

The Taiwan-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 37)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 9,900 Taiwan-born persons in Victoria (21.1% of Australia's total), ranked 37th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Taiwan-born increased by 74.1% (4,214) from 5,686 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the LGAs of Melbourne (16.1%), Whitehorse (9.0%), Boroondara (8.2%), Monash (7.9%) and Manningham (7.2%); 13.2% live in regional Victoria.

The Taiwan-born reflected a young to balanced age profile: 21.3% were aged 25 years and under; 59.5% were aged 26-44; 14.9% were aged 45-64; and 4.3% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 31 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 69 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 3,852 persons identified with Taiwanese ancestry. Most of them were born in Taiwan (80.0%) and Australia (15.2%). One-fifth (20.3%) of the Taiwan-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 9.7% arrived in 1996-2000; 9.4% arrived in 2001-2005; 11.4% arrived in 2006-2010; and 41.1% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most (89.9%) of the Taiwan-born speak Mandarin; 1.9% speak Min Nan; 5.1% speak English only. Of those who speak a language other than English, 29.4% speak English not well/not at all. One-fifth (21.1%) of the Taiwan-born are Buddhist; and 3.7% are Christian not further defined; 57.1% have no religion. Two-fifths (43.8%) of the Taiwan-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Taiwan-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)	8,606	18.4	5,337	18.6	4,665	19.1	3,269	61.3	672	14.4
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	1,295	2.8	347	1.2	148	0.6	948	273.2	199	134.5
Total Victoria	9,900	21.1	5,686	19.9	4,814	19.8	4,214	74.1	872	18.1
Total Australia	46,822	100.0	28,627	100.0	24,370	100.0	18,195	63.6	4,257	17.5

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

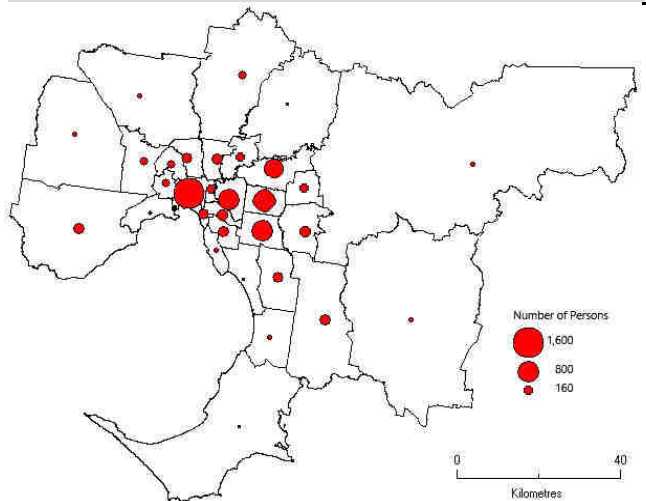
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Melbourne (C)	1,598	16.1	619	10.9	4
Whitehorse (C)	889	9.0	619	10.9	5
Boroondara (C)	815	8.2	723	12.7	1
Monash (C)	781	7.9	655	11.5	3
Manningham (C)	716	7.2	683	12.0	2
Rest of Melbourne	3,806	38.4	2,035	35.8	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	1,306	13.2	340	6.0	-
Total Victoria	9,900	100.0	5,686	100.0	-

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

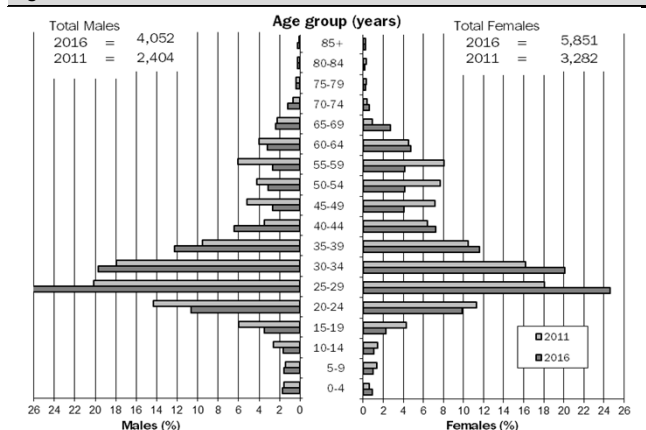
Distribution of Taiwan-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Taiwan-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	122	1.2	60	1.1	103.3
5-11	170	1.7	121	2.1	40.5
12-18	260	2.6	267	4.7	-2.6
19-25	1,564	15.8	1,005	17.7	55.6
26-44	5,892	59.5	2,698	47.4	118.4
45-54	719	7.3	712	12.5	1.0
55-64	756	7.6	664	11.7	13.9
65-74	344	3.5	108	1.9	218.5
75+	75	0.8	49	0.9	53.1
Total Victoria	9,900	100.0	5,686	100.0	74.1
<i>Median Age</i>	31		32		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	69		73 males per 100 females		

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Taiwan	3,081	80.0	1,225	80.1	151.5
New Zealand	27	0.7	6	0.4	350.0
United States of Ameri	23	0.6	14	0.9	64.3
Japan	14	0.4	7	0.5	100.0
China	12	0.3	6	0.4	100.0
Australia	586	15.2	191	12.5	206.8
Other ^(a)	100	2.6	80	5.2	25.0
Total responses^(b)	3,852	100.0	1,529	100.0	151.9

^(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 most closely related to Taiwan-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Mandarin	8,902	89.9	4,961	87.2	79.4
Min Nan	191	1.9	167	2.9	14.4
Chinese, nfd	102	1.0	55	1.0	85.5
Cantonese	81	0.8	126	2.2	-35.7
Japanese	17	0.2	13	0.2	30.8
Other languages ^(a)	29	0.3	26	0.5	11.5
English only	509	5.1	325	5.7	56.6
Not stated	47	0.5	13	0.2	261.5
Total Victoria	9,900	100.0	5,686	100.0	74.1

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Buddhism	2,092	21.1	2,006	35.3	4.3
Christian, nfd	363	3.7	185	3.3	96.2
Catholic	248	2.5	179	3.1	38.5
Baptist	185	1.9	180	3.2	2.8
Presbyterian/Reform	160	1.6	121	2.1	32.2
Other religions	633	6.4	501	8.8	26.3
No religion ^(b)	5,651	57.1	2,219	39.0	154.7
Not stated	563	5.7	295	5.2	90.8
Total Victoria	9,900	100.0	5,686	100.0	74.1

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Taiwan-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Taiwan-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	2,009	20.3	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	965	9.7	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	927	9.4	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	1,131	11.4	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	4,065	41.1	381,130	22.7
Not stated	806	8.1	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	9,900	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 Taiwan-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	509	5.1	325	5.7	56.6
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	2,871	29.0	2,117	37.2	35.6
Well	3,517	35.5	2,157	37.9	63.1
Not well	2,566	25.9	945	16.6	171.5
Not at all	350	3.5	103	1.8	239.8
Not stated ^(a)	79	0.8	33	0.6	139.4
Total Victoria	9,900	100.0	5,686	100.0	74.1

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	97	2.2	38	1.0	155.3
5-11	127	2.9	76	2.1	67.1
12-18	145	3.3	143	3.9	1.4
19-25	256	5.9	382	10.5	-33.0
26-44	2,142	49.4	1,698	46.7	26.1
45-64	1,214	28.0	1,156	31.8	5.0
65-74	297	6.8	95	2.6	212.6
75+	65	1.5	38	1.0	71.1
Total	4,340	100.0	3,636	100.0	19.4

% of Taiwan-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 43.8%

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

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Taiwan-born are higher than for total Victoria. More of them have a postgraduate degree (13.8%) and a bachelor degree (32.6%), compared to 5.4% and 16.5% for Victoria. Less of them have an advanced diploma or diploma (7.9%) and a certificate (3.3%), compared to 9.2% and 14.4% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Taiwan-born at 67.7% is higher than that of total Victoria at 60.5%. The unemployment rate for the Taiwan-born at 9.7% is also higher than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Taiwan-born are different from those for total Victoria. Less of the Taiwan-born are managers (8.9%), technicians and trades workers (8.9%) and clerical & administrative workers (8.6%) than Victoria (13.5%, 13.1% and 13.3%). More of them are professionals (25.0%), community & personal service workers (14.1%) and labourers (22.6%) than Victoria (23.3%, 10.6% and 9.0%).

The industry of employment patterns of the Taiwan-born are also different from those for total Victoria. More of them are employed in manufacturing (12.2%) and accommodation & food services (14.4%) than Victoria (7.8% and 6.6%). Less of them are employed in construction (2.3%), public admin & safety (2.1%) and education & training (5.6%) than Victoria (8.3%, 5.3% and 8.6%).

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Taiwan-born is lower than for total Victoria. More of them receive nil income (18.5%), \$1-\$399 (21.0%) and \$400-\$799 (27.5%), compared to Victoria (9.7%, 20.1% and 23.1%). Less of them receive \$800-\$1,249 (15.9%), \$1,250-\$1,999 (9.8%) and \$2,000 or more (5.0%), compared to Victoria (6.7%, 13.6% and 7.5%).

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Taiwan-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	1,311	13.8	831	15.3	480	57.8	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	183	1.9	107	2.0	76	71.0	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	3,112	32.6	1,853	34.1	1,259	67.9	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	755	7.9	430	7.9	325	75.6	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	310	3.3	151	2.8	159	105.3	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	3,124	32.8	1,687	31.1	1,437	85.2	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	117	1.2	37	0.7	80	216.2	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	623	6.5	332	6.1	291	87.7	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	9,533	100.0	5,432	100.0	4,101	75.5	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, Taiwan-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Taiwan-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>	6,455	65.2	3,332	58.6	3,123	93.7	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	5,829	58.9	3,014	53.0	2,815	93.4	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	626	6.3	318	5.6	308	96.9	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	3,035	30.7	2,021	35.5	1,014	50.2	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	45	0.5	76	1.3	-31	-40.8	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	372	3.8	253	4.4	119	47.0	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	9,900	100.0	5,686	100.0	4,214	74.1	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	67.7%		61.3%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	9.7%		9.5%				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, Taiwan-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Taiwan-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	520	8.9	374	12.4	146	39.0	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	1,457	25.0	1,096	36.4	361	32.9	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	518	8.9	209	6.9	309	147.8	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	824	14.1	301	10.0	523	173.8	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	500	8.6	420	13.9	80	19.0	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	433	7.4	228	7.6	205	89.9	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	165	2.8	72	2.4	93	129.2	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	1,320	22.6	224	7.4	1,096	489.3	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	97	1.7	91	3.0	6	6.6	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	5,829	100.0	3,014	100.0	2,815	93.4	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, Taiwan-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Taiwan-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	278	4.8	68	2.3	210	308.8	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	710	12.2	215	7.1	495	230.2	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	27	0.5	20	0.7	7	35.0	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	135	2.3	66	2.2	69	104.5	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	824	14.1	604	20.0	220	36.4	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	837	14.4	350	11.6	487	139.1	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	139	2.4	66	2.2	73	110.6	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	74	1.3	44	1.5	30	68.2	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	214	3.7	177	5.9	37	20.9	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	96	1.6	33	1.1	63	190.9	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	709	12.2	395	13.1	314	79.5	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	123	2.1	85	2.8	38	44.7	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	327	5.6	252	8.4	75	29.8	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	794	13.6	436	14.5	358	82.1	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	223	3.8	126	4.2	97	77.0	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	311	5.3	75	2.5	236	314.7	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	5,829	100.0	3,014	100.0	2,815	93.4	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), Taiwan-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Taiwan-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	95	1.0	79	1.5	16	20.3	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	1,762	18.5	1,209	22.3	553	45.7	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	2,005	21.0	1,319	24.3	686	52.0	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	2,622	27.5	1,062	19.6	1,560	146.9	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	1,515	15.9	810	14.9	705	87.0	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	934	9.8	578	10.6	356	61.6	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	475	5.0	249	4.6	226	90.8	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	129	1.4	121	2.2	8	6.6	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	9,533	100.0	5,432	100.0	4,101	75.5	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*.