0	10,395	13.0	-19.7
Christian, nfd	4,510	4.8	3,294	4.1	36.9
Presbyterian/Reform	4,221	4.5	4,916	6.1	-14.1
Latter-day Saints	2,226	2.4	1,973	2.5	12.8
Other religions	14,591	15.6	13,888	17.3	5.1
No religion <sup>(b)</sup>	42,541	45.6	28,868	36.0	47.4
Not stated	4,684	5.0	4,813	6.0	-2.7
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>93,253</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>80,234</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>16.2</b>

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

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

**Year of Arrival of New Zealand-born: 2016**

Year of arrival <sup>(a)</sup>	New Zealand-born		Total OSB, Vic <sup>(c)</sup>	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	30,872	33.1	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	10,255	11.0	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	10,842	11.6	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	14,701	15.8	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 <sup>(b)</sup>	22,879	24.5	381,130	22.7
Not stated	3,713	4.0	58,517	3.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>93,253</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 New Zealand-born: 2016, 2011**

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	79,953	85.7	70,956	88.4	12.7
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	10,842	11.6	7,364	9.2	47.2
Well	1,269	1.4	937	1.2	35.4
Not well	354	0.4	291	0.4	21.6
Not at all	86	0.1	88	0.1	-2.3
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	756	0.8	602	0.8	25.6
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>93,253</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>80,234</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>16.2</b>

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	92	0.4	111	0.5	-17.1
5-11	514	2.1	588	2.5	-12.6
12-18	1,334	5.4	2,020	8.6	-34.0
19-25	2,634	10.7	2,342	10.0	12.5
26-44	7,165	29.1	7,484	32.0	-4.3
45-64	8,984	36.5	8,033	34.3	11.8
65-74	2,533	10.3	1,801	7.7	40.6
75+	1,340	5.4	1,023	4.4	31.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,599</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>23,410</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5.1</b>

% of New Zealand-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 26.4%

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

## Economic characteristics

The education levels of the New Zealand-born are similar to those of total Victoria: 4.8% have a postgraduate degree; 17.3% have a bachelor degree; and 10.7% 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 New Zealand-born at 76.2% is higher than total Victoria (60.5%). The unemployment rate for the New Zealand-born is slightly lower at 6.2% than for total Victoria (6.6%).

The occupational patterns of the New Zealand-born are similar to those for total Victoria. More of them work as managers (15.1%) and machinery operators & drivers (9.4%), compared to 13.5% and 5.8% for total Victoria. Less of them (7.5%) are sales workers compared to 9.7% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns for the New Zealand-born are very similar to total Victoria. Slightly fewer (6.2%) are employed in education compared to total Victoria (8.6%).

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the New Zealand-born is higher than that for total Victoria. More of them (22.2%) receive \$800-\$1,249; 19.1% receive \$1,250-\$1,999; and 11.1% receive \$2000 or more, compared to 16.7%, 13.6% and 7.5% for Victoria. Less of them (20.8%) receive \$400-\$799 and 14.2% receive \$1-\$399, compared to 23.1% and 20.1% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment <sup>(a)</sup>	New Zealand-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	4,004	4.8	3,025	4.3	979	32.4	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	2,316	2.8	1,781	2.5	535	30.0	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	14,260	17.3	11,599	16.4	2,661	22.9	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	8,806	10.7	6,863	9.7	1,943	28.3	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	13,498	16.3	10,554	14.9	2,944	27.9	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only <sup>(b)</sup>	32,722	39.6	30,323	42.8	2,399	7.9	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment <sup>(c)</sup>	223	0.3	189	0.3	34	18.0	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc <sup>(d)</sup>	6,784	8.2	6,530	9.2	254	3.9	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>82,612</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>70,862</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11,750</b>	<b>16.6</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, New Zealand-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation <sup>(a)</sup>	New Zealand-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>	62,917	67.5	54,561	68.0	8,356	15.3	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	59,027	63.3	51,437	64.1	7,590	14.8	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	3,890	4.2	3,124	3.9	766	24.5	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	18,787	20.1	15,418	19.2	3,369	21.9	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	904	1.0	882	1.1	22	2.5	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> <sup>(b)</sup>	10,645	11.4	9,378	11.7	1,267	13.5	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>93,253</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>80,234</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>13,019</b>	<b>16.2</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>	76.2%		77.0%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> <sup>(d)</sup>	6.2%		5.7%				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, New Zealand-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Occupation <sup>(a)</sup>	New Zealand-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	8,940	15.1	7,329	14.2	1,611	22.0	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	13,107	22.2	11,629	22.6	1,478	12.7	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	6,709	11.4	6,453	12.5	256	4.0	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkr	5,445	9.2	4,302	8.4	1,143	26.6	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	8,266	14.0	7,513	14.6	753	10.0	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	4,447	7.5	3,858	7.5	589	15.3	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	5,572	9.4	4,571	8.9	1,001	21.9	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	5,532	9.4	4,745	9.2	787	16.6	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated <sup>(b)</sup>	1,022	1.7	1,039	2.0	-17	-1.6	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>59,027</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>51,437</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,590</b>	<b>14.8</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, New Zealand-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Industry of employment <sup>(a)</sup>	New Zealand-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	1,611	2.7	1,500	2.9	111	7.4	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	5,282	8.9	6,146	11.9	-864	-14.1	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	817	1.4	750	1.5	67	8.9	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	4,724	8.0	4,188	8.1	536	12.8	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	7,191	12.2	6,924	13.5	267	3.9	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	3,676	6.2	3,014	5.9	662	22.0	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	3,925	6.6	3,013	5.9	912	30.3	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	1,343	2.3	1,271	2.5	72	5.7	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	3,122	5.3	2,798	5.4	324	11.6	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	945	1.6	703	1.4	242	34.4	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	7,485	12.7	6,656	12.9	829	12.5	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	2,461	4.2	2,081	4.0	380	18.3	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	3,655	6.2	2,913	5.7	742	25.5	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	6,564	11.1	5,552	10.8	1,012	18.2	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	3,039	5.1	2,563	5.0	476	18.6	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	3,183	5.4	1,366	2.7	1,817	133.0	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>59,027</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>51,437</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,590</b>	<b>14.8</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), New Zealand-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Total personal income, weekly <sup>(a)</sup>	New Zealand-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	529	0.6	442	0.6	87	19.7	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	7,309	8.8	5,507	7.8	1,802	32.7	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	11,737	14.2	12,902	18.2	-1,165	-9.0	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	17,209	20.8	15,954	22.5	1,255	7.9	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	18,333	22.2	16,102	22.7	2,231	13.9	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	15,782	19.1	11,203	15.8	4,579	40.9	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	9,181	11.1	6,511	9.2	2,670	41.0	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	2,536	3.1	2,236	3.2	300	13.4	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>82,612</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>70,862</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11,750</b>	<b>16.6</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*.