

The Kuwait-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 81)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 1,839 Kuwait-born persons in Victoria (30.5% of Australia's total), ranked 81st among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Kuwait-born increased by 55.8% (659) from 1,180 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the LGAs of Hume (12.6%), Whittlesea (11.7%), Melbourne (7.6%), Casey (5.7%) and Manningham (5.4%); 9.9% live in regional Victoria.

The Kuwait-born reflected a young to mature age profile: 31.9% were aged 25 years and below; 51.0% were aged 26-44 years; 16.3% were aged 45-64 years; and 0.5% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 31 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 138 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 398 persons identified with Kuwaiti ancestry. Most were born in Kuwait (74.9%) and Australia (12.8%). Many of the Kuwaiti-born also identified with other ancestries. One-fifth (19.1%) of the Kuwait-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 10.8% arrived in 1996-2000; 9.9% arrived in 2001-2005; 20.6% arrived in 2006-2010; and 38.2% arrived in 2011-2016.

The Kuwait-born speak Arabic (62.8%), Malayalam (7.0%), Urdu (3.6%) and Hindi (2.1%); 16.7% speak English only. Of those who speak a language other than English, 8.6% speak English not well/not at all. The Kuwait-born follow Islam (61.3%), Catholic (13.0%) and Oriental Orthodox (3.3%); 6.1% have no religion. Over half (58.0%) have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Kuwait-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)	1,666	27.7	1,069	26.3	688	23.9	597	55.8	381	55.4
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	175	2.9	106	2.6	105	3.7	69	65.1	1	1.0
Total Victoria	1,839	30.5	1,180	29.1	799	27.8	659	55.8	381	47.7
Total Australia	6,020	100.0	4,060	100.0	2,876	100.0	1,960	48.3	1,184	41.2

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

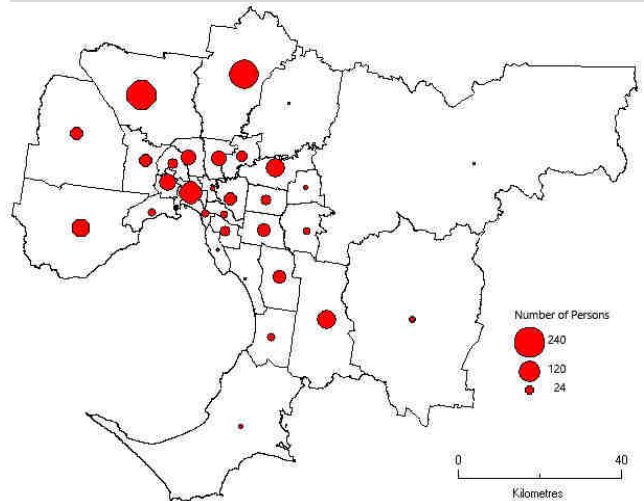
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Hume (C)	231	12.6	126	10.7	1
Whittlesea (C)	216	11.7	121	10.3	2
Melbourne (C)	139	7.6	86	7.3	3
Casey (C)	105	5.7	60	5.1	6
Manningham (C)	100	5.4	84	7.1	4
Rest of Melbourne	872	47.4	586	49.7	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	182	9.9	107	9.1	-
Total Victoria	1,839	100.0	1,180	100.0	-

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

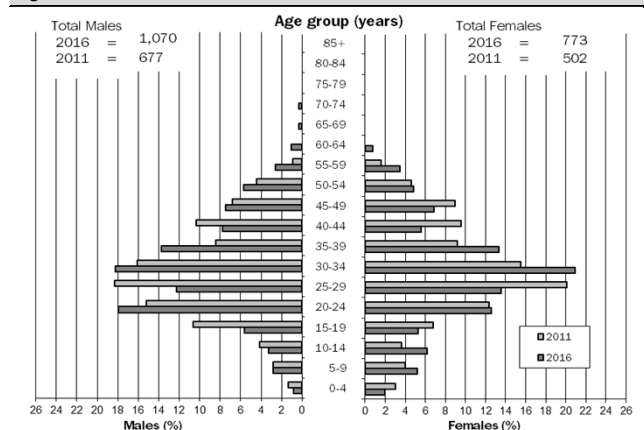
Distribution of Kuwait-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Kuwait-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	23	1.3	23	1.9	-
5-11	101	5.5	71	6.0	42.3
12-18	113	6.1	75	6.4	50.7
19-25	350	19.0	264	22.4	32.6
26-44	937	51.0	584	49.5	60.4
45-54	234	12.7	142	12.0	64.8
55-64	66	3.6	20	1.7	230.0
65-74	9	0.5	-	-	-
75+	-	-	-	-	-
Total Victoria	1,839	100.0	1,180	100.0	55.8
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>31</i>		<i>29</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>138</i>		<i>135</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Kuwait	298	74.9	94	81.7	217.0
Iraq	13	3.3	5	4.3	160.0
Iran	4	1.0	-	0.0	-
England	3	0.8	-	0.0	-
Saudi Arabia	3	0.8	-	0.0	-
Australia	51	12.8	5	4.3	920.0
Other ^(a)	21	5.3	11	9.6	90.9
Total responses^(b)	398	100.0	115	100.0	246.1

^(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 Kuwait-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Arabic	1,155	62.8	752	63.7	53.6
Malayalam	129	7.0	71	6.0	81.7
Urdu	67	3.6	28	2.4	139.3
Hindi	39	2.1	31	2.6	25.8
Konkani	18	1.0	6	0.5	200.0
Other languages ^(a)	106	5.8	67	5.7	58.2
English only	307	16.7	221	18.7	38.9
Not stated	11	0.6	4	0.3	175.0
Total Victoria	1,839	100.0	1,180	100.0	55.8

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Islam	1,127	61.3	729	61.8	54.6
Catholic	239	13.0	175	14.8	36.6
Oriental Orthodox	60	3.3	43	3.6	39.5
Christian, nfd	50	2.7	18	1.5	177.8
Hinduism	45	2.4	34	2.9	32.4
Other religions	134	7.3	112	9.5	19.6
No religion ^(b)	113	6.1	42	3.6	169.0
Not stated	69	3.8	27	2.3	155.6
Total Victoria	1,839	100.0	1,180	100.0	55.8

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Kuwait-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Kuwait-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	351	19.1	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	199	10.8	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	182	9.9	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	379	20.6	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	703	38.2	381,130	22.7
Not stated	34	1.8	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	1,839	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 Kuwait-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	307	16.7	221	18.7	38.9
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	923	50.2	597	50.6	54.6
Well	440	23.9	232	19.7	89.7
Not well	128	7.0	73	6.2	75.3
Not at all	29	1.6	39	3.3	-25.6
Not stated ^(a)	4	0.2	8	0.7	-50.0
Total Victoria	1,839	100.0	1,180	100.0	55.8

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	9	0.8	10	1.4	-10.0
5-11	64	6.0	29	3.9	120.7
12-18	79	7.4	32	4.3	146.9
19-25	78	7.3	138	18.7	-43.5
26-44	594	55.7	386	52.3	53.9
45-64	249	23.3	136	18.4	83.1
65-74	5	0.5	-	-	-
75+	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,067	100.0	738	100.0	44.6
% of Kuwait-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.0%
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.3%

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Kuwait-born are different from those for total Victoria. 15.6% have a postgraduate degree and 27.5% have a bachelor degree, compared to 5.4% and 16.5% for total Victoria. Less of them have an advanced diploma or diploma (7.7%) and a certificate (4.2%), compared to 9.2% and 14.4% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Kuwait-born at 56.1% is lower than for total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 13.3% is higher than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Kuwait-born are similar to those for total Victoria, with some exceptions. More of them work as professionals (42.0%) compared to Victoria (23.3%). Less of them work as technicians and trades workers (7.6%), community and personal service workers (7.8%) and labourers (3.8%), compared to 13.1%, 10.6% and 9.0% for total Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns for the Kuwait-born are different from those for total Victoria. Less of them are employed in manufacturing (5.7%) and construction (3.8%), compared with 7.8% and 8.3% for Victoria. More of them are employed in finance and insurance (7.4%), professional, scientific, technical and administration (16.2%) and healthcare and social assistance (15.4%), compared to 3.9%, 11.4% and 12.5% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Kuwait-born is similar to total Victoria, except that less of them receive \$400-\$799 (17.1%) compared to Victoria (23.1%). More of the Kuwait-born receive \$800-\$1,249 (26.4%) compared to Victoria (16.7%).

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Kuwait-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	260	15.6	141	13.3	119	84.4	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	35	2.1	20	1.9	15	75.0	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	458	27.5	298	28.0	160	53.7	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	129	7.7	76	7.1	53	69.7	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	70	4.2	37	3.5	33	89.2	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	623	37.4	411	38.6	212	51.6	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	23	1.4	22	2.1	1	4.5	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	71	4.3	63	5.9	8	12.7	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	1,668	100.0	1,064	100.0	604	56.8	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, Kuwait-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Kuwait-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>	935	50.8	607	51.4	328	54.0	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	811	44.1	529	44.8	282	53.3	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	124	6.7	78	6.6	46	59.0	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	724	39.4	438	37.1	286	65.3	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
Not stated	9	0.5	20	1.7	-11	-55.0	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
Not applicable ^(b)	172	9.4	116	9.8	56	48.3	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	1,839	100.0	1,180	100.0	659	55.8	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate^(c)</i>	56.1%		57.0%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate^(d)</i>	13.3%		12.9%				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, Kuwait-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Kuwait-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	113	13.9	78	14.7	35	44.9	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	341	42.0	187	35.3	154	82.4	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	62	7.6	41	7.8	21	51.2	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	63	7.8	25	4.7	38	152.0	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	96	11.8	88	16.6	8	9.1	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	63	7.8	43	8.1	20	46.5	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	41	5.1	25	4.7	16	64.0	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	31	3.8	23	4.3	8	34.8	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	14	1.7	7	1.3	7	100.0	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	811	100.0	529	100.0	282	53.3	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, Kuwait-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Kuwait-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	4	0.5	-	-	4	-	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	46	5.7	40	7.6	6	15.0	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	5	0.6	5	0.9	-	-	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	31	3.8	20	3.8	11	55.0	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	100	12.3	87	16.4	13	14.9	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	47	5.8	28	5.3	19	67.9	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	40	4.9	28	5.3	12	42.9	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	35	4.3	24	4.5	11	45.8	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	60	7.4	52	9.8	8	15.4	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	5	0.6	3	0.6	2	66.7	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	131	16.2	85	16.1	46	54.1	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	38	4.7	29	5.5	9	31.0	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	78	9.6	36	6.8	42	116.7	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	125	15.4	62	11.7	63	101.6	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	25	3.1	21	4.0	4	19.0	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	37	4.6	10	1.9	27	270.0	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	811	100.0	529	100.0	282	53.3	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), Kuwait-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Kuwait-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	18	1.1	8	0.8	10	125.0	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	177	10.6	112	10.5	65	58.0	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	356	21.3	306	28.8	50	16.3	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	286	17.1	254	23.9	32	12.6	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	440	26.4	157	14.8	283	180.3	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	241	14.4	115	10.8	126	109.6	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	124	7.4	51	4.8	73	143.1	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	33	2.0	58	5.5	-25	-43.1	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	1,668	100.0	1,064	100.0	604	56.8	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*.