

The Egypt-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 33)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 13,282 Egypt-born persons in Victoria (33.4% of Australia's total), ranked 33rd among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Egypt-born increased by 6.3% (792) from 12,490 persons in 2011. They are well distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with minor concentrations in the LGAs of Casey (8.9%), Brimbank (7.6%), Whittlesea (7.4%), Hume (6.8%) and Melton (6.1%).

The Egypt-born reflected a mature to ageing profile: 13.9% were aged 25 years and below; 19.5% were aged 26-44 years; 40.8% were aged 45-64 years; and 35.9% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 58 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 101 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for Victoria.

There were 16,318 persons identified with Egyptian ancestry. Most were born in Egypt (47.3%) and Australia (45.2%). Two-fifths (61.2%) of the Egypt-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 4.4% arrived in 1996-2000; 8.1% arrived in 2001-2005; 10.2% arrived in 2006-2010; and 13.2% arrived in 2011-2016.

The Egypt-born speak Arabic (59.0%), Greek (9.9%) and Italian (6.2%); 18.4% speak English only. Of those who speak a language other than English, 8.0% speak English not well/not at all. The Egypt-born population follow a variety of religions: Oriental Orthodox (35.7%), Catholic (20.0%), Eastern Orthodox (13.7%) and Islam (13.4%). Most (83.7%) the Egypt-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Egypt-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)	12,683	31.9	11,949	32.7	11,195	33.4	734	6.1	754	6.7
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	606	1.5	539	1.5	392	1.2	67	12.4	147	37.5
Total Victoria	13,282	33.4	12,490	34.2	11,582	34.6	792	6.3	908	7.8
Total Australia	39,779	100.0	36,532	100.0	33,496	100.0	3,247	8.9	3,036	9.1

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

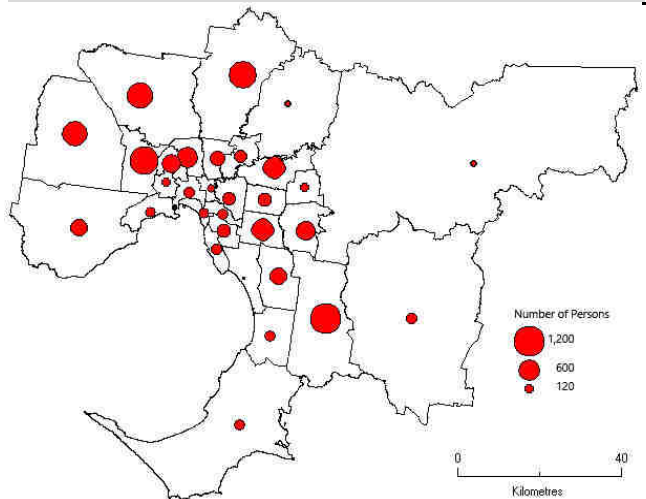
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Casey (C)	1,184	8.9	943	7.6	2
Brimbank (C)	1,012	7.6	1,114	8.9	1
Whittlesea (C)	988	7.4	902	7.2	3
Hume (C)	907	6.8	810	6.5	4
Melton (C)	814	6.1	508	4.1	10
Rest of Melbourne	7,708	58.0	7,647	61.2	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	637	4.8	578	4.6	-
Total Victoria	13,282	100.0	12,490	100.0	-

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

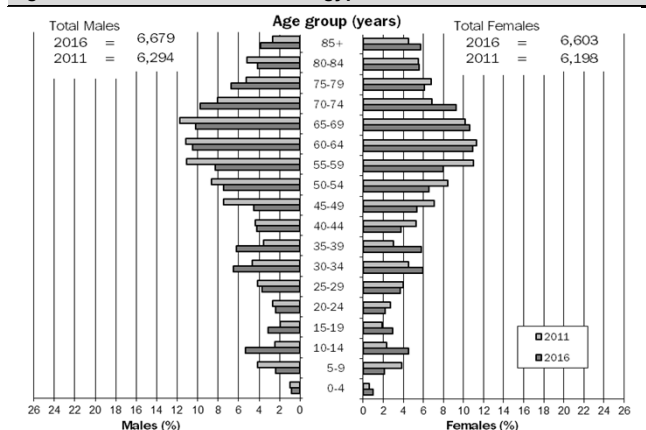
Distribution of Egypt-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Egypt-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	117	0.9	98	0.8	19.4
5-11	517	3.9	645	5.2	-19.8
12-18	767	5.8	334	2.7	129.6
19-25	435	3.3	469	3.8	-7.2
26-44	2,595	19.5	2,010	16.1	29.1
45-54	1,590	12.0	1,979	15.8	-19.7
55-64	2,501	18.8	2,790	22.3	-10.4
65-74	2,641	19.9	2,294	18.4	15.1
75+	2,125	16.0	1,874	15.0	13.4
Total Victoria	13,282	100.0	12,490	100.0	6.3
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>58</i>		<i>57</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>101</i>		<i>102</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Egypt	7,722	47.3	6,189	48.2	24.8
Sudan	199	1.2	136	1.1	46.3
Saudi Arabia	93	0.6	42	0.3	121.4
Kuwait	81	0.5	46	0.4	76.1
New Zealand	67	0.4	26	0.2	157.7
Australia	7,368	45.2	5,885	45.9	25.2
Other ^(a)	765	4.7	509	4.0	50.3
Total responses^(b)	16,318	100.0	12,833	100.0	27.2

^(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 Egypt-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Arabic	7,838	59.0	6,635	53.1	18.1
Greek	1,313	9.9	1,659	13.3	-20.9
Italian	821	6.2	1,036	8.3	-20.8
French	248	1.9	213	1.7	16.4
Armenian	142	1.1	153	1.2	-7.2
Other languages ^(a)	359	2.7	339	2.7	5.9
English only	2,449	18.4	2,364	18.9	3.6
Not stated	102	0.8	91	0.7	12.1
Total Victoria	13,282	100.0	12,490	100.0	6.3

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Oriental Orthodox	4,741	35.7	4,058	32.5	16.8
Catholic	2,659	20.0	2,990	23.9	-11.1
Eastern Orthodox	1,822	13.7	2,354	18.8	-22.6
Islam	1,776	13.4	1,446	11.6	22.8
Christian, nfd	512	3.9	206	1.6	148.5
Other religions	903	6.8	893	7.1	1.1
No religion ^(b)	481	3.6	292	2.3	64.7
Not stated	385	2.9	251	2.0	53.4
Total Victoria	13,282	100.0	12,490	100.0	6.3

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Egypt-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Egypt-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	8,127	61.2	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	583	4.4	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	1,071	8.1	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	1,355	10.2	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	1,754	13.2	381,130	22.7
Not stated	392	3.0	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	13,282	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 Egypt-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	2,449	18.4	2,364	18.9	3.6
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	6,557	49.4	5,842	46.8	12.2
Well	3,077	23.2	3,194	25.6	-3.7
Not well	904	6.8	801	6.4	12.9
Not at all	159	1.2	164	1.3	-3.0
Not stated ^(a)	133	1.0	121	1.0	9.9
Total Victoria	13,282	100.0	12,490	100.0	6.3

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	27	0.2	27	0.3	-
5-11	259	2.3	420	3.9	-38.3
12-18	612	5.5	241	2.2	153.9
19-25	319	2.9	331	3.1	-3.6
26-44	1,720	15.5	1,363	12.6	26.2
45-64	3,740	33.6	4,505	41.7	-17.0
65-74	2,477	22.3	2,172	20.1	14.0
75+	1,970	17.7	1,744	16.1	13.0
Total	11,116	100.0	10,799	100.0	2.9

% of Egypt-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 83.7%

% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 58.3%

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Egypt-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria, the exceptions are that more of them have a bachelor degree (31.4%) compared to 16.5% for Victoria. Less of them have an advanced diploma or diploma (16.9%) than Victoria (23.6%).

The labour force participation rate of the Egypt-born at 46.2% is lower than for total Victoria (60.5%). Their unemployment rate at 8.6% is higher than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Egypt-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria, with some exceptions. More of them work as professionals (33.3%) compared to Victoria (23.3%). Less of them work as technicians and trades workers (7.4%) and labourers (6.9%), compared to Victoria (13.1% and 9.0%).

The industry of employment patterns for the Egypt-born are also fairly similar to those for total Victoria. More of them are employed in wholesale and retail trade (17.0%), transport, postal and warehousing (7.0%) and healthcare and social assistance (19.2%), compared to Victoria (13.4%, 4.8% and 12.5%). Less of them are employed in construction (4.3%) and accommodation and food services (4.0%), compared to Victoria (8.3% and 6.6%).

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Egypt-born is similar to total Victoria, except that more of them receive \$400-\$799 (26.1%) compared to Victoria (23.1%). Less of the Egypt-born receive \$800-\$1,249 (13.2%) than Victoria (16.7%).

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Egypt-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	646	5.3	431	3.7	215	49.9	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	215	1.8	208	1.8	7	3.4	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	3,836	31.4	3,081	26.5	755	24.5	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	1,052	8.6	981	8.5	71	7.2	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	1,017	8.3	986	8.5	31	3.1	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	4,319	35.4	4,375	37.7	-56	-1.3	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	116	0.9	124	1.1	-8	-6.5	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	1,022	8.4	1,415	12.2	-393	-27.8	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	12,216	100.0	11,609	100.0	607	5.2	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, Egypt-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Egypt-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>	5,637	42.4	5,401	43.2	236	4.4	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	5,154	38.8	5,015	40.2	139	2.8	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	483	3.6	386	3.1	97	25.1	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	6,415	48.3	5,928	47.5	487	8.2	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	168	1.3	277	2.2	-109	-39.4	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	1,068	8.0	883	7.1	185	21.0	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	13,282	100.0	12,490	100.0	792	6.3	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	46.2%		46.5%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	8.6%		7.1%				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, Egypt-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Egypt-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	661	12.8	707	14.1	-46	-6.5	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	1,715	33.3	1,474	29.4	241	16.4	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	381	7.4	430	8.6	-49	-11.4	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	481	9.3	402	8.0	79	19.7	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	689	13.4	733	14.6	-44	-6.0	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	432	8.4	418	8.3	14	3.3	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	335	6.5	327	6.5	8	2.4	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	358	6.9	389	7.8	-31	-8.0	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	95	1.8	126	2.5	-31	-24.6	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	5,154	100.0	5,015	100.0	139	2.8	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, Egypt-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Egypt-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	18	0.3	26	0.5	-8	-30.8	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	309	6.0	463	9.2	-154	-33.3	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	44	0.9	32	0.6	12	37.5	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	221	4.3	202	4.0	19	9.4	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	874	17.0	894	17.8	-20	-2.2	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	207	4.0	247	4.9	-40	-16.2	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	359	7.0	321	6.4	38	11.8	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	81	1.6	86	1.7	-5	-5.8	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	193	3.7	195	3.9	-2	-1.0	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	73	1.4	76	1.5	-3	-3.9	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	626	12.1	573	11.4	53	9.2	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	235	4.6	259	5.2	-24	-9.3	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	500	9.7	457	9.1	43	9.4	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	988	19.2	846	16.9	142	16.8	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	180	3.5	179	3.6	1	0.6	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	256	5.0	140	2.8	116	82.9	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	5,154	100.0	5,015	100.0	139	2.8	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), Egypt-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Egypt-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	116	0.9	86	0.7	30	34.9	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	1,160	9.5	855	7.4	305	35.7	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	3,490	28.6	4,676	40.3	-1,186	-25.4	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	3,193	26.1	2,417	20.8	776	32.1	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	1,616	13.2	1,426	12.3	190	13.3	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	1,321	10.8	1,037	8.9	284	27.4	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	838	6.9	590	5.1	248	42.0	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	485	4.0	518	4.5	-33	-6.4	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	12,216	100.0	11,609	100.0	607	5.2	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*.