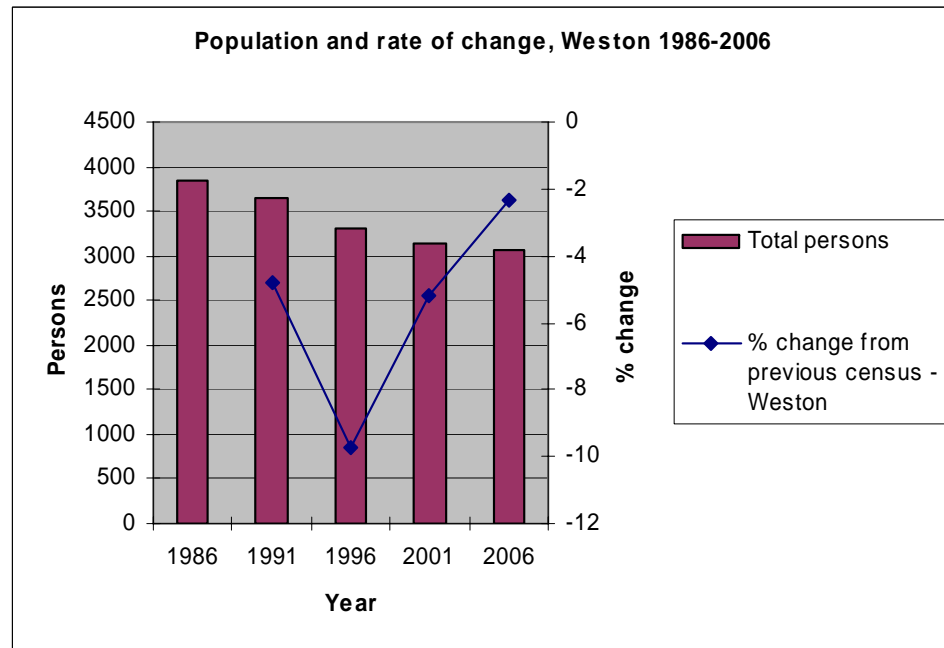
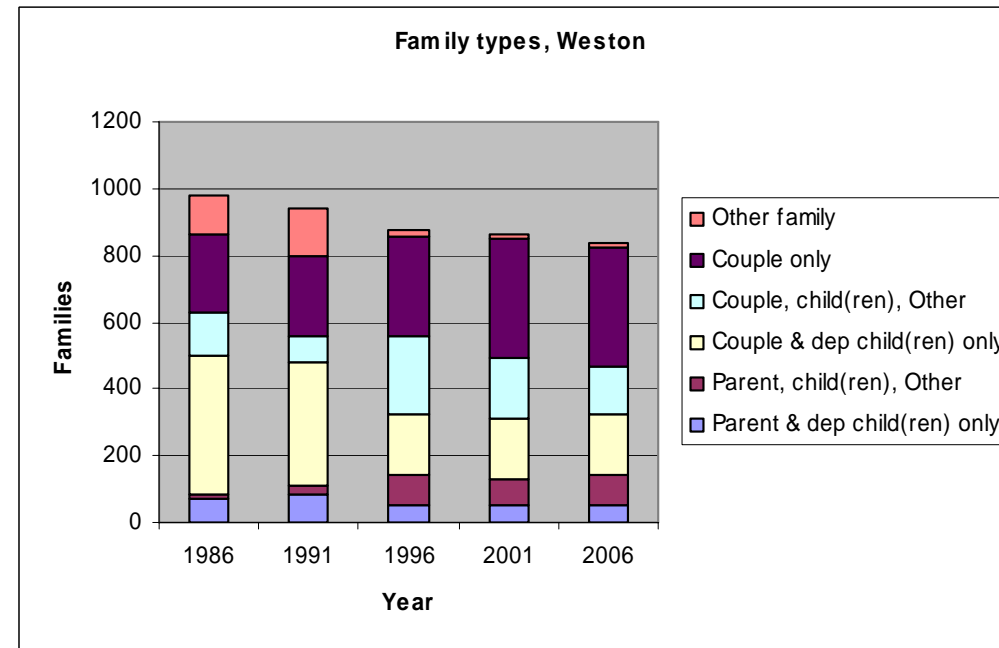


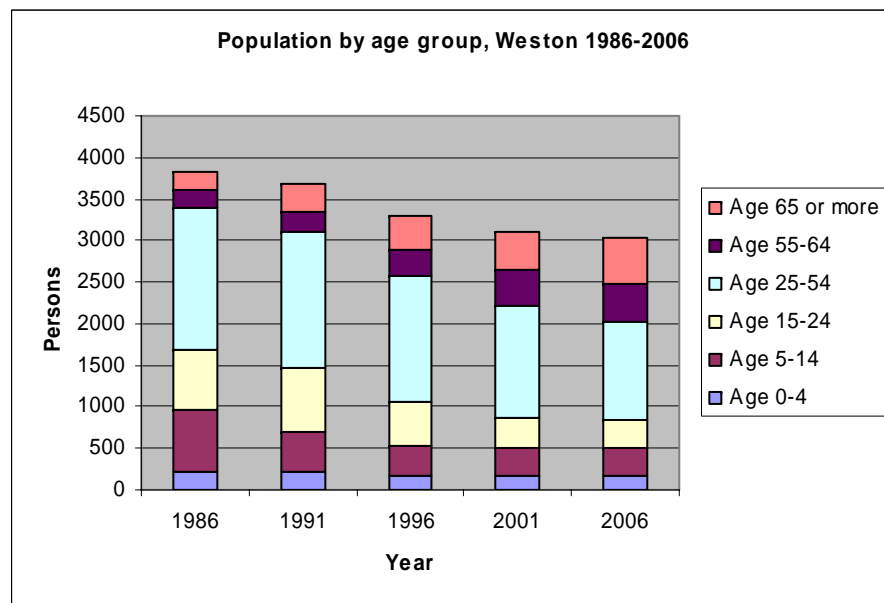
Population Characteristics – Suburb of Weston



The population of Weston declined by 20% between 1986 and 2006, from more than 3,800 to around 3,000 people. This compares a growth in the ACT population of around 30% over this period. The annual growth rate for the ACT at the last census was 1% pa compared with annual loss of 0.5% in the suburb of Weston.

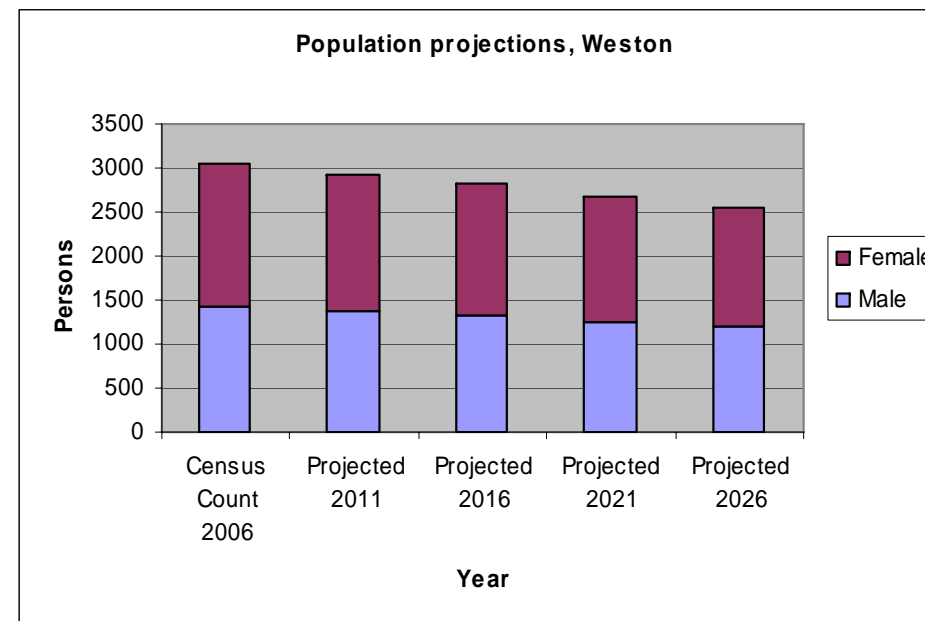


Data on family types reflect many changes over time and definitional changes. While the proportion of families with children have declined as a proportion of total families, particularly those with dependent children. In 1986, 50% of families in Weston included dependent children, compared with only 28% at the last census. Single parent families have increased from 8% to 17% in the area, while 'Couple only' families have increased from 24% to 43% of all families in Weston.



While pre-school children aged 0-4 years have remained relatively constant at around 6% of the population since 1986, there has been a 43% decline in the proportion of children aged 5-14 years, from 19% of the population to around 11%. This graph also shows significant falls in the proportion of the population aged 15-54 years.

This has been balanced by strong growth in those aged over 55 years, a group which now represents over one third of the population in Weston.



The population of Weston has been slowly declining for many years as the population ages. Between 2001 and 2006, the out-migration was spread reasonably evenly across the age profile, with a slight concentration amongst young people aged 10-19 years and those aged 40-44 years. This is most likely a result of established families moving from the area.

Continuation of these trends is projected to continue, with the population declining slowly and continuing to age.