

At the 2011 Census, there were 39,789 Malaysia-born persons in Victoria (34.2% of Australia's total), increasing by 30.6% (9,312) from 30,477 persons in 2006. The Malaysia-born were distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the local government areas of Monash (13.8%); Melbourne (12.8%); Whitehorse (8.4%); Manningham (8.0%); and Boroondara (7.4%). Over one-third (38.4%) of the Malaysia-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 12.7% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 45.8% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Malaysia-born community reflected a young to mature adult age profile: 9.9% were aged 18 years and below; 18.0% were aged 19-25 years; 34.0% were aged 26-44 years; 30.5% were aged 45-64 years; and 7.6% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 36 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 84 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

Over one-quarter (27.4%) of the Malaysia-born were Buddhist; 11.9% were Western Catholic; 5.7% followed Pentecostal not further defined; 5.2% followed Islam; 17.0% had no religion. Almost three-quarters (70.0%) spoke a language other than English. Two-fifths (42.8%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. One-fifth (20.1%) of the Malaysia-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 17.6% received no income.

Demographic Background

Persons born in Malaysia 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)	37,968	32.7	29,173	31.6	23,649	30.0	8,795	30.1	5,524	23.4
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	1,821	1.6	1,304	1.4	1,098	1.4	517	39.6	206	18.8
Total Victoria	39,789	34.2	30,477	33.0	24,747	31.4	9,312	30.6	5,730	23.2
Total Australia	116,195	100.0	92,337	100.0	78,858	100.0	23,858	25.8	13,479	17.1

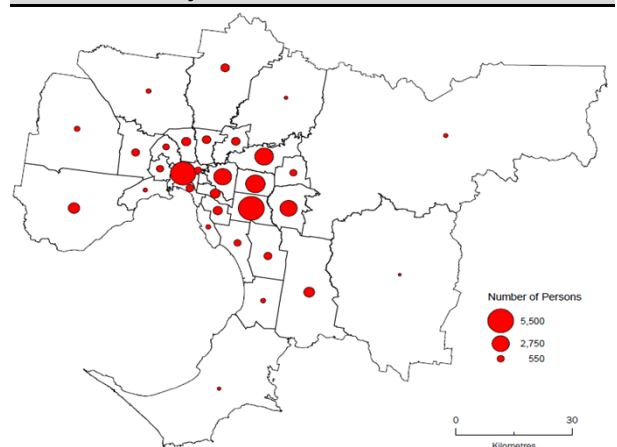
^(a) Included "Undefined Melbourne" in 2001.

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Monash	5,489	13.8	4,661	15.3	1
Melbourne	5,106	12.8	4,009	13.2	2
Whitehorse	3,351	8.4	2,659	8.7	3
Manningham	3,199	8.0	2,636	8.6	4
Boroondara	2,928	7.4	2,593	8.5	5
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	17,893	45.0	12,615	41.4	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	1,822	4.6	1,304	4.3	
Total Victoria	39,788	100.0	30,477	100.0	

Distribution of Malaysia-Born in Melbourne, 2011



Year of Arrival of Malaysia-born: 2011

Year of Arrival ^(b)	Malaysia-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(a)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	15,296	38.4	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	2,255	5.7	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	2,797	7.0	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	5,940	14.9	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	12,284	30.9	316,244	22.5
Not stated	1,217	3.1	60,867	4.3
Total	39,789	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.

Age Distribution of Malaysia-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	440	1.1	187	0.6	135.3
5-11	1,277	3.2	702	2.3	81.9
12-18	2,224	5.6	1,897	6.2	17.2
19-25	7,171	18.0	6,734	22.1	6.5
26-44	13,545	34.0	9,236	30.3	46.7
45-54	6,466	16.3	6,230	20.4	3.8
55-64	5,641	14.2	3,600	11.8	56.7
65-74	2,089	5.3	1,316	4.3	58.7
75+	935	2.3	572	1.9	63.5
Total	39,788	100.0	30,474	100.0	30.6
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>84</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>36</i>		<i>37</i>		

Top 5 Religions of Malaysia-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Buddhism	10,919	27.4	8,394	27.5	30.1
Western Catholic	4,717	11.9	3,900	12.8	20.9
Pentecostal, nfd	2,277	5.7	1,358	4.5	67.7
Islam	2,056	5.2	1,183	3.9	73.8
Christian, nfd	1,830	4.6	1,303	4.3	40.4
Other religions	9,651	24.3	7,521	24.7	28.3
No religion	6,762	17.0	5,079	16.7	33.1
Not stated ^(a)	1,579	4.0	1,740	5.7	-9.3
Total	39,791	100.0	30,478	100.0	30.6

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

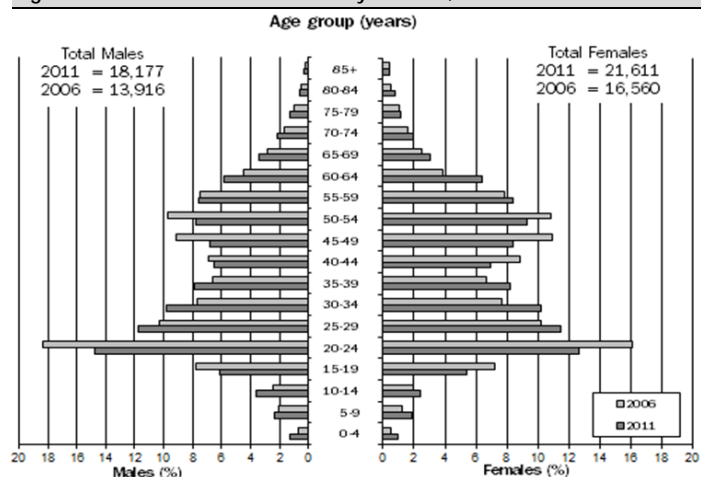
Malaysia-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	40	0.2	23	0.2	73.9
5-11	312	1.8	189	1.5	65.1
12-18	670	3.9	537	4.1	24.8
19-25	1,250	7.3	1,257	9.6	-0.6
26-44	5,067	29.7	3,855	29.6	31.4
45-64	7,640	44.8	5,923	45.5	29.0
65-74	1,444	8.5	879	6.7	64.3
75+	621	3.6	366	2.8	69.7
Total	17,044	100.0	13,029	100.0	30.8

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 Malaysia-Born, 2011



Proficiency in English of Malaysia-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	11,733	29.5	9,354	30.7	25.4
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	17,992	45.2	13,777	45.2	30.6
Well	8,189	20.6	5,921	19.4	38.3
Not well	1,388	3.5	1,090	3.6	27.3
Not at all	265	0.7	149	0.5	77.9
Not stated ^(a)	221	0.6	185	0.6	19.5
Total	39,788	100.0	30,476	100.0	30.6

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

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

Total personal income (weekly) ^(a)	Malaysia-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	6,590	17.6	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	2,855	7.6	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	4,681	12.5	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	2,953	7.9	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	3,087	8.3	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	3,065	8.2	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	6,316	16.9	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	3,609	9.7	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	3,622	9.7	246,378	5.7
Not stated	571	1.5	334,647	7.7
Total	37,349	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.