

At the 2011 Census, there were 1,447 Tonga-born persons in Victoria (15.7% of Australia's total), increasing by 21.4% (255) from 1,192 persons in 2006. The Tonga-born were distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with slight concentrations in Wyndham (13.9%); Swan Hill (11.2%); Mildura (10.9%); Brimbank (10.4%); and Casey (5.0%). Two-fifths (42.6%) of the Tonga-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 24.1% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 27.0% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Tonga-born community reflected a maturing age profile: 10.8% were aged 25 years and below; 39.1% were aged 26-44 years; 40.4% were aged 45-64 years; and 9.8% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 45 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio of the Tonga-born was 107 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

Over one-quarter (28.2%) followed the Uniting Church; 18.5% were Western Catholic; 10.4% were Mormons; 7.5% were Wesleyan Methodist; 7.4% were Ethnic Evangelical; 3.2% had no religion. Four-fifths (82.9%) spoke a language other than English; 11.0% assessed themselves as speaking English not well or not at all. Half (50.1%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. Over one-quarter (26.2%) of the Tonga-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 14.9% received no income.

Demographic Background

Persons born in Tonga 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)	1,035	11.2	829	10.9	830	10.8	206	24.8	-1	-0.1
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	412	4.5	363	4.8	401	5.2	49	13.5	-38	-9.5
Total Victoria	1,447	15.7	1,192	15.7	1,231	16.0	255	21.4	-39	-3.2
Total Australia	9,213	100.0	7,580	100.0	7,693	100.0	1,633	21.5	-113	-1.5

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

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Wyndham	201	13.9	103	8.6	4
Swan Hill	162	11.2	152	12.8	1
Mildura	158	10.9	151	12.7	2
Brimbank	150	10.4	105	8.8	3
Casey	72	5.0	60	5.0	6
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	614	42.4	562	47.2	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	92	6.3	58	4.9	
Total Victoria	1,449	100.0	1,191	100.0	

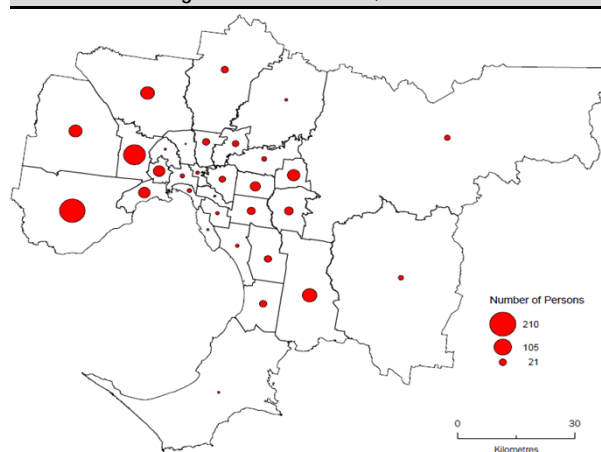
Year of Arrival of Tonga-born: 2011

Year of Arrival ^(b)	Tonga-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(a)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	614	42.6	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	145	10.0	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	204	14.1	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	120	8.3	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	270	18.7	316,244	22.5
Not stated	90	6.2	60,867	4.3
Total	1,443	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 Tonga-Born in Melbourne, 2011



Age Distribution of Tonga-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	8	0.6	3	0.3	166.7
5-11	21	1.5	14	1.2	50.0
12-18	54	3.7	40	3.4	35.0
19-25	72	5.0	83	7.0	-13.3
26-44	565	39.1	562	47.1	0.5
45-54	367	25.4	265	22.2	38.5
55-64	217	15.0	137	11.5	58.4
65-74	93	6.4	47	3.9	97.9
75+	49	3.4	42	3.5	16.7
Total	1,446	100.0	1,193	100.0	21.2
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>107</i>	<i>males per 100 females</i>			
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>41</i>			

Top 5 Religions of Tonga-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Uniting Church	409	28.2	385	32.3	6.2
Western Catholic	268	18.5	204	17.1	31.4
Mormons ^(a)	150	10.4	90	7.5	66.7
Wesleyan Methodist	108	7.5	90	7.5	20.0
Ethnic Evangelical	107	7.4	84	7.0	27.4
Other religions	311	21.5	227	19.0	37.0
No religion	46	3.2	28	2.3	64.3
Not stated ^(b)	49	3.4	85	7.1	-42.4
Total	1,448	100.0	1,193	100.0	21.4

^(a)Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

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

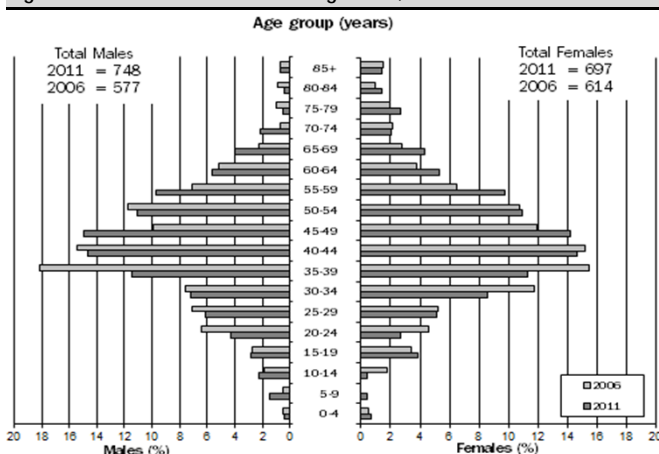
Tonga-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	3	0.4	3	0.5	0.0
5-11	9	1.2	6	0.9	50.0
12-18	15	2.1	18	2.7	-16.7
19-25	26	3.6	36	5.4	-27.8
26-44	236	32.6	287	43.2	-17.8
45-64	352	48.6	253	38.1	39.1
65-74	52	7.2	31	4.7	67.7
75+	32	4.4	30	4.5	6.7
Total	725	100.0	664	100.0	9.2

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 Tonga-Born, 2011



Proficiency in English of Tonga-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	218	15.1	230	19.3	-5.2
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	548	38.0	460	38.6	19.1
Well	489	33.9	337	28.2	45.1
Not well	142	9.8	126	10.6	12.7
Not at all	18	1.2	15	1.3	20.0
Not stated ^(a)	29	2.0	25	2.1	16.0
Total	1,444	100.0	1,193	100.0	21.0

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

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

Total personal income (weekly) ^(a)	Tonga-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	210	14.9	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	81	5.8	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	287	20.4	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	190	13.5	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	217	15.4	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	148	10.5	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	120	8.5	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	33	2.3	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	17	1.2	246,378	5.7
Not stated	102	7.3	334,647	7.7
Total	1,405	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.