

The Samoa-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 50)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 6,199 Samoa-born persons in Victoria (25.8% of Australia's total), ranked 50th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Samoa-born increased by 54.1% (2,177) from 4,022 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with major concentrations in the LGAs of Casey (22.0%), Hume (17.1%), Brimbank (13.2%), Wyndham (10.0%) and Melton (8.0%).

The Samoa-born reflected a balanced to maturing age profile: 19.2% were aged 25 years and under; 33.5% were aged 26-44; 39.6% were aged 45-64; and 7.5% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 43 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 98 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 17,182 persons identified with Samoan ancestry. Most of them were born in New Zealand (38.2%), Samoa (29.5%) and Australia (28.7%). One-fifth (21.2%) of the Samoa-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 13.8% arrived in 1996-2000; 10.0% arrived in 2001-2005; 15.0% arrived in 2006-2010; and 35.5% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most of the Samoa-born speak Samoan (87.7%); 10.5% speak English only. Of those who speak a language other than English at home, 9.2% speak English not well or not at all. The Samoa-born follow a variety of religions: 20.8% are Catholic; 19.0% are Christian, not further defined; 15.6% follow the Church of Latter-day Saints; 8.1% are Pentecostal; and 6.2% are other Protestant; 3.7% have no religion. Less than one-third (30.7%) of the Samoa-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Samoa-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)	5,911	24.6	3,782	19.8	2,829	18.6	2,129	56.3	953	33.7
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	287	1.2	235	1.2	206	1.4	52	22.1	29	14.1
Total Victoria	6,199	25.8	4,022	21.1	3,038	19.9	2,177	54.1	984	32.4
Total Australia	24,017	100.0	19,092	100.0	15,240	100.0	4,925	25.8	3,852	25.3

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

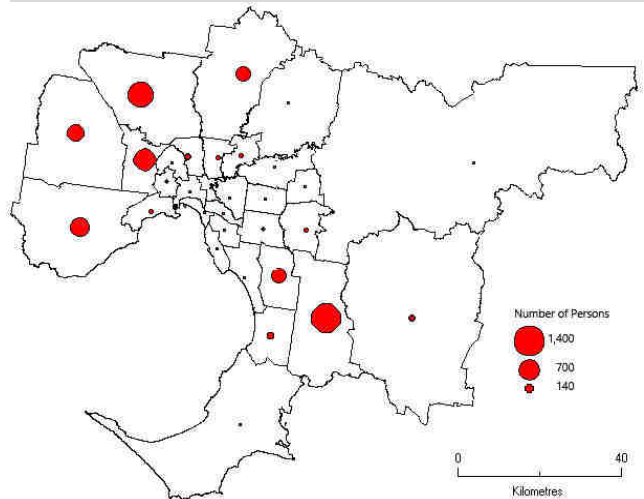
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Casey (C)	1,364	22.0	943	23.4	1
Hume (C)	1,062	17.1	641	15.9	2
Brimbank (C)	818	13.2	442	11.0	3
Wyndham (C)	621	10.0	221	5.5	7
Melton (C)	496	8.0	244	6.1	5
Rest of Melbourne	1,505	24.3	1,280	31.8	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	315	5.1	256	6.4	-
Total Victoria	6,199	100.0	4,022	100.0	-

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

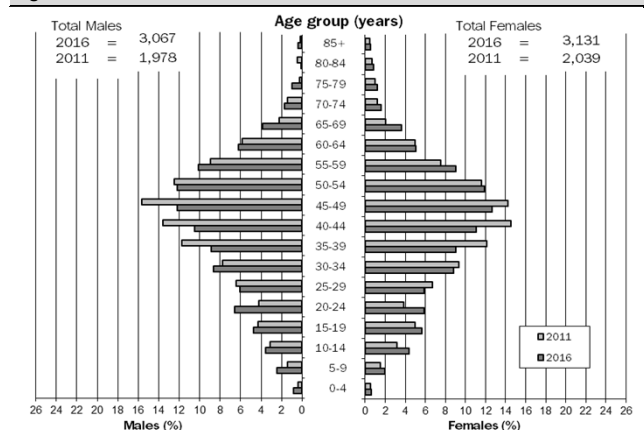
Distribution of Samoa-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Samoa-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	39	0.6	15	0.4	160.0
5-11	200	3.2	103	2.6	94.2
12-18	427	6.9	227	5.6	88.1
19-25	524	8.5	230	5.7	127.8
26-44	2,077	33.5	1,609	40.0	29.1
45-54	1,515	24.4	1,085	27.0	39.6
55-64	943	15.2	543	13.5	73.7
65-74	344	5.5	151	3.8	127.8
75+	125	2.0	63	1.6	98.4
Total Victoria	6,199	100.0	4,022	100.0	54.1
<i>Median Age</i>	43		43		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	98		97		<i>97 males per 100 females</i>

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
New Zealand	6,555	38.2	3,939	36.9	66.4
Samoa	5,064	29.5	3,204	30.0	58.1
Samoa, American	71	0.4	49	0.5	44.9
USA	51	0.3	33	0.3	54.5
Tonga	33	0.2	16	0.1	106.3
Australia	4,932	28.7	3,139	29.4	57.1
Other ^(a)	478	2.8	290	2.7	64.8
Total responses^(b)	17,182	100.0	10,670	100.0	61.0

^(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 Samoa-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Samoaan	5,439	87.7	3,435	85.4	58.3
Pacific Austronesian	10	0.2	-	-	-
Mandarin	4	0.1	-	-	-
Spanish	3	0.0	-	-	-
Vietnamese	3	0.0	5	0.1	-40.0
Other languages ^(a)	7	0.1	23	0.6	-69.6
English only	651	10.5	497	12.4	31.0
Not stated	71	1.1	62	1.5	14.5
Total Victoria	6,199	100.0	4,022	100.0	54.1

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Catholic	1,291	20.8	924	23.0	39.7
Christian, nfd	1,180	19.0	512	12.7	130.5
Latter-day Saints	969	15.6	655	16.3	47.9
Pentecostal	501	8.1	351	8.7	42.7
Other Protestant	387	6.2	196	4.9	97.4
Other religions	1,326	21.4	1,139	28.3	16.4
No religion ^(b)	232	3.7	88	2.2	163.6
Not stated	304	4.9	157	3.9	93.6
Total Victoria	6,199	100.0	4,022	100.0	54.1

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Samoa-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Samoa-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	1,317	21.2	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	853	13.8	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	622	10.0	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	929	15.0	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	2,202	35.5	381,130	22.7
Not stated	274	4.4	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	6,199	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 Samoa-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	651	10.5	497	12.4	31.0
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	2,809	45.3	1,869	46.5	50.3
Well	2,031	32.8	1,201	29.9	69.1
Not well	544	8.8	352	8.8	54.5
Not at all	39	0.6	32	0.8	21.9
Not stated ^(a)	121	2.0	68	1.7	77.9
Total Victoria	6,199	100.0	4,022	100.0	54.1

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	-	-	3	0.2	-100.0
5-11	17	0.9	21	1.2	-19.0
12-18	26	1.4	52	2.9	-50.0
19-25	72	3.8	59	3.3	22.0
26-44	422	22.2	603	33.4	-30.0
45-64	1,103	58.1	947	52.5	16.5
65-74	188	9.9	92	5.1	104.3
75+	70	3.7	28	1.6	150.0
Total	1,900	100.0	1,803	100.0	5.4
% of Samoa-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					30.7%
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.3%

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Samoa-born are lower than for total Victoria. Less of them (0.5%) have a postgraduate degree and 3.4% have a bachelor degree, compared to 5.4% and 16.5% for Victoria. Over half (56.5%) of Samoa-born have school education only, compared to 38.7% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Samoa-born at 64.3% is slightly higher than that of total Victoria at 60.5%. The unemployment rate for the Samoa-born at 10.6% is also higher than for total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Samoa-born are different from those for total Victoria. Less of the Samoa-born work as managers (2.9%), professionals (5.4%), clerical & administrative workers (9.3%) and sales workers (3.1%), compared to 13.5%, 23.3%, 13.3% and 9.7% for Victoria. More of them are community & personal service workers (15.9%), machinery operators & drivers (28.2%) and labourers (23.9%), compared to 10.6%, 5.8% and 9.0% for Victoria.

The employment patterns of the Samoa-born are also different from total Victoria. More of them are employed in manufacturing (19.7%), transport, postal & warehousing (13.6%) and health care & social assistance (15.5%), compared to 7.8%, 4.8% and 12.5% for Victoria. Less of them are employed in wholesale & retail trade (8.7%), professional, scientific, technical & administration (6.0%) and education & training (2.9%) compared to 13.4%, 11.4% and 8.6% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern of the Samoa-born is different from that for total Victoria. More of the Samoa-born receive nil income (14.4%), \$400-\$799 (30.1%) and \$800-\$1,249 (23.7%), compared to 9.7%, 23.1% and 16.7% for Victoria. Less of the Samoa-born receive \$1-\$399 (15.4%), \$1,250-\$1,999 (7.9%) and \$2,000 or more (1.5%), compared to 20.1%, 13.6% and 7.5% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Samoa-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	30	0.5	19	0.5	11	57.9	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	51	0.9	19	0.5	32	168.4	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	199	3.4	115	3.0	84	73.0	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	551	9.5	211	5.5	340	161.1	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	798	13.8	358	9.4	440	122.9	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	3,270	56.5	2,332	61.0	938	40.2	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	115	2.0	69	1.8	46	66.7	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	771	13.3	699	18.3	72	10.3	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	5,783	100.0	3,822	100.0	1,961	51.3	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, Samoa-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Samoa-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>	3,716	59.9	2,381	59.2	1,335	56.1	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	3,323	53.6	2,154	53.6	1,169	54.3	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	393	6.3	227	5.6	166	73.1	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	1,908	30.8	1,236	30.7	672	54.4	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	149	2.4	206	5.1	-57	-27.7	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	423	6.8	200	5.0	223	111.5	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	6,199	100.0	4,022	100.0	2,177	54.1	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	64.3%		62.3%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	10.6%		9.5%				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, Samoa-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Samoa-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	95	2.9	62	2.9	33	53.2	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	179	5.4	140	6.5	39	27.9	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	289	8.7	192	8.9	97	50.5	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkr	528	15.9	203	9.4	325	160.1	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	308	9.3	203	9.4	105	51.7	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	103	3.1	74	3.4	29	39.2	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	936	28.2	620	28.8	316	51.0	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	793	23.9	567	26.3	226	39.9	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	93	2.8	106	4.9	-13	-12.3	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	3,323	100.0	2,154	100.0	1,169	54.3	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, Samoa-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Samoa-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	23	0.7	26	1.2	-3	-11.5	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	653	19.7	709	32.9	-56	-7.9	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	35	1.1	16	0.7	19	118.8	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	214	6.4	133	6.2	81	60.9	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	289	8.7	208	9.7	81	38.9	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	106	3.2	80	3.7	26	32.5	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	453	13.6	242	11.2	211	87.2	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	19	0.6	19	0.9	-	-	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	67	2.0	68	3.2	-1	-1.5	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	25	0.8	8	0.4	17	212.5	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	198	6.0	137	6.4	61	44.5	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	67	2.0	54	2.5	13	24.1	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	96	2.9	32	1.5	64	200.0	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	515	15.5	232	10.8	283	122.0	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	100	3.0	56	2.6	44	78.6	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	454	13.7	143	6.6	311	217.5	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	3,323	100.0	2,154	100.0	1,169	54.3	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), Samoa-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Samoa-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	79	1.4	45	1.2	34	75.6	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	832	14.4	464	12.1	368	79.3	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	891	15.4	798	20.9	93	11.7	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	1,738	30.1	1,310	34.3	428	32.7	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	1,369	23.7	665	17.4	704	105.9	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	458	7.9	163	4.3	295	181.0	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	89	1.5	32	0.8	57	178.1	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	320	5.5	351	9.2	-31	-8.8	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	5,783	100.0	3,822	100.0	1,961	51.3	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*.