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# Busselton predicts population doubling by 2031

The Shire of Busselton has released a report that estimates its population will more than double to 65,000 people by the year 2031.

Its current population is about 29,000 people.

The shire's manager of strategic land use planning, Tim Shingles, says the growth rate of the town over the past 25 years has been consistently about 5 per cent.

Mr Shingles says the report also shows in the past decade, the number of building licences issued by the shire has increased by 35 per cent.

"Out of a range of south-west local authorities, including Bunbury and Harvey, the Shire of Busselton is still approving more building approvals for dwellings and units than the other comparable shires in the region," he said.

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