

**Main Features**

**Crude marriage rate\*:**

Queensland	6.1		unchanged
Australia	5.5	↑	0.1

**Crude divorce rate\*:**

Queensland	3.0	↓	0.1
Australia	2.5	↓	0.1

**% First marriage for both partners:**

Queensland	65.2	↑	0.1
Australia	68.4	↑	0.5

**% Remarriage of both partners:**

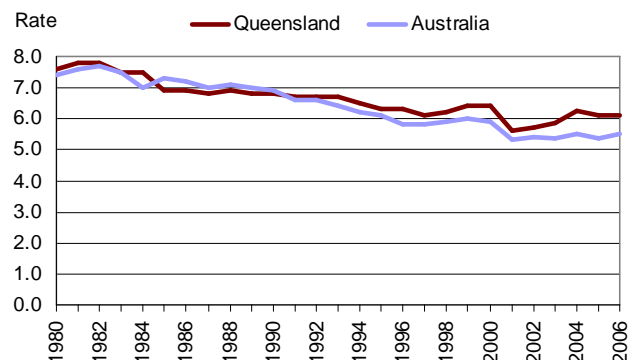
Queensland	15.9	↓	0.1
Australia	13.9	↓	0.2

**Commentary**

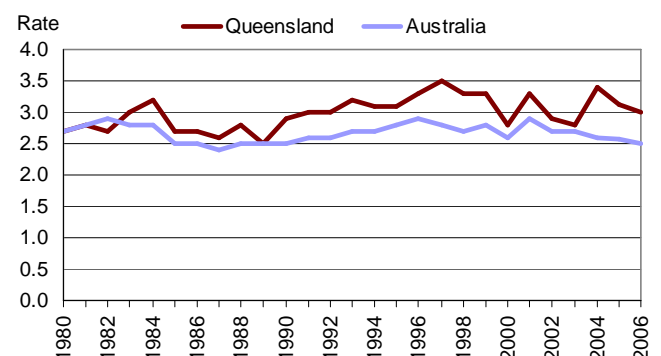
- In 2006, there were 25,043 marriages registered in Queensland. This represents a crude marriage rate of 6.1 per 1,000 of the population, the same as in the previous year. In comparison, the crude marriage rate for the whole of Australia was 5.5 per 1,000 of the population in 2006, which was 0.1 per 1,000 higher than in the previous year (Figure 1).
- In 2006, there were 12,175 divorces granted in Queensland. This represents a crude divorce rate of 3.0 per 1,000 of the population, which is 0.1 per 1,000 lower than it was in the previous year. Australia's crude divorce rate also dropped 0.1 per 1,000 from the previous year (Figure 2)
- In 2006, the median age at first marriage for bridegrooms in Queensland was 29.5 years, which is 3 months younger than it was in the previous year. For Australia, the median age at first marriage for bridegrooms was 29.6 years in 2006, which is 1 month younger than it was in the previous year. For Queensland's brides, the median age at first marriage was 27.4 years in 2006, which is 2 months younger than it was in the previous year. In comparison, the median age at first marriage for brides in Australia was 27.6 years in 2006, less than 1 month younger than it was in the previous year.
- Of the 25,043 marriages registered in Queensland in 2006, 65.2% were the first marriage for both partners. This is 0.1 percentage points higher than in the previous year. Of marriages registered in the whole of Australia in 2006, 68.4% represented the first marriage of both partners. This is 0.5 percentage points higher than in the previous year.

- Of the 25,043 marriages registered in Queensland in 2006, 15.9% involved the remarriage of both partners. This was 0.1 percentage points lower than in the previous year. For Australia, 13.9% of marriages registered in 2006 involved the remarriage of both partners, which is 0.2 percentage points lower than in the previous year.
- In Queensland, a minister of religion performed 32.5% of marriages registered in 2006. This is 2.1 percentage points lower than in the previous year. For Australia, a minister of religion performed 38.6% of marriages registered in 2006, which is 1.8 percentage points lower than in the previous year.
- In Queensland, a civil celebrant performed 67.5% of marriages registered in 2006. This is 2.1 percentage points higher than in the previous year. For Australia, a civil celebrant performed 61.4% of marriages registered in 2006, 1.8 percentage points higher than in the previous year.
- Of those couples who married in Queensland in 2006, 83.5% lived together before getting married. This figure is 0.6 percentage points higher than it was in the previous year. For Australia, 76.1% of all couples who were married in 2006 lived together beforehand, which is 0.2 percentage points higher than in the previous year.

**Figure 1: Crude marriage rate\* (per 1,000 population)**



**Figure 2: Crude divorce rate\* (per 1,000 population)**



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