

**Main Features**

**Marriages, 2007**

Number registered:	
Qld	25,808
Aust	116,322
Crude rate (per 1,000 population):	
Qld	6.2
Aust	5.5
Median age at marriage:	
Qld, males	31.8 years
Aust, males	31.6 years
Qld, females	29.4 years
Aust, females	29.3 years

**Divorces, 2007**

Number granted:	
Qld	11,058
Aust	47,963
Crude rate (per 1,000 population):	
Qld	2.6
Aust	2.3
Median age at divorce:	
Qld, males	44.6 years
Aust, males	44.2 years
Qld, females	41.6 years
Aust, females	41.3 years

- The crude marriage rate in Queensland in 2007 was 6.2 per 1,000 population, lower than twenty years ago (6.8). The crude rate has decreased while the number of marriages has increased because the population has increased significantly over this time.
- The median age at marriage for males and females in Queensland (31.8 years and 29.4 years respectively) was higher than for Australia (31.6 years and 29.3 years respectively).
- There is a trend to older ages at marriage over time, with median ages for males in Queensland increasing from 27.3 years in 1987 to 31.8 years in 2007 and for females from 25.0 years in 1987 to 29.4 years in 2007.

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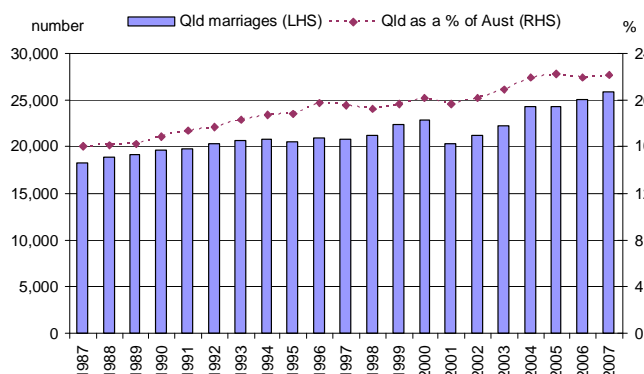
- In 2007, there were 11,058 divorces granted in Queensland, down appreciably from the peak of 13,279 recorded in 2004.
- The number of divorces granted in Queensland in 2007 accounted for 23.1% of the national total. This proportion was down from the record high of 25.2% measured in 2004.

**Commentary**

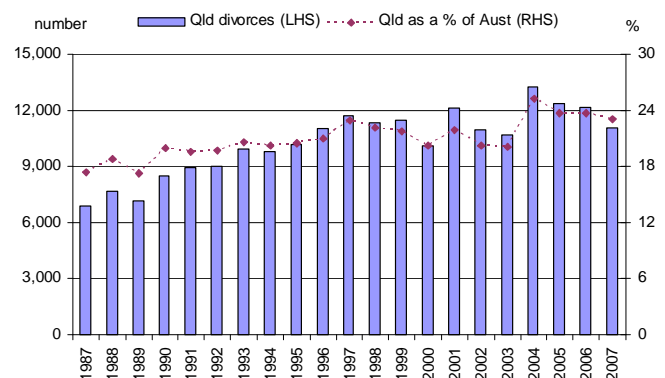
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- In 2007, there were 25,808 marriages registered in Queensland, an increase of 765 (3.1%) from 2006 and a record number of marriages registered in a single year in Queensland. The number of marriages registered in Queensland in 2007 accounted for 22.2% of all registered marriages in Australia. This follows an increasing trend, up from 16.0% in 1987 and 19.6% in 1997.

**Figure 1: Total marriages, 1987 to 2007**



**Figure 2: Total divorces, 1987 to 2007**



- The crude divorce rate in Queensland twenty years ago was 2.6 per 1,000 population. This rate then trended upward to a peak of 3.5 ten years ago, then trended downward over the last ten years to reach 2.6 in 2007.
- The median age at divorce in Queensland in 2007 for males (44.6 years) was 12.8 years greater than the median marriage age (31.8 years). For females, the gap was 12.2 years (41.6 years compared with 29.4 years).