

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

At the 2011 Census, there were 11,352 Cambodia-born persons in Victoria (40.1% of Australia's total), increasing by 15.9% (1,559) from 9,793 persons in 2006. The Cambodia-born were mainly concentrated in the local government areas of Greater Dandenong (47.9%); Casey (11.6%); Kingston (8.4%); Knox (4.9%); and Whitehorse (4.1%). Almost half (44.8%) of the Cambodia-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 25.4% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 25.6% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Cambodia-born community showed a maturing age profile: 13.7% were aged 25 years and below; 43.4% were aged 26-44 years; 34.5% were aged 45-64 years; and 8.3% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 41 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 85 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

Four-fifths (79.2%) of the Cambodia-born were Buddhist; 8.2% had no religion. Most (93.1%) spoke a language other than English; 40.3% assessed themselves as speaking English not well or not at all. Four-fifths (82.1%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. One-third (34.2%) of the Cambodia-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 15.0% received no income.

## Demographic Background

Persons born in Cambodia 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>	11,093	39.2	9,639	39.3	8,845	38.5	1,454	15.1	794	9.0
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	259	0.9	154	0.6	158	0.7	105	68.2	-4	-2.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>11,352</b>	<b>40.1</b>	<b>9,793</b>	<b>39.9</b>	<b>9,003</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>1,559</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>8.8</b>
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>28,328</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>24,532</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>22,979</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,796</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>1,553</b>	<b>6.8</b>

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

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Greater Dandenong	5,438	47.9	4,678	47.8	1
Casey	1,313	11.6	968	9.9	3
Kingston	954	8.4	1,005	10.3	2
Knox	559	4.9	536	5.5	4
Whitehorse	471	4.1	506	5.2	5
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	2,355	20.7	1,941	19.8	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	263	2.3	159	1.6	
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>11,353</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,793</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

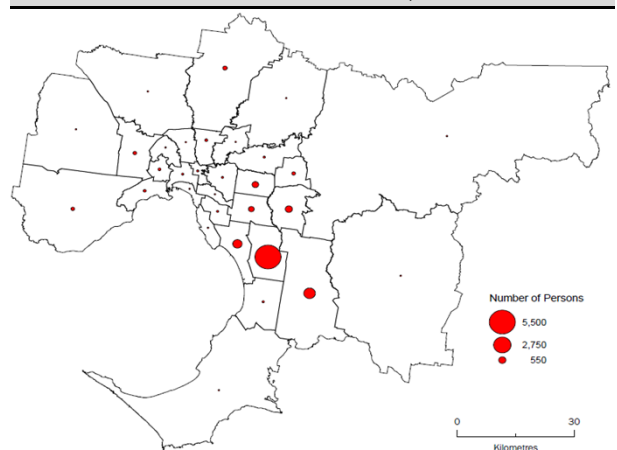
Year of Arrival of Cambodia-born: 2011

Year of Arrival <sup>(b)</sup>	Cambodia-born		Total OSB, Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	5,083	44.8	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	1,603	14.1	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	1,282	11.3	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	1,174	10.3	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	1,732	15.3	316,244	22.5
Not stated	481	4.2	60,867	4.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,355</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 Cambodia-Born in Melbourne, 2011



### Age Distribution of Cambodia-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	45	0.4	34	0.3	32.4
5-11	150	1.3	119	1.2	26.1
12-18	397	3.5	446	4.6	-11.0
19-25	968	8.5	1,141	11.7	-15.2
26-44	4,928	43.4	4,430	45.3	11.2
45-54	2,333	20.5	1,978	20.2	17.9
55-64	1,584	14.0	999	10.2	58.6
65-74	615	5.4	417	4.3	47.5
75+	333	2.9	226	2.3	47.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,353</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,790</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>16.0</b>
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>85</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>41</i>		<i>39</i>		

### Top 5 Religions of Cambodia-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Buddhism	8,998	79.2	7,772	79.4	15.8
Western Catholic	309	2.7	284	2.9	8.8
Baptist	273	2.4	258	2.6	5.8
Christian, nfd	147	1.3	140	1.4	5.0
Uniting Church	81	0.7	88	0.9	-8.0
Other religions	197	1.7	161	1.6	22.4
No religion	930	8.2	710	7.2	31.0
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	419	3.7	381	3.9	10.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,354</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,794</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15.9</b>

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

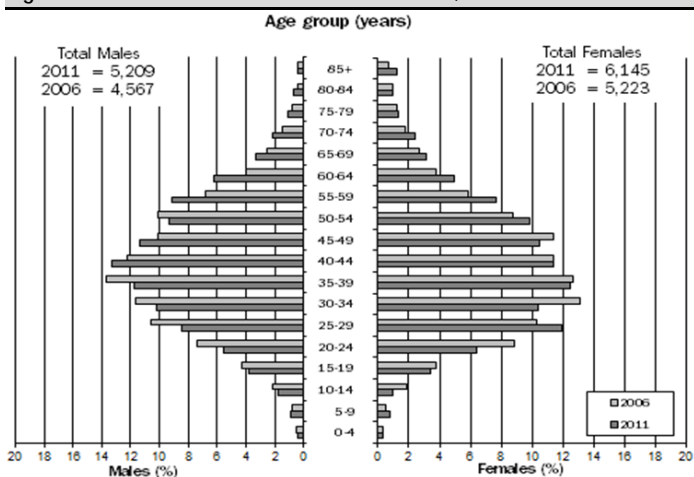
### Cambodia-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	29	0.3	25	0.3	16.0
5-11	77	0.8	74	0.9	4.1
12-18	214	2.3	302	3.6	-29.1
19-25	509	5.5	763	9.0	-33.3
26-44	4,038	43.3	3,916	46.3	3.1
45-64	3,576	38.4	2,792	33.0	28.1
65-74	564	6.1	391	4.6	44.2
75+	310	3.3	204	2.4	52.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,317</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,467</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10.0</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 Cambodia-Born, 2011



### Proficiency in English of Cambodia-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	620	5.5	472	4.8	31.4
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	2,410	21.2	2,079	21.2	15.9
Well	3,590	31.6	3,023	30.9	18.8
Not well	3,757	33.1	3,335	34.1	12.7
Not at all	820	7.2	766	7.8	7.0
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	156	1.4	116	1.2	34.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,353</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,791</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>16.0</b>

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

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

Total personal income (weekly) <sup>(a)</sup>	Cambodia-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	1,660	15.0	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	1,095	9.9	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	2,694	24.3	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	1,432	12.9	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	1,600	14.5	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	863	7.8	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	851	7.7	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	287	2.6	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	148	1.3	246,378	5.7
Not stated	435	3.9	334,647	7.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,065</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.