

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 6,307 Russia-born persons in Victoria (30.9% of Australia's total), ranked 49th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Russia-born increased by 3.9% (239) from 6,068 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with major concentrations in the LGAs of Glen Eira (20.4%), Kingston (10.3%), Port Phillip (6.6%), Bayside (5.5%) and Monash (5.5%).

The Russia-born reflected an adult to ageing profile: 12.7% were aged 25 years and under; 37.3% were aged 26-44; 25.3% were aged 45-64; and 24.8% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 44 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 63 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 24,701 persons identified with Russian ancestry. Most of them were born in Australia (43.5%), the Russian Federation (21.5%), Ukraine (6.1%), China (3.6%) and Germany (1.6%). Two-fifths (40.2%) of the Russia-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 11.8% arrived in 1996-2000; 11.4% arrived in 2001-2005; 15.0% arrived in 2006-2010; and 19.3% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most (79.3%) of the Russia-born speak Russian, 0.8% speak Hebrew; 14.3% speak English only. Of those who speak a language other than English, 15.4% speak English not well or not at all. Over one-quarter (28.3%) of the Russia-born are Eastern Orthodox; 16.8% are Jewish; and 7.5% are Christian not further defined; 2.5% are Catholic; 0.7% follow Islam; 34.8% have no religion. Three-quarters (74.6%) of the Russia-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Russian Federation-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)	5,995	29.4	5,789	31.7	5,419	35.3	206	3.6	370	6.8
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	312	1.5	276	1.5	271	1.8	36	13.0	5	1.8
Total Victoria	6,307	30.9	6,068	33.2	5,685	37.0	239	3.9	383	6.7
Total Australia	20,425	100.0	18,277	100.0	15,354	100.0	2,148	11.8	2,923	19.0

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

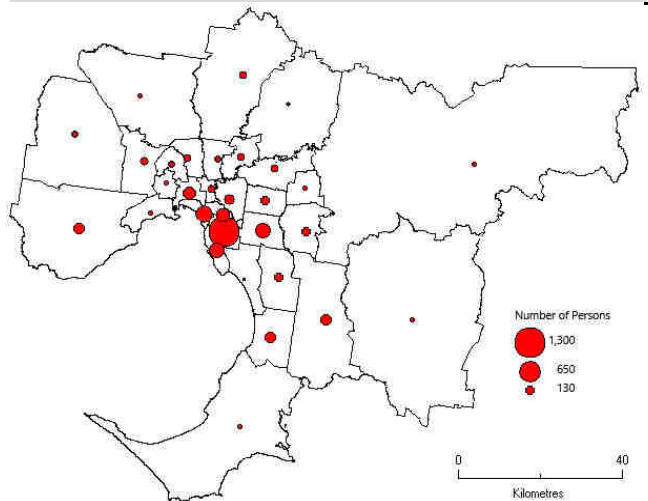
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

Distribution of Russian Federation-born, Top 5 LGAs: 2016 Census

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Glen Eira (C)	1,287	20.4	1,483	24.4	1
Kingston (C)	648	10.3	612	10.1	2
Port Phillip (C)	416	6.6	432	7.1	3
Bayside (C)	345	5.5	379	6.2	4
Monash (C)	345	5.5	340	5.6	5
Rest of Melbourne	2,949	46.8	2,526	41.6	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	334	5.3	269	4.4	-
Total Victoria	6,307	100.0	6,068	100.0	-

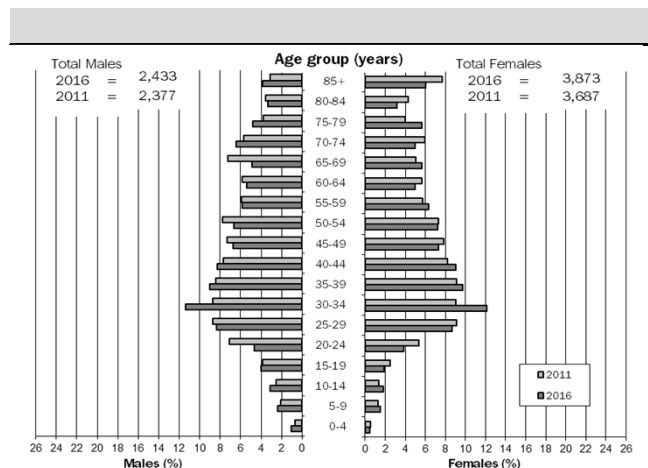
^(a) Includes "Unincorporated Vic" and "No Usual Address Vic".

Distribution of Russian Federation-born, Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Russian Federation-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	40	0.6	30	0.5	33.3
5-11	161	2.6	141	2.3	14.2
12-18	222	3.5	198	3.3	12.1
19-25	380	6.0	516	8.5	-26.4
26-44	2,351	37.3	1,993	32.8	18.0
45-54	894	14.2	915	15.1	-2.3
55-64	703	11.1	700	11.5	0.4
65-74	691	11.0	721	11.9	-4.2
75+	870	13.8	840	13.8	3.6
Total Victoria	6,307	100.0	6,068	100.0	3.9
<i>Median Age</i>	44		46		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	63		64		<i>males per 100 females</i>



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Russian Federation	5,304	21.5	4,887	22.5	8.5
Ukraine	1,501	6.1	1,524	7.0	-1.5
China	881	3.6	817	3.8	7.8
Germany	407	1.6	369	1.7	10.3
Belarus	334	1.4	329	1.5	1.5
Australia	10,740	43.5	9,697	44.6	10.8
Other ^(a)	5,525	22.4	4,121	19.0	34.1
Total responses^(b)	24,701	100.0	21,744	100.0	13.6

^(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 Russian Federation-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Russian	5,000	79.3	4,846	79.9	3.2
Hebrew	51	0.8	56	0.9	-8.9
Greek	47	0.7	64	1.1	-26.6
Polish	40	0.6	80	1.3	-50.0
Mandarin	30	0.5	26	0.4	15.4
Other languages ^(a)	183	2.9	177	2.9	3.4
English only	902	14.3	770	12.7	17.1
Not stated	39	0.6	49	0.8	-20.4
Total Victoria	6,307	100.0	6,068	100.0	3.9

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

Top 5 Religious affiliation, Russian Federation-born: 2016, 2011

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Eastern Orthodox	1,788	28.3	2,126	35.0	-15.9
Judaism	1,057	16.8	1,409	23.2	-25.0
Christian, nfd	473	7.5	99	1.6	377.8
Catholic	157	2.5	223	3.7	-29.6
Islam	43	0.7	31	0.5	38.7
Other religions	315	5.0	349	5.8	-9.7
No religion ^(b)	2,192	34.8	1,556	25.6	40.9
Not stated	293	4.6	275	4.5	6.5
Total Victoria	6,307	100.0	6,068	100.0	3.9

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Russian Federation-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Russian Federation-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	2,534	40.2	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	744	11.8	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	721	11.4	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	943	15.0	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	1,216	19.3	381,130	22.7
Not stated	159	2.5	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	6,307	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 Russian Federation-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	902	14.3	770	12.7	17.1
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	2,802	44.4	2,491	41.1	12.5
Well	1,587	25.2	1,639	27.0	-3.2
Not well	755	12.0	858	14.1	-12.0
Not at all	213	3.4	227	3.7	-6.2
Not stated ^(a)	57	0.9	83	1.4	-31.3
Total Victoria	6,307	100.0	6,068	100.0	3.9

^(a) Includes those who did not Distribution of Russian Federation-born, Metro Melbourne, 2016

Russian Fed-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2016, 2011

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	11	0.2	10	0.2	10.0
5-11	64	1.4	59	1.3	8.5
12-18	146	3.1	131	2.8	11.5
19-25	216	4.6	353	7.5	-38.8
26-44	1,528	32.5	1,331	28.3	14.8
45-64	1,400	29.8	1,410	30.0	-0.7
65-74	608	12.9	658	14.0	-7.6
75+	737	15.7	744	15.8	-0.9
Total	4,704	100.0	4,697	100.0	0.1

% of Russian Federation-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 74.6%

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

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Russia-born are higher than for total Victoria: 13.5% have a postgraduate degree, 35.8% have a bachelor degree and 12.3% have an advanced diploma or diploma, compared to 5.4%, 16.5% and 9.2% for Victoria. One-fifth (20.5%) of the Russia-born have school education only, compared to 38.7% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Russia-born at 60.5% is similar to that of total Victoria. Their unemployment rate at 8.1% is higher than for total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Russia-born are fairly different from those for total Victoria. More of them (40.1%) work as professionals, compared to 23.3% for Victoria. Less of them work as technicians (9.7%), sales workers (6.9%), machinery operators and drivers (3.1%) and labourers (4.5%), compared to 13.1%, 9.7%, 5.8% and 9.0% for Victoria.

The employment patterns of the Russia-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria, with some exceptions. Less of them (5.8%) are employed in manufacturing, construction (5.6%) and accommodation and food services (3.4%), compared to 7.8%, 8.3% and 6.6% for Victoria. More of them are employed in professional, scientific, technical and administration (20.3%) and healthcare and social assistance (14.1%), compared to 11.4% and 12.5% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Russia-born is different from total Victoria. More of them receive nil income (11.4%), \$1-\$399 (23.3%), \$1,250-\$1,999 (14.7%) and \$2,000 or more (9.1%), compared to 9.7%, 20.1%, 13.6% and 7.5% for Victoria. Less of the Russia-born receive \$400-\$799 (22.1%) and \$800-\$1,249 (15.0%), compared to 23.1% and 16.7% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Russian Federation-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	811	13.5	633	10.9	178	28.1	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	142	2.4	110	1.9	32	29.1	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	2,151	35.8	1,915	32.9	236	12.3	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	740	12.3	710	12.2	30	4.2	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	375	6.2	383	6.6	-8	-2.1	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	1,230	20.5	1,343	23.0	-113	-8.4	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	52	0.9	91	1.6	-39	-42.9	1,000,000	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	498	8.3	627	10.8	-129	-20.6	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	6,010	100.0	5,827	100.0	183	3.1	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, Russian Federation-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Russian Federation-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>	3,632	57.6	3,325	54.8	307	9.2	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	3,337	52.9	3,068	50.6	269	8.8	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	295	4.7	257	4.2	38	14.8	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	2,302	36.5	2,383	39.3	-81	-3.4	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
Not stated	71	1.1	116	1.9	-45	-38.8	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1	
Not applicable ^(b)	304	4.8	242	4.0	62	25.6	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	6,307	100.0	6,068	100.0	239	3.9	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	60.5%		57.1%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	8.1%		7.7%				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, Russian Federation-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Russian Federation-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	410	12.3	282	9.2	128	45.4	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	1,339	40.1	1,220	39.8	119	9.8	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	325	9.7	373	12.2	-48	-12.9	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	297	8.9	252	8.2	45	17.9	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	411	12.3	395	12.9	16	4.1	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	229	6.9	233	7.6	-4	-1.7	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	104	3.1	114	3.7	-10	-8.8	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	150	4.5	140	4.6	10	7.1	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	73	2.2	77	2.5	-4	-5.2	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	3,337	100.0	3,068	100.0	269	8.8	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, Russian Federation-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Russian Federation-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	28	0.8	17	0.6	11	64.7	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	194	5.8	270	8.8	-76	-28.1	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	34	1.0	28	0.9	6	21.4	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	186	5.6	168	5.5	18	10.7	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	387	11.6	427	13.9	-40	-9.4	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	115	3.4	105	3.4	10	9.5	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	122	3.7	113	3.7	9	8.0	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	86	2.6	76	2.5	10	13.2	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	167	5.0	183	6.0	-16	-8.7	bourne, 2016	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	59	1.8	42	1.4	17	40.5	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	677	20.3	597	19.5	80	13.4	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	128	3.8	96	3.1	32	33.3	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	303	9.1	264	8.6	39	14.8	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	471	14.1	435	14.2	36	8.3	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	205	6.1	174	5.7	31	17.8	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	178	5.3	75	2.4	103	137.3	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	3,337	100.0	3,068	100.0	269	8.8	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), Russian Federation-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Russian Federation-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	43	0.7	25	0.4	18	72.0	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	688	11.4	574	9.9	114	19.9		9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	1,403	23.3	2,096	36.0	-693	-33.1	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	1,331	22.1	1,029	17.7	302	29.3	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	904	15.0	838	14.4	66	7.9	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	884	14.7	670	11.5	214	31.9	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	545	9.1	358	6.1	187	52.2	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	204	3.4	228	3.9	-24	-10.5	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	6,010	100.0	5,827	100.0	183	3.1	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*.