

The Denmark-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 86)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 1,569 Denmark-born persons in Victoria (17.9% of Australia’s total), ranked 86<sup>th</sup> among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Denmark-born increased by 1.1% (17) from 1,552 persons in 2011. They are well distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with minor concentrations in the Mornington Peninsula (6.2%), Bayside (4.1%), Yarra Ranges (4.0%), Kingston (3.9%) and the regional LGA of Greater Geelong (3.9%). A significant proportion live in regional Victoria (17.2%).

The Denmark-born reflected a mature to ageing profile: 11.7% were aged 25 years and below; 25.3% were aged 26-44 years; 33.2% were aged 45-64 years; and 29.0% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 51 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 96 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 10,959 persons identified with Danish ancestry. Most were born in Australia (76.3%) and Demark (12.3%). Almost two-thirds (63.2%) of the Denmark-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 6.4% arrived in 1996-2000; 7.7% arrived in 2001-2005; 6.8% arrived in 2006-2010; and 14.0% arrived in 2011-2016.

The Denmark-born speak Danish (44.6%); 49.1% speak English only. They follow a variety of Christian faiths: 18.4% are Lutherans, 5.5% are Anglicans and 4.3% are Catholics; 49.9% have no religion. Less than half (47.3%) of the Denmark-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria.

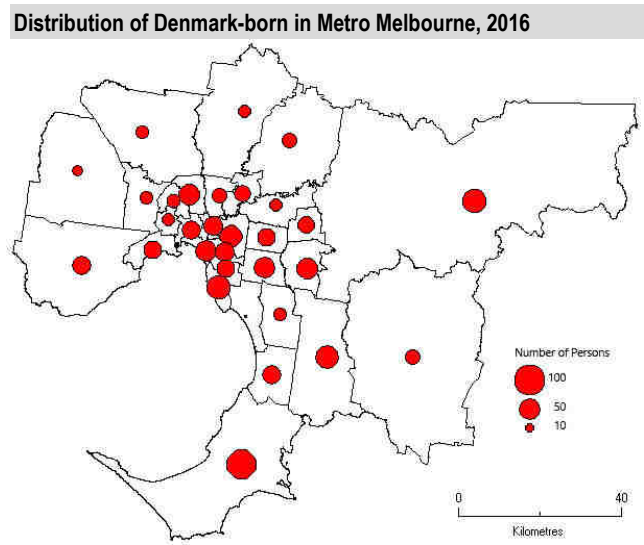
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Location	2016 Census		2011 Census		2006 Census		Change 2011-2016		Change 2006-2011	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	% change
Metro Melbourne <sup>(a)</sup>	1,248	14.2	1,220	13.5	1,208	13.5	28	2.3	12	1.0
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	322	3.7	334	3.7	305	3.4	-12	-3.6	29	9.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>1,552</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>1,516</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2.4</b>
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>8,788</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,026</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,967</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-238</b>	<b>-2.6</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>0.7</b>

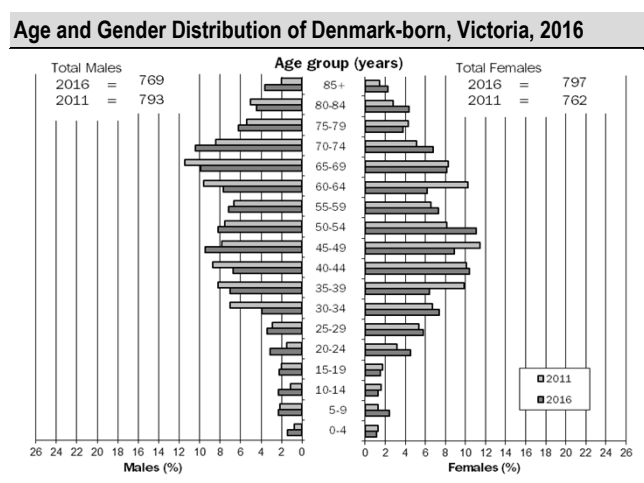
<sup>(a)</sup> Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.  
<sup>(b)</sup> Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Mornington Pen (S)	97	6.2	105	6.8	1
Bayside (C)	65	4.1	58	3.7	7
Yarra Ranges (S)	63	4.0	64	4.1	4
Greater Geelong (C)	61	3.9	61	3.9	5
Kingston (C)	61	3.9	65	4.2	3
Rest of Melbourne	968	61.7	918	59.1	-
Rest of Reg Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	270	17.2	286	18.4	-
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	-

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



Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	21	1.3	16	1.0	31.3
5-11	44	2.8	32	2.1	37.5
12-18	41	2.6	47	3.0	-12.8
19-25	79	5.0	53	3.4	49.1
26-44	397	25.3	452	29.1	-12.2
45-54	297	18.9	272	17.5	9.2
55-64	224	14.3	256	16.5	-12.5
65-74	267	17.0	262	16.9	1.9
75+	189	12.0	163	10.5	16.0
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>51</i>		<i>50</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>96</i>		<i>104 males per 100 females</i>		



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Denmark	1,347	12.3	1,366	14.0	-1.4
New Zealand	418	3.8	333	3.4	25.5
England	154	1.4	109	1.1	41.3
USA	127	1.2	87	0.9	46.0
South Africa	74	0.7	57	0.6	29.8
Australia	8,357	76.3	7,451	76.4	12.2
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	474	4.3	344	3.5	37.8
<b>Total responses<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>10,959</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,747</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12.4</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 Denmark-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Danish	699	44.6	709	45.7	-1.4
German	10	0.6	8	0.5	25.0
Arabic	9	0.6	3	0.2	200.0
Vietnamese	9	0.6	6	0.4	50.0
Swedish	7	0.4	3	0.2	133.3
Other languages <sup>(a)</sup>	37	2.4	54	3.5	-31.5
English only	770	49.1	759	48.9	1.4
Not stated	11	0.7	10	0.6	10.0
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>

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

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

Religious affiliation <sup>(a)</sup>	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Lutheran	288	18.4	541	34.9	-46.8
Anglican	87	5.5	66	4.3	31.8
Catholic	67	4.3	66	4.3	1.5
Christian, nfd	49	3.1	29	1.9	69.0
Other Protestant	44	2.8	38	2.4	15.8
Other religions	166	10.6	195	12.6	-14.9
No religion <sup>(b)</sup>	783	49.9	539	34.7	45.3
Not stated	84	5.4	78	5.0	7.7
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>

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

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

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

Year of arrival <sup>(a)</sup>	Denmark-born		Total OSB, Vic <sup>(c)</sup>	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	977	62.3	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	101	6.4	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	121	7.7	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	107	6.8	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 <sup>(b)</sup>	219	14.0	381,130	22.7
Not stated	45	2.9	58,517	3.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>1,569</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 Denmark-born: 2016, 2011**

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	770	49.1	759	48.9	1.4
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	719	45.8	679	43.8	5.9
Well	58	3.7	103	6.6	-43.7
Not well	7	0.4	7	0.5	-
Not at all	3	0.2	-	-	-
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	9	0.6	9	0.6	-
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	11	1.5	13	1.7	-15.4
5-11	28	3.8	27	3.6	3.7
12-18	28	3.8	23	3.1	21.7
19-25	21	2.8	20	2.7	5.0
26-44	101	13.6	114	15.3	-11.4
45-64	232	31.3	275	36.9	-15.6
65-74	172	23.2	157	21.0	9.6
75+	136	18.3	116	15.5	17.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
% of Denmark-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					47.3%
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.3%

## Economic characteristics

The Denmark-born have higher levels of educational attainment: 32.1% have a bachelor degree or higher and 31.6% have a certificate or advanced diploma and diploma, compared to 24.3% and 23.6% for total Victoria. Less (24.9%) of the Denmark-born have school education only (38.7% for Victoria).

The labour force participation rate of the Denmark-born at 61.4% is similar to total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 6.5% is also similar to total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Denmark-born are fairly different from those for total Victoria: 28.4% work as professionals and 20.7% are managers, compared to 23.3% and 13.5% for total Victoria. Less of the Denmark-born are technicians and trade workers (11.5%), sales workers (6.8%), machinery operators and drivers (3.6%) and labourers (4.4%), compared to total Victoria (13.1%, 9.7%, 5.8% and 9.0%).

The industry of employment patterns of the Denmark-born are fairly similar to total Victoria, with some exceptions. Slightly more of the Denmark-born are employed in professional, scientific, technical and administration (14.5%), transport, postal and warehousing (6.2%) and education and training (9.9%), compared to 11.4%, 4.8% and 8.6% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern of the Denmark-born are also similar to that for total Victoria, except that more of the Denmark-born (13.9%) receive \$2,000 or more compared to 7.5% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment <sup>(a)</sup>	Denmark-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	168	11.4	149	10.0	19	12.8	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	37	2.5	33	2.2	4	12.1	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	270	18.3	246	16.6	24	9.8	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	182	12.3	191	12.9	-9	-4.7	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	285	19.3	299	20.1	-14	-4.7	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only <sup>(b)</sup>	369	24.9	390	26.3	-21	-5.4	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment <sup>(c)</sup>	-	-	3	0.2	-3	-100.0	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc <sup>(d)</sup>	166	11.2	178	12.0	-12	-6.7	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>1,479</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,484</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-0.3</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, Denmark-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation <sup>(a)</sup>	Denmark-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>	909	57.9	916	59.0	-7	-0.8	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	850	54.2	884	57.0	-34	-3.8	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	59	3.8	32	2.1	27	84.4	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	557	35.5	552	35.6	5	0.9	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
Not stated	13	0.8	16	1.0	-3	-18.8	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
Not applicable <sup>(b)</sup>	88	5.6	66	4.3	22	33.3	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1.1</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<sup>(c)</sup></i>	61.4%		61.6%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate<sup>(d)</sup></i>	6.5%		3.5%				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, Denmark-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Occupation <sup>(a)</sup>	Denmark-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	176	20.7	168	19.0	8	4.8	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	241	28.4	257	29.1	-16	-6.2	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	98	11.5	124	14.0	-26	-21.0	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	96	11.3	77	8.7	19	24.7	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	97	11.4	106	12.0	-9	-8.5	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	58	6.8	65	7.4	-7	-10.8	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	31	3.6	30	3.4	1	3.3	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	37	4.4	40	4.5	-3	-7.5	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated <sup>(b)</sup>	13	1.5	20	2.3	-7	-35.0	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-34</b>	<b>-3.8</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, Denmark-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Industry of employment <sup>(a)</sup>	Denmark-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	31	3.6	22	2.5	9	40.9	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	70	8.2	94	10.6	-24	-25.5	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	9	1.1	13	1.5	-4	-30.8	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	64	7.5	88	10.0	-24	-27.3	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	92	10.8	114	12.9	-22	-19.3	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	43	5.1	50	5.7	-7	-14.0	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	53	6.2	42	4.8	11	26.2	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	23	2.7	22	2.5	1	4.5	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	26	3.1	27	3.1	-1	-3.7	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	10	1.2	9	1.0	1	11.1	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	123	14.5	130	14.7	-7	-5.4	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	26	3.1	35	4.0	-9	-25.7	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	84	9.9	76	8.6	8	10.5	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	113	13.3	110	12.4	3	2.7	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	40	4.7	41	4.6	-1	-2.4	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	39	4.6	20	2.3	19	95.0	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-34</b>	<b>-3.8</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), Denmark-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Total personal income, weekly <sup>(a)</sup>	Denmark-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	8	0.5	9	0.6	-1	-11.1	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	89	6.0	97	6.5	-8	-8.2	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	285	19.3	395	26.6	-110	-27.8	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	376	25.4	331	22.3	45	13.6	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	240	16.2	229	15.4	11	4.8	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	220	14.9	216	14.6	4	1.9	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	206	13.9	166	11.2	40	24.1	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	47	3.2	44	3.0	3	6.8	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>1,479</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,484</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-0.3</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.

This fact sheet is available for free download at [www.multicultural.vic.gov.au](http://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*.