

There were 1,794 marriages in the second quarter of 2021 in the Basque Country, almost 4 times more than in the previous year, which was marked by the pandemic

In comparison with 2019 there was a drop of 17.4%

The number of marriages in the Basque Country during the second quarter of 2021 rose to 1,794, 286.6% more than in the same quarter of the previous year (464), a quarter characterised by the restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, according to Eustat data. If we compare data from this quarter with that from the same quarter of 2019, it reveals a drop of 17.4% in the number of marriages, which indicates that not all the weddings postponed in 2020 have taken place this year. Of the total number of marriages, 1,719 were opposite sex marriages and 75 were between people of the same sex (53 between women and 22 between men).

Taking into account the province of residence, the number of unions increased in all three; there were 249 weddings in Álava, 637 in Gipuzkoa and 808 in Bizkaia. On the other hand, 100 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, which saw 46.1% of the weddings celebrated in the quarter,

During the spring months of 2021, the overall percentage of civil weddings was 92.5%. Among opposite sex marriages, the proportion of civil weddings was 88.3%, below that of 2020, which was 92.5% (down 4.2 percentage points).

Of the 1,794 marriages in the second quarter of 2021, 1,671 men and 1,730 women resident in the Basque Country married. For 1,362 spouses (81.5%) this was their first marriage, whilst 16 widowers and 293 divorcees remarried. The percentage of first weddings for women was similar to that for men: the number of single women who married stood at 1,439 (83.2%), 15 widows and 276 divorcees.

The percentage of foreign nationals entering into marriage decreased

With respect to the distribution according to the age of the couple, 91.6% of husbands and 85.8% of wives were over 30. In the same period of 2020, this proportion was 92.2% for men and 87.4% for women.

In the months of April, May and June 2021, 11.2% of recently married men and 16.4% of recently married women were foreign nationals. With regards to the same quarter of the previous year the percentage decreased by 7.8 percentage points among men, and 9 points among women.

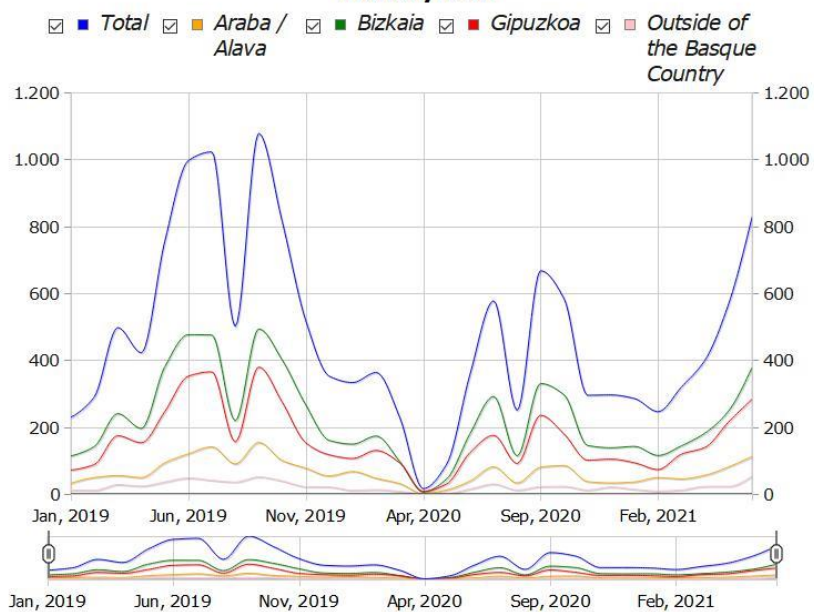
Marriages of the Basque Country by territory of residence, sex, previous marital status and type of ceremony (1)

	Current quarter II/2021		Previous quarter I/2021		Same quarter the previous year II/2020	
	Nº	%	Nº	%	Nº	%
MARRIAGES	1.794	100,0	851	100,0	464	100,0
Araba/Álava	249	13,9	130	15,3	52	11,2
Bizkaia	808	45,0	401	47,1	232	50,0
Gipuzkoa	637	35,5	285	33,5	162	34,9
Outside of the Basque Country	100	5,6	35	4,1	18	3,9
<u>Homosexuals</u>	75	4,2	49	5,8	23	5,0
Between men	22	1,2	20	2,4	8	1,7
Between women	53	3,0	29	3,4	15	3,2
<u>Heterosexuales</u>	1.719	95,8	802	94,2	441	95,0
Canonical	135	7,5	21	2,5	12	2,6
Civil	1.584	88,3	781	91,8	429	92,5
HUSBANDS	1.671	100,0	811	100,0	437	100,0
Single	1.362	81,5	641	79,0	348	79,6
Widower	16	1,0	7	0,9	6	1,4
Divorced	293	17,5	163	20,1	83	19,0
< 30 year	141	8,4	68	8,4	34	7,8
30 - 39 year	705	42,2	285	35,1	154	35,2
≥ 40 year	825	49,4	458	56,5	249	57,0
Spanish nationality	1.484	88,8	661	81,5	354	81,0
Foreign nationality	187	11,2	150	18,5	83	19,0
WIVES	1.730	100,0	820	100,0	453	100,0
Single	1.439	83,2	648	79,0	352	77,7
Widower	15	0,9	8	1,0	6	1,3
Divorced	276	16,0	164	20,0	95	21,0
< 30 year	246	14,2	128	15,6	57	12,6
30 - 39 year	782	45,2	332	40,5	178	39,3
≥ 40 year	702	40,6	360	43,9	218	48,1
Spanish nationality	1.447	83,6	590	72,0	338	74,6
Foreign nationality	283	16,4	230	28,0	115	25,4

(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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