Deaths Queensland, 2016

Source: ABS 3302.0, released 27 September 2017, 11:30 am AEST

Key data

Registered deaths, 2016:
Queensland ........................................... 29,690
Australia ............................................. 158,504

Annual change:
Queensland ........................................... −0.3%
Australia ............................................. −0.3%

Main findings

Note: Commentary is based on year of death registration and state of usual residence of the deceased, regardless of where in Australia the death occurred. Year of registration can be different to year of occurrence due to lags in the registration process. It should also be noted that date of registration is not uniform across states and territories. Both these factors should be kept in mind when analysing deaths data.

• In 2016, there were 29,690 deaths registered in Queensland: 15,855 males (53.4%) and 13,835 females (46.6%). This was a decrease of 0.3% on registrations in the previous year (29,782 deaths) (Figure 1). Australia had a 0.3% decrease in registered deaths, from 159,052 in 2015 to 158,504 in 2016.

• In 2016, Queensland’s standardised death rate was 5.6 deaths per 1,000 persons. This was equal to the 2015 figure. The Australian rate of 5.5 deaths per 1,000 persons in 2016 was equal to the previous year (Figure 2).

• The infant mortality rate in Queensland decreased from 4.2 infant deaths per 1,000 live births in 2015 to 4.0 in 2016. The respective Australian infant death rates were also lower, with 3.2 in 2015 and 3.1 in 2016.

• There are significant differences in the median age at death of Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations by sex. In Queensland in 2016, the median age at death for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males was 57.8 years, compared with 77.8 years for non-Indigenous males. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander females had a median age at death of 63.2 years, compared with 84.4 years for their non-Indigenous counterparts.

• In 2016, the number of registered Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander deaths for Queensland was 884 persons (Figure 3).

Figure 1 Registered deaths, Queensland

Figure 2 Standardised death rate1 (per 1,000 population)

Figure 3 Registered Indigenous deaths, Queensland

(a) 2010 is based on the adjusted figure to minimise the impact of a 2010 registration initiative to include 374 previously unregistered deaths that occurred between 1992 and 2006, of which 284 were Indigenous (see technical note in the 2010 ABS publication).

1 The standardised death rate eliminates the effect of the changing age structure of the population. The standard population used is the Australian population in 2001.