

THE SWEDEN-BORN COMMUNITY IN VICTORIA: 2011 CENSUS

At the 2011 Census, there were 1,756 Sweden-born persons in Victoria (21.0% of Australia's total), increasing by 13.4% (207) from 1,549 persons in 2006. The Sweden-born were distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with slight concentrations in the local government areas of Port Phillip (5.8%); and Glen Eira (5.0%). A significant proportion (15.6%) lived in regional Victoria. Two-fifths (39.1%) of the Sweden-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 16.7% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 40.8% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Sweden-born community reflected a balanced age profile: 13.8% were aged 18 years and below; 10.3% were aged 19-25 years; 39.9% were aged 26-44 years; 24.8% were aged 45-64 years; and 11.1% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 38 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 83 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

Over one-quarter (26.8%) of the Sweden-born were Lutheran; 6.6% were Western Catholic; and small proportions followed a variety of Christian faiths; 41.7% had no religion. Over half (56.6%) spoke a language other than English. Half (49.7%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. Over one-fifth (22.4%) of the Sweden-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 10.4% received no income.

Demographic Background

Persons born in Sweden 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)	1,483	17.8	1,291	17.2	1,164	17.1	192	14.9	127	10.9
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	273	3.3	258	3.4	215	3.2	15	5.8	43	20.0
Total Victoria	1,756	21.0	1,549	20.7	1,379	20.2	207	13.4	170	12.3
Total Australia	8,353	100.0	7,497	100.0	6,818	100.0	856	11.4	679	10.0

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

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Port Phillip	101	5.8	108	7.0	1
Glen Eira	88	5.0	66	4.3	5
Melbourne	84	4.8	64	4.1	6
Stonnington	79	4.5	58	3.7	8
Boroondara	77	4.4	71	4.6	3
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	1,053	60.0	924	59.7	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	273	15.6	257	16.6	
Total Victoria	1,755	100.0	1,548	100.0	

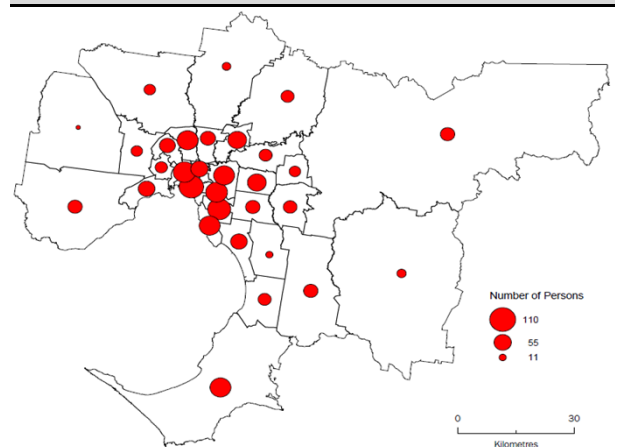
Year of Arrival of Sweden-born: 2011

Year of Arrival ^(b)	Sweden-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(a)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	687	39.1	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	109	6.2	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	185	10.5	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	241	13.7	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	476	27.1	316,244	22.5
Not stated	57	3.2	60,867	4.3
Total	1,755	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 Sweden-Born in Melbourne, 2011



Age Distribution of Sweden-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	44	2.5	36	2.3	22.2
5-11	109	6.2	91	5.9	19.8
12-18	90	5.1	80	5.2	12.5
19-25	180	10.3	139	9.0	29.5
26-44	701	39.9	681	44.0	2.9
45-54	272	15.5	194	12.5	40.2
55-64	163	9.3	183	11.8	-10.9
65-74	132	7.5	90	5.8	46.7
75+	64	3.6	54	3.5	18.5
Total	1,755	100.0	1,548	100.0	13.4
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>83</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>38</i>		<i>38</i>		

Top 5 Religions of Sweden-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Lutheran	471	26.8	478	30.9	-1.5
Western Catholic	116	6.6	96	6.2	20.8
Anglican Church	60	3.4	49	3.2	22.4
Christian, nfd	40	2.3	20	1.3	100.0
Other Protestant, nfd	37	2.1	44	2.8	-15.9
Other religions	199	11.3	166	10.7	19.9
No religion	731	41.7	534	34.6	36.9
Not stated ^(a)	101	5.8	158	10.2	-36.1
Total	1,755	100.0	1,545	100.0	13.6

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

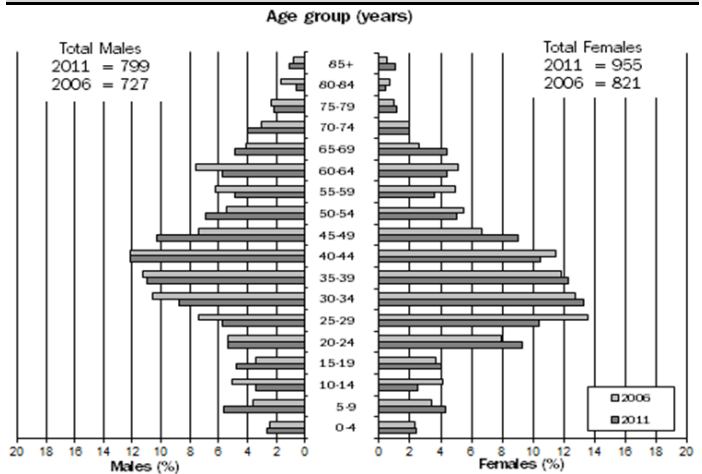
Sweden-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	21	2.4	29	4.4	-27.6
5-11	65	7.4	68	10.2	-4.4
12-18	75	8.6	46	6.9	63.0
19-25	54	6.2	22	3.3	145.5
26-44	288	33.0	228	34.3	26.3
45-64	253	29.0	192	28.9	31.8
65-74	85	9.7	47	7.1	80.9
75+	32	3.7	32	4.8	0.0
Total	873	100.0	664	100.0	31.5

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 Sweden-Born, 2011



Proficiency in English of Sweden-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	738	42.0	698	45.1	5.7
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	903	51.4	727	47.0	24.2
Well	92	5.2	85	5.5	8.2
Not well	11	0.6	18	1.2	-38.9
Not at all	6	0.3	5	0.3	20.0
Not stated ^(a)	7	0.4	15	1.0	-53.3
Total	1,757	100.0	1,548	100.0	13.5

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

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

Total personal income (weekly) ^(a)	Sweden-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	164	10.4	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	116	7.3	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	238	15.1	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	151	9.6	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	157	9.9	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	143	9.1	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	253	16.0	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	148	9.4	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	173	11.0	246,378	5.7
Not stated	36	2.3	334,647	7.7
Total	1,579	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.