

The Mauritius-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 34)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 11,812 Mauritius-born persons in Victoria (48.6% of Australia's total), ranked 34th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Mauritius-born increased by 1.8% (212) from 11,600 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with significant concentrations in the LGAs of Casey (26.9%), Greater Dandenong (11.2%), Kingston (5.7%), Monash (5.7%) and Wyndham (4.8%).

The Mauritius-born reflected an adult to mature age profile: 10.8% were aged 25 years and under; 34.5% were aged 26-44 years; 34.2% were aged 45-64 years; and 20.5% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 48 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 96 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 14,417 persons identified with Mauritian ancestry. Most of them were born in Australia (48.6%) and Mauritius (46.4%). Over half (54.4%) of the Mauritius-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 4.0% arrived in 1996-2000; 8.6% arrived in 2001-2005; 21.5% arrived in 2006-2010; and 9.4% arrived in 2011-2016.

Almost (47.1%) of the Mauritius-born speak French; 19.2% speak Mauritian Creole; and 8.8% speak French Creole not further defined; 23.5% speak English only. Two-thirds (65.7%) of the Mauritius-born are Catholic and 10.7% are Hindu; 7.1% have no religion. Three-quarters (76.5%) of the Mauritius-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Mauritius-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)	11,365	46.7	11,236	48.3	8,837	48.6	129	1.1	2,399	27.1
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	451	1.9	364	1.6	207	1.1	87	23.9	157	75.8
Total Victoria	11,812	48.6	11,600	49.8	9,051	49.8	212	1.8	2,549	28.2
Total Australia	24,329	100.0	23,279	100.0	18,173	100.0	1,050	4.5	5,106	28.1

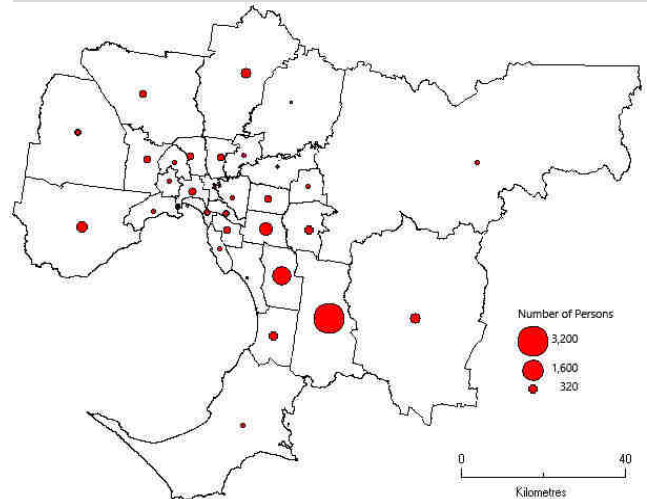
^(a) Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Casey (C)	3,172	26.9	3,114	26.8	1
Gter Dandenong (C)	1,328	11.2	1,632	14.1	2
Kingston (C)	673	5.7	668	5.8	4
Monash (C)	670	5.7	738	6.4	3
Wyndham (C)	572	4.8	355	3.1	6
Rest of Melbourne	4,921	41.7	4,703	40.5	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	481	4.1	374	3.2	-
Total Victoria	11,812	100.0	11,600	100.0	-

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

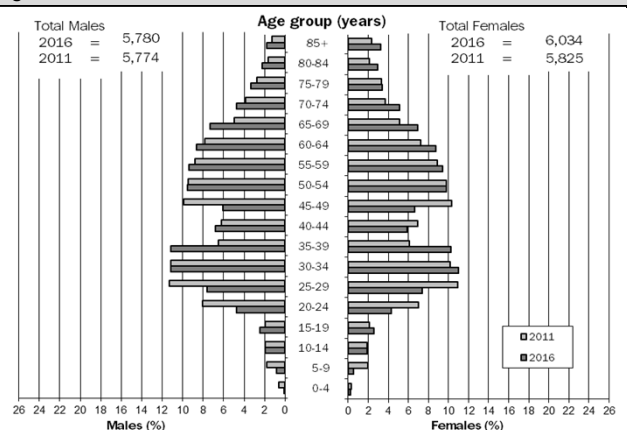
Distribution of Mauritius-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Mauritius-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	17	0.1	52	0.4	-67.3
5-11	173	1.5	300	2.6	-42.3
12-18	355	3.0	297	2.6	19.5
19-25	738	6.2	1,177	10.1	-37.3
26-44	4,070	34.5	3,786	32.6	7.5
45-54	1,899	16.1	2,292	19.8	-17.1
55-64	2,135	18.1	1,897	16.4	12.5
65-74	1,423	12.0	1,013	8.7	40.5
75+	1,008	8.5	782	6.7	28.9
Total Victoria	11,812	100.0	11,600	100.0	1.8
<i>Median Age</i>	48		45		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	96		99		<i>males per 100 females</i>

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Mauritius	6,683	46.4	7,091	52.8	-5.8
England	228	1.6	168	1.3	35.7
South Africa	89	0.6	55	0.4	61.8
France	33	0.2	29	0.2	13.8
India	18	0.1	9	0.1	100.0
Australia	7,009	48.6	5,742	42.7	22.1
Other ^(a)	349	2.4	340	2.5	2.6
Total responses^(b)	14,417	100.0	13,434	100.0	7.3

^(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 Mauritius-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
French	5,566	47.1	6,111	52.7	-8.9
Mauritian Creole	2,265	19.2	1,537	13.3	47.4
French Creole, nfd	1,038	8.8	1,170	10.1	-11.3
Mandarin	19	0.2	13	0.1	46.2
Hindi	18	0.2	16	0.1	12.5
Other languages ^(a)	62	0.5	94	0.8	-34.0
English only	2,773	23.5	2,584	22.3	7.3
Not stated	61	0.5	75	0.6	-18.7
Total Victoria	11,812	100.0	11,600	100.0	1.8

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Catholic	7,760	65.7	8,169	70.4	-5.0
Hinduism	1,262	10.7	1,045	9.0	20.8
Christian, nfd	369	3.1	286	2.5	29.0
Pentecostal	257	2.2	243	2.1	5.8
Anglican	228	1.9	255	2.2	-10.6
Other religions	700	5.9	843	7.3	-17.0
No religion ^(b)	835	7.1	520	4.5	60.6
Not stated	394	3.3	239	2.1	64.9
Total Victoria	11,812	100.0	11,600	100.0	1.8

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Mauritius-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Mauritius-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	6,425	54.4	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	473	4.0	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	1,013	8.6	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	2,538	21.5	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	1,112	9.4	381,130	22.7
Not stated	251	2.1	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	11,812	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 Mauritius-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	2,773	23.5	2,584	22.3	7.3
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	6,421	54.4	6,164	53.1	4.2
Well	2,211	18.7	2,449	21.1	-9.7
Not well	284	2.4	275	2.4	3.3
Not at all	30	0.3	25	0.2	20.0
Not stated ^(a)	97	0.8	103	0.9	-5.8
Total Victoria	11,812	100.0	11,600	100.0	1.8

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	-	-	3	0.0	-100.0
5-11	79	0.9	58	0.7	36.2
12-18	216	2.4	113	1.4	91.2
19-25	212	2.3	255	3.2	-16.9
26-44	2,619	29.0	2,103	26.2	24.5
45-64	3,665	40.6	3,828	47.7	-4.3
65-74	1,308	14.5	961	12.0	36.1
75+	938	10.4	708	8.8	32.5
Total	9,036	100.0	8,027	100.0	12.6
% of Mauritius-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					76.5%
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.3%

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Mauritius-born are fairly similar to total Victoria: 39.7% have school education only and 15.2% have a bachelor degree, compared to 38.7% and 16.5% for Victoria. More (17.3%) of the Mauritius-born have an advanced diploma or diploma compared to 9.2% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Mauritius-born at 64.5% is higher than total Victoria at 60.5%. The unemployment rate for the Mauritius-born at 7.0% is slightly higher than Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Mauritius-born are different from total Victoria. Less of them are managers (10.0%), professionals (20.0%) and sales workers (5.9%), compared to 13.5%, 23.3% and 9.7% for Victoria. More of the Mauritius-born work as community & personal service workers (12.5%), clerical & administrative workers (18.3%) and labourers (12.0%), compared to 9.3%, 14.4% and 9.0% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns for the Mauritius-born are similar to total Victoria, with some exceptions. Less of them are employed in agriculture, forestry, fishing & mining (0.5%), construction (4.1%) and wholesale & retail trade (10.6%), compared to 2.6%, 8.3% and 13.4% for total Victoria. More are employed in manufacturing (10.5%), finance & insurance (6.1%) and health care & social assistance (14.5%), compared to 7.8%, 3.9% and 12.5% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Mauritius-born is different from total Victoria. More of the Mauritius-born receive \$400-\$799 (24.9%), \$800-\$1,249 (22.4%) and \$1,250-\$1,999 (15.1%), compared to 23.1%, 16.7% and 13.6% for Victoria. Less of them receive \$2,000 or more, compared to 7.5% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Mauritius-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	544	4.7	347	3.1	197	56.8	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	215	1.9	147	1.3	68	46.3	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	1,748	15.2	1,411	12.7	337	23.9	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	1,984	17.3	1,842	16.6	142	7.7	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	1,398	12.2	1,203	10.8	195	16.2	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	4,555	39.7	4,826	43.4	-271	-5.6	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	62	0.5	44	0.4	18	40.9	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	976	8.5	1,294	11.6	-318	-24.6	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	11,482	100.0	11,115	100.0	367	3.3	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, Mauritius-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Mauritius-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>	7,401	62.7	7,512	64.8	-111	-1.5	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	6,883	58.3	7,068	60.9	-185	-2.6	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	518	4.4	444	3.8	74	16.7	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	3,940	33.4	3,361	29.0	579	17.2	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
Not stated	145	1.2	237	2.0	-92	-38.8	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
Not applicable ^(b)	333	2.8	491	4.2	-158	-32.2	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	11,812	100.0	11,600	100.0	212	1.8	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	64.5%		67.6%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	7.0%		5.9%				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, Mauritius-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Mauritius-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	687	10.0	549	7.8	138	25.1	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	1,376	20.0	1,241	17.6	135	10.9	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	877	12.7	994	14.1	-117	-11.8	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkr	862	12.5	826	11.7	36	4.4	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	1,259	18.3	1,375	19.5	-116	-8.4	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	403	5.9	477	6.7	-74	-15.5	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	465	6.8	526	7.4	-61	-11.6	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	824	12.0	918	13.0	-94	-10.2	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	127	1.8	166	2.3	-39	-23.5	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	6,883	100.0	7,068	100.0	-185	-2.6	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, Mauritius-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Mauritius-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	32	0.5	23	0.3	9	39.1	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	721	10.5	1,023	14.5	-302	-29.5	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	75	1.1	62	0.9	13	21.0	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	281	4.1	238	3.4	43	18.1	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	733	10.6	870	12.3	-137	-15.7	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	537	7.8	626	8.9	-89	-14.2	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	458	6.7	468	6.6	-10	-2.1	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	105	1.5	122	1.7	-17	-13.9	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	421	6.1	452	6.4	-31	-6.9	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	75	1.1	69	1.0	6	8.7	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	870	12.6	864	12.2	6	0.7	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	428	6.2	424	6.0	4	0.9	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	486	7.1	402	5.7	84	20.9	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	995	14.5	866	12.3	129	14.9	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	340	4.9	378	5.3	-38	-10.1	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	307	4.5	165	2.3	142	86.1	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	6,883	100.0	7,068	100.0	-185	-2.6	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), Mauritius-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Mauritius-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	51	0.4	67	0.6	-16	-23.9	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	1,103	9.6	964	8.7	139	14.4	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	2,200	19.2	3,018	27.2	-818	-27.1	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	2,862	24.9	2,886	26.0	-24	-0.8	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	2,577	22.4	2,318	20.9	259	11.2	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	1,731	15.1	1,073	9.7	658	61.3	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	564	4.9	334	3.0	230	68.9	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	386	3.4	445	4.0	-59	-13.3	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	11,482	100.0	11,115	100.0	367	3.3	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*.