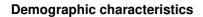
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The Switzerland-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 74)



At the 2016 Census, there were 2,478 Switzerland-born persons in Victoria (20.4% of Australia's total), ranked 74th among the overseasborn communities in Victoria. The Switzerland-born increased by 5.5% (130) from 2,348 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the LGAs of Boroondara (4.5%), Glen Eira (4.0%), Yarra Ranges (3.9%), Bayside (3.8%) and Port Phillip (3.8%); 17.9% of the Switzerland-born live in regional Victoria.

The Switzerland-born reflected a balanced to ageing profile: 16.6% were aged 25 years and under; 23.4% were aged 26-44 years; 32.9% were aged 45-64; and 26.6% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 50 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 110 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 7,923 persons identified with Swiss ancestry. Most of them were born in Australia (68.7%) and Switzerland (17.9%). Three-fifths (58.4%) of the Switzerland-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 7.8% arrived in 1996-2000; 7.4% arrived in 2001-2005; 9.7% arrived in 2006-2010; and 13.7% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most of the Switzerland-born speak German (29.9%), French (8.5%), Italian (4.6%) and Swiss so described (3.0%); 48.3% speak English only. One-quarter (27.1%) of the Switzerland-born are Catholic; 4.8% are Other Protestant; 3.4% are Anglican; 3.1% are Presbyterian/Reform; and 2.9% are Uniting Church; 38.9% have no religion. Three-quarters (75.4%) have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Switzerland-born in Victoria and Australia: 2016, 2011 and 2006 Census

	2016 Ce	ensus	2011 Ce	nsus	2006 Ce	nsus	Change 2	011-2016	Change 2006-2011	
Location	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	% change
Metro Melbourne ^(a)	2,070	17.1	1,956	16.4	1,822	16.2	114	5.8	134	7.4
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	407	3.4	394	3.3	386	3.4	13	3.3	8	2.1
Total Victoria	2,478	20.4	2,348	19.7	2,211	19.6	130	5.5	137	6.2
Total Australia	12,128	100.0	11,942	100.0	11,261	100.0	186	1.6	681	6.0

^(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 Switzerland-born, Top 5 LGAs: 2016 Census

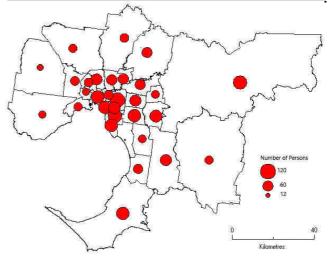
Local Government	2016 Ce	ensus	2011 Ce	2011 Census		
Area (LGA)	Persons	%	Persons	%	2011	
Boroondara (C)	112	4.5	135	5.7	1	
Glen Eira (C)	98	4.0	87	3.7	6	
Yarra Ranges (S)	96	3.9	105	4.5	3	
Bayside (C)	94	3.8	105	4.5	2	
Port Phillip (C)	94	3.8	88	3.7	5	
Rest of Melbourne	1,528	61.7	1,398	59.5	-	
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	444	17.9	414	17.6	-	
Total Victoria	2,478	100.0	2,348	100.0	-	

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

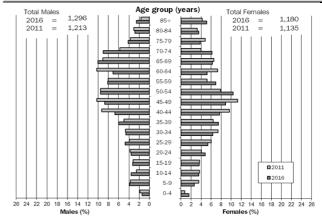
Age group	2016 Ce	ensus	2011 C	ensus	2011-16					
(years)	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change					
0-4	35	1.4	31	1.3	12.9					
5-11	120	4.8	103	4.4	16.5					
12-18	113	4.6	119	5.1	-5.0					
19-25	143	5.8	133	5.7	7.5					
26-44	581	23.4	603	25.7	-3.6					
45-54	468	18.9	457	19.5	2.4					
55-64	347	14.0	365	15.5	-4.9					
65-74	390	15.7	295	12.6	32.2					
75+	271	10.9	245	10.4	10.6					
Total Victoria	2,478	100.0	2,348	100.0	5.5					
Median Age	50		48							
Sex Ratio	110		107	males per	⁻ 100 females					

Distribution of Switzerland-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016

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



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

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	2016		2011		2011-16
Country of birth	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change
Switzerland	1,626	20.5	1,626	22.7	-
New Zealand	158	2.0	149	2.1	6.0
England	120	1.5	98	1.4	22.4
USA	82	1.0	62	0.9	32.3
South Africa	68	0.9	35	0.5	94.3
Australia	5,446	68.7	4,887	68.2	11.4
Other ^(a)	421	5.3	309	4.3	36.2
Total responses ^(b)	7,923	100.0	7,166	100.0	10.6

^(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 Switzerland-born persons.

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

Language other	2016		2011	2011			
than English	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change		
German	740	29.9	666	28.4	11.1		
French	210	8.5	199	8.5	5.5		
Italian	113	4.6	106	4.5	6.6		
Swiss, so described	75	3.0	68	2.9	10.3		
Bosnian	15	0.6	8	0.3	87.5		
Other languages ^(a)	118	4.8	111	4.7	6.3		
English only	1,197	48.3	1,172	49.9	2.1		
Not stated	14	0.6	18	0.8	-22.2		
Total Victoria	2,478	100.0	2,348	100.0	5.5		

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

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

	2016		2011		2011-16
Religious affiliation ^(a)	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change
Catholic	672	27.1	711	30.3	-5.5
Other Protestant	118	4.8	109	4.6	8.3
Anglican	84	3.4	89	3.8	-5.6
Presbyterian/Reform	77	3.1	104	4.4	-26.0
Uniting Church	71	2.9	71	3.0	-
Other religions	330	13.3	403	17.2	-18.1
No religion ^(b)	965	38.9	707	30.1	36.5
Not stated	156	6.3	154	6.6	1.3
Total Victoria	2,478	100.0	2,348	100.0	5.5

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Switzerland-born: 2016										
	Switzerlan	d-born	Total OSB	, Vic ^(c)						
Year of arrival ^(a)	Persons	%	Persons	%						
Before 1996	1,447	58.4	716,865	42.7						
1996 - 2000	193	7.8	104,975	6.2						
2001 - 2005	184	7.4	149,043	8.9						
2006 - 2010	240	9.7	269,729	16.1						
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	340	13.7	381,130	22.7						
Not stated	67	2.7	58,517	3.5						
Total Victoria	2,478	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 Switzerland-born: 2016, 2011										
	2016	i	2011		2011-16					
Proficiency in English	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change					
Speaks English only	1,197	48.3	1,172	49.9	2.1					
Speaks other language	s									
and speaks English										
Very well	1,049	42.3	949	40.4	10.5					
Well	210	8.5	187	8.0	12.3					
Not well	12	0.5	19	0.8	-36.8					
Not at all	13	0.5	10	0.4	30.0					
Not stated ^(a)	7	0.3	18	0.8	-61.1					
Total Victoria	2,478	100.0	2,348	100.0	5.5					

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

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

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Age group	201	6	201	1	2011-16			
(years)	Persons	%	Persons	%	% change			
0-4	27	1.4	23	1.3	17.4			
5-11	74	4.0	70	4.0	5.7			
12-18	83	4.4	99	5.6	-16.2			
19-25	106	5.7	93	5.3	14.0			
26-44	332	17.8	337	19.1	-1.5			
45-64	660	35.3	684	38.8	-3.5			
65-74	345	18.5	257	14.6	34.2			
75+	236	12.6	208	11.8	13.5			
Total	1,869	100.0	1,765	100.0	5.9			
	% of Switzerland-born	with Aust	ralian citizens	ship, 2016	: 75.4%			
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:								

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Switzerland-born are higher than those for total Victoria. More of them (11.7%) have a postgraduate degree, 18.6% have a bachelor degree and 15.4% have an advanced diploma or diploma, compared to 5.4%, 16.5% and 9.2% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Switzerland-born at 61.4% is almost similar to that of total Victoria at 60.5%. The unemployment rate for the Switzerland-born at 4.8% is lower than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Switzerland-born are different from those for total Victoria. More of them are managers (17.6%) and professionals (32.1%), compared to 13.5% and 23.3% for Victoria. Less of them are sales workers (6.2%), machinery operators & drivers (2.4%) and labourers (4.9%), compared to 9.7%, 5.8% and 9.0% for Victoria.

The employment patterns of the Switzerland-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria. Less of the Switzerland-born are employed in construction (6.7%) and wholesale & retail trade (11.5%), compared to 8.3% and 13.4% for total Victoria. More of them are employed in professional, scientific, technical & administrative (15.5%) and education & training (10.6%), compared to 11.4% and 8.6% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Switzerland-born is higher than for total Victoria. More of the Switzerland-born receive \$400-\$799 (24.3%), \$1,250-\$1,999 (16.9%) and \$2,000 or more (11.7%), compared to 23.1%, 13.6% and 7.5% for Victoria. Less of them receive nil income (7.6%) and \$800-\$1,249 (15.6%), compared to 9.7% and 16.7% for Victoria.

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

			Switzerlan	d-born			Total Victoria					
-	2016	6	2011		Change 20	11-2016	2016	6	2011		Change 20	11-2016
Highest level of						%						%
educational attainment ^(a)	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	change
Postgraduate Degree	265	11.7	174	8.1	91	52.3	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	67	3.0	69	3.2	-2	-2.9	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	421	18.6	317	14.7	104	32.8	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	350	15.4	344	15.9	6	1.7	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	503	22.2	527	24.4	-24	-4.6	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	428	18.9	435	20.1	-7	-1.6	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	-	-	4	0.2	-4	-100.0	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	240	10.6	283	13.1	-43	-15.2	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	2,268	100.0	2,160	100.0	108	5.0	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, Switzerland-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

			Switzerlan	d-born				Total Victoria				
	2016	i	2011		Change 20	11-2016	2016	6	2011		Change 2011-2016	
Labour force						%						%
participation ^(a)	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	change
In the labour force	1,393	56.2	1,356	57.8	37	2.7	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	1,326	53.5	1,305	55.6	21	1.6	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	67	2.7	51	2.2	16	31.4	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
Not in the labour force	852	34.4	756	32.2	96	12.7	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
Not stated	20	0.8	45	1.9	-25	-55.6	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
Not applicable ^(b)	211	8.5	186	7.9	25	13.4	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	2,478	100.0	2,348	100.0	130	5.5	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
Participation rate ^(c)	61.4%	6	62.7%	62.7%			60.5% 61.4%		6			
Unemployment rate ^(d)	4.8%	1	3.8%)			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, Switzerland-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)		Switzerla	nd-born			Total Victoria							
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Managers	234	17.6	207	15.9	27	13.0	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1	
Professionals	426	32.1	365	28.0	61	16.7	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6	
Technicians and trades workers	186	14.0	225	17.2	-39	-17.3	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3	
Community&personal serv. wkrs	119	9.0	106	8.1	13	12.3	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5	
Clerical & administrative workers	158	11.9	180	13.8	-22	-12.2	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4	
Sales workers	82	6.2	91	7.0	-9	-9.9	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1	
Machinery operators & drivers	32	2.4	33	2.5	-1	-3.0	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0	
Labourers	65	4.9	56	4.3	9	16.1	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9	
Not stated ^(b)	26	2.0	33	2.5	-7	-21.2	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5	
Victoria	1,326	100.0	1,305	100.0	21	1.6	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, Switzerland-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

		Switzerla	nd-born			Total Victoria						
Industry of employment ^(a)	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	28	2.1	36	2.8	-8	-22.2	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	126	9.5	190	14.6	-64	-33.7	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	20	1.5	16	1.2	4	25.0	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	89	6.7	79	6.1	10	12.7	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	153	11.5	170	13.0	-17	-10.0	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	84	6.3	73	5.6	11	15.1	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	44	3.3	36	2.8	8	22.2	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	28	2.1	24	1.8	4	16.7	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	38	2.9	47	3.6	-9	-19.1	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	16	1.2	17	1.3	-1	-5.9	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	206	15.5	180	13.8	26	14.4	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	60	4.5	56	4.3	4	7.1	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	141	10.6	121	9.3	20	16.5	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	157	11.8	142	10.9	15	10.6	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	66	5.0	70	5.4	-4	-5.7	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	67	5.1	35	2.7	32	91.4	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	1,326	100.0	1,305	100.0	21	1.6	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), Switzerland-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

	Switzerland-born						Total Victoria						
Total personal	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		
income, weekly ^(a)	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Negative income	6	0.3	19	0.9	-13	-68.4	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0	
Nil income	172	7.6	174	8.1	-2	-1.1	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2	
\$1-399	461	20.3	523	24.2	-62	-11.9	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4	
\$400-\$799	550	24.3	492	22.8	58	11.8	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0	
\$800-\$1,249	354	15.6	406	18.8	-52	-12.8	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4	
\$1,250-\$1,999	384	16.9	278	12.9	106	38.1	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8	
\$2,000 or more	265	11.7	184	8.5	81	44.0	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0	
Not stated	70	3.1	80	3.7	-10	-12.5	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4	
Victoria	2,268	100.0	2,160	100.0	108	5.0	4,845,710	100.0	4,355,243	100.0	490,467	11.3	

^(a)Applicable to persons aged 15 years and over.

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