

In 2018 the amount of money spent on education in the Basque Country increased by 2.4%, exceeding 3,900 million euros

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In 2018 total expenditure on education in the Basque Country increased by 2.4% compared to the previous year, according to Eustat data. In 2018 expenditure on education per inhabitant stood at 1,808 euros, up 2.1% on the previous year. Expenditure of 3,949 million euros accounted for 5.1% of GDP in 2018, one tenth less than in 2017.

The Education Account details current and capital expenditure on all educational activities (regulated and non-regulated) that have been carried out in educational institutions and in any type of centre or business, and have been funded by public or private sources.

Total expenditure on Education and indicators in the Basque Country. 2016-2018 (A)

	2016	2017	2018(A)	Variation rate 2017/2016 (%)	Variation rate 2018/2017 (%)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION (thousands €)	3.784.637	3.858.346	3.949.428	1,9	2,4
-TOTAL CURRENT EXPENDITURE	3.670.885	3.730.457	3.806.409	1,6	2,0
-GROS FORMATION OF CAPITAL	113.752	127.889	143.019	12,4	11,8
Expenditure on education per inhabitant (euros)	1.741	1.771	1.808	1,7	2,1
Expenditure on education as % of GDP	5,3	5,2	5,1	-0,08	-0,09 (*)

(*) Percentage points

Source: Eustat. Education account

Of the total 3,949 million euros expenditure on education, 3,806 million euros corresponded to current expenditure (96.4%), and 143 million euros corresponded to investment (3.6%). With regards to 2017, current expenditure increased by 2.0%, and investment by 11.8%.

The analysis of the 2017 data (the year for which more disaggregated data is available) shows us that 76.7% of total expenditure on education stemmed from public funding, with 23.3% coming from private funding. By **functions**, expenditure on educational services had the highest percentage of public funding: 83.2% compared to 16.8% of private funding.

Source of direct financing. 2017 (%)

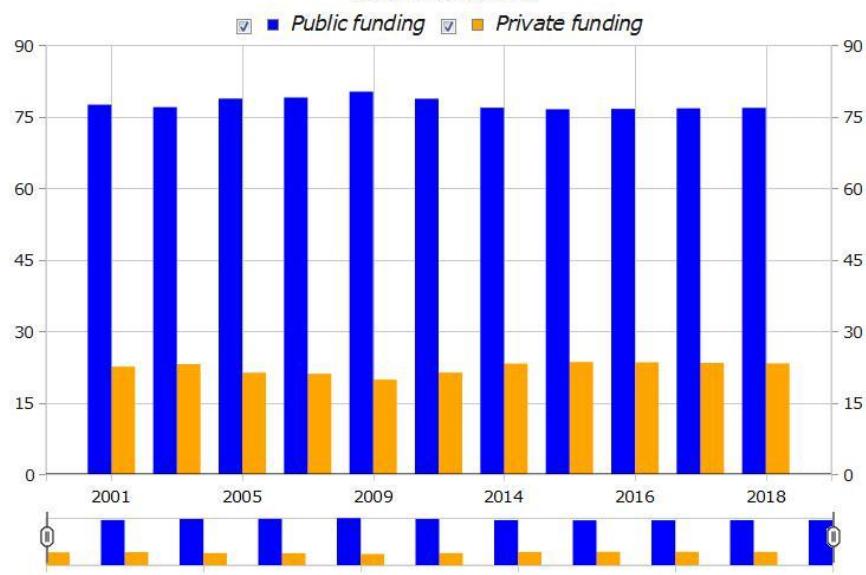
	PUBLIC FUNDING	PRIVATE FUNDING
TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION	76,7	23,3
CURRENT EXPENDITURE	76,8	23,2
Educational Services	83,2	16,8
Other activities and goods	43,5	56,5
CAPITAL FINANCE	74,1	25,9

Source: Eustat. Education account

This funding structure has remained stable in recent years, public funding constituting over three quarters of total expenditure on education in all the financial years.

Total expenditure on education source of direct financing. Basque Country. (%)

2018 Advance Data



Source: Eustat. Education account

In terms of **classifying** this expenditure by **function**, Educational and Training Services accounted for 81.1% of total expenditure, whereas Additional Activities (transport, school meals, student accommodation etc.), with expenditure of 258 million euros, accounted for 6.7%. This expenditure in additional activities has decreased annually by around 2% since 2015, fundamentally due to expenditure on school meals, which went from 182 million euros in 2015 to 166 million in 2017. Current expenditure is rounded off with shipments of books, school material, and other goods purchased by Households, the General Administration of the Educational System and Research and Educational Innovation, which accounted for 3.7%, 1.0% and 4.2% respectively. Gross capital formation represented 3.3% of the total and increased by 14 million euros compared to 2016.

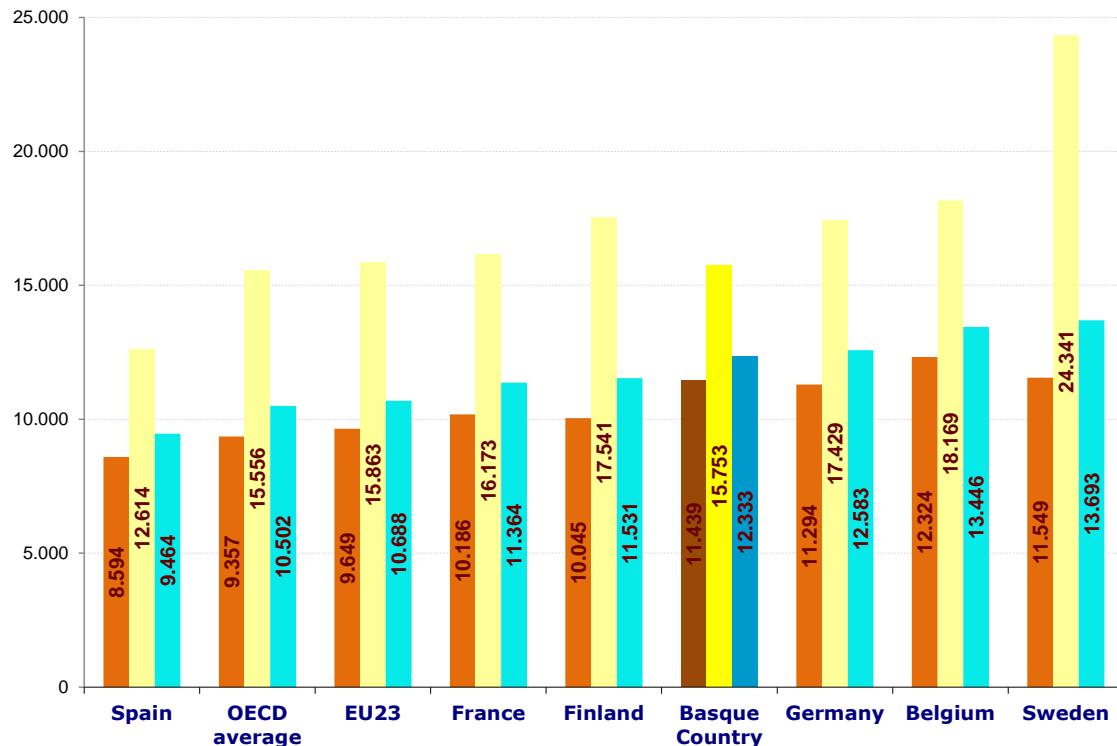
Total expenditure on Education by function in the Basque Country. 2015-2017

	2015		2016		2017	
	thousands euros	%	thousands euros	%	thousands euros	%
TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION	3.731.014	100,0	3.784.637	100,0	3.858.346	100,0
CURRENT EXPENDITURE						
Education and training services	3.595.609	96,4	3.670.885	97,0	3.730.457	96,7
Transport	2.995.001	80,3	3.072.635	81,2	3.128.160	81,1
Catering	43.329	1,2	46.575	1,2	43.157	1,1
Other complementary activities	182.220	4,9	169.133	4,5	165.970	4,3
Books, educational material and other goods acquired by households	43.657	1,2	46.409	1,2	48.677	1,3
General Administration of the Education System	131.934	3,5	140.769	3,7	142.659	3,7
Educational research and innovation	38.741	1,0	39.533	1,0	39.599	1,0
GROSS CAPITAL FORMATION	160.727	4,3	155.831	4,1	162.235	4,2
	135.405	3,6	113.752	3,0	127.889	3,3

Source: Eustat. Education account

Regarding **international comparison**, we analysed the latest data published by the OECD corresponding to 2016. For that year, total expenditure per pupil in educational institutions measured in Purchasing Power Parity (\$) (PPP) was 12,333 in the Basque Country for all educational stages from primary through to tertiary education, placing it above Spain (9,464), the OECD average (10,502), the EU-23 average (10,688) and countries such as France (11,364), although below other countries such as Germany (12,583) and Sweden (13,693). By educational stages, the Basque Country registered expenditure of 11,439 (\$) PPP per student for primary, secondary, and post-secondary Education. Expenditure per student in tertiary Education was equal to 15,753 (\$) PPP. In both cases, expenditure was higher than Spanish and OECD averages, and in tertiary education expenditure was slightly lower than the 15,863 (\$) PPP reached by half of the 23 countries in the European Union analysed by the OECD (EU-23).

Annual expenditure per pupil in educational institutions in (\$) PPA. 2016



Primary Education, secondary and Tertiary education+I+D Primary to tertiary education (includes R&D)

Source: Eustat. Education account and OECD. Education at a Glance. 2019 (Indicator C1.2)

NOTES: In this edition, the entire previous series has been revised and updated (2012 and previous years) in accordance with the last Standard Classification of Education ISCED 2011 and Education Accounts methodology: [Methodology of national education accounts 2016](#)

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