

THE SOMALIA-BORN COMMUNITY IN VICTORIA: 2011 CENSUS

At the 2011 Census, there were 3,061 Somalia-born persons in Victoria (53.8% of Australia's total), increasing by 16.7% (437) from 2,624 persons in 2006. The Somalia-born were mainly concentrated in the local government areas of Banyule (16.2%); Melbourne (16.0%); Moonee Valley (9.8%); Darebin (9.0%); and Maribyrnong (7.0%). Only 4.7% of the Somalia-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 53.9% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 35.6% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Somalia-born community reflected a relatively young age profile: 12.0% were aged 18 years and below; 19.6% were aged 19-25 years; 46.8% were aged 26-44 years; 18.6% were aged 45-64 years; and 3.1% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 32 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 84 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

Most (95.9%) of the Somalia-born followed Islam; 0.7% had no religion. Most (93.7%) spoke a language other than English; 15.5% assessed themselves as speaking English not well or not at all. Over three-quarters (77.2%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. Almost half (46.8%) of the Somalia-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 9.7% received no income.

Demographic Background

Persons born in Somalia 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)	3,018	53.1	2,597	60.2	2,290	61.7	421	16.2	307	13.4
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	43	0.8	27	0.6	21	0.6	16	59.3	6	28.6
Total Victoria	3,061	53.8	2,624	60.8	2,311	62.2	437	16.7	313	13.5
Total Australia	5,685	100.0	4,314	100.0	3,713	100.0	1371	31.8	601	16.2

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

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Banyule	496	16.2	395	15.1	2
Melbourne	491	16.0	458	17.5	1
Moonee Valley	301	9.8	329	12.5	4
Darebin	275	9.0	334	12.7	3
Maribyrnong	213	7.0	185	7.1	5
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	1,242	40.6	896	34.1	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	43	1.4	27	1.0	
Total Victoria	3,061	100.0	2,624	100.0	

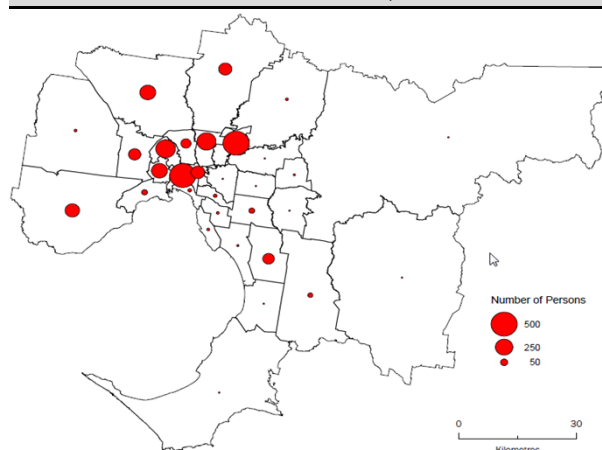
Year of Arrival of Somalia-born: 2011

Year of Arrival ^(b)	Somalia-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(a)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	145	4.7	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	673	22.0	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	977	31.9	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	562	18.4	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	527	17.2	316,244	22.5
Not stated	175	5.7	60,867	4.3
Total	3,059	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 Somalia-Born in Melbourne, 2011



Age Distribution of Somalia-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	21	0.7	17	0.6	23.5
5-11	64	2.1	140	5.3	-54.3
12-18	281	9.2	471	17.9	-40.3
19-25	600	19.6	458	17.5	31.0
26-44	1,433	46.8	1,115	42.5	28.5
45-54	411	13.4	247	9.4	66.4
55-64	159	5.2	108	4.1	47.2
65-74	70	2.3	48	1.8	45.8
75+	23	0.8	20	0.8	15.0
Total	3,062	100.0	2,624	100.0	16.7
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>84</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>32</i>		<i>29</i>		

Top 5 Religions of Somalia-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Islam	2,937	95.9	2,529	96.4	16.1
Anglican Church	3	0.1	5	0.2	-40.0
Judaism	3	0.1	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
Other religions	-	-	6	0.2	-100.0
No religion	22	0.7	5	0.2	340.0
Not stated ^(a)	97	3.2	78	3.0	24.4
Total	3,062	100.0	2,623	100.0	16.7

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

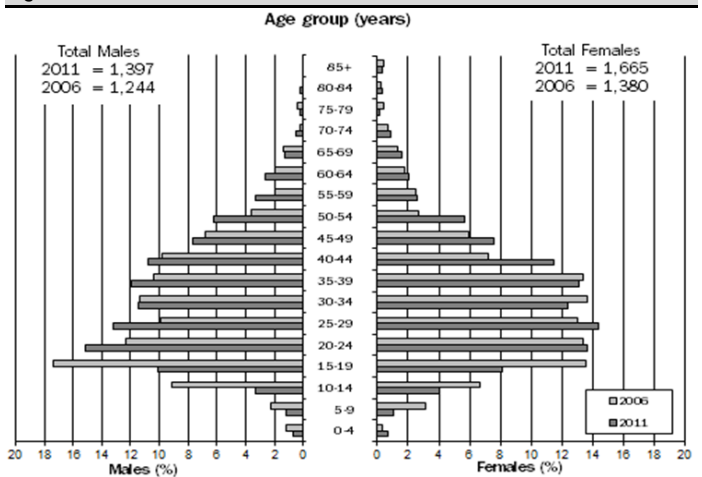
Somalia-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	13	0.5	12	0.6	8.3
5-11	28	1.2	86	4.1	-67.4
12-18	159	6.7	362	17.4	-56.1
19-25	462	19.5	349	16.7	32.4
26-44	1,134	48.0	916	43.9	23.8
45-64	492	20.8	306	14.7	60.8
65-74	59	2.5	39	1.9	51.3
75+	17	0.7	16	0.8	6.3
Total	2,364	100.0	2,086	100.0	13.3

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 Somalia-Born, 2011



Proficiency in English of Somalia-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	119	3.9	99	3.8	20.2
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	1,460	47.7	1,196	45.6	22.1
Well	934	30.5	809	30.8	15.5
Not well	406	13.3	357	13.6	13.7
Not at all	68	2.2	64	2.4	6.3
Not stated ^(a)	74	2.4	100	3.8	-26.0
Total	3,061	100.0	2,625	100.0	16.6

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

Total Personal Income (Weekly), Somalia-born: 2011

Total personal income (weekly) ^(a)	Somalia-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	279	9.7	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	475	16.4	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	880	30.4	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	347	12.0	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	289	10.0	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	130	4.5	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	148	5.1	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	23	0.8	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	19	0.7	246,378	5.7
Not stated	301	10.4	334,647	7.7
Total	2,891	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.