

The Malta-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 20)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 17,873 Malta-born persons in Victoria (47.5% of Australia’s total), ranked 20th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Malta-born decreased by 9.4% (1,857) from 19,730 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with major concentrations in the LGAs of Brimbank (25.3%), Melton (11%), Hume (6.5%), Hobson’s Bay (6.5%) and Wyndham (6.2%); 10.8% of the Malta-born live in regional Victoria.

The Malta-born reflected a significantly ageing profile; 1.3% were aged 25 years and under; 4.2% were aged 26-44; 32.1% were aged 45-64; and 62.4% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 67 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 99 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 73,875 persons identified with Maltese ancestry. Most of them were born in Australia (72.6%) and Malta (22.6%). Most (92.9%) of the Malta-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 0.5% arrived in 1996-2000; 0.9% arrived in 2001-2005; 1.0% arrived in 2006-2010; and 0.8% arrived in 2011-2016.

Almost two-thirds (61.2%) of the Malta-born speak Maltese; 36.8% speak English only. The majority (90.1%) of the Malta-born are Catholic; 4.1% have no religion. Most (83.1%) of the Malta-born 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)	16,266	43.2	18,091	43.8	19,230	44.0	-1,825	-10.1	-1,139	-5.9
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	1,609	4.3	1,637	4.0	1,615	3.7	-28	-1.7	22	1.4
Total Victoria	17,873	47.5	19,730	47.8	20,849	47.7	-1,857	-9.4	-1,119	-5.4
Total Australia	37,613	100.0	41,274	100.0	43,700	100.0	-3,661	-8.9	-2,426	-5.6

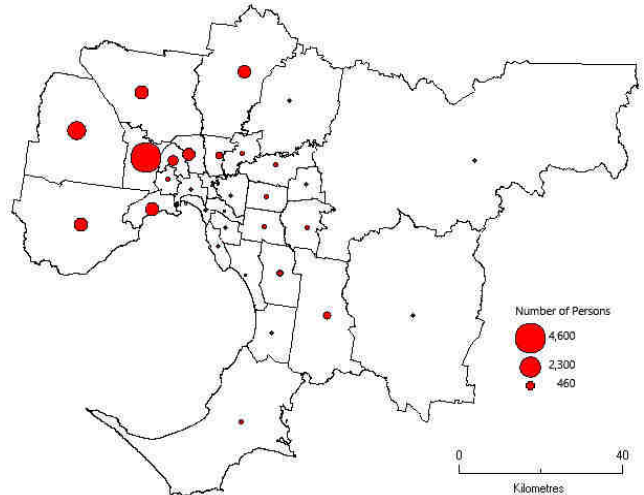
^(a) Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Brimbank (C)	4,524	25.3	5,376	27.2	1
Melton (C)	1,967	11.0	1,837	9.3	2
Hume (C)	1,165	6.5	1,322	6.7	3
Hobsons Bay (C)	1,162	6.5	1,304	6.6	4
Wyndham (C)	1,116	6.2	1,170	5.9	5
Rest of Melbourne	6,026	33.7	6,810	34.5	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	1,939	10.8	1,911	9.7	-
Total Victoria	17,873	100.0	19,730	100.0	-

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

Distribution of Malta-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016

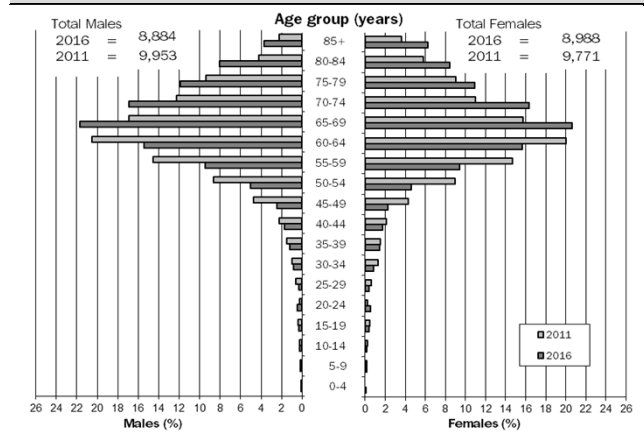


Age Distribution of Malta-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	8	0.0	3	0.0	166.7
5-11	29	0.2	50	0.3	-42.0
12-18	70	0.4	98	0.5	-28.6
19-25	127	0.7	81	0.4	56.8
26-44	742	4.2	1,062	5.4	-30.1
45-54	1,274	7.1	2,622	13.3	-51.4
55-64	4,469	25.0	6,899	35.0	-35.2
65-74	6,751	37.8	5,516	28.0	22.4
75+	4,398	24.6	3,394	17.2	29.6
Total Victoria	17,873	100.0	19,730	100.0	-9.4

Median Age: 67 (2016), 63 (2011)
 Sex Ratio: 99 (2016), 102 males per 100 females (2011)

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Malta	16,726	22.6	18,271	26.4	-8.5
Egypt	604	0.8	635	0.9	-4.9
England	510	0.7	450	0.6	13.3
Libya	306	0.4	310	0.4	-1.3
Canada	67	0.1	52	0.1	28.8
Australia	53,668	72.6	48,002	69.3	11.8
Other ^(a)	1,949	2.6	1,542	2.2	26.4
Total responses^(b)	73,875	100.0	69,262	100.0	6.7

^(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 Malta-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Maltese	10,938	61.2	12,386	62.8	-11.7
Italian	106	0.6	203	1.0	-47.8
Mandarin	44	0.2	3	0.0	1366.7
Greek	11	0.1	21	0.1	-47.6
Arabic	9	0.1	3	0.0	200.0
Other languages ^(a)	41	0.2	54	0.3	-24.1
English only	6,583	36.8	6,904	35.0	-4.6
Not stated	139	0.8	156	0.8	-10.9
Total Victoria	17,873	100.0	19,730	100.0	-9.4

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Catholic	16,097	90.1	18,319	92.8	-12.1
Christian, nfd	155	0.9	128	0.6	21.1
Jehovah's Witnesses	98	0.5	117	0.6	-16.2
Pentecostal	80	0.4	67	0.3	19.4
Anglican	59	0.3	67	0.3	-11.9
Other religions	176	1.0	222	1.1	-20.7
No religion ^(b)	737	4.1	455	2.3	62.0
Not stated	479	2.7	355	1.8	34.9
Total Victoria	17,873	100.0	19,730	100.0	-9.4

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Malta-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Malta-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	16,597	92.9	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	98	0.5	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	155	0.9	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	177	1.0	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	138	0.8	381,130	22.7
Not stated	714	4.0	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	17,873	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 Malta-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	6,583	36.8	6,904	35.0	-4.6
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	6,175	34.5	6,762	34.3	-8.7
Well	3,819	21.4	4,460	22.6	-14.4
Not well	1,027	5.7	1,363	6.9	-24.7
Not at all	52	0.3	68	0.3	-23.5
Not stated ^(a)	216	1.2	168	0.9	28.6
Total Victoria	17,873	100.0	19,730	100.0	-9.4

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	3	0.0	3	0.0	-
5-11	21	0.1	39	0.2	-46.2
12-18	62	0.4	78	0.5	-20.5
19-25	98	0.7	57	0.4	71.9
26-44	550	3.7	780	4.8	-29.5
45-64	4,676	31.5	7,775	48.0	-39.9
65-74	5,762	38.8	4,703	29.0	22.5
75+	3,694	24.9	2,769	17.1	33.4
Total	14,861	100.0	16,203	100.0	-8.3

% of Malta-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 83.1%

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

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Malta-born are lower than for total Victoria: 0.7% have a postgraduate degree, 2.9% have a bachelor degree and 3.7% have an advanced diploma or diploma, compared to 5.4%, 16.5% and 9.2% for total Victoria; 62.2% have school education only, compared to 38.7% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Malta-born at 26.8% is lower than that for total Victoria at 60.5%. The unemployment rate for the Malta-born is also lower at 4.5% than for total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Malta-born are different from those for total Victoria. Less of them work as managers (10.3%), professionals (10.5%) and community & personal service (8.4%), compared to 13.5%, 23.3% and 10.6% for Victoria. More of the Malta-born work as clerical & administrative workers (15.1%), machinery operators & drivers (11.7%) and labourers (18.8%), compared to 13.3%, 5.8% and 9.0% for total Victoria.

The employment patterns of the Malta-born are fairly different from total Victoria. More of them are employed in manufacturing (12.7%), construction (10.2%) and transportation, postal and warehousing (8.3%), compared with 7.8%, 8.3% and 4.8% for total Victoria. Less of the Malta-born are employed in accommodation & food services (3.5%), education & training (7.7%) and health care & social assistance (9.5%) compared to 6.6%, 8.6% and 12.5% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Malta-born is lower than for total Victoria: 7.3% receive nil income; 36.9% receive \$1-\$399; and 29.7% receive \$400-\$799, compared to 9.7%, 20.1% and 23.1% for total Victoria. Less of the Malta-born receive \$800-\$1,249 (10.1%), \$1,250-\$1,999 (5.9%) and \$2,000 or more (2.6%), compared to 16.7%, 13.6% and 7.5% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Malta-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	130	0.7	112	0.6	18	16.1	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	102	0.6	85	0.4	17	20.0	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	510	2.9	484	2.5	26	5.4	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	661	3.7	573	2.9	88	15.4	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	2,218	12.5	2,238	11.4	-20	-0.9	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	11,077	62.2	12,151	61.9	-1,074	-8.8	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	853	4.8	967	4.9	-114	-11.8	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	2,258	12.7	3,043	15.5	-785	-25.8	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	17,813	100.0	19,641	100.0	-1,828	-9.3	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, Malta-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Malta-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>	4,770	26.7	6,586	33.4	-1,816	-27.6	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	4,556	25.5	6,356	32.2	-1,800	-28.3	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	214	1.2	230	1.2	-16	-7.0	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	12,589	70.4	12,314	62.4	275	2.2	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	457	2.6	746	3.8	-289	-38.7	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	62	0.3	84	0.4	-22	-26.2	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	17,873	100.0	19,730	100.0	-1,857	-9.4	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	26.8%		33.5%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	4.5%		3.5%				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, Malta-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Malta-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	470	10.3	583	9.2	-113	-19.4	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	477	10.5	551	8.7	-74	-13.4	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	668	14.7	959	15.1	-291	-30.3	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	382	8.4	485	7.6	-103	-21.2	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	686	15.1	934	14.7	-248	-26.6	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	362	7.9	464	7.3	-102	-22.0	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	533	11.7	885	13.9	-352	-39.8	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	855	18.8	1,295	20.4	-440	-34.0	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	118	2.6	184	2.9	-66	-35.9	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	4,556	100.0	6,356	100.0	-1,800	-28.3	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, Malta-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Malta-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	72	1.6	93	1.5	-21	-22.6	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	578	12.7	1,200	18.9	-622	-51.8	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	56	1.2	79	1.2	-23	-29.1	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	463	10.2	603	9.5	-140	-23.2	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	578	12.7	843	13.3	-265	-31.4	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	161	3.5	247	3.9	-86	-34.8	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	376	8.3	488	7.7	-112	-23.0	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	48	1.1	74	1.2	-26	-35.1	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	115	2.5	183	2.9	-68	-37.2	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	71	1.6	87	1.4	-16	-18.4	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	477	10.5	627	9.9	-150	-23.9	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	251	5.5	338	5.3	-87	-25.7	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	353	7.7	416	6.5	-63	-15.1	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	433	9.5	541	8.5	-108	-20.0	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	251	5.5	286	4.5	-35	-12.2	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	289	6.3	238	3.7	51	21.4	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	4,556	100.0	6,356	100.0	-1,800	-28.3	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), Malta-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Malta-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	98	0.6	90	0.5	8	8.9	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	1,297	7.3	1,098	5.6	199	18.1	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	6,573	36.9	9,732	49.5	-3,159	-32.5	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	5,282	29.7	4,000	20.4	1,282	32.1	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	1,798	10.1	2,016	10.3	-218	-10.8	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	1,051	5.9	1,003	5.1	48	4.8	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	464	2.6	409	2.1	55	13.4	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	1,245	7.0	1,297	6.6	-52	-4.0	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	17,813	100.0	19,641	100.0	-1,828	-9.3	4,845,710	100.0	4,355,243	100.0	490,467	11.3

^(a)Applicable to persons aged 15 years and over.

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Source of data: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, 2011, 2006*.