

THE FRANCE-BORN COMMUNITY IN VICTORIA: 2011 CENSUS

At the 2011 Census, there were 5,614 France-born persons in Victoria (22.8% of Australia's total), increasing by 28.3% (1,240) from 4,374 persons in 2006. The France-born were distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with distinct concentrations in the local government areas of Glen Eira (8.2%); Port Phillip (8.1%); Melbourne (6.1%); Stonnington (5.7%); and Boroondara (5.0%). Almost half (45.9%) of the France-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 12.0% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; 38.9% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The France-born community reflected a balanced age profile: 17.7% were aged 25 years and below; 38.3% were aged 26-44 years; 29.9% were aged 45-64 years; and 14.1% 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 105 males for every 100 females, compared to 98 males for every 100 females for total Victoria.

Almost half (44.7%) of the France-born were Catholic; 4.1% followed Judaism; 34.2% had no religion. Two-thirds (66.1%) spoke a language other than English; only 2.9% assessed themselves as speaking English not well or not at all. Almost three-fifths (58.9%) held Australian citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. One-third (32.2%) of the France-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 10.3% received no income.

Demographic Background

Persons born in France 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)	4,941	20.0	3,844	20.0	3,521	20.4	1,097	28.5	323	9.2
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	673	2.7	530	2.8	471	2.7	143	27.0	59	12.5
Total Victoria	5,614	22.8	4,374	22.8	3,992	23.1	1,240	28.3	382	9.6
Total Australia	24,673	100.0	19,186	100.0	17,268	100.0	5,487	28.6	1,918	11.1

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

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Glen Eira	462	8.2	307	7.0	1
Port Phillip	452	8.1	263	6.0	2
Melbourne	341	6.1	173	4.0	7
Stonnington	320	5.7	251	5.7	3
Boroondara	281	5.0	248	5.7	4
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	3,085	55.0	2,603	59.5	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	672	12.0	529	12.1	
Total Victoria	5,613	100.0	4,374	100.0	

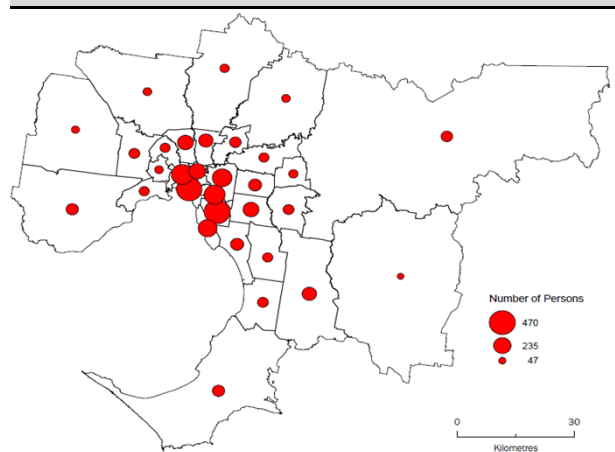
Year of Arrival of France-born: 2011

Year of Arrival ^(b)	France-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(a)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	2,575	45.9	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	222	4.0	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	393	7.0	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	563	10.0	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	1,624	28.9	316,244	22.5
Not stated	236	4.2	60,867	4.3
Total	5,613	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 France-Born in Melbourne, 2011



Age Distribution of France-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	82	1.5	53	1.2	54.7
5-11	215	3.8	137	3.1	56.9
12-18	205	3.7	136	3.1	50.7
19-25	489	8.7	306	7.0	59.8
26-44	2,152	38.3	1,638	37.5	31.4
45-54	888	15.8	692	15.8	28.3
55-64	789	14.1	729	16.7	8.2
65-74	429	7.6	376	8.6	14.1
75+	364	6.5	306	7.0	19.0
Total	5,613	100.0	4,373	100.0	28.4
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>105</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>41</i>		<i>44</i>		

Top 5 Religions of France-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Western Catholic	2,512	44.7	2,145	49.0	17.1
Judaism	233	4.1	207	4.7	12.6
Christian, nfd	80	1.4	60	1.4	33.3
Anglican Church	79	1.4	66	1.5	19.7
Buddhism	64	1.1	53	1.2	20.8
Other religions	397	7.1	359	8.2	10.6
No religion	1,923	34.2	1,112	25.4	72.9
Not stated ^(a)	327	5.8	376	8.6	-13.0
Total	5,615	100.0	4,378	100.0	28.3

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

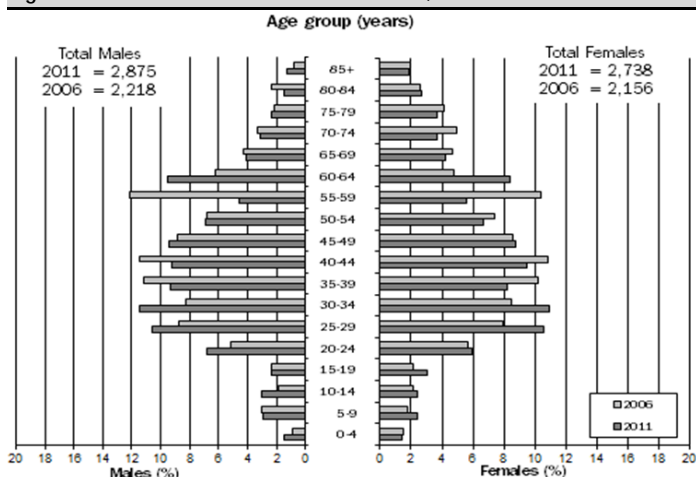
France-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	41	1.2	24	0.8	70.8
5-11	99	3.0	77	2.7	28.6
12-18	123	3.7	82	2.8	50.0
19-25	117	3.5	101	3.5	15.8
26-44	850	25.7	867	29.9	-2.0
45-64	1,377	41.7	1,177	40.6	17.0
65-74	377	11.4	319	11.0	18.2
75+	321	9.7	251	8.7	27.9
Total	3,305	100.0	2,898	100.0	14.0

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 France-Born, 2011



Proficiency in English of France-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	1,872	33.3	1,691	38.7	10.7
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	2,728	48.6	1,892	43.2	44.2
Well	823	14.7	616	14.1	33.6
Not well	138	2.5	114	2.6	21.1
Not at all	21	0.4	15	0.3	40.0
Not stated ^(a)	32	0.6	47	1.1	-31.9
Total	5,614	100.0	4,375	100.0	28.3

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

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

Total personal income (weekly) ^(a)	France-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	538	10.3	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	279	5.3	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	866	16.6	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	525	10.1	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	511	9.8	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	510	9.8	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	872	16.7	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	458	8.8	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	486	9.3	246,378	5.7
Not stated	178	3.4	334,647	7.7
Total	5,223	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.