

## Population and Housing Forecasts 2016 to 2026

The **Sunshine Coast Council area Population and Household Forecasts 2016 to 2026** report provides council and the community with readily accessible, comprehensive information about how the Sunshine Coast is changing in terms of projected population, age structure, dwellings and household types. The projections are available for the Sunshine Coast and each Locality of Interest to 2026. The report will help support evidence-based decision making on the Sunshine Coast for council, the business sector and the community, and contribute to the planning and delivery of services to meet the needs of our growing community.

The methodology prepared by informed decisions (.id) is robust and based on council's long term land use planning assumptions and development approval activities, including building completion documentation.

### Forecast population, households and dwellings

In 2016, the total population on the Sunshine Coast was estimated to be approximately 303,392 people. It is expected to increase by approximately 83,300 people to approximately 386,692 by 2026, at an average annual growth rate of 2.5%. This forecast is based on an increase of over 32,700 households during the period, with the average number of persons per household remaining stable at 2.48 between 2016 and 2026.

Sunshine Coast Council area	Forecast year		
	2016	2021	2026
<b>Summary</b>			
Population	303,392	345,782	386,692
Change in population (5yrs)	36,151	42,390	40,910
Average annual change	2.57%	2.65%	2.26%
Households	120,611	137,059	153,314
Average household size	2.48	2.47	2.48
Population in non private dwellings	4,817	6,666	6,830
Dwellings	131,728	150,215	168,446
Dwelling occupancy rate	91.56	91.24	91.02

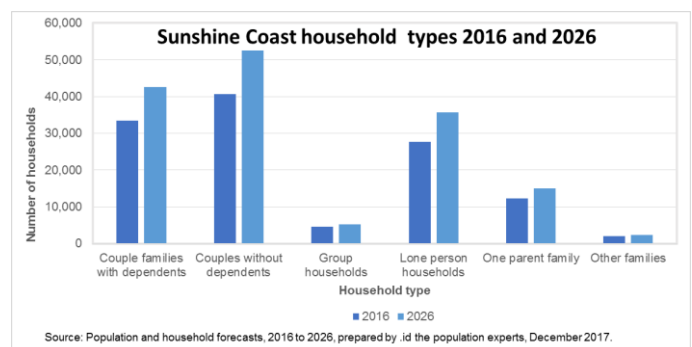
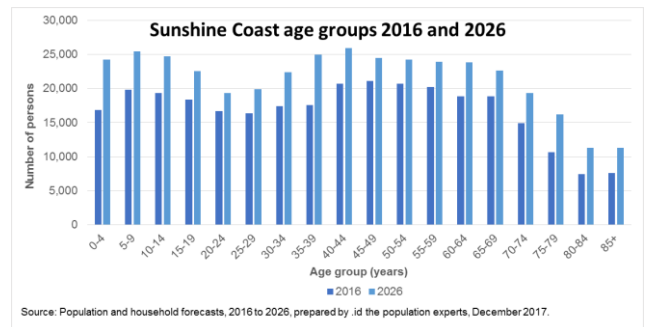
Source: Population and household forecasts, 2011 to 2041, prepared by [.id](#), the population experts, December 2017.

## Forecast age structure

In 2016, the dominant age group on the Sunshine Coast was 45 to 49 years, which accounted for 21,125 persons or 7.0% of the total population.

The largest increase in persons between 2016 and 2026 is forecast to be the age group 35 to 39 years, which is expected to increase by 7,425 persons and account for 6.5% of the total population by 2026.

The largest age group in 2026 is anticipated to be 40 to 44 years, with a total of 25,904 persons accounting for 6.7% of the total population.



## Forecast household types

In 2016, the dominant household type on the Sunshine Coast was 'couples without dependents', which accounted for 33.7% of all households.

The largest increase in household types between 2016 and 2026 is forecast to be in 'couples without dependents', which is anticipated to increase by approximately 11,904 households and account for 34.2% of all households by 2026.

Lone person households are forecast to increase by 7,875 households between 2016 and 2026 and represent 23.2% of all households in 2026.



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## Further information

The **Sunshine Coast Council area Population and Household Forecasts 2011 to 2026** is available on Council's website.

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