

At the 2011 Census, there were 4,491 Ethiopia-born persons in Victoria (53.1% of Australia's total), increasing by 44.8% (1,390) from 3,101 persons in 2006. The Ethiopia-born were mainly distributed in the local government areas of Wyndham (15.4%); Brimbank (13.9%); Moonee Valley (9.8%); Maribyrnong (9.6%); and Greater Dandenong (7.0%). Only 9.8% of the Ethiopia-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 30.3% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 54.7% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Ethiopia-born community reflected a relatively young age profile: 25.2% were aged 25 years and below; 53.1% were aged 26-44 years; 19.6% were aged 45-64 years; and 2.0% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 36 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 93 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

One-third (33.2%) of the Ethiopia-born followed Islam; 18.4% were Ethiopian Orthodox; 11.7% were Greek Orthodox; 7.2% were Eastern Orthodox; 2.0% had no religion. Most (90.1%) spoke a language other than English; 12.4% assessed themselves as speaking English not well or not at all. Over two-thirds (69.1%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. Over one-third (37.6%) of the Ethiopia-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 10.0% received no income.

**Demographic Background**

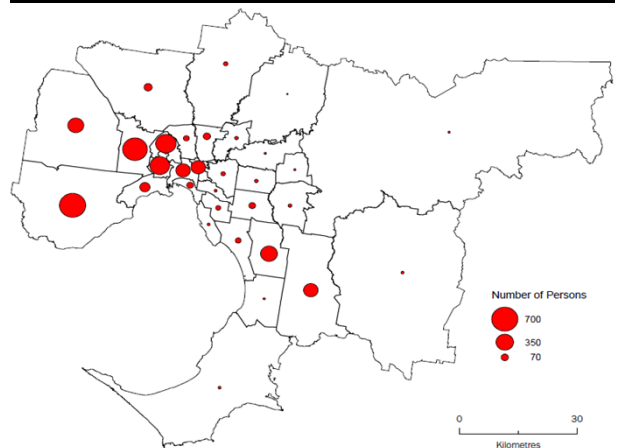
Location	2011 Census		2006 Census		2001 Census		Change 2006-2011		Change 2001-2006	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	% change
Metropolitan Melbourne <sup>(a)</sup>	4,325	51.2	3,033	53.8	1,918	54.1	1,292	42.6	1,115	58.1
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	166	2.0	68	1.2	52	1.5	98	144.1	16	30.8
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>4,491</b>	<b>53.1</b>	<b>3,101</b>	<b>55.1</b>	<b>1,970</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>44.8</b>	<b>1,131</b>	<b>57.4</b>
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>8,453</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,633</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,544</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,820</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>2,089</b>	<b>58.9</b>

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Wyndham	691	15.4	326	10.5	3
Brimbank	624	13.9	389	12.5	2
Moonee Valley	441	9.8	313	10.1	4
Maribyrnong	432	9.6	511	16.5	1
Greater Dandenong	314	7.0	298	9.6	5
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	1,820	40.5	1,196	38.6	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	168	3.7	67	2.2	
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>4,490</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

Distribution of Ethiopia-Born in Melbourne, 2011



**Year of Arrival of Ethiopia-born: 2011**

Year of Arrival <sup>(b)</sup>	Ethiopia-born		Total OSB, Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	440	9.8	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	633	14.1	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	727	16.2	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	1,150	25.6	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	1,305	29.1	316,244	22.5
Not stated	234	5.2	60,867	4.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,489</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.

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

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	60	1.3	45	1.5	33.3
5-11	195	4.3	156	5.0	25.0
12-18	381	8.5	264	8.5	44.3
19-25	497	11.1	341	11.0	45.7
26-44	2,382	53.1	1,812	58.5	31.5
45-54	728	16.2	313	10.1	132.6
55-64	154	3.4	99	3.2	55.6
65-74	69	1.5	42	1.4	64.3
75+	24	0.5	26	0.8	-7.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,490</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,098</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>44.9</b>
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	93		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	36		34		

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

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Islam	1,489	33.2	997	32.1	49.3
Ethiopian Orthodox	825	18.4	527	17.0	56.5
Greek Orthodox	525	11.7	405	13.1	29.6
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	325	7.2	266	8.6	22.2
Western Catholic	140	3.1	123	4.0	13.8
Other religions	937	20.9	610	19.7	53.6
No religion	88	2.0	54	1.7	63.0
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	160	3.6	121	3.9	32.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,489</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,103</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>44.7</b>

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

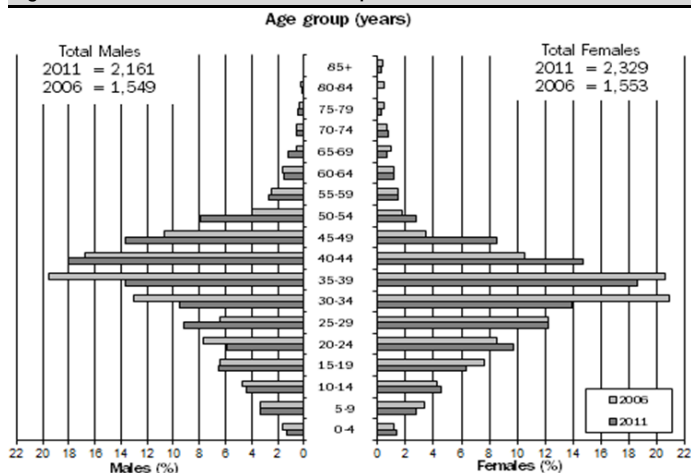
### Ethiopia-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	24	0.8	21	0.9	14.3
5-11	105	3.4	90	4.0	16.7
12-18	201	6.5	143	6.4	40.6
19-25	259	8.3	194	8.7	33.5
26-44	1,664	53.6	1,392	62.4	19.5
45-64	770	24.8	338	15.1	127.8
65-74	60	1.9	33	1.5	81.8
75+	20	0.6	21	0.9	-4.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,103</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,232</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>39.0</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 Ethiopia-Born, 2011



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

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	345	7.7	236	7.6	46.2
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	1,743	38.8	1,195	38.5	45.9
Well	1,747	38.9	1,178	38.0	48.3
Not well	476	10.6	343	11.1	38.8
Not at all	82	1.8	73	2.4	12.3
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	97	2.2	76	2.5	27.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,490</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,101</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>44.8</b>

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

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

Total personal income (weekly) <sup>(a)</sup>	Ethiopia-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	411	10.0	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	479	11.7	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	1,061	25.9	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	561	13.7	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	555	13.6	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	282	6.9	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	284	6.9	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	63	1.5	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	48	1.2	246,378	5.7
Not stated	347	8.5	334,647	7.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,091</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.