

MARRIAGE STATISTICS. III/2024

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45.7% of weddings in this quarter took place in September

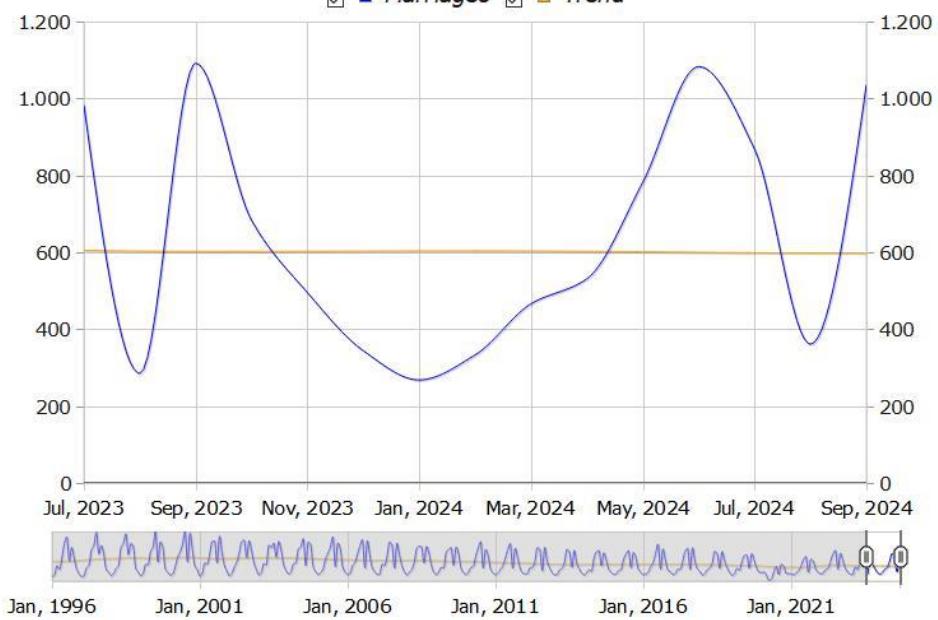
During the third quarter of 2024, the number of marriages in the Basque Country amounted to 2,263, 4% fewer than those in the same quarter of the previous year (2,358 weddings). Of the total number of marriages, 2,190 were different-sex marriages and the other 73 were between people of the same sex, 41 between women and 32 between men.

Taking into account the province where the marriage was registered, the number of marriages decreased to 989 (-3.6%) in Bizkaia and to 753 (-2.5%) in Gipuzkoa. In Álava there were 341 weddings, an increase of 7.6%. Meanwhile, 180 couples registered their marriage outside the Basque Country. In terms of months, September stands out with 45.7% of this quarter's weddings.

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

Total and trend

Marriages **Trend**



Source: EUSTAT Marriage statistics

During the summer months of 2024, the percentage of civil weddings was 89.2%; 86% corresponded to opposite sex couples and 3.2% of the total number of marriages were between same sex couples, all of which were civil. In 2024 this percentage was 3.3 points higher than that observed in the same quarter of 2023.

Of the 2,263 marriages in the third quarter of 2024, 2,081 women and 2,059 men resident in the Basque Country got married. For 1,730 husbands (84%) this was their first marriage, whilst 24 widowers and 305 divorcees remarried. The percentage of first marriages for women was higher than for men: 1,776 (85.3%) single women got married, as well as 8 widows and 297 divorcees.

92% of husbands and 84% of wives were aged 30 or over

With respect to the distribution according to the age of the couple, 91.9% of husbands and 84.1% of wives were aged 30 or over. In the same period of 2023, this proportion was 90.2% for men and 84.6% for women.

In the months of July, August and September 2024, 15% of recently married men and 20.5% of recently married women were foreign nationals. Compared to the same quarter of the previous year, this percentage has increased by 1.5 percentage points for men and 1.7 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/III

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	III/2024		II/2024			III/2023		
	NO.	%	NO.	%	Increase %	NO.	%	Increase %
Marriages	2.263	100,0	2.396	100,0	-5,6	2.358	100,0	-4,0
Araba / Álava	341	15,1	343	14,3	-0,6	317	13,4	7,6
Bizkaia	989	43,7	1.142	47,7	-13,4	1.026	43,5	-3,6
Gipuzkoa	753	33,3	759	31,7	-0,8	772	32,8	-2,5
Outside of the Basque Country	180	7,9	152	6,3	18,4	243	10,3	-25,9
Between people of different sex	2.190	96,8	2.305	96,2	-5,0	2.292	97,2	-4,5
Canonic	243	10,8	178	7,4	36,5	332	14,1	-26,8
Civilians	1.947	86,0	2.127	88,8	-8,5	1.960	83,1	-0,7
Between people of the same sex	73	3,2	91	3,8	-19,8	66	2,8	10,6
Between men	32	1,4	42	1,8	-23,8	26	1,1	23,1
Between women	41	1,8	49	2,0	-16,3	40	1,7	2,5
Spouses M	2.059	100,0	2.236	100,0	-7,9	2.082	100,0	-1,1
Single	1.730	84,0	1.852	82,8	-6,6	1.775	85,2	-2,5
Widowed	24	1,2	15	0,7	60,0	14	0,7	71,4
Divorced	305	14,8	369	16,5	-17,3	293	14,1	4,1
< 30 years	168	8,1	179	8,0	-6,1	204	9,8	-17,6
30 - 39 years	916	44,5	893	39,9	2,6	946	45,4	-3,2
= 40 years	975	47,4	1.164	52,1	-16,2	932	44,8	4,6
Spanish nationality	1.750	85,0	1.908	85,3	-8,3	1.800	86,5	-2,8
Foreign nationality	309	15,0	328	14,7	-5,8	282	13,5	9,6
Spouses F	2.081	100,0	2.248	100,0	-7,4	2.106	100,0	-1,2
Single	1.776	85,3	1.889	84,0	-6,0	1.814	86,1	-2,1
Widowed	8	0,4	11	0,5	-27,3	9	0,4	-11,1
Divorced	297	14,3	348	15,5	-14,7	283	13,5	4,9
< 30 years	330	15,9	297	13,2	11,1	324	15,4	1,9
30 - 39 years	912	43,8	982	43,7	-7,1	1.025	48,7	-11,0
= 40 years	839	40,3	969	43,1	-13,4	757	35,9	10,8
Spanish nationality	1.654	79,5	1.812	80,6	-8,7	1.711	81,2	-3,3
Foreign nationality	427	20,5	436	19,4	-2,1	395	18,8	8,1
Month of marriage								
July	868	38,3				981	41,6	-11,5
August	361	16,0				285	12,1	26,7
September	1.034	45,7				1.092	46,3	-5,3

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

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