

There were 908 marriages registered in the first quarter of 2020, 10.5% down on the previous year

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The number of marriages in the Basque Country during the first quarter of 2020 rose to 908, 10.5% down on those in the same quarter of the previous year (1,015), according to Eustat data. Of the total number of marriages, 29 were between people of the same sex (10 between men and 19 between women) and the remaining 879 were heterosexual marriages.

The first quarter of the year is characterised by the low number of marriages celebrated, particularly in January and February, although this year it should be pointed out that in January there were 45.8% more marriages than in 2019 and in February 23.8% more; in contrast, in March marriages fell by 56.2%.

The increases this January and February in respect of the equivalent months of 2019 may partly be due to 2020 having one more Friday in January and one more Saturday in February, given that marriages are concentrated on these days, 58.7% and 21.7%, respectively. However, the decrease in March may largely be related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As is common, in this quarter there was a high proportion of civil marriages: 94.3% of heterosexual marriages, as well same-sex marriages, all civil, to which the total percentage rises to 97.5%.

In the 908 weddings in the first quarter of 2020, 860 men and 883 women resident in the Basque Country entered into marriage; the remainder of the spouses resided outside of the Basque Country. For 678 spouses (78.8%) this was their first marriage, whilst 7 widowers and 175 divorcees remarried. The percentage of women entering into their first marriage was higher than that for men, standing at 718 (81.3%); the number of widows rose to 4 and the number of divorcees stood at 161.

As regards the distribution of marriages according to the age of the couples, 90.1% of husbands were aged 30 or over, whilst this percentage decreased to 82.9% for wives. Compared to the same period of the previous year, the proportion fell for both men (90.7%) and women (87.7%).

The percentage of married women of foreign nationality rose by 8.9 points

In the first quarter of 2020, 29.9% of recently married women and 20.5% of recently married men were foreign nationals. These percentages increased in comparison with the same period in 2019, for both wives and husbands, when they were 21% and 15.7%, respectively.

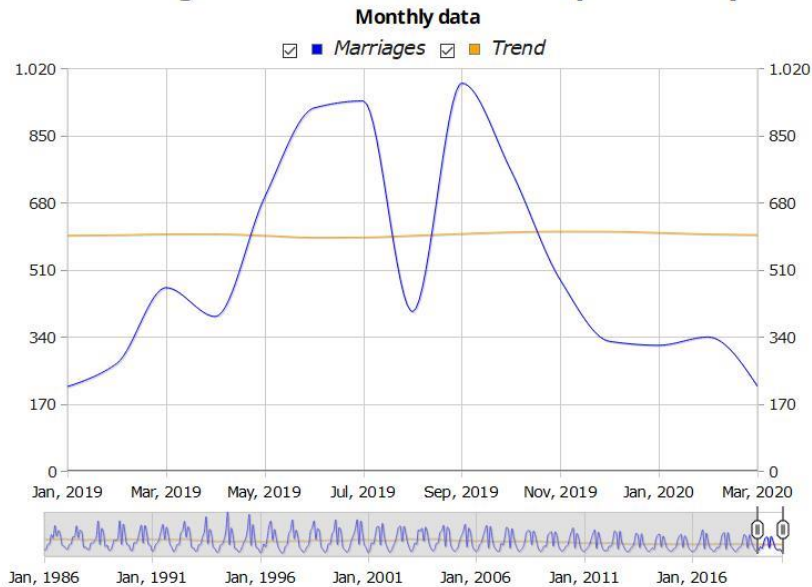
Marriages of the Basque Country by territory of residence, sex, previous marital status and type of ceremony (1)

	Trimestre actual I/2020		Previous quarter (IV/2019)		Same quarter the previous year (I/2019)	
	Nº	%	Nº	%	Nº	%
MARRIAGES	908	100,0	1.672	100,0	1.015	100,0
Araba / Álava	144	15,9	227	13,6	135	13,3
Bizkaia	407	44,8	809	48,4	498	49,1
Gipuzkoa	325	35,8	534	31,9	332	32,7
Outside of the Basque Country	32	3,5	102	6,1	50	4,9
<u>Homosexuals</u>	29	3,2	45	2,7	38	3,7
Between men	10	1,1	15	0,9	12	1,2
Between women	19	2,1	30	1,8	26	2,6
<u>Heterosexuales</u>	879	96,8	1.627	97,3	977	96,3
Canonical	23	2,5	160	9,6	50	4,9
Civil	856	94,3	1.467	87,7	927	91,3
HUSBANDS	860	100,0	1.573	100,0	944	100,0
Single	678	78,8	1.302	82,8	754	79,9
Widower	7	0,8	18	1,1	17	1,8
Divorced	175	20,3	253	16,1	173	18,3
< 30 year	85	9,9	143	9,1	88	9,3
30 - 39 year	321	37,3	706	44,9	404	42,8
≥ 40 year	454	52,8	724	46,0	452	47,9
Spanish nationality	684	79,5	1.366	86,8	796	84,3
Foreign nationality	176	20,5	207	13,2	148	15,7
WIVES	883	100,0	1.600	100,0	959	100,0
Single	718	81,3	1.312	82,0	771	80,4
Widower	4	0,5	18	1,1	7	0,7
Divorced	161	18,2	270	16,9	181	18,9
< 30 year	151	17,1	249	15,8	131	13,9
30 - 39 year	354	40,1	737	46,9	457	48,4
≥ 40 year	378	42,8	614	39,0	371	39,3
Spanish nationality	619	70,1	1.272	80,9	761	80,6
Foreign nationality	264	29,9	328	20,9	198	21,0

(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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