

The Jordan-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 99)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 906 Jordan-born persons in Victoria (15.3% of Australia's total), ranked 99th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Jordan-born increased by 31.7% (218) from 688 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the LGAs of Hume (20.5%), Casey (10.4%), Whittlesea (7.8%), Moreland (5.0%) and Darebin (4.9%).

The Jordan-born reflected a young to mature age profile: 34.6 % were aged 25 years and below; 38.1% were aged 26-44 years; 21.6% were aged 45-64 years; and 5.6% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 33 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 120 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 788 persons identified with Jordanian ancestry. Most of them were born in Australia (41.0%), Jordan (37.6%) and Kuwait (5.8%). Over one-quarter (27.5%) of the Jordan-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 10.0% arrived in 1996-2000; 14.5% arrived in 2001-2005; 15.8% arrived in 2006-2010; and 27.0% arrived in 2011-2016.

The Jordan-born speak mainly Arabic (79.8%), Assyrian (3.5%) and Chaldean (2.4%); 9.5% speak English only. Of those who speak a language other than English, 7.7% speak English not well/not at all. The Jordan-born follow a variety of religions: Islam (54.2%), Catholic (16.9%), Eastern Orthodox (9.1%) and Christian not further defined (3.1%); 6.3% have no religion. Over two-thirds (69.4%) have Australian Citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Location	2016 Census		2011 Census		2006 Census		Change 2011-2016		Change 2006-2011	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	% change
Metro Melbourne ^(a)	863	14.6	666	14.4	495	13.3	197	29.6	171	34.5
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	39	0.7	22	0.5	14	0.4	17	77.3	8	57.1
Total Victoria	906	15.3	688	14.9	511	13.7	218	31.7	177	34.6
Total Australia	5,912	100.0	4,620	100.0	3,719	100.0	1,292	28.0	901	24.2

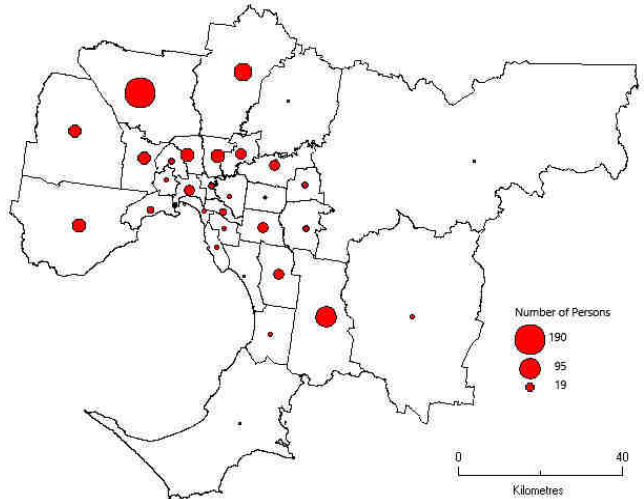
^(a) Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Hume (C)	186	20.5	128	18.6	1
Casey (C)	94	10.4	82	11.9	2
Whittlesea (C)	71	7.8	37	5.4	4
Moreland (C)	45	5.0	35	5.1	6
Darebin (C)	44	4.9	35	5.1	5
Rest of Melbourne	408	45.0	344	50.0	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	35	3.9	18	2.6	-
Total Victoria	906	100.0	688	100.0	-

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

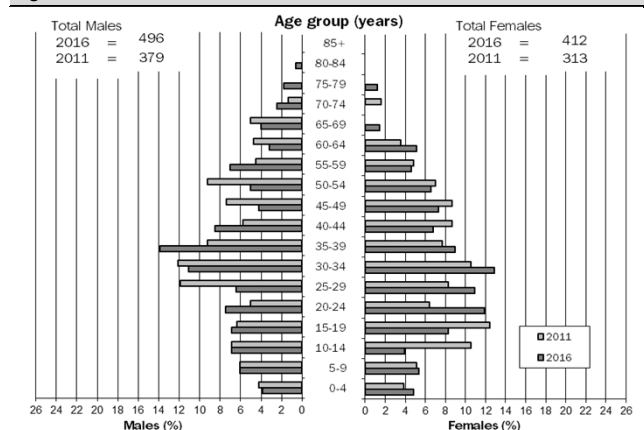
Distribution of Jordan-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Jordan-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	40	4.4	29	4.2	37.9
5-11	70	7.7	62	9.0	12.9
12-18	85	9.4	92	13.4	-7.6
19-25	119	13.1	57	8.3	108.8
26-44	345	38.1	244	35.5	41.4
45-54	105	11.6	113	16.4	-7.1
55-64	91	10.0	68	9.9	33.8
65-74	37	4.1	30	4.4	23.3
75+	14	1.5	4	0.6	250.0
Total Victoria	906	100.0	688	100.0	31.7
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>33</i>		<i>33</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>120</i>		<i>121</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Jordan	296	37.6	251	42.3	17.9
Kuwait	46	5.8	40	6.7	15.0
Saudi Arabia	19	2.4	9	1.5	111.1
Gaza Strip & W Bank	14	1.8	14	2.4	-
Qatar	11	1.4	5	0.8	120.0
Australia	323	41.0	219	36.9	47.5
Other ^(a)	64	8.1	55	9.3	16.4
Total responses^(b)	788	100.0	593	100.0	32.9

^(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 Jordan-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Arabic	723	79.8	531	77.2	36.2
Assyrian	32	3.5	28	4.1	14.3
Chaldean	22	2.4	22	3.2	-
Armenian	12	1.3	10	1.5	20.0
Greek	3	0.3	8	1.2	-62.5
Other languages ^(a)	12	1.3	17	2.5	-29.4
English only	86	9.5	65	9.4	32.3
Not stated	6	0.7	7	1.0	-14.3
Total Victoria	906	100.0	688	100.0	31.7

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Islam	491	54.2	350	50.9	40.3
Catholic	153	16.9	150	21.8	2.0
Eastern Orthodox	82	9.1	99	14.4	-17.2
Christian, nfd	28	3.1	9	1.3	211.1
Oriental Orthodox	14	1.5	3	0.4	366.7
Other religions	36	4.0	37	5.4	-2.7
No religion ^(b)	57	6.3	29	4.2	96.6
Not stated	47	5.2	11	1.6	327.3
Total Victoria	906	100.0	688	100.0	31.7

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Jordan-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Jordan-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	249	27.5	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	91	10.0	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	131	14.5	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	143	15.8	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	245	27.0	381,130	22.7
Not stated	37	4.1	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	906	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 Jordan-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	86	9.5	65	9.4	32.3
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	547	60.4	372	54.1	47.0
Well	192	21.2	181	26.3	6.1
Not well	51	5.6	51	7.4	-
Not at all	19	2.1	11	1.6	72.7
Not stated ^(a)	5	0.6	3	0.4	66.7
Total Victoria	906	100.0	688	100.0	31.7

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	9	1.4	3	0.6	200.0
5-11	40	6.4	31	6.4	29.0
12-18	59	9.4	65	13.4	-9.2
19-25	76	12.1	38	7.9	100.0
26-44	202	32.1	148	30.6	36.5
45-64	187	29.7	162	33.5	15.4
65-74	37	5.9	30	6.2	23.3
75+	14	2.2	4	0.8	250.0
Total	629	100.0	484	100.0	30.0

% of Jordan-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 69.4%

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

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Jordan-born are higher than those for total Victoria. More of them (25.5%) have a bachelor degree, 14.7% have a postgraduate degree and 11.2% have an advanced diploma or diploma, compared to 16.5%, 5.4% and 9.2% for Victoria. Less of them have a certificate (6.0%) and school education only (34.4%), compared to 14.4% and 38.7% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Jordan-born at 60.4% is similar to total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 16.2% is higher than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Jordan-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria, with some exceptions. More of them (28.6%) are professionals compared to 23.3% for Victoria. Less of them are clerical and administrative workers (7.2%) and labourers (6.7%), compared to 13.3% and 9.0% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns of the Jordan-born are also fairly similar to those for total Victoria. More of them are employed in professional, scientific, technical and administration (14.7%) and in education and training (10.3%), compared to 11.4% and 8.6% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Jordan-born is different from total Victoria. More of them receive nil income (19.4%) and \$1-\$399 (24.8%) compared to 9.7% and 20.1% for Victoria. Less of them receive \$400-\$799 (20.2%), \$800-\$1,249 (13.6%) and \$1,250-\$1,999 (8.9%), compared to 23.1%, 16.7% and 13.6% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Jordan-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	113	14.7	61	10.7	52	85.2	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	15	2.0	10	1.8	5	50.0	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	194	25.3	119	20.9	75	63.0	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	86	11.2	54	9.5	32	59.3	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	46	6.0	36	6.3	10	27.8	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	264	34.4	240	42.2	24	10.0	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	3	0.4	-	-	3	-	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	45	5.9	41	7.2	4	9.8	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	767	100.0	569	100.0	198	34.8	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, Jordan-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Jordan-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>	463	51.1	314	45.6	149	47.5	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	388	42.8	277	40.3	111	40.1	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	75	8.3	37	5.4	38	102.7	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	302	33.3	248	36.0	54	21.8	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	6	0.7	8	1.2	-2	-25.0	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	140	15.5	124	18.0	16	12.9	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	906	100.0	688	100.0	218	31.7	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	60.4%		55.7%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	16.2%		11.8%				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, Jordan-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Jordan-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	57	14.7	38	13.7	19	50.0	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	111	28.6	73	26.4	38	52.1	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	51	13.1	30	10.8	21	70.0	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	42	10.8	19	6.9	23	121.1	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	28	7.2	28	10.1	-	-	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	42	10.8	25	9.0	17	68.0	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	25	6.4	26	9.4	-1	-3.8	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	26	6.7	27	9.7	-1	-3.7	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	7	1.8	8	2.9	-1	-12.5	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	388	100.0	277	100.0	111	40.1	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, Jordan-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Jordan-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	3	0.8	-	-	3	-	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	30	7.7	35	12.6	-5	-14.3	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	-	-	5	1.8	-5	-100.0	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	19	4.9	15	5.4	4	26.7	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	48	12.4	42	15.2	6	14.3	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	30	7.7	29	10.5	1	3.4	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	19	4.9	17	6.1	2	11.8	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	8	2.1	3	1.1	5	166.7	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	11	2.8	8	2.9	3	37.5	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	6	1.5	8	2.9	-2	-25.0	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	57	14.7	32	11.6	25	78.1	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	13	3.4	8	2.9	5	62.5	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	40	10.3	33	11.9	7	21.2	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	52	13.4	28	10.1	24	85.7	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	24	6.2	10	3.6	14	140.0	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	25	6.4	9	3.2	16	177.8	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	388	100.0	277	100.0	111	40.1	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), Jordan-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Jordan-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	18	2.3	4	0.7	14	350.0	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	149	19.4	98	17.2	51	52.0	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	190	24.8	196	34.4	-6	-3.1	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	155	20.2	100	17.6	55	55.0	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	104	13.6	64	11.2	40	62.5	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	68	8.9	48	8.4	20	41.7	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	60	7.8	30	5.3	30	100.0	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	22	2.9	23	4.0	-1	-4.3	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	767	100.0	569	100.0	198	34.8	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*.