## Fact Sheet No. 70

# The Saudi Arabia-Born Community in Victoria — 2016 Census (ranked 60)



### **Demographic characteristics**

At the 2016 Census, there were 4,401 Saudi Arabia-born persons in Victoria (35.0% of Australia's total), ranked 60th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Saudi Arabia-born increased by 58.5% (1,624) from 2,777 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with major concentrations in the LGAs of Darebin (20.8%), Melbourne (11.5%), Whittlesea (9.1%), Kingston (6.4%) and Moreland (6.0%)

The Saudi Arabia-born reflected a very young to adult age profile: 51.2% were aged 25 years and under; 46.9% were aged 26-44; 1.7% were aged 45-64; and 0.3% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 25 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 117 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 1,648 persons identified with Saudi Arabian ancestry. Most of them were born in Saudi Arabia (88.1%) and Australia (7.8%). Only 4.6% of the Saudi Arabia-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 2.9% arrived in 1996-2000; 4.7% arrived in 2001-2005; 16.7% arrived in 2006-2010; and 66.3% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most Saudi Arabia-born speak Saudi Arabian (87.7%), Urdu (6.4%) and Malayalam (4.4%); 7.9% speak English only. Of those who speak a language than English at home, 24.0% speak English not well or not at all. Four-fifths (82.3%) of the Saudi Arabia-born are Muslim and 6.0% are Catholic; 3.0% have no religion. One-fifth (21.9%) of Saudi Arabia-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Saudi Arabia-born i	n Victoria a	nd Austra	alia: 2016, 2	011 and 2	006 Census	3					
	2016 Ce	ensus	2011 Ce	2011 Census 20		2006 Census		Change 2011-2016		Change 2006-2011	
Location	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	% change	
Metro Melbourne <sup>(a)</sup>	4,221	33.6	2,645	25.1	844	24.2	1,576	59.6	1,801	213.4	
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	180	1.4	135	1.3	52	1.5	45	33.3	83	159.6	
Total Victoria	4,401	35.0	2,777	26.4	895	25.7	1,624	58.5	1,882	210.3	
Total Australia	12,580	100.0	10,517	100.0	3,482	100.0	2,063	19.6	7,035	202.0	

<sup>(</sup>a) Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area

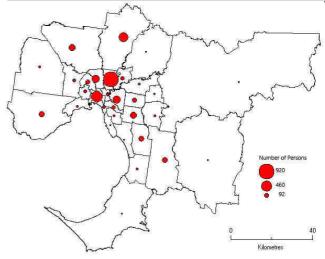
<sup>(</sup>b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

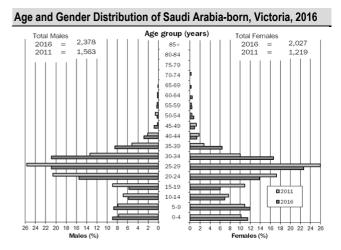
Distribution of Saud	i Arabia-bo	rn, Top 5	LGAs: 2016	6 Census	
Local Government	2016 Ce	nsus	2011 Ce	nsus	Rank in
Area (LGA)	Persons	%	Persons	%	2011
Darebin (C)	916	20.8	474	17.1	1
Melbourne (C)	505	11.5	448	16.1	2
Whittlesea (C)	399	9.1	181	6.5	4
Kingston (C)	281	6.4	113	4.1	6
Moreland (C)	265	6.0	315	11.3	3
Rest of Melbourne	1,863	42.3	1,099	39.6	-
Rest of Reg Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	190	4.3	122	4.4	-
Total Victoria	4,401	100.0	2,777	100.0	-

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes "Unincorporated Vic" and "No Usual Address Vic".

Age Distribution of Saudi Arabia-born: 2016, 2011 Census										
Age group	2016 Ce	nsus	2011 C	ensus	2011-16					
(years)	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change					
0-4	442	10.0	243	8.8	81.9					
5-11	589	13.4	352	12.7	67.3					
12-18	338	7.7	314	11.3	7.6					
19-25	886	20.1	750	27.0	18.1					
26-44	2,064	46.9	1,068	38.5	93.3					
45-54	57	1.3	33	1.2	72.7					
55-64	19	0.4	11	0.4	72.7					
65-74	9	0.2	3	0.1	200.0					
75+	3	0.1	3	0.1	-					
Total Victoria	4,401	100.0	2,777	100.0	58.5					
Median Age	25		23							
Sex Ratio	117		128	males per	r 100 females					

### Distribution of Saudi Arabia-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016





Top 5 Countries of B	irth of Perso	ns with	Saudi Arabia	n Ances	try: 2016, 2011
	2016		2011		2011-16
Country of birth	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change
Saudi Arabia	1,452	88.1	873	90.9	66.3
USA	12	0.7	7	0.7	71.4
England	7	0.4	-	-	-
Egypt	7	0.4	4	0.4	75.0
Sudan	4	0.2	-	-	-
Australia	128	7.8	57	5.9	124.6
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	25	1.5	19	2.0	31.6
Total responses <sup>(b)</sup>	1,648	100.0	960	100.0	71.7

(a) Includes all other	countries	and hirthnlaco	not stated

 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{^{\text{(b)}}}$  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 Saudi Arabia-born persons.

Top 5 Languages Spoken at Home, Saudi Arabia-born: 2016, 2011										
Language other	2016		2011	2011-16						
than English	Persons %		Persons	%	% change					
Arabic	3,304	75.1	2,116	76.2	56.1					
Urdu	280	6.4	90	3.2	211.1					
Malayalam	193	4.4	128	4.6	50.8					
Tagalog	41	0.9	22	8.0	86.4					
Hindi	26	0.6	13	0.5	100.0					
Other languages <sup>(a)</sup>	178	4.0	150	5.4	18.7					
English only	346	7.9	238	8.6	45.4					
Not stated	17	0.4	20	0.7	-15.0					
Total Victoria	4,401	100.0	2,777	100.0	58.5					

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes "Inadequately described" and "Non-verbal, so described".

Top 5 Religious affiliation, Saudi Arabia-born: 2016, 2011											
_	2016		2011		2011-16						
Religious affiliation <sup>(a)</sup>	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change						
Islam	3,622	82.3	2,294	82.6	57.9						
Catholic	263	6.0	211	7.6	24.6						
Oriental Orthodox	58	1.3	23	8.0	152.2						
Pentecostal	33	0.7	22	8.0	50.0						
Anglican	31	0.7	19	0.7	63.2						
Other religions	122	2.8	114	4.1	7.0						
No religion <sup>(b)</sup>	131	3.0	58	2.1	125.9						
Not stated	140	3.2	36	1.3	288.9						
Total Victoria	4,401	100.0	2,777	100.0	58.5						

<sup>(</sup>a) Religion based on 3 digit level of classification.

Year of Arrival of Sa	Year of Arrival of Saudi Arabia-born: 2016											
	Saudi Arab	ia-born	Total OSB	, Vic <sup>(c)</sup>								
Year of arrival <sup>(a)</sup>	Persons	%	Persons	%								
Before 1996	203	4.6	716,865	42.7								
1996 - 2000	127	2.9	104,975	6.2								
2001 - 2005	208	4.7	149,043	8.9								
2006 - 2010	733	16.7	269,729	16.1								
2011 - 2016 <sup>(b)</sup>	2,919	66.3	381,130	22.7								
Not stated	207	4.7	58,517	3.5								
Total Victoria	4,401	100.0	1,680,256	100.0								

<sup>(</sup>a) Records the year of arrival in Australia for people born overseas

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(c)</sup>OSB stands for Overseas-born.

Proficiency in English of Saudi Arabia-born: 2016, 2011											
	2016	;	2011		2011-16						
Proficiency in English	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change						
Speaks English only	346	7.9	238	8.6	45.4						
Speaks other language	s										
and speaks English											
Very well	1,568	35.6	910	32.8	72.3						
Well	1,400	31.8	1,007	36.3	39.0						
Not well	729	16.6	407	14.7	79.1						
Not at all	324	7.4	186	6.7	74.2						
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	33	0.7	26	0.9	26.9						
Total Victoria	4,401	100.0	2,777	100.0	58.5						

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(a)</sup>Includes those who did not state a language and/or proficiency in English.

Saudi Arabia-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2016, 2011											
Age group	2016	)	2011		2011-16						
(years)	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change						
0-4	20	2.1	7	1.1	185.7						
5-11	94	9.7	74	11.6	27.0						
12-18	191	19.8	186	29.1	2.7						
19-25	229	23.7	139	21.8	64.7						
26-44	392	40.6	199	31.1	97.0						
45-64	36	3.7	27	4.2	33.3						
65-74	3	0.3	3	0.5	-						
75+	3	0.3	-	-	-						
Total	966	100.0	639	100.0	51.2						
% of Sa	audi Arahia-horn y	vith Austr	alian citizens	hin 2016	21 9%						

<sup>%</sup> of Saudi Arabia-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 21.9% % of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 58.3%

<sup>(</sup>b) No Religion, so described.

who intend staying in Australia for at least one year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(b)</sup>Arrivals up to 9 Aug 2016.

#### **Economic characteristics**

The education levels of the Saudi Arabia-born are higher than for total Victoria: 13.7% have a postgraduate degree; 35.9% have a bachelor degree; and 9.5% have an advanced diploma or diploma, compared to 5.4%, 16.5% and 9.2% for total Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Saudi Arabia-born at 26.8% is significantly lower than that of total Victoria at 60.5%. The unemployment rate for the Saudi Arabia-born at 21.1% is higher than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Saudi Arabia-born are different from those for total Victoria. Less of the Saudi Arabia-born are managers (6.7%), technicians and trades workers (7.0%) and clerical & administrative workers (9.7%), compared to 13.5%, 13.1% and 13.3% for Victoria. More of them work as professionals (39.1%), community & personal service workers (12.0%) and sales workers (11.9%), compared to 23.3%, 10.6% and 9.7% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns of the Saudi Arabia-born are fairly similar to total Victoria, with some exceptions. More of them are employed in wholesale and retail trade (15.0%) and healthcare and social assistance (20.1%), compared to 13.4% and 12.5% for Victoria. Less of them are employed in manufacturing (4.8%) and construction (2.5%), compared to 7.8% and 8.3% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Saudi Arabia-born is lower than for total Victoria. More of the Saudi Arabia-born receive nil income (19.6%), \$400-\$799 (31.0%) and \$1,250-\$1,999 (16.2%), compared to 9.7%, 20.1% and 13.6% for Victoria. Less of them receive \$1-\$399 (13.4%), \$800-\$1,249 (12.5%) and \$2,000 or more (3.7%), compared to 20.1%, 16.7% and 7.5% for Victoria.

Highest level of education	nal attainmer	nt, Saudi <i>A</i>	Arabia-born	and Total	Victoria: 20	16, 2011							
			Saudi Arab	ia-born				Total Victoria					
	2016	6	2011		Change 20	Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
Highest level of		<u></u>				%	<u> </u>					%	
educational attainment <sup>(a)</sup>	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	change	
Postgraduate Degree	440	13.7	220	10.6	220	100.0	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6	
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	35	1.1	14	0.7	21	150.0	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0	
Bachelor Degree	1,156	35.9	565	27.3	591	104.6	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5	
Advanced Dip & Diploma	305	9.5	208	10.0	97	46.6	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6	
Certificate	60	1.9	49	2.4	11	22.4	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6	
School Education only <sup>(b)</sup>	1,074	33.3	861	41.5	213	24.7	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0	
No Educ Attainment <sup>(c)</sup>	26	0.8	13	0.6	13	100.0	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0	
Not stated etc <sup>(d)</sup>	136	4.2	136	6.6	-	-	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5	
Victoria	3,222	100.0	2.073	100.0	1.149	55.4	4.845.710	100.0	4.355.243	100.0	490.467	11.3	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(a)</sup>This variable is applicable to persons aged 15 years and over.

<sup>(</sup>d) Includes "Inadequately described".

			Saudi Arab	ia-born					Total Vic	toria		
	2016	6	2011		Change 20	Change 2011-2016		ì	2011		Change 2011-2016	
Labour force participation <sup>(a)</sup>	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
In the labour force	864	19.6	431	15.5	433	100.5	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	682	15.5	347	12.5	335	96.5	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	182	4.1	84	3.0	98	116.7	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
Not in the labour force	2,351	53.4	1,636	58.9	715	43.7	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
Not stated	9	0.2	16	0.6	-7	-43.8	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
Not applicable (b)	1,180	26.8	705	25.4	475	67.4	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	4,401	100.0	2,777	100.0	1,624	58.5	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
Participation rate (c)	26.8%	6	20.8%	0			60.5%	6	61.4%	0		
Unemployment rate (d)	21.1%	6	19.5%	<b>6</b>			6.6%	)	5.4%			

<sup>(</sup>a) This variable is applicable to persons 15 years and over.

<sup>(</sup>b) Includes persons who completed school to between Year 8 or below, and Year 12 level.

<sup>(</sup>c) Includes persons whose qualification is out of scope of this variable.

<sup>(</sup>b)Persons aged under 15 years.

<sup>(</sup>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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(d)</sup>The unemployment rate represents the number of unemployed persons expressed as a % of the labour force.

Occupation	Saudi Arah	ia-horn a	nd Total	Victoria: 2016	2011

		Saudi Ara	bia-borr	1		Total Victoria						
	201	6	2011		1 Change 20		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
Occupation <sup>(a)</sup>	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	46	6.7	28	8.1	18	64.3	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	267	39.1	130	37.5	137	105.4	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	48	7.0	31	8.9	17	54.8	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	82	12.0	32	9.2	50	156.3	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	66	9.7	38	11.0	28	73.7	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	81	11.9	51	14.7	30	58.8	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	28	4.1	3	0.9	25	833.3	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	42	6.2	22	6.3	20	90.9	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated <sup>(b)</sup>	14	2.1	11	3.2	3	27.3	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	682	100.0	347	100.0	335	96.5	2,736,125	100.0	2,530,635	100.0	205,490	8.1

<sup>(</sup>a) This variable is applicable to employed persons aged 15 years and over.

<sup>(</sup>b) Includes "Inadequately described".

Industry of Employment, Saudi	Arabia-bor	n and T	otal Victori	a: 2016	, 2011							
			Saudi Ara	bia-borr	1							
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
Industry of employment(a)	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	-	-	-	-	-	-	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	33	4.8	25	7.2	8	32.0	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	10	1.5	3	0.9	7	233.3	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	17	2.5	8	2.3	9	112.5	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	102	15.0	53	15.3	49	92.5	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	55	8.1	30	8.6	25	83.3	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	37	5.4	14	4.0	23	164.3	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	25	3.7	16	4.6	9	56.3	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	35	5.1	15	4.3	20	133.3	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	3	0.4	-	-	3	-	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	88	12.9	66	19.0	22	33.3	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	21	3.1	8	2.3	13	162.5	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	62	9.1	28	8.1	34	121.4	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	137	20.1	61	17.6	76	124.6	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	26	3.8	10	2.9	16	160.0	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	27	4.0	12	3.5	15	125.0	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	682	100.0	347	100.0	335	96.5	2,736,125	100.0	2,530,635	100.0	205,490	8.1

<sup>(</sup>a) This variable is applicable to employed persons aged 15 and over.

			Saudi Ara	bia-borr	1	Total Victoria						
Total personal	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-201	
income, weekly <sup>(a)</sup>	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	49	1.5	43	2.1	6	14.0	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	632	19.6	394	19.0	238	60.4	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	431	13.4	376	18.1	55	14.6	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	998	31.0	622	30.0	376	60.5	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	404	12.5	369	17.8	35	9.5	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	521	16.2	162	7.8	359	221.6	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	119	3.7	41	2.0	78	190.2	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	73	2.3	74	3.6	-1	-1.4	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	3,222	100.0	2,073	100.0	1,149	55.4	4,845,710	100.0	4,355,243	100.0	490,467	11.3

<sup>(</sup>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.

