

THE SUDAN-BORN COMMUNITY IN VICTORIA: 2011 CENSUS

At the 2011 Census, there were 6,085 Sudan-born persons in Victoria (31.4% of Australia's total), decreasing by 2.0% (123) from 6,208 persons in 2006. The Sudan-born were mainly distributed in the local government areas of Brimbank (19.6%); Greater Dandenong (14.0%); Casey (9.9%); Wyndham (6.4%); and Melton (5.2%). Only 2.7% of the Sudan-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 10.2% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 81.4% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Sudan-born community reflected a relatively young age profile: 31.8% were aged 18 years and below; 18.4% were aged 19-25 years; 36.7% were aged 26-44 years; 11.4% were aged 45-64 years; and 1.6% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 25 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 98 males to 100 females, which is the same as for Victoria.

Over one-third (36.3%) were Western Catholic; 16.1% followed Islam; 14.1% were Anglican; 7.9% were Presbyterian; 0.7% had no religion. Most (91.3%) spoke a language other than English; 16.4% assessed themselves as speaking English not well or at all. Almost three-quarters (71.9%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. Over two-fifths (44.3%) of the Sudan-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 11.4% received no income.

Demographic Background

Persons born in Sudan 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)	5,376	27.8	5,924	31.1	967	19.7	-548	-9.3	4957	512.6
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	709	3.7	284	1.5	20	0.4	425	149.6	264	1320.0
Total Victoria	6,085	31.4	6,208	32.6	987	20.1	-123	-2.0	5221	529.0
Total Australia	19,369	100.0	19,050	100.0	4,900	100.0	319	1.7	14150	288.8

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

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Brimbank	1,194	19.6	1,223	19.7	2
Greater Dandenong	851	14.0	1,655	26.7	1
Casey	600	9.9	440	7.1	3
Wyndham	389	6.4	120	1.9	13
Melton	317	5.2	82	1.3	19
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	2,021	33.2	2,404	38.7	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	711	11.7	284	4.6	
Total Victoria	6,083	100.0	6,208	100.0	

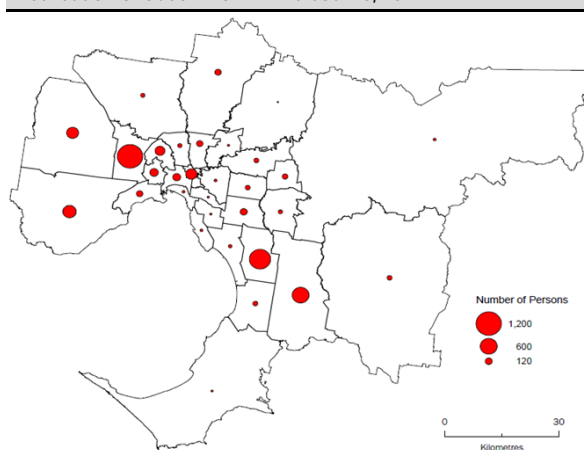
Year of Arrival of Sudan-born: 2011

Year of Arrival ^(b)	Sudan-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(a)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	167	2.7	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	185	3.0	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	438	7.2	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	3,381	55.6	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	1,569	25.8	316,244	22.5
Not stated	343	5.6	60,867	4.3
Total	6,083	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 Sudan-Born in Melbourne, 2011



Age Distribution of Sudan-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	57	0.9	298	4.8	-80.9
5-11	657	10.8	1,144	18.4	-42.6
12-18	1,226	20.1	1,171	18.9	4.7
19-25	1,119	18.4	975	15.7	14.8
26-44	2,236	36.7	2,126	34.2	5.2
45-54	532	8.7	317	5.1	67.8
55-64	164	2.7	121	1.9	35.5
65-74	71	1.2	41	0.7	73.2
75+	23	0.4	16	0.3	43.8
Total	6,085	100.0	6,209	100.0	-2.0
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>98</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>25</i>		<i>22</i>		

Top 5 Religions of Sudan-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Western Catholic	2,208	36.3	2,353	37.9	-6.2
Islam	981	16.1	826	13.3	18.8
Anglican Church	857	14.1	1,049	16.9	-18.3
Presbyterian	482	7.9	682	11.0	-29.3
Coptic Orthodox	216	3.5	210	3.4	2.9
Other religions	1,075	17.7	882	14.2	21.9
No religion	43	0.7	27	0.4	59.3
Not stated ^(a)	224	3.7	180	2.9	24.4
Total	6,086	100.0	6,209	100.0	-2.0

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

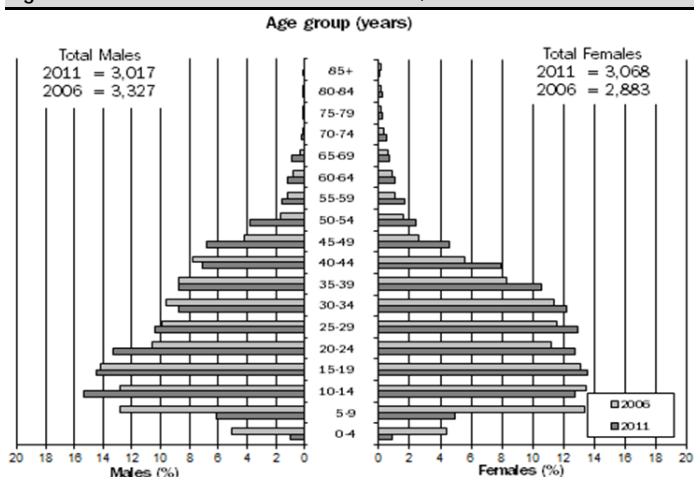
Sudan-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	42	1.0	52	2.2	-19.2
5-11	402	9.2	342	14.4	17.5
12-18	904	20.6	466	19.6	94.0
19-25	767	17.5	349	14.7	119.8
26-44	1,580	36.1	864	36.4	82.9
45-64	595	13.6	259	10.9	129.7
65-74	62	1.4	30	1.3	106.7
75+	27	0.6	14	0.6	92.9
Total	4,379	100.0	2,376	100.0	84.3

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 Sudan-Born, 2011



Proficiency in English of Sudan-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	302	5.0	209	3.4	44.5
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	2,700	44.4	1,606	25.9	68.1
Well	1,858	30.5	2,088	33.6	-11.0
Not well	898	14.8	1,706	27.5	-47.4
Not at all	96	1.6	389	6.3	-75.3
Not stated ^(a)	231	3.8	211	3.4	9.5
Total	6,085	100.0	6,209	100.0	-2.0

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

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

Total personal income (weekly) ^(a)	Sudan-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	554	11.4	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	801	16.6	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	1,338	27.7	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	568	11.7	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	462	9.5	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	167	3.5	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	157	3.2	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	38	0.8	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	45	0.9	246,378	5.7
Not stated	709	14.7	334,647	7.7
Total	4,839	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.