

The Scotland-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 13)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 26,073 Scotland-born persons in Victoria (21.8% of Australia's total), ranked 13<sup>th</sup> among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Scotland-born decreased by 12.5% (3,729) from 29,802 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the LGAs of Casey (6.1%), Mornington Peninsula (5.8%), Frankston (4.9%) and Kingston (3.9%); 5.3% live in the regional LGA of Greater Geelong and 18.9% live in the rest of regional Victoria.

The Scotland-born reflected an ageing profile: 3.5% were aged 25 years and under; 16.1% were aged 26-44; 36.6% were aged 45-64; and 41.5% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 60 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 97 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 492,281 persons identified with Scottish ancestry. Most of them were born in Australia (85.4%), Scotland (5.0%), New Zealand (3.4%) and England (2.5%). Three-quarters (74.6%) of Scotland-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 3.2% arrived in 1996-2000; 5.1% arrived in 2001-2005; 7.2% arrived in 2006-2010; and 7.4% arrived in 2011-2016.

Almost all (98.0%) of the Scotland-born speak English only. Over one-third (36.9%) of the Scotland-born have no religion; 22.9% are Presbyterian/Reform; 15.7% are Catholic; 6.6% are Anglican; and 4.4% are Uniting Church. Three-fifths (60.1%) of Scotland-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for overseas-born in Victoria.

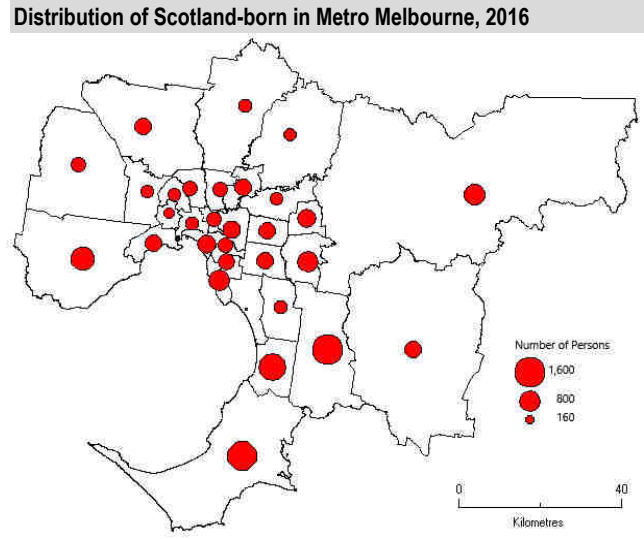
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Location	2016 Census		2011 Census		2006 Census		Change 2011-2016		Change 2006-2011	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	% change
Metro Melbourne <sup>(a)</sup>	20,140	16.9	22,959	17.2	23,016	17.7	-2,819	-12.3	-57	-0.2
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	5,937	5.0	6,847	5.1	6,833	5.2	-910	-13.3	14	0.2
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>26,073</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>29,802</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>29,853</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>-3,729</b>	<b>-12.5</b>	<b>-51</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>119,417</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>133,432</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>130,206</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-14,015</b>	<b>-10.5</b>	<b>3,226</b>	<b>2.5</b>

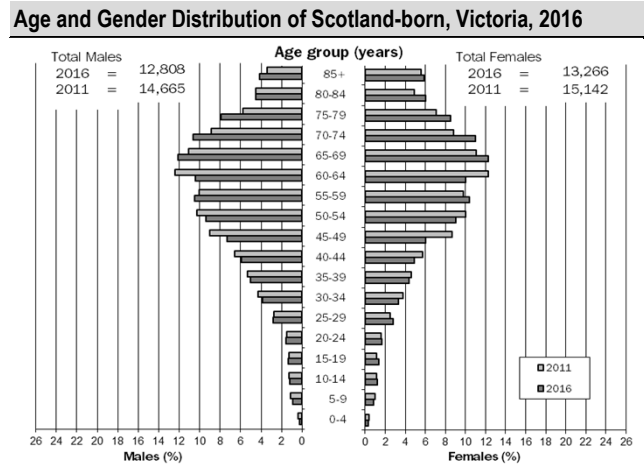
<sup>(a)</sup> Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.  
<sup>(b)</sup> Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Casey (C)	1,590	6.1	1,842	6.2	1
Mornington Pen (S)	1,502	5.8	1,541	5.2	3
Greater Geelong (C)	1,380	5.3	1,571	5.3	2
Frankston (C)	1,274	4.9	1,529	5.1	4
Kingston (C)	1,014	3.9	1,086	3.6	6
Rest of Melbourne	14,385	55.2	16,561	55.6	-
Rest of Reg Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	4,932	18.9	5,664	19.0	-
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>26,073</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>29,802</b>	<b>100.0</b>	-

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



Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	67	0.3	111	0.4	-39.6
5-11	360	1.4	451	1.5	-20.2
12-18	481	1.8	504	1.7	-4.6
19-25	599	2.3	648	2.2	-7.6
26-44	4,196	16.1	5,201	17.5	-19.3
45-54	4,152	15.9	5,659	19.0	-26.6
55-64	5,386	20.7	6,635	22.3	-18.8
65-74	5,999	23.0	5,928	19.9	1.2
75+	4,830	18.5	4,672	15.7	3.4
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>26,073</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>29,802</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-12.5</b>
Median Age	60		58		
Sex Ratio	97		97		97 males per 100 females



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Scotland	24,576	5.0	27,719	6.3	-11.3
New Zealand	16,791	3.4	13,722	3.1	22.4
England	12,283	2.5	9,424	2.2	30.3
South Africa	2,129	0.4	1,428	0.3	49.1
USA	1,646	0.3	1,258	0.3	30.8
Australia	420,232	85.4	372,294	85.2	12.9
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	14,594	3.0	11,131	2.5	31.1
<b>Total responses<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>492,281</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>436,976</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12.7</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 Scotland-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
French	47	0.2	40	0.1	17.5
Gaelic (Scotland)	44	0.2	25	0.1	76.0
German	25	0.1	16	0.1	56.3
Spanish	25	0.1	14	0.0	78.6
Italian	17	0.1	34	0.1	-50.0
Other languages <sup>(a)</sup>	129	0.5	375	1.3	-65.6
English only	25,547	98.0	29,041	97.4	-12.0
Not stated	221	0.8	257	0.9	-14.0
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>26,073</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>29,802</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-12.5</b>

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

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

Religious affiliation <sup>(a)</sup>	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Presbyterian/Reform	5,971	22.9	8,133	27.3	-26.6
Catholic	4,084	15.7	4,994	16.8	-18.2
Anglican	1,730	6.6	2,537	8.5	-31.8
Uniting Church	1,263	4.8	1,791	6.0	-29.5
Christian, nfd	548	2.1	439	1.5	24.8
Other religions	1,768	6.8	2,382	8.0	-25.8
No religion <sup>(b)</sup>	9,612	36.9	7,923	26.6	21.3
Not stated	1,096	4.2	1,603	5.4	-31.6
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>26,073</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>29,802</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-12.5</b>

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

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

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

Year of arrival <sup>(a)</sup>	Scotland-born		Total OSB, Vic <sup>(c)</sup>	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	19,463	74.6	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	840	3.2	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	1,335	5.1	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	1,875	7.2	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 <sup>(b)</sup>	1,938	7.4	381,130	22.7
Not stated	623	2.4	58,517	3.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>26,073</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 Scotland-born: 2016, 2011**

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	25,547	98.0	29,041	97.4	-12.0
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	357	1.4	414	1.4	-13.8
Well	30	0.1	104	0.3	-71.2
Not well	11	0.0	65	0.2	-83.1
Not at all	8	0.0	23	0.1	-65.2
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	130	0.5	161	0.5	-19.3
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>26,073</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>29,802</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-12.5</b>

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	41	0.3	43	0.3	-4.7
5-11	180	1.1	194	1.1	-7.2
12-18	323	2.1	277	1.6	16.6
19-25	337	2.2	320	1.9	5.3
26-44	1,940	12.4	2,334	13.6	-16.9
45-64	5,656	36.1	7,243	42.4	-21.9
65-74	4,023	25.7	3,822	22.4	5.3
75+	3,155	20.1	2,870	16.8	9.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,663</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>17,100</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-8.4</b>
% of Scotland-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					60.1%
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.3%

## Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Scotland-born are similar to total Victoria. Slightly less of them (14.7%) have a bachelor degree compared to 16.5% for total Victoria. More of them (18.9%) have a certificate compared to 14.4% for total Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Scotland-born at 51.6% is lower than that of total Victoria at 60.5%. The unemployment rate for the Scotland-born at 4.2% is also lower than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Scotland-born are similar to those for total Victoria, with some exceptions: 17.3% are managers; and 26.8% are professionals, compared to 13.5% and 23.3% for Victoria. Less of the Scotland-born are sales workers (6.8%) and labourers (6.0%) compared to 9.7% and 9.0% for total Victoria.

The employment patterns of the Scotland-born are also similar to total Victoria, with some exceptions. Less of them (3.6%) are employed in accommodation & food services compared to 6.6% for Victoria. More of them (16.6%) are employed in health care & social assistance compared to 12.5% for total Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Scotland-born is higher than for total Victoria. Less of them (5.6%) receive nil income; and 15.6% receive \$800-\$1,249, compared to 9.7% and 16.7% for total Victoria. More of the Scotland-born receive \$1-\$399 (21.2%), \$400-\$799 (27.1%), \$1,250-\$1,999 (14.7%) and \$2,000 or more (11.2%), compared to 20.1%, 23.1%, 13.6% and 7.5% for total Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment <sup>(a)</sup>	Scotland-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	1,370	5.4	1,273	4.4	97	7.6	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	776	3.0	667	2.3	109	16.3	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	3,742	14.7	3,592	12.4	150	4.2	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	2,732	10.7	2,725	9.4	7	0.3	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	4,816	18.9	5,429	18.7	-613	-11.3	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only <sup>(b)</sup>	9,599	37.7	11,960	41.2	-2,361	-19.7	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment <sup>(c)</sup>	29	0.1	70	0.2	-41	-58.6	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc <sup>(d)</sup>	2,388	9.4	3,311	11.4	-923	-27.9	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>25,454</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>29,026</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-3,572</b>	<b>-12.3</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, Scotland-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation <sup>(a)</sup>	Scotland-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>	13,124	50.3	15,519	52.1	-2,395	-15.4	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	12,567	48.2	14,943	50.1	-2,376	-15.9	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	557	2.1	576	1.9	-19	-3.3	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	12,007	46.1	12,919	43.3	-912	-7.1	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	322	1.2	589	2.0	-267	-45.3	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> <sup>(b)</sup>	622	2.4	781	2.6	-159	-20.4	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>26,073</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>29,802</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-3,729</b>	<b>-12.5</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>	51.6%		53.5%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> <sup>(d)</sup>	4.2%		3.7%				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, Scotland-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Occupation <sup>(a)</sup>	Scotland-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	2,173	17.3	2,319	15.5	-146	-6.3	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	3,369	26.8	3,702	24.8	-333	-9.0	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	1,599	12.7	2,052	13.7	-453	-22.1	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	1,167	9.3	1,237	8.3	-70	-5.7	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	1,896	15.1	2,531	16.9	-635	-25.1	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	859	6.8	973	6.5	-114	-11.7	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	573	4.6	774	5.2	-201	-26.0	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	753	6.0	1,048	7.0	-295	-28.1	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated <sup>(b)</sup>	178	1.4	315	2.1	-137	-43.5	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>12,567</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14,943</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-2,376</b>	<b>-15.9</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, Scotland-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Industry of employment <sup>(a)</sup>	Scotland-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	180	1.4	231	1.5	-51	-22.1	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	1,082	8.6	1,816	12.2	-734	-40.4	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	187	1.5	178	1.2	9	5.1	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	999	7.9	1,192	8.0	-193	-16.2	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	1,388	11.0	1,899	12.7	-511	-26.9	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	449	3.6	493	3.3	-44	-8.9	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	578	4.6	646	4.3	-68	-10.5	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	228	1.8	300	2.0	-72	-24.0	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	537	4.3	645	4.3	-108	-16.7	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	164	1.3	193	1.3	-29	-15.0	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	1,563	12.4	1,868	12.5	-305	-16.3	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	811	6.5	943	6.3	-132	-14.0	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	1,168	9.3	1,236	8.3	-68	-5.5	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	2,089	16.6	2,249	15.1	-160	-7.1	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	657	5.2	776	5.2	-119	-15.3	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	487	3.9	283	1.9	204	72.1	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>12,567</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14,943</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-2,376</b>	<b>-15.9</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), Scotland-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Total personal income, weekly <sup>(a)</sup>	Scotland-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	94	0.4	137	0.5	-43	-31.4	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	1,437	5.6	1,454	5.0	-17	-1.2	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	5,384	21.2	9,094	31.3	-3,710	-40.8	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	6,897	27.1	6,484	22.3	413	6.4	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	3,964	15.6	4,491	15.5	-527	-11.7	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	3,732	14.7	3,757	12.9	-25	-0.7	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	2,847	11.2	2,351	8.1	496	21.1	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	1,085	4.3	1,248	4.3	-163	-13.1	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>25,454</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>29,026</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-3,572</b>	<b>-12.3</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*.