

## **The number of marriages dropped by 43.3% in the third quarter of 2020**

### ***In August marriages were down 51.9%***

In the third quarter of 2020 the figure for marriages in the Basque Country stood at 1,474, which was a drop of 43.3% compared to the same quarter of the previous year, according to Eustat data.

Due to the restrictions caused by the COVID-19 crisis and, potentially, by other factors, there was a sharp drop in weddings over the summer months: 43.7% in July, 51.9% in August and 39.9% in September.

The number of marriages decreased in all three provinces, given that in Álava there were 196 weddings (-49.1%), in Gipuzkoa 482 (-46.4%) and in Bizkaia 701 (-40.9%). On the other hand, 95 couples fixed their residency outside the Basque Country.

Of the total number of marriages, 47 were between people of the same sex (32 between women and 15 between men) and the remaining 1,427 were heterosexual marriages.

During the third quarter of 2020, 9 out of 10 weddings were civil, 90.4%. The percentage of civil weddings was 8.1 points higher than in the same period of 2019.

Of the 1,474 marriages in the third quarter of 2020, 1,390 men and 1,423 women resident in the Basque Country got married. For 1,130 spouses (81.3%) this was their first marriage, whilst 15 widowers and 245 divorcees remarried. The percentage of first weddings for women was similar to that for men: the number of single women who married stood at 1,184 (83.2%), 12 widows and 227 divorcees.

### ***The percentage of foreign nationals entering into marriage increased***

With respect to the distribution according to the age of the couple, 93% of husbands and 84.5% of wives were older than 30. In the same period of 2019, this percentage was 89.2% for men and 80% for women; the increase was therefore 3.8 and 4.5 points, respectively.

In the third quarter of 2020, 10% of recently married men and 14.4% of recently married women were foreign nationals. With regards to the same quarter of the previous year, the percentage of men increased by 1.7 percentage points and that of women 1.8.

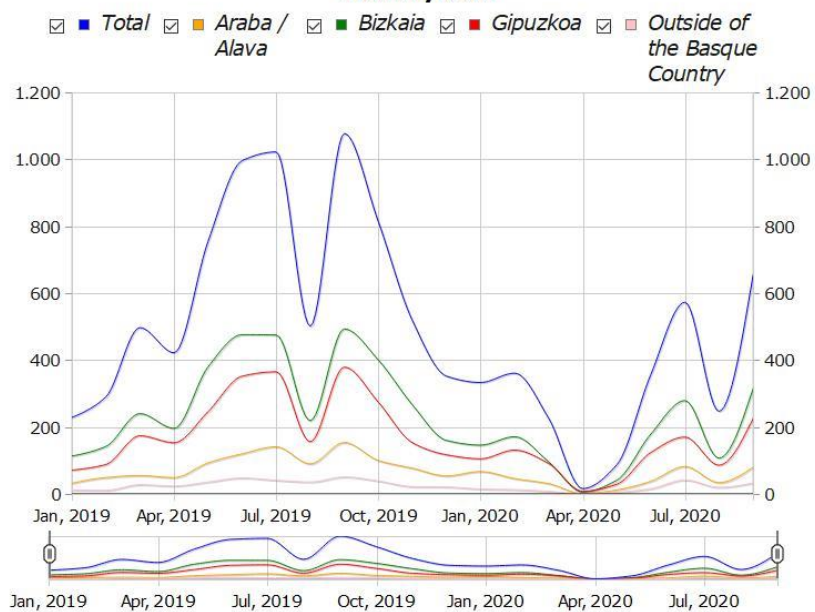
**Marriages of the Basque Country by territory of residence, sex, previous marital status and type of ceremony (1)**

	Current quarter (III/2020)		Previous quarter (II/2020)		Same quarter the previous year (III/2019)	
	Nº	%	Nº	%	Nº	%
<b>MARRIAGES</b>	<b>1.474</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>2.600</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Araba / Álava	196	13,3	51	11,1	385	14,8
Bizkaia	701	47,6	226	49,1	1.187	45,7
Gipuzkoa	482	32,7	161	35,0	900	34,6
Outside of the Basque Country	95	6,4	22	4,8	128	4,9
<u>Homosexuals</u>	47	3,2	23	5,0	64	2,5
Between men	15	1,0	8	1,7	27	1,0
Between women	32	2,2	15	3,3	37	1,4
<u>Heterosexuales</u>	1.427	96,8	437	95,0	2.536	97,5
Canonical	141	9,6	11	2,4	461	17,7
Civil	1.286	87,2	426	92,6	2.075	79,8
<b>HUSBANDS</b>	<b>1.390</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>2.432</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Single	1.130	81,3	345	79,7	2.090	85,9
Widower	15	1,1	6	1,4	16	0,7
Divorced	245	17,6	82	18,9	326	13,4
< 30 year	97	7,0	34	7,9	263	10,8
30 - 39 year	612	44,0	152	35,1	1.253	51,5
≥ 40 year	681	49,0	247	57,0	916	37,7
Spanish nationality	1.251	90,0	351	81,1	2.230	91,7
Foreign nationality	139	10,0	82	18,9	202	8,3
<b>WIVES</b>	<b>1.423</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>2.467</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Single	1.184	83,2	350	77,8	2.168	87,9
Widower	12	0,8	6	1,3	12	0,5
Divorced	227	16,0	94	20,9	287	11,6
< 30 year	221	15,5	56	12,9	521	21,4
30 - 39 year	651	45,7	177	40,9	1.232	50,7
≥ 40 year	551	38,7	217	50,1	714	29,4
Spanish nationality	1.218	85,6	337	77,8	2.161	88,9
Foreign nationality	205	14,4	113	26,1	306	12,6

(1) For the current quarter and the previous data are provisional  
 Source: Eustat. Marriage statistics

## Marriages in the Basque Country, by month

Monthly data



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