Marriages and divorces, Queensland 2013

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Key data

Registered marriages, 2013 (annual change):
Queensland .................................................... 4.8%
Australia.................................................... 3.5%

Registered divorces, 2013 (annual change):
Queensland .................................................... 4.0%
Australia.................................................... 4.6%

Main findings

Marriages
• In 2013, there were 25,015 marriages registered in Queensland, a decrease of 1,261 (4.8%) from 2012 (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 decreased by 3.5% in 2013 to 118,962 marriages.
• The crude marriage rate in Queensland in 2013 was 5.4 marriages per 1,000 persons, which was 0.5 per 1,000 persons lower than the figure recorded in 2003 (Figure 2). The crude marriage rate in Australia in 2013 was 5.1 marriages per 1,000 persons.
• In all marriages registered in 2013, the median age at marriage for males and females in Queensland was 31.7 years and 29.6 years respectively. Queensland had a higher median age at marriage than for Australia (31.5 years and 29.5 years respectively).

Divorces
• In 2013, there were 10,861 divorces granted in Queensland, a decrease of 456 (4.0%) from 2012 (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 4.6% in 2013 to 47,638 divorces.
• The crude divorce rate in Queensland in 2013 was 2.3 divorces per 1,000 persons, which was 0.5 per 1,000 persons lower than the figure recorded in 2003 (Figure 3). The crude divorce rate in Australia in 2013 was 2.1 divorces per 1,000 persons.
• For all divorces granted in 2013, the median age at divorce for males and females in Queensland was 45.2 years and 42.6 years respectively. Queensland had a higher median age at divorce than for Australia (44.8 years and 42.2 years respectively).