

**Demographic characteristics**

At the 2016 Census, there were 5,322 Ukraine-born persons in Victoria (39.8% of Australia’s total), ranked 55<sup>th</sup> among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Ukraine-born decreased by 9.3% (548) from 5,870 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with major concentrations in the LGAs of Glen Eira (25.2%), Kingston (9.6%), Port Phillip (9.3%), Bayside (7.2%) and Stonnington (5.4%)

The Ukraine-born reflected a mature to ageing profile: 6.2% were aged 25 years and under; 29.7% were aged 26-44; 28.4% were aged 45-64; and 35.5% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 54 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 73 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 8,529 persons identified with Ukrainian ancestry. Most of them were born in Australia (56.5%), Ukraine (20.8%) and Germany (5.8%). Three-fifths (60.7%) of the Ukraine-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 11.3% arrived in 1996-2000; 8.1% arrived in 2001-2005; 8.1% arrived in 2006-2010; and 9.3% arrived in 2011-2016.

Almost two-thirds (64.2%) of the Ukraine-born speak Russian; 19% speak Ukrainian; 12.3% speak English only. Of those who speak a language other than English, 19.3% speak English not well/not at all. Over a quarter (28.7%) of the Ukraine-born are Jewish; 18.5% are Eastern Orthodox; 10.2% are Catholic; and 7.2% are Christian not further defined; 26.5% have no religion. Most (84.8%) of the Ukraine-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

**Ukraine-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 <sup>(a)</sup>	5,034	37.7	5,488	39.2	5,228	38.3	-454	-8.3	260	5.0
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	291	2.2	383	2.7	455	3.3	-92	-24.0	-72	-15.8
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>5,322</b>	<b>39.8</b>	<b>5,870</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>5,683</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>-548</b>	<b>-9.3</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>3.3</b>
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>13,366</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>13,990</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>13,666</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-624</b>	<b>-4.5</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>2.4</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.

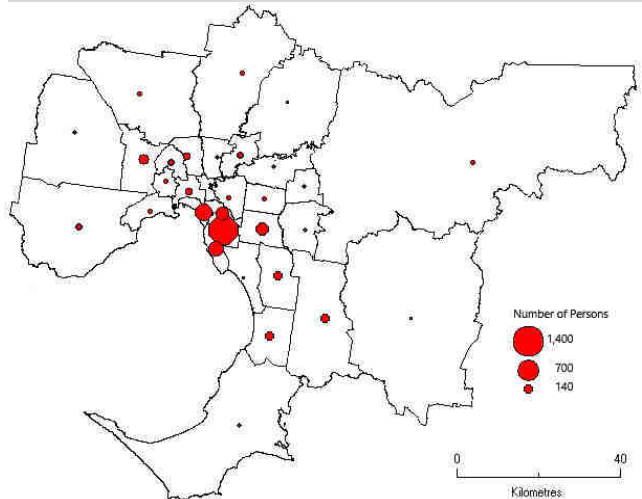
<sup>(b)</sup> Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

**Distribution of Ukraine-born, Top 5 LGAs: 2016 Census**

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Glen Eira (C)	1,342	25.2	1,649	28.1	1
Kingston (C)	511	9.6	449	7.6	3
Port Phillip (C)	495	9.3	569	9.7	2
Bayside (C)	382	7.2	351	6.0	4
Stonnington (C)	285	5.4	320	5.5	5
Rest of Melbourne	2,004	37.7	2,137	36.4	-
Rest of Reg Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	282	5.3	395	6.7	-
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>5,322</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,870</b>	<b>100.0</b>	-

<sup>(a)</sup> Includes "Unincorporated Vic" and "No Usual Address Vic".

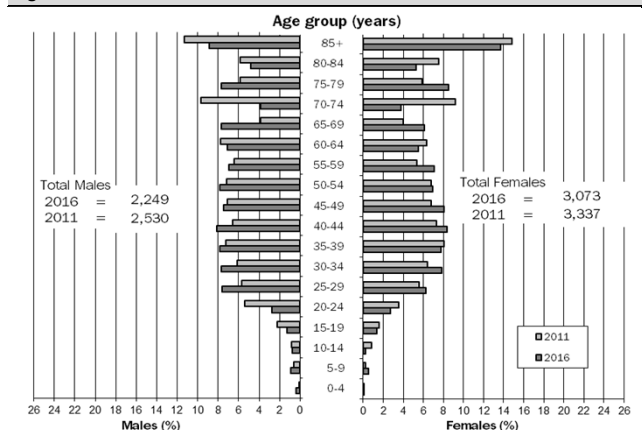
**Distribution of Ukraine-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016**



**Age Distribution of Ukraine-born: 2016, 2011 Census**

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	11	0.2	4	0.1	175.0
5-11	48	0.9	42	0.7	14.3
12-18	66	1.2	104	1.8	-36.5
19-25	208	3.9	370	6.3	-43.8
26-44	1,578	29.7	1,479	25.2	6.7
45-54	805	15.1	808	13.8	-0.4
55-64	710	13.3	748	12.7	-5.1
65-74	566	10.6	780	13.3	-27.4
75+	1,325	24.9	1,532	26.1	-13.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>5,322</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,870</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-9.3</b>
<i>Median Age</i>	54		56		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	73		76 males per 100 females		

**Age and Gender Distribution of Ukraine-born, Victoria, 2016**



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Ukraine	3,141	20.8	2,829	21.9	11.0
Germany	878	5.8	860	6.7	2.1
Russian Federation	259	1.7	90	0.7	187.8
Canada	207	1.4	150	1.2	38.0
England	204	1.4	179	1.4	14.0
Australia	8,529	56.5	7,379	57.2	15.6
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	1,845	12.2	1,417	11.0	30.2
<b>Total responses<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>15,100</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12,904</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>17.0</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Includes all other countries, and birthplace not stated.

<sup>(b)</sup> 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 Ukraine-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Russian	3,419	64.2	3,875	66.0	-11.8
Ukrainian	1,042	19.6	1,138	19.4	-8.4
Polish	36	0.7	52	0.9	-30.8
Hebrew	30	0.6	26	0.4	15.4
German	17	0.3	28	0.5	-39.3
Other languages <sup>(a)</sup>	94	1.8	100	1.7	-6.0
English only	652	12.3	618	10.5	5.5
Not stated	22	0.4	33	0.6	-33.3
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>5,322</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,870</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-9.3</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Includes "Inadequately described" and "Non-verbal, so described".

**Top 5 Religious affiliation, Ukraine-born: 2016, 2011**

Religious affiliation <sup>(a)</sup>	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Judaism	1,528	28.7	2,042	34.8	-25.2
Eastern Orthodox	986	18.5	1,337	22.8	-26.3
Catholic	543	10.2	795	13.5	-31.7
Christian, nfd	381	7.2	87	1.5	337.9
Baptist	49	0.9	65	1.1	-24.6
Other religions	205	3.9	261	4.4	-21.5
No religion <sup>(b)</sup>	1,411	26.5	1,085	18.5	30.0
Not stated	220	4.1	198	3.4	11.1
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>5,322</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,870</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-9.3</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Religion based on 3 digit level of classification.

<sup>(b)</sup> No Religion, so described.

**Year of Arrival of Ukraine-born: 2016**

Year of arrival <sup>(a)</sup>	Ukraine-born		Total OSB, Vic <sup>(c)</sup>	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	3,230	60.7	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	604	11.3	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	430	8.1	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	430	8.1	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 <sup>(b)</sup>	493	9.3	381,130	22.7
Not stated	138	2.6	58,517	3.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>5,322</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,680,256</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Records the year of arrival in Australia for people born overseas

who intend staying in Australia for at least one year.

<sup>(b)</sup> Arrivals up to 9 Aug 2016.

<sup>(c)</sup> OSB stands for Overseas-born.

**Proficiency in English of Ukraine-born: 2016, 2011**

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	652	12.3	618	10.5	5.5
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	2,023	38.0	2,013	34.3	0.5
Well	1,564	29.4	1,832	31.2	-14.6
Not well	837	15.7	1,096	18.7	-23.6
Not at all	191	3.6	235	4.0	-18.7
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	49	0.9	71	1.2	-31.0
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>5,322</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,870</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-9.3</b>

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

**Ukraine-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2016, 2011**

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	-	-	3	0.1	-100.0
5-11	24	0.5	27	0.5	-11.1
12-18	50	1.1	65	1.2	-23.1
19-25	139	3.1	314	6.0	-55.7
26-44	1,205	26.7	1,211	23.3	-0.5
45-64	1,392	30.8	1,428	27.4	-2.5
65-74	505	11.2	735	14.1	-31.3
75+	1,199	26.6	1,425	27.4	-15.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,514</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,205</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-13.3</b>

% of Ukraine-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 84.8%

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

## Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Ukraine-born are higher than for total Victoria. More of them (9.7%) have a postgraduate degree; 28.6% have a bachelor degree; and 13.7% have an advanced diploma or diploma, compared to Victoria (5.4%, 16.5% and 9.2%). Less of them have a certificate (9.3%) and school education only (24.4%), compared to Victoria (14.4% and 38.0%).

The labour force participation rate of the Ukraine-born at 53.3% is lower than that of total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 6.2% is slightly lower than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Ukraine-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria. More of them are professionals (34.9%), compared to 23.3% for Victoria. Less of them are clerical & administrative workers (11.2%), sales workers (7.8%) and labourers (5.4%), compared to Victoria (13.3%, 9.7% and 9.0%).

The industry of employment patterns of the Ukraine-born are also fairly similar to total Victoria. Less of them are employed in wholesale & retail trade (11.4%); accommodation & food services (3.5%); and finance & insurance (5.8%), compared to Victoria (13.4%, 6.6% and 3.9%). More of them are employed in professional, scientific, technical & administration (15.6%) and healthcare & social assistance (16.3%), compared to Victoria (11.4% and 12.5%).

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Ukraine-born is slightly lower than total Victoria. More of them receive \$1-\$399 (26.4%) and \$400-\$799 (27.4%) than Victoria (20.1% and 23.1%). Less of them receive \$800-\$1,249 (14.3%) and \$1,250-\$1,999 (12.8%), compared to Victoria (16.7% and 13.6%).

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

Highest level of educational attainment <sup>(a)</sup>	Ukraine-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	511	9.7	325	5.6	186	57.2	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	101	1.9	90	1.6	11	12.2	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	1,611	30.7	1,654	28.6	-43	-2.6	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	721	13.7	718	12.4	3	0.4	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	488	9.3	489	8.4	-1	-0.2	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only <sup>(b)</sup>	1,278	24.4	1,644	28.4	-366	-22.3	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment <sup>(c)</sup>	66	1.3	95	1.6	-29	-30.5	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc <sup>(d)</sup>	476	9.1	768	13.3	-292	-38.0	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>5,246</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,790</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-544</b>	<b>-9.4</b>	<b>4,845,710</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,355,243</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>490,467</b>	<b>11.3</b>

<sup>(a)</sup>This variable is applicable to persons aged 15 years and over.

<sup>(b)</sup>Includes persons who completed school to between Year 8 or below, and Year 12 level.

<sup>(c)</sup>Includes persons whose qualification is out of scope of this variable.

<sup>(d)</sup>Includes "Inadequately described".

### Labour force participation, Ukraine-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation <sup>(a)</sup>	Ukraine-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>	2,797	52.6	2,794	47.6	3	0.1	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	2,623	49.3	2,644	45.0	-21	-0.8	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	174	3.3	150	2.6	24	16.0	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	2,364	44.4	2,843	48.4	-479	-16.8	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
Not stated	80	1.5	156	2.7	-76	-48.7	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
Not applicable <sup>(b)</sup>	77	1.4	81	1.4	-4	-4.9	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>5,322</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,870</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-548</b>	<b>-9.3</b>	<b>5,926,624</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,354,039</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>572,585</b>	<b>10.7</b>
<i>Participation rate</i> <sup>(c)</sup>	53.3%		48.3%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> <sup>(d)</sup>	6.2%		5.4%				6.6%		5.4%			

<sup>(a)</sup>This variable is applicable to persons 15 years and over.

<sup>(b)</sup>Persons aged under 15 years.

<sup>(c)</sup>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.

<sup>(d)</sup>The unemployment rate represents the number of unemployed persons expressed as a % of the labour force.

**Occupation, Ukraine-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Occupation <sup>(a)</sup>	Ukraine-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	327	12.5	279	10.6	48	17.2	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	916	34.9	914	34.6	2	0.2	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	352	13.4	374	14.1	-22	-5.9	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	233	8.9	245	9.3	-12	-4.9	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	295	11.2	289	10.9	6	2.1	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	204	7.8	200	7.6	4	2.0	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	111	4.2	110	4.2	1	0.9	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	142	5.4	179	6.8	-37	-20.7	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated <sup>(b)</sup>	42	1.6	63	2.4	-21	-33.3	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>2,623</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,644</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>2,736,125</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,530,635</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>205,490</b>	<b>8.1</b>

<sup>(a)</sup>This variable is applicable to employed persons aged 15 years and over.

<sup>(b)</sup>Includes "Inadequately described".

**Industry of Employment, Ukraine-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Industry of employment <sup>(a)</sup>	Ukraine-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	44	1.7	28	1.1	16	57.1	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	188	7.2	271	10.2	-83	-30.6	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	21	0.8	12	0.5	9	75.0	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	186	7.1	176	6.7	10	5.7	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	299	11.4	386	14.6	-87	-22.5	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	93	3.5	69	2.6	24	34.8	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	133	5.1	112	4.2	21	18.8	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	55	2.1	67	2.5	-12	-17.9	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	152	5.8	156	5.9	-4	-2.6	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	42	1.6	27	1.0	15	55.6	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	410	15.6	424	16.0	-14	-3.3	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	90	3.4	98	3.7	-8	-8.2	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	196	7.5	185	7.0	11	5.9	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	427	16.3	394	14.9	33	8.4	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	161	6.1	168	6.4	-7	-4.2	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	123	4.7	73	2.8	50	68.5	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>2,623</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,644</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>2,736,125</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,530,635</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>205,490</b>	<b>8.1</b>

<sup>(a)</sup>This variable is applicable to employed persons aged 15 and over.

**Total Personal Income (Weekly), Ukraine-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Total personal income, weekly <sup>(a)</sup>	Ukraine-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	17	0.3	30	0.5	-13	-43.3	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	377	7.2	341	5.9	36	10.6	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	1,386	26.4	2,568	44.4	-1,182	-46.0	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	1,438	27.4	1,066	18.4	372	34.9	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	750	14.3	691	11.9	59	8.5	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	669	12.8	572	9.9	97	17.0	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	407	7.8	256	4.4	151	59.0	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	194	3.7	265	4.6	-71	-26.8	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>5,246</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,790</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-544</b>	<b>-9.4</b>	<b>4,845,710</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,355,243</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>490,467</b>	<b>11.3</b>

<sup>(a)</sup>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*.