

The United States of America-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (17)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 19,695 USA-born persons in Victoria (22.9% of Australia's total), ranked 17th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The USA-born increased by 16.9% (2,850) from 16,845 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the LGAs of Port Phillip (5.6%), Melbourne (5.5%), Boroondara (5.5%), Glen Eira (5.0%) and Bayside (4.4%).

The USA-born reflected a young to balanced age profile: 29.6% were aged 25 years and under; 33.7% were aged 26-44; 26.1% were aged 45-64; and 10.6% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 36 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 93 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 14,741 persons identified with American ancestry. Most (52.8%) of them were born in Australia; 37.3% were born in the USA. One-third (31.7%) of the USA-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 8.4% arrived in 1996-2000; 11.7% arrived in 2001-2005; 15.7% arrived in 2006-2010; and 29.0% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most of the USA-born speak English only (88.1%); 16.9% are Catholic; 4.8% are Christian not further defined; 4.7% are Jewish; 4.4% are Anglican; and 3.7% are Baptist; 42.0% have no religion. Over half (53.5%) of the USA-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

United States of America-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)	16,765	19.5	14,353	18.6	11,243	18.2	2,412	16.8	3,110	27.7
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	2,932	3.4	2,495	3.2	2,091	3.4	437	17.5	404	19.3
Total Victoria	19,695	22.9	16,845	21.9	13,341	21.6	2,850	16.9	3,504	26.3
Total Australia	86,125	100.0	77,009	100.0	61,721	100.0	9,116	11.8	15,288	24.8

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

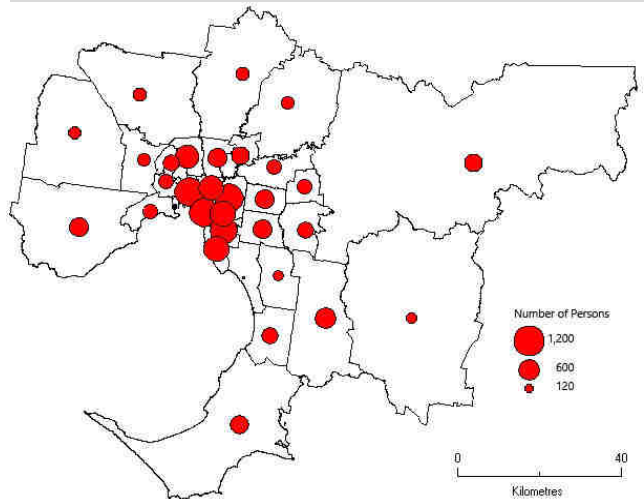
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

Distribution of United States of America-born, Top 5 LGAs: 2016 Census

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Port Phillip (C)	1,106	5.6	1,032	6.1	2
Melbourne (C)	1,090	5.5	832	4.9	5
Boroondara (C)	1,080	5.5	1,072	6.4	1
Glen Eira (C)	978	5.0	859	5.1	3
Bayside (C)	866	4.4	844	5.0	4
Rest of Melbourne	11,486	58.3	9,549	56.7	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	3,099	15.7	2,649	15.7	-
Total Victoria	19,695	100.0	16,845	100.0	-

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

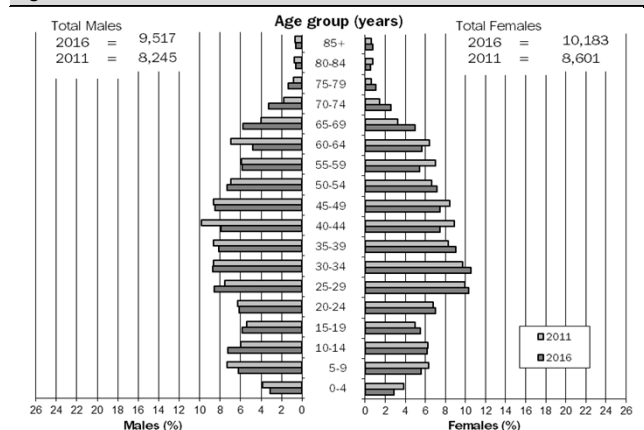
Distribution of United States of America-born in Metro Melb, 2016



Age Distribution of United States of America-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	592	3.0	648	3.8	-8.6
5-11	1,667	8.5	1,645	9.8	1.3
12-18	1,726	8.8	1,220	7.2	41.5
19-25	1,840	9.3	1,547	9.2	18.9
26-44	6,634	33.7	5,736	34.1	15.7
45-54	2,990	15.2	2,585	15.3	15.7
55-64	2,151	10.9	2,209	13.1	-2.6
65-74	1,620	8.2	874	5.2	85.4
75+	479	2.4	369	2.2	29.8
Total Victoria	19,695	100.0	16,845	100.0	16.9
<i>Median Age</i>	36		37		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	93		96		<i>males per 100 females</i>

Age and Gender Distribution of USA-born, Vic, 2016



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
USA	5,503	37.3	5,557	40.7	-1.0
England	222	1.5	197	1.4	12.7
New Zealand	175	1.2	127	0.9	37.8
Philippines	147	1.0	66	0.5	122.7
Canada	78	0.5	70	0.5	11.4
Australia	7,781	52.8	7,025	51.4	10.8
Other ^(a)	784	5.3	620	4.5	26.5
Total responses^(b)	14,741	100.0	13,662	100.0	7.9

^(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 United States of America-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Spanish	318	1.6	198	1.2	60.6
Mandarin	232	1.2	128	0.8	81.3
French	118	0.6	116	0.7	1.7
Arabic	110	0.6	101	0.6	8.9
Italian	104	0.5	84	0.5	23.8
Other languages ^(a)	1,346	6.8	1,050	6.2	28.2
English only	17,357	88.1	15,120	89.8	14.8
Not stated	87	0.4	48	0.3	81.3
Total Victoria	19,695	100.0	16,845	100.0	16.9

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

Top 5 Religious affiliation, United States of America-born: 2016, 2011

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Catholic	3,334	16.9	3,219	19.1	3.6
Christian, nfd	943	4.8	763	4.5	23.6
Judaism	926	4.7	942	5.6	-1.7
Anglican	872	4.4	995	5.9	-12.4
Baptist	733	3.7	828	4.9	-11.5
Other religions	3,641	18.5	3,816	22.7	-4.6
No religion ^(b)	8,280	42.0	5,399	32.1	53.4
Not stated	983	5.0	883	5.2	11.3
Total Victoria	19,695	100.0	16,845	100.0	16.9

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of United States of America-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	United States of America-		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	6,249	31.7	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	1,663	8.4	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	2,303	11.7	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	3,098	15.7	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	5,705	29.0	381,130	22.7
Not stated	676	3.4	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	19,695	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 United States of America-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	17,357	88.1	15,120	89.8	14.8
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	1,940	9.9	1,430	8.5	35.7
Well	221	1.1	157	0.9	40.8
Not well	71	0.4	68	0.4	4.4
Not at all	41	0.2	28	0.2	46.4
Not stated ^(a)	69	0.4	44	0.3	56.8
Total Victoria	19,695	100.0	16,845	100.0	16.9

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	352	3.3	399	4.5	-11.8
5-11	1,105	10.4	1,096	12.4	0.8
12-18	1,324	12.5	866	9.8	52.9
19-25	951	9.0	793	8.9	19.9
26-44	2,558	24.2	2,284	25.8	12.0
45-64	2,947	27.9	2,692	30.4	9.5
65-74	1,055	10.0	534	6.0	97.6
75+	288	2.7	204	2.3	41.2
Total	10,575	100.0	8,866	100.0	19.3

% of United States of America-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 53.7%

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

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the USA-born are higher than for total Victoria. More of them (19.8%) have a postgraduate degree; 3.1% have a graduate diploma or graduate certificate; and 33.8% have a bachelor degree, compared to Victoria (5.4%, 2.5% and 16.5%). Less of them have a certificate (5.8%) and school education only (25.6%), compared to Victoria (14.4% and 38.7%).

The labour force participation rate of the USA-born at 71.1% is higher than that of total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 7.0% is slightly higher than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the USA-born are different from those for total Victoria. More of them work as managers (16.4%) and professionals (41.0%), compared to 13.5% and 23.3% for Victoria. Less of them are technicians and trades workers (5.8%), machinery operators & drivers (2.1%) and labourers (3.8%), compared to 13.1%, 5.8% and 9.0% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns of the USA-born are also different from those for total Victoria. Less of them are employed in manufacturing (4.9%), construction (3.0%) and wholesale & retail trade (10.9%), compared to 7.8%, 8.3% and 13.4% for Victoria. More of them are employed in professional, scientific, technical & administrative (18.1%) and education & training (16.6%), compared to 11.4% and 8.6% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the USA-born is different from total Victoria. More of them receive nil income (12.7%), \$1,250-\$1,999 (18.5%) and \$2,000 or more (15.5%), compared to Victoria (9.7%, 13.6% and 7.5%). Less of them receive \$1-\$399 (15.2%) and \$400-\$799 (18.7%), compared to Victoria (20.1% and 23.1%).

Highest level of educational attainment, United States of America-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	United States of America-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	3,298	19.8	2,530	18.0	768	30.4	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	523	3.1	447	3.2	76	17.0	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	5,618	33.8	4,784	34.1	834	17.4	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	1,131	6.8	1,026	7.3	105	10.2	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	971	5.8	782	5.6	189	24.2	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	4,261	25.6	3,676	26.2	585	15.9	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	13	0.1	13	0.1	-	-	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	817	4.9	771	5.5	46	6.0	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	16,633	100.0	14,020	100.0	2,613	18.6	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, United States of America-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	United States of America-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>	11,823	60.0	10,074	59.8	1,749	17.4	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	10,993	55.8	9,463	56.2	1,530	16.2	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	830	4.2	611	3.6	219	35.8	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	4,727	24.0	3,870	23.0	857	22.1	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	86	0.4	66	0.4	20	30.3	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	3,062	15.5	2,830	16.8	232	8.2	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	19,695	100.0	16,845	100.0	2,850	16.9	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	71.1%		71.9%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	7.0%		6.1%				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, United States of America-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	United States of America-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	1,799	16.4	1,444	15.3	355	24.6	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	4,505	41.0	3,978	42.0	527	13.2	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	638	5.8	610	6.4	28	4.6	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	1,106	10.1	765	8.1	341	44.6	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	1,303	11.9	1,210	12.8	93	7.7	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	836	7.6	723	7.6	113	15.6	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	227	2.1	187	2.0	40	21.4	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	414	3.8	344	3.6	70	20.3	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	163	1.5	198	2.1	-35	-17.7	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	10,993	100.0	9,463	100.0	1,530	16.2	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, United States of America-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	United States of America-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	143	1.3	140	1.5	3	2.1	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	541	4.9	594	6.3	-53	-8.9	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	109	1.0	92	1.0	17	18.5	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	331	3.0	325	3.4	6	1.8	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	1,202	10.9	1,112	11.8	90	8.1	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	627	5.7	467	4.9	160	34.3	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	310	2.8	231	2.4	79	34.2	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	318	2.9	296	3.1	22	7.4	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	492	4.5	462	4.9	30	6.5	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	130	1.2	143	1.5	-13	-9.1	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	1,988	18.1	1,771	18.7	217	12.3	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	550	5.0	471	5.0	79	16.8	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	1,821	16.6	1,523	16.1	298	19.6	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	1,307	11.9	1,051	11.1	256	24.4	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	671	6.1	607	6.4	64	10.5	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	448	4.1	190	2.0	258	135.8	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	10,993	100.0	9,463	100.0	1,530	16.2	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), United States of America-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	United States of America-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	69	0.4	96	0.7	-27	-28.1	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	2,113	12.7	1,622	11.6	491	30.3	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	2,522	15.2	2,713	19.4	-191	-7.0	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	3,104	18.7	2,553	18.2	551	21.6	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	2,839	17.1	2,487	17.7	352	14.2	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	3,069	18.5	2,348	16.7	721	30.7	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	2,580	15.5	1,933	13.8	647	33.5	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	338	2.0	268	1.9	70	26.1	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	16,633	100.0	14,020	100.0	2,613	18.6	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*.