

The Bangladesh-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 43)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 7,829 Bangladesh-born persons in Victoria (19.0% of Australia's total), ranked 43rd among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Bangladesh-born increased by 53.1% (2,714) from 5,115 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the LGAs of Wyndham (20.2%), Monash (7.8%), Maribyrnong (7.3%), Greater Dandenong (7.1%) and Moreland (6.7%).

The Bangladesh-born reflected a young to mature age profile: 21.3% were aged 25 years and below; 62.3% were aged 26-44 years; 14.8% were aged 45-64 years; and 1.7% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 33 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 120 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for Victoria.

There were 7,557 persons identified with Bangladeshi ancestry. Most of them were born in Bangladesh (72.5%) and Australia (21.9%). Only 9.2% of the Bangladesh-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 6.7% arrived in 1996-2000; 19.8% arrived in 2001-2005; 27.0% arrived in 2006-2010; and 35.7% arrived in 2011-2016.

The majority of the Bangladesh-born speak Bengali (91.0%). Four-fifths (79.8%) of the Bangladesh-born follow Islam and 6.7% follow Hinduism. Over half (55.2%) have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Bangladesh-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)	7,402	17.9	4,813	17.3	2,789	17.3	2,589	53.8	2,024	72.6
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	421	1.0	301	1.1	220	1.4	120	39.9	81	36.8
Total Victoria	7,829	19.0	5,115	18.4	3,008	18.7	2,714	53.1	2,107	70.0
Total Australia	41,237	100.0	27,808	100.0	16,096	100.0	13,429	48.3	11,712	72.8

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

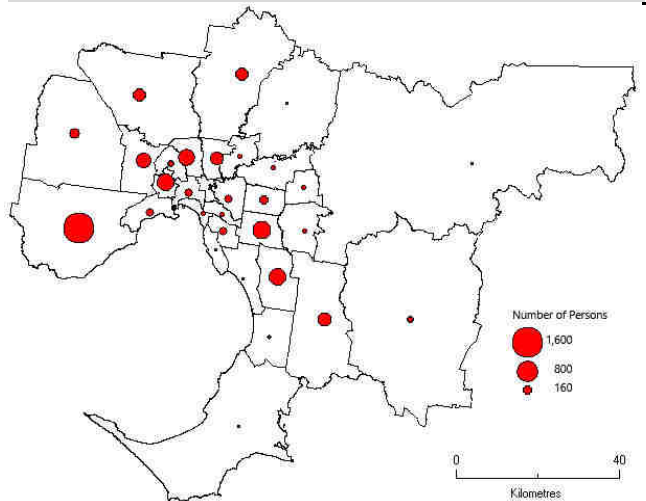
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Wyndham (C)	1,582	20.2	644	12.6	1
Monash (C)	613	7.8	447	8.7	3
Maribyrnong (C)	573	7.3	545	10.7	2
Gter Dandenong (C)	554	7.1	350	6.8	6
Moreland (C)	528	6.7	441	8.6	4
Rest of Melbourne	3,539	45.2	2,382	46.6	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	438	5.6	299	5.8	-
Total Victoria	7,829	100.0	5,115	100.0	-

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

Distribution of Bangladesh-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016

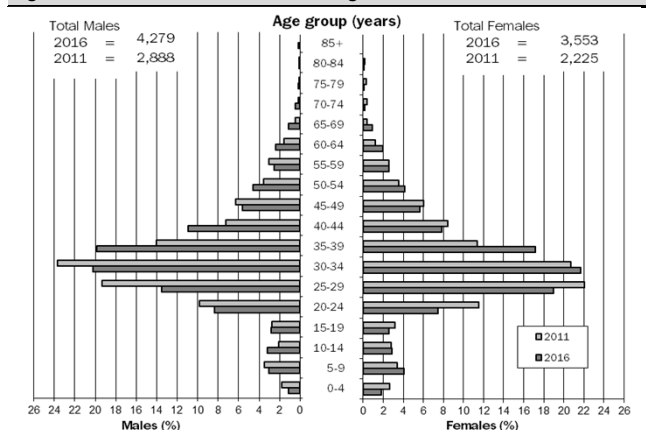


Age Distribution of Bangladesh-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	116	1.5	116	2.3	-
5-11	366	4.7	232	4.5	57.8
12-18	296	3.8	174	3.4	70.1
19-25	887	11.3	760	14.9	16.7
26-44	4,878	62.3	3,061	59.8	59.4
45-54	782	10.0	500	9.8	56.4
55-64	372	4.8	215	4.2	73.0
65-74	108	1.4	31	0.6	248.4
75+	24	0.3	21	0.4	14.3
^(d) The unemployment rate re	7,829	100.0	5,115	100.0	53.1

Median Age: 33 (2016) vs 31 (2011)
 Sex Ratio: 120 (2016) vs 130 males per 100 females (2011)

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Bangladesh	5,479	72.5	3,659	77.9	49.7
New Zealand	51	0.7	29	0.6	75.9
England	45	0.6	35	0.7	28.6
Saudi Arabia	26	0.3	8	0.2	225.0
UAE	25	0.3	4	0.1	525.0
Australia	1,652	21.9	796	16.9	107.5
Other ^(a)	268	3.5	169	3.6	58.6
Total responses^(b)	7,557	100.0	4,700	100.0	60.8

^(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 Bangladesh-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Bengali	7,128	91.0	4,677	91.4	52.4
Indo-Aryan, nec	32	0.4	20	0.4	60.0
Hindi	24	0.3	16	0.3	50.0
Urdu	20	0.3	13	0.3	53.8
Punjabi	9	0.1	-	-	-
Other languages ^(a)	52	0.7	33	0.6	57.6
English only	536	6.8	332	6.5	61.4
Not stated	20	0.3	24	0.5	-16.7
Total Victoria	7,829	100.0	5,115	100.0	53.1

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Islam	6,231	79.6	4,263	83.3	46.2
Hinduism	522	6.7	370	7.2	41.1
Catholic	124	1.6	102	2.0	21.6
Buddhism	96	1.2	48	0.9	100.0
Baptist	26	0.3	33	0.6	-21.2
Other religions	74	0.9	55	1.1	34.5
No religion ^(b)	357	4.6	137	2.7	160.6
Not stated	397	5.1	107	2.1	271.0
Total Victoria	7,829	100.0	5,115	100.0	53.1

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Bangladesh-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Bangladesh-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	722	9.2	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	527	6.7	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	1,547	19.8	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	2,112	27.0	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	2,795	35.7	381,130	22.7
Not stated	126	1.6	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	7,829	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 Bangladesh-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	536	6.8	332	6.5	61.4
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	4,516	57.7	2,801	54.8	61.2
Well	2,333	29.8	1,661	32.5	40.5
Not well	339	4.3	220	4.3	54.1
Not at all	58	0.7	45	0.9	28.9
Not stated ^(a)	50	0.6	54	1.1	-7.4
Total Victoria	7,829	100.0	5,115	100.0	53.1

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	22	0.5	17	0.6	29.4
5-11	161	3.7	99	3.7	62.6
12-18	202	4.7	103	3.9	96.1
19-25	175	4.0	184	6.9	-4.9
26-44	2,741	63.4	1,612	60.8	70.0
45-64	934	21.6	598	22.6	56.2
65-74	78	1.8	25	0.9	212.0
75+	11	0.3	14	0.5	-21.4
Total	4,322	100.0	2,651	100.0	63.0
% of Bangladesh-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					55.2%
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.3%

Economic characteristics

The educational levels of the Bangladesh-born are higher than for total Victoria: 32.4% have a postgraduate degree and 32.1% have a bachelor degree, compared to 5.4% and 16.5% for total Victoria; 18.7% have a school education only compared to 38.7% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Bangladesh-born at 74.6% is higher than total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 12.3% is also higher than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Bangladesh-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria, with some exceptions. More of the Bangladesh-born work as professionals (31.9%), community and personal service workers (13.0%) and labourers (12.0%), compared to Victoria (23.3%, 10.6% and 9.0%).

The industry of employment patterns for the Bangladesh-born vary slightly from those for total Victoria. More of the Bangladesh-born are employed in health care and social assistance (17.0%), professional, scientific, technical and administration (16.6%), education and training (11.4%) and accommodation and food services than Victoria (12.5%, 11.4%, 8.6% and 6.6%).

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Bangladesh-born is fairly similar to that for total Victoria, with some exceptions: 19.6% receive nil income and 16.3% receive \$1-\$399, compared to 9.7% and 20.1% for Victoria. One-fifth (19.2%) receive \$800-\$1,249 compared to 16.7% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Bangladesh-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Postgraduate Degree	2,332	32.4	1,477	31.4	855	57.9	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	169	2.3	110	2.3	59	53.6	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	2,309	32.1	1,406	29.9	903	64.2	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	595	8.3	445	9.5	150	33.7	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	199	2.8	170	3.6	29	17.1	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	1,345	18.7	887	18.9	458	51.6	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	12	0.2	10	0.2	2	20.0	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	234	3.3	196	4.2	38	19.4	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	7,198	100.0	4,703	100.0	2,495	53.1	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, Bangladesh-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Bangladesh-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
<i>In the labour force</i>	5,373	68.6	3,442	67.3	1,931	56.1	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	4,710	60.2	3,075	60.1	1,635	53.2	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	663	8.5	367	7.2	296	80.7	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	1,792	22.9	1,213	23.7	579	47.7	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	33	0.4	42	0.8	-9	-21.4	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	630	8.0	409	8.0	221	54.0	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	7,829	100.0	5,115	100.0	2,714	53.1	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	74.6%		73.1%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	12.3%		10.7%				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, Bangladesh-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Bangladesh-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	385	8.2	214	7.0	171	79.9	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	1,504	31.9	920	29.9	584	63.5	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	356	7.6	290	9.4	66	22.8	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	613	13.0	398	12.9	215	54.0	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	567	12.0	394	12.8	173	43.9	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	417	8.9	287	9.3	130	45.3	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	204	4.3	117	3.8	87	74.4	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	565	12.0	387	12.6	178	46.0	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	91	1.9	71	2.3	20	28.2	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	4,710	100.0	3,075	100.0	1,635	53.2	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, Bangladesh-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Bangladesh-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	18	0.4	15	0.5	3	20.0	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	224	4.8	243	7.9	-19	-7.8	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	59	1.3	44	1.4	15	34.1	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	71	1.5	43	1.4	28	65.1	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	600	12.7	407	13.2	193	47.4	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	450	9.6	358	11.6	92	25.7	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	224	4.8	131	4.3	93	71.0	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	154	3.3	104	3.4	50	48.1	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	221	4.7	165	5.4	56	33.9	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	46	1.0	18	0.6	28	155.6	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	781	16.6	486	15.8	295	60.7	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	223	4.7	141	4.6	82	58.2	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	536	11.4	316	10.3	220	69.6	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	802	17.0	450	14.6	352	78.2	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	113	2.4	89	2.9	24	27.0	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	180	3.8	76	2.5	104	136.8	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	4,710	100.0	3,075	100.0	1,635	53.2	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), Bangladesh-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Bangladesh-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	32	0.4	36	0.8	-4	-11.1	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	1,414	19.6	864	18.4	550	63.7	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	1,175	16.3	980	20.8	195	19.9	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	1,646	22.9	1,245	26.5	401	32.2	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	1,379	19.2	801	17.0	578	72.2	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	958	13.3	493	10.5	465	94.3	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	504	7.0	204	4.3	300	147.1	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	88	1.2	84	1.8	4	4.8	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	7,198	100.0	4,703	100.0	2,495	53.1	4,845,710	100.0	4,355,243	100.0	490,467	11.3

^(a)Applicable to persons aged 15 years and over.

^(d)The unemployment rate represents the number of unemployed persons expressed as a % of the labour force. 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*.