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Marriages decreased, divorces increased in 2023

More registered partnerships established and dissolved

Vienna, 2024-02-20 – According to preliminary results from Statistics Austria, a total of 44 948 marriages were concluded in 2023 and 1 936 registered partnerships were established. During the same period, 14 033 divorces and 167 dissolutions of registered partnerships took place.

“In 2023, there were fewer marriages in Austria and slightly more divorces than in 2022. 44 948 couples tied the knot, 2 534 fewer than in the previous year, meaning that civil weddings have levelled off at the level of the pre-coronavirus years. At the same time, around 14 033 marriages were divorced, 36 more than in 2022. In contrast, there was a one-fifth increase in registered partnerships. 1 936 couples opted for this form of partnership and 167 ended it again, 29 more than in 2022,” says Tobias Thomas, Director General of Statistics Austria.

Fewer marriages than in 2022 and before Corona

The preliminary number of 44 948 **marriages** in 2023 was 2 534 or 5.3% below the previous year and 0.9% lower than the five-year average before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic (2015 to 2019). In 2023, a total of 772 couples (–2.4% compared to 2022) – 359 male and 413 female – took advantage of the possibility of same-sex marriage, which exists since 1 January 2019. The preliminary data for 2023 also include 38 conversions from registered partnerships into marriages.

According to the preliminary results, less marriages took place in eight federal provinces in 2023 than in the previous year. The largest decreases were registered in Salzburg (–8.8%), followed by Carinthia (–8.4%), Styria (–7.5%), Upper Austria (–6.6%) and Lower Austria (–5.8%). Only Burgenland saw slightly more marriages (+0.5%) in 2023 than in the previous year (see table 1).

In 2023, 1 826 opposite-sex couples (+22.4%) and 110 same-sex couples (+3.8%) established a **registered partnership**. The preliminary number of registered partnerships increased in seven federal provinces in 2023. The most significant increases compared to the previous year were recorded in Upper Austria (+36.9%), followed by Lower Austria (+36.6%), Styria (+26.6%) and Burgenland (+22.5%; see table 2).

Slightly more divorces than in the previous year, significantly fewer than before Corona

According to preliminary data, 14 033 marriages were legally divorced in 2023, 13.5% fewer than the average for the pre-corona years 2015 to 2019 and 36 or 0.3% more than in 2022. The number of **divorces** increased in five federal provinces compared to 2022, most significantly in Tyrol (+9.1%), followed by Carinthia (+8.1%), Upper Austria (+5.8%) and Vorarlberg (+5.4%). There were fewer divorces than in the previous year in Vienna (–5.7%), Styria (–4.0%), Burgenland (–1.3%) and Lower Austria (–0.9%). In 2023, 167 **registered partnerships** were **dissolved**, 29 or 21.0% more than in the previous year (see table 3).

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

Table 1: Preliminary results of marriages 2023 by federal province

Federal province	Total ¹	Change 2022–2023 in %	Opposite-sex couples		Same-sex couples			
			total	thereof: conversion of RP ²	male	female	thereof: conversion of RP ²	
							male	female
Austria	44 948	-5.3	44 176	15	359	413	10	13
Burgenland	1 420	0.5	1 393	–	13	14	2	–
Carinthia	2 746	-8.4	2 716	1	13	17	2	–
Lower Austria	8 514	-5.8	8 390	3	54	70	2	2
Upper Austria	7 729	-6.6	7 638	1	35	56	–	1
Salzburg	2 897	-8.8	2 848	1	25	24	–	–
Styria	6 228	-7.5	6 133	3	45	50	1	6
Tyrol	4 114	-4.0	4 061	–	25	28	–	–
Vorarlberg	2 177	-3.4	2 148	–	15	14	–	–
Vienna	9 123	-2.1	8 849	6	134	140	3	4

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1) Including 2 624 marriages abroad of persons with their main residence in Austria. – 2) RP = registered partnership.

Table 2: Preliminary results of registered partnerships 2023 by federal province

Federal province	Total ¹	Change 2022–2023 in %	Opposite-sex couples	Same-sex couples		
				total	male	female
Austria	1 936	21.2	1 826	110	68	42
Burgenland	49	22.5	48	1	1	–
Carinthia	73	-5.2	71	2	–	2
Lower Austria	388	36.6	372	16	8	8
Upper Austria	282	36.9	269	13	7	6
Salzburg	105	2.9	100	5	2	3
Styria	238	26.6	230	8	7	1
Tyrol	130	9.2	124	6	3	3
Vorarlberg	62	-7.5	61	1	1	–
Vienna	609	18.3	551	58	39	19

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

Table 3: Preliminary results of divorces and dissolutions of registered partnerships 2023 by federal province

Federal province	Divorces		Dissolutions of registered partnerships	
	total ¹	change 2022–2023 in %	total ¹	change 2022–2023 in %
Austria	14 033	0.3	167	21.0
Burgenland	444	-1.3	1	-50.0
Carinthia	996	8.1	4	-
Lower Austria	2 774	-0.9	21	31.3
Upper Austria	2 244	5.8	20	25.0
Salzburg	851	1.3	9	125.0
Styria	1 829	-4.0	10	-52.4
Tyrol	1 071	9.1	11	37.5
Vorarlberg	686	5.4	7	133.3
Vienna	3 138	-5.7	84	31.3

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA. – 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 2023, 71 same-sex marriages were divorced and 78 opposite-sex partnerships were dissolved.

1) Including 740 marriages divorced abroad and 9 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 2023 include all information submitted by February 05, 2024.

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