

At the 2011 Census, there were 1,011 Libya-born persons in Victoria (39.6% of Australia's total), increasing by 27.0% (215) from 796 persons in 2006. The Libya-born were mainly distributed in the local government areas of Hobsons Bay (16.6%); Darebin (11.6%); Brimbank (9.5%); Wyndham (8.3%); and Whitehorse (5.0%). Three-fifths (61.1%) of the Libya-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 4.6% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 30.7% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Libya-born community reflected a young to ageing profile: 14.0% were aged 25 years and below; 24.7% were aged 26-44 years; 34.7% were aged 45-64 years; and 26.9% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 54 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 115 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

Over half (57.4%) were Western Catholic; 31.2% followed Islam; 3.1% had no religion. Four-fifths (78.9%) spoke a language other than English; 18.5% assessed themselves as speaking English not well or not at all. Two-thirds (65.1%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. Over one-third (37.1%) of the Libya-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 14.0% received no income.

Demographic Background

Persons born in Libya 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)	949	37.1	759	50.2	768	53.3	190	25.0	-9	-1.2
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	62	2.4	37	2.4	27	1.9	25	67.6	10	37.0
Total Victoria	1,011	39.6	796	52.6	795	55.1	215	27.0	1	0.1
Total Australia	2,555	100.0	1,513	100.0	1,442	100.0	1042	68.9	71	4.9

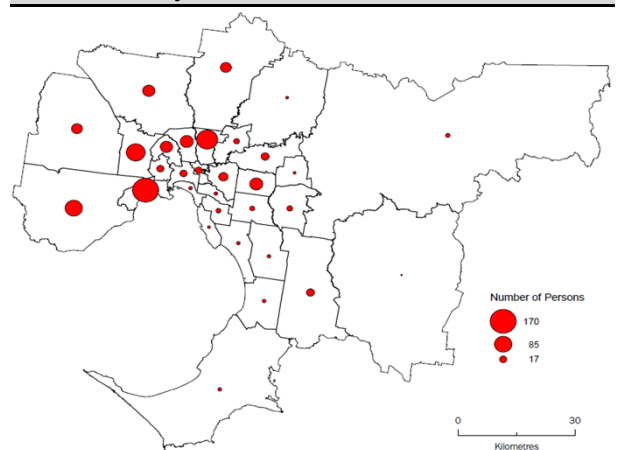
^(a) Included "Undefined Melbourne" in 2001.

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Hobsons Bay	168	16.6	170	21.3	1
Darebin	117	11.6	22	2.8	10
Brimbank	96	9.5	95	11.9	2
Wyndham	84	8.3	60	7.5	3
Whitehorse	50	5.0	40	5.0	5
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	431	42.7	372	46.6	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	64	6.3	40	5.0	
Total Victoria	1,010	100.0	799	100.0	

Distribution of Libya-Born in Melbourne, 2011



Year of Arrival of Libya-born: 2011

Year of Arrival ^(b)	Libya-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(a)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	617	61.1	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	12	1.2	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	34	3.4	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	47	4.7	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	262	26.0	316,244	22.5
Not stated	37	3.7	60,867	4.3
Total	1,009	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 Libya-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	41	4.1	3	0.4	1266.7
5-11	33	3.3	16	2.0	106.3
12-18	21	2.1	11	1.4	90.9
19-25	45	4.5	30	3.8	50.0
26-44	249	24.7	130	16.3	91.5
45-54	124	12.3	189	23.7	-34.4
55-64	226	22.4	144	18.1	56.9
65-74	130	12.9	159	19.9	-18.2
75+	141	14.0	115	14.4	22.6
Total	1,010	100.0	797	100.0	26.7
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>115</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>54</i>		<i>55</i>		

Top 5 Religions of Libya-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Western Catholic	577	57.4	618	77.2	-6.6
Islam	314	31.2	77	9.6	307.8
Coptic Orthodox	13	1.3	10	1.2	30.0
Greek Orthodox	12	1.2	14	1.7	-14.3
Hinduism	9	0.9	3	0.4	200.0
Other religions	29	2.9	26	3.2	11.5
No religion	31	3.1	32	4.0	-3.1
Not stated ^(a)	21	2.1	21	2.6	0.0
Total	1,006	100.0	801	100.0	25.6

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

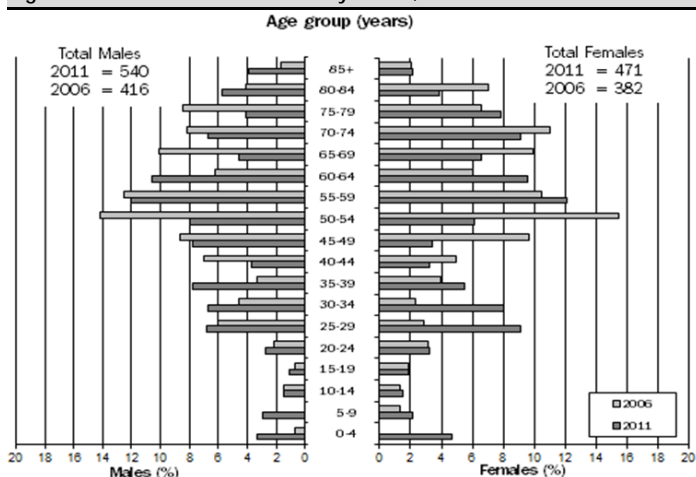
Libya-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	-	-	-	-	-
5-11	3	0.5	13	2.0	-76.9
12-18	13	2.0	5	0.8	160.0
19-25	13	2.0	15	2.3	-13.3
26-44	82	12.5	88	13.7	-6.8
45-64	302	45.9	283	44.0	6.7
65-74	116	17.6	141	21.9	-17.7
75+	129	19.6	98	15.2	31.6
Total	658	100.0	643	100.0	2.3

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 Libya-Born, 2011



Proficiency in English of Libya-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	206	20.4	205	25.7	0.5
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	341	33.8	283	35.4	20.5
Well	269	26.6	208	26.0	29.3
Not well	132	13.1	83	10.4	59.0
Not at all	55	5.4	4	0.5	1275.0
Not stated ^(a)	7	0.7	16	2.0	-56.3
Total	1,010	100.0	799	100.0	26.4

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

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

Total personal income (weekly) ^(a)	Libya-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	131	14.0	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	63	6.8	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	283	30.3	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	107	11.5	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	94	10.1	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	64	6.9	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	78	8.4	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	29	3.1	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	32	3.4	246,378	5.7
Not stated	52	5.6	334,647	7.7
Total	933	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.