

The Wales-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 59)

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 4,689 Wales-born persons in Victoria (16.7% of Australia’s total), ranked 59th among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Wales-born decreased by 2.9% (141) from 4,830 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the LGAs of Mornington Peninsula (6.6%), Frankston (5.6%), Casey (4.5%) and Knox (3.9%); 19.2% live in regional Victoria and 6.0% live in the regional LGA of Greater Geelong.

The Wales-born reflected a mature to ageing profile: 7.8% were aged 25 years and under; 21.6% were aged 26-44; 37.7% were aged 45-64; and 32.7% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 55 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 29,288 persons identified with Welsh ancestry. Most of them were born in Australia (68.6%), Wales (12.6%) and England (11.5%). Two-thirds (65.9%) of the Wales-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 4.0% arrived in 1996-2000; 7.4% arrived in 2001-2005; 9.3% arrived in 2006-2010; and 11.3% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most (93.6%) of the Wales-born speak English only; 4.3% speak Welsh. Over a quarter (26.6%) of the Wales-born are Anglican; 9.3% are Catholic; 42.8% have no religion. Almost two-thirds (62.4%) of the Wales-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for overseas-born in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

Wales-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)	3,601	12.8	3,700	12.9	3,378	13.3	-99	-2.7	322	9.5
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	1,086	3.9	1,134	4.0	1,071	4.2	-48	-4.2	63	5.9
Total Victoria	4,689	16.7	4,830	16.8	4,451	17.6	-141	-2.9	379	8.5
Total Australia	28,046	100.0	28,675	100.0	25,313	100.0	-629	-2.2	3,362	13.3

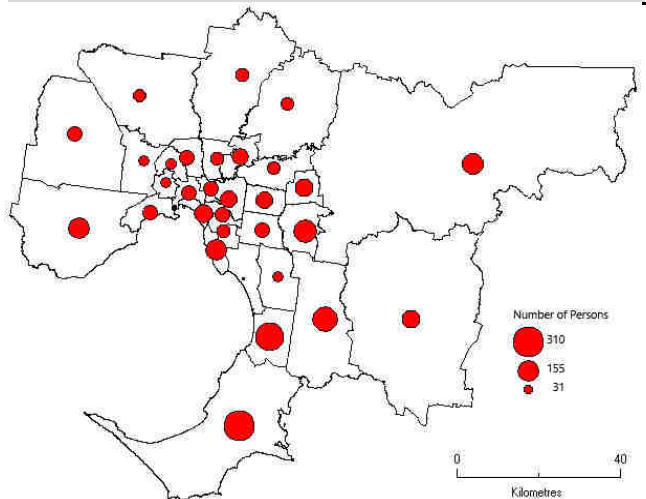
^(a) Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Mornington Pen (S)	310	6.6	292	6.0	1
Greater Geelong (C)	283	6.0	282	5.8	2
Frankston (C)	264	5.6	268	5.5	3
Casey (C)	212	4.5	250	5.2	4
Knox (C)	182	3.9	191	4.0	6
Rest of Melbourne	2,550	54.4	2,605	53.9	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	902	19.2	923	19.1	-
Total Victoria	4,689	100.0	4,830	100.0	-

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

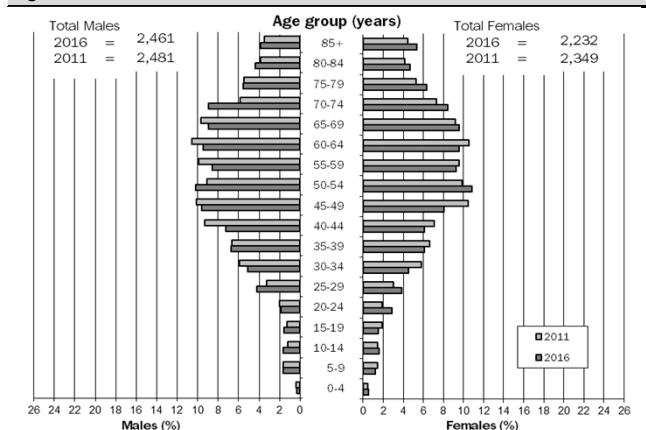
Distribution of Wales-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



Age Distribution of Wales-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	22	0.5	19	0.4	15.8
5-11	100	2.1	89	1.8	12.4
12-18	96	2.0	103	2.1	-6.8
19-25	152	3.2	135	2.8	12.6
26-44	1,015	21.6	1,128	23.4	-10.0
45-54	910	19.4	961	19.9	-5.3
55-64	859	18.3	975	20.2	-11.9
65-74	838	17.9	773	16.0	8.4
75+	696	14.8	646	13.4	7.7
Total Victoria	4,689	100.0	4,830	100.0	-2.9
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>55</i>		<i>54</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>110</i>		<i>106</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>

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



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Wales	3,686	12.6	3,831	15.2	-3.8
England	3,381	11.5	2,436	9.6	38.8
New Zealand	762	2.6	485	1.9	57.1
South Africa	172	0.6	95	0.4	81.1
UK etc, nfd	136	0.5	25	0.1	444.0
Australia	20,079	68.6	17,540	69.4	14.5
Other ^(a)	1,042	3.6	861	3.4	21.0
Total responses^(b)	29,288	100.0	25,273	100.0	15.9

^(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 Wales-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Welsh	203	4.3	175	3.6	16.0
French	12	0.3	7	0.1	71.4
Italian	9	0.2	7	0.1	28.6
Cantonese	7	0.1	3	0.1	133.3
Bengali	4	0.1	-	-	-
Other languages ^(a)	21	0.4	40	0.8	-47.5
English only	4,389	93.6	4,578	94.8	-4.1
Not stated	30	0.6	20	0.4	50.0
Total Victoria	4,689	100.0	4,830	100.0	-2.9

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Anglican	1,248	26.6	1,542	31.9	-19.1
Catholic	436	9.3	492	10.2	-11.4
Uniting Church	146	3.1	233	4.8	-37.3
Baptist	124	2.6	171	3.5	-27.5
Christian, nfd	110	2.3	109	2.3	0.9
Other religions	428	9.1	471	9.8	-9.1
No religion ^(b)	2,005	42.8	1,546	32.0	29.7
Not stated	192	4.1	266	5.5	-27.8
Total Victoria	4,689	100.0	4,830	100.0	-2.9

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Wales-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Wales-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	3,091	65.9	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	189	4.0	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	347	7.4	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	437	9.3	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	530	11.3	381,130	22.7
Not stated	98	2.1	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	4,689	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 Wales-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	4,389	93.6	4,578	94.8	-4.1
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	263	5.6	222	4.6	18.5
Well	12	0.3	6	0.1	100.0
Not well	3	0.1	3	0.1	-
Not at all	-	-	-	-	-
Not stated ^(a)	25	0.5	20	0.4	25.0
Total Victoria	4,689	100.0	4,830	100.0	-2.9

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	13	0.4	6	0.2	116.7
5-11	40	1.4	35	1.2	14.3
12-18	62	2.1	49	1.7	26.5
19-25	85	2.9	64	2.2	32.8
26-44	469	16.0	547	18.6	-14.3
45-64	1,160	39.6	1,263	42.8	-8.2
65-74	610	20.8	556	18.9	9.7
75+	494	16.9	430	14.6	14.9
Total	2,927	100.0	2,948	100.0	-0.7

% of Wales-born with Australian citizenship, 2016: 62.4%

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

Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Wales-born are higher than for total Victoria. More of them (7.9%) have a postgraduate degree; 3.8% have a graduate diploma or graduate certificate; and 21.4% have a bachelor degree, compared to Victoria (5.4%, 2.5% and 16.5%). Less of them have school education only (31.6%) than Victoria (38.7%).

The labour force participation rate of the Wales-born at 58.5% is slightly lower than that of total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 4.5% is also lower than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Wales-born are different from those for total Victoria. More of the Wales-born are managers (17.7%) and professionals (31.5%), compared to Victoria (13.5% and 23.3%). Less of them are sales workers (5.8%), machinery operators & drivers (3.0%) and labourers (5.6%), compared to Victoria (9.7%, 5.8% and 9.0%).

The employment patterns of the Wales-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria. Less of them are employed in wholesale & retail trade (11.1%) and accommodation & food services (3.8%), compared to 13.4% and 6.6% for Victoria. More of them are employed in professional, scientific, technical & administrative (13.7%) and health care & social assistance (16.1%), compared to Victoria (11.4% and 12.5%).

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Wales-born is higher than total Victoria. Less of the Wales-born receive nil income (5.2%), \$1-\$399 (19.1%) and \$800-\$1,249 (16.3%), compared to 9.7%, 20.1% and 16.7% for Victoria. More of them receive \$400-\$799 (25.5%), \$1,250-\$1,999 (17.0%) and \$2,000 or more (14.1%), compared to 23.1%, 13.6% and 7.5% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Wales-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	358	7.9	317	6.8	41	12.9	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	170	3.8	143	3.1	27	18.9	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	971	21.4	869	18.6	102	11.7	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	539	11.9	535	11.4	4	0.7	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	706	15.6	747	16.0	-41	-5.5	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	1,433	31.6	1,630	34.9	-197	-12.1	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	-	-	3	0.1	-3	-100.0	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	357	7.9	431	9.2	-74	-17.2	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	4,532	100.0	4,676	100.0	-144	-3.1	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, Wales-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Wales-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>	2,652	56.6	2,786	57.7	-134	-4.8	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	2,533	54.0	2,673	55.3	-140	-5.2	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	119	2.5	113	2.3	6	5.3	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	1,847	39.4	1,846	38.2	1	0.1	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	35	0.7	42	0.9	-7	-16.7	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> ^(b)	157	3.3	149	3.1	8	5.4	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	4,689	100.0	4,830	100.0	-141	-2.9	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	58.5%		59.5%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	4.5%		4.1%				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, Wales-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Wales-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	449	17.7	451	16.9	-2	-0.4	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	799	31.5	831	31.1	-32	-3.9	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	306	12.1	340	12.7	-34	-10.0	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkr	246	9.7	230	8.6	16	7.0	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	330	13.0	347	13.0	-17	-4.9	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	148	5.8	173	6.5	-25	-14.5	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	77	3.0	107	4.0	-30	-28.0	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	142	5.6	136	5.1	6	4.4	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	30	1.2	55	2.1	-25	-45.5	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	2,533	100.0	2,673	100.0	-140	-5.2	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, Wales-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Wales-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	44	1.7	38	1.4	6	15.8	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	206	8.1	305	11.4	-99	-32.5	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	42	1.7	35	1.3	7	20.0	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	173	6.8	186	7.0	-13	-7.0	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	280	11.1	293	11.0	-13	-4.4	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	95	3.8	79	3.0	16	20.3	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	103	4.1	91	3.4	12	13.2	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	55	2.2	45	1.7	10	22.2	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	105	4.1	115	4.3	-10	-8.7	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	27	1.1	31	1.2	-4	-12.9	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	348	13.7	378	14.1	-30	-7.9	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	169	6.7	182	6.8	-13	-7.1	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	264	10.4	286	10.7	-22	-7.7	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	408	16.1	436	16.3	-28	-6.4	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	139	5.5	125	4.7	14	11.2	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	79	3.1	54	2.0	25	46.3	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	2,533	100.0	2,673	100.0	-140	-5.2	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), Wales-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Wales-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	17	0.4	12	0.3	5	41.7	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	235	5.2	233	5.0	2	0.9	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	867	19.1	1,249	26.7	-382	-30.6	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	1,155	25.5	1,054	22.5	101	9.6	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	740	16.3	784	16.8	-44	-5.6	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	772	17.0	720	15.4	52	7.2	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	637	14.1	470	10.1	167	35.5	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	116	2.6	149	3.2	-33	-22.1	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	4,532	100.0	4,676	100.0	-144	-3.1	4,845,710	100.0	4,355,243	100.0	490,467	11.3

^(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 socio-economic data.

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