

Electorate data cards: Explainer

About this resource

The Electorate data cards have been generated using the Australian Bureau of Statistics 2021 Census data, and collated according to 2022 Victorian electorate boundaries by Parliament of Victoria's Library.

The 89 cards include the state averages for the whole of Victoria, as well as the data for each of the 88 electoral districts from the Legislative Assembly (lower house).

Selection of the data

The data selected for the cards represents a range of information for each electorate, including size, population, age, background, language, health, income and household details. It is not all the data that is available, but was selected to give a broad overview of some of the geographic and demographic information for the electorate.

The top three responses for categories such 'Country of birth' and 'Religion' have not taken into account 'Not stated' or 'inadequately described' responses.

Explanatory notes

- The name of the card is the Legislative Assembly (lower house) districts, followed by the Legislative Council (upper house) regions. There are 11 lower house districts per upper house region.
- Age distribution: for ease of reading, only every second age category has been included. It is worth noting that while most categories are in ten-year age ranges increments, 0-4, 15-19, 20-24 are in five-year increments.
- Country of birth is based on the most common 50 countries from the 2016 Census:
 - Elsewhere, includes countries not identified individually, 'inadequately described', and 'at sea', doesn't include not stated.

- Australia includes external territories such as Norfolk Island
- China includes Special Administrative Regions such as Hong Kong and Macau
- Housing tenure: Other includes households occupied rent-free or occupied under a life tenure scheme
- Health: Need for assistance includes people with profound or severe core activity limitation across three core activities, self-care, mobility and communication.

Additional data

Additional data is available on the Teach and Learn page, vicparl.news/elect-data-cards. The data includes median age, service in the armed forces, volunteering, engaged in education, engaged in unpaid domestic work, provided unpaid assistance, provided unpaid childcare, number of children ever born and registered marital status.

The results of all the areas, with the exception of median age, have been converted into percentages. With the exception of number of children ever born, none of the categories include 'not stated'.

This additional data was selected to provide more details about each electorate. The data from the cards is also available in the excel spreadsheet.

Please note that there are small random adjustments made to all values to protect the confidentiality of data. These adjustments may cause the totals to vary by small amounts. This process of perturbation is applied by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Read more <https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/tablebuilder/confidentiality-and-relative-standard-error#perturbation>

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