

The Fiji-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 36)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 10,825 Fiji-born persons in Victoria (17.6% of Australia’s total), ranked 36th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Fiji-born increased by 11.4% (1,110) from 9,715 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the LGAs of Casey (17.8%), Wyndham (9.0%), Hume (8.3), Whittlesea (6.1%) and Greater Dandenong (5.9%).

The Fiji-born reflected a balanced age profile: 11.7% were aged 25 years and below; 40.7% were aged 26-44 years; 36.6% were aged 45-64 years; and 11.5% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 43 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 85 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 6,096 persons identified with Fijian ancestry. Most of them were born in Fiji (65.6%) and Australia (21.6%). Over two-fifths (43.7%) of the Fiji-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 11.9% arrived in 1996-2000; 12.1% arrived in 2001-2005; 15.7% arrived in 2006-2010; and 13.9% arrived in 2011-2016.

Over half (58.2%) of the Fiji-born speak Hindi, 7.6% speak Fijian and 4.0% speak Fijian Hindustani. Half (49.7%) of the Fiji-born follow Hinduism, 11.0% follow Islam, 6.4% are Catholics, 4.5% are Pentecostal and 4.3% are Uniting Church. Three-quarters (74.4%) of the Fiji-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 53.8% for the total overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Location	2016 Census		2011 Census		2006 Census		Change 2011-2016		Change 2006-2011	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	% change
Metro Melbourne ^(a)	10,089	16.4	9,037	15.9	7,386	15.3	1,052	11.6	1,651	22.4
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	736	1.2	675	1.2	519	1.1	61	9.0	156	30.1
Total Victoria	10,825	17.6	9,715	17.1	7,907	16.4	1,110	11.4	1,808	22.9
Total Australia	61,469	100.0	56,978	100.0	48,142	100.0	4,491	7.9	8,836	18.4

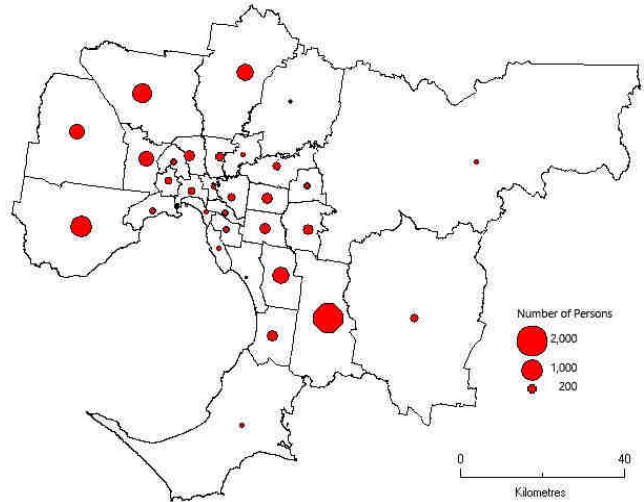
^(a) Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Casey (C)	1,925	17.8	1,677	17.3	1
Wyndham (C)	974	9.0	675	6.9	3
Hume (C)	898	8.3	765	7.9	2
Whittlesea (C)	655	6.1	545	5.6	6
Gter Dandenong (C)	634	5.9	624	6.4	4
Rest of Melbourne	4,944	45.7	4,707	48.5	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	760	7.0	693	7.1	-
Total Victoria	10,825	100.0	9,715	100.0	-

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

Distribution of Fiji-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016

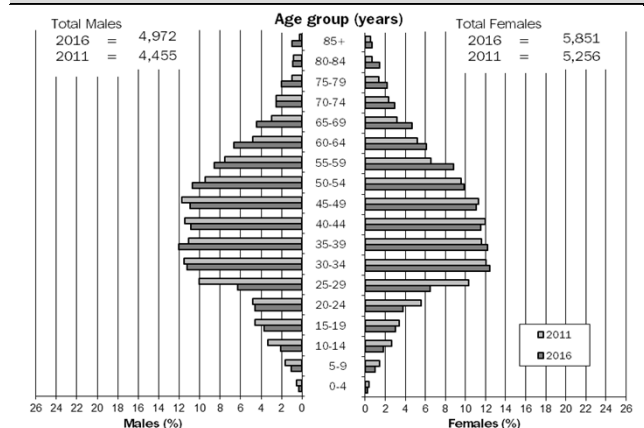


Age Distribution of Fiji-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	30	0.3	41	0.4	-26.8
5-11	187	1.7	244	2.5	-23.4
12-18	383	3.5	501	5.2	-23.6
19-25	672	6.2	745	7.7	-9.8
26-44	4,402	40.7	4,217	43.4	4.4
45-54	2,293	21.2	2,037	21.0	12.6
55-64	1,632	15.1	1,160	11.9	40.7
65-74	796	7.4	531	5.5	49.9
75+	444	4.1	230	2.4	93.0
Total Victoria	10,825	100.0	9,715	100.0	11.4

Median Age: 43 (2016) vs 41 (2011)
 Sex Ratio: 85 (2016) vs 85 males per 100 females (2011)

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Fiji	3,258	53.4	1,981	55.0	64.5
New Zealand	321	5.3	172	4.8	86.6
Tonga	26	0.4	12	0.3	116.7
England	7	0.1	10	0.3	-30.0
China	7	0.1	-	0.0	-
Australia	2,317	38.0	1,319	36.6	75.7
Other ^(a)	156	2.6	111	3.1	40.5
Total responses^(b)	6,096	100.0	3,605	100.0	69.1

^(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 most related to Fiji-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Hindi	6,296	58.2	5,893	60.7	6.8
Fijian	828	7.6	716	7.4	15.6
Fijian Hindustani	428	4.0	231	2.4	85.3
Sthn Asian langs	181	1.7	197	2.0	-8.1
Gujarati	179	1.7	166	1.7	7.8
Other languages ^(a)	353	3.3	274	2.8	28.8
English only	2,492	23.0	2,172	22.4	14.7
Not stated	56	0.5	66	0.7	-15.2
Total Victoria	10,825	100.0	9,715	100.0	11.4

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Hinduism	5,384	49.7	4,869	50.1	10.6
Islam	1,193	11.0	1,138	11.7	4.8
Catholic	689	6.4	684	7.0	0.7
Pentecostal	482	4.5	428	4.4	12.6
Uniting Church	463	4.3	672	6.9	-31.1
Other religions	1,366	12.6	1,167	12.0	17.1
No religion ^(b)	845	7.8	476	4.9	77.5
Not stated	390	3.6	281	2.9	38.8
Total Victoria	10,825	100.0	9,715	100.0	11.4

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Fiji-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Fiji-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	4,733	43.7	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	1,290	11.9	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	1,308	12.1	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	1,704	15.7	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	1,507	13.9	381,130	22.7
Not stated	294	2.7	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	10,825	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 Fiji-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	2,492	23.0	2,172	22.4	14.7
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	6,533	60.4	5,977	61.5	9.3
Well	1,365	12.6	1,205	12.4	13.3
Not well	252	2.3	219	2.3	15.1
Not at all	50	0.5	28	0.3	78.6
Not stated ^(a)	132	1.2	104	1.1	26.9
Total Victoria	10,825	100.0	9,715	100.0	11.4

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	3	0.0	3	0.0	-
5-11	93	1.2	103	1.4	-9.7
12-18	263	3.3	326	4.6	-19.3
19-25	431	5.4	474	6.7	-9.1
26-44	2,949	36.6	2,910	40.9	1.3
45-64	3,283	40.8	2,656	37.3	23.6
65-74	656	8.1	442	6.2	48.4
75+	375	4.7	206	2.9	82.0
Total	8,053	100.0	7,117	100.0	13.2

% of Fiji-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 74.4%

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

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Fiji-born are similar to that for total Victoria: 24.5% have a bachelor degree or higher compared to 24.3% for total Victoria. More of the Fiji-born have advanced diploma and diploma (15.6%) and certificate (15.9%) compared to 9.2% and 14.4% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Fiji-born at 71.2% is higher than total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 7.7% is slightly higher than Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Fiji-born are fairly different from those for total Victoria. Less of them work as managers (10.4%) and sales workers (6.1%), compared to 13.5% and 9.7% for Victoria. More of the Fiji-born are machinery operators and drivers (8.1%) and labourers (11.0%), compared to Victoria (5.8% and 9.0%).

The industry of employment patterns for the Fiji-born are also different from those for total Victoria. Less of them are employed in construction (4.2%), wholesale and retail trade (11.5%), accommodation and food services (4.5%) and education and training (5.9%), compared to Victoria (8.3%, 13.4%, 6.6% and 8.6%). More of them are employed in manufacturing (12.9%), transport, postal and warehousing (6.4%), finance and insurance (6.2%) and healthcare and social assistance (18.6%), compared to 7.8%, 4.8%, 3.9% and 12.5% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Fiji-born is fairly different from total Victoria. More of them receive nil income (12.5%), \$800-\$1,249 (22.9%) and \$1,250-\$1,999 (16.3%), compared to Victoria (9.7%, 16.7% and 13.6%).

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Fiji-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	482	4.6	337	3.6	145	43.0	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	281	2.7	197	2.1	84	42.6	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	1,801	17.2	1,525	16.5	276	18.1	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	1,634	15.6	1,254	13.6	380	30.3	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	1,669	15.9	1,268	13.7	401	31.6	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	3,543	33.8	3,542	38.4	1	0.0	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	113	1.1	91	1.0	22	24.2	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	954	9.1	1,008	10.9	-54	-5.4	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	10,476	100.0	9,234	100.0	1,242	13.5	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, Fiji-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Fiji-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>	7,458	68.9	6,687	68.8	771	11.5	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	6,882	63.6	6,216	64.0	666	10.7	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	576	5.3	471	4.8	105	22.3	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	2,927	27.0	2,373	24.4	554	23.3	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	99	0.9	171	1.8	-72	-42.1	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	344	3.2	478	4.9	-134	-28.0	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	10,825	100.0	9,715	100.0	1,110	11.4	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	71.2%		72.4%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	7.7%		7.0%				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, Fiji-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Fiji-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	714	10.4	600	9.7	114	19.0	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	1,683	24.5	1,521	24.5	162	10.7	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	868	12.6	792	12.7	76	9.6	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkr	814	11.8	597	9.6	217	36.3	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	946	13.7	942	15.2	4	0.4	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	422	6.1	375	6.0	47	12.5	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	558	8.1	553	8.9	5	0.9	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	759	11.0	688	11.1	71	10.3	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	115	1.7	147	2.4	-32	-21.8	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	6,882	100.0	6,216	100.0	666	10.7	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, Fiji-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Fiji-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	57	0.8	52	0.8	5	9.6	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	887	12.9	1,116	18.0	-229	-20.5	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	81	1.2	59	0.9	22	37.3	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	288	4.2	197	3.2	91	46.2	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	791	11.5	827	13.3	-36	-4.4	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	308	4.5	264	4.2	44	16.7	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	438	6.4	354	5.7	84	23.7	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	116	1.7	133	2.1	-17	-12.8	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	430	6.2	440	7.1	-10	-2.3	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	80	1.2	52	0.8	28	53.8	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	679	9.9	610	9.8	69	11.3	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	323	4.7	274	4.4	49	17.9	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	409	5.9	348	5.6	61	17.5	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	1,277	18.6	1,043	16.8	234	22.4	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	321	4.7	282	4.5	39	13.8	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	377	5.5	158	2.5	219	138.6	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	6,882	100.0	6,216	100.0	666	10.7	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), Fiji-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Fiji-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	58	0.6	72	0.8	-14	-19.4	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	1,314	12.5	1,027	11.1	287	27.9	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	1,602	15.3	1,824	19.8	-222	-12.2	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	2,344	22.4	2,247	24.3	97	4.3	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	2,400	22.9	2,105	22.8	295	14.0	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	1,706	16.3	1,174	12.7	532	45.3	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	760	7.3	451	4.9	309	68.5	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	291	2.8	323	3.5	-32	-9.9	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	10,476	100.0	9,234	100.0	1,242	13.5	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*.