

At the 2011 Census, there were 9,163 Bosnia and Herzegovina-born persons in Victoria (35.7% of Australia's total), increasing by 2.9% (259) from 8,904 persons in 2006. The Bosnia and Herzegovina-born were mainly concentrated in the local government areas of Greater Dandenong (20.6%); Brimbank (16.0%); Casey (12.5%); Greater Geelong (5.3%) in regional Victoria; and Melton (4.8%). Only 18.6% of the Bosnia and Herzegovina-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 64.9% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 14.3% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The age profile of the Bosnia and Herzegovina-born showed clusters in the young and mature adult age groups: 4.4% were aged 18 years and below; 12.8% were aged 19-25 years; 30.5% were aged 26-44 years; 38.8% were aged 45-64 years; and 13.6% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 45 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 96 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

One-third (32.8%) followed Islam; 19.4% were Serbian Orthodox; 18.1% Western Catholic; 6.6% were Eastern Orthodox not further defined; 14.5% had no religion. Most (94.1%) spoke a language other than English; 23.7% spoke English not well or not at all. Most (94.5%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. Two-fifths (40.5%) aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 7.9% received no income.

Demographic Background

Persons born in Bosnia and Herzegovina 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)	8,502	33.1	8,272	33.6	7,895	33.1	230	2.8	377	4.8
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	661	2.6	632	2.6	661	2.8	29	4.6	-29	-4.4
Total Victoria	9,163	35.7	8,904	36.1	8,556	35.9	259	2.9	348	4.1
Total Australia	25,682	100.0	24,631	100.0	23,848	100.0	1,051	4.3	783	3.3

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

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

Distribution of Bosnia and Herzegovina-born, Top 5 LGAs: 2011, 2006

Local Government Area (LGA)	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Greater Dandenong	1,886	20.6	2,047	23.0	1
Brimbank	1,467	16.0	1,581	17.8	2
Casey	1,142	12.5	951	10.7	3
Greater Geelong	489	5.3	472	5.3	4
Melton	438	4.8	259	2.9	8
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	3,570	39.0	3,430	38.5	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	171	1.9	163	1.8	
Total Victoria	9,163	100.0	8,903	100.0	

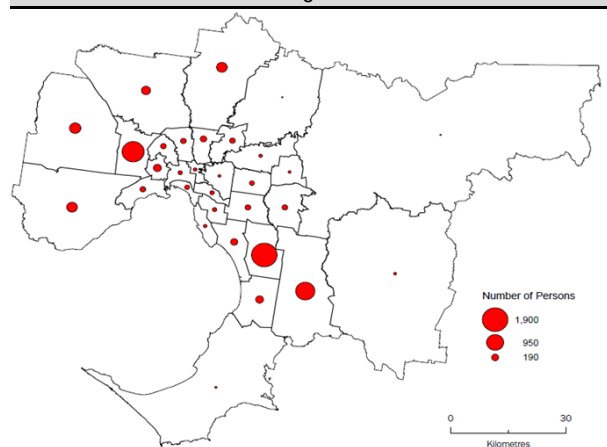
Year of Arrival of Bosnia and Herzegovina-born: 2011

Year of Arrival ^(b)	Bosnia and Herzegovina-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(a)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	1,704	18.6	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	2,532	27.6	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	3,422	37.3	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	1,006	11.0	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	305	3.3	316,244	22.5
Not stated	194	2.1	60,867	4.3
Total	9,163	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 Bosnia and Herzegovina-Born in Melbourne, 2011



Age Distribution of Bosnia and Herzegovina-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	6	0.1	18	0.2	-66.7
5-11	45	0.5	157	1.8	-71.3
12-18	350	3.8	932	10.5	-62.4
19-25	1,171	12.8	1,090	12.2	7.4
26-44	2,796	30.5	2,873	32.3	-2.7
45-54	2,190	23.9	1,850	20.8	18.4
55-64	1,361	14.9	1,017	11.4	33.8
65-74	830	9.1	753	8.5	10.2
75+	412	4.5	214	2.4	92.5
Total	9,161	100.0	8,904	100.0	2.9
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>96</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>45</i>		<i>42</i>		

Top 5 Religions of Bosnia and Herzegovina-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Islam	3,008	32.8	2,999	33.7	0.3
Serbian Orthodox	1,774	19.4	1,890	21.2	-6.1
Western Catholic	1,663	18.1	1,592	17.9	4.5
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	608	6.6	532	6.0	14.3
Greek Orthodox	187	2.0	135	1.5	38.5
Other religions	221	2.4	182	2.0	21.4
No religion	1,326	14.5	1,146	12.9	15.7
Not stated ^(a)	376	4.1	427	4.8	-11.9
Total	9,163	100.0	8,903	100.0	2.9

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

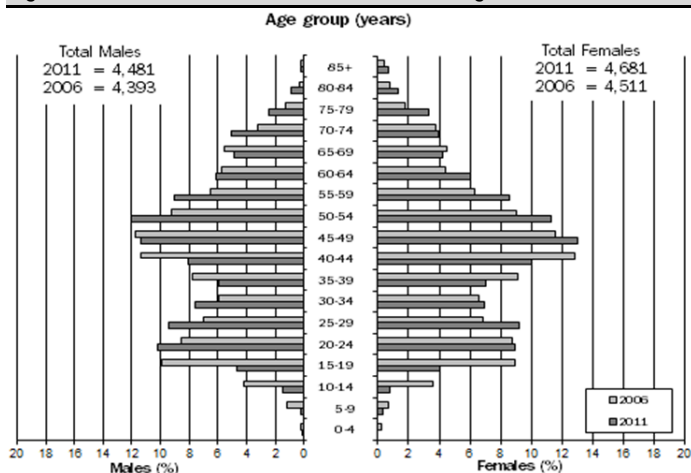
Bosnia and Herzegovina-born with Australian Citizenship by Age

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	7	0.1	13	0.2	-46.2
5-11	33	0.4	146	1.8	-77.4
12-18	326	3.8	857	10.3	-62.0
19-25	1,087	12.5	1,000	12.0	8.7
26-44	2,585	29.8	2,633	31.7	-1.8
45-64	3,436	39.7	2,746	33.1	25.1
65-74	806	9.3	714	8.6	12.9
75+	382	4.4	197	2.4	93.9
Total	8,662	100.0	8,306	100.0	4.3

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 Bosnia and Herzegovina-Born, 2011



Proficiency in English of Bosnia and Herzegovina-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	462	5.0	366	4.1	26.2
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	3,681	40.2	3,401	38.2	8.2
Well	2,764	30.2	2,558	28.7	8.1
Not well	1,788	19.5	1,976	22.2	-9.5
Not at all	382	4.2	482	5.4	-20.7
Not stated ^(a)	85	0.9	121	1.4	-29.8
Total	9,162	100.0	8,904	100.0	2.9

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

Total Personal Income (Weekly), Bosnia and Herzegovina-born: 2011

Total personal income (weekly) ^(a)	Bosnia and Herzegovina-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	716	7.9	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	732	8.1	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	2,922	32.4	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	964	10.7	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	1,026	11.4	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	850	9.4	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	1,042	11.6	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	299	3.3	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	157	1.7	246,378	5.7
Not stated	312	3.5	334,647	7.7
Total	9,020	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.