

THE ZIMBABWE-BORN COMMUNITY IN VICTORIA: 2011 CENSUS

At the 2011 Census, there were 3,780 Zimbabwe-born persons in Victoria (12.5% of Australia's total), increasing by 59.4% (1,408) from 2,372 persons in 2006. The Zimbabwe-born were fairly well distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with minor concentrations in the local government areas of Casey (7.8%); Whitehorse (5.6%); Monash (4.9%); Frankston (4.4%); and Glen Eira (4.1%). One-fifth (20.5%) of the Zimbabwe-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 9.7% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 67.4% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Zimbabwe-born community reflected a relatively young to mature age profile: 14.0% were aged 18 years and below; 13.9% were aged 19-25 years; 44.8% were aged 26-44 years; 24.0% were aged 45-64 years; and 3.4% 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 96 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

One-fifth (21.4%) were Western Catholic; 14.4% were Anglican; 9.5% were Pentecostal not further defined (nfd); 9.3% were Christian nfd; 6.0% were Uniting Church; 12.1% had no religion. Almost half (45.7%) spoke a language other than English. Over half (51.1%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. A small proportion (13.7%) of the Zimbabwe-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 10.0% received no income.

Demographic Background

Persons born in Zimbabwe 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)	3,136	10.4	1,900	9.4	1,088	9.3	1,236	65.1	812	74.6
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	644	2.1	472	2.3	195	1.7	172	36.4	277	142.1
Total Victoria	3,780	12.5	2,372	11.8	1,283	10.9	1,408	59.4	1,089	84.9
Total Australia	30,252	100.0	20,157	100.0	11,734	100.0	10,095	50.1	8,423	71.8

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

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Casey	296	7.8	86	3.6	9
Whitehorse	212	5.6	178	7.5	1
Monash	184	4.9	130	5.5	3
Frankston	166	4.4	98	4.1	7
Glen Eira	156	4.1	107	4.5	5
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	2,122	56.1	1,298	54.7	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	645	17.1	476	20.1	
Total Victoria	3,781	100.0	2,373	100.0	

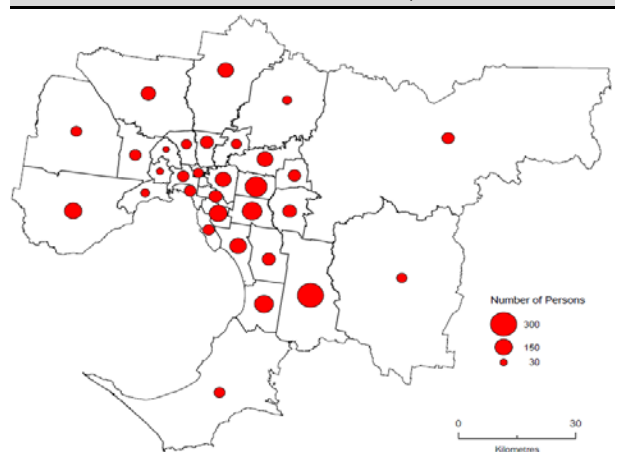
Year of Arrival of Zimbabwe-born: 2011

Year of Arrival ^(b)	Zimbabwe-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(a)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	776	20.5	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	88	2.3	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	278	7.4	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	921	24.4	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	1,627	43.0	316,244	22.5
Not stated	91	2.4	60,867	4.3
Total	3,781	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 Zimbabwe-Born in Melbourne, 2011



Age Distribution of Zimbabwe-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	29	0.8	25	1.1	16.0
5-11	199	5.3	149	6.3	33.6
12-18	298	7.9	142	6.0	109.9
19-25	524	13.9	437	18.4	19.9
26-44	1,695	44.8	939	39.6	80.5
45-54	603	15.9	441	18.6	36.7
55-64	305	8.1	176	7.4	73.3
65-74	86	2.3	40	1.7	115.0
75+	43	1.1	20	0.8	115.0
Total	3,782	100.0	2,369	100.0	59.6
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>96</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>35</i>		<i>35</i>		

Top 5 Religions of Zimbabwe-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Western Catholic	809	21.4	472	19.9	71.4
Anglican Church	544	14.4	443	18.7	22.8
Pentecostal, nfd	360	9.5	87	3.7	313.8
Christian, nfd	353	9.3	132	5.6	167.4
Uniting Church	226	6.0	146	6.1	54.8
Other religions	865	22.9	639	26.9	35.4
No religion	459	12.1	315	13.3	45.7
Not stated ^(a)	164	4.3	140	5.9	17.1
Total	3,780	100.0	2,374	100.0	59.2

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

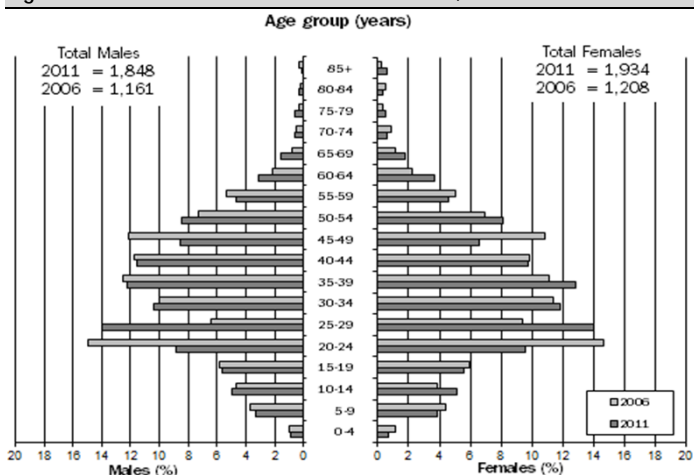
Zimbabwe-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	4	0.2	-	-	-
5-11	58	3.0	32	2.9	81.3
12-18	141	7.3	43	3.8	227.9
19-25	182	9.4	82	7.3	122.0
26-44	745	38.5	480	42.9	55.2
45-64	698	36.1	440	39.3	58.6
65-74	73	3.8	29	2.6	151.7
75+	32	1.7	14	1.3	128.6
Total	1,933	100.0	1,120	100.0	72.6

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 Zimbabwe-Born, 2011



Proficiency in English of Zimbabwe-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	2,009	53.1	1,621	68.3	23.9
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	1,557	41.2	660	27.8	135.9
Well	158	4.2	65	2.7	143.1
Not well	13	0.3	7	0.3	85.7
Not at all	-	-	3	0.1	-100.0
Not stated ^(a)	43	1.1	16	0.7	168.8
Total	3,780	100.0	2,372	100.0	59.4

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

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

Total personal income (weekly) ^(a)	Zimbabwe-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	341	10.0	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	187	5.5	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	282	8.2	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	312	9.1	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	370	10.8	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	413	12.1	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	703	20.5	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	347	10.1	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	367	10.7	246,378	5.7
Not stated	101	3.0	334,647	7.7
Total	3,423	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.