

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 15,744 Turkey-born persons in Victoria (48.9% of Australia’s total), ranked 27th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Turkey-born decreased by 4.5% (744) from 16,488 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with major concentrations in the LGAs of Hume (39.4%) and Moreland (10.6%), Casey (5.1%), Whittlesea (5.0%) and Greater Dandenong (4.7%).

The Turkey-born reflected an adult to mature age profile: 6.7% were aged 25 years and under; 29.1% were aged 26-44; 47.6% were aged 45-64; and 16.7% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 49 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 37,631 persons identified with Turkish ancestry. Most of them were born in Australia (52.5%), Turkey (35.9%) and Cyprus (4.1%). Two-thirds (68.0%) of the Turkey-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 7.3% arrived in 1996-2000; 7.3% arrived in 2001-2005; 6.7% arrived in 2006-2010; and 7.2% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most of the Turkey-born speak Turkish (84.1%); 8.4% speak English only. Of those who speak a language other than English, 29.1% speak English not well/not at all. Two-thirds (67.1%) of the Turkey-born are Muslim; 2.4% are Oriental Orthodox; and 2.0% are Eastern Orthodox; 16.4% have no religion. Most (85.1%) of the Turkey-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Turkey-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)	14,861	46.2	15,479	47.1	14,138	46.4	-618	-4.0	1,341	9.5
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	885	2.8	1,012	3.1	1,144	3.8	-127	-12.5	-132	-11.5
Total Victoria	15,744	48.9	16,488	50.2	15,285	50.1	-744	-4.5	1,203	7.9
Total Australia	32,178	100.0	32,844	100.0	30,490	100.0	-666	-2.0	2,354	7.7

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

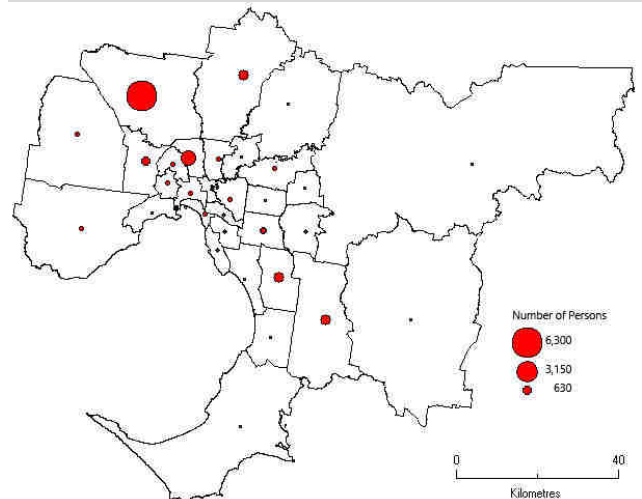
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Hume (C)	6,204	39.4	6,457	39.2	1
Moreland (C)	1,676	10.6	1,855	11.3	2
Casey (C)	796	5.1	802	4.9	4
Whittlesea (C)	780	5.0	799	4.8	5
Gter Dandenong (C)	745	4.7	910	5.5	3
Rest of Melbourne	4,630	29.4	4,609	28.0	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	920	5.8	1,039	6.3	-
Total Victoria	15,744	100.0	16,488	100.0	-

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

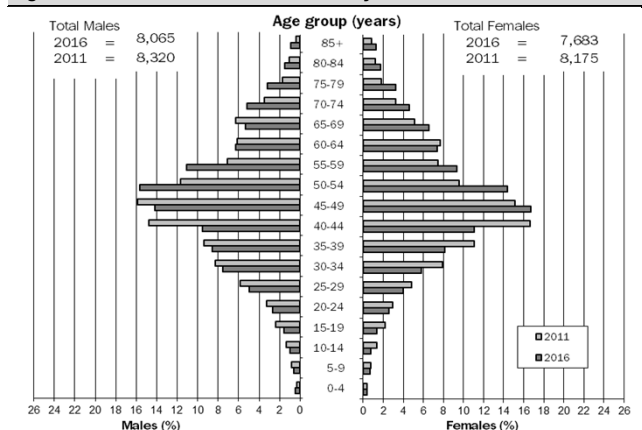
Distribution of Turkey-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Turkey-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	68	0.4	55	0.3	23.6
5-11	161	1.0	200	1.2	-19.5
12-18	257	1.6	433	2.6	-40.6
19-25	583	3.7	777	4.7	-25.0
26-44	4,576	29.1	6,321	38.3	-27.6
45-54	4,797	30.5	4,306	26.1	11.4
55-64	2,689	17.1	2,342	14.2	14.8
65-74	1,700	10.8	1,499	9.1	13.4
75+	924	5.9	564	3.4	63.8
Total Victoria	15,744	100.0	16,488	100.0	-4.5
<i>Median Age</i>	49		45		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	105		102		males per 100 females

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Turkey	13,519	35.9	14,004	39.4	-3.5
Cyprus	1,528	4.1	1,730	4.9	-11.7
Greece	415	1.1	297	0.8	39.7
Bulgaria	193	0.5	220	0.6	-12.3
Germany	155	0.4	109	0.3	42.2
Australia	19,768	52.5	17,767	50.0	11.3
Other ^(a)	2,039	5.4	1,407	4.0	44.9
Total responses^(b)	37,631	100.0	35,534	100.0	5.9

^(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 with the most responses for Turkey-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Turkish	13,244	84.1	14,171	85.9	-6.5
Armenian	323	2.1	373	2.3	-13.4
Greek	292	1.9	327	2.0	-10.7
Kurdish	146	0.9	214	1.3	-31.8
Assyrian	71	0.5	62	0.4	14.5
Other languages ^(a)	230	1.5	219	1.3	5.0
English only	1,321	8.4	1,037	6.3	27.4
Not stated	103	0.7	85	0.5	21.2
Total Victoria	15,744	100.0	16,488	100.0	-4.5

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Islam	10,569	67.1	13,187	80.0	-19.9
Oriental Orthodox	375	2.4	430	2.6	-12.8
Eastern Orthodox	316	2.0	417	2.5	-24.2
Catholic	258	1.6	228	1.4	13.2
Christian, nfd	184	1.2	103	0.6	78.6
Other religions	286	1.8	296	1.8	-3.4
No religion ^(b)	2,578	16.4	1,244	7.5	107.2
Not stated	1,172	7.4	583	3.5	101.0
Total Victoria	15,744	100.0	16,488	100.0	-4.5

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Turkey-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Turkey-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	10,700	68.0	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	1,149	7.3	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	1,150	7.3	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	1,051	6.7	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	1,127	7.2	381,130	22.7
Not stated	569	3.6	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	15,744	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 Turkey-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	1,321	8.4	1,037	6.3	27.4
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	5,011	31.8	5,240	31.8	-4.4
Well	4,622	29.4	4,896	29.7	-5.6
Not well	4,061	25.8	4,490	27.2	-9.6
Not at all	519	3.3	639	3.9	-18.8
Not stated ^(a)	217	1.4	187	1.1	16.0
Total Victoria	15,744	100.0	16,488	100.0	-4.5

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	32	0.2	20	0.1	60.0
5-11	100	0.7	122	0.9	-18.0
12-18	195	1.5	339	2.4	-42.5
19-25	390	2.9	465	3.3	-16.1
26-44	3,199	23.9	4,998	35.4	-36.0
45-64	6,978	52.1	6,209	44.0	12.4
65-74	1,612	12.0	1,436	10.2	12.3
75+	886	6.6	525	3.7	68.8
Total	13,394	100.0	14,112	100.0	-5.1

% of Turkey-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 85.1%

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

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Turkey-born are lower than for total Victoria; 3.0% have a postgraduate degree; 10.0% have a bachelor degree; and 6.5% have an advanced diploma or diploma; and 9.3% have a certificate, compared to 5.4%, 16.5%, 9.2% and 14.4% for Victoria. More of them have school education only (56.8%) and no educational attainment (5.4%), compared to Victoria (38.7% and 1.0%).

The labour force participation rate of the Turkey-born at 45.6% is lower than that of total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 10.1% is higher than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Turkey-born are different from those for total Victoria. Less of them are professionals (15.2%), community & personal service workers (8.5%) and clerical & administrative workers (8.9%), compared to Victoria (23.3%, 10.6% and 13.3%). More of them are technicians and trades workers (17.7%), machinery operators & drivers (1.7%) and labourers (13.7%), compared to Victoria (13.1%, 5.8% and 9.0%).

The industry of employment patterns of the Turkey-born are also different from those for total Victoria. More of them are employed in manufacturing (11.5%), construction (11.7%) and transport, postal & warehousing (11.7%), compared to Victoria (7.8%, 8.3% and 4.8%). Less of them are employed in wholesale & retail trade (10.6%) and healthcare & social assistance (8.0%), compared to Victoria (13.4% and 12.5%).

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Turkey-born is lower than total Victoria. More of them receive \$1-\$399 (34.1%) and \$400-\$799 (25.5%), compared to 20.1% and 23.1% for Victoria. Less of them receive \$800-\$1,249 (13.3%), \$1,250 - \$1,999 (8.3%) and \$2,000 or more (3.4%), compared to 16.7%, 13.6% and 7.5% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Turkey-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	468	3.0	337	2.1	131	38.9	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	180	1.2	135	0.8	45	33.3	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	1,544	10.0	1,315	8.2	229	17.4	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	1,000	6.5	869	5.4	131	15.1	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	1,441	9.3	1,203	7.5	238	19.8	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	8,771	56.8	9,888	61.5	-1,117	-11.3	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	839	5.4	798	5.0	41	5.1	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	1,189	7.7	1,548	9.6	-359	-23.2	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	15,438	100.0	16,083	100.0	-645	-4.0	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, Turkey-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Turkey-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>	7,047	44.8	7,262	44.0	-215	-3.0	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	6,338	40.3	6,587	40.0	-249	-3.8	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	709	4.5	675	4.1	34	5.0	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	8,144	51.7	8,461	51.3	-317	-3.7	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	250	1.6	364	2.2	-114	-31.3	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	306	1.9	404	2.5	-98	-24.3	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	15,744	100.0	16,488	100.0	-744	-4.5	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	45.6%		45.2%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	10.1%		9.3%				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, Turkey-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Turkey-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	812	12.8	775	11.8	37	4.8	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	961	15.2	879	13.3	82	9.3	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	1,119	17.7	1,234	18.7	-115	-9.3	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	541	8.5	500	7.6	41	8.2	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	563	8.9	592	9.0	-29	-4.9	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	416	6.6	408	6.2	8	2.0	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	934	14.7	1,021	15.5	-87	-8.5	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	869	13.7	949	14.4	-80	-8.4	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	122	1.9	222	3.4	-100	-45.0	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	6,338	100.0	6,587	100.0	-249	-3.8	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, Turkey-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Turkey-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	75	1.2	70	1.1	5	7.1	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	727	11.5	1,099	16.7	-372	-33.8	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	33	0.5	41	0.6	-8	-19.5	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	743	11.7	745	11.3	-2	-0.3	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	671	10.6	811	12.3	-140	-17.3	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	405	6.4	458	7.0	-53	-11.6	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	739	11.7	756	11.5	-17	-2.2	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	101	1.6	95	1.4	6	6.3	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	181	2.9	176	2.7	5	2.8	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	61	1.0	55	0.8	6	10.9	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	650	10.3	612	9.3	38	6.2	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	251	4.0	231	3.5	20	8.7	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	519	8.2	438	6.6	81	18.5	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	507	8.0	473	7.2	34	7.2	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	261	4.1	272	4.1	-11	-4.0	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	421	6.6	255	3.9	166	65.1	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	6,338	100.0	6,587	100.0	-249	-3.8	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), Turkey-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Turkey-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	163	1.1	170	1.1	-7	-4.1	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	1,624	10.5	1,454	9.0	170	11.7	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	5,257	34.1	7,229	44.9	-1,972	-27.3	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	3,942	25.5	3,383	21.0	559	16.5	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	2,053	13.3	1,854	11.5	199	10.7	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	1,287	8.3	921	5.7	366	39.7	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	528	3.4	375	2.3	153	40.8	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	577	3.7	699	4.3	-122	-17.5	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	15,438	100.0	16,083	100.0	-645	-4.0	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*.