2019 Population Projections for Broken Hill help us understand the future size of the population and composition of households in the City.

The 2019 Population Projections indicate that the population of Broken Hill is estimated to decrease by 4,450 people between 2016 and 2041, from 18,100 to 13,650. Broken Hill’s population change is largely driven by people leaving the area, with many projected to move across the border to South Australia and Victoria.

The working age population (aged 15-64) is estimated to decrease by 11,200 in 2016 to 7,500 in 2041 – a change of 3,700.

The number of children aged 14 and under is estimated to change by 1,050 children, from 3,100 in 2016 to 2,050 in 2041.

The number of people aged 65 and over is estimated to increase from 3,850 in 2016 to 4,050 by 2041 - a change of 200.

Supporting communities in Broken Hill

The NSW, Federal and local governments are delivering infrastructure and capital works that may change future population patterns and growth beyond what is shown in the projections. For example:

- Improving air travel with the $2.45m Broken Hill Airport safety upgrade
- The $2.57m Jubilee Oval upgrade to enhance Broken Hill’s historic sport and recreation space
- Improving tourism opportunities with $750k for the 'Our Heritage Perfectly Highlighted' project

What are the NSW Population Projections?

The NSW Population Projections estimate the future NSW population based on assumptions for fertility, life expectancy and migration. They represent possible demographic futures based on the best assessment of how the NSW population may change over time, including population size, age profile and residential location. These projections are based on assumptions known at the time of publication. These projections are a tool used by the Government in the planning of services and infrastructure such as schools, hospitals, transport and community services.

Future decisions, such as infrastructure investments and land use plans, will change future population patterns including growth and distribution. These projections do not change the vision set out in Regional Plans or affect local plans and strategies such as the Local Strategic Planning Statements and Local Housing Strategies.

Broken Hill City Council
2019 NSW Population Projections

Key Indicators: Projected Population, Households and Dwellings - all data at 30th June

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*Average persons resident per occupied private dwelling
**Dwellings required if the population forms households in the same ways as in 2016

Information is rounded to the nearest 50, which can introduce discrepancies in totals and differences.