

The El Salvador-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 69)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 3,166 El Salvador-born persons in Victoria (33.1% of Australia’s total), ranked 69th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The El Salvador-born increased by 0.8% (26) from 3,140 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with significant concentrations in the LGAs of Casey (18.8%), Brimbank (15.9%), Melton (11.6%), Wyndham (8.7%) and Hume (7.1%).

The El Salvador-born reflected a mature age profile: 3.6% were aged 25 years and below; 43.6% were aged 26-44 years; 39.5% were aged 45-64 years; and 13.4% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 46 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 94 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for Victoria.

There were 3,112 persons identified with Salvadoran ancestry. Most were born in El Salvador (52.8%) and Australia (43.3%). The majority (87.5%) of the El Salvador-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 3.5% arrived in 1996 -2000; 1.8% arrived in 2001-2005; 2.7% arrived in 2006-2010; and 2.8% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most (89.2%) of the El Salvador-born speak Spanish. Of those who speak a language other than English, 14.9% speak English not well/not at all. The El Salvador-born follow a variety of religions: Catholic (54.1%), Christianity not further defined (10.0%), Pentecostal (6.2%) and Baptist (5.3%). Most (92.9%) of El-Salvador-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

El Salvador-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)	3,105	32.5	3,096	32.1	3,033	32.3	9	0.3	63	2.1
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	61	0.6	45	0.5	32	0.3	16	35.6	13	40.6
Total Victoria	3,166	33.1	3,140	32.5	3,060	32.6	26	0.8	80	2.6
Total Australia	9,568	100.0	9,651	100.0	9,397	100.0	-83	-0.9	254	2.7

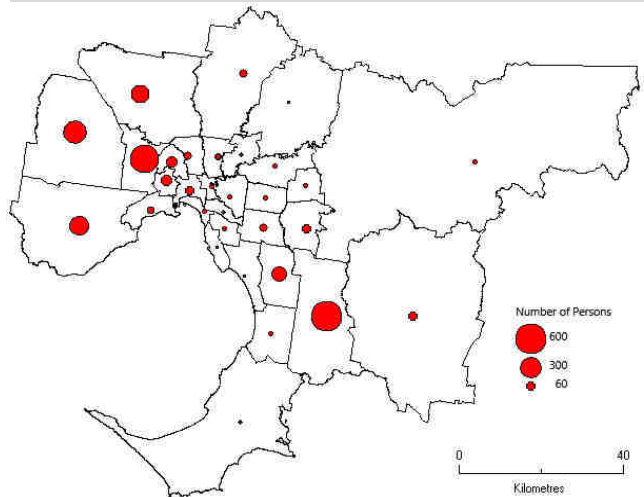
^(a) Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

Distribution of El Salvador-born, Top 5 LGAs: 2016 Census

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Casey (C)	594	18.8	599	19.1	1
Brimbank (C)	502	15.9	516	16.4	2
Melton (C)	367	11.6	330	10.5	3
Wyndham (C)	277	8.7	262	8.3	4
Hume (C)	225	7.1	249	7.9	5
Rest of Melbourne	1,113	35.2	1,127	35.9	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	57	1.8	45	1.4	-
Total Victoria	3,166	100.0	3,140	100.0	-

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

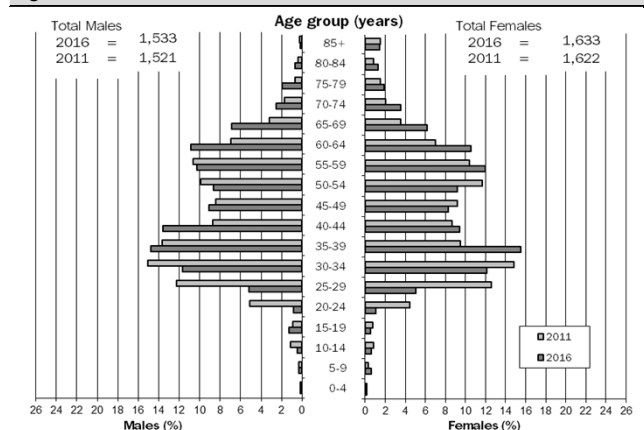
Distribution of El Salvador-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of El Salvador-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	5	0.2	9	0.3	-44.4
5-11	19	0.6	16	0.5	18.8
12-18	32	1.0	41	1.3	-22.0
19-25	57	1.8	239	7.6	-76.2
26-44	1,381	43.6	1,415	45.1	-2.4
45-54	559	17.7	624	19.9	-10.4
55-64	691	21.8	547	17.4	26.3
65-74	304	9.6	167	5.3	82.0
75+	121	3.8	87	2.8	39.1
Total Victoria	3,166	100.0	3,140	100.0	0.8
<i>Median Age</i>	46		42		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	94		94		<i>males per 100 females</i>

Age and Gender Distribution of El Salvador-born, Victoria, 2016



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
El Salvador	1,644	52.8	1,654	63.5	-0.6
Costa Rica	17	0.5	13	0.5	30.8
USA	10	0.3	15	0.6	-33.3
Mexico	9	0.3	14	0.5	-35.7
Honduras	7	0.2	10	0.4	-30.0
Australia	1,349	43.3	843	32.4	60.0
Other ^(a)	69	2.2	56	2.1	23.2
Total responses^(b)	3,112	100.0	2,605	100.0	19.5

^(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 El Salvador-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Spanish	2,825	89.2	2,857	91.0	-1.1
Japanese	3	0.1	3	0.1	-
Other languages ^(a)	3	0.1	7	0.2	-57.1
English only	306	9.7	252	8.0	21.4
Not stated	19	0.6	21	0.7	-9.5
Total Victoria	3,166	100.0	3,140	100.0	0.8

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

Top 5 Religious affiliation, El Salvador-born: 2016, 2011

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Catholic	1,712	54.1	1,824	58.1	-6.1
Christian, nfd	316	10.0	286	9.1	10.5
Pentecostal	197	6.2	188	6.0	4.8
Baptist	168	5.3	181	5.8	-7.2
Jehovah's Witnesses	71	2.2	72	2.3	-1.4
Other religions	215	6.8	286	9.1	-24.8
No religion ^(b)	336	10.6	220	7.0	52.7
Not stated	131	4.1	83	2.6	57.8
Total Victoria	3,166	100.0	3,140	100.0	0.8

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of El Salvador-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	El Salvador-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	2,769	87.5	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	111	3.5	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	58	1.8	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	85	2.7	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	89	2.8	381,130	22.7
Not stated	53	1.7	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	3,166	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 El Salvador-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	306	9.7	252	8.0	21.4
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	1,507	47.6	1,503	47.9	0.3
Well	842	26.6	853	27.2	-1.3
Not well	422	13.3	415	13.2	1.7
Not at all	50	1.6	79	2.5	-36.7
Not stated ^(a)	45	1.4	40	1.3	12.5
Total Victoria	3,166	100.0	3,140	100.0	0.8

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

El Salvador-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2016, 2011

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	3	0.1	4	0.1	-25.0
5-11	15	0.5	10	0.3	50.0
12-18	28	1.0	28	0.9	-
19-25	40	1.4	216	7.3	-81.5
26-44	1,259	42.8	1,316	44.5	-4.3
45-64	1,179	40.1	1,139	38.5	3.5
65-74	302	10.3	163	5.5	85.3
75+	111	3.8	78	2.6	42.3
Total	2,941	100.0	2,959	100.0	-0.6
% of El Salvador-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					92.9%
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.3%

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the El Salvador-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria. More of them have an advanced diploma or diploma (13.1%) and certificate (17.4%), compared to total Victoria (9.2% and 14.4%). Less of them have a postgraduate degree (3.5%) and school education only (35.0%), compared to 5.4% and 38.7% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the El Salvador-born at 67.3% is higher than total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 7.5% is also slightly higher than Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the El Salvador-born are different from those for total Victoria. Less of them work as managers (7.7%), professionals (17.7%) and technicians and trades workers (11.7%), compared to Victoria (13.5%, 23.3% and 13.1%). More of the El Salvador-born work as community and personal service workers (14.7%), machinery operators and drivers (10.5%) and labourers (18.4%), than Victoria (10.6%, 5.8% and 9.0%).

The industry of employment patterns for the El Salvador-born are also different from those for total Victoria. Less of them are employed in construction (5.8%), wholesale and retail trade (9.5%) and accommodation and food services (3.5%), compared to Victoria (8.3%, 13.4% and 6.6%). More of them are employed in transport, postal and warehousing (7.4%), professional, scientific, technical and administration (16.0%) and healthcare and social assistance (19.0%) than Victoria (4.8%, 11.4% and 12.5%).

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the El Salvador-born is fairly similar to total Victoria. The exception is that more of them receive \$1-\$399 (23.0%), \$400-\$799 (27.0%) and \$800-\$1,249 (22.3%), compared to Victoria (20.1%, 23.1% and 16.7%). Less of them (4.1%) receive \$2,000 or more, compared to Victoria (7.5%).

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	El Salvador-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	109	3.5	80	2.6	29	36.3	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	69	2.2	54	1.7	15	27.8	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	511	16.3	458	14.8	53	11.6	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	410	13.1	356	11.5	54	15.2	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	543	17.4	468	15.2	75	16.0	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	1,096	35.0	1,203	38.9	-107	-8.9	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	78	2.5	88	2.8	-10	-11.4	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	307	9.8	381	12.3	-74	-19.4	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	3,129	100.0	3,089	100.0	40	1.3	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, El Salvador-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	El Salvador-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>	2,106	66.5	2,143	68.2	-37	-1.7	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	1,947	61.5	1,980	63.1	-33	-1.7	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	159	5.0	163	5.2	-4	-2.5	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	996	31.5	908	28.9	88	9.7	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
Not stated	25	0.8	35	1.1	-10	-28.6	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
Not applicable ^(b)	35	1.1	51	1.6	-16	-31.4	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	3,166	100.0	3,140	100.0	26	0.8	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	67.3%		69.4%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	7.5%		7.6%				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, El Salvador-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	El Salvador-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	149	7.7	100	5.1	49	49.0	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	344	17.7	361	18.2	-17	-4.7	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	228	11.7	256	12.9	-28	-10.9	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	286	14.7	241	12.2	45	18.7	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	250	12.8	279	14.1	-29	-10.4	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	100	5.1	114	5.8	-14	-12.3	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	205	10.5	209	10.6	-4	-1.9	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	359	18.4	371	18.7	-12	-3.2	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	21	1.1	53	2.7	-32	-60.4	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	1,947	100.0	1,980	100.0	-33	-1.7	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, El Salvador-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	El Salvador-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	9	0.5	8	0.4	1	12.5	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	193	9.9	282	14.2	-89	-31.6	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	23	1.2	19	1.0	4	21.1	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	113	5.8	104	5.3	9	8.7	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	184	9.5	204	10.3	-20	-9.8	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	68	3.5	74	3.7	-6	-8.1	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	144	7.4	131	6.6	13	9.9	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	21	1.1	34	1.7	-13	-38.2	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	99	5.1	101	5.1	-2	-2.0	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	31	1.6	29	1.5	2	6.9	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	311	16.0	324	16.4	-13	-4.0	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	119	6.1	110	5.6	9	8.2	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	115	5.9	97	4.9	18	18.6	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	370	19.0	347	17.5	23	6.6	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	87	4.5	79	4.0	8	10.1	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	71	3.6	41	2.1	30	73.2	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	1,947	100.0	1,980	100.0	-33	-1.7	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), El Salvador-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	El Salvador-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	6	0.2	22	0.7	-16	-72.7	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	241	7.7	219	7.1	22	10.0	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	719	23.0	908	29.4	-189	-20.8	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	844	27.0	854	27.6	-10	-1.2	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	698	22.3	677	21.9	21	3.1	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	429	13.7	279	9.0	150	53.8	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	128	4.1	58	1.9	70	120.7	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	68	2.2	83	2.7	-15	-18.1	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	3,129	100.0	3,089	100.0	40	1.3	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*.