

At the 2011 Census, there were 1,524 Latvia-born persons in Victoria (32.6% of Australia's total), decreasing by 16.5% (301) from 1,825 persons in 2006. The Latvia-born were distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with slight concentrations in the local government areas of Knox (9%); Glen Eira (7.1%); Whitehorse (5.0%); Boroondara (5.0%); and Banyule (5.0%). A significant proportion (15.9%) lived in regional Victoria. Four-fifths (81.4%) of the Latvia-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 7.8% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 7.0% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Latvia-born community reflected a rapidly aging profile: only 3.9% were aged 25 years and below; 8.2% were aged 25-44 years; 6.1% were aged 45-64 years; 31.0% were aged 65-74 years; and 50.8% were aged 75 years and over. The median age was 74 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 74 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

Over half (55.5%) of the Latvia-born were Lutheran; 9.6% were Western Catholic; 6.0% followed Judaism; 12.3% had no religion. Three-fifths (60.1%) spoke a language other than English. Most (90.9%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. Half (50.5%) of the Latvia-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 4.7% received no income.

## Demographic Background

Persons born in Latvia 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>	1,279	27.4	1,531	27.3	1,809	27.0	-252	-16.5	-278	-15.4
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	245	5.2	294	5.2	339	5.1	-49	-16.7	-45	-13.3
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>1,524</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>1,825</b>	<b>32.5</b>	<b>2,148</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>-301</b>	<b>-16.5</b>	<b>-323</b>	<b>-15.0</b>
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>4,673</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,610</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,688</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-937</b>	<b>-16.7</b>	<b>-1078</b>	<b>-16.1</b>

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

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Knox	138	9.0	134	7.3	1
Glen Eira	108	7.1	116	6.3	2
Whitehorse	77	5.0	99	5.4	4
Boroondara	76	5.0	104	5.7	3
Banyule	76	5.0	87	4.8	6
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	807	52.9	987	54.0	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	243	15.9	300	16.4	
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>1,525</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,827</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

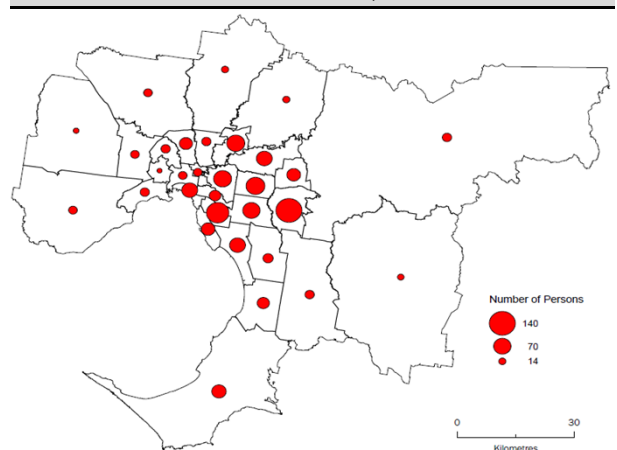
Year of Arrival of Latvia-born: 2011

Year of Arrival <sup>(b)</sup>	Latvia-born		Total OSB, Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	1,239	81.4	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	62	4.1	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	57	3.7	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	35	2.3	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	71	4.7	316,244	22.5
Not stated	59	3.9	60,867	4.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,523</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 Latvia-Born in Melbourne, 2011



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

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	6	0.4	-	-	-
5-11	9	0.6	5	0.3	80.0
12-18	14	0.9	26	1.4	-46.2
19-25	31	2.0	33	1.8	-6.1
26-44	125	8.2	81	4.4	54.3
45-54	40	2.6	36	2.0	11.1
55-64	54	3.5	241	13.2	-77.6
65-74	472	31.0	524	28.8	-9.9
75+	774	50.8	876	48.1	-11.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,525</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,822</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-16.3</b>
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>74</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>74</i>		<i>74</i>		

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

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Lutheran	846	55.5	1,161	63.6	-27.1
Western Catholic	146	9.6	167	9.1	-12.6
Judaism	91	6.0	99	5.4	-8.1
Russian Orthodox	51	3.3	51	2.8	0.0
Anglican Church	32	2.1	32	1.8	0.0
Other religions	98	6.4	95	5.2	3.2
No religion	188	12.3	151	8.3	24.5
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	72	4.7	70	3.8	2.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,524</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,826</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-16.5</b>

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

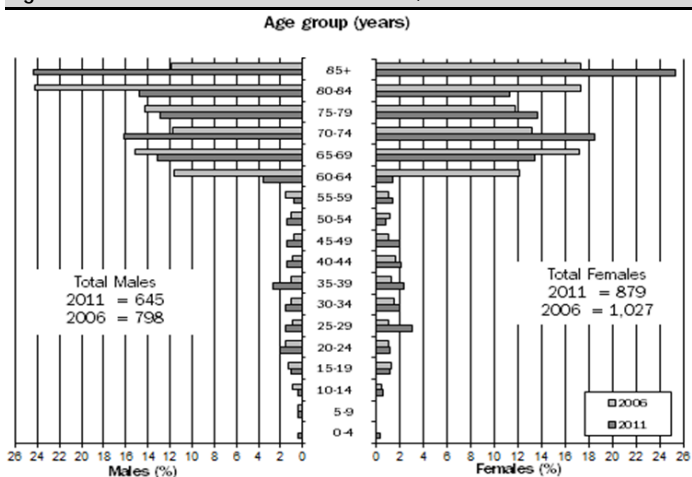
### Latvia-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	-	-	-	-	-
5-11	4	0.3	4	0.2	0.0
12-18	6	0.4	23	1.4	-73.9
19-25	23	1.7	20	1.2	15.0
26-44	68	4.9	51	3.0	33.3
45-64	84	6.1	268	15.8	-68.7
65-74	464	33.5	508	30.0	-8.7
75+	737	53.2	819	48.4	-10.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,386</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,693</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-18.1</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 Latvia-Born, 2011



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

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	589	38.6	675	37.0	-12.7
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	544	35.7	621	34.0	-12.4
Well	316	20.7	416	22.8	-24.0
Not well	50	3.3	89	4.9	-43.8
Not at all	6	0.4	6	0.3	0.0
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	19	1.2	18	1.0	5.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,524</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,825</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-16.5</b>

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

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

Total personal income (weekly) <sup>(a)</sup>	Latvia-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	71	4.7	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	92	6.1	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	669	44.4	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	259	17.2	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	106	7.0	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	58	3.8	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	92	6.1	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	33	2.2	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	49	3.2	246,378	5.7
Not stated	79	5.2	334,647	7.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,508</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.