

At the 2011 Census, there were 2,778 Saudi Arabia-born persons in Victoria (26.4% of Australia's total), increasing by 211.4% (1,886) from 892 persons in 2006. The Saudi Arabia-born were mainly concentrated in the local government areas of Darebin (17.1%); Melbourne (16.1%); Moreland (11.3%); Whittlesea (6.5%); and Monash (4.4%). Only 4.3% of the Saudi Arabia-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 9.0% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 81.3% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Saudi Arabia-born community reflected a relatively young age profile: 32.8% were aged 18 years and below; 27.0% were aged 19-25 years; 38.4% were aged 26-44 years; and 1.6% were aged 45-64 years. The median age was 23 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 128 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

Over four-fifths (82.6%) of the Saudi Arabia-born followed Islam; 7.6% were Western Catholic; 2.1% had no religion. Most (90.5%) spoke a language other than English; 21.4% assessed themselves as speaking English not well or not at all. Almost one-quarter (23.0%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. Almost one-fifth (18.3%) of the Saudi Arabia-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 21.0% received no income.

Demographic Background

Persons born in Saudi Arabia 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)	2,642	25.1	848	24.4	383	23.5	1,794	211.6	465	121.4
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	136	1.3	44	1.3	36	2.2	92	209.1	8	22.2
Total Victoria	2,778	26.4	892	25.6	419	25.7	1,886	211.4	473	112.9
Total Australia	10,515	100.0	3,480	100.0	1,631	100.0	7,035	202.2	1,849	113.4

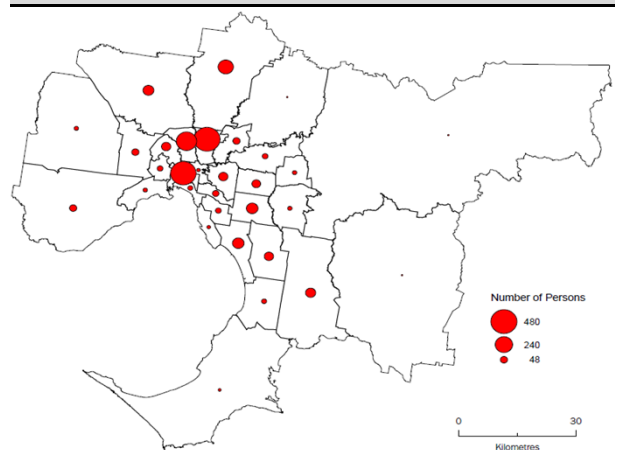
^(a) Included "Undefined Melbourne" in 2001.

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Darebin	476	17.1	105	11.8	2
Melbourne	448	16.1	49	5.5	5
Moreland	314	11.3	170	19.0	1
Whittlesea	180	6.5	50	5.6	4
Monash	121	4.4	49	5.5	6
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	1,103	39.7	428	47.9	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	137	4.9	42	4.7	
Total Victoria	2,779	100.0	893	100.0	

Distribution of Saudi Arabia-Born in Melbourne, 2011



Year of Arrival of Saudi Arabia-born: 2011

Year of Arrival ^(b)	Saudi Arabia-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(a)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	119	4.3	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	111	4.0	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	140	5.0	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	247	8.9	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	2,011	72.4	316,244	22.5
Not stated	148	5.3	60,867	4.3
Total	2,776	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.

Age Distribution of Saudi Arabia-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	244	8.8	76	8.5	221.1
5-11	353	12.7	153	17.1	130.7
12-18	314	11.3	200	22.3	57.0
19-25	750	27.0	211	23.6	255.5
26-44	1,068	38.4	234	26.1	356.4
45-54	34	1.2	12	1.3	183.3
55-64	11	0.4	5	0.6	120.0
65-74	4	0.1	-	-	-
75+	-	-	4	0.4	-100.0
Total	2,778	100.0	895	100.0	210.4
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>128</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>23</i>		<i>19</i>		

Top 5 Religions of Saudi Arabia-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Islam	2,294	82.6	626	70.1	266.5
Western Catholic	211	7.6	85	9.5	148.2
Pentecostal, nfd	22	0.8	6	0.7	266.7
Greek Orthodox	20	0.7	7	0.8	185.7
Christian, nfd	19	0.7	6	0.7	216.7
Other religions	112	4.0	84	9.4	33.3
No religion	58	2.1	27	3.0	114.8
Not stated ^(a)	42	1.5	52	5.8	-19.2
Total	2,778	100.0	893	100.0	211.1

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

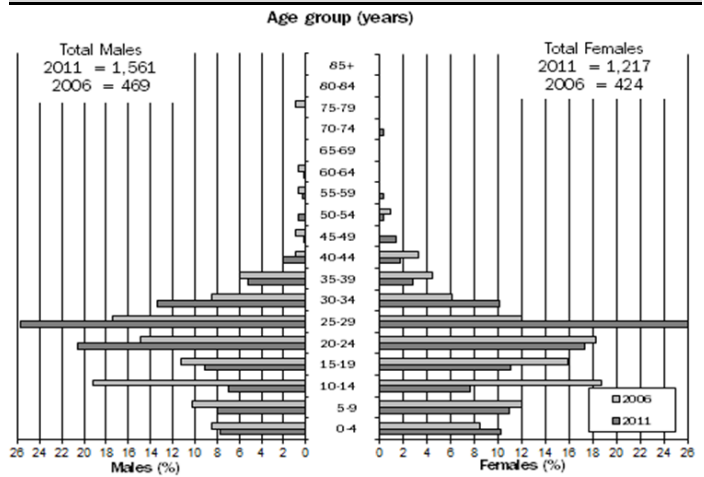
Saudi Arabia-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	9	1.4	6	1.5	50.0
5-11	74	11.6	64	16.1	15.6
12-18	187	29.3	147	36.9	27.2
19-25	140	21.9	99	24.9	41.4
26-44	199	31.1	67	16.8	197.0
45-64	27	4.2	11	2.8	145.5
65-74	3	0.5	-	-	-
75+	-	-	4	1.0	-100.0
Total	639	100.0	398	100.0	60.6

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 Saudi Arabia-Born, 2011



Proficiency in English of Saudi Arabia-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	238	8.6	147	16.4	61.9
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	911	32.8	363	40.6	151.0
Well	1,009	36.3	175	19.6	476.6
Not well	409	14.7	125	14.0	227.2
Not at all	186	6.7	66	7.4	181.8
Not stated ^(a)	26	0.9	18	2.0	44.4
Total	2,779	100.0	894	100.0	210.9

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

Total Personal Income (Weekly), Saudi Arabia-born: 2011

Total personal income (weekly) ^(a)	Saudi Arabia-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	435	21.0	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	157	7.6	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	222	10.7	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	138	6.7	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	483	23.3	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	176	8.5	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	275	13.3	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	76	3.7	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	40	1.9	246,378	5.7
Not stated	72	3.5	334,647	7.7
Total	2,074	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.