

Towns in Time 2016

Timeseries data from 1981-2006 Censuses - Enumerated population from Census 2011 and 2016

Land Use and Population Research

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Foster

South Gippsland (S) LGA

Defined in 2016 as: UCL 215034



| Summary data | 1981 | 1986 | 1991 | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|----------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total population* | 1,056 | 1,026 | 1,099 | 1,068 | 1,007 | 1,018 | 1,063 | 1,140 |
| Male: Female ratio* | 99.3 | 84.5 | 81.2 | 80.1 | 81.2 | 88.2 | 84.5 | 86.3 |
| Visitors on Census night* | 59 | 41 | 69 | 62 | 60 | 71 | 64 | 73 |
| Population in non-private dwellings* | 61 | 41 | 55 | 60 | 52 | 44 | 65 | 105 |
| Population at same address 5 years ago | 485 | 483 | 487 | 522 | 518 | 558 | 590 | 602 |

*Includes local, interstate and overseas visitors.

The map above shows the location of Foster in Victoria.

| Population growth | 1981-91 | 1991-2001 | 2001-06 | 2006-11 | 2011-16 | Area | | | |
|-----------------------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------------------|------|----------|-----------------------|
| Net change | 42 | -92 | 11 | 45 | 77 | 2006 Area (km ²): | 3.40 | Location | 142km SE of Melbourne |
| Average annual change | 0.4% | -0.9% | 0.2% | 0.9% | 1.4% | 2011 Area (km ²): | 3.33 | | |

| Age structure | 1981 | | 1986 | | 1991 | | 1996 | | 2001 | | 2006 | | 2011 | | 2016 | |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Number | % | Number | % | Number | % | Number | % | Number | % | Number | % | Number | % | Number | % |
| 0-4 | 93 | 9% | 88 | 9% | 84 | 8% | 73 | 7% | 59 | 6% | 24 | 2% | 28 | 3% | 40 | 4% |
| 5-17 | 237 | 23% | 223 | 22% | 241 | 22% | 212 | 20% | 177 | 18% | 165 | 16% | 137 | 13% | 115 | 10% |
| 18-24 | 115 | 11% | 60 | 6% | 70 | 6% | 85 | 8% | 35 | 3% | 66 | 6% | 82 | 8% | 59 | 5% |
| 25-34 | 191 | 18% | 164 | 16% | 145 | 13% | 102 | 10% | 110 | 11% | 78 | 8% | 88 | 8% | 56 | 5% |
| 35-44 | 122 | 12% | 143 | 14% | 150 | 14% | 150 | 14% | 113 | 11% | 110 | 11% | 95 | 9% | 98 | 9% |
| 45-54 | 97 | 9% | 93 | 9% | 92 | 8% | 119 | 11% | 124 | 12% | 120 | 12% | 139 | 13% | 114 | 10% |
| 55-64 | 73 | 7% | 78 | 8% | 93 | 8% | 93 | 9% | 128 | 13% | 132 | 13% | 140 | 13% | 179 | 16% |
| 65-74 | 86 | 8% | 84 | 8% | 104 | 9% | 93 | 9% | 130 | 13% | 130 | 13% | 148 | 14% | 199 | 18% |
| 75+ | 40 | 4% | 83 | 8% | 116 | 11% | 128 | 12% | 130 | 13% | 187 | 18% | 199 | 19% | 267 | 24% |
| TOTAL | 1,054 | 100% | 1,016 | 100% | 1,096 | 100% | 1,058 | 100% | 1,006 | 100% | 1,012 | 100% | 1,056 | 100% | 1,127 | 100% |

| Indigenous status | 1986 | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous | 0 | 11 | 14 | 4 | 3 | 17 |
| Non-Indigenous | 979 | 1,019 | 938 | 980 | 1,022 | 1,062 |
| Not stated | 37 | 28 | 54 | 28 | 24 | 62 |
| TOTAL | 1,016 | 1,058 | 1,006 | 1,012 | 1,049 | 1,129 |

| Education | 1986 | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Bachelor degree or higher | 26 | 54 | 66 | 81 | 93 | 115 |
| Diploma or certificate | 149 | 155 | 172 | 203 | 243 | 284 |
| No post school qualification | 451 | 517 | 445 | 460 | 560 | 494 |
| Not stated | 128 | 78 | 139 | 123 | 130 | 113 |
| TOTAL | 754 | 805 | 823 | 867 | 930 | 1,006 |

*Applies to persons aged 15 and over

| Language spoken at home | 1986 | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| English only | 975 | 1,022 | 912 | 928 | 971 | 1,019 |
| Top 3 LOTEs, 2016: | | | | | | |
| - Dutch: | 2 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 8 |
| - Polish: | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| - Dutch: | 2 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 8 |
| All languages other than English | 39 | 14 | 26 | 30 | 42 | 43 |
| Not stated | 2 | 22 | 68 | 54 | 43 | 62 |
| TOTAL | 1,016 | 1,058 | 1,006 | 1,012 | 1,056 | 1,124 |

| Birthplace | 1986 | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Australia | 901 | 946 | 822 | 827 | 868 | 895 |
| Top 3 overseas birthplaces, 2016: | | | | | | |
| - United Kingdom: | 35 | 40 | 50 | 56 | 60 | 66 |
| - Netherlands: | 4 | 10 | 11 | 15 | 10 | 13 |
| - New Zealand: | 12 | 7 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 12 |
| All overseas birthplaces | 99 | 77 | 105 | 116 | 130 | 148 |
| Birthplace not-stated | 15 | 35 | 79 | 69 | 53 | 84 |
| TOTAL | 1,016 | 1,058 | 1,006 | 1,012 | 1,051 | 1,127 |

| English proficiency among overseas born | 1986* ** | 1996** | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|--------|------|------|------|------|
| Speaks English well or very well (%) | 64% | 66% | 79% | 84% | 100% | 85% |
| Speaks English not well or not at all (%) | 36% | 34% | 0% | 16% | 0% | 18% |
| English proficiency not stated (%) | 0% | 0% | 21% | 0% | 0% | 0% |

*Applies to those born in non-English speaking countries only

**Applies to persons aged 5 and over only

| Family composition | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Couple family* with children | 100 | 90 | 87 | 80 | 81 |
| Couple family* without children | 110 | 120 | 135 | 151 | 145 |
| One parent family | 34 | 31 | 35 | 41 | 47 |
| Other family type | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 246 | 241 | 260 | 272 | 273 |

*Excludes same sex couple families in 1996 only

| Labour force* | 1986 | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Employed | 384 | 364 | 347 | 364 | 413 | 392 |
| Unemployed | 13 | 46 | 31 | 29 | 16 | 27 |
| TOTAL LABOUR FORCE | 398 | 410 | 377 | 393 | 429 | 419 |
| Not in labour force | 342 | 386 | 363 | 412 | 450 | 541 |
| Labour force status not-stated | 14 | 9 | 83 | 62 | 40 | 53 |
| Unemployment rate | 3.3% | 11.3% | 8.2% | 7.3% | 3.7% | 6.4% |
| Participation rate | 53.8% | 51.5% | 51.0% | 48.8% | 48.8% | 43.6% |

*Applies to persons aged 15 and over

| Travel to work* | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Bicycle | 9 | 3 | 10 | 5 | 0 |
| Bus | 3 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 |
| Car as driver | 199 | 185 | 183 | 233 | 232 |
| Car as passenger | 24 | 16 | 15 | 13 | 10 |
| Motor bike/scooter | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Taxi | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Train | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tram or ferry | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Walked only | 41 | 42 | 64 | 56 | 49 |
| Other modes | 10 | 12 | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| Multiple modes | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Work from home | 21 | 23 | 16 | 20 | 26 |
| Did not go to work | 44 | 52 | 51 | 65 | 52 |
| Method of travel not stated | 6 | 10 | 12 | 8 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 364 | 347 | 364 | 412 | 369 |

*Applies to persons aged 15 and over

| Industry of employment* | 1986 | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|---------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing | 31 | 37 | 38 | 15 | 29 | 29 |
| Mining | 9 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 11 | 0 |
| Manufacturing | 26 | 32 | 26 | 23 | 32 | 27 |
| Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services | 9 | 4 | 7 | 13 | 18 | 15 |
| Construction | 46 | 27 | 13 | 38 | 32 | 25 |
| Wholesale Trade | 10 | 9 | 17 | 7 | 13 | 7 |
| Retail Trade | 42 | 38 | 36 | 58 | 60 | 56 |
| Accommodation and Food Services | 18 | 18 | 32 | 62 | 46 | 35 |
| Transport, Postal and Warehousing | 20 | 16 | 16 | 7 | 15 | 10 |
| Information Media and Telecommunications | 9 | 11 | 15 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Financial and Insurance Services | 13 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services | 6 | 8 | 11 | 0 | 5 | 4 |
| Professional, Scientific and Tech. Services | 8 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 13 |
| Administrative and Support Services | 5 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 7 |
| Public Administration and Safety | 36 | 20 | 9 | 12 | 13 | 15 |
| Education and Training | 32 | 43 | 18 | 40 | 32 | 31 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 30 | 28 | 40 | 47 | 45 | 52 |
| Arts and Recreation Services | 6 | 8 | 14 | 12 | 9 | 6 |
| Other Services | 19 | 18 | 21 | 6 | 18 | 20 |
| Inadequately described/Not stated | 9 | 16 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 19 |
| TOTAL | 384 | 364 | 347 | 364 | 410 | 374 |

*Applies to persons aged 15 and over

| Vehicle ownership* | 1986 | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| None | 39 | 70 | 48 | 60 | 35 | 48 |
| 1 motor vehicle | 180 | 224 | 211 | 221 | 228 | 250 |
| 2 motor vehicles | 113 | 113 | 125 | 126 | 159 | 152 |
| 3 or more motor vehicles | 29 | 29 | 41 | 51 | 61 | 64 |
| Not stated | 14 | 24 | 36 | 21 | 32 | 48 |
| TOTAL | 376 | 459 | 460 | 479 | 515 | 557 |

*Number of vehicles excluding motorbikes/scooters per occupied private dwelling

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| | 1981* | 1986 | 1991 | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Dwellings - Number | Number % | Number % | Number % | Number % | Number % | Number % | Number % | Number % |
| Occupied private dwellings | 349 91% | 376 89% | 421 87% | 459 86% | 460 88% | 479 86% | 514 82% | 557 83% |
| Unoccupied private dwellings | 34 9% | 47 11% | 63 13% | 77 14% | 62 12% | 80 14% | 111 18% | 114 17% |
| TOTAL (private dwellings) | 383 100% | 423 100% | 484 100% | 536 100% | 522 100% | 559 100% | 625 100% | 671 100% |
| Dwellings - Type | | | | | | | | |
| Separate house | 334 87% | 335 79% | 382 79% | 410 76% | 429 82% | 428 77% | 494 79% | 577 86% |
| Medium density** | 40 10% | 64 15% | 82 17% | 113 21% | 85 16% | 110 20% | 108 17% | 89 13% |
| Other dwelling | 6 2% | 12 3% | 17 4% | 6 1% | 5 1% | 17 3% | 23 4% | 14 2% |
| Structure not-stated | 3 1% | 12 3% | 3 1% | 7 1% | 3 1% | 4 1% | 0 0% | -8 -1% |
| TOTAL (private dwellings) | 383 100% | 423 100% | 484 100% | 536 100% | 522 100% | 559 100% | 625 100% | 671 100% |
| Dwellings - Tenure | | | | | | | | |
| Fully owned | 117 34% | 146 39% | 189 45% | 214 47% | 214 47% | 228 48% | 241 47% | 263 47% |
| Being purchased | 108 31% | 97 26% | 100 24% | 76 17% | 78 17% | 85 18% | 102 20% | 97 17% |
| Rented - government | 19 5% | 30 8% | 27 7% | 25 5% | 21 5% | 21 4% | 22 4% | 24 4% |
| Rented - other | 74 21% | 70 19% | 78 19% | 105 23% | 85 19% | 101 21% | 113 22% | 109 20% |
| Other and not stated | 31 9% | 32 9% | 27 6% | 39 8% | 61 13% | 44 9% | 37 7% | 48 9% |
| TOTAL (occ. private dwellings) | 349 100% | 376 100% | 421 100% | 459 100% | 460 100% | 479 100% | 515 100% | 557 100% |

*1981 data for dwellings excludes caravans in caravan parks (but includes other caravans). In all other years, all caravans are included.

**Medium density = semi-detached, row or terrace house, flat unit or apartment and other medium density dwellings

| Household size | 1981 | 1986 | 1991 | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 person | 23% | 27% | 32% | 38% | 41% | 41% | 42% | 47% |
| 2 persons | 30% | 31% | 31% | 31% | 32% | 37% | 36% | 36% |
| 3 persons | 11% | 13% | 12% | 13% | 12% | 9% | 11% | 8% |
| 4 persons | 20% | 18% | 13% | 10% | 9% | 8% | 7% | 6% |
| 5 or more persons | 16% | 12% | 12% | 8% | 6% | 5% | 5% | 3% |
| TOTAL | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Av. household size (persons) | 2.86 | 2.62 | 2.48 | 2.20 | 2.08 | 2.03 | 1.94 | 1.86 |

| Household income | 1981 | 1986 | 1991 | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1st quartile (lowest) | 30% | 38% | 40% | 43% | 47% | 44% | 47% | 48% |
| 2nd quartile | 26% | 26% | 32% | 27% | 30% | 29% | 32% | 32% |
| 3rd quartile | 23% | 23% | 21% | 20% | 14% | 18% | 15% | 15% |
| 4th quartile (highest) | 22% | 13% | 7% | 9% | 9% | 8% | 6% | 5% |
| Not stated (households) | 32 | 57 | 76 | 46 | 45 | 48 | 52 | 60 |
| TOTAL (households) | 348 | 375 | 423 | 456 | 445 | 457 | 505 | 536 |

The map below shows the changes of boundary in Foster between 2006 and 2016.

