

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 4,010 Argentina-born persons in Victoria (30.0% of Australia’s total), ranked 63rd among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Argentina-born increased by 10.2% (370) from 3,640 persons in 2011. They are well distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with slight concentrations in the LGAs of Casey (8.2%), Brimbank (7.7%), Greater Dandenong (4.8%), Moreland (4.4%) and Melton (4.4%).

The Argentina-born reflected a mature to ageing profile: 7.3% were aged 25 years and below; 34.5% were aged 26-44 years; 35.8% were aged 45-64 years; and 22.4% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 48 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 3,805 persons identified with Argentinian ancestry. Most were born in Australia (54.4%) and Argentina (40.5%), with small numbers born in the USA, Israel and England. Most (69.2%) of the Argentina-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 2.6% arrived in 1996-2000; 7.2% arrived in 2001-2005; 5.8% arrived in 2006-2010; and 13.1% arrived in 2011-2016.

The Argentina-born speak mainly Spanish (73.5%) and Italian (4.4%) at home. More than half (58.7%) of the Argentina-born are Catholic and small numbers follow a variety of Christian faiths; 22.2% have no religion. Four-fifths (79.2%) 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)	3,780	28.3	3,472	29.0	3,339	29.4	308	8.9	133	4.0
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	224	1.7	173	1.4	161	1.4	51	29.5	12	7.5
Total Victoria	4,010	30.0	3,640	30.4	3,502	30.8	370	10.2	138	3.9
Total Australia	13,345	100.0	11,985	100.0	11,368	100.0	1,360	11.3	617	5.4

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

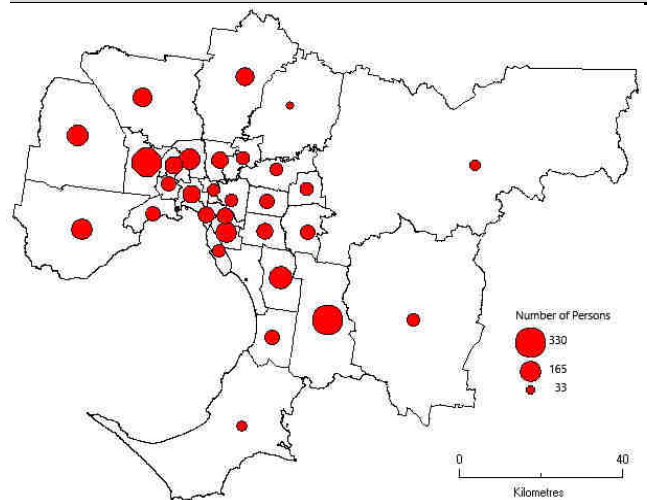
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Casey (C)	330	8.2	357	9.8	1
Brimbank (C)	310	7.7	336	9.2	2
Gter Dandenong (C)	193	4.8	204	5.6	3
Moreland (C)	177	4.4	151	4.1	7
Melton (C)	176	4.4	150	4.1	8
Rest of Melbourne	2,558	63.8	2,231	61.3	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	247	6.2	184	5.1	-
Total Victoria	4,010	100.0	3,640	100.0	-

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

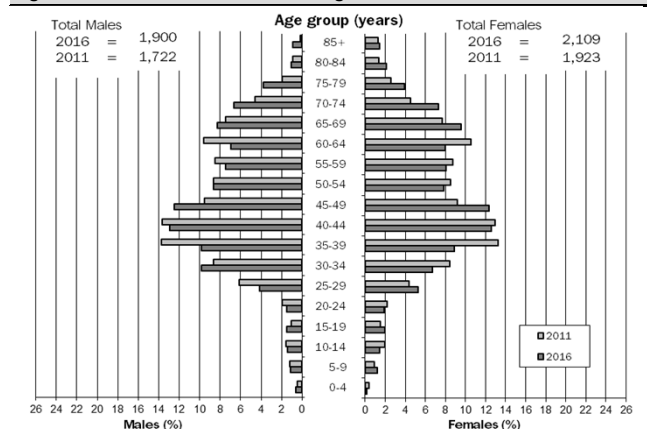
Distribution of Argentina-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Argentina-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	17	0.4	9	0.2	88.9
5-11	67	1.7	79	2.2	-15.2
12-18	105	2.6	64	1.8	64.1
19-25	106	2.6	107	2.9	-0.9
26-44	1,384	34.5	1,452	39.9	-4.7
45-54	814	20.3	660	18.1	23.3
55-64	620	15.5	679	18.7	-8.7
65-74	638	15.9	446	12.3	43.0
75+	261	6.5	146	4.0	78.8
Total Victoria	4,010	100.0	3,640	100.0	10.2
<i>Median Age</i>	48		46		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	90		90		<i>males per 100 females</i>

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Argentina	1,541	40.5	1,461	46.9	5.5
USA	21	0.6	7	0.2	200.0
Israel	16	0.4	11	0.4	45.5
England	15	0.4	11	0.4	36.4
Chile	13	0.3	3	0.1	333.3
Australia	2,070	54.4	1,530	49.1	35.3
Other ^(a)	114	3.0	95	3.0	20.0
Total responses^(b)	3,805	100.0	3,118	100.0	22.0

^(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 the Argentina-born.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Spanish	2,946	73.5	2,650	72.8	11.2
Italian	178	4.4	230	6.3	-22.6
Mandarin	27	0.7	5	0.1	440.0
Portuguese	13	0.3	3	0.1	333.3
Hebrew	11	0.3	13	0.4	-15.4
Other languages ^(a)	50	1.2	39	1.1	28.2
English only	758	18.9	680	18.7	11.5
Not stated	20	0.5	20	0.5	-
Total Victoria	4,010	100.0	3,640	100.0	10.2

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Catholic	2,354	58.7	2,347	64.5	0.3
Christian, nfd	117	2.9	101	2.8	15.8
Pentecostal	108	2.7	90	2.5	20.0
Judaism	101	2.5	113	3.1	-10.6
Baptist	54	1.3	50	1.4	8.0
Other religions	255	6.4	275	7.6	-7.3
No religion ^(b)	892	22.2	549	15.1	62.5
Not stated	132	3.3	115	3.2	14.8
Total Victoria	4,010	100.0	3,640	100.0	10.2

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Argentina-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Argentina-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	2,776	69.2	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	105	2.6	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	287	7.2	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	232	5.8	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	526	13.1	381,130	22.7
Not stated	73	1.8	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	4,010	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 Argentina-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	758	18.9	680	18.7	11.5
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	2,075	51.7	1,824	50.1	13.8
Well	867	21.6	831	22.8	4.3
Not well	250	6.2	253	7.0	-1.2
Not at all	24	0.6	26	0.7	-7.7
Not stated ^(a)	27	0.7	36	1.0	-25.0
Total Victoria	4,010	100.0	3,640	100.0	10.2

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	10	0.3	4	0.1	150.0
5-11	24	0.8	60	1.9	-60.0
12-18	81	2.6	53	1.7	52.8
19-25	68	2.1	88	2.8	-22.7
26-44	872	27.5	1,155	36.8	-24.5
45-64	1,291	40.7	1,222	39.0	5.6
65-74	578	18.2	421	13.4	37.3
75+	249	7.8	135	4.3	84.4
Total	3,175	100.0	3,137	100.0	1.2
% of Argentina-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					79.2%
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.3%

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Argentina-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria: 29.3% have a bachelor degree or higher and 34.1% have school education only, compared to 24.3% and 38.7% for total Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Argentina-born at 66.7% is higher than that for total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate is the same as for total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Argentina-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria: 13.2% are managers, 25.4% are professionals, 14.0% are technicians and trade workers, compared to 13.5%, 23.3% and 13.1% for Victoria. Less of the Argentina-born are sales workers (6.9%) and machinery operators and drivers (4.4%), compared to Victoria (9.7% and 5.8%).

The industry of employment patterns for the Argentina-born are also similar to those for total Victoria. More of the Argentina-born are employed in manufacturing (9.5%), professional, scientific, technical and administration (16.3%) and education and training (9.3%), compared with Victoria (7.8%, 11.4% and 8.6%). Less of them are in wholesale and retail trade (11.1%) and in healthcare and social assistance (11.5%), compared to 13.4% and 12.5% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Argentina-born is slightly higher than for total Victoria. More of them receive incomes of \$800 and above: 17.5% receive \$800-\$1,249 and 25.1% receive \$1,250 or more, compared to 16.7% and 21.1% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Argentina-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	253	6.5	165	4.7	88	53.3	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	121	3.1	84	2.4	37	44.0	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	761	19.6	598	17.0	163	27.3	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	417	10.8	395	11.2	22	5.6	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	612	15.8	542	15.4	70	12.9	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	1,322	34.1	1,312	37.3	10	0.8	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	16	0.4	13	0.4	3	23.1	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	372	9.6	420	11.9	-48	-11.4	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	3,877	100.0	3,522	100.0	355	10.1	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, Argentina-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Argentina-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>	2,591	64.6	2,423	66.6	168	6.9	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	2,420	60.3	2,283	62.7	137	6.0	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	171	4.3	140	3.8	31	22.1	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	1,257	31.3	1,044	28.7	213	20.4	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
Not stated	35	0.9	57	1.6	-22	-38.6	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
Not applicable ^(b)	126	3.1	117	3.2	9	7.7	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	4,010	100.0	3,640	100.0	370	10.2	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	66.7%		68.8%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	6.6%		5.8%				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, Argentina-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Argentina-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	319	13.2	272	11.9	47	17.3	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	614	25.4	543	23.8	71	13.1	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	339	14.0	335	14.7	4	1.2	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	253	10.5	210	9.2	43	20.5	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	344	14.2	330	14.5	14	4.2	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	167	6.9	155	6.8	12	7.7	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	106	4.4	125	5.5	-19	-15.2	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	252	10.4	270	11.8	-18	-6.7	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	23	1.0	49	2.1	-26	-53.1	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	2,420	100.0	2,283	100.0	137	6.0	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, Argentina-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Argentina-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	28	1.2	22	1.0	6	27.3	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	231	9.5	316	13.8	-85	-26.9	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	24	1.0	16	0.7	8	50.0	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	196	8.1	197	8.6	-1	-0.5	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	268	11.1	285	12.5	-17	-6.0	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	129	5.3	70	3.1	59	84.3	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	112	4.6	104	4.6	8	7.7	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	53	2.2	40	1.8	13	32.5	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	81	3.3	87	3.8	-6	-6.9	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	38	1.6	29	1.3	9	31.0	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	394	16.3	374	16.4	20	5.3	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	118	4.9	112	4.9	6	5.4	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	224	9.3	186	8.1	38	20.4	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	278	11.5	267	11.7	11	4.1	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	137	5.7	119	5.2	18	15.1	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	115	4.8	50	2.2	65	130.0	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	2,420	100.0	2,283	100.0	137	6.0	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), Argentina-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Argentina-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	29	0.7	22	0.6	7	31.8	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	300	7.7	208	5.9	92	44.2	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	883	22.8	1,049	29.8	-166	-15.8	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	906	23.4	790	22.4	116	14.7	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	679	17.5	647	18.4	32	4.9	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	613	15.8	484	13.7	129	26.7	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	361	9.3	208	5.9	153	73.6	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	102	2.6	115	3.3	-13	-11.3	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	3,877	100.0	3,522	100.0	355	10.1	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*.