

Main Features

Registered marriages, 2010

	Number	Annual change (%)
Queensland	26,530	↑ 0.7%
Australia	121,176	↑ 0.9%

Registered divorces, 2010

	Number	Annual change (%)
Queensland	11,418	↑ 2.2%
Australia	50,240	↑ 1.6%

Commentary

Marriages

- In 2010, there were 26,530 marriages registered in Queensland, an increase of 188 (0.7%) from 2009 (Figure 1). This figure is lower than the record number of marriages which occurred in 2008 (26,803 marriages). The number of marriages registered in Australia increased by 0.9% in 2010 to 121,176 marriages.
- The crude marriage rate in Queensland in 2010 was 5.9 marriages per 1,000 persons, lower than the 6.4 marriages per 1,000 persons recorded in the year 2000 (Figure 2). The crude marriage rate in Australia in 2010 was 5.4 marriages per 1,000 persons.
- The median age at marriage for males and females in Queensland was 31.7 years and 29.4 years respectively. Queensland had a higher median age at marriage than for Australia with 31.4 years and 29.2 years respectively.
- The number of marriages conducted by Ministers of religion celebrants (as opposed to civil celebrants) accounted for 25.1% of all registered marriages in Queensland in 2010. This was lower than Australia where 30.7% of all registered marriages were performed by a Minister of religion celebrant.

Divorces

- In 2010, there were 11,418 divorces granted in Queensland, an increase of 244 (2.2%) from 2009 (Figure 1). This figure is lower than the record number of divorces granted in 2004 (13,279 divorces). The number of divorces granted in Australia increased by 1.6% in 2010 to 50,240 divorces.
- The crude divorce rate in Queensland in 2010 was 2.5 divorces per 1,000 persons, lower than the 2.8 divorces per 1,000 people in the year 2000 (Figure 3). The crude divorce rate in Australia in 2010 was 2.3 divorces per 1,000 persons.
- The median age at divorce for males and females in Queensland was 44.8 years and 41.8 years respectively. Queensland had a higher median age at divorce than for Australia with 44.4 years and 41.5 years respectively.

Figure 1: Registered marriages and divorces, Queensland

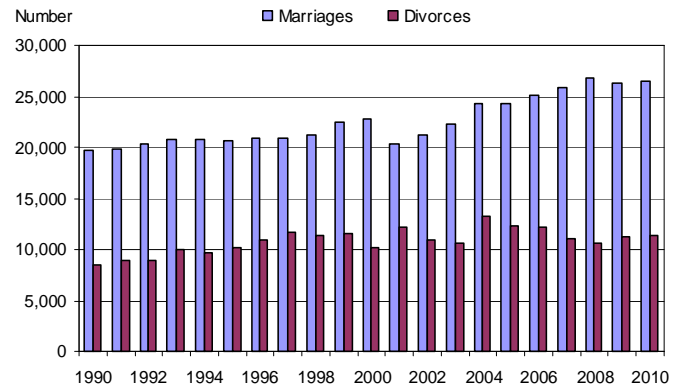


Figure 2: Crude marriage rate

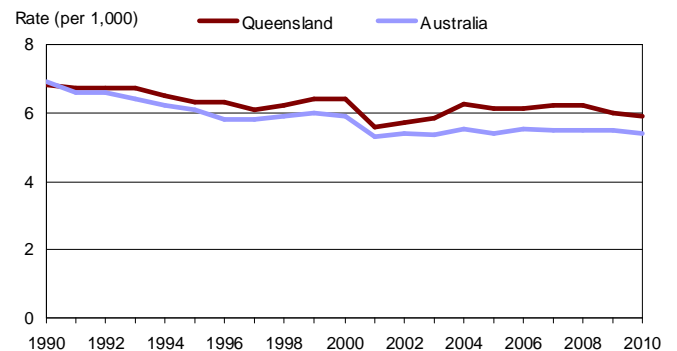


Figure 3: Crude divorce rate

