

The Peru-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 90)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 1,416 Peru-born persons in Victoria (14.8% of Australia's total), ranked 90<sup>th</sup> among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Peru-born increased by 16.7% (203) from 1,213 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with minor concentrations in the LGAs of Melbourne (6.2%), Casey (5.9%), Whitehorse (4.8%), Wyndham (4.7%) and Moreland (4.4%).

The Peru-born reflected a balanced age profile: 10.1% were aged 25 years and under; 49.1% were aged 26-44 years; 29.4% were aged 45-64; and 11.5% were aged 65 and over. The median age was 41 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 77 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 1,779 persons identified with Peruvian ancestry. Most of them were born in Peru (52.6%) and Australia (40.4%). Two-fifths (41.2%) of the Peru-born in Victoria arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 5.5% arrived in 1996-2000; 9.6% arrived in 2001-2005; 21.7% arrived in 2006-2010; and 19.4% arrived in 2011-2016.

Four-fifths (81.9%) of the Peru-born speak Spanish; 14.8% speak English only. Two-thirds (66.2%) of the Peru-born are Catholic; 15.2% follow no religion; and 4.3% are Christian not further defined. More than two-thirds (70.1%) of the Peru-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born in Victoria.

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Peru-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 <sup>(a)</sup>	1,322	13.8	1,143	13.5	853	13.5	179	15.7	290	34.0
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	90	0.9	69	0.8	35	0.6	21	30.4	34	97.1
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>1,416</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>36.3</b>
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>9,556</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,440</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,322</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,116</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>2,118</b>	<b>33.5</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.

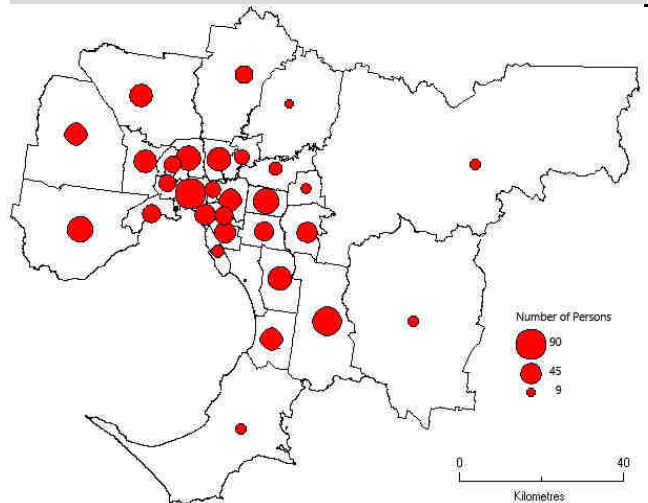
<sup>(b)</sup> Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Melbourne (C)	88	6.2	57	4.7	5
Casey (C)	83	5.9	86	7.1	1
Whitehorse (C)	68	4.8	46	3.8	10
Wyndham (C)	67	4.7	53	4.4	6
Moreland (C)	63	4.4	58	4.8	4
Rest of Melbourne	952	67.2	837	69.0	-
Rest of Reg Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	80	5.6	53	4.4	-
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>1,416</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>100.0</b>	-

<sup>(a)</sup> Includes "Unincorporated Vic" and "No Usual Address Vic".

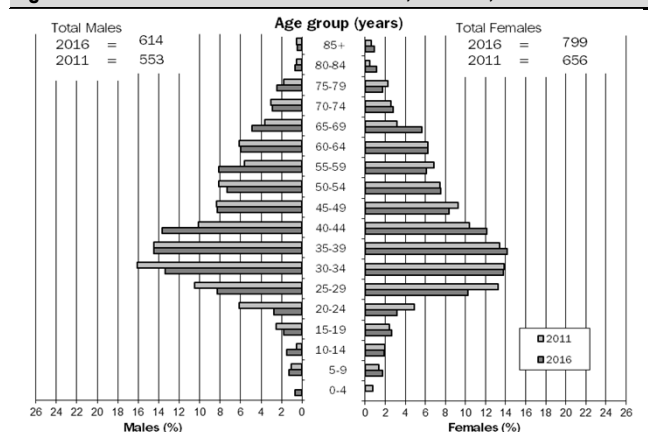
Distribution of Peru-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Peru-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	3	0.2	5	0.4	-40.0
5-11	34	2.4	22	1.8	54.5
12-18	36	2.5	33	2.7	9.1
19-25	71	5.0	102	8.4	-30.4
26-44	695	49.1	582	48.0	19.4
45-54	226	16.0	202	16.7	11.9
55-64	190	13.4	158	13.0	20.3
65-74	108	7.6	77	6.3	40.3
75+	55	3.9	35	2.9	57.1
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>1,416</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>16.7</b>
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>41</i>		<i>39</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>77</i>		<i>84 males per 100 females</i>		

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Peru	936	52.6	770	59.6	21.6
Spain	12	0.7	5	0.4	140.0
USA	10	0.6	10	0.8	-
Chile	9	0.5	9	0.7	-
Scotland	8	0.4	-	-	-
Australia	718	40.4	466	36.0	54.1
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	76	4.3	33	2.6	130.3
<b>Total responses<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>1,779</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,293</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>37.6</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Includes all other countries, and birthplace not stated.

<sup>(b)</sup> 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 Peru-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Spanish	1,160	81.9	1,009	83.2	15.0
Italian	13	0.9	16	1.3	-18.8
German	5	0.4	9	0.7	-44.4
Greek	3	0.2	3	0.2	-
Persian	3	0.2	3	0.2	-
Other languages <sup>(a)</sup>	7	0.5	10	0.8	-30.0
English only	210	14.8	154	12.7	36.4
Not stated	3	0.2	9	0.7	-66.7
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>1,416</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>16.7</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Includes "Inadequately described" and "Non-verbal, so described".

**Top 5 Religious affiliation, Peru-born: 2016, 2011**

Religious affiliation <sup>(a)</sup>	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Catholic	937	66.2	886	73.0	5.8
Christian, nfd	61	4.3	62	5.1	-1.6
Baptist	21	1.5	17	1.4	23.5
Latter-day Saints	20	1.4	13	1.1	53.8
Pentecostal	20	1.4	21	1.7	-4.8
Other religions	90	6.4	102	8.4	-11.8
No religion <sup>(b)</sup>	215	15.2	82	6.8	162.2
Not stated	42	3.0	30	2.5	40.0
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>1,416</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>16.7</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Religion based on 3 digit level of classification.

<sup>(b)</sup> No Religion, so described.

**Year of Arrival of Peru-born: 2016**

Year of arrival <sup>(a)</sup>	Peru-born		Total OSB, Vic <sup>(c)</sup>	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	584	41.2	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	78	5.5	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	136	9.6	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	307	21.7	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 <sup>(b)</sup>	275	19.4	381,130	22.7
Not stated	34	2.4	58,517	3.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>1,416</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,680,256</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Records the year of arrival in Australia for people born overseas

who intend staying in Australia for at least one year.

<sup>(b)</sup> Arrivals up to 9 Aug 2016.

<sup>(c)</sup> OSB stands for Overseas-born.

**Proficiency in English of Peru-born: 2016, 2011**

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	210	14.8	154	12.7	36.4
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	731	51.6	577	47.6	26.7
Well	352	24.9	344	28.4	2.3
Not well	103	7.3	112	9.2	-8.0
Not at all	8	0.6	13	1.1	-38.5
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	5	0.4	16	1.3	-68.8
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>1,416</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>16.7</b>

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

**Peru-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2016, 2011**

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	-	-	5	0.6	-100.0
5-11	24	2.4	12	1.5	100.0
12-18	21	2.1	13	1.6	61.5
19-25	29	2.9	43	5.3	-32.6
26-44	395	39.8	308	38.2	28.2
45-64	366	36.9	325	40.3	12.6
65-74	108	10.9	78	9.7	38.5
75+	47	4.7	24	3.0	95.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>23.0</b>

% of Peru-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 70.1%

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

## Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Peru-born population are higher than for total Victoria: 28.5% have a bachelor degree; 11.7% have a postgraduate degree; and 15.5% have an advanced diploma or diploma, compared to 16.5%, 5.4% and 9.2% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Peru-born at 73.0% is higher than that for total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 8.3% is also higher than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Peru-born are similar to those of total Victoria. More of the Peru-born work as professionals (25.0%) and community & personal service workers (15.6%) compared to 23.3% and 10.6% for total Victoria. Less of the Peru-born work as managers (11.4%) and sales workers (4.9%) compared to 13.5% and 9.7% for Victoria.

The industry employment patterns for the Peru-born are similar to total Victoria, with some exceptions. Less of the Peru-born are employed in construction (3.7%), wholesale & retail trade (8.5%) and arts, recreation & other services (3.5%), compared to 8.3%, 13.4% and 5.5% for total Victoria. More of the Peru-born are employed in accommodation & food services (9.1%), professional, technical, scientific and administration (15.8%) and in health care & social assistance (17.7%), compared to 6.6%, 11.4% and 12.5% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Peru-born is higher than total Victoria. More of them receive \$800-\$1,249 (20.9%) and \$1,250-\$1,999 (17.3%), compared to 16.7% and 13.6% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment <sup>(a)</sup>	Peru-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	160	11.7	102	8.7	58	56.9	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	27	2.0	21	1.8	6	28.6	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	389	28.5	303	25.8	86	28.4	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	211	15.5	174	14.8	37	21.3	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	180	13.2	137	11.7	43	31.4	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only <sup>(b)</sup>	296	21.7	318	27.1	-22	-6.9	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment <sup>(c)</sup>	5	0.4	3	0.3	2	66.7	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc <sup>(d)</sup>	91	6.7	114	9.7	-23	-20.2	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>1,364</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,175</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>4,845,710</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,355,243</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>490,467</b>	<b>11.3</b>

<sup>(a)</sup>This variable is applicable to persons aged 15 years and over.

<sup>(b)</sup>Includes persons who completed school to between Year 8 or below, and Year 12 level.

<sup>(c)</sup>Includes persons whose qualification is out of scope of this variable.

<sup>(d)</sup>Includes "Inadequately described".

### Labour force participation, Peru-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation <sup>(a)</sup>	Peru-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>	996	70.3	845	69.7	151	17.9	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	913	64.5	779	64.2	134	17.2	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	83	5.9	66	5.4	17	25.8	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	360	25.4	309	25.5	51	16.5	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
Not stated	8	0.6	24	2.0	-16	-66.7	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
Not applicable <sup>(b)</sup>	52	3.7	41	3.4	11	26.8	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>1,416</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>5,926,624</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,354,039</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>572,585</b>	<b>10.7</b>
<i>Participation rate</i> <sup>(c)</sup>	73.0%		72.1%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> <sup>(d)</sup>	8.3%		7.8%				6.6%		5.4%			

<sup>(a)</sup>This variable is applicable to persons 15 years and over.

<sup>(b)</sup>Persons aged under 15 years.

<sup>(c)</sup>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.

<sup>(d)</sup>The unemployment rate represents the number of unemployed persons expressed as a % of the labour force.

**Occupation, Peru-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Occupation <sup>(a)</sup>	Peru-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	104	11.4	67	8.6	37	55.2	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	228	25.0	201	25.8	27	13.4	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	123	13.5	98	12.6	25	25.5	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkr	142	15.6	95	12.2	47	49.5	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	118	12.9	109	14.0	9	8.3	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	45	4.9	28	3.6	17	60.7	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	45	4.9	46	5.9	-1	-2.2	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	85	9.3	130	16.7	-45	-34.6	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated <sup>(b)</sup>	11	1.2	13	1.7	-2	-15.4	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>2,736,125</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,530,635</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>205,490</b>	<b>8.1</b>

<sup>(a)</sup>This variable is applicable to employed persons aged 15 years and over.

<sup>(b)</sup>Includes "Inadequately described".

**Industry of Employment, Peru-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Industry of employment <sup>(a)</sup>	Peru-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	14	1.5	13	1.7	1	7.7	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	87	9.5	93	11.9	-6	-6.5	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	15	1.6	14	1.8	1	7.1	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	34	3.7	22	2.8	12	54.5	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	78	8.5	71	9.1	7	9.9	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	83	9.1	72	9.2	11	15.3	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	47	5.1	27	3.5	20	74.1	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	21	2.3	12	1.5	9	75.0	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	31	3.4	38	4.9	-7	-18.4	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	4	0.4	8	1.0	-4	-50.0	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	144	15.8	153	19.6	-9	-5.9	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	46	5.0	37	4.7	9	24.3	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	79	8.7	52	6.7	27	51.9	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	162	17.7	119	15.3	43	36.1	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	32	3.5	36	4.6	-4	-11.1	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	32	3.5	13	1.7	19	146.2	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>2,736,125</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,530,635</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>205,490</b>	<b>8.1</b>

<sup>(a)</sup>This variable is applicable to employed persons aged 15 and over.

**Total Personal Income (Weekly), Peru-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Total personal income, weekly <sup>(a)</sup>	Peru-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	9	0.7	12	1.0	-3	-25.0	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	133	9.8	120	10.2	13	10.8	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	265	19.4	327	27.8	-62	-19.0	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	312	22.9	260	22.1	52	20.0	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	285	20.9	224	19.1	61	27.2	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	236	17.3	138	11.7	98	71.0	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	95	7.0	50	4.3	45	90.0	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	26	1.9	38	3.2	-12	-31.6	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>1,364</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,175</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>4,845,710</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,355,243</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>490,467</b>	<b>11.3</b>

<sup>(a)</sup>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*.