

The Colombia-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 54)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 5,334 Colombia-born persons in Victoria (28.1% of Australia’s total), ranked 54th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Colombia-born increased by 87.9% (2,496) from 2,838 persons in 2011. They are well distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with significant concentrations in the LGAs of Melbourne (19.5%), Port Phillip (6.7%), Moreland (6.1%), Boroondara (5.8%) and Stonnington (5.6%).

The Colombia-born reflected a young to adult age profile: 20.5% were aged 25 years and below; 67.4% were aged 26-44 years; 9.6% were aged 45-64 years; and 2.6% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 32 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 91 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for Victoria.

There were 5,025 persons identified with Colombian ancestry. Most were born in Colombia (78.2%) and Australia (17.7%). A small proportion (7.6%) of the Colombia-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 3.7% arrived in 1996-2000; 7.7% arrived in 2001-2005; 24.3% arrived in 2006-2010; and 51.5% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most (90.0%) of the Colombia-born speak Spanish at home. Of those who speak a language other than English, 9.3% speak English not well/not at all. Over two-thirds (68.3%) of the Colombia-born are Catholic; 18.3% have no religion. One-third (33.4%) have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Colombia-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)	5,193	27.3	2,756	24.4	1,194	20.9	2,437	88.4	1,562	130.8
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	140	0.7	79	0.7	53	0.9	61	77.2	26	49.1
Total Victoria	5,334	28.1	2,838	25.1	1,250	21.9	2,496	87.9	1,588	127.0
Total Australia	18,997	100.0	11,317	100.0	5,709	100.0	7,680	67.9	5,608	98.2

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

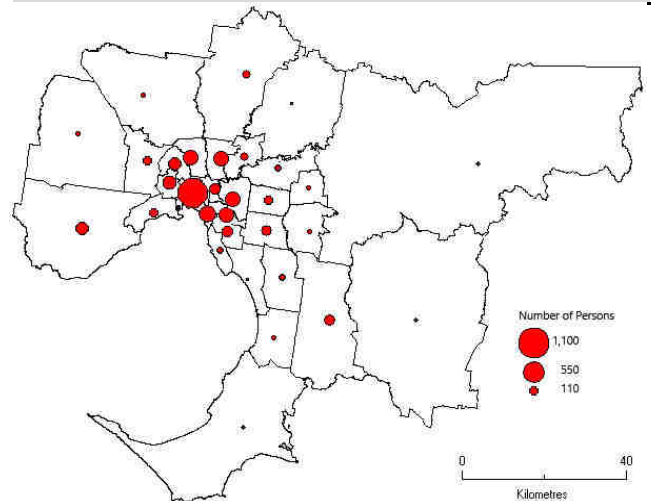
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Melbourne (C)	1,039	19.5	250	8.8	1
Port Phillip (C)	357	6.7	167	5.9	4
Moreland (C)	324	6.1	197	6.9	2
Boroondara (C)	307	5.8	149	5.3	6
Stonnington (C)	297	5.6	159	5.6	5
Rest of Melbourne	2,844	53.3	1,814	63.9	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	148	2.8	86	3.0	-
Total Victoria	5,334	100.0	2,838	100.0	-

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

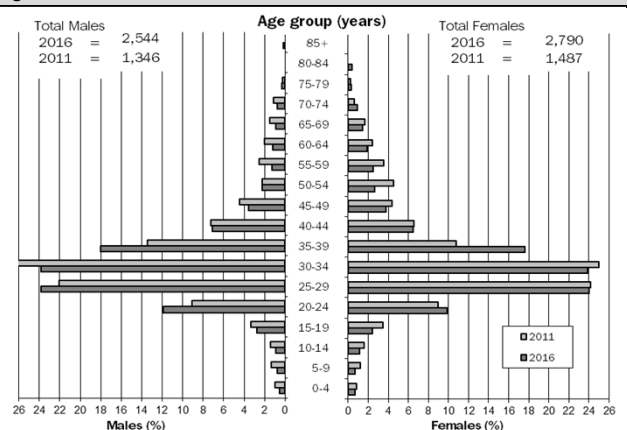
Distribution of Colombia-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Colombia-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	35	0.7	20	0.7	75.0
5-11	56	1.0	52	1.8	7.7
12-18	114	2.1	88	3.1	29.5
19-25	891	16.7	390	13.7	128.5
26-44	3,595	67.4	1,844	65.0	95.0
45-54	327	6.1	218	7.7	50.0
55-64	187	3.5	149	5.3	25.5
65-74	103	1.9	63	2.2	63.5
75+	35	0.7	11	0.4	218.2
Total Victoria	5,334	100.0	2,838	100.0	87.9
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>32</i>		<i>31</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>91</i>		<i>91</i>		<i>91 males per 100 females</i>

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Colombia	3,928	78.2	2,053	79.0	91.3
Venezuela	59	1.2	13	0.5	353.8
USA	33	0.7	23	0.9	43.5
England	9	0.2	6	0.2	50.0
New Zealand	5	0.1	3	0.1	66.7
Australia	891	17.7	449	17.3	98.4
Other ^(a)	73	1.5	52	2.0	40.4
Total responses^(b)	5,025	100.0	2,599	100.0	93.3

^(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 Colombia-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Spanish	4,802	90.0	2,529	89.1	89.9
Italian	16	0.3	16	0.6	-
French	10	0.2	-	-	-
German	3	0.1	4	0.1	-25.0
Dutch	3	0.1	-	-	-
Other languages ^(a)	18	0.3	19	0.7	-5.3
English only	471	8.8	260	9.2	81.2
Not stated	16	0.3	10	0.4	60.0
Total Victoria	5,334	100.0	2,838	100.0	87.9

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Catholic	3,642	68.3	2,157	76.0	68.8
Christian, nfd	263	4.9	140	4.9	87.9
Pentecostal	83	1.6	26	0.9	219.2
Other Protestant	35	0.7	24	0.8	45.8
Baptist	27	0.5	22	0.8	22.7
Other religions	144	2.7	107	3.8	34.6
No religion ^(b)	978	18.3	322	11.3	203.7
Not stated	143	2.7	40	1.4	257.5
Total Victoria	5,334	100.0	2,838	100.0	87.9

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Colombia-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Colombia-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	408	7.6	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	198	3.7	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	411	7.7	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	1,295	24.3	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	2,749	51.5	381,130	22.7
Not stated	277	5.2	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	5,334	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 Colombia-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	471	8.8	260	9.2	81.2
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	2,309	43.3	1,188	41.9	94.4
Well	2,028	38.0	1,077	37.9	88.3
Not well	459	8.6	238	8.4	92.9
Not at all	39	0.7	31	1.1	25.8
Not stated ^(a)	34	0.6	46	1.6	-26.1
Total Victoria	5,334	100.0	2,838	100.0	87.9

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	11	0.6	7	0.7	57.1
5-11	24	1.3	12	1.2	100.0
12-18	42	2.4	38	3.9	10.5
19-25	87	4.9	60	6.1	45.0
26-44	1,108	62.1	513	52.4	116.0
45-64	385	21.6	294	30.0	31.0
65-74	93	5.2	52	5.3	78.8
75+	27	1.5	11	1.1	145.5
Total	1,784	100.0	979	100.0	82.2
% of Colombia-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					33.4%
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.3%

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Colombia-born are higher than for total Victoria. More of the Colombia-born have a postgraduate degree (16.5%) and a bachelor degree (43.4%), compared to Victoria (5.4% and 16.5%). Less of the Colombia-born have a certificate (5.1%) and school education only (16.2%), compared to Victoria (14.4% and 38.7%).

The labour force participation rate of the Colombia-born at 85.5% is much higher than for total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 8.7% is also higher than for total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Colombia-born are fairly different from those for total Victoria. A third (34.0%) are labourers and 12.8% are community and personal service workers, compared to 9.0% and 10.6% for Victoria. Less of the Colombia-born are managers and professionals (27.4%), technicians and trades workers (8.3%) and clerical and administrative workers (8.4%), compared to 36.8%, 13.1% and 13.3% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns for the Colombia-born are also fairly different from total Victoria. More of them are employed in professional, scientific, technical and administration (33.6%) and accommodation and food services (15.6%), compared to 11.4% and 6.6% for Victoria. Less are employed in manufacturing (5.4%), construction (3.9%), wholesale and retail trade (7.0%) and healthcare and social assistance (7.1%), compared to 7.8%, 8.3%, 13.4% and 12.5% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Colombia-born is fairly similar to that for total Victoria, with some exceptions. One-third (33.3%) receive \$400-\$799 and 12.9% receive \$1,250 or more, compared to 23.1% and 21.1% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Colombia-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	859	16.5	363	13.3	496	136.6	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	162	3.1	89	3.2	73	82.0	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	2,261	43.4	1,095	40.0	1,166	106.5	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	471	9.0	283	10.3	188	66.4	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	268	5.1	172	6.3	96	55.8	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	843	16.2	526	19.2	317	60.3	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	7	0.1	5	0.2	2	40.0	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	339	6.5	198	7.2	141	71.2	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	5,207	100.0	2,739	100.0	2,468	90.1	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, Colombia-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Colombia-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>	4,455	83.5	2,227	78.5	2,228	100.0	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	4,066	76.2	2,094	73.8	1,972	94.2	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	389	7.3	133	4.7	256	192.5	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	730	13.7	495	17.4	235	47.5	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	24	0.4	16	0.6	8	50.0	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	126	2.4	96	3.4	30	31.3	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	5,334	100.0	2,838	100.0	2,496	87.9	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	85.5%		81.2%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	8.7%		6.0%				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, Colombia-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Colombia-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	327	8.0	156	7.4	171	109.6	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	790	19.4	458	21.9	332	72.5	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	336	8.3	211	10.1	125	59.2	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	522	12.8	270	12.9	252	93.3	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	341	8.4	204	9.7	137	67.2	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	207	5.1	106	5.1	101	95.3	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	117	2.9	52	2.5	65	125.0	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	1,382	34.0	601	28.7	781	130.0	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	37	0.9	38	1.8	-1	-2.6	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	4,066	100.0	2,094	100.0	1,972	94.2	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, Colombia-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Colombia-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	27	0.7	8	0.4	19	237.5	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	221	5.4	172	8.2	49	28.5	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	31	0.8	16	0.8	15	93.8	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	157	3.9	94	4.5	63	67.0	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	283	7.0	185	8.8	98	53.0	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	636	15.6	249	11.9	387	155.4	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	139	3.4	61	2.9	78	127.9	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	80	2.0	60	2.9	20	33.3	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	80	2.0	70	3.3	10	14.3	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	30	0.7	22	1.1	8	36.4	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	1,368	33.6	679	32.4	689	101.5	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	87	2.1	56	2.7	31	55.4	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	307	7.6	112	5.3	195	174.1	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	290	7.1	193	9.2	97	50.3	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	157	3.9	78	3.7	79	101.3	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	158	3.9	50	2.4	108	216.0	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	4,066	100.0	2,094	100.0	1,972	94.2	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), Colombia-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Colombia-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	33	0.6	38	1.4	-5	-13.2	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	503	9.7	285	10.4	218	76.5	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	1,085	20.8	657	24.0	428	65.1	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	1,732	33.3	849	31.0	883	104.0	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	893	17.1	482	17.6	411	85.3	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	640	12.3	269	9.8	371	137.9	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	237	4.6	101	3.7	136	134.7	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	82	1.6	62	2.3	20	32.3	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	5,207	100.0	2,739	100.0	2,468	90.1	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*.