

There were 1,247 marriages in the Basque Country in the first quarter of 2025, 16.8% more than the previous year

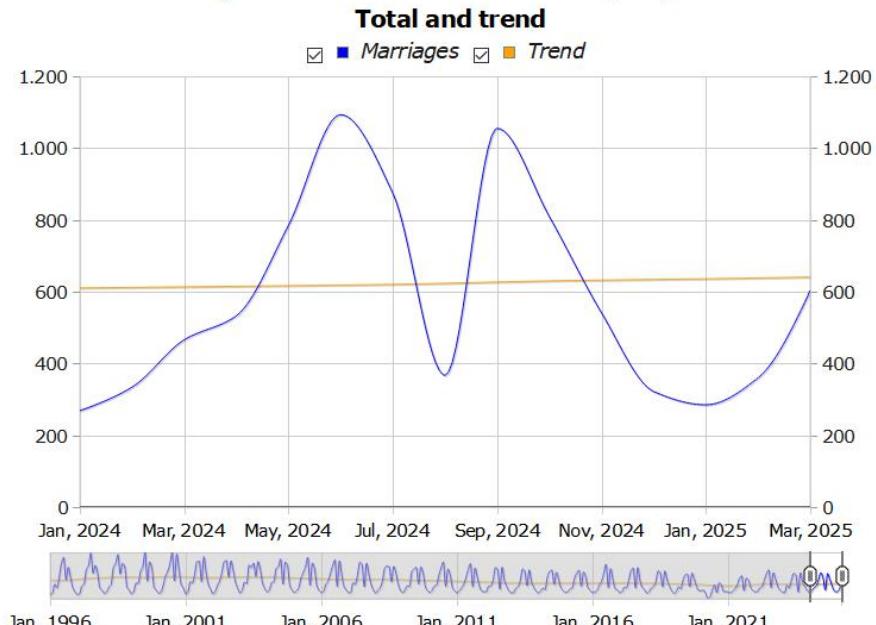
In March, marriages were up 29.2%

The number of marriages in the Basque Country during the first quarter of 2025 rose to 1,247, 16.8% more compared to the same quarter of the previous year (1,068), according to Eustat data. 602 marriages were registered in Bizkaia, 15.3% more than a year ago; there were 440 marriages in Gipuzkoa, up 23.9%; and 171 in Álava, 20.4% more. The rest (34) were registered outside the Basque Country, 30.6% less than the previous year.

Of the total number of marriages, 1,198 were different-sex marriages (96.1%) and the other 49 were between people of the same sex (3.9%), 29 between men and 20 between women. Meanwhile, civil weddings rose by 98%. This percentage was 97.8% in the same quarter of 2024.

By month, the number of marriages increased in all three months, although the greatest increase, 29.2%, was in March. In January and February weddings increased by 6.3% and 7.8%, respectively.

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



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In the 1,247 weddings in the first quarter of 2025, 1,214 men and 1,197 women resident in the Basque Country entered into marriage; the remainder of the spouses resided outside of the Basque Country. For 977 spouses (80.5%) this was their first marriage, whilst 222 divorced men and 15 widowers remarried. The percentage of women entering into their first marriage was higher than that for men, standing at 985 (82.3%); the number of divorcees rose to 200 and the number of widows stood at 12.

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 fell to 85.4% for wives. Compared to the same period of the previous year, this proportion dropped for both men (90.8% in 2024) and women (86% in 2024).

The percentage of foreign nationals entering into marriage decreased

In the first quarter of 2025, 17% of recently married women and 15.7% of recently married men were foreign nationals. These percentages fell in comparison with the same period in 2024, for both wives and husbands, when they were 20.1% and 16.3%,.

Marriages of residents by territory of registration, type of marriage, form of celebration, previous marital status, age and month of marriage (1). 2025/I

	I/2025		IV/2024			I/2024		
	NO.	%	NO.	%	Increase %	NO.	%	Increase %
Marriages	1,247	100.0	1,672	100.0	-25.4	1,068	100.0	16.8
Araba / Álava	171	13.7	230	13.8	-25.7	142	13.3	20.4
Bizkaia	602	48.3	788	47.1	-23.6	522	48.9	15.3
Gipuzkoa	440	35.3	578	34.6	-23.9	355	33.2	23.9
Outside of the Basque Country	34	2.7	76	4.5	-55.3	49	4.6	-30.6
Between people of different sex	1,198	96.1	1,598	95.6	-25.0	1,030	96.4	16.3
Canonic	25	2.0	108	6.5	-76.9	24	2.2	4.2
Civilians	1,173	94.1	1,490	89.1	-21.3	1,006	94.2	16.6
Between people of the same sex	49	3.9	74	4.4	-33.8	38	3.6	28.9
Between men	29	2.3	37	2.2	-21.6	20	1.9	45.0
Between women	20	1.6	37	2.2	-45.9	18	1.7	11.1
Spouses M	1,214	100.0	1,605	100.0	-24.4	1,032	100.0	17.6
Single	977	80.5	1,302	81.1	-25.0	826	80.0	18.3
Widowed	15	1.2	14	0.9	7.1	19	1.8	-21.1
Divorced	222	18.3	289	18.0	-23.2	187	18.1	18.7
< 30 years	117	9.6	151	9.4	-22.5	95	9.2	23.2
30 - 39 years	460	37.9	641	39.9	-28.2	384	37.2	19.8
≥ 40 years	637	52.5	813	50.7	-21.6	553	53.6	15.2
Spanish nationality	1,024	84.3	1,377	85.8	-25.6	864	83.7	18.5
Foreign nationality	190	15.7	228	14.2	-16.7	168	16.3	13.1
Country of birth Spain	931	76.7	1,276	79.5	-27.0	780	75.6	19.4
Other country of birth	283	23.3	329	20.5	-14.0	252	24.4	12.3
Spouses F	1,197	100.0	1,615	100.0	-25.9	1,017	100.0	17.7
Single	985	82.3	1,335	82.7	-26.2	805	79.2	22.4
Widowed	12	1.0	9	0.6	33.3	13	1.3	-7.7
Divorced	200	16.7	271	16.8	-26.2	199	19.6	0.5
< 30 years	175	14.6	243	15.0	-28.0	143	14.1	22.4
30 - 39 years	499	41.7	681	42.2	-26.7	426	41.9	17.1
≥ 40 years	523	43.7	691	42.8	-24.3	448	44.1	16.7
Spanish nationality	994	83.0	1,367	84.6	-27.3	813	79.9	22.3
Foreign nationality	203	17.0	248	15.4	-18.1	204	20.1	-0.5
Country of birth Spain	843	70.4	1,179	73.0	-28.5	701	68.9	20.3
Other country of birth	354	29.6	436	27.0	-18.8	316	31.1	12.0
Month of marriage								
January	285	22.8				268	25.1	6.3
February	360	28.9				334	31.3	7.8
March	602	48.3				466	43.6	29.2

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

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