

THE NEPAL-BORN COMMUNITY IN VICTORIA: 2011 CENSUS

At the 2011 Census, there were 4,308 Nepal-born persons in Victoria (17.5% of Australia's total), increasing by 417.8% (3,476) from 832 persons in 2006. The Nepal-born were mainly concentrated in the local government areas of Moreland (29.3%); Darebin (8.8%); Maribyrnong (6.9%); Brimbank (6.8%); and Moonee Valley (4.0%). Only 1.3% of the Nepal-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 7.9% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 87.1% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Nepal-born community reflected a relatively young age profile: 8.1% were aged 18 years and below; 33.6% were aged 19-25 years; 53.5% were aged 26-44 years; 4.0% were aged 45-64 years; and 0.6% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 27 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. There was gender imbalance, with 149 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

Three-quarters (74.9%) of the Nepal-born followed Hinduism; 17.0% followed Buddhism; 2.6% had no religion. Most (93.9%) spoke a language other than English; 4. A small proportion (14.5%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. Almost one-third (31.4%) of the Nepal-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 11.5% received no income.

Demographic Background

Persons born in Nepal 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)	4,108	16.7	782	17.1	407	15.5	3,326	425.3	375	92.1
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	200	0.8	50	1.1	36	1.4	150	300.0	14	38.9
Total Victoria	4,308	17.5	832	18.2	443	16.9	3,476	417.8	389	87.8
Total Australia	24,637	100.0	4,566	100.0	2,626	100.0	20,071	439.6	1,940	73.9

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

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Moreland	1,261	29.3	181	21.8	1
Darebin	379	8.8	43	5.2	4
Maribyrnong	297	6.9	33	4.0	9
Brimbank	295	6.8	25	3.0	13
Moonee Valley	173	4.0	11	1.3	21
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	1,702	39.5	489	58.8	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	202	4.7	50	6.0	
Total Victoria	4,309	100.0	832	100.0	

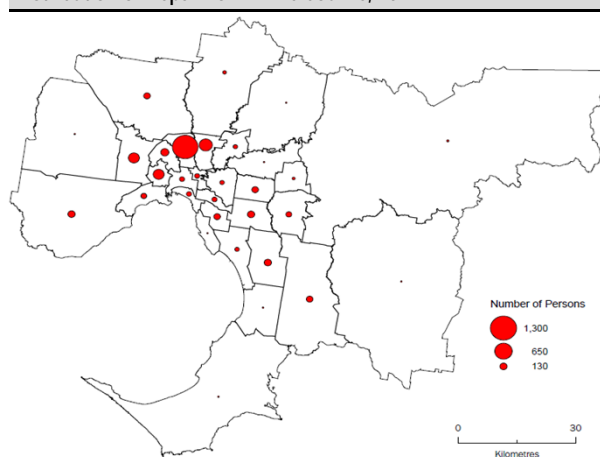
Year of Arrival of Nepal-born: 2011

Year of Arrival ^(b)	Nepal-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(a)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	58	1.3	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	90	2.1	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	249	5.8	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	355	8.2	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	3,398	78.9	316,244	22.5
Not stated	159	3.7	60,867	4.3
Total	4,309	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 Nepal-Born in Melbourne, 2011



Age Distribution of Nepal-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	53	1.2	13	1.6	307.7
5-11	139	3.2	51	6.1	172.5
12-18	159	3.7	59	7.1	169.5
19-25	1,448	33.6	187	22.5	674.3
26-44	2,307	53.5	423	50.9	445.4
45-54	131	3.0	77	9.3	70.1
55-64	45	1.0	18	2.2	150.0
65-74	18	0.4	3	0.4	500.0
75+	10	0.2	-	-	-
Total	4,310	100.0	831	100.0	418.7
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>149</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>27</i>		<i>28</i>		

Top 5 Religions of Nepal-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Hinduism	3,227	74.9	524	63.1	515.8
Buddhism	734	17.0	207	24.9	254.6
Western Catholic	25	0.6	6	0.7	316.7
Christian, nfd	24	0.6	11	1.3	118.2
Anglican Church	18	0.4	10	1.2	80.0
Other religions	54	1.3	11	1.3	390.9
No religion	112	2.6	32	3.9	250.0
Not stated ^(a)	116	2.7	29	3.5	300.0
Total	4,310	100.0	830	100.0	419.3

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

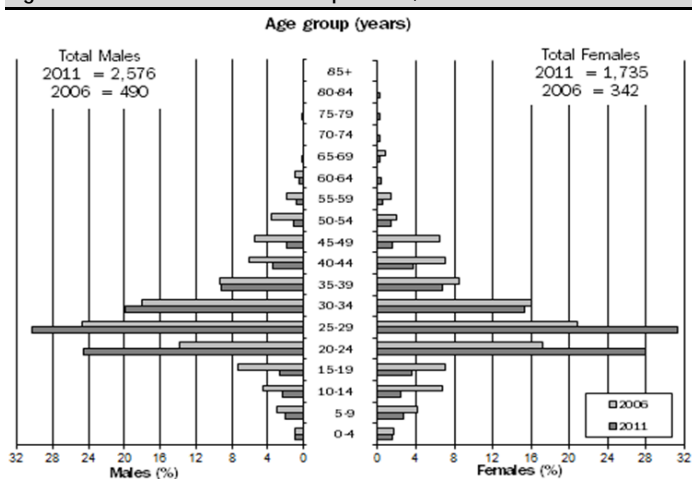
Nepal-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	3	0.5	3	1.2	0.0
5-11	24	3.8	8	3.1	200.0
12-18	43	6.9	19	7.4	126.3
19-25	64	10.2	36	14.0	77.8
26-44	390	62.3	143	55.6	172.7
45-64	93	14.9	48	18.7	93.8
65-74	6	1.0	-	-	-
75+	3	0.5	-	-	-
Total	626	100.0	257	100.0	143.6

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 Nepal-Born, 2011



Proficiency in English of Nepal-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	192	4.5	81	9.7	137.0
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	1,907	44.3	482	57.9	295.6
Well	1,917	44.5	211	25.4	808.5
Not well	182	4.2	41	4.9	343.9
Not at all	39	0.9	6	0.7	550.0
Not stated ^(a)	72	1.7	11	1.3	554.5
Total	4,309	100.0	832	100.0	417.9

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

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

Total personal income (weekly) ^(a)	Nepal-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	465	11.5	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	195	4.8	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	1,077	26.6	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	867	21.4	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	631	15.6	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	305	7.5	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	231	5.7	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	86	2.1	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	56	1.4	246,378	5.7
Not stated	141	3.5	334,647	7.7
Total	4,054	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.