

Deaths, Queensland, 2021

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Key data

Registered deaths, 2021:

Queensland	33,858
Australia	171,469

Annual change:

Queensland	↑ 7.9%
Australia	↑ 6.3%

Main findings

Note: Commentary is based on year of death registration and state of usual residence of the deceased, regardless of where in Australia the death occurred. Year of registration can be different to year of occurrence due to lags in the registration process. It should also be noted that date of registration is not uniform across states and territories. Both these factors should be kept in mind when analysing deaths data.

All jurisdictions recorded an increase in death registrations in 2021. This follows lower death counts in 2020, after the introduction of public health measures to limit the spread of COVID-19.

- In 2021, there were 33,858 deaths registered in Queensland: 18,026 males (53.2%) and 15,832 females (46.8%). This was an increase of 7.9% on registrations in the previous year (31,367 deaths) (Figure 1). Australia had a 6.3% increase in registered deaths, from 161,300 in 2020 to 171,469 in 2021.
- In 2021, Queensland's standardised death rate was 5.2 deaths per 1,000 persons. This was a decrease of 0.6 from 5.8 deaths per 1,000 persons in 2011. The Australian rate of 5.1 deaths per 1,000 persons decreased from 5.7 deaths per 1,000 persons in 2011 (Figure 2).
- The infant mortality rate in Queensland in 2021 was 3.8 infant deaths per 1,000 live births, the same as 2020. The respective Australian infant death rate increased, from 3.2 in 2020 to 3.3 in 2021.
- There are significant differences in the median age at death of Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations by sex. In Queensland in 2021, the median age at death for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males was 60.1 years, compared with 78.4 years for non-Indigenous males. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander females had a median age at death of 65.7 years, compared with 84.0 years for their non-Indigenous counterparts.
- In 2021, the number of registered Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander deaths for Queensland was 1,101 persons (Figure 3).

Figure 1 Registered deaths, Queensland

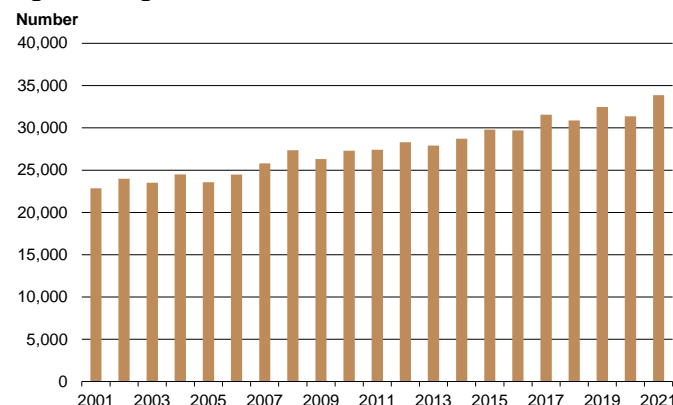


Figure 2 Standardised death rate¹ (per 1,000 population)

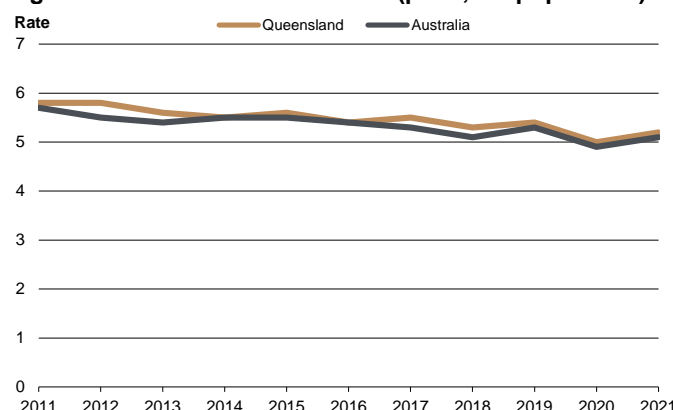
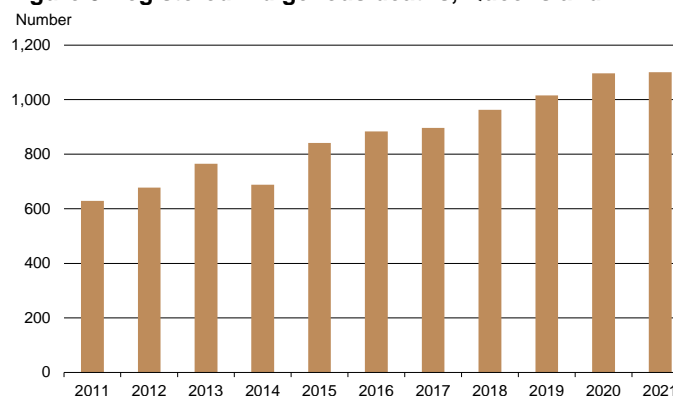


Figure 3 Registered Indigenous deaths, Queensland



¹ The standardised death rate eliminates the effect of the changing age structure of the population. The standard population used is the Australian population in 2001.