

At the 2011 Census, there were 9,945 Afghanistan-born persons in Victoria (31.3% of Australia's total), increasing by 89.6% (4,700) from 5,245 persons in 2006. The Afghanistan-born were mainly concentrated in the local government areas of Casey (44.6%) and Greater Dandenong (25.3%); 5.6% resided in Greater Shepparton in regional Victoria. Only 5.6% of the Afghanistan-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 23.2% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 66.0% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Afghanistan-born community reflected a relatively young age profile: 23.0% were aged 18 years and below; 18.2% were aged 19-25 years; 40.9% were aged 26-44 years; 15.1% were aged 45-64 years; and 2.8% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 29 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 136 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

Most (95.6%) of the Afghanistan-born were Muslims; 1.5% had no religion. Most (95.6%) spoke a language other than English; 29.1% assessed themselves as speaking English not well or not at all. Two-thirds (62.6%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. Almost half (45.5%) of the Afghanistan-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 15.8% received no income.

## Demographic Background

Persons born in Afghanistan 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 <sup>(a)</sup>	8,930	31.2	4,980	29.7	3,201	28.3	3,950	79.3	1,779	55.6
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	1,015	3.5	265	1.6	44	0.4	750	283.0	221	502.3
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>9,945</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>5,245</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>3,245</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>4,700</b>	<b>89.6</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>61.6</b>
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>28,597</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>16,753</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11,296</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11,844</b>	<b>70.7</b>	<b>5,457</b>	<b>48.3</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Included "Undefined Melbourne" in 2001.

<sup>(b)</sup> Includes 'No Usual Address, Victoria'.

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Casey	4,437	44.6	1,714	32.7	1
Greater Dandenong	2,520	25.3	1,679	32.0	2
Greater Shepparton	555	5.6	123	2.3	7
Knox	246	2.5	220	4.2	4
Monash	232	2.3	241	4.6	3
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	1,498	15.1	1,126	21.5	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	459	4.6	141	2.7	
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>9,947</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,244</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

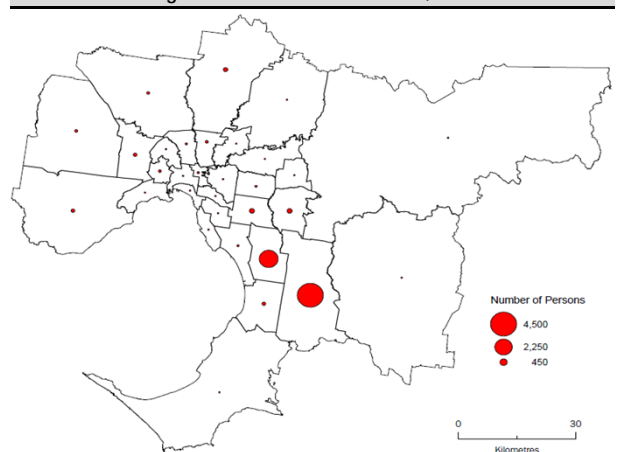
Year of Arrival of Afghanistan-born: 2011

Year of Arrival <sup>(b)</sup>	Afghanistan-born		Total OSB, Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	553	5.6	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	974	9.8	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	1,333	13.4	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	2,443	24.6	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	4,122	41.4	316,244	22.5
Not stated	520	5.2	60,867	4.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,945</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,405,334</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> OSB stands for Overseas-born.

<sup>(b)</sup> Records the year of arrival in Australia for people born overseas who intend staying in Australia for at least one year.

Distribution of Afghanistan-Born in Melbourne, 2011



### Age Distribution of Afghanistan-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	107	1.1	39	0.7	174.4
5-11	478	4.8	421	8.0	13.5
12-18	1,699	17.1	745	14.2	128.1
19-25	1,815	18.2	977	18.6	85.8
26-44	4,069	40.9	2,114	40.3	92.5
45-54	1,062	10.7	554	10.6	91.7
55-64	442	4.4	255	4.9	73.3
65-74	191	1.9	90	1.7	112.2
75+	85	0.9	52	1.0	63.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,948</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,247</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>89.6</b>
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>136</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>29</i>		<i>29</i>		

### Top 5 Religions of Afghanistan-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Islam	9,513	95.6	5,029	95.9	89.2
Sikhism	21	0.2	16	0.3	31.3
Baptist	13	0.1	8	0.2	62.5
Christian, nfd	8	0.1	-	-	-
Western Catholic	6	0.1	3	0.1	100.0
Other religions	25	0.3	25	0.5	0.0
No religion	148	1.5	41	0.8	261.0
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	214	2.2	124	2.4	72.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,948</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,246</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>89.6</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Includes 'Religious Belief, not further defined' and 'Not Defined'.

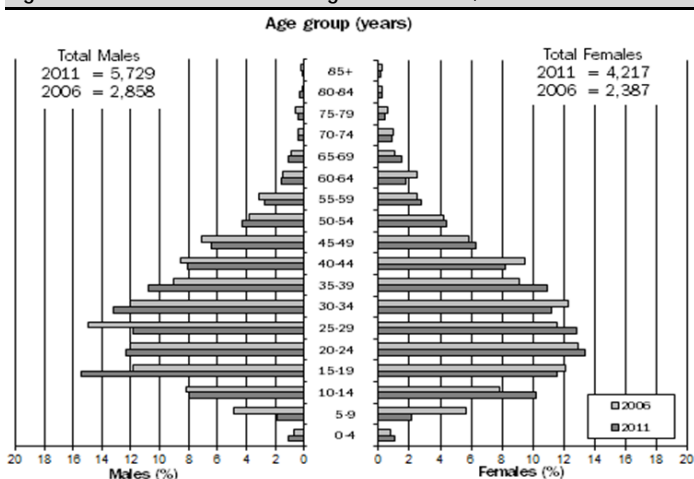
### Afghanistan-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	20	0.3	5	0.2	300.0
5-11	234	3.8	75	2.5	212.0
12-18	932	15.0	378	12.7	146.6
19-25	958	15.4	521	17.5	83.9
26-44	2,657	42.7	1,221	40.9	117.6
45-64	1,186	19.0	661	22.1	79.4
65-74	163	2.6	81	2.7	101.2
75+	76	1.2	43	1.4	76.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,226</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,985</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>108.6</b>

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](http://www.multicultural.vic.gov.au).

### Age and Gender Distribution of Afghanistan-Born, 2011



### Proficiency in English of Afghanistan-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	206	2.1	142	2.7	45.1
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	3,272	32.9	1,743	33.2	87.7
Well	3,340	33.6	1,766	33.7	89.1
Not well	2,139	21.5	1,150	21.9	86.0
Not at all	759	7.6	334	6.4	127.2
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	231	2.3	110	2.1	110.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,947</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,245</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>89.6</b>

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

### Total Personal Income (Weekly), Afghanistan-born: 2011

Total personal income (weekly) <sup>(a)</sup>	Afghanistan-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	1,385	15.8	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	1,475	16.8	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	2,510	28.7	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	846	9.7	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	789	9.0	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	466	5.3	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	431	4.9	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	94	1.1	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	102	1.2	246,378	5.7
Not stated	657	7.5	334,647	7.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,755</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,355,243</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Applicable to persons aged 15 years and over.

Source of data: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2006, 2011.