

The Timor-Leste-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 57)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 4,982 Timor-Leste-born persons in Victoria (53.9% of Australia's total), ranked 57th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Timor-Leste-born increased by 0.3% (16) from 4,966 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with major concentrations in the LGAs of Brimbank (18.0%), Casey (17.4%), Melton (10.1%), Greater Dandenong (8.7%) and Yarra (7.3%).

The Timor-Leste-born reflected a mature to ageing profile: 4.0% were aged 25 years and under; 30.6% were aged 26-44; 48.4% were aged 45-64; and 17.1% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 50 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 98 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 4,354 persons identified with Timorese ancestry. Most of them were born in Timor-Leste (51.3%), Australia (43.9%) and Portugal (2.4%). Most (87.7%) of the Timor-Leste-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 4.8% arrived in 1996-2000; 1.3% arrived in 2001-2005; 1.6% arrived in 2006-2010; and 1.6% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most of the Timor-Leste-born speak Hakka (60.3%), Mandarin (8.9%), Portuguese (5.8%), Tetum (5.4%) and Timorese (4.0%); 8.0% speak English only. Of those who speak a language other than English, 34.5% speak English not well/not at all. Almost half (46.5%) of the Timor-Leste-born are Catholic; 17.7% are Buddhist; and 3.6% are Christian not further defined; 22.3% have no religion. Most (94.4%) of the Timor-Leste-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Timor-Leste-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 ^(a)	4,859	52.6	4,855	52.6	4,890	52.5	4	0.1	-35	-0.7
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	120	1.3	110	1.2	122	1.3	10	9.1	-12	-9.8
Total Victoria	4,982	53.9	4,966	53.8	5,016	53.8	16	0.3	-50	-1.0
Total Australia	9,238	100.0	9,225	100.0	9,317	100.0	13	0.1	-92	-1.0

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

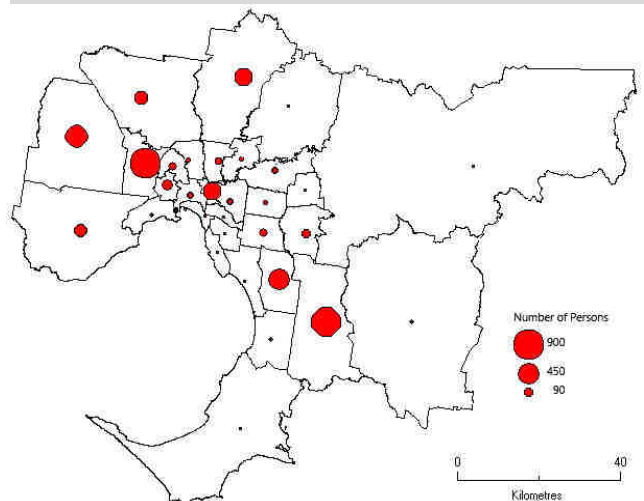
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

Distribution of Timor-Leste-born, Top 5 LGAs: 2016 Census

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Brimbank (C)	896	18.0	953	19.2	1
Casey (C)	869	17.4	840	16.9	2
Melton (C)	504	10.1	439	8.8	5
Gter Dandenong (C)	433	8.7	453	9.1	3
Yarra (C)	364	7.3	442	8.9	4
Rest of Melbourne	1,762	35.4	1,731	34.9	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	111	2.2	118	2.4	-
Total Victoria	4,982	100.0	4,966	100.0	-

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

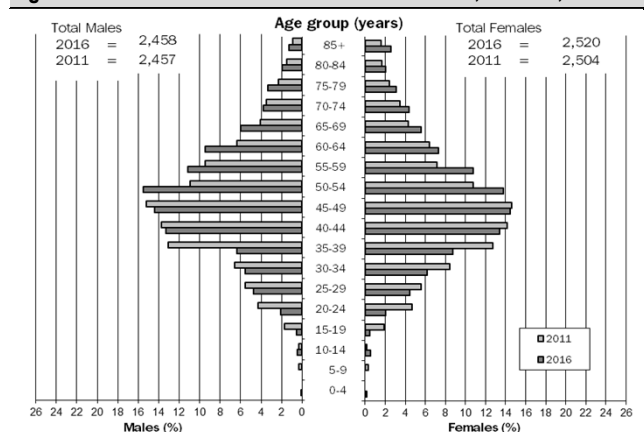
Distribution of Timor-Leste-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Timor-Leste-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	3	0.1	-	-	-
5-11	8	0.2	14	0.3	-42.9
12-18	31	0.6	80	1.6	-61.3
19-25	152	3.1	302	6.1	-49.7
26-44	1,523	30.6	1,922	38.7	-20.8
45-54	1,448	29.1	1,277	25.7	13.4
55-64	963	19.3	725	14.6	32.8
65-74	492	9.9	375	7.6	31.2
75+	357	7.2	266	5.4	34.2
Total Victoria	4,982	100.0	4,966	100.0	0.3
<i>Median Age</i>	50		46		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	98		98		98 males per 100 females

Age and Gender Distribution of Timor-Leste-born, Victoria, 2016



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Timor-Leste	2,233	51.3	1,843	55.9	21.2
Portugal	105	2.4	98	3.0	7.1
Indonesia	15	0.3	10	0.3	50.0
Mozambique	7	0.2	4	0.1	75.0
England	3	0.1	3	0.1	0.0
Australia	1,910	43.9	1,256	38.1	52.1
Other ^(a)	71	1.6	84	2.5	-15.5
Total responses^(b)	4,354	100.0	3,298	100.0	32.0

^(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 most closely related to Timor-Leste-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Hakka	3,003	60.3	3,031	61.0	-0.9
Mandarin	443	8.9	457	9.2	-3.1
Portuguese	287	5.8	286	5.8	0.3
Tetum	270	5.4	246	5.0	9.8
Timorese	198	4.0	202	4.1	-2.0
Other languages ^(a)	359	7.2	414	8.3	-13.3
English only	397	8.0	293	5.9	35.5
Not stated	17	0.3	37	0.7	-54.1
Total Victoria	4,982	100.0	4,966	100.0	0.3

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

Top 5 Religious affiliation, Timor-Leste-born: 2016, 2011

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Catholic	2,316	46.5	2,355	47.4	-1.7
Buddhism	880	17.7	1,230	24.8	-28.5
Christian, nfd	179	3.6	109	2.2	64.2
Chinese Religions	41	0.8	43	0.9	-4.7
Baptist	28	0.6	35	0.7	-20.0
Other religions	155	3.1	187	3.8	-17.1
No religion ^(b)	1,109	22.3	773	15.6	43.5
Not stated	289	5.8	234	4.7	23.5
Total Victoria	4,982	100.0	4,966	100.0	0.3

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Timor-Leste-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Timor-Leste-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	4,370	87.7	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	237	4.8	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	64	1.3	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	80	1.6	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	78	1.6	381,130	22.7
Not stated	139	2.8	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	4,982	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 Timor-Leste-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	397	8.0	293	5.9	35.5
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	1,282	25.7	1,339	27.0	-4.3
Well	1,581	31.7	1,551	31.2	1.9
Not well	1,341	26.9	1,344	27.1	-0.2
Not at all	329	6.6	395	8.0	-16.7
Not stated ^(a)	55	1.1	47	0.9	17.0
Total Victoria	4,982	100.0	4,966	100.0	0.3

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

Timor-Leste-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2016, 2011

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	3	0.1	-	-	-
5-11	7	0.1	3	0.1	133.3
12-18	17	0.4	72	1.5	-76.4
19-25	117	2.5	269	5.7	-56.5
26-44	1,401	29.8	1,812	38.6	-22.7
45-64	2,329	49.5	1,929	41.1	20.7
65-74	476	10.1	358	7.6	33.0
75+	348	7.4	251	5.4	38.6
Total	4,702	100.0	4,690	100.0	0.3
% of Timor-Leste-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					94.4%
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.3%

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Timor-Leste-born are lower than for total Victoria. Less of them (1.2%) have a postgraduate degree; 8.0% have a bachelor degree; and 6.0% have an advanced diploma or diploma, compared to Victoria (5.4%, 16.5% and 9.2%). More of them have school education only (57.5%) and no educational attainment (12.6%), compared to 38.7% and 1.0% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Timor-Leste-born at 60.2% is similar to total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 6.2% is slightly lower than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Timor-Leste-born are different from those for total Victoria. Less of them work as managers (10.3%), professionals (8.9%), technicians & trades workers (10.8%) and community & personal service workers (5.2%), compared to Victoria (13.5%, 23.3%, 13.1% and 10.6%). More of them are machinery operators & drivers (20.8%) and labourers (26.0%), compared to 5.8% and 9.0% for Victoria.

The industry of employment patterns of the Timor-Leste-born are also different from those for total Victoria. More of them are employed in manufacturing (23.3%), accommodation & food services (12.0%) and transport, postal & warehousing (8.9%), compared to Victoria (7.8%, 6.6% and 4.8%). Less of them are employed in construction (3.2%), professional, scientific, technical & administration (6.9%), education & training (2.6%) and health care & social assistance (6.7%), compared to Victoria (8.3%, 11.4%, 8.6% and 12.5%).

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Timor-Leste-born is lower than total Victoria. More of them receive \$1-\$399 (27.0%), \$400-\$799 (27.8%) and \$800-\$1,249 (20.5%), compared to 20.1%, 23.1% and 16.7% for Victoria. Less of them receive \$1,250-\$1,999 (9.4%) and \$2,000 or more (2.5%), compared to 13.6% and 7.5% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Timor-Leste-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	57	1.2	39	0.8	18	46.2	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	27	0.5	21	0.4	6	28.6	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	394	8.0	337	6.8	57	16.9	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	296	6.0	267	5.4	29	10.9	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	436	8.8	280	5.7	156	55.7	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	2,846	57.5	2,865	58.0	-19	-0.7	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	624	12.6	595	12.1	29	4.9	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	276	5.6	533	10.8	-257	-48.2	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	4,950	100.0	4,937	100.0	13	0.3	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, Timor-Leste-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Timor-Leste-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>	2,979	59.8	3,021	60.8	-42	-1.4	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	2,794	56.1	2,832	57.0	-38	-1.3	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	185	3.7	189	3.8	-4	-2.1	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	1,933	38.8	1,821	36.7	112	6.2	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
Not stated	40	0.8	101	2.0	-61	-60.4	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
Not applicable ^(b)	31	0.6	26	0.5	5	19.2	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	4,982	100.0	4,966	100.0	16	0.3	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	60.2%		61.2%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	6.2%		6.3%				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, Timor-Leste-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Timor-Leste-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	289	10.3	248	8.8	41	16.5	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	249	8.9	231	8.2	18	7.8	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	301	10.8	317	11.2	-16	-5.0	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	146	5.2	139	4.9	7	5.0	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	255	9.1	260	9.2	-5	-1.9	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	198	7.1	180	6.4	18	10.0	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	581	20.8	564	19.9	17	3.0	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	726	26.0	784	27.7	-58	-7.4	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	64	2.3	109	3.8	-45	-41.3	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	2,794	100.0	2,832	100.0	-38	-1.3	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, Timor-Leste-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Timor-Leste-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	13	0.5	11	0.4	2	18.2	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	650	23.3	968	34.2	-318	-32.9	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	13	0.5	11	0.4	2	18.2	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	90	3.2	77	2.7	13	16.9	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	413	14.8	435	15.4	-22	-5.1	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	335	12.0	348	12.3	-13	-3.7	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	250	8.9	141	5.0	109	77.3	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	29	1.0	28	1.0	1	3.6	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	111	4.0	111	3.9	-	-	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	40	1.4	25	0.9	15	60.0	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	192	6.9	186	6.6	6	3.2	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	62	2.2	63	2.2	-1	-1.6	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	72	2.6	43	1.5	29	67.4	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	188	6.7	173	6.1	15	8.7	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	112	4.0	119	4.2	-7	-5.9	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	219	7.8	103	3.6	116	112.6	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	2,794	100.0	2,832	100.0	-38	-1.3	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), Timor-Leste-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Timor-Leste-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	39	0.8	19	0.4	20	105.3	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	480	9.7	406	8.2	74	18.2	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	1,335	27.0	1,674	33.9	-339	-20.3	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	1,377	27.8	1,508	30.5	-131	-8.7	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	1,017	20.5	787	15.9	230	29.2	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	463	9.4	253	5.1	210	83.0	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	126	2.5	97	2.0	29	29.9	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	117	2.4	190	3.8	-73	-38.4	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	4,950	100.0	4,937	100.0	13	0.3	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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Source of data: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, 2011, 2006*.