

The Sudan-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 52)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 5,665 Sudan-born persons in Victoria (33.3% of Australia's total), ranked 52nd among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Sudan-born decreased by 6.9% (419) from 6,084 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with major concentrations in the LGAs of Brimbank (15.2%), Wyndham (12.2%), Casey (12.0%), Melton (10.9%) and Greater Dandenong (7.7%).

The Sudan-born reflected a young to adult age profile: 39.9% were aged 25 years and under; 41.9% were aged 26-44; 15.6% were aged 45-64; and 2.4% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 29 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 6,518 persons identified with Sudanese ancestry. Most of them were born in Sudan (42.5%), Australia (33.2%), South Sudan (7.6%), Egypt (4.7%) and Kenya (3.9%). Only 5.5% of the Sudan-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 7.1% arrived in 1996-2000; 50.5% arrived in 2001-2005; 22.3% arrived in 2006-2010; and 10.6% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most of the Sudan-born speak Arabic (53.1%), Dinka (20.7%) and Nuer (6.0%); 7.0% speak English only. Of those who speak a language than English, 13.4% speak English not well/not at all. Almost one-third (31.2%) of the Sudan-born are Catholic; 23.6% are Muslim; 9.4% are Anglican; 7.4% are Christian not further defined; and 6.7% are Oriental Orthodox; 3.2% have no religion. Three-quarters (76.1%) of the Sudan-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

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)	5,222	30.7	5,372	27.7	5,914	31.0	-150	-2.8	-542	-9.2
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	444	2.6	718	3.7	290	1.5	-274	-38.2	428	147.6
Total Victoria	5,665	33.3	6,084	31.4	6,210	32.6	-419	-6.9	-126	-2.0
Total Australia	17,031	100.0	19,370	100.0	19,049	100.0	-2,339	-12.1	321	1.7

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

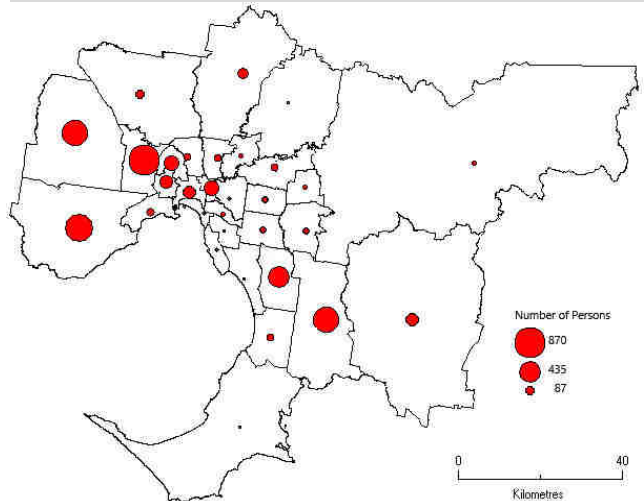
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Brimbank (C)	863	15.2	1,192	19.6	1
Wyndham (C)	693	12.2	389	6.4	4
Casey (C)	681	12.0	599	9.8	3
Melton (C)	620	10.9	315	5.2	5
Gter Dandenong (C)	436	7.7	849	14.0	2
Rest of Melbourne	1,937	34.2	2,011	33.1	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	440	7.8	700	11.5	-
Total Victoria	5,665	100.0	6,084	100.0	-

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

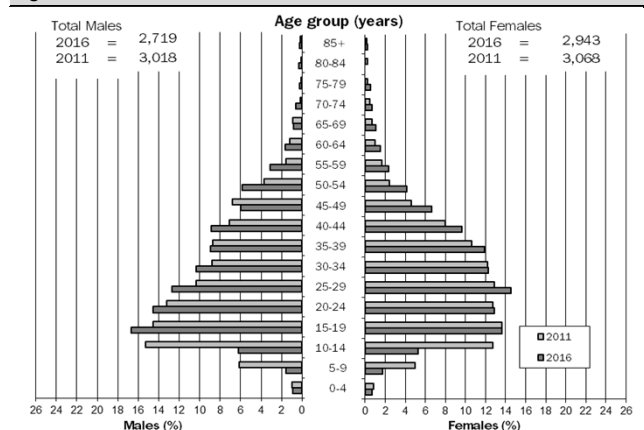
Distribution of Sudan-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Sudan-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	44	0.8	59	1.0	-25.4
5-11	155	2.7	660	10.8	-76.5
12-18	949	16.8	1,227	20.2	-22.7
19-25	1,110	19.6	1,120	18.4	-0.9
26-44	2,376	41.9	2,236	36.8	6.3
45-54	642	11.3	534	8.8	20.2
55-64	245	4.3	166	2.7	47.6
65-74	99	1.7	69	1.1	43.5
75+	42	0.7	27	0.4	55.6
Total Victoria	5,665	100.0	6,084	100.0	-6.9
<i>Median Age</i>	29		25		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	92		98 males per 100 females		

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Sudan	2,769	42.5	3,133	58.8	-11.6
South Sudan	494	7.6	145	2.7	240.7
Egypt	306	4.7	252	4.7	21.4
Kenya	253	3.9	201	3.8	25.9
Ethiopia	74	1.1	70	1.3	5.7
Australia	2,164	33.2	1,145	21.5	89.0
Other ^(a)	464	7.1	383	7.2	21.1
Total responses^(b)	6,518	100.0	5,329	100.0	22.3

^(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 Sudan-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Arabic	3,007	53.1	3,182	52.3	-5.5
Dinka	1,174	20.7	1,321	21.7	-11.1
Nuer	338	6.0	429	7.1	-21.2
Tigrinya	133	2.3	98	1.6	35.7
Amharic	95	1.7	62	1.0	53.2
Other languages ^(a)	405	7.1	497	8.2	-18.5
English only	394	7.0	300	4.9	31.3
Not stated	108	1.9	195	3.2	-44.6
Total Victoria	5,665	100.0	6,084	100.0	-6.9

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Catholic	1,770	31.2	2,212	36.4	-20.0
Islam	1,338	23.6	980	16.1	36.5
Anglican	531	9.4	856	14.1	-38.0
Christian, nfd	422	7.4	202	3.3	108.9
Oriental Orthodox	381	6.7	304	5.0	25.3
Other religions	744	13.1	1,270	20.9	-41.4
No religion ^(b)	184	3.2	43	0.7	327.9
Not stated	284	5.0	217	3.6	30.9
Total Victoria	5,665	100.0	6,084	100.0	-6.9

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Sudan-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Sudan-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	312	5.5	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	403	7.1	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	2,862	50.5	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	1,264	22.3	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	599	10.6	381,130	22.7
Not stated	218	3.8	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	5,665	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 Sudan-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	394	7.0	300	4.9	31.3
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	2,771	48.9	2,698	44.3	2.7
Well	1,603	28.3	1,857	30.5	-13.7
Not well	688	12.1	897	14.7	-23.3
Not at all	74	1.3	96	1.6	-22.9
Not stated ^(a)	146	2.6	229	3.8	-36.2
Total Victoria	5,665	100.0	6,084	100.0	-6.9

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	20	0.5	41	0.9	-51.2
5-11	71	1.6	400	9.1	-82.3
12-18	756	17.5	903	20.6	-16.3
19-25	848	19.7	766	17.5	10.7
26-44	1,708	39.6	1,581	36.1	8.0
45-64	767	17.8	596	13.6	28.7
65-74	93	2.2	63	1.4	47.6
75+	39	0.9	27	0.6	44.4
Total	4,311	100.0	4,380	100.0	-1.6

% of Sudan-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 76.1%

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

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Sudan-born are lower than those for total Victoria. Less of them (2.1%) have a postgraduate degree and 9.9% have a bachelor degree, compared to 5.4% and 16.5% for Victoria. More of them (45.7%) have school education only or no educational attainment (5.3%), compared to 38.7% and 1.0% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Sudan-born at 52.4% is lower than that of total Victoria at 60.5%. The unemployment rate for the Sudan-born at 32.5% is higher than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Sudan-born are different from those for total Victoria. More of them (25.4%) are community & personal service workers; 11.5% are machinery operators & drivers; and 20.2% are labourers, compared to 10.6%, 5.8% and 9.0% for Victoria. Less of them are managers (5.0%), professionals (11.6%) and clerical and administrative workers (6.0%), compared to Victoria (13.5%, 23.3% and 13.3%).

The industry of employment patterns of the Sudan-born are also different from those for total Victoria. More of them are employed in manufacturing (8.6%), accommodation & food services (7.0%), transport, postal & warehousing (5.9%) and health care & social assistance (25.4%), compared to 7.8%, 6.6%, 4.8% and 12.5% for Victoria. Less of them are employed in construction (3.8%), professional, scientific, technical and administration (8.4%) and education & training (3.9%), compared to Victoria (8.3%, 11.4% and 8.6%).

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Sudan-born is lower than for total Victoria. More of the Sudan-born receive nil income (15.5%) and \$1-\$399 (32.2%), compared to 9.7% and 20.1% for Victoria. Less of them receive \$800-\$1,249 (10.6%), \$1,250-\$1,999 (3.9%) and \$2,000 or more (1.8%), compared to 16.7%, 13.6% and 7.5% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Sudan-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	107	2.1	54	1.1	53	98.1	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	39	0.8	16	0.3	23	143.8	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	516	9.9	329	6.8	187	56.8	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	551	10.6	309	6.4	242	78.3	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	628	12.1	444	9.2	184	41.4	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	2,375	45.7	2,432	50.3	-57	-2.3	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	275	5.3	332	6.9	-57	-17.2	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	701	13.5	915	18.9	-214	-23.4	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	5,200	100.0	4,839	100.0	361	7.5	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, Sudan-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	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>	2,725	48.1	2,047	33.6	678	33.1	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	1,840	32.5	1,408	23.1	432	30.7	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	885	15.6	639	10.5	246	38.5	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	2,330	41.1	2,521	41.4	-191	-7.6	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	147	2.6	271	4.5	-124	-45.8	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	467	8.2	1,245	20.5	-778	-62.5	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	5,665	100.0	6,084	100.0	-419	-6.9	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	52.4%		42.3%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	32.5%		31.2%				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, Sudan-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Sudan-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	92	5.0	45	3.2	47	104.4	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	214	11.6	149	10.6	65	43.6	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	105	5.7	97	6.9	8	8.2	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	467	25.4	292	20.7	175	59.9	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	110	6.0	93	6.6	17	18.3	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	163	8.9	90	6.4	73	81.1	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	211	11.5	178	12.6	33	18.5	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	371	20.2	364	25.9	7	1.9	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	103	5.6	114	8.1	-11	-9.6	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	1,840	100.0	1,408	100.0	432	30.7	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, Sudan-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Sudan-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	28	1.5	9	0.6	19	211.1	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	158	8.6	291	20.7	-133	-45.7	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	11	0.6	8	0.6	3	37.5	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	70	3.8	27	1.9	43	159.3	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	182	9.9	158	11.2	24	15.2	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	129	7.0	89	6.3	40	44.9	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	109	5.9	53	3.8	56	105.7	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	9	0.5	10	0.7	-1	-10.0	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	31	1.7	23	1.6	8	34.8	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	9	0.5	7	0.5	2	28.6	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	155	8.4	123	8.7	32	26.0	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	78	4.2	51	3.6	27	52.9	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	72	3.9	58	4.1	14	24.1	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	468	25.4	287	20.4	181	63.1	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	57	3.1	43	3.1	14	32.6	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	271	14.7	156	11.1	115	73.7	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	1,840	100.0	1,408	100.0	432	30.7	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), Sudan-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Sudan-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	197	3.8	125	2.6	72	57.6	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	808	15.5	432	8.9	376	87.0	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	1,674	32.2	2,135	44.1	-461	-21.6	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	1,155	22.2	1,028	21.2	127	12.4	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	552	10.6	271	5.6	281	103.7	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	201	3.9	94	1.9	107	113.8	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	92	1.8	47	1.0	45	95.7	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	522	10.0	708	14.6	-186	-26.3	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	5,200	100.0	4,839	100.0	361	7.5	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*.