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

The 2019 Population Projections indicate that the population of Hilltops is estimated to decrease by 2,250 people between 2016 and 2041, from 18,750 to 16,500. Hilltops is estimated to decrease as a result of young families moving interstate or to other parts of regional NSW.

The working age population (aged 15-64) is estimated to decrease by 10,950 in 2016 to 8,500 in 2041 – a change of 2,450.

The number of children aged 14 and under is estimated to change by 1,000 children, from 3,750 in 2016 to 2,750 in 2041.

The number of people aged 65 and over is estimated to increase from 4,050 in 2016 to 5,250 by 2041 - a change of 1,200.

Supporting communities in Hilltops

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 facilities with the $3m construction of a new library and university facility in Young
- Improving roads for the community with the $1.09m Battery Road pavement rehabilitation and safety upgrades
- Hume Highway Improvements including heavy duty pavement
- Improving community facilities with $773k for the Young sporting fields and recreational areas

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.
Hilltops 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.