

THE GREECE-BORN COMMUNITY IN VICTORIA: 2011 CENSUS

At the 2011 Census, there were 49,991 Greece-born persons in Victoria (50.0% of Australia's total), decreasing by 8.0% (4,333) from 54,324 persons in 2006. The Greece-born were distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with slight concentrations in the local government areas of Darebin (10.0%); Monash (9.1%); Whittlesea (7.9%); Moreland (7.4%); and Manningham (6.3%). Most (92.4%) of the Greece-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 1.4% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 1.5% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Greece-born community reflected an ageing profile: 1.5% were aged 25 years and below; 5.4% were aged 26-44 years; 34.6% were aged 45-64 years; and 58.5% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 67 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 93 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

Most (91.1%) of the Greece-born followed the Greek Orthodox religion; 1.8% had no religion. Most (92.5%) spoke a language other than English; 34.6% assessed themselves as speaking English not well or not at all. Most (96.3%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. Almost three-fifths (58.6%) of the Greece-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 5.4% received no income.

Demographic Background

Persons born in Greece 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)	48,243	48.3	52,289	47.5	55,739	47.9	-4046	-7.7	-3450	-6.2
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	1,748	1.7	2,035	1.9	2,027	1.7	-287	-14.1	8	0.4
Total Victoria	49,991	50.0	54,324	49.4	57,766	49.6	-4333	-8.0	-3442	-6.0
Total Australia	99,937	100.0	109,988	100.0	116,431	100.0	-10051	-9.1	-6443	-5.5

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

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Darebin	5,000	10.0	5,590	10.3	1
Monash	4,544	9.1	4,877	9.0	2
Whittlesea	3,971	7.9	4,198	7.7	3
Moreland	3,697	7.4	4,075	7.5	4
Manningham	3,127	6.3	3,366	6.2	5
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	27,903	55.8	30,181	55.6	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	1,750	3.5	2,036	3.7	
Total Victoria	49,992	100.0	54,323	100.0	

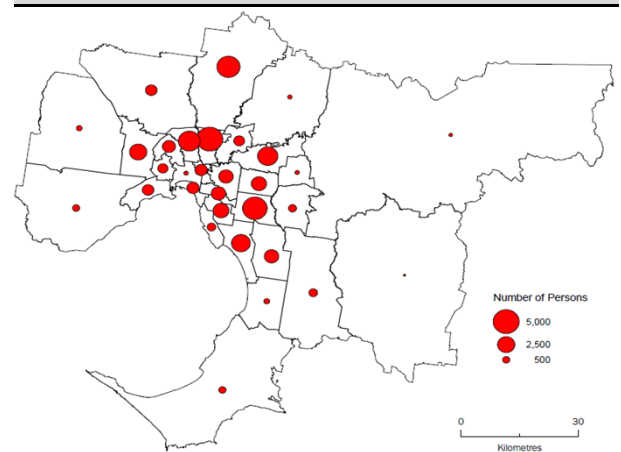
Year of Arrival of Greece-born: 2011

Year of Arrival ^(b)	Greece-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(a)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	46,184	92.4	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	368	0.7	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	360	0.7	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	255	0.5	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	481	1.0	316,244	22.5
Not stated	2,343	4.7	60,867	4.3
Total	49,991	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 Greece-Born in Melbourne, 2011



Age Distribution of Greece-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	42	0.1	44	0.1	-4.5
5-11	159	0.3	182	0.3	-12.6
12-18	257	0.5	266	0.5	-3.4
19-25	276	0.6	454	0.8	-39.2
26-44	2,703	5.4	5,376	9.9	-49.7
45-54	6,335	12.7	8,483	15.6	-25.3
55-64	10,934	21.9	15,519	28.6	-29.5
65-74	16,918	33.8	16,760	30.9	0.9
75+	12,368	24.7	7,239	13.3	70.9
Total	49,992	100.0	54,323	100.0	-8.0
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>93</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>67</i>		<i>63</i>		

Top 5 Religions of Greece-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Greek Orthodox	45,556	91.1	49,055	90.3	-7.1
Macedonian Orthodox	803	1.6	928	1.7	-13.5
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	407	0.8	330	0.6	23.3
Jehovah's Witness	352	0.7	377	0.7	-6.6
Islam	342	0.7	421	0.8	-18.8
Other religions	861	1.7	1,364	2.5	-36.9
No religion	877	1.8	786	1.4	11.6
Not stated ^(a)	794	1.6	1,068	2.0	-25.7
Total	49,992	100.0	54,329	100.0	-8.0

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

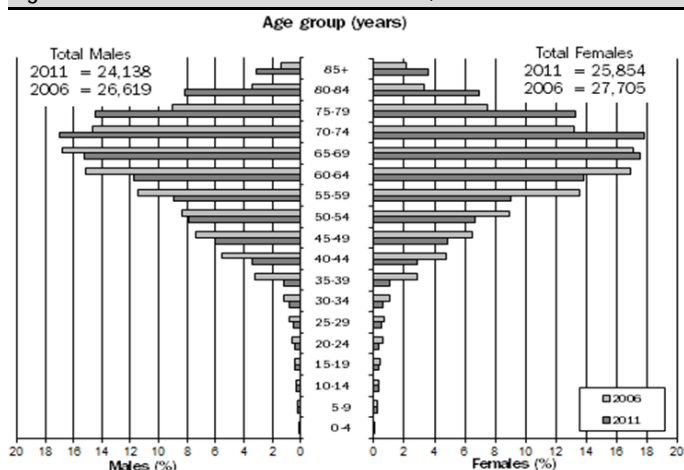
Greece-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	32	0.1	33	0.1	-3.0
5-11	134	0.3	156	0.3	-14.1
12-18	222	0.5	221	0.4	0.5
19-25	249	0.5	356	0.7	-30.1
26-44	2,365	4.9	4,882	9.4	-51.6
45-64	16,626	34.5	23,100	44.5	-28.0
65-74	16,509	34.3	16,340	31.5	1.0
75+	12,010	24.9	6,867	13.2	74.9
Total	48,147	100.0	51,955	100.0	-7.3

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 Greece-Born, 2011



Proficiency in English of Greece-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	3,307	6.6	3,957	7.3	-16.4
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	12,725	25.5	13,354	24.6	-4.7
Well	16,174	32.4	17,760	32.7	-8.9
Not well	16,108	32.2	17,339	31.9	-7.1
Not at all	1,217	2.4	1,334	2.5	-8.8
Not stated ^(a)	461	0.9	578	1.1	-20.2
Total	49,992	100.0	54,322	100.0	-8.0

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

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

Total personal income (weekly) ^(a)	Greece-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	2,675	5.4	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	3,603	7.3	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	25,489	51.3	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	5,237	10.5	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	3,214	6.5	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	2,047	4.1	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	2,830	5.7	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	1,114	2.2	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	1,038	2.1	246,378	5.7
Not stated	2,447	4.9	334,647	7.7
Total	49,694	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.