Marriages and Divorces, Queensland 2012

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Key data

Registered marriages, 2012 (annual change):
Queensland .................................................... 2.8%
Australia.................................................. 1.2%

Registered divorces, 2012 (annual change):
Queensland .................................................... 0.7%
Australia.................................................. 2.0%

Main findings

Marriages
• In 2012, there were 26,276 marriages registered in Queensland, an increase of 716 (2.8%) from 2011 (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 1.2% in 2012 to 123,244 marriages.
• The crude marriage rate in Queensland in 2012 was 5.8 marriages per 1,000 persons, which was 0.1% higher than the figure recorded in 2002 (Figure 2). The crude marriage rate in Australia in 2012 was 5.4 marriages per 1,000 persons.
• In all marriages registered in 2012, the median age at marriage for males and females in Queensland was 31.6 years and 29.5 years respectively. Queensland had a higher median age at marriage than for Australia (31.4 years and 29.4 years respectively).

Divorces
• In 2012, there were 11,317 divorces granted in Queensland, a decrease of 76 (0.7%) from 2011 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 increased by 2.0% in 2012 to 49,917 divorces.
• The crude divorce rate in Queensland in 2012 was 2.5 divorces per 1,000 persons, lower than the 2.9 divorces per 1,000 people in 2002 (Figure 3). The crude divorce rate in Australia in 2012 was 2.2 divorces per 1,000 persons.
• For all divorces granted in 2012, the median age at divorce for males and females in Queensland was 44.7 years and 42.1 years respectively. Queensland had a higher median age at divorce than for Australia (44.6 years and 41.8 years respectively).