

The Austria-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 62)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 4,071 Austria-born persons in Victoria (26.5% of Australia's total), ranked 62nd among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Austria-born decreased by 10.8% (491) from 4,562 persons in 2011. They are well distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with minor concentrations in the LGAs of Casey (5.0%), Knox (4.1%), Brimbank (4.0%) and Glen Eira (4.0%). There are also significant numbers in the regional LGA of Greater Geelong (5.3%) and in the rest of regional Victoria (18.3%).

The Austria-born population reflected an ageing profile: only 3.3% were aged 25 years and below; 9.8% were aged 26-44 years; 23.4% were aged 45-64 years; and 63.6% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 69 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 12,227 persons identified with Austrian ancestry. Most of them were born in Australia (64.0%) and Austria (21.2%). Most (86.3%) of the Austria-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 1.9% arrived in 1996-2000; 2.4% arrived in 2001-2005; 2.0% arrived in 2006-2010; and 3.9% arrived in 2011-2016.

One-third (34.6%) of the Austria-born speak German; 55.9% speak English only. Over half (52.1%) of the Austria-born are Catholic; 23.7% have no religion. Almost three-quarters (73.6%) have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born population 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)	3,158	20.5	3,567	21.0	3,899	21.7	-409	-11.5	-332	-8.5
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	916	6.0	1,002	5.9	1,016	5.7	-86	-8.6	-14	-1.4
Total Victoria	4,071	26.5	4,562	26.8	4,910	27.4	-491	-10.8	-348	-7.1
Total Australia	15,384	100.0	17,010	100.0	17,927	100.0	-1,626	-9.6	-917	-5.1

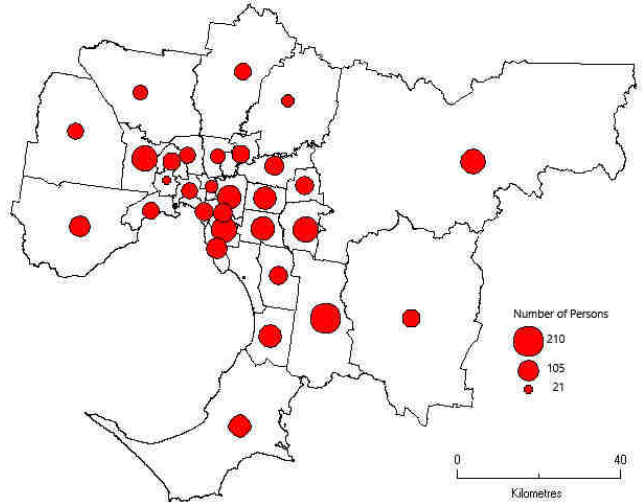
^(a) Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Greater Geelong (C)	216	5.3	232	5.1	2
Casey (C)	205	5.0	242	5.3	1
Knox (C)	165	4.1	219	4.8	3
Brimbank (C)	164	4.0	200	4.4	5
Glen Eira (C)	164	4.0	216	4.7	4
Rest of Melbourne	2,407	59.1	2,645	58.0	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	743	18.3	810	17.8	-
Total Victoria	4,071	100.0	4,562	100.0	-

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

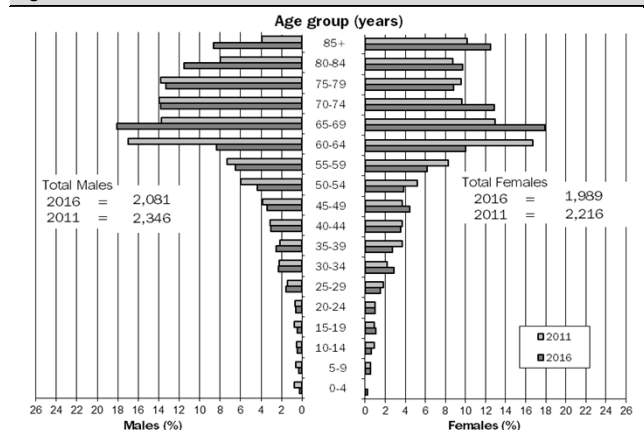
Distribution of Austria-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Austria-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	11	0.3	18	0.4	-38.9
5-11	28	0.7	38	0.8	-26.3
12-18	38	0.9	54	1.2	-29.6
19-25	55	1.4	56	1.2	-1.8
26-44	400	9.8	458	10.0	-12.7
45-54	323	7.9	424	9.3	-23.8
55-64	631	15.5	1,132	24.8	-44.3
65-74	1,281	31.5	1,146	25.1	11.8
75+	1,308	32.1	1,241	27.2	5.4
Total Victoria	4,071	100.0	4,562	100.0	-10.8
<i>Median Age</i>	69		65		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	105		106		<i>males per 100 females</i>

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Austria	2,587	21.2	2,996	25.5	-13.7
England	231	1.9	211	1.8	9.5
Germany	169	1.4	113	1.0	49.6
Italy	163	1.3	116	1.0	40.5
USA	97	0.8	66	0.6	47.0
Australia	7,830	64.0	7,289	62.1	7.4
Other ^(a)	1,141	9.3	953	8.1	19.7
Total responses^(b)	12,227	100.0	11,744	100.0	4.1

^(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 with the most responses for Austria-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
German	1,407	34.6	1,615	35.4	-12.9
Hungarian	37	0.9	37	0.8	-
Croatian	37	0.9	41	0.9	-9.8
Serbian	36	0.9	40	0.9	-10.0
Polish	31	0.8	33	0.7	-6.1
Other languages ^(a)	200	4.9	228	5.0	-12.3
English only	2,276	55.9	2,512	55.1	-9.4
Not stated	49	1.2	56	1.2	-12.5
Total Victoria	4,071	100.0	4,562	100.0	-10.8

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Catholic	2,123	52.1	2,614	57.3	-18.8
Judaism	126	3.1	182	4.0	-30.8
Lutheran	119	2.9	191	4.2	-37.7
Anglican	92	2.3	112	2.5	-17.9
Christian, nfd	78	1.9	54	1.2	44.4
Other religions	373	9.2	422	9.3	-11.6
No religion ^(b)	963	23.7	723	15.8	33.2
Not stated	217	5.3	264	5.8	-17.8
Total Victoria	4,071	100.0	4,562	100.0	-10.8

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Austria-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Austria-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	3,512	86.3	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	78	1.9	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	97	2.4	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	83	2.0	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	157	3.9	381,130	22.7
Not stated	141	3.5	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	4,071	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 Austria-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	2,276	55.9	2,512	55.1	-9.4
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	1,404	34.5	1,500	32.9	-6.4
Well	318	7.8	461	10.1	-31.0
Not well	31	0.8	45	1.0	-31.1
Not at all	7	0.2	4	0.1	75.0
Not stated ^(a)	35	0.9	45	1.0	-22.2
Total Victoria	4,071	100.0	4,562	100.0	-10.8

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	9	0.3	12	0.3	-25.0
5-11	15	0.5	25	0.7	-40.0
12-18	19	0.6	33	1.0	-42.4
19-25	29	1.0	38	1.1	-23.7
26-44	199	6.6	251	7.3	-20.7
45-64	662	22.1	1,256	36.5	-47.3
65-74	1,089	36.3	866	25.2	25.8
75+	978	32.6	964	28.0	1.5
Total	2,998	100.0	3,443	100.0	-12.9
% of Austria-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					73.6%
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.3%

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Austria-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria, except that 16.1% have a bachelor degree or higher and 23.8% have a certificate qualification, compared to 24.3% and 14.4% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Austria-born at 34.3% is lower than that for total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 5.4% is also lower than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Austria-born are slightly different for those for total Victoria: 17.3% of the Austria-born are managers compared to 13.5% for Victoria. Less of the Austria-born work as community and personal service workers (8.7%), sales workers (7.6%) and labourers (6.8%), compared to Victoria (10.6%, 9.7% and 9.0%).

The industry of employment patterns of the Austria-born are also slightly different from total Victoria. More of the Austria-born are employed in professional, scientific, technical and administration (14.4%) and education and training (11.8%), compared to 11.4% and 8.6% for Victoria. Less of them are employed in construction (6.3%), accommodation and food services (4.9%) and healthcare and social assistance (10.3%), compared to 8.3%, 6.6% and 12.5% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Austria-born differs from that for total Victoria. More of them receive \$1-\$399 (28.3%) and \$400-\$799 (31.8%), compared to 20.1% and 23.1% for Victoria. Less of them receive \$800-\$1,249 (12.7%) and \$1,250 or more (16.1%), compared to 21.1% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Austria-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	211	5.3	188	4.2	23	12.2	260,039	0.2	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	74	1.8	71	1.6	3	4.2	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	362	9.0	374	8.3	-12	-3.2	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	413	10.3	403	9.0	10	2.5	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	954	23.8	1,084	24.1	-130	-12.0	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	1,375	34.2	1,540	34.3	-165	-10.7	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	16	0.4	19	0.4	-3	-15.8	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	609	15.2	806	17.9	-197	-24.4	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	4,015	100.0	4,492	100.0	-477	-10.6	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, Austria-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Austria-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>	1,379	33.9	1,709	37.5	-330	-19.3	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	1,305	32.1	1,640	35.9	-335	-20.4	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	74	1.8	69	1.5	5	7.2	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	2,513	61.7	2,572	56.4	-59	-2.3	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	128	3.1	207	4.5	-79	-38.2	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	59	1.4	71	1.6	-12	-16.9	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	4,071	100.0	4,562	100.0	-491	-10.8	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	34.4%		38.1%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	5.4%		4.0%				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, Austria-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Austria-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	226	17.3	247	15.1	-21	-8.5	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	314	24.1	406	24.8	-92	-22.7	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	182	13.9	238	14.5	-56	-23.5	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	114	8.7	121	7.4	-7	-5.8	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	176	13.5	231	14.1	-55	-23.8	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	99	7.6	119	7.3	-20	-16.8	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	66	5.1	111	6.8	-45	-40.5	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	89	6.8	122	7.4	-33	-27.0	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	40	3.1	43	2.6	-3	-7.0	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	1,305	100.0	1,640	100.0	-335	-20.4	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, Austria-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Austria-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	36	2.8	33	2.0	3	9.1	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	117	9.0	241	14.7	-124	-51.5	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	14	1.1	14	0.9	-	-	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	82	6.3	124	7.6	-42	-33.9	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	158	12.1	227	13.8	-69	-30.4	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	64	4.9	77	4.7	-13	-16.9	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	57	4.4	77	4.7	-20	-26.0	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	20	1.5	25	1.5	-5	-20.0	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	36	2.8	47	2.9	-11	-23.4	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	27	2.1	31	1.9	-4	-12.9	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	188	14.4	210	12.8	-22	-10.5	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	62	4.8	77	4.7	-15	-19.5	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	154	11.8	165	10.1	-11	-6.7	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	135	10.3	161	9.8	-26	-16.1	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	74	5.7	92	5.6	-18	-19.6	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	87	6.7	43	2.6	44	102.3	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	1,305	100.0	1,640	100.0	-335	-20.4	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), Austria-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Austria-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	17	0.4	26	0.6	-9	-34.6	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	205	5.1	208	4.6	-3	-1.4	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	1,138	28.3	1,787	39.8	-649	-36.3	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	1,278	31.8	1,056	23.5	222	21.0	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	510	12.7	524	11.7	-14	-2.7	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	393	9.8	398	8.9	-5	-1.3	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	251	6.3	226	5.0	25	11.1	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	229	5.7	262	5.8	-33	-12.6	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	4,015	100.0	4,492	100.0	-477	-10.6	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*.