Marriages and divorces, Queensland 2018

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Key data

Registered marriages, 2018 (annual change):
- Queensland .................................................... 5.8%
- Australia .......................................................... 5.5%

Registered divorces, 2018 (annual change):
- Queensland .................................................... 2.8%
- Australia .......................................................... 0.8%

Main findings

Marriages
- In 2018, there were 23,641 marriages registered in Queensland, an increase of 1,300 (5.8%) from 2017 (Figure 1). The number of marriages registered in Australia increased by 5.5% in 2018 to 119,188 marriages.
- The crude marriage rate in Queensland in 2018 was 4.7 marriages per 1,000 persons, which was 1.5 per 1,000 persons lower than the figure recorded in 2008 (Figure 2). The crude marriage rate in Australia in 2018 was 2.3 marriages per 1,000 persons.
- In all marriages registered in 2018, the median age at marriage for males and females in Queensland was 32.9 years and 30.8 years respectively. Queensland had a higher median age at marriage than for Australia (32.4 years and 30.5 years respectively).

Divorces
- In 2018, there were 11,539 divorces granted in Queensland, an increase of 318 (2.8%) from 2017 (Figure 1). The number of divorces granted in Australia increased by 0.8% in 2018 to 49,404 divorces.
- The crude divorce rate in Queensland in 2018 was 2.3 divorces per 1,000 persons, which was 0.2 per 1,000 persons lower than the figure recorded in 2008 (Figure 3). The crude divorce rate in Australia in 2018 was 2.0 divorces per 1,000 persons.
- For all divorces granted in 2018, the median age at divorce for males and females in Queensland was 46.5 years and 43.8 years respectively. Queensland had a higher median age at divorce than for Australia (45.9 years and 43.2 years respectively).