

# Deaths, Queensland, 2023

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## Key data

### Registered deaths, 2023:

Queensland .....	36,622
Australia .....	183,131

### Annual change:

Queensland .....	↓ 4.0%
Australia .....	↓ 4.1%

## 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 2023, there were 36,622 deaths registered in Queensland: 19,631 males (53.6 %) and 16,991 females (46.4 %). This was a decrease of 4.0% on registrations in the previous year (38,160 deaths) (Figure 1). Australia had a 4.1% decrease in registered deaths, from 190,939 in 2022 to 183,131 in 2023.
- In 2023, Queensland's standardised death rate was 5.2 deaths per 1,000 persons. This was a decrease of 0.4 from 5.6 deaths per 1,000 persons in 2013. The Australian rate of 5.1 deaths per 1,000 persons was a decrease of 0.3 from 5.4 deaths per 1,000 persons in 2013 (Figure 2).
- The infant mortality rate in Queensland in 2023 was 4.4 infant deaths per 1,000 live births. This was a decrease of 0.2 from 4.6 infant deaths per 1,000 live births in 2022. The respective Australian infant death rate was 3.2 in 2023, the same as that for 2022.
- There are significant differences in the median age at death of Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations by sex. In Queensland in 2023, the median age at death for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males was 61.2 years, compared with 79.0 years for non-Indigenous males. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander females had a median age at death of 66.6 years, compared with 84.1 years for their non-Indigenous counterparts.
- In 2023, the number of registered Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander deaths for Queensland was 1,248 persons (Figure 3).

Figure 1 Registered deaths, Queensland

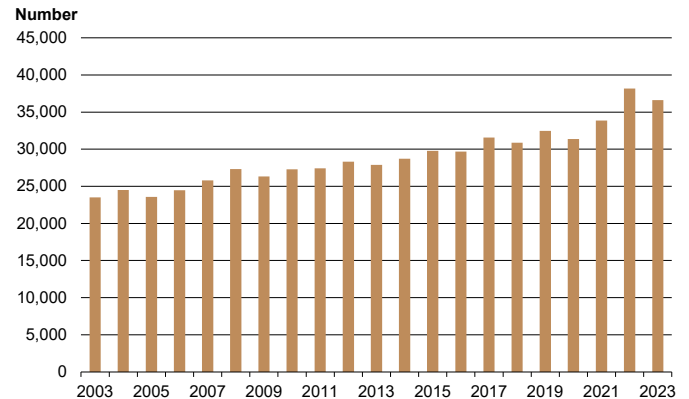


Figure 2 Standardised death rate<sup>1</sup> (per 1,000 population)

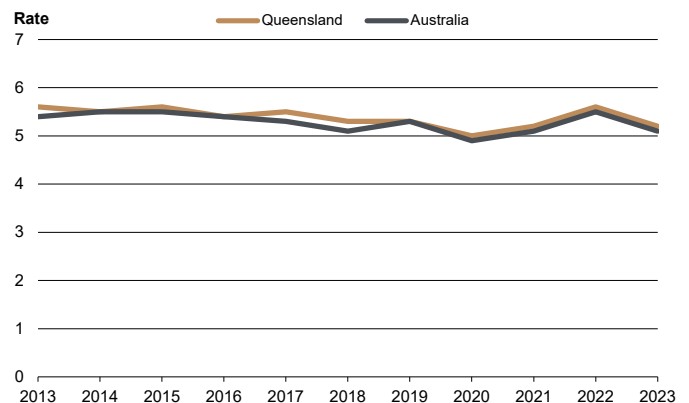
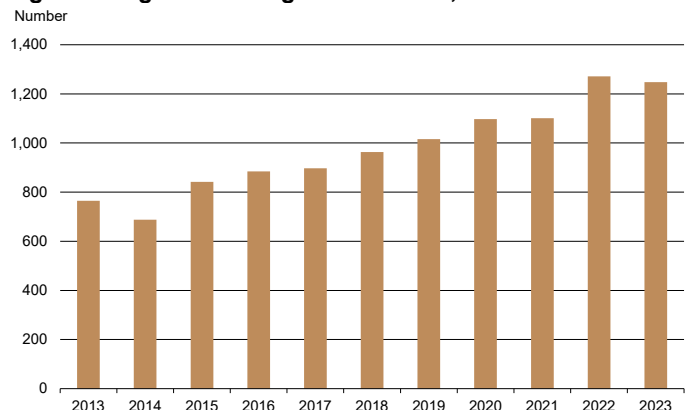


Figure 3 Registered Indigenous deaths, Queensland



<sup>1</sup> 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.