

## Welcome to the first ever Multicultural Youth Australia Census!

We're interested in learning about young people from migrant and refugee backgrounds. We want to know about who you are, what matters to you and how you're going in life.

Complete the census and leave us your details at the end to enter a prize draw for \$500 to spend at JB HiFi, STA Travel or Coles Myer. There are 3 vouchers to be won.

The data from this census will be used to help organisations who work with young, diverse people to develop better policies and programs. We want to find ways to improve your opportunities and enrich your life.

Data collected will be used to produce the first annual report on the status of multicultural youth in Australia.

The research is being conducted by the [University of Melbourne](#) in partnership with the [Centre for Multicultural Youth](#), the [Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet](#), [Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network](#), [Migrant Resource Centre \(Southern Tasmania\)](#), [Access Community Services](#), [Youth Coalition of the ACT](#), [Multicultural Youth South Australia](#), and [Youth Affairs Council WA](#).

The census will take about 20 minutes.

Participation in the MY Australia Census is voluntary and you can stop participating at any point. Your response will only be included for analysis if you click the 'submit' button at the end of the survey. The information that you give us is confidential and anonymous.

The research is being funded by the Australian Research Council (project number LP150100291). If you have any questions about this research please contact [multiculturalityouth-australia@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:multiculturalityouth-australia@unimelb.edu.au)

\* 1. I am 15-25 years old, consent to participate in this survey and have read and understood the above information

## About you

**First, we'd like to know a few details about you...**

2. What is your postcode?

3. What is your age?

4. What is your ethnic background?

## Your background

5. Were you born in Australia?

Yes

No

## Your background

6. In what country were you born?

7. How long have you been living in Australia?

8. What is the main reason **you** came to Australia? *(Mark ALL that apply)*

- Parent / family's work
- Parent / family's education
- My work
- My education
- To be with my family / partner
- Humanitarian (refugee / asylum seeker)
- Unsure
- Other (please specify)

9. What is your settlement status?

- Australian citizen
- Permanent resident/permanent visa
- Temporary visa
- Unsure

## Your background

10. What are the main reasons **your family** came to Australia? *(Mark ALL that apply)*

- Parent or family's work
- Parent or family's education
- To be with family
- Humanitarian (refugee / asylum seeker)
- Unsure
- Other (please specify)

11. What is your settlement status?

- Australian citizen
- Permanent resident/permanent visa
- Temporary visa
- Unsure

## Language

12. What languages do you communicate in? *(Please list in order of most commonly used)*

1.

2.

3.

13. Please rate how well you know the English language *(Mark ONE for each line)*

	Not well	Well	Very well
I <b>SPEAK</b> English	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I <b>UNDERSTAND</b> English	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I <b>READ</b> English	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I <b>WRITE</b> English	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Important issues

14. What do you think is the most important issue in Australia today?

15. For you personally, how concerned have you been about the following in the past year?

	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Slightly concerned	Not at all concerned
Alcohol	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bullying/emotional abuse	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Body image	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Coping with stress	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Depression	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Discrimination	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Drugs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Family conflict	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gambling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Personal safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School or study problems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Suicide	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Homelessness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Domestic violence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sexual health (STIs, pregnancy)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Physical health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Anxiety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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## Your living situation

16. Which best describes your living situation?

- I live in a home **owned** by me/my family
- I live in a **rental** property
- I live in supported accommodation (eg. Public or social housing)
- Other (please specify)

17. Who do you live with? (*Mark ALL that apply*)

- Parents or guardians
- Brothers or sisters
- My own children
- Other family members
- Partner (spouse/girlfriend/boyfriend)
- Housemates or friends
- Alone
- Other (please specify)



## Your family

18. In what country was your mother/guardian born?



19. What is your mother/guardian's highest level of education?

- None
- Primary school
- High school
- Trade/TAFE/technical/vocational training
- University
- Don't know

20. In what country was your father/guardian born?



21. What is your father/guardian's highest level of education?

- None
- Primary school
- High school
- Trade/TAFE/technical/vocational training
- University
- Don't know

22. Last week, did your parent/guardian have a full-time or part-time job of any kind? (exclude unpaid work)

	Yes full-time	Yes part-time	No	Not sure	Not applicable
Father/guardian	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mother/guardian	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Your family and friends

23. Do you get along with your family?

- Always
- Most of the time
- Sometimes
- Never
- Not applicable

24. Do you have family members living:

	Yes	No
In your local area?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In other parts of Australia?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overseas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

25. Most of my friends come from a similar cultural background to me

- Agree
- Disagree

26. How have you made your friends? (Mark ALL that apply)

- School or educational institution
- Through other friends
- In your neighbourhood
- Ethnic/cultural activities or groups
- Youth groups
- Religious groups or activities
- Online
- Through hobbies or activities (for example at a concert, playing music, making art)
- Sporting groups
- Work
- Travel
- Other (please specify)

27. Thinking about the friends you have now, please answer the following:

	No, not really	Sometimes	Yes, definitely
I can easily find someone to spend time with	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I can easily find someone to help me if I'm in trouble	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

28. Which of the following would you go to for help with important issues in your life? (Mark ALL that apply)

- Brother/sister
- Community agency (eg. youth drop in centre, community centre)
- Counsellor
- Doctor
- Friend/s
- Internet
- Parent/s
- Relative/family friend
- Telephone hotline
- Online counselling website
- Religious leader
- Community leader
- Psychologist
- Partner (boyfriend/girlfriend)
- Teacher
- None of the above
- Other (please specify)

29. How safe do you feel walking alone at night in your local area?

- Very safe
- Safe
- Unsafe
- Very unsafe

## Culture and belonging

30. How much do you agree with the following statements?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Not applicable
I feel like I belong in Australia	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel like I belong at my school/university/TAFE	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel like I belong in my workplace	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel like I belong in my local area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel like I belong in more than one culture	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel like I belong to an ethnic community in Australia	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I seek out different cultural experiences (eg. food, music)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It's important for me to maintain my cultural heritage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

31. In the **past year** have you travelled overseas: *(Mark ALL that apply)*

- To visit family
- To visit friends
- To work
- For a holiday
- To study
- I haven't been overseas in the past year
- Other (please specify)

## Values and goals

32. How important are the following goals in your life?

	Low importance	Medium importance	High importance	Very high importance
To make a lot of money	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To live up to religious or spiritual ideals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To pursue a life of pleasure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To have a special relationship with someone	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To be active in working for a better society	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To have children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To have a job I'm passionate about	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Unfair treatment and discrimination

Now we want to ask some questions about how you are treated by others.

In these questions we ask about different aspects of your identity such as race, religion, age, disability, gender and sexuality.

Gender means whether you are a man or a woman.

Sexuality is about who you're attracted to (eg. straight, lesbian, gay, bisexual, heterosexual or queer). It is not about who you have sex with but about the sexual feelings and attractions you have towards other people.

33. In the last 12 months, **have you experienced any unfair treatment or discrimination** due to your gender, race, sexuality, religion, age or disability? *This could mean any treatment which is unjust and disrespectful, including being teased or dismissed*

Yes

No

## Unfair treatment and discrimination

34. Were you discriminated based on: *(Mark ALL that apply)*

- Gender
- Race
- Sexuality
- Religion
- Age
- Disability
- Other (please specify)

35. Where did this discrimination occur? *(Mark ALL that apply)*

- At my place of work
- On the street
- When shopping
- At a social gathering
- On public transport
- At a sporting event
- At an educational institution
- In a government office
- In a home
- At a bar or nightclub
- Online
- Other (please specify)



## Unfair treatment and discrimination

36. In the last 12 months, **have you witnessed someone else** being unfairly treated or discriminated against due to their gender, race, sexuality, religion, age or disability? *This could mean any treatment which is unjust and disrespectful, including being teased or dismissed*

Yes

No

## Unfair treatment and discrimination

37. Was the discrimination you witnessed based on: *(Mark ALL that apply)*

- Gender
- Race
- Sexuality
- Religion
- Age
- Disability
- Other (please specify)

38. Where did you witness this unfair treatment or discrimination? *(Mark ALL that apply)*

- At my place of work
- On the street
- When shopping
- At a social gathering
- On public transport
- At a sporting event
- At an educational institution
- In a government office
- In a home
- At a bar or nightclub
- Online
- Other (please specify)

## Your education

39. Are you currently studying?

Yes

No

## Your education

40. Which of the following best describes your study this year?

- Full-time study
- Part-time study

## Your education

41. Which of the following best describes your full-time study?

- Full-time study at high school
- Full-time study at university
- Full-time study at TAFE
- Full-time study at private college
- Full-time study at English Language School

42. At present I like school/university/TAFE...

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

## Your education

43. Which of the following best describes your part-time study?

- Part-time study at high school
- Part-time study at university
- Part-time study at TAFE
- Part-time study at private college
- Part-time study at English Language School

44. At present I like school/university/TAFE...

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

## Your work

45. What is your current work situation? *(Mark ALL that apply)*

- In a full-time job
- In a part-time job
- In casual/irregular paid job
- Looking for work
- Working for myself
- In a number of jobs
- Doing voluntary work
- Family/home duties
- Not working and NOT looking for work
- Other (please specify)

## Your work

46. How did you find your current main job?

- Family member / family friend
- Friend
- Online (eg. seek.com.au)
- Job agency / job network
- Volunteering / internship
- Work contacts
- Approached the workplace (via phone or in person)
- Other (please specify)

47. To what extent do you agree with the following statements about your current work?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
The pay is good	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It lets me use my skills and abilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is directly related to my qualifications	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel physically safe at work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am treated with respect at work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



## Work

48. Would you like to work:

- MORE hours than you currently do
- LESS hours than you currently do
- Neither more or less hours

49. For you personally, how easy or difficult has it been to find work?

- Very difficult
- Difficult
- Easy
- Very easy
- I haven't looked for work

## Difficulty finding work

50. What made it difficult?

## Achieving your study/work goals

51. How do you feel about your ability to achieve your study/work goals?

- Very positive
- Positive
- Negative
- Very negative

52. What are the main barriers to achieving these goals? *(Mark ALL that apply)*

- Academic ability
- Family responsibilities
- Financial difficulty
- Gender discrimination
- Homophobia
- Lack of experience
- Lack of jobs
- Physical or mental health
- Racial discrimination
- Family expectations
- I don't think there'll be any barriers
- Other (please specify)

## Your finances

53. Over the past year have you had difficulty meeting the following costs?(Mark ALL that apply)

- Food
- Rent or mortgage payments
- House bills (power, rates, water)
- Other bills (mobile phone, internet bills)
- Transport costs (car registration, public transport)
- Supporting family
- Health costs
- Study costs
- None of the above

Other (please specify)

## Activities and interests

54. Have you been involved in any of the following **political activities** in the **past year**? (*Mark ALL that apply*)

- Contacted a politician about an issue you care about
- Signed a petition or an online campaign
- Thought ethically about what products you buy (eg. buying fair trade coffee)
- Expressed an opinion on social media about an issue you care about
- Attended a protest or demonstration
- None of the above

Other (please specify)

55. In the **past year**, have you been involved in the following activities/groups: (*Mark ALL that apply*)

- Arts/cultural/music activities
- Environmental group/activity
- Political groups/organisations
- Sports (as a participant)
- Sports (as a spectator)
- Religious or cultural activities (eg. community celebrations, events, groups etc.)
- Youth leadership initiatives (eg. youth councils, youth reference groups, youth-led groups or organisations etc.)
- Student leadership activities
- Volunteer work
- Youth groups and clubs
- None of the above
- Other (please specify)

56. In the **past year** have you been to: *(Mark ALL that apply)*

- Art galleries and museums
- Concerts
- Live music shows or DJs
- Theatre and dance performances
- Cinema
- Zoos and aquariums
- Local community events
- Arts festivals
- Public lectures and networking events

57. Where else do you go to relax or socialise? *(Mark ALL that apply)*

- Shopping centres
- Parks
- Sports facilities
- Bars and nightclubs
- Restaurants
- Other (please specify)

58. What stops you from doing the activities above as much as you would like to? *(Mark ALL that apply)*

- It is too difficult to travel
- I'm worried I won't fit in
- I don't have enough time
- My family doesn't want me to
- I am not confident with my English
- It costs too much
- I don't have anyone to go with
- None of the above
- Other (please specify)

## Activities and interests

59. What do you use social media for? (Mark ALL that apply)

- Keep in contact with family/friends
- To make new friends
- For dating
- To keep informed about social or political issues
- To inform others about social or political issues
- Post/share photos
- Be involved in creative networks (eg. Soundcloud, Tumblr, YouTube)
- To hear about local events
- Other (please specify)

60. How often do you use the internet to contact family and friends **overseas**?

- Everyday
- Weekly
- About once a month
- About once a year
- Once every few years
- Never

## About you

**We're almost finished! We just want to know a little more about who you are...**

61. Are you?

- Female
- Male
- Don't want to say
- Other (please specify)

62. Do you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- Don't want to say

63. Do you identify as LGBTQI (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex)?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- Don't want to say

64. Sometimes people with disabilities have different experiences than others. Do you identify as someone who has a physical or intellectual disability?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- Don't want to say



65. Are you a member of, or do you identify with, a religious group?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- Don't want to say

## Religion and spirituality

66. What is your religion?

67. One last question:

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Your details will be kept confidential. Your name will be removed from the rest of the survey, so we'll have no way of linking your personal identity to your survey responses.

NAME

PHONE NUMBER OR  
EMAIL ADDRESS

**We'd like to hear from as many young people as possible so please share this survey with your friends and family via social media (there's a Facebook link below!)**