

94% of the infant and teenage population have a computer in their dwelling

More than 81% of the population under the age of 15 habitually use the Internet

The introduction of the new information and communications technologies amongst the population between the ages of 6 and 14 was very high. Thus, in the first quarter of 2013, 93.5% had a computer in their dwelling, against the 75.6% corresponding to the population aged 15 and over, according to EUSTAT data.

The data revealed that the population under the age of 15 accessed a computer both in their dwelling (90.8%) and at their centre of studies (90.7%). In this age group the most common habitual uses of a computer were as follows: Internet browsers (79.6%), games (66.3%), word processors (43.3%), editing photos, videos or DVDs (41.1%) and listening to music (39.4%).

As far as Internet access was concerned just over 160,000 children, 90.7%, had access to this service in their dwelling, which was an increase of 1.9 points compared to the same period in 2012. This percentage was more than 19 points above that recorded for the population aged 15 and over (71.5%).

With regards to the use of new technology by this population group, 81.3% of them, a total of 143,700 individuals, used the Internet in the last three months, compared to 65.8% of those over 14 years of age. These figures show that the percentage of minors who used the Internet had increased by more than 15 points with respect to 2012.

The distribution by Provinces shows that Gipuzkoa registered the greatest percentage of population who used the Internet in this age group, at 83.5%. 81.8% of minors in Álava used the Internet and, in third place, 79.8% in Bizkaia.

In relation to Internet use, the services most in demand were leisure-related activities (82.5%), searches made in libraries and other document centres (54.1%), e-mail (44.8%), searches for information on goods and services (41.1%), social networks (35%) and Whats App (34%).

Internet use in the population between the ages of 6 and 14 by online services used and by Province (%). 2013

	Basque Country	Araba / Álava	Bizkaia	Gipuzkoa
Leisure services	82,5	65,3	86,2	85,1
Libraries and documentation	54,1	43,6	59,8	50,7
Email	44,7	37,8	39,8	55,2
Information concerning goods and services	41,1	22,7	36,9	55,6
Social networks (Facebook, Twitter, Tuenti,...)	35,0	31,6	36,2	34,9
WhatsApp or other messaging applications	34,1	25,8	39,0	30,9
Media	28,3	28,0	27,9	28,9
File transfer (FTP)	19,1	13,3	13,7	29,5
Chats, conversations	18,9	13,8	25,8	11,3
Registering and other academic queries	16,8	8,0	11,5	28,5
Downloads software	12,1	7,6	18,2	5,5
Telephone, videoconferencing	5,0	5,8	5,0	4,4
Messages to mobiles	2,5	0,4	2,5	3,4
Virtual museums	2,1	3,1	1,5	2,2
Information on the Administration	1,7	1,8	1,0	3,0
Information on health	0,8	-	0,3	2,0
Other courses	0,7	1,3	0,6	0,6

(a) Multiple choice question

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The average length of the last connection did not exceed 30 minutes

46.3% of Internet users in the age group studied stated that the last connection they made to the Internet had a duration of between 15 and 30 minutes; 30.4% claimed that the last time they connected they remained online between 30 minutes and one hour. The number of connections of under 15 minutes stood at 16%, while those lasting over an hour represented 7.3%.

The preferred language for browsing is mostly Spanish (95.6%), although 53.2% of these people also used Basque, 12.7% used English, and 1.6% used a language other than those mentioned above.

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