

In the first quarter of 2022 marriages in the Basque Country increased by 21.6%

In March marriages were up 38.6%

The number of marriages in the Basque Country during the first quarter of 2022 rose to 1,041, 21.6% up on those in the same quarter of the previous year (856), according to Eustat data. Of the total number of marriages, 1,004 were heterosexual marriages and 37 were between people of the same sex, 20 between women and 17 between men.

By month, it is worth mentioning that in January there were same number of marriages celebrated as in 2021, in February there were 24.3% more and in March marriages increased by 38.6% in respect of the same months of 2021. If we compare the data with the same months of 2019, in January the number of marriages increased by 25.5%, in February marriages were up 5.9% and in March there was a drop of 9.8%.

As is common, in this quarter there was a high proportion of civil marriages: 92.2% of heterosexual marriages, in addition to same-sex marriages, all civil, bringing the total percentage to 95.8%, below the 97.5% in the same quarter of the previous year.

In the 1,041 weddings in the first quarter of 2022, 1,005 men and 1,003 women residing in the Basque Country entered into marriage; the remainder of the spouses resided outside of the Basque Country. For 800 spouses (79.6%) this was their first marriage, whilst 195 divorced men and 10 widowers remarried. The percentage of women entering into their first marriage was higher than that for men, standing at 808 (80.6%); the number of divorcees rose to 185 and the number of widows stood at 10.

As regards the distribution of marriages according to the age of the couples, 89.8% of husbands were aged 30 or over, whilst this percentage decreased to 86.6% for wives. Compared to the same period of the previous year, this proportion fell for men (91.6% in 2021) and rose for women (84.5% in 2021).

The percentage of wives of foreign nationality decreased and that of husbands increased

In the first quarter of 2022, 27.2% of recently married women and 19.7% of recently married men were foreign nationals. This percentage decreased in comparison with the same period in 2021 for the wives and increased for the husbands, when they were 27.9% and 18.4% respectively.

Marriages of residents by territory of registration, type of marriage, form of celebration, previous marital status, age and month of marriage (1). 2022/I

	Current quarter (I/2022)		Previous quarter (IV/2021)		Same quarter of the previous year (I/2021)			Increase (%)	
	NO.	%	NO.	%	Increase (%)	NO.	%		
Marriages	1.041	100	1.577	100	-34,0	856	100		21,6
Araba / Álava	130	12,5	232	14,7	-44,0	133	15,5		-2,3
Bizkaia	534	51,3	769	48,8	-30,6	401	46,8		33,2
Gipuzkoa	334	32,1	486	30,8	-31,3	284	33,2		17,6
Outside of the Basque Country	43	4,1	90	5,7	-52,2	38	4,4		13,2
Hetrosexuals	1.004	96,4	1.518	96,3	-33,9	807	94,3		24,4
Canonic	44	1,3	135	3,8	-67,4	21	0,6		109,5
Civilians	960	29,2	1.383	38,4	-30,6	786	23,6		22,1
Homosexuals	37	3,6	59	3,7	-37,3	49	5,7		-24,5
Between men	17	0,5	25	0,7	-32,0	20	0,6		-15,0
Between women	20	0,6	34	0,9	-41,2	29	0,9		-31,0
Spouses M	1.005	100,0	1.494	100,0	-32,7	816	100,0		23,2
Single	800	79,6	1.226	82,1	-34,7	644	78,9		24,2
Widowed	10	1,0	20	1,3	-50,0	7	0,9		42,9
Divorced	195	19,4	248	16,6	-21,4	165	20,2		18,2
Aged under 30	102	10,1	131	8,8	-22,1	68	8,3		50,0
30 - 39 years	370	36,8	655	43,8	-43,5	286	35,0		29,4
25 and older	533	53,0	708	47,4	-24,7	462	56,6		15,4
Spanish nationality	807	80,3	1.259	84,3	-35,9	666	81,6		21,2
Foreign nationality	198	19,7	235	15,7	-15,7	150	18,4		32,0
Spouses F	1.003	100,0	1.529	100,0	-34,4	824	100,0		21,7
Single	808	80,6	1.241	81,2	-34,9	651	79,0		24,1
Widowed	10	1,0	8	0,5	25,0	8	1,0		25,0
Divorced	185	18,4	280	18,3	-33,9	165	20,0		12,1
Aged under 30	135	13,5	234	15,3	-42,3	128	15,5		5,5
30 - 39 years	429	42,8	706	46,2	-39,2	333	40,4		28,8
25 and older	439	43,8	589	38,5	-25,5	363	44,1		20,9
Spanish nationality	730	72,8	1.201	78,5	-39,2	594	72,1		22,9
Foreign nationality	273	27,2	328	21,5	-16,8	230	27,9		18,7
Month of marriage									
January	285	27,4				285	33,3		0,0
February	307	29,5				247	28,9		24,3
March	449	43,1				324	37,9		38,6

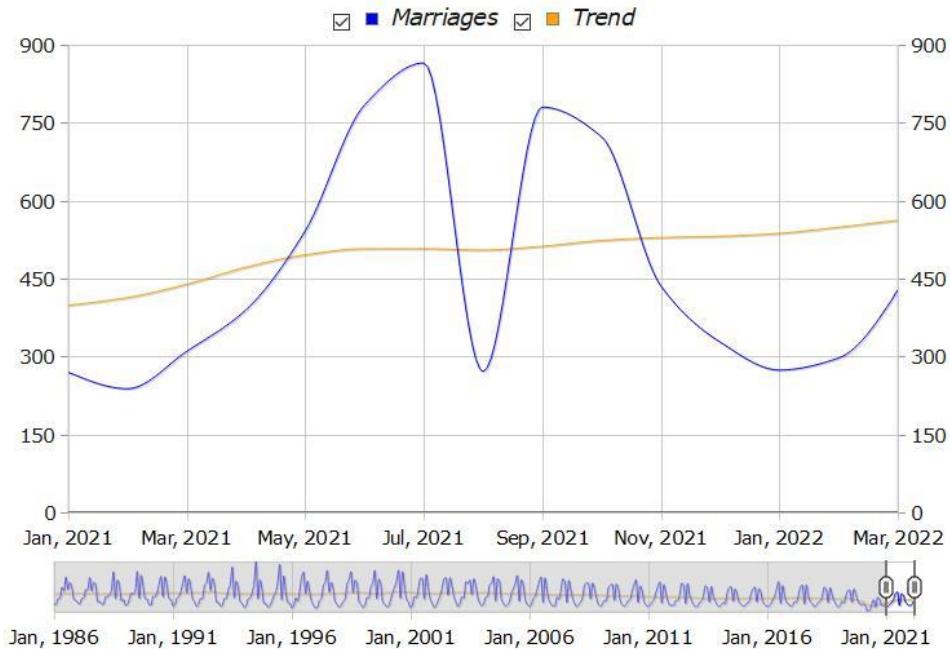
(1)The data are provisional. Variations are over the current quarter

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Marriages of the Basque Country. Total and trend

Monthly data



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