

The Bulgaria-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 96)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 989 Bulgaria-born persons in Victoria (30.1% of Australia's total), ranked 96th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Bulgaria-born increased by 10.4% (93) from 896 persons in 2011. They are well distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with minor concentrations in the LGAs of Casey (6.7%), Greater Dandenong (6.4%), Stonnington (5.0%), Brimbank (4.9%) and the regional LGA of Greater Geelong (5.1%).

The Bulgaria-born reflected a mature age profile: 9.2% were aged 25 years and below; 36.4% were aged 26-44 years; 34.9% were aged 45-64 years; and 18.9% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 46 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 82 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 1,898 persons identified with Bulgarian ancestry. Most of them were born in Australia (42.7%) and Bulgaria (40.4%). Almost half (45.2%) of the Bulgaria-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 11.3% arrived in 1996-2000; 11.7% arrived in 2001-2005; 12.5% arrived in 2006-2010; and 18.1% arrived in 2011-2016.

Over half (55.1%) of the Bulgaria-born speak Bulgarian and 19.5% speak Turkish. Of those who speak another language, 12.8% speak English not well/not at all. The Bulgaria-born follow a variety of religions: 35.9% are Eastern Orthodox; 16.6% follow Islam; and 14.4% are Christians not further defined; 20.8% have no religion. Three-quarters (75.1%) have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Bulgaria-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 ^(a)	906	27.6	805	27.6	746	27.9	101	12.5	59	7.9
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	89	2.7	92	3.2	88	3.3	-3	-3.3	4	4.5
Total Victoria	989	30.1	896	30.7	840	31.4	93	10.4	56	6.7
Total Australia	3,284	100.0	2,915	100.0	2,677	100.0	369	12.7	238	8.9

^(a) Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.

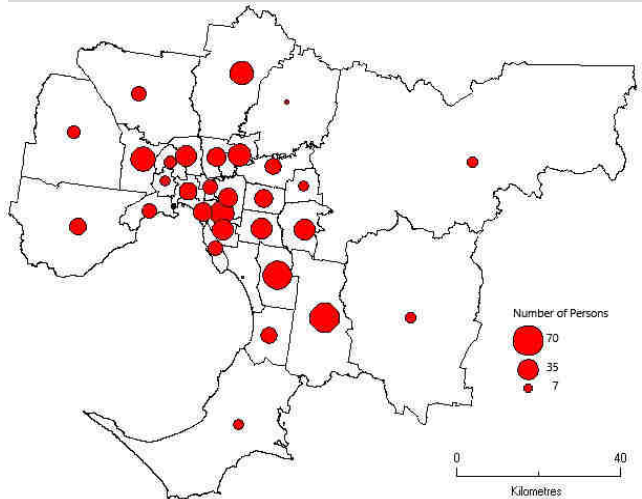
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

Distribution of Bulgaria-born, Top 5 LGAs: 2016 Census

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Casey (C)	66	6.7	55	6.1	3
Gter Dandenong (C)	63	6.4	75	8.4	1
Greater Geelong (C)	50	5.1	56	6.3	2
Stonnington (C)	49	5.0	37	4.1	7
Brimbank (C)	48	4.9	48	5.4	4
Rest of Melbourne	656	66.3	581	64.8	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	36	3.6	36	4.0	-
Total Victoria	989	100.0	896	100.0	-

^(a) Includes "Unincorporated Vic" and "No Usual Address Vic".

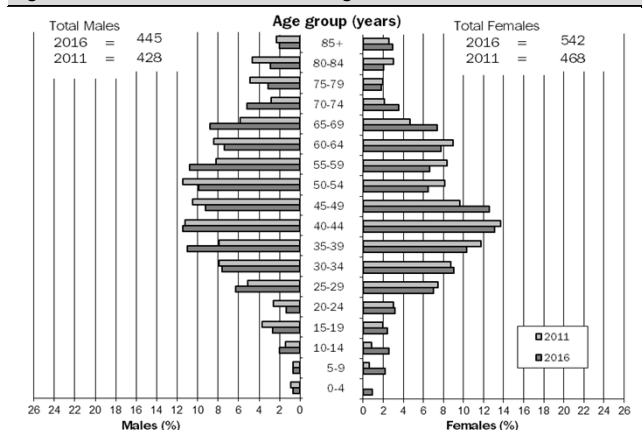
Distribution of Bulgaria-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Bulgaria-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	7	0.7	4	0.4	75.0
5-11	20	2.0	10	1.1	100.0
12-18	23	2.3	31	3.5	-25.8
19-25	42	4.2	42	4.7	-
26-44	360	36.4	321	35.8	12.1
45-54	186	18.8	177	19.8	5.1
55-64	159	16.1	150	16.7	6.0
65-74	115	11.6	74	8.3	55.4
75+	72	7.3	93	10.4	-22.6
Total Victoria	989	100.0	896	100.0	10.4
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>46</i>		<i>47</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>82</i>		<i>91 males per 100 females</i>		

Age and Gender Distribution of Bulgaria-born, Victoria, 2016



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Bulgaria	766	40.4	617	43.5	24.1
Turkey	60	3.2	33	2.3	81.8
Israel	35	1.8	14	1.0	150.0
FYR Macedonia	23	1.2	-	-	-
Greece	16	0.8	-	-	-
Australia	811	42.7	636	44.8	27.5
Other ^(a)	172	9.1	120	8.5	43.3
Total responses^(b)	1,898	100.0	1,420	100.0	33.7

^(a) Includes all other countries, and birthplace not stated.

^(b) 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 Bulgaria-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Bulgarian	545	55.1	450	50.2	21.1
Turkish	193	19.5	214	23.9	-9.8
Greek	19	1.9	21	2.3	-9.5
Macedonian	13	1.3	15	1.7	-13.3
Italian	5	0.5	3	0.3	66.7
Other languages ^(a)	21	2.1	41	4.6	-48.8
English only	179	18.1	148	16.5	20.9
Not stated	9	0.9	4	0.4	125.0
Total Victoria	989	100.0	896	100.0	10.4

^(a) Includes "Inadequately described" and "Non-verbal, so described".

Top 5 Religious affiliation, Bulgaria-born: 2016, 2011

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Eastern Orthodox	355	35.9	439	49.0	-19.1
Islam	164	16.6	208	23.2	-21.2
Christian, nfd	142	14.4	16	1.8	787.5
Catholic	18	1.8	25	2.8	-28.0
Judaism	12	1.2	16	1.8	-25.0
Other religions	33	3.3	30	3.3	10.0
No religion ^(b)	206	20.8	116	12.9	77.6
Not stated	50	5.1	46	5.1	8.7
Total Victoria	989	100.0	896	100.0	10.4

^(a) Religion based on 3 digit level of classification.

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Bulgaria-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Bulgaria-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	447	45.2	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	112	11.3	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	116	11.7	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	124	12.5	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	179	18.1	381,130	22.7
Not stated	16	1.6	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	989	100.0	1,680,256	100.0

^(a) Records the year of arrival in Australia for people born overseas

who intend staying in Australia for at least one year.

^(b) Arrivals up to 9 Aug 2016.

^(c) OSB stands for Overseas-born.

Proficiency in English of Bulgaria-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	179	18.1	148	16.5	20.9
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	467	47.2	403	45.0	15.9
Well	216	21.8	220	24.6	-1.8
Not well	113	11.4	95	10.6	18.9
Not at all	14	1.4	25	2.8	-44.0
Not stated ^(a)	7	0.7	8	0.9	-12.5
Total Victoria	989	100.0	896	100.0	10.4

^(a) Includes those who did not Distribution of Bulgaria-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016

Bulgaria-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2016, 2011

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	3	0.4	3	0.4	-
5-11	10	1.3	11	1.5	-9.1
12-18	17	2.3	16	2.2	6.3
19-25	22	3.0	29	3.9	-24.1
26-44	224	30.1	238	32.1	-5.9
45-64	305	41.0	295	39.8	3.4
65-74	109	14.7	66	8.9	65.2
75+	60	8.1	76	10.3	-21.1
Total	743	100.0	741	100.0	0.3
% of Bulgaria-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					75.1%
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.3%

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Bulgaria-born are fairly different from those for total Victoria: 22.2% have a bachelor degree and 16.1% have a postgraduate degree, compared to 16.5% and 5.4% for total Victoria; 44.6% of the Bulgaria-born have a certificate or school education only compared to 53.1% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Bulgaria-born at 63.5% is slightly higher than total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 8.2% is also higher than Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Bulgaria-born are slightly different from those for total Victoria. One-third (32.5%) work as professionals and 8.5% are machinery operators, compared with 23.3% and 5.8% for Victoria. Less of the Bulgaria-born are technicians and trade workers (11.4%) and clerical and administrative workers (8.7%) compared to 13.1% and 13.3% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns of the Bulgaria-born are also different from those for total Victoria. More of them are employed in professional, scientific, technical and administration (17.4%), compared to 11.4% for Victoria; and less are employed in wholesale and retail trade (9.1%), compared to Victoria (13.4%).

The weekly personal income distribution pattern of the Bulgaria-born is fairly similar to total Victoria. The exception is that a slightly higher proportion (42.0%) of the Bulgaria-born receive income of \$800 or more compared to Victoria (37.8%).

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Bulgaria-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	152	16.1	116	13.3	36	31.0	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	15	1.6	8	0.9	7	87.5	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	210	22.2	178	20.5	32	18.0	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	71	7.5	65	7.5	6	9.2	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	106	11.2	90	10.3	16	17.8	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	316	33.4	308	35.4	8	2.6	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	13	1.4	10	1.1	3	30.0	1,000,000	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	73	7.7	97	11.1	-24	-24.7	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	947	100.0	870	100.0	77	8.9	4,845,710	100.0	4,355,243	100.0	490,467	11.3

^(a)This variable is applicable to persons aged 15 years and over.

^(b)Includes persons who completed school to between Year 8 or below, and Year 12 level.

^(c)Includes persons whose qualification is out of scope of this variable.

^(d)Includes "Inadequately described".

Labour force participation, Bulgaria-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Bulgaria-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>	600	60.7	520	58.0	80	15.4	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	551	55.7	471	52.6	80	17.0	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	49	5.0	49	5.5	-	-	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	335	33.9	332	37.1	3	0.9	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	14	1.4	14	1.6	-	-	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	44	4.4	24	2.7	20	83.3	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	989	100.0	896	100.0	93	10.4	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	63.5%		59.6%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	8.2%		9.4%				6.6%		5.4%			

^(a)This variable is applicable to persons 15 years and over.

^(b)Persons aged under 15 years.

^(c)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.

^(d)The unemployment rate represents the number of unemployed persons expressed as a % of the labour force.

Occupation, Bulgaria-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Bulgaria-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	61	11.1	45	9.6	16	35.6	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	179	32.5	151	32.1	28	18.5	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	63	11.4	58	12.3	5	8.6	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	55	10.0	53	11.3	2	3.8	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	48	8.7	47	10.0	1	2.1	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	28	5.1	31	6.6	-3	-9.7	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	47	8.5	32	6.8	15	46.9	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	60	10.9	42	8.9	18	42.9	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	9	1.6	9	1.9	-	-	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	551	100.0	471	100.0	80	17.0	2,736,125	100.0	2,530,635	100.0	205,490	8.1

^(a)This variable is applicable to employed persons aged 15 years and over.

^(b)Includes "Inadequately described".

Industry of Employment, Bulgaria-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Bulgaria-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	5	0.9	4	0.8	1	25.0	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	50	9.1	56	11.9	-6	-10.7	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	3	0.5	-	-	3	-	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	43	7.8	31	6.6	12	38.7	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	50	9.1	51	10.8	-1	-2.0	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	33	6.0	31	6.6	2	6.5	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	34	6.2	23	4.9	11	47.8	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	17	3.1	11	2.3	6	54.5	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	31	5.6	28	5.9	3	10.7	104,701	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	10	1.8	3	0.6	7	233.3	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	96	17.4	80	17.0	16	20.0	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	32	5.8	24	5.1	8	33.3	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	42	7.6	30	6.4	12	40.0	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	62	11.3	62	13.2	-	-	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	17	3.1	17	3.6	-	-	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	21	3.8	21	4.5	-	-	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	551	100.0	471	100.0	80	17.0	2,736,125	100.0	2,530,635	100.0	205,490	8.1

^(a)This variable is applicable to employed persons aged 15 and over.

Total Personal Income (Weekly), Bulgaria-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Bulgaria-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	3	0.3	5	0.6	-2	-40.0	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	86	9.1	71	8.2	15	21.1	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	229	24.2	302	34.7	-73	-24.2	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	212	22.4	187	21.5	25	13.4	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	171	18.1	131	15.1	40	30.5	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	147	15.5	106	12.2	41	38.7	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	80	8.4	45	5.2	35	77.8	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	21	2.2	32	3.7	-11	-34.4	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	947	100.0	870	100.0	77	8.9	4,845,710	100.0	4,355,243	100.0	490,467	11.3

^(a)Applicable to persons aged 15 years and over.

This fact sheet is available for free download at 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*.