2019 Population Projections for Cobar help us understand the future size of the population and composition of households in the Shire.

The 2019 Population Projections indicate that the population of Cobar is estimated to decrease by 450 people between 2016 and 2041, from 4,800 to 4,350. Cobar’s population change will be driven by people leaving the area to live in regional centres. This loss is tempered by natural change with births outnumbering deaths.

The working age population (aged 15-64) is estimated to decrease by 3,100 in 2016 to 2,350 in 2041 – a change of 750.

The number of children aged 14 and under is estimated to change by 350 children, from 1,100 in 2016 to 750 in 2041.

The number of people aged 65 and over is estimated to increase from 600 in 2016 to 1,250 by 2041 - a change of 650.

Supporting communities in Cobar

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:

- The $4.41m Cobar industrial sub-division is generating jobs in Cobar
- The $908k Great Cobar Heritage Centre will enhance Cobar as a tourist destination
- The $2.2m Cobar Sewer upgrade is enhancing key water infrastructure in the town
- The Barrier Highway upgrade is improving a key road link between Broken Hill and Dubbo

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