

At the 2011 Census, there were 894 Belarus-born persons in Victoria (55.8% of Australia's total), increasing by 30.3% (208) from 686 persons in 2006. The Belarus-born were mainly distributed in the local government areas of Glen Eira (37.1%); Port Phillip (12.2%); Kingston (9.4%); Bayside (8.1%); and Stonnington (6.4%). One-third (34.1%) of the Belarus-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 45.5% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 18.9% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Belarus-born community reflected a mature to ageing profile: 8.9% were aged 25 years and below; 32.8% were aged 26-44 years; 28.8% were aged 45-64 years; and 29.4% 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 78 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

Half (50.3%) followed Judaism; 13.4% were Russian Orthodox; 18.5% had no religion. Most (89.7%) spoke a language other than English; 24.9% assessed themselves as speaking English not well or not at all. Most (87.4%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. Almost two-fifths (38.5%) of the Belarus-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 6.6% received no income.

Demographic Background

Persons born in Belarus 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)	871	54.3	661	53.2	543	52.3	210	31.8	118	21.7
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	23	1.4	25	2.0	29	2.8	-2	-8.0	-4	-13.8
Total Victoria	894	55.8	686	55.2	572	55.1	208	30.3	114	19.9
Total Australia	1,603	100.0	1,243	100.0	1,039	100.0	360	29.0	204	19.6

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

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Glen Eira	332	37.1	251	36.6	1
Port Phillip	109	12.2	86	12.6	2
Kingston	84	9.4	49	7.2	4
Bayside	72	8.1	47	6.9	5
Stonnington	57	6.4	51	7.4	3
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	217	24.3	175	25.5	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	23	2.6	26	3.8	
Total Victoria	894	100.0	685	100.0	

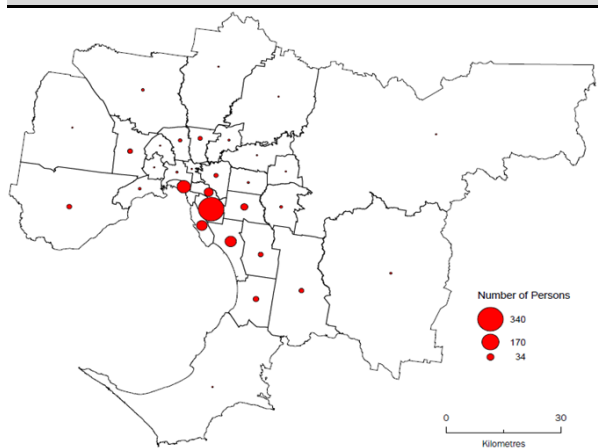
Year of Arrival of Belarus-born: 2011

Year of Arrival ^(b)	Belarus-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(a)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	305	34.1	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	303	33.9	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	104	11.6	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	63	7.0	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	106	11.9	316,244	22.5
Not stated	13	1.5	60,867	4.3
Total	894	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 Belarus-Born in Melbourne, 2011



Age Distribution of Belarus-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	3	0.3	3	0.4	0.0
5-11	12	1.3	7	1.0	71.4
12-18	18	2.0	33	4.8	-45.5
19-25	47	5.3	57	8.3	-17.5
26-44	294	32.8	185	26.9	58.9
45-54	112	12.5	93	13.5	20.4
55-64	146	16.3	66	9.6	121.2
65-74	121	13.5	114	16.6	6.1
75+	142	15.9	130	18.9	9.2
Total	895	100.0	688	100.0	30.1
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>78</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>51</i>		<i>52</i>		

Top 5 Religions of Belarus-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Judaism	450	50.3	338	49.2	33.1
Russian Orthodox	120	13.4	107	15.6	12.1
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	32	3.6	25	3.6	28.0
Western Catholic	30	3.4	31	4.5	-3.2
Greek Orthodox	21	2.3	26	3.8	-19.2
Other religions	37	4.1	38	5.5	-2.6
No religion	166	18.5	94	13.7	76.6
Not stated ^(a)	39	4.4	28	4.1	39.3
Total	895	100.0	687	100.0	30.3

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

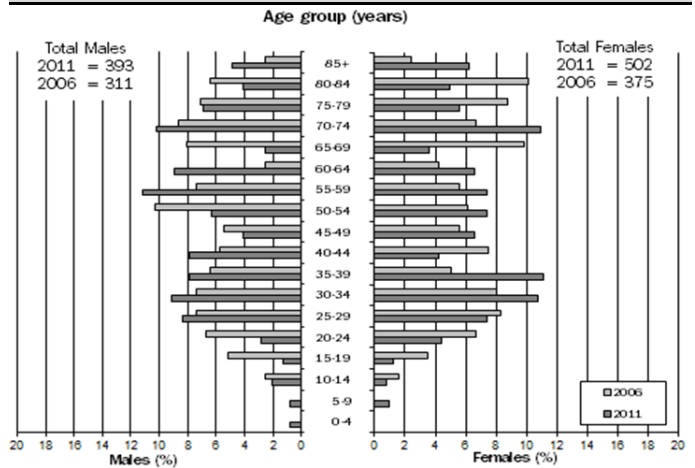
Belarus-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	3	0.4	3	0.5	0.0
5-11	7	0.9	-	-	-
12-18	14	1.8	25	4.1	-44.0
19-25	35	4.5	51	8.4	-31.4
26-44	217	27.7	144	23.8	50.7
45-64	247	31.6	148	24.5	66.9
65-74	118	15.1	112	18.5	5.4
75+	141	18.0	121	20.0	16.5
Total	782	100.0	604	100.0	29.5

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 Belarus-Born, 2011



Proficiency in English of Belarus-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	78	8.7	69	10.1	13.0
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	314	35.1	193	28.1	62.7
Well	266	29.7	228	33.2	16.7
Not well	172	19.2	141	20.6	22.0
Not at all	51	5.7	40	5.8	27.5
Not stated ^(a)	14	1.6	15	2.2	-6.7
Total	895	100.0	686	100.0	30.5

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

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

Total personal income (weekly) ^(a)	Belarus-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	58	6.6	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	54	6.2	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	282	32.3	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	101	11.6	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	84	9.6	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	57	6.5	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	119	13.6	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	60	6.9	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	31	3.5	246,378	5.7
Not stated	28	3.2	334,647	7.7
Total	874	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.