

The Uruguay-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 84)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 1,605 Uruguay-born persons in Victoria (17.8% of Australia’s total), ranked 84th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Uruguay-born decreased by 0.6% (9) from 1,614 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with major concentrations in the LGAs of Brimbank (14.4%), Casey (11.5%), Wyndham (5.9%), Melton (5.7%) and Greater Dandenong (5.0%).

The Uruguay-born reflected a mature to ageing profile: 2.4% were aged 25 years and under; 21.1% were aged 26-44; 40.6% were aged 45-64; and 35.6% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 56 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 90 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 1,459 persons identified with Uruguayan ancestry. Most (56.3%) of them were born in Australia; 39.1% were born in Uruguay. Most (87.3%) of the Uruguay-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 1.7% arrived in 1996-2000; 2.7% arrived in 2001-2005; 2.7% arrived in 2006-2010; and 3.1% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most of the Uruguay-born speak Spanish (79.2%); 17.0% speak English only. Of those who speak a language other than English, 16.1% speak English not well/not at all. Over half (57.8%) of the Uruguay-born are Catholic; 4.0% are Christian, not further defined; 25.5% have no religion. Most (91.4%) of the Uruguay-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Location	2016 Census		2011 Census		2006 Census		Change 2011-2016		Change 2006-2011	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	% change
Metro Melbourne ^(a)	1,528	17.0	1,550	16.8	1,624	17.3	-22	-1.4	-74	-4.6
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	74	0.8	69	0.7	39	0.4	5	7.2	30	76.9
Total Victoria	1,605	17.8	1,614	17.5	1,669	17.8	-9	-0.6	-55	-3.3
Total Australia	8,994	100.0	9,237	100.0	9,381	100.0	-243	-2.6	-144	-1.5

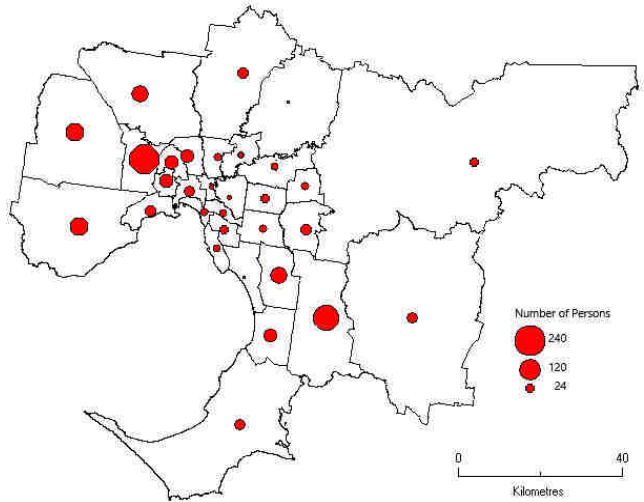
^(a) Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Brimbank (C)	231	14.4	244	15.1	1
Casey (C)	184	11.5	188	11.6	2
Wyndham (C)	94	5.9	95	5.9	4
Melton (C)	91	5.7	92	5.7	5
Gter Dandenong (C)	81	5.0	101	6.3	3
Rest of Melbourne	826	51.5	819	50.7	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	91	5.7	69	4.3	-
Total Victoria	1,605	100.0	1,614	100.0	-

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

Distribution of Uruguay-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016

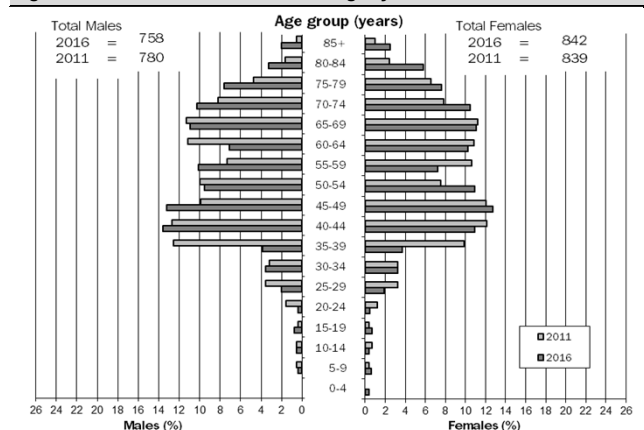


Age Distribution of Uruguay-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	3	0.2	4	0.2	-25.0
5-11	8	0.5	10	0.6	-20.0
12-18	16	1.0	13	0.8	23.1
19-25	12	0.7	21	1.3	-42.9
26-44	338	21.1	488	30.2	-30.7
45-54	373	23.2	319	19.8	16.9
55-64	279	17.4	319	19.8	-12.5
65-74	345	21.5	308	19.1	12.0
75+	226	14.1	134	8.3	68.7
Total Victoria	1,605	100.0	1,614	100.0	-0.6

Median Age: 56 (2016) vs 53 (2011)
 Sex Ratio: 90 (2016) vs 93 males per 100 females (2011)

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Uruguay	571	39.1	597	46.0	-4.4
Argentina	15	1.0	17	1.3	-11.8
Israel	8	0.5	-	0.0	-
USA	5	0.3	4	0.3	25.0
Brazil	5	0.3	3	0.2	66.7
Australia	822	56.3	651	50.2	26.3
Other ^(a)	28	1.9	25	1.9	12.0
Total responses^(b)	1,459	100.0	1,297	100.0	12.5

^(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 Uruguay-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Spanish	1,271	79.2	1,298	80.4	-2.1
Italian	31	1.9	37	2.3	-16.2
Latin	4	0.2	-	-	-
Yiddish	3	0.2	3	0.2	-
Danish	3	0.2	-	-	-
Other languages ^(a)	4	0.2	11	0.7	-63.6
English only	273	17.0	262	16.2	4.2
Not stated	13	0.8	3	0.2	333.3
Total Victoria	1,605	100.0	1,614	100.0	-0.6

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Catholic	927	57.8	1,039	64.4	-10.8
Christian, nfd	64	4.0	57	3.5	12.3
Jehovah's Witnesses	24	1.5	21	1.3	14.3
Baptist	18	1.1	25	1.5	-28.0
Judaism	18	1.1	21	1.3	-14.3
Other religions	70	4.4	90	5.6	-22.2
No religion ^(b)	410	25.5	309	19.1	32.7
Not stated	76	4.7	52	3.2	46.2
Total Victoria	1,605	100.0	1,614	100.0	-0.6

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Uruguay-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Uruguay-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	1,401	87.3	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	27	1.7	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	44	2.7	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	44	2.7	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	50	3.1	381,130	22.7
Not stated	39	2.4	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	1,605	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 Uruguay-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	273	17.0	262	16.2	4.2
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	619	38.6	650	40.3	-4.8
Well	434	27.0	440	27.3	-1.4
Not well	225	14.0	228	14.1	-1.3
Not at all	34	2.1	26	1.6	30.8
Not stated ^(a)	22	1.4	11	0.7	100.0
Total Victoria	1,605	100.0	1,614	100.0	-0.6

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	-	-	-	-	-
5-11	6	0.4	8	0.5	-25.0
12-18	13	0.9	12	0.8	8.3
19-25	12	0.8	18	1.2	-33.3
26-44	279	19.0	450	29.8	-38.0
45-64	613	41.8	602	39.9	1.8
65-74	322	21.9	299	19.8	7.7
75+	213	14.5	124	8.2	71.8
Total	1,467	100.0	1,508	100.0	-2.7
% of Uruguay-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					91.4%
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.3%

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Uruguay-born are lower than for total Victoria. Less of them (3.0%) have a postgraduate degree and 8.8% have a bachelor degree, compared Victoria (5.4% and 16.5%). More of them have a certificate (18.4%) and school education only (45.0%), compared to Victoria (14.4% and 38.7%).

The labour force participation rate of the Uruguay-born at 51.2% is lower than that of total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 5.9% is slightly lower than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Uruguay-born are fairly different from those for total Victoria. Less of the Uruguay-born work as managers (11.1%), professionals (15.6%) and sales workers (6.3%), compared to 13.5%, 23.3% and 9.7% for Victoria. More of them work as technicians and trades workers (17.3%), machinery operators & drivers (9.8%) and labourers (14.1%), compared to 13.1%, 5.8% and 9.0% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns of the Uruguay-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria. Less of the Uruguay-born are employed in wholesale & retail trade (9.7%) and accommodation & food services (3.8%), compared to 13.4% and 6.6% for Victoria. More of them are employed in manufacturing (12.3%), public administration & safety (7.3%) and health care & social assistance (14.5%), compared to 7.8%, 5.3% and 12.5% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Uruguay-born is lower than for total Victoria. More of them receive \$1-\$399 (28.7%) and \$400-\$799 (28.2%), compared to 20.1% and 23.1% for total Victoria. Less of them receive \$1,250-\$1,999 (12.7%) and \$2,000 or more (3.9%), compared to 13.6% and 7.5% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Uruguay-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	48	3.0	34	2.1	14	41.2	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	29	1.8	19	1.2	10	52.6	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	139	8.8	131	8.2	8	6.1	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	187	11.8	146	9.2	41	28.1	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	292	18.4	282	17.7	10	3.5	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	714	45.0	740	46.4	-26	-3.5	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	22	1.4	20	1.3	2	10.0	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	161	10.1	223	14.0	-62	-27.8	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	1,588	100.0	1,595	100.0	-7	-0.4	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, Uruguay-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Uruguay-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>	813	50.7	925	57.3	-112	-12.1	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	765	47.7	877	54.3	-112	-12.8	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	48	3.0	48	3.0	-	-	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	750	46.7	640	39.7	110	17.2	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	22	1.4	33	2.0	-11	-33.3	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	18	1.1	21	1.3	-3	-14.3	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	1,605	100.0	1,614	100.0	-9	-0.6	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	51.2%		58.1%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	5.9%		5.2%				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, Uruguay-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Uruguay-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	85	11.1	82	9.4	3	3.7	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	119	15.6	132	15.1	-13	-9.8	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	132	17.3	159	18.1	-27	-17.0	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	84	11.0	94	10.7	-10	-10.6	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	94	12.3	97	11.1	-3	-3.1	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	48	6.3	61	7.0	-13	-21.3	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	75	9.8	92	10.5	-17	-18.5	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	108	14.1	133	15.2	-25	-18.8	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	13	1.7	22	2.5	-9	-40.9	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	765	100.0	877	100.0	-112	-12.8	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, Uruguay-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Uruguay-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	5	0.7	3	0.3	2	66.7	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	94	12.3	136	15.5	-42	-30.9	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	5	0.7	10	1.1	-5	-50.0	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	74	9.7	88	10.0	-14	-15.9	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	74	9.7	85	9.7	-11	-12.9	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	29	3.8	30	3.4	-1	-3.3	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	42	5.5	54	6.2	-12	-22.2	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	8	1.0	16	1.8	-8	-50.0	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	23	3.0	32	3.6	-9	-28.1	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	10	1.3	16	1.8	-6	-37.5	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	95	12.4	103	11.7	-8	-7.8	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	56	7.3	52	5.9	4	7.7	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	56	7.3	66	7.5	-10	-15.2	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	111	14.5	121	13.8	-10	-8.3	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	29	3.8	52	5.9	-23	-44.2	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	49	6.4	28	3.2	21	75.0	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	765	100.0	877	100.0	-112	-12.8	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), Uruguay-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Uruguay-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	10	0.6	7	0.4	3	42.9	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	102	6.4	76	4.8	26	34.2	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	456	28.7	603	37.8	-147	-24.4	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	448	28.2	383	24.0	65	17.0	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	258	16.2	272	17.1	-14	-5.1	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	202	12.7	151	9.5	51	33.8	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	62	3.9	49	3.1	13	26.5	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	54	3.4	56	3.5	-2	-3.6	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	1,588	100.0	1,595	100.0	-7	-0.4	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*.