Fact Sheet No. 33

The Hong Kong (SAR of China)-Born Community in Victoria — 2016 Census (14)



Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 21,642 Hong Kong (SAR of China) born persons in Victoria (24.9% of Australia's total), ranked 14th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Hong Kong-born increased by 18.9% (3,438) from 18,204 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with major concentrations in the LGAs of Manningham (14.1%), Monash (11.7%), Whitehorse (11.1%), Melbourne (8.8%) and Boroondara (8.1%).

The Hong Kong-born reflected a balanced age profile: 22.8% were aged 25 years and below; 38.0% were aged 26-44 years; 29.6% were aged 45-64 years; and 2.9% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 37 years, similar to total Victoria. The gender ratio was 90 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

The Hong Kong-born are mostly identified with Chinese ancestry. Of the 370,644 persons of Chinese ancestry in Victoria, 19,689 were born in Hong Kong. Almost half (47.4%) of the Hong Kong-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 10.2% arrived in 1996-2000; 9.5% arrived in 2001-2005; 10.5% arrived in 2006-2010; and 19.4% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most of the Hong Kong-born speak Cantonese (80.5%), Mandarin (4.5%) and Vietnamese; 11.4% speak English only. Of those who speak a language other than English, 13.0% speak English not well/not at all. The Hong Kong-born follow a variety of religions: Catholic (10.8%), Buddhism (7.9%), Baptist (7.4%), Christian not further defined (4.5%) and Anglican (2.9%); 54.4% have no religion. Most (72.8%) of the Hong Kong-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Hong Kong (SAR of	China)-bor	n in Victo	ria and Aus	stralia: 20	16, 2011 an	d 2006 Cen	sus			
	2016 Census		2011 Census		2006 Census		Change 2011-2016		Change 2006-2011	
Location	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	% change
Metro Melbourne ^(a)	20,840	24.0	17,590	23.5	16,935	23.6	3,250	18.5	655	3.9
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	798	0.9	618	0.8	490	0.7	180	29.1	128	26.1
Total Victoria	21,642	24.9	18,204	24.3	17,426	24.3	3,438	18.9	778	4.5
Total Australia	86,886	100.0	74,955	100.0	71,803	100.0	11,931	15.9	3,152	4.4

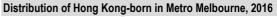
⁽a) Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area

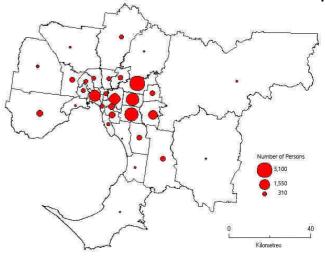
⁽b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

Distribution of Hong	Kong (SAF	R of Chin	a)-born, Top	5 LGAs	: 2016 Census
Local Government	2016 Ce	nsus	2011 Ce	nsus	Rank in
Area (LGA)	Persons	%	Persons	%	2011
Manningham (C)	3,061	14.1	2,825	15.5	1
Monash (C)	2,524	11.7	2,357	12.9	2
Whitehorse (C)	2,409	11.1	2,043	11.2	3
Melbourne (C)	1,912	8.8	1,486	8.2	5
Boroondara (C)	1,763	8.1	1,567	8.6	4
Rest of Melbourne	9,138	42.2	7,297	40.1	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	826	3.8	645	3.5	-
Total Victoria	21,642	100.0	18,204	100.0	-

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

Age Distribution of	f Hong Kong-	-born: 20	16, 2011 C	ensus	
Age group	2016 Ce	nsus	2011 C	2011-16	
(years)	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change
0-4	262	1.2	134	0.7	95.5
5-11	619	2.9	367	2.0	68.7
12-18	967	4.5	1,110	6.1	-12.9
19-25	3,064	14.2	3,473	19.1	-11.8
26-44	8,229	38.0	6,058	33.3	35.8
45-54	2,814	13.0	3,279	18.0	-14.2
55-64	3,590	16.6	2,739	15.0	31.1
65-74	1,474	6.8	664	3.6	122.0
75+	622	2.9	374	2.1	66.3
Total Victoria	21,642	100.0	18,204	100.0	18.9
Median Age	37		36		
Sex Ratio	90		92	males per	r 100 females







Top 5 Countries of Birth of Persons with Chinese Ancestry: 2016, 2011									
	2016		2011		2011-16				
Country of birth	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change				
China	157,727	42.6	91,112	35.8	73.1				
Malaysia	37,624	10.2	29,442	11.6	27.8				
Hong Kong	19,689	5.3	16,463	6.5	19.6				
Vietnam	16,521	4.5	15,470	6.1	6.8				
Singapore	9,829	2.7	8,458	3.3	16.2				
Australia	86,024	23.2	60,441	23.7	42.3				
Other ^(a)	43,244	11.7	33,210	13.0	30.2				
Total responses ^(b)	370,644	100.0	254,596	100.0	45.6				

(a) Includes all other co	untries, and birth	place not stated
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 $[\]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 most related to Hong Kong (SAR of China)-born persons.

Year of Arrival of H	ong Kong (SA	AR of Chi	na)-born: 201	6
	Kong (SAR	of China	Total OSB,	Vic ^(c)
Year of arrival ^(a)	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	10,250	47.4	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	2,204	10.2	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	2,047	9.5	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	2,280	10.5	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	4,195	19.4	381,130	22.7
Not stated	667	3.1	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	21,642	100.0	1,680,256	100.0

⁽a) Records the year of arrival in Australia for people born overseas

^(c)OSB stands for Overseas-born.

Top 5 Languages Sp	oken at Hom	e, Hong	Kong (SAR o	of China)	-born: 2016,
Language other	2016		2011		2011-16
than English	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change
Cantonese	17,425	80.5	15,155	83.3	15.0
Mandarin	967	4.5	345	1.9	180.3
Vietnamese	418	1.9	420	2.3	-0.5
Nepali	57	0.3	29	0.2	96.6
Chinese, nfd	27	0.1	61	0.3	-55.7
Other languages ^(a)	182	8.0	144	8.0	26.4
English only	2,469	11.4	1,997	11.0	23.6
Not stated	90	0.4	53	0.3	69.8
Total Victoria	21,642	100.0	18,204	100.0	18.9

(a) Includes "Inadequately described" and "Non-verbal, so descri	bed".
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Proficiency in English	of Hong K	ong (SAR	R of China)-bo	orn: 2016	, 2011	
	2016	i	2011		2011-16	
Proficiency in English	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change	
Speaks English only	2,469	11.4	1,997	11.0	23.6	
Speaks other language	s					
and speaks English						
Very well	8,638	39.9	7,352	40.4	17.5	
Well	7,593	35.1	6,493	35.7	16.9	
Not well	2,504	11.6	1,978	10.9	26.6	
Not at all	310	1.4	277	1.5	11.9	
Not stated ^(a)	130	0.6	106	0.6	22.6	
Total Victoria	21.642	100.0	18.204	100.0	18.9	

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

Top 5 Religious affilia	Top 5 Religious affiliation, Hong Kong (SAR of China)-born: 2016, 2011									
	2016		2011		2011-16					
Religious affiliation ^(a)	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change					
Catholic	2,343	10.8	2,278	12.5	2.9					
Buddhism	1,705	7.9	2,040	11.2	-16.4					
Baptist	1,607	7.4	1,539	8.5	4.4					
Christian, nfd	977	4.5	748	4.1	30.6					
Anglican	635	2.9	608	3.3	4.4					
Other religions	1,764	8.2	1,625	8.9	8.6					
No religion ^(b)	11,784	54.4	8,551	47.0	37.8					
Not stated	829	3.8	815	4.5	1.7					
Total Victoria	21,642	100.0	18,204	100.0	18.9					

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

Hong Kong-born	with Australian	Citizens	hip by Age: 2	016, 201 ⁻	1
Age group	2016)	2011		2011-16
(years)	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change
0-4	164	1.0	103	0.7	59.2
5-11	394	2.5	275	2.0	43.3
12-18	623	4.0	675	4.9	-7.7
19-25	1,011	6.4	1,457	10.5	-30.6
26-44	5,777	36.6	4,799	34.7	20.4
45-64	5,822	36.9	5,582	40.3	4.3
65-74	1,395	8.8	629	4.5	121.8
75+	580	3.7	334	2.4	73.7
Total	15,765	100.0	13,848	100.0	13.8

[%] of Hong Kong (SAR of China)-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 72.8% % of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 58.3%

who intend staying in Australia for at least one year.

^(b)Arrivals up to 9 Aug 2016.

⁽b) No Religion, so described.

Economic characteristics

The educational levels of the Hong Kong-born are different from those for total Victoria. More of them have a postgraduate degree (12.3%) and a bachelor degree (31.6%), compared to 5.4% and 16.5% for Victoria. Less of them have a certificate (4.8%) and school education only (33.1%) than Victoria (14.4% and 38.7%).

The labour force participation rate of the Hong Kong-born at 65.4% is slightly higher than total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 7.6% is also slightly higher than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Hong Kong-born are different from those for total Victoria. More of them (36.4%) are professionals compared to 23.3% for Victoria. Less of them are technicians and trades workers (9.5%), machinery operators and drivers (3.0%) and labourers (6.5%), compared to 13.1%, 5.8% and 9.0% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns of the Hong Kong-born are also different from total Victoria. More of them are employed in accommodation and food services (12.3%), finance and insurance (7.0%), professional, scientific, technical and administration (14.6%), and healthcare and social assistance (15.8%), compared to 6.6%, 3.9%, 11.4% and 12.5% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Hong Kong-born is different from total Victoria. More of them receive nil income (18.0%) compared to 9.7% for Victoria. Less of them receive \$1-\$399 (17.9%) and \$400-\$799 (19.0%) than Victoria (20.1% and 23.1%). More of the Hong Kong-born (25.8%) receive \$1,250 or more (21.4% for Victoria).

Highest level of education	nal attainmer	nt, Hong K	ong (SAR o	f China)-b	orn and Tot	al Victoria	: 2016, 2011					
		Hong	Kong (SAR	of China)-	born			Total Victoria				
•	2016	ĵ	2011		Change 20	11-2016	2016	3	201	1	Change 20	11-2016
Highest level of						%						%
educational attainment(a)	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	change
Postgraduate Degree	2,517	12.3	1,740	10.0	777	44.7	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	674	3.3	500	2.9	174	34.8	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	6,465	31.6	5,298	30.4	1,167	22.0	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	1,970	9.6	1,645	9.4	325	19.8	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	986	4.8	823	4.7	163	19.8	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	6,772	33.1	6,385	36.7	387	6.1	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment(c)	201	1.0	149	0.9	52	34.9	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	889	4.3	877	5.0	12	1.4	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	20,476	100.0	17,413	100.0	3,063	17.6	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.

⁽d) Includes "Inadequately described".

		Hong	Kong (SAR	of China)-	born	Total Victoria						
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
Labour force						%						%
participation ^(a)	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	change
In the labour force	13,383	61.8	11,430	62.8	1,953	17.1	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	12,369	57.2	10,636	58.4	1,733	16.3	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	1,014	4.7	794	4.4	220	27.7	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
Not in the labour force	7,038	32.5	5,908	32.5	1,130	19.1	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
Not stated	53	0.2	82	0.5	-29	-35.4	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
Not applicable (b)	1,165	5.4	789	4.3	376	47.7	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	21,642	100.0	18,204	100.0	3,438	18.9	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
Participation rate (c)	65.4% 65.6%				60.5%		61.4%					
Unemployment rate (d)	7.6% 6.9%					6.6%	ı	5.4%)			

⁽a) This variable is applicable to persons 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.

⁽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, Hong Kong (SAR of China)-born	n and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011
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		Hong	Kong (SAF	R of Chir	na)-born		Total Victoria						
Occupation ^(a)	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Managers	1,397	11.3	1,134	10.7	263	23.2	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1	
Professionals	4,503	36.4	3,972	37.3	531	13.4	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6	
Technicians and trades workers	1,172	9.5	1,080	10.2	92	8.5	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3	
Community&personal serv. wkrs	1,274	10.3	1,095	10.3	179	16.3	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5	
Clerical & administrative workers	1,756	14.2	1,551	14.6	205	13.2	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4	
Sales workers	928	7.5	729	6.9	199	27.3	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1	
Machinery operators & drivers	369	3.0	297	2.8	72	24.2	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0	
Labourers	803	6.5	590	5.5	213	36.1	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9	
Not stated ^(b)	167	1.4	189	1.8	-22	-11.6	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5	
Victoria	12,369	100.0	10,636	100.0	1,733	16.3	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".

		Kong (SAR	of Chin	a)-born		Total Victoria						
Industry of employment ^(a)	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	92	0.7	69	0.6	23	33.3	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	687	5.6	777	7.3	-90	-11.6	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	98	8.0	77	0.7	21	27.3	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	321	2.6	227	2.1	94	41.4	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	1,618	13.1	1,661	15.6	-43	-2.6	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	1,524	12.3	1,468	13.8	56	3.8	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	394	3.2	310	2.9	84	27.1	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	313	2.5	240	2.3	73	30.4	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	860	7.0	793	7.5	67	8.4	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	257	2.1	149	1.4	108	72.5	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	1,804	14.6	1,538	14.5	266	17.3	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	506	4.1	399	3.8	107	26.8	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	828	6.7	685	6.4	143	20.9	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	1,958	15.8	1,570	14.8	388	24.7	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	619	5.0	477	4.5	142	29.8	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	495	4.0	197	1.9	298	151.3	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	12,369	100.0	10,636	100.0	1,733	16.3	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 ^(a)		Hong	Kong (SAF	R of Chir	ıa)-born	Total Victoria						
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	99	0.5	123	0.7	-24	-19.5	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	3,679	18.0	3,219	18.5	460	14.3	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	3,671	17.9	4,012	23.0	-341	-8.5	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	3,886	19.0	3,265	18.8	621	19.0	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	3,603	17.6	2,945	16.9	658	22.3	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	3,328	16.3	2,402	13.8	926	38.6	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	1,953	9.5	1,195	6.9	758	63.4	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	258	1.3	255	1.5	3	1.2	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	20,476	100.0	17,413	100.0	3,063	17.6	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 socioeconomic data.

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

