

The Ghana-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 98)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 941 Ghana-born persons in Victoria (17.8% of Australia’s total), ranked 98th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Ghana-born increased by 41.3% (275) from 666 persons in 2011. They are well distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the LGAs of Whittlesea (12.0%), Hume (8.3%), Wyndham (8.3%), Brimbank (7.1%) and Casey (6.7%); 8.7% live in regional Victoria.

The Ghana-born reflected a balanced age profile: 25.0% were aged 25 years and below; 43.3% were aged 26-44 years; 28.7% were aged 45-64 years; and 3.0% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 36 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 119 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 1,122 persons identified with Ghanaian ancestry. Most of them were born in Ghana (50.5%) and Australia (35.9%). Over a fifth (22.6%) of the Ghana-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 10.8% arrived in 1996-2000; 11.3% arrived 2001-2005; 21.8% arrived in 2006-2010; and 31.1% arrived in 2011-2016.

The Ghana-born speak Akan (39.7%), Ewe (5.1%), African not further defined (4.0%), Arabic (3.7%) and Ga (3.6%); 31.2% speak English only. The Ghana-born follow a variety of religions: Pentecostal (18.5%), Catholic (15.1%), Christianity not further defined (13.2%), Islam (10.2%) and Presbyterian/Reform (7.9%); 10.0% have no religion. Three-fifths (59.5%) have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Ghana-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)	858	16.2	603	15.6	490	17.7	255	42.3	113	23.1
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	84	1.6	61	1.6	28	1.0	23	37.7	33	117.9
Total Victoria	941	17.8	666	17.2	517	18.7	275	41.3	149	28.8
Total Australia	5,287	100.0	3,866	100.0	2,769	100.0	1,421	36.8	1,097	39.6

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

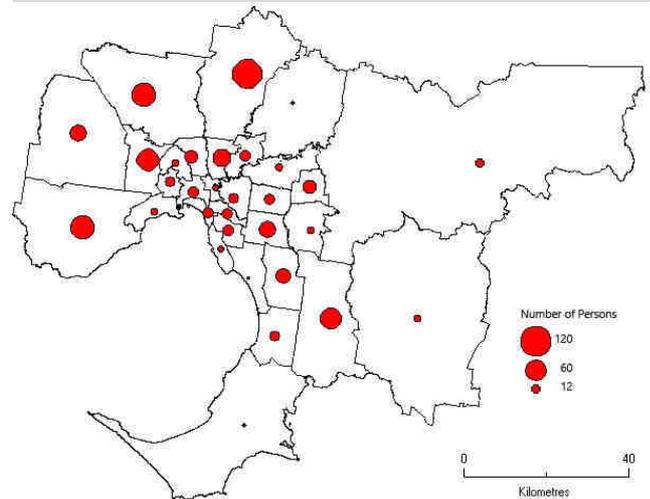
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Whittlesea (C)	113	12.0	65	9.8	1
Hume (C)	78	8.3	54	8.1	2
Wyndham (C)	78	8.3	34	5.1	6
Brimbank (C)	67	7.1	47	7.1	4
Casey (C)	63	6.7	32	4.8	7
Rest of Melbourne	458	48.7	355	53.3	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	80	8.5	54	8.1	-
Total Victoria	941	100.0	666	100.0	-

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

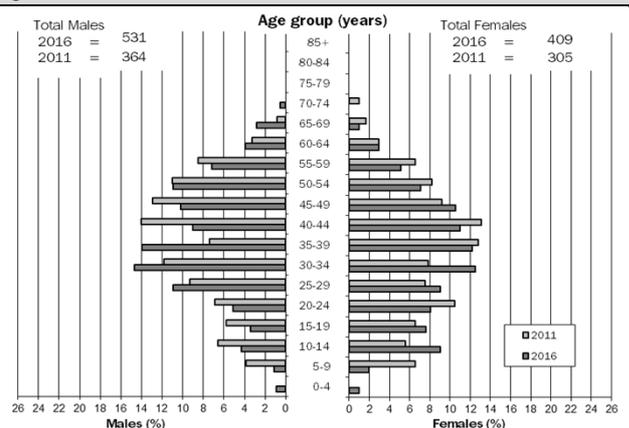
Distribution of Ghana-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Ghana-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	13	1.4	3	0.5	333.3
5-11	46	4.9	49	7.4	-6.1
12-18	81	8.6	49	7.4	65.3
19-25	95	10.1	79	11.9	20.3
26-44	407	43.3	256	38.4	59.0
45-54	175	18.6	144	21.6	21.5
55-64	95	10.1	64	9.6	48.4
65-74	25	2.7	16	2.4	56.3
75+	3	0.3	4	0.6	-25.0
Total Victoria	941	100.0	666	100.0	41.3
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>36</i>		<i>37</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>130</i>		<i>119</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Ghana	567	50.5	331	54.3	71.3
England	44	3.9	22	3.6	100.0
New Zealand	20	1.8	14	2.3	42.9
Nigeria	9	0.8	3	0.5	200.0
Lebanon	6	0.5	-	-	-
Australia	403	35.9	195	32.0	106.7
Other ^(a)	57	5.1	45	7.4	26.7
Total responses^(b)	1,122	100.0	610	100.0	83.9

^(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 Ghana-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Akan	374	39.7	212	31.8	76.4
Ewe	48	5.1	42	6.3	14.3
African, nfd	38	4.0	29	4.4	31.0
Arabic	35	3.7	32	4.8	9.4
Ga	34	3.6	34	5.1	-
Other languages ^(a)	96	10.2	119	17.9	-19.3
English only	294	31.2	192	28.8	53.1
Not stated	19	2.0	6	0.9	216.7
Total Victoria	941	100.0	666	100.0	41.3

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Pentecostal	174	18.5	119	17.9	46.2
Catholic	142	15.1	89	13.4	59.6
Christian, nfd	124	13.2	38	5.7	226.3
Islam	96	10.2	70	10.5	37.1
Presbyterian/Reform	74	7.9	61	9.2	21.3
Other religions	184	19.6	203	30.5	-9.4
No religion ^(b)	94	10.0	63	9.5	49.2
Not stated	40	4.3	23	3.5	73.9
Total Victoria	941	100.0	666	100.0	41.3

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Ghana-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Ghana-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	213	22.6	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	102	10.8	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	106	11.3	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	205	21.8	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	293	31.1	381,130	22.7
Not stated	26	2.8	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	941	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 Ghana-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	294	31.2	192	28.8	53.1
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	457	48.6	311	46.7	46.9
Well	143	15.2	124	18.6	15.3
Not well	23	2.4	29	4.4	-20.7
Not at all	9	1.0	5	0.8	80.0
Not stated ^(a)	19	2.0	10	1.5	90.0
Total Victoria	941	100.0	666	100.0	41.3

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	-	-	-	-	-
5-11	16	2.9	28	6.6	-42.9
12-18	39	7.0	23	5.4	69.6
19-25	51	9.1	42	9.9	21.4
26-44	206	36.8	144	34.0	43.1
45-64	219	39.1	174	41.0	25.9
65-74	22	3.9	9	2.1	144.4
75+	3	0.5	4	0.9	-25.0
Total	560	100.0	424	100.0	32.1

% of Ghana-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 59.5%

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

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Ghana-born are higher than for total Victoria: 15.3% have a postgraduate degree, 19.0% have a bachelor degree and 12.2% have an advanced diploma or diploma, compared to 5.4%, 16.5% and 9.2% for Victoria. A quarter (24.0%) of the Ghana-born have school education only, compared to Victoria (38.7%).

The labour force participation rate of the Ghana-born at 73.6% is higher than total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 11.1% is also higher than Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Ghana-born are different from those for total Victoria. More of them work as professionals (29.5%), community and personal service workers (23.6%), machinery operators and drivers (11.7%) and labourers (10.3%), compared to 23.3%, 10.6%, 5.8% and 9.0% for Victoria. Less of them work as managers (6.5%), technicians and trades workers (8.3%), clerical and administrative workers (5.4%) and sales workers (5.4%), compared to 13.5%, 13.1%, 13.3% and 9.7% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns for the Ghana-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria, with some exceptions. More of them are employed in healthcare and social assistance (29.7%) than Victoria (12.5%). Less of them are employed in construction (2.9%), wholesale and retail trade (10.1%), accommodation and food services (3.2%) and professional, scientific, technical and administration (9.0%) than Victoria (8.3%, 13.4%, 6.6% and 11.4%).

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Ghana-born is fairly similar to total Victoria, with some exceptions. More of them receive nil income (13.7%) and \$800-\$1,249 (24.1%), compared to 9.7% and 16.7% for Victoria. Less of them receive \$1-\$399 (13.5%) than Victoria (20.1% for Victoria).

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Ghana-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	130	15.3	81	13.7	49	60.5	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	22	2.6	10	1.7	12	120.0	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	161	19.0	120	20.2	41	34.2	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	103	12.2	72	12.1	31	43.1	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	146	17.2	73	12.3	73	100.0	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	203	24.0	162	27.3	41	25.3	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	6	0.7	7	1.2	-1	-14.3	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	74	8.7	77	13.0	-3	-3.9	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	847	100.0	593	100.0	254	42.8	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, Ghana-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Ghana-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>	624	66.3	436	65.5	188	43.1	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	555	59.0	413	62.0	142	34.4	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	69	7.3	23	3.5	46	200.0	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	209	22.2	141	21.2	68	48.2	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	10	1.1	16	2.4	-6	-37.5	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	93	9.9	74	11.1	19	25.7	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	941	100.0	666	100.0	275	41.3	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	73.6%		73.6%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	11.1%		5.3%				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, Ghana-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Ghana-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	36	6.5	35	8.5	1	2.9	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	164	29.5	134	32.4	30	22.4	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	46	8.3	41	9.9	5	12.2	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkr	131	23.6	79	19.1	52	65.8	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	30	5.4	32	7.7	-2	-6.3	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	30	5.4	16	3.9	14	87.5	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	65	11.7	40	9.7	25	62.5	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	57	10.3	30	7.3	27	90.0	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	6	1.1	8	1.9	-2	-25.0	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	555	100.0	413	100.0	142	34.4	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, Ghana-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Ghana-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	3	0.5	5	1.2	-2	-40.0	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	47	8.5	53	12.8	-6	-11.3	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	5	0.9	3	0.7	2	66.7	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	16	2.9	7	1.7	9	128.6	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	56	10.1	50	12.1	6	12.0	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	18	3.2	19	4.6	-1	-5.3	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	29	5.2	19	4.6	10	52.6	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	4	0.7	6	1.5	-2	-33.3	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	12	2.2	16	3.9	-4	-25.0	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	6	1.1	-	-	6	-	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	50	9.0	39	9.4	11	28.2	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	36	6.5	27	6.5	9	33.3	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	51	9.2	37	9.0	14	37.8	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	165	29.7	98	23.7	67	68.4	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	35	6.3	18	4.4	17	94.4	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	25	4.5	13	3.1	12	92.3	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	555	100.0	413	100.0	142	34.4	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), Ghana-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Ghana-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	3	0.4	6	1.0	-3	-50.0	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	116	13.7	71	12.0	45	63.4	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	114	13.5	123	20.7	-9	-7.3	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	198	23.4	133	22.4	65	48.9	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	204	24.1	116	19.6	88	75.9	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	121	14.3	64	10.8	57	89.1	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	59	7.0	47	7.9	12	25.5	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	23	2.7	24	4.0	-1	-4.2	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	847	100.0	593	100.0	254	42.8	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*.