Marriages and divorces, Queensland 2017

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Key data

Registered marriages, 2017 (annual change):
Queensland .................................................... 2.3%
Australia ..................................................... 4.6%

Registered divorces, 2017 (annual change):
Queensland .................................................... 3.0%
Australia ..................................................... 5.2%

Main findings

Marriages
• In 2017, there were 22,341 marriages registered in Queensland, a decrease of 537 (2.3%) from 2016 (Figure 1). The number of marriages registered in Australia decreased by 4.6% in 2017 to 112,954 marriages.

• The crude marriage rate in Queensland in 2017 was 4.5 marriages per 1,000 persons, which was 1.7 per 1,000 persons lower than the figure recorded in 2007 (Figure 2). The crude marriage rate in Australia in 2017 was 4.6 marriages per 1,000 persons.

• In all marriages registered in 2017, 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 (32.0 years and 30.1 years respectively).

Divorces
• In 2017, there were 11,221 divorces granted in Queensland, an increase of 331 (3.0%) from 2016 (Figure 1). The number of divorces granted in Australia increased by 5.2% in 2017 to 49,032 divorces.

• The crude divorce rate in Queensland in 2017 was 2.3 divorces per 1,000 persons, which was 0.3 per 1,000 persons lower than the figure recorded in 2007 (Figure 3). The crude divorce rate in Australia in 2017 was 2.0 divorces per 1,000 persons.

• For all divorces granted in 2017, the median age at divorce for males and females in Queensland was 45.9 years and 43.5 years respectively. Queensland had a higher median age at divorce than for Australia (45.5 years and 42.9 years respectively).