

At the 2011 Census, there were 897 Bulgaria-born persons in Victoria (30.8% of Australia's total), increasing by 6.9% (58) from 839 persons in 2006. The Bulgaria-born were fairly well distributed through Metropolitan Melbourne, with slight concentrations in the local government areas of Greater Dandenong (8.5%); Greater Geelong (6.3%); and Casey (6.0%). Two-fifths (40.4%) of the Bulgaria-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 27.8% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 29.4% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Bulgaria-born community reflected a mature age profile: 9.6% were aged 25 years and below; 35.9% were aged 26-44 years; 36.8% were aged 45-64 years; and 17.6% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 47 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 92 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

Almost one-quarter (23.2%) followed Islam; 20.4% were Greek Orthodox; 15.6% were Eastern Orthodox not further defined; 11.3% were Eastern Orthodox not elsewhere classified; 13.3% had no religion. Over four-fifths (82.5%) spoke a language other than English; 13.4% assessed themselves as speaking English not well or not at all. Over four-fifths (82.4%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. One-third (34.3%) of the Bulgaria-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 8.7% received no income.

Demographic Background

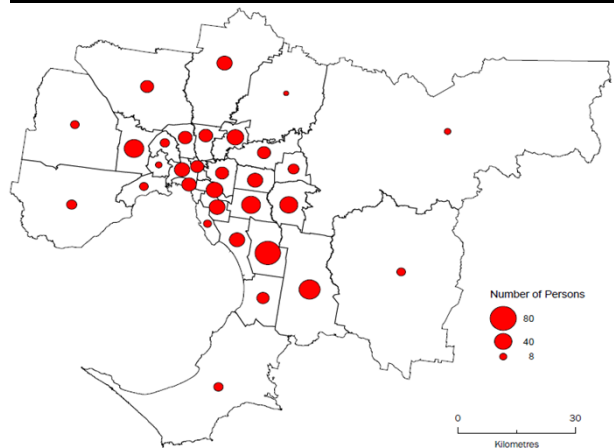
Location	2011 Census		2006 Census		2001 Census		Change 2006-2011		Change 2001-2006	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	% change
Metropolitan Melbourne ^(a)	814	27.9	736	27.5	721	28.0	78	10.6	15	2.1
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	83	2.8	103	3.8	95	3.7	-20	-19.4	8	8.4
Total Victoria	897	30.8	839	31.3	816	31.7	58	6.9	23	2.8
Total Australia	2,913	100.0	2,677	100.0	2,571	100.0	236	8.8	106	4.1

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Greater Dandenong	76	8.5	59	7.0	2
Greater Geelong	56	6.3	48	5.7	4
Casey	54	6.0	49	5.8	3
Brimbank	48	5.4	41	4.9	6
Monash	46	5.1	66	7.9	1
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	589	65.7	524	62.5	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	27	3.0	52	6.2	
Total Victoria	896	100.0	839	100.0	

Distribution of Bulgaria-Born in Melbourne, 2011



Year of Arrival ^(b)	Bulgaria-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(a)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	362	40.4	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	132	14.7	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	117	13.1	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	130	14.5	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	133	14.9	316,244	22.5
Not stated	21	2.3	60,867	4.3
Total	895	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 Bulgaria-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	4	0.4	5	0.6	-20.0
5-11	12	1.3	16	1.9	-25.0
12-18	29	3.2	33	3.9	-12.1
19-25	42	4.7	60	7.2	-30.0
26-44	322	35.9	287	34.2	12.2
45-54	179	20.0	177	21.1	1.1
55-64	151	16.8	129	15.4	17.1
65-74	71	7.9	57	6.8	24.6
75+	87	9.7	75	8.9	16.0
Total	897	100.0	839	100.0	6.9
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	92		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	47		45		

Top 5 Religions of Bulgaria-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Islam	208	23.2	185	22.0	12.4
Greek Orthodox	183	20.4	222	26.4	-17.6
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	140	15.6	101	12.0	38.6
Eastern Orthodox, nec	101	11.3	90	10.7	12.2
Western Catholic	25	2.8	20	2.4	25.0
Other religions	71	7.9	76	9.0	-6.6
No religion	119	13.3	97	11.5	22.7
Not stated ^(a)	50	5.6	49	5.8	2.0
Total	897	100.0	840	100.0	6.8

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

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

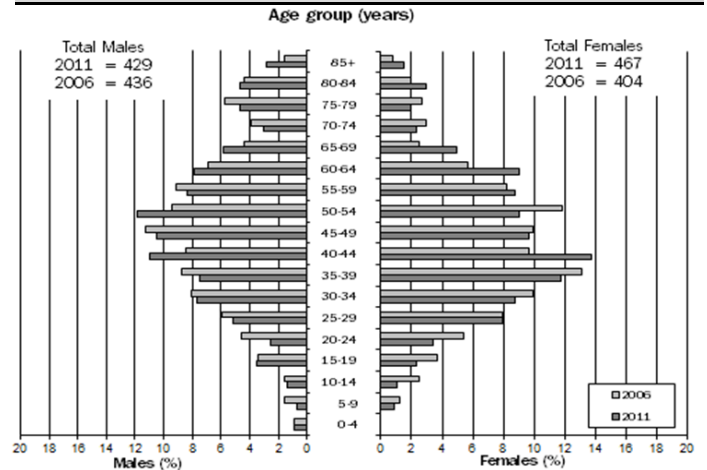
Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	3	0.4	3	0.4	0.0
5-11	9	1.2	9	1.3	0.0
12-18	19	2.6	28	4.1	-32.1
19-25	29	3.9	45	6.6	-35.6
26-44	238	32.2	212	30.9	12.3
45-64	294	39.8	278	40.5	5.8
65-74	70	9.5	46	6.7	52.2
75+	77	10.4	66	9.6	16.7
Total	739	100.0	687	100.0	7.6

nfd = not further defined

nec = not elsewhere classified

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 Bulgaria-Born, 2011



Proficiency in English of Bulgaria-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	147	16.4	141	16.8	4.3
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	402	44.9	355	42.4	13.2
Well	217	24.2	209	25.0	3.8
Not well	94	10.5	96	11.5	-2.1
Not at all	26	2.9	27	3.2	-3.7
Not stated ^(a)	10	1.1	9	1.1	11.1
Total	896	100.0	837	100.0	7.0

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

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

Total personal income (weekly) ^(a)	Bulgaria-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	76	8.7	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	69	7.9	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	230	26.4	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	93	10.7	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	89	10.2	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	65	7.5	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	121	13.9	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	51	5.9	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	45	5.2	246,378	5.7
Not stated	32	3.7	334,647	7.7
Total	871	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.