

Explanatory notes

Age-Sex Population Projections by Statistical Local Area, Local Government Area and South Australian Government Region, 2011-2031

The Excel workbooks accessible through this webpage contain population projections for all of the Statistical Local Areas (SLAs), Local Government Areas (LGAs) and South Australian Government Regions (SAGRs) - including the baseline 2011 Census population - for the years 2016, 2021, 2026 and 2031 disaggregated by five year age groups and sex.

These projections replace the population projections published in 2011 by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (formerly Department of Planning Local Government). The SLA and LGA boundaries used in these projections are those defined in the Australian Standard Geographical Classification, 2011 Edition (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Cat. 1259.0.30.001). The SAGR boundaries used in these projections were approved by State Cabinet on 10 December 2007.

These SLA, LGA and SAGR projections are based on the South Australian Cabinet approved medium series of South Australian Statistical Division projections that were released in September 2015 that are available for download from the Department's website: <http://www.dpti.sa.gov.au/planning/population>

Of the three projection series (high, medium and low) published by DPTI at the all-of-State and Statistical Division level, the medium series is regarded as the most likely outcome with the high and low series being included at the all-of-State and Statistical Division level to enable agencies to manage risks if a population trend emerges that is higher or lower than the medium series.

Users of these projections should be aware that they represent only one possible future population outcome based on an assumption of continued population growth and a spatial distribution that is a reflection of current and likely government policies.

POPULATION DEFINITION

The population totals presented in this publication refer to the estimated resident population (ERP) as defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS Cat. 3107.0.55.006, *Information Paper: Population Concepts Australia*, 2008). The ERP is the official measure of Australia's population and is based on the concept of a person's usual place of residence.

CAUTIONARY INFORMATION REGARDING THE USE OF POPULATION PROJECTIONS

It should be noted that population projections are not forecasts of the future. They are estimates of the future size, age structure and geographic distribution of populations based on particular assumptions about future fertility, mortality and migration. Users of these projections should note that unforeseen policy, economic and societal changes may result in population outcomes different from those presented here.

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