

The FYR of Macedonia-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (22)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 17,631 FYR of Macedonia-born persons in Victoria (45.2% of Australia’s total), ranked 22<sup>nd</sup> among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The FYR of Macedonia-born decreased by 3.7% (676) from 18,307 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with major concentrations in the LGAs of Whittlesea (30.8%), Brimbank (17.4%), Darebin (6.5%), Melton (6.4%) and Greater Dandenong (5.5%).

The FYR of Macedonia-born reflected a mature to ageing profile: 3.3% were aged 25 years and under; 18.3% were aged 26-44; 44.5% were aged 45-64; and 33.9% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 58 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 43,582 persons identified with Macedonian ancestry. Most (57.2%) of them were born in Australia; 35.4% were born in FYR Macedonia (35.4%); 3.2% were born in Greece. Four-fifths (80.2%) of the FYR of Macedonia-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 5.2% arrived in 1996-2000; 3.8% arrived in 2001-2005; 3.6% arrived in 2006-2010; and 3.8% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most of the FYR of Macedonia-born speak Macedonian (79.5%) and Albanian (8.8%); 8.5% speak English only. Of those who speak a language other than English, 24.2% speak English not well/not at all. Over half (53.0%) of the FYR of Macedonia-born are Eastern Orthodox; 26.6% are Christian not further defined; 10.6% are Muslim; 4.5% have no religion. Most (92.1%) of the FYR of Macedonia-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia-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>	16,747	43.0	17,367	43.2	17,326	42.6	-620	-3.6	41	0.2
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	886	2.3	946	2.4	990	2.4	-60	-6.3	-44	-4.4
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>17,631</b>	<b>45.2</b>	<b>18,307</b>	<b>45.5</b>	<b>18,315</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>-676</b>	<b>-3.7</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>38,985</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>40,222</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>40,656</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1,237</b>	<b>-3.1</b>	<b>-434</b>	<b>-1.1</b>

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

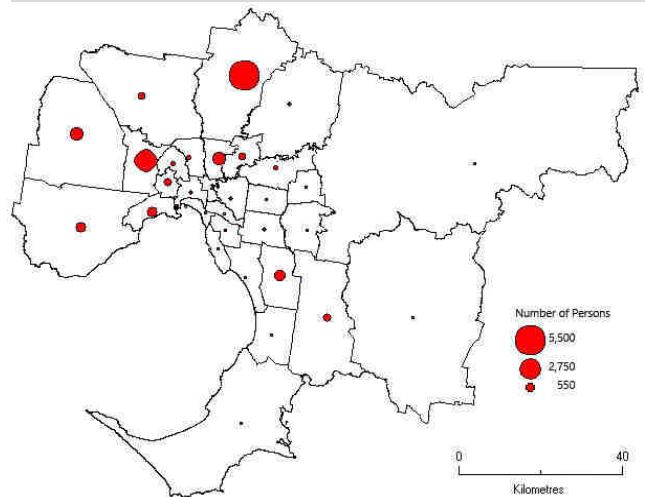
<sup>(b)</sup> Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

Distribution of the FYR of Macedonia-born, Top 5 LGAs: 2016 Census

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Whittlesea (C)	5,433	30.8	5,697	31.1	1
Brimbank (C)	3,075	17.4	3,293	18.0	2
Darebin (C)	1,150	6.5	1,314	7.2	3
Melton (C)	1,134	6.4	1,017	5.6	5
Gter Dandenong (C)	967	5.5	1,025	5.6	4
Rest of Melbourne	4,924	27.9	4,958	27.1	-
Rest of Reg Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	951	5.4	981	5.4	-
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>17,631</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>18,307</b>	<b>100.0</b>	-

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

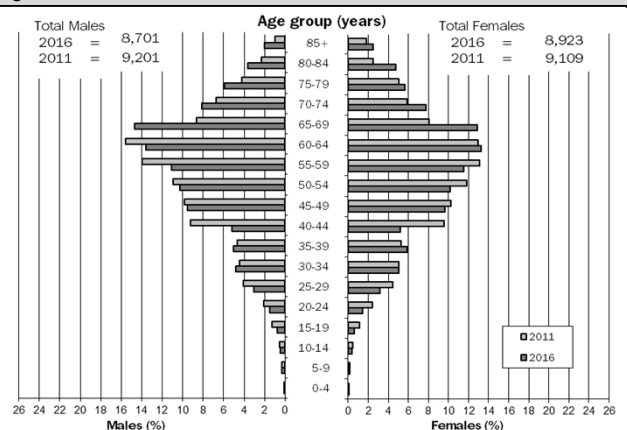
Distribution of the FYR of Macedonia-born, Metro Melb 2016



Age Distribution of the FYR of Macedonia-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	15	0.1	15	0.1	-
5-11	65	0.4	65	0.4	-
12-18	144	0.8	237	1.3	-39.2
19-25	358	2.0	589	3.2	-39.2
26-44	3,228	18.3	4,150	22.7	-22.2
45-54	3,492	19.8	3,932	21.5	-11.2
55-64	4,362	24.7	5,087	27.8	-14.3
65-74	3,818	21.7	2,691	14.7	41.9
75+	2,147	12.2	1,551	8.5	38.4
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>17,631</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>18,307</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-3.7</b>
<i>Median Age</i>	58		na		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	98		101		males per 100 females

Age and Gender Distribution, FYR of Macedonia-born, Vic, 2016



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
FYR Macedonia	15,416	35.4	15,803	37.6	-2.4
Greece	1,410	3.2	2,092	5.0	-32.6
S E Europe, nfd	187	0.4	211	0.5	-11.4
Serbia	114	0.3	78	0.2	46.2
Germany	55	0.1	38	0.1	44.7
Australia	24,939	57.2	22,731	54.0	9.7
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	1,444	3.3	1,131	2.7	27.7
<b>Total responses<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>43,582</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>42,084</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.6</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 The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia-born persons.

**Top 5 Languages Spoken at Home, FYR of Macedonia-born: 2016, 2011**

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Macedonian	14,021	79.5	14,934	81.6	-6.1
Albanian	1,548	8.8	1,598	8.7	-3.1
Turkish	105	0.6	118	0.6	-11.0
Serbian	87	0.5	104	0.6	-16.3
Greek	76	0.4	95	0.5	-20.0
Other languages <sup>(a)</sup>	211	1.2	216	1.2	-2.3
English only	1,497	8.5	1,167	6.4	28.3
Not stated	74	0.4	75	0.4	-1.3
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>17,631</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>18,307</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-3.7</b>

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

**Top 5 Religious affiliation, the FYR of Macedonia-born: 2016, 2011**

Religious affiliation <sup>(a)</sup>	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Eastern Orthodox	9,336	53.0	15,023	82.1	-37.9
Christian, nfd	4,693	26.6	65	0.4	7120.0
Islam	1,861	10.6	2,081	11.4	-10.6
Catholic	78	0.4	76	0.4	2.6
Jehovah's Witnesses	54	0.3	61	0.3	-11.5
Other religions	311	1.8	327	1.8	-4.9
No religion <sup>(b)</sup>	797	4.5	356	1.9	123.9
Not stated	500	2.8	318	1.7	57.2
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>17,631</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>18,307</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-3.7</b>

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

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

**Year of Arrival of the FYR of Macedonia-born: 2016**

Year of arrival <sup>(a)</sup>	goslav Republic of M		Total OSB, Vic <sup>(c)</sup>	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	14,148	80.2	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	909	5.2	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	676	3.8	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	631	3.6	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 <sup>(b)</sup>	663	3.8	381,130	22.7
Not stated	600	3.4	58,517	3.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>17,631</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 the FYR of Macedonia-born: 2016, 2011**

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	1,497	8.5	1,167	6.4	28.3
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	5,843	33.1	6,117	33.4	-4.5
Well	5,855	33.2	6,096	33.3	-4.0
Not well	3,890	22.1	4,240	23.2	-8.3
Not at all	372	2.1	486	2.7	-23.5
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	177	1.0	204	1.1	-13.2
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>17,631</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>18,307</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-3.7</b>

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

**FYR of Macedonia-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2016, 2011**

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	9	0.1	6	0.0	50.0
5-11	49	0.3	50	0.3	-2.0
12-18	105	0.6	189	1.1	-44.4
19-25	248	1.5	428	2.5	-42.1
26-44	2,559	15.8	3,636	21.3	-29.6
45-64	7,506	46.2	8,656	50.8	-13.3
65-74	3,717	22.9	2,616	15.3	42.1
75+	2,051	12.6	1,462	8.6	40.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,239</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>17,045</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-4.7</b>

% of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 92.1%

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

## Economic characteristics

The education levels of the FYR of Macedonia-born are lower than for total Victoria; 1.2% have a postgraduate degree; 6.9% have a bachelor degree; and 6.0% have an advanced diploma or diploma, compared to Victoria (5.4%, 16.5% and 9.2%).

The labour force participation rate of the FYR of Macedonia-born at 44.6% is lower than that of total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 5.5% is also lower than for total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the FYR of Macedonia-born are different from those for total Victoria. More of them work as machinery operators & drivers (16.3%) and labourers (22.1%), compared to Victoria (5.8% and 9.0%). Less of them work as professionals (10.9%), community & personal service workers (6.8%) and sales workers (7.0%), compared to Victoria (23.3%, 10.6% and 9.7%).

The industry of employment patterns of the FYR of Macedonia-born are also different from those for total Victoria. More of them are employed in manufacturing (16.6%), transport, postal & warehousing (10.5%) and professional, scientific, technical & administration (12.7%), compared to Victoria (7.8%, 4.8% and 11.4%). Less of them are employed in accommodation & food services (2.9%), education & training (4.2%) and healthcare & social assistance (9.4%), compared to Victoria (6.6%, 8.6% and 12.5%).

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the FYR of Macedonia-born is lower than total Victoria. More of them receive \$1-\$399 (33.9%) and \$400-\$799 (25.7%), compared to 20.1% and 23.1% for Victoria. Less of them receive nil income (9.0%), \$800-\$1,249 (15.0%), \$1,250-\$1,999 (9.1%) and \$2,000 or more (3.3%), compared to 9.7%, 16.7%, 13.6% and 7.5% for Victoria.

### Highest level of educational attainment, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Highest level of educational attainment <sup>(a)</sup>	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	205	1.2	112	0.6	93	83.0	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	139	0.8	88	0.5	51	58.0	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	1,208	6.9	999	5.5	209	20.9	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	1,055	6.0	927	5.1	128	13.8	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	1,822	10.4	1,699	9.4	123	7.2	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only <sup>(b)</sup>	10,676	61.0	11,249	61.9	-573	-5.1	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment <sup>(c)</sup>	924	5.3	1,053	5.8	-129	-12.3	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc <sup>(d)</sup>	1,465	8.4	2,038	11.2	-573	-28.1	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>17,495</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>18,165</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-670</b>	<b>-3.7</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, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation <sup>(a)</sup>	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia-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>	7,804	44.3	8,711	47.6	-907	-10.4	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	7,376	41.8	8,290	45.3	-914	-11.0	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	428	2.4	421	2.3	7	1.7	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	9,425	53.5	8,995	49.1	430	4.8	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	255	1.4	456	2.5	-201	-44.1	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> <sup>(b)</sup>	137	0.8	146	0.8	-9	-6.2	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>17,631</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>18,307</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-676</b>	<b>-3.7</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>	44.6%		48.0%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> <sup>(d)</sup>	5.5%		4.8%				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, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Occupation <sup>(a)</sup>	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	811	11.0	724	8.7	87	12.0	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	805	10.9	758	9.1	47	6.2	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	895	12.1	1,027	12.4	-132	-12.9	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	503	6.8	477	5.8	26	5.5	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	852	11.6	908	11.0	-56	-6.2	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	520	7.0	542	6.5	-22	-4.1	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	1,205	16.3	1,481	17.9	-276	-18.6	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	1,631	22.1	2,092	25.2	-461	-22.0	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated <sup>(b)</sup>	148	2.0	277	3.3	-129	-46.6	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>7,376</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,290</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-914</b>	<b>-11.0</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, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Industry of employment <sup>(a)</sup>	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	136	1.8	133	1.6	3	2.3	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	1,223	16.6	2,147	25.9	-924	-43.0	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	76	1.0	60	0.7	16	26.7	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	654	8.9	651	7.9	3	0.5	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	889	12.1	1,070	12.9	-181	-16.9	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	213	2.9	291	3.5	-78	-26.8	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	778	10.5	812	9.8	-34	-4.2	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	93	1.3	88	1.1	5	5.7	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	220	3.0	254	3.1	-34	-13.4	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	96	1.3	84	1.0	12	14.3	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	940	12.7	906	10.9	34	3.8	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	301	4.1	307	3.7	-6	-2.0	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	309	4.2	246	3.0	63	25.6	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	695	9.4	685	8.3	10	1.5	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	260	3.5	254	3.1	6	2.4	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	494	6.7	295	3.6	199	67.5	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>7,376</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,290</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-914</b>	<b>-11.0</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), The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Total personal income, weekly <sup>(a)</sup>	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	90	0.5	121	0.7	-31	-25.6	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	1,581	9.0	1,525	8.4	56	3.7	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	5,923	33.9	7,411	40.8	-1,488	-20.1	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	4,491	25.7	4,143	22.8	348	8.4	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	2,631	15.0	2,659	14.6	-28	-1.1	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	1,588	9.1	1,107	6.1	481	43.5	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	569	3.3	363	2.0	206	56.7	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	622	3.6	831	4.6	-209	-25.2	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>17,495</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>18,165</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-670</b>	<b>-3.7</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*.