

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

At the 2011 Census, there were 2,649 Portugal-born persons in Victoria (17.3% of Australia's total), decreasing by 0.7% (20) from 2,669 persons in 2006. The Portugal-born were distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with concentrations in the local government areas of Brimbank (10.2%); Whittlesea (8.7%); Casey (7.4%); Hume (7.3%); and Melton (5.9%). Four-fifths (80.4%) of the Portugal-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 8.7% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 7.6% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Portugal-born community reflected an aging profile: 7.1% were aged 25 years and below; 31.8% were aged 26-44 years; 51.3% were aged 45-64 years; 44.2% were aged 45-64 years; and 17.0% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 50 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 102 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

Over four-fifths (82.5%) of the Portugal-born were Western Catholic; 8.2% had no religion. Three-quarters (75.4%) spoke a language other than English; 14.3% assessed themselves as speaking English not well or not at all. Over four-fifths (81.5%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. Over one-quarter (27.7%) of the Portugal-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 9.1% received no income.

## Demographic Background

### Persons born in Portugal 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>	2,421	15.8	2,464	16.2	2,461	15.9	-43	-1.7	3	0.1
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	228	1.5	205	1.3	207	1.3	23	11.2	-2	-1.0
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>2,649</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>2,669</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>2,668</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>-20</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>15,326</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15,195</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15,441</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>-246</b>	<b>-1.6</b>

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

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Brimbank	271	10.2	296	11.1	1
Whittlesea	231	8.7	239	9.0	2
Casey	196	7.4	173	6.5	5
Hume	194	7.3	195	7.3	3
Melton	157	5.9	133	5.0	8
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	1,374	51.9	1,430	53.6	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	225	8.5	202	7.6	
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>2,648</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,668</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

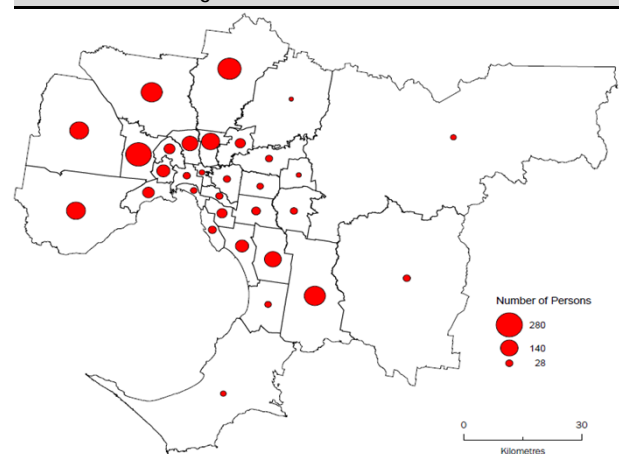
### Year of Arrival of Portugal-born: 2011

Year of Arrival <sup>(b)</sup>	Portugal-born		Total OSB, Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	2,131	80.4	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	164	6.2	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	66	2.5	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	79	3.0	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	122	4.6	316,244	22.5
Not stated	87	3.3	60,867	4.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,649</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 Portugal-Born in Melbourne, 2011



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

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	-	-	11	0.4	-100.0
5-11	26	1.0	29	1.1	-10.3
12-18	34	1.3	80	3.0	-57.5
19-25	127	4.8	272	10.2	-53.3
26-44	842	31.8	803	30.1	4.9
45-54	593	22.4	664	24.9	-10.7
55-64	576	21.8	503	18.8	14.5
65-74	325	12.3	223	8.4	45.7
75+	125	4.7	84	3.1	48.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,648</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,669</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-0.8</b>
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>102</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>50</i>		<i>47</i>		

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

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Western Catholic	2,187	82.5	2,284	85.6	-4.2
Jehovah's Witness	52	2.0	59	2.2	-11.9
Christian, nfd	29	1.1	29	1.1	0.0
Buddhism	24	0.9	20	0.7	20.0
Pentecostal, nfd	13	0.5	10	0.4	30.0
Other religions	39	1.5	26	1.0	50.0
No religion	218	8.2	159	6.0	37.1
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	89	3.4	81	3.0	9.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,651</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,668</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-0.6</b>

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

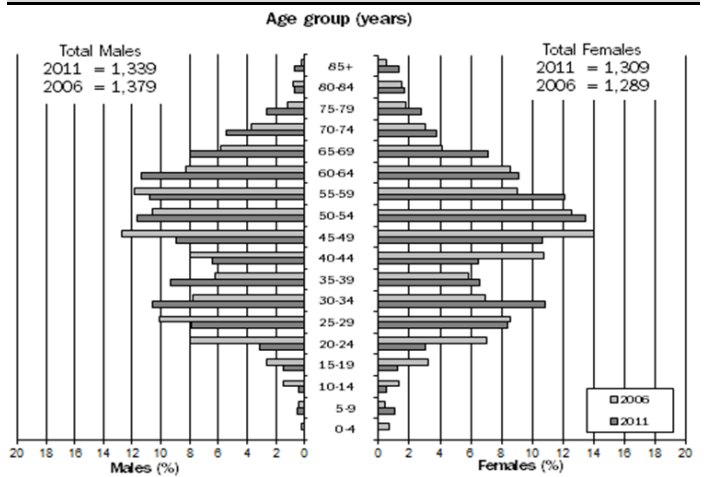
### Portugal-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	3	0.1	8	0.4	-62.5
5-11	17	0.8	14	0.6	21.4
12-18	18	0.8	60	2.8	-70.0
19-25	100	4.6	223	10.3	-55.2
26-44	664	30.7	648	29.9	2.5
45-64	966	44.7	969	44.7	-0.3
65-74	290	13.4	189	8.7	53.4
75+	103	4.8	58	2.7	77.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,161</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,169</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-0.4</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 Portugal-Born, 2011



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

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	626	23.6	522	19.6	19.9
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	886	33.4	862	32.3	2.8
Well	735	27.7	814	30.5	-9.7
Not well	342	12.9	390	14.6	-12.3
Not at all	38	1.4	58	2.2	-34.5
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	22	0.8	22	0.8	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,649</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,668</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-0.7</b>

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

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

Total personal income (weekly) <sup>(a)</sup>	Portugal-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	238	9.1	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	138	5.3	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	585	22.4	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	267	10.2	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	330	12.6	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	244	9.3	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	433	16.6	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	182	7.0	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	97	3.7	246,378	5.7
Not stated	102	3.9	334,647	7.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,616</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.