

At the 2011 Census, there were 1,706 Cook Islands-born persons in Victoria, increasing by 16.4% from 1,466 persons in 2006. The Cook Islands-born were mainly concentrated in the local government areas of Casey (24.5%); Greater Dandenong (22.6%); Kingston (8.5%); Frankston (5.5%); and Wyndham (5.3%). One-quarter (24.1%) of the Cook Islands-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 38.8% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 30.3% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Cook Island-born community reflected a balanced age profile: 23.0% were aged 25 years and below; 42.4% were aged 26-44 years; 30.3% were aged 45-64 years; and 4.3% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 39 years, compared with 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 100 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males for every 100 females for total Victoria.

The Cook Islands-born followed a variety of Christian faiths: 16.7% were Presbyterian; 13.8% were Western Catholic; 10.5% were Christian not further defined; 9.6% were Uniting Church; 7.5% had no religion. Two-thirds (66.2%) spoke a language other than English. One-fifth (20.6%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. One-fifth (20.6%) of the Cook Islands-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 12.7% received no income.

## Demographic Background

Persons born in Cook Islands 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>	1,608	26.4	1,392	27.7	1,289	27.2	216	15.5	103	8.0
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	98	1.6	74	1.5	57	1.2	24	32.4	17	29.8
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>1,706</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>1,466</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>1,346</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>8.9</b>
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>6,095</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,028</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,742</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1067</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>6.0</b>

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

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Casey	417	24.5	236	16.0	2
Greater Dandenong	386	22.6	443	30.1	1
Kingston	145	8.5	165	11.2	3
Frankston	93	5.5	59	4.0	5
Wyndham	91	5.3	39	2.7	9
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	477	28.0	453	30.8	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	96	5.6	76	5.2	
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>1,705</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,471</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

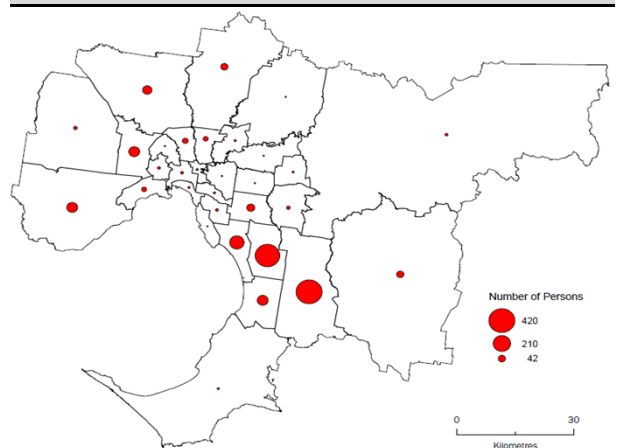
Year of Arrival of Cook Islands-born: 2011

Year of Arrival <sup>(b)</sup>	Cook Islands-born		Total OSB, Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	411	24.1	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	133	7.8	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	528	31.0	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	210	12.3	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	307	18.0	316,244	22.5
Not stated	115	6.7	60,867	4.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,704</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 Cook Islands-Born in Melbourne, 2011



### Age Distribution of Cook Islands-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	17	1.0	15	1.0	13.3
5-11	49	2.9	88	6.0	-44.3
12-18	150	8.8	126	8.6	19.0
19-25	177	10.4	145	9.9	22.1
26-44	723	42.4	728	49.6	-0.7
45-54	374	21.9	224	15.3	67.0
55-64	143	8.4	92	6.3	55.4
65-74	49	2.9	42	2.9	16.7
75+	24	1.4	8	0.5	200.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,706</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,468</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>16.2</b>
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>100</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>39</i>		<i>36</i>		

### Top 5 Religions of Cook Islands-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Presbyterian	284	16.7	259	17.7	9.7
Western Catholic	235	13.8	181	12.3	29.8
Christian, nfd	179	10.5	103	7.0	73.8
Uniting Church	164	9.6	205	14.0	-20.0
Seventh-Day Adventist	151	8.9	125	8.5	20.8
Other religions	485	28.5	434	29.6	11.8
No religion	127	7.5	61	4.2	108.2
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	78	4.6	98	6.7	-20.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,703</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,466</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>16.2</b>

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

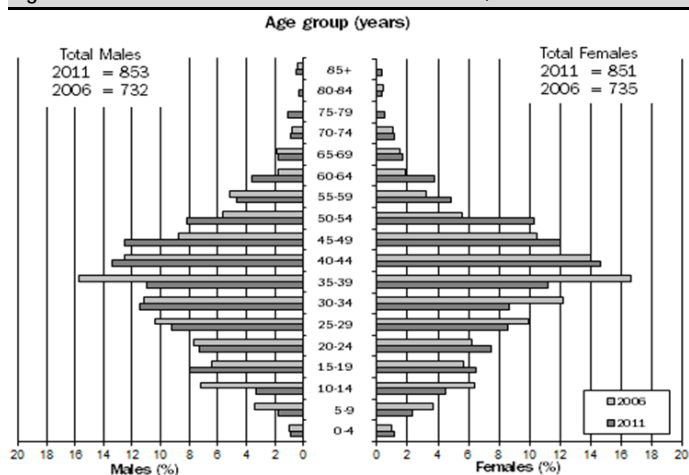
### Cook Islands-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	-	-	-	-	-
5-11	6	1.7	6	2.0	0.0
12-18	12	3.4	26	8.5	-53.8
19-25	30	8.5	30	9.8	0.0
26-44	132	37.5	137	44.8	-3.6
45-64	138	39.2	87	28.4	58.6
65-74	21	6.0	20	6.5	5.0
75+	13	3.7	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15.0</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 Cook Islands-Born, 2011



### Proficiency in English of Cook Islands-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	553	32.4	455	31.0	21.5
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	794	46.6	648	44.1	22.5
Well	299	17.5	281	19.1	6.4
Not well	31	1.8	48	3.3	-35.4
Not at all	4	0.2	-	-	-
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	24	1.4	36	2.5	-33.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,705</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,468</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>16.1</b>

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

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

Total personal income (weekly) <sup>(a)</sup>	Cook Islands-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	201	12.7	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	107	6.8	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	218	13.8	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	185	11.7	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	329	20.8	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	171	10.8	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	156	9.9	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	44	2.8	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	35	2.2	246,378	5.7
Not stated	137	8.7	334,647	7.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,583</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.