

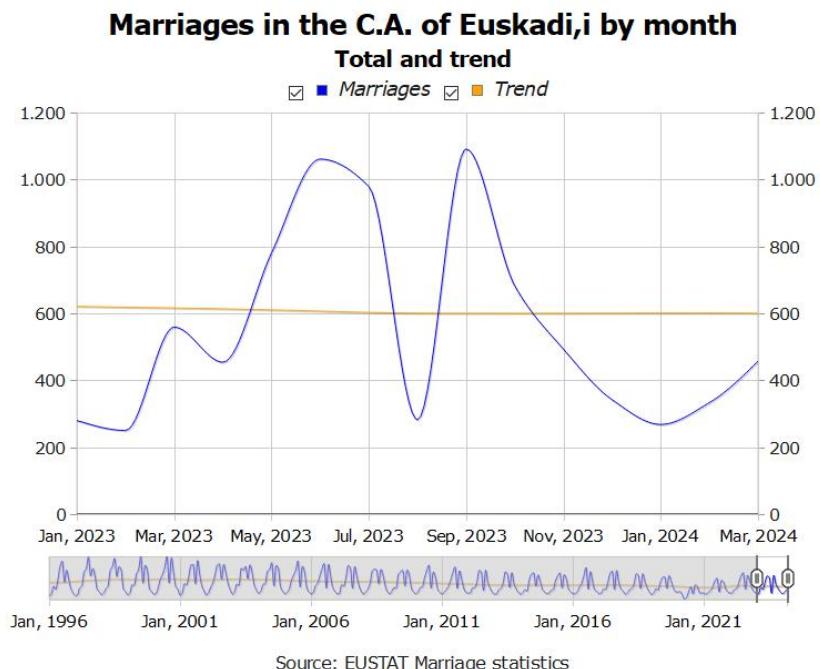
There were 1,058 marriages in the Basque Country in the first quarter of 2024, down 2.8% on the previous year

In February marriages were up 33.2%

The number of marriages in the Basque Country during the first quarter of 2024 rose to 1,058, 2.8% down on those in the same quarter of the previous year (1,089), according to Eustat data. 355 marriages were registered in Gipuzkoa, 3.5% more than a year ago; there were 518 marriages in Bizkaia, down 3.2%; and 140 in Álava, a fall of 7.9%. The remainder (45 marriages) were registered outside of the Basque Country. In comparison with the total number of marriages in the same quarter of 2019 there was an increase of 4.2%.

Of the total number of marriages, 1,020 were different-sex marriages (96.4%) and the other 38 were between people of the same sex (3.6%), 20 between men and 18 between women. Meanwhile, civil weddings rose by 97.9%. This percentage was 96.2% in the same quarter of 2023.

By months, in January and March the number of marriages fell by 4.3% and 18.2%, respectively. In contrast, in February weddings increased by 33.2% in respect of February 2023.



90.4% of husbands and 86% of wives were aged 30 or over

In the 1,058 weddings in the first quarter of 2024, 1,011 men and 1,009 women resident in the Basque Country entered into marriage; the remainder of the spouses resided outside of the Basque Country. For 803 spouses (79.4%) this was their first marriage, whilst 189 divorcees (18.7%) and 19 widowers (1.9%) remarried. The percentage of women entering into their first marriage was lower than that of men, standing at 795 (78.8%); the number of divorcees rose to 201 (19.9%) and the number of widows stood at 13 (1.3%).

As regards the distribution of marriages according to the age of the couples, 90.4% of husbands were aged 30 or over, whilst this percentage reached only 86% for wives. Compared to the same period of the previous year, this proportion rose for both men (89.6% in 2023) and women (84% in 2023).

The percentage of foreign nationals entering into marriage increased

In the first quarter of 2024, 31.6% of recently married women and 24.8% of recently married men were foreign nationals. These percentages increased in comparison with the same period in 2023, for both wives and husbands, when they were 27.4% and 20.3%, respectively.

Marriages of residents by territory of registration, type of marriage, form of celebration, previous marital status, age and month of marriage (1). 2024/I

	I/2024		IV/2023			I/2023		
	No.	%	No.	%	Increase %	No.	%	Increase %
Marriages	1.058	100,0	1.517	100,0	-30,3	1.089	100,0	-2,8
Araba / Álava	140	13,2	157	10,3	-10,8	152	14,0	-7,9
Bizkaia	518	49,0	764	50,4	-32,2	535	49,1	-3,2
Gipuzkoa	355	33,6	490	32,3	-27,6	343	31,5	3,5
Outside of the Basque Country	45	4,3	106	7,0	-57,5	59	5,4	-23,7
Between people of different sex	1.020	96,4	1.466	96,6	-30,4	1.046	96,1	-2,5
Canonic	22	2,1	110	7,3	-80,0	41	3,8	-46,3
Civilians	998	94,3	1.356	89,4	-26,4	1.005	92,3	-0,7
Between people of the same sex	38	3,6	51	3,4	-25,5	43	3,9	-11,6
Between men	20	1,9	27	1,8	-25,9	20	1,8	0,0
Between women	18	1,7	24	1,6	-25,0	23	2,1	-21,7
Spouses M	1.011	100,0	1.405	100,0	-28,0	1.023	100,0	-1,2
Single	803	79,4	1.169	83,2	-31,3	812	79,4	-1,1
Widowed	19	1,9	10	0,7	90,0	16	1,6	18,8
Divorced	189	18,7	226	16,1	-16,4	195	19,1	-3,1
< 30 years	97	9,6	123	8,8	-21,1	106	10,4	-8,5
30 - 39 years	367	36,3	580	41,3	-36,7	397	38,8	-7,6
= 40 years	547	54,1	702	50,0	-22,1	520	50,8	5,2
Spanish nationality	760	75,2	1.121	79,8	-32,2	815	79,7	-6,7
Foreign nationality	251	24,8	284	20,2	-11,6	208	20,3	20,7
Spouses F	1.009	100,0	1.403	100,0	-28,1	1.031	100,0	-2,1
Single	795	78,8	1.155	82,3	-31,2	815	79,0	-2,5
Widowed	13	1,3	7	0,5	85,7	13	1,3	0,0
Divorced	201	19,9	241	17,2	-16,6	203	19,7	-1,0
< 30 years	141	14,0	192	13,7	-26,6	165	16,0	-14,5
30 - 39 years	419	41,5	629	44,8	-33,4	420	40,7	-0,2
= 40 years	449	44,5	582	41,5	-22,9	446	43,3	0,7
Spanish nationality	690	68,4	1.057	75,3	-34,7	748	72,6	-7,8
Foreign nationality	319	31,6	346	24,7	-7,8	283	27,4	12,7
Month of marriage								
January	268	25,3				280	25,7	-4,3
February	333	31,5				250	23,0	33,2
March	457	43,2				559	51,3	-18,2

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

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