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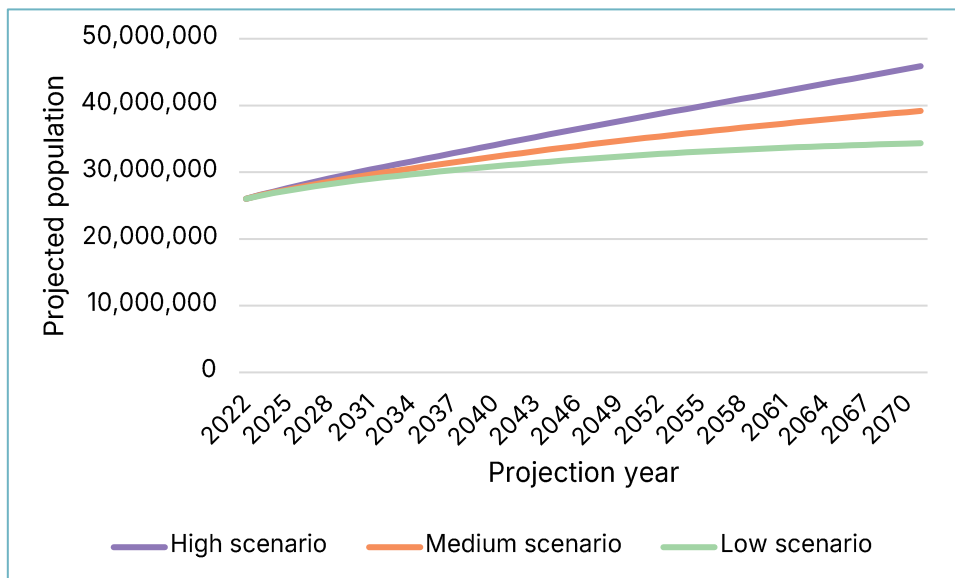
POPULATION PROJECTIONS

Population projections are estimates of how a population may change in the future based on current trends in births, deaths, and migration. They are not predictions, but scenarios that show what could happen if theorised patterns continue. Projections help governments, planners, and communities understand likely changes in population size, age structure, and geographic distribution. Population projections support long-term planning for housing, schools, health services, transport, and workforce needs. By exploring different projection scenarios, decision makers can prepare for a range of possible future

- Australia's population is projected to reach between **34.5 and 45.9 million people** by the year 2071.
- The median age of Australians (currently 38.5 years) is projected to increase to between 43.8 and 47.6 years by 2071.
- By 2071, **Melbourne is projected to be the most populous** city in Australia with a projected population between **6.5 million and 9.9 million**.
- Net overseas migration is crucial factor in Australia's projected population growth.

Population projections show how today's trends can shape tomorrow's communities.

AUSTRALIAN POPULATION PROJECTIONS



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