

THE ERITREA-BORN COMMUNITY IN VICTORIA: 2011 CENSUS

At the 2011 Census, there were 1,520 Eritrea-born persons in Victoria (53.4% of Australia's total), increasing by 24.9% (303) from 1,217 persons in 2006. The Eritrea-born were mainly concentrated in the local government areas of Melbourne (13.1%); Moonee Valley (12.6%); Brimbank (11.8%); Wyndham (9.4%); and Hume (8.4%). Only 12.0% of the Eritrea-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1991; 48.3% had arrived between 1991 and 2000; and 35.1% had arrived between 2001 and 2011.

The Eritrea-born community reflected a balanced age profile: 13.5% were aged 25 years and below; 51.1% were aged 26-44 years; 28.8% were aged 45-64 years; and 6.8% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 40 years, compared to 37 years for the total Victorian population. The gender ratio was 89 males to 100 females, compared to 98 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

Two-thirds (65.5%) followed Islam; 8.4% were Greek Orthodox; 6.3% were Western Catholic 5.9% were Eastern Orthodox not further defined; and 2.8% were Coptic Orthodox; 1.0% had no religion. Most (95.2%) spoke a language other than English; 19.2% assessed themselves as speaking English not well or not at all. Four-fifths (80.0%) held Australian Citizenship, compared to 63.1% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria. Over two-fifths (43.9%) of the Eritrea-born aged 15 years and over received a weekly personal income of less than \$400; 7.6% received no income.

Demographic Background

Persons born in Eritrea 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)	1,510	53.1	1,211	60.0	978	61.2	299	24.7	233	23.8
Rest of Victoria ^(b)	10	0.4	6	0.3	18	1.1	4	66.7	-12	-66.7
Total Victoria	1,520	53.4	1,217	60.3	996	62.3	303	24.9	221	22.2
Total Australia	2,845	100.0	2,017	100.0	1,599	100.0	828	41.1	418	26.1

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

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

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

Local Government Area	2011 Census		2006 Census		Rank in 2006
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Melbourne	199	13.1	191	15.7	2
Moonee Valley	191	12.6	197	16.2	1
Brimbank	179	11.8	90	7.4	5
Wyndham	143	9.4	55	4.5	9
Hume	128	8.4	87	7.2	6
Rest of LGAs, Metro Melb	671	44.1	590	48.5	
Rest of LGAs, Reg. Vic	9	0.6	6	0.5	
Total Victoria	1,520	100.0	1,216	100.0	

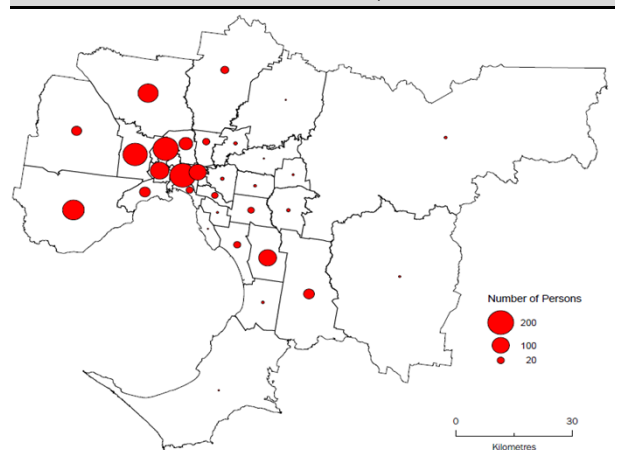
Year of Arrival of Eritrea-born: 2011

Year of Arrival ^(b)	Eritrea-born		Total OSB, Vic ^(a)	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1991	182	12.0	682,720	48.6
1991 - 1995	421	27.7	89,119	6.3
1996 - 2000	312	20.6	104,896	7.5
2001 - 2005	265	17.5	151,488	10.8
2006 - 2011	267	17.6	316,244	22.5
Not stated	71	4.7	60,867	4.3
Total	1,518	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 Eritrea-Born in Melbourne, 2011



Age Distribution of Eritrea-born: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	8	0.5	9	0.7	-11.1
5-11	32	2.1	29	2.4	10.3
12-18	70	4.6	71	5.8	-1.4
19-25	95	6.3	102	8.4	-6.9
26-44	776	51.1	681	56.0	14.0
45-54	320	21.1	178	14.6	79.8
55-64	117	7.7	95	7.8	23.2
65-74	86	5.7	44	3.6	95.5
75+	16	1.1	8	0.7	100.0
Total	1,520	100.0	1,217	100.0	24.9
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>89</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>		
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>40</i>		<i>37</i>		

Top 5 Religions of Eritrea-born: 2011, 2006

Religion	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Islam	994	65.5	829	68.0	19.9
Greek Orthodox	128	8.4	122	10.0	4.9
Western Catholic	96	6.3	73	6.0	31.5
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	89	5.9	43	3.5	107.0
Coptic Orthodox	42	2.8	22	1.8	90.9
Other religions	129	8.5	74	6.1	74.3
No religion	15	1.0	13	1.1	15.4
Not stated ^(a)	24	1.6	44	3.6	-45.5
Total	1,517	100.0	1,220	100.0	24.3

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

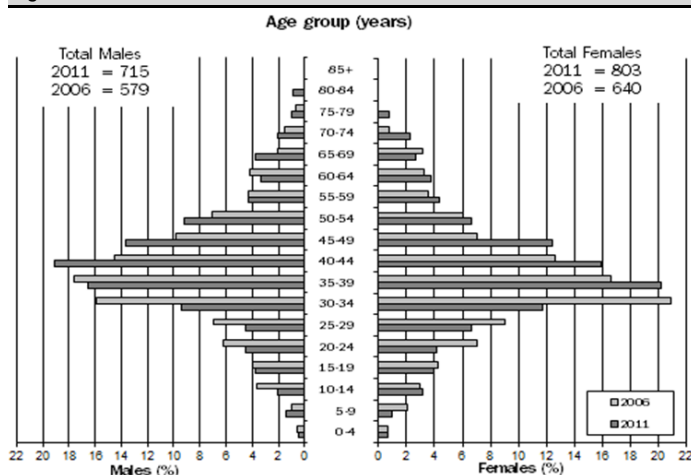
Eritrea-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2011, 2006

Age group (years)	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	-	-	-	-	-
5-11	4	0.3	13	1.3	-69.2
12-18	45	3.7	52	5.3	-13.5
19-25	70	5.8	91	9.2	-23.1
26-44	617	50.7	545	55.4	13.2
45-64	391	32.2	240	24.4	62.9
65-74	71	5.8	34	3.5	108.8
75+	18	1.5	9	0.9	100.0
Total	1,216	100.0	984	100.0	23.6

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 Eritrea-Born, 2011



Proficiency in English of Eritrea-born: 2011, 2006

Proficiency in English	2011 Census		2006 Census		2006-2011 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	50	3.3	41	3.4	22.0
<i>Speaks other language and speaks English</i>					
Very well	621	40.9	481	39.6	29.1
Well	533	35.1	429	35.3	24.2
Not well	240	15.8	194	16.0	23.7
Not at all	52	3.4	42	3.5	23.8
Not stated ^(a)	24	1.6	29	2.4	-17.2
Total	1,520	100.0	1,216	100.0	25.0

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

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

Total personal income (weekly) ^(a)	Eritrea-born		Tot Vic pop	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative/Nil	110	7.6	377,766	8.7
\$1-199	157	10.8	341,700	7.8
\$200-\$399	482	33.1	882,992	20.3
\$400-\$599	192	13.2	504,498	11.6
\$600-\$799	153	10.5	459,629	10.6
\$800-\$999	107	7.3	367,453	8.4
\$1,000-\$1,499	109	7.5	584,245	13.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	23	1.6	255,935	5.9
\$2,000 or more	14	1.0	246,378	5.7
Not stated	109	7.5	334,647	7.7
Total	1,456	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.