

THE KUWAIT-BORN COMMUNITY IN VICTORIA: 2011 CENSUS

At the 2011 Census, there were 1,183 Kuwait-born persons in Victoria (29.1% of Australia's total), increasing by 48.4% (386) from 797 persons in 2006. The Kuwait-born were distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with slight concentrations in Hume (10.8%); Whittlesea (10.0%); Melbourne (7.2%); Manningham (7.2%); and Greater Shepparton (6.7%) in regional Victoria. Only 12.2% of the Kuwait-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 32.0% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 51.3% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Kuwait-born community reflected a relatively young age profile: 14.4% were aged 18 years and below; 22.4% were aged 19-25 years; 49.4% were aged 26-44 years; and 13.8% were aged 45-64 years. The median age was 29 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 135 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

Over three-fifths (62%) of the Kuwait-born followed Islam; 14.6% were Western Catholic; 3.9% had no religion. Four-fifths (80.2%) spoke a language other than English; 9.8% assessed themselves as speaking English not well or not at all. Over three-fifths (62.4%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. Over one-quarter (28.8%) of the Kuwait-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 11.5% received no income.

Demographic Background

Persons born in Kuwait 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)	1,064	26.2	686	23.8	548	22.5	378	55.1	138	25.2
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	119	2.9	111	3.9	68	2.8	8	7.2	43	63.2
Total Victoria	1,183	29.1	797	27.7	616	25.3	386	48.4	181	29.4
Total Australia	4,065	100.0	2,877	100.0	2,436	100.0	1188	41.3	441	18.1

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

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Hume	127	10.8	93	11.6	3
Whittlesea	118	10.0	78	9.8	4
Melbourne	85	7.2	21	2.6	12
Manningham	85	7.2	95	11.9	1
Greater Shepparton	79	6.7	94	11.8	2
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	652	55.3	402	50.3	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	34	2.9	16	2.0	
Total Victoria	1,180	100.0	799	100.0	

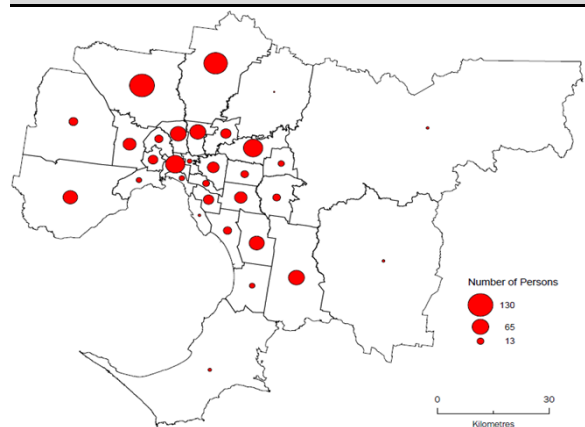
Year of Arrival of Kuwait-born: 2011

Year of Arrival ^(b)	Kuwait-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(a)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	144	12.2	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	200	16.9	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	178	15.1	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	165	14.0	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	440	37.3	316,244	22.5
Not stated	53	4.5	60,867	4.3
Total	1,180	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 Kuwait-Born in Melbourne, 2011



Age Distribution of Kuwait-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	24	2.0	13	1.6	84.6
5-11	71	6.0	43	5.4	65.1
12-18	75	6.4	105	13.1	-28.6
19-25	264	22.4	241	30.1	9.5
26-44	583	49.4	338	42.3	72.5
45-54	143	12.1	57	7.1	150.9
55-64	20	1.7	3	0.4	566.7
65-74	-	-	-	-	-
75+	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,180	100.0	800	100.0	47.5
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>135</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>29</i>		<i>26</i>		

Top 5 Religions of Kuwait-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Islam	731	62.0	519	65.0	40.8
Western Catholic	172	14.6	117	14.7	47.0
Hinduism	32	2.7	35	4.4	-8.6
Coptic Orthodox	23	2.0	10	1.3	130.0
Anglican Church	22	1.9	15	1.9	46.7
Other religions	127	10.8	72	9.0	76.4
No religion	46	3.9	14	1.8	228.6
Not stated ^(a)	26	2.2	16	2.0	62.5
Total	1,179	100.0	798	100.0	47.7

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

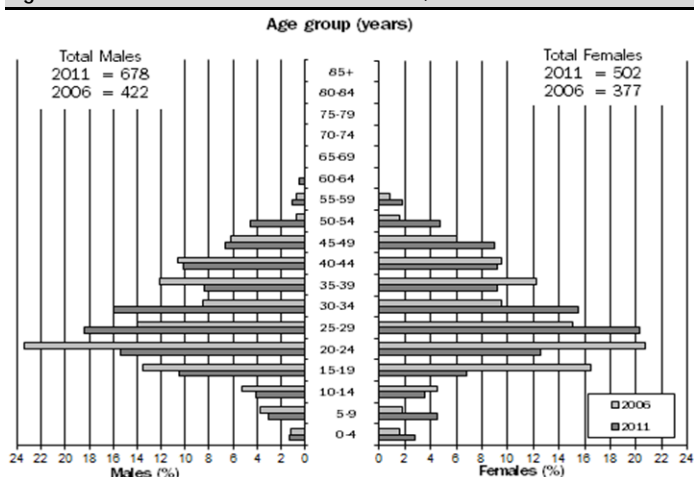
Kuwait-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	11	1.5	4	0.7	175.0
5-11	30	4.1	26	4.5	15.4
12-18	32	4.3	85	14.9	-62.4
19-25	140	19.0	154	26.9	-9.1
26-44	388	52.6	248	43.4	56.5
45-64	137	18.6	55	9.6	149.1
65-74	-	-	-	-	-
75+	-	-	-	-	-
Total	738	100.0	572	100.0	29.0

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 Kuwait-Born, 2011



Proficiency in English of Kuwait-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	223	18.9	148	18.6	50.7
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	599	50.8	457	57.4	31.1
Well	231	19.6	122	15.3	89.3
Not well	75	6.4	56	7.0	33.9
Not at all	40	3.4	13	1.6	207.7
Not stated ^(a)	11	0.9	-	-	-
Total	1,179	100.0	796	100.0	48.1

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

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

Total personal income (weekly) ^(a)	Kuwait-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	122	11.5	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	100	9.4	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	206	19.4	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	106	10.0	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	148	13.9	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	68	6.4	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	135	12.7	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	67	6.3	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	51	4.8	246,378	5.7
Not stated	60	5.6	334,647	7.7
Total	1,063	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.