

## THE SINGAPORE-BORN COMMUNITY IN VICTORIA: 2011 CENSUS

At the 2011 Census, there were 13,699 Singapore-born persons in Victoria (28.2% of Australia's total), increasing by 30.7% (3,220) from 10,479 persons in 2006. The Singapore-born were distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with slight concentrations in Melbourne (13.4%); Monash (10.7%); Boroondara (6.3%); Knox (6.1%); and Wyndham (5.9%). One-quarter (25.8%) of the Singapore-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 13.8% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 56.9% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Singapore-born community reflected a relatively young age profile: 18.8% were aged 18 years and below; 19.2% were aged 19-25 years; 32.9% were aged 26-44 years; 24.3% were aged 45-64 years; and 4.8% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 32 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 82 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

The Singapore-born followed a variety of religions: 15.9% were Western Catholic; 11.4% were Buddhist; 8.9% followed Islam; 5.4% were Christian not further defined; 5.3% were Anglican; 20.7% had no religion. Over half (57.8%) spoke a language other than English. Almost half (47.3%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. One-fifth (19.6%) of the Singapore-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 24.3% received no income.

## Demographic Background

Persons born in Singapore 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>	12,968	26.7	9,841	24.6	7,117	21.3	3,127	31.8	2,724	38.3
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	731	1.5	638	1.6	498	1.5	93	14.6	140	28.1
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>13,699</b>	<b>28.2</b>	<b>10,479</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>7,615</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>3,220</b>	<b>30.7</b>	<b>2,864</b>	<b>37.6</b>
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>48,644</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>39,970</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>33,485</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,674</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>6,485</b>	<b>19.4</b>

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

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Melbourne	1,837	13.4	1,624	15.5	1
Monash	1,467	10.7	1,197	11.4	2
Boroondara	866	6.3	772	7.4	3
Knox	840	6.1	537	5.1	6
Wyndham	805	5.9	276	2.6	9
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	7,155	52.2	5,433	51.9	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	724	5.3	635	6.1	
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>13,694</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10,474</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

Year of Arrival of Singapore-born: 2011

Year of Arrival <sup>(b)</sup>	Singapore-born		Total OSB, Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	3,527	25.8	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	600	4.4	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	1,281	9.4	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	2,889	21.1	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	4,903	35.8	316,244	22.5
Not stated	495	3.6	60,867	4.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,695</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.

Distribution of Singapore-Born in Melbourne, 2011

