Deaths Queensland, 2019
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Key data

Registered deaths, 2019:
Queensland ............................................... 32,473
Australia......................................................... 169,301

Annual change:
Queensland ...................................................↑ 5.2%
Australia.........................................................↑ 6.8%

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 2019, there were 32,473 deaths registered in Queensland: 17,257 males (53.1%) and 15,216 females (46.9%). This was an increase of 5.2% on registrations in the previous year (30,860 deaths) (Figure 1). Australia had a 6.8% increase in registered deaths, from 158,493 in 2018 to 169,301 in 2019.

• In 2019, Queensland’s standardised death rate was 5.3 deaths per 1,000 persons. This was an increase of 0.1 from 5.2 deaths per 1,000 persons in 2018. The Australian rate of 5.3 deaths per 1,000 persons increased from 5.1 deaths per 1,000 persons in 2018 (Figure 2).

• The infant mortality rate in Queensland increased from 3.5 infant deaths per 1,000 live births in 2018 to 4.1 in 2019. The respective Australian infant death rates also increased, from 3.1 in 2018 to 3.3 in 2019.

• There are significant differences in the median age at death of Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations by sex. In Queensland in 2019, the median age at death for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males was 58.7 years, compared with 78.1 years for non-Indigenous males. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander females had a median age at death of 65.6 years, compared with 84.2 years for their non-Indigenous counterparts.

• In 2019, the number of registered Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander deaths for Queensland was 1,016 persons (Figure 3).

Figure 1 Registered deaths, Queensland

Figure 2 Standardised death rate (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 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders (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.