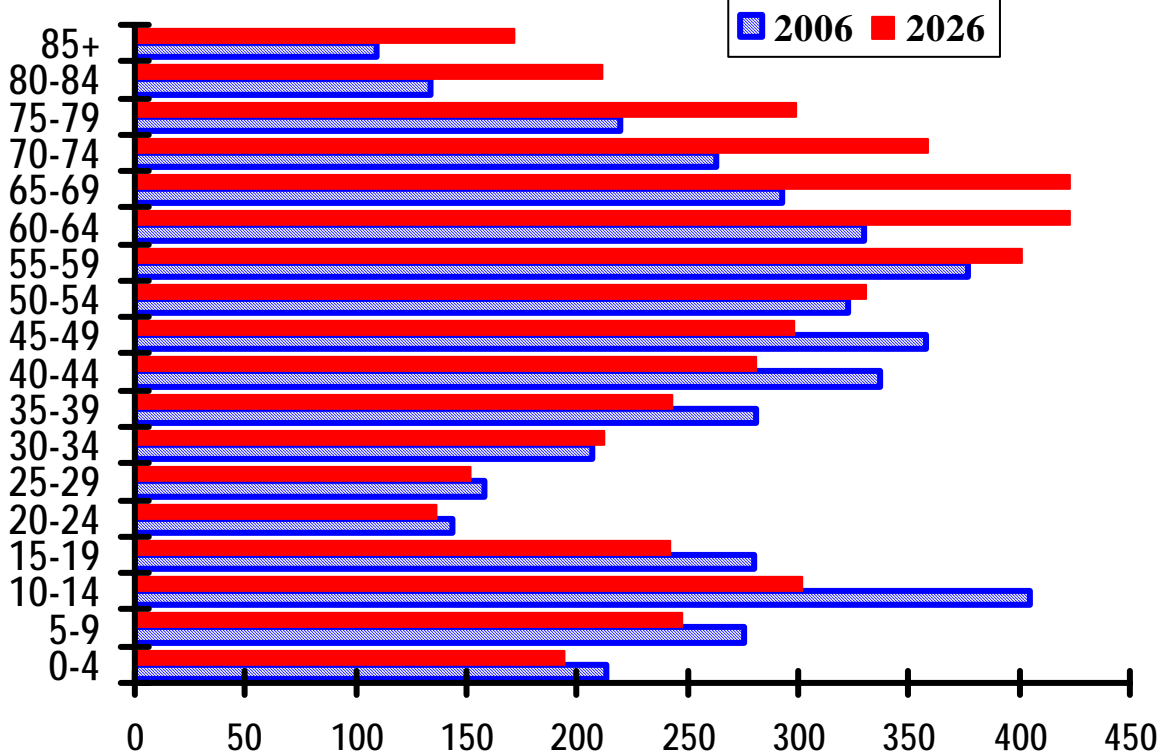


Projections

The Hunter Valley Research Foundation also predicts further future increases in population with the trend towards an aging of the population projected to continue, providing challenges and opportunities as the requirements for increased age care and health related facilities increase.

POPULATION PROJECTION BY AGE GROUP. (HVRF 2003)



Population Numbers