

**SCHOOL ACTIVITY STATISTICS OF THE BASQUE COUNTRY** Academic year 2009/10

## 7.5% of students in the Basque Country in the 2009-10 academic year were foreign

### 77% studied in the classrooms of state schools

In the 2009-10 academic year, 31,990 foreign students enrolled in classes in the Basque Country, according to Eustat data, which amounted to 7.5% of total enrolments. Of these, 29,303 took courses in General Education and 2687 enrolled in Specialised Education Courses.

A total of 24,626 foreign students decided to enrol in a public centre in the Basque Country network, that is, 77% of the total, and the remainder, 7354, studied in private centres. This was 11% and 4.3%, respectively, of the total number of students in those centres.

### Foreign students of the Basque Country by territorial area and sex

	2009-10 Course	2008-09 Course	% Δ 10/09
<b>Basque Country</b>	<b>31.990</b>	<b>29.315</b>	<b>9,1</b>
<b>Historic Territories</b>			
Araba / Alava	6.974	6.113	14,1
Bizkaia	16.372	15.201	7,7
Gipuzkoa	8.644	8.001	8,0
<b>Districts</b>			
Arabako Ibarrek / Valles Alaveses	30	32	-6,3
Arabako Lautada / Llanada Alavesa	6.241	5.519	13,1
Arabako Mendialdea / Montaña Alavesa	61	28	117,9
Arratia Nerbioi / Arratia-Nervión	202	172	17,4
Bidasoa Beherea / Bajo Bidasoa	1.301	1.076	20,9
Bilbo Handia / Gran Bilbao	13.105	12.230	7,2
Deba Beherea / Bajo Deba	755	702	7,5
Deba Garaia / Alto Deba	552	529	4,3
Donostialdea / Donostia-San Sebastián	4.006	3.806	5,3
Durangaldea / Duranguesado	1.233	1.081	14,1
Enkartzioak / Encartaciones	315	256	23,0
Errioxa Arabarra / Rioja Alavesa	136	126	7,9
Gernika-Bermeo	862	899	-4,1
Goierri	890	815	9,2
Gorbeia Inguruak / Etribac. del Gorbea	64	44	45,5
Kantauri Arabarra / Cantábrica Alavesa	442	364	21,4
Markina-Ondarroa	238	212	12,3
Plentzia-Mungia	417	351	18,8
Tolosaldea / Tolosa	381	348	9,5
Urola-Kostaldea / Urola Costa	759	725	4,7
<b>Capitals</b>			
Bilbao	7.048	6.787	3,8
Donostia-San Sebastián	3.005	2.874	4,6
Vitoria-Gasteiz	6.034	5.322	13,4

Source: EUSTAT. 2009-10 School Activity Statistics of the Basque Country

With respect to the previous academic year, it is observed, in the first place, that there was an increase of 9.1%. Furthermore, this increase was apparent in all territorial areas, except in the territories of Valles Alaveses and Gernika-Bermeo, where insignificant decreases were noted.

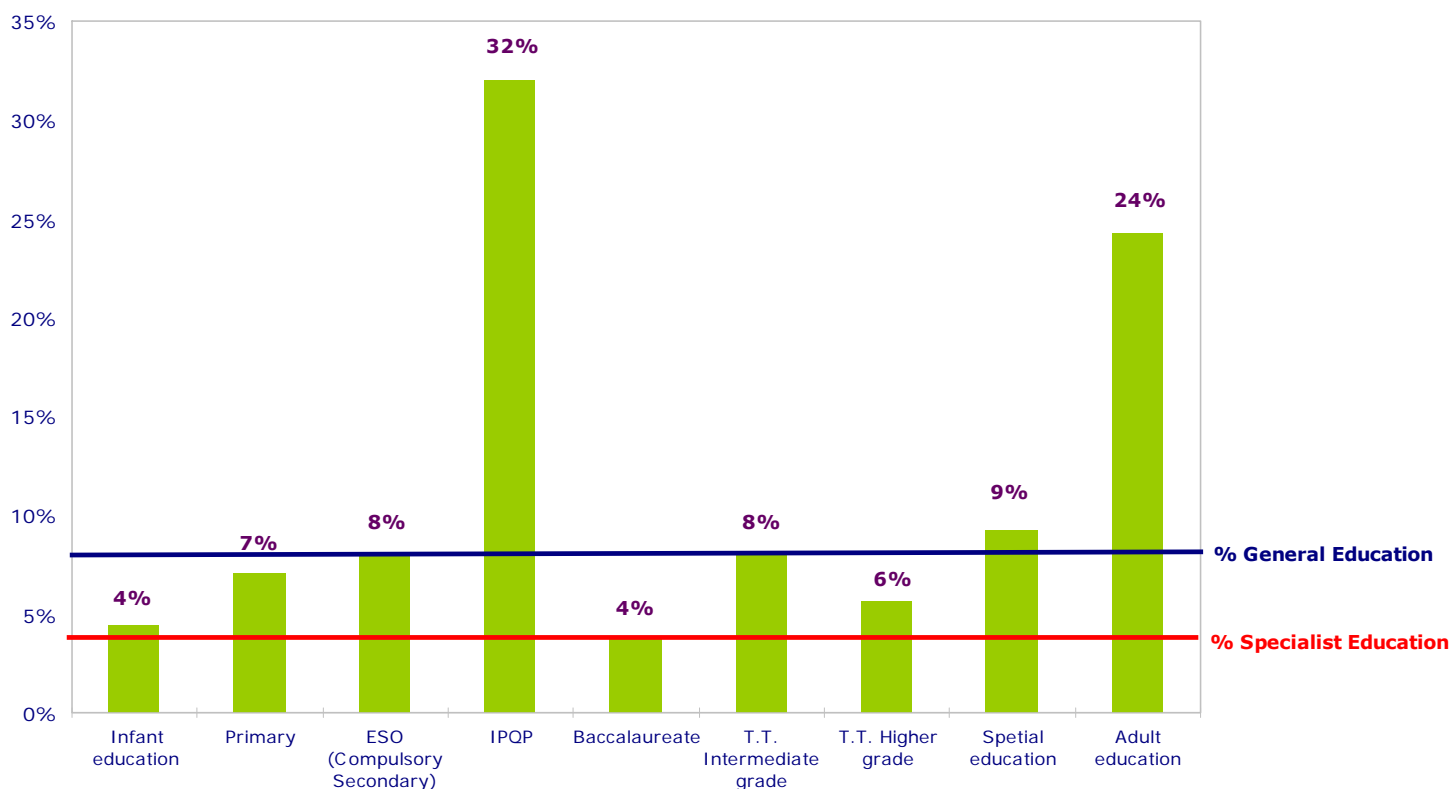
By Province, Bizkaia had the greatest concentration of foreign students, with 51%, followed by Gipuzkoa (27%) and Araba/Álava (21%). In terms of districts, those that include the provincial capitals are noteworthy: Gran Bilbao (41%), Llanada Alavesa (20%) and Donostia-San Sebastián (13%).

As a significant figure, it should be emphasised that 50% of the total of foreign students were concentrated in the capitals, which were distributed as follows: Bilbao, with 22%, Vitoria-Gasteiz with 19% and lastly, Donostia-San Sebastián, with 9.4%.

### **The greatest number of foreigners were concentrated in Initial Professional Qualification Programs (PCPI) and in Adult Education (EPA)**

When the distribution is made by education level, it can be established that the greatest representation of foreign students was in Initial Professional Qualification Programs (PCPI), with 32%, and in Adult Education, which had 24% of the total number of enrolments. The current proportion was noteworthy, but on a lesser scale, in Special Education, Medium-level Professional Training and Compulsory Secondary Education (ESO).

#### **Proportion of foreign students by education level (%). 2009-2010 academic year**



Source: EUSTAT. 2009-10 School Activity Statistics of the Basque Country

**Four out of every 10 foreign students came from South America, specifically from Columbia, Bolivia and Ecuador**

The majority of foreign students, 48%, came mainly from America, of which 43% were from South America, 4% from Central America and, lastly, just 2% came from North America.

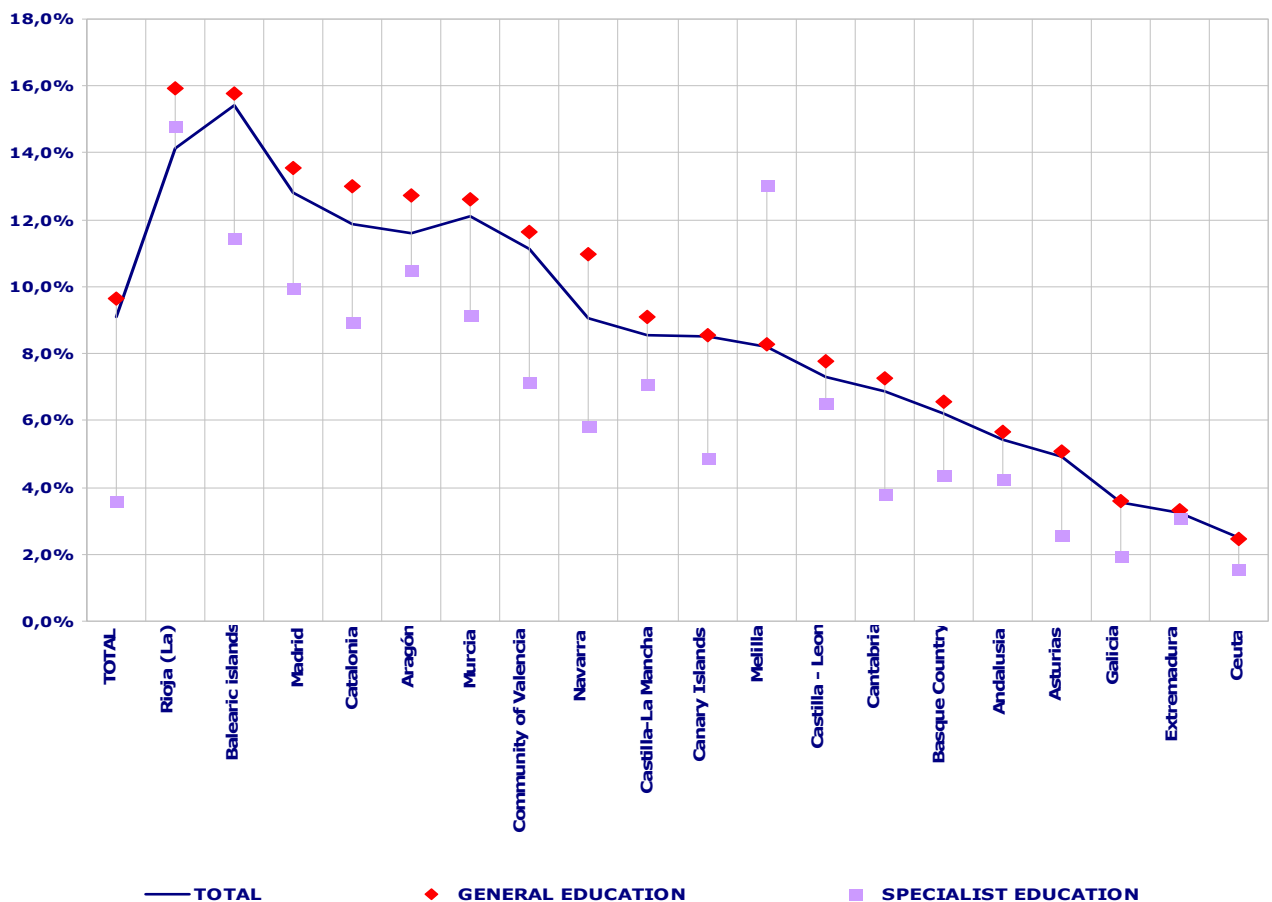
The second group of students with the greatest presence in the classrooms of the Basque Country was that which comes from the African continent (27%), with a large representation from Morocco, with 14%.

In lesser numbers were those coming from Europe (19%), Asia (7%) and lastly, Oceania, which represented just 0.08% of foreign students.

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The Basque Country is in sixth place amongst the communities with the lowest number of foreign students superseding just Ceuta (2.5%), Extremadura (3.2%), Galicia (3.5%), Asturias (5%) and Andalusia (5.4%).

**Proportion of foreign students by Autonomous Communities and types of studies (%). 2009-2010 academic year**



Source: EUSTAT. 2009-10 School Activity Statistics of the Basque Country  
EPA figures are not included

Comparing our Autonomous Community with the Spanish average, it is 3 points below, both in total enrolments and in those students who enrol in general education. With regards to the percentage of students enrolled in special education, it is above average but only by a small amount, which does not reach one percentage point (0.8 pp.).

On the other hand, the Communities that have a greater number of students of other nationalities are: Balearic Islands (15%), La Rioja (14%) and Madrid (13%), with differences of 9, 8 and 7 percentage points, respectively, with the Basque Country.

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