

The Indonesia-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 21)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 17,805 Indonesia-born persons in Victoria (24.3% of Australia’s total), ranked 21st among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Indonesia-born increased by 15.6% (2,400) from 15,405 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the LGAs of Melbourne (18.4%), Monash (10.1%), Wyndham (7.7%), Whitehorse (5.5%) and Casey (4.7%).

The Indonesia-born reflected a young to adult age profile: 29.4% were aged 25 years and below; 48.0% were aged 26-44 years; 15.2% were aged 45-64 years; and 7.4% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 34 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 77 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 14,679 persons identified with Indonesian ancestry. Most of them were born in Indonesia (63.3%) and Australia (29.4%). One-fifth (19.1%) of the Indonesia-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 15.1% arrived in 1996-2000; 14.5% arrived in 2001-2005; 16.8% arrived in 2006-2010; and 32.3% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most of the Indonesia-born speak Indonesian (73.6%) and Mandarin (5.5%); 14.9% speak English only. The Indonesia-born follow a variety of religions: Catholic (24.8%), Islam (17.5%), Buddhism (9.3%) and Christianity not further defined (9.3%). Less (30.4%) of the Indonesia-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria.

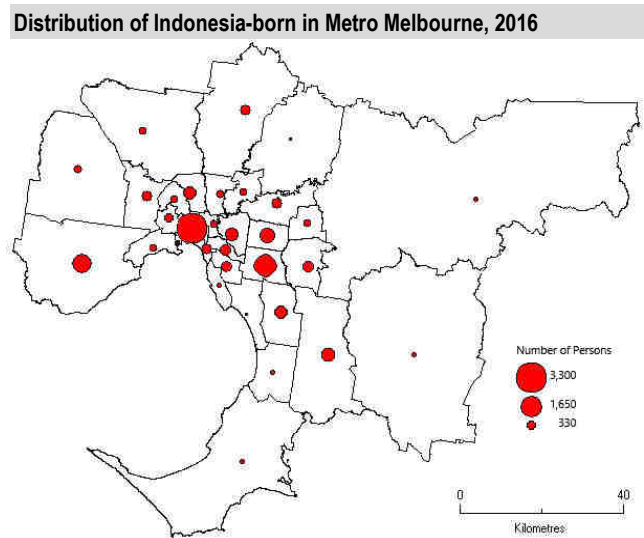
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Location	2016 Census		2011 Census		2006 Census		Change 2011-2016		Change 2006-2011	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	% change
Metro Melbourne ^(a)	16,998	23.2	14,704	23.3	12,050	23.6	2,294	15.6	2,654	22.0
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	808	1.1	703	1.1	555	1.1	105	14.9	148	26.7
Total Victoria	17,805	24.3	15,405	24.4	12,606	24.7	2,400	15.6	2,799	22.2
Total Australia	73,213	100.0	63,159	100.0	50,974	100.0	10,054	15.9	12,185	23.9

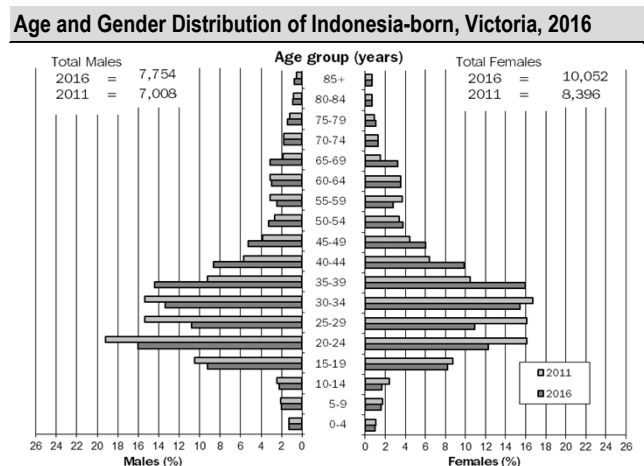
^(a) Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Melbourne (C)	3,282	18.4	2,854	18.5	1
Monash (C)	1,806	10.1	1,638	10.6	2
Wyndham (C)	1,373	7.7	949	6.2	3
Whitehorse (C)	980	5.5	876	5.7	4
Casey (C)	836	4.7	597	3.9	7
Rest of Melbourne	8,688	48.8	7,760	50.4	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	834	4.7	728	4.7	-
Total Victoria	17,805	100.0	15,405	100.0	-

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



Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	193	1.1	172	1.1	12.2
5-11	449	2.5	434	2.8	3.5
12-18	1,092	6.1	1,073	7.0	1.8
19-25	3,500	19.7	3,750	24.3	-6.7
26-44	8,548	48.0	6,944	45.1	23.1
45-54	1,652	9.3	1,110	7.2	48.8
55-64	1,059	5.9	1,061	6.9	-0.2
65-74	834	4.7	493	3.2	69.2
75+	479	2.7	373	2.4	28.4
Total Victoria	17,805	100.0	15,405	100.0	15.6
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>34</i>		<i>30</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>77</i>		<i>83 males per 100 females</i>		



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Indonesia	9,296	63.3	7,311	67.5	27.2
Singapore	257	1.8	148	1.4	73.6
Netherlands	152	1.0	94	0.9	61.7
Malaysia	93	0.6	40	0.4	132.5
New Zealand	58	0.4	29	0.3	100.0
Australia	4,319	29.4	2,871	26.5	50.4
Other(a)	486	3.3	339	3.1	43.4
Total responses(b)	14,678	100.0	10,832	100.0	35.5

(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 most related to Indonesia-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Indonesian	13,100	73.6	11,205	72.7	16.9
Mandarin	980	5.5	882	5.7	11.1
Vietnamese	204	1.1	232	1.5	-12.1
Min Nan	162	0.9	133	0.9	21.8
Dutch	158	0.9	205	1.3	-22.9
Other languages(a)	473	2.7	455	3.0	4.0
English only	2,645	14.9	2,166	14.1	22.1
Not stated	49	0.3	127	0.8	-61.4
Total Victoria	17,805	100.0	15,405	100.0	15.6

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

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

Religious affiliation(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Catholic	4,416	24.8	4,306	28.0	2.6
Islam	3,118	17.5	2,664	17.3	17.0
Buddhism	1,790	10.1	1,865	12.1	-4.0
Christian, nfd	1,650	9.3	1,190	7.7	38.7
Presbyterian/Reform	896	5.0	742	4.8	20.8
Other religions	3,354	18.8	3,089	20.1	8.6
No religion(b)	1,736	9.8	1,032	6.7	68.2
Not stated	831	4.7	517	3.4	60.7
Total Victoria	17,805	100.0	15,405	100.0	15.6

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

(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Indonesia-born: 2016

Year of arrival(a)	Indonesia-born		Total OSB, Vic(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	3,406	19.1	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	2,685	15.1	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	2,575	14.5	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	2,984	16.8	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016(b)	5,746	32.3	381,130	22.7
Not stated	413	2.3	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	17,805	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 Indonesia-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	2,645	14.9	2,166	14.1	22.1
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	8,051	45.2	6,601	42.8	22.0
Well	5,974	33.6	5,650	36.7	5.7
Not well	897	5.0	713	4.6	25.8
Not at all	144	0.8	92	0.6	56.5
Not stated(a)	96	0.5	181	1.2	-47.0
Total Victoria	17,805	100.0	15,405	100.0	15.6

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	49	0.9	38	0.8	28.9
5-11	117	2.2	112	2.5	4.5
12-18	259	4.8	257	5.7	0.8
19-25	447	8.2	420	9.2	6.4
26-44	2,355	43.4	1,895	41.7	24.3
45-64	1,323	24.4	1,198	26.4	10.4
65-74	528	9.7	337	7.4	56.7
75+	345	6.4	285	6.3	21.1
Total	5,421	100.0	4,543	100.0	19.3

% of Indonesia-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 30.4%

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

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Indonesia-born are higher than total Victoria: 14.7 have a postgraduate degree and 34.9% have a bachelor degree, compared to 5.4% and 16.5% for Victoria; 4.8% have a certificate and 18.7% have school education only, compared to 14.1% and 38.7% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Indonesia-born at 64.2% is higher than total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 11.3% is also higher than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Indonesia-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria, with some exceptions. More of the Indonesia-born work as professionals (31.4%) and clerical and administrative workers (14.8%) compared to 23.3% and 13.3% for Victoria. Less of them work as managers (10.2%) and technicians and trades workers (9.0%) than Victoria (13.5% and 13.1%).

The industry of employment patterns for the Indonesia-born are slightly different from those for total Victoria. More of the Indonesia-born are employed in accommodation and food services (14.9%), finance and insurance (7.2%) and professional, scientific, technical and administration (16.4%), compared to 6.6%, 3.9% and 11.4% for Victoria. Less of them are employed in construction (2.2%), public administration and safety (2.3%) and healthcare and social assistance (9.4%) than Victoria (8.3%, 5.3% and 12.5%).

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Indonesia-born is fairly similar to that for total Victoria, with some exceptions. More of them receive nil income (21.2%) and \$800-\$1,249 (18.0%), compared to 9.7% and 16.7% for Victoria. Less of them receive \$400-\$799 (20.7%) and \$2,000 or more (5.6%) than Victoria (23.1% and 7.5%).

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Indonesia-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	2,488	14.7	1,978	13.6	510	25.8	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	391	2.3	317	2.2	74	23.3	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	5,922	34.9	4,926	33.8	996	20.2	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	1,636	9.7	1,392	9.6	244	17.5	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	809	4.8	569	3.9	240	42.2	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	4,942	29.2	4,566	31.4	376	8.2	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	74	0.4	49	0.3	25	51.0	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	679	4.0	770	5.3	-91	-11.8	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	16,950	100.0	14,563	100.0	2,387	16.4	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, Indonesia-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Indonesia-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>	10,875	61.1	9,326	60.5	1,549	16.6	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	9,643	54.2	8,307	53.9	1,336	16.1	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	1,232	6.9	1,019	6.6	213	20.9	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	5,973	33.5	5,120	33.2	853	16.7	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	101	0.6	124	0.8	-23	-18.5	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	855	4.8	842	5.5	13	1.5	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	17,805	100.0	15,405	100.0	2,400	15.6	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	64.2%		64.0%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	11.3%		10.9%				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, Indonesia-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Indonesia-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	986	10.2	796	9.6	190	23.9	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	3,027	31.4	2,542	30.6	485	19.1	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	869	9.0	755	9.1	114	15.1	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	1,024	10.6	703	8.5	321	45.7	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	1,429	14.8	1,421	17.1	8	0.6	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	808	8.4	714	8.6	94	13.2	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	361	3.7	304	3.7	57	18.8	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	995	10.3	877	10.6	118	13.5	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	140	1.5	200	2.4	-60	-30.0	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	9,643	100.0	8,307	100.0	1,336	16.1	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, Indonesia-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Indonesia-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	82	0.9	68	0.8	14	20.6	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	764	7.9	792	9.5	-28	-3.5	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	91	0.9	72	0.9	19	26.4	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	212	2.2	199	2.4	13	6.5	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	1,283	13.3	1,233	14.8	50	4.1	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	1,433	14.9	1,337	16.1	96	7.2	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	382	4.0	324	3.9	58	17.9	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	224	2.3	223	2.7	1	0.4	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	694	7.2	657	7.9	37	5.6	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	173	1.8	129	1.6	44	34.1	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	1,584	16.4	1,395	16.8	189	13.5	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	226	2.3	196	2.4	30	15.3	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	755	7.8	572	6.9	183	32.0	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	902	9.4	600	7.2	302	50.3	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	412	4.3	328	3.9	84	25.6	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	415	4.3	177	2.1	238	134.5	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	9,643	100.0	8,307	100.0	1,336	16.1	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), Indonesia-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Indonesia-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	100	0.6	122	0.8	-22	-18.0	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	3,590	21.2	3,063	21.0	527	17.2	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	3,081	18.2	3,286	22.6	-205	-6.2	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	3,503	20.7	3,135	21.5	368	11.7	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	3,056	18.0	2,601	17.9	455	17.5	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	2,390	14.1	1,531	10.5	859	56.1	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	953	5.6	482	3.3	471	97.7	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	282	1.7	341	2.3	-59	-17.3	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	16,950	100.0	14,563	100.0	2,387	16.4	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*.