

THE ITALY-BORN COMMUNITY IN VICTORIA: 2011 CENSUS

At the 2011 Census, there were 76,904 Italy-born persons in Victoria (41.5% of Australia's total), decreasing by 7.2% (5,948) from 82,852 persons in 2006. The Italy-born were distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with distinct concentrations in the local government areas of Moreland (11.6%); Darebin (9.3%); Whittlesea (8.1%); Moonee Valley (7.0%); and Brimbank (4.7%). Most (89.7%) of the Italy-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 1.2% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 2.2% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Italy-born community reflected a rapidly ageing profile: only 1.1% were aged 25 years and below; 4.3% were aged 26-44 years; 35.5% were aged 45-64 years and 59.0% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 68 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. There were 99 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

Most (92.2%) of the Italy-born were Western Catholic; 2.8% had no religion. Over two-fifths (83.0%) spoke a language other than English; 22.4% assessed themselves as speaking English not well or not at all. Three-quarters (76.8%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. Half (52.1%) of the Italy-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 5.6% received no income.

Demographic Background

Persons born in Italy 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)	68,404	36.9	73,798	37.1	80,747	36.9	-5394	-7.3	-6949	-8.6
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	8,500	4.6	9,054	4.5	10,041	4.6	-554	-6.1	-987	-9.8
Total Victoria	76,904	41.5	82,852	41.6	90,788	41.5	-5948	-7.2	-7936	-8.7
Total Australia	185,401	100.0	199,124	100.0	218,718	100.0	-13723	-6.9	-19594	-9.0

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

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Moreland	8,956	11.6	9,991	12.1	1
Darebin	7,166	9.3	8,053	9.7	2
Whittlesea	6,221	8.1	6,447	7.8	3
Moonee Valley	5,388	7.0	5,926	7.2	4
Brimbank	3,623	4.7	3,991	4.8	5
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	37,051	48.2	39,393	47.5	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	8,500	11.1	9,049	10.9	
Total Victoria	76,905	100.0	82,850	100.0	

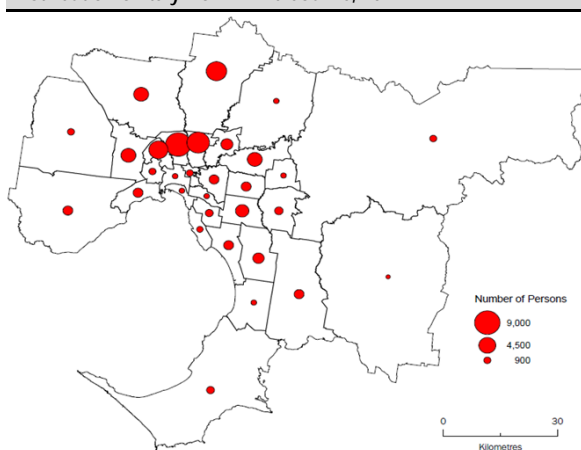
Year of Arrival of Italy-born: 2011

Year of Arrival ^(b)	Italy-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(a)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	69,022	89.7	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	383	0.5	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	500	0.7	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	576	0.7	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	1,144	1.5	316,244	22.5
Not stated	5,283	6.9	60,867	4.3
Total	76,908	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 Italy-Born in Melbourne, 2011



Age Distribution of Italy-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	39	0.1	61	0.1	-36.1
5-11	185	0.2	143	0.2	29.4
12-18	244	0.3	240	0.3	1.7
19-25	391	0.5	325	0.4	20.3
26-44	3,319	4.3	5,867	7.1	-43.4
45-54	8,717	11.3	12,274	14.8	-29.0
55-64	18,615	24.2	21,265	25.7	-12.5
65-74	20,641	26.8	23,750	28.7	-13.1
75+	24,755	32.2	18,925	22.8	30.8
Total	76,906	100.0	82,850	100.0	-7.2
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	99		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	68		65		

Top 5 Religions of Italy-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Western Catholic	70,885	92.2	77,289	93.3	-8.3
Jehovah's Witness	626	0.8	636	0.8	-1.6
Christian, nfd	388	0.5	321	0.4	20.9
Pentecostal, nfd	259	0.3	153	0.2	69.3
Buddhism	137	0.2	79	0.1	73.4
Other religions	818	1.1	921	1.1	-11.2
No religion	2,184	2.8	1,574	1.9	38.8
Not stated ^(a)	1,611	2.1	1,878	2.3	-14.2
Total	76,908	100.0	82,851	100.0	-7.2

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

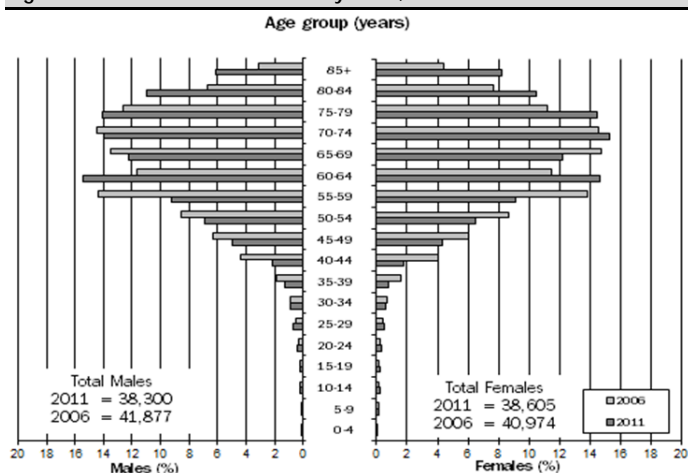
Italy-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	18	0.0	45	0.1	-60.0
5-11	115	0.2	94	0.1	22.3
12-18	177	0.3	186	0.3	-4.8
19-25	210	0.4	199	0.3	5.5
26-44	1,777	3.0	3,871	6.2	-54.1
45-64	21,826	37.0	25,923	41.2	-15.8
65-74	15,696	26.6	17,970	28.6	-12.7
75+	19,208	32.5	14,598	23.2	31.6
Total	59,027	100.0	62,886	100.0	-6.1

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 Italy-Born, 2011



Proficiency in English of Italy-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	12,150	15.8	12,639	15.3	-3.9
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	22,809	29.7	23,144	27.9	-1.4
Well	23,726	30.9	26,218	31.6	-9.5
Not well	15,780	20.5	17,992	21.7	-12.3
Not at all	1,472	1.9	1,886	2.3	-22.0
Not stated ^(a)	968	1.3	971	1.2	-0.3
Total	76,905	100.0	82,850	100.0	-7.2

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

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

Total personal income (weekly) ^(a)	Italy-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	4,301	5.6	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	5,331	7.0	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	34,551	45.1	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	9,110	11.9	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	5,426	7.1	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	3,852	5.0	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	5,312	6.9	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	1,984	2.6	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	1,757	2.3	246,378	5.7
Not stated	4,962	6.5	334,647	7.7
Total	76,586	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.