

Deaths, Queensland, 2022

Source: ABS, *Deaths, Australia*, released 27 September 2023, 11:30 am AEST

Key data

Registered deaths, 2022:

Queensland	38,160
Australia	190,939

Annual change:

Queensland	↑ 12.7%
Australia	↑ 11.4%

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.

Since the start of the Omicron wave of COVID-19 in Australia (from January 2022), excess mortality has been recorded for all jurisdictions. For more information, including official excess mortality estimates, refer to the ABS website.

- In 2022, there were 38,160 deaths registered in Queensland: 20,523 males (53.8 %) and 17,637 females (46.2 %). This was an increase of 12.7% on registrations in the previous year (33,858 deaths) (Figure 1). Australia had a 11.4% increase in registered deaths, from 171,469 in 2021 to 190,939 in 2022.
- In 2022, Queensland's standardised death rate was 5.6 deaths per 1,000 persons. This was a decrease of 0.2 from 5.8 deaths per 1,000 persons in 2012. The Australian rate of 5.5 deaths per 1,000 persons was the same as 2012 (Figure 2).
- The infant mortality rate in Queensland in 2022 was 4.6 infant deaths per 1,000 live births. This was an increase of 0.8 from 3.8 infant deaths per 1,000 live births in 2021. The respective Australian infant death rate decreased, from 3.3 in 2021 to 3.2 in 2022.
- There are significant differences in the median age at death of Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations by sex. In Queensland in 2022, the median age at death for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males was 60.9 years, compared with 78.8 years for non-Indigenous males. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander females had a median age at death of 65.6 years, compared with 84.1 years for their non-Indigenous counterparts.
- In 2022, the number of registered Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander deaths for Queensland was 1,271 persons (Figure 3).

Figure 1 Registered deaths, Queensland

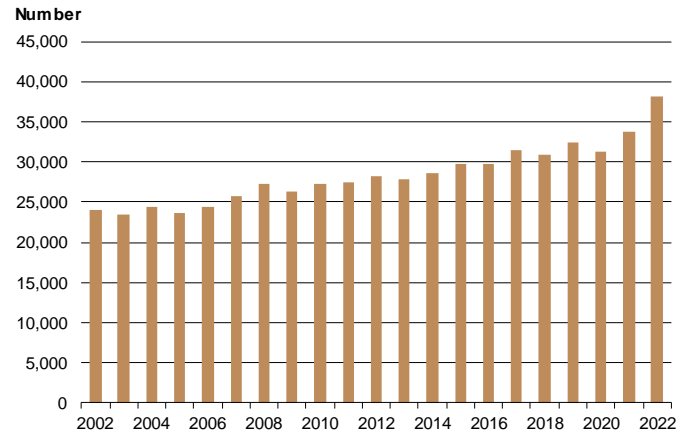


Figure 2 Standardised death rate¹ (per 1,000 population)

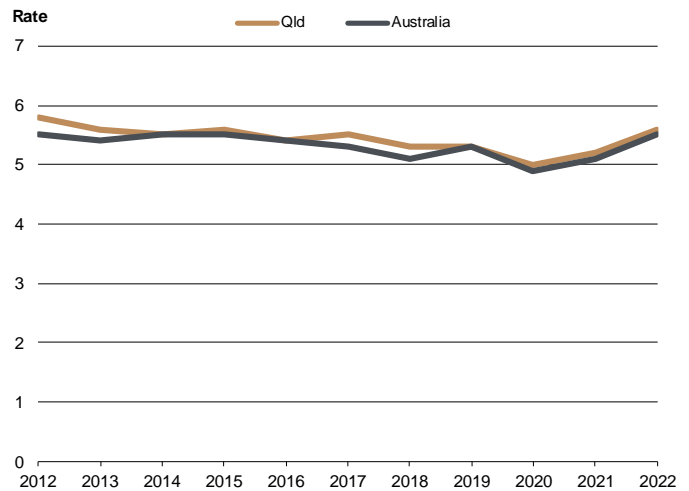
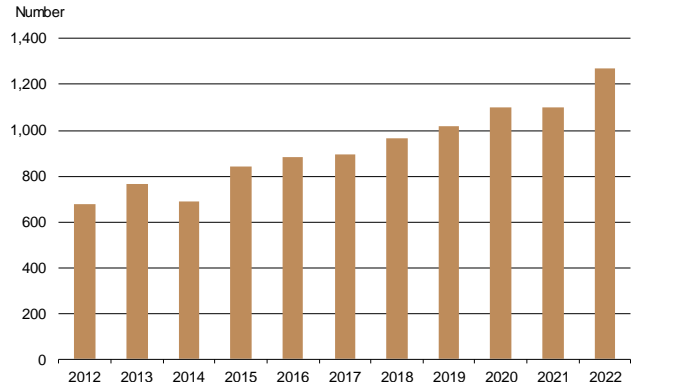


Figure 3 Registered Indigenous deaths, Queensland



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.