

The Mexico-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 87)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 1,478 Mexico-born persons in Victoria (30.3% of Australia's total), ranked 87th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Mexico-born increased by 67.4% (595) from 883 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the LGAs of Melbourne (15.8%), Port Phillip (6.6%), Stonnington (5.5%), Moreland (4.9%) and Boroondara (4.8%).

The Mexico-born reflected a young to adult age profile: 20.3% were aged 25 years and under; 65.8% were aged 26-44 years; 12.0% were aged 45-64 years; and 2.3% were aged 65 and over. The median age was 33 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 91 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 2,117 persons identified with Mexican ancestry. Most of them were born in Mexico (54.9%) and Australia (25.7%). One-tenth (9.4%) of the Mexico-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 4.1% arrived in 1996-2000; 9.8% arrived in 2001-2005; 25.8% arrived in 2006-2010; and 46.5% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most (85.3%) of the Mexico-born speak Spanish; 12.6% speak English only. Over half of the Mexico-born are Catholic (56.6%) and 2.2% are Christian, not further defined; 30.2% have no religion. Two-fifths (42.4%) of the Mexico-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 53.8% 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)	1,397	28.7	823	25.3	436	24.2	574	69.7	387	88.8
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	80	1.6	57	1.8	42	2.3	23	40.4	15	35.7
Total Victoria	1,478	30.3	883	27.1	481	26.7	595	67.4	402	83.6
Total Australia	4,872	100.0	3,255	100.0	1,802	100.0	1,617	49.7	1,453	80.6

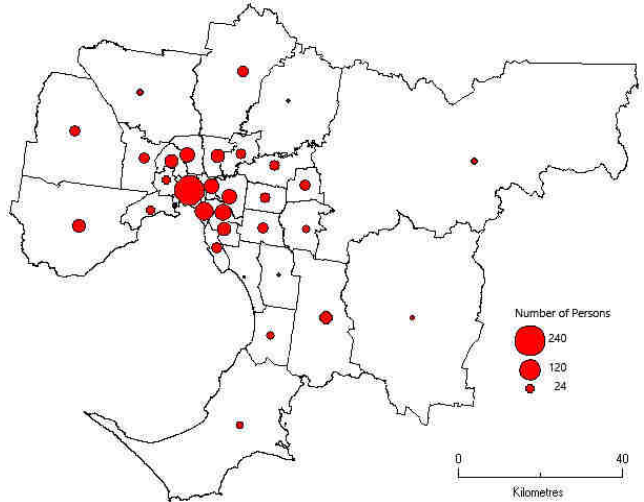
^(a) Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Melbourne (C)	234	15.8	90	10.2	1
Port Phillip (C)	98	6.6	65	7.4	2
Stonnington (C)	82	5.5	40	4.5	7
Moreland (C)	72	4.9	40	4.5	6
Boroondara (C)	71	4.8	43	4.9	3
Rest of Melbourne	840	56.8	544	61.6	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	72	4.9	58	6.6	-
Total Victoria	1,478	100.0	883	100.0	-

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

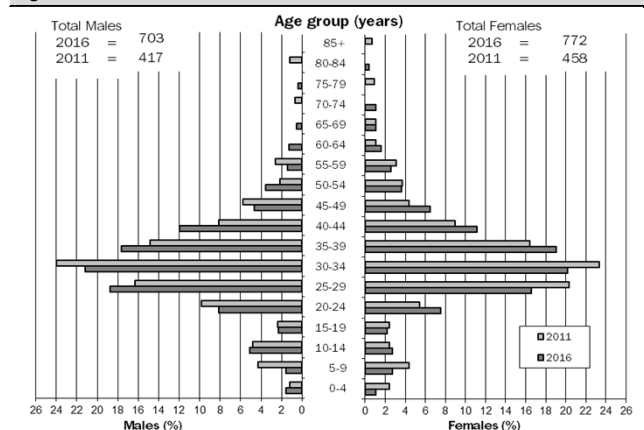
Distribution of Mexico-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Mexico-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	21	1.4	12	1.4	75.0
5-11	56	3.8	49	5.5	14.3
12-18	55	3.7	30	3.4	83.3
19-25	168	11.4	98	11.1	71.4
26-44	972	65.8	568	64.3	71.1
45-54	132	8.9	69	7.8	91.3
55-64	46	3.1	29	3.3	58.6
65-74	24	1.6	11	1.2	118.2
75+	10	0.7	11	1.2	-9.1
Total Victoria	1,478	100.0	883	100.0	67.4
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>33</i>		<i>32</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>91</i>		<i>91</i>		<i>91 males per 100 females</i>

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Mexico	1,162	54.9	710	54.4	63.7
USA	293	13.8	184	14.1	59.2
England	16	0.8	11	0.8	45.5
New Zealand	12	0.6	5	0.4	140.0
Philippines	11	0.5	7	0.5	57.1
Australia	544	25.7	345	26.4	57.7
Other ^(a)	59	2.8	44	3.4	34.1
Total responses^(b)	2,117	100.0	1,306	100.0	62.1

^(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 Mexico-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Spanish	1,260	85.3	720	81.5	75.0
Italian	5	0.3	3	0.3	66.7
German	3	0.2	3	0.3	-
Swedish	3	0.2	-	-	-
French	3	0.2	3	0.3	-
Other languages ^(a)	6	0.4	17	1.9	-64.7
English only	186	12.6	134	15.2	38.8
Not stated	3	0.2	3	0.3	-
Total Victoria	1,478	100.0	883	100.0	67.4

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Catholic	837	56.6	559	63.3	49.7
Christian, nfd	33	2.2	29	3.3	13.8
Baptist	19	1.3	15	1.7	26.7
Pentecostal	16	1.1	12	1.4	33.3
Latter-day Saints	15	1.0	3	0.3	400.0
Other religions	59	4.0	73	8.3	-19.2
No religion ^(b)	446	30.2	170	19.3	162.4
Not stated	42	2.8	22	2.5	90.9
Total Victoria	1,478	100.0	883	100.0	67.4

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Mexico-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Mexico-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	139	9.4	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	61	4.1	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	145	9.8	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	382	25.8	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	688	46.5	381,130	22.7
Not stated	68	4.6	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	1,478	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 Mexico-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	186	12.6	134	15.2	38.8
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	974	65.9	523	59.2	86.2
Well	275	18.6	170	19.3	61.8
Not well	34	2.3	27	3.1	25.9
Not at all	3	0.2	11	1.2	-72.7
Not stated ^(a)	7	0.5	9	1.0	-22.2
Total Victoria	1,478	100.0	883	100.0	67.4

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	8	1.3	3	0.9	166.7
5-11	37	5.9	21	6.5	76.2
12-18	40	6.4	11	3.4	263.6
19-25	28	4.5	28	8.6	-
26-44	354	56.5	189	58.2	87.3
45-64	131	20.9	59	18.2	122.0
65-74	15	2.4	9	2.8	66.7
75+	4	0.6	8	2.5	-50.0
Total	626	100.0	325	100.0	92.6

% of Mexico-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 42.4%

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

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Mexico-born are higher than for total Victoria: 43% have a Bachelor Degree and 23.5% have a Postgraduate Degree, compared to 16.5% and 5.4% respectively. Less of the Mexico-born (16.5%) have school education only, compared to 38.7% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Mexico-born at 77.6% is higher than that for total Victoria at 60.5%. The unemployment rate for the Mexico-born at 10.3% is also higher than for total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns are very different to those for total Victoria. More of the Mexico-born work as professionals (37.1%) and community & personal service workers (12.0%), compared to 23.3% and 10.6% for Victoria. Less of them are technicians & trades workers (8.9%), clerical & administrative workers (9.8%) and machinery operators & drivers (1.8%), compared to 13.1%, 13.3% and 5.8% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns of the Mexico-born differ from those for total Victoria. Less of the Mexico-born are employed in agriculture, forestry, fishing & mining (0.7%), construction (2.7%) and healthcare & social assistance (7.0%), compared to 2.6%, 8.3% and 12.5% for Victoria. More of them are employed in manufacturing (10.2%), accommodation & food services (16.7%) and professional, scientific, technical & administration (19.4%), compared to 7.8%, 6.6% and 11.4% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Mexico-born is different from total Victoria. More of the Mexico-born receive nil income (13.8%), \$1,250-\$1,999 (17.8%) and \$2,000 or more (10.2%), compared to 9.7%, 13.6% and 7.5% for Victoria. Less of the Mexico-born receive \$1-\$399 (18.1%) and \$400-\$799 (22.0%) compared to 20.1% and 23.1% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Mexico-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	322	23.5	175	21.9	147	84.0	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	31	2.3	12	1.5	19	158.3	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	590	43.0	329	41.2	261	79.3	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	82	6.0	62	7.8	20	32.3	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	52	3.8	35	4.4	17	48.6	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	226	16.5	133	16.6	93	69.9	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	-	-	-	-	-	-	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	65	4.7	51	6.4	14	27.5	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	1,371	100.0	799	100.0	572	71.6	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, Mexico-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Mexico-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>	1,063	71.9	617	69.9	446	72.3	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	953	64.5	566	64.1	387	68.4	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	110	7.4	51	5.8	59	115.7	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	308	20.8	176	19.9	132	75.0	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	4	0.3	7	0.8	-3	-42.9	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	108	7.3	78	8.8	30	38.5	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	1,478	100.0	883	100.0	595	67.4	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	77.6%		76.6%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	10.3%		8.3%				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, Mexico-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Mexico-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	134	14.1	69	12.2	65	94.2	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	354	37.1	237	41.9	117	49.4	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	85	8.9	48	8.5	37	77.1	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	114	12.0	55	9.7	59	107.3	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	93	9.8	83	14.7	10	12.0	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	76	8.0	33	5.8	43	130.3	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	17	1.8	11	1.9	6	54.5	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	77	8.1	26	4.6	51	196.2	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	7	0.7	11	1.9	-4	-36.4	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	953	100.0	566	100.0	387	68.4	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, Mexico-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Mexico-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	7	0.7	7	1.2	-	-	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	97	10.2	75	13.3	22	29.3	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	6	0.6	5	0.9	1	20.0	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	26	2.7	16	2.8	10	62.5	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	104	10.9	75	13.3	29	38.7	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	159	16.7	55	9.7	104	189.1	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	29	3.0	12	2.1	17	141.7	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	34	3.6	15	2.7	19	126.7	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	28	2.9	40	7.1	-12	-30.0	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	-	-	6	1.1	-6	-100.0	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	185	19.4	106	18.7	79	74.5	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	25	2.6	19	3.4	6	31.6	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	101	10.6	73	12.9	28	38.4	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	67	7.0	39	6.9	28	71.8	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	41	4.3	25	4.4	16	64.0	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	35	3.7	8	1.4	27	337.5	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	953	100.0	566	100.0	387	68.4	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), Mexico-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Mexico-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	5	0.4	8	1.0	-3	-37.5	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	189	13.8	102	12.8	87	85.3	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	248	18.1	176	22.0	72	40.9	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	301	22.0	148	18.5	153	103.4	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	231	16.8	136	17.0	95	69.9	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	244	17.8	151	18.9	93	61.6	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	140	10.2	65	8.1	75	115.4	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	16	1.2	15	1.9	1	6.7	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	1,371	100.0	799	100.0	572	71.6	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*.