

## Explanatory notes

### Age-Sex Population Projections for South Australia and Regions, 2016–2041

The Excel workbooks accessible through this webpage contain population projections for South Australia and regions – including the baseline 2016 Census population – annually for the years 2016 through to 2041 disaggregated by sex and by both single and five year age groups.

These projections replace the population projections published in 2015 by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure. The regions used in these projections were produced by DPTI and derived from a combination of Statistical Areas Levels 3 and 4 (SA3 & SA4) defined in the Australian Statistical Geographical Standard, 2016 Edition (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Cat. 1270.0.55.001).

Of the three projection series (high, medium and low) published by DPTI at the all-of-State and region 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 region 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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