

The Finland-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 92)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 1,244 Finland-born persons in Victoria (16.1% of Australia’s total), ranked 92nd among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Finland-born increased by 1.3% (16) from 1,228 persons in 2011. They are well distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with slight concentrations in the LGAs of Port Phillip (5.0%), Hume (4.9%), Wyndham (4.7%) and Monash (3.6%). A significant proportion live in regional Victoria (16.8%) and in the regional LGA of Greater Geelong (4.7%).

The Finland-born reflected a mature to ageing profile: 10.3% were aged 25 years and below; 21.8% were aged 26-44 years; 32.4% were aged 45-64 years; and 35.4% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 58 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 62 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for Victoria.

There were 4,022 persons identified with Finnish ancestry. Most of them were born in Australia (61.1%) and Finland (28.5%). Two-thirds (64.5%) of the Finland-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 3.9% arrived in 1996-2000; 5.4% arrived in 2001-2005; 8.7% arrived in 2006-2010; and 15.4% arrived in 2011-2016.

Over half (58.2%) of the Finland-born speak Finnish. The Finland-born follow Lutheran (44.3%), Pentecostal (3.4%), Christian not further defined (3.2%) and Catholic (1.5%); 30.5% have no religion. Almost two-thirds (65.9%) of the Finland-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 53.8% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria.

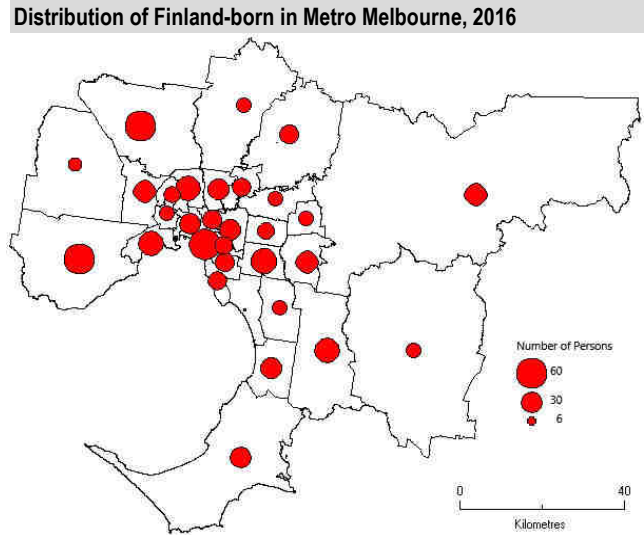
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Location	2016 Census		2011 Census		2006 Census		Change 2011-2016		Change 2006-2011	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	% change
Metro Melbourne ^(a)	988	12.8	981	12.4	957	12.0	7	0.7	24	2.5
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	256	3.3	249	3.1	228	2.9	7	2.8	21	9.2
Total Victoria	1,244	16.1	1,228	15.5	1,183	14.9	16	1.3	45	3.8
Total Australia	7,711	100.0	7,939	100.0	7,947	100.0	-228	-2.9	-8	-0.1

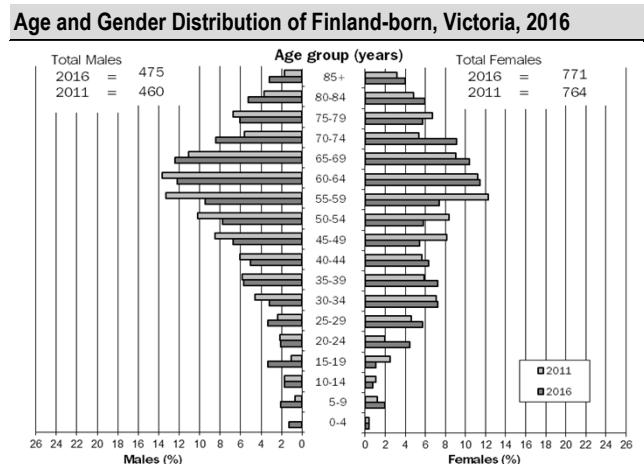
^(a) Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Port Phillip (C)	62	5.0	55	4.5	3
Hume (C)	61	4.9	66	5.4	1
Wyndham (C)	59	4.7	50	4.1	5
Greater Geelong (C)	58	4.7	65	5.3	2
Monash (C)	45	3.6	37	3.0	10
Rest of Melbourne	731	58.8	737	60.0	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	209	16.8	205	16.7	-
Total Victoria	1,244	100.0	1,228	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	11	0.9	9	0.7	22.2
5-11	33	2.7	22	1.8	50.0
12-18	28	2.3	29	2.4	-3.4
19-25	55	4.4	43	3.5	27.9
26-44	271	21.8	257	20.9	5.4
45-54	156	12.5	208	16.9	-25.0
55-64	247	19.9	310	25.2	-20.3
65-74	262	21.1	190	15.5	37.9
75+	178	14.3	162	13.2	9.9
Total Victoria	1,244	100.0	1,228	100.0	1.3
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>58</i>		<i>56</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>62</i>		<i>60 males per 100 females</i>		



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Finland	1,147	28.5	1,144	31.5	0.3
Sweden	108	2.7	70	1.9	54.3
England	52	1.3	36	1.0	44.4
USA	52	1.3	32	0.9	62.5
New Zealand	37	0.9	28	0.8	32.1
Australia	2,458	61.1	2,193	60.4	12.1
Other ^(a)	137	3.4	128	3.5	7.0
Total responses^(b)	4,022	100.0	3,631	100.0	10.8

^(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 Finland-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Finnish	656	52.7	649	52.9	1.1
Swedish	35	2.8	35	2.9	-
Vietnamese	7	0.6	5	0.4	40.0
German	5	0.4	8	0.7	-37.5
Greek	4	0.3	3	0.2	33.3
Other languages ^(a)	20	1.6	17	1.4	17.6
English only	505	40.6	499	40.6	1.2
Not stated	5	0.4	12	1.0	-58.3
Total Victoria	1,244	100.0	1,228	100.0	1.3

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Lutheran	551	44.3	728	59.3	-24.3
Pentecostal	42	3.4	29	2.4	44.8
Christian, nfd	40	3.2	28	2.3	42.9
Anglican	25	2.0	20	1.6	25.0
Catholic	19	1.5	21	1.7	-9.5
Other religions	108	8.7	81	6.6	33.3
No religion ^(b)	379	30.5	254	20.7	49.2
Not stated	79	6.4	67	5.5	17.9
Total Victoria	1,244	100.0	1,228	100.0	1.3

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Finland-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Finland-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	803	64.5	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	48	3.9	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	67	5.4	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	108	8.7	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	192	15.4	381,130	22.7
Not stated	29	2.3	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	1,244	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 Finland-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	505	40.6	499	40.6	1.2
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	507	40.8	460	37.5	10.2
Well	161	12.9	189	15.4	-14.8
Not well	53	4.3	70	5.7	-24.3
Not at all	4	0.3	3	0.2	33.3
Not stated ^(a)	11	0.9	4	0.3	175.0
Total Victoria	1,244	100.0	1,228	100.0	1.3

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	7	0.9	5	0.6	40.0
5-11	13	1.6	15	1.8	-13.3
12-18	23	2.8	15	1.8	53.3
19-25	21	2.6	17	2.1	23.5
26-44	112	13.7	106	12.8	5.7
45-64	305	37.2	406	49.1	-24.9
65-74	193	23.5	140	16.9	37.9
75+	142	17.3	125	15.1	13.6
Total	820	100.0	827	100.0	-0.8

% of Finland-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 65.9%

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

Economic characteristics

The educational levels of the Finland-born are fairly similar to total Victoria. The exception is that 10.5% have a postgraduate degree compared to 5.4% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Finland-born at 49.1% is lower than total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 6.0% is slightly lower than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Finland-born are fairly different from those for total Victoria. More of the Finland-born are professionals (29.7%), community and personal service workers (12.0%) and clerical and administrative workers (15.3%), compared to 23.3%, 10.6% and 13.3% for Victoria. Less of them are technicians and trade workers (9.1%), sales workers (5.1%) and labourers (7.1%), compared to 13.1%, 9.7% and 9.0% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns of the Finland-born are slightly different from those for total Victoria. More of them are employed in manufacturing (9.5%), professional, scientific, technical and administration (14.2%), education and training (10.9%) and healthcare and social assistance (15.7%), compared to 7.8%, 11.4%, 8.6% and 12.5% for Victoria. Less of them are employed in construction (6.4%), wholesale and retail trade (10.8%) and public administration and safety (3.6%), compared to 8.3%, 13.4%, 11.4% and 5.3% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern of the Finland-born is slightly different from total Victoria. More of them receive \$1-\$399 (25.1%) and \$400-\$799 (29.1%) than Victoria (20.1% and 23.1%). Less of them receive \$800-\$1,249 (13.2%) and \$1,250-\$1,999 (11.1%) than Victoria (13.6% and 7.5%).

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Finland-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	125	10.5	92	7.7	33	35.9	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	21	1.8	22	1.9	-1	-4.5	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	193	16.3	189	15.9	4	2.1	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	115	9.7	106	8.9	9	8.5	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	186	15.7	174	14.6	12	6.9	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	428	36.1	439	37.0	-11	-2.5	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	3	0.3	8	0.7	-5	-62.5	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	113	9.5	156	13.1	-43	-27.6	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	1,187	100.0	1,188	100.0	-1	-0.1	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, Finland-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Finland-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>	583	46.9	608	49.5	-25	-4.1	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	548	44.1	574	46.7	-26	-4.5	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	35	2.8	34	2.8	1	2.9	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	579	46.5	548	44.6	31	5.7	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	20	1.6	34	2.8	-14	-41.2	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	57	4.6	39	3.2	18	46.2	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	1,244	100.0	1,228	100.0	16	1.3	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	49.1%		51.1%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	6.0%		5.6%				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, Finland-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Finland-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	85	15.5	77	13.4	8	10.4	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	163	29.7	174	30.3	-11	-6.3	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	50	9.1	74	12.9	-24	-32.4	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkr	66	12.0	51	8.9	15	29.4	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	84	15.3	93	16.2	-9	-9.7	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	28	5.1	24	4.2	4	16.7	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	28	5.1	32	5.6	-4	-12.5	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	39	7.1	34	5.9	5	14.7	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	9	1.6	13	2.3	-4	-30.8	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	548	100.0	574	100.0	-26	-4.5	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, Finland-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Finland-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	8	1.5	7	1.2	1	14.3	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	52	9.5	65	11.3	-13	-20.0	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	3	0.5	-	-	3	-	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	35	6.4	47	8.2	-12	-25.5	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	59	10.8	73	12.7	-14	-19.2	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	33	6.0	26	4.5	7	26.9	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	19	3.5	21	3.7	-2	-9.5	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	7	1.3	16	2.8	-9	-56.3	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	20	3.6	24	4.2	-4	-16.7	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	3	0.5	-	-	3	-	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	78	14.2	74	12.9	4	5.4	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	20	3.6	30	5.2	-10	-33.3	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	60	10.9	57	9.9	3	5.3	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	86	15.7	80	13.9	6	7.5	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	31	5.7	36	6.3	-5	-13.9	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	21	3.8	12	2.1	9	75.0	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	548	100.0	574	100.0	-26	-4.5	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), Finland-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Finland-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	5	0.4	12	1.0	-7	-58.3	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	103	8.7	91	7.7	12	13.2	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	298	25.1	428	36.0	-130	-30.4	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	345	29.1	234	19.7	111	47.4	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	157	13.2	170	14.3	-13	-7.6	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	132	11.1	131	11.0	1	0.8	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	91	7.7	67	5.6	24	35.8	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	54	4.5	57	4.8	-3	-5.3	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	1,187	100.0	1,188	100.0	-1	-0.1	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*.