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More marriages, less divorces in 2022

More registered partnerships established and dissolved

Vienna, 2023-02-20 – According to preliminary results from Statistics Austria, a total of 46 415 marriages were concluded in 2022 and 1 585 registered partnerships were established. During the same period, a total of 13 493 divorces and 139 dissolutions of registered partnerships took place.

“After two years in which many private plans were thwarted by corona-related restrictions, about as many couples said I do again in 2022 as in the pre-crisis year 2019. At the same time, the number of divorces declined: compared to 2021, 7.0 % fewer marriages were legally divorced, and compared to 2019, there were even 17.3 % fewer divorces,” says Tobias Thomas, Director General of Statistics Austria.

The preliminary number of 46 415 marriages in 2022 was thus 5 304 or 12.9 % higher than in 2021, but only 0.8 % higher than in 2019, the last pre-Corona year. There were also 1 585 registered partnerships established in 2022, 184 or 13.1 % more than the year before. Compared to 2019, the increase was 24.9 %.

In contrast, 13 493 marriages were legally divorced in 2022, 1 017 or 7.0 % less than in the previous year and 17.3 % less than in 2019. At the same time, 139 registered partnerships were dissolved, up 28 % or 25.2 % from 2021 and 14.9 % more than in 2019.

In 2022, a total of 780 couples – 337 male and 443 female – took advantage of the possibility of same-sex marriage, which has existed since 1 January 2019. At the same time, 1 481 opposite-sex couples and 104 same-sex couples established a registered partnership. The preliminary data for 2022 also include 30 conversions from registered partnerships into marriages.

According to the preliminary results, more marriages took place in all provinces in 2022 than in the previous year. The largest increases were registered in Carinthia (+19.2 %), followed by Burgenland (+16.1 %), Lower Austria (+15.6 %), Styria (+14.9 %), Tyrol (+13.7 %) and Salzburg (+13.5 %).

The preliminary number of registered partnerships also increased in all federal provinces in 2022. The most significant increases compared to the previous year were recorded in Salzburg (+27.5 %), followed by Burgenland (+25.8 %), Lower Austria (+17.5 %), and Styria (+14.1 %) and Vorarlberg (+13.8 %).

With the exception of Burgenland (+ 0.7 %), fewer marriages were legally divorced in 2022 than in the previous year. The strongest decreases were recorded in Vienna (–12.0 %), followed by Vorarlberg (–11.2 %), Tyrol (–10.4 %) and Upper Austria (–7.7 %).

Detailed results and further information on [marriages and registered partnerships](#), [divorces and judicial dissolutions of registered partnerships](#) can be found on our website.

Preliminary results of marriages by federal state 2022

Federal province	Total ¹	Change in %		Opposite-sex couples		Same-sex couples			
		2019–2022	2021–2022	total	thereof: conversion of RP ²	male	female	thereof: conversion of RP ²	
								male	female
Austria	46 415	0,8	12,9	45 635	9	337	443	10	11
Burgenland	1 391	2,1	16,1	1 375	-	8	8	1	1

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								male	female
Carinthia	2 938	8,6	19,2	2 893	3	21	24	1	-
Lower Austria	8 859	6,0	15,6	8 730	1	51	78	1	2
Upper Austria	8 088	2,7	9,6	7 982	1	39	67	1	2
Salzburg	3 093	1,7	13,5	3 048	1	23	22	1	1
Styria	6 594	1,8	14,9	6 489	-	42	63	-	1
Tyrol	4 194	4,4	13,7	4 124	1	33	37	1	-
Vorarlberg	2 210	-3,6	3,3	2 197	-	2	11	-	-
Vienna	9 048	-8,7	11,5	8 797	2	118	133	4	4

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1) Including 2 647 marriages abroad of persons with their main residence in Austria. – 2) RP = registered partnership.

Table 2: Preliminary results of registered partnerships by federal state 2022

Federal province	Total ¹	Change in %		Opposite-sex couples	Same-sex couples		
		2019–2022	2021–2022		total	male	female
Burgenland	39	11,4	25,8	38	1	-	1
Carinthia	75	63,0	11,9	71	4	1	3
Lower Austria	282	23,1	17,5	273	9	4	5
Upper Austria	205	31,4	6,2	198	7	5	2
Salzburg	102	75,9	27,5	97	5	5	-
Styria	186	36,8	14,1	178	8	4	4
Tyrol	118	12,4	9,3	114	4	2	2
Vorarlberg	66	34,7	13,8	63	3	3	-
Vienna	512	12,5	11,1	449	63	42	21

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1) Including 4 registered partnerships of persons with main residence in Austria established abroad.

Table 3: Preliminary results of divorces and dissolutions of registered partnerships by federal state 2022

Federal state	Divorces			Dissolutions of registered partnerships		
	total ¹	change in %		total ¹	change in %	
		2019–2022	2021–2022		2019–2022	2021–2022
Austria	13 493	-17,3	-7,0	139	14,9	25,2
Burgenland	446	-14,4	0,7	2	-33,3	-60,0
Carinthia	875	-14,5	-4,9	4	-55,6	-42,9
Lower Austria	2 766	-17,1	-2,8	18	38,5	5,9
Upper Austria	2 060	-19,0	-7,7	16	77,8	14,3
Salzburg	831	-14,0	-0,8	4	-33,3	-
Styria	1 848	-11,7	-5,5	20	33,3	53,8

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	total ¹	change in %		total ¹	change in %	
		2019– 2022	2021– 2022		2019– 2022	2021– 2022
Tyrol	957	-16,0	-10,4	8	60,0	100,0
Vorarlberg	603	-19,7	-11,2	3	-40,0	-
Vienna	3 107	-21,3	-12,0	64	14,3	45,5

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Dissolutions of registered partnerships for subsequent marriages are not included in the statistics. However, their number can be read from the number of conversions of registered partnerships into marriages. In 2022, 46 same-sex marriages were divorced and 58 opposite-sex partnerships were dissolved. – 1) Including 625 marriages divorced abroad and 7 registered partnerships dissolved abroad of persons with their main residence in Austria.

Information on methodology, definitions: Marriages, dissolutions of marriages and registered partnerships also include events abroad of persons whose main residence is in Austria. Marriages, dissolutions of marriages and dissolutions of registered partnerships of persons residing abroad that take place in Austria are not included.

The regional classification of the published data is based either on the couple's common place of residence or, in the case of separate places of residence, on the man's place of residence in the case of opposite-sex couples or on the place of residence of the older person in the case of same-sex couples.

Preliminary results for 2022 include all information submitted by January 31, 2023.

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