



# Seychelles-born Community Information Summary

## Historical Background

Originally French and then a British colony, the Seychelles gained independence in 1976.

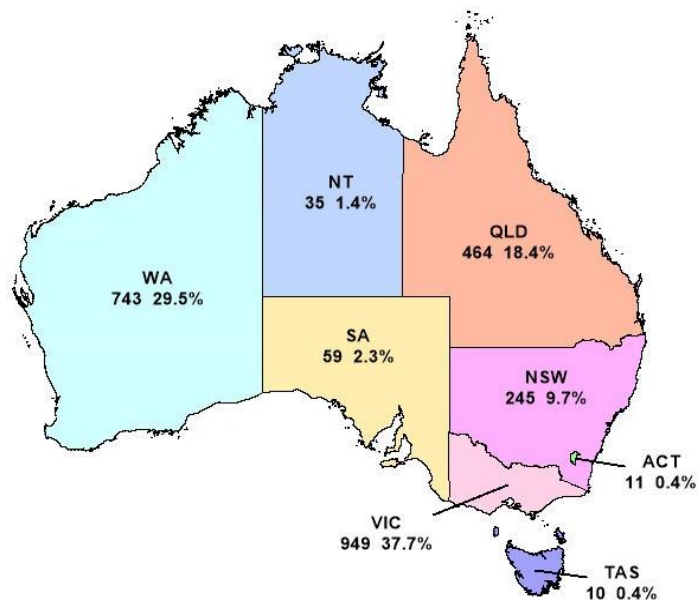
More than half of the Seychelles-born arrived in Australia prior to the Seychelles gaining independence, when the colony was undergoing political and social changes.

## 2016 Census

### *Geographic Distribution*

The latest Census in 2016 recorded 2,519 Seychelles-born people in Australia, a decrease of 2.8 per cent from the 2011 Census.

The 2016 distribution by State and Territory showed Victoria had the largest number with 949 followed by Western Australia (743), Queensland (464) and New South Wales (245).

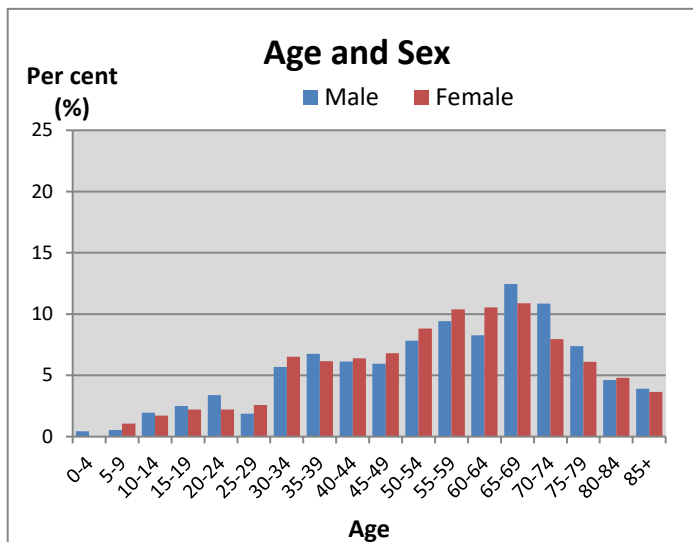


## Age and Sex

The median age of the Seychelles-born in 2016 was 58 years compared with 44 years for all overseas-born and 38 years for the total Australian population.

The age distribution showed 2.9 per cent were aged 0-14 years, 4.9 per cent were 15-24 years, 21.3 per cent were 25-44 years, 34.7 per cent were 45-64 years and 36.0 per cent were 65 years and over.

Of the Seychelles-born in Australia, there were 1,124 males (44.6 per cent) and 1,395 females (55.4 per cent). The sex ratio was 81 males per 100 females.

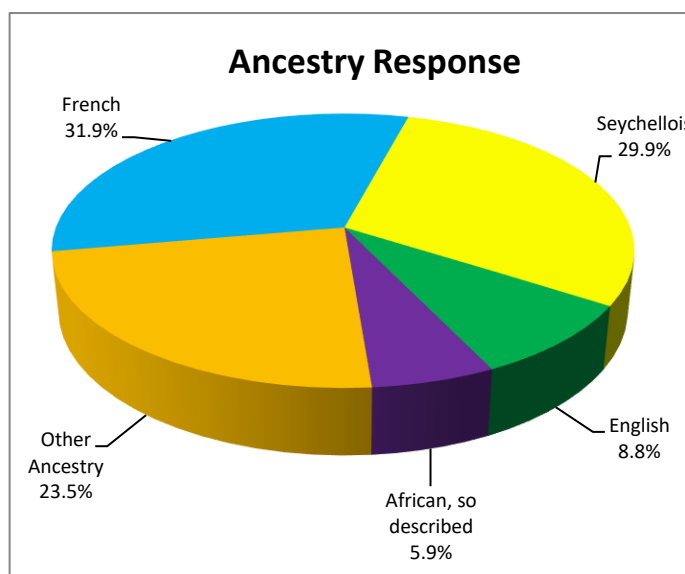


## Ancestry

In the 2016 Census, the top ancestry responses\* that Seychelles-born people reported were French (1,040), Seychellois (973) and English (288).

In the 2016 Census, Australians reported over 300 different ancestries. Of the total ancestry responses\* 135,382 responses were towards French ancestry.

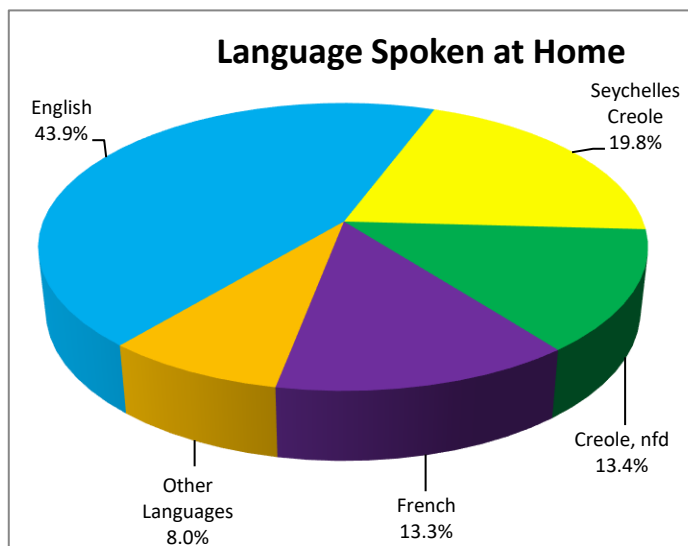
\* At the 2016 Census up to two responses per person were allowed for the Ancestry question, therefore there can be more responses than total persons.



## Language

The main languages spoken at home by Seychelles-born people in Australia were English (1,106), Seychelles Creole (500) and Creole, nfd (338).

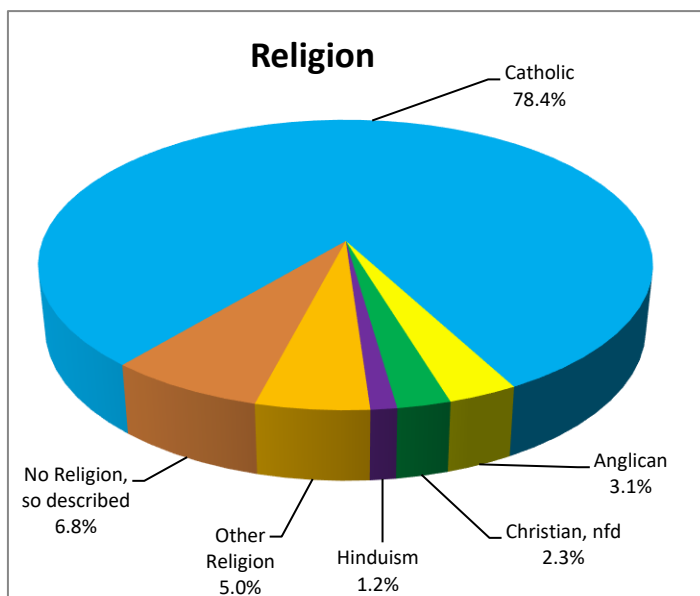
Of the 1,399 Seychelles-born who spoke a language other than English at home, 94.8 per cent spoke English very well or well, and 4.3 per cent spoke English not well or not at all.



## Religion

At the 2016 Census the major religious affiliations amongst Seychelles-born were Catholic (1,975), Anglican (77) and Christian, nfd (59).

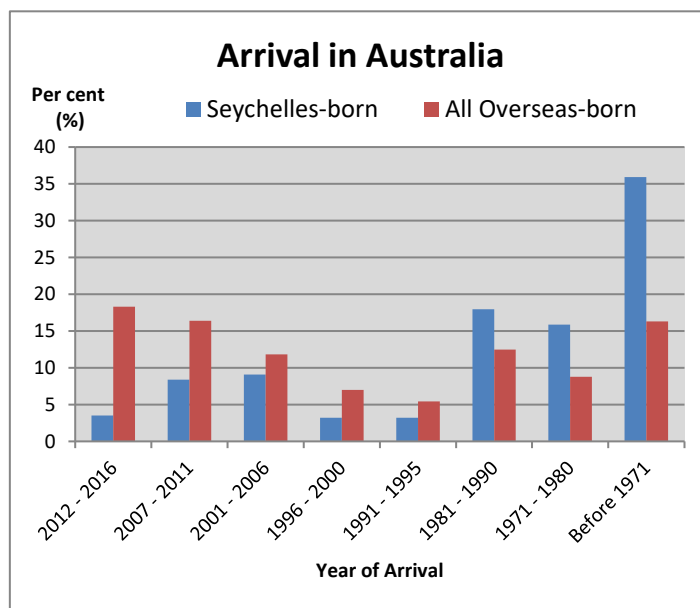
Of the Seychelles-born, 6.8 per cent stated 'No Religion' which was lower than that of the total Australian population (29.6 per cent), and 3.1 per cent did not state a religion.



## Arrival

Compared to 61.8 per cent of the total overseas-born population, 85.3 per cent of the Seychelles-born people in Australia arrived in Australia prior to 2007.

Among the total Seychelles-born in Australia at the 2016 Census, 8.4 per cent arrived between 2007 and 2011 and 3.5 per cent arrived between 2012 and 2016.



## Median Income

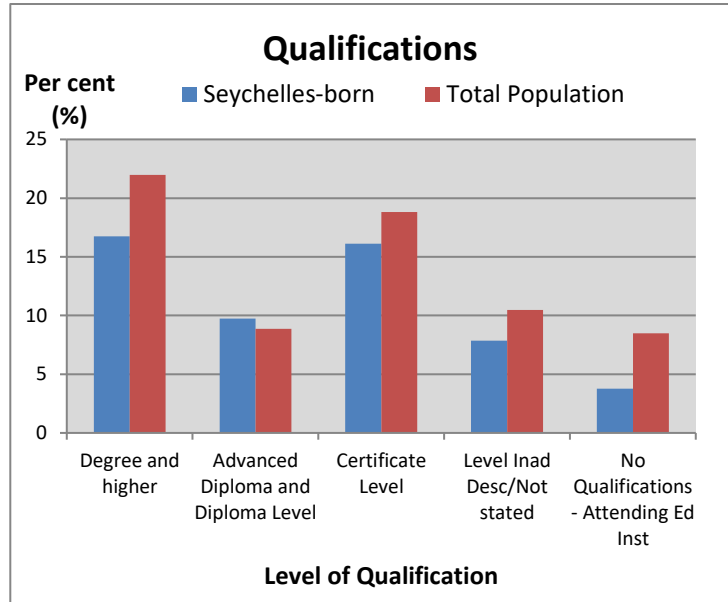
At the time of the 2016 Census, the median Individual Weekly Income for the Seychelles-born in Australia aged 15 years and over was \$526, compared with \$615 for all overseas-born and \$688 for all Australian-born.

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

## Qualifications

At the 2016 Census, 50.5 per cent of the Seychelles-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 Seychelles-born aged 15 years and over, 3.8 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.

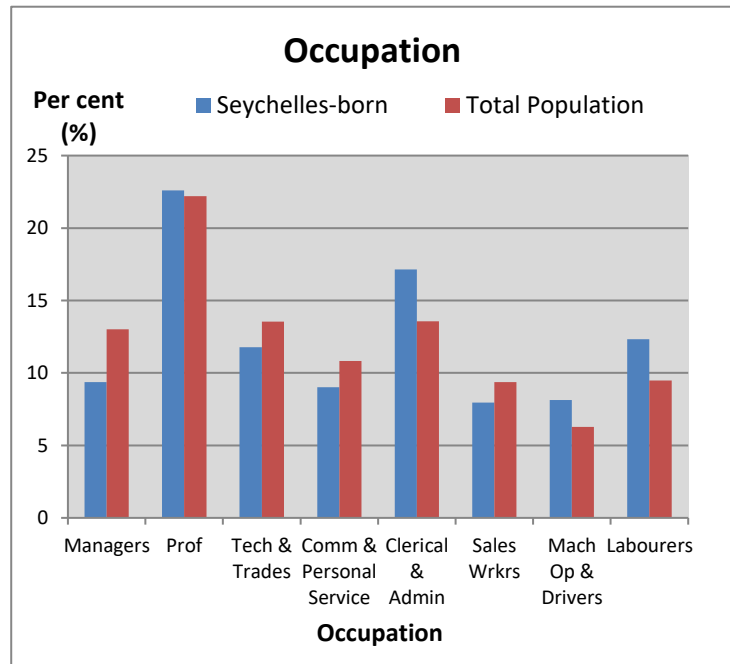


## Employment

Among Seychelles-born people aged 15 years and over, the participation rate in the labour force was 50.5 per cent and the unemployment rate was 7.2 per cent.

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

Of the 1,120 Seychelles-born who were employed, 43.8 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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All data used in this summary is sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics Census of Population and Housing.