

The Sweden-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 77)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 2,055 Sweden-born persons in Victoria (21.5% of Australia’s total), ranked 77<sup>th</sup> among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Sweden-born increased by 17.1% (300) from 1,755 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the LGAs of Port Phillip (6.3%), Melbourne (5.7%), Stonnington (4.7%), Glen Eira (4.5%) and Moreland (4.5%); 14.1% live in regional Victoria.

The Sweden-born reflected a balanced age profile: 25.3% were aged 25 years and under; 37.4% were aged 26-44 years; 25.2% were aged 45-64; and 11.9% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 39 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 75 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 8,952 persons identified with Swedish ancestry. Most of them were born in Australia (69.9%), Sweden (17.9%), the USA (3.1%) and New Zealand (2.2%). One-third (34.8%) of the Sweden-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 9.4% arrived in 1996-2000; 11.2% arrived in 2001-2005; 14.2% arrived in 2006-2010; and 27.0% arrived in 2011-2016.

Half (51.3%) of the Sweden-born speak Swedish; 40.5% speak English only. The Sweden-born follow a variety of religions: 13.6% are Lutheran; 6.0% are Catholic; 3.1% are Christian not further defined and 3.1% are Anglican; 56.2% have no religion. Half (51.7%) of Sweden-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Sweden-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>	1,766	18.5	1,495	17.9	1,313	17.5	271	18.1	182	13.9
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	287	3.0	262	3.1	239	3.2	25	9.5	23	9.6
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>2,055</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>1,755</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>1,549</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>13.3</b>
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>9,553</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,353</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,499</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>11.4</b>

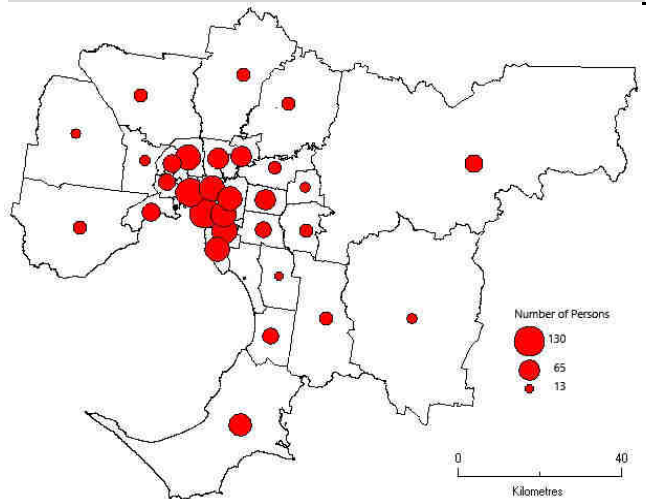
<sup>(a)</sup> Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.  
<sup>(b)</sup> Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Port Phillip (C)	129	6.3	100	5.7	1
Melbourne (C)	117	5.7	85	4.8	3
Stonnington (C)	97	4.7	80	4.6	4
Glen Eira (C)	93	4.5	90	5.1	2
Moreland (C)	93	4.5	76	4.3	8
Rest of Melbourne	1,220	59.4	1,057	60.2	-
Rest of Reg Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	290	14.1	284	16.2	-
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>2,055</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,755</b>	<b>100.0</b>	-

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

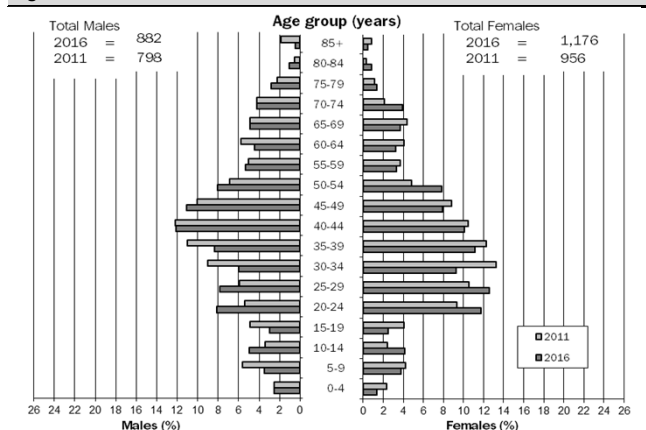
Distribution of Sweden-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Sweden-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	36	1.8	46	2.6	-21.7
5-11	122	5.9	107	6.1	14.0
12-18	93	4.5	92	5.2	1.1
19-25	269	13.1	181	10.3	48.6
26-44	769	37.4	703	40.1	9.4
45-54	356	17.3	274	15.6	29.9
55-64	163	7.9	165	9.4	-1.2
65-74	170	8.3	132	7.5	28.8
75+	75	3.6	59	3.4	27.1
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>2,055</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,755</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>17.1</b>
<i>Median Age</i>	39		38		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	75		83		<i>males per 100 females</i>

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Sweden	1,599	17.9	1,396	18.7	14.5
USA	276	3.1	204	2.7	35.3
New Zealand	197	2.2	134	1.8	47.0
England	98	1.1	78	1.0	25.6
Canada	58	0.6	47	0.6	23.4
Australia	6,260	69.9	5,313	71.0	17.8
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	445	5.0	308	4.1	44.5
<b>Total responses<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>8,952</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,480</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>19.7</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 with the most responses for Sweden-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Swedish	1,054	51.3	870	49.6	21.1
Arabic	15	0.7	10	0.6	50.0
Finnish	11	0.5	8	0.5	37.5
French	11	0.5	6	0.3	83.3
Spanish	10	0.5	5	0.3	100.0
Other languages <sup>(a)</sup>	108	5.3	105	6.0	2.9
English only	833	40.5	739	42.1	12.7
Not stated	7	0.3	12	0.7	-41.7
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>2,055</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,755</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>17.1</b>

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

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

Religious affiliation <sup>(a)</sup>	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Lutheran	279	13.6	471	26.8	-40.8
Catholic	124	6.0	116	6.6	6.9
Christian, nfd	64	3.1	40	2.3	60.0
Anglican	63	3.1	60	3.4	5.0
Other Protestant	46	2.2	39	2.2	17.9
Other religions	199	9.7	236	13.4	-15.7
No religion <sup>(b)</sup>	1,154	56.2	707	40.3	63.2
Not stated	123	6.0	86	4.9	43.0
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>2,055</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,755</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>17.1</b>

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

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

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

Year of arrival <sup>(a)</sup>	Sweden-born		Total OSB, Vic <sup>(c)</sup>	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	715	34.8	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	193	9.4	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	231	11.2	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	292	14.2	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 <sup>(b)</sup>	554	27.0	381,130	22.7
Not stated	69	3.4	58,517	3.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>2,055</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 Sweden-born: 2016, 2011**

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	833	40.5	739	42.1	12.7
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	1,114	54.2	900	51.3	23.8
Well	72	3.5	93	5.3	-22.6
Not well	13	0.6	10	0.6	30.0
Not at all	11	0.5	4	0.2	175.0
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	7	0.3	9	0.5	-22.2
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>2,055</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,755</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>17.1</b>

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	21	2.0	20	2.3	5.0
5-11	91	8.6	66	7.6	37.9
12-18	73	6.9	73	8.4	-
19-25	81	7.6	57	6.5	42.1
26-44	303	28.5	289	33.1	4.8
45-64	331	31.2	251	28.8	31.9
65-74	109	10.3	87	10.0	25.3
75+	52	4.9	31	3.6	67.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,062</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>21.6</b>

% of Sweden-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 51.7%

% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 58.3%

## Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Sweden-born are higher than those for total Victoria. More of them (14.2%) have a postgraduate degree; 24.1% have a bachelor degree; and 11.5% have an advanced diploma or diploma, compared to 5.4%, 16.5% and 9.2% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Sweden-born at 73.7% is higher than that of total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 5.8% is lower than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Sweden-born are different from those for total Victoria. More of the Sweden-born are managers (15.2%) and professionals (32.7%), compared to 13.5% and 23.3% for Victoria. Less of them are technicians and trades workers (8.3%), machinery operators & drivers (2.4%) and labourers (4.5%), compared to 13.1%, 5.8% and 9.0% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns of the Sweden-born are similar to those for total Victoria, with some exceptions. Less of them (4.2%) are employed in construction and 10.7% are in health care & social assistance, compared to 8.3% and 12.5% for Victoria. More of them are employed in wholesale & retail trade (15.3%) and professional, scientific, technical & administration (19.0%), compared to 13.4% and 11.4% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Sweden-born is higher than for total Victoria. More of the Sweden-born receive \$800-\$1,249 (18.8%), \$1,250-\$1,999 (19.5%) and \$2,000 or more (14.1%), compared to 16.7%, 13.6% and 7.5% for Victoria. Less of them receive \$1-\$399 (14.7%) and \$400-\$799 (19.9%), compared to 20.1% and 23.1% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment <sup>(a)</sup>	Sweden-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	264	14.2	204	12.9	60	29.4	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	43	2.3	31	2.0	12	38.7	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	446	24.1	358	22.7	88	24.6	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	213	11.5	186	11.8	27	14.5	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	185	10.0	164	10.4	21	12.8	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only <sup>(b)</sup>	561	30.3	507	32.1	54	10.7	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment <sup>(c)</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc <sup>(d)</sup>	139	7.5	134	8.5	5	3.7	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>1,854</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,578</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>17.5</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, Sweden-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation <sup>(a)</sup>	Sweden-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>	1,362	66.3	1,152	65.6	210	18.2	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	1,283	62.4	1,078	61.4	205	19.0	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	79	3.8	74	4.2	5	6.8	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	473	23.0	422	24.0	51	12.1	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
Not stated	12	0.6	12	0.7	-	-	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
Not applicable <sup>(b)</sup>	207	10.1	176	10.0	31	17.6	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>2,055</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,755</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>17.1</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>	73.7%		73.0%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> <sup>(d)</sup>	5.8%		6.4%				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, Sweden-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Occupation <sup>(a)</sup>	Sweden-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	195	15.2	167	15.5	28	16.8	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	419	32.7	368	34.1	51	13.9	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	106	8.3	109	10.1	-3	-2.8	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkr	150	11.7	122	11.3	28	23.0	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	165	12.9	135	12.5	30	22.2	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	125	9.7	83	7.7	42	50.6	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	31	2.4	28	2.6	3	10.7	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	58	4.5	52	4.8	6	11.5	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated <sup>(b)</sup>	29	2.3	23	2.1	6	26.1	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>1,283</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,078</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>19.0</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, Sweden-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Industry of employment <sup>(a)</sup>	Sweden-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	28	2.2	5	0.5	23	460.0	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	79	6.2	100	9.3	-21	-21.0	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	5	0.4	4	0.4	1	25.0	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	54	4.2	49	4.5	5	10.2	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	196	15.3	178	16.5	18	10.1	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	100	7.8	74	6.9	26	35.1	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	40	3.1	32	3.0	8	25.0	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	34	2.7	26	2.4	8	30.8	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	51	4.0	48	4.5	3	6.3	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	17	1.3	7	0.6	10	142.9	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	244	19.0	163	15.1	81	49.7	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	50	3.9	62	5.8	-12	-19.4	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	121	9.4	94	8.7	27	28.7	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	137	10.7	146	13.5	-9	-6.2	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	75	5.8	48	4.5	27	56.3	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	51	4.0	25	2.3	26	104.0	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>1,283</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,078</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>19.0</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), Sweden-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Total personal income, weekly <sup>(a)</sup>	Sweden-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	13	0.7	9	0.6	4	44.4	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	189	10.2	152	9.6	37	24.3	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	273	14.7	350	22.2	-77	-22.0	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	369	19.9	310	19.6	59	19.0	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	349	18.8	278	17.6	71	25.5	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	362	19.5	266	16.9	96	36.1	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	261	14.1	172	10.9	89	51.7	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	39	2.1	37	2.3	2	5.4	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>1,854</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,578</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>17.5</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.

This fact sheet is available for free download at [www.multicultural.vic.gov.au](http://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*.