

Marriages in the Basque Country decreased by 9.1% in the fourth quarter of 2023

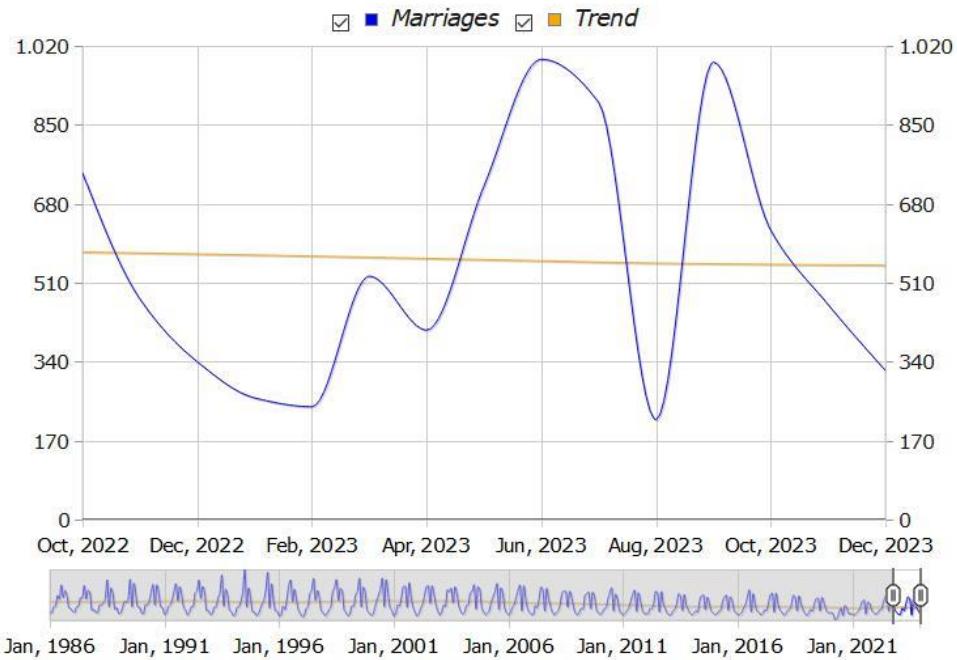
In the year as a whole, marriages were down 7.5%

In the fourth quarter of 2023 the figure for marriages in the Basque Country was 1,513, which was a decrease of 9.1% compared to the same quarter of the previous year (1,664 marriages) according to Eustat data. The number of marriages registered fell by 27.6% in Álava (157), 12.7% in Gipuzkoa (489) and 3.1% in Bizkaia (761). Meanwhile, 106 marriages where at least one of the spouses is a Basque Country resident were registered elsewhere (+3.9%).

In the fourth quarter of 2023, of the total number of marriages, 1,462 were different-sex marriages (96.6%) and 51 were between people of the same sex (3.4%); 27 between women and 24 between men. Furthermore, 9 out of 10 weddings were civil (92.8%). This percentage was 91.5% in the same quarter of 2022.

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

Total and trend



Source: EUSTAT Marriage statistics

Of the 1,513 marriages in the fourth quarter of 2023, 1,401 men and 1,399 women resident in the Basque Country got married. This was the first marriage for 1,151 wives (82.3%), 7 were widows (0.5%) and 241 were divorcees (17.2%). As regards the husbands, this was the first marriage for 1,166 (83.2%), whilst 10 widowers (0.7%) and 225 divorcees (16.1%) remarried.

With respect to the distribution according to the age of the couple, 86.2% of husbands and 91.3% of wives were over 30. In the same period of 2022, this percentage was 84.6% for women and 92.2% for men.

In the fourth quarter of 2023, 24.7% of recently married women and 20.3% of recently married men were foreign nationals. Compared to the same quarter of the previous year, this percentage has increased by 1.6 percentage points for women and 4.1 for men.

BALANCE FOR 2023

In the provisional data for 2023, the number of marriages for individuals resident in the Basque Country stood at 7,225, which represented a 7.5% decrease in respect of the previous year. Compared to 2019, the number of marriages fell by 3.3%.

The percentage of civil weddings was 90.6%, higher than the 90% in 2022.

In 2023 as a whole, 19.3% of new wives and 14.7% of new husbands were foreign nationals. In 2022 these percentages were 18.2% and 12.4% respectively.

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

	IV/2023		III/2023			IV/2022		
	NO.	%	NO.	%	increase %	NO.	%	increase %
Marriages	1.513	100,0	2.335	100,0	-35,2	1.664	100,0	-9,1
Araba / Álava	157	10,4	313	13,4	-49,8	217	13,0	-27,6
Bizkaia	761	50,3	1.016	43,5	-25,1	785	47,2	-3,1
Gipuzkoa	489	32,3	769	32,9	-36,4	560	33,7	-12,7
Outside of the Basque Country	106	7,0	237	10,1	-55,3	102	6,1	3,9
Between people of different sex	1.462	96,6	2.269	97,2	-35,6	1.606	96,5	-9,0
Canonic	109	7,2	324	13,9	-66,4	141	8,5	-22,7
Civilians	1.353	89,4	1.945	83,3	-30,4	1.465	88,0	-7,6
Between people of the same sex	51	3,4	66	2,8	-22,7	58	3,5	-12,1
Between men	27	1,8	26	1,1	3,8	20	1,2	35,0
Between women	24	1,6	40	1,7	-40,0	38	2,3	-36,8
Spouses M	1.401	100,0	2.066	100,0	-32,2	1.533	100,0	-8,6
Single	1.166	83,2	1.763	85,3	-33,9	1.217	79,4	-4,2
Widowed	10	0,7	14	0,7	-28,6	10	0,7	0,0
Divorced	225	16,1	289	14,0	-22,1	306	20,0	-26,5
< 30 years	123	8,8	205	9,9	-40,0	120	7,8	2,5
30 - 39 years	578	41,3	938	45,4	-38,4	637	41,6	-9,3
=> 40 years	700	50,0	923	44,7	-24,2	776	50,6	-9,8
Spanish nationality	1.117	79,7	1.786	86,4	-37,5	1.285	83,8	-13,1
Foreign nationality	284	20,3	280	13,6	1,4	248	16,2	14,5
Spouses F	1.399	100,0	2.090	100,0	-33,1	1.567	100,0	-10,7
Single	1.151	82,3	1.803	86,3	-36,2	1.275	81,4	-9,7
Widowed	7	0,5	9	0,4	-22,2	8	0,5	-12,5
Divorced	241	17,2	278	13,3	-13,3	284	18,1	-15,1
< 30 years	192	13,7	323	15,5	-40,6	240	15,3	-20,0
30 - 39 years	626	44,7	1.019	48,8	-38,6	676	43,1	-7,4
=> 40 years	581	41,5	748	35,8	-22,3	651	41,5	-10,8
Spanish nationality	1.054	75,3	1.699	81,3	-38,0	1.205	76,9	-12,5
Foreign nationality	345	24,7	391	18,7	-11,8	362	23,1	-4,7
Month of marriage								
October	680	44,9				813	48,9	-16,4
November	493	32,6				500	30,0	-1,4
December	340	22,5				351	21,1	-3,1

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

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Source: Eustat Marriage statistics

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