

In the fourth quarter of 2020 the number of marriages fell by 30.7%

Balance for 2020: The number of marriages was down by almost half

In the fourth quarter of 2020 the figure for marriages in the Basque Country stood at 1,167, which was a drop of 30.7% compared to the same quarter of the previous year, according to Eustat data.

The number of marriages decreased in all three provinces, given that in Álava there were 154 weddings (-33.3%), Bizkaia 565 (-31.6%) and in Gipuzkoa 378 (-30.5%). On the other hand, 70 couples fixed their residency outside the Basque Country.

Of the total number of marriages, 46 were between people of the same sex (30 between women and 16 between men) and the remaining 1,121 were heterosexual marriages. During the fourth quarter of 2020, 9 out of 10 weddings were civil, 94%, 3.7 percentage points more than in the same period of the previous year.

Of the 1,167 marriages in the fourth quarter of 2020, 1,100 men and 1,130 women resident in the Basque Country got married. For 862 spouses (78.4%) this was their first marriage, whilst 17 widowers and 221 divorcees remarried. The percentage of first weddings for women was higher than that for men: the number of single women who married stood at 895 (79.2%), 10 widows and 225 divorcees.

With respect to the distribution according to the age of the couple, 90.2% of husbands and 85.7% of wives were older than 30. In the same period of 2019, this percentage was 90.8% for men and 85.7% for women, practically identical.

In the fourth quarter of 2020, 16.5% of recently married men and 22.5% of recently married women were foreign nationals, reflecting an increase among men of 3.4 percentage points and among women of 1.8 points, in respect of the same period in 2019.

BALANCE FOR 2020: The number of marriages stood at 4,041, 45.9% down on the previous year

In the provisional data for 2020, the number of marriages for individuals resident in the Basque Country stood at 4,041, 45.9% down on 2019.

The percentage of civil weddings was 93.8%, above the 87.5% in 2019. Also observed was an increase in the age of those entering into marriage, given that 91.4% of husbands and 84.8% of wives were aged 30 or over; these percentages were 90.2% and 82.7%, respectively, in 2019.

For 2020 as a whole, 15.2% of husbands and 21.5% of wives were foreign nationals, once again slightly above the 2019 figures, which were 10.6% and 15.3%, respectively.

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

	Current quarter IV/2020		Previous quarter (III/2020)		Same quarter the previous year (IV/2019)	
	Nº	%	Nº	%	Nº	%
MARRIAGES	1.167	100,0	1.486	100,0	1.683	100,0
Araba / Álava	154	13,2	197	13,3	231	13,7
Bizkaia	565	48,4	722	48,6	826	49,1
Gipuzkoa	378	32,4	491	33,0	544	32,3
Outside of the Basque Country	70	6,0	76	5,1	82	4,9
<u>Homosexuals</u>	46	3,9	47	3,2	45	2,7
Between men	16	1,4	15	1,0	15	0,9
Between women	30	2,6	32	2,2	30	1,8
<u>Heterosexuals</u>	1.121	96,1	1.439	96,8	1.638	97,3
Canonical	69	5,9	143	9,6	163	9,7
Civil	1.052	90,1	1.296	87,2	1.475	87,6
HUSBANDS	1.100	100,0	1.398	100,0	1.582	100,0
Single	862	78,4	1.135	81,2	1.308	82,7
Widower	17	1,5	15	1,1	18	1,1
Divorced	221	20,1	248	17,7	256	16,2
< 30 year	107	9,7	98	7,0	145	9,2
30 - 39 year	402	36,5	615	44,0	709	44,8
≥ 40 year	591	53,7	685	49,0	728	46,0
Spanish nationality	919	83,5	1.259	90,1	1.374	86,9
Foreign nationality	181	16,5	139	9,9	208	13,1
WIVES	1.130	100,0	1.431	100,0	1.607	100,0
Single	895	79,2	1.190	83,2	1.318	82,0
Widower	10	0,9	13	0,9	18	1,1
Divorced	225	19,9	228	15,9	271	16,9
< 30 year	161	14,2	223	16,0	251	15,9
30 - 39 year	458	40,5	655	46,9	740	46,8
≥ 40 year	511	45,2	553	39,6	616	38,9
Spanish nationality	876	77,5	1.223	87,5	1.279	80,8
Foreign nationality	254	22,5	208	14,9	328	20,7

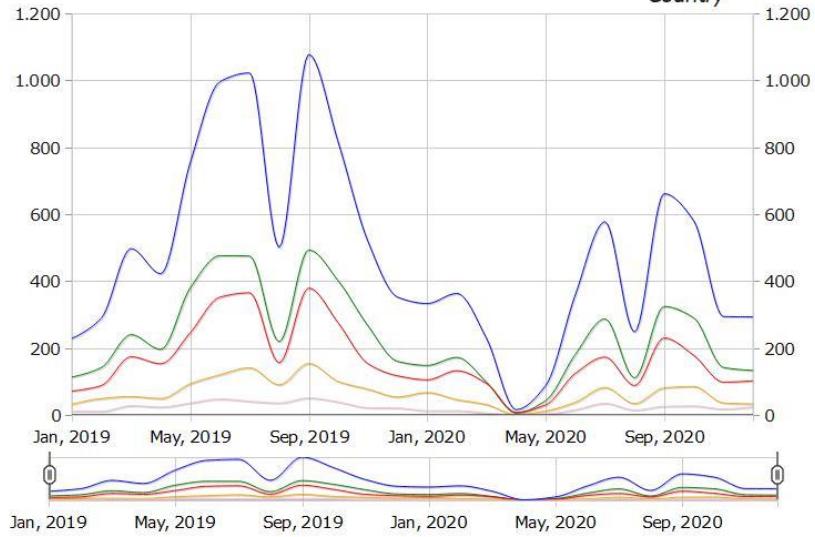
(1) For the current quarter and the previous data are provisional

Source: Eustat. Marriage statistics

Marriages in the Basque Country, by place of residence

Monthly data

Total **Araba / Alava** **Bizkaia** **Gipuzkoa** **Outside of the Basque Country**



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