

**Demographic characteristics**

At the 2016 Census, there were 8,515 Japan-born persons in Victoria (20.1% of Australia’s total), ranked the 40<sup>th</sup> among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Japan-born increased by 24.9% (1,695) from 6,820 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the LGAs of Melbourne (12.9%), Glen Eira (7.8%), Monash (7.2%), Stonnington (4.7%) and Boroondara (4.7%); 7.5% live in regional Victoria.

The Japan-born reflected a young to mature age profile: 23.4 % were aged 25 years and below; 48.6% were aged 26-44 years; 21.1% were aged 45-64 years; and 6.8% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 37 years, similar to total Victoria. The gender ratio was 45 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 13,104 persons identified with Japanese ancestry. Most of them were born in Japan (58.4%) and Australia (32.3%). One-fifth (19.6%) of the Japan-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 11.3% arrived in 1996-2000; 15.3% arrived in 2001-2005; 17.3% arrived in 2006-2010; and 30.3% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most (78.2%) of the Japan-born population speak Japanese; 17.5% speak English only. Of those who speak a language other than English, 14% speak English not well/not at all. One-fifth (20.1%) of the Japan-born follow Buddhism 3.6% are Catholic, 2.5% follow a number of Japanese Religions; 61.1% have no religion. Only 18.1% of the Japan-born have Australian Citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

**Japan-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 <sup>(a)</sup>	7,872	18.6	6,251	17.7	5,305	17.2	1,621	25.9	946	17.8
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	648	1.5	563	1.6	479	1.6	85	15.1	84	17.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>8,515</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>6,820</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>5,778</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>1,695</b>	<b>24.9</b>	<b>1,042</b>	<b>18.0</b>
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>42,421</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>35,377</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>30,778</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,044</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>4,599</b>	<b>14.9</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.

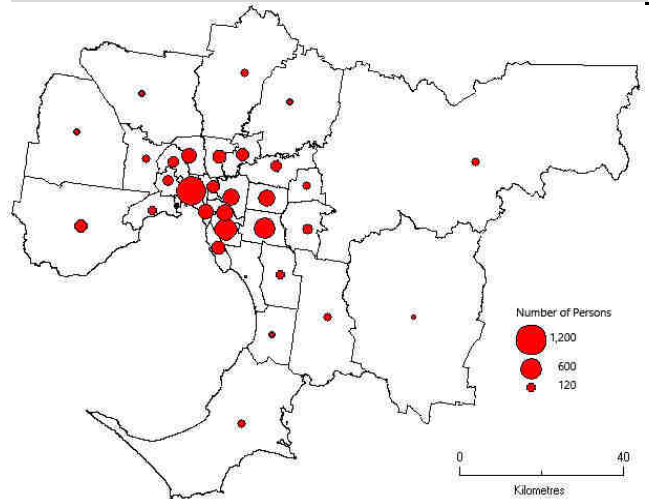
<sup>(b)</sup> Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

**Distribution of Japan-born, Top 5 LGAs: 2016 Census**

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Melbourne (C)	1,102	12.9	624	9.1	1
Glen Eira (C)	668	7.8	522	7.7	2
Monash (C)	611	7.2	485	7.1	3
Stonnington (C)	397	4.7	325	4.8	7
Boroondara (C)	396	4.7	410	6.0	4
Rest of Melbourne	4,668	54.8	3,877	56.8	-
Rest of Reg Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	642	7.5	599	8.8	-
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>8,515</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,820</b>	<b>100.0</b>	-

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

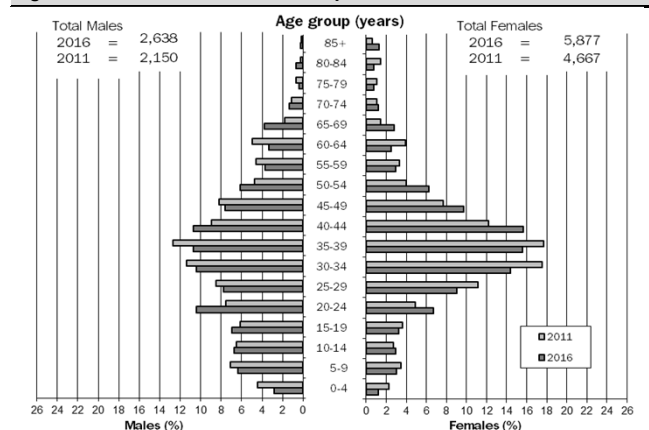
**Distribution of Japan-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016**



**Age Distribution of Japan-born: 2016, 2011 Census**

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	145	1.7	198	2.9	-26.8
5-11	471	5.5	430	6.3	9.5
12-18	494	5.8	392	5.7	26.0
19-25	886	10.4	565	8.3	56.8
26-44	4,140	48.6	3,519	51.6	17.6
45-54	1,293	15.2	827	12.1	56.3
55-64	504	5.9	538	7.9	-6.3
65-74	379	4.5	175	2.6	116.6
75+	194	2.3	176	2.6	10.2
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>8,515</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,820</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>24.9</b>
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>37</i>		<i>35</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>45</i>		<i>46</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>

**Age and Gender Distribution of Japan-born, Victoria, 2016**



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Japan	7,652	58.4	6,131	62.6	24.8
Brazil	165	1.3	60	0.6	175.0
Philippines	125	1.0	46	0.5	171.7
USA	123	0.9	98	1.0	25.5
New Zealand	83	0.6	59	0.6	40.7
Australia	4,234	32.3	2,957	30.2	43.2
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	723	5.5	442	4.5	63.6
<b>Total responses<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>13,104</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,793</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>33.8</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 Japan-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Japanese	6,655	78.2	5,272	77.3	26.2
Mandarin	98	1.2	55	0.8	78.2
Vietnamese	38	0.4	35	0.5	8.6
Bengali	22	0.3	18	0.3	22.2
Sinhalese	21	0.2	13	0.2	61.5
Other languages <sup>(a)</sup>	141	1.7	144	2.1	-2.1
English only	1,492	17.5	1,241	18.2	20.2
Not stated	31	0.4	42	0.6	-26.2
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>8,515</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,820</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>24.9</b>

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

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

Religious affiliation <sup>(a)</sup>	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Buddhism	1,714	20.1	1,794	26.3	-4.5
Catholic	303	3.6	282	4.1	7.4
Japanese Religions	217	2.5	178	2.6	21.9
Anglican	104	1.2	126	1.8	-17.5
Baptist	83	1.0	100	1.5	-17.0
Other religions	537	6.3	487	7.1	10.3
No religion <sup>(b)</sup>	5,201	61.1	3,522	51.6	47.7
Not stated	380	4.5	331	4.9	14.8
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>8,515</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,820</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>24.9</b>

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

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

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

Year of arrival <sup>(a)</sup>	Japan-born		Total OSB, Vic <sup>(c)</sup>	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	1,673	19.6	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	958	11.3	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	1,305	15.3	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	1,471	17.3	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 <sup>(b)</sup>	2,579	30.3	381,130	22.7
Not stated	538	6.3	58,517	3.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>8,515</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 Japan-born: 2016, 2011**

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	1,492	17.5	1,241	18.2	20.2
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	2,998	35.2	2,314	33.9	29.6
Well	2,793	32.8	2,218	32.5	25.9
Not well	1,073	12.6	868	12.7	23.6
Not at all	115	1.4	96	1.4	19.8
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	52	0.6	83	1.2	-37.3
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>8,515</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,820</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>24.9</b>

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	64	4.2	129	10.0	-50.4
5-11	255	16.6	227	17.7	12.3
12-18	238	15.5	154	12.0	54.5
19-25	216	14.0	121	9.4	78.5
26-44	318	20.6	247	19.2	28.7
45-64	222	14.4	227	17.7	-2.2
65-74	116	7.5	53	4.1	118.9
75+	108	7.0	120	9.3	-10.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,540</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>19.9</b>

% of Japan-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 18.1%

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

## Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Japan-born are higher than for total Victoria: 9.4% have a postgraduate degree, 31.4% have a bachelor degree and 13.1% have an advanced diploma or diploma, compared to 5.4%, 16.5% and 9.2% for Victoria; 30.3% have school education only, compared to Victoria (38.7%).

The labour force participation rate of the Japan-born at 64.1% is slightly higher than total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 7.2% is also slightly higher than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Japan-born are fairly different from those for total Victoria. Less of them work as managers (11.7%), technicians and trades workers (10.7%) and machinery operators and drivers (1.7%), compared to Victoria (13.5%, 13.1% and 5.8%). More of them work as professionals (28.7%), community and personnel workers (19.6%) than Victoria (23.3% and 10.6%).

The industry of employment patterns for the Japan-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria, with some exceptions. Less of them are employed in construction (1.1%) and public administration and safety (1.8%) than Victoria (8.3% and 5.3%). More of them are employed in accommodation and food services (19.5%) and education and training (15.5%), compared to Victoria (6.6% and 8.6%).

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Japan-born is also fairly similar to total Victoria, with some exceptions. More of them (21.8%) receive nil income than Victoria (9.7%). Less of them (17.1%) receive \$1,249 or more, compared to 21.1% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment <sup>(a)</sup>	Japan-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	718	9.4	535	8.9	183	34.2	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	285	3.7	236	3.9	49	20.8	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	2,408	31.4	1,899	31.5	509	26.8	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	1,005	13.1	843	14.0	162	19.2	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	458	6.0	317	5.3	141	44.5	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only <sup>(b)</sup>	2,323	30.3	1,744	28.9	579	33.2	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment <sup>(c)</sup>	33	0.4	12	0.2	21	175.0	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc <sup>(d)</sup>	442	5.8	452	7.5	-10	-2.2	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>7,675</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,037</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,638</b>	<b>27.1</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, Japan-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation <sup>(a)</sup>	Japan-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>	4,916	57.7	3,673	53.9	1,243	33.8	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	4,564	53.6	3,462	50.8	1,102	31.8	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	352	4.1	211	3.1	141	66.8	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	2,720	31.9	2,323	34.1	397	17.1	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	32	0.4	36	0.5	-4	-11.1	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> <sup>(b)</sup>	841	9.9	780	11.4	61	7.8	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>8,515</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,820</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,695</b>	<b>24.9</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</i> <sup>(c)</sup>	64.1%		60.8%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> <sup>(d)</sup>	7.2%		5.7%				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, Japan-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Occupation <sup>(a)</sup>	Japan-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	536	11.7	405	11.7	131	32.3	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	1,308	28.7	1,129	32.6	179	15.9	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	490	10.7	413	11.9	77	18.6	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkr	893	19.6	538	15.5	355	66.0	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	583	12.8	493	14.2	90	18.3	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	284	6.2	218	6.3	66	30.3	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	77	1.7	33	1.0	44	133.3	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	331	7.3	177	5.1	154	87.0	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated <sup>(b)</sup>	67	1.5	57	1.6	10	17.5	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>4,564</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,462</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,102</b>	<b>31.8</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, Japan-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Industry of employment <sup>(a)</sup>	Japan-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	57	1.2	22	0.6	35	159.1	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	283	6.2	317	9.2	-34	-10.7	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	13	0.3	11	0.3	2	18.2	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	50	1.1	45	1.3	5	11.1	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	569	12.5	477	13.8	92	19.3	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	891	19.5	573	16.6	318	55.5	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	161	3.5	112	3.2	49	43.8	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	52	1.1	38	1.1	14	36.8	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	144	3.2	123	3.6	21	17.1	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	14	0.3	11	0.3	3	27.3	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	528	11.6	502	14.5	26	5.2	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	83	1.8	73	2.1	10	13.7	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	708	15.5	540	15.6	168	31.1	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	541	11.9	354	10.2	187	52.8	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	245	5.4	200	5.8	45	22.5	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	213	4.7	64	1.8	149	232.8	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>4,564</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,462</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,102</b>	<b>31.8</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), Japan-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Total personal income, weekly <sup>(a)</sup>	Japan-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	56	0.7	52	0.9	4	7.7	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	1,672	21.8	1,339	22.2	333	24.9	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	1,661	21.6	1,461	24.2	200	13.7	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	1,630	21.2	1,247	20.7	383	30.7	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	1,201	15.6	989	16.4	212	21.4	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	854	11.1	552	9.1	302	54.7	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	458	6.0	269	4.5	189	70.3	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	147	1.9	125	2.1	22	17.6	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>7,675</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,037</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,638</b>	<b>27.1</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.

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