

At the 2011 Census, there were 1,292 Belgium-born persons in Victoria (22.4% of Australia's total), increasing by 14.4% (163) from 1,129 persons in 2006. The Belgium-born were distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with slight concentrations in the local government areas of Glen Eira (6.9%); Mornington Peninsula (4.9%); Bayside (4.6%); Boroondara (4.0%); and Port Phillip (3.9%). Two-fifths (60%) of the Belgium-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 10.2% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 26.4% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Belgium-born community reflected an aging profile: 14.1% were aged 25 years and below; 27.3% were aged 26-44 years; 34.2% were aged 45-64 years; and 24.3% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 51 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 98 males to 100 females, similar to that for total Victoria.

Over two-fifths (43.7%) of the Belgium-born were Western Catholic; 6.0% followed Judaism; 31.8% had no religion. Almost half (49.2%) spoke a language other than English. Two-thirds (67.4%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. Over one-quarter (27.7%) of the Belgium-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 8.5% received no income.

Demographic Background

Persons born in Belgium 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)	1,062	18.4	916	18.1	908	18.5	146	15.9	8	0.9
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	230	4.0	213	4.2	191	3.9	17	8.0	22	11.5
Total Victoria	1,292	22.4	1,129	22.3	1,099	22.4	163	14.4	30	2.7
Total Australia	5,764	100.0	5,059	100.0	4,900	100.0	705	13.9	159	3.2

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

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Glen Eira	89	6.9	77	6.8	1
Mornington Peninsula	63	4.9	40	3.5	6
Bayside	59	4.6	55	4.9	2
Boroondara	51	4.0	39	3.5	7
Port Phillip	50	3.9	43	3.8	5
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	748	58.1	664	58.8	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	228	17.7	211	18.7	
Total Victoria	1,288	100.0	1,129	100.0	

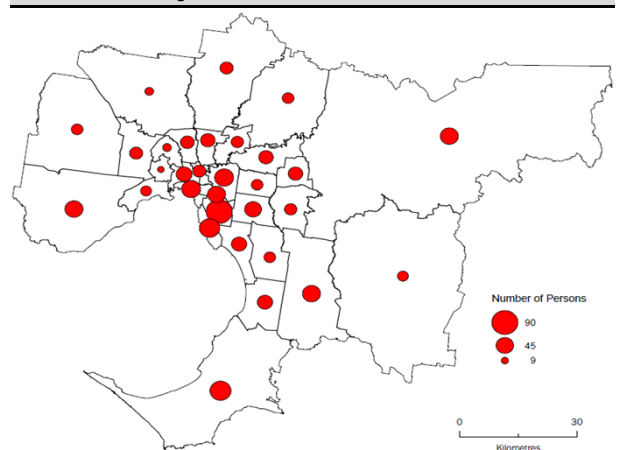
Year of Arrival of Belgium-born: 2011

Year of Arrival ^(b)	Belgium-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(a)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	774	60.0	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	45	3.5	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	87	6.7	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	131	10.1	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	211	16.3	316,244	22.5
Not stated	43	3.3	60,867	4.3
Total	1,291	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 Belgium-Born in Melbourne, 2011



Age Distribution of Belgium-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	25	1.9	14	1.2	78.6
5-11	65	5.0	39	3.4	66.7
12-18	39	3.0	37	3.3	5.4
19-25	54	4.2	50	4.4	8.0
26-44	353	27.3	291	25.7	21.3
45-54	214	16.6	194	17.2	10.3
55-64	227	17.6	214	18.9	6.1
65-74	166	12.8	169	14.9	-1.8
75+	149	11.5	123	10.9	21.1
Total	1,292	100.0	1,131	100.0	14.2
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	98		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	51		52		

Top 5 Religions of Belgium-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Western Catholic	565	43.7	557	49.3	1.4
Judaism	77	6.0	71	6.3	8.5
Anglican Church	32	2.5	26	2.3	23.1
Christian, nfd	18	1.4	17	1.5	5.9
Buddhism	16	1.2	10	0.9	60.0
Other religions	97	7.5	85	7.5	14.1
No religion	411	31.8	259	22.9	58.7
Not stated ^(a)	77	6.0	104	9.2	-26.0
Total	1,293	100.0	1,129	100.0	14.5

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

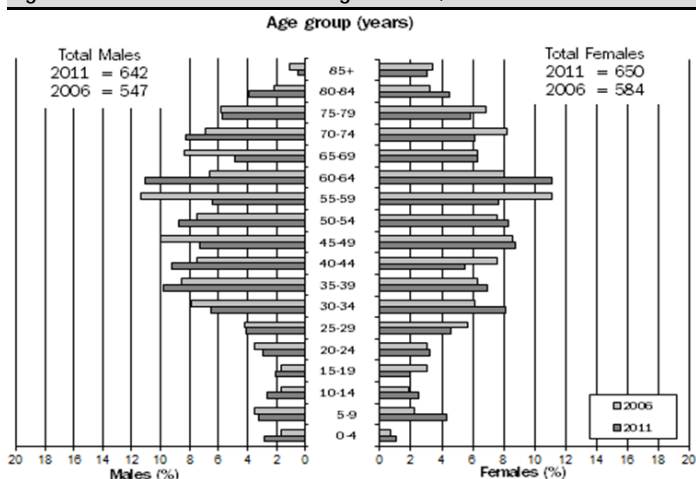
Belgium-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	13	1.5	12	1.7	8.3
5-11	33	3.8	22	3.1	50.0
12-18	32	3.7	19	2.6	68.4
19-25	33	3.8	27	3.8	22.2
26-44	155	17.8	125	17.4	24.0
45-64	343	39.3	299	41.6	14.7
65-74	145	16.6	126	17.5	15.1
75+	118	13.5	88	12.3	34.1
Total	872	100.0	718	100.0	21.4

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 Belgium-Born, 2011



Proficiency in English of Belgium-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	650	50.3	590	52.3	10.2
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	533	41.2	428	37.9	24.5
Well	88	6.8	90	8.0	-2.2
Not well	12	0.9	14	1.2	-14.3
Not at all	4	0.3	-	-	-
Not stated ^(a)	6	0.5	7	0.6	-14.3
Total	1,293	100.0	1,129	100.0	14.5

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

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

Total personal income (weekly) ^(a)	Belgium-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	101	8.5	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	72	6.1	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	256	21.6	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	137	11.6	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	127	10.7	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	92	7.8	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	150	12.7	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	71	6.0	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	135	11.4	246,378	5.7
Not stated	44	3.7	334,647	7.7
Total	1,185	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.