

The Bosnia-Herzegovina-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 41)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 8,487 Bosnia-Herzegovina-born persons in Victoria (35.4 % of Australia's total), ranked 41st among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Bosnia-Herzegovina-born decreased by 7.4% (676) from 9,163 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with significant concentrations in the LGAs of Greater Dandenong (18.1%), Brimbank (14.1%), Casey (13.3%) and Melton (6.0%).

The Bosnia-Herzegovina-born reflected a mature age profile: 8.6% were aged 25 years and below; 33.3% were aged 26-44 years; 40.7% were aged 45-64 years; and 17.5% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 49 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 93 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for Victoria.

There were 8,482 persons identified with Bosnia-Herzegovina ancestry. Most were born in Bosnia-Herzegovina (54.9%) and Australia (32.2%). Almost half (45.4%) of the Bosnia-Herzegovina-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 35.9% arrived in 1996-2000; 11.1% arrived in 2001-2005; 3.1% arrived in 2006-2010; and 2.8% arrived in 2011-2016.

The Bosnia-Herzegovina-born speak Bosnian (44.8%), Serbian (27.2%) and Croatian (15.2%); 22.6% of those who speak a language other than English speak English not well/not at all. The Bosnia-Herzegovina-born follow a variety of religions: Islam (26.4%), Eastern Orthodox (19.0%), Catholic (18.9%) and Christians not further defined (8.1%); 19.9% have no religion. Most (93.6%) have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Bosnia and Herzegovina-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)	7,897	33.0	8,519	33.2	8,287	33.6	-622	-7.3	232	2.8
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	593	2.5	644	2.5	617	2.5	-51	-7.9	27	4.4
Total Victoria	8,487	35.4	9,163	35.7	8,904	36.1	-676	-7.4	259	2.9
Total Australia	23,956	100.0	25,682	100.0	24,631	100.0	-1,726	-6.7	1,051	4.3

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

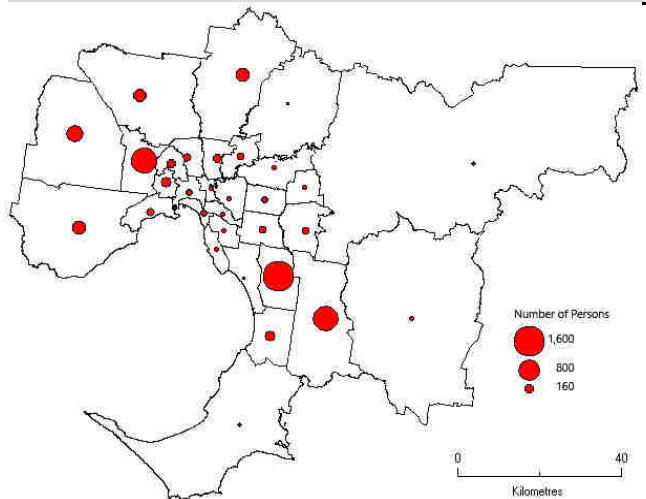
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

Distribution of Bosnia and Herzegovina-born, Top 5 LGAs: 2016 Census

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Gter Dandenong (C)	1,564	18.4	1,886	20.6	1
Brimbank (C)	1,226	14.4	1,467	16.0	2
Casey (C)	1,128	13.3	1,141	12.5	3
Melton (C)	510	6.0	437	4.8	5
Greater Geelong (C)	434	5.1	488	5.3	4
Rest of Melbourne	3,460	40.8	3,575	39.0	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	150	1.8	169	1.8	-
Total Victoria	8,487	100.0	9,163	100.0	-

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

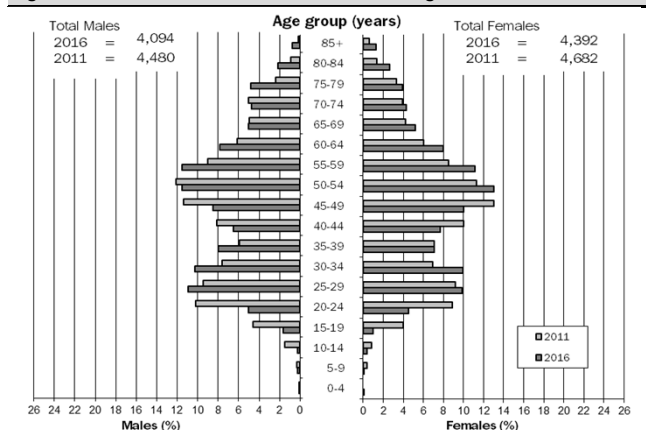
Distribution of Bosnia&Herzegov-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Bosnia and Herzegovina-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	6	0.1	5	0.1	20.0
5-11	22	0.3	44	0.5	-50.0
12-18	91	1.1	349	3.8	-73.9
19-25	602	7.1	1,172	12.8	-48.6
26-44	2,828	33.3	2,792	30.5	1.3
45-54	1,828	21.5	2,188	23.9	-16.5
55-64	1,629	19.2	1,361	14.9	19.7
65-74	827	9.7	828	9.0	-0.1
75+	658	7.8	412	4.5	59.7
Total Victoria	8,487	100.0	9,163	100.0	-7.4
<i>Median Age</i>	49		45		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	93		96		<i>males per 100 females</i>

Age and Gender Distribution, Bosnia&Herzegov-born, Vic, 2016



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Bosnia & Herzeg	4,659	54.9	4,700	63.4	-0.9
Croatia	224	2.6	159	2.1	40.9
Germany	178	2.1	154	2.1	15.6
S E Europe, nfd	125	1.5	96	1.3	30.2
Serbia	110	1.3	76	1.0	44.7
Australia	2,734	32.2	1,906	25.7	43.4
Other ^(a)	420	5.0	324	4.4	29.6
Total responses^(b)	8,482	100.0	7,415	100.0	14.4

^(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 Bosnia and Herzegovina-born persons.

Top 5 Languages Spoken at Home, Bosnia and Herzegovina-born: 2016, 2011

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Bosnian	3,800	44.8	4,249	46.4	-10.6
Serbian	2,305	27.2	2,563	28.0	-10.1
Croatian	1,310	15.4	1,416	15.5	-7.5
Serbo-Croat/Yugoslav	191	2.3	200	2.2	-4.5
Ukrainian	97	1.1	111	1.2	-12.6
Other languages ^(a)	109	1.3	122	1.3	-10.7
English only	647	7.6	462	5.0	40.0
Not stated	34	0.4	40	0.4	-15.0
Total Victoria	8,487	100.0	9,163	100.0	-7.4

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

Top 5 Religious affiliation, Bosnia and Herzegovina-born: 2016, 2011

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Islam	2,244	26.4	3,008	32.8	-25.4
Eastern Orthodox	1,609	19.0	2,595	28.3	-38.0
Catholic	1,607	18.9	1,744	19.0	-7.9
Christian, nfd	689	8.1	19	0.2	3526.3
Secular Beliefs	23	0.3	77	0.8	-70.1
Other religions	136	1.6	129	1.4	5.4
No religion ^(b)	1,689	19.9	1,253	13.7	34.8
Not stated	490	5.8	338	3.7	45.0
Total Victoria	8,487	100.0	9,163	100.0	-7.4

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Bosnia and Herzegovina-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Bosnia and Herzegovina-		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	3,852	45.4	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	3,048	35.9	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	941	11.1	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	264	3.1	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	241	2.8	381,130	22.7
Not stated	141	1.7	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	8,487	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 Bosnia and Herzegovina-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	647	7.6	462	5.0	40.0
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	3,469	40.9	3,680	40.2	-5.7
Well	2,359	27.8	2,765	30.2	-14.7
Not well	1,620	19.1	1,788	19.5	-9.4
Not at all	300	3.5	382	4.2	-21.5
Not stated ^(a)	95	1.1	84	0.9	13.1
Total Victoria	8,487	100.0	9,163	100.0	-7.4

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

Bosnia&Herzegov-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2016, 2011

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	8	0.1	8	0.1	-
5-11	13	0.2	35	0.4	-62.9
12-18	82	1.0	327	3.8	-74.9
19-25	538	6.8	1,088	12.6	-50.6
26-44	2,574	32.4	2,586	29.9	-0.5
45-64	3,323	41.8	3,437	39.7	-3.3
65-74	797	10.0	808	9.3	-1.4
75+	619	7.8	382	4.4	62.0
Total	7,946	100.0	8,660	100.0	-8.2

% of Bosnia and Herzegovina-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 93.6%

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

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Bosnia-Herzegovina-born are different from those for total Victoria: 18.4% have a bachelor degree or higher and 59.4% have a certificate or school education only (24.3% and 53.1% for Victoria).

The labour force participation rate of the Bosnia-Herzegovina-born at 55.2% is lower than for total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 5.6% is also lower than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Bosnia-Herzegovina-born differ from those for total Victoria. More of them are working as technicians and trades workers (18.6%), machinery operators and drivers (10.6%) and labourers (14.4%) compared to Victoria (13.1%, 5.8% and 9.0%). Less of the Bosnia-Herzegovina-born are working as managers (9.4%) and professionals (17.2%) compared to Victoria (13.5% and 23.3%).

The industry of employment patterns for the Bosnia-Herzegovina-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria. The exceptions are that more of them are employed in manufacturing (12.0%) and construction (17.1%), compared to 7.8% and 8.3% for Victoria. Less of them are employed in accommodation and food services (3.1%) and education and training (5.4%), compared to Victoria (6.6% and 8.6%).

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Bosnia-Herzegovina-born is also fairly similar to total Victoria, except that 29.5% receive \$1-\$399 compared to 20.1% for Victoria; and 16.8% receive \$1,250 or more (21.1% for Victoria).

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Bosnia and Herzegovina-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Postgraduate Degree	226	2.7	128	1.4	98	76.6	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	95	1.1	68	0.8	27	39.7	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	1,231	14.6	1,041	11.5	190	18.3	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	924	11.0	922	10.2	2	0.2	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	1,458	17.3	1,381	15.3	77	5.6	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	3,555	42.1	4,185	46.4	-630	-15.1	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	210	2.5	213	2.4	-3	-1.4	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	736	8.7	1,077	11.9	-341	-31.7	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	8,437	100.0	9,020	100.0	-583	-6.5	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, Bosnia and Herzegovina-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Bosnia and Herzegovina-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
<i>In the labour force</i>	4,653	54.8	4,884	53.3	-231	-4.7	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	4,391	51.7	4,595	50.1	-204	-4.4	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	262	3.1	289	3.2	-27	-9.3	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	3,687	43.4	3,982	43.5	-295	-7.4	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	97	1.1	155	1.7	-58	-37.4	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	53	0.6	138	1.5	-85	-61.6	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	8,487	100.0	9,163	100.0	-676	-7.4	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	55.2%		54.1%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	5.6%		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, Bosnia and Herzegovina-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Bosnia and Herzegovina-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	413	9.4	280	6.1	133	47.5	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	756	17.2	643	14.0	113	17.6	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	816	18.6	958	20.8	-142	-14.8	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	382	8.7	387	8.4	-5	-1.3	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	525	12.0	501	10.9	24	4.8	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	300	6.8	368	8.0	-68	-18.5	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	466	10.6	579	12.6	-113	-19.5	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	634	14.4	769	16.7	-135	-17.6	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	98	2.2	115	2.5	-17	-14.8	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	4,391	100.0	4,595	100.0	-204	-4.4	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, Bosnia and Herzegovina-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Bosnia and Herzegovina-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	27	0.6	28	0.6	-1	-3.6	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	525	12.0	831	18.1	-306	-36.8	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	29	0.7	24	0.5	5	20.8	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	751	17.1	814	17.7	-63	-7.7	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	502	11.4	571	12.4	-69	-12.1	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	137	3.1	198	4.3	-61	-30.8	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	335	7.6	355	7.7	-20	-5.6	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	57	1.3	58	1.3	-1	-1.7	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	155	3.5	121	2.6	34	28.1	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	56	1.3	46	1.0	10	21.7	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	558	12.7	490	10.7	68	13.9	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	179	4.1	154	3.4	25	16.2	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	239	5.4	182	4.0	57	31.3	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	446	10.2	442	9.6	4	0.9	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	143	3.3	122	2.7	21	17.2	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	248	5.6	151	3.3	97	64.2	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	4,391	100.0	4,595	100.0	-204	-4.4	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), Bosnia and Herzegovina-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Bosnia and Herzegovina-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	32	0.4	41	0.5	-9	-22.0	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	658	7.8	680	7.5	-22	-3.2	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	2,492	29.5	3,654	40.5	-1,162	-31.8	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	2,014	23.9	1,985	22.0	29	1.5	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	1,576	18.7	1,509	16.7	67	4.4	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	1,086	12.9	688	7.6	398	57.8	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	327	3.9	157	1.7	170	108.3	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	255	3.0	311	3.4	-56	-18.0	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	8,437	100.0	9,020	100.0	-583	-6.5	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*.