

**Demographic characteristics**

At the 2016 Census, there were 7,416 Chile-born persons in Victoria (28.4% of Australia's total), ranked 45<sup>th</sup> among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Chile-born increased by 4.5% (321) from 7,095 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with significant concentrations in the LGAs of Casey (13.9%), Brimbank (10.1%), Greater Dandenong (7.8%), Melton (7.0%) and Wyndham (5.9%).

The Chile-born reflected a mature to ageing profile: 5.0% were aged 25 years and below; 32.3% were aged 26-44 years; 38.9% were aged 45-64 years; and 23.9% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 50 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 89 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for Victoria.

There were 9,888 persons with Chilean ancestry. Most were born in Chile (49.8%) and Australia (46.3%). Over three-quarters (77.0%) of the Chile-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 2.9% arrived in 1996-2000; 2.9% arrived in 2001-2005; 4.2% arrived in 2006-2010; and 10.3% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most of the Chile-born speak Spanish (84.4%). Of those who speak a language other than English, 13.2% speak English not well or not at all. Over half (56.2%) of the Chile-born are Catholic, 5.5% are Christians not further defined; 21.9% have no religion. Nearly three-quarters (73.4%) 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 <sup>(a)</sup>	7,137	27.4	6,879	27.6	6,549	28.1	258	3.8	330	5.0
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	280	1.1	217	0.9	136	0.6	63	29.0	81	59.6
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>7,416</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>7,095</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>6,683</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>6.2</b>
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>26,086</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>24,936</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>23,304</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>1,632</b>	<b>7.0</b>

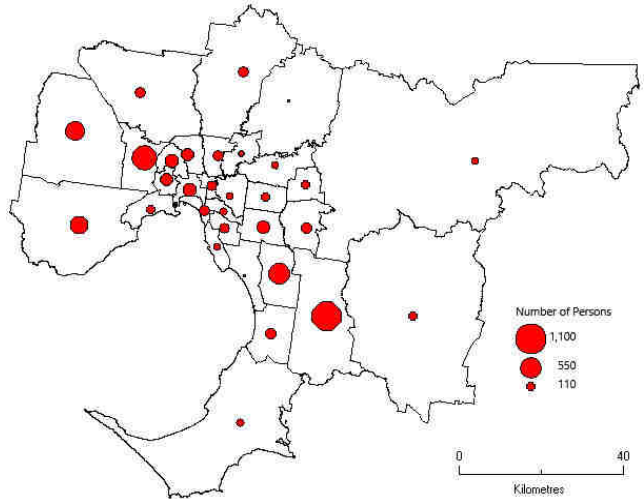
<sup>(a)</sup> Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.  
<sup>(b)</sup> Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

**Distribution of Chile-born, Top 5 LGAs: 2016 Census**

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Casey (C)	1,030	13.9	1,055	14.9	1
Brimbank (C)	752	10.1	807	11.4	2
Greater Dandenong (C)	575	7.8	664	9.4	3
Melton (C)	517	7.0	458	6.5	4
Wyndham (C)	434	5.9	429	6.0	5
Rest of Melbourne	3,799	51.2	3,442	48.5	-
Rest of Reg Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	296	4.0	219	3.1	-
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>7,416</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,095</b>	<b>100.0</b>	-

<sup>(a)</sup> Includes "Unincorporated Vic" and "No Usual Address Vic".

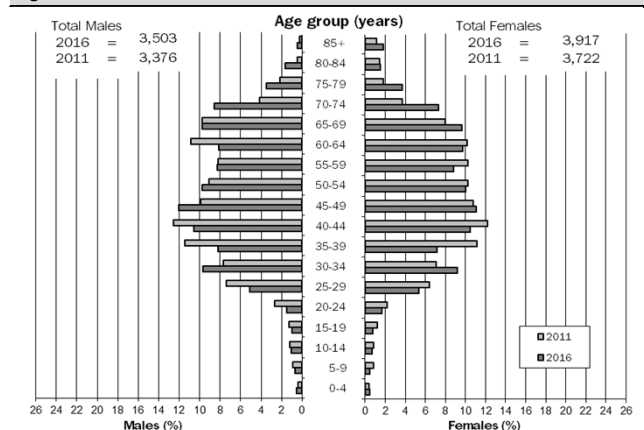
**Distribution of Chile-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016**



**Age Distribution of Chile-born: 2016, 2011 Census**

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	41	0.6	31	0.4	32.3
5-11	75	1.0	84	1.2	-10.7
12-18	80	1.1	110	1.6	-27.3
19-25	172	2.3	262	3.7	-34.4
26-44	2,394	32.3	2,624	37.0	-8.8
45-54	1,585	21.4	1,432	20.2	10.7
55-64	1,301	17.5	1,401	19.7	-7.1
65-74	1,304	17.6	903	12.7	44.4
75+	468	6.3	253	3.6	85.0
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>7,416</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,095</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4.5</b>
<i>Median Age</i>	50		47		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	89		91 males per 100 females		

**Age and Gender Distribution of Chile-born, Victoria, 2016**



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Chile	4,928	49.8	4,748	54.8	3.8
New Zealand	31	0.3	19	0.2	63.2
Argentina	31	0.3	17	0.2	82.4
England	18	0.2	10	0.1	80.0
USA	14	0.1	13	0.1	7.7
Australia	4,575	46.3	3,669	42.3	24.7
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	265	2.7	194	2.2	36.6
<b>Total responses<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>9,888</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,670</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14.0</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Includes all other countries, and birthplace not stated.

<sup>(b)</sup> 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 Chile-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Spanish	6,260	84.4	6,015	84.8	4.1
Italian	37	0.5	27	0.4	37.0
Hebrew	7	0.1	4	0.1	75.0
Portuguese	6	0.1	5	0.1	20.0
Mandarin	6	0.1	11	0.2	-45.5
Other languages <sup>(a)</sup>	28	0.4	49	0.7	-42.9
English only	1,042	14.1	947	13.3	10.0
Not stated	25	0.3	37	0.5	-32.4
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>7,416</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,095</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4.5</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Includes "Inadequately described" and "Non-verbal, so described".

**Top 5 Religious affiliation, Chile-born: 2016, 2011**

Religious affiliation <sup>(a)</sup>	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Catholic	4,168	56.2	4,541	64.0	-8.2
Christian, nfd	406	5.5	334	4.7	21.6
Pentecostal	211	2.8	235	3.3	-10.2
Baptist	166	2.2	192	2.7	-13.5
Jehovah's Witnesses	98	1.3	104	1.5	-5.8
Other religions	468	6.3	484	6.8	-3.3
No religion <sup>(b)</sup>	1,621	21.9	995	14.0	62.9
Not stated	271	3.7	210	3.0	29.0
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>7,416</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,095</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4.5</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Religion based on 3 digit level of classification.

<sup>(b)</sup> No Religion, so described.

**Year of Arrival of Chile-born: 2016**

Year of arrival <sup>(a)</sup>	Chile-born		Total OSB, Vic <sup>(c)</sup>	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	5,714	77.0	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	218	2.9	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	214	2.9	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	315	4.2	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 <sup>(b)</sup>	763	10.3	381,130	22.7
Not stated	190	2.6	58,517	3.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>7,416</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,680,256</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Records the year of arrival in Australia for people born overseas

who intend staying in Australia for at least one year.

<sup>(b)</sup> Arrivals up to 9 Aug 2016.

<sup>(c)</sup> OSB stands for Overseas-born.

**Proficiency in English of Chile-born: 2016, 2011**

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	1,042	14.1	947	13.3	10.0
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	3,120	42.1	2,891	40.7	7.9
Well	2,205	29.7	2,156	30.4	2.3
Not well	874	11.8	919	13.0	-4.9
Not at all	102	1.4	115	1.6	-11.3
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	75	1.0	68	1.0	10.3
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>7,416</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,095</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4.5</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Includes those who did not Distribution of Chile-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016

**Chile-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2016, 2011**

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	11	0.2	9	0.2	22.2
5-11	36	0.7	37	0.7	-2.7
12-18	56	1.0	57	1.1	-1.8
19-25	87	1.6	173	3.2	-49.7
26-44	1,397	25.7	1,857	34.5	-24.8
45-64	2,340	43.0	2,264	42.1	3.4
65-74	1,133	20.8	790	14.7	43.4
75+	388	7.1	201	3.7	93.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,441</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,382</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>

% of Chile-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 73.4%

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

## Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Chile-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria. The exception is that there are more of the Chile-born with advanced diploma and diploma and certificate education (32.1%) compared to Victoria (23.6%); and less with school education only (33.1%) compared with Victoria (38.7%).

The labour force participation rate of the Chile-born at 61.6% is similar to that for total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 7.7% is slightly higher than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Chile-born are fairly different from those for total Victoria. Less of them are managers (8.8%), professionals (19.3%) and sales workers (5.0%), compared to 13.5%, 23.3% and 9.7% for Victoria. More of them are community and personal service workers (14.7%), machinery operators and drivers (8.4%) and labourers (16.0%), compared to 10.6%, 5.8% and 9.0% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns for the Chile-born are slightly different from those for total Victoria. More of them are employed in manufacturing (10.9%), professional, scientific, technical and administration (16.4%) and healthcare and social assistance (17.0%), compared to Victoria (7.8%, 11.4% and 12.5%).

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Chile-born is different from that for total Victoria. More of them have moderate incomes: 25.4% receive \$1-\$399 and 46.1% receive \$400-\$1,249, compared to 20.1% and 39.8% for Victoria. Less of the Chile-born (17.0%) receive \$1,250 or more, compared to 21.1% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment <sup>(a)</sup>	Chile-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	335	4.6	199	2.9	136	68.3	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	164	2.3	116	1.7	48	41.4	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	1,179	16.2	932	13.4	247	26.5	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	969	13.3	793	11.4	176	22.2	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	1,377	18.9	1,338	19.3	39	2.9	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only <sup>(b)</sup>	2,406	33.1	2,618	37.8	-212	-8.1	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment <sup>(c)</sup>	41	0.6	38	0.5	3	7.9	1,000	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc <sup>(d)</sup>	808	11.1	894	12.9	-86	-9.6	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>7,276</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,931</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>4,845,710</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,355,243</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>490,467</b>	<b>11.3</b>

<sup>(a)</sup>This variable is applicable to persons aged 15 years and over.

<sup>(b)</sup>Includes persons who completed school to between Year 8 or below, and Year 12 level.

<sup>(c)</sup>Includes persons whose qualification is out of scope of this variable.

<sup>(d)</sup>Includes "Inadequately described".

### Labour force participation, Chile-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation <sup>(a)</sup>	Chile-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>	4,480	60.4	4,454	62.8	26	0.6	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	4,136	55.8	4,193	59.1	-57	-1.4	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	344	4.6	261	3.7	83	31.8	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	2,715	36.6	2,359	33.2	356	15.1	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	81	1.1	119	1.7	-38	-31.9	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> <sup>(b)</sup>	148	2.0	166	2.3	-18	-10.8	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>7,416</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,095</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>5,926,624</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,354,039</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>572,585</b>	<b>10.7</b>
<i>Participation rate</i> <sup>(c)</sup>	61.6%		64.3%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> <sup>(d)</sup>	7.7%		5.9%				6.6%		5.4%			

<sup>(a)</sup>This variable is applicable to persons 15 years and over.

<sup>(b)</sup>Persons aged under 15 years.

<sup>(c)</sup>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.

<sup>(d)</sup>The unemployment rate represents the number of unemployed persons expressed as a % of the labour force.

**Occupation, Chile-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Occupation <sup>(a)</sup>	Chile-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	363	8.8	336	8.0	27	8.0	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	800	19.3	698	16.6	102	14.6	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	598	14.5	711	17.0	-113	-15.9	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	610	14.7	515	12.3	95	18.4	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	489	11.8	535	12.8	-46	-8.6	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	207	5.0	186	4.4	21	11.3	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	346	8.4	422	10.1	-76	-18.0	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	663	16.0	680	16.2	-17	-2.5	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated <sup>(b)</sup>	55	1.3	98	2.3	-43	-43.9	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>4,136</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,193</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-57</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>2,736,125</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,530,635</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>205,490</b>	<b>8.1</b>

<sup>(a)</sup>This variable is applicable to employed persons aged 15 years and over.

<sup>(b)</sup>Includes "Inadequately described".

**Industry of Employment, Chile-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Industry of employment <sup>(a)</sup>	Chile-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	22	0.5	13	0.3	9	69.2	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	450	10.9	698	16.6	-248	-35.5	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	39	0.9	45	1.1	-6	-13.3	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	280	6.8	289	6.9	-9	-3.1	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	350	8.5	382	9.1	-32	-8.4	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	234	5.7	167	4.0	67	40.1	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	254	6.1	252	6.0	2	0.8	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	84	2.0	64	1.5	20	31.3	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	116	2.8	125	3.0	-9	-7.2	104,701	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	41	1.0	41	1.0	-	-	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	677	16.4	616	14.7	61	9.9	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	212	5.1	221	5.3	-9	-4.1	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	291	7.0	263	6.3	28	10.6	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	705	17.0	670	16.0	35	5.2	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	198	4.8	203	4.8	-5	-2.5	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	192	4.6	133	3.2	59	44.4	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>4,136</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,193</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-57</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>2,736,125</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,530,635</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>205,490</b>	<b>8.1</b>

<sup>(a)</sup>This variable is applicable to employed persons aged 15 and over.

**Total Personal Income (Weekly), Chile-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Total personal income, weekly <sup>(a)</sup>	Chile-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	35	0.5	35	0.5	-	-	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	622	8.5	494	7.1	128	25.9	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	1,846	25.4	2,134	30.8	-288	-13.5	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	1,976	27.2	1,761	25.4	215	12.2	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	1,374	18.9	1,353	19.5	21	1.6	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	919	12.6	716	10.3	203	28.4	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	317	4.4	184	2.7	133	72.3	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	187	2.6	256	3.7	-69	-27.0	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>7,276</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,931</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>4,845,710</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,355,243</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>490,467</b>	<b>11.3</b>

<sup>(a)</sup>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*.