

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 2,731 Portugal-born persons in Victoria (17.3% of Australia’s total), ranked 72nd among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Portugal-born increased by 3.1% (82) from 2,649 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the LGAs of Whittlesea (9.1%), Brimbank (8.9%), Casey (7.6%), Hume (6.8%) and Melton (6.6%); 8.9% live in regional Victoria.

The Portugal-born reflected a mature to ageing profile: 6.2% were aged 25 years and under; 32.8% were aged 26-44; 38.0% were aged 45-64; and 22.9% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 52 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 103 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 12,230 persons identified with Portuguese ancestry. Most of them were born in Australia (35.3%), Portugal (20.3%), India (11.8%), Sri Lanka (6.3%) and Brazil (6.3%). Four-fifths (79.5%) of the Portugal-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 2.1% arrived in 1996-2000; 2.7% arrived in 2001-2005; 3.3% arrived in 2006-2010; and 9.6% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most (70.3%) of the Portugal-born speak Portuguese; 24.3% speak English only. Of those who speak a language other than English, 13.5% speak English not well/not at all. Three-quarters (76.1%) of the Portugal-born are Catholic; 13.6% have no religion. Three-quarters (77.7%) of the Portugal-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria.

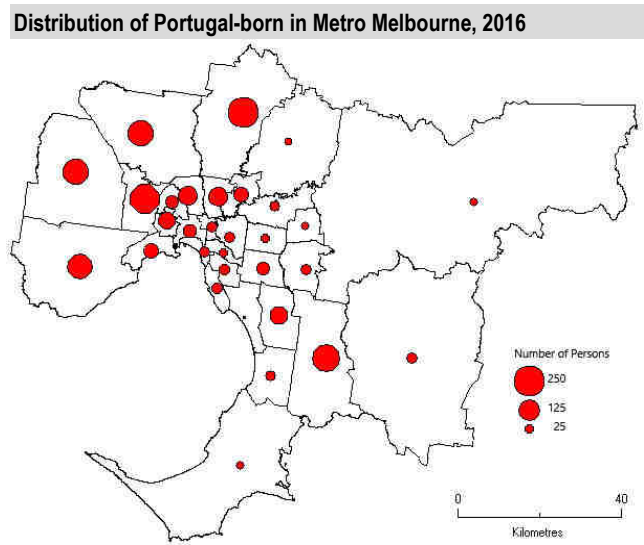
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Location	2016 Census		2011 Census		2006 Census		Change 2011-2016		Change 2006-2011	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	% change
Metro Melbourne ^(a)	2,501	15.8	2,445	16.0	2,489	16.4	56	2.3	-44	-1.8
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	223	1.4	202	1.3	184	1.2	21	10.4	18	9.8
Total Victoria	2,731	17.3	2,649	17.3	2,669	17.6	82	3.1	-20	-0.7
Total Australia	15,809	100.0	15,328	100.0	15,194	100.0	481	3.1	134	0.9

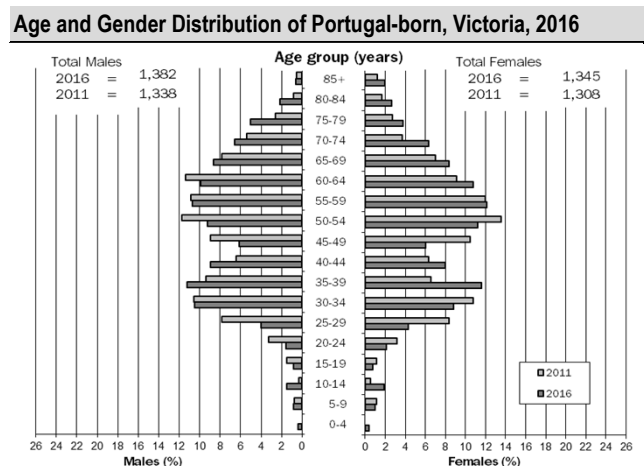
^(a) Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Whittlesea (C)	248	9.1	229	8.6	2
Brimbank (C)	242	8.9	271	10.2	1
Casey (C)	207	7.6	196	7.4	3
Hume (C)	185	6.8	193	7.3	4
Melton (C)	181	6.6	156	5.9	6
Rest of Melbourne	1,430	52.4	1,370	51.7	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	244	8.9	207	7.8	-
Total Victoria	2,731	100.0	2,649	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	11	0.4	-	-	-
5-11	42	1.5	26	1.0	61.5
12-18	51	1.9	32	1.2	59.4
19-25	65	2.4	126	4.8	-48.4
26-44	896	32.8	841	31.7	6.5
45-54	442	16.2	593	22.4	-25.5
55-64	594	21.8	576	21.7	3.1
65-74	409	15.0	325	12.3	25.8
75+	215	7.9	127	4.8	69.3
Total Victoria	2,731	100.0	2,649	100.0	3.1
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>52</i>		<i>50</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>103</i>		<i>102</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Portugal	2,503	20.3	2,379	27.1	5.2
India	1,458	11.8	803	9.1	81.6
Sri Lanka	779	6.3	453	5.2	72.0
Brazil	771	6.3	285	3.2	170.5
South Africa	347	2.8	206	2.3	68.4
Australia	4,354	35.3	3,236	36.8	34.5
Other ^(a)	2,046	16.6	1,428	16.2	43.3
Total responses^(b)	12,320	100.0	8,790	100.0	40.2

^(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 Portugal-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Portuguese	1,921	70.3	1,851	69.9	3.8
Hakka	44	1.6	47	1.8	-6.4
Spanish	21	0.8	25	0.9	-16.0
French	12	0.4	12	0.5	-
Italian	11	0.4	30	1.1	-63.3
Other languages ^(a)	37	1.4	29	1.1	27.6
English only	663	24.3	627	23.7	5.7
Not stated	20	0.7	28	1.1	-28.6
Total Victoria	2,731	100.0	2,649	100.0	3.1

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Catholic	2,077	76.1	2,187	82.6	-5.0
Jehovah's Witnesses	43	1.6	53	2.0	-18.9
Christian, nfd	36	1.3	31	1.2	16.1
Buddhism	16	0.6	26	1.0	-38.5
Pentecostal	14	0.5	14	0.5	-
Other religions	38	1.4	41	1.5	-7.3
No religion ^(b)	393	14.4	211	8.0	86.3
Not stated	109	4.0	86	3.2	26.7
Total Victoria	2,731	100.0	2,649	100.0	3.1

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Portugal-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Portugal-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	2,172	79.5	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	57	2.1	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	73	2.7	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	90	3.3	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	263	9.6	381,130	22.7
Not stated	69	2.5	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	2,731	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 Portugal-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	663	24.3	627	23.7	5.7
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	908	33.2	889	33.6	2.1
Well	774	28.3	736	27.8	5.2
Not well	330	12.1	340	12.8	-2.9
Not at all	37	1.4	37	1.4	-
Not stated ^(a)	22	0.8	25	0.9	-12.0
Total Victoria	2,731	100.0	2,649	100.0	3.1

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	7	0.3	-	-	-
5-11	17	0.8	16	0.7	6.3
12-18	28	1.3	18	0.8	55.6
19-25	37	1.7	100	4.6	-63.0
26-44	656	30.9	665	30.8	-1.4
45-64	848	39.9	966	44.7	-12.2
65-74	347	16.3	288	13.3	20.5
75+	185	8.7	101	4.7	83.2
Total	2,123	100.0	2,161	100.0	-1.8
% of Portugal-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					77.7%
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.3%

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Portugal-born are lower than for total Victoria: 4.2% have a postgraduate degree, 10.0% have a bachelor degree and 8.2% have an advanced diploma or diploma, compared to 5.4%, 16.5% and 9.2% for Victoria. One-half (48.3%) have school education only, compared to 38.7% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Portugal-born at 60.4% is similar to total Victoria at 60.5%. The unemployment rate for the Portugal-born at 5.2% is lower than for total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Portugal-born are different from those for total Victoria. Less of the Portugal-born work as managers (10.7%), professionals (17.1%) and clerical & administrative workers (10.1%), compared to 13.5%, 23.3% and 13.3% for Victoria. More of them are technicians and trades workers (21.1%) and labourers (16.5%), compared to 13.1% and 9.0% for Victoria.

The employment patterns of the Portugal-born are fairly similar to total Victoria, with some exceptions. Less of the Portugal-born are employed in agriculture, forestry, fishing & mining (0.4%), wholesale & retail trade (10.7%) and education & training (5.2%), compared to 2.6%, 13.4% and 8.6% for Victoria. More of the Portugal-born are employed in manufacturing (11.7%) and construction (19.6%), compared to 7.8% and 8.3% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Portugal-born is fairly similar to total Victoria. More of them receive \$1-\$399 (24.4%), \$800-\$1,249 (8.0%) and \$1,250-\$1,999 (16.0%), compared to 20.1%, 16.7% and 13.6% for Victoria. Less of the Portugal-born receive \$400-\$799 (22.6%) compared to 23.1% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Portugal-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	111	4.2	60	2.3	51	85.0	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	37	1.4	21	0.8	16	76.2	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	265	10.0	211	8.1	54	25.6	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	216	8.2	201	7.7	15	7.5	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	431	16.3	391	15.0	40	10.2	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	1,278	48.3	1,365	52.2	-87	-6.4	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	61	2.3	55	2.1	6	10.9	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	249	9.4	306	11.7	-57	-18.6	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	2,645	100.0	2,615	100.0	30	1.1	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, Portugal-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Portugal-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>	1,602	58.7	1,693	63.9	-91	-5.4	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	1,518	55.6	1,620	61.2	-102	-6.3	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	84	3.1	73	2.8	11	15.1	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	1,001	36.7	871	32.9	130	14.9	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
Not stated	41	1.5	52	2.0	-11	-21.2	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
Not applicable ^(b)	80	2.9	34	1.3	46	135.3	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	2,731	100.0	2,649	100.0	82	3.1	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	60.4%		64.7%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	5.2%		4.3%				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, Portugal-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Portugal-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	163	10.7	172	10.6	-9	-5.2	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	259	17.1	201	12.4	58	28.9	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	320	21.1	375	23.1	-55	-14.7	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	144	9.5	139	8.6	5	3.6	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	153	10.1	187	11.5	-34	-18.2	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	92	6.1	97	6.0	-5	-5.2	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	107	7.0	130	8.0	-23	-17.7	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	250	16.5	277	17.1	-27	-9.7	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	33	2.2	51	3.1	-18	-35.3	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	1,518	100.0	1,620	100.0	-102	-6.3	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, Portugal-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Portugal-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	6	0.4	5	0.3	1	20.0	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	177	11.7	265	16.4	-88	-33.2	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	19	1.3	6	0.4	13	216.7	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	297	19.6	328	20.2	-31	-9.5	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	162	10.7	191	11.8	-29	-15.2	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	68	4.5	77	4.8	-9	-11.7	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	70	4.6	81	5.0	-11	-13.6	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	19	1.3	24	1.5	-5	-20.8	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	49	3.2	68	4.2	-19	-27.9	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	25	1.6	22	1.4	3	13.6	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	162	10.7	151	9.3	11	7.3	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	48	3.2	55	3.4	-7	-12.7	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	79	5.2	65	4.0	14	21.5	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	175	11.5	152	9.4	23	15.1	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	83	5.5	67	4.1	16	23.9	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	72	4.7	61	3.8	11	18.0	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	1,518	100.0	1,620	100.0	-102	-6.3	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), Portugal-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Portugal-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	22	0.8	6	0.2	16	266.7	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	244	9.2	231	8.8	13	5.6	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	586	22.2	726	27.8	-140	-19.3	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	599	22.6	601	23.0	-2	-0.3	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	477	18.0	466	17.8	11	2.4	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	424	16.0	391	15.0	33	8.4	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	201	7.6	96	3.7	105	109.4	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	102	3.9	104	4.0	-2	-1.9	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	2,645	100.0	2,615	100.0	30	1.1	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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Source of data: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, 2011, 2006*.