

Births in the Basque Country fell by 6.1% in the second quarter of 2019

Babies born to unmarried mothers accounted for 45.2%

The number of births in the Basque Country in the second quarter of 2019 stood at 3,699, a figure 6.1% lower than that recorded in the same period of the previous year, according to Eustat data. Births fell in all three provinces, although to different extents: there was a sharper drop in Gipuzkoa (-7.5%) than in Álava (-5.8%) and in Bizkaia (-5.3%). In figures, 1,234 girls and boys were born in Gipuzkoa, 597 in Álava, and 1,868 in Bizkaia.

During April, May and June 2019 births outside marriage accounted for 45.2% of the total, a greater percentage than the 43.2% recorded in the same quarter of 2018. Gipuzkoa, with 42.5%, was the only province with values lower than the average of the Basque Country as a whole; in Bizkaia and Álava the percentages were higher, 46.9% and 45.6%, respectively.

According to the order of birth in the second quarter of 2019, almost half, 1,784, were first children; 1,480 girls and boys (40%) arrived in families that already had another son or daughter, and the percentage of third or subsequent children stood at 11.8%.

In 7 out of every 10 births the mothers were aged between 30 and 40

Regarding the distribution of births according to age, the group of mothers between the ages of 30-39 was in the majority, producing 70.6% of births. With percentages significantly lower than the previous group, were the 25-29 age group with 12.5% and the under-25s with 7.3%, while the group of mothers over 40 reached 9.6%.

The age of maternity for single mothers was lower than that for mothers as a whole, with 11.5% of single mothers being under the age of 25 and 14.5% between the ages of 25 and 29.

The percentage of mothers with foreign nationality increased

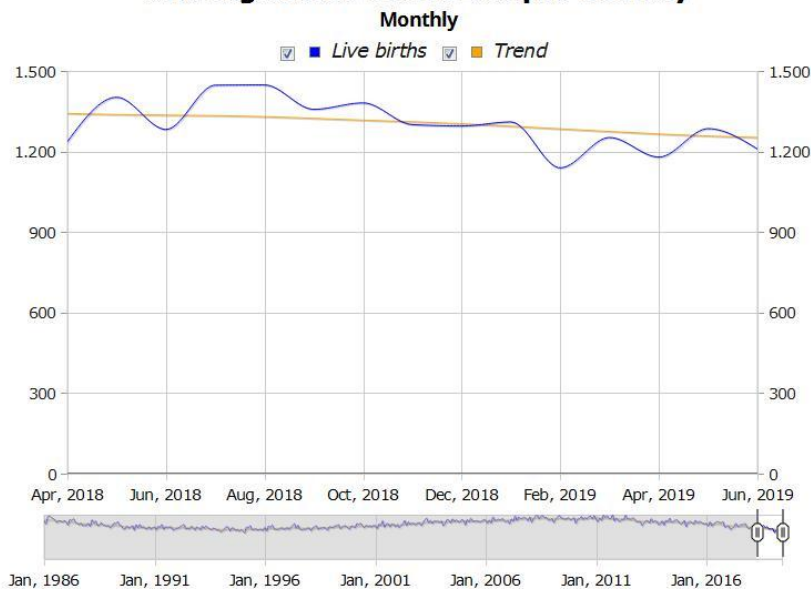
In 26.2% of births in the Basque Country during the spring months of 2019, the mother was a foreign national. In the same period of 2018 this percentage was 25.1%. By province, in Álava this figure reached 31.7%, in Bizkaia 24.7% and in Gipuzkoa 25.9%.

Live births to province, age of the mother, marital status of the mother, nationality of the mother and order of birth (1).

	Trimestre Actual		Previous quarter		Same quarter the previous year	
	II/ 2019		(I/2019)		(II/2018)	
	Nº	%	Nº	%	Nº	%
Basque Country	3.699	100,0	3.716	100,0	3.940	100,0
Araba / Álava	597	16,1	636	17,1	634	16,1
Bizkaia	1.868	50,5	1.815	48,8	1.972	50,1
Gipuzkoa	1.234	33,4	1.265	34,0	1.334	33,9
Age of mother	3.699	100,0	3.716	100,0	3.940	100,0
≤ 24 years	270	7,3	256	6,9	243	6,2
25 - 29 years	462	12,5	504	13,6	514	13,0
30 - 34 years	1.326	35,8	1.277	34,4	1.389	35,3
35 - 39 years	1.286	34,8	1.258	33,9	1.391	35,3
≥ 40	355	9,6	421	11,3	403	10,2
The marital status of the mother	3.699	100,0	3.716	100,0	3.940	100,0
Married	2.026	54,8	2.055	55,3	2.238	56,8
Not married	1.673	45,2	1.661	44,7	1.702	43,2
Nationality of the mother	3.699	100,0	3.716	100,0	3.940	100,0
Spanish	2.729	73,8	2.702	72,7	2.952	74,9
Foreign	970	26,2	1.014	27,3	988	25,1
Order of birth	3.699	100,0	3.716	100,0	3.940	100,0
First	1.784	48,2	1.863	50,1	1.897	48,1
Second	1.480	40,0	1.396	37,6	1.563	39,7
Third or posterior	435	11,8	457	12,3	480	12,2

(1) For the current quarter and the previous data are provisional

Source: Eustat. Birth statistics

Live births to mothers residing in the Basque Country and registered in the Basque Country

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