

THE SAMOA-BORN COMMUNITY IN VICTORIA: 2011 CENSUS

At the 2011 Census, there were 4,022 Samoa-born persons in Victoria (21.1% of Australia's total), increasing by 32.5% (987) from 3,035 persons in 2006. The Samoa-born were mainly concentrated in the local government areas of Casey (23.5%); Hume (15.9%); Brimbank (11.0%); Greater Dandenong (9.2%); and Melton (6.1%). One-fifth (19.0%) of the Samoa-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 34.5% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 40.7% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Samoa-born community reflected a balanced age profile: 14.2% were aged 25 years and below; 40.0% were aged 26-44 years; 40.4% were aged 45-64 years; and 5.3% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 43 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 97 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

Almost one-quarter (22.9%) of the Samoa-born were Western Catholic; 16.3% were Mormon; 12.6% were Christian not further defined; 8.5% followed the Uniting Church; 6.0% were Presbyterian; 2.2% had no religion. Most (86.0%) spoke a language other than English; 9.6% spoke English not well or not at all. One-fifth (20.8%) of the Samoa-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 13.3% received no income.

Demographic Background

Persons born in Samoa 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)	3,767	19.7	2,818	18.5	2,262	17.1	949	33.7	556	24.6
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	255	1.3	217	1.4	122	0.9	38	17.5	95	77.9
Total Victoria	4,022	21.1	3,035	19.9	2,384	18.0	987	32.5	651	27.3
Total Australia	19,092	100.0	15,241	100.0	13,254	100.0	3,851	25.3	1,987	15.0

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

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Casey	943	23.5	607	20.0	1
Hume	638	15.9	479	15.8	2
Brimbank	441	11.0	299	9.9	4
Greater Dandenong	369	9.2	344	11.3	3
Melton	244	6.1	90	3.0	8
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	1,131	28.1	1,000	32.9	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	254	6.3	216	7.1	
Total Victoria	4,020	100.0	3,035	100.0	

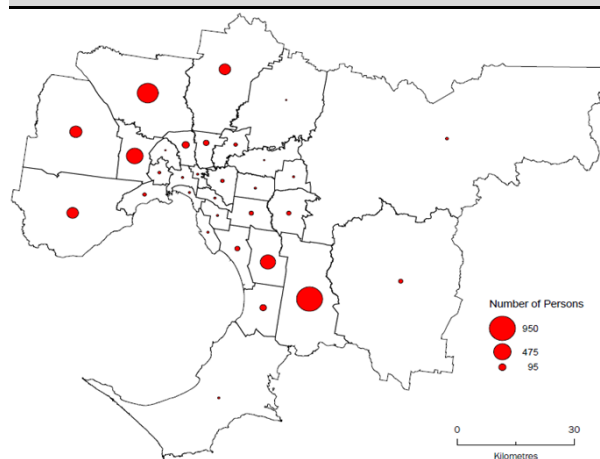
Year of Arrival of Samoa-born: 2011

Year of Arrival ^(b)	Samoa-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(a)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	765	19.0	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	533	13.3	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	853	21.2	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	624	15.5	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	1,012	25.2	316,244	22.5
Not stated	234	5.8	60,867	4.3
Total	4,021	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 Samoa-Born in Melbourne, 2011



Age Distribution of Samoa-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	16	0.4	13	0.4	23.1
5-11	102	2.5	74	2.4	37.8
12-18	225	5.6	138	4.5	63.0
19-25	230	5.7	249	8.2	-7.6
26-44	1,609	40.0	1,422	46.8	13.2
45-54	1,083	26.9	726	23.9	49.2
55-64	542	13.5	290	9.5	86.9
65-74	150	3.7	90	3.0	66.7
75+	64	1.6	36	1.2	77.8
Total	4,021	100.0	3,038	100.0	32.4
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>97</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>43</i>		<i>41</i>		

Top 5 Religions of Samoa-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Western Catholic	922	22.9	667	22.0	38.2
Mormons ^(a)	655	16.3	492	16.2	33.1
Christian, nfd	505	12.6	271	8.9	86.3
Uniting Church	341	8.5	302	9.9	12.9
Presbyterian	240	6.0	199	6.6	20.6
Other religions	1,069	26.6	861	28.4	24.2
No religion	89	2.2	58	1.9	53.4
Not stated ^(a)	202	5.0	186	6.1	8.6
Total	4,023	100.0	3,036	100.0	32.5

^(a) Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

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

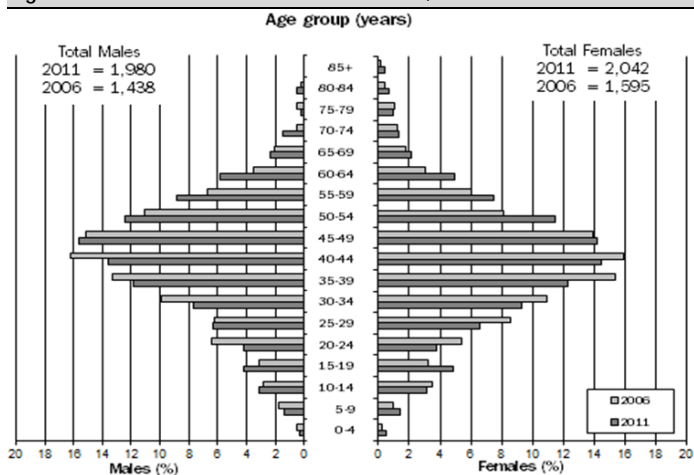
Samoa-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	4	0.2	4	0.2	0.0
5-11	19	1.1	26	1.6	-26.9
12-18	51	2.8	49	3.0	4.1
19-25	58	3.2	100	6.2	-42.0
26-44	604	33.5	683	42.4	-11.6
45-64	948	52.6	656	40.7	44.5
65-74	92	5.1	68	4.2	35.3
75+	27	1.5	24	1.5	12.5
Total	1,803	100.0	1,610	100.0	12.0

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 Samoa-Born, 2011



Proficiency in English of Samoa-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	497	12.4	426	14.0	16.7
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	1,868	46.5	1,300	42.8	43.7
Well	1,202	29.9	969	31.9	24.0
Not well	353	8.8	261	8.6	35.2
Not at all	33	0.8	33	1.1	0.0
Not stated ^(a)	67	1.7	46	1.5	45.7
Total	4,020	100.0	3,035	100.0	32.5

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

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

Total personal income (weekly) ^(a)	Samoa-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	509	13.3	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	216	5.7	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	578	15.1	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	535	14.0	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	771	20.2	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	425	11.1	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	345	9.0	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	59	1.5	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	32	0.8	246,378	5.7
Not stated	353	9.2	334,647	7.7
Total	3,823	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.