

Main Features

Crude Marriage Rate* Change:

Queensland	(6.4)	No change	
Australia	(5.9)	↓	0.1

Crude Divorce Rate* Change:

Queensland	(2.8)	↓	0.5
Australia	(2.6)	↓	0.2

% First Marriage for Both Partners:

Queensland	(64.3%)	↓	0.2%
Australia	(66.5%)	↓	2.3%

% Divorcees Remarrying:

Queensland	(13.1%)	↓	0.1%
Australia	(11.9%)	↑	0.4%

Commentary

- In 2000, there were 22,842 marriages registered in Queensland. This represents a crude marriage rate of 6.4 per 1,000 of the population, which had not changed since the previous year. In comparison, the crude marriage rate for the whole of Australia was 5.9 in 2000, which was 0.1 lower than for the previous year. (See Figure 1)
- In 2000, there were 10,092 divorces granted in Queensland. This represents a crude divorce rate of 2.8 per 1,000 of the population, which is 0.5 lower than it was in the previous year. This compares with a crude divorce rate of 2.6 for the whole of Australia in 2000, which is 0.2 lower than it was in the previous year. (See Figure 2)
- In 2000, the median age at first marriage for bridegrooms in Queensland was 28.3 years, which is 4 months older than it was in the previous year. For Australia, the median age at first marriage for bridegrooms was 28.5 years in 2000, which is also 4 months older than it was in the previous year. For Queensland's brides, the median age at first marriage was 26.4 years in 2000, which is 4 months older than it was in the previous year. This compares with a median age at first marriage for brides in Australia of 26.7 years in 2000, also 4 months older than it was in the previous year.
- Of the 22,842 marriages registered in Queensland in 2000, 64.3% were the first marriage for both partners. This is 0.2% lower than the previous year. Of marriages registered in the whole of Australia in 2000, 66.6% represented the first marriage for both partners.

- Of the 22,842 marriages registered in Queensland in 2000, 13.1% involved partners who had both been divorced. This was 0.1% lower than the previous year. For Australia, 11.9% of marriages registered in 2000 involved partners who had both been divorced.
- In Queensland, a minister of religion performed 43.2% of marriages registered in 2000. This is 1.7% lower than in the previous year. This compares with a figure of 47.2% for Australia, which is 1.5% lower than in the previous year.
- In Queensland, a civil celebrant performed 56.8% of marriages registered in 2000. This is 1.7% higher than in the previous year. For Australia, a civil celebrant performed 52.8% of marriages registered in 2000, 1.5% higher than in the previous year.
- Of those couples who married in Queensland in 2000, 78.0% lived together before getting married. This figure is 1.9% higher than it was in the previous year. For Australia, 71.3% of all couples who were married in 2000 lived together beforehand, which is 2.4% higher than in the previous year.
- In Queensland, 53.5% of divorces granted in 2000 involved couples who had children. This is 2.8% lower than in the previous year. Of all divorces granted in Australia in 2000, 52.7% involved couples with children. This is 1.2% lower than in the previous year.

Figure 1: Crude Marriage Rate*, Queensland, 1980 – 2000

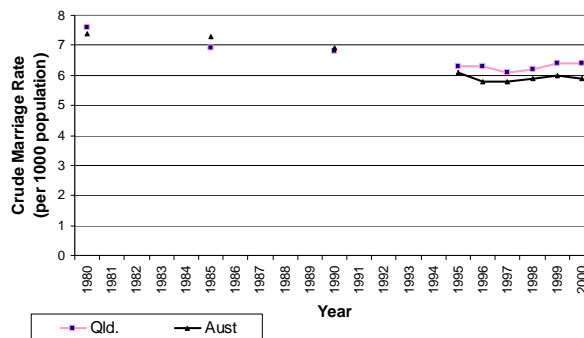
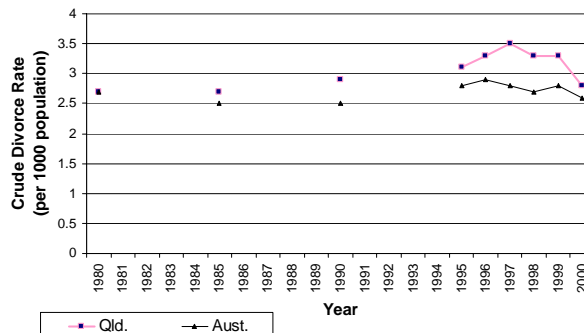


Figure 2: Crude Divorce Rate*, Queensland, 1980 – 2000



* Number of marriages registered/ divorce decrees absolute granted in the calendar year per 1,000 estimated resident population at 30 June.