

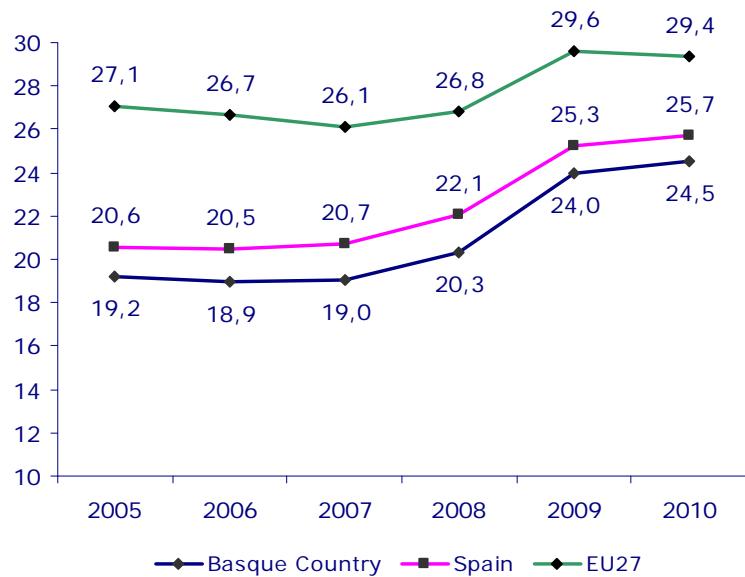
## SOCIAL PROTECTION ACCOUNT IN THE BASQUE COUNTRY (ESSPROS) 2010

## Total expenditure on social protection in the Basque country amounted to 24.5% of GDP

**Expenditure on Old Age represented 38.4% of total payments**

Expenditure on social protection reached 24.5% of GDP in the Basque country in 2010, according to Eustat data and following the European System of Integrated Social Protection Statistics (SEEPROS). This figure places the Basque country below the EU average which was 29.4% for this year. Nevertheless, between 2005 and 2010 there was a reduction in this differential, falling from 7.9 percentage points in 2005 to 4.8 points in 2010.

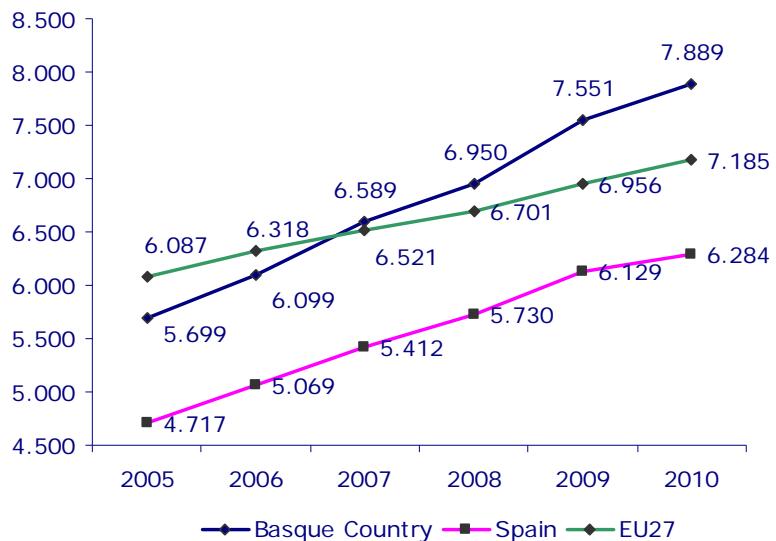
**Graph 1. Expenditure on social protection in % of GDP**



Source: Eustat. Social Protection Account

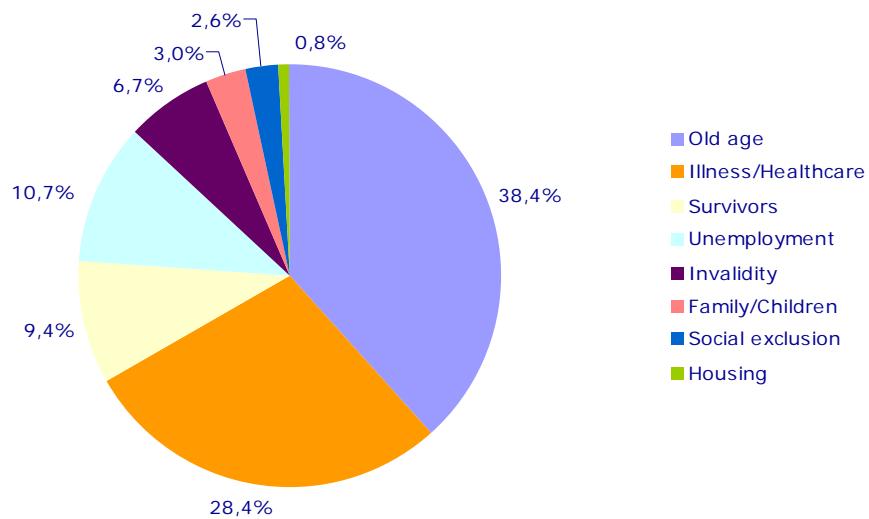
On the other hand, another benchmark indicator, **expenditure per person**, shows that in 2010 the expenditure on social protection per inhabitant in the Basque country, measured in Purchasing Power Standards (PPS), was 7,889. This was 9.7% above the European average, which was first exceeded in 2007, and 24.5% above the Spanish average.

The total amount of resources dedicated to social protection in the Basque country reached 15,970.6 million euros in 2010, 3.7% higher than the previous year. Excluding administration costs, the value of social provisions stood at 15,653.6 million euros in 2010, which was an annual increase of 7.8%, at a cumulative rate, since 2000.

**Graph 2. Expenditure on social protection per inhabitant (PPP)**


Source: Eustat. Social Protection Account

An analysis of the **expenditure on social provisions by functions** shows that most spending is concentrated in two functions: "Old Age" and "Illness/Healthcare". Spending on Old Age includes pensions and care allowances for housing and home assistance, and reached 6.0042 billion euros, 38.4% of total provisions. Spending on Illness/Healthcare, which includes benefits for temporary disability and health benefits, was 4,443 billion euros in 2010, 28.4% of the total.

**Graph 3. Distribution of expenditure on social benefits by functions. 2010**


Source: Eustat. Social Protection Account

Spending on Unemployment, which in addition to unemployment benefits includes spending on training for employment, has become the third most important function. In 2010 it amounted to 10.7% of total social provisions spending, standing at 12,693 euros per registered unemployed person. The greatest increase in this function occurred in 2009, when it increased by 59.3% with respect to 2008.

Spending on provisions corresponding to "Housing" and "Social Exclusion" reached 526.2 million, amounting to 3.4% of total provisions; it is the expenditure that has increased the most, 10.6% up on 2009. The other functions that have increased the most are Old Age, by 6.5%, and Family, by 5.7%, with respect to 2009.

The Illness/Healthcare function dropped by 0.4% with respect to 2009, due to the reduction in cash benefits for temporary disability, whilst spending on healthcare benefits in kind has remained unchanged since 2009.

**Table 1: Main Social Protection in the Basque Country figures and indicators. 2000-2010**

	2000	2005	2008	2009	2010	Variation rates (%)			Annual accumulative 2010/2000
						2009/08	2010/09		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL PROTECTION</b>									
In millions euros	7.518,5	10.987,6	13.798,4	15.399,4	15.970,6	11,6	3,7	7,8	
In % of GDP p.m.	18,05	19,18	20,31	23,98	24,52	3,66*	0,55*	6,47*	
In PPP per inhabitant	4.284	5.699	6.950	7.551	7.889	8,6	4,5	6,3	
<b>EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL BENEFITS BY FUNCTION (million euros)</b>									
TOTAL	7.362,4	10.651,0	11.348,4	12.245,1	13.322,5	6,5	7,9	7,7	
Illness/Healthcare	2.169,6	3.226,7	3.433,4	3.732,5	4.085,4	6,4	8,7	8,2	
Old age	3.413,5	4.211,9	4.461,9	4.835,9	5.169,7	5,9	8,4	5,3	
Unemployment	614,0	826,0	867,4	878,6	1.026,6	5,0	1,3	6,6	
Others	89,8	259,8	291,7	303,1	345,6	12,3	3,9	18,3	
<b>INDICATORS (in euros)</b>									
Expenditure on social benefits per inhabitant in PPP	4.195	5.582	6.800	7.387	7.732	8,6	4,7	6,3	
Expenditure on the "Illness/Healthcare" function per inhabitant	1.043	1.572	1.934	2.060	2.046	6,5	-0,7	7,0	
Expenditure on the "Old age" function per person aged 65 or over	9.749	10.877	12.910	13.678	14.304	6,0	4,6	3,9	
Expenditure on the "Unemployment" function per registered jobless person	7.897	9.741	12.134	13.569	12.693	11,8	-6,5	4,9	

(\*) Difference in percentage points

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With regard to the **institutional units** that implement the expenditure on social protection, in 2010 the Social Security System and State Administration spent 59.8% of the total, the Basque Administration 32.1%, and Private Institutions accounted for the remaining 8.1%. In 2010, it is the expenditure incurred by the Social Security System and State Administration that registered the highest growth rate, 4.6% above the previous year, while over the period 2000-2010, the expenditure incurred by the Basque Administration shows the greatest increase in the cumulative annual rate, 9.6%.

Table 2: Expenditure per group of institutional units and year (million €). 2005-2010

Social Security System and State	2000	2005	2008	2009	2010	Variation rates (%)		
						2009/08	2010/09	accumulative average
								2010/2000
Social Administration	4.742,9	6.634,3	8.168,9	9.125,4	9.543,2	11,7	4,6	7,2
Basque Administration	2.050,1	3.307,8	4.521,8	5.024,1	5.130,2	11,1	2,1	9,6
Private Institutions	725,5	1.045,5	1.107,7	1.249,9	1.297,2	12,8	3,8	6,0
<b>Total expenditure on social protection</b>	<b>7.518,5</b>	<b>10.987,6</b>	<b>13.798,4</b>	<b>15.399,4</b>	<b>15.970,6</b>	<b>11,6</b>	<b>3,7</b>	<b>7,8</b>

For more information on the Social Protection Account, see the methodological note:  
[http://www.eustat.es/document/datos/Nota%20met\\_SEEPROS08\\_i.pdf](http://www.eustat.es/document/datos/Nota%20met_SEEPROS08_i.pdf)

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