Key data

Registered marriages, 2011 (annual change):
Queensland ....................................................... ↓ 3.7%
Australia ........................................................... ↑ 0.5%

Registered divorces, 2011 (annual change):
Queensland ........................................................ ↓ 0.2%
Australia .............................................................. ↓ 2.6%

Main findings

Marriages
- In 2011, there were 25,560 marriages registered in Queensland, a decrease of 970 (3.7%) from 2010 (Figure 1). This figure is lower than the record number of marriages which occurred in 2008 (26,803 marriages). The number of marriages registered in Australia increased by 0.5% in 2011 to 121,752 marriages.
- The crude marriage rate in Queensland in 2011 was 5.6 marriages per 1,000 persons, which was equal to the figure recorded in 2001 (Figure 2). The crude marriage rate in Australia in 2011 was 5.4 marriages per 1,000 persons.
- For all marriages registered in 2011, the median age at marriage for males and females in Queensland was 31.6 years and 29.4 years respectively. Queensland had a higher median age at marriage than for Australia (31.4 years and 29.3 years respectively).
- The number of marriages conducted by ministers of religion celebrants (as opposed to civil celebrants) accounted for 24.7% of all registered marriages in Queensland in 2011. This was lower than Australia where 29.9% of all registered marriages were performed by a minister of religion celebrant.

Divorces
- In 2011, there were 11,393 divorces granted in Queensland, a decrease of 25 (0.2%) from 2010 (Figure 1). This figure is lower than the record number of divorces granted in 2004 (13,279 divorces). The number of divorces granted in Australia decreased by 2.6% in 2011 to 48,935 divorces.
- The crude divorce rate in Queensland in 2011 was 2.5 divorces per 1,000 persons, lower than the 3.3 divorces per 1,000 people in 2001 (Figure 3). The crude divorce rate in Australia in 2011 was 2.2 divorces per 1,000 persons.
- For all divorces granted in 2011, the median age at divorce for males and females in Queensland was 44.7 years and 42.0 years respectively. Queensland had a higher median age at divorce than for Australia (44.5 years and 41.7 years respectively).