

At the 2011 Census, there were 2,348 Switzerland-born persons in Victoria (19.7% of Australia's total), increasing by 6.3% (140) from 2,208 persons in 2006. The Switzerland-born were distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with minor concentrations in the local government areas of Boroondara (5.8%); Yarra Ranges (4.5%); Bayside (4.5%); Monash (4.0%); and Port Phillip (3.8%). A significant proportion (18.0%) lived in regional Victoria. Two-fifths (59.3%) of the Switzerland-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 13.6% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 23.4% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Switzerland-born community reflected an ageing profile: 16.4% were aged 25 years and below; 25.6% were aged 26-44 years; 35.0% were aged 45-64 years; and 22.9% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 48 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 107 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

Less than one-third (30.3%) of the Switzerland-born were Western Catholic; 5.4% were Lutheran; 31.0% had no religion. Almost half (49.3%) spoke a language other than English. Three-quarters (75.2%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. A quarter (24.1%) of the Switzerland-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 9.1% received no income.

Demographic Background

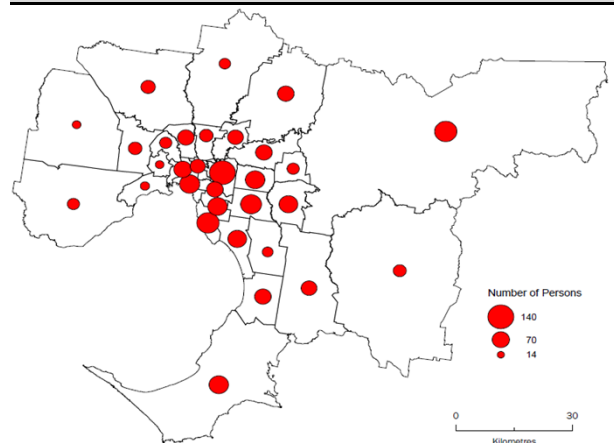
Location	2011 Census		2006 Census		2001 Census		Change 2006-2011		Change 2001-2006	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	% change
Metropolitan Melbourne ^(a)	1,932	16.2	1,798	16.0	1,800	16.7	134	7.5	-2	-0.1
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	416	3.5	410	3.6	359	3.3	6	1.5	51	14.2
Total Victoria	2,348	19.7	2,208	19.6	2,159	20.1	140	6.3	49	2.3
Total Australia	11,944	100.0	11,259	100.0	10,753	100.0	685	6.1	506	4.7

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Boroondara	137	5.8	109	4.9	2
Yarra Ranges	105	4.5	117	5.3	1
Bayside	105	4.5	85	3.8	5
Monash	93	4.0	100	4.5	3
Port Phillip	89	3.8	79	3.6	7
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	1,396	59.5	1,307	59.2	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	422	18.0	411	18.6	
Total Victoria	2,347	100.0	2,208	100.0	

Distribution of Switzerland-Born in Melbourne, 2011



Year of Arrival ^(b)	Switzerland-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(a)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	1,391	59.3	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	127	5.4	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	193	8.2	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	192	8.2	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	357	15.2	316,244	22.5
Not stated	87	3.7	60,867	4.3
Total	2,347	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 Switzerland-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	33	1.4	46	2.1	-28.3
5-11	101	4.3	89	4.0	13.5
12-18	120	5.1	100	4.5	20.0
19-25	131	5.6	112	5.1	17.0
26-44	601	25.6	635	28.7	-5.4
45-54	456	19.4	358	16.2	27.4
55-64	366	15.6	424	19.2	-13.7
65-74	297	12.6	237	10.7	25.3
75+	243	10.3	211	9.5	15.2
Total	2,348	100.0	2,212	100.0	6.1
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	107		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	48		47		

Top 5 Religions of Switzerland-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Western Catholic	711	30.3	739	33.4	-3.8
Lutheran	127	5.4	150	6.8	-15.3
Other Protestant, nfd	101	4.3	102	4.6	-1.0
Anglican Church	89	3.8	96	4.3	-7.3
Presbyterian	82	3.5	86	3.9	-4.7
Other religions	330	14.1	312	14.1	5.8
No religion	727	31.0	519	23.5	40.1
Not stated ^(a)	181	7.7	207	9.4	-12.6
Total	2,348	100.0	2,211	100.0	6.2

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

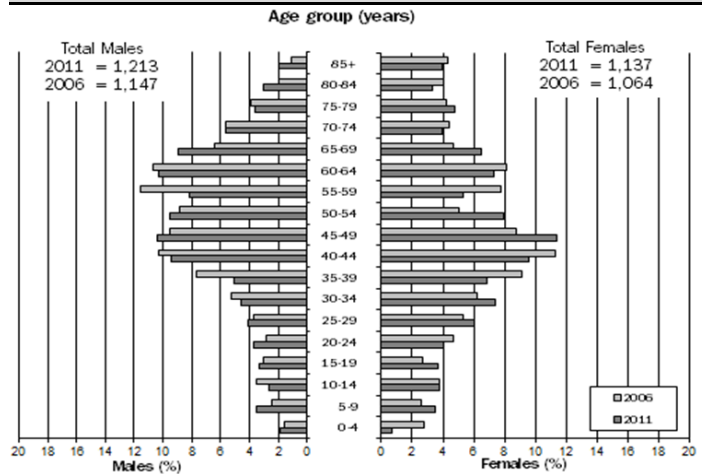
Switzerland-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	22	1.2	32	1.9	-31.3
5-11	72	4.1	66	3.9	9.1
12-18	97	5.5	83	4.9	16.9
19-25	93	5.3	75	4.5	24.0
26-44	336	19.0	387	23.0	-13.2
45-64	683	38.7	663	39.4	3.0
65-74	254	14.4	198	11.8	28.3
75+	208	11.8	179	10.6	16.2
Total	1,765	100.0	1,683	100.0	4.9

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 Switzerland-Born, 2011



Proficiency in English of Switzerland-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	1,173	49.9	1,111	50.2	5.6
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	948	40.4	840	38.0	12.9
Well	185	7.9	210	9.5	-11.9
Not well	18	0.8	23	1.0	-21.7
Not at all	8	0.3	10	0.5	-20.0
Not stated ^(a)	17	0.7	17	0.8	0.0
Total	2,349	100.0	2,211	100.0	6.2

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

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

Total personal income (weekly) ^(a)	Switzerland-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	196	9.1	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	120	5.6	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	401	18.5	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	284	13.1	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	214	9.9	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	204	9.4	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	335	15.5	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	145	6.7	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	183	8.5	246,378	5.7
Not stated	80	3.7	334,647	7.7
Total	2,162	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.