

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 15,615 Ireland-born persons in Victoria (20.9% of Australia’s total), ranked 28th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Ireland-born increased by 7% (1,027) from 14,588 persons in 2011. They are well distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the LGAs of Port Phillip (7.6%), Glen Eira (4.2%), Kingston (4.1%), Mornington Peninsula (4.1%) and Stonnington (4.0%). A significant proportion live in regional Victoria (15.8%).

The Ireland-born reflected an adult, mature and ageing population profile: 10.5% were aged 25 years and below; 40.8% were aged 26-44 years; 25.2% were aged 45-64 years; and 23.5% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 44 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 109 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 597,249 persons identified with Irish ancestry. Most of them were born in Australia (87.9%), England (2.8%) and Ireland (2.5%). Almost half (47.5%) of the Ireland-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 4.2% arrived in 1996-2000; 6.3% arrived in 2001-2005; 15.3% arrived in 2006-2010; and 24.1% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most (94.0%) of the Ireland-born speak English only. Small numbers speak Gaelic and Malayalam. Two-thirds (67.9%) of the Ireland-born are Catholic, 2.8% are Anglican and 1.2% are Anglican/Reform; 19.8% have no religion. Over half (51.8%) of the Ireland-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born population 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)	13,329	17.8	12,348	18.3	9,652	19.2	981	7.9	2,696	27.9
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	2,288	3.1	2,238	3.3	1,851	3.7	50	2.2	387	20.9
Total Victoria	15,615	20.9	14,588	21.7	11,505	22.9	1,027	7.0	3,083	26.8
Total Australia	74,888	100.0	67,318	100.0	50,256	100.0	7,570	11.2	17,062	34.0

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

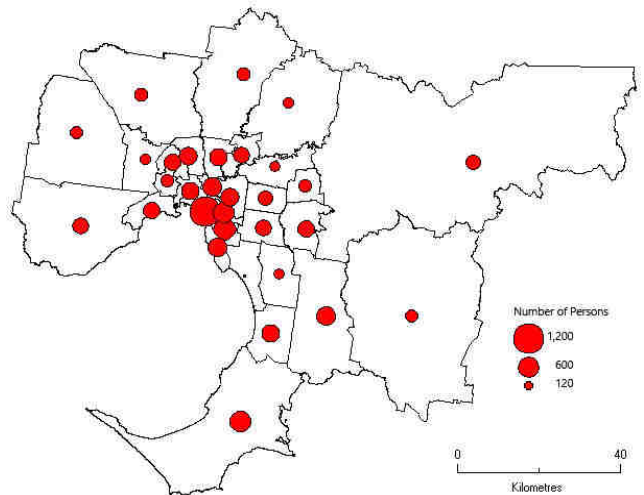
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Port Phillip (C)	1,182	7.6	1,262	8.7	1
Glen Eira (C)	661	4.2	467	3.2	11
Kingston (C)	648	4.1	575	3.9	3
Mornington Pen (S)	643	4.1	602	4.1	2
Stonnington (C)	628	4.0	508	3.5	6
Rest of Melbourne	9,381	60.1	8,804	60.4	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	2,463	15.8	2,396	16.4	-
Total Victoria	15,615	100.0	14,588	100.0	-

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

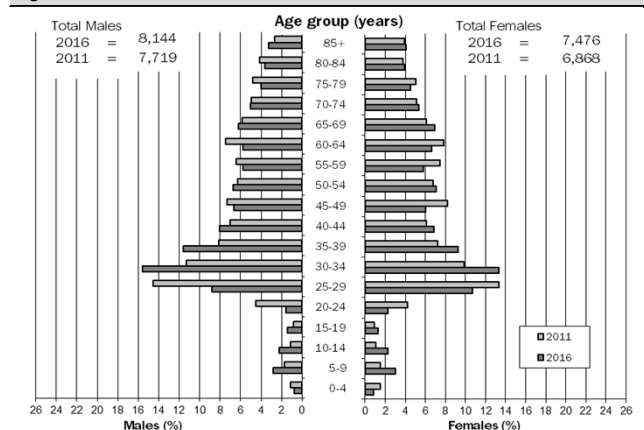
Distribution of Ireland-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Ireland-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	122	0.8	190	1.3	-35.8
5-11	601	3.8	316	2.2	90.2
12-18	379	2.4	179	1.2	111.7
19-25	540	3.5	1,031	7.1	-47.6
26-44	6,371	40.8	5,298	36.3	20.3
45-54	2,066	13.2	2,078	14.2	-0.6
55-64	1,871	12.0	2,131	14.6	-12.2
65-74	1,838	11.8	1,607	11.0	14.4
75+	1,824	11.7	1,766	12.1	3.3
Total Victoria	15,615	100.0	14,588	100.0	7.0
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>44</i>		<i>46</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>109</i>		<i>112</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
England	16,887	2.8	13,329	2.6	26.7
Ireland	14,970	2.5	14,100	2.7	6.2
New Zealand	12,455	2.1	9,878	1.9	26.1
Northern Ireland	5,177	0.9	5,311	1.0	-2.5
USA	3,274	0.5	2,360	0.5	38.7
Australia	524,781	87.9	462,292	88.6	13.5
Other ^(a)	19,667	3.3	14,755	2.8	33.3
Total responses^(b)	597,249	100.0	522,025	100.0	14.4

^(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 Ireland-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Irish	308	2.0	291	2.0	5.8
Gaelic (Scotland)	131	0.8	97	0.7	35.1
Malayalam	129	0.8	18	0.1	616.7
French	53	0.3	33	0.2	60.6
Italian	18	0.1	16	0.1	12.5
Other languages ^(a)	140	0.9	121	0.8	15.7
English only	14,685	94.0	13,879	95.1	5.8
Not stated	123	0.8	133	0.9	-7.5
Total Victoria	15,615	100.0	14,588	100.0	7.0

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Catholic	10,607	67.9	10,625	72.8	-0.2
Anglican	438	2.8	590	4.0	-25.8
Presbyterian/Reform	180	1.2	267	1.8	-32.6
Christian, nfd	174	1.1	160	1.1	8.8
Uniting Church	109	0.7	141	1.0	-22.7
Other religions	505	3.2	539	3.7	-6.3
No religion ^(b)	3,094	19.8	1,798	12.3	72.1
Not stated	510	3.3	468	3.2	9.0
Total Victoria	15,615	100.0	14,588	100.0	7.0

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Ireland-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Ireland-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	7,420	47.5	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	653	4.2	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	987	6.3	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	2,391	15.3	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	3,760	24.1	381,130	22.7
Not stated	407	2.6	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	15,615	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 Ireland-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	14,685	94.0	13,879	95.1	5.8
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	747	4.8	554	3.8	34.8
Well	71	0.5	31	0.2	129.0
Not well	23	0.1	26	0.2	-11.5
Not at all	10	0.1	10	0.1	-
Not stated ^(a)	77	0.5	89	0.6	-13.5
Total Victoria	15,615	100.0	14,588	100.0	7.0

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	28	0.3	77	1.1	-63.6
5-11	286	3.5	172	2.4	66.3
12-18	236	2.9	101	1.4	133.7
19-25	137	1.7	159	2.2	-13.8
26-44	2,259	27.9	1,668	23.1	35.4
45-64	2,590	32.0	2,786	38.5	-7.0
65-74	1,277	15.8	1,096	15.2	16.5
75+	1,272	15.7	1,185	16.4	7.3
Total	8,090	100.0	7,234	100.0	11.8

% of Ireland-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 51.8%

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

Economic characteristics

The educational levels of the Ireland-born are higher than for total Victoria: 8.6% have a postgraduate degree, 23.9% have a bachelor degree and 27.2% have an advanced diploma or diploma or certificate, compared to 5.4%, 16.5% and 23.6% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Ireland-born at 69.8% is higher than total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 3.0% is lower than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Ireland-born are different from those for total Victoria. More of them (15.9%) work as managers, 33.3% are professionals and 16.8% are technicians and trades workers, compared to 13.5%, 23.3% and 13.1% for Victoria. Less of the Ireland-born work as community and personal service workers (7.2%), sales workers (4.6%) and labourers (5.8%), compared to Victoria (10.6%, 9.7% and 9.0%).

The industry of employment patterns of the Ireland-born are also different from total Victoria. More of the Ireland-born are employed in construction (16.6%), professional, scientific, technical and administration (14.0%) and healthcare and social assistance (16.0%), compared to 8.3%, 11.4% and 12.5% for Victoria. Less of them are employed in manufacturing (5.7%), wholesale and retail trade (7.2%) and accommodation and food services (3.7%), compared to 7.8%, 13.4% and 6.6% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern of the Ireland-born is higher than total Victoria: 18.6% receive \$800-\$1,249, 24.4% receive \$1,250-\$1,999 and 15.1% receive \$2,000 or more, compared to 16.7%, 13.6% and 7.5% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Ireland-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	1,263	8.6	877	6.3	386	44.0	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	496	3.4	380	2.7	116	30.5	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	3,517	23.9	2,974	21.2	543	18.3	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	1,489	10.1	1,391	9.9	98	7.0	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	2,505	17.1	2,359	16.9	146	6.2	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	4,129	28.1	4,415	31.5	-286	-6.5	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	22	0.1	37	0.3	-15	-40.5	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	1,269	8.6	1,557	11.1	-288	-18.5	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	14,690	100.0	13,999	100.0	691	4.9	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, Ireland-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Ireland-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>	10,246	65.6	9,539	65.4	707	7.4	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	9,936	63.6	9,225	63.2	711	7.7	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	310	2.0	314	2.2	-4	-1.3	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	4,290	27.5	4,213	28.9	77	1.8	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	152	1.0	251	1.7	-99	-39.4	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	931	6.0	589	4.0	342	58.1	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	15,615	100.0	14,588	100.0	1,027	7.0	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	69.8%		68.1%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	3.0%		3.3%				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, Ireland-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Ireland-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	1,582	15.9	1,237	13.4	345	27.9	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	3,309	33.3	2,925	31.7	384	13.1	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	1,671	16.8	1,579	17.1	92	5.8	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	720	7.2	647	7.0	73	11.3	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	1,167	11.7	1,204	13.1	-37	-3.1	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	457	4.6	476	5.2	-19	-4.0	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	314	3.2	353	3.8	-39	-11.0	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	576	5.8	640	6.9	-64	-10.0	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	138	1.4	156	1.7	-18	-11.5	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	9,936	100.0	9,225	100.0	711	7.7	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, Ireland-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Ireland-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	129	1.3	153	1.7	-24	-15.7	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	571	5.7	775	8.4	-204	-26.3	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	124	1.2	122	1.3	2	1.6	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	1,646	16.6	1,509	16.4	137	9.1	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	720	7.2	790	8.6	-70	-8.9	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	370	3.7	340	3.7	30	8.8	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	246	2.5	251	2.7	-5	-2.0	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	204	2.1	179	1.9	25	14.0	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	517	5.2	510	5.5	7	1.4	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	127	1.3	111	1.2	16	14.4	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	1,391	14.0	1,321	14.3	70	5.3	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	514	5.2	465	5.0	49	10.5	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	833	8.4	649	7.0	184	28.4	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	1,586	16.0	1,404	15.2	182	13.0	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	545	5.5	436	4.7	109	25.0	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	410	4.1	194	2.1	216	111.3	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	9,936	100.0	9,225	100.0	711	7.7	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), Ireland-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Ireland-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	63	0.4	52	0.4	11	21.2	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	765	5.2	684	4.9	81	11.8	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	1,901	12.9	3,038	21.7	-1,137	-37.4	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	2,872	19.6	2,686	19.2	186	6.9	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	2,731	18.6	2,996	21.4	-265	-8.8	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	3,583	24.4	2,623	18.7	960	36.6	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	2,222	15.1	1,344	9.6	878	65.3	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	547	3.7	573	4.1	-26	-4.5	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	14,690	100.0	13,999	100.0	691	4.9	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*.