

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 4,353 Israel-born persons in Victoria (44.3% of Australia's total), ranked 61st among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Israel-born increased by 7.1% (289) from 4,064 persons in 2011. They are concentrated in the metropolitan LGAs of Glen Eira (49.6%), Port Phillip (6.4%), Kingston (6.1%), Bayside (5.2%) and Stonnington (4.6%).

The Israel-born reflected a balanced age profile: 22.9% were aged 25 years and below; 36.2% were aged 26-44 years; 25.4% were aged 45-64 years; and 15.5% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 41 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 123 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 10,131 persons identified with Jewish ancestry. They were mainly born in Australia (45.5%), Ukraine (9.1%), Israel (6.5%), Russian Federation (5.6%), South Africa (4.0%) and Poland (3.8%). Two-fifths (42.2%) of the Israel-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 5.7% arrived in 1996-2000; 13.2% arrived in 2001-2005; 18.1% arrived in 2006-2010; and 18.0% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most of the Israel-born speak Hebrew (57.3%), Russian (4.2%), Arabic (4.0%) and Yiddish (1.4%); 29.5% speak English only. Most (69.9%) of the Israel-born follow Judaism (69.9%), 3.4% are Catholic, 1.9% are Eastern Orthodox and 0.6% follow Islam; 15.6% have no religion. Over three-quarters (76.6%) of the Israel-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Israel-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)	4,274	43.5	3,983	43.2	3,210	41.2	291	7.3	773	24.1
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	79	0.8	86	0.9	61	0.8	-7	-8.1	25	41.0
Total Victoria	4,353	44.3	4,064	44.0	3,267	41.9	289	7.1	797	24.4
Total Australia	9,817	100.0	9,228	100.0	7,788	100.0	589	6.4	1,440	18.5

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

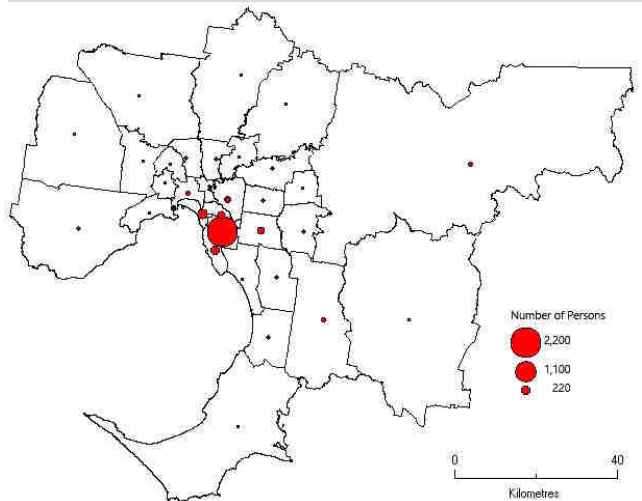
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Glen Eira (C)	2,161	49.6	2,051	50.5	1
Port Phillip (C)	279	6.4	296	7.3	2
Kingston (C)	267	6.1	160	3.9	5
Bayside (C)	225	5.2	211	5.2	3
Stonnington (C)	200	4.6	199	4.9	4
Rest of Melbourne	1,131	26.0	1,042	25.6	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	79	1.8	83	2.0	-
Total Victoria	4,353	100.0	4,064	100.0	-

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

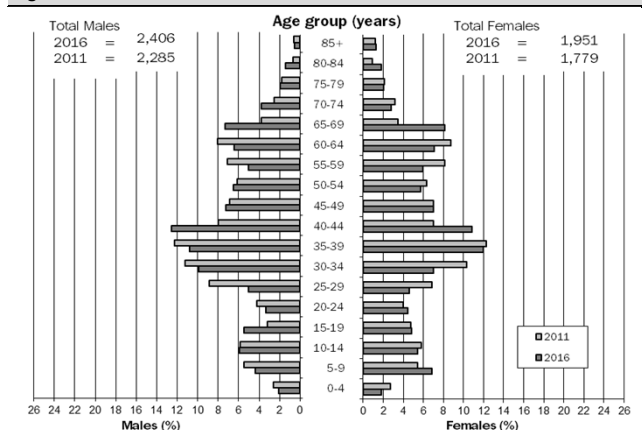
Distribution of Israel-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Israel-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	85	2.0	108	2.7	-21.3
5-11	328	7.5	315	7.8	4.1
12-18	347	8.0	285	7.0	21.8
19-25	235	5.4	228	5.6	3.1
26-44	1,574	36.2	1,532	37.7	2.7
45-54	576	13.2	533	13.1	8.1
55-64	531	12.2	649	16.0	-18.2
65-74	480	11.0	257	6.3	86.8
75+	195	4.5	153	3.8	27.5
Total Victoria	4,353	100.0	4,064	100.0	7.1
<i>Median Age</i>	41		38		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	123		128		<i>males per 100 females</i>

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Ukraine	990	9.8	1,532	12.3	-35.4
Israel	661	6.5	661	5.3	0.0
Russian Federation	571	5.6	715	5.7	-20.1
South Africa	407	4.0	808	6.5	-49.6
Poland	384	3.8	537	4.3	-28.5
Australia	4,608	45.5	5,533	44.3	-16.7
Other ^(a)	2,487	24.5	2,695	21.6	-7.7
Total responses^(b)	10,131	100.0	12,481	100.0	-18.8

^(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 Israel-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Hebrew	2,494	57.3	2,239	55.1	11.4
Russian	183	4.2	141	3.5	29.8
Arabic	174	4.0	191	4.7	-8.9
Yiddish	63	1.4	70	1.7	-10.0
Greek	25	0.6	31	0.8	-19.4
Other languages ^(a)	126	2.9	101	2.5	24.8
English only	1,282	29.5	1,262	31.1	1.6
Not stated	20	0.5	29	0.7	-31.0
Total Victoria	4,353	100.0	4,064	100.0	7.1

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Judaism	3,044	69.9	3,026	74.5	0.6
Catholic	149	3.4	170	4.2	-12.4
Eastern Orthodox	82	1.9	86	2.1	-4.7
Islam	26	0.6	37	0.9	-29.7
Christian, nfd	21	0.5	11	0.3	90.9
Other religions	103	2.4	141	3.5	-27.0
No religion ^(b)	680	15.6	404	9.9	68.3
Not stated	250	5.7	189	4.7	32.3
Total Victoria	4,353	100.0	4,064	100.0	7.1

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Israel-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Israel-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	1,839	42.2	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	249	5.7	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	576	13.2	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	788	18.1	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	784	18.0	381,130	22.7
Not stated	113	2.6	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	4,353	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 Israel-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	1,282	29.5	1,262	31.1	1.6
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	2,400	55.1	2,138	52.6	12.3
Well	532	12.2	518	12.7	2.7
Not well	99	2.3	89	2.2	11.2
Not at all	17	0.4	18	0.4	-5.6
Not stated ^(a)	28	0.6	45	1.1	-37.8
Total Victoria	4,353	100.0	4,064	100.0	7.1

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	24	0.7	44	1.4	-45.5
5-11	186	5.6	189	6.1	-1.6
12-18	286	8.6	205	6.7	39.5
19-25	173	5.2	139	4.5	24.5
26-44	1,041	31.2	1,007	32.7	3.4
45-64	998	29.9	1,097	35.6	-9.0
65-74	457	13.7	248	8.0	84.3
75+	184	5.5	150	4.9	22.7
Total	3,337	100.0	3,082	100.0	8.3

% of Israel-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 76.7%

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

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Israel-born are higher than for total Victoria: 12.6% have a postgraduate degree and 25.8% have a bachelor degree, compared to 5.4% and 16.5% for Victoria. Less of them have school education only (30.4%) compared to 38.7% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Israel-born at 71.5% is higher than total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 6.1% is fairly similar to total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Israel-born are different from those for total Victoria. More of them work as managers (22.3%) and professionals (33.4%), compared to Victoria (13.5% and 23.3%). Less of them work as clerical and administrative workers (10.1%), machinery operators and drivers (2.4%) and labourers (2.7%) than Victoria (13.3%, 5.8% and 9.0%).

The industry of employment patterns for the Israel-born are also fairly different from total Victoria. Less of them are employed in manufacturing (4.5%), construction (5.9%) and transport, postal and warehousing (2.4%), compared to 7.8%, 8.3% and 4.8% for Victoria. More of the Israel-born are employed in professional, scientific, technical and administration (16.3%) and education and training (13.6%) than Victoria (11.4% and 8.6%).

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Israel-born is different from that for total Victoria. Less of them receive \$1-\$399 (16.3%) and \$400-\$799 (18.9%), compared to Victoria (20.1% and 23.1%). More of them receive \$1,250-\$1,999 (18.4%) and \$2,000 or more (15.6%) than Victoria (13.6% and 7.5%).

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Israel-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	477	12.6	369	10.6	108	29.3	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	95	2.5	86	2.5	9	10.5	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	975	25.8	880	25.2	95	10.8	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	427	11.3	412	11.8	15	3.6	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	356	9.4	314	9.0	42	13.4	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	1,150	30.4	1,105	31.6	45	4.1	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	9	0.2	10	0.3	-1	-10.0	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	304	8.0	315	9.0	-11	-3.5	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	3,783	100.0	3,496	100.0	287	8.2	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, Israel-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Israel-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>	2,702	62.1	2,495	61.4	207	8.3	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	2,538	58.3	2,350	57.8	188	8.0	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	164	3.8	145	3.6	19	13.1	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	1,045	24.0	945	23.3	100	10.6	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	38	0.9	52	1.3	-14	-26.9	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	575	13.2	571	14.1	4	0.7	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	4,353	100.0	4,064	100.0	289	7.1	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	71.5%		71.4%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	6.1%		5.8%				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, Israel-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Israel-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	565	22.3	532	22.6	33	6.2	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	847	33.4	776	33.0	71	9.1	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	258	10.2	222	9.4	36	16.2	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	253	10.0	176	7.5	77	43.8	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	257	10.1	244	10.4	13	5.3	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	186	7.3	204	8.7	-18	-8.8	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	60	2.4	50	2.1	10	20.0	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	69	2.7	87	3.7	-18	-20.7	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	49	1.9	68	2.9	-19	-27.9	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	2,538	100.0	2,350	100.0	188	8.0	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, Israel-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Israel-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	18	0.7	14	0.6	4	28.6	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	113	4.5	168	7.1	-55	-32.7	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	15	0.6	17	0.7	-2	-11.8	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	150	5.9	138	5.9	12	8.7	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	369	14.5	449	19.1	-80	-17.8	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	157	6.2	160	6.8	-3	-1.9	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	60	2.4	44	1.9	16	36.4	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	62	2.4	65	2.8	-3	-4.6	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	84	3.3	93	4.0	-9	-9.7	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	48	1.9	40	1.7	8	20.0	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	413	16.3	388	16.5	25	6.4	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	74	2.9	63	2.7	11	17.5	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	344	13.6	283	12.0	61	21.6	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	323	12.7	240	10.2	83	34.6	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	133	5.2	123	5.2	10	8.1	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	166	6.5	73	3.1	93	127.4	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	2,538	100.0	2,350	100.0	188	8.0	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), Israel-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Israel-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	30	0.8	33	0.9	-3	-9.1	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	393	10.4	331	9.5	62	18.7	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	618	16.3	733	21.0	-115	-15.7	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	716	18.9	696	19.9	20	2.9	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	622	16.4	601	17.2	21	3.5	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	696	18.4	540	15.4	156	28.9	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	589	15.6	414	11.8	175	42.3	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	115	3.0	151	4.3	-36	-23.8	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	3,783	100.0	3,496	100.0	287	8.2	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*.