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Marriages in 2022 above pre-Corona level

Number of divorces in 2022 lower than in previous years

Vienna, 2023-06-01 – According to Statistics Austria, a total of 47 482 couples married in a civil ceremony in 2022, while a total of 13 997 couples divorced in court. In the same period, 1 598 registered partnerships were established and 138 were dissolved.

“After the number of weddings in Austria had declined significantly during the Corona pandemic, 6 371 or 15.5% more couples said ‘I do’ in 2022 than in the previous year, and 197 or 14.1% more registered partnerships were established. This means that the level of 2019 was exceeded again for the first time since. At the same time, 513 or 3.5% fewer marriages were divorced and 27 or 24.3% more registered partnerships were dissolved. The number of annual divorces has thus fallen significantly since 2019,” explains Tobias Thomas, Director General of Statistics Austria.

In 2022, 791 out of the 47 482 civil marriages were **same-sex marriages**; this option exists since 1 January 2019. At the same time, 1 492 **opposite-sex couples** and 106 **same-sex couples** entered into **registered partnerships**. Another 31 registered partnerships were converted into marriages. On the other hand, 42 of the 13 997 divorces in 2022 were between same-sex couples. Also, 55 opposite-sex and 83 same-sex registered partnerships were dissolved.

In all **federal provinces**, more marriages were performed in 2022 than in the previous year. The strongest increases were recorded in Carinthia (+21.6%), followed by Burgenland and Lower Austria (+17.9% each), Styria (+17.3%), Salzburg (+16.5%) and Tyrol (+16.2%). In Vienna (+14.8%), Upper Austria (+12.2%) and Vorarlberg (+5.3%), the increase in the number of marriages compared with 2021 remained below the national average.

In 71.1% of marriages in 2022, it was the first marriage for both partners (2021: 71.7%). The highest share of first marriages was recorded in Tyrol (76.7%), and the lowest in Burgenland (65.8%). The **median age at first marriage** for men in 2022 was 33.3 years, and for women 31.3 years (2021: men 33.1 years and women 31.0). The youngest age at first marriage was 32.7 in Vorarlberg and 32.8 in Vienna for men and 30.9 in Vienna and Upper Austria for women. The oldest newlyweds on average were found in Carinthia (men: 35.1 years and women: 32.4 years).

The subsequent marriage of their parents involved a total of 20 271 joint premarital children in 2022. This corresponds to an average of 1.46 children of all ages per marriage with children. The average number of children per marriage with children was highest in Upper Austria (1.50) and lowest in Vienna (1.39).

The number of **registered partnerships** also increased in all federal provinces in 2022. Compared to 2021, the most significant increases were registered in Burgenland (+29.0%), Salzburg (+27.5%) and Lower Austria (+18.3%). Of the total of 1 598 registered partnerships in 2022, 32.2% were founded by couples residing in Vienna. In 59.4% of cases, both partners were previously single.

In six federal provinces, **fewer marriages were legally divorced** in 2022 than in the previous year. The sharpest declines were recorded in Tyrol (-8.1%), followed by Vienna (-5.7%), Upper Austria (-5.0%) and Vorarlberg (-4.1%). Declines in the number of divorces below the national average were recorded in Styria (-2.6%) and Lower Austria (-1.7%). In Burgenland (+1.6%), Salzburg (+0.2%) and Carinthia (+0.1%), there were more divorces than in 2021.

In 2022, 11 954 or 85.4% of all divorces were by mutual consent (Section 55a of the Marriage Act). In a total of 1 775 divorces, the man was at fault in 44.1% of cases, the woman in 10.8%, both in 31.7% and neither in 13.5%.

At 34.5%, the overall **divorce rate** in 2022 was lower than in 2021 (35.8%). In a comparison of the federal provinces, the overall divorce rate was highest in Vienna (37.3%), followed by Burgenland (37.2%), Lower Austria (37.0%), Carinthia (36.9%) and Vorarlberg (36.0%). In Styria (33.5%), Salzburg (32.5%), Upper Austria (30.9%) and the Tyrol (29.4%), the overall divorce rate was below the Austrian average.

The median duration of marriages divorced in 2022 was 10.6 years, the same as in the previous year. Of these, 1.3% of divorces took place within the first year of marriage, and a further 3.5% in the course of the second year. Overall, almost half of all divorces involved marriages lasting less than ten years (47.4%). About one in eight divorces (13.2%) occurred after the silver wedding anniversary, including 37 couples who divorced after the golden wedding anniversary. The median age at divorce fell by 0.2 years for men to 45.7 years and by 0.1 years for women to 42.4 years in 2022.

A total of 16 223 children, 11 471 of whom were minors (70.7%), were affected by their parents' divorce. The ex-married couples thus had an average of 1.16 children (of all ages), more than half of them younger than 14 (8 877 or 54.7%).

For detailed results and further information on [marriages and registered partnerships](#), [divorces and judicial dissolutions of registered partnerships](#) please refer to our website.

Table 1: Marriages and registrations of registered partnerships by federal province 2022

Federal province	Marriages				Registrations of registered partnerships		
	total	thereof: same-sex	thereof: conversion of RP ¹	change 2021–2022 in %	total	thereof: same-sex	change 2021–2022 in %
Austria	47 482	791	31	15.5	1 598	106	14.1
Burgenland	1 413	16	2	17.9	40	1	29.0
Carinthia	2 997	45	4	21.6	77	4	14.9
Lower Austria	9 035	129	4	17.9	284	9	18.3
Upper Austria	8 277	106	4	12.2	206	7	6.7
Salzburg	3 175	48	3	16.5	102	5	27.5
Styria	6 730	107	1	17.3	188	9	15.3
Tyrol	4 285	71	2	16.2	119	4	10.2
Vorarlberg	2 253	14	1	5.3	67	3	15.5
Vienna	9 317	255	10	14.8	515	64	11.7

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Including 3 609 marriages and 7 registrations of registered partnerships abroad of persons with their main residence in Austria. –

1) RP = registered partnership.

Table 2: Marriages and joint premarital children by federal province 2022

Federal province	Marriages		Median age at first marriage ... in years		Joint premarital children	
	absolute	both sides first marriages in %	... of the groom	... of the bride	absolute	Ø per marriage with children ¹
Austria	47 482	71.1	33.3	31.3	20 271	1.46
Burgenland	1 413	65.8	34.4	31.9	610	1.44
Carinthia	2 997	68.1	35.1	32.4	1 652	1.49
Lower Austria	9 035	66.4	33.0	31.0	3 704	1.44
Upper Austria	8 277	73.3	33.2	30.9	4 016	1.50
Salzburg	3 175	73.2	33.1	31.3	1 475	1.44
Styria	6 730	71.6	34.1	32.1	3 424	1.46
Tyrol	4 285	76.7	33.8	31.7	2 198	1.46
Vorarlberg	2 253	73.7	32.7	31.0	938	1.49
Vienna	9 317	71.4	32.8	30.9	2 254	1.39

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Including 3 609 marriages abroad of persons with their main residence in Austria and including 791 marriages of same-sex partners (342 male and 449 female couples) and 31 conversions of registered partnerships into marriages. – 1) Arithmetic mean of joint premarital children of all ages legitimized by parents' marriages.

Table 3: Divorces, children from divorced marriages and dissolutions of registered partnerships by federal province 2022

Federal province	Divorces		Median age at divorce ... in years		Median duration of marriage in years	Total divorce rate ¹	Children under 18 years	Dissolutions of registered partnerships
	absolute	change 2021-2022 in %	... of the man	... of the woman				
Austria	13 997	-3.5	45.7	42.4	10.6	34.5	11 471	138
Burgenland	450	1.6	47.5	43.9	11.9	37.2	338	2
Carinthia	921	0.1	46.9	43.3	10.2	36.9	723	4
Lower Austria	2 798	-1.7	46.4	43.0	11.6	37.0	2 332	16
Upper Austria	2 121	-5.0	45.2	41.9	10.2	30.9	1 783	16
Salzburg	840	0.2	46.3	43.1	10.8	32.5	659	4
Styria	1 905	-2.6	46.9	43.4	10.7	33.5	1 521	21
Tyrol	982	-8.1	46.4	42.7	11.1	29.4	866	8
Vorarlberg	651	-4.1	45.9	43.6	10.9	36.0	547	3
Vienna	3 329	-5.7	43.5	40.8	9.8	37.3	2 702	64

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Including 268 divorces and one dissolution of a registered partnership abroad of persons with main residence in Austria. Including 42 divorces of same-sex marriages (14 male and 28 female couples) and 55 dissolutions of different-sex as well as 83 dissolutions of same-sex registered partnerships (36 male and 47 female couples). – 1) For definition of total divorce rate, see Methodological information, definitions.

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, as well as the establishment and dissolution of registered partnerships of persons residing abroad are not included. The reports on marriage dissolutions and dissolutions of registered partnerships submitted on an ongoing basis by the district courts are compared with the data submitted by the Central Civil Status Register.

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.

The total divorce rate indicates the percentage of marriages that end by divorce (rather than by the death of one of the spouses). The basis for calculating the total divorce rate is the divorces observed in a given year, which are related to those marriage cohorts from which they originate (marriage-duration-specific divorce rates).

The final results for 2022 include all information transmitted by the Central Civil Status Registry by 19 April 2023.

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