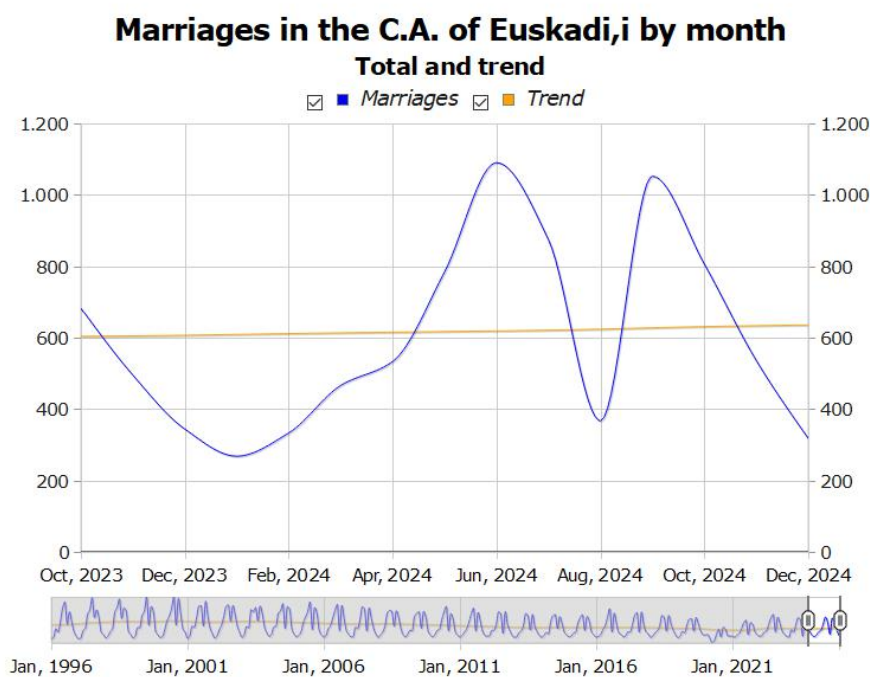


## In the fourth quarter of 2024, the number of marriages in the Basque Country increased by 9.1%

*In the year as a whole, the rise in the number of marriages stood at 2.2%*

There were 1,660 marriages in the Basque Country in the fourth quarter of 2024, an increase of 9.1% compared to the same quarter of the previous year, according to Eustat data.

Taking into account the place of registration, the number of marriages registered rose by 43.7% in Álava (227), 17.1% in Gipuzkoa (574) and 2.7% in Bizkaia (785). Meanwhile, 74 marriages in which at least one of the spouses is a Basque Country resident were registered elsewhere.



Of the total number of marriages, 1,586 were different-sex marriages and the other 74 were between people of the same sex, 37 between men and 37 between women.

During the fourth quarter of 2024, 9 out of 10 weddings were civil, 93.6%. This percentage was 92.6% in the same quarter of 2023.

Of the 1,660 marriages in the fourth quarter of 2024, 1,595 men and 1,603 women resident in the Basque Country got married. For 1,327 wives (82.8%) this was their first marriage, 9 were widows and 267 were divorcees. As regards the husbands, for 1,295 (81.2%) this was their first marriage, whilst 14 widowers and 286 divorcees remarried.

With respect to the distribution according to the age of the couple, 85% of husbands and 90.6% of wives were over 30. In the same period of 2023, this percentage was 85.9% for women and 91.2% for men.

In the fourth quarter of 2024, 15.3% of recently married women and 14.2% of recently married men were foreign nationals. Compared to the same quarter of the previous year, this percentage increased by 7 tenths among women and 8 tenths among men.

### ***BALANCE FOR 2024***

In the provisional data for 2024, the number of marriages for individuals resident in the Basque Country stood at 7,427, which represented a rise of 2.2% in respect of the previous year.

The percentage of civil marriages was 92.4%, almost two points more than in 2023, when it was 90.5%.

In 2024 as a whole, 91.4% of new husbands and 85.4% of new wives were aged 30 or over. In 2023, these percentages stood at 90.7% and 85.4%, respectively.

## Marriages of residents by territory of registration, type of marriage, form of celebration, previous marital status, age and month of marriage (1). 2024/IV

	IV/2024		III/2024			IV/2023		
	NO.	%	NO.	%	Δ%	NO.	%	Δ%
<b>Marriages</b>	<b>1.660</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>2.293</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>-27,6</b>	<b>1.522</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>9,1</b>
Araba / Alava	227	13,7	342	14,9	-33,6	158	10,4	43,7
Bizkaia	785	47,3	997	43,5	-21,3	764	50,2	2,7
Gipuzkoa	574	34,6	762	33,2	-24,7	490	32,2	17,1
Outside of the Basque Country	74	4,5	192	8,4	-61,5	110	7,2	-32,7
<b>Between people of different sex</b>	<b>1.586</b>	<b>95,5</b>	<b>2.219</b>	<b>96,8</b>	<b>-28,5</b>	<b>1.471</b>	<b>96,6</b>	<b>7,8</b>
Canonic	107	6,4	253	11,0	-57,7	113	7,4	-5,3
Civilians	1.479	89,1	1.966	85,7	-24,8	1.358	89,2	8,9
<b>Between people of the same sex</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>4,5</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>3,2</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>3,4</b>	<b>45,1</b>
Between men	37	2,2	33	1,4	12,1	27	1,8	37,0
Between women	37	2,2	41	1,8	-9,8	24	1,6	54,2
<b>Spouses M</b>	<b>1.595</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>2.197</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>-27,4</b>	<b>1.456</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>9,5</b>
Single	1.295	81,2	1.845	84,0	-29,8	1.217	83,6	6,4
Widowed	14	0,9	25	1,1	-44,0	10	0,7	40,0
Divorced	286	17,9	327	14,9	-12,5	229	15,7	24,9
< 30 years	150	9,4	187	8,5	-19,8	128	8,8	17,2
30 - 39 years	639	40,1	974	44,3	-34,4	610	41,9	4,8
= 40 years	806	50,5	1.036	47,2	-22,2	718	49,3	12,3
Spanish nationality	1.369	85,8	2.008	91,4	-31,8	1.261	86,6	8,6
Foreign nationality	226	14,2	189	8,6	19,6	195	13,4	15,9
Country of birth Spain	1.268	79,5	1.884	85,8	-32,7	1.168	80,2	8,6
Other country of birth	327	20,5	313	14,2	4,5	288	19,8	13,5
<b>Spouses F</b>	<b>1.603</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>2.202</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>-27,2</b>	<b>1.442</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>11,2</b>
Single	1.327	82,8	1.883	85,5	-29,5	1.193	82,7	11,2
Widowed	9	0,6	8	0,4	12,5	7	0,5	28,6
Divorced	267	16,7	311	14,1	-14,1	242	16,8	10,3
< 30 years	241	15,0	356	16,2	-32,3	203	14,1	18,7
30 - 39 years	679	42,4	967	43,9	-29,8	656	45,5	3,5
= 40 years	683	42,6	879	39,9	-22,3	583	40,4	17,2
Spanish nationality	1.358	84,7	1.934	87,8	-29,8	1.231	85,4	10,3
Foreign nationality	245	15,3	268	12,2	-8,6	211	14,6	16,1
Country of birth Spain	1.171	73,1	1.755	79,7	-33,3	1.097	76,1	6,7
Other country of birth	432	26,9	447	20,3	-3,4	345	23,9	25,2
<b>Month of marriage</b>								
October	806	48,6				683	44,9	18,0
November	536	32,3				495	32,5	8,3
December	318	19,2				344	22,6	-7,6

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

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