

847 marriages were registered in the first quarter of 2021 in the Basque Country, 8.4% down on the previous year

In March marriages were up 38.9%

The number of marriages in the Basque Country during the first quarter of 2021 rose to 847, 8.4% down on those in the same quarter of the previous year (925), according to Eustat data. Of the total number of marriages, 799 were heterosexual marriages and 48 were between people of the same sex (20 between men and 28 between women).

The first quarter of the year usually stands out due to the low number of marriages celebrated. In the first quarter of 2021, which was still affected by the impact of the pandemic, in January there were 14.7% fewer marriages than in 2020 and in February 32.5% fewer; in March, on the other hand, marriages rose by 38.9% with respect to March 2020, a month characterised by the start of the pandemic. If we compare the data with the same months of 2019, in January the number of marriages increased by 25.1%, in February marriages were down 15.5% and in March there was a drop of 36.1%.

As is common, in this quarter there was a high proportion of civil marriages: 91.9% of heterosexual marriages, in addition to same-sex marriages, all civil, bringing the total percentage to 97.6%, a percentage 4 tenths higher than in the same quarter of the previous year.

In the 847 weddings in the first quarter of 2021, 808 men and 816 women resident in the Basque Country entered into marriage; the remainder of the spouses resided outside of the Basque Country. For 638 spouses (79%) this was their first marriage, whilst 7 widowers (0.9%) and 163 divorcees (20.2%) remarried. The percentage of women entering into their first marriage was similar to that for men, standing at 644 (78.9%); the number of widows rose to 8 (1.0%) and the number of divorcees stood at 164 (20.1%).

As regards the distribution of marriages according to the age of the couples, 91.7% of husbands were aged 30 or over, whilst this percentage decreased to 84.3% for wives. Compared to the same period of the previous year, the proportion rose for both men (90.3%) and women (82.9%).

The percentage of married men and women of foreign nationality decreased

In the first quarter of 2021, 28.1% of recently married women and 18.4% of recently married men were foreign nationals. These percentages decreased in comparison with the same period of 2020, for both wives and husbands, when they were 29.6% and 20.2%, respectively.

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

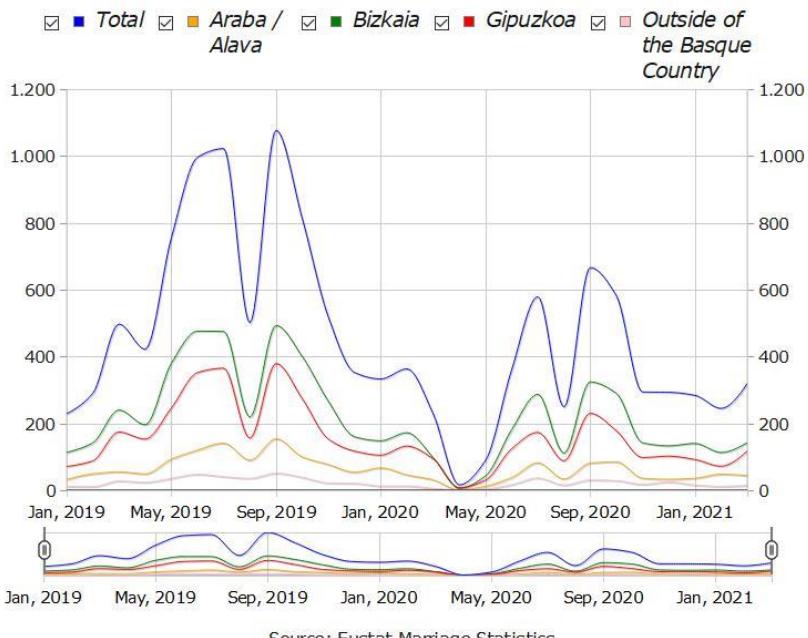
	Current quarter		Previous quarter		Same quarter the previous year	
	I/2021		IV/2020		I/2020	
	Nº	%	Nº	%	Nº	%
MARRIAGES	847	100,0	1.169	100,0	925	100,0
Araba/Álava	128	15,1	154	13,2	144	15,6
Bizkaia	395	46,6	565	48,3	418	45,2
Gipuzkoa	281	33,2	378	32,3	331	35,8
Outside of the Basque Country	43	5,1	72	6,2	32	3,5
<u>Homosexuals</u>	48	5,7	46	3,9	30	3,2
Between men	20	2,4	16	1,4	11	1,2
Between women	28	3,3	30	2,6	19	2,1
<u>Heterosexuals</u>	799	94,3	1.123	96,1	895	96,8
Canonical	21	2,5	70	6,0	26	2,8
Civil	778	91,9	1.053	90,1	869	93,9
HUSBANDS	808	100,0	1.102	100,0	873	100,0
Single	638	79,0	863	78,3	688	78,8
Widower	7	0,9	17	1,5	7	0,8
Divorced	163	20,2	222	20,1	178	20,4
< 30 year	67	8,3	107	9,7	85	9,7
30 - 39 year	284	35,1	403	36,6	328	37,6
≥ 40 year	457	56,6	592	53,7	460	52,7
Spanish nationality	659	81,6	921	83,6	697	79,8
Foreign nationality	149	18,4	181	16,4	176	20,2
WIVES	816	100,0	1.132	100,0	892	100,0
Single	644	78,9	896	79,2	726	81,4
Widower	8	1,0	10	0,9	4	0,4
Divorced	164	20,1	226	20,0	162	18,2
< 30 year	128	15,7	161	14,2	152	17,0
30 - 39 year	329	40,3	460	40,6	358	40,1
≥ 40 year	359	44,0	511	45,1	382	42,8
Spanish nationality	587	71,9	878	77,6	628	70,4
Foreign nationality	229	28,1	254	22,4	264	29,6

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

Source: Eustat. Marriage statistics

Marriages in the Basque Country, by place of residence

Monthly data



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