

MARRIAGE STATISTICS (EMAT) OF THE BASQUE COUNTRY 3rd QUARTER 2010

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In the third quarter of 2010, 55.8% of weddings were civil weddings, 4 percentage points up on the same period of 2009, according to Eustat data. This figure is down on the second quarter of 2010, where nearly 65.1% of the marriages were held in registry offices.

In July, August and September 2010, there were 2,704 weddings in the Basque Country, which was 5.4% down on the same quarter of the previous year. 347 of the couples were resident in Álava, 825 in Gipuzkoa and 1,454 in Bizkaia. The number of weddings of couples residing outside the Basque Country stood at 78.

July continued to be the favourite month to get married

July was the month with most weddings (1,354), followed by September with 965. On the other hand, August continued to be the month when fewest weddings were held (385) and they were also down 26% on the same period of the previous year.

2,619 men and 2,656 women resident in the Basque Country were married in the 2,704 weddings held in the third quarter of 2010. This was the first marriage for 2,399 men (91.6%), while 10 widowers and 210 divorcés remarried. The percentage of first marriages for women was similar to that of the men: the number of single brides came to 2,451 (92.3%), while 9 widows and 196 divorcées married again.

With regard to the distribution of marriages according to the age of spouses, 79.8% of grooms were over 30 years old, while this percentage stood at 65.4% in the case of the brides. Compared to the same period of the previous year, this figure was up for both sexes, even though the increase was more dramatic in the case of women, as only 62.1% of them were over 30 in 2009 compared to 78.4% of men.

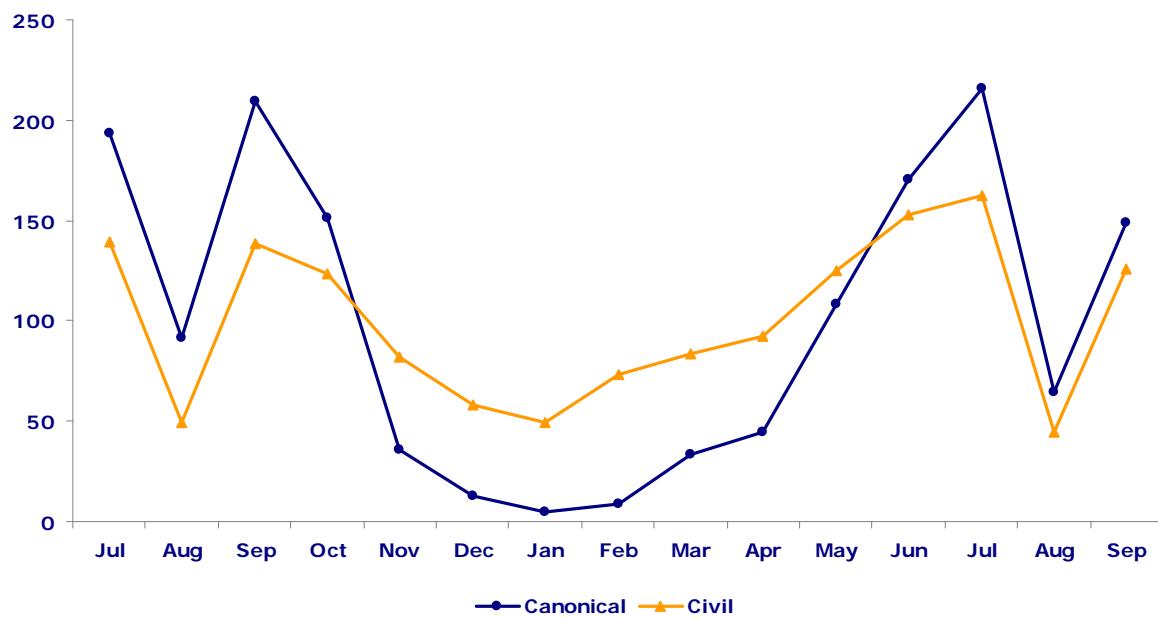
7.7% of the new brides were foreigners

In terms of the nationality of the brides and grooms who married in summer 2010, 5.1% of the men and 7.7% of the women did not hold Spanish nationality.

	3rd quarter 2010		Previous quarter (2nd quarter 2010)		Same quarter the previous year (3rd quarter 2009)	
	Nº	%	Nº	%	Nº	%
MARRIAGES	2.704	100,0	2.553	100,0	2.858	100,0
Canonical	1.195	44,2	891	34,9	1.376	48,1
Civil	1.509	55,8	1.662	65,1	1.482	51,9
HUSBANDS	2.619	100,0	2.477	100,0	2.765	100,0
Single	2.399	91,6	2.236	90,3	2.555	92,4
Widowers	10	0,4	14	0,6	6	0,2
Divorcés	210	8,0	227	9,2	204	7,4
WIVES	2.656	100,0	2.496	100,0	2.788	100,0
Single	2.451	92,3	2.277	91,2	2.582	92,6
Widows	9	0,3	5	0,2	7	0,3
Divorcées	196	7,4	214	8,6	199	7,1

Source: EUSTAT. Marriage statistics in the Basque Country

Graph 1: Monthly Marriage Trends (base 100= average)



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