

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 19,813 Netherlands-born persons in Victoria (28.2% of Australia’s total), ranked 16th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Netherlands-born decreased by 8.4% (1,822) from 21,635 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the LGAs of Yarra Ranges (8.0%), Casey (6.3%), Mornington Peninsula (4.6%) and Knox (4.1%); 30.4% live in regional Victoria and 7.0% live in the regional LGA of Greater Geelong.

The Netherlands-born reflected an ageing profile; 4.1% were aged 25 years and under; 8.7% were aged 26-44; 25.0% were aged 45-64; and 62.3% were aged 65 and over. The median age was 68 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 101 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 97,690 persons with Dutch ancestry. Most of them were born in Australia (70.5%) and the Netherlands (19.0%). Most (83.8%) of the Netherlands-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia before 1996; 2.2% arrived in 1996-2000; 2.5% arrived in 2001-2005; 3.4% arrived in 2006-2010; and 4.5% arrived in 2011-2016.

Two-thirds (67.6%) of the Netherlands-born speak English only; 29.9% speak Dutch. One-third (35.8%) of the Netherlands-born are Catholic; 6.8% are Presbyterian/Reform; and 4.0% are Uniting Church; 34.9% have no religion. Three-quarters (75.5%) of the Netherlands-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born in Victoria.

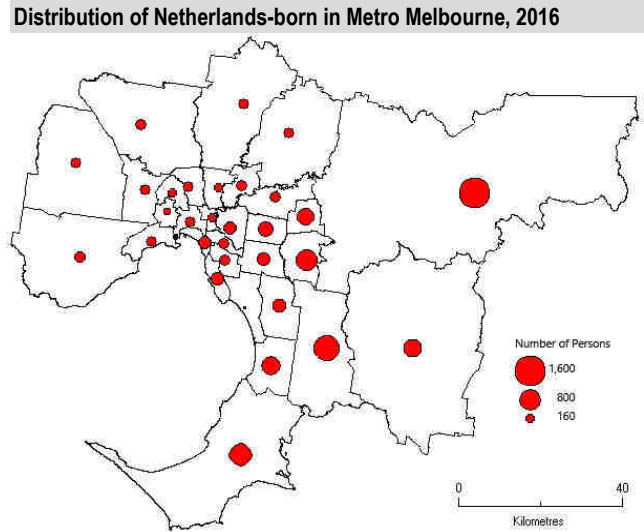
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Location	2016 Census		2011 Census		2006 Census		Change 2011-2016		Change 2006-2011	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	% change
Metro Melbourne ^(a)	12,619	18.0	13,931	18.3	14,789	18.7	-1,312	-9.4	-858	-5.8
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	7,194	10.3	7,702	10.1	8,040	10.2	-508	-6.6	-338	-4.2
Total Victoria	19,813	28.2	21,635	28.4	22,832	28.9	-1,822	-8.4	-1,197	-5.2
Total Australia	70,172	100.0	76,046	100.0	78,924	100.0	-5,874	-7.7	-2,878	-3.6

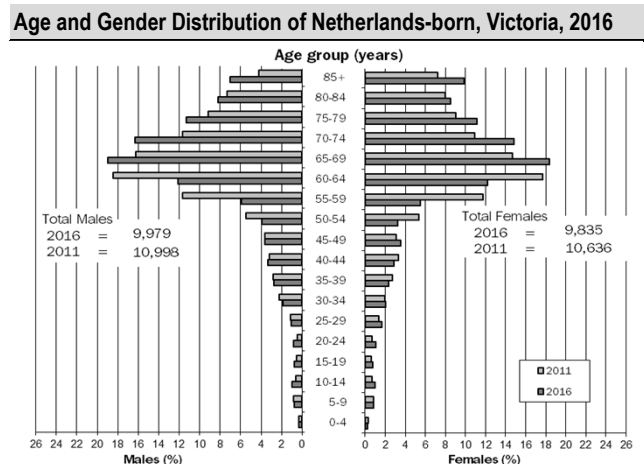
^(a) Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Yarra Ranges (S)	1,590	8.0	1,767	8.2	1
Greater Geelong (C)	1,384	7.0	1,556	7.2	2
Casey (C)	1,239	6.3	1,397	6.5	3
Mornington Pen (S)	910	4.6	943	4.4	5
Knox (C)	821	4.1	993	4.6	4
Rest of Melbourne	7,852	39.6	8,609	39.8	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	6,032	30.4	6,410	29.6	-
Total Victoria	19,813	100.0	21,635	100.0	-

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



Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	56	0.3	64	0.3	-12.5
5-11	222	1.1	223	1.0	-0.4
12-18	252	1.3	183	0.8	37.7
19-25	273	1.4	201	0.9	35.8
26-44	1,719	8.7	1,974	9.1	-12.9
45-54	1,414	7.1	1,893	8.7	-25.3
55-64	3,546	17.9	6,441	29.8	-44.9
65-74	6,793	34.3	5,797	26.8	17.2
75+	5,542	28.0	4,851	22.4	14.2
Total Victoria	19,813	100.0	21,635	100.0	-8.4
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>68</i>		<i>64</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>101</i>		<i>103 males per 100 females</i>		



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Netherlands	18,531	19.0	20,689	21.5	-10.4
Sri Lanka	2,296	2.4	2,130	2.2	7.8
South Africa	2,160	2.2	1,397	1.4	54.6
New Zealand	1,527	1.6	1,351	1.4	13.0
Indonesia	589	0.6	632	0.7	-6.8
Australia	68,897	70.5	67,223	69.7	2.5
Other ^(a)	3,652	3.7	3,028	3.1	20.6
Total responses^(b)	97,690	100.0	96,450	100.0	1.3

^(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 Netherlands-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Dutch	5,916	29.9	6,939	32.1	-14.7
German	69	0.3	58	0.3	19.0
Vietnamese	25	0.1	19	0.1	31.6
Italian	23	0.1	35	0.2	-34.3
Arabic	21	0.1	14	0.1	50.0
Other languages ^(a)	175	0.9	182	0.8	-3.8
English only	13,394	67.6	14,184	65.6	-5.6
Not stated	179	0.9	204	0.9	-12.3
Total Victoria	19,813	100.0	21,635	100.0	-8.4

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Catholic	7,092	35.8	8,436	39.0	-15.9
Presbyterian/Reform	1,354	6.8	1,770	8.2	-23.5
Uniting Church	787	4.0	945	4.4	-16.7
Christian, nfd	634	3.2	646	3.0	-1.9
Anglican	549	2.8	708	3.3	-22.5
Other religions	1,465	7.4	1,875	8.7	-21.9
No religion ^(b)	6,914	34.9	6,045	27.9	14.4
Not stated	1,013	5.1	1,210	5.6	-16.3
Total Victoria	19,813	100.0	21,635	100.0	-8.4

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Netherlands-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Netherlands-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	16,612	83.8	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	445	2.2	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	490	2.5	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	667	3.4	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	898	4.5	381,130	22.7
Not stated	701	3.5	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	19,813	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 Netherlands-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	13,394	67.6	14,184	65.6	-5.6
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	5,163	26.1	5,752	26.6	-10.2
Well	964	4.9	1,303	6.0	-26.0
Not well	132	0.7	190	0.9	-30.5
Not at all	18	0.1	28	0.1	-35.7
Not stated ^(a)	151	0.8	181	0.8	-16.6
Total Victoria	19,813	100.0	21,635	100.0	-8.4

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	24	0.2	28	0.2	-14.3
5-11	120	0.8	119	0.7	0.8
12-18	166	1.1	101	0.6	64.4
19-25	132	0.9	114	0.7	15.8
26-44	630	4.2	778	4.7	-19.0
45-64	3,522	23.5	6,714	40.3	-47.5
65-74	5,891	39.4	4,931	29.6	19.5
75+	4,473	29.9	3,893	23.3	14.9
Total	14,963	100.0	16,676	100.0	-10.3

% of Netherlands-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 75.5%

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

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Netherlands-born are fairly different from those of total Victoria, with some exceptions: 10.3% have a bachelor degree compared to 16.5% for Victoria. More of them have a certificate (17.1%) and school education only (41.6%), compared to 14.4% and 38.7% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Netherlands-born at 34.2% is lower than that for total Victoria at 60.5%. The unemployment rate for the Netherlands-born at 3.8% is also lower than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Netherlands-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria, with minor differences. More of them work as managers (18.5%) and professionals (24.9%), compared to 13.5% and 23.3% for Victoria. Less of them are clerical and administrative workers (12.4%) and sales workers (5.7%), compared to 13.3% and 9.7% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns for the Netherlands-born are also fairly similar to total Victoria. More of them are employed in professional, scientific, technical and administration (14.5%) and in healthcare and social assistance (13.4%), compared to 11.4% and 12.5% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Netherlands-born is lower than that for total Victoria. More of the Netherlands-born receive \$1-399 (29.1%) and \$400-\$799 (32.8%), compared to 20.1% and 23.1% for Victoria. Less of them receive nil income (4.7%); \$800-\$1,249 (12.4%), \$1,250-\$1,999 (8.8%) and \$2,000 or more (6.0%), compared to 9.7%, 16.7%, 13.6% and 7.5% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Netherlands-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	924	4.8	749	3.5	175	23.4	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	361	1.9	328	1.5	33	10.1	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	2,007	10.3	1,894	8.9	113	6.0	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	2,015	10.4	2,030	9.5	-15	-0.7	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	3,323	17.1	3,824	18.0	-501	-13.1	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	8,086	41.6	9,093	42.8	-1,007	-11.1	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	83	0.4	85	0.4	-2	-2.4	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	2,607	13.4	3,253	15.3	-646	-19.9	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	19,416	100.0	21,263	100.0	-1,847	-8.7	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, Netherlands-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Netherlands-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>	6,637	33.5	8,555	39.5	-1,918	-22.4	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	6,385	32.2	8,273	38.2	-1,888	-22.8	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	252	1.3	282	1.3	-30	-10.6	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	12,334	62.3	12,101	55.9	233	1.9	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	441	2.2	601	2.8	-160	-26.6	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	403	2.0	376	1.7	27	7.2	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	19,813	100.0	21,635	100.0	-1,822	-8.4	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	34.2%		40.2%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	3.8%		3.3%				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, Netherlands-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Netherlands-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	1,206	18.9	1,476	17.8	-270	-18.3	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	1,591	24.9	1,840	22.2	-249	-13.5	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	830	13.0	1,241	15.0	-411	-33.1	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	579	9.1	708	8.6	-129	-18.2	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	793	12.4	1,107	13.4	-314	-28.4	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	365	5.7	494	6.0	-129	-26.1	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	351	5.5	521	6.3	-170	-32.6	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	544	8.5	704	8.5	-160	-22.7	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	126	2.0	186	2.2	-60	-32.3	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	6,385	100.0	8,273	100.0	-1,888	-22.8	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, Netherlands-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Netherlands-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	375	5.9	445	5.4	-70	-15.7	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	525	8.2	944	11.4	-419	-44.4	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	80	1.3	112	1.4	-32	-28.6	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	511	8.0	802	9.7	-291	-36.3	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	653	10.2	1,081	13.1	-428	-39.6	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	244	3.8	304	3.7	-60	-19.7	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	300	4.7	375	4.5	-75	-20.0	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	91	1.4	127	1.5	-36	-28.3	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	160	2.5	177	2.1	-17	-9.6	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	80	1.3	105	1.3	-25	-23.8	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	924	14.5	1,003	12.1	-79	-7.9	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	331	5.2	426	5.1	-95	-22.3	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	599	9.4	687	8.3	-88	-12.8	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	855	13.4	1,100	13.3	-245	-22.3	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	310	4.9	385	4.7	-75	-19.5	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	340	5.3	209	2.5	131	62.7	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	6,385	100.0	8,273	100.0	-1,888	-22.8	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), Netherlands-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Netherlands-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	108	0.6	119	0.6	-11	-9.2	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	916	4.7	954	4.5	-38	-4.0	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	5,642	29.1	8,636	40.6	-2,994	-34.7	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	6,364	32.8	5,090	23.9	1,274	25.0	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	2,415	12.4	2,638	12.4	-223	-8.5	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	1,714	8.8	1,719	8.1	-5	-0.3	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	1,160	6.0	967	4.5	193	20.0	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	1,095	5.6	1,143	5.4	-48	-4.2	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	19,416	100.0	21,263	100.0	-1,847	-8.7	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*.