

The Seychelles-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 97)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 949 Seychelles-born persons in Victoria (37.7% of Australia’s total), ranked 97<sup>th</sup> among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Seychelles-born decreased by 4.5% (45) from 994 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with major concentrations in the LGAs of Casey (22.4%), Greater Dandenong (9.9%), Kingston (9.2%), Monash (7.4%) and Cardinia (4.4%).

The Seychelles-born reflected a mature to ageing profile: 4.9% were aged 25 years and under; 14.8% were aged 26-44; 40.5% were aged 45-64; and 39.7% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 60 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 81 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 1,368 persons identified with Seychellois ancestry. Most of them were born in Australia (64.7%) and Seychelles (28.7%). Four-fifths (81.8%) of the Seychelles-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 2.3% arrived in 1996-2000; 4.3% arrived in 2001-2005; 5.6% arrived in 2006-2010; and 2.2% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most of the Seychelles-born speak Creole not further defined (31.1%), French (14.1%), French Creole not further defined (4.4%) and Seychelles Creole (2.7%); 44.0% speak English only. Most (85.4%) of the Seychelles-born are Catholic and 2.2% are Anglican; 4.4% have no religion. Most (90.8%) of the Seychelles-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Seychelles-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 <sup>(a)</sup>	902	35.8	956	36.9	973	38.8	-54	-5.6	-17	-1.7
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	45	1.8	36	1.4	32	1.3	9	25.0	4	12.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>1,006</b>	<b>40.1</b>	<b>-45</b>	<b>-4.5</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>2,519</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,591</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,508</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-72</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>3.3</b>

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

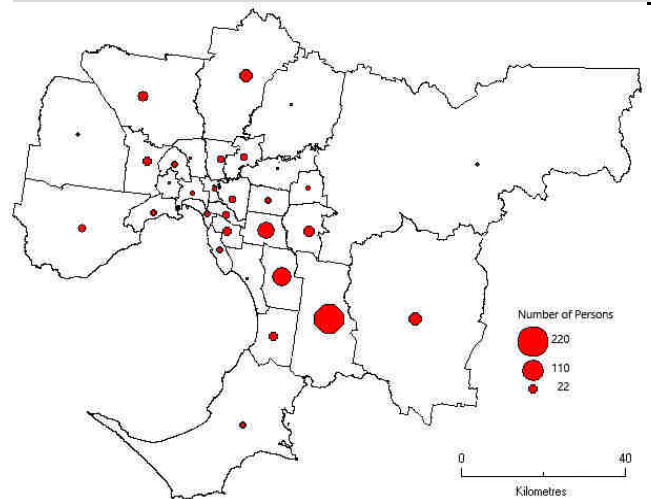
<sup>(b)</sup> Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Casey (C)	213	22.4	221	22.2	1
Gter Dandenong (C)	94	9.9	116	11.7	2
Kingston (C)	87	9.2	89	9.0	3
Monash (C)	70	7.4	86	8.7	4
Cardinia (S)	42	4.4	27	2.7	8
Rest of Melbourne	387	40.8	403	40.5	-
Rest of Reg Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	38	4.0	38	3.8	-
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>100.0</b>	-

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

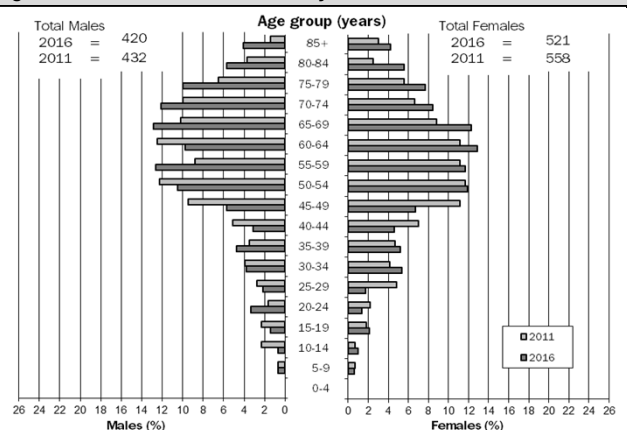
Distribution of Seychelles-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Seychelles-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	-	-	3	0.3	-100.0
5-11	6	0.6	17	1.7	-64.7
12-18	16	1.7	18	1.8	-11.1
19-25	25	2.6	38	3.8	-34.2
26-44	140	14.8	174	17.5	-19.5
45-54	167	17.6	228	22.9	-26.8
55-64	217	22.9	213	21.4	1.9
65-74	212	22.3	179	18.0	18.4
75+	165	17.4	125	12.6	32.0
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-4.5</b>
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>60</i>		<i>55</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>81</i>		<i>77 males per 100 females</i>		

Age and Gender Distribution of Seychelles-Born, Victoria, 2016



**Top 5 COBs of Persons with Seychellois Ancestry: 2016, 2011**

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Seychelles	393	28.7	402	30.7	-2.2
Kenya	27	2.0	24	1.8	12.5
England	19	1.4	18	1.4	5.6
Ireland	6	0.4	-	0.0	-
Tanzania	6	0.4	9	0.7	-33.3
Australia	885	64.7	805	61.5	9.9
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	24	1.8	50	3.8	-52.0
<b>Total responses<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>1,368</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,308</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4.6</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Includes all other countries, and birthplace not stated.

<sup>(b)</sup> 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 closely related to Seychelles-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Creole, nfd	295	31.1	9	0.9	3177.8
French	134	14.1	130	13.1	3.1
French Creole, nfd	42	4.4	73	7.3	-42.5
Seychelles Creole	26	2.7	281	28.3	-90.7
Sinhalese	9	0.9	9	0.9	-
Other languages <sup>(a)</sup>	10	1.1	37	3.7	-73.0
English only	418	44.0	444	44.7	-5.9
Not stated	12	1.3	11	1.1	9.1
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-4.5</b>

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

**Top 5 Religious affiliation, Seychelles-born: 2016, 2011**

Religious affiliation <sup>(a)</sup>	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Catholic	810	85.4	885	89.0	-8.5
Anglican	21	2.2	28	2.8	-25.0
Buddhism	6	0.6	9	0.9	-33.3
Christian, nfd	6	0.6	5	0.5	20.0
7th-day Adventist	6	0.6	7	0.7	-14.3
Other religions	25	2.6	25	2.5	-
No religion <sup>(b)</sup>	44	4.6	19	1.9	131.6
Not stated	26	2.7	16	1.6	62.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-4.5</b>

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

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

**Year of Arrival of Seychelles-born: 2016**

Year of arrival <sup>(a)</sup>	Seychelles-born		Total OSB, Vic <sup>(c)</sup>	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	776	81.8	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	22	2.3	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	41	4.3	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	53	5.6	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 <sup>(b)</sup>	21	2.2	381,130	22.7
Not stated	35	3.7	58,517	3.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,680,256</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

who intend staying in Australia for at least one year.

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

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

**Proficiency in English of Seychelles-born: 2016, 2011**

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	418	44.0	444	44.7	-5.9
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	343	36.1	349	35.1	-1.7
Well	153	16.1	159	16.0	-3.8
Not well	27	2.8	36	3.6	-25.0
Not at all	-	-	3	0.3	-100.0
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	8	0.8	8	0.8	-
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-4.5</b>

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

**Seychelles-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2016, 2011**

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	-	-	-	-	-
5-11	3	0.3	9	1.0	-66.7
12-18	20	2.3	10	1.1	100.0
19-25	13	1.5	28	3.2	-53.6
26-44	124	14.4	146	16.4	-15.1
45-64	361	41.9	417	47.0	-13.4
65-74	194	22.5	169	19.0	14.8
75+	149	17.3	118	13.3	26.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-2.9</b>
% of Seychelles-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					90.8%
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.3%

## Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Seychelles-born are lower than for total Victoria. Less of them (1.6%) have a postgraduate degree and 6.8% have a bachelor degree, compared to 5.4% and 16.5% for Victoria. More of them (44.2%) have school education only, compared 38.7% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Seychelles-born at 42.9% is lower than that of total Victoria at 60.5%. The unemployment rate for the Seychelles-born at 7.4% is higher than for total Victoria at 6.6% from those for total Victoria.

The occupational patterns of the Seychelles-born are different from those for total Victoria. Less of them work as managers (10.4%), professionals (14.4%) and community & personal service workers (6.4%), compared to 13.5%, 23.3% and 10.6% for Victoria. More of the Seychelles-born are clerical & administrative workers (18.4%), machinery operators & drivers (12.3%) and labourers (16.8%), compared to 13.3%, 5.8% and 9.0% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns of the Seychelles-born are also different from total Victoria. More of them are employed in manufacturing (16.6%), transport, postal & warehousing (8.8%) and healthcare & social assistance (16.8%), compared to 7.8%, 4.8% and 12.5% for Victoria. Less of them are employed in accommodation & food services (2.7%), public administration & safety (2.4%) and education & training (5.1%), compared to 6.6%, 5.3% and 8.6% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Seychelles-born is lower than total Victoria. More of them receive \$1-\$399 (28.4%) and \$400-\$799 (26.9%) than Victoria (20.1% and 23.1%). Less of them receive \$1,250-\$1,999 (10.9%) and \$2,000 or more (3.1%), compared to 13.6% and 7.5% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment <sup>(a)</sup>	Seychelles-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	15	1.6	12	1.2	3	25.0	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	5	0.5	-	-	5	-	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	64	6.8	58	6.0	6	10.3	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	87	9.3	69	7.1	18	26.1	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	104	11.1	105	10.8	-1	-1.0	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only <sup>(b)</sup>	542	57.8	552	57.0	-10	-1.8	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment <sup>(c)</sup>	12	1.3	11	1.1	1	9.1	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc <sup>(d)</sup>	113	12.1	154	15.9	-41	-26.6	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-31</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>4,845,710</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,355,243</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>490,467</b>	<b>11.3</b>

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

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

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

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

### Labour force participation, Seychelles-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation <sup>(a)</sup>	Seychelles-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>	404	42.6	475	47.8	-71	-14.9	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	374	39.4	442	44.5	-68	-15.4	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	30	3.2	33	3.3	-3	-9.1	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	513	54.1	457	46.0	56	12.3	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	20	2.1	36	3.6	-16	-44.4	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> <sup>(b)</sup>	8	0.8	25	2.5	-17	-68.0	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-45</b>	<b>-4.5</b>	<b>5,926,624</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,354,039</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>572,585</b>	<b>10.7</b>
<i>Participation rate</i> <sup>(c)</sup>	42.9%		49.0%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> <sup>(d)</sup>	7.4%		6.9%				6.6%		5.4%			

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

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

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

**Occupation, Seychelles-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Occupation <sup>(a)</sup>	Seychelles-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	39	10.4	32	7.2	7	21.9	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	54	14.4	61	13.8	-7	-11.5	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	51	13.6	59	13.3	-8	-13.6	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	24	6.4	40	9.0	-16	-40.0	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	69	18.4	82	18.6	-13	-15.9	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	28	7.5	30	6.8	-2	-6.7	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	46	12.3	54	12.2	-8	-14.8	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	63	16.8	81	18.3	-18	-22.2	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated <sup>(b)</sup>	7	1.9	16	3.6	-9	-56.3	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-68</b>	<b>-15.4</b>	<b>2,736,125</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,530,635</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>205,490</b>	<b>8.1</b>

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

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

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

Industry of employment <sup>(a)</sup>	Seychelles-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	3	0.8	-	-	3	-	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	62	16.6	99	22.4	-37	-37.4	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	6	1.6	7	1.6	-1	-14.3	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	30	8.0	32	7.2	-2	-6.3	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	43	11.5	65	14.7	-22	-33.8	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	10	2.7	18	4.1	-8	-44.4	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	33	8.8	32	7.2	1	3.1	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	11	2.9	4	0.9	7	175.0	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	10	2.7	6	1.4	4	66.7	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	10	2.7	7	1.6	3	42.9	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	42	11.2	46	10.4	-4	-8.7	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	9	2.4	21	4.8	-12	-57.1	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	19	5.1	21	4.8	-2	-9.5	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	63	16.8	55	12.4	8	14.5	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	14	3.7	12	2.7	2	16.7	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	13	3.5	14	3.2	-1	-7.1	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-68</b>	<b>-15.4</b>	<b>2,736,125</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,530,635</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>205,490</b>	<b>8.1</b>

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

**Total Personal Income (Weekly), Seychelles-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Total personal income, weekly <sup>(a)</sup>	Seychelles-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	3	0.3	3	0.3	-	-	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	85	9.1	72	7.4	13	18.1	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	266	28.4	389	40.2	-123	-31.6	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	252	26.9	224	23.1	28	12.5	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	152	16.2	150	15.5	2	1.3	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	102	10.9	60	6.2	42	70.0	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	29	3.1	19	2.0	10	52.6	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	49	5.2	45	4.6	4	8.9	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-31</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>4,845,710</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,355,243</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>490,467</b>	<b>11.3</b>

<sup>(a)</sup>Applicable to persons aged 15 years and over.

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