

At the 2011 Census, there were 3,144 El Salvador-born persons in Victoria (32.6% of Australia's total), increasing by 2.7% (83) from 3,061 persons in 2006. The El Salvador-born were mainly concentrated in the local government areas of Casey (19.0%); Brimbank (16.5%); Melton (10.6%); Wyndham (8.4%); and Hume (8%). Almost three-quarters (73.9%) of the El Salvador-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 16.6% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 5.0% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The El Salvador-born's age profile showed clusters in the young and mature adult age groups: 2.1% were aged 18 years and below; 7.6% were aged 19-25 years; 45.1% were aged 26-44 years; 37.2% were aged 45-64 years; and 8.1% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 42 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 94 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females in total Victoria.

Over half (58.1%) of the El Salvador-born were Western Catholic; 9.1% were Christian not further defined; 5.8% were Baptist; 7.2% had no religion. Most (90.9%) spoke a language other than English; 15.7% assessed themselves as speaking English not well or not at all. Most (94.1%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. Over one-quarter (29.3%) of the El Salvador-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 7.7% received no income.

## Demographic Background

Persons born in El Salvador 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>	3,093	32.0	3,022	32.2	3,024	31.2	71	2.3	-2	-0.1
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	51	0.5	39	0.4	37	0.4	12	30.8	2	5.4
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>3,144</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>3,061</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>3,061</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>9,655</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,397</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,696</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>-299</b>	<b>-3.1</b>

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

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Casey	598	19.0	582	19.0	1
Brimbank	519	16.5	546	17.8	2
Melton	333	10.6	293	9.6	3
Wyndham	264	8.4	192	6.3	6
Hume	251	8.0	265	8.7	5
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	1,124	35.8	1,143	37.4	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	51	1.6	39	1.3	
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>3,140</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,060</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

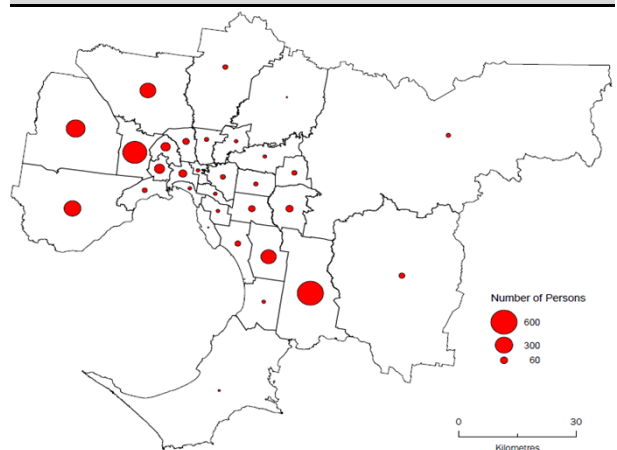
Year of Arrival of El Salvador-born: 2011

Year of Arrival <sup>(b)</sup>	El Salvador-born		Total OSB, Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	2,321	73.9	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	479	15.3	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	104	3.3	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	61	1.9	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	98	3.1	316,244	22.5
Not stated	77	2.5	60,867	4.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,140</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 El Salvador-Born in Melbourne, 2011



### Age Distribution of El Salvador-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	8	0.3	4	0.1	100.0
5-11	19	0.6	28	0.9	-32.1
12-18	39	1.2	115	3.8	-66.1
19-25	238	7.6	503	16.4	-52.7
26-44	1,416	45.1	1,224	40.0	15.7
45-54	621	19.8	687	22.5	-9.6
55-64	548	17.4	329	10.8	66.6
65-74	165	5.3	98	3.2	68.4
75+	87	2.8	71	2.3	22.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,141</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,059</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>94</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>42</i>		<i>39</i>		

### Top 5 Religions of El Salvador-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Western Catholic	1,824	58.1	1,832	59.9	-0.4
Christian, nfd	286	9.1	239	7.8	19.7
Baptist	182	5.8	203	6.6	-10.3
Pentecostal, nfd	175	5.6	120	3.9	45.8
Seventh-Day Adventist	75	2.4	73	2.4	2.7
Other religions	271	8.6	317	10.4	-14.5
No religion	227	7.2	161	5.3	41.0
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	100	3.2	115	3.8	-13.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,140</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,060</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>

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

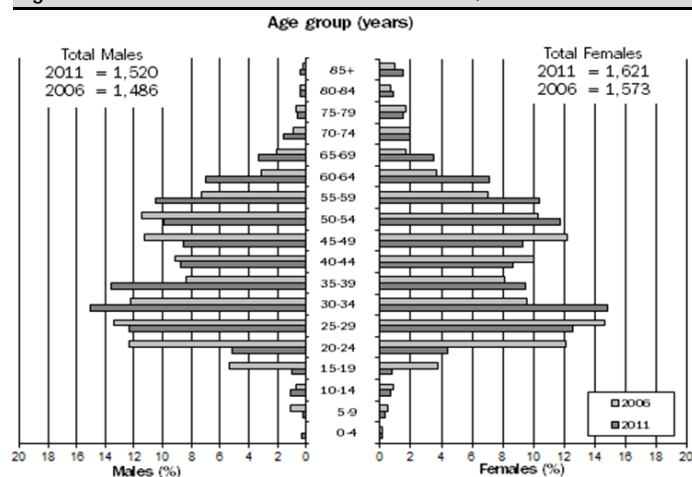
### El Salvador-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	7	0.2	4	0.1	75.0
5-11	10	0.3	22	0.8	-54.5
12-18	26	0.9	101	3.5	-74.3
19-25	217	7.3	471	16.4	-53.9
26-44	1,316	44.5	1,114	38.9	18.1
45-64	1,139	38.5	990	34.6	15.1
65-74	163	5.5	96	3.4	69.8
75+	82	2.8	66	2.3	24.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,960</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,864</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.4</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 El Salvador-Born, 2011



### Proficiency in English of El Salvador-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	251	8.0	194	6.3	29.4
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	1,503	47.9	1,424	46.5	5.5
Well	856	27.3	876	28.6	-2.3
Not well	416	13.2	422	13.8	-1.4
Not at all	80	2.5	87	2.8	-8.0
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	35	1.1	58	1.9	-39.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,141</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,061</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>

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

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

Total personal income (weekly) <sup>(a)</sup>	El Salvador-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	239	7.7	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	216	7.0	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	690	22.3	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	403	13.0	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	447	14.5	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	375	12.1	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	453	14.7	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	131	4.2	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	55	1.8	246,378	5.7
Not stated	81	2.6	334,647	7.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,090</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.