

The France-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 47)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 7,144 France-born persons in Victoria (23.0% of Australia's total), ranked 47th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The France-born increased by 27.3% (1,531) from 5,613 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the LGAs of Port Phillip (8.5%), Melbourne (8.2%), Glen Eira (8.0%), Stonnington (6.5%) and Boroondara (5.3%). A significant proportion (11.0%) live in regional Victoria.

The France-born reflected a balanced age profile: 18.3% were aged 25 years and below; 41.8% were aged 26-44 years; 23.9% were aged 45-64 years; and 16.0% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 38 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 105 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 32,790 persons with French ancestry. Most of them were born in Australia (55.7%), France (16.4%), Mauritius (8.1%) and England (2.4%). Over a third (36.1%) of the France-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 5.6% arrived in 1996-2000; 7.4% arrived in 2001-2005; 13.2% arrived in 2006-2010; and 33.6% arrived in 2011-2016.

Three-fifths (61.1%) of the France-born speak French; 30.1% speak English only. A third (35.4%) of the France-born are Catholic; 46.0% have no religion. Over half (52.7%) of the France-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

France-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)	6,377	20.5	4,969	20.1	3,847	20.1	1,408	28.3	1,122	29.2
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	762	2.4	650	2.6	527	2.7	112	17.2	123	23.3
Total Victoria	7,144	23.0	5,613	22.7	4,373	22.8	1,531	27.3	1,240	28.4
Total Australia	31,120	100.0	24,675	100.0	19,186	100.0	6,445	26.1	5,489	28.6

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

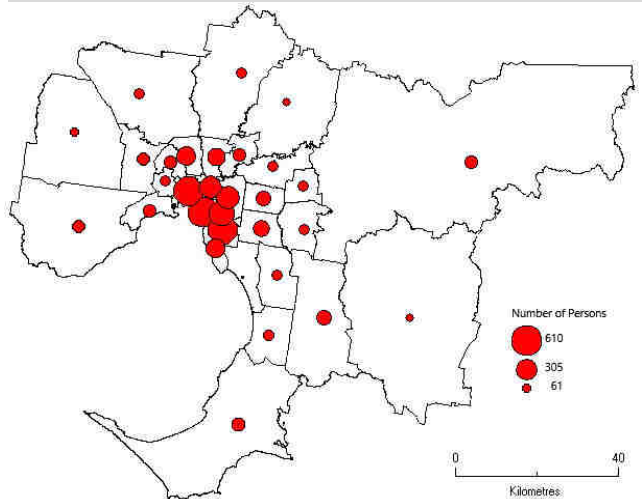
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Port Phillip (C)	610	8.5	451	8.0	2
Melbourne (C)	588	8.2	343	6.1	3
Glen Eira (C)	574	8.0	462	8.2	1
Stonnington (C)	466	6.5	319	5.7	4
Boroondara (C)	376	5.3	281	5.0	5
Rest of Melbourne	3,727	52.2	3,104	55.3	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	784	11.0	688	12.3	-
Total Victoria	7,144	100.0	5,613	100.0	-

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

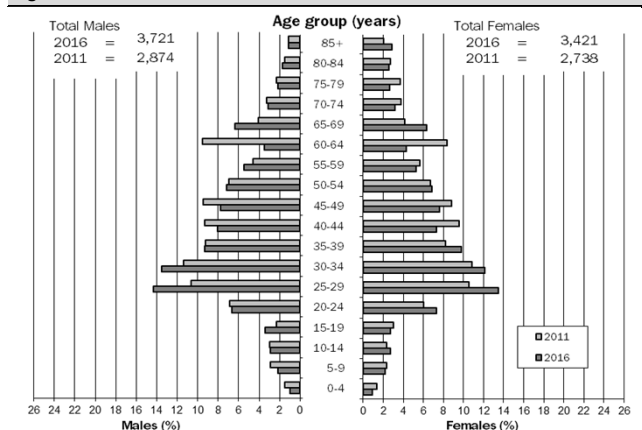
Distribution of France-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of France-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	73	1.0	85	1.5	-14.1
5-11	234	3.3	217	3.9	7.8
12-18	290	4.1	208	3.7	39.4
19-25	705	9.9	490	8.7	43.9
26-44	2,983	41.8	2,148	38.3	38.9
45-54	1,050	14.7	888	15.8	18.2
55-64	659	9.2	788	14.0	-16.4
65-74	679	9.5	431	7.7	57.5
75+	467	6.5	371	6.6	25.9
Total Victoria	7,144	100.0	5,613	100.0	27.3
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>38</i>		<i>41</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>109</i>		<i>105</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
France	5,371	16.4	4,154	15.7	29.3
Mauritius	2,657	8.1	1,978	7.5	34.3
England	775	2.4	549	2.1	41.2
New Zealand	602	1.8	401	1.5	50.1
South Africa	569	1.7	345	1.3	64.9
Australia	18,256	55.7	15,718	59.2	16.1
Other ^(a)	4,528	13.8	3,385	12.8	33.8
Total responses^(b)	32,790	100.0	26,530	100.0	23.6

^(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 France-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
French	4,365	61.1	3,185	56.7	37.0
Italian	149	2.1	158	2.8	-5.7
Spanish	40	0.6	28	0.5	42.9
Polish	37	0.5	36	0.6	2.8
Vietnamese	28	0.4	27	0.5	3.7
Other languages ^(a)	303	4.2	280	5.0	8.2
English only	2,153	30.1	1,872	33.4	15.0
Not stated	39	0.5	27	0.5	44.4
Total Victoria	7,144	100.0	5,613	100.0	27.3

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Catholic	2,528	35.4	2,513	44.8	0.6
Judaism	202	2.8	234	4.2	-13.7
Buddhism	97	1.4	65	1.2	49.2
Christian, nfd	93	1.3	83	1.5	12.0
Islam	63	0.9	47	0.8	34.0
Other religions	421	5.9	531	9.5	-20.7
No religion ^(b)	3,283	46.0	1,863	33.2	76.2
Not stated	436	6.1	277	4.9	57.4
Total Victoria	7,144	100.0	5,613	100.0	27.3

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of France-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	France-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	2,582	36.1	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	399	5.6	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	532	7.4	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	946	13.2	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	2,398	33.6	381,130	22.7
Not stated	287	4.0	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	7,144	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 France-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	2,153	30.1	1,872	33.4	15.0
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	3,708	51.9	2,730	48.6	35.8
Well	1,052	14.7	826	14.7	27.4
Not well	162	2.3	138	2.5	17.4
Not at all	18	0.3	20	0.4	-10.0
Not stated ^(a)	47	0.7	31	0.6	51.6
Total Victoria	7,144	100.0	5,613	100.0	27.3

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	32	0.9	41	1.2	-22.0
5-11	128	3.4	99	3.0	29.3
12-18	181	4.8	123	3.7	47.2
19-25	153	4.1	117	3.5	30.8
26-44	967	25.7	850	25.7	13.8
45-64	1,297	34.5	1,377	41.6	-5.8
65-74	598	15.9	374	11.3	59.9
75+	403	10.7	321	9.7	25.5
Total	3,763	100.0	3,307	100.0	13.8

% of France-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 52.7%

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

Economic characteristics

The educational levels of the France-born are higher than for total Victoria: 24.1% have a postgraduate degree, 18.7% have a bachelor degree and 11.3% have an advanced diploma and diploma, compared to 5.4%, 16.5% and 9.2% for total Victoria. Only 24% have a school education, compared to 38.7% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the France-born at 72.4% is higher than total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 5.9% is lower than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the France-born are different from those for total Victoria: 18.2% work as managers, 33.5% work as professionals, compared to 13.5% and 23.3% for Victoria. Less of the France-born are clerical and administrative workers (9.7%), sales workers (5.9%), machinery operators and drivers (2.0%) and labourers (6.0%), compared to 13.3%, 9.7%, 5.8% and 9.0% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns of the France-born are also different from total Victoria. They are mainly employed in accommodation and food services (13.8%), professional, scientific, technical and administration (16.9%) and education and training (13.2%), compared to 6.6%, 11.4% and 8.6% for Victoria. Less of them are employed in construction (4.1%), wholesale and retail trade (13.4%) and healthcare and social assistance (6.2%), compared to 8.3%, 13.4% and 12.5% for Victoria.

The France-born receive higher levels of weekly personal income than total Victoria. Less of them receive \$1-\$399 (15.5%) and \$400-\$799 (22.3%), compared to 20.1% and 23.1% for Victoria. More of the France-born receive \$800-\$1,249 (19.3%), \$1,250-\$1,999 (17.7%) and \$2,000 or more (13.4%), compared to 16.7%, 13.6% and 7.5% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	France-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	1,617	24.1	940	18.0	677	72.0	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	152	2.3	135	2.6	17	12.6	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	1,256	18.7	942	18.0	314	33.3	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	762	11.3	579	11.1	183	31.6	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	754	11.2	627	12.0	127	20.3	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	1,610	24.0	1,447	27.7	163	11.3	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	28	0.4	26	0.5	2	7.7	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	542	8.1	532	10.2	10	1.9	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	6,716	100.0	5,222	100.0	1,494	28.6	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, France-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	France-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>	4,862	68.1	3,626	64.6	1,236	34.1	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	4,573	64.0	3,438	61.3	1,135	33.0	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	289	4.0	188	3.3	101	53.7	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	1,779	24.9	1,524	27.2	255	16.7	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
Not stated	72	1.0	74	1.3	-2	-2.7	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
Not applicable ^(b)	424	5.9	394	7.0	30	7.6	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	7,144	100.0	5,613	100.0	1,531	27.3	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate^(c)</i>	72.4%		69.5%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate^(d)</i>	5.9%		5.2%				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, France-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	France-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	832	18.2	560	16.3	272	48.6	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	1,531	33.5	1,202	35.0	329	27.4	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	544	11.9	380	11.1	164	43.2	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkr	521	11.4	332	9.7	189	56.9	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	442	9.7	384	11.2	58	15.1	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	271	5.9	223	6.5	48	21.5	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	93	2.0	108	3.1	-15	-13.9	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	276	6.0	175	5.1	101	57.7	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	67	1.5	75	2.2	-8	-10.7	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	4,573	100.0	3,438	100.0	1,135	33.0	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, France-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	France-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	71	1.6	40	1.2	31	77.5	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	418	9.1	362	10.5	56	15.5	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	56	1.2	39	1.1	17	43.6	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	187	4.1	171	5.0	16	9.4	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	503	11.0	455	13.2	48	10.5	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	633	13.8	362	10.5	271	74.9	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	181	4.0	111	3.2	70	63.1	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	89	1.9	61	1.8	28	45.9	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	149	3.3	139	4.0	10	7.2	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	42	0.9	33	1.0	9	27.3	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	774	16.9	593	17.2	181	30.5	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	132	2.9	110	3.2	22	20.0	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	604	13.2	462	13.4	142	30.7	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	285	6.2	275	8.0	10	3.6	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	218	4.8	142	4.1	76	53.5	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	222	4.9	90	2.6	132	146.7	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	4,573	100.0	3,438	100.0	1,135	33.0	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), France-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	France-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	29	0.4	35	0.7	-6	-17.1	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	609	9.1	502	9.6	107	21.3	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	1,009	15.0	1,144	21.9	-135	-11.8	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	1,496	22.3	1,032	19.8	464	45.0	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	1,298	19.3	1,003	19.2	295	29.4	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	1,190	17.7	838	16.0	352	42.0	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	901	13.4	485	9.3	416	85.8	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	190	2.8	178	3.4	12	6.7	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	6,716	100.0	5,222	100.0	1,494	28.6	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*.