Deaths Queensland, 2012

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Key data

Registered deaths, 2012:
Queensland ................................................. 28,300
Australia .................................................... 147,098

Annual change:
Queensland ............................................... ↑ 3.2%
Australia .................................................... ↑ 0.1%

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 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. This brief presents revised rates due to revisions in ERP for 1992 to 2011.

- In 2012, there were 28,300 deaths registered in Queensland: 14,845 males (52.5%) and 13,455 females (47.5%). This was an increase of 3.2% on registrations in the previous year (27,414 deaths) (Figure 1). Australia had a 0.1% increase in registered deaths, from 146,932 in 2011 to 147,098 in 2012.

- In 2012, Queensland’s standardised death rate was 5.8 deaths per 1,000 persons, remaining the same as the previous year (5.8 deaths per 1,000 persons). The Australian rate of 5.5 deaths per 1,000 persons in 2012 was lower than the 5.7 deaths per 1,000 persons in 2011 (Figure 2). The long-term trend has been for declining standardised death rates.

- The infant mortality rate in Queensland decreased from 4.6 infant deaths per 1,000 live births in 2011 to 4.4 infant deaths per 1,000 live births in 2012. The respective Australian rates were also lower, with 3.8 in 2011 and 3.3 in 2012.

- There are significant differences in the median age at death of Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations by sex. In Queensland in 2012, the median age at death for Indigenous males was 56.1 years, compared with 77.6 years for non-Indigenous males. Indigenous females had a median age at death of 63.9 years, compared with 84.2 years for their non-Indigenous counterparts.

- In 2012 the number of registered Indigenous deaths for Queensland was 678 persons (Figure 3).

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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.