

In the third quarter of 2019 the number of marriages fell by 9.3%

Just over 4 out of 5 marriages were civil

In July, August and September 2019 there were 2,470 marriages registered in the Basque Country, a 9.3% fall with respect to the same quarter of the previous year, according to Eustat data. Of the total number of marriages, 63 were between people of the same sex – 27 men and 36 women – and the remaining 2,407 were heterosexual marriages.

In the third quarter of 2019, the percentage of civil weddings was 80.6%, 3.3 percentage points higher than in the same quarter of 2018 but lower than that observed in the second quarter of 2019, when it stood at 85.5%. This percentage refers only to heterosexual marriages, to which a further 2.6 points should be added for marriages between people of the same sex, all of which were civil.

Of the 2,470 marriages in the third quarter of 2019, 2,324 men and 2,357 women resident in the Basque Country got married. For 1,991 spouses (85.7%) this was their first marriage, whilst 16 widowers and 317 divorcees remarried. The percentage of first weddings for women was similar to that for men: the number of single women who married stood at 2,062 (87.5%), whilst there were 11 widows and 284 divorcees.

89% of husbands and 79% of wives were aged 30 or over

As regards the distribution of marriages according to the age of the couples, 89.4% of grooms were aged 30 or over, whilst this percentage fell to 78.9% amongst brides. In the same period of the previous year, the proportion was lower for the men (88.2%) and higher for the women (79.2%).

In relation to the nationality of the couples in the weddings held during the summer months in 2019, 8.5% of men and 12.6% of women held foreign nationality. In the same period of 2018 these percentages stood at 6.9% and 9.9% respectively.

July was the month that saw the most weddings (1,000), followed by September with 997. August remained the summer month which saw the fewest weddings (473).

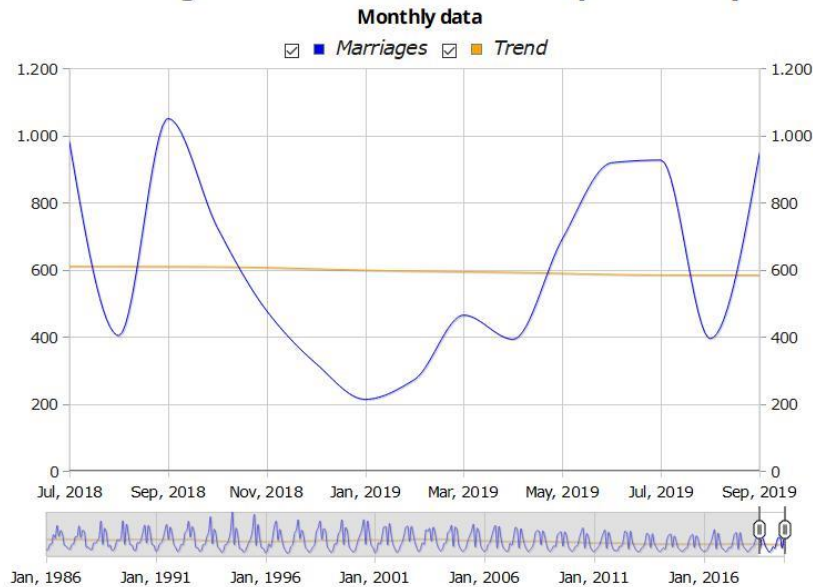
Taking the province into account, 368 couples fixed their residence in Álava, 843 in Gipuzkoa and 1,142 in Bizkaia. The number of couples who took up residence outside of the Basque Country stood at 117.

Marriages of the Basque Country by territory of residence, sex, previous marital status and type of ceremony (1)

	Current Quarter III/ 2019		Previous quarter (II/ 2019)		Same quarter the previous year (III/ 2018)	
	Nº	%	Nº	%	Nº	%
MARRIAGES	2.470	100,0	2.155	100,0	2.724	100,0
Araba / Álava	368	14,9	261	12,1	432	15,9
Bizkaia	1.142	46,2	1.048	48,6	1.244	45,7
Gipuzkoa	843	34,1	748	34,7	896	32,9
Outside of the Basque Country	117	4,7	98	4,5	152	5,6
Homosexuals	63	2,6	59	2,7	70	2,6
Between men	27	1,1	32	1,5	22	0,8
Between women	36	1,5	27	1,3	48	1,8
Heterosexuales	2.407	97,4	2.096	97,3	2.654	97,4
Canonical	416	16,8	253	11,7	547	20,1
Civil	1.990	80,6	1.843	85,5	2.107	77,3
HUSBANDS	2.324	100,0	2.048	100,0	2.557	100,0
Single	1.991	85,7	1.728	84,4	2.251	88,0
Widower	16	0,7	19	0,9	15	0,6
Divorced	317	13,6	301	14,7	291	11,4
< 30 year	247	10,6	186	9,1	302	11,8
30 - 39 year	1.190	51,2	989	48,3	1.408	55,1
≥ 40 year	887	38,2	873	42,6	847	33,1
Spanish nationality	2.126	91,5	1.863	91,0	2.380	93,1
Foreign nationality	198	8,5	185	9,0	177	6,9
WIVES	2.357	100,0	2.039	100,0	2.610	100,0
Single	2.062	87,5	1.738	85,2	2.287	87,6
Widower	11	0,5	10	0,5	8	0,3
Divorced	284	12,0	291	14,3	315	12,1
< 30 year	497	21,1	315	15,4	585	22,9
30 - 39 year	1.167	49,5	1.027	50,1	1.350	52,8
≥ 40 year	693	29,4	697	34,0	675	26,4
Spanish nationality	2.059	87,4	1.790	87,4	2.358	92,2
Foreign nationality	298	12,6	249	12,2	252	9,9

(1) For the current quarter and the previous data are provisional

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Marriages of residents in the Basque Country.

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