Deaths Queensland, 2018
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Key data

Registered deaths, 2018:
Queensland ......................................... 30,860
Australia .......................................... 158,493

Annual change:
Queensland ......................................... ↓ 2.2%
Australia .......................................... ↓ 1.5%

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 2018, there were 30,860 deaths registered in Queensland: 16,568 males (53.7%) and 14,292 females (46.3%). This was a decrease of 2.2% on registrations in the previous year (31,555 deaths) (Figure 1). Australia had a 1.5% decrease in registered deaths, from 160,909 in 2017 to 158,493 in 2018.

- In 2018, Queensland’s standardised death rate was 5.2 deaths per 1,000 persons. This was a decrease of 0.3 from 5.5 in 2017. The Australian rate of 5.1 deaths per 1,000 persons decreased from 5.3 in 2017 (Figure 2).

- The infant mortality rate in Queensland decreased from 4.3 infant deaths per 1,000 live births in 2017 to 3.5 in 2018. The respective Australian infant death rates also decreased, from 3.3 in 2017 to 3.1 in 2018.

- There are significant differences in the median age at death of Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations by sex. In Queensland in 2018, the median age at death for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males was 59.0 years, compared with 78.0 years for non-Indigenous males. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander females had a median age at death of 65.0 years, compared with 84.3 years for their non-Indigenous counterparts.

- In 2018, the number of registered Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander deaths for Queensland was 963 persons (Figure 3).

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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.

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