

The turnover figure for Basque industry fell by 2.2% in 2013

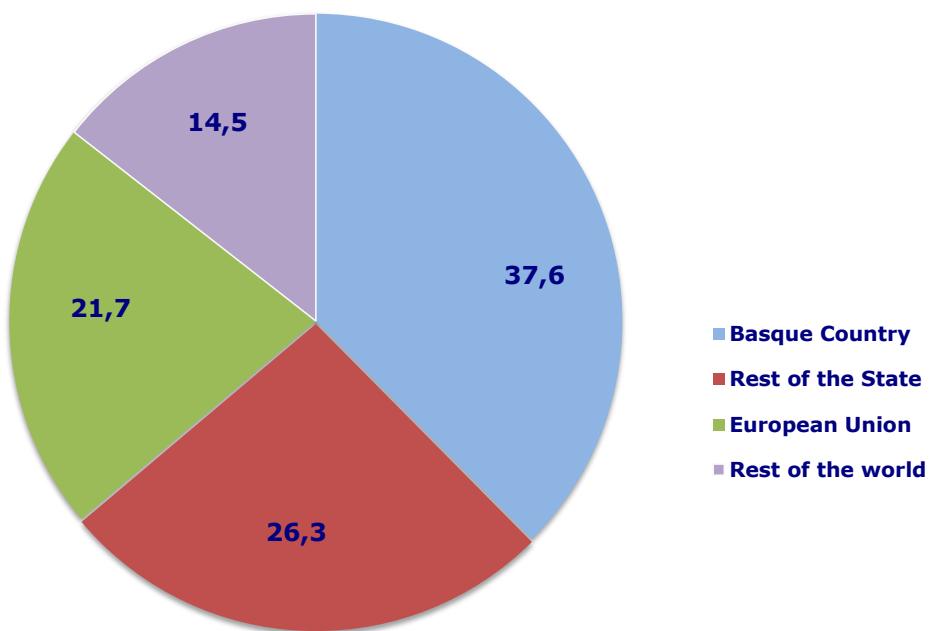
Sales abroad represented 36.2% of total sales of the Basque manufacturing industry

The net turnover figure for the industrial sector of the Basque country reached 54,443 million euros in 2013, which was a nominal decrease of 2.2%, 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 46,912.9 million euros in 2013, with a 2% drop compared to 2012.

Regarding destination, the Basque industry directed 36.2% of its sales abroad, 3.8 percentage points more than at the beginning of the crisis, in 2008. Out of the total sales, 22% was to the European Union while 14.5% was to the Rest of the World. For their part, sales to the Rest of Spain amounted to 26.3% of the total.

Graph 1. Geographical destination of industry sales for the Basque Country. %. 2013



Source: Eustat. Industrial statistics

The number of people employed throughout Basque industry reached 195,633 employees in 2013, which was a 3.7% drop with respect to the previous year, and meant the loss of 7,541 jobs. Personnel Expenditure also fell by 2.1%. Investment registered an increase of 34.7%.

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

	2013	Δ %
Employees NU	195.633	-3,7
Net amount of the turnover	54.443.484	-2,2
Supplies	33.861.923	-0,4
External services	7.596.364	-3,1
Personnel costs	8.467.282	-2,1
Investment	2.682.959	34,7

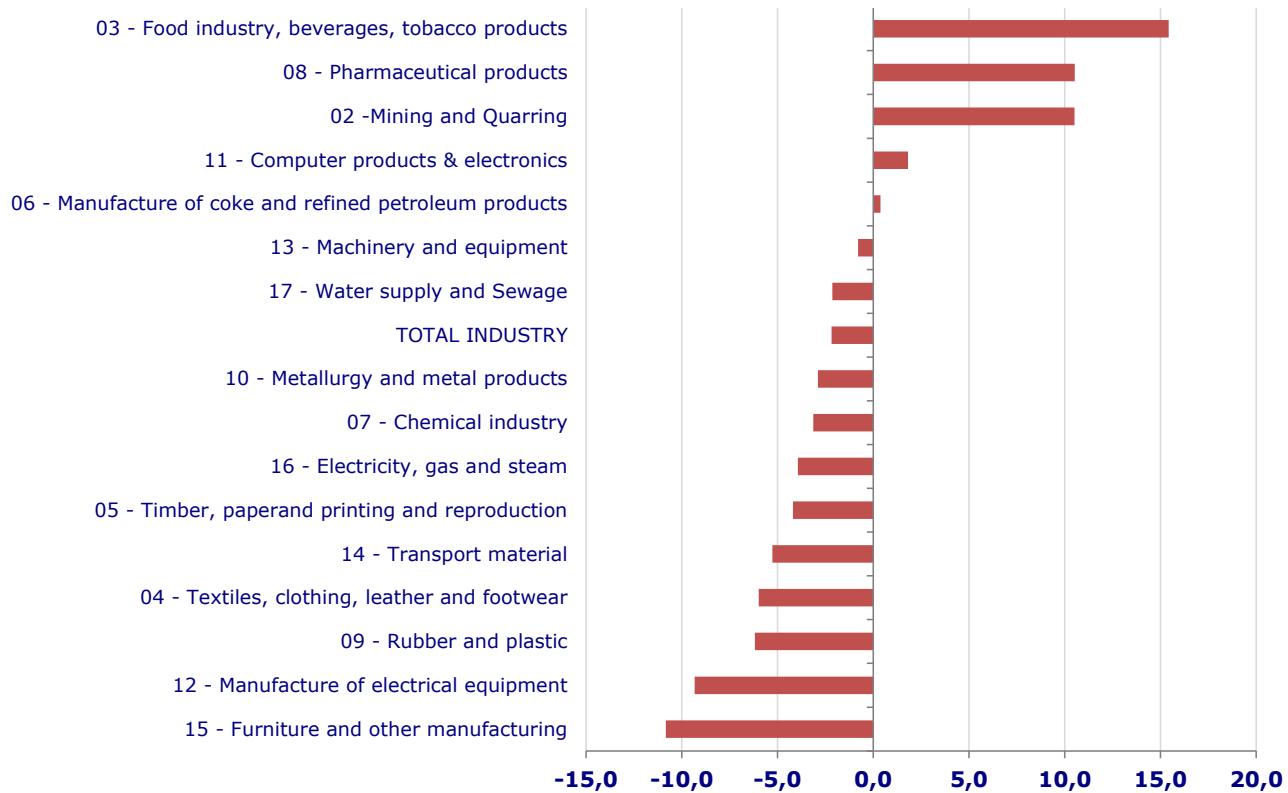
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By sector, the branches with the heaviest weight in the total turnover figure for the industrial sector in 2013 were *Metallurgy & Metal Products* (25.2%), *Coke Plants & Oil Refining* (12.5%), *Electricity, Gas & Steam* (11.7%) and *Transport Material* (10%). 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 2013, with 33.7%, 10.4% and 9.5% of the total, respectively.

Regarding sector trends, five branches showed increased sales: *Food, Beverages & Tobacco* (15.4%), *Pharmaceutical Products* and *Extraction Industries*, both with an increase of 10.5%; *Electronic & Computer Products* (1.8%) and *Coke Plants & Oil Refining* (0.4%). On the other hand, the branches with the sharpest declines were: *Furniture & Other Manufacturing* (-10.8%), *Electrical Material & Equipment* (-9.3%), *Plastic & Rubber* (-6.2%) and *Transport Material* (-5.3%).

The loss of employment was more or less general across all sectors, especially affecting *Electrical Material & Equipment* (-9.7%), *Plastic & Rubber* (-7.2%), *Furniture & Other Manufacturing* (-6.8%) and *Textile, Garments, Leather & Footwear* (-6.4%). Only the *Transport Material* sector (4.7%) registered a positive variation.

By province, Gipuzkoa saw a fall of 4.8% in turnover, whilst in Álava the fall was 3%. On the other hand, Bizkaia showed no variation (0.0%) in its turnover with respect to 2012. Employment showed a downward trend in the three provinces: by 5% in Bizkaia, 3.2% in Gipuzkoa and 2.2% in Álava.

**Graph 2. Evolution by sector of the turnover figure in Industry in the Basque Country.
%. 2012-2013**


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