

The Venezuela-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 91)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 1,267 Venezuela-born persons in Victoria (17.8% of Australia's total), ranked 91st among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Venezuela-born increased by 74.5% (541) from 726 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the LGAs of Melbourne (8.1%), Port Phillip (7.2%), Boroondara (6.5%), Darebin (5.2%) and Moreland (5.2%).

The Venezuela-born reflected a young to adult age profile: 18.3% were aged 25 years and under; 65.8% were aged 26-44; 14.2% were aged 45-64; and 1.9% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 33 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 100 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 913 persons identified with Venezuelan ancestry. Most of them were born in Venezuela (76.5%) and Australia (17.6%). A small proportion (11.4%) of the Venezuela-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 4.0% arrived in 1996-2000; 4.8% arrived in 2001-2005; 27.2% arrived in 2006-2010; and 49.6% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most (83.3%) of the Venezuela-born speak Spanish (83.8%); 10.6% speak English only. Two-thirds (66.9%) of the Venezuela-born are Catholic; 19.3% have no religion. Over two-fifths (43.0%) of the Venezuela-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for overseas-born in Victoria.

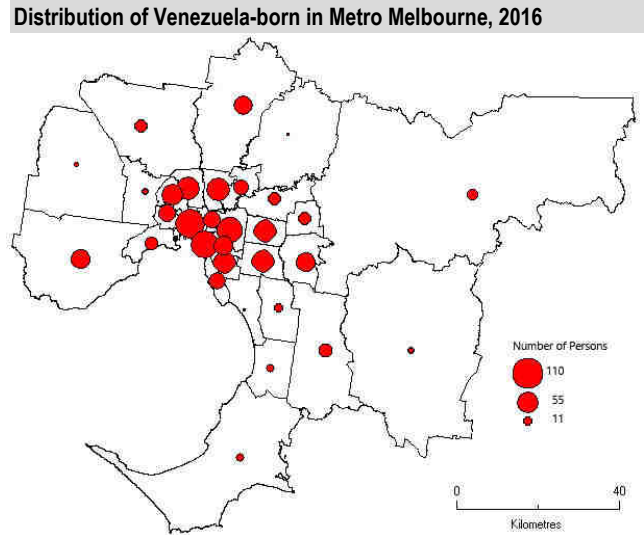
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Location	2016 Census		2011 Census		2006 Census		Change 2011-2016		Change 2006-2011	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	% change
Metro Melbourne ^(a)	1,200	22.0	693	20.4	278	18.1	507	73.2	415	149.3
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	70	1.3	40	1.2	18	1.2	30	75.0	22	122.2
Total Victoria	1,267	23.2	726	21.3	303	19.7	541	74.5	423	139.6
Total Australia	5,460	100.0	3,404	100.0	1,539	100.0	2,056	60.4	1,865	121.2

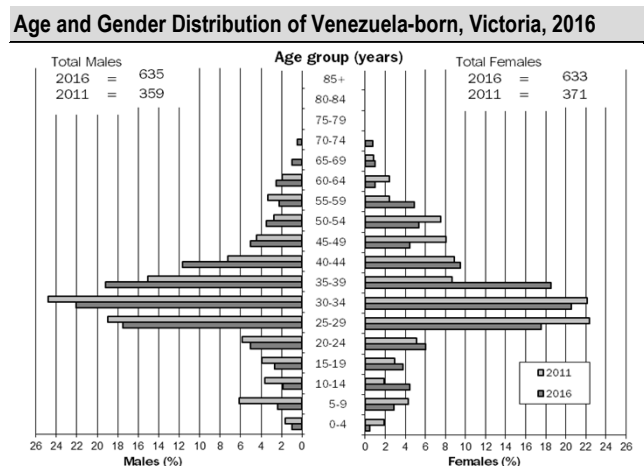
^(a) Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Melbourne (C)	102	8.1	47	6.5	4
Port Phillip (C)	91	7.2	43	5.9	5
Boroondara (C)	82	6.5	48	6.6	3
Darebin (C)	66	5.2	63	8.7	1
Moreland (C)	66	5.2	30	4.1	8
Rest of Melbourne	785	62.0	437	60.2	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	50	3.9	37	5.1	-
Total Victoria	1,267	100.0	726	100.0	-

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



Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	14	1.1	13	1.8	7.7
5-11	53	4.2	46	6.3	15.2
12-18	53	4.2	35	4.8	51.4
19-25	112	8.8	77	10.6	45.5
26-44	834	65.8	430	59.2	94.0
45-54	115	9.1	86	11.8	33.7
55-64	64	5.1	38	5.2	68.4
65-74	20	1.6	11	1.5	81.8
75+	4	0.3	3	0.4	33.3
Total Victoria	1,267	100.0	726	100.0	74.5
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>33</i>		<i>na</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>100</i>		<i>97</i>	<i>males per 100 females</i>	



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Venezuela	698	76.5	378	81.3	84.7
Spain	5	0.5	-	-	-
England	4	0.4	3	0.6	33.3
Colombia	4	0.4	3	0.6	33.3
Trinidad and Tobago	4	0.4	-	-	-
Australia	161	17.6	65	14.0	147.7
Other ^(a)	21	2.3	16	3.4	31.3
Total responses^(b)	913	100.0	465	100.0	96.3

^(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 Venezuela-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Spanish	1,062	83.8	573	78.9	85.3
Italian	25	2.0	28	3.9	-10.7
Arabic	12	0.9	10	1.4	20.0
French	3	0.2	3	0.4	-
Cantonese	3	0.2	-	-	-
Other languages ^(a)	3	0.2	13	1.8	-76.9
English only	134	10.6	95	13.1	41.1
Not stated	-	-	4	0.6	-100.0
Total Victoria	1,267	100.0	726	100.0	74.5

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Catholic	847	66.9	523	72.0	62.0
Christian, nfd	24	1.9	20	2.8	20.0
Pentecostal	19	1.5	3	0.4	533.3
Judaism	19	1.5	22	3.0	-13.6
Anglican	7	0.6	7	1.0	-
Other religions	49	3.9	55	7.6	-10.9
No religion ^(b)	245	19.3	89	12.3	175.3
Not stated	48	3.8	7	1.0	585.7
Total Victoria	1,267	100.0	726	100.0	74.5

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Venezuela-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Venezuela-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	144	11.4	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	51	4.0	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	61	4.8	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	345	27.2	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	629	49.6	381,130	22.7
Not stated	40	3.2	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	1,267	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 Venezuela-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	134	10.6	95	13.1	41.1
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	766	60.5	386	53.2	98.4
Well	299	23.6	207	28.5	44.4
Not well	58	4.6	23	3.2	152.2
Not at all	6	0.5	5	0.7	20.0
Not stated ^(a)	4	0.3	9	1.2	-55.6
Total Victoria	1,267	100.0	726	100.0	74.5

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	3	0.6	-	-	-
5-11	16	2.9	16	5.7	-
12-18	33	6.1	16	5.7	106.3
19-25	25	4.6	12	4.3	108.3
26-44	301	55.2	139	49.8	116.5
45-64	143	26.2	89	31.9	60.7
65-74	16	2.9	4	1.4	300.0
75+	3	0.6	3	1.1	-
Total	545	100.0	279	100.0	95.3
% of Venezuela-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					43.0%
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.3%

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Venezuela-born are higher than for total Victoria. More of them (18.8%) have a postgraduate degree; and 46.6% have a bachelor degree, compared to Victoria (5.4% and 16.5%). Less of them have a certificate (4.9%) and school education only (13.6%), compared to Victoria (14.4% and 38.7%).

The labour force participation rate of the Venezuela-born at 85.4% is higher than that of total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 8.4% is also higher than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Venezuela-born are different from those for total Victoria. Less of the Venezuela-born work as managers (10.0%), clerical & administrative workers (9.7%) and sales workers (5.2%), compared to 13.5%, 13.3% and 9.7% for total Victoria. More of the Venezuela-born are professionals (34.6%) and labourers (13.2%), compared to 23.3% and 9.0% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns of the Venezuela-born are also different from those for total Victoria. More of the Venezuela-born are employed in manufacturing (10.5%), accommodation & food services (13.9%) and professional, scientific, technical & administration (23.7%), compared to 7.8%, 6.6% and 11.4% for Victoria. Less of them are employed in construction (4.6%), wholesale & retail trade (8.9%) and health care & social assistance (7.8%), compared to 8.3%, 13.4% and 12.5% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Venezuela-born is higher than that of total Victoria. More of the Venezuela-born receive \$800-\$1,249 (17.7%), \$1,250-\$1,999 (19.1%) and \$2,000 or more (10.2%), compared to 16.7%, 13.6% and 7.5% for Victoria. Less of them receive \$1-\$399 (18.9%) and \$400-\$799 (21.4%), compared to 20.1% and 23.1% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Venezuela-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	223	18.8	81	12.2	142	175.3	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	37	3.1	30	4.5	7	23.3	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	552	46.6	308	46.4	244	79.2	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	107	9.0	66	9.9	41	62.1	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	58	4.9	41	6.2	17	41.5	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	161	13.6	98	14.8	63	64.3	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	-	-	-	-	-	-	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	49	4.1	36	5.4	13	36.1	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	1,185	100.0	664	100.0	521	78.5	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, Venezuela-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Venezuela-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>	1,014	80.0	536	73.8	478	89.2	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	929	73.3	484	66.7	445	91.9	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	85	6.7	52	7.2	33	63.5	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	170	13.4	124	17.1	46	37.1	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	-	-	5	0.7	-5	-100.0	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	80	6.3	68	9.4	12	17.6	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	1,267	100.0	726	100.0	541	74.5	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	85.4%		81.5%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	8.4%		9.7%				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, Venezuela-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Venezuela-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	93	10.0	48	9.9	45	93.8	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	321	34.6	172	35.5	149	86.6	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	105	11.3	44	9.1	61	138.6	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	100	10.8	62	12.8	38	61.3	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	90	9.7	66	13.6	24	36.4	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	48	5.2	23	4.8	25	108.7	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	27	2.9	9	1.9	18	200.0	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	123	13.2	44	9.1	79	179.5	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	8	0.9	6	1.2	2	33.3	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	929	100.0	484	100.0	445	91.9	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, Venezuela-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Venezuela-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	3	0.3	6	1.2	-3	-50.0	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	98	10.5	47	9.7	51	108.5	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	12	1.3	6	1.2	6	100.0	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	43	4.6	24	5.0	19	79.2	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	83	8.9	58	12.0	25	43.1	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	129	13.9	51	10.5	78	152.9	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	35	3.8	12	2.5	23	191.7	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	41	4.4	21	4.3	20	95.2	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	28	3.0	18	3.7	10	55.6	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	7	0.8	9	1.9	-2	-22.2	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	220	23.7	101	20.9	119	117.8	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	22	2.4	15	3.1	7	46.7	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	58	6.2	46	9.5	12	26.1	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	72	7.8	42	8.7	30	71.4	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	39	4.2	12	2.5	27	225.0	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	41	4.4	11	2.3	30	272.7	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	929	100.0	484	100.0	445	91.9	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), Venezuela-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Venezuela-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	11	0.9	4	0.6	7	175.0	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	131	11.1	86	13.0	45	52.3	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	224	18.9	142	21.4	82	57.7	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	253	21.4	132	19.9	121	91.7	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	210	17.7	115	17.3	95	82.6	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	226	19.1	111	16.7	115	103.6	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	121	10.2	54	8.1	67	124.1	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	10	0.8	16	2.4	-6	-37.5	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	1,185	100.0	664	100.0	521	78.5	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*.