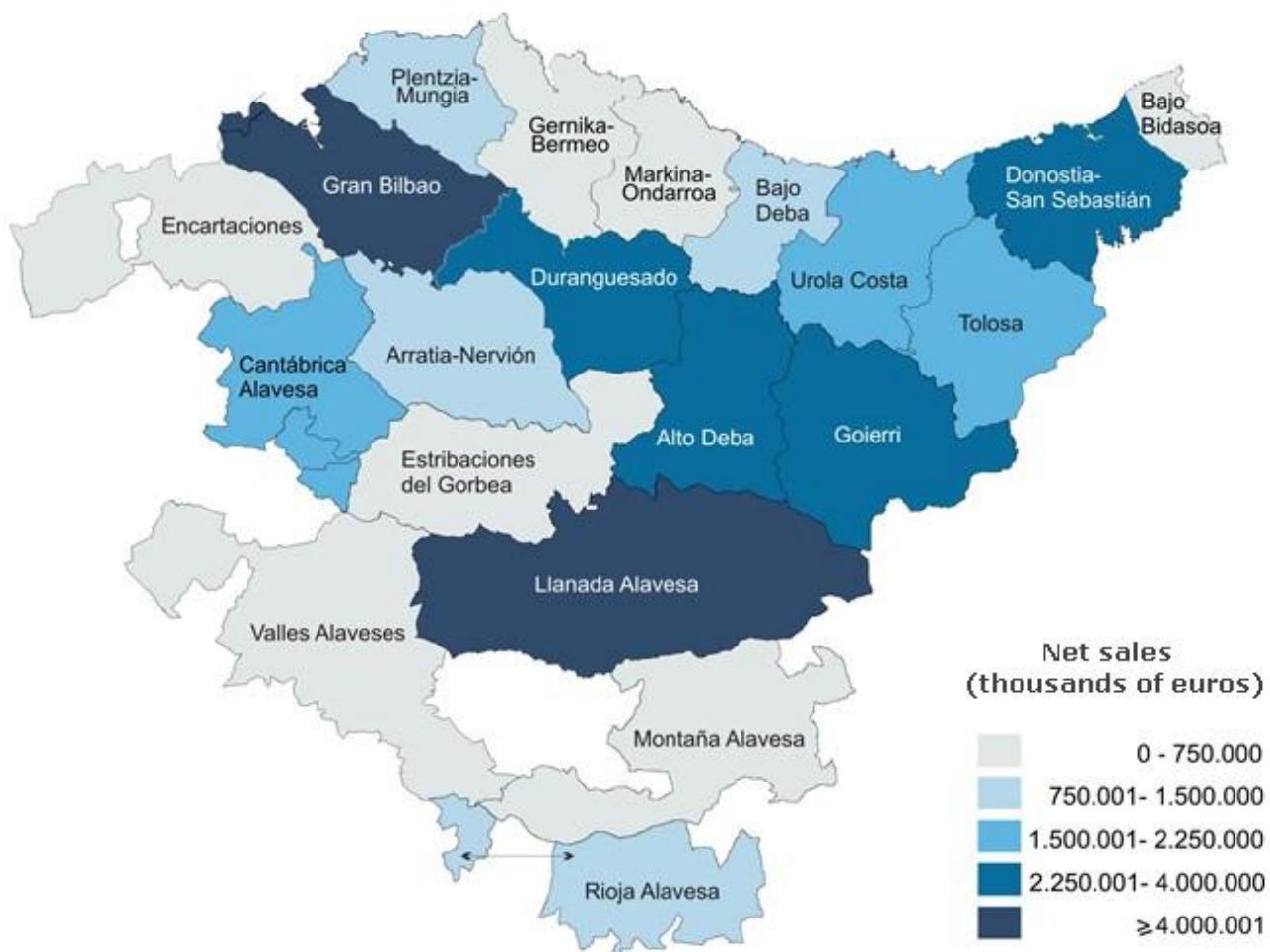


The industrial sector increased sales in half of Basque regions in 2014

Employment showed an upward trend in three regions, Valles Alaveses, Rioja Alavesa and Goierri

The trend in net sales in the extraction and manufacturing industry was positive for ten of the twenty regions in the Basque Country, which accounted for 72% of total sales and 61% of employment in 2014, according to Eustat data. Urola Costa was the region with the largest increase in sales with respect to 2013, with 6.8%, followed by Rioja Alavesa, with 5.7%. In a negative sense, the regions of Montaña Alavesa and Encartaciones registered the most negative evolution, with -19.5% and -13.7% respectively.

Distribution of net sales in the extraction and manufacturing industry by regions. 2014. Thousands of euros



Source: Eustat. Industrial statistics of the Basque Country

By province, Álava showed a positive progression on the whole with regards to the variation in sales, with a growth rate of 0.9% in 2014. In fact, four of its six regions, which account for 93% of the territory's sales and employment, obtained positive year-on-year rates, particularly the growth registered in Rioja Alavesa (5.7%), Cantábrica Alavesa (4.2%) and Valles Alaveses (4%). A marked decrease in net sales was recorded in the other two regions, Montaña Alavesa and Esterribaciones del Gorbea, which are of a less industrial nature, with -19.5% and -11.5% respectively. Llanada Alavesa, with 64% of the territory's sales, registered an evolution of 0.8%.

Evolution was different in Bizkaia depending on each region. To some extent, growth in Duranguesado, 1.6%, and Markina-Ondarroa, 3.5%, compensated for the decrease in the remaining regions, such as Encartaciones, -13.7%, Plentzia-Mungia, -6.6%, and Gernika-Bermeo, -6.4%, resulting in an average decrease in Bizkaia of -0.3%. Sales in the region of Gran Bilbao, which accounts for almost 70% of net sales in Bizkaia, remained almost unchanged with respect to 2013 (0.0%).

Gipuzkoa saw the least favourable trend with a decrease of 0.7%. Bajo Deba and Goierri were the only two regions in this territory with positive year-on-year variations, registering 6.8% and 3.7% respectively. Sales decreased in Alto Deba (-6.3%) and in Tolosa (-3.6%). Decreases were also recorded in the territory's remaining regions, although to a lesser extent, lower than 2% in all cases. In Donostia-San Sebastián, which accounts for 25% of the territory's sales, the reduction was less than 1%.

**Employed personnel and net sales in the extraction and manufacturing industry.
Thousands of euros. 2014**

	Personnel employed (Number)			Net sales		
	2013	2014	Δ 14/13	2013	2014	Δ 14/13
Basque Country	187.460	183.849	-1,9	47.140.936	47.074.457	-0,1
Araba / Álava	39.105	38.133	-2,5	10.405.390	10.494.356	0,9
Arabako Ibarra/Valles Alaveses	2.144	2.213	3,2	453.761	471.893	4,0
Arabako Lautada/Llanada Alavesa	24.168	23.456	-2,9	6.694.179	6.749.684	0,8
Arabako Mendiola/Montaña Alavesa	329	322	-2,1	62.173	50.033	-19,5
Errioxa Arabarra/Rioja Alavesa	3.547	3.561	0,4	832.571	879.703	5,7
Gorbeia Inguruak/Esterribaciones del Gorbea	2.463	2.396	-2,7	757.303	670.495	-11,5
Kantauri Arabarra/Cantábrica Alavesa	6.454	6.185	-4,2	1.605.403	1.672.547	4,2
Bizkaia	74.229	72.736	-2,0	21.998.510	21.940.803	-0,3
Arratia Nerbioi/Arratia-Nervión	3.828	3.657	-4,5	790.782	788.074	-0,3
Bilbo Handia/Gran Bilbao	40.574	40.135	-1,1	15.289.154	15.292.044	0,0
Durangaldea/Duranguesado	17.307	16.943	-2,1	3.613.198	3.671.471	1,6
Enkartazioak/Encartaciones	1.457	1.371	-5,9	296.588	255.969	-13,7
Gernika-Bermeo	3.210	3.106	-3,2	630.062	589.755	-6,4
Markina-Ondarroa	3.462	3.407	-1,6	550.801	570.021	3,5
Plentzia-Mungia	4.391	4.117	-6,2	827.925	773.468	-6,6
Gipuzkoa	74.126	72.980	-1,5	14.737.036	14.639.298	-0,7
Bidasoa Behere/Bajo Bidasoa	4.137	4.024	-2,7	614.665	602.821	-1,9
Deba Behere/Bajo Deba	8.060	7.950	-1,4	1.290.733	1.378.365	6,8
Debagoina/Alto Deba	14.642	13.820	-5,6	2.789.362	2.614.164	-6,3
Donostialdea/Donostia-San Sebastián	18.615	18.457	-0,8	3.638.380	3.605.860	-0,9
Goierrri	12.058	12.377	2,6	3.058.047	3.171.942	3,7
Tolosaldea/Tolosa	7.268	7.214	-0,7	1.602.236	1.544.215	-3,6
Urola-Kostaldea/Urola Costa	9.346	9.138	-2,2	1.743.613	1.721.932	-1,2

Source: Eustat. Industrial statistics

The trend in terms of employed population was less favourable, as positive values in the annual balance were only obtained in three regions, and on average the Autonomous Region recorded a decline of 1.9%.

In Álava, manufacturing and extraction employment grew by 3.2% in Alaveses and, to a lesser extent, by 0.4% in Rioja Alavesa. Furthermore, it is worth noting that employment dropped by -4.2% in Cantábrica Alavesa. In Llanada Alavesa, the region which accounts for 62% of the staff employed in these sectors, employed population fell by 2.9%.

Employment dropped in all of the regions of Bizkaia between 2013 and 2014. The most negative employment movements were recorded in the regions of Plentzia-Mungia (-6.2%) and Encartaciones, with a decrease of -5.9%. In Gran Bilbao, where 55% of the territory's employment is located, the decline reached 1.1%.

There was a similar situation in Gipuzkoa. Improved figures with respect to 2013 were only registered in Goierri, with a 2.6% increase in employment. In the remaining regions, there was a decrease of between 0.7% in Tolosa and 5.6% in Alto Deba. Almost 1% of manufacturing and extraction employment was lost in the region of Donostia-San Sebastián, which accounts for 25% of the territory's overall employment in this sector.

Methodological note:

The sectorisation used is the National Classification of Economic Activities (CNAE-2009), with the B (extractive industries) and C (manufacturing industries) being the only sections included in this disaggregation by regions.

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