2019 Population Projections for Hay 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 Hay is estimated to decrease by 600 people between 2016 and 2041, from 3,000 to 2,400. People moving interstate and to other parts of regional NSW is estimated to be the main driver behind the change in Hay.

The working age population (aged 15-64) is estimated to decrease by 1,850 in 2016 to 1,250 in 2041 – a change of 600.

The number of children aged 14 and under is estimated to change by 200 children, from 550 in 2016 to 350 in 2041.

The number of people aged 65 and over is estimated to increase from 600 in 2016 to 800 by 2041 - a change of 200.

Supporting communities in Hay

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:

- Investing in maintenance of public infrastructure with the $7.82m Matthews Bridge replacement project
- Improving water supply in the region with the $7m Hay Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Investing in roads with the Cobb Highway seal extension and Sturt Highway improvements
- Investing in community amenity with the $560k Hay Park playground

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.

Hay Shire 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.