

THE VIETNAM-BORN COMMUNITY IN VICTORIA: 2011 CENSUS

At the 2011 Census, there were 68,293 Vietnam-born persons in Victoria (36.9% of Australia's total), increasing by 16.0% (9,418) from 58,875 persons in 2006. The Vietnam-born were mainly distributed in the local government areas of Brimbank (26.4%); Greater Dandenong (17.2%); Maribyrnong (9.9%); Whittlesea (3.9%); and Yarra (3.9%). Half (51.2%) of the Vietnam-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 22.7% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 20.7% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Vietnam-born community reflected an age profile clustered in the young to mature adult age groups: 3.9% were aged 18 years and below; 7.8% were aged 19-25 years; 43.0% were aged 26-44 years; 37.4% were aged 45-64 years; and 7.8% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 43 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 85 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

Over half (56.3%) of the Vietnam-born were Buddhist; 21.1% were Western Catholic; 15.4% had no religion. Most (96.1%) spoke a language other than English; 41.5% assessed themselves as speaking English not well or not at all. Four-fifths (81.0%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. Over one-third (35.4%) of the Vietnam-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 14.5% received no income.

Demographic Background

Persons born in Vietnam in Victoria and Australia: 2011, 2006 and 2001 Census

Location	2011 Census		2006 Census		2001 Census		Change 2006-2011		Change 2001-2006	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	% change
Metropolitan Melbourne ^(a)	66,987	36.2	57,935	36.2	55,860	36.1	9,052	15.6	2,075	3.7
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	1,306	0.7	940	0.6	804	0.5	366	38.9	136	16.9
Total Victoria	68,293	36.9	58,875	36.8	56,664	36.6	9,418	16.0	2,211	3.9
Total Australia	185,037	100.0	159,847	100.0	154,831	100.0	25,190	15.8	5,016	3.2

^(a) Included "Undefined Melbourne" in 2001.

^(b) Includes 'No Usual Address, Victoria'.

Distribution of Vietnam-born, Top 5 Local Government Areas: 2011, 2006

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Brimbank	17,998	26.4	15,123	25.7	1
Greater Dandenong	11,737	17.2	10,608	18.0	2
Maribyrnong	6,777	9.9	6,131	10.4	3
Whittlesea	2,688	3.9	2,242	3.8	5
Yarra	2,632	3.9	2,676	4.5	4
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	25,152	36.8	21,154	35.9	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	1,310	1.9	939	1.6	
Total Victoria	68,294	100.0	58,873	100.0	

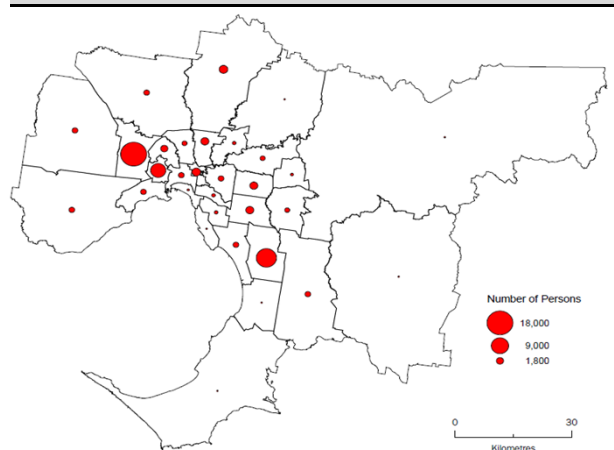
Year of Arrival of Vietnam-born: 2011

Year of Arrival ^(b)	Vietnam-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(a)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	34,976	51.2	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	10,481	15.3	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	5,025	7.4	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	4,435	6.5	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	9,705	14.2	316,244	22.5
Not stated	3,672	5.4	60,867	4.3
Total	68,294	100.0	1,405,334	100.0

^(a) OSB stands for Overseas-born.

^(b) Records the year of arrival in Australia for people born overseas who intend staying in Australia for at least one year.

Distribution of Vietnam-Born in Melbourne, 2011



Age Distribution of Vietnam-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	303	0.4	243	0.4	24.7
5-11	741	1.1	546	0.9	35.7
12-18	1,648	2.4	1,485	2.5	11.0
19-25	5,329	7.8	5,131	8.7	3.9
26-44	29,394	43.0	28,796	48.9	2.1
45-54	16,174	23.7	13,628	23.1	18.7
55-64	9,366	13.7	4,943	8.4	89.5
65-74	3,013	4.4	2,410	4.1	25.0
75+	2,326	3.4	1,690	2.9	37.6
Total	68,294	100.0	58,872	100.0	16.0
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>85</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>43</i>		<i>40</i>		

Top 5 Religions of Vietnam-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Buddhism	38,437	56.3	34,635	58.8	11.0
Western Catholic	14,436	21.1	12,690	21.6	13.8
Baptist	912	1.3	722	1.2	26.3
Christian, nfd	354	0.5	300	0.5	18.0
Uniting Church	318	0.5	239	0.4	33.1
Other religions	1,129	1.7	939	1.6	20.2
No religion	10,501	15.4	7,245	12.3	44.9
Not stated ^(a)	2,209	3.2	2,106	3.6	4.9
Total	68,296	100.0	58,876	100.0	16.0

^(a) Includes 'Religious Belief, not further defined' and 'Not Defined'.

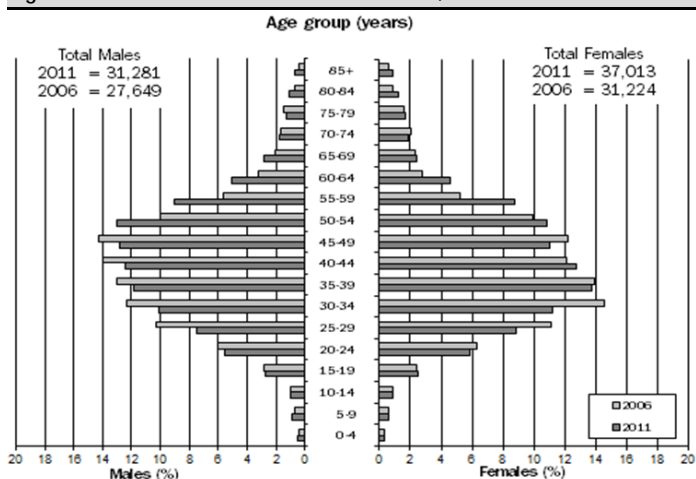
Vietnam-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	167	0.3	151	0.3	10.6
5-11	379	0.7	386	0.7	-1.8
12-18	583	1.1	833	1.6	-30.0
19-25	1,605	2.9	3,497	6.7	-54.1
26-44	23,868	43.1	25,562	49.2	-6.6
45-64	23,753	42.9	17,692	34.0	34.3
65-74	2,844	5.1	2,294	4.4	24.0
75+	2,153	3.9	1,587	3.1	35.7
Total	55,352	100.0	52,002	100.0	6.4

nfd = not further defined

For more detailed tables on a wider range of demographic and socio-economic data for this community from the 2011 Census, refer to the Community Profiles series available for free download from www.multicultural.vic.gov.au.

Age and Gender Distribution of Vietnam-Born, 2011



Proficiency in English of Vietnam-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	1,791	2.6	1,384	2.4	29.4
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	14,412	21.1	12,798	21.7	12.6
Well	22,909	33.5	19,107	32.5	19.9
Not well	23,118	33.9	20,090	34.1	15.1
Not at all	5,205	7.6	4,767	8.1	9.2
Not stated ^(a)	860	1.3	728	1.2	18.1
Total	68,295	100.0	58,874	100.0	16.0

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

Total Personal Income (Weekly), Vietnam-born: 2011

Total personal income (weekly) ^(a)	Vietnam-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	9,687	14.5	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	5,958	8.9	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	17,733	26.5	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	7,184	10.7	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	7,969	11.9	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	5,457	8.2	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	6,435	9.6	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	2,375	3.6	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	1,655	2.5	246,378	5.7
Not stated	2,391	3.6	334,647	7.7
Total	66,844	100.0	4,355,243	100.0

^(a) Applicable to persons aged 15 years and over.

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