

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 5,748 Northern Ireland-born persons in Victoria (25.0% of Australia’s total), ranked 51st among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Northern Ireland-born decreased by 1.9% (111) from 5,859 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the LGAs of Casey (6.3%), Mornington Peninsula (5.4%), Frankston (4.1%) and Kingston (4.0%); 17.4% live in regional Victoria and 7.0% live in the regional LGA of Greater Geelong.

The Northern Ireland-born reflected an adult to ageing profile: 4.7% were aged 25 years and under; 18.8% were aged 26-44 years; 35.3% were aged 45-64 years; and 41.1% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 60 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 102 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 597,249 persons identified with Irish ancestry. Most of them were born in Australia (87.9%), England (2.8%) and Ireland (2.5%); 0.9% were born in Northern Ireland. Three-quarters (75.2%) of the Northern-Ireland born in Victoria had arrived in Australia before 1996; 2.6% arrived in 1996-2000; 4.7% arrived in 2001-2005; 6.5% arrived in 2006-2010; and 9.4% arrived in 2011-2016.

Almost all of the Northern-Ireland born speak English (98.9%). Over one-fifth (22.5%) of the Northern Ireland-born are Catholic; 17.6% are Presbyterian/Reform; 15.5% are Anglican; 5.5% are Uniting Church; 3.3% are Baptist; 22.2% have no religion. Three-fifths (59.0%) of Northern Ireland-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born 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)	4,421	19.2	4,499	19.9	4,477	21.0	-78	-1.7	22	0.5
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	1,323	5.7	1,361	6.0	1,346	6.3	-38	-2.8	15	1.1
Total Victoria	5,748	25.0	5,859	25.9	5,831	27.4	-111	-1.9	28	0.5
Total Australia	23,022	100.0	22,596	100.0	21,296	100.0	426	1.9	1,300	6.1

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

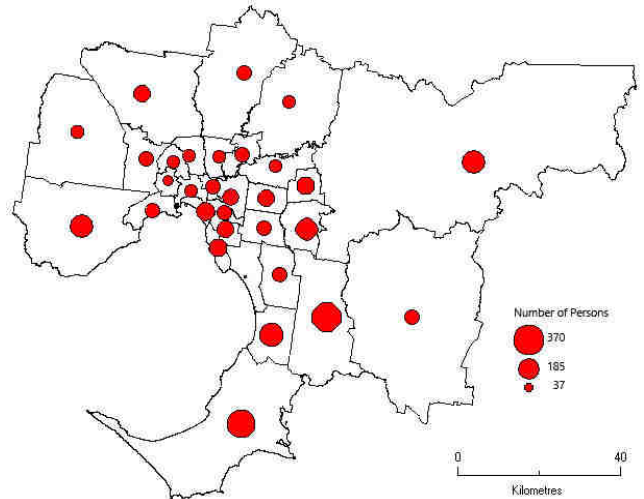
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

Distribution of Northern Ireland-born, Top 5 LGAs: 2016 Census

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Greater Geelong (C)	400	7.0	407	6.9	1
Casey (C)	361	6.3	372	6.3	2
Mornington Pen (S)	311	5.4	296	5.1	3
Frankston (C)	238	4.1	248	4.2	4
Kingston (C)	232	4.0	215	3.7	7
Rest of Melbourne	3,209	55.8	3,297	56.3	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	1,003	17.4	1,015	17.3	-
Total Victoria	5,748	100.0	5,859	100.0	-

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

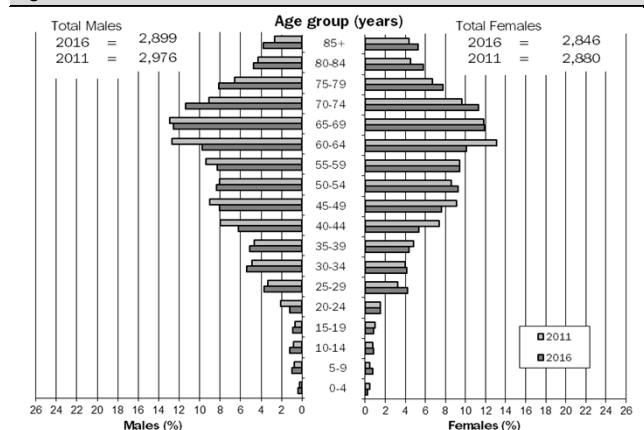
Distribution of Northern Ireland-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Northern Ireland-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	14	0.2	22	0.4	-36.4
5-11	69	1.2	57	1.0	21.1
12-18	71	1.2	73	1.2	-2.7
19-25	121	2.1	152	2.6	-20.4
26-44	1,078	18.8	1,130	19.3	-4.6
45-54	947	16.5	1,008	17.2	-6.1
55-64	1,079	18.8	1,303	22.2	-17.2
65-74	1,348	23.5	1,268	21.6	6.3
75+	1,014	17.6	845	14.4	20.0
Total Victoria	5,748	100.0	5,859	100.0	-1.9
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>60</i>		<i>59</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>102</i>		<i>103</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>

Age and Gender Distribution of Northern Ireland-born, Vic, 2016



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
England	16,887	2.8	13,329	2.6	26.7
Ireland	14,970	2.5	14,100	2.7	6.2
New Zealand	12,455	2.1	9,878	1.9	26.1
Northern Ireland	5,177	0.9	5,311	1.0	-2.5
USA	3,274	0.5	2,360	0.5	38.7
Australia	524,781	87.9	462,292	88.6	13.5
Other ^(a)	19,667	3.3	14,755	2.8	33.3
Total responses^(b)	597,249	100.0	522,025	100.0	14.4

^(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 Northern Ireland-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
French	10	0.2	3	0.1	233.3
Greek	5	0.1	3	0.1	66.7
German	4	0.1	3	0.1	33.3
Irish	3	0.1	6	0.1	-50.0
Spanish	3	0.1	-	-	-
Other languages ^(a)	6	0.1	19	0.3	-68.4
English only	5,684	98.9	5,791	98.8	-1.8
Not stated	31	0.5	34	0.6	-8.8
Total Victoria	5,748	100.0	5,859	100.0	-1.9

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

Top 5 Religious affiliation, Northern Ireland-born: 2016, 2011

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Catholic	1,296	22.5	1,348	23.0	-3.9
Presbyterian/Reform	1,014	17.6	1,174	20.0	-13.6
Anglican	890	15.5	966	16.5	-7.9
Uniting Church	326	5.7	433	7.4	-24.7
Baptist	191	3.3	197	3.4	-3.0
Other religions	544	9.5	555	9.5	-2.0
No religion ^(b)	1,277	22.2	907	15.5	40.8
Not stated	199	3.5	279	4.8	-28.7
Total Victoria	5,748	100.0	5,859	100.0	-1.9

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Northern Ireland-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Northern Ireland-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	4,320	75.2	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	149	2.6	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	269	4.7	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	373	6.5	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	541	9.4	381,130	22.7
Not stated	96	1.7	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	5,748	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 Northern Ireland-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	5,684	98.9	5,791	98.8	-1.8
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	41	0.7	52	0.9	-21.2
Well	9	0.2	5	0.1	80.0
Not well	-	-	-	-	-
Not at all	-	-	-	-	-
Not stated ^(a)	20	0.3	15	0.3	33.3
Total Victoria	5,748	100.0	5,859	100.0	-1.9

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

Northern Ireland-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2016, 2011

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	7	0.2	8	0.2	-12.5
5-11	29	0.9	23	0.7	26.1
12-18	41	1.2	38	1.1	7.9
19-25	51	1.5	37	1.1	37.8
26-44	425	12.5	516	14.9	-17.6
45-64	1,279	37.7	1,468	42.3	-12.9
65-74	887	26.2	827	23.8	7.3
75+	675	19.9	544	15.7	24.1
Total	3,391	100.0	3,469	100.0	-2.2
% of Northern Ireland-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					59.0%
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.3%

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Northern Ireland-born are similar to total Victoria, with only slight variations. More of them (6.0%) have a postgraduate degree, 16.6% have a bachelor degree and 18.5% have a certificate, compared to 5.4%, 16.5% and 14.4% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Northern Ireland-born at 52.8% is lower than that for total Victoria at 60.5%. The unemployment rate for the Northern Ireland-born at 3.8% is also lower than for total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Northern Ireland-born are similar to those for total Victoria, with some exceptions. More of them are managers (16.4%) and professionals (28.8%), compared to 13.5% and 23.3% for Victoria. Less of them are sales workers (6.5%) and labourers (7.3%) compared to 9.7% and 9.0% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns for the Northern Ireland-born are also similar to total Victoria, with some exceptions. More of them are employed in construction (10.0%) and healthcare and social assistance (16.9%) than Victoria (8.3% and 12.5%).

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Northern Ireland-born is fairly similar to total Victoria. Less of the Northern Ireland-born receive nil income (4.7%) and \$800-\$1,249 (15.8%), compared to 9.7% and 16.7% for Victoria. More of them receive \$400-\$799 (27.9%), \$1,250-\$1,999 (15.4%) and \$2,000 or more (10.9%), compared to 23.1%, 13.6% and 7.5% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Northern Ireland-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	337	6.0	256	4.4	81	31.6	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	181	3.2	175	3.0	6	3.4	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	935	16.6	788	13.7	147	18.7	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	556	9.9	508	8.8	48	9.4	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	1,041	18.5	1,059	18.4	-18	-1.7	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	2,053	36.5	2,391	41.5	-338	-14.1	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	4	0.1	7	0.1	-3	-42.9	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	524	9.3	588	10.2	-64	-10.9	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	5,632	100.0	5,761	100.0	-129	-2.2	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, Northern Ireland-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Northern Ireland-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>	2,974	51.7	3,173	54.2	-199	-6.3	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	2,862	49.8	3,066	52.3	-204	-6.7	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	112	1.9	107	1.8	5	4.7	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	2,596	45.2	2,508	42.8	88	3.5	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
Not stated	61	1.1	76	1.3	-15	-19.7	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
Not applicable ^(b)	115	2.0	102	1.7	13	12.7	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	5,748	100.0	5,859	100.0	-111	-1.9	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	52.8%		55.1%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	3.8%		3.4%				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, Northern Ireland-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Northern Ireland-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	469	16.4	454	14.8	15	3.3	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	824	28.8	824	26.9	-	-	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	352	12.3	400	13.0	-48	-12.0	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkr	268	9.4	259	8.4	9	3.5	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	381	13.3	487	15.9	-106	-21.8	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	186	6.5	203	6.6	-17	-8.4	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	121	4.2	147	4.8	-26	-17.7	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	209	7.3	234	7.6	-25	-10.7	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	48	1.7	44	1.4	4	9.1	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	2,862	100.0	3,066	100.0	-204	-6.7	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, Northern Ireland-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Northern Ireland-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	50	1.7	47	1.5	3	6.4	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	242	8.5	326	10.6	-84	-25.8	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	36	1.3	39	1.3	-3	-7.7	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	287	10.0	301	9.8	-14	-4.7	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	289	10.1	400	13.0	-111	-27.8	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	109	3.8	98	3.2	11	11.2	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	124	4.3	140	4.6	-16	-11.4	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	62	2.2	51	1.7	11	21.6	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	94	3.3	122	4.0	-28	-23.0	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	42	1.5	39	1.3	3	7.7	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	348	12.2	354	11.5	-6	-1.7	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	184	6.4	209	6.8	-25	-12.0	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	268	9.4	260	8.5	8	3.1	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	483	16.9	499	16.3	-16	-3.2	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	143	5.0	135	4.4	8	5.9	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	102	3.6	59	1.9	43	72.9	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	2,862	100.0	3,066	100.0	-204	-6.7	2,736,125	100.0	2,530,635	100.0	205,490	8.1

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Total Personal Income (Weekly), Northern Ireland-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Northern Ireland-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	24	0.4	20	0.3	4	20.0	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	263	4.7	256	4.4	7	2.7	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	1,200	21.3	1,862	32.3	-662	-35.6	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	1,573	27.9	1,305	22.7	268	20.5	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	889	15.8	940	16.3	-51	-5.4	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	869	15.4	745	12.9	124	16.6	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	615	10.9	456	7.9	159	34.9	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	191	3.4	174	3.0	17	9.8	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	5,632	100.0	5,761	100.0	-129	-2.2	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*.