

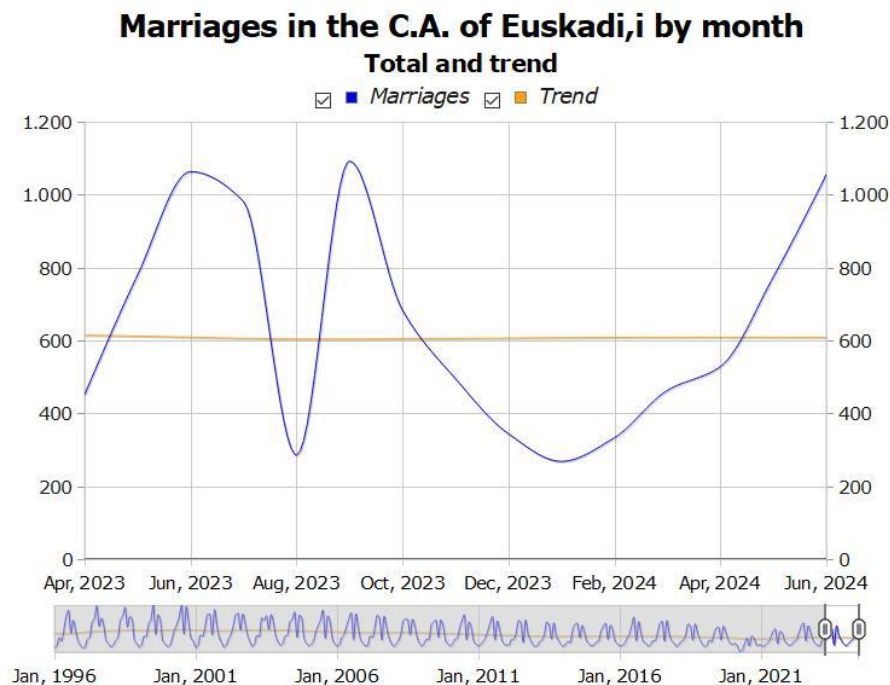
There were 2,356 marriages in the Basque Country in the second quarter, up 2.7% on the previous year

This was an 8% increase compared to 2019

The number of marriages in the Basque Country during the second quarter of 2024 rose to 2,356, which was 2.7% more than in the same quarter of the previous year (2,293), according to Eustat data. Of the total number of marriages, 2,266 were different-sex marriages (96.2%) and the other 90 were between people of the same sex (3.8%), 49 between women and 41 between men.

As usual, the number of weddings rose considerably in the second quarter compared to the first quarter. Meanwhile, 44.7% of weddings in this quarter were celebrated in June. If we compare data from this quarter with data from the same quarter of 2019, the year before the pandemic, there was an 8% increase.

Considering the province where the marriage was registered, the number of marriages increased in Álava and Bizkaia, with 340 and 1,131 weddings respectively, while this decreased in Gipuzkoa with 758 marriages. Meanwhile, 127 marriages were registered outside the Basque Country.



During the spring months of 2024, the percentage of civil weddings was 93%, 89.2% corresponded to different-sex couples and 3.8% of the total number of marriages were between same sex couples, all of which were civil. This percentage was 1.9 points higher than that observed in the same quarter of 2023.

Of the 2,356 weddings in the second quarter of 2024, 2,221 men and 2,233 women resident in the Basque Country married. For 1,839 husbands (82.8%) this was their first marriage, whilst 15 widowers and 367 divorcees remarried. As regards women, there were 1875 single women who married (84%), 11 widows and 347 divorcees.

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With respect to the distribution according to the age of the couple, 92% of husbands and 86.8% of wives were 30 or over. In the same period of 2023, this proportion was 91.4% for men and 86.7% for women.

In the months of April, May and June 2024, 14.7% of recently married men and 19.3% of recently married women were foreign nationals. Compared to the same quarter of the previous year, this percentage has increased by 2.7 percentage points for men and 3.7 for women.

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

	II/2024		I/2024			II/2023		
	NO.	%	NO.	%	Increase %	NO.	%	Increase %
Marriages	2.356	100,0	1.064	100,0	121,4	2.293	100,0	2,7
Araba / Álava	340	14,4	140	13,2	142,9	280	12,2	21,4
Bizkaia	1.131	48,0	520	48,9	117,5	1.062	46,3	6,5
Gipuzkoa	758	32,2	355	33,4	113,5	775	33,8	-2,2
Outside of the Basque Country	127	5,4	49	4,6	159,2	176	7,7	-27,8
Between people of different sex	2.266	96,2	1.026	96,4	120,9	2.211	96,4	2,5
Canonic	165	7,0	24	2,3	587,5	204	8,9	-19,1
Civilians	2.101	89,2	1.002	94,2	109,7	2.007	87,5	4,7
Between people of the same sex	90	3,8	38	3,6	136,8	82	3,6	9,8
Between men	41	1,7	20	1,9	105,0	33	1,4	24,2
Between women	49	2,1	18	1,7	172,2	49	2,1	0,0
Spouses M	2.221	100,0	1.013	100,0	119,2	2.088	100,0	6,4
Single	1.839	82,8	805	79,5	128,4	1.794	85,9	2,5
Widowed	15	0,7	19	1,9	-21,1	18	0,9	-16,7
Divorced	367	16,5	189	18,7	94,2	276	13,2	33,0
< 30 years	177	8,0	97	9,6	82,5	179	8,6	-1,1
30 - 39 years	886	39,9	369	36,4	140,1	882	42,2	0,5
= 40 years	1.158	52,1	547	54,0	111,7	1.027	49,2	12,8
Spanish nationality	1.895	85,3	762	75,2	148,7	1.837	88,0	3,2
Foreign nationality	326	14,7	251	24,8	29,9	251	12,0	29,9
Spouses F	2.233	100,0	1.011	100,0	120,9	2.118	100,0	5,4
Single	1.875	84,0	797	78,8	135,3	1.801	85,0	4,1
Widowed	11	0,5	13	1,3	-15,4	6	0,3	83,3
Divorced	347	15,5	201	19,9	72,6	311	14,7	11,6
< 30 years	294	13,2	141	13,9	108,5	281	13,3	4,6
30 - 39 years	977	43,8	421	41,6	132,1	962	45,4	1,6
= 40 years	962	43,1	449	44,4	114,3	875	41,3	9,9
Spanish nationality	1.801	80,7	692	68,4	160,3	1.788	84,4	0,7
Foreign nationality	432	19,3	319	31,6	35,4	330	15,6	30,9
Month of marriage								
April	528	22,4				451	19,7	17,1
May	774	32,9				779	34,0	-0,6
June	1.054	44,7				1.063	46,4	-0,8

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

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