Marriages and divorces, Queensland 2015

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Key data

Registered marriages, 2015 (annual change):
Queensland .....................................................  5.7%
Australia ......................................................  6.3%

Registered divorces, 2015 (annual change):
Queensland .....................................................  2.3%
Australia ......................................................  4.3%

Main findings

Marriages
• In 2015, there were 23,504 marriages registered in Queensland, a decrease of 1,414 (5.7%) from 2014 (Figure 1). The number of marriages registered in Australia decreased by 6.3% in 2015 to 113,595 marriages.
• The crude marriage rate in Queensland in 2015 was 4.9 marriages per 1,000 persons, which was 1.2 per 1,000 persons lower than the figure recorded in 2005 (Figure 2). The crude marriage rate in Australia in 2015 was 4.8 marriages per 1,000 persons.
• In all marriages registered in 2015, the median age at marriage for both males and females in Queensland was 32.2 years. Queensland had a higher median age at marriage than for Australia (31.8 years).

Divorces
• In 2015, there were 10,942 divorces granted in Queensland, an increase of 243 (2.3%) from 2014 (Figure 1). The number of divorces granted in Australia increased by 4.3% in 2015 to 48,517 divorces.
• The crude divorce rate in Queensland in 2015 was 2.3 divorces per 1,000 persons, which was 0.8 per 1,000 persons lower than the figure recorded in 2005 (Figure 3). The crude divorce rate in Australia in 2015 was 2.0 divorces per 1,000 persons.
• For all divorces granted in 2015, the median age at divorce for males and females in Queensland was 45.7 years and 43.0 years respectively. Queensland had a higher median age at divorce than for Australia (45.3 years and 42.7 years respectively).