

The Spain-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 68)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 3,522 Spain-born persons in Victoria (22.9% of Australia's total), ranked 68th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Spain-born increased by 13.4% (415) from 3,107 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the LGAs, Melbourne (6.8%), Moreland (5.4%), Darebin (4.6%) and Brimbank (4.4%); 9.1% live in regional Victoria and 7.3% live in the regional LGA of Greater Geelong.

The Spain-born reflected a mature to ageing profile: 9.4% were aged 25 years and under; 26.6% were aged 26-44; 30.4% were aged 45-64; and 33.6% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 54 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 97 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 27,012 persons identified with Spanish ancestry. Most of them were born in Australia (40.0%), the Philippines (13.6%), Spain (11.8%), Chile (7.3%), Argentina (4.1%) and El Salvador (3.8%). Two-thirds (63.2%) of the Spain-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 1.9% arrived in 1996-2000; 2.5% arrived in 2001-2005; 5.5% arrived in 2006-2010; and 23.1% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most (67.2%) of the Spain-born speak Spanish; 24.8% speak English only. Of those who speak a language other than English, 12.1% speak English not well or not at all. Almost three-fifths (57.4%) of the Spain-born are Catholic; 28.8% have no religion. Three-fifths (59.5%) have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Spain-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)	2,992	19.4	2,563	19.6	2,409	19.6	429	16.7	154	6.4
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	532	3.5	538	4.1	501	4.1	-6	-1.1	37	7.4
Total Victoria	3,522	22.9	3,107	23.8	2,916	23.8	415	13.4	191	6.6
Total Australia	15,391	100.0	13,056	100.0	12,276	100.0	2,335	17.9	780	6.4

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

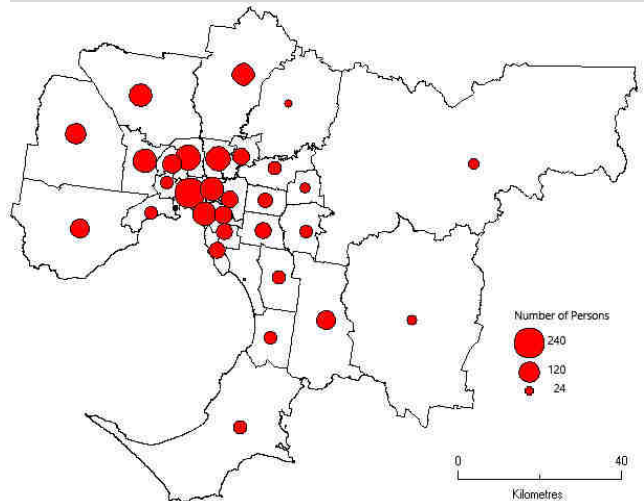
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Greater Geelong (C)	256	7.3	276	8.9	1
Melbourne (C)	240	6.8	86	2.8	15
Moreland (C)	189	5.4	149	4.8	5
Darebin (C)	161	4.6	161	5.2	4
Brimbank (C)	154	4.4	174	5.6	3
Rest of Melbourne	2,211	62.8	1,985	63.9	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	322	9.1	296	9.5	-
Total Victoria	3,522	100.0	3,107	100.0	-

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

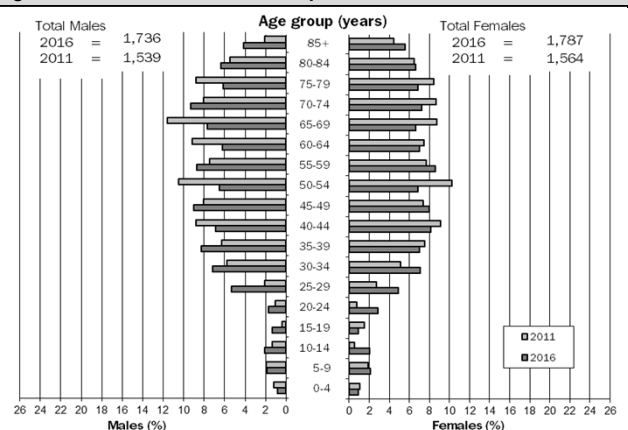
Distribution of Spain-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Spain-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	34	1.0	34	1.1	-
5-11	103	2.9	67	2.2	53.7
12-18	72	2.0	44	1.4	63.6
19-25	125	3.5	42	1.4	197.6
26-44	938	26.6	730	23.5	28.5
45-54	532	15.1	557	17.9	-4.5
55-64	539	15.3	498	16.0	8.2
65-74	547	15.5	567	18.2	-3.5
75+	638	18.1	561	18.1	13.7
Total Victoria	3,522	100.0	3,107	100.0	13.4
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>54</i>		<i>56</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>97</i>		<i>98</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Philippines	3,677	13.6	1,691	8.0	117.4
Spain	3,176	11.8	2,812	13.3	12.9
Chile	1,971	7.3	1,622	7.7	21.5
Argentina	1,099	4.1	922	4.4	19.2
El Salvador	1,019	3.8	915	4.3	11.4
Australia	10,808	40.0	9,737	45.9	11.0
Other ^(a)	5,221	19.3	3,496	16.5	49.3
Total responses^(b)	27,012	100.0	21,195	100.0	27.4

^(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 Spain-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Spanish	2,368	67.2	2,077	66.8	14.0
Catalan	95	2.7	37	1.2	156.8
Italian	62	1.8	87	2.8	-28.7
French	20	0.6	13	0.4	53.8
Romanian	8	0.2	3	0.1	166.7
Other languages ^(a)	46	1.3	73	2.3	-37.0
English only	873	24.8	785	25.3	11.2
Not stated	34	1.0	32	1.0	6.3
Total Victoria	3,522	100.0	3,107	100.0	13.4

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Catholic	2,021	57.4	2,147	69.1	-5.9
Christian, nfd	61	1.7	66	2.1	-7.6
Jehovah's Witnesses	56	1.6	52	1.7	7.7
Pentecostal	30	0.9	17	0.5	76.5
Baptist	27	0.8	34	1.1	-20.6
Other religions	102	2.9	145	4.7	-29.7
No religion ^(b)	1,016	28.8	521	16.8	95.0
Not stated	196	5.6	125	4.0	56.8
Total Victoria	3,522	100.0	3,107	100.0	13.4

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Spain-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Spain-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	2,227	63.2	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	66	1.9	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	87	2.5	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	195	5.5	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	814	23.1	381,130	22.7
Not stated	129	3.7	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	3,522	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 Spain-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	873	24.8	785	25.3	11.2
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	1,395	39.6	1,021	32.9	36.6
Well	783	22.2	747	24.0	4.8
Not well	385	10.9	472	15.2	-18.4
Not at all	44	1.2	49	1.6	-10.2
Not stated ^(a)	41	1.2	41	1.3	-
Total Victoria	3,522	100.0	3,107	100.0	13.4

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	14	0.7	18	0.9	-22.2
5-11	59	2.8	36	1.7	63.9
12-18	38	1.8	22	1.0	72.7
19-25	29	1.4	18	0.9	61.1
26-44	279	13.3	364	17.2	-23.4
45-64	787	37.5	813	38.5	-3.2
65-74	422	20.1	416	19.7	1.4
75+	458	21.9	415	19.7	10.4
Total	2,096	100.0	2,111	100.0	-0.7

% of Spain-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 59.5%

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

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Spain-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria: 14.6% have a bachelor degree; and 8.3% have an advanced diploma or diploma, compared to 16.5% and 9.2% for total Victoria. More of the Spain-born (10.6%) have a postgraduate degree, compared to 5.4% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Spain-born at 52.4% is lower than that of total Victoria at 60.5%. The unemployment rate for the Spain-born at 6.1% is also lower than for total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Spain-born are similar to those for total Victoria, with some exceptions: 27.3% of the Spain-born work as professionals, compared to 23.3% for total Victoria; and 6.2% are sales workers, compared to 9.7% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns of the Spain-born are also similar to those for total Victoria. Less of the Spain-born are employed in wholesale & retail trade (10.5%) and health care & social assistance (9.7%), compared to 13.4% and 12.5% for total Victoria. More of them are employed in accommodation & food services (9.7%), professional, scientific, technical & administrative (18.1%) and education & training (12.7%), compared to 6.6%, 11.4% and 8.6% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Spain-born is also fairly similar to that for total Victoria. Less of the Spain-born receive nil income (7.8%), \$800-\$1,249 (14.3%) and \$1,250-\$1,999 (13.1%), compared to 9.7%, 16.7% and 13.6% for Victoria. More of them receive \$1-\$399 (26.4%), \$400-\$799 (25.8%) and \$2,000 (7.8%), compared to 20.1%, 23.1% and 7.5% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Spain-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	356	10.6	145	4.9	211	145.5	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	60	1.8	38	1.3	22	57.9	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	490	14.6	313	10.5	177	56.5	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	278	8.3	183	6.1	95	51.9	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	493	14.7	458	15.4	35	7.6	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	1,220	36.5	1,335	44.8	-115	-8.6	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	108	3.2	126	4.2	-18	-14.3	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	344	10.3	393	13.2	-49	-12.5	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	3,347	100.0	2,982	100.0	365	12.2	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, Spain-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Spain-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>	1,757	49.9	1,380	44.4	377	27.3	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	1,650	46.8	1,311	42.2	339	25.9	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	107	3.0	69	2.2	38	55.1	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	1,524	43.3	1,513	48.7	11	0.7	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	62	1.8	95	3.1	-33	-34.7	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	172	4.9	118	3.8	54	45.8	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	3,522	100.0	3,107	100.0	415	13.4	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	52.4%		46.2%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	6.1%		5.0%				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, Spain-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Spain-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	215	13.0	158	12.1	57	36.1	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	451	27.3	299	22.8	152	50.8	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	222	13.5	209	15.9	13	6.2	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	189	11.5	112	8.5	77	68.8	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	221	13.4	202	15.4	19	9.4	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	103	6.2	93	7.1	10	10.8	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	79	4.8	78	5.9	1	1.3	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	141	8.5	129	9.8	12	9.3	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	31	1.9	33	2.5	-2	-6.1	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	1,650	100.0	1,311	100.0	339	25.9	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, Spain-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Spain-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	14	0.8	16	1.2	-2	-12.5	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	120	7.3	176	13.4	-56	-31.8	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	15	0.9	24	1.8	-9	-37.5	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	112	6.8	127	9.7	-15	-11.8	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	173	10.5	171	13.0	2	1.2	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	160	9.7	67	5.1	93	138.8	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	63	3.8	44	3.4	19	43.2	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	28	1.7	17	1.3	11	64.7	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	48	2.9	45	3.4	3	6.7	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	14	0.8	23	1.8	-9	-39.1	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	298	18.1	192	14.6	106	55.2	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	58	3.5	68	5.2	-10	-14.7	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	209	12.7	117	8.9	92	78.6	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	160	9.7	137	10.5	23	16.8	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	85	5.2	44	3.4	41	93.2	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	91	5.5	49	3.7	42	85.7	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	1,650	100.0	1,311	100.0	339	25.9	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), Spain-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Spain-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	27	0.8	17	0.6	10	58.8	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	262	7.8	190	6.4	72	37.9	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	885	26.4	1,191	39.9	-306	-25.7	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	864	25.8	585	19.6	279	47.7	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	480	14.3	398	13.3	82	20.6	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	438	13.1	280	9.4	158	56.4	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	261	7.8	159	5.3	102	64.2	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	137	4.1	162	5.4	-25	-15.4	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	3,347	100.0	2,982	100.0	365	12.2	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*.