

The Serbia-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 46)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 7,304 Serbia-born persons in Victoria (36.2% of Australia's total), ranked 46th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Serbia-born decreased by 1.0% (77) from 7,381 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the LGAs of Casey (11.0%), Brimbank (9.9%), Greater Dandenong (8.1%), Wyndham (6.3%) and Melton (5.8%); 9.3% live in regional Victoria.

The Serbia-born reflected a mature to ageing profile: 7.1% were aged 25 years and under; 22.1% were aged 26-44; 40.9% were aged 45-64; and 30.0% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 55 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 92 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 23,542 persons identified with Serbian ancestry. Most of them were born in Australia (44.3%), Serbia (24.5%), Bosnia & Herzegovina (9.2%), South Eastern Europe not further defined and Croatia (6.0%). Two-thirds (68.4%) of the Serbia-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 12.8% arrived in 1996-2000; 6.3% arrived in 2001-2005; 4.3% arrived in 2006-2010; and 5.5% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most of the Serbia-born speak Serbian (70.7%), Hungarian (5.0%) and Slovak (3.1%); 13.8% speak English only. Of those who speak a language other than English, 14.8% speak English not well/not at all. Half (49.8%) of Serbia-born are Eastern Orthodox; 17.6% are Christian not further defined; and 10.7% are Catholic; 11.3% have no religion. Most (90.2%) of the Serbia-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Serbia-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)	6,640	32.9	6,754	33.3	6,046	34.9	-114	-1.7	708	11.7
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	666	3.3	628	3.1	609	3.5	38	6.1	19	3.1
Total Victoria	7,304	36.2	7,381	36.4	6,662	38.4	-77	-1.0	719	10.8
Total Australia	20,201	100.0	20,267	100.0	17,327	100.0	-66	-0.3	2,940	17.0

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

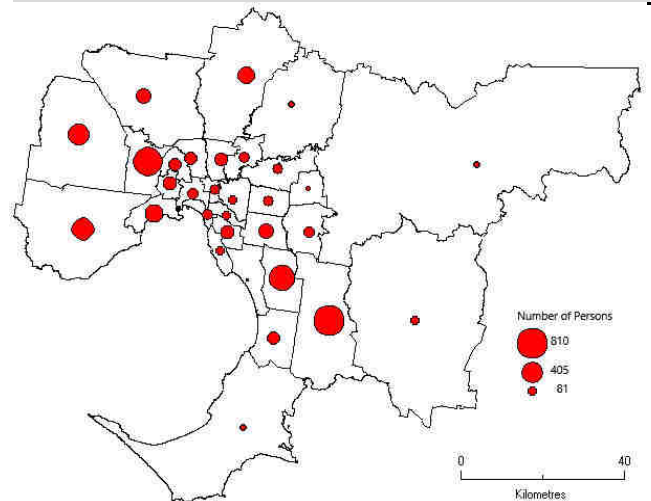
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Casey (C)	802	11.0	816	11.1	1
Brimbank (C)	722	9.9	808	10.9	2
Greater Dandenong (C)	590	8.1	772	10.5	3
Wyndham (C)	462	6.3	412	5.6	4
Melton (C)	420	5.8	300	4.1	7
Rest of Melbourne	3,627	49.7	3,623	49.1	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	680	9.3	644	8.7	-
Total Victoria	7,304	100.0	7,381	100.0	-

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

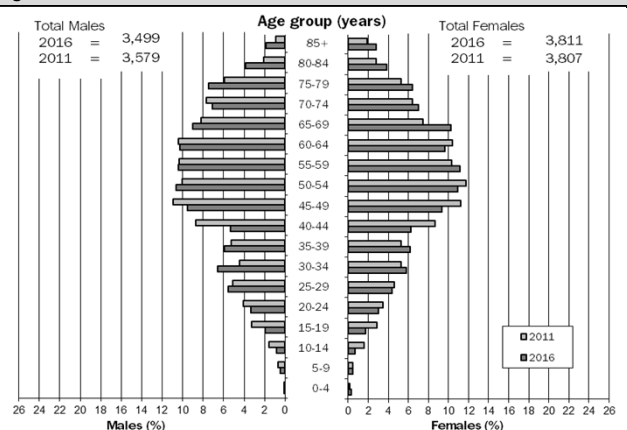
Distribution of Serbia-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Serbia-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	9	0.1	18	0.2	-50.0
5-11	46	0.6	66	0.9	-30.3
12-18	139	1.9	259	3.5	-46.3
19-25	332	4.5	399	5.4	-16.8
26-44	1,612	22.1	1,686	22.8	-4.4
45-54	1,476	20.2	1,615	21.9	-8.6
55-64	1,512	20.7	1,535	20.8	-1.5
65-74	1,226	16.8	1,098	14.9	11.7
75+	962	13.2	706	9.6	36.3
Total Victoria	7,304	100.0	7,381	100.0	-1.0
<i>Median Age</i>	55		52		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	92		94		<i>males per 100 females</i>

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Serbia	5,763	24.5	5,850	26.5	-1.5
Bosnia & Herzeg	2,177	9.2	2,344	10.6	-7.1
S E Europe, nfd	2,157	9.2	2,196	10.0	-1.8
Croatia	1,418	6.0	1,636	7.4	-13.3
FYR Macedonia	151	0.6	88	0.4	71.6
Australia	10,427	44.3	8,874	40.2	17.5
Other ^(a)	1,425	6.1	1,078	4.9	32.2
Total responses^(b)	23,542	100.0	22,066	100.0	6.7

^(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 Serbia-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Serbian	5,166	70.7	5,527	74.9	-6.5
Hungarian	364	5.0	372	5.0	-2.2
Slovak	227	3.1	199	2.7	14.1
Serbo-Croat/Yugoslav	97	1.3	72	1.0	34.7
Croatian	77	1.1	77	1.0	-
Other languages ^(a)	344	4.7	303	4.1	13.5
English only	1,011	13.8	793	10.7	27.5
Not stated	35	0.5	38	0.5	-7.9
Total Victoria	7,304	100.0	7,381	100.0	-1.0

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Eastern Orthodox	3,639	49.8	5,216	70.7	-30.2
Christian, nfd	1,286	17.6	79	1.1	1527.8
Catholic	779	10.7	774	10.5	0.6
Lutheran	130	1.8	139	1.9	-6.5
Islam	87	1.2	94	1.3	-7.4
Other religions	369	5.1	431	5.8	-14.4
No religion ^(b)	826	11.3	496	6.7	66.5
Not stated	202	2.8	152	2.1	32.9
Total Victoria	7,304	100.0	7,381	100.0	-1.0

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Serbia-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Serbia-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	4,995	68.4	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	934	12.8	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	462	6.3	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	311	4.3	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	401	5.5	381,130	22.7
Not stated	204	2.8	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	7,304	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 Serbia-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	1,011	13.8	793	10.7	27.5
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	3,180	43.5	3,154	42.7	0.8
Well	1,961	26.8	2,176	29.5	-9.9
Not well	980	13.4	1,083	14.7	-9.5
Not at all	104	1.4	114	1.5	-8.8
Not stated ^(a)	68	0.9	65	0.9	4.6
Total Victoria	7,304	100.0	7,381	100.0	-1.0

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	3	0.0	7	0.1	-57.1
5-11	27	0.4	45	0.7	-40.0
12-18	112	1.7	234	3.5	-52.1
19-25	293	4.4	338	5.0	-13.3
26-44	1,255	19.1	1,435	21.2	-12.5
45-64	2,828	42.9	2,986	44.2	-5.3
65-74	1,162	17.6	1,051	15.6	10.6
75+	902	13.7	660	9.8	36.7
Total	6,586	100.0	6,757	100.0	-2.5
% of Serbia-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					90.2%
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.3%

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Serbia-born are lower than total Victoria: 4.2% have a postgraduate degree; 11.9% have a bachelor degree; and 44.2% have a school education only, compared to 5.4%, 16.5% and 38.7% for total Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Serbia-born at 51.9% is lower than total Victoria at 60.5%. The unemployment rate for the Serbia-born at 6.4% is similar to total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Serbia-born are different to those for total Victoria. Less of them work as managers (11.5%), professionals (19.3%) and sales workers (7.4%) compared to 13.5%, 23.3% and 9.7% for Victoria. More of them are technicians and trades workers (16.0%), machinery operators & drivers (10.2%), and labourers (12.6%), compared to 13.1%, 5.8% and 9.0% for Victoria.

The employment patterns of the Serbia-born are also different to those of total Victoria. More are employed in manufacturing (12.6%), construction (13.1%) and transport, postal & warehousing (7.7%), compared to 7.8%, 8.3% and 4.8% for Victoria. Less of them are in accommodation & food services (3.3%) and education & training (4.5%), compared to 6.6% and 8.6% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Serbia-born is lower than for total Victoria. Less of them receive \$1,250-\$1,999 (11.6%) and \$2,000 or more (5.4%), compared to 13.6% and 7.5% for Victoria. More of the Serbia-born receive \$1-\$399 (29.3%) and \$400-\$799 (25.4%), compared to 20.1% and 23.1% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Serbia-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	303	4.2	182	2.5	121	66.5	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	93	1.3	66	0.9	27	40.9	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	859	11.9	747	10.4	112	15.0	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	700	9.7	576	8.0	124	21.5	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	1,207	16.7	1,181	16.4	26	2.2	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	3,189	44.2	3,352	46.5	-163	-4.9	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	153	2.1	173	2.4	-20	-11.6	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	710	9.8	938	13.0	-228	-24.3	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	7,212	100.0	7,203	100.0	9	0.1	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, Serbia-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Serbia-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>	3,740	51.2	3,678	49.8	62	1.7	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	3,499	47.9	3,460	46.9	39	1.1	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	241	3.3	218	3.0	23	10.6	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	3,363	46.0	3,312	44.9	51	1.5	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
Not stated	112	1.5	209	2.8	-97	-46.4	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
Not applicable ^(b)	93	1.3	183	2.5	-90	-49.2	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	7,304	100.0	7,381	100.0	-77	-1.0	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate^(c)</i>	51.9%		51.1%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate^(d)</i>	6.4%		5.9%				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, Serbia-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Serbia-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	401	11.5	342	9.9	59	17.3	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	675	19.3	590	17.1	85	14.4	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	559	16.0	582	16.8	-23	-4.0	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkr	316	9.0	247	7.1	69	27.9	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	406	11.6	406	11.7	-	-	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	259	7.4	272	7.9	-13	-4.8	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	358	10.2	427	12.3	-69	-16.2	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	440	12.6	499	14.4	-59	-11.8	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	80	2.3	108	3.1	-28	-25.9	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	3,499	100.0	3,460	100.0	39	1.1	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, Serbia-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Serbia-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	30	0.9	-2	-6.7	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	440	12.6	669	19.3	-229	-34.2	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	22	0.6	26	0.8	-4	-15.4	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	457	13.1	414	12.0	43	10.4	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	418	11.9	447	12.9	-29	-6.5	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	117	3.3	104	3.0	13	12.5	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	271	7.7	268	7.7	3	1.1	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	51	1.5	55	1.6	-4	-7.3	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	115	3.3	106	3.1	9	8.5	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	38	1.1	33	1.0	5	15.2	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	439	12.5	406	11.7	33	8.1	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	174	5.0	130	3.8	44	33.8	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	157	4.5	130	3.8	27	20.8	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	415	11.9	387	11.2	28	7.2	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	149	4.3	138	4.0	11	8.0	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	199	5.7	113	3.3	86	76.1	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	3,499	100.0	3,460	100.0	39	1.1	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), Serbia-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Serbia-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	31	0.4	58	0.8	-27	-46.6	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	542	7.5	501	7.0	41	8.2	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	2,110	29.3	2,923	40.6	-813	-27.8	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	1,830	25.4	1,450	20.1	380	26.2	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	1,198	16.6	1,074	14.9	124	11.5	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	835	11.6	624	8.7	211	33.8	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	386	5.4	247	3.4	139	56.3	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	284	3.9	322	4.5	-38	-11.8	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	7,212	100.0	7,203	100.0	9	0.1	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*.