

At the 2011 Census, there were 6,063 Russian Federation-born persons in Victoria (33.2% of Australia's total), increasing by 6.7% (382) from 5,681 persons in 2006. The Russian Federation-born mainly resided in the local government areas of Glen Eira (24.4%); Kingston (10.1%); Port Phillip (7.1%); Bayside (6.3%); and Monash (5.7%). Over one-quarter (28.1%) of the Russian Federation-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 35.7% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 31.8% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Russian Federation-born community reflected an aging profile: 14.8% were aged 25 years and below; 32.9% were aged 26-44 years; 26.6% were aged 45-64 years; and 25.7% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 46 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 64 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females for Victoria.

Over one-quarter (25.1%) were Russian Orthodox; 23.2% followed Judaism; and small proportions followed a variety of Christian faiths; 26.1% had no religion. Most (86.0%) spoke a language other than English; 17.9% assessed themselves as speaking English not well or not at all. Over three-quarters (77.5%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. Over one-third (35.9%) of the Russian Federation-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 10.3% received no income.

## Demographic Background

Persons born in Russian Federation 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>	5,781	31.6	5,409	35.2	5,645	37.6	372	6.9	-236	-4.2
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	282	1.5	272	1.8	248	1.7	10	3.7	24	9.7
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>6,063</b>	<b>33.2</b>	<b>5,681</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>5,893</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>-212</b>	<b>-3.6</b>
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>18,273</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15,350</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15,021</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,923</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>2.2</b>

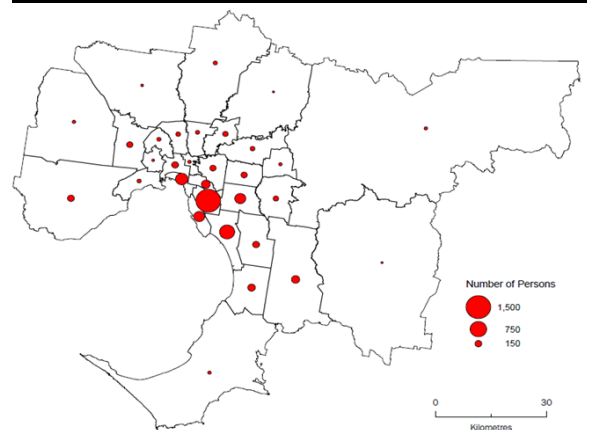
<sup>(a)</sup> Included "Undefined Melbourne" in 2001.

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Glen Eira	1,483	24.4	1,681	29.6	1
Kingston	612	10.1	429	7.5	3
Port Phillip	432	7.1	486	8.6	2
Bayside	380	6.3	368	6.5	5
Monash	343	5.7	399	7.0	4
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	2,534	41.8	2,049	36.0	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	285	4.7	272	4.8	
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>6,069</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,684</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

Distribution of Russian Federation-Born in Melbourne, 2011



Year of Arrival of Russian Federation-born: 2011

Year of Arrival <sup>(b)</sup>	Russian Federation-born		Total OSB, Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	1,702	28.1	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	1,335	22.0	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	832	13.7	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	827	13.6	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	1,105	18.2	316,244	22.5
Not stated	265	4.4	60,867	4.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,066</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.

### Age Distribution of Russian Federation-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	34	0.6	27	0.5	25.9
5-11	141	2.3	112	2.0	25.9
12-18	200	3.3	335	5.9	-40.3
19-25	519	8.6	487	8.6	6.6
26-44	1,996	32.9	1,629	28.7	22.5
45-54	917	15.1	838	14.7	9.4
55-64	699	11.5	737	13.0	-5.2
65-74	722	11.9	609	10.7	18.6
75+	839	13.8	911	16.0	-7.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,067</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,685</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6.7</b>
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>64</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>46</i>		<i>47</i>		

### Top 5 Religions of Russian Federation-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Russian Orthodox	1,522	25.1	1,250	22.0	21.8
Judaism	1,409	23.2	1,663	29.2	-15.3
Greek Orthodox	322	5.3	282	5.0	14.2
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	269	4.4	210	3.7	28.1
Western Catholic	221	3.6	223	3.9	-0.9
Other religions	419	6.9	402	7.1	4.2
No religion	1,584	26.1	1,238	21.8	27.9
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	321	5.3	418	7.4	-23.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,067</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,686</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6.7</b>

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

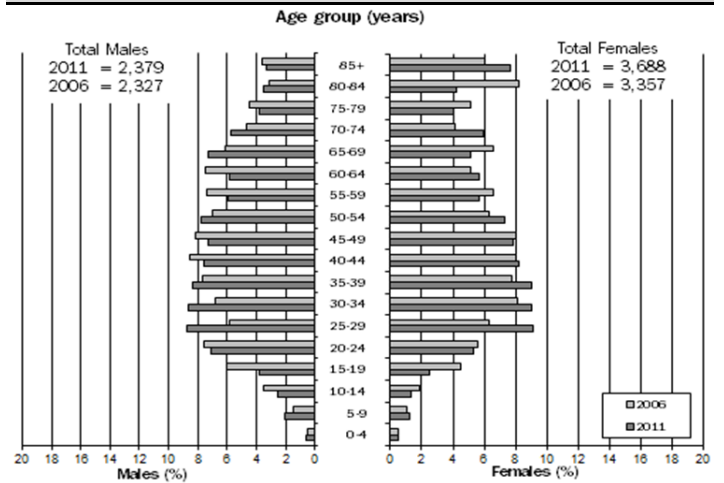
### Russian-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	11	0.2	10	0.2	10.0
5-11	59	1.3	58	1.2	1.7
12-18	131	2.8	245	5.2	-46.5
19-25	352	7.5	348	7.4	1.1
26-44	1,331	28.3	1,198	25.6	11.1
45-64	1,411	30.0	1,450	31.0	-2.7
65-74	658	14.0	558	11.9	17.9
75+	745	15.9	810	17.3	-8.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,698</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,677</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.4</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 Russian Federation-Born, 2011



### Proficiency in English of Russian Federation-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	770	12.7	692	12.2	11.3
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	2,492	41.1	2,126	37.4	17.2
Well	1,638	27.0	1,625	28.6	0.8
Not well	858	14.1	868	15.3	-1.2
Not at all	229	3.8	261	4.6	-12.3
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	82	1.4	112	2.0	-26.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,069</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,684</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6.8</b>

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

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

Total personal income (weekly) <sup>(a)</sup>	Russian Federation-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	602	10.3	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	434	7.4	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	1,658	28.5	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	558	9.6	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	474	8.1	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	439	7.5	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	716	12.3	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	362	6.2	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	357	6.1	246,378	5.7
Not stated	226	3.9	334,647	7.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,826</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.