

## THE JAPAN-BORN COMMUNITY IN VICTORIA: 2011 CENSUS

At the 2011 Census, there were 6,818 Japan-born persons in Victoria (19.3% of Australia's total), increasing by 18.0% (1,041) from 5,777 persons in 2006. The Japan-born were distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the local government areas of Melbourne (9.2%); Glen Eira (7.7%); Monash (7.1%); Boroondara (6.5%); and Whitehorse (5.0%). Only 17.7% of the Japan-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 20.9% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 55.2% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Japan-born community reflected a relatively young age profile: 15.0% were aged 18 years and below; 8.3% were aged 19-25 years; 51.6% were aged 26-44 years; 20.0% were aged 45-64 years; and 5.1% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 35 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 46 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males for every 100 females for Victoria.

Over one-quarter (26.3%) of the Japan-born followed Buddhism; and small proportions followed a variety of Christian faiths; 52.1% had no religion. Four-fifths (80.5%) spoke a language other than English; 14.1% spoke English not well or not at all. Less than one-fifth (18.8%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. Almost one-quarter (24.2%) of the Japan-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 23.1% received no income.

## Demographic Background

### Persons born in Japan 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 <sup>(a)</sup>	6,227	17.6	5,276	17.1	4,321	17.0	951	18.0	955	22.1
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	591	1.7	501	1.6	361	1.4	90	18.0	140	38.8
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>6,818</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>5,777</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>4,682</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>1,041</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>1,095</b>	<b>23.4</b>
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>35,378</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>30,774</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>25,471</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,604</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>5,303</b>	<b>20.8</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Included "Undefined Melbourne" in 2001.

<sup>(b)</sup> Includes 'No Usual Address, Victoria'.

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Melbourne	626	9.2	635	11.0	1
Glen Eira	523	7.7	427	7.4	3
Monash	482	7.1	456	7.9	2
Boroondara	409	6.0	395	6.8	4
Whitehorse	339	5.0	281	4.9	7
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	3,849	56.4	3,083	53.4	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	591	8.7	500	8.7	
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>6,819</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,777</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

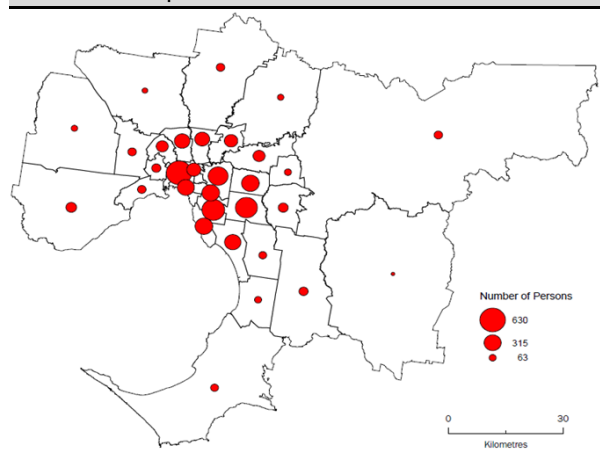
### Year of Arrival of Japan-born: 2011

Year of Arrival <sup>(b)</sup>	Japan-born		Total OSB, Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	1,210	17.7	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	508	7.4	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	922	13.5	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	1,410	20.7	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	2,356	34.5	316,244	22.5
Not stated	416	6.1	60,867	4.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,822</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,405,334</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> OSB stands for Overseas-born.

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

### Distribution of Japan-Born in Melbourne, 2011



### Age Distribution of Japan-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	199	2.9	156	2.7	27.6
5-11	429	6.3	316	5.5	35.8
12-18	393	5.8	443	7.7	-11.3
19-25	566	8.3	852	14.7	-33.6
26-44	3,519	51.6	2,690	46.5	30.8
45-54	826	12.1	603	10.4	37.0
55-64	539	7.9	423	7.3	27.4
65-74	176	2.6	154	2.7	14.3
75+	171	2.5	142	2.5	20.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,818</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,779</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>18.0</b>
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>46</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>35</i>		<i>32</i>		

### Top 5 Religions of Japan-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Buddhism	1,794	26.3	1,676	29.0	7.0
Western Catholic	282	4.1	243	4.2	16.0
Shinto	164	2.4	119	2.1	37.8
Anglican Church	126	1.8	144	2.5	-12.5
Baptist	101	1.5	60	1.0	68.3
Other religions	408	6.0	339	5.9	20.4
No religion	3,551	52.1	2,771	47.9	28.1
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	394	5.8	431	7.5	-8.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,820</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,783</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>17.9</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Includes 'Religious Belief, not further defined' and 'Not Defined'.

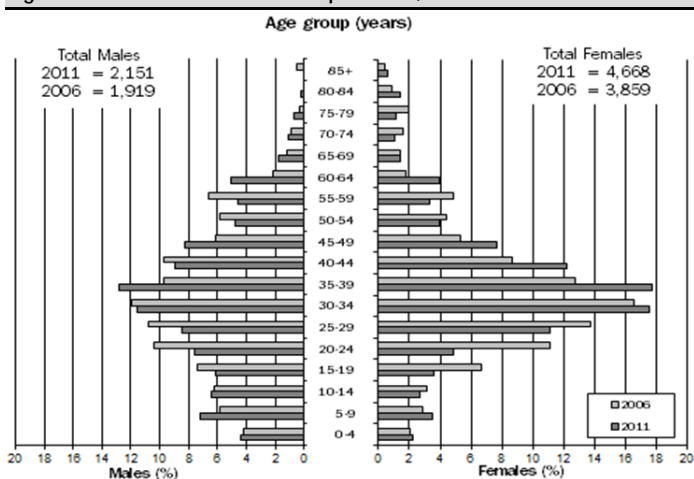
### Japan-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	130	10.1	77	8.3	68.8
5-11	228	17.8	121	13.0	88.4
12-18	153	11.9	103	11.0	48.5
19-25	122	9.5	95	10.2	28.4
26-44	248	19.3	158	16.9	57.0
45-64	228	17.8	202	21.7	12.9
65-74	53	4.1	69	7.4	-23.2
75+	122	9.5	108	11.6	13.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>37.6</b>

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](http://www.multicultural.vic.gov.au).

### Age and Gender Distribution of Japan-Born, 2011



### Proficiency in English of Japan-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	1,241	18.2	1,103	19.1	12.5
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	2,311	33.9	1,628	28.2	42.0
Well	2,217	32.5	1,962	34.0	13.0
Not well	869	12.7	911	15.8	-4.6
Not at all	98	1.4	121	2.1	-19.0
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	84	1.2	54	0.9	55.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,820</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,779</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>18.0</b>

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

### Total Personal Income (Weekly), Japan-born: 2011

Total personal income (weekly) <sup>(a)</sup>	Japan-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	1,393	23.1	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	631	10.5	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	828	13.7	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	621	10.3	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	630	10.4	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	527	8.7	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	742	12.3	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	272	4.5	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	267	4.4	246,378	5.7
Not stated	124	2.1	334,647	7.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,035</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,355,243</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Applicable to persons aged 15 years and over.

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