

The Zimbabwe-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 58)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 4,694 Zimbabwe-born persons in Victoria (13.5% of Australia's total), ranked 58th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Zimbabwe-born increased by 24.2% (914) from 3,780 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the LGAs of Casey (10.5%), Whittlesea (7.6%), Wyndham (6.1%), Frankston (3.9%) and Whitehorse (3.5%); 15.2% of Zimbabwe-born in Victoria live in regional Victoria.

The Zimbabwe-born reflected a balanced age profile: 19.8% were aged 25 years and under; 47.0% were aged 26-44; 27.2% were aged 45-64; and 6.0% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 38 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 93 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 2,805 persons identified with Zimbabwean ancestry. Most of them were born in Zimbabwe (64.0%), Australia (24.6%), England (4.2%) and South Africa (3.3%). One-fifth (18.6%) of Zimbabwe-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 5.8% arrived in 1996-2000; 19.3% arrived in 2001-2005; 32.6% arrived in 2006-2010; and 21.8% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most of the Zimbabwe-born speak English only (50.0%), Shona (39.6%) and Ndebele (3.7%). Almost one-fifth (17.1%) of Zimbabwe-born are Catholic; 14.7% have no religion; 13.9% are Christian, not further defined; 12.3% are Pentecostal; and 11.8% are Anglican. Two-thirds (64.4%) of Zimbabwe-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Zimbabwe-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)	4,032	11.6	3,160	10.4	1,904	9.4	872	27.6	1,256	66.0
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	656	1.9	623	2.1	464	2.3	33	5.3	159	34.3
Total Victoria	4,694	13.5	3,780	12.5	2,369	11.8	914	24.2	1,411	59.6
Total Australia	34,787	100.0	30,251	100.0	20,155	100.0	4,536	15.0	10,096	50.1

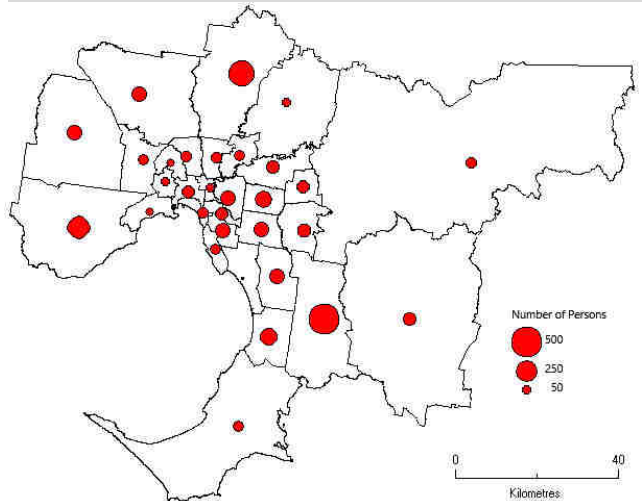
^(a) Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Casey (C)	492	10.5	294	7.8	1
Whittlesea (C)	359	7.6	132	3.5	9
Wyndham (C)	288	6.1	151	4.0	6
Frankston (C)	181	3.9	166	4.4	4
Whitehorse (C)	165	3.5	212	5.6	2
Rest of Melbourne	2,465	52.5	2,178	57.6	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	715	15.2	643	17.0	-
Total Victoria	4,694	100.0	3,780	100.0	-

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

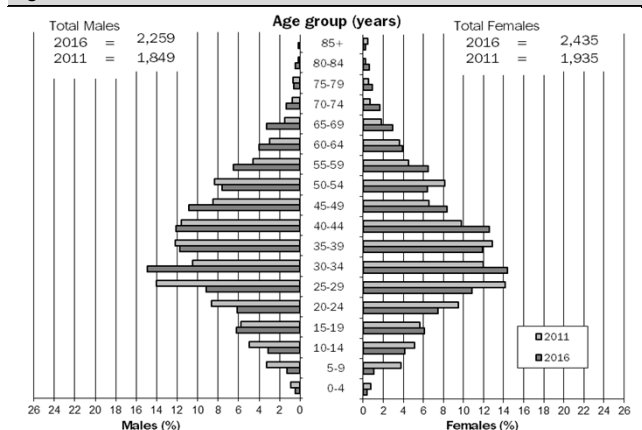
Distribution of Zimbabwe-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Zimbabwe-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	15	0.3	28	0.7	-46.4
5-11	113	2.4	201	5.3	-43.8
12-18	323	6.9	299	7.9	8.0
19-25	480	10.2	523	13.8	-8.2
26-44	2,204	47.0	1,699	44.9	29.7
45-54	777	16.6	604	16.0	28.6
55-64	499	10.6	304	8.0	64.1
65-74	212	4.5	87	2.3	143.7
75+	72	1.5	38	1.0	89.5
Total Victoria	4,694	100.0	3,780	100.0	24.2
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>38</i>		<i>35</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>93</i>		<i>96</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Zimbabwe	1,794	64.0	1,417	70.3	26.6
England	117	4.2	71	3.5	64.8
South Africa	93	3.3	64	3.2	45.3
New Zealand	41	1.5	10	0.5	310.0
Zambia	7	0.2	4	0.2	75.0
Australia	689	24.6	392	19.4	75.8
Other ^(a)	54	1.9	58	2.9	-6.9
Total responses^(b)	2,805	100.0	2,016	100.0	39.1

^(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 Zimbabwe-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Shona	1,858	39.6	1,387	36.7	34.0
Ndebele	174	3.7	117	3.1	48.7
Afrikaans	73	1.6	41	1.1	78.0
Greek	29	0.6	21	0.6	38.1
Zulu	27	0.6	46	1.2	-41.3
Other languages ^(a)	156	3.3	132	3.5	18.2
English only	2,349	50.0	2,007	53.1	17.0
Not stated	22	0.5	29	0.8	-24.1
Total Victoria	4,694	100.0	3,780	100.0	24.2

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Catholic	804	17.1	808	21.4	-0.5
Christian, nfd	654	13.9	367	9.7	78.2
Pentecostal	579	12.3	394	10.4	47.0
Anglican	554	11.8	545	14.4	1.7
Other Protestant	168	3.6	22	0.6	663.6
Other religions	1,045	22.3	1,086	28.7	-3.8
No religion ^(b)	689	14.7	441	11.7	56.2
Not stated	193	4.1	117	3.1	65.0
Total Victoria	4,694	100.0	3,780	100.0	24.2

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Zimbabwe-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Zimbabwe-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	875	18.6	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	271	5.8	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	906	19.3	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	1,530	32.6	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	1,022	21.8	381,130	22.7
Not stated	76	1.6	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	4,694	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 Zimbabwe-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	2,349	50.0	2,007	53.1	17.0
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	2,125	45.3	1,555	41.1	36.7
Well	166	3.5	155	4.1	7.1
Not well	4	0.1	11	0.3	-63.6
Not at all	3	0.1	-	-	-
Not stated ^(a)	47	1.0	42	1.1	11.9
Total Victoria	4,694	100.0	3,780	100.0	24.2

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	4	0.1	3	0.2	33.3
5-11	61	2.0	58	3.0	5.2
12-18	204	6.7	141	7.3	44.7
19-25	273	9.0	182	9.4	50.0
26-44	1,262	41.7	744	38.4	69.6
45-64	992	32.8	697	36.0	42.3
65-74	179	5.9	72	3.7	148.6
75+	50	1.7	31	1.6	61.3
Total	3,025	100.0	1,935	100.0	56.3
% of Zimbabwe-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					64.4%
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.3%

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Zimbabwe-born are higher than for total Victoria: 11.5% have a postgraduate degree; 3.6% have a grad diploma or grad certificate; and 31.9% have a bachelor degree and 18.3% have an advanced diploma or diploma, compared to 5.4%, 16.5% and 9.2% for total Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Zimbabwe-born at 82.6% is also higher than total Victoria at 60.5%. The unemployment rate for the Zimbabwe-born at 6.8% is slightly higher than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Zimbabwe-born are different to those for total Victoria. The Zimbabwe-born are underrepresented in all but two occupations. More of the Zimbabwe-born are professionals (40.5%) and community & personal service workers (15.3%), compared to 23.3% and 10.6% for total Victoria. Less are technicians and trades workers (7.3%), sales workers (5.9%) and labourers (4.7%), compared to 13.1%, 9.7% and 9.0% for Victoria.

The employment patterns of the Zimbabwe-born are also different to those for total Victoria. Less of the Zimbabwe-born are employed in construction (3.2%), wholesale & retail trade (8.4%) and accommodation & food services (4.1%), compared to 8.3%, 13.4% and 6.6% for total Victoria. More of the Zimbabwe-born are employed in finance & insurance (6.9%) and health care & social assistance (31.1%), compared to 3.9% and 12.5% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Zimbabwe-born is higher than total Victoria. More of the Zimbabwe-born receive \$800-\$1,249 (20.9%), \$1,250-\$1,999 (25.6%) and \$2,000 or more (13.6%), compared to 16.7%, 13.6% and 7.5% for total Victoria. Less of them receive \$1-\$399 (11.7%) and \$400-\$799 (15.2%), compared to 20.1% and 23.1% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Zimbabwe-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	514	11.5	290	8.5	224	77.2	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	160	3.6	104	3.0	56	53.8	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	1,420	31.9	984	28.7	436	44.3	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	813	18.3	717	20.9	96	13.4	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	463	10.4	400	11.7	63	15.8	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	882	19.8	731	21.4	151	20.7	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	3	0.1	3	0.1	-	-	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	203	4.6	203	5.9	-	-	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	4,453	100.0	3,423	100.0	1,030	30.1	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, Zimbabwe-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Zimbabwe-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>	3,680	78.4	2,858	75.6	822	28.8	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	3,429	73.1	2,724	72.1	705	25.9	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	251	5.3	134	3.5	117	87.3	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	748	15.9	554	14.7	194	35.0	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
Not stated	28	0.6	13	0.3	15	115.4	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
Not applicable ^(b)	241	5.1	360	9.5	-119	-33.1	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	4,694	100.0	3,780	100.0	914	24.2	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	82.6%		83.6%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	6.8%		4.7%				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, Zimbabwe-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Zimbabwe-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	399	11.6	338	12.4	61	18.0	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	1,390	40.5	1,049	38.5	341	32.5	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	249	7.3	208	7.6	41	19.7	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	523	15.3	439	16.1	84	19.1	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	394	11.5	310	11.4	84	27.1	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	202	5.9	142	5.2	60	42.3	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	72	2.1	58	2.1	14	24.1	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	161	4.7	122	4.5	39	32.0	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	40	1.2	55	2.0	-15	-27.3	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	3,429	100.0	2,724	100.0	705	25.9	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, Zimbabwe-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Zimbabwe-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	63	1.8	45	1.7	18	40.0	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	196	5.7	218	8.0	-22	-10.1	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	42	1.2	24	0.9	18	75.0	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	111	3.2	82	3.0	29	35.4	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	289	8.4	256	9.4	33	12.9	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	139	4.1	110	4.0	29	26.4	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	103	3.0	68	2.5	35	51.5	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	68	2.0	42	1.5	26	61.9	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	238	6.9	174	6.4	64	36.8	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	36	1.0	28	1.0	8	28.6	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	397	11.6	387	14.2	10	2.6	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	162	4.7	102	3.7	60	58.8	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	233	6.8	159	5.8	74	46.5	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	1,066	31.1	860	31.6	206	24.0	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	153	4.5	130	4.8	23	17.7	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	131	3.8	45	1.7	86	191.1	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	3,429	100.0	2,724	100.0	705	25.9	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), Zimbabwe-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Zimbabwe-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	19	0.4	20	0.6	-1	-5.0	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	451	10.1	319	9.3	132	41.4	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	521	11.7	470	13.7	51	10.9	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	677	15.2	679	19.8	-2	-0.3	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	932	20.9	820	24.0	112	13.7	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	1,138	25.6	644	18.8	494	76.7	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	605	13.6	367	10.7	238	64.9	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	101	2.3	102	3.0	-1	-1.0	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	4,453	100.0	3,423	100.0	1,030	30.1	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*.