



Australia-born Community Information Summary

Historical Background

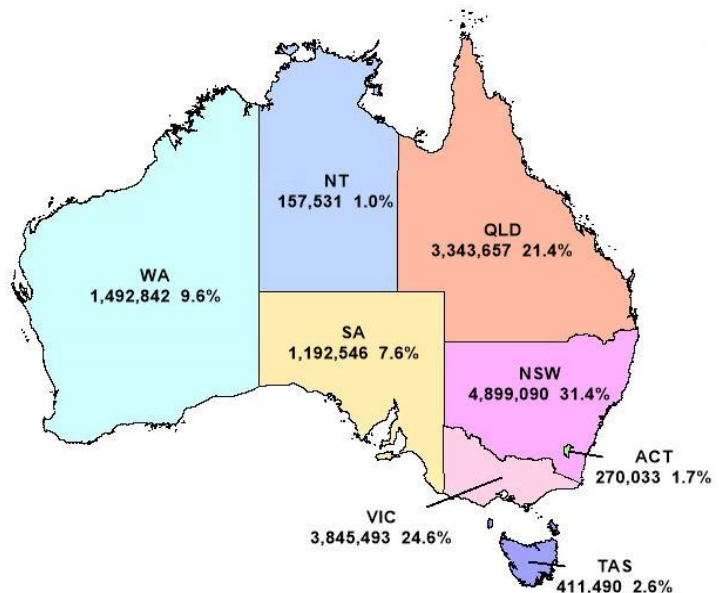
Note that there is no historical background for this cohort.

2016 Census

Geographic Distribution

The latest Census in 2016 recorded 15,614,835 Australia-born people in Australia, an increase of 4.0 per cent from the 2011 Census.

The 2016 distribution by State and Territory showed New South Wales had the largest number with 4,899,090 followed by Victoria (3,845,493), Queensland (3,343,657) and Western Australia (1,492,842).

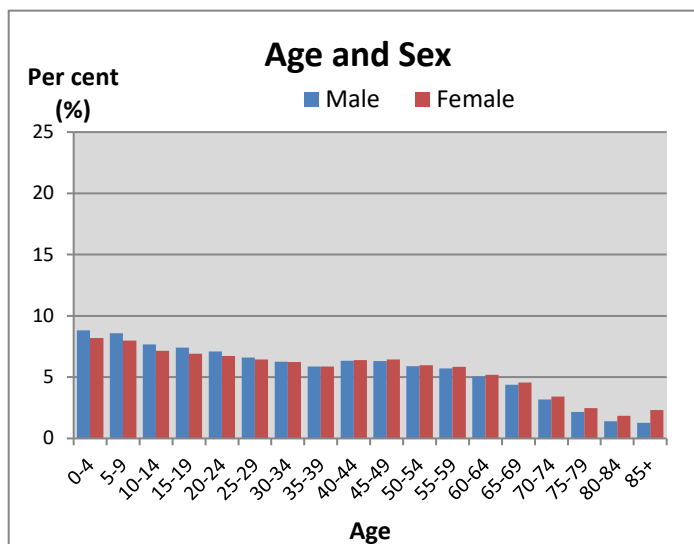


Age and Sex

The median age of the Australia-born in 2016 was 34 years compared with 44 years for all overseas-born and 38 years for the total Australian population.

The age distribution showed 24.2 per cent were aged 0-14 years, 14.1 per cent were 15-24 years, 25.0 per cent were 25-44 years, 23.2 per cent were 45-64 years and 13.5 per cent were 65 years and over.

Of the Australia-born in Australia, there were 7,735,002 males (49.5 per cent) and 7,879,831 females (50.5 per cent). The sex ratio was 98 males per 100 females.

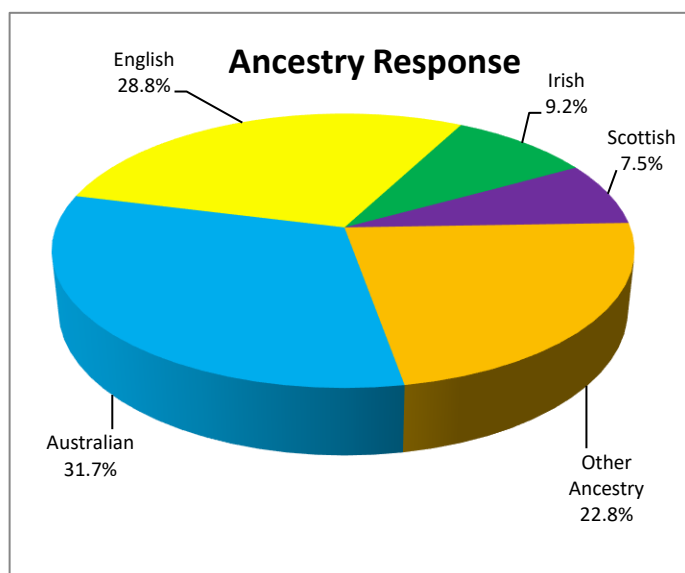


Ancestry

In the 2016 Census, the top ancestry responses* that Australia-born people reported were Australian (7,013,633), English (6,358,256) and Irish (2,039,686).

In the 2016 Census, Australians reported over 300 different ancestries. Of the total ancestry responses* 7,298,243 responses were towards Australian ancestry.

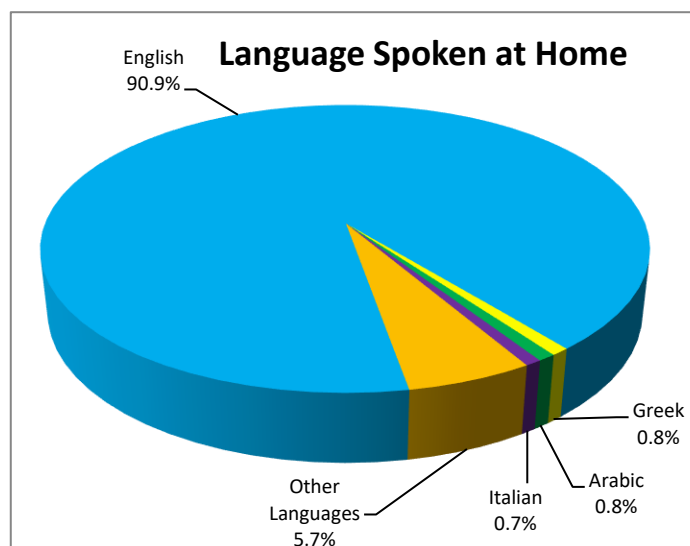
* At the 2016 Census up to two responses per person were allowed for the Ancestry question, therefore there can be more responses than total persons.



Language

The main languages spoken at home by Australia-born people in Australia were English (14,190,422), Greek (130,261) and Arabic (127,928).

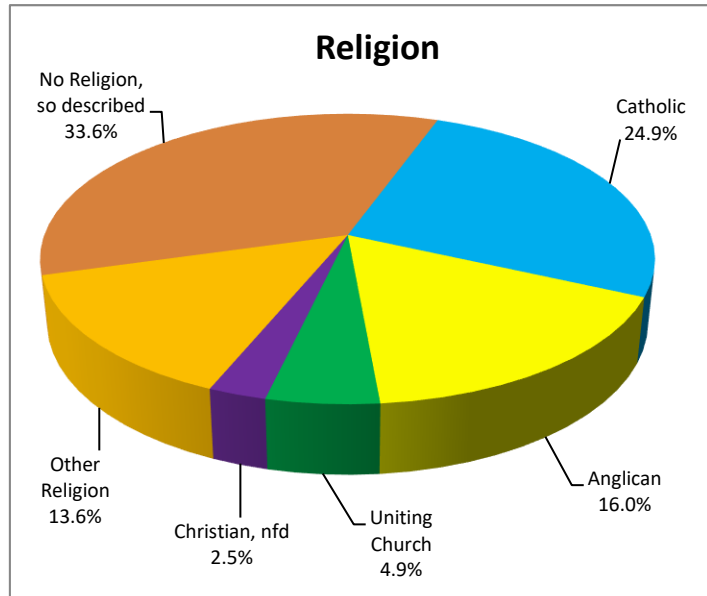
Of the 1,303,860 Australia-born who spoke a language other than English at home, 86.1 per cent spoke English very well or well, and 12.1 per cent spoke English not well or not at all.



Religion

At the 2016 Census the major religious affiliations amongst Australia-born were Catholic (3,894,960), Anglican (2,504,660) and Uniting Church (757,535).

Of the Australia-born, 33.6 per cent stated 'No Religion' which was higher than that of the total Australian population (29.6 per cent), and 3.9 per cent did not state a religion.



Median Income

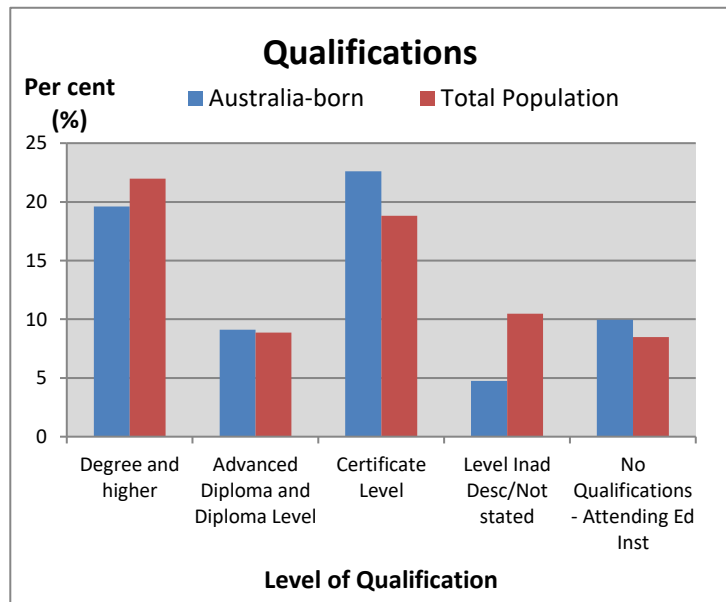
At the time of the 2016 Census, the median Individual Weekly Income for the Australia-born in Australia aged 15 years and over was \$688, compared with \$615 for all overseas-born.

The total Australian population aged 15 and over had a median Individual Weekly Income of \$662.

Qualifications

At the 2016 Census, 56.1 per cent of the Australia-born aged 15 years and over had some form of higher non-school qualification compared to 60.1 per cent of the Australian population.

Of the Australia-born aged 15 years and over, 10.0 per cent had no qualifications and were still attending an educational institution. The corresponding rate for the total Australian population was 8.5 per cent.

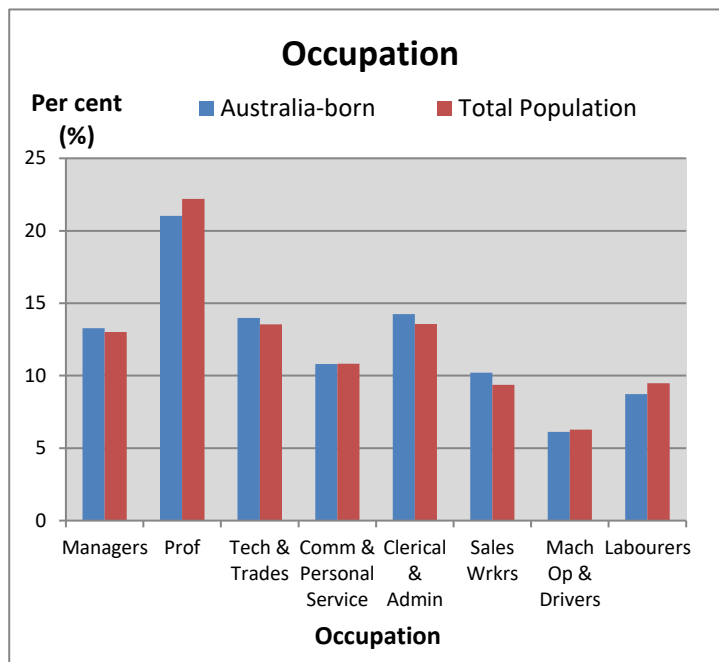


Employment

Among Australia-born people aged 15 years and over, the participation rate in the labour force was 66.6 per cent and the unemployment rate was 6.4 per cent.

The corresponding rates in the total Australian population were 64.6 per cent and 6.9 per cent respectively.

Of the 7,309,828 Australia-born who were employed, 48.3 per cent were employed in either a skilled managerial, professional or trade occupation. The corresponding rate in the total Australian population was 48.8 per cent.



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