

MARRIAGE STATISTICS. III/2023

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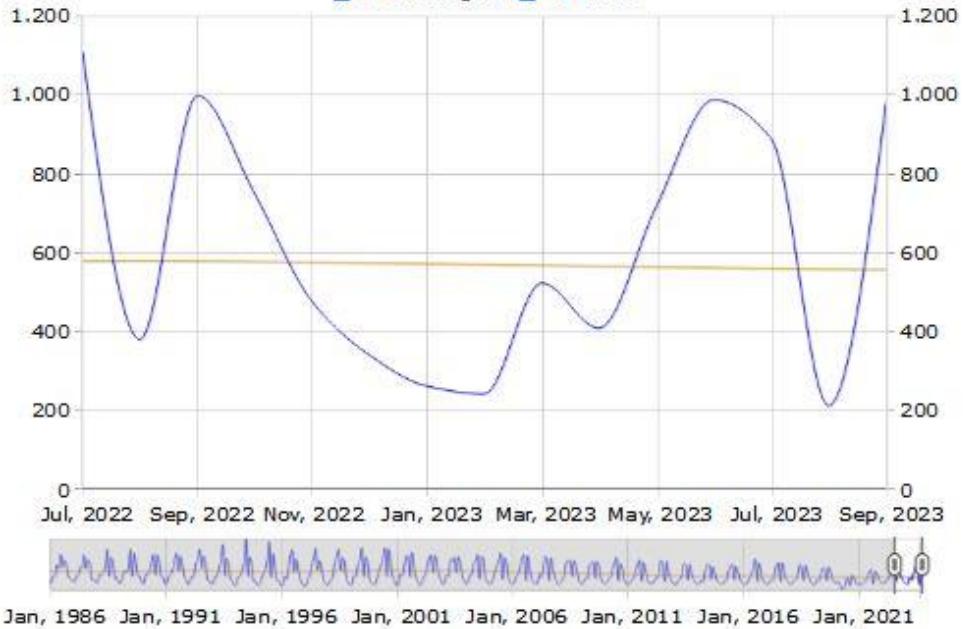
During the third quarter of 2023, the number of marriages in the Basque Country was 2,261, 18.2% fewer than those in the same quarter of the previous year (2,763). Comparing the data from this quarter with that from the same quarter of 2019 reveals a 13% decrease in the number of marriages. This means that marriages postponed because of the pandemic are no longer being celebrated. Of the total number of marriages, 2,195 were different-sex marriages (97.1%) and the other 66 were between people of the same sex (2.9%), 40 between women and 26 between men.

Taking into account the province where the marriage was registered, the number of marriages decreased in all three provinces: there were 999 weddings in Álava, 765 in Gipuzkoa and 310 in Bizkaia. Meanwhile, 187 couples registered their marriage outside the Basque Country. In terms of months, September stands out with 45.9% of this quarter's weddings.

Marriages in the C.A. of Euskadi registered in the C.A. of Euskadi by month

Total and trend

Marriages **Trend**



Source: EUSTAT Marriage statistics

During the summer months of 2023, the percentage of civil weddings was 87% where 84.1% corresponded to opposite sex couples and 2.9% of the total number of marriages were between same sex couples, all of which were civil. In 2023 this percentage was 0.5 points higher than that observed in the same quarter of 2022.

Of the 2,261 marriages in the third quarter of 2023, 2,068 women and 2,044 men resident in the Basque Country got married. For 1,742 husbands (85.2%) this was their first marriage, whilst 14 widowers and 288 divorcees remarried. The percentage of first marriages for women was higher than for men: 1,782 (86.2%) single women got married, as well as 9 widows and 277 divorcees.

The percentage of foreign nationals entering into marriage increased

As regards the distribution according to the age of the couple, 90.4% of husbands and 84.6% of wives were over 30. In the same period of 2022, this proportion was 91.6% for men and 84.6% for women.

In the months of July, August and September 2023, 13.9% of recently married men and 19% of recently married women were foreign nationals. Compared to the same quarter of the previous year, this percentage has increased by 3.8 percentage points for men and 3.4 for women.

Marriages of residents by territory of registration, type of marriage, form of celebration, previous marital status, age and month of marriage (1). 2023/III

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	III/2023		II/2023			III/2022		
	NO.	%	NO.	%	Increase %	NO.	%	Increase %
Marriages	2.261	100,0	2.275	100,0	-0,6	2.763	100,0	-18,2
Araba / Álava	310	13,7	281	12,4	10,3	397	14,4	-21,9
Bizkaia	999	44,2	1.058	46,5	-5,6	1.181	42,7	-15,4
Gipuzkoa	765	33,8	770	33,8	-0,6	902	32,6	-15,2
Outside of the Basque Country	187	8,3	166	7,3	12,7	283	10,2	-33,9
Between people of different sex	2.195	97,1	2.193	96,4	0,1	2.666	96,5	-17,7
Canonic	293	13,0	198	8,7	48,0	372	13,5	-21,2
Civilians	1.902	84,1	1.995	87,7	-4,7	2.294	83,0	-17,1
Between people of the same sex	66	2,9	82	3,6	-19,5	97	3,5	-32,0
Between men	26	1,1	33	1,5	-21,2	47	1,7	-44,7
Between women	40	1,8	49	2,2	-18,4	50	1,8	-20,0
Spouses M	2.044	100,0	2.081	100,0	-1,8	2.449	100,0	-16,5
Single	1.742	85,2	1.787	85,9	-2,5	2.112	86,2	-17,5
Widowed	14	0,7	18	0,9	-22,2	21	0,9	-33,3
Divorced	288	14,1	276	13,3	4,3	316	12,9	-8,9
< 30 years	197	9,6	179	8,6	10,1	206	8,4	-4,4
30 - 39 years	928	45,4	880	42,3	5,5	1.177	48,1	-21,2
= 40 years	919	45,0	1.022	49,1	-10,1	1.066	43,5	-13,8
Spanish nationality	1.760	86,1	1.829	87,9	-3,8	2.202	89,9	-20,1
Foreign nationality	284	13,9	252	12,1	12,7	247	10,1	15,0
Spouses F	2.068	100,0	2.111	100,0	-2,0	2.459	100,0	-15,9
Single	1.782	86,2	1.794	85,0	-0,7	2.136	86,9	-16,6
Widowed	9	0,4	6	0,3	50,0	4	0,2	125,0
Divorced	277	13,4	311	14,7	-10,9	319	13,0	-13,2
< 30 years	318	15,4	282	13,4	12,8	379	15,4	-16,1
30 - 39 years	1.008	48,7	960	45,5	5,0	1.210	49,2	-16,7
= 40 years	742	35,9	869	41,2	-14,6	870	35,4	-14,7
Spanish nationality	1.676	81,0	1.781	84,4	-5,9	2.076	84,4	-19,3
Foreign nationality	392	19,0	330	15,6	18,8	383	15,6	2,3
Month of marriage								
July	959	42,4				1.203	43,5	-20,3
August	264	11,7				466	16,9	-43,3
September	1.038	45,9				1.094	39,6	-5,1

(1)The data for the current and previous quarters are provisional. The variations are over the current quarter

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