

The Cambodia-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 32)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 13,587 Cambodia-born persons in Victoria (41.0% of Australia's total), ranked 32nd among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Cambodia-born increased by 19.7% (2,232) from 11,355 persons in 2011. They live mainly in the southeast of Metropolitan Melbourne, mainly in the LGAs of Greater Dandenong (50.5%), Casey (12.2%), Kingston (7.0%), Knox (3.9%); and Monash (3.5%).

The Cambodia-born reflected a balanced age profile: 13.7% were aged 25 years and below; 38.7% were aged 26-44 years; 36.4% were aged 45-64 years; and 11.3% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 43 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 83 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for Victoria.

There were 18,225 persons identified with Cambodian ancestry. Most of them were born in Cambodia (55.3%) and Australia (35.3%). Half (49.5%) of the Cambodian-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 9.7% arrived in 1996-2000; 8.6% arrived in 2001-2005; 11.9% arrived in 2006-2010; and 16.8% arrived in 2011-2016.

Three-quarters (75.1%) of the Cambodia-born speak Khmer at home. Of those who speak another language, 40.4% speak English not well or not at all. Three-quarters (74.4%) of the Cambodian-born follow Buddhism; 13.5% have no religion. Over three-quarters (76.9%) have Australian citizenship compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria.

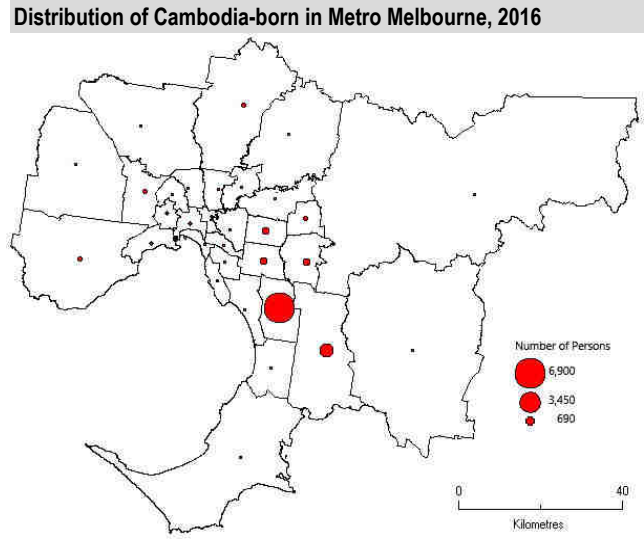
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Location	2016 Census		2011 Census		2006 Census		Change 2011-2016		Change 2006-2011	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	% change
Metro Melbourne ^(a)	13,259	40.0	11,106	39.2	9,642	39.3	2,153	19.4	1,464	15.2
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	337	1.0	250	0.9	151	0.6	87	34.8	99	65.6
Total Victoria	13,587	41.0	11,355	40.1	9,790	39.9	2,232	19.7	1,565	16.0
Total Australia	33,149	100.0	28,329	100.0	24,528	100.0	4,820	17.0	3,801	15.5

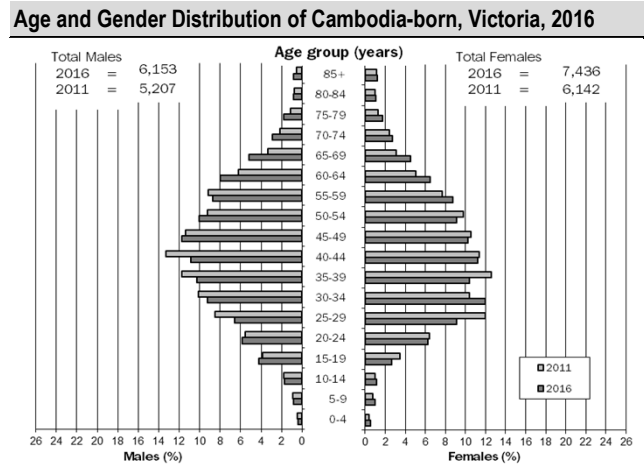
^(a) Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Gter Dandenong (C)	6,860	50.5	5,439	47.9	1
Casey (C)	1,656	12.2	1,310	11.5	2
Kingston (C)	950	7.0	956	8.4	3
Knox (C)	536	3.9	561	4.9	4
Monash (C)	470	3.5	429	3.8	6
Rest of Melbourne	2,764	20.3	2,381	21.0	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	323	2.4	248	2.2	-
Total Victoria	13,587	100.0	11,355	100.0	-

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



Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	66	0.5	44	0.4	50.0
5-11	185	1.4	151	1.3	22.5
12-18	459	3.4	399	3.5	15.0
19-25	1,148	8.4	968	8.5	18.6
26-44	5,253	38.7	4,928	43.4	6.6
45-54	2,780	20.5	2,332	20.5	19.2
55-64	2,163	15.9	1,584	13.9	36.6
65-74	1,032	7.6	618	5.4	67.0
75+	506	3.7	333	2.9	52.0
Total Victoria	13,587	100.0	11,355	100.0	19.7
<i>Median Age</i>	43		41		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	83		85 males per 100 females		



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Cambodia	10,085	55.3	7,503	57.7	34.4
Thailand	688	3.8	665	5.1	3.5
New Zealand	382	2.1	258	2.0	48.1
Vietnam	201	1.1	113	0.9	77.9
France	25	0.1	17	0.1	47.1
Australia	6,428	35.3	4,161	32.0	54.5
Other ^(a)	415	2.3	290	2.2	43.1
Total responses^(b)	18,225	100.0	13,007	100.0	40.1

^(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 Cambodia-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Khmer	10,209	75.1	8,027	70.7	27.2
Min Nan	636	4.7	620	5.5	2.6
Cantonese	632	4.7	785	6.9	-19.5
Mandarin	632	4.7	559	4.9	13.1
Vietnamese	342	2.5	377	3.3	-9.3
Other languages ^(a)	245	1.8	267	2.4	-8.2
English only	816	6.0	618	5.4	32.0
Not stated	66	0.5	102	0.9	-35.3
Total Victoria	13,587	100.0	11,355	100.0	19.7

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Buddhism	10,102	74.4	8,998	79.2	12.3
Catholic	274	2.0	310	2.7	-11.6
Christian, nfd	260	1.9	145	1.3	79.3
Baptist	167	1.2	272	2.4	-38.6
Uniting Church	69	0.5	79	0.7	-12.7
Other religions	237	1.7	239	2.1	-0.8
No religion ^(b)	1,840	13.5	916	8.1	100.9
Not stated	635	4.7	396	3.5	60.4
Total Victoria	13,587	100.0	11,355	100.0	19.7

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Cambodia-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Cambodia-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	6,730	49.5	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	1,319	9.7	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	1,167	8.6	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	1,615	11.9	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	2,282	16.8	381,130	22.7
Not stated	476	3.5	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	13,587	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 Cambodia-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	816	6.0	618	5.4	32.0
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	2,719	20.0	2,410	21.2	12.8
Well	4,441	32.7	3,590	31.6	23.7
Not well	4,454	32.8	3,756	33.1	18.6
Not at all	1,038	7.6	820	7.2	26.6
Not stated ^(a)	127	0.9	159	1.4	-20.1
Total Victoria	13,587	100.0	11,355	100.0	19.7

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	41	0.4	29	0.3	41.4
5-11	80	0.8	78	0.8	2.6
12-18	178	1.7	213	2.3	-16.4
19-25	419	4.0	508	5.5	-17.5
26-44	3,884	37.2	4,038	43.3	-3.8
45-64	4,424	42.3	3,575	38.4	23.7
65-74	949	9.1	564	6.1	68.3
75+	470	4.5	311	3.3	51.1
Total	10,448	100.0	9,317	100.0	12.1
% of Cambodia-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					76.9%
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.3%

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Cambodia-born are lower than for total Victoria: 55.5% have school education only and 15.8% have no educational attainment, compared to 38.7% and 1.0% for Victoria. Only 11.9% have a bachelor degree or higher, compared to 24.4% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Cambodia-born at 56.8% is slightly lower than for total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 9.8% is higher than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Cambodia-born are significantly different from those of total Victoria: 30.4% work as labourers and 15.7% are machinery operators and drivers, compared to 9.0% and 5.8% for total Victoria. Less of the Cambodia-born work as managers (9.8%) and professionals (8.4%), compared to 13.5% and 23.3% for Victoria.

There are also significant differences in the industry of employment patterns of the Cambodia-born and total Victoria. More of them are employed in manufacturing (28.9%) and agriculture, forestry, fishing and mining (6.4%) compared to 7.8% and 2.6% for Victoria. Less of the Cambodia-born work in the finance, scientific, technical, education and health industries.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Cambodia-born is different from total Victoria: 17.9% receive nil income and 24.9% receive \$1-\$399, compared to 9.7% and 20.1% for Victoria. Less of them receive \$1,250 or more (9.8%), compared to 21.1% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Cambodia-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	239	1.8	128	1.2	111	86.7	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	76	0.6	50	0.5	26	52.0	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	1,259	9.5	969	8.8	290	29.9	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	649	4.9	517	4.7	132	25.5	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	902	6.8	566	5.1	336	59.4	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	7,328	55.5	5,993	54.1	1,335	22.3	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	2,084	15.8	1,910	17.3	174	9.1	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	674	5.1	927	8.4	-253	-27.3	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	13,214	100.0	11,068	100.0	2,146	19.4	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, Cambodia-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Cambodia-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>	7,503	55.2	6,450	56.8	1,053	16.3	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	6,766	49.8	5,819	51.2	947	16.3	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	737	5.4	631	5.6	106	16.8	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	5,590	41.1	4,375	38.5	1,215	27.8	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	122	0.9	233	2.1	-111	-47.6	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	378	2.8	285	2.5	93	32.6	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	13,587	100.0	11,355	100.0	2,232	19.7	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	56.8%		58.3%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	9.8%		9.8%				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, Cambodia-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Cambodia-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	665	9.8	638	11.0	27	4.2	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	571	8.4	478	8.2	93	19.5	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	780	11.5	693	11.9	87	12.6	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	405	6.0	268	4.6	137	51.1	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	462	6.8	387	6.7	75	19.4	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	590	8.7	441	7.6	149	33.8	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	1,061	15.7	1,068	18.4	-7	-0.7	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	2,060	30.4	1,655	28.4	405	24.5	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	180	2.7	194	3.3	-14	-7.2	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	6,766	100.0	5,819	100.0	947	16.3	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, Cambodia-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Cambodia-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	432	6.4	257	4.4	175	68.1	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	1,953	28.9	2,230	38.3	-277	-12.4	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	76	1.1	60	1.0	16	26.7	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	264	3.9	170	2.9	94	55.3	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	959	14.2	998	17.2	-39	-3.9	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	586	8.7	451	7.8	135	29.9	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	183	2.7	147	2.5	36	24.5	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	68	1.0	65	1.1	3	4.6	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	174	2.6	144	2.5	30	20.8	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	57	0.8	39	0.7	18	46.2	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	435	6.4	336	5.8	99	29.5	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	101	1.5	92	1.6	9	9.8	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	125	1.8	99	1.7	26	26.3	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	370	5.5	250	4.3	120	48.0	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	290	4.3	232	4.0	58	25.0	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	697	10.3	250	4.3	447	178.8	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	6,766	100.0	5,819	100.0	947	16.3	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), Cambodia-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Cambodia-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	147	1.1	125	1.1	22	17.6	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	2,363	17.9	1,535	13.9	828	53.9	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	3,286	24.9	3,787	34.2	-501	-13.2	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	3,679	27.8	3,035	27.4	644	21.2	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	2,085	15.8	1,404	12.7	681	48.5	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	970	7.3	600	5.4	370	61.7	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	334	2.5	147	1.3	187	127.2	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	351	2.7	435	3.9	-84	-19.3	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	13,214	100.0	11,068	100.0	2,146	19.4	4,845,710	100.0	4,355,243	100.0	490,467	11.3

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

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Source of data: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, 2011, 2006*.