

THE CHINA-BORN COMMUNITY IN VICTORIA: 2011 CENSUS

At the 2011 Census, there were 93,896 China-born persons in Victoria, increasing by 66.0% (37,332) from 56,564 persons in 2006. The China-born were distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in Monash (14.7%); Whitehorse (11.8%); Melbourne (8.0%); Boroondara (7.1%); and Manningham (7.0%). Only 15.6% of the China-born population in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 18.1% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 61.8% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The China-born community reflected an age profile with clusters in the young and mature adult age groups: 7.8% were aged 18 years and below; 25.2% were aged 19-25 years; 35.0% were aged 26-44 years; 23.5% were aged 45-64 years; and 8.5% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 32 years, compared with 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 79 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

Almost two-thirds (65.9%) of the China-born had no religion; 15.0% were Buddhist; and 8.4% followed a variety of Christian faiths. Most (96.4%) spoke a language other than English; 29.8% assessed themselves as speaking English not well or not at all. Two-fifths (41.7%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. Over one-quarter (27.1%) of the China-born received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 29.2% received no income.

Demographic Background

Persons born in China 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)	90,819	28.5	54,725	26.5	35,805	25.1	36,094	66.0	18,920	52.8
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	3,077	1.0	1,839	0.9	981	0.7	1,238	67.3	858	87.5
Total Victoria	93,896	29.4	56,564	27.4	36,786	25.8	37,332	66.0	19,778	53.8
Total Australia	318,971	100.0	206,591	100.0	142,780	100.0	112,380	54.4	63,811	44.7

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

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Monash	13,764	14.7	8,315	14.7	1
Whitehorse	11,050	11.8	5,791	10.2	2
Melbourne	7,504	8.0	3,604	6.4	5
Boroondara	6,688	7.1	4,148	7.3	4
Manningham	6,605	7.0	4,551	8.0	3
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	45,207	48.1	28,311	50.1	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	3,076	3.3	1,841	3.3	
Total Victoria	93,894	100.0	56,561	100.0	

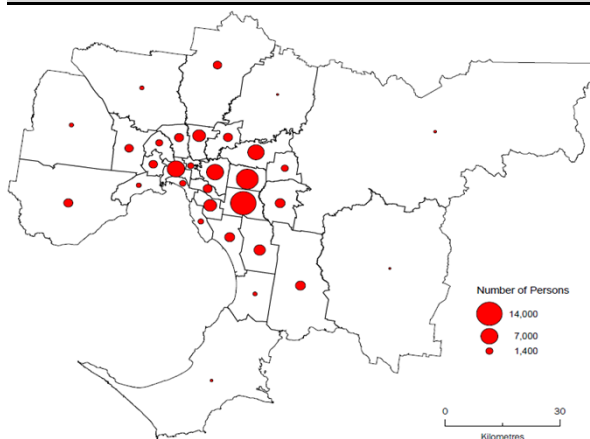
Year of Arrival of China-born: 2011

Year of Arrival ^(b)	China-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(a)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	14,672	15.6	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	7,026	7.5	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	9,963	10.6	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	17,606	18.8	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	40,458	43.1	316,244	22.5
Not stated	4,170	4.4	60,867	4.3
Total	93,895	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 China-Born in Melbourne, 2011



Note: China excludes SARS and Taiwan.

Age Distribution of China-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	547	0.6	328	0.6	66.8
5-11	1,987	2.1	1,001	1.8	98.5
12-18	4,764	5.1	3,747	6.6	27.1
19-25	23,661	25.2	13,334	23.6	77.4
26-44	32,849	35.0	18,970	33.5	73.2
45-54	14,575	15.5	8,889	15.7	64.0
55-64	7,488	8.0	3,960	7.0	89.1
65-74	4,068	4.3	3,639	6.4	11.8
75+	3,957	4.2	2,695	4.8	46.8
Total	93,896	100.0	56,563	100.0	66.0
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>79</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>32</i>		<i>37</i>		

Top 5 Religions of China-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Buddhism	14,049	15.0	9,240	16.3	52.0
Western Catholic	2,518	2.7	1,753	3.1	43.6
Baptist	2,178	2.3	1,411	2.5	54.4
Christian, nfd	1,930	2.1	1,125	2.0	71.6
Uniting Church	1,236	1.3	823	1.5	50.2
Other religions	3,953	4.2	2,738	4.8	44.4
No religion	61,922	65.9	34,394	60.8	80.0
Not stated ^(a)	6,111	6.5	5,078	9.0	20.3
Total	93,897	100.0	56,562	100.0	66.0

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

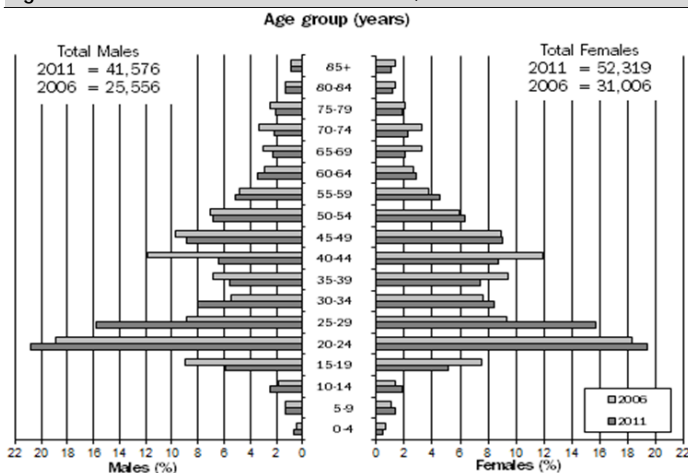
China-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	155	0.4	147	0.5	5.4
5-11	647	1.7	420	1.4	54.0
12-18	1,126	2.9	1,384	4.7	-18.6
19-25	2,990	7.6	2,499	8.4	19.6
26-44	13,185	33.6	10,279	34.6	28.3
45-64	15,538	39.7	10,302	34.7	50.8
65-74	2,714	6.9	2,545	8.6	6.6
75+	2,830	7.2	2,099	7.1	34.8
Total	39,185	100.0	29,675	100.0	32.0

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 China-Born, 2011



Proficiency in English of China-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	2,671	2.8	1,904	3.4	40.3
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	21,803	23.2	12,966	22.9	68.2
Well	40,760	43.4	23,382	41.3	74.3
Not well	20,803	22.2	13,094	23.1	58.9
Not at all	7,095	7.6	4,684	8.3	51.5
Not stated ^(a)	763	0.8	532	0.9	43.4
Total	93,895	100.0	56,562	100.0	66.0

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

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

Total personal income (weekly) ^(a)	China-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	26,333	29.2	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	8,408	9.3	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	16,003	17.8	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	8,948	9.9	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	8,711	9.7	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	6,443	7.2	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	8,316	9.2	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	2,874	3.2	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	1,819	2.0	246,378	5.7
Not stated	2,223	2.5	334,647	7.7
Total	90,078	100.0	4,355,243	100.0

^(a) Applicable to persons aged 15 years and over.

Note: China excludes SARS and Taiwan.

Source of data: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2006, 2011.