

Marriages in the Basque Country fell by 12.4% in the second quarter of 2019

The number of civil marriages continued to grow, reaching 85.6%

In the second quarter of 2019 the figure for marriages in the Basque Country stood at 2,091, which was a drop of 12.4% compared to the same quarter of the previous year, according to Eustat data. Of the total number of marriages, 57 were between people of the same sex (30 between men and 27 between women) and the remaining 2,034 were heterosexual marriages.

In terms of provinces, the number of marriages decreased in all three: there were 258 weddings in Álava, 699 in Gipuzkoa and 1,039 in Bizkaia. In addition, 95 couples fixed their residency outside the Basque Country.

As is common in the second quarter the number of unions rose considerably, above all in the month of June, as opposed to what happens in the winter months, which are characterised by the low number of weddings.

During the spring months of 2019, the percentage of civil weddings was 85.6%, 2.2 points higher than in the same quarter of 2018 but lower than that observed in the first quarter of 2019, when it stood at 91.3%. This percentage refers only to heterosexual marriages, to which a further 2.7 points should be added for marriages between people of the same sex, all of which were civil.

Of the 2,091 marriages in the second quarter of 2019, 1,994 men and 1,984 women resident in the Basque Country married. For 1,684 spouses (84.5%) this was their first marriage, whilst 19 widowers and 291 divorcees remarried. The percentage of first weddings for women was similar to that for men: the number of single women who married stood at 1,689 (85.1%), 9 widows and 286 divorcees.

The percentage of foreign nationals entering into marriage increased

With respect to the distribution according to the age of the couple, 91% of husbands and 84.6% of wives were older than 30. In the same period of 2018, the proportion was identical for the men and slightly lower for the women, 83.3%.

In the months of April, May and June 2019, 8.6% of recently married men and 12% of recently married women were foreign nationals. With regards to the same quarter of the previous year, the percentage of men increased by 1.3 percentage points and that of women 1.4.

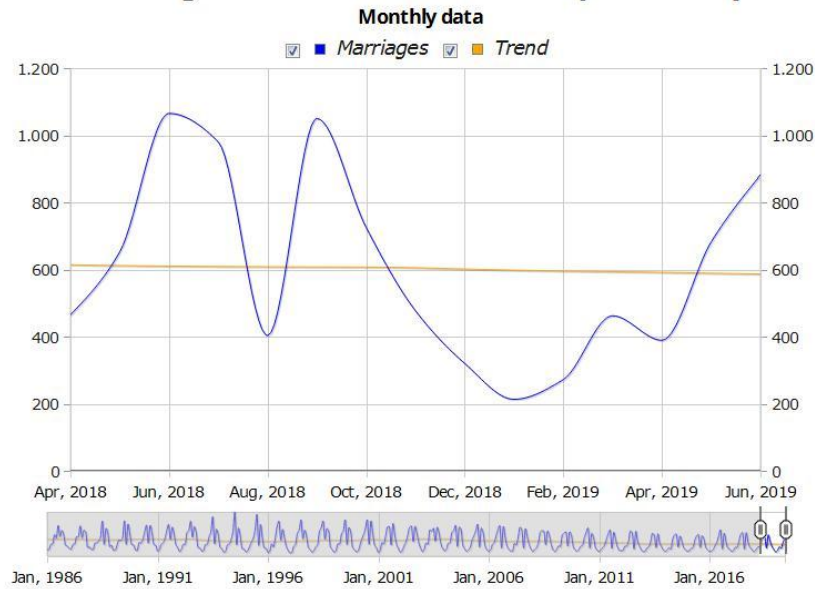
Marriages of the Basque Country by territory of residence, sex, previus marital status and type of ceremony (1)

	Trimestre actual II/2019		Previous quarter (I/2019)		Same quarter the previous year (II/2018)	
	Nº	%	Nº	%	Nº	%
MARRIAGES	2.091	100,0	1.012	100,0	2.388	100,0
Araba / Álava	258	12,3	134	13,2	335	14,0
Bizkaia	1.039	49,7	495	48,9	1.173	49,1
Gipuzkoa	699	33,4	330	32,6	767	32,1
Outside of the Basque C	95	4,5	53	5,2	113	4,7
Homosexuals	57	2,7	38	3,8	53	2,2
Between men	30	1,4	12	1,2	26	1,1
Between women	27	1,3	26	2,6	27	1,1
Heterosexuales	2.034	97,3	974	96,2	2.335	97,8
Canonical	245	11,7	50	4,9	344	14,4
Civil	1.789	85,6	924	91,3	1.991	83,4
HUSBANDS	1.994	100,0	942	100,0	2.272	100,0
Single	1.684	84,5	753	79,9	1.959	86,2
Widower	19	1,0	17	1,8	25	1,1
Divorced	291	14,6	172	18,3	288	12,7
< 30 year	179	9,0	88	9,3	206	9,1
30 - 39 year	965	48,4	402	42,7	1.124	49,5
≥ 40 year	850	42,6	452	48,0	942	41,5
Spanish nationality	1.822	91,4	795	84,4	2.106	92,7
Foreign nationality	172	8,6	147	15,6	166	7,3
WIVES	1.984	100,0	957	100,0	2.270	100,0
Single	1.689	85,1	770	80,5	1.952	86,0
Widower	9	0,5	7	0,7	15	0,7
Divorced	286	14,4	180	18,8	303	13,3
< 30 year	306	15,4	131	13,9	378	16,6
30 - 39 year	994	50,1	455	48,3	1.161	51,1
≥ 40 year	684	34,5	371	39,4	731	32,2
Spanish nationality	1.745	88,0	759	80,6	2.030	89,3
Foreign nationality	239	12,0	198	21,0	240	10,6

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

Source: Eustat. Marriage statistics

Marriages of residents in the Basque Country.



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