

THE BURMA (MYANMAR)-BORN COMMUNITY IN VICTORIA: 2011 CENSUS

At the 2011 Census, there were 5,606 Burma (Myanmar)-born persons in Victoria (25.8% of Australia's total), increasing by 212.8% (3,814) from 1,792 persons in 2006. The Burma (Myanmar)-born were mainly concentrated in the local government areas of Wyndham (18.1%); Maroondah (14.9%); Greater Dandenong (10.3%); Brimbank (9.2%); and Hobsons Bay (6.4%); 10% lived in regional Victoria. Only 11.5% of the Burma (Myanmar)-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 7.2% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 77.9% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Burma (Myanmar)-born community reflected a relatively young age profile: 16.3% were aged 18 years and below; 14.7% were aged 19-25 years; 42.4% were aged 26-44 years; 19.2% were aged 45-64 years; and 7.3% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 33 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 98 males to 100 females, which is the same as total Victoria.

Two-fifths (40.7%) of the Burma (Myanmar)-born were Baptist; 19.3% were Buddhist; 8.6% were Anglican; 8.4% were Western Catholic; 6.5% followed Islam; 1.7% had no religion. Most (88.8%) spoke a language other than English; 48.3% assessed themselves as speaking English not well or not at all. One-third (33.3%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. Half (50.7%) of the Burma (Myanmar)-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income less than \$400; 10.4% received no income.

Demographic Background

Persons born in Burma (Republic of the Union of Myanmar) 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)	5,048	23.2	1,735	14.0	1,132	10.3	3,313	191.0	603	53.3
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	558	2.6	57	0.5	59	0.5	501	878.9	-2	-3.4
Total Victoria	5,606	25.8	1,792	14.5	1,191	10.9	3,814	212.8	601	50.5
Total Australia	21,761	100.0	12,377	100.0	10,973	100.0	9,384	75.8	1404	12.8

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

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Wyndham	1,014	18.1	192	10.7	2
Maroondah	833	14.9	135	7.5	4
Greater Dandenong	576	10.3	193	10.8	1
Brimbank	515	9.2	35	2.0	19
Hobsons Bay	356	6.4	167	9.3	3
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	1,753	31.3	1,014	56.6	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	559	10.0	56	3.1	
Total Victoria	5,606	100.0	1,792	100.0	

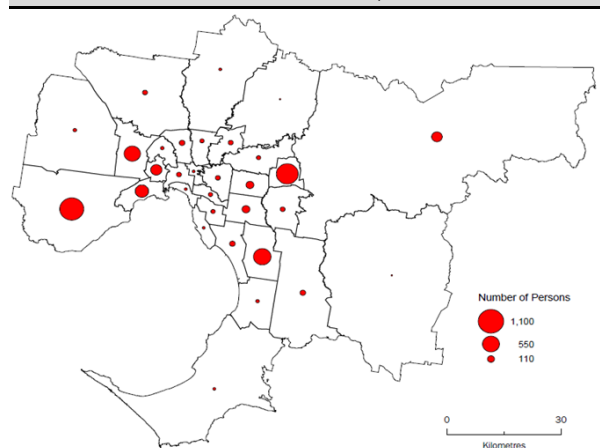
Year of Arrival of Burma-born: 2011

Year of Arrival ^(b)	Burma-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(a)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	643	11.5	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	142	2.5	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	265	4.7	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	450	8.0	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	3,920	69.9	316,244	22.5
Not stated	187	3.3	60,867	4.3
Total	5,607	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 Burma-Born in Melbourne, 2011



Age Distribution of Burma-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	52	0.9	7	0.4	642.9
5-11	287	5.1	67	3.7	328.4
12-18	578	10.3	101	5.6	472.3
19-25	825	14.7	173	9.6	376.9
26-44	2,376	42.4	690	38.5	244.3
45-54	664	11.8	279	15.6	138.0
55-64	413	7.4	169	9.4	144.4
65-74	221	3.9	187	10.4	18.2
75+	191	3.4	120	6.7	59.2
Total	5,607	100.0	1,793	100.0	212.7
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	98		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	33		41		

Top 5 Religions of Burma-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Baptist	2,280	40.7	422	23.6	440.3
Buddhism	1,082	19.3	512	28.6	111.3
Anglican Church	480	8.6	159	8.9	201.9
Western Catholic	472	8.4	382	21.4	23.6
Islam	367	6.5	92	5.1	298.9
Other religions	758	13.5	121	6.8	526.4
No religion	94	1.7	59	3.3	59.3
Not stated ^(a)	75	1.3	42	2.3	78.6
Total	5,608	100.0	1,789	100.0	213.5

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

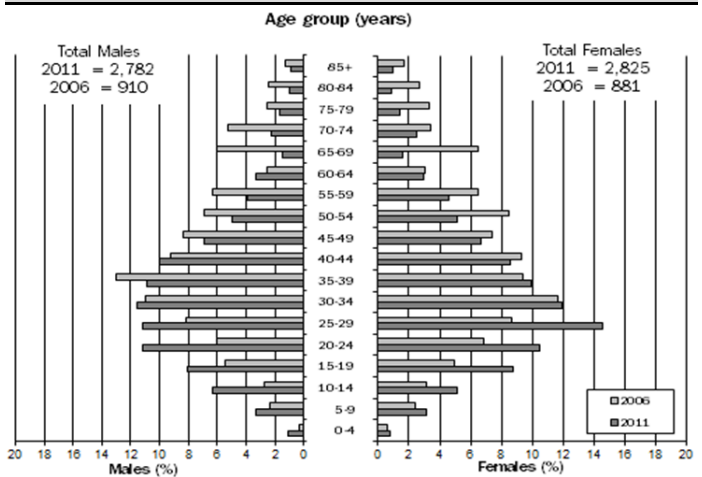
Burma-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	8	0.4	-	-	-
5-11	56	3.0	17	1.6	229.4
12-18	114	6.1	41	3.9	178.0
19-25	163	8.7	42	4.0	288.1
26-44	681	36.5	348	33.0	95.7
45-64	553	29.6	333	31.6	66.1
65-74	146	7.8	169	16.0	-13.6
75+	146	7.8	103	9.8	41.7
Total	1,867	100.0	1,053	100.0	77.3

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 Burma-Born, 2011



Proficiency in English of Burma-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	541	9.7	509	28.4	6.3
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	757	13.5	333	18.6	127.3
Well	1,513	27.0	438	24.5	245.4
Not well	2,079	37.1	390	21.8	433.1
Not at all	627	11.2	97	5.4	546.4
Not stated ^(a)	89	1.6	24	1.3	270.8
Total	5,606	100.0	1,791	100.0	213.0

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

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

Total personal income (weekly) ^(a)	Burma-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	524	10.4	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	800	15.8	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	1,761	34.9	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	637	12.6	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	556	11.0	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	205	4.1	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	233	4.6	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	77	1.5	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	76	1.5	246,378	5.7
Not stated	179	3.5	334,647	7.7
Total	5,048	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.