

The number of people in employment rose by 0.3% and the unemployment rate stood at 10.9% in the second quarter of 2011 in the Basque Country

The number of people in work rose by 3,200 people

Labour market data for the Basque Country for the second quarter of 2011 revealed that the number of people in work stood at 943,200, which was a net increase of 3,200 people compared to the previous quarter (+0.3%), according to Eustat data. On the other hand, the unemployment rate for the Basque Country stood at 10.9%, 0.2 percentage points up on the first quarter of 2011.

As a result of the evolution of the employed and unemployed population, the activity rate was 56.6% for second quarter of this year, 0.3 percentage points up on the previous quarter.

The increase in employment particularly was noted among women, 2,200 up on the previous quarter, while the number of men in work rose by 1,000. Araba/Álava was the province that posted the highest rise in the number of people employed, with a further 4,200 net jobs, followed by Gipuzkoa with 1,300 more, while there was a 2,300 drop in net jobs in Bizkaia.

Construction and the Service sector recovered jobs while unemployment rose in agriculture and industry

The Service sector gained 4,600 net jobs, followed by Construction with 1,400. However, Industry lost 1,600 net jobs, followed by Agriculture with 1,300 fewer.

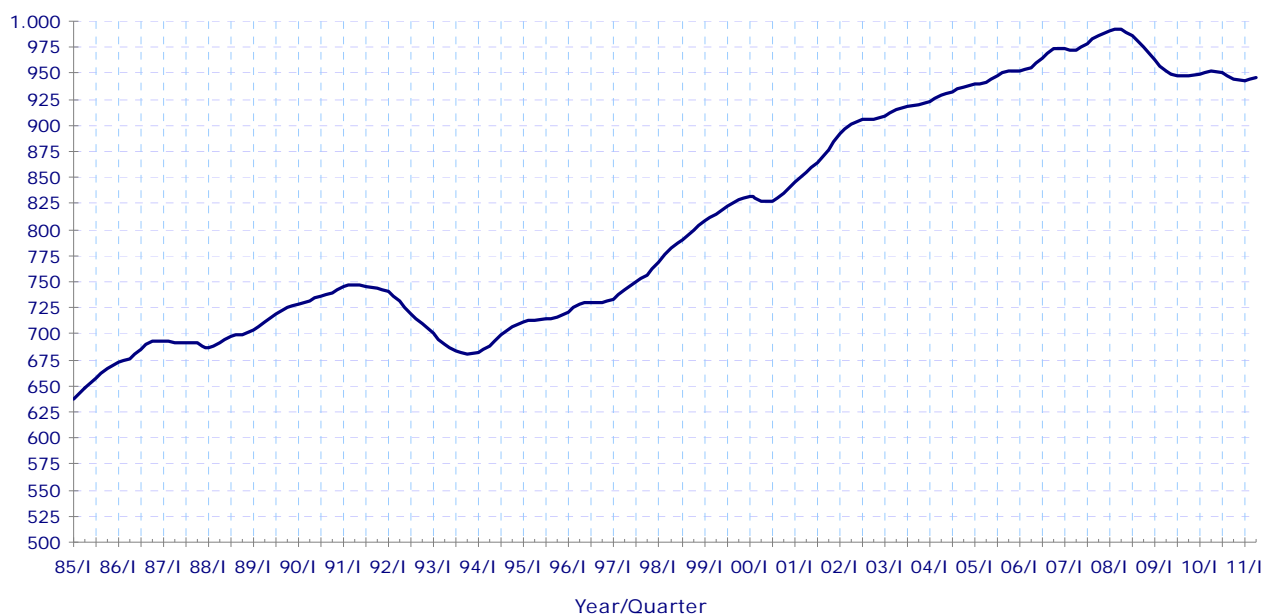
The employment rate, the percentage of employed people aged 16 to 64 out of the total number of people within that age range, stood at 64.9%, 0.3 percentage points higher than in the previous quarter. The rate was 70.2% among men, while it stood at 59.5% for women.

By province, the highest employment rate was in Gipuzkoa with 68.1%, which was up 0.4 percentage points on the previous quarter, followed by Araba/Álava with 66.1, up 1.6 percentage point. Finally, Bizkaia had the lowest rate (62.6%) and had fallen by two tenths of a point in the last quarter.

The number of employed workers on an indefinite contract fell by 12,500 and stood at 602,600, while the employees with temporary contracts (including those without contracts) was up by 18,700 to a total of 181,100.

In second quarter of 2011, there was estimated to be around 847,200 households in Basque Country (900 up on the previous quarter), of which a third had no working member. In almost six out of ten households, all the working-age people were employed, which meant 3,400 fewer families than in the previous quarter. In addition, households whose working-age members were all unemployed came to 35,800 (4.2% of the total).

Employed population trend from 1985 onwards. Basque Country. (In thousands)



Source: Eustat. Population in relation to Activity Survey (PRA)

The unemployment rate rose from 10.7% to 10.9%

The number of people out of work in the Basque Country, which is to say people who were actively seeking work and were furthermore available for work, was estimated to be 114,900 in the second quarter of the year, 1,800 up on the previous quarter. The number of unemployed men, in total 60,400 people, increased by 4,400 and the number of unemployed women rose by 6,200 in the second quarter, up to a total of 54,500.

Data for the second quarter of 2011 showed that the unemployment rate stood at 10.9%, 0.2 percentage points up on the previous quarter. The male unemployment rate rose to 10.5% (0.7 percentage points down) and rate for women was 11.3%, (1.1 percentage points higher). Youth unemployment continued to be the highest (23.7%), with unemployment affecting 12,600 young job seekers aged between 16 and 24.

By provinces, the greatest increase in the number of unemployed was in Bizkaia (+6,700 people) on the previous quarter and the unemployment rate stood at 13.3%. In Gipuzkoa, unemployment fell by 1,200 to 28,600 unemployed and the unemployment rate stood at 8.4%. The unemployment rate fell by 3,700 people to 7.4% in Araba/Álava.

According to EUROSTAT - Statistical Office of the European Union-, the unemployment rate for the EU-27 as a whole was 9.3% in May 2011 and 20.9% for Spain.

The number of unemployed rose by 19,900 people in the Basque Country in the last year

The employed population in the Basque Country lost a total 7,800 people (down 0.4 percentage points) compared to the second quarter of 2010. This decrease was mainly among men, with 9,600 fewer jobs, while 1,800 women joined the ranks of the unemployed.

The unemployment rate increased by 1.8 percentage points (from 9.1% to 10.9%) over the last year, which means that 19,900 more people lost their jobs in the Basque Country compared to figures for the second quarter of 2010. By provinces, the unemployment rate increased by 3.2 percentage points in Bizkaia and by 0.9 tenths in Gipuzkoa, while the unemployment rate fell in Araba/Álava by 1.5 points compared to the same quarter of 2010.

POPULATION IN RELATION TO ACTIVITY SURVEY (PRA)

	2nd quarter 2011		Variation on the previous quarter		Variation on the same quarter the previous year	
	Thousand	%	Thousand	p.p.*	Thousand	p.p.*
POPULATION AGED 16 AND OVER	1.870,9		+0,6		+5,6	
ACTIVE POPULATION/ACTIVITY RATE	1058,1	56,6	+5,1	+0,3	+12,1	+0,5
Males	576,7	63,4	-3,4	-0,5	-4,3	-0,7
Females	481,3	50,0	+8,4	+0,9	+16,3	+1,5
EMPLOYED POPULATION/EMPLOYMENT RATE	943,2	64,9	+3,2	+0,3	-7,8	-0,4
Males	516,3	70,2	+1,0	+0,0	-9,6	-1,3
Females	426,9	59,5	+2,2	+0,6	+1,8	+0,5
Araba/Álava	145,4	66,1	+4,2	+1,6	+0,4	+0,1
Bizkaia	486,8	62,6	-2,3	-0,2	-8,8	-1,1
Gipuzkoa	311,0	68,1	+1,3	+0,4	+0,6	+0,3
Agriculture	7,5		-1,3		-0,3	
Industry	226,2		-1,6		+0,7	
Construction	69,0		+1,4		-4,3	
Services	640,4		+4,6		-4,0	
Wage earners	783,8		+6,3		-3,6	
- With permanent contract	602,6		-12,5		-7,8	
- With temporary contract and without contract	181,1		+18,7		+4,1	
Non-wage earners	159,4		-3,1		-4,2	
UNEMPLOYED POPULATION/UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	114,9	10,9	+1,8	+0,2	+19,9	+1,8
Males	60,4	10,5	-4,4	-0,7	+5,3	+1,0
Females	54,5	11,3	+6,2	+1,1	+14,6	+2,7
16 - 24	12,6	23,7	-1,8	-2,6	-1,7	-1,3
25 - 44	70,3	12,0	+1,8	+0,3	+15,9	+2,8
45 and over	32,0	7,7	+1,9	+0,4	+5,7	+1,1
Araba/Álava	11,7	7,4	-3,7	-2,4	-2,5	-1,5
Bizkaia	74,6	13,3	+6,7	+1,1	+18,8	+3,2
Gipuzkoa	28,6	8,4	-1,2	-0,4	+3,6	+0,9
INACTIVE POPULATION/INACTIVITY RATE	812,8	43,4	-4,5	-0,3	-6,5	-0,5
HOUSEHOLDS	847,2		+0,9		+11,3	
Households with 1 or more active	574,1	67,8	+0,6		-0,8	
- All employed	480,7	56,7	-3,4		-13,6	
- All unemployed	35,8	4,2	+2,7		+7,8	
Households without active members	273,1	32,2	+0,3		+12,2	

*p.p. = Difference in percentage points

Source: Eustat. Population in relation to Activity Survey (PRA)

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