

The Vietnam-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 5)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 80,787 Vietnam-born persons in Victoria (36.8% of Australia's total), ranked 5th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Vietnam-born increased by 18.3% (12,491) from 68,296 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with major concentrations in the LGAs of Brimbank (26.9%), Greater Dandenong (16.4%), Maribyrnong (9.5%), Whittlesea (4.0%) and Monash (3.5%).

The Vietnam-born reflected a balanced to mature age profile: 13.2% were aged 25 years and under; 36.5% were aged 26-44; 40.1% were aged 45-64; and 10.1% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 45 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 81 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 108,142 persons identified with Vietnamese ancestry. Most of them were born in Vietnam (59.8%) and Australia (36.0%). Over half (56.7%) of the Vietnam-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 6.6% arrived in 1996-2000; 5.7% arrived in 2001-2005; 11.3% arrived in 2006-2010; and 15.9% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most of the Vietnam-born speak Vietnamese (83.0%); 10.7% speak Cantonese; 3.3% speak English only. Of those who speak a language other than English, 39.8% speak English not well/not at all. Almost half (47.1%) of the Vietnam-born are Buddhist; 19.6% are Catholic; 25.7% have no religion. Three-quarters (75.0%) of the Vietnam-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Vietnam-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)	79,054	36.0	67,036	36.2	57,950	36.3	12,018	17.9	9,086	15.7
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	1,731	0.8	1,257	0.7	924	0.6	474	37.7	333	36.0
Total Victoria	80,787	36.8	68,296	36.9	58,873	36.8	12,491	18.3	9,423	16.0
Total Australia	219,355	100.0	185,039	100.0	159,850	100.0	34,316	18.5	25,189	15.8

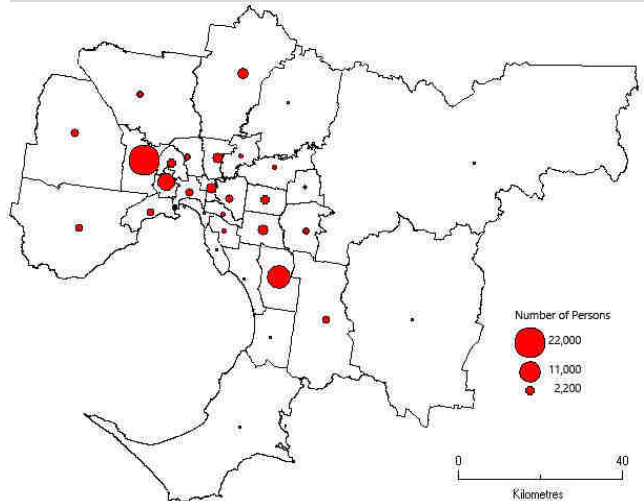
^(a) Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Brimbank (C)	21,705	26.9	17,998	26.4	1
Greater Dandenong (C)	13,286	16.4	11,737	17.2	2
Maribyrnong (C)	7,675	9.5	6,779	9.9	3
Whittlesea (C)	3,199	4.0	2,689	3.9	4
Monash (C)	2,808	3.5	2,431	3.6	6
Rest of Melbourne	30,345	37.6	25,372	37.2	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	1,791	2.2	1,301	1.9	-
Total Victoria	80,787	100.0	68,296	100.0	-

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

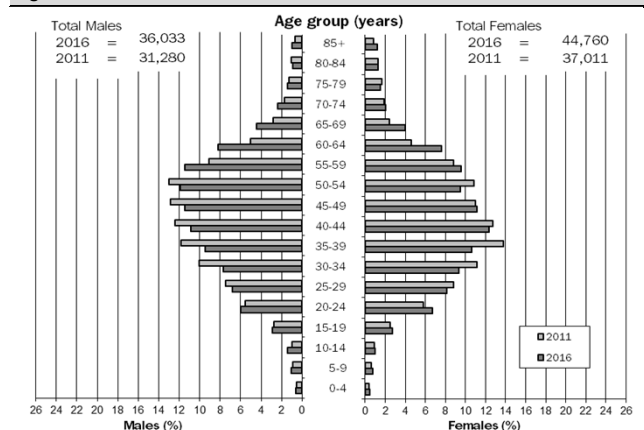
Distribution of Vietnam-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Vietnam-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	424	0.5	302	0.4	40.4
5-11	1,040	1.3	741	1.1	40.4
12-18	2,124	2.6	1,649	2.4	28.8
19-25	7,145	8.8	5,328	7.8	34.1
26-44	29,474	36.5	29,399	43.0	0.3
45-54	17,650	21.8	16,174	23.7	9.1
55-64	14,775	18.3	9,365	13.7	57.8
65-74	5,165	6.4	3,012	4.4	71.5
75+	2,990	3.7	2,321	3.4	28.8
Total Victoria	80,787	100.0	68,296	100.0	18.3
Median Age	45		43		
Sex Ratio	81		85 males per 100 females		

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Vietnam	64,620	59.8	49,899	61.8	29.5
Hong Kong	475	0.4	438	0.5	8.4
New Zealand	322	0.3	241	0.3	33.6
Malaysia	318	0.3	303	0.4	5.0
Cambodia	277	0.3	210	0.3	31.9
Australia	38,967	36.0	27,317	33.8	42.6
Other ^(a)	3,167	2.9	2,372	2.9	33.5
Total responses^(b)	108,142	100.0	80,780	100.0	33.9

^(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 Vietnam-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Vietnamese	67,090	83.0	55,039	80.6	21.9
Cantonese	8,646	10.7	9,502	13.9	-9.0
Mandarin	767	0.9	494	0.7	55.3
Min Nan	431	0.5	431	0.6	-
Chinese, nfd	105	0.1	87	0.1	20.7
Other languages ^(a)	356	0.4	305	0.4	16.7
English only	2,680	3.3	1,795	2.6	49.3
Not stated	691	0.9	643	0.9	7.5
Total Victoria	80,787	100.0	68,296	100.0	18.3

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Buddhism	38,050	47.1	38,437	56.3	-1.0
Catholic	15,835	19.6	14,435	21.1	9.7
Baptist	731	0.9	913	1.3	-19.9
Christian, nfd	579	0.7	353	0.5	64.0
Other Protestant	248	0.3	218	0.3	13.8
Other religions	1,401	1.7	1,440	2.1	-2.7
No religion ^(b)	20,739	25.7	10,412	15.2	99.2
Not stated	3,215	4.0	2,088	3.1	54.0
Total Victoria	80,787	100.0	68,296	100.0	18.3

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Vietnam-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Vietnam-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	45,776	56.7	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	5,321	6.6	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	4,617	5.7	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	9,099	11.3	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	12,826	15.9	381,130	22.7
Not stated	3,150	3.9	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	80,787	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 Vietnam-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	2,680	3.3	1,795	2.6	49.3
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	17,011	21.1	14,412	21.1	18.0
Well	27,999	34.7	22,912	33.5	22.2
Not well	26,390	32.7	23,119	33.9	14.1
Not at all	5,718	7.1	5,203	7.6	9.9
Not stated ^(a)	987	1.2	859	1.3	14.9
Total Victoria	80,787	100.0	68,296	100.0	18.3

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	223	0.4	167	0.3	33.5
5-11	523	0.9	379	0.7	38.0
12-18	688	1.1	584	1.1	17.8
19-25	1,217	2.0	1,607	2.9	-24.3
26-44	20,969	34.6	23,868	43.1	-12.1
45-64	29,379	48.5	23,755	42.9	23.7
65-74	4,800	7.9	2,845	5.1	68.7
75+	2,818	4.6	2,153	3.9	30.9
Total	60,620	100.0	55,349	100.0	9.5
% of Vietnam-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					75.0%
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.3%

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Vietnam-born are lower than for total Victoria. Less of them (3.9%) have a postgraduate degree; 0.9% have a graduate diploma or graduate certificate; 16.5% have a bachelor degree; and 6.8% have a certificate, compared to Victoria (5.4%, 2.5%, 16.5% and 14.4%). More of them have school education only (52.3%) and no educational attainment (6.8%), compared to Victoria (38.7% and 1.0%).

The labour force participation rate of the Vietnam-born at 60.4% is similar to that of total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 11.7% is higher than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Vietnam-born are different from those for total Victoria. More of them (13.2%) are machinery operators & drivers and 19.2% are labourers, compared to 5.8% and 9.0% for Victoria. Less of them are managers (8.6%), professionals (15.9%) and clerical & administrative workers (9.3%), compared to 13.5%, 23.3% and 13.3% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns of the Vietnam-born are also different from those for total Victoria. More of them are employed in manufacturing (19.9%), accommodation & food services (9.6%) and arts, recreation & other services (7.7%), compared to Victoria (7.8%, 6.6% and 5.5%). Less of them are employed in construction (3.3%), professional, scientific, technical & administration (8.4%) and health care & social assistance (7.6%), compared to Victoria (8.3%, 11.4% and 12.5%).

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Vietnam-born is lower than total Victoria. More of the Vietnam-born receive nil income (16.0%), \$1-\$399 (28.0%) and \$400-\$799 (24.2%), compared to Victoria (9.7%, 20.1% and 23.1%). Less of them receive \$800-\$1,249 (15.8%), \$1,250-\$1,999 (8.7%) and \$2,000 or more (3.6%), compared to Victoria (16.7%, 13.6% and 7.5%).

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Vietnam-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	3,104	3.9	1,637	2.4	1,467	89.6	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	701	0.9	478	0.7	223	46.7	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	12,956	16.5	9,791	14.6	3,165	32.3	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	5,551	7.1	4,062	6.1	1,489	36.7	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	5,347	6.8	3,608	5.4	1,739	48.2	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	41,172	52.3	37,299	55.8	3,873	10.4	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	5,386	6.8	4,607	6.9	779	16.9	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	4,484	5.7	5,362	8.0	-878	-16.4	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	78,711	100.0	66,845	100.0	11,866	17.8	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, Vietnam-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Vietnam-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>	47,503	58.8	39,922	58.5	7,581	19.0	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	41,958	51.9	35,331	51.7	6,627	18.8	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	5,545	6.9	4,591	6.7	954	20.8	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	30,333	37.5	25,676	37.6	4,657	18.1	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	879	1.1	1,249	1.8	-370	-29.6	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	2,078	2.6	1,446	2.1	632	43.7	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	80,787	100.0	68,296	100.0	12,491	18.3	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	60.4%		59.7%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	11.7%		11.5%				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, Vietnam-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Vietnam-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	3,599	8.6	2,873	8.1	726	25.3	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	6,669	15.9	5,581	15.8	1,088	19.5	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	5,243	12.5	4,799	13.6	444	9.3	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	4,383	10.4	2,732	7.7	1,651	60.4	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	3,907	9.3	3,378	9.6	529	15.7	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	3,356	8.0	2,415	6.8	941	39.0	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	5,518	13.2	5,518	15.6	-	-	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	8,064	19.2	6,645	18.8	1,419	21.4	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	1,213	2.9	1,391	3.9	-178	-12.8	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	41,958	100.0	35,331	100.0	6,627	18.8	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, Vietnam-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Vietnam-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	876	2.1	505	1.4	371	73.5	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	8,337	19.9	10,757	30.4	-2,420	-22.5	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	221	0.5	202	0.6	19	9.4	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	1,382	3.3	1,017	2.9	365	35.9	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	5,705	13.6	5,408	15.3	297	5.5	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	4,033	9.6	2,731	7.7	1,302	47.7	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	2,277	5.4	1,772	5.0	505	28.5	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	603	1.4	549	1.6	54	9.8	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	1,542	3.7	1,531	4.3	11	0.7	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	488	1.2	304	0.9	184	60.5	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	3,520	8.4	2,631	7.4	889	33.8	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	945	2.3	806	2.3	139	17.2	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	1,661	4.0	1,119	3.2	542	48.4	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	3,176	7.6	2,449	6.9	727	29.7	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	3,242	7.7	2,050	5.8	1,192	58.1	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	3,937	9.4	1,497	4.2	2,440	163.0	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	41,958	100.0	35,331	100.0	6,627	18.8	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), Vietnam-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Vietnam-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	706	0.9	696	1.0	10	1.4	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	12,557	16.0	8,989	13.4	3,568	39.7	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	22,032	28.0	23,696	35.4	-1,664	-7.0	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	19,009	24.2	15,152	22.7	3,857	25.5	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	12,447	15.8	9,574	14.3	2,873	30.0	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	6,852	8.7	4,690	7.0	2,162	46.1	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	2,801	3.6	1,657	2.5	1,144	69.0	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	2,309	2.9	2,390	3.6	-81	-3.4	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	78,711	100.0	66,845	100.0	11,866	17.8	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*.