

The South Sudan-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 70)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 2,750 South Sudan-born persons in Victoria (35.7% of Australia's total), ranked 70th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The South Sudan-born increased by 146.0% (1,632) from 1,118 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with major concentrations in the LGAs of Wyndham (17.7%), Casey (16.0%), Melton (12.8%), Brimbank (10.7%) and Greater Dandenong (8.8%); 9.4% live in regional Victoria.

The South Sudan-born reflected a young to adult age profile: 31.6% were aged 25 years and under; 48.2% were aged 26-44; 19.5% were aged 45-64; and only 1.0% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 33 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 105 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 4,317 persons identified with South Sudanese ancestry. Most of them were born in South Sudan (35.5%), Australia (34.6%), Sudan (13.5%), Kenya (5.4%) and Egypt (3.1%). Just 0.6% of the South Sudan-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 4.0% arrived in 1996-2000; 55.5% arrived in 2001-2005; 27.5% arrived in 2006-2010; and 9.8% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most of the South Sudan-born speak Dinka (49.1%), Arabic (21.0%) and Nuer (14.1%); 4.8% speak English only. Of those who speak a language other than English, 14.3% speak English not well/not at all. Two-fifths (41.7%) of South Sudan-born are Catholic; 23.2% are Anglican; 10.9% are Presbyterian/Reform; 6.4% are Christian not further defined; and 4.3% are Uniting Church; 2.0% have no religion. Three-quarters (76.5%) of South Sudan-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

South Sudan-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)	2,487	32.3	1,011	29.0	na	na	1,476	146.0	na	na
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	260	3.4	107	3.1	na	na	153	143.0	na	na
Total Victoria	2,750	35.7	1,118	32.1	na	na	1,632	146.0	na	na
Total Australia	7,699	100.0	3,486	100.0	na	100.0	4,213	120.9	na	na

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

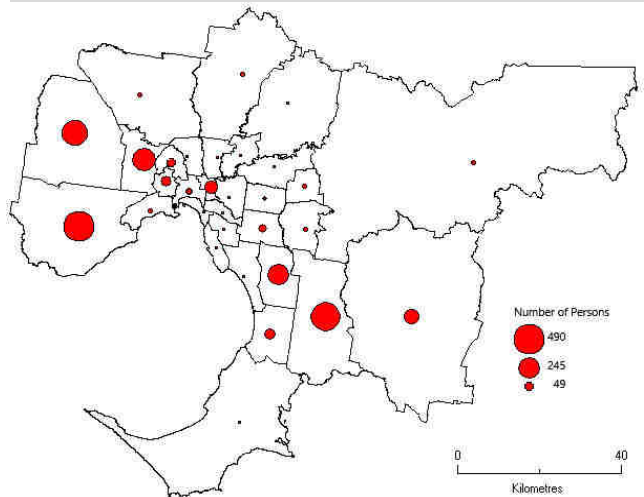
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

Distribution of South Sudan-born, Top 5 LGAs: 2016 Census

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Wyndham (C)	488	17.7	64	5.7	6
Casey (C)	439	16.0	139	12.4	3
Melton (C)	351	12.8	114	10.2	4
Brimbank (C)	295	10.7	197	17.6	1
Gter Dandenong (C)	242	8.8	151	13.5	2
Rest of Melbourne	668	24.3	347	31.0	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	259	9.4	115	10.3	-
Total Victoria	2,750	100.0	1,118	100.0	-

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

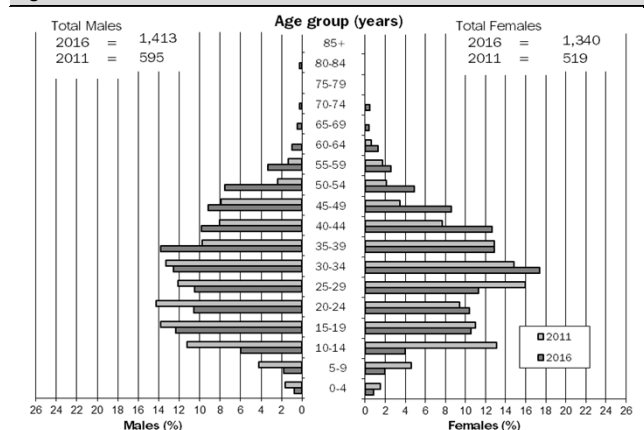
Distribution of South Sudan-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of South Sudan-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	14	0.5	19	1.7	-26.3
5-11	84	3.1	109	9.7	-22.9
12-18	366	13.3	197	17.6	85.8
19-25	405	14.7	187	16.7	116.6
26-44	1,325	48.2	487	43.6	172.1
45-54	417	15.2	97	8.7	329.9
55-64	118	4.3	29	2.6	306.9
65-74	19	0.7	3	0.3	533.3
75+	7	0.3	3	0.3	133.3
Total Victoria	2,750	100.0	1,118	100.0	146.0
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>33</i>		<i>27</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>105</i>		<i>115</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>

Age and Gender Distribution of South Sudan-born, Victoria, 2016



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
South Sudan	1,532	35.5	695	40.1	120.4
Sudan	583	13.5	331	19.1	76.1
Kenya	234	5.4	103	5.9	127.2
Egypt	133	3.1	84	4.8	58.3
Ethiopia	64	1.5	24	1.4	166.7
Australia	1,492	34.6	393	22.7	279.6
Other ^(a)	282	6.5	104	6.0	171.2
Total responses^(b)	4,317	100.0	1,734	100.0	149.0

^(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 South Sudan-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Dinka	1,350	49.1	535	47.9	152.3
Arabic	577	21.0	217	19.4	165.9
Nuer	389	14.1	139	12.4	179.9
Shilluk	55	2.0	44	3.9	25.0
Bari	48	1.7	22	2.0	118.2
Other languages ^(a)	153	5.6	117	10.5	30.8
English only	131	4.8	21	1.9	523.8
Not stated	33	1.2	23	2.1	43.5
Total Victoria	2,750	100.0	1,118	100.0	146.0

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

Top 5 Religious affiliation, South Sudan-born: 2016, 2011

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Catholic	1,147	41.7	527	47.1	117.6
Anglican	638	23.2	274	24.5	132.8
Presbyterian/Reform	301	10.9	154	13.8	95.5
Christian, nfd	176	6.4	6	0.5	2833.3
Uniting Church	118	4.3	30	2.7	293.3
Other religions	216	7.9	93	8.3	132.3
No religion ^(b)	56	2.0	11	1.0	409.1
Not stated	83	3.0	23	2.1	260.9
Total Victoria	2,750	100.0	1,118	100.0	146.0

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of South Sudan-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	South Sudan-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	17	0.6	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	110	4.0	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	1,527	55.5	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	756	27.5	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	270	9.8	381,130	22.7
Not stated	75	2.7	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	2,750	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 South Sudan-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	131	4.8	21	1.9	523.8
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	1,254	45.6	484	43.3	159.1
Well	920	33.5	394	35.2	133.5
Not well	347	12.6	147	13.1	136.1
Not at all	48	1.7	33	3.0	45.5
Not stated ^(a)	55	2.0	39	3.5	41.0
Total Victoria	2,750	100.0	1,118	100.0	146.0

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

South Sudan-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2016, 2011

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	8	0.4	6	0.8	33.3
5-11	35	1.7	69	8.7	-49.3
12-18	268	12.7	132	16.6	103.0
19-25	288	13.7	125	15.7	130.4
26-44	1,016	48.3	366	45.9	177.6
45-64	462	22.0	98	12.3	371.4
65-74	15	0.7	-	-	-
75+	5	0.2	5	0.6	-
Total	2,103	100.0	797	100.0	163.9
% of South Sudan-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					76.5%
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.3%

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the South Sudan-born are lower than those for total Victoria: 2.3% have a postgraduate degree; 8.9% have a bachelor degree; and 8.2% have no educational attainment, compared to 5.4%, 16.5% and 1.0% for Victoria. More of the South Sudan-born (13.9%) have an advanced diploma or diploma, compared to Victoria (9.2%).

The labour force participation rate of the South Sudan-born at 54.8% is lower than that of total Victoria at 60.5%. The unemployment rate for the South Sudan-born at 31.8% is higher than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the South Sudan-born are different from those for total Victoria. More of the South Sudan-born work as community & personal service workers (34.6%), machinery operators & drivers (12.2%) and labourers (22.9%), compared to 10.6%, 5.8% and 9.0%. Less of them are managers (2.8%) and professionals (8.5%), compared to 13.5% and 23.3% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns of the South Sudan-born are also different from those for total Victoria. More of them are employed in manufacturing (15.5%) and health care & social assistance (29.3%), compared to 7.8% and 12.5% for Victoria. Less of them are employed in construction (2.4%), wholesale & retail trade (6.5%) and professional, scientific, technical & administrative (6.4%), compared to 8.3%, 13.4% and 11.4% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the South Sudan-born is lower than for total Victoria. More of them receive nil income (13.8%), \$1-\$399 (29.9%) and \$400-\$799 (24.8%), compared to 9.7%, 20.1% and 23.1% for Victoria. Less of them receive \$800-\$1,249 (13.6%), \$1,250-\$1,999 (4.2%) and \$2,000 or more (1.0%), compared to 16.7%, 13.6% and 7.5% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	South Sudan-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	58	2.3	12	1.3	46	383.3	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	23	0.9	6	0.7	17	283.3	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	227	8.9	62	6.8	165	266.1	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	354	13.9	84	9.2	270	321.4	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	459	18.0	85	9.3	374	440.0	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	871	34.1	445	48.8	426	95.7	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	209	8.2	98	10.7	111	113.3	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	342	13.4	126	13.8	216	171.4	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	2,551	100.0	912	100.0	1,639	179.7	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, South Sudan-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	South Sudan-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>	1,395	50.7	392	35.1	1,003	255.9	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	952	34.6	242	21.6	710	293.4	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	443	16.1	150	13.4	293	195.3	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	1,064	38.7	483	43.2	581	120.3	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	83	3.0	36	3.2	47	130.6	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	205	7.5	203	18.2	2	1.0	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	2,750	100.0	1,118	100.0	1,632	146.0	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	54.8%		42.8%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	31.8%		38.3%				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, South Sudan-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	South Sudan-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	27	2.8	3	1.2	24	800.0	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	81	8.5	30	12.4	51	170.0	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	38	4.0	5	2.1	33	660.0	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	329	34.6	65	26.9	264	406.2	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	59	6.2	16	6.6	43	268.8	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	48	5.0	9	3.7	39	433.3	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	116	12.2	34	14.0	82	241.2	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	218	22.9	64	26.4	154	240.6	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	32	3.4	25	10.3	7	28.0	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	952	100.0	242	100.0	710	293.4	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, South Sudan-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	South Sudan-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	8	0.8	-	-	8	-	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	148	15.5	61	25.2	87	142.6	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	4	0.4	3	1.2	1	33.3	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	23	2.4	6	2.5	17	283.3	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	62	6.5	19	7.9	43	226.3	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	43	4.5	7	2.9	36	514.3	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	48	5.0	8	3.3	40	500.0	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	4	0.4	3	1.2	1	33.3	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	15	1.6	3	1.2	12	400.0	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	8	0.8	-	-	8	-	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	61	6.4	15	6.2	46	306.7	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	51	5.4	8	3.3	43	537.5	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	41	4.3	9	3.7	32	355.6	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	279	29.3	71	29.3	208	293.0	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	34	3.6	10	4.1	24	240.0	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	120	12.6	35	14.5	85	242.9	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	952	100.0	242	100.0	710	293.4	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), South Sudan-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	South Sudan-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	86	3.4	26	2.9	60	230.8	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	353	13.8	76	8.3	277	364.5	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	764	29.9	484	53.1	280	57.9	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	633	24.8	174	19.1	459	263.8	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	348	13.6	52	5.7	296	569.2	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	107	4.2	10	1.1	97	970.0	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	25	1.0	8	0.9	17	212.5	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	223	8.7	84	9.2	139	165.5	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	2,551	100.0	912	100.0	1,639	179.7	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*.