

In the first quarter of 2023 there were 1,037 marriages in the Basque Country, 1% less than a year ago

In comparison with the 1,015 marriages celebrated in 2019, there was a rise of 2.2%

The number of marriages in the Basque Country during the first quarter of 2023 rose to 1,037, 1% down on those in the same quarter of the previous year (1,048), according to Eustat data. Of the total number of marriages, 997 were heterosexual marriages and 40 were between people of the same sex, 23 between women and 17 between men.

By months, in January and February the number of marriages fell by 4.9% and 21.3%, respectively. In contrast, in March weddings increased by 15.2% in respect of March 2022. If we compare data from this quarter with that from the same quarter of 2019, prior to the pandemic, with 1,015 marriages, there was a rise of 2.2%.

During the first quarter of 2023, more than 96 out of 100 weddings were civil, 96.8%. This percentage was 95.5% in the same quarter of 2022.

In the 1,037 weddings in the first quarter of 2023, 977 men and 989 women resident in the Basque Country entered into marriage; the remainder of the spouses resided outside of the Basque Country. For 774 spouses (79.2%) this was their first marriage, whilst 189 divorced men and 14 widowers remarried. The percentage of women entering into their first marriage was similar to that of men, standing at 782 (79.1%); the number of divorcees rose to 194 and the number of widows stood at 13.

As regards the distribution of marriages according to the age of the couples, 89.8% of husbands were aged 30 or over, whilst this percentage decreased to 84.2% for wives. Compared to the same period of the previous year, this proportion rose for men (89.7% in 2022) and fell for women (86.4% in 2022).

The percentage of foreign nationals entering into marriage decreased

In the first quarter of 2023, 27.4% of recently married women and 20.2% of recently married men were foreign nationals. These percentages slightly increased in comparison with the same period in 2022, for both wives and husbands, when they were 27.9% and 20.3%, respectively.

Marriages of residents by territory of registration, type of marriage, form of celebration, previous marital status, age and month of marriage (1). 2023/I

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	I/2023		IV/2022			I/2022		
	NO.	%	NO.	%	Increase %	NO.	%	Increase %
Marriages	1.037	100,0	1.654	100,0	-37,3	1.048	100,0	-1,0
Araba / Álava	120	11,6	210	12,7	-42,9	134	12,8	-10,4
Bizkaia	531	51,2	784	47,4	-32,3	533	50,9	-0,4
Gipuzkoa	335	32,3	560	33,9	-40,2	336	32,1	-0,3
Outside of the Basque Country	51	4,9	100	6,0	-49,0	45	4,3	13,3
Between people of different sex	997	96,1	1.596	96,5	-37,5	1.011	96,5	-1,4
Canonic	33	3,2	141	8,5	-76,6	47	4,5	-29,8
Civilians	964	93,0	1.455	88,0	-33,7	964	92,0	0,0
Between people of the same sex	40	3,9	58	3,5	-31,0	37	3,5	8,1
Between men	17	1,6	20	1,2	-15,0	17	1,6	0,0
Between women	23	2,2	38	2,3	-39,5	20	1,9	15,0
Spouses M	977	100,0	1.525	100,0	-35,9	1.000	100,0	-2,3
Single	774	79,2	1.211	79,4	-36,1	793	79,3	-2,4
Widowed	14	1,4	10	0,7	40,0	10	1,0	40,0
Divorced	189	19,3	304	19,9	-37,8	197	19,7	-4,1
< 30 years	100	10,2	118	7,7	-15,3	103	10,3	-2,9
30 - 39 years	380	38,9	634	41,6	-40,1	354	35,4	7,3
= 40 years	497	50,9	773	50,7	-35,7	543	54,3	-8,5
Spanish nationality	780	79,8	1.279	83,9	-39,0	797	79,7	-2,1
Foreign nationality	197	20,2	246	16,1	-19,9	203	20,3	-3,0
Spouses F	989	100,0	1.559	100,0	-36,6	1.002	100,0	-1,3
Single	782	79,1	1.270	81,5	-38,4	803	80,1	-2,6
Widowed	13	1,3	8	0,5	62,5	11	1,1	18,2
Divorced	194	19,6	281	18,0	-31,0	188	18,8	3,2
< 30 years	156	15,8	239	15,3	-34,7	136	13,6	14,7
30 - 39 years	408	41,3	671	43,0	-39,2	421	42,0	-3,1
= 40 years	425	43,0	649	41,6	-34,5	445	44,4	-4,5
Spanish nationality	718	72,6	1.199	76,9	-40,1	722	72,1	-0,6
Foreign nationality	271	27,4	360	23,1	-24,7	280	27,9	-3,2
Month of marriage								
July	271	26,1				285	27,2	-4,9
August	244	23,5				310	29,6	-21,3
September	522	50,3				453	43,2	15,2

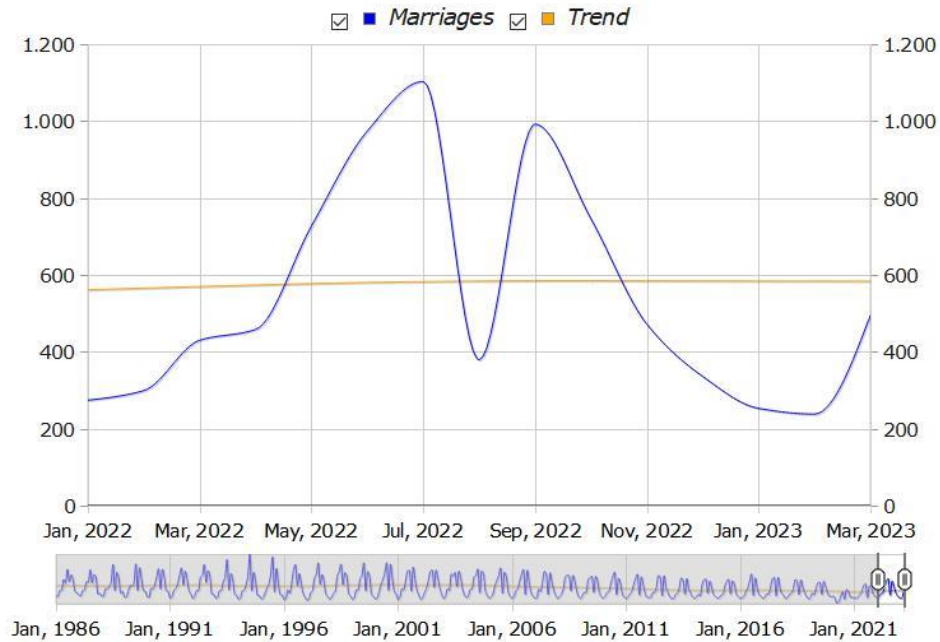
(1) The data for the current and previous quarters are provisional. The variations are over the current quarter

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Source: Eustat Marriage statistics

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

Total and trend



Source: EUSTAT Marriage statistics

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