

The Kenya-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 65)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 3,860 Kenya-born persons in Victoria (21.9% of Australia’s total), ranked 65th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Kenya-born increased by 35.4% (1,010) from 2,850 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the LGAs of: Wyndham (10.1%), Casey (9.4%), Greater Dandenong (5.4%), Monash (4.5%) and Whittlesea (4.5%); 8.7% live in regional Victoria.

The Kenya-born reflected a young to adult age profile: 43.9 % were aged 25 years and below; 32.0% were aged between 26-44 years; 18.4% were aged between 45-64 years; and 5.7% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 29 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 90 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 1,585 persons identified with Kenyan ancestry; most of them were born in Kenya (69.7%) and Australia (23.9%). One-fifth (19.0%) of the Kenya-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 6.8% arrived in 1996-2000; 20.7% arrived in 2001-2005; 23.9% arrived in 2006-2010; and 27.0% arrived in 2011-2016.

The Kenya-born speak a variety of languages: Swahili (29.2%), Dinka (9.5%), Somali (9.4%), Gujarati (6.1%) and Nuer (2.6%); 30.7% speak English only. The Kenya-born follow a variety of religions: Catholic (18.6%), Islam (16.0%), Anglican (11.7%), Hinduism (7.8%) and Pentecostal (6.7%); 9.5% have no religion. Over three-fifths (62.6%) of the Kenya-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Kenya-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)	3,533	20.0	2,563	18.5	1,781	17.9	970	37.8	782	43.9
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	331	1.9	286	2.1	162	1.6	45	15.7	124	76.5
Total Victoria	3,860	21.9	2,850	20.6	1,941	19.5	1,010	35.4	909	46.8
Total Australia	17,652	100.0	13,831	100.0	9,935	100.0	3,821	27.6	3,896	39.2

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

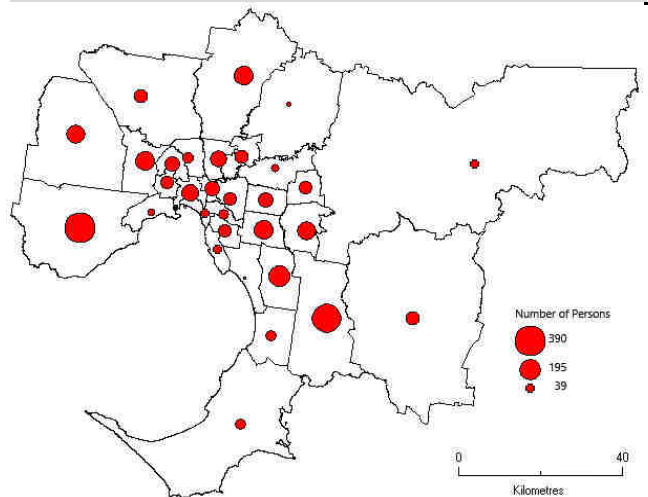
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Wyndham (C)	390	10.1	190	6.7	2
Casey (C)	361	9.4	219	7.7	1
Gter Dandenong (C)	208	5.4	154	5.4	4
Monash (C)	175	4.5	170	6.0	3
Whittlesea (C)	175	4.5	82	2.9	12
Rest of Melbourne	2,210	57.3	1,740	61.1	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	334	8.7	302	10.6	-
Total Victoria	3,860	100.0	2,850	100.0	-

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

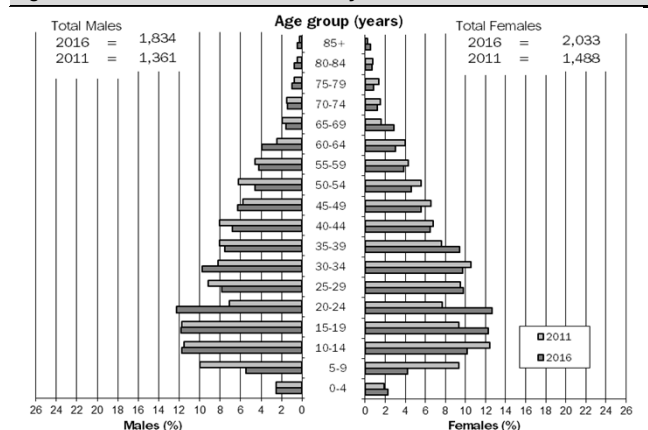
Distribution of Kenya-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Kenya-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	90	2.3	61	2.1	47.5
5-11	325	8.4	410	14.4	-20.7
12-18	639	16.6	464	16.3	37.7
19-25	642	16.6	313	11.0	105.1
26-44	1,236	32.0	902	31.6	37.0
45-54	412	10.7	342	12.0	20.5
55-64	297	7.7	218	7.6	36.2
65-74	142	3.7	84	2.9	69.0
75+	76	2.0	53	1.9	43.4
Total Victoria	3,860	100.0	2,850	100.0	35.4
<i>Median Age</i>	29		29		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	90		91		<i>91 males per 100 females</i>

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Kenya	1,104	69.7	656	71.7	68.3
England	16	1.0	5	0.5	220.0
USA	12	0.8	8	0.9	50.0
India	10	0.6	4	0.4	150.0
South Africa	9	0.6	6	0.7	50.0
Australia	379	23.9	198	21.6	91.4
Other ^(a)	41	2.6	38	4.2	7.9
Total responses^(b)	1,585	100.0	915	100.0	73.2

^(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 Kenya-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Swahili	1,127	29.2	667	23.4	69.0
Dinka	365	9.5	254	8.9	43.7
Somali	361	9.4	231	8.1	56.3
Gujarati	234	6.1	204	7.2	14.7
Nuer	100	2.6	64	2.2	56.3
Other languages ^(a)	438	11.3	380	13.3	15.3
English only	1,185	30.7	996	34.9	19.0
Not stated	38	1.0	54	1.9	-29.6
Total Victoria	3,860	100.0	2,850	100.0	35.4

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Catholic	717	18.6	552	19.4	29.9
Islam	618	16.0	407	14.3	51.8
Anglican	453	11.7	433	15.2	4.6
Hinduism	301	7.8	269	9.4	11.9
Pentecostal	257	6.7	135	4.7	90.4
Other religions	1,005	26.0	741	26.0	35.6
No religion ^(b)	366	9.5	196	6.9	86.7
Not stated	152	3.9	117	4.1	29.9
Total Victoria	3,860	100.0	2,850	100.0	35.4

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Kenya-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Kenya-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	732	19.0	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	261	6.8	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	799	20.7	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	921	23.9	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	1,044	27.0	381,130	22.7
Not stated	112	2.9	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	3,860	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 Kenya-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	1,185	30.7	996	34.9	19.0
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	2,217	57.4	1,464	51.4	51.4
Well	300	7.8	261	9.2	14.9
Not well	83	2.2	58	2.0	43.1
Not at all	22	0.6	13	0.5	69.2
Not stated ^(a)	51	1.3	58	2.0	-12.1
Total Victoria	3,860	100.0	2,850	100.0	35.4

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	41	1.7	16	0.9	156.3
5-11	157	6.5	236	13.9	-33.5
12-18	493	20.4	331	19.5	48.9
19-25	346	14.3	101	5.9	242.6
26-44	612	25.3	437	25.7	40.0
45-64	579	23.9	460	27.1	25.9
65-74	115	4.8	67	3.9	71.6
75+	66	2.7	44	2.6	50.0
Total	2,418	100.0	1,700	100.0	42.2

% of Kenya-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 62.6%

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

Economic characteristics

The educational levels of the Kenya-born are different from total Victoria. More of them have a postgraduate degree (14.1%), a bachelor degree (25.2%) and an advanced diploma or diploma (13.4%), compared to Victoria (5.4%, 16.5% and 9.2%). Less of them have a certificate (7.3%) and school education only (30.4%), compared to Victoria (14.4% and 38.7%).

The labour force participation rate of the Kenya-born at 71.9% is higher than total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 13.5% is also higher than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Kenya-born are different from those for total Victoria. More of the Kenya-born work as professionals (33.8%) and community and personal service workers (22.5%), compared to 23.3% and 10.6% for Victoria. Less of them are technicians and trade workers (5.1%), sales workers (6.2%) and labourers (4.8%), compared to 13.1%, 9.7% and 9.0% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns of the Kenya-born are also different from those for total Victoria. Less of them are employed in manufacturing (3.9%), construction (2.2%) and wholesale and retail trade (9.6%), compared to 7.8%, 8.3% and 13.4% for Victoria. More of them are employed in finance and insurance (7.0%) and healthcare and social assistance (32.9%) than Victoria (3.9% and 12.5%).

The weekly personal income distribution pattern of the Kenya-born is different from total Victoria. More of them receive nil income (15.7%) and \$1,250-\$1,999 (16.7%) than Victoria (9.7% and 13.6%). Less of them receive \$1-\$399 (19.0%) and \$400-\$799 (18.7%) compared to Victoria (20.1% and 23.1%).

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Kenya-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Postgraduate Degree	448	14.1	271	12.4	177	65.3	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	98	3.1	61	2.8	37	60.7	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	797	25.2	599	27.5	198	33.1	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	426	13.4	290	13.3	136	46.9	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	230	7.3	156	7.2	74	47.4	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	964	30.4	618	28.4	346	56.0	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	9	0.3	10	0.5	-1	-10.0	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	196	6.2	172	7.9	24	14.0	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	3,168	100.0	2,179	100.0	989	45.4	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, Kenya-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Kenya-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
<i>In the labour force</i>	2,280	59.1	1,563	54.8	717	45.9	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	1,972	51.1	1,437	50.4	535	37.2	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	308	8.0	126	4.4	182	144.4	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	869	22.5	588	20.6	281	47.8	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
Not stated	21	0.5	26	0.9	-5	-19.2	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
Not applicable ^(b)	691	17.9	671	23.5	20	3.0	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	3,860	100.0	2,850	100.0	1,010	35.4	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate^(c)</i>	71.9%		71.7%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate^(d)</i>	13.5%		8.1%				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, Kenya-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Kenya-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	199	10.1	179	12.5	20	11.2	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	666	33.8	505	35.1	161	31.9	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	100	5.1	84	5.8	16	19.0	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	443	22.5	252	17.5	191	75.8	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	237	12.0	185	12.9	52	28.1	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	123	6.2	91	6.3	32	35.2	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	67	3.4	40	2.8	27	67.5	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	94	4.8	67	4.7	27	40.3	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	38	1.9	32	2.2	6	18.8	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	1,972	100.0	1,437	100.0	535	37.2	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, Kenya-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Kenya-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	13	0.7	13	0.9	-	-	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	77	3.9	85	5.9	-8	-9.4	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	18	0.9	14	1.0	4	28.6	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	43	2.2	36	2.5	7	19.4	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	190	9.6	168	11.7	22	13.1	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	94	4.8	54	3.8	40	74.1	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	69	3.5	50	3.5	19	38.0	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	50	2.5	41	2.9	9	22.0	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	138	7.0	104	7.2	34	32.7	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	24	1.2	9	0.6	15	166.7	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	200	10.1	190	13.2	10	5.3	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	124	6.3	86	6.0	38	44.2	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	154	7.8	132	9.2	22	16.7	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	648	32.9	371	25.8	277	74.7	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	57	2.9	68	4.7	-11	-16.2	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	90	4.6	17	1.2	73	429.4	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	1,972	100.0	1,437	100.0	535	37.2	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), Kenya-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Kenya-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	34	1.1	31	1.4	3	9.7	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	498	15.7	259	11.9	239	92.3	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	603	19.0	487	22.3	116	23.8	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	591	18.7	406	18.6	185	45.6	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	537	17.0	397	18.2	140	35.3	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	530	16.7	325	14.9	205	63.1	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	275	8.7	182	8.4	93	51.1	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	110	3.5	94	4.3	16	17.0	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	3,168	100.0	2,179	100.0	989	45.4	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*.