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THE FYROM-BORN COMMUNITY IN VICTORIA: 2011 CENSUS

At the 2011 Census, there were 18,308 Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)-born persons in Victoria (45.5% of Australia's total), decreasing by eight persons from 2006. The FYROM-born were mainly concentrated in the local government areas of Whittlesea (31.1%); Brimbank (18.0%); Darebin (7.2%); Greater Dandenong (5.6%); and Melton (5.6%). Over three-quarters (77.6%) of the FYROM-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 10.7% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 7.7% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The FYROM-born community reflected an ageing profile: 5.0% were aged 25 years and below; 22.6% were aged 26-44 years; 49.3% were aged 45-64 years; and 23.2% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 55 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 101 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

Over half of the FYROM-born were Macedonian Orthodox (54.1%); 21.8% were Eastern Orthodox, not further defined; 11.8% followed Islam; and 5.7% were Greek Orthodox; 2.0% had no religion. Most (92.4%) spoke a language other than English; 25.7% assessed themselves as speaking English not well or not at all. Most (93.1%) held Australian citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. Two-fifths (40.8%) of the FYROM-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than $400; 9% received no income.

Demographic Background

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

	2011 Census		2006 Census		2001 Census		Change 2006-2011		Change 2001-2006	
Location	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	% change
Metropolitan Melbourne[a]	17,312	43.0	17,282	42.5	18,481	42.5	30	0.2	-1199	-6.5
Rest of Victoria[b]	996	2.5	1,034	2.5	1,079	2.5	-38	-3.7	-45	-4.2
Total Victoria	18,308	45.5	18,316	45.1	19,560	44.9	-8	0.0	-1244	-6.4
Total Australia	40,221	100.0	40,654	100.0	43,527	100.0	-433	-1.1	-2873	-6.6

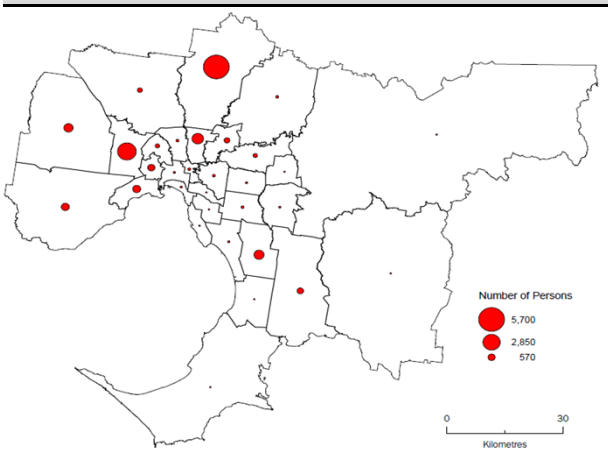
[a] Included "Undefined Melbourne" in 2001.

[b] Includes 'No Usual Address, Victoria'.

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

	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
Local Government Area	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Whittlesea	5,696	31.1	5,625	30.7	1
Brimbank	3,292	18.0	3,738	20.4	2
Darebin	1,314	7.2	1,460	8.0	3
Greater Dandenong	1,028	5.6	1,049	5.7	4
Melton	1,020	5.6	718	3.9	7
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	4,965	27.1	4,692	25.6	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	993	5.4	1,033	5.6	
Total Victoria	18,308	100.0	18,315	100.0	

Distribution of FYROM-Born in Melbourne, 2011



Year of Arrival of FYROM-born: 2011

	FYROM-born		Total OSB, Vic[a]	
Year of Arrival[b]	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	14,202	77.6	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	991	5.4	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	965	5.3	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	688	3.8	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	707	3.9	316,244	22.5
Not stated	753	4.1	60,867	4.3
Total	18,306	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.

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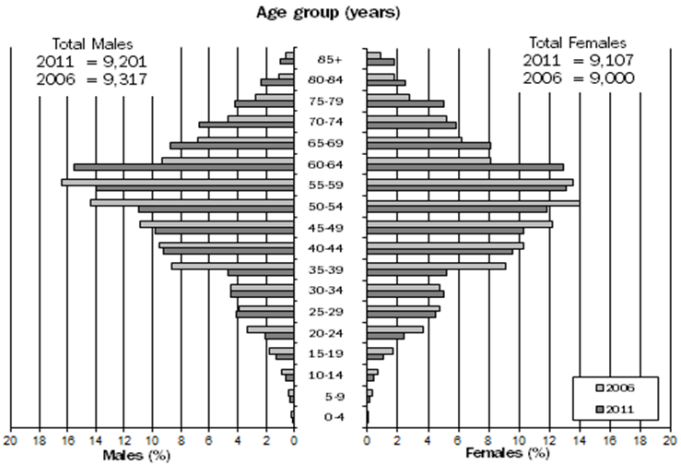
Age Distribution of FYROM-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census Persons	2011 Census %	2006 Census Persons	2006 Census %	2006-2011 % change
0-4	15	0.1	27	0.1	-44.4
5-11	65	0.4	114	0.6	-43.0
12-18	237	1.3	337	1.8	-29.7
19-25	589	3.2	844	4.6	-30.2
26-44	4,144	22.6	4,951	27.0	-16.3
45-54	3,931	21.5	4,702	25.7	-16.4
55-64	5,087	27.8	4,347	23.7	17.0
65-74	2,692	14.7	2,103	11.5	28.0
75+	1,549	8.5	890	4.9	74.0
Total	18,309	100.0	18,315	100.0	0.0
Sex Ratio	*101*		*males per 100 females*		
Median Age	*55*		*51*		

Age and Gender Distribution of FYROM-Born, 2011



Top 5 Religions of FYROM-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census Persons	2011 Census %	2006 Census Persons	2006 Census %	2006-2011 % change
Macedonian Orthodox	9,903	54.1	10,445	57.0	-5.2
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	3,998	21.8	3,672	20.0	8.9
Islam	2,081	11.4	1,816	9.9	14.6
Greek Orthodox	1,040	5.7	1,049	5.7	-0.9
Western Catholic	77	0.4	77	0.4	0.0
Other religions	451	2.5	428	2.3	5.4
No religion	366	2.0	300	1.6	22.0
Not stated[(a)]	393	2.1	529	2.9	-25.7
Total	18,309	100.0	18,316	100.0	0.0

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

Proficiency in English of FYROM-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census Persons	2011 Census %	2006 Census Persons	2006 Census %	2006-2011 % change
Speaks English only	1,167	6.4	1,084	5.9	7.7
Speaks other language and speaks English					
Very well	6,117	33.4	5,853	32.0	4.5
Well	6,097	33.3	6,229	34.0	-2.1
Not well	4,238	23.1	4,337	23.7	-2.3
Not at all	485	2.6	551	3.0	-12.0
Not stated[(a)]	204	1.1	261	1.4	-21.8
Total	18,308	100.0	18,315	100.0	0.0

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

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

Age group (years)	2011 Census Persons	2011 Census %	2006 Census Persons	2006 Census %	2006-2011 % change
0-4	8	0.0	22	0.1	-63.6
5-11	49	0.3	100	0.6	-51.0
12-18	189	1.1	282	1.7	-33.0
19-25	431	2.5	661	3.9	-34.8
26-44	3,636	21.3	4,481	26.3	-18.9
45-64	8,656	50.8	8,675	50.9	-0.2
65-74	2,616	15.3	2,013	11.8	30.0
75+	1,460	8.6	823	4.8	77.4
Total	17,045	100.0	17,057	100.0	-0.1

nfd = not further defined

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

Total personal income (weekly)[(a)]	FYROM-born Persons	FYROM-born %	Tot Vic pop Persons	Tot Vic pop %
Negative/Nil	1,644	9.0	377,766	8.7
$1-199	1,344	7.4	341,700	7.8
$200-$399	6,070	33.4	882,992	20.3
$400-$599	2,013	11.1	504,498	11.6
$600-$799	2,132	11.7	459,629	10.6
$800-$999	1,508	8.3	367,453	8.4
$1,000-$1,499	1,755	9.7	584,245	13.4
$1,500-$1,999	509	2.8	255,935	5.9
$2,000 or more	361	2.0	246,378	5.7
Not stated	832	4.6	334,647	7.7
Total	18,168	100.0	4,355,243	100.0

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

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.

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