

Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 1,681 Albania-born persons in Victoria (56.8% of Australia’s total), ranked 83rd among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Albania-born increased by 12.1% (181) from 1,500 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the outer LGAs of Whittlesea (16.5%), Brimbank (10.0%), Greater Dandenong (7.4%) and Melton (7.2%). A significant proportion live in the regional LGA of Greater Shepparton (15.7%).

The Albania-born reflected a mature to ageing profile: 14.3% were aged 25 years and below; 44.9% were aged 26-44 years; 27.7% were aged 45-64 years; and 13.6% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 40 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 93 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 10,643 persons identified with Albanian ancestry. Over half (55.4%) were born in Australia; 14.8% were born in FYR Macedonia; and 14.5% were born Albania. Only 15.0% of the Albania-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 15.3% arrived in 1996-2000; 25.4% arrived in 2001-2005; 19.9% arrived in 2006-2010; and 23.1% arrived in 2011-2016.

The Albania-born speak mainly Albanian (75.2%) and Greek (9.8%). Of those who speak a language other than English, 27.4% speak English not well/not at all. Over a third (36.0%) of the Albania-born follow Islam, 12.0% are Eastern orthodox and 8.0% are Catholic; 34.0% have no religion. Most (71.0%) have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria.

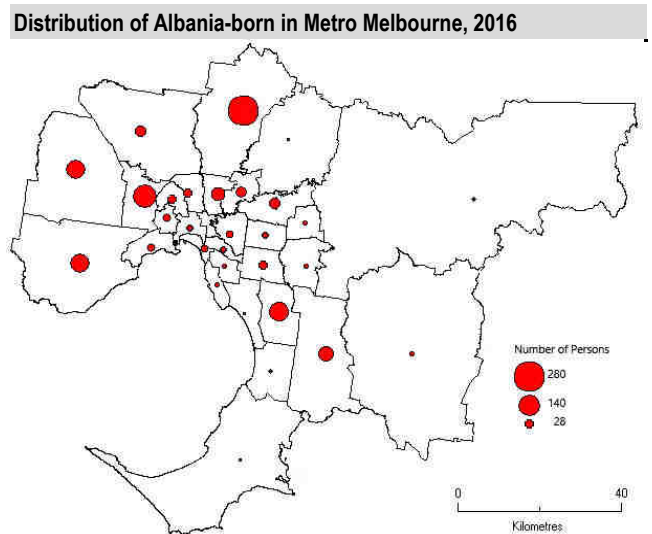
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Location	2016 Census		2011 Census		2006 Census		Change 2011-2016		Change 2006-2011	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	% change
Metro Melbourne ^(a)	1,393	48.5	1,134	47.3	862	42.8	259	22.8	272	31.6
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	290	10.1	364	15.2	394	19.6	-74	-20.3	-30	-7.6
Total Victoria	1,681	58.6	1,500	62.6	1,258	62.4	181	12.1	242	19.2
Total Australia	2,870	100.0	2,397	100.0	2,015	100.0	473	19.7	382	19.0

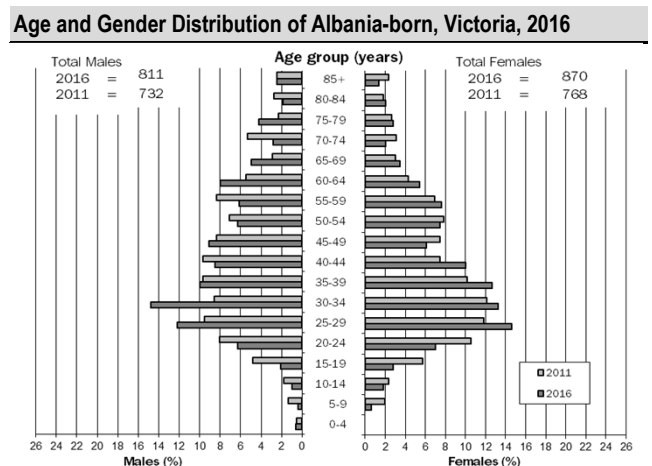
^(a) Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.
^(b) Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Whittlesea (C)	278	16.5	175	11.7	3
Gter Shepparton (C)	264	15.7	325	21.7	1
Brimbank (C)	168	10.0	189	12.6	2
Gter Dandenong (C)	125	7.4	122	8.1	4
Melton (C)	121	7.2	114	7.6	5
Rest of Melbourne	708	42.1	548	36.5	-
Rest of Reg Vic ^(a)	18	1.1	36	2.4	-
Total Victoria	1,681	100.0	1,500	100.0	-

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



Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	7	0.4	8	0.5	-12.5
5-11	16	1.0	36	2.4	-55.6
12-18	45	2.7	71	4.7	-36.6
19-25	171	10.2	194	12.9	-11.9
26-44	754	44.9	567	37.8	33.0
45-54	242	14.4	231	15.4	4.8
55-64	224	13.3	183	12.2	22.4
65-74	111	6.6	109	7.3	1.8
75+	117	7.0	108	7.2	8.3
Total Victoria	1,681	100.0	1,500	100.0	12.1
<i>Median Age</i>	40		40		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	93		95		<i>males per 100 females</i>



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

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
FYR Macedonia	1,574	14.8	1,534	17.1	2.6
Albania	1,548	14.5	1,283	14.3	20.7
Kosovo	545	5.1	441	4.9	23.6
Montenegro	168	1.6	175	2.0	-4.0
S E Europe, nfd	152	1.4	201	2.2	-24.4
Australia	5,900	55.4	4,855	54.1	21.5
Other ^(a)	741	7.0	482	5.4	53.7
Total responses^(b)	10,643	100.0	8,971	100.0	18.6

^(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 Albania-born persons.

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

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Albanian	1,264	75.2	1,227	81.8	3.0
Greek	165	9.8	84	5.6	96.4
Italian	64	3.8	49	3.3	30.6
Macedonian	11	0.7	17	1.1	-35.3
German	4	0.2	-	-	-
Other languages ^(a)	10	0.6	17	1.1	-41.2
English only	148	8.8	87	5.8	70.1
Not stated	11	0.7	19	1.3	-42.1
Total Victoria	1,681	100.0	1,500	100.0	12.1

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

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

Religious affiliation ^(a)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Islam	605	36.0	779	51.9	-22.3
Eastern Orthodox	201	12.0	146	9.7	37.7
Catholic	134	8.0	116	7.7	15.5
Christian, nfd	31	1.8	5	0.3	520.0
Uniting Church	5	0.3	-	-	-
Other religions	18	1.1	33	2.2	-45.5
No religion ^(b)	571	34.0	292	19.5	95.5
Not stated	113	6.7	129	8.6	-12.4
Total Victoria	1,681	100.0	1,500	100.0	12.1

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

^(b) No Religion, so described.

Year of Arrival of Albania-born: 2016

Year of arrival ^(a)	Albania-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(c)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	252	15.0	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	258	15.3	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	427	25.4	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	335	19.9	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 ^(b)	358	21.3	381,130	22.7
Not stated	63	3.7	58,517	3.5
Total Victoria	1,681	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 Albania-born: 2016, 2011

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	148	8.8	87	5.8	70.1
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	515	30.6	490	32.7	5.1
Well	530	31.5	414	27.6	28.0
Not well	353	21.0	337	22.5	4.7
Not at all	108	6.4	125	8.3	-13.6
Not stated ^(a)	27	1.6	40	2.7	-32.5
Total Victoria	1,681	100.0	1,500	100.0	12.1

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

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

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	-	-	-	-	-
5-11	10	0.8	9	0.8	11.1
12-18	27	2.3	47	4.3	-42.6
19-25	81	6.8	132	12.1	-38.6
26-44	481	40.3	382	35.1	25.9
45-64	397	33.3	345	31.7	15.1
65-74	99	8.3	90	8.3	10.0
75+	105	8.8	92	8.5	14.1
Total	1,193	100.0	1,087	100.0	9.8
% of Albania-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					71.0%
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.3%

Economic characteristics

The level of education of the Albania-born is lower than that for total Victoria: 11.9% have a bachelor degree or higher compared to 24.4% for total Victoria. Over half (53.5%) of the Albania-born have school education only and 3.3% have no educational attainment, compared to 38.7% and 1.0% for total Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Albania-born at 53.9% is lower than for total Victoria at 60.5%. Their unemployment rate at 7.7% is higher than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Albania-born are different from those for total Victoria. Less of them are managers (10.9%), professionals (8.4%) and clerical and administrative workers (5.4%), compared to 13.5%, 23.3% and 13.3% for total Victoria. More of them are technicians and trades workers (29.0%) and labourers (21.7%), compared to 13.1% and 9.0% for Victoria.

The employment patterns of the Albania-born fairly is similar to total Victoria, with some exceptions. More of them are employed in agriculture, forestry, fishing and mining (5.8%), construction (20.7%) and accommodation and food services (8.0%), compared to 2.6%, 8.3% and 6.6% for total Victoria. Less of them are employed in transport, postal and warehousing (2.6%), education and training (4.9%) and healthcare and social assistance (6.5%), compared to 4.8%, 8.6% and 12.5% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Albania-born is lower than for total Victoria. More of them (14.8%) receive nil income, 24.4% receive \$1-\$399 and 26.5% receive \$400-\$799, compared to 9.7%, 20.1% and 23.1% for Victoria. Less of them receive \$1,250-\$1,999 (8.6%) and \$2,000 or more (1.9%) compared to 13.6% and 7.5% for Victoria.

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

Highest level of educational attainment ^(a)	Albania-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change
Postgraduate Degree	26	1.6	3	0.2	23	766.7	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	13	0.8	6	0.4	7	116.7	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	156	9.5	89	6.2	67	75.3	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	147	8.9	95	6.6	52	54.7	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	214	13.0	113	7.9	101	89.4	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only ^(b)	880	53.5	858	59.6	22	2.6	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment ^(c)	55	3.3	56	3.9	-1	-1.8	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc ^(d)	158	9.6	206	14.3	-48	-23.3	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
Victoria	1,644	100.0	1,439	100.0	205	14.2	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, Albania-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation ^(a)	Albania-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>	885	52.6	718	47.9	167	23.3	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	817	48.6	633	42.2	184	29.1	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	68	4.0	85	5.7	-17	-20.0	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	735	43.7	671	44.7	64	9.5	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
Not stated	33	2.0	49	3.3	-16	-32.7	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
Not applicable ^(b)	40	2.4	57	3.8	-17	-29.8	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
Victoria	1,681	100.0	1,500	100.0	181	12.1	5,926,624	100.0	5,354,039	100.0	572,585	10.7
<i>Participation rate</i> ^(c)	53.9%		49.8%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> ^(d)	7.7%		11.8%				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, Albania-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Occupation ^(a)	Albania-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	89	10.9	64	10.1	25	39.1	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	69	8.4	37	5.8	32	86.5	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	237	29.0	172	27.2	65	37.8	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	70	8.6	42	6.6	28	66.7	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	44	5.4	46	7.3	-2	-4.3	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	64	7.8	56	8.8	8	14.3	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	44	5.4	36	5.7	8	22.2	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	177	21.7	148	23.4	29	19.6	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated ^(b)	24	2.9	26	4.1	-2	-7.7	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
Victoria	817	100.0	633	100.0	184	29.1	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, Albania-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Industry of employment ^(a)	Albania-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	47	5.8	69	10.9	-22	-31.9	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	66	8.1	86	13.6	-20	-23.3	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	3	0.4	3	0.5	-	-	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	169	20.7	127	20.1	42	33.1	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	96	11.8	100	15.8	-4	-4.0	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	65	8.0	32	5.1	33	103.1	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	21	2.6	18	2.8	3	16.7	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	8	1.0	3	0.5	5	166.7	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	19	2.3	12	1.9	7	58.3	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	7	0.9	11	1.7	-4	-36.4	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	75	9.2	58	9.2	17	29.3	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	20	2.4	13	2.1	7	53.8	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	40	4.9	15	2.4	25	166.7	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	53	6.5	34	5.4	19	55.9	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	42	5.1	25	3.9	17	68.0	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	81	9.9	44	7.0	37	84.1	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
Victoria	817	100.0	633	100.0	184	29.1	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), Albania-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Total personal income, weekly ^(a)	Albania-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	23	1.4	30	2.1	-7	-23.3	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	244	14.8	178	12.4	66	37.1	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	401	24.4	565	39.3	-164	-29.0	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	435	26.5	340	23.6	95	27.9	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	287	17.5	148	10.3	139	93.9	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	141	8.6	40	2.8	101	252.5	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	31	1.9	12	0.8	19	158.3	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	84	5.1	118	8.2	-34	-28.8	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
Victoria	1,644	100.0	1,439	100.0	205	14.2	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*.