

The Latvia-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 93)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 1,203 Latvia-born persons in Victoria (32.0% of Australia's total), ranked 93rd among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Latvia-born decreased by 21.1% (321) from 1,524 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the LGAs of Knox (8.6%), Glen Eira (6.4%), Whitehorse (5.0%), Kingston (4.8%) and Manningham (4.7%); 15.4% live in regional Victoria.

The Latvia-born reflected a significantly ageing profile: 3.3% were aged 25 years and below; 13.1% were aged 26-44 years; 7.3% were aged 45-64 years; and 76.5% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 77 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 68 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 5,909 persons identified with Latvian ancestry. Most of them were born in Australia (72.1%) and Latvia (15.9%). Over three-quarters (78.8%) of the Latvia-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 5.2% arrived in 1996-2000; 2.2% arrived in 2001-2005; 4.6% arrived in 2006-2010; and 5.6% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most of the Latvia-born speak English (41.4%), Latvian (38.6%), Russian (14.9%), German (2.1%) and Hebrew (0.3%); 41.4% speak English only. The Latvia-born follow Lutheran (42.3%), Catholic (9.0%), Judaism (5.4%), Eastern Orthodox (4.9%) and Christian not further defined (3.7%); 20.9% have no religion. Most (86.6%) of the Latvia-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Latvia-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)	1,006	26.8	1,286	27.5	1,536	27.4	-280	-21.8	-250	-16.3
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	197	5.2	235	5.0	294	5.2	-38	-16.2	-59	-20.1
Total Victoria	1,203	32.0	1,524	32.6	1,822	32.5	-321	-21.1	-298	-16.4
Total Australia	3,758	100.0	4,674	100.0	5,611	100.0	-916	-19.6	-937	-16.7

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

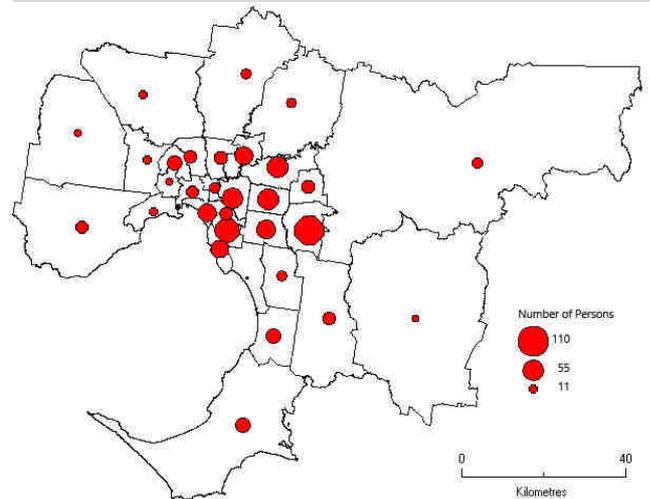
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Knox (C)	104	8.6	138	9.1	1
Glen Eira (C)	77	6.4	109	7.2	2
Whitehorse (C)	60	5.0	79	5.2	3
Kingston (C)	58	4.8	59	3.9	9
Manningham (C)	57	4.7	62	4.1	7
Rest of Melbourne	651	54.1	846	55.5	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	185	15.4	225	14.8	-
Total Victoria	1,203	100.0	1,524	100.0	-

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

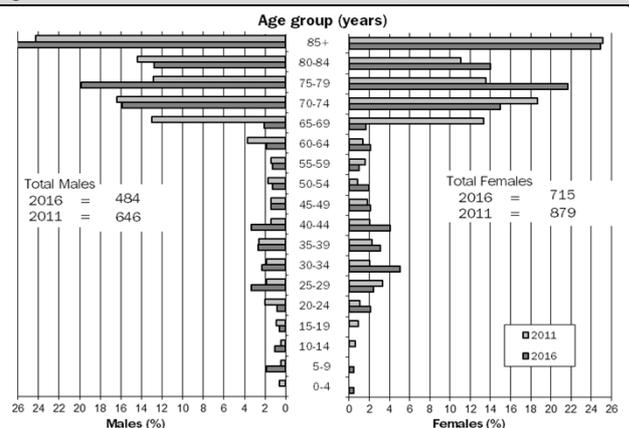
Distribution of Latvia-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Latvia-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	-	-	4	0.3	-100.0
5-11	10	0.8	8	0.5	25.0
12-18	6	0.5	13	0.9	-53.8
19-25	24	2.0	30	2.0	-20.0
26-44	157	13.1	125	8.2	25.6
45-54	49	4.1	42	2.8	16.7
55-64	39	3.2	55	3.6	-29.1
65-74	210	17.5	473	31.0	-55.6
75+	710	59.0	773	50.7	-8.2
Total Victoria	1,203	100.0	1,524	100.0	-21.1
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>77</i>		<i>75</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>68</i>		<i>73 males per 100 females</i>		

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Latvia	938	15.9	1,247	21.3	-24.8
Germany	291	4.9	287	4.9	1.4
England	95	1.6	74	1.3	28.4
South Africa	63	1.1	38	0.6	65.8
New Zealand	33	0.6	28	0.5	17.9
Australia	4,263	72.1	3,986	68.0	6.9
Other ^(a)	207	3.5	203	3.5	2.0
Total responses^(b)	5,909	100.0	5,863	100.0	0.8

^(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 with the most responses for Latvia-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Latvian	464	38.6	691	45.3	-32.9
Russian	179	14.9	169	11.1	5.9
German	25	2.1	34	2.2	-26.5
Hebrew	4	0.3	7	0.5	-42.9
Yiddish	3	0.2	5	0.3	-40.0
Other languages ^(a)	12	1.0	12	0.8	-
English only	498	41.4	588	38.6	-15.3
Not stated	14	1.2	18	1.2	-22.2
Total Victoria	1,203	100.0	1,524	100.0	-21.1

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Lutheran	509	42.3	845	55.4	-39.8
Catholic	108	9.0	147	9.6	-26.5
Judaism	65	5.4	91	6.0	-28.6
Eastern Orthodox	59	4.9	83	5.4	-28.9
Christian, nfd	44	3.7	13	0.9	238.5
Other religions	105	8.7	102	6.7	2.9
No religion ^(b)	252	20.9	178	11.7	41.6
Not stated	60	5.0	65	4.3	-7.7
Total Victoria	1,203	100.0	1,524	100.0	-21.1

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Latvia-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Latvia-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	948	78.8	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	62	5.2	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	27	2.2	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	55	4.6	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	67	5.6	381,130	22.7
Not stated	44	3.7	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	1,203	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 Latvia-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	498	41.4	588	38.6	-15.3
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	459	38.2	543	35.6	-15.5
Well	189	15.7	315	20.7	-40.0
Not well	38	3.2	51	3.3	-25.5
Not at all	7	0.6	4	0.3	75.0
Not stated ^(a)	18	1.5	18	1.2	-
Total Victoria	1,203	100.0	1,524	100.0	-21.1

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	-	-	-	-	-
5-11	5	0.5	6	0.4	-16.7
12-18	3	0.3	6	0.4	-50.0
19-25	14	1.3	23	1.7	-39.1
26-44	83	8.0	69	5.0	20.3
45-64	69	6.6	84	6.1	-17.9
65-74	202	19.4	466	33.6	-56.7
75+	669	64.2	735	53.0	-9.0
Total	1,042	100.0	1,386	100.0	-24.8

% of Latvia-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 86.6%

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

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Latvia-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria. The exception is that there are slightly more of the Latvia-born with a bachelor degree (18.1%) and advanced diploma and diploma (11.4%) compared to Victoria (16.5% and 9.2%). Less of them have a certificate (9.2%) and school education only (36.0%) compared to Victoria (14.4% and 38.7%).

The labour force participation rate of the Latvia-born at 22.8% is much lower than total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate is similar to total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Latvia-born are fairly different from those for total Victoria, with some exceptions. More of them work as professionals (33.2%) and community and personal workers (13.0%) than Victoria (23.3% and 10.6%). Less of them work as clerical and administrative workers (10.7%) and labourers (6.7%) than Victoria (13.3% and 9.0%).

The industry of employment patterns for the Latvia-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria. More of them are employed in professional, scientific, technical and administration (18.6%) and healthcare and social assistance (17.4%) than Victoria (11.4% and 12.5%). Less of them are employed in wholesale and retail trade (11.5%) and education and training (2.0%) than Victoria (13.4% and 8.6%).

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Latvia-born is different from that for total Victoria. More of them receive \$1-\$399 (26.9%) and \$400-\$1,249 (35.4%), compared to 20.1% and 23.1% for total Victoria. Less of them receive \$800-\$1,249 (12.7%) and \$1,250 or more (12.2%), compared 16.7% and 21.1% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Latvia-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	66	5.6	59	3.9	7	11.9	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	26	2.2	28	1.9	-2	-7.1	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	215	18.1	220	14.6	-5	-2.3	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	136	11.4	167	11.1	-31	-18.6	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	109	9.2	131	8.7	-22	-16.8	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	428	36.0	640	42.4	-212	-33.1	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	7	0.6	7	0.5	-	-	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	194	16.3	255	16.9	-61	-23.9	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	1,188	100.0	1,511	100.0	-323	-21.4	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, Latvia-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Latvia-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>	271	22.5	312	20.5	-41	-13.1	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	253	21.0	297	19.5	-44	-14.8	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	18	1.5	15	1.0	3	20.0	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	874	72.7	1,131	74.2	-257	-22.7	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	41	3.4	62	4.1	-21	-33.9	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	14	1.2	18	1.2	-4	-22.2	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	1,203	100.0	1,524	100.0	-321	-21.1	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	22.8%		20.7%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	6.6%		4.8%				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, Latvia-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Latvia-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	31	12.3	45	15.2	-14	-31.1	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	84	33.2	102	34.3	-18	-17.6	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	28	11.1	27	9.1	1	3.7	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	33	13.0	25	8.4	8	32.0	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	27	10.7	36	12.1	-9	-25.0	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	25	9.9	16	5.4	9	56.3	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	13	5.1	20	6.7	-7	-35.0	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	17	6.7	12	4.0	5	41.7	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	6	2.4	9	3.0	-3	-33.3	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	253	100.0	297	100.0	-44	-14.8	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, Latvia-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Latvia-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	4	1.6	4	1.3	-	-	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	16	6.3	17	5.7	-1	-5.9	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	19	7.5	21	7.1	-2	-9.5	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	29	11.5	48	16.2	-19	-39.6	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	14	5.5	15	5.1	-1	-6.7	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	9	3.6	18	6.1	-9	-50.0	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	8	3.2	11	3.7	-3	-27.3	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	13	5.1	15	5.1	-2	-13.3	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	6	2.4	4	1.3	2	50.0	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	47	18.6	45	15.2	2	4.4	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	9	3.6	10	3.4	-1	-10.0	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	5	2.0	11	3.7	-6	-54.5	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	44	17.4	49	16.5	-5	-10.2	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	15	5.9	25	8.4	-10	-40.0	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	19	7.5	10	3.4	9	90.0	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	253	100.0	297	100.0	-44	-14.8	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), Latvia-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Latvia-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	9	0.8	9	0.6	-	-	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	45	3.8	62	4.1	-17	-27.4	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	320	26.9	759	50.2	-439	-57.8	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	421	35.4	368	24.4	53	14.4	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	151	12.7	110	7.3	41	37.3	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	93	7.8	69	4.6	24	34.8	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	52	4.4	50	3.3	2	4.0	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	92	7.7	79	5.2	13	16.5	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	1,188	100.0	1,511	100.0	-323	-21.4	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*.