

The Cyprus-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 44)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 7,574 Cyprus-born persons in Victoria (44.7% of Australia's total), ranked 44th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Cyprus-born decreased by 7.4% (105) from 8,179 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with major concentrations in the LGAs of Brimbank (17.7%), Hume (9.0%), Whittlesea (8.1%), Melton (5.8%) and Kingston (5.1%).

The Cyprus-born reflected a significant ageing profile: 2.6% were aged 25 years and below; 8.8% were aged 26-44 years; 42.1% were aged 45-64 years; and 46.6% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 63 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 12,071 persons identified with Cypriot ancestry. Most of them were born in Australia (65.9%) and Cyprus (28.0%). The majority (91.3%) of the Cyprus-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 1.6% arrived in 1996- 2000; 1.3% arrived in 2001-2005; 0.8% arrived in 2006-2010; and 2.1% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most of the Cyprus-born speak Greek (59.7%) and Turkish (25.3%). Of those who speak a language other than English, 20.7% speak English not well/not at all. Most of Cyprus-born follow Eastern Orthodox (63.3%) and Islam (21.0%). The majority (93.5%) have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Cyprus-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)	7,255	42.8	7,838	43.4	8,062	43.9	-583	-7.4	-224	-2.8
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	323	1.9	342	1.9	340	1.8	-19	-5.6	2	0.6
Total Victoria	7,574	44.7	8,179	45.3	8,404	45.7	-605	-7.4	-225	-2.7
Total Australia	16,938	100.0	18,070	100.0	18,383	100.0	-1,132	-6.3	-313	-1.7

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

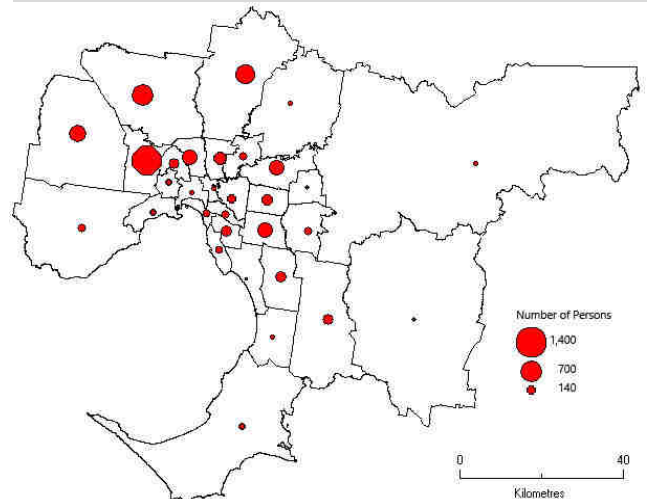
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Brimbank (C)	1,341	17.7	1,512	18.5	1
Hume (C)	683	9.0	758	9.3	2
Whittlesea (C)	615	8.1	620	7.6	3
Melton (C)	438	5.8	439	5.4	4
Kingston (C)	384	5.1	409	5.0	7
Rest of Melbourne	3,738	49.4	4,070	49.8	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	360	4.8	377	4.6	-
Total Victoria	7,574	100.0	8,179	100.0	-

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

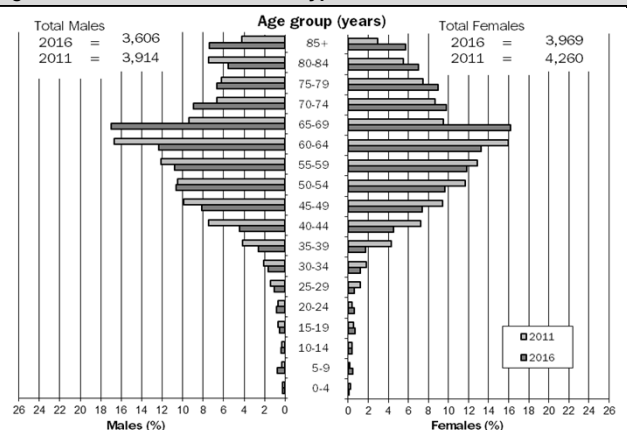
Distribution of Cyprus-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Cyprus-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	8	0.1	15	0.2	-46.7
5-11	59	0.8	31	0.4	90.3
12-18	49	0.6	54	0.7	-9.3
19-25	80	1.1	64	0.8	25.0
26-44	664	8.8	1,186	14.5	-44.0
45-54	1,354	17.9	1,697	20.7	-20.2
55-64	1,831	24.2	2,353	28.8	-22.2
65-74	1,968	26.0	1,398	17.1	40.8
75+	1,562	20.6	1,372	16.8	13.8
Total Victoria	7,574	100.0	8,179	100.0	-7.4
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>63</i>		<i>60</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>91</i>		<i>92</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Cyprus	3,385	28.0	3,212	33.9	5.4
England	274	2.3	228	2.4	20.2
Egypt	75	0.6	35	0.4	114.3
Greece	52	0.4	24	0.3	116.7
South Africa	40	0.3	23	0.2	73.9
Australia	7,949	65.9	5,761	60.9	38.0
Other ^(a)	292	2.4	180	1.9	62.2
Total responses^(b)	12,071	100.0	9,463	100.0	27.6

^(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 Cyprus-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Greek	4,520	59.7	5,028	61.5	-10.1
Turkish	1,918	25.3	2,087	25.5	-8.1
Cypriot, so described	65	0.9	27	0.3	140.7
Arabic	16	0.2	8	0.1	100.0
Mandarin	15	0.2	-	-	-
Other languages ^(a)	37	0.5	51	0.6	-27.5
English only	970	12.8	947	11.6	2.4
Not stated	28	0.4	31	0.4	-9.7
Total Victoria	7,574	100.0	8,179	100.0	-7.4

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Eastern Orthodox	4,792	63.3	5,272	64.5	-9.1
Islam	1,589	21.0	2,052	25.1	-22.6
Catholic	45	0.6	44	0.5	2.3
Christian, nfd	43	0.6	37	0.5	16.2
Jehovah's Witnesses	36	0.5	50	0.6	-28.0
Other religions	133	1.8	188	2.3	-29.3
No religion ^(b)	601	7.9	315	3.9	90.8
Not stated	335	4.4	221	2.7	51.6
Total Victoria	7,574	100.0	8,179	100.0	-7.4

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Cyprus-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Cyprus-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	6,912	91.3	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	118	1.6	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	96	1.3	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	62	0.8	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	160	2.1	381,130	22.7
Not stated	222	2.9	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	7,574	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 Cyprus-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	970	12.8	947	11.6	2.4
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	2,816	37.2	2,971	36.3	-5.2
Well	2,148	28.4	2,378	29.1	-9.7
Not well	1,405	18.6	1,616	19.8	-13.1
Not at all	159	2.1	194	2.4	-18.0
Not stated ^(a)	64	0.8	64	0.8	-
Total Victoria	7,574	100.0	8,179	100.0	-7.4

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	8	0.1	14	0.2	-42.9
5-11	34	0.5	24	0.3	41.7
12-18	47	0.7	47	0.6	-
19-25	61	0.9	48	0.6	27.1
26-44	584	8.2	1,105	14.4	-47.1
45-64	3,012	42.5	3,851	50.0	-21.8
65-74	1,865	26.3	1,317	17.1	41.6
75+	1,463	20.7	1,294	16.8	13.1
Total	7,080	100.0	7,699	100.0	-8.0
% of Cyprus-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					93.5%
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.3%

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Cyprus-born are lower than those for total Victoria: 58.5% have school education only and 4.8% have no educational attainment, compared to 38.7% and 1.0% for Victoria. Only 10.1% have a bachelor degree or higher (24.3% for total Victoria).

The labour force participation rate of the Cyprus-born at 37.2% is much lower than for total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 5.5% is lower than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Cyprus-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria, with some minor differences. More of them are working as managers (15.6%), technicians and trades workers (16.3%), machinery operators and drivers (9.4%) and labourers (12.0%), compared to Victoria (13.5%, 13.1%, 5.8% and 9.0%). Less of the Cyprus-born are working as professionals (16.3%) and community and personal service workers (7.4%), compared to Victoria (23.3% and 10.6%).

The industry of employment patterns for the Cyprus-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria. The exceptions are that more of them are employed in manufacturing (11.9%), construction (11.4%) and transport, postal and warehousing (7.1%), compared to 7.8%, 8.3% and 4.8% for Victoria. Less of them are employed in healthcare and social assistance (8.7%) compared to Victoria (12.5%).

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Cyprus-born is fairly different from total Victoria. More of the Cyprus-born receive \$1-\$399 (36.9%) and \$400-\$799 (25.8%), compared to 20.1% and 23.1% for Victoria. A quarter (25.5%) receive \$800 or more (37.8% for Victoria).

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Cyprus-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	154	2.1	109	1.3	45	41.3	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	89	1.2	77	0.9	12	15.6	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	516	6.9	532	6.6	-16	-3.0	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	385	5.1	383	4.7	2	0.5	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	972	13.0	891	11.0	81	9.1	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	4,379	58.5	4,853	59.8	-474	-9.8	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	359	4.8	400	4.9	-41	-10.3	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	638	8.5	868	10.7	-230	-26.5	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	7,489	100.0	8,117	100.0	-628	-7.7	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, Cyprus-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Cyprus-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>	2,785	36.8	3,278	40.1	-493	-15.0	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	2,633	34.8	3,134	38.3	-501	-16.0	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	152	2.0	144	1.8	8	5.6	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	4,581	60.5	4,666	57.0	-85	-1.8	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	119	1.6	170	2.1	-51	-30.0	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	89	1.2	64	0.8	25	39.1	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	7,574	100.0	8,179	100.0	-605	-7.4	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	37.2%		40.4%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	5.5%		4.4%				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, Cyprus-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Cyprus-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	412	15.6	487	15.5	-75	-15.4	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	429	16.3	464	14.8	-35	-7.5	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	428	16.3	504	16.1	-76	-15.1	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	196	7.4	206	6.6	-10	-4.9	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	348	13.2	364	11.6	-16	-4.4	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	220	8.4	267	8.5	-47	-17.6	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	247	9.4	324	10.3	-77	-23.8	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	315	12.0	422	13.5	-107	-25.4	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	44	1.7	88	2.8	-44	-50.0	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	2,633	100.0	3,134	100.0	-501	-16.0	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, Cyprus-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Cyprus-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	29	1.1	30	1.0	-1	-3.3	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	313	11.9	547	17.5	-234	-42.8	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	20	0.8	22	0.7	-2	-9.1	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	300	11.4	336	10.7	-36	-10.7	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	329	12.5	456	14.6	-127	-27.9	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	133	5.1	195	6.2	-62	-31.8	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	187	7.1	197	6.3	-10	-5.1	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	39	1.5	41	1.3	-2	-4.9	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	109	4.1	135	4.3	-26	-19.3	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	42	1.6	51	1.6	-9	-17.6	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	279	10.6	272	8.7	7	2.6	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	125	4.7	102	3.3	23	22.5	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	204	7.7	201	6.4	3	1.5	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	229	8.7	263	8.4	-34	-12.9	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	167	6.3	187	6.0	-20	-10.7	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	141	5.4	108	3.4	33	30.6	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	2,633	100.0	3,134	100.0	-501	-16.0	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), Cyprus-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Cyprus-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	43	0.6	38	0.5	5	13.2	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	541	7.2	481	5.9	60	12.5	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	2,764	36.9	3,851	47.4	-1,087	-28.2	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	1,932	25.8	1,613	19.9	319	19.8	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	910	12.2	911	11.2	-1	-0.1	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	620	8.3	575	7.1	45	7.8	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	376	5.0	292	3.6	84	28.8	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	306	4.1	355	4.4	-49	-13.8	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	7,489	100.0	8,117	100.0	-628	-7.7	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*.