

## The turnover figure for Basque industry fell by 5.2% in 2012

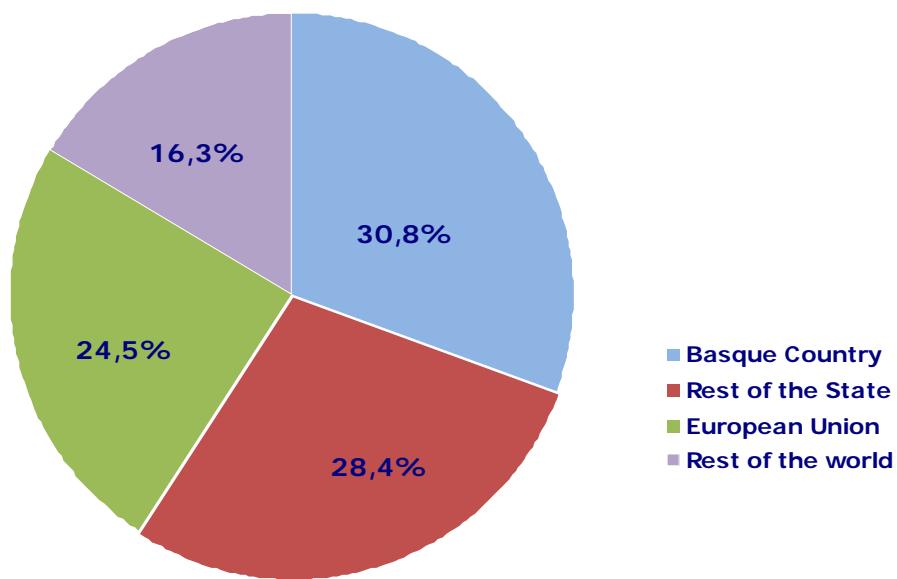
***Sales abroad represented 40.8% of total sales of the Basque manufacturing industry, twelve percentage points more than in 2008***

The net turnover figure for the industrial sector of the Basque country reached 55,661 million euros in 2012, which was a nominal decrease of 5.2%, according to data prepared by EUSTAT.

The manufacturing industry, which excludes the *Extractive Industries, Water Supply & Sanitation* and *Electricity, Gas & Steam* sectors, had a turnover of 47,870.7 million euros in 2012, with a 6.1% drop compared to 2011.

As regards the destination of sales, it is worth noting the increase of the foreign market to the detriment of the domestic market and that of the rest of Spain, compared to the period before the crisis. Thus, out of the total sales, the Basque manufacturing industry directed 40.8% abroad, compared to 29% in 2008, with 24.5% to the European Union and 16.3% to the Rest of the World. Of the rest, 30.8% of sales were made in the Basque Country itself, over seven points less than in 2008, and 28.4% in the rest of Spain, compared to 33% four months earlier.

**Geographical destination of Manufacturing Industry Sales for the Basque Country. 2012. %**



Source: Eustat. Industrial Statistics

The number of people employed throughout Basque industry reached 203,174 employees in 2012, which was a 4.8% drop with respect to the previous year, and meant the loss of 10,231 jobs. Personnel expenditure also fell by 2.9%. Investment registered a negative variation of 9.5%.

**Main industry variable. Basque Country. Current prices (thousands €)**

	2012	Δ %
Employees NU	203.174	-4,8
Net amount of the turnover	55.661.105	-5,2
Supplies	34.007.897	-6,7
External services	7.837.177	-2,5
Personnel costs	8.647.818	-2,9
Gross Value Added factor cost	13.983.941	-5,4
Investment	1.991.536	-9,5

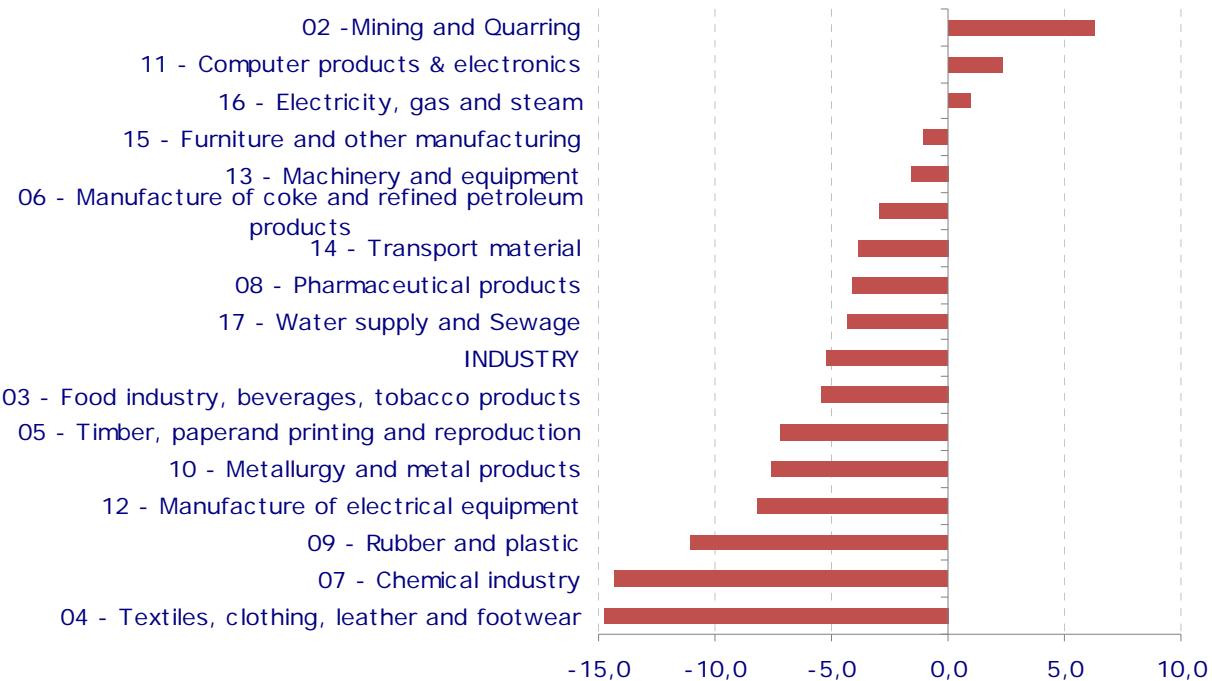
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**By sector**, the branches with the heaviest weight in the total turnover figure for the industrial sector in 2012 were *Metallurgy & Metal Products*, (25.4%), *Coke Plants & Oil Refining* (12.2%), *Electricity, Gas & Steam* (11.9%) and *Transport Material* (10.3%). On the other hand, the branches of *Metallurgy & Metal Products*, *Machinery & Equipment* and *Plastics & Rubber* were those that employed the highest number of individuals in 2012, with 33.9%, 10.2% and 9.9% of the total, respectively.

Regarding evolution by sector, three branches showed increased sales: Extraction Industries (6.3%), Electronic & Computer Products (2.3%), and Electricity, Gas & Steam (1%). On the other hand, the branches with the sharpest declines were: Textile, Garments, Leather & Footwear (-14.8%), Chemical Industry (-14.3%), and Plastics & Rubber (-11.1%).

The loss of employment was more or less general across all sectors, especially affecting Plastics & Rubber (-8.3%) and Timber, Paper & Graphic Arts (-7.2%). Only the Electronic & Computer Products (2.5%) and Pharmaceutical Products (0.7%) sectors registered positive variations.

**By province**, the three provinces experienced downturns in their turnover figure. The greatest drop occurred in Bizkaia, at 7%, followed by Álava with a decrease of 5.9% and Gipuzkoa, which fell by 2.1%. The evolution in employment was also negative in the three provinces: it was down by 5.2% in Bizkaia, 4.7% in Álava and by 4.3% in Gipuzkoa.

Evolution by sector of the turnover figure in Industry in the Basque Country  
 2011-2012. %


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