2019 Population Projections for Lithgow 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 Lithgow is estimated to remain stable, changing by 700 people between 2016 and 2041, from 21,500 to 20,800. Lithgow’s population is estimated to remain relatively stable.

The working age population (aged 15-64) is estimated to decrease by 13,150 in 2016 to 10,950 in 2041 – a change of 2,200.

The number of children aged 14 and under is estimated to change by 600 children, from 3,750 in 2016 to 3,150 in 2041.

The number of people aged 65 and over is estimated to increase from 4,550 in 2016 to 6,750 by 2041 - a change of 2,200.

Supporting communities in Lithgow

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 roads for the community such as the Bells Line of Road
- The $1.04m Lithgow adventure playground, delivering a new play space for the region's kids
- Improving rail services by replenishing the regional rail fleet and introducing a new Intercity Fleet
- Investing in community attractions such as $2.33m to restart the Zig Zag railway

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.