

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has released population projections for Australia from 2022 to 2071, based on varying assumptions of fertility, mortality, and migration rates (Beurze, 2016). The current population of 26 million is expected to grow to between 34.3 and 45.9 million by 2071. The annual growth rate is projected to decrease from the current 1.4% to between 0.2% and 0.9%. Additionally, the median age is anticipated to rise from 38.5 years to between 43.8 and 47.6 years (Télez & Zeadally, 2017). These projections are hypothetical scenarios that depend on demographic trends and expert consultations, not accounting for unpredictable non-demographic factors (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2016)

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