

The Lebanon-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 23)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 16,684 Lebanon-born persons in Victoria (21.0% of total Australia), ranked 23rd among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Lebanon-born increased by 5.1% (813) from 15,871 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the LGAs of Hume (20.8%), Moreland (15.9%), Whittlesea (9.8%), Darebin (7.0%) and Hobsons Bay (6.0%).

The Lebanon-born reflected a mature to ageing profile: 8.1% were aged 25 years and below; 30.9% were aged 26-44 years; 43.2% were aged 45-64 years; and 30.7% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 49 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 108 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 46,334 persons identified with Lebanese ancestry. Most of them were born in Australia (63.6%) and Lebanon (30.7%). Two-thirds (64.3%) of the Lebanon-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 6.4% arrived in 1996-2000; 7.4% arrived in 2001-2005; 9.1% arrived in 2006-2010; and 8.5% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most of the Lebanon-born speak Arabic (87.7%); 8.4% speak English only. Of those who speak a language other than English, 18.5% speak English not well/not at all. The Lebanon-born follow a variety of religions: Islam (46.6%), Catholic (23.2%), Eastern Orthodox (9.9%) and Christian not further defined (3.2%); 4.7% have no religion. Most (86.1%) of the Lebanon-born (86.1%) have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Lebanon-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)	16,394	20.8	15,574	20.4	14,677	19.6	820	5.3	897	6.1
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	293	0.4	294	0.4	270	0.4	-1	-0.3	24	8.9
Total Victoria	16,684	21.2	15,871	20.8	14,944	20.0	813	5.1	927	6.2
Total Australia	78,653	100.0	76,450	100.0	74,849	100.0	2,203	2.9	1,601	2.1

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

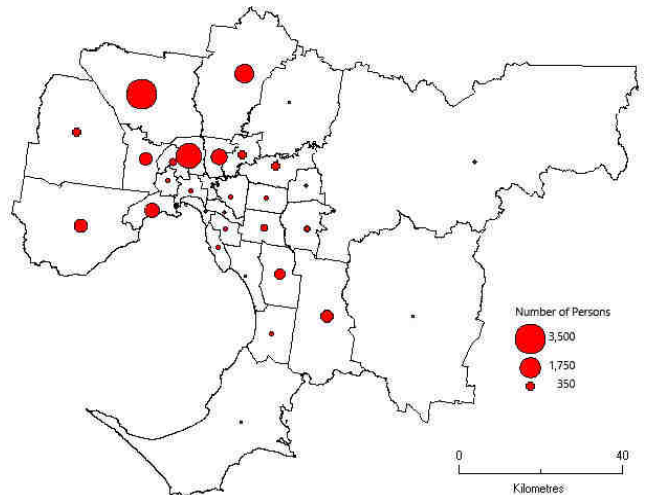
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Hume (C)	3,469	20.8	2,946	18.6	1
Moreland (C)	2,645	15.9	2,783	17.5	2
Whittlesea (C)	1,637	9.8	1,474	9.3	3
Darebin (C)	1,170	7.0	1,273	8.0	4
Hobsons Bay (C)	999	6.0	969	6.1	5
Rest of Melbourne	6,430	38.5	6,085	38.3	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	314	1.9	322	2.0	-
Total Victoria	16,684	100.0	15,871	100.0	-

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

Distribution of Lebanon-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Lebanon-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	96	0.6	59	0.4	62.7
5-11	183	1.1	212	1.3	-13.7
12-18	340	2.0	338	2.1	0.6
19-25	726	4.4	818	5.2	-11.2
26-44	5,149	30.9	5,733	36.1	-10.2
45-54	4,037	24.2	3,842	24.2	5.1
55-64	3,173	19.0	2,733	17.2	16.1
65-74	1,957	11.7	1,368	8.6	43.1
75+	1,027	6.2	768	4.8	33.7
Total Victoria	16,684	100.0	15,871	100.0	5.1
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>49</i>		<i>46</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>108</i>		<i>108</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Lebanon	14,234	30.7	13,460	33.5	5.8
Egypt	240	0.5	238	0.6	0.8
Syria	189	0.4	148	0.4	27.7
New Zealand	111	0.2	79	0.2	40.5
Kuwait	96	0.2	76	0.2	26.3
Australia	29,473	63.6	24,777	61.6	19.0
Other ^(a)	1,950	4.2	1,456	3.6	33.9
Total responses^(b)	46,334	100.0	40,234	100.0	15.2

^(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 Lebanon-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Arabic	14,636	87.7	14,158	89.2	3.4
Armenian	174	1.0	165	1.0	5.5
Assyrian	133	0.8	131	0.8	1.5
French	64	0.4	38	0.2	68.4
Italian	28	0.2	22	0.1	27.3
Other languages ^(a)	69	0.4	76	0.5	-9.2
English only	1,409	8.4	1,148	7.2	22.7
Not stated	152	0.9	133	0.8	14.3
Total Victoria	16,684	100.0	15,871	100.0	5.1

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Islam	7,777	46.6	7,484	47.2	3.9
Catholic	3,930	23.6	4,125	26.0	-4.7
Eastern Orthodox	1,652	9.9	2,052	12.9	-19.5
Christian, nfd	526	3.2	152	1.0	246.1
Druse	448	2.7	458	2.9	-2.2
Other religions	706	4.2	674	4.2	4.7
No religion ^(b)	781	4.7	384	2.4	103.4
Not stated	859	5.1	542	3.4	58.5
Total Victoria	16,684	100.0	15,871	100.0	5.1

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Lebanon-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Lebanon-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	10,730	64.3	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	1,068	6.4	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	1,230	7.4	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	1,511	9.1	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	1,425	8.5	381,130	22.7
Not stated	717	4.3	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	16,684	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 Lebanon-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	1,409	8.4	1,148	7.2	22.7
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	6,507	39.0	6,115	38.5	6.4
Well	5,450	32.7	5,276	33.2	3.3
Not well	2,698	16.2	2,717	17.1	-0.7
Not at all	390	2.3	437	2.8	-10.8
Not stated ^(a)	226	1.4	180	1.1	25.6
Total Victoria	16,684	100.0	15,871	100.0	5.1

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	55	0.4	37	0.3	48.6
5-11	138	1.0	168	1.2	-17.9
12-18	287	2.0	283	2.0	1.4
19-25	318	2.2	352	2.5	-9.7
26-44	3,836	26.7	4,685	33.6	-18.1
45-64	6,868	47.8	6,345	45.5	8.2
65-74	1,890	13.2	1,326	9.5	42.5
75+	973	6.8	734	5.3	32.6
Total	14,358	100.0	13,933	100.0	3.1
% of Lebanon-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					86.1%
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.3%

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Lebanon-born are lower than those for total Victoria: 11.0% have a bachelor degree or higher and 16.5% have an advanced diploma or diploma or a certificate, compared to 24.4% and 23.6% for Victoria. Over half (56.6%) of them have school education only compared to 38.7% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Lebanon-born at 43.4% is lower than total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 10.3% is higher than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Lebanon-born are different from those for total Victoria. More of them work as managers (17.5%), technicians and trades workers (18.6%) and machinery operators and drivers (10.0%), compared to 13.5%, 13.1% and 5.8% for Victoria. Less of them work as professionals (12.2%) and clerical and administrative workers (8.2%) than Victoria (23.3% and 13.3%).

The industry of employment patterns for the Lebanon-born are also different from those for total Victoria. More of them are employed in construction (13.0%), accommodation and food services (13.5%) and transport, postal and warehousing (8.5%), compared to Victoria (8.3%, 6.6% and 4.8%). Less of them are employed in professional, scientific, technical and administration (7.3%), public administration and safety (3.3%) and healthcare and social assistance (10.4%), compared to Victoria (11.4%, 5.3% and 12.5%).

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Lebanon-born is different from total Victoria. More of them receive nil income (11.3%) and \$1-\$399 (36.7%) than Victoria (9.7% and 20.1%). Less of them receive \$800-\$1,249 (11.7%) and \$1,250 or more (10.2%), compared to Victoria (16.7% and 21.1%).

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Lebanon-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Postgraduate Degree	410	2.5	271	1.8	139	51.3	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	144	0.9	94	0.6	50	53.2	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	1,235	7.6	1,016	6.6	219	21.6	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	1,169	7.2	866	5.6	303	35.0	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	1,514	9.3	1,010	6.5	504	49.9	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	9,208	56.6	9,290	60.1	-82	-0.9	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	1,332	8.2	1,359	8.8	-27	-2.0	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	1,266	7.8	1,554	10.0	-288	-18.5	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	16,280	100.0	15,463	100.0	817	5.3	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, Lebanon-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Lebanon-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>	7,072	42.4	6,507	41.0	565	8.7	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	6,342	38.0	5,837	36.8	505	8.7	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	730	4.4	670	4.2	60	9.0	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	8,982	53.8	8,595	54.2	387	4.5	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	224	1.3	363	2.3	-139	-38.3	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	404	2.4	411	2.6	-7	-1.7	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	16,684	100.0	15,871	100.0	813	5.1	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	43.4%		42.1%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	10.3%		10.3%				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, Lebanon-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Lebanon-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	1,109	17.5	1,086	18.6	23	2.1	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	772	12.2	642	11.0	130	20.2	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	1,177	18.6	1,098	18.8	79	7.2	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	757	11.9	430	7.4	327	76.0	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	523	8.2	503	8.6	20	4.0	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	528	8.3	488	8.4	40	8.2	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	634	10.0	625	10.7	9	1.4	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	716	11.3	768	13.2	-52	-6.8	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	127	2.0	191	3.3	-64	-33.5	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	6,342	100.0	5,837	100.0	505	8.7	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, Lebanon-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Lebanon-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	34	0.5	16	0.3	18	112.5	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	458	7.2	640	11.0	-182	-28.4	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	40	0.6	33	0.6	7	21.2	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	823	13.0	630	10.8	193	30.6	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	840	13.2	987	16.9	-147	-14.9	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	858	13.5	1,020	17.5	-162	-15.9	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	540	8.5	492	8.4	48	9.8	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	66	1.0	67	1.1	-1	-1.5	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	118	1.9	159	2.7	-41	-25.8	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	66	1.0	74	1.3	-8	-10.8	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	465	7.3	369	6.3	96	26.0	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	210	3.3	158	2.7	52	32.9	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	378	6.0	254	4.4	124	48.8	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	660	10.4	376	6.4	284	75.5	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	362	5.7	324	5.6	38	11.7	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	430	6.8	234	4.0	196	83.8	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	6,342	100.0	5,837	100.0	505	8.7	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), Lebanon-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Lebanon-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	196	1.2	188	1.2	8	4.3	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	1,836	11.3	1,402	9.1	434	31.0	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	5,972	36.7	7,383	47.7	-1,411	-19.1	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	3,959	24.3	3,011	19.5	948	31.5	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	1,907	11.7	1,490	9.6	417	28.0	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	1,131	6.9	710	4.6	421	59.3	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	535	3.3	355	2.3	180	50.7	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	738	4.5	919	5.9	-181	-19.7	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	16,280	100.0	15,463	100.0	817	5.3	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*.