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44 997 marriages in 2019, 990 of them by same-sex couples

Vienna, 2020-02-27 – In 2019, 44 997 **marriages** and 1 257 **registrations of partnerships** took place in Austria, according to provisional figures released by Statistics Austria.

Starting from 1 January 2019, the institution of marriage was opened to same-sex couples, while at the same time heterosexual couples were allowed to form registered partnerships in Austria. As a consequence, the number of registered partnerships increased significantly (+170.9% compared to 2018, when 464 cases were registered). Among the partnerships registered in 2019, a vast majority of 1 124 were mixed-sex couples, while only 133 were same-sex couples.

On the other hand, 990 same-sex couples made use of the new legal framework to enter into marriage. The total number of marriages (44 997) also includes 191 couples who transferred their registered partnership into marriage. Yet, there has been no case so far where a marriage was changed into a registered partnership. Overall, the number of marriages decreased by 3.2% compared to 2018.

According to provisional figures of Statistics Austria, 16 245 **divorces** took place in Austria in 2019, a decrease of 0.4% compared to 2018. At the same time, 122 **registered same-sex partnerships** were **dissolved** by court decision, an increase of 24.5% compared to the previous year.

For more detailed information please refer to the [German version](#).