2019 Population Projections for Wentworth 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 Wentworth is estimated to decrease by 450 people between 2016 and 2041, from 6,950 to 6,500. Wentworth is estimated to remain relatively stable.

The working age population (aged 15-64) is estimated to decrease by 4,250 in 2016 to 3,450 in 2041 – a change of 800.

The number of children aged 14 and under is estimated to change by 300 children, from 1,350 in 2016 to 1,050 in 2041.

The number of people aged 65 and over is estimated to increase from 1,350 in 2016 to 1,950 by 2041 - a change of 600.

Supporting communities in Wentworth

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 transport and regional connectivity with the $8.4m Wentworth Aerodrome
- Improving connectivity for telecommunications with a new mobile phone tower at Wentworth
- Supporting the local community with a $450k upgrade to the main pavilion at Wenworth Showgrounds

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

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<th>2016</th>
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<td>Total Population</td>
<td>6,050</td>
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<td>2016 Population Projection</td>
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<td>Total Households</td>
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<td>Household Size*</td>
<td>2.35</td>
<td>2.29</td>
<td>2.28</td>
<td>2.24</td>
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<td>Implied Dwelling Projection**</td>
<td>3,400</td>
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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

### Population change

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<td>Population change</td>
<td>-50</td>
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<td>Average annual growth rate</td>
<td>-0.1%</td>
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<td>-0.4%</td>
<td>-0.5%</td>
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<td>Births</td>
<td>450</td>
<td>400</td>
<td>350</td>
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<td>Deaths</td>
<td>300</td>
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<td>400</td>
<td>400</td>
<td>1,800</td>
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<td>Natural change</td>
<td>150</td>
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<td>0</td>
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<td>Net Migration (all)</td>
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### Historic and Projected Population

![Graph showing historic and projected population](image)

### Population by Age

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<td>0-14</td>
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<td>15-29</td>
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<td>800</td>
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<td>30-44</td>
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<td>45-59</td>
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### Households by Type

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<td>Family with children</td>
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<td>Couple-only</td>
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<td>900</td>
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<td>Lone Person</td>
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<td>Group &amp; Other</td>
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<td>Total</td>
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Information is rounded to the nearest 50, which can introduce discrepancies in totals and differences.