

## THE CYPRUS-BORN COMMUNITY IN VICTORIA: 2011 CENSUS

At the 2011 Census, there were 8,177 Cyprus-born persons in Victoria (45.2% of Australia's total), declining by 2.7% (224) from 8,401 persons in 2006. The Cyprus-born were distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with distinct concentrations in Brimbank (18.5%); Hume (9.3%); Whittlesea (7.6%); Melton (5.4%); and Manningham (5.3%). Most (91.4%) of the Cyprus-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 3.0% had arrived between 1995 and 2000; and 2.1% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Cyprus-born community reflected an ageing profile: only 2.1% were aged 25 years and below; 14.5% were aged 26-44 years; 49.6% were aged 45-64 years; and 33.9% were aged 65 and over. The median age was 60 years, compared with 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.

The Cyprus-born followed two main religions: 64.3% were Greek Orthodox; 25.1% followed Islam; 4.1% had no religion. A large proportion (87.7%) spoke a language other than English; 22.2% assessed themselves as speaking English not well or not at all. Most (94.1%) of the Cyprus-born held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. Almost half (47.4%) of the Cyprus-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 6.4% received no income.

## Demographic Background

Persons born in Cyprus 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>	7,798	43.1	8,023	43.6	8,480	43.5	-225	-2.8	-457	-5.4
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	379	2.1	378	2.1	405	2.1	1	0.3	-27	-6.7
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>8,177</b>	<b>45.2</b>	<b>8,401</b>	<b>45.7</b>	<b>8,885</b>	<b>45.6</b>	<b>-224</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>-484</b>	<b>-5.4</b>
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>18,072</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>18,383</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>19,482</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-311</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>-1099</b>	<b>-5.6</b>

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

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Brimbank	1,513	18.5	1,651	19.6	1
Hume	759	9.3	708	8.4	2
Whittlesea	620	7.6	626	7.4	3
Melton	438	5.4	327	3.9	9
Manningham	434	5.3	446	5.3	5
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	4,033	49.3	4,268	50.8	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	381	4.7	378	4.5	
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>8,178</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,404</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

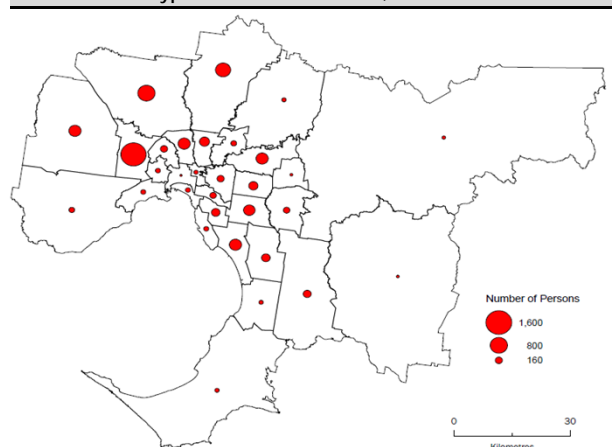
Year of Arrival of Cyprus-born: 2011

Year of Arrival <sup>(b)</sup>	Cyprus-born		Total OSB, Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	7,472	91.4	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	113	1.4	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	130	1.6	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	92	1.1	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	84	1.0	316,244	22.5
Not stated	287	3.5	60,867	4.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,178</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 Cyprus-Born in Melbourne, 2011



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

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	17	0.2	8	0.1	112.5
5-11	31	0.4	39	0.5	-20.5
12-18	54	0.7	55	0.7	-1.8
19-25	65	0.8	132	1.6	-50.8
26-44	1,189	14.5	1,812	21.6	-34.4
45-54	1,699	20.8	1,930	23.0	-12.0
55-64	2,351	28.8	2,107	25.1	11.6
65-74	1,398	17.1	1,222	14.5	14.4
75+	1,373	16.8	1,099	13.1	24.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,177</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,404</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-2.7</b>
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>92</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>60</i>		<i>55</i>		

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

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Greek Orthodox	5,259	64.3	5,476	65.2	-4.0
Islam	2,053	25.1	2,077	24.7	-1.2
Anglican Church	58	0.7	53	0.6	9.4
Jehovah's Witness	51	0.6	47	0.6	8.5
Western Catholic	45	0.6	48	0.6	-6.3
Other religions	135	1.7	111	1.3	21.6
No religion	333	4.1	315	3.7	5.7
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	245	3.0	276	3.3	-11.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,179</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,403</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-2.7</b>

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

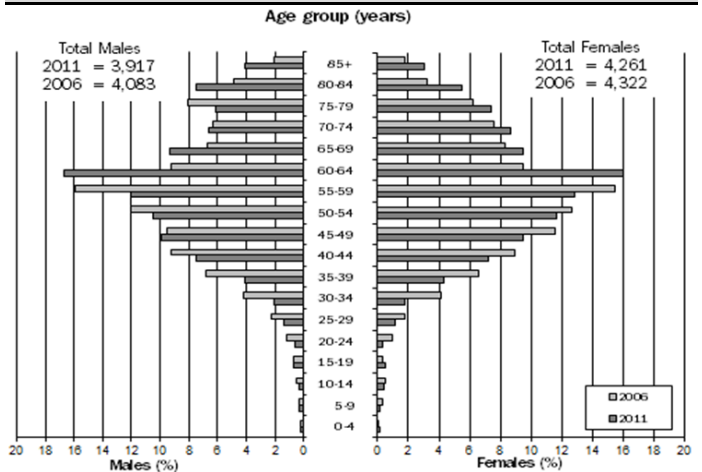
### Cyprus-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	13	0.2	5	0.1	160.0
5-11	24	0.3	30	0.4	-20.0
12-18	48	0.6	40	0.5	20.0
19-25	48	0.6	116	1.5	-58.6
26-44	1,105	14.4	1,682	21.5	-34.3
45-64	3,851	50.0	3,801	48.7	1.3
65-74	1,316	17.1	1,131	14.5	16.4
75+	1,294	16.8	1,004	12.9	28.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,699</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,809</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.4</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 Cyprus-Born, 2011



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

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	947	11.6	942	11.2	0.5
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	2,973	36.4	3,003	35.7	-1.0
Well	2,382	29.1	2,486	29.6	-4.2
Not well	1,619	19.8	1,705	20.3	-5.0
Not at all	194	2.4	208	2.5	-6.7
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	62	0.8	60	0.7	3.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,177</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,404</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-2.7</b>

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

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

Total personal income (weekly) <sup>(a)</sup>	Cyprus-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	517	6.4	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	510	6.3	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	3,339	41.1	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	956	11.8	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	660	8.1	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	499	6.1	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	684	8.4	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	301	3.7	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	292	3.6	246,378	5.7
Not stated	357	4.4	334,647	7.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,115</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.