Fact Sheet No. 50

The Libya-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 95)



Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 1,036 Libya-born persons in Victoria (40.9% of Australia's total), ranked 95th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Libya-born increased by 2.8% (28) from 1,008 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with populations in the LGAs of Hobsons Bay (12.6%, Whittlesea (10.9%), Darebin (9.8%), Brimbank (9.5%) and Wyndham (9.3%).

The Libya-born reflected a balanced to ageing profile: 15.9% were aged 25 years and below; 24.7% were aged 26-44 years; 27.5% were aged 45-64 years; and 32.5% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 55 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 105 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 432 persons identified with Libyan ancestry. Most of them were born in Libya (51.9%) and Australia (38.0%). Over half (55.9%) of the Libya-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 3.0% arrived in 1996-2000; 4.0% arrived in 2001-2005; 23.1% arrived in 2006-2010; and 11.2% arrived in 2011-2016.

The Libya-born speak mainly Arabic (32.1%), Italian (28.0%) and Maltese (8.1%); 21.6% speak English only. Of those who speak a language other than English, 9.1% speak English not well/not at all. Half of the Libya-born are Catholic (51.7%), 34.1% follow Islam; 3.6% have no religion. Three-fifths (69.2%) of the Libya-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Libya-born in Victoria and Australia: 2016, 2011 and 2006 Census											
	2016 Ce	ensus	2011 Ce	2011 Census		2006 Census		011-2016	Change 2006-2011		
Location	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	% change	
Metro Melbourne ^(a)	984	38.8	939	36.7	764	50.3	45	4.8	175	22.9	
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	54	2.1	70	2.7	36	2.4	-16	-22.9	34	94.4	
Total Victoria	1,036	40.9	1,008	39.4	797	52.5	28	2.8	211	26.5	
Total Australia	2,535	100.0	2,557	100.0	1,518	100.0	-22	-0.9	1,039	68.4	

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

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

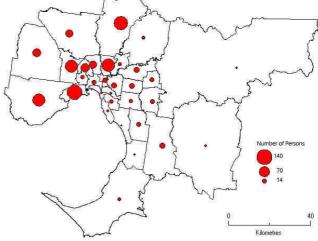
Distribution of Libya-born, Top 5 LGAs: 2016 Census

Local Government	2016 Ce	2016 Census		ensus	Rank in
Area (LGA)	Persons	%	Persons	%	2011
Hobsons Bay (C)	131	12.6	165	16.4	1
Whittlesea (C)	113	10.9	38	3.8	9
Darebin (C)	102	9.8	116	11.5	2
Brimbank (C)	98	9.5	95	9.4	3
Wyndham (C)	96	9.3	83	8.2	4
Rest of Melbourne	437	42.2	436	43.3	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	54	5.2	63	6.3	-
Total Victoria	1,036	100.0	1,008	100.0	-

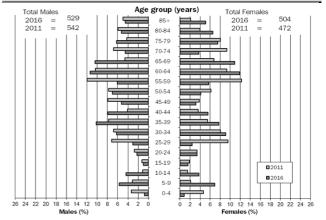
^(a) Includes "Unincorporated Vic" and "No Usual Address Vic".

Age group	2016 Ce	nsus	2011 C	ensus	2011-16
(years)	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change
0-4	9	0.9	41	4.1	-78.0
5-11	85	8.2	32	3.2	165.6
12-18	38	3.7	20	2.0	90.0
19-25	32	3.1	45	4.5	-28.9
26-44	256	24.7	248	24.6	3.2
45-54	100	9.7	124	12.3	-19.4
55-64	184	17.8	226	22.4	-18.6
65-74	151	14.6	130	12.9	16.2
75+	185	17.9	142	14.1	30.3
Total Victoria	1,036	100.0	1,008	100.0	2.8
Median Age	55		54		
Sex Ratio	105		115	males per	· 100 females

Distribution of Libya-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



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



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

	2016		2011		2011-16	
Country of birth	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change	
Libya	224	51.9	195	53.3	14.9	
Malta	12	2.8	8	2.2	50.0	
Israel	12	2.8	6	1.6	100.0	
England	7	1.6	5	1.4	40.0	
United Kingdom, Chan	3	0.7	-	0.0	-	
Australia	164	38.0	131	35.8	25.2	
Other ^(a)	6	1.4	21	5.7	-71.4	
Total responses ^(b)	432	100.0	366	100.0	18.0	

(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 Libya-born persons.

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

Language other	2016		2011	2011 2011-			
than English	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change		
Arabic	333	32.1	317	31.4	5.0		
Italian	290	28.0	356	35.3	-18.5		
Maltese	84	8.1	75	7.4	12.0		
Malayalam	11	1.1	4	0.4	175.0		
Hindi	11	1.1	5	0.5	120.0		
Other languages ^(a)	57	5.5	42	4.2	35.7		
English only	224	21.6	204	20.2	9.8		
Not stated	11	1.1	5	0.5	120.0		
Total Victoria	1,036	100.0	1,008	100.0	2.8		

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

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

	2016		2011		2011-16	
Religious affiliation ^(a)	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change	
Catholic	536	51.7	576	57.1	-6.9	
Islam	353	34.1	312	31.0	13.1	
Oriental Orthodox	16	1.5	10	1.0	60.0	
Eastern Orthodox	14	1.4	15	1.5	-6.7	
Christian, nfd	8	0.8	5	0.5	60.0	
Other religions	48	4.6	42	4.2	14.3	
No religion ^(b)	37	3.6	29	2.9	27.6	
Not stated	18	1.7	19	1.9	-5.3	
Total Victoria	1,036	100.0	1,008	100.0	2.8	

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Libya-born: 2016

	Libya-b	orn	Total OSB, Vic ^(c)			
Year of arrival ^(a)	Persons	%	Persons	%		
Before 1996	579	55.9	716,865	42.7		
1996 - 2000	31	3.0	104,975	6.2		
2001 - 2005	41	4.0	149,043	8.9		
2006 - 2010	238	23.0	269,729	16.1		
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	116	11.2	381,130	22.7		
Not stated	27	2.6	58,517	3.5		
Total Victoria	1,036	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 Libya-born: 2016, 2011										
	2016	i	2011		2011-16					
Proficiency in English	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change					
Speaks English only	224	21.6	204	20.2	9.8					
Speaks other language	s									
and speaks English										
Very well	454	43.8	342	33.9	32.7					
Well	253	24.4	268	26.6	-5.6					
Not well	83	8.0	131	13.0	-36.6					
Not at all	11	1.1	53	5.3	-79.2					
Not stated ^(a)	3	0.3	3	0.3	-					
Total Victoria	1,036	100.0	1,008	100.0	2.8					

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

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

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Age group	201	6	201	1	2011-16
(years)	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change
0-4	-	-	-	-	-
5-11	21	2.9	-	-	-
12-18	16	2.2	16	2.4	-
19-25	19	2.6	14	2.1	35.7
26-44	122	17.0	85	12.9	43.5
45-64	231	32.2	303	46.0	-23.8
65-74	134	18.7	118	17.9	13.6
75+	169	23.6	128	19.4	32.0
Total	717	100.0	659	100.0	8.8
	% of Libya-born	with Aust	ralian citizens	ship, 2016	: 69.2%
	% of Overseas-born	with Aust	ralian citizens	ship, 2016	: 58.3%

Economic characteristics

The educational levels of the Libya-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria, with some exceptions. More of them have a postgraduate degree (11.5%) and school education only (41.9%), compared to 5.4% and 38.7% for Victoria. Less of them have a bachelor degree (14.8%) and an advanced diploma or diploma (5.8%), compared to 16.5% and 9.2% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Libya-born at 41.6% is lower than for total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 14.6% is higher than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Libya-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria. More of them are professionals (26.5%) and machinery operators and drivers (7.6%), compared to Victoria at 22.3% and 6.1%. Less of them are community and personal service workers (6.1%) and clerical and administrative workers (13.1%) than Victoria (9.3% and 14.4%).

The employment patterns of the Libya-born are also similar to total Victoria, with some exceptions. More of them are employed in transport, postal and warehousing (7.9%) and education and training (11.6%), compared to Victoria (4.8% and 8.6%). Less of them are employed in wholesale and retail trade (10.4%) and healthcare and social assistance (10.7%) than Victoria (13.4% and 12.5%).

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Libya-born is lower than for total Victoria. More of them (11.4%) receive nil income, 30.8% receive \$1-\$399 and 25.4% receive \$400-\$799, compared to 9.7%, 20.1% and 23.1% for Victoria. Less of them receive \$800-\$1,249 (13.2%), \$1,250-\$1,999 (8.8%) and \$2,000 or more (4.6%), compared to 16.7%, 13.6% and 7.5% for Victoria.

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

			Libya-b	orn			Total Victoria						
-	2016	6	2011		Change 20	11-2016	2016	6	2011		Change 20	Change 2011-2016	
Highest level of						%						%	
educational attainment ^(a)	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	change	
Postgraduate Degree	106	11.5	58	6.2	48	82.8	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6	
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	14	1.5	13	1.4	1	7.7	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0	
Bachelor Degree	137	14.8	138	14.8	-1	-0.7	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5	
Advanced Dip & Diploma	54	5.8	60	6.4	-6	-10.0	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6	
Certificate	124	13.4	120	12.9	4	3.3	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6	
School Education only ^(b)	388	41.9	411	44.1	-23	-5.6	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0	
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	24	2.6	15	1.6	9	60.0	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0	
Not stated etc ^(d)	73	7.9	110	11.8	-37	-33.6	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5	
Victoria	925	100.0	932	100.0	-7	-0.8	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, Libya-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

			Libya-b	orn				Total Victoria				
	2016		2011		Change 20	11-2016	2016	i	2011		Change 2011-2016	
Labour force						%						%
participation ^(a)	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	change
In the labour force	384	37.1	365	36.2	19	5.2	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	328	31.7	313	31.1	15	4.8	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	56	5.4	52	5.2	4	7.7	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
Not in the labour force	532	51.4	537	53.3	-5	-0.9	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
Not stated	17	1.6	25	2.5	-8	-32.0	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
Not applicable ^(b)	113	10.9	82	8.1	31	37.8	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	1,036	100.0	1,008	100.0	28	2.8	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
Participation rate ^(c)	41.6%	0	39.4%	39.4%			60.5% 61.4%		6			
Unemployment rate ^(d)	14.6%	0	14.2%	6			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, Libya-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

		Libya-	born			Total Victoria						
Occupation ^(a)	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	45	13.7	44	14.1	1	2.3	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	87	26.5	59	18.8	28	47.5	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	41	12.5	53	16.9	-12	-22.6	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	20	6.1	25	8.0	-5	-20.0	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	43	13.1	52	16.6	-9	-17.3	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	27	8.2	25	8.0	2	8.0	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	25	7.6	11	3.5	14	127.3	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	34	10.4	32	10.2	2	6.3	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	9	2.7	10	3.2	-1	-10.0	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	328	100.0	313	100.0	15	4.8	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.

)Includes "Inadequately described".

Industry of Employment, Libya-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

		Libya-	born			Total Victoria						
Industry of employment ^(a)	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	-	-	-	-	-	-	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	26	7.9	37	11.8	-11	-29.7	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	3	0.9	-	-	3	-	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	27	8.2	27	8.6	-	-	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	34	10.4	39	12.5	-5	-12.8	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	15	4.6	22	7.0	-7	-31.8	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	26	7.9	20	6.4	6	30.0	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	3	0.9	6	1.9	-3	-50.0	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	14	4.3	17	5.4	-3	-17.6	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	-	-	3	1.0	-3	-100.0	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	40	12.2	35	11.2	5	14.3	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	26	7.9	17	5.4	9	52.9	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	38	11.6	39	12.5	-1	-2.6	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	35	10.7	24	7.7	11	45.8	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	19	5.8	25	8.0	-6	-24.0	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	23	7.0	8	2.6	15	187.5	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	328	100.0	313	100.0	15	4.8	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), Libya-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

		Total Victoria										
Total personal	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
income, weekly ^(a)	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	6	0.6	22	2.4	-16	-72.7	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	105	11.4	109	11.7	-4	-3.7	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	285	30.8	345	37.0	-60	-17.4	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	235	25.4	197	21.1	38	19.3	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	122	13.2	115	12.3	7	6.1	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	81	8.8	54	5.8	27	50.0	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	43	4.6	34	3.6	9	26.5	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	50	5.4	51	5.5	-1	-2.0	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	925	100.0	932	100.0	-7	-0.8	4,845,710	100.0	4,355,243	100.0	490,467	11.3

^(a)Applicable to persons aged 15 years and over.

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