

Current Population

The Kiama LGA has a current estimated resident population of around 23,000 persons. The Kiama township is the largest settlement and other major towns and villages are located in Minnamurra, Kiama Downs, Jamberoo, Gerringong and Gerroa.

The Kiama LGA also attracts a large tourist base, with almost 1 million visitors each year.

Key Demographics

Our community has an Ageing Population:

- The median age is 48.
- 36% of the population are over 60.
- In the last 5 years the 65-69 years cohort **increased** 422 persons (27.5%).
- In the last 5 years the 20-24 age cohort **decreased** by 108 persons (12.8%).

In comparison to both the Illawarra Region and the whole of NSW:

- Kiama has a **lower than average** population in the 0-49 age groups.
- Kiama has a **higher than average** population in the over 50 age groups.

Forecast Population

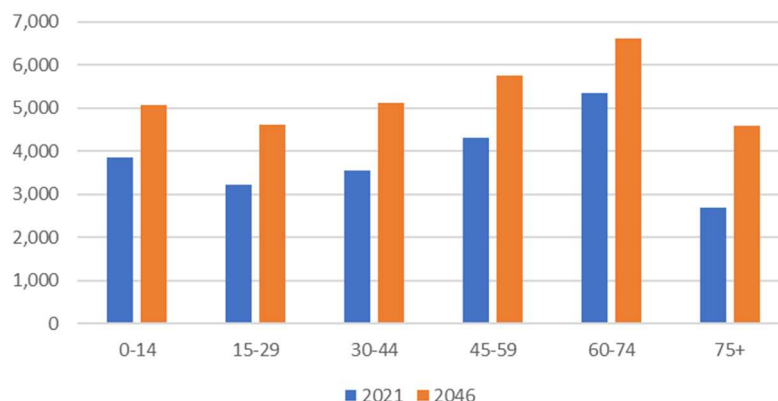
The population is forecast to grow by an additional 8,772 persons (or 38%) from 22,961 persons in 2021 to 31,733 persons in 2046. The average annual increase to achieve this 25 year forecast is an additional 351 persons (or 1.3%) per year. This growth is expected to occur in both existing urban areas (infill), the redevelopment of sites (brownfield) and new release areas (greenfield).

2021-2046 Population Forecasts	2021	2026	2031	2036	2041	2046
Population (persons)	22,961	23,690	24,639	27,678	30,289	31,733
5 year increase		729	949	3,039	2,611	1,444
Households	9,135	9,509	9,934	11,010	12,131	12,847
5 year increase		374	425	1,076	1,121	716
Dwellings	10,851	11,256	11,719	12,999	14,142	14,822
5 year increase		405	463	1,280	1,143	680

Note: The difference in household and dwelling numbers recognises the unoccupied dwellings.

Change in Age Profile

- In 2046, the 60-74 age group will represent the largest proportion of the population at 21%.
- The age group with the largest change is 75+ with an increase of 71% (1,906 persons) from 2021 to 2046.



Source: This information was prepared in March 2024 based on data from REMPLAN, 2023.