2019 Population Projections for Willoughby 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 Willoughby is estimated to increase by 26,250 people between 2016 and 2041, from 77,900 to 104,150. Natural change and the movement of people into Willoughby will both contribute to the area’s population growth.

The working age population (aged 15-64) is estimated to increase by 52,250 in 2016 to 66,450 in 2041 – a change of 14,200.

The number of children aged 14 and under is estimated to change by 3,500 children, from 15,050 in 2016 to 18,550 in 2041.

The number of people aged 65 and over is estimated to increase from 10,550 in 2016 to 19,150 by 2041 - a change of 8,600.

Supporting communities in Willoughby

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:

- Improved transport links including the new Crows Nest Sydney Metro station
- Improvement of data infrastructure including the $1b Airtrunk data centre
- Investment in health infrastructure including the $75m North Sydney Health Hub Tower A, $36m Tower B and $126m Health Services Administration Building.
- Encouraging good growth through diverse housing types with the low rise medium density code

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.