Marriages and divorces, Queensland 2014

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Key data

Registered marriages, 2014 (annual change):
Queensland .................................................... 0.4%
Australia .......................................................... 1.9%

Registered divorces, 2014 (annual change):
Queensland .................................................... 1.5%
Australia .......................................................... 2.4%

Main findings

Marriages

• In 2014, there were 24,918 marriages registered in Queensland, a decrease of 96 (0.4%) from 2013 (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 1.9% in 2014 to 121,197 marriages.

• The crude marriage rate in Queensland in 2014 was 5.3 marriages per 1,000 persons, which was 1.0 per 1,000 persons lower than the figure recorded in 2004 (Figure 2). The crude marriage rate in Australia in 2014 was 5.2 marriages per 1,000 persons.

• In all marriages registered in 2014, the median age at marriage for males and females in Queensland was 31.8 years and 29.7 years respectively. Queensland had a higher median age at marriage than for Australia (31.5 years and 29.6 years respectively).

Divorces

• In 2014, there were 10,699 divorces granted in Queensland, a decrease of 162 (1.5%) from 2013 (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 2.4% in 2014 to 46,498 divorces.

• The crude divorce rate in Queensland in 2014 was 2.3 divorces per 1,000 persons, which was 1.1 per 1,000 persons lower than the figure recorded in 2004 (Figure 3). The crude divorce rate in Australia in 2014 was 2.0 divorces per 1,000 persons.

• For all divorces granted in 2014, the median age at divorce for males and females in Queensland was 45.6 years and 42.9 years respectively. Queensland had a higher median age at divorce than for Australia (45.2 years and 42.5 years respectively).