

Marriages in the Basque Country increased by 3.1% in the fourth quarter of 2022

In the year as a whole, marriages rose by 20.6% in respect of 2021 and by 3.7% in respect of 2019

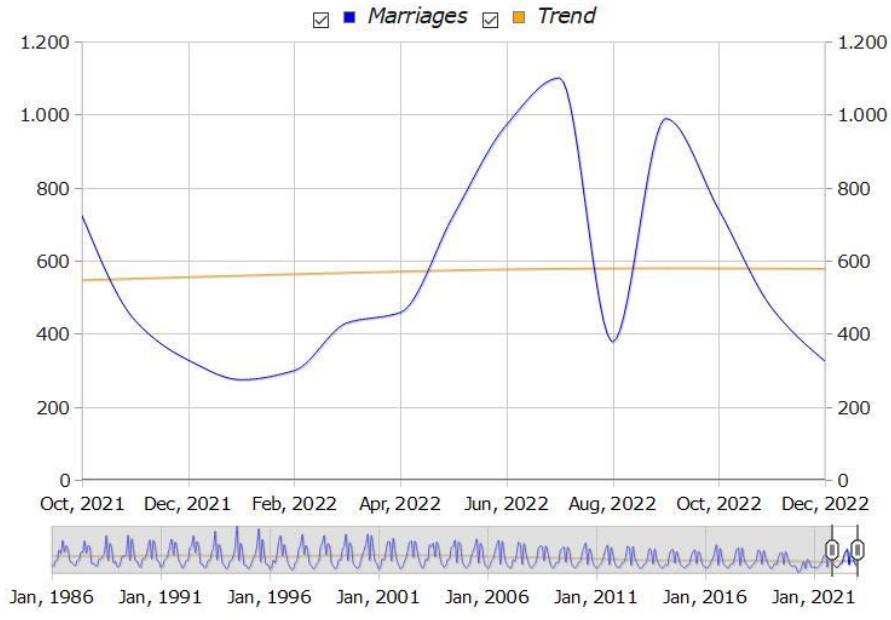
In the fourth quarter of 2022 the figure for marriages in the Basque Country stood at 1,634, which was an increase of 3.1% compared to the same quarter of the previous year, according to Eustat data.

The number of marriages registered increased by 14.2% (556) in Gipuzkoa, and by 1.3% (779) in Bizkaia, however, in Álava there were 199 fewer marriages, down 14.2%. Meanwhile, 100 marriages, in which at least one of the spouses is a Basque Country resident were registered elsewhere.

Of the total number of marriages, 1,578 were heterosexual marriages and 56 were between people of the same sex, 36 between women and 20 between men.

Marriages in the C.A. of Euskadi registered in the C.A. of Euskadi by month

Total and trend



Source: EUSTAT Marriage statistics

During the fourth quarter of 2022, 9 out of 10 weddings were civil, 91.6%. This percentage was 91.3% in the same quarter of 2021.

Of the 1,634 marriages in the fourth quarter of 2022, 1,537 women and 1,507 men resident in the Basque Country got married. For 1,254 wives (81.6%) this was their first marriage, 8 were widows and 275 were divorcees. As regards the husbands, for 1,198 (79.5%) this was their first marriage, whilst 10 widowers and 299 divorcees remarried.

With respect to the distribution according to the age of the couple, 84.6% of husbands and 92.3% of wives were over 30. In the same period of 2021, this percentage was 84.5% for women and 91.4% for men.

In the fourth quarter of 2022, 23.2% of recently married women and 16.3% of recently married men were foreign nationals. In respect of the same quarter of the previous year, this percentage increased by 0.4 percentage points among women and decreased by 0.1 among men.

BALANCE FOR 2022

In the provisional data for 2022, the number of marriages for individuals resident in the Basque Country stood at 7,748, which represented a rise of 20.6% in respect of the previous year. In respect of 2019 the number of marriages increased by 3.7%.

The percentage of civil marriages was 90.1%, slightly below the 90.6% in 2021.

In 2022 as a whole, 18.2% of new wives and 10.7% of new husbands were foreign nationals. In 2021 these percentages were 18.2% and 12.9%, respectively.

Marriages of residents by territory of registration, type of marriage, form of celebration, previous marital status, age and month of marriage (1). 2022/IV

	IV/2022		III/2022			IV/2021		
	NO.	%	NO.	%	?% ##	NO.	%	?% ##
Marriages	1.634	100,0	2.749	100,0	-40,6	1.585	100,0	3,1
Araba / Álava	199	12,2	393	14,3	-49,4	232	14,6	-14,2
Bizkaia	779	47,7	1.173	42,7	-33,6	769	48,5	1,3
Gipuzkoa	556	34,0	901	32,8	-38,3	487	30,7	14,2
Outside of the Basque Country	100	6,1	282	10,3	-64,5	97	6,1	3,1
Between people of different sex	1.578	96,6	2.652	96,5	-40,5	1.526	96,3	3,4
Canonic	136	8,3	365	13,3	-62,7	138	8,7	-1,4
Civilians	1.442	88,2	2.287	83,2	-36,9	1.388	87,6	3,9
Between people of the same sex	56	3,4	97	3,5	-42,3	59	3,7	-5,1
Between men	20	1,2	47	1,7	-57,4	25	1,6	-20,0
Between women	36	2,2	50	1,8	-28,0	34	2,1	5,9
Spouses M	1.507	100,0	2.438	100,0	-38,2	1.465	100,0	2,9
Single	1.198	79,5	2.104	86,3	-43,1	1.194	81,5	0,3
Widowed	10	0,7	20	0,8	-50,0	19	1,3	-47,4
Divorced	299	19,8	314	12,9	-4,8	252	17,2	18,7
< 30 years	116	7,7	204	8,4	-43,1	126	8,6	-7,9
30 - 39 years	627	41,6	1.173	48,1	-46,5	634	43,3	-1,1
= 40 years	764	50,7	1.061	43,5	-28,0	705	48,1	8,4
Spanish nationality	1.261	83,7	2.194	90,0	-42,5	1.225	83,6	2,9
Foreign nationality	246	16,3	244	10,0	0,8	240	16,4	2,5
Spouses F	1.537	100,0	2.448	100,0	-37,2	1.489	100,0	3,2
Single	1.254	81,6	2.127	86,9	-41,0	1.201	80,7	4,4
Widowed	8	0,5	4	0,2	100,0	9	0,6	-11,1
Divorced	275	17,9	317	12,9	-13,2	279	18,7	-1,4
< 30 years	237	15,4	378	15,4	-37,3	231	15,5	2,6
30 - 39 years	662	43,1	1.204	49,2	-45,0	674	45,3	-1,8
= 40 years	638	41,5	866	35,4	-26,3	584	39,2	9,2
Spanish nationality	1.181	76,8	2.068	84,5	-42,9	1.149	77,2	2,8
Foreign nationality	356	23,2	380	15,5	-6,3	340	22,8	4,7
Month of marriage								
July	805	49,3				782	49,3	2,9
August	494	30,2				463	29,2	6,7
September	335	20,5				340	21,5	-1,5

(1)The data for the current and previous quarters are provisional. The variations are over the current quarter

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