

THE POLAND-BORN COMMUNITY IN VICTORIA: 2011 CENSUS

At the 2011 Census, there were 16,385 Poland-born persons in Victoria (33.7% of Australia's total), decreasing by 9.3% (1,686) from 18,071 persons in 2006. The Poland-born were fairly well distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with minor concentrations in the local government areas of Glen Eira (11.3%); Brimbank (7.8%); Casey (7.8%); Greater Dandenong (5.3%); and Monash (4.7%). Over three-quarters (78.5%) of the Poland-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 10.6% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 7.2% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Poland-born community reflected an ageing profile: only 3.4% were aged 25 years and below; 19.7% were aged 26-44 years; 39.2% were aged 45-64 years; and 37.7% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 59 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 76 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

Over two-thirds (68.4%) were Western Catholic; 10.2% followed Judaism; 2.1% were Seventh-day Adventist; 9.2% had no religion. Three-quarters (74.3%) of the Poland-born spoke a language other than English; 11.0% assessed themselves as speaking English not well or not at all. Most (91.2%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. Over one-third (37.2%) of the Poland-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 6.3% received no income.

Demographic Background

Persons born in Poland 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)	15,003	30.8	16,442	31.5	18,534	31.9	-1,439	-8.8	-2,092	-11.3
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	1,382	2.8	1,629	3.1	1,880	3.2	-247	-15.2	-251	-13.4
Total Victoria	16,385	33.7	18,071	34.6	20,414	35.1	-1,686	-9.3	-2,343	-11.5
Total Australia	48,678	100.0	52,256	100.0	58,110	100.0	-3,578	-6.8	-5,854	-10.1

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

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Glen Eira	1,847	11.3	2,173	12.0	1
Brimbank	1,286	7.8	1,578	8.7	2
Casey	1,275	7.8	1,311	7.3	3
Greater Dandenong	864	5.3	1,039	5.7	4
Monash	778	4.7	906	5.0	5
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	8,954	54.2	9,432	52.2	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	1,379	8.9	1,631	9.0	
Total Victoria	16,383	100.0	18,070	100.0	

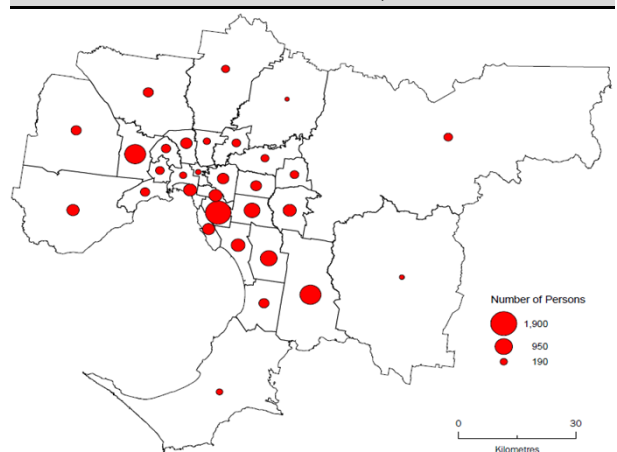
Year of Arrival of Poland-born: 2011

Year of Arrival ^(b)	Poland-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(a)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	12,860	78.5	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	1,215	7.4	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	523	3.2	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	560	3.4	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	615	3.8	316,244	22.5
Not stated	609	3.7	60,867	4.3
Total	16,382	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 Poland-Born in Melbourne, 2011



Age Distribution of Poland-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	15	0.1	21	0.1	-28.6
5-11	58	0.4	64	0.4	-9.4
12-18	105	0.6	242	1.3	-56.6
19-25	384	2.3	776	4.3	-50.5
26-44	3,227	19.7	3,193	17.7	1.1
45-54	2,495	15.2	3,660	20.3	-31.8
55-64	3,924	24.0	3,032	16.8	29.4
65-74	2,026	12.4	2,065	11.4	-1.9
75+	4,149	25.3	5,017	27.8	-17.3
Total	16,383	100.0	18,070	100.0	-9.3
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>males per 100 females</i>			
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>57</i>			

Top 5 Religions of Poland-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Western Catholic	11,210	68.4	12,466	69.0	-10.1
Judaism	1,664	10.2	2,102	11.6	-20.8
Seventh-day Adventist	340	2.1	360	2.0	-5.6
Christian, nfd	212	1.3	150	0.8	41.3
Jehovah's Witness	120	0.7	133	0.7	-9.8
Other religions	641	3.9	718	4.0	-10.7
No religion	1,513	9.2	1,233	6.8	22.7
Not stated ^(a)	683	4.2	909	5.0	-24.9
Total	16,383	100.0	18,071	100.0	-9.3

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

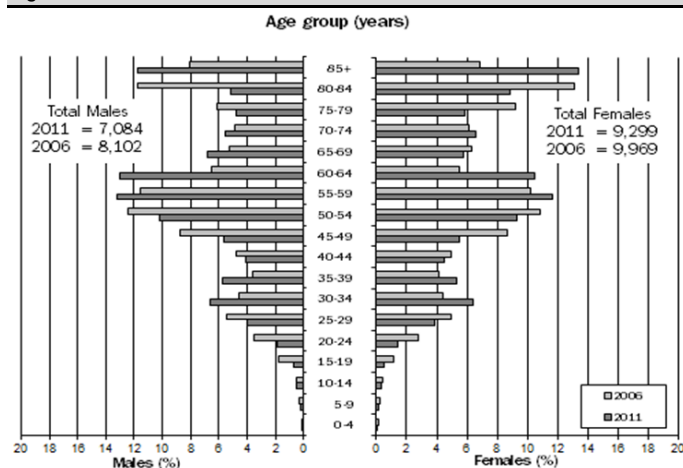
Poland-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	11	0.1	11	0.1	0.0
5-11	32	0.2	33	0.2	-3.0
12-18	68	0.5	184	1.1	-63.0
19-25	315	2.1	616	3.7	-48.9
26-44	2,632	17.6	2,650	16.1	-0.7
45-64	6,092	40.7	6,352	38.6	-4.1
65-74	1,932	12.9	1,943	11.8	-0.6
75+	3,874	25.9	4,664	28.3	-16.9
Total	14,956	100.0	16,453	100.0	-9.1

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 Poland-Born, 2011



Proficiency in English of Poland-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	4,018	24.5	4,298	23.8	-6.5
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	5,673	34.6	5,961	33.0	-4.8
Well	4,704	28.7	5,385	29.8	-12.6
Not well	1,607	9.8	1,919	10.6	-16.3
Not at all	192	1.2	232	1.3	-17.2
Not stated ^(a)	190	1.2	275	1.5	-30.9
Total	16,384	100.0	18,070	100.0	-9.3

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

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

Total personal income (weekly) ^(a)	Poland-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	1,023	6.3	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	870	5.3	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	5,185	31.9	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	1,752	10.8	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	1,528	9.4	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	1,246	7.7	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	2,085	12.8	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	847	5.2	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	887	5.5	246,378	5.7
Not stated	851	5.2	334,647	7.7
Total	16,274	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.