

At the 2011 Census, there were 17,247 Croatia-born persons in Victoria (35.3% of Australia's total), decreasing by 5.2% (942) from 18,189 persons in 2006. The Croatia-born were distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with distinct concentrations in Brimbank (15.8%); Greater Geelong (8.7%); Casey (7.7%); Greater Dandenong (6.2%); and Hume (4.5%). Over three-quarters (78.2%) had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 13.7% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and only 4.6% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Croatia-born community reflected an ageing profile: 4.1% were aged 25 years and below; 13.6% were aged 26-44 years; 42.3% were aged 45-64 years; and 39.8% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 61 years, compared with 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 99 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males for every 100 females for total Victoria.

Over three-quarters of the Croatia-born (78.9%) were Western Catholic; 6.6% were Serbian Orthodox; 3.1% were Eastern Orthodox not further defined; 4.5% had no religion. Four-fifths (82.3%) spoke a language other than English; 17.4% assessed themselves as speaking English not well or not at all. Most (95.7%) of the Croatia-born held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. Almost half (46.4%) aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 6.4% received no income.

Demographic Background

Persons born in Croatia 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)	14,605	29.9	15,373	30.1	16,099	31.0	-768	-5.0	-726	-4.5
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	2,642	5.4	2,816	5.5	2,882	5.6	-174	-6.2	-66	-2.3
Total Victoria	17,247	35.3	18,189	35.7	18,981	36.6	-942	-5.2	-792	-4.2
Total Australia	48,829	100.0	50,994	100.0	51,909	100.0	-2165	-4.2	-915	-1.8

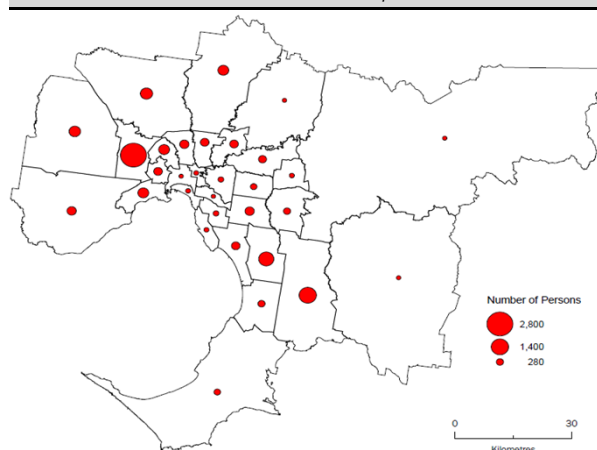
^(a) Included "Undefined Melbourne" in 2001.

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Brimbank	2,733	15.8	3,091	17.0	1
Greater Geelong	1,503	8.7	1,646	9.0	2
Casey	1,332	7.7	1,288	7.1	3
Greater Dandenong	1,061	6.2	1,276	7.0	4
Hume	783	4.5	828	4.6	5
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	8,697	50.4	8,893	48.9	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	1,138	6.6	1,167	6.4	
Total Victoria	17,247	100.0	18,189	100.0	

Distribution of Croatia-Born in Melbourne, 2011



Year of Arrival of Croatia-born: 2011

Year of Arrival ^(b)	Croatia-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(a)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	13,485	78.2	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	1,054	6.1	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	1,313	7.6	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	612	3.5	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	192	1.1	316,244	22.5
Not stated	591	3.4	60,867	4.3
Total	17,247	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.

Age Distribution of Croatia-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	7	0.0	12	0.1	-41.7
5-11	27	0.2	88	0.5	-69.3
12-18	161	0.9	468	2.6	-65.6
19-25	525	3.0	660	3.6	-20.5
26-44	2,353	13.6	3,414	18.8	-31.1
45-54	3,326	19.3	3,545	19.5	-6.2
55-64	3,971	23.0	4,295	23.6	-7.5
65-74	4,302	24.9	4,232	23.3	1.7
75+	2,575	14.9	1,476	8.1	74.5
Total	17,247	100.0	18,190	100.0	-5.2
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>99</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>61</i>		<i>57</i>		

Top 5 Religions of Croatia-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Western Catholic	13,602	78.9	14,727	81.0	-7.6
Serbian Orthodox	1,133	6.6	1,211	6.7	-6.4
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	528	3.1	439	2.4	20.3
Christian, nfd	136	0.8	107	0.6	27.1
Greek Orthodox	113	0.7	150	0.8	-24.7
Other religions	574	3.3	532	2.9	7.9
No religion	779	4.5	605	3.3	28.8
Not stated ^(a)	384	2.2	420	2.3	-8.6
Total	17,249	100.0	18,191	100.0	-5.2

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

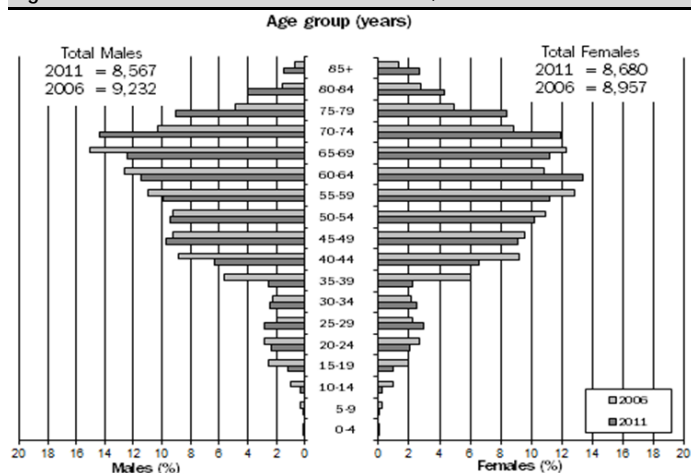
Croatia-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	3	0.0	10	0.1	-70.0
5-11	26	0.2	71	0.4	-63.4
12-18	149	0.9	424	2.5	-64.9
19-25	499	3.0	591	3.4	-15.6
26-44	2,149	13.0	3,168	18.3	-32.2
45-64	7,048	42.7	7,542	43.6	-6.5
65-74	4,187	25.4	4,115	23.8	1.7
75+	2,451	14.8	1,373	7.9	78.5
Total	16,512	100.0	17,294	100.0	-4.5

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 Croatia-Born, 2011



Proficiency in English of Croatia-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	2,884	16.7	2,846	15.6	1.3
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	5,640	32.7	5,582	30.7	1.0
Well	5,556	32.2	5,857	32.2	-5.1
Not well	2,733	15.8	3,312	18.2	-17.5
Not at all	271	1.6	372	2.0	-27.2
Not stated ^(a)	164	1.0	219	1.2	-25.1
Total	17,248	100.0	18,188	100.0	-5.2

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

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

Total personal income (weekly) ^(a)	Croatia-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	1,094	6.4	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	1,036	6.0	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	6,947	40.4	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	1,828	10.6	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	1,518	8.8	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	1,155	6.7	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	1,705	9.9	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	629	3.7	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	460	2.7	246,378	5.7
Not stated	808	4.7	334,647	7.7
Total	17,180	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.