

At the 2011 Census, there were 7,382 Serbia-born persons in Victoria (36.4% of Australia's total), increasing by 10.8% (722) from 6,660 persons in 2006. The Serbia-born were distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with slight concentrations in the local government areas of Casey (11.1%); Brimbank (10.9%); Greater Dandenong (10.4%); Wyndham (5.6%); and Greater Geelong (4.9%). Almost two-thirds (63.2%) of the Serbia-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 21.9% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 11.7% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Serbia-born community reflected an aging profile: 10.0% were aged 25 years and below; 22.9% were aged 26-44 years; 42.6% were aged 45-64 years; and 24.5% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 52 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 94 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

Two-fifths (42.9%) of the Serbia-born were Serbian Orthodox; 16.7% were Eastern Orthodox not further defined; 10.3% were Western Catholic; 9.7% were Greek Orthodox; 7.0% had no religion. Most (88.4%) spoke a language other than English; 16.2% assessed themselves as speaking English not well or not at all. Most (91.5%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. Two-fifths (40.6%) of the Serbia-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 7.8% received no income.

Demographic Background

Persons born in Serbia 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)	6,732	33.2	6,025	34.8	-	-	707	11.7	-	-
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	650	3.2	635	3.7	-	-	15	2.4	-	-
Total Victoria	7,382	36.4	6,660	38.4	-	-	722	10.8	-	-
Total Australia	20,263	100.0	17,328	100.0	-	-	2,935	16.9	-	-

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

Note: No data available for Serbia for 2001.

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Casey	818	11.1	649	9.7	3
Brimbank	807	10.9	880	13.2	1
Greater Dandenong	771	10.4	845	12.7	2
Wyndham	414	5.6	263	3.9	6
Greater Geelong	362	4.9	345	5.2	4
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	3,921	53.1	3,387	50.8	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	289	3.9	293	4.4	
Total Victoria	7,382	100.0	6,662	100.0	

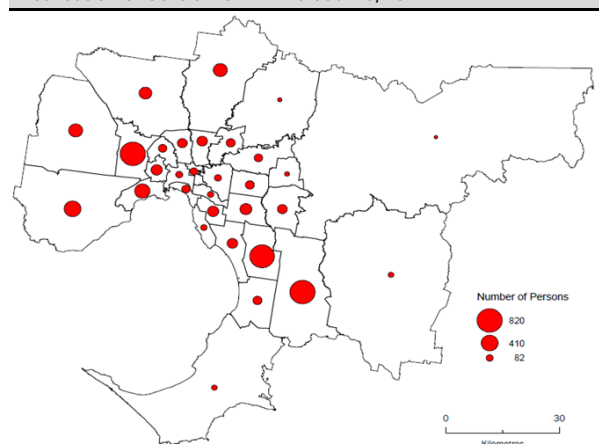
Year of Arrival of Serbia-born: 2011

Year of Arrival ^(b)	Serbia-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(a)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	4,668	63.2	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	663	9.0	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	950	12.9	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	484	6.6	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	376	5.1	316,244	22.5
Not stated	241	3.3	60,867	4.3
Total	7,382	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 Serbia-Born in Melbourne, 2011



Age Distribution of Serbia-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	16	0.2	24	0.4	-33.3
5-11	67	0.9	207	3.1	-67.6
12-18	259	3.5	354	5.3	-26.8
19-25	400	5.4	410	6.2	-2.4
26-44	1,688	22.9	1,808	27.1	-6.6
45-54	1,613	21.8	1,400	21.0	15.2
55-64	1,536	20.8	1,205	18.1	27.5
65-74	1,098	14.9	874	13.1	25.6
75+	706	9.6	379	5.7	86.3
Total	7,383	100.0	6,661	100.0	10.8
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>94</i>	<i>males per 100 females</i>			
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>48</i>			

Top 5 Religions of Serbia-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Serbian Orthodox	3,166	42.9	3,192	47.9	-0.8
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	1,236	16.7	1,002	15.0	23.4
Western Catholic	763	10.3	594	8.9	28.5
Greek Orthodox	716	9.7	500	7.5	43.2
Lutheran	141	1.9	95	1.4	48.4
Other religions	654	8.9	718	10.8	-8.9
No religion	516	7.0	352	5.3	46.6
Not stated ^(a)	190	2.6	207	3.1	-8.2
Total	7,382	100.0	6,660	100.0	10.8

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

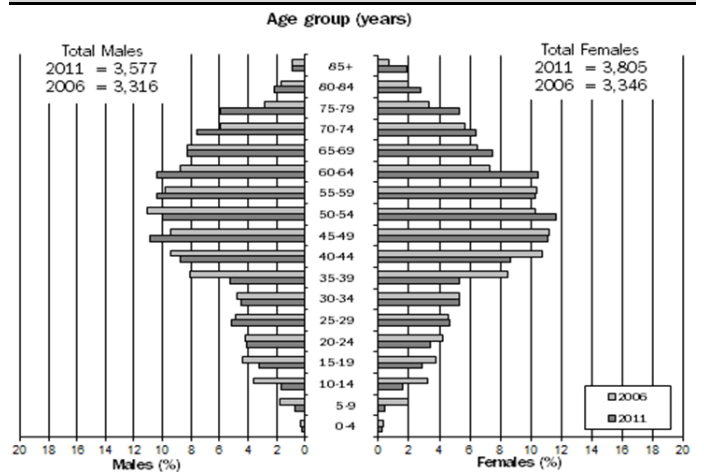
Serbia-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	9	0.1	14	0.2	-35.7
5-11	45	0.7	177	2.9	-74.6
12-18	234	3.5	309	5.1	-24.3
19-25	338	5.0	330	5.4	2.4
26-44	1,435	21.2	1,562	25.8	-8.1
45-64	2,986	44.2	2,475	40.8	20.6
65-74	1,049	15.5	841	13.9	24.7
75+	661	9.8	355	5.9	86.2
Total	6,757	100.0	6,063	100.0	11.4

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 Serbia-Born, 2011



Proficiency in English of Serbia-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	792	10.7	554	8.3	43.0
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	3,153	42.7	2,651	39.8	18.9
Well	2,177	29.5	2,144	32.2	1.5
Not well	1,082	14.7	1,093	16.4	-1.0
Not at all	114	1.5	137	2.1	-16.8
Not stated ^(a)	65	0.9	83	1.2	-21.7
Total	7,383	100.0	6,662	100.0	10.8

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

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

Total personal income (weekly) ^(a)	Serbia-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	564	7.8	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	473	6.6	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	2,449	34.0	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	726	10.1	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	720	10.0	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	575	8.0	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	818	11.4	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	303	4.2	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	248	3.4	246,378	5.7
Not stated	325	4.5	334,647	7.7
Total	7,201	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.