



Albania-born Community Information Summary

Historical Background

The first recorded Albanian to settle in Australia was Naum Konxha who arrived in Brisbane in 1885 with his English wife and decided to stay permanently. However, the first significant Albanian migration to Australia started in the 1920s after the United States of America placed migration quota restrictions for Southern Europeans.

Many Albanians who arrived in the 1920s settled in rural areas and engaged in agriculture related employment – mainly fruit growing.

The 1933 Australian Census recorded 770 Albania-born living in Australia, mostly in Queensland and Victoria. Many Muslim Albanians settled around Mareeba in northern Queensland and most of the Christian Albanians settled in Brisbane. In Victoria, most Albanians settled around Shepparton in the Goulburn Valley fruit growing district.

The communist regime which ruled the post-war Albania placed immigration restrictions on its citizens. As a result only a small number of post-war refugees arrived in Australia after World War II. These restrictions remained in place until the 1990s.

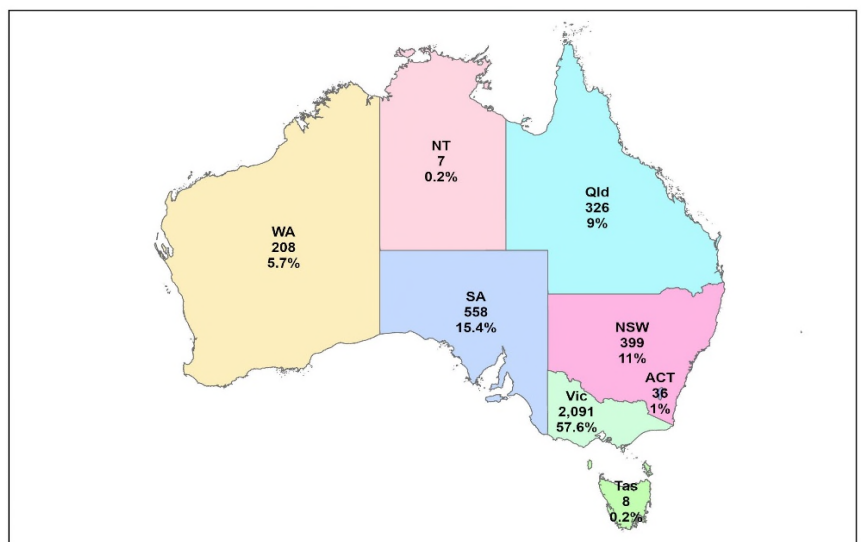
A small number of Albania-born continue to migrate to Australia.

2021 Census

Geographic Distribution

The latest Census in 2021 recorded 3,633 Albania-born people in Australia, an increase of 26.7 per cent from the 2016 Census.

The 2021 distribution by State and Territory showed Victoria had the largest Albania-born population with 2,091 people followed by South Australia (558), New South Wales (399) and Queensland (326).



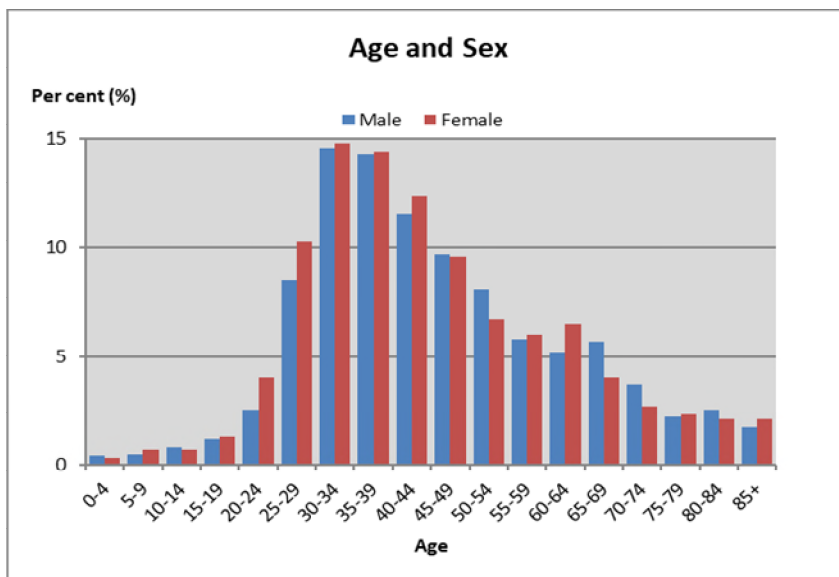
Age and Sex

The median age of the Albania-born in 2021 was 42 years compared with 45 years for all overseas-born people and 38 years for the total Australian population.

The age distribution showed:

- 1.7 per cent were aged 0-14 years
- 4.6 per cent were aged 15-24 years
- 50.3 per cent were aged 25-44 years
- 28.6 per cent were aged 45-64 years
- 14.8 per cent were aged 65 years and over.

Of the Albania-born in Australia, there were 1,841 males (50.7 per cent) and 1,788 females (49.2 per cent). The sex ratio is 103 males per 100 females.

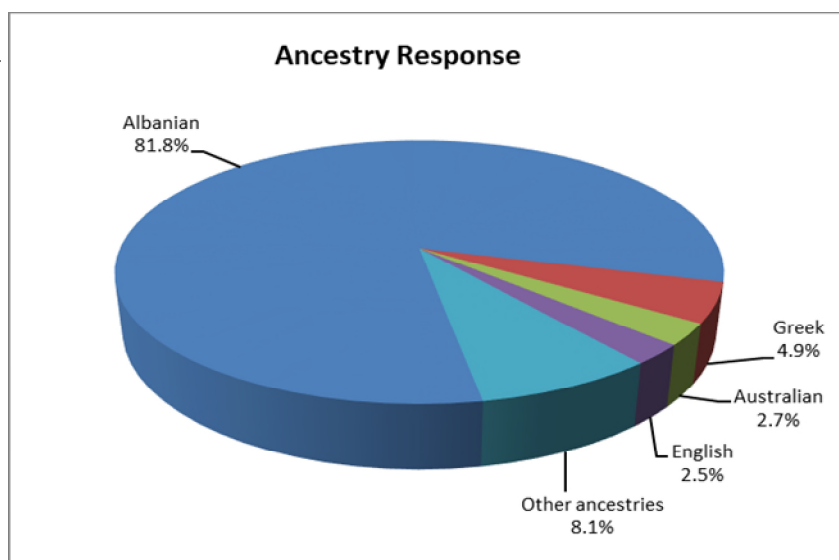


Ancestry

The top ancestry responses reported by Albania-born people in the 2021 Census were Albanian (3,262), Greek (194) and Australian (107).

In the 2021 Census, Australians reported over 300 different ancestries. Of all ancestry responses*, 19,686 were for Albanian ancestry.

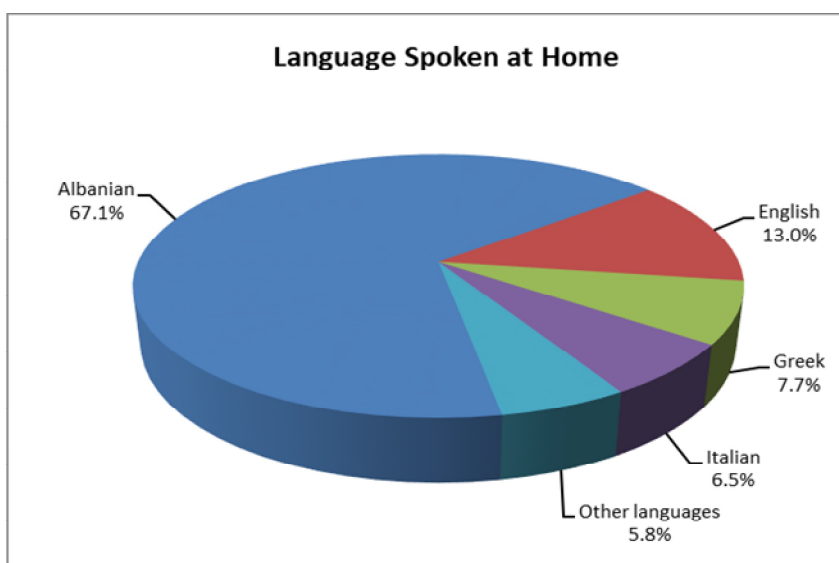
* At the 2021 Census up to two responses per person were allowed for the Ancestry question, therefore there can be more responses than total persons.



Language

The main languages spoken at home by Albania-born people in Australia were Albanian (2,436), English (473) and Greek (278).

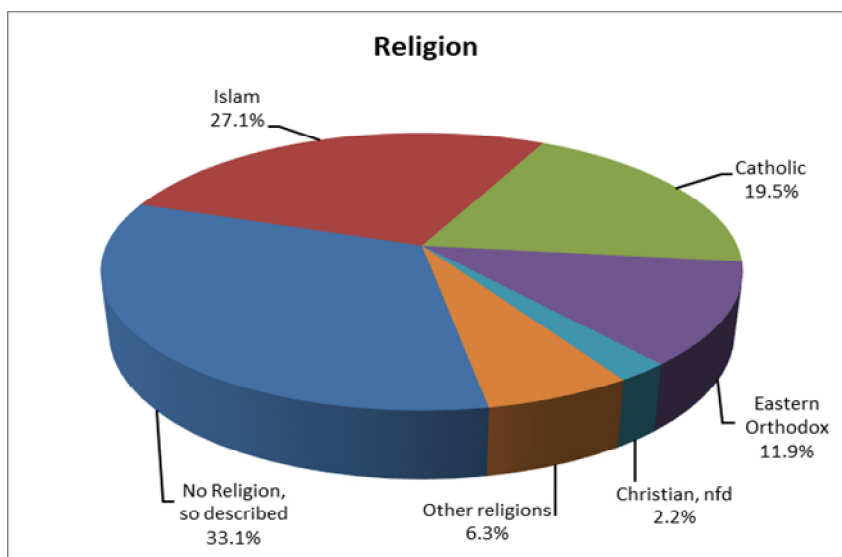
Of the 3,159 Albania-born who spoke a language other than English at home, 77.1 per cent spoke English very well or well, and 21.5 per cent spoke English not well or not at all.



Religion

At the 2021 Census the major religious affiliation amongst Albania-born were No Religion, so described (1,202), Islam (984) and Catholic (707).

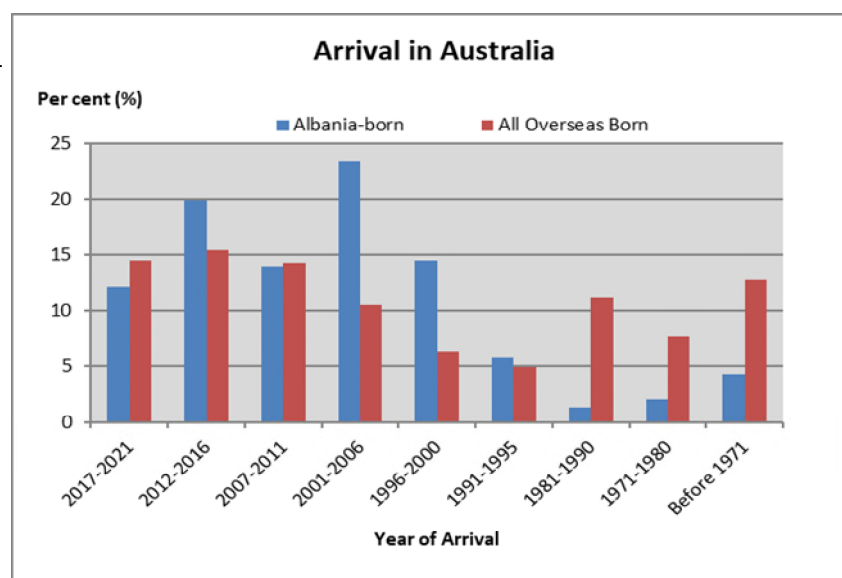
Of the Albania-born, 33.1 per cent stated 'No Religion' which was lower than that of the total Australian population (38.4 per cent). A further 4.6 per cent did not state a religion.



Arrival

Compared to 53.5 per cent of the total overseas-born population, 51.4 per cent of Australia's Albania-born population arrived in Australia prior to 2007.

Among Australia's total Albania-born population at the 2021 Census, 19.9 per cent arrived between 2012 and 2016 and 12.2 per cent arrived between 2017 and 2021.



Median Income

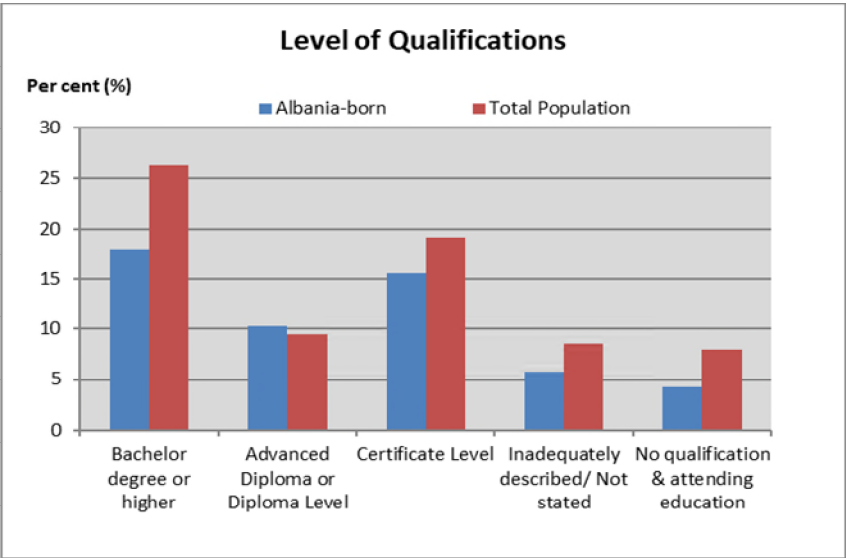
At the time of the 2021 Census, the median Individual Weekly Income for the Albania-born in Australia aged 15 years and over was \$735, compared to \$735 for all overseas-born and \$901 for all Australian-born.

The total Australian population has a median Individual Weekly Income of \$901.

Qualifications

At the 2021 Census 49.7 per cent of the Albania-born people aged 15 years and over had some form of higher non-school qualification compared to 63.2 per cent of the total Australian population.

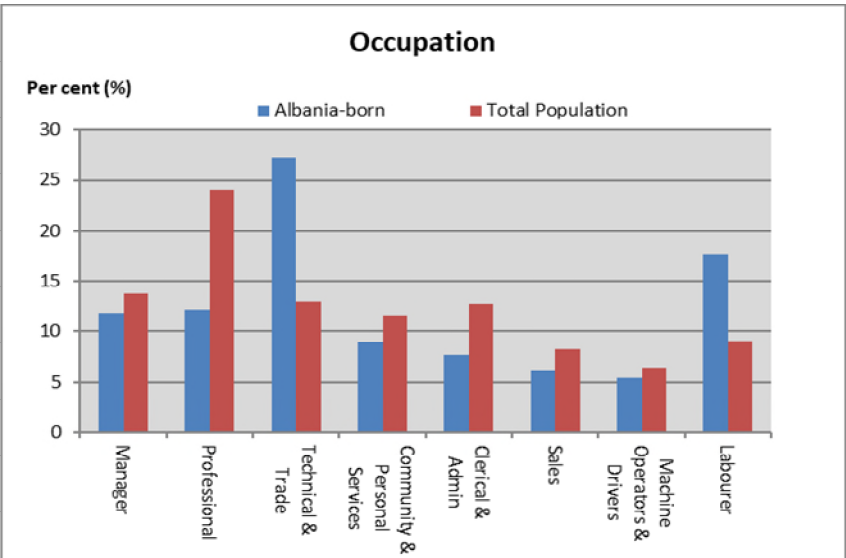
Of the Albania-born aged 15 years and over, 4.3 per cent had either no non-school qualifications or were still attending an educational institution. The corresponding rate for the total Australian population was 7.9 per cent.



Employment

Among Albania-born people aged 15 years and over, the 2021 labour force participation rate was 59.7 per cent and the unemployment rate was 6.0 per cent. The corresponding rates for the total Australian population were 61.8 per cent and 5.6 per cent respectively.

Of the 2,007 Albania-born who were employed, 51.2 per cent were employed in managerial, professional or technical and trades occupations. The corresponding rate in the total Australian population was 50.5 per cent.



Based on Australian Bureau of Statistics data