Marriages and divorces, Queensland 2016

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Key data

Registered marriages, 2016 (annual change):
Queensland .....................................................↓ 2.7%
Australia ........................................................↑ 4.2%

Registered divorces, 2016 (annual change):
Queensland .....................................................↓ 0.5%
Australia ........................................................↓ 3.9%

Main findings

Marriages
- In 2016, there were 22,878 marriages registered in Queensland, a decrease of 626 (2.7%) from 2015 (Figure 1). The number of marriages registered in Australia increased by 4.2% in 2016 to 118,401 marriages.
- The crude marriage rate in Queensland in 2016 was 4.7 marriages per 1,000 persons, which was 1.4 per 1,000 persons lower than the figure recorded in 2006 (Figure 2). The crude marriage rate in Australia in 2016 was 4.9 marriages per 1,000 persons.
- In all marriages registered in 2016, the median age at marriage for males and females in Queensland was 32.5 years and 30.3 years respectively. Queensland had a higher median age at marriage than for Australia (31.9 years and 29.9 years respectively).

Divorces
- In 2016, there were 10,890 divorces granted in Queensland, a decrease of 52 (0.5%) from 2015 (Figure 1). The number of divorces granted in Australia decreased by 3.9% in 2016 to 46,604 divorces.
- The crude divorce rate in Queensland in 2016 was 2.2 divorces per 1,000 persons, which was 0.8 per 1,000 persons lower than the figure recorded in 2006 (Figure 3). The crude divorce rate in Australia in 2016 was 1.9 divorces per 1,000 persons.
- For all divorces granted in 2016, the median age at divorce for males and females in Queensland was 45.7 years and 43.4 years respectively. Queensland had a higher median age at divorce than for Australia (45.5 years and 42.9 years respectively).