Fact Sheet No. 55

The Myanmar-Born Community in Victoria — 2016 Census (ranked 35)



Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 10,973 Myanmar-born persons in Victoria (33.6% of Australia's total), ranked 35th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Myanmar-born increased by 95.7% (5,366) from 5,607 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with major concentrations in the LGAs of Wyndham (18.4%), Maroondah (16.0%), Greater Dandenong (13.6%) and Brimbank (13.3%) and Yarra Ranges (6.5%); 9.9% live in regional Victoria.

The Myanmar-born reflected a young to adult age profile: 29.2% were aged 25 and under; 45.5% were aged 26-44 years; 29.2% were aged 25 years and under; 19.2% were aged 45-64 years; and 6.2% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 33 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 104 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 6,854 persons identified with Burmese ancestry. Most of them were born in Myanmar (62.3%) and Australia (20.4%). A small proportion (6.4%) of the Myanmar-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia before 1996; 2.4% arrived in 1996-2000; 4.6% arrived in 2001-2005; 35.7% arrived in 2006-2010; and 48.6% arrived in 2011-2016.

The Myanmar-born speak Burmese (28.3%), Karen (23.5%), Chin Haka (19.5%), Burmese & related languages (11.0%) and Zomi (4.0%); 4.8% speak English only. Of those who speak a language other than English at home, 50.6% speak English not well/not at all. Two-fifths (43.7%) of Myanmar-born are Baptist; 15.6% are Buddhist; 12.1% are Muslim; 5.8% are Catholic; and 4.9% are Christian not further defined; just 1.7% have no religion. Two-fifths (41.4%) have Australian citizenship, compared to 53.8% for the total overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Myanmar-born in Vi	ctoria and A	Australia:	2016, 2011	and 2006	Census						
	2016 Census		2011 Ce	2011 Census		2006 Census		Change 2011-2016		Change 2006-2011	
Location	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	% change	
Metro Melbourne ^(a)	9,883	30.3	5,042	23.2	1,733	14.0	4,841	96.0	3,309	190.9	
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	1,092	3.3	560	2.6	61	0.5	532	95.0	499	818.0	
Total Victoria	10,973	33.6	5,607	25.8	1,792	14.5	5,366	95.7	3,815	212.9	
Total Australia	32,655	100.0	21,760	100.0	12,378	100.0	10,895	50.1	9,382	75.8	

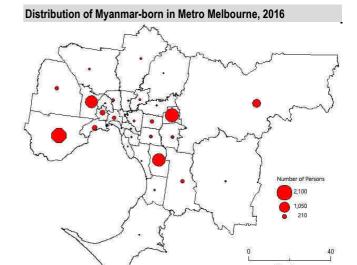
⁽a) Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area

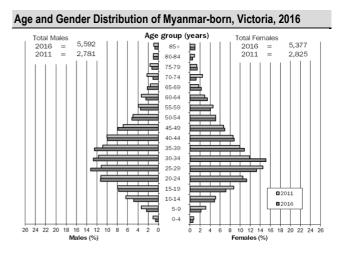
⁽b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

Distribution of Myanmar-born, Top 5 LGAs: 2016 Census											
Local Government	2016 Ce	nsus	2011 Ce	nsus	Rank in						
Area (LGA)	Persons	%	Persons	%	2011						
Wyndham (C)	2,018	18.4	1,014	18.1	1						
Maroondah (C)	1,753	16.0	834	14.9	2						
Gter Dandenong (C)	1,487	13.6	576	10.3	3						
Brimbank (C)	1,462	13.3	517	9.2	4						
Yarra Ranges (S)	716	6.5	232	4.1	8						
Rest of Melbourne	2,431	22.2	1,867	33.3	-						
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	1,087	9.9	536	9.6	<u>-</u>						
Total Victoria	10,973	100.0	5,607	100.0	-						

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

Age Distribution of	Age Distribution of Myanmar-born: 2016, 2011 Census											
Age group	2016 Ce	nsus	2011 C	ensus	2011-16							
(years)	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change							
0-4	61	0.6	53	0.9	15.1							
5-11	426	3.9	287	5.1	48.4							
12-18	979	8.9	578	10.3	69.4							
19-25	1,730	15.8	823	14.7	110.2							
26-44	4,988	45.5	2,372	42.3	110.3							
45-54	1,375	12.5	663	11.8	107.4							
55-64	732	6.7	414	7.4	76.8							
65-74	364	3.3	222	4.0	64.0							
75+	321	2.9	191	3.4	68.1							
Total Victoria	10,973	100.0	5,607	100.0	95.7							
Median Age	33	•	na	•								
Sex Ratio	104		98	males per	r 100 females							





Top 5 Countries of Birth of Persons with Burmese Ancestry: 2016, 2011										
	2016		2011		2011-16					
Country of birth	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change					
Myanmar	4,268	62.3	2,247	62.5	89.9					
Thailand	565	8.2	260	7.2	117.3					
Malaysia	242	3.5	59	1.6	310.2					
India	101	1.5	46	1.3	119.6					
England	50	0.7	46	1.3	8.7					
Australia	1,401	20.4	798	22.2	75.6					
Other ^(a)	216	3.2	139	3.9	55.4					
Total responses (b)	6,854	100.0	3,595	100.0	90.7					

⁽a) Includes all other countries, and birthplace not stated.

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 Myanmar-born persons.

Top 5 Languages Spoken at Home, Myanmar-born: 2016, 2011											
Language other	2016		2011	2011-16							
than English	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change						
Burmese	3,102	28.3	1,865	33.3	66.3						
Karen	2,575	23.5	1,620	28.9	59.0						
Chin Haka	2,145	19.5	369	6.6	481.3						
Burmese & rel langs	1,210	11.0	447	8.0	170.7						
Zomi	442	4.0	-	-	-						
Other languages ^(a)	916	8.3	723	12.9	26.7						
English only	525	4.8	540	9.6	-2.8						
Not stated	45	0.4	43	0.8	4.7						
Total Victoria	10,973	100.0	5,607	100.0	95.7						

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

Top 5 Religious affiliation, Myanmar-born: 2016, 2011										
	2016		2011		2011-16					
Religious affiliation ^(a)	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change					
Baptist	4,792	43.7	2,280	40.7	110.2					
Buddhism	1,708	15.6	1,083	19.3	57.7					
Islam	1,323	12.1	366	6.5	261.5					
Catholic	639	5.8	473	8.4	35.1					
Christian, nfd	537	4.9	149	2.7	260.4					
Other religions	1,657	15.1	1,114	19.9	48.7					
No religion ^(b)	190	1.7	84	1.5	126.2					
Not stated	135	1.2	58	1.0	132.8					
Total Victoria	10,973	100.0	5,607	100.0	95.7					

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

Year of Arrival of Myanmar-born: 2016											
	Myanmar	-born	Total OSB	, Vic ^(c)							
Year of arrival ^(a)	Persons	%	Persons	%							
Before 1996	705	6.4	716,865	42.7							
1996 - 2000	263	2.4	104,975	6.2							
2001 - 2005	502	4.6	149,043	8.9							
2006 - 2010	3,919	35.7	269,729	16.1							
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	5,334	48.6	381,130	22.7							
Not stated	246	2.2	58,517	3.5							
Total Victoria	10,973	100.0	1,680,256	100.0							

^(a)Records the year of arrival in Australia for people born overseas

^(c)OSB stands for Overseas-born.

Proficiency in English of Myanmar-born: 2016, 2011										
	2016 2011				2011-16					
Proficiency in English	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change					
Speaks English only	525	4.8	540	9.6	-2.8					
Speaks other language	S									
and speaks English										
Very well	1,657	15.1	756	13.5	119.2					
Well	3,159	28.8	1,514	27.0	108.7					
Not well	4,064	37.0	2,076	37.0	95.8					
Not at all	1,489	13.6	627	11.2	137.5					
Not stated ^(a)	79	0.7	91	1.6	-13.2					
Total Victoria	10,973	100.0	5,607	100.0	95.7					

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

Myanmar-bor	n with Australian (Citizenshi	ip by Age: 20	016, 2011	
Age group	201	6	201	1	2011-16
(years)	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change
0-4	21	0.5	7	0.4	200.0
5-11	54	1.2	56	3.0	-3.6
12-18	322	7.1	114	6.1	182.5
19-25	542	11.9	163	8.7	232.5
26-44	1,920	42.3	683	36.6	181.1
45-64	1,214	26.7	552	29.6	119.9
65-74	217	4.8	148	7.9	46.6
75+	245	5.4	146	7.8	67.8
Total	4,541	100.0	1,867	100.0	143.2
9,	% of Myanmar-born	with Aust	ralian citizens	ship, 2016:	41.4%
9/	6 of Overseas-born	with Aust	ralian citizens	ship, 2016:	58.3%

 $[\]ensuremath{^{\text{(b)}}}$ Respondents have option of nominating several ancestries; only the 1st

^(b) No Religion, so described.

who intend staying in Australia for at least one year.

^(b)Arrivals up to 9 Aug 2016.

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Myanmar-born are lower than for total Victoria: 9.8% have a bachelor degree or higher compared to 24.4% for Victoria. Almost one-fifth (18.3%) have no educational attainment, compared to 1.0% for Victoria. Over half (52.2%) have school education only compared to 38.7% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Myanmar-born at 48.2% is lower than total Victoria at 60.5%. The unemployment rate for the Myanmar-born at 16.4% is higher than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Myanmar-born are different from total Victoria. More of them work as community and personal service workers (15.6%), machinery operators and drivers (8.3%) and labourers (37.2%) compared to Victoria (10.6%, 5.8% and 9.0%). Less of them work as professionals (12.9%) and sales workers (2.4%) compared to Victoria (23.3% and 9.7%).

The industry of employment patterns for the Myanmar-born are also different from total Victoria. More of them are employed in manufacturing (26.5%) and healthcare and social assistance (18.7%), compared to 7.8% and 12.5% for Victoria. Less of them are employed in construction (4.6%), wholesale and retail trade (7.4%) and professional, scientific, technical and administration (8.2%), compared to 8.3%, 13.4% and 11.4% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Myanmar-born is lower than total Victoria. More of them receive nil income (12.9%), \$1-\$399 (38.7%) and \$400-\$799 (28.8%), compared to 9.7%, 20.1% and 23.1% for Victoria. Less of the Myanmar-born receive \$800-\$1,249 (10.6%), \$1,250-\$1,999 (3.1%) and \$2,000 or more (2.1%), compared to 16.7%, 13.6% and 7.5% for total Victoria.

Highest level of education	nal attainmer	nt, Myanm	ar-born and	Total Vic	toria: 2016, 2	2011						
			Myanmar	-born				Total Victoria				
•	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016	2016		2011		11-2016
Highest level of		<u>.</u>				%	<u> </u>					%
educational attainment ^(a)	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	change
Postgraduate Degree	212	2.1	111	2.2	101	91.0	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	57	0.6	30	0.6	27	90.0	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	719	7.1	560	11.1	159	28.4	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	416	4.1	209	4.1	207	99.0	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	1,076	10.6	316	6.3	760	240.5	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only(b)	5,283	52.2	2,763	54.7	2,520	91.2	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	1,852	18.3	587	11.6	1,265	215.5	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	515	5.1	471	9.3	44	9.3	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	10,126	100.0	5,049	100.0	5,077	100.6	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.

⁽d) Includes "Inadequately described".

Labour force participation ^(a)			Myanmar	-born			Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
In the labour force	4,883	44.5	2,144	38.2	2,739	127.8	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	4,083	37.2	1,846	32.9	2,237	121.2	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	800	7.3	298	5.3	502	168.5	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
Not in the labour force	5,180	47.2	2,835	50.6	2,345	82.7	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
Not stated	62	0.6	79	1.4	-17	-21.5	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
Not applicable (b)	843	7.7	558	10.0	285	51.1	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	10,973	100.0	5,607	100.0	5,366	95.7	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
Participation rate (c)	48.2%	6	42.5%	6			60.5%	6	61.4%	6		
Unemployment rate (d)	16.4%	6	13.9%	6			6.6%)	5.4%			

⁽a) This variable is applicable to persons 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.

⁽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 Myanmar-born and Total Victoria:	2016	2011

			Myanm	ar-born			Total Victoria						
Occupation ^(a)	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Managers	149	3.6	94	5.1	55	58.5	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1	
Professionals	525	12.9	343	18.6	182	53.1	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6	
Technicians and trades workers	557	13.6	230	12.5	327	142.2	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3	
Community&personal serv. wkrs	638	15.6	206	11.2	432	209.7	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5	
Clerical & administrative workers	109	2.7	102	5.5	7	6.9	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4	
Sales workers	100	2.4	54	2.9	46	85.2	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1	
Machinery operators & drivers	337	8.3	166	9.0	171	103.0	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0	
Labourers	1,517	37.2	550	29.8	967	175.8	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9	
Not stated ^(b)	150	3.7	97	5.3	53	54.6	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5	
Victoria	4,083	100.0	1,846	100.0	2,237	121.2	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, Myann	nar-born a	nd Total	Victoria: 2	016, 20	11							
Industry of employment ^(a)		Myanma	ar-born			Total Victoria						
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	172	4.2	49	2.7	123	251.0	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	1,084	26.5	543	29.4	541	99.6	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	28	0.7	15	8.0	13	86.7	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	189	4.6	73	4.0	116	158.9	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	303	7.4	198	10.7	105	53.0	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	146	3.6	110	6.0	36	32.7	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	89	2.2	36	2.0	53	147.2	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	24	0.6	18	1.0	6	33.3	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	24	0.6	34	1.8	-10	-29.4	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	13	0.3	9	0.5	4	44.4	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	335	8.2	168	9.1	167	99.4	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	48	1.2	36	2.0	12	33.3	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	206	5.0	103	5.6	103	100.0	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	765	18.7	281	15.2	484	172.2	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	160	3.9	60	3.3	100	166.7	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	491	12.0	102	5.5	389	381.4	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	4,083	100.0	1,846	100.0	2,237	121.2	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 ^(a)		Myanmar-born							Total Victoria						
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016				
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%			
Negative income	160	1.6	58	1.1	102	175.9	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0			
Nil income	1,304	12.9	464	9.2	840	181.0	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2			
\$1-399	3,919	38.7	2,561	50.7	1,358	53.0	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4			
\$400-\$799	2,915	28.8	1,191	23.6	1,724	144.8	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0			
\$800-\$1,249	1,072	10.6	366	7.2	706	192.9	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4			
\$1,250-\$1,999	309	3.1	153	3.0	156	102.0	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8			
\$2,000 or more	208	2.1	75	1.5	133	177.3	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0			
Not stated	240	2.4	179	3.5	61	34.1	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4			
Victoria	10,126	100.0	5,049	100.0	5,077	100.6	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 socioeconomic data.

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

