

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 846 Belarus-born persons in Victoria (49.6% of Australia’s total), ranked 100th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Belarus-born decreased by 5.5% (49) from 895 persons in 2011. They are concentrated in a number of LGAs in Metropolitan Melbourne: Glen Eira (32.4%), Kingston (11.0%), Port Phillip (10.8%), Bayside (7.2%) and Stonnington (6.1%).

The Belarus-born reflected an adult to ageing profile: 7.2% were aged 25 years and below; 36.8% were aged 26-44 years; 25.0% were aged 45-64 years; and 30.1% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 50 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 70 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for Victoria.

There were 1,003 persons identified with Belarusian ancestry. Most of them were born in Australia (38.0%) and Belarus (37.2%). More than half (58.6%) of the Belarus-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 11.3% arrived in 1996-2000; 6.9% arrived in 2001-2005; 10.6% arrived in 2006-2010; and 11.3% arrived in 2011-2016.

Four-fifths (80.7%) of the Belarus-born speak Russian at home; 11.8% speak English only. Of those who speak a language other than English, 21.1% speak English not well/not at all. The Belarus-born follow a variety of religions: 33.0% follow Judaism and 18.1% are Eastern Orthodox, 5.9% are Christian not further defined and 5.3% are Catholic; 28.8% have no religion. Most (83.3%) of the Belarus-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Belarus-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)	804	47.2	865	53.9	657	52.8	-61	-7.1	208	31.7
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	40	2.3	27	1.7	28	2.2	13	48.1	-1	-3.6
Total Victoria	846	49.6	895	55.8	687	55.2	-49	-5.5	208	30.3
Total Australia	1,704	100.0	1,604	100.0	1,245	100.0	100	6.2	359	28.8

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

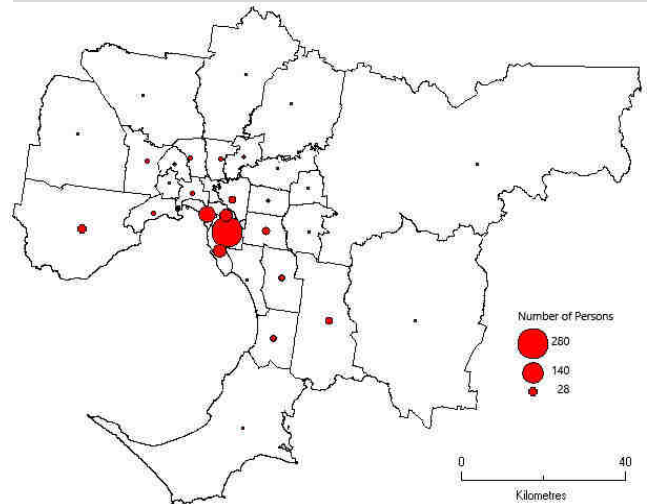
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Glen Eira (C)	274	32.4	332	37.1	1
Kingston (C)	93	11.0	83	9.3	3
Port Phillip (C)	91	10.8	110	12.3	2
Bayside (C)	61	7.2	70	7.8	4
Stonnington (C)	52	6.1	56	6.3	5
Rest of Melbourne	232	27.4	212	23.7	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	35	4.1	14	1.6	-
Total Victoria	846	100.0	895	100.0	-

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

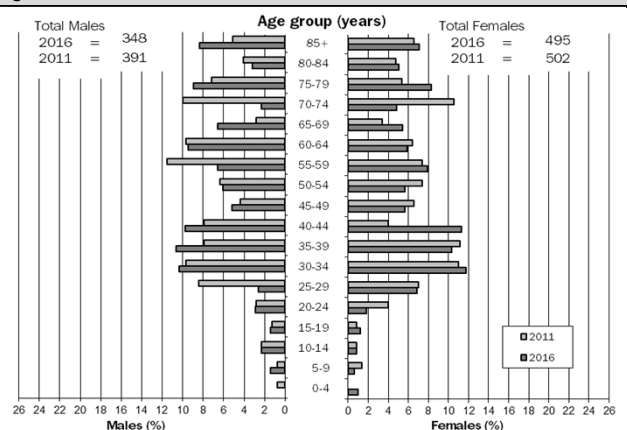
Distribution of Belarus-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Belarus-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	3	0.4	3	0.3	-
5-11	8	0.9	10	1.1	-20.0
12-18	22	2.6	16	1.8	37.5
19-25	28	3.3	48	5.4	-41.7
26-44	311	36.8	291	32.5	6.9
45-54	92	10.9	112	12.5	-17.9
55-64	119	14.1	148	16.5	-19.6
65-74	82	9.7	122	13.6	-32.8
75+	173	20.4	144	16.1	20.1
Total Victoria	846	100.0	895	100.0	-5.5
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>50</i>		<i>52</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>70</i>		<i>78 males per 100 females</i>		

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Belarus	373	37.2	238	39.3	56.7
Russian Federation	43	4.3	20	3.3	115.0
Germany	41	4.1	26	4.3	57.7
Ukraine	32	3.2	5	0.8	540.0
Poland	21	2.1	18	3.0	16.7
Australia	381	38.0	255	42.1	49.4
Other ^(a)	91	9.1	43	7.1	111.6
Total responses^(b)	1,003	100.0	605	100.0	65.8

^(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 Belarus-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Russian	683	80.7	766	85.6	-10.8
Belorussian	26	3.1	20	2.2	30.0
Hebrew	10	1.2	7	0.8	42.9
Polish	6	0.7	8	0.9	-25.0
Yiddish	4	0.5	3	0.3	33.3
Other languages ^(a)	3	0.4	9	1.0	-66.7
English only	100	11.8	78	8.7	28.2
Not stated	5	0.6	4	0.4	25.0
Total Victoria	846	100.0	895	100.0	-5.5

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Judaism	279	33.0	448	50.1	-37.7
Eastern Orthodox	153	18.1	179	20.0	-14.5
Christian, nfd	50	5.9	9	1.0	455.6
Catholic	45	5.3	28	3.1	60.7
Buddhism	3	0.4	5	0.6	-40.0
Other religions	23	2.7	39	4.4	-41.0
No religion ^(b)	244	28.8	156	17.4	56.4
Not stated	42	5.0	31	3.5	35.5
Total Victoria	846	100.0	895	100.0	-5.5

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Belarus-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Belarus-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	496	58.6	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	96	11.3	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	58	6.9	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	90	10.6	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	96	11.3	381,130	22.7
Not stated	10	1.2	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	846	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 Belarus-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	100	11.8	78	8.7	28.2
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	350	41.4	315	35.2	11.1
Well	209	24.7	269	30.1	-22.3
Not well	150	17.7	173	19.3	-13.3
Not at all	29	3.4	52	5.8	-44.2
Not stated ^(a)	6	0.7	10	1.1	-40.0
Total Victoria	846	100.0	895	100.0	-5.5

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	-	-	-	-	-
5-11	3	0.4	8	1.0	-62.5
12-18	9	1.3	15	1.9	-40.0
19-25	24	3.4	38	4.9	-36.8
26-44	233	33.0	218	27.9	6.9
45-64	198	28.1	247	31.7	-19.8
65-74	72	10.2	115	14.7	-37.4
75+	164	23.3	142	18.2	15.5
Total	705	100.0	780	100.0	-9.6

% of Belarus-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 83.3%

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

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Belarus-born are different from those for total Victoria. More of them (37.3%) have a bachelor degree and 10.3% have a postgraduate degree, compared to 16.5% and 5.4% for Victoria. Less of them (18.9%) have school education only, compared to 38.7% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Belarus-born at 55.5% is lower than total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 3.9% is also lower than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Belarus-born are similar to those for total Victoria, with some exceptions. More of them (40.9%) work as professionals compared to 23.3% for Victoria. Less of the Belarus-born are sales workers (5.7%) and labourers (3.0%), compared to 9.7% and 9.0% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns of the Belarus-born are different from those for total Victoria. More of the Belarus-born are employed in professional, scientific, technical and administration (18.2%), health care and social assistance (16.6%) and finance and insurance (9.5%), compared to 11.4%, 12.5% and 3.9% for Victoria. Less of them are employed in manufacturing (5.9%) and wholesale and retail trade (9.8%), compared to 7.8% and 13.4% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Belarus-born is fairly different from total Victoria. More of them receive \$1-\$399 (25.0%), \$1,250-\$1,999 (17.2%) and \$2,000 or more (8.9%), compared to 20.1%, 13.6% and 7.5% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Belarus-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	85	10.3	52	6.0	33	63.5	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	23	2.8	17	1.9	6	35.3	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	307	37.3	331	38.0	-24	-7.3	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	106	12.9	149	17.1	-43	-28.9	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	64	7.8	62	7.1	2	3.2	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	156	18.9	182	20.9	-26	-14.3	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	6	0.7	11	1.3	-5	-45.5	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	76	9.2	77	8.8	-1	-1.3	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	824	100.0	872	100.0	-48	-5.5	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, Belarus-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Belarus-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>	458	54.1	484	54.1	-26	-5.4	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	440	52.0	455	50.8	-15	-3.3	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	18	2.1	29	3.2	-11	-37.9	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	353	41.7	373	41.7	-20	-5.4	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	9	1.1	20	2.2	-11	-55.0	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	21	2.5	21	2.3	-	-	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	846	100.0	895	100.0	-49	-5.5	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	55.5%		55.4%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	3.9%		6.0%				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, Belarus-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Belarus-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	52	11.8	30	6.6	22	73.3	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	180	40.9	171	37.6	9	5.3	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	63	14.3	69	15.2	-6	-8.7	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkr	47	10.7	35	7.7	12	34.3	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	53	12.0	61	13.4	-8	-13.1	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	25	5.7	35	7.7	-10	-28.6	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	21	4.8	27	5.9	-6	-22.2	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	13	3.0	13	2.9	-	-	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	3	0.7	14	3.1	-11	-78.6	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	440	100.0	455	100.0	-15	-3.3	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, Belarus-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Belarus-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	-	-	4	0.9	-4	-100.0	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	26	5.9	55	12.1	-29	-52.7	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	3	0.7	-	-	3	-	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	45	10.2	33	7.3	12	36.4	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	43	9.8	56	12.3	-13	-23.2	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	5	1.1	12	2.6	-7	-58.3	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	18	4.1	29	6.4	-11	-37.9	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	10	2.3	11	2.4	-1	-9.1	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	42	9.5	23	5.1	19	82.6	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	8	1.8	5	1.1	3	60.0	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	80	18.2	68	14.9	12	17.6	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	15	3.4	12	2.6	3	25.0	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	34	7.7	38	8.4	-4	-10.5	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	73	16.6	72	15.8	1	1.4	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	20	4.5	29	6.4	-9	-31.0	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	18	4.1	12	2.6	6	50.0	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	440	100.0	455	100.0	-15	-3.3	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), Belarus-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Belarus-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	3	0.4	-	-	3	-	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	52	6.3	55	6.3	-3	-5.5	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	206	25.0	338	38.8	-132	-39.1	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	204	24.8	182	20.9	22	12.1	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	125	15.2	129	14.8	-4	-3.1	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	142	17.2	114	13.1	28	24.6	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	73	8.9	32	3.7	41	128.1	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	22	2.7	28	3.2	-6	-21.4	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	824	100.0	872	100.0	-48	-5.5	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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