## Fact Sheet No. 17

## The Croatia-Born Community in Victoria — 2016 Census (ranked 29)



## **Demographic characteristics**

At the 2016 Census, there were 15,486 Croatia-born persons in Victoria (35.4% of Australia's total), ranked 29<sup>th</sup> among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Croatia-born decreased by 10.2% (1,762) from 17,248 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the LGAs of Brimbank (14.8%), Casey (8.2%), Greater Dandenong (5.6%), and the regional LGA of Greater Geelong (8.6%).

The Croatia-born reflected a significant ageing profile. Only 2.4% were aged 25 years and below; 10.7% were aged 26-44 years; 37.4% were aged 45-64 years; and 49.7% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 64 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 95 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for Victoria.

There were 43,137 persons identified with Croatian ancestry. They were mainly born in Australia (60.2%) and Croatia (29.9%). Most (83.0%) of the Croatian-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 7.4% arrived in 1996-2000; 3.7% arrived in 2001-2005; 1.0% arrived in 2006-2010; and 1.5% arrived in 2011-2016.

Two-thirds (66.8%) of the Croatia-born speak Croatian and 8.1% speak Serbian. Of those who speak a language other than English, 16.5% speak English not well/not at all. Three-quarters (76.5%) of the Croatian-born are Catholic and 6.5% are Eastern Orthodox. Most (94.6%) have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Croatia-born in Vict	oria and Au	stralia: 20	016, 2011 aı	nd 2006 C	ensus					
	2016 Ce	ensus 2011 Census		2006 Census		Change 2011-2016		Change 2006-2011		
Location	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	% change
Metro Melbourne <sup>(a)</sup>	13,193	30.2	14,696	30.1	15,451	30.3	-1,503	-10.2	-755	-4.9
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	2,296	5.3	2,550	5.2	2,738	5.4	-254	-10.0	-188	-6.9
Total Victoria	15,486	35.4	17,248	35.3	18,191	35.7	-1,762	-10.2	-943	-5.2
Total Australia	43,688	100.0	48,828	100.0	50,996	100.0	-5,140	-10.5	-2,168	-4.3

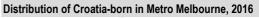
<sup>(</sup>a) Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.

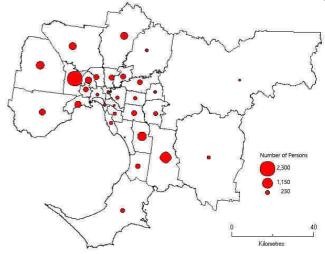
<sup>(</sup>b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

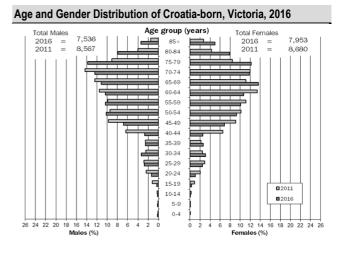
Distribution of Croatia-born, Top 5 LGAs: 2016 Census											
2016 Ce	nsus	2011 Ce	nsus	Rank in							
Persons	%	Persons	%	2011							
2,285	14.8	2,731	15.8	1							
1,334	8.6	1,504	8.7	2							
1,265	8.2	1,334	7.7	3							
862	5.6	1,059	6.1	4							
732	4.7	685	4.0	6							
7,937	51.3	8,773	50.9	-							
1,068	6.9	1,136	6.6	<u>-</u>							
15,486	100.0	17,248	100.0	-							
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<sup>(</sup>a) Includes "Unincorporated Vic" and "No Usual Address Vic".

Age Distribution of	f Croatia-bor	n: 2016, 2	011 Censu	JS	
Age group	2016 Ce	nsus	2011 C	ensus	2011-16
(years)	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change
0-4	11	0.1	7	0.0	57.1
5-11	32	0.2	27	0.2	18.5
12-18	45	0.3	158	0.9	-71.5
19-25	272	1.8	525	3.0	-48.2
26-44	1,651	10.7	2,354	13.6	-29.9
45-54	2,570	16.6	3,323	19.3	-22.7
55-64	3,218	20.8	3,970	23.0	-18.9
65-74	3,808	24.6	4,302	24.9	-11.5
75+	3,894	25.1	2,578	14.9	51.0
Total Victoria	15,486	100.0	17,248	100.0	-10.2
Median Age	64	•	61		
Sex Ratio	95		99	males per	100 females







Top 5 Countries of Birth of Persons with Croatian Ancestry: 2016, 2011											
	2016		2011		2011-16						
Country of birth	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change						
Croatia	12,881	29.9	14,160	34.4	-9.0						
Bosnia & Herzeg	1,255	2.9	1,267	3.1	-0.9						
S E Europe, nfd	521	1.2	556	1.4	-6.3						
New Zealand	291	0.7	239	0.6	21.8						
Germany	200	0.5	182	0.4	9.9						
Australia	25,989	60.2	23,271	56.5	11.7						
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	1,992	4.6	1,500	3.6	32.8						
Total responses <sup>(b)</sup>	43,137	100.0	41,175	100.0	4.8						

(a) Includes all o	ther countries	and hirthnlace	not stated

 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{^{\text{(b)}}}$  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 Croatia-born persons.

Top 5 Languages Spok	cen at Hom	e, Croat	tia-born: 201	6, 2011	
Language other	2016		2011		2011-16
than English	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change
Croatian	10,350	66.8	11,683	67.7	-11.4
Serbian	1,259	8.1	1,564	9.1	-19.5
Italian	261	1.7	392	2.3	-33.4
Serbo-Croat/Yugoslav	218	1.4	214	1.2	1.9
Bosnian	101	0.7	110	0.6	-8.2
Other languages <sup>(a)</sup>	266	1.7	284	1.6	-6.3
English only	2,911	18.8	2,883	16.7	1.0
Not stated	108	0.7	118	0.7	-8.5
Total Victoria	15,486	100.0	17,248	100.0	-10.2

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

Top 5 Religious affilia	Top 5 Religious affiliation, Croatia-born: 2016, 2011										
	2016		2011		2011-16						
Religious affiliation <sup>(a)</sup>	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change						
Catholic	11,910	76.9	13,630	79.0	-12.6						
Eastern Orthodox	1,013	6.5	1,791	10.4	-43.4						
Christian, nfd	597	3.9	140	8.0	326.4						
7th-day Adventist	76	0.5	98	0.6	-22.4						
Pentecostal	66	0.4	77	0.4	-14.3						
Other religions	330	2.1	434	2.5	-24.0						
No religion <sup>(b)</sup>	1,091	7.0	744	4.3	46.6						
Not stated	398	2.6	334	1.9	19.2						
Total Victoria	15,486	100.0	17,248	100.0	-10.2						

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

Year of Arrival of Co	roatia-born: 2	2016		
	Croatia-	born	Total OSB	, Vic <sup>(c)</sup>
Year of arrival <sup>(a)</sup>	Persons		Persons	%
Before 1996	12,858	83.0	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	1,147	7.4	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	578	3.7	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	154	1.0	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 <sup>(b)</sup>	238	1.5	381,130	22.7
Not stated	511	3.3	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	15,486	100.0	1,680,256	100.0

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

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

Proficiency in English	Proficiency in English of Croatia-born: 2016, 2011										
	2016	;	2011		2011-16						
Proficiency in English	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change						
Speaks English only	2,911	18.8	2,883	16.7	1.0						
Speaks other language	s										
and speaks English											
Very well	5,081	32.8	5,642	32.7	-9.9						
Well	4,748	30.7	5,557	32.2	-14.6						
Not well	2,365	15.3	2,733	15.8	-13.5						
Not at all	189	1.2	270	1.6	-30.0						
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	199	1.3	167	1.0	19.2						
Total Victoria	15,486	100.0	17,248	100.0	-10.2						

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(a)</sup>Includes those who did not state a language and/or proficiency in English.

Croatia-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2016, 2011											
Age group	201	6	201	2011							
(years)	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change						
0-4	9	0.1	3	0.0	200.0						
5-11	25	0.2	28	0.2	-10.7						
12-18	34	0.2	150	0.9	-77.3						
19-25	241	1.6	499	3.0	-51.7						
26-44	1,417	9.7	2,149	13.0	-34.1						
45-64	5,551	37.9	7,050	42.7	-21.3						
65-74	3,663	25.0	4,187	25.4	-12.5						
75+	3,697	25.2	2,452	14.8	50.8						
Total	14,644	100.0	16,512	100.0	-11.3						
	% of Croatia-born	with Aust	ralian citizens	ship, 2016	: 94.6%						

% of Croatia-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 94.6% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 58.3%

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

who intend staying in Australia for at least one year.

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

## **Economic characteristics**

The education levels of the Croatia-born are lower than those for total Victoria. Half (51.0%) have school education only and 18.5% have a certificate qualification, compared to 38.7% and 14.4% for Victoria. Only 9.3% have a bachelor degree or higher (24.3% for Victoria).

The labour force participation rate of the Croatia-born at 38.3% is much lower than for total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 5.3% is also lower than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Croatia-born are different from those for total Victoria. More of them work as technicians and trades workers (19.5%), machinery operators and drivers (10.3%) and labourers (14.2%), compared to Victoria (13.1%, 5.8% and 9.0%). Less of the Croatia-born work as managers (11.4%) and professionals (15.0%), compared to Victoria (13.5% and 23.3%).

The industry of employment patterns for the Croatia-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria. The exceptions are that more of them are employed in manufacturing (13.8%) and construction (16.9%), compared to 7.8% and 8.3% for Victoria. Less of them are employed in wholesale and retail trade (10.5%), accommodation and food services (3.3%) and education and training (5.3%), compared to 13.4%, 6.6% and 8.6% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Croatia-born is fairly different from total Victoria. More of them receive \$1-\$399 (34.9%) and \$400-\$799 (26.3%), compared to 20.1% and 23.1% for Victoria; 13.7% of the Croatia-born receive \$1,250 or more (21.1% for Victoria)

Highest level of education	nal attainmer	nt, Croatia	-born and To	otal Victo	ria: 2016, 20	11							
			Croatia-	born				Total Victoria					
•	2016		2011		Change 20	Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
Highest level of		<u>.</u>				%						%	
educational attainment(a)	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	change	
Postgraduate Degree	262	1.7	174	1.0	88	50.6	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6	
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	132	0.9	127	0.7	5	3.9	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0	
Bachelor Degree	1,047	6.8	1,012	5.9	35	3.5	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5	
Advanced Dip & Diploma	1,091	7.1	1,002	5.8	89	8.9	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6	
Certificate	2,855	18.5	3,062	17.8	-207	-6.8	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6	
School Education only <sup>(b)</sup>	7,874	51.0	8,914	51.9	-1,040	-11.7	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0	
No Educ Attainment(c)	514	3.3	515	3.0	-1	-0.2	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0	
Not stated etc <sup>(d)</sup>	1,652	10.7	2,371	13.8	-719	-30.3	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5	
Victoria	15.430	100.0	17.180	100.0	-1.750	-10.2	4.845.710	100.0	4.355.243	100.0	490.467	11.3	

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

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

Labour force participation	on, Groatia-boi	ili allu 10i			1		T . 130						
			Croatia-l	oorn				Total Victoria					
	2016	i	2011		Change 20	Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
Labour force						%						%	
participation <sup>(a)</sup>	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	change	
In the labour force	5,909	38.2	7,203	41.8	-1,294	-18.0	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5	
Employed	5,594	36.1	6,904	40.0	-1,310	-19.0	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1	
Unemployed	315	2.0	299	1.7	16	5.4	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6	
Not in the labour force	9,194	59.4	9,424	54.6	-230	-2.4	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9	
Not stated	327	2.1	554	3.2	-227	-41.0	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1	
Not applicable (b)	56	0.4	69	0.4	-13	-18.8	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2	
Victoria	15,486	100.0	17,248	100.0	-1,762	-10.2	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7	
Participation rate (c)	38.3%	6	41.9%	6			60.5%	0	61.4%	6			
Unemployment rate (d)	5.3%	)	4.2%	)			6.6%		5.4%	)			

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

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

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

<sup>(</sup>D) Persons aged under 15 years

<sup>(</sup>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.

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

Occupation	on Croatia-	harn and I	Catal Viator	ia: 2016	2011

		Croatia	a-born			Total Victoria						
	201	2016 2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		
Occupation <sup>(a)</sup>	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	636	11.4	657	9.5	-21	-3.2	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	838	15.0	857	12.4	-19	-2.2	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	1,092	19.5	1,445	20.9	-353	-24.4	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	448	8.0	473	6.9	-25	-5.3	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	762	13.6	887	12.8	-125	-14.1	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	355	6.3	419	6.1	-64	-15.3	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	574	10.3	790	11.4	-216	-27.3	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	792	14.2	1,167	16.9	-375	-32.1	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated <sup>(b)</sup>	106	1.9	215	3.1	-109	-50.7	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	5,594	100.0	6,904	100.0	-1,310	-19.0	2,736,125	100.0	2,530,635	100.0	205,490	8.1

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

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

Industry of Employment, Croatia	a-born and	Total V	ictoria: 201	6, 2011										
			Croatia	-born				Total Victoria						
	2016		201	2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		
Industry of employment <sup>(a)</sup>	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%		
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	79	1.4	78	1.1	1	1.3	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9		
Manufacturing	773	13.8	1,436	20.8	-663	-46.2	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5		
Electr, gas, water & waste	42	8.0	47	0.7	-5	-10.6	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5		
Construction	944	16.9	1,179	17.1	-235	-19.9	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1		
Wholesale & retail trade	585	10.5	772	11.2	-187	-24.2	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1		
Accommod & Food services	185	3.3	247	3.6	-62	-25.1	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5		
Transp, postal & warehousing	378	6.8	436	6.3	-58	-13.3	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0		
Information, Media & Telecomm	73	1.3	104	1.5	-31	-29.8	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2		
Finance & Insurance	153	2.7	198	2.9	-45	-22.7	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9		
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	75	1.3	68	1.0	7	10.3	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7		
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	599	10.7	623	9.0	-24	-3.9	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2		
Public Admin & Safety	262	4.7	285	4.1	-23	-8.1	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9		
Education & Training	299	5.3	283	4.1	16	5.7	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8		
Health Care & Soc Assistance	611	10.9	656	9.5	-45	-6.9	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0		
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	236	4.2	290	4.2	-54	-18.6	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1		
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	300	5.4	196	2.8	104	53.1	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4		
Victoria	5,594	100.0	6,904	100.0	-1,310	-19.0	2,736,125	100.0	2,530,635	100.0	205,490	8.1		

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

			Croatia	a-born		Total Victoria						
Total personal	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
income, weekly <sup>(a)</sup>	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	78	0.5	66	0.4	12	18.2	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	1,038	6.7	1,030	6.0	8	8.0	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	5,389	34.9	7,981	46.5	-2,592	-32.5	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	4,063	26.3	3,348	19.5	715	21.4	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	1,984	12.9	2,192	12.8	-208	-9.5	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	1,525	9.9	1,307	7.6	218	16.7	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	594	3.8	461	2.7	133	28.9	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	756	4.9	808	4.7	-52	-6.4	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	15,430	100.0	17,180	100.0	-1,750	-10.2	4,845,710	100.0	4,355,243	100.0	490,467	11.3

<sup>(</sup>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 socioeconomic data.

Source of data: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, 2011, 2006.

