

## STATISTICAL OVERVIEW

### Current and Projected Population

The population in the CNAHS region is expected to grow only marginally over the years from 2005 to 2020; however, this low overall growth hides substantial variations in growth at older ages. For example, over the five years from 2005 to 2010, the population is projected to grow by just 1.5% or 0.3% per annum (Table 3). Growth rates in the next two five-year periods are lower, at 1.2% and 1.0%. The overall growth of 1.5% in the five years to 2010 is comprised of small declines at ages below 45 years (and, for females, at ages 75 to 84 years) and growth in the 65 to 74 years and 85 years and over age groups (in the latter group the growth is substantial). Notably, the growth in the population of older males is above that for females, with the number of males at a lower level than for females. The low level of growth to 2010 in the 75 to 84 year age group in the proportion of population who are males, and the small decline for females, reflect low birth rates in the 1930s and loss of life in the Second War World.

As the cohorts age, growth is more pronounced from 2010 to 2015, for both males and females, in the 65 to 74 and 75 to 84 year age groups, but lower in the 85 years and over age group. In the five years to 2020, the strongest growth for males is projected to be at 75 to 84 years, whereas for females it is in the 65 to 74 year age group. By 2020, growth at the oldest ages is projected to have slowed considerably in comparison with the earlier periods.

**Table 3: Projected Resident Population in CNAHS, selected years, 2005 to 2020**

Sex and age	2005		2010		2015		2020	
	Number	Number	Change	Number	Change	Number	Change	
<b>Males</b>								
0-24	124,716	120,486	-3.4	115,749	-3.9	110,923	-4.2	
25-44	112,492	110,131	-2.1	108,870	-1.1	108,154	-0.7	
45-64	93,618	101,048	7.9	102,416	1.4	103,297	0.9	
65-74	27,473	31,015	12.9	37,823	22.0	42,622	12.7	
75-84	18,792	19,164	2.0	20,543	7.2	24,049	17.1	
85+	4,676	6,355	35.9	7,937	24.9	8,722	9.9	
<b>Total</b>	<b>381,767</b>	<b>388,199</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>393,338</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>397,767</b>	<b>1.1</b>	
<b>Females</b>								
0-24	119,869	115,120	-4.0	110,326	-4.2	105,471	-4.4	
25-44	109,954	107,707	-2.0	106,213	-1.4	104,916	-1.2	
45-64	98,426	105,868	7.6	106,220	0.3	106,040	-0.2	
65-74	30,803	34,030	10.5	41,572	22.2	47,571	14.4	
75-84	25,602	24,861	-2.9	25,702	3.4	28,985	12.8	
85+	10,458	13,029	24.6	14,832	13.8	15,457	4.2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>395,112</b>	<b>400,615</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>404,865</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>408,440</b>	<b>0.9</b>	
<b>Persons</b>								
0-24	244,585	235,606	-3.7	226,075	-4.0	216,394	-4.3	
25-44	222,446	217,838	-2.1	215,083	-1.3	213,070	-0.9	
45-64	192,044	206,916	7.7	208,636	0.8	209,337	0.3	
65-74	58,276	65,045	11.6	79,395	22.1	90,193	13.6	
75-84	44,394	44,025	-0.8	46,245	5.0	53,034	14.7	
85+	15,134	19,384	28.1	22,769	17.5	24,179	6.2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>776,879</b>	<b>788,814</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>798,203</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>806,207</b>	<b>1.0</b>	

Source: Compiled from ABS Population Projections 2005 to 2050 (unpublished)