

Total expenditure on private education centres increased by 11.7% between 2015 and 2018 in the Basque Country

The Public Administration contributed 62% of the current income of private centres

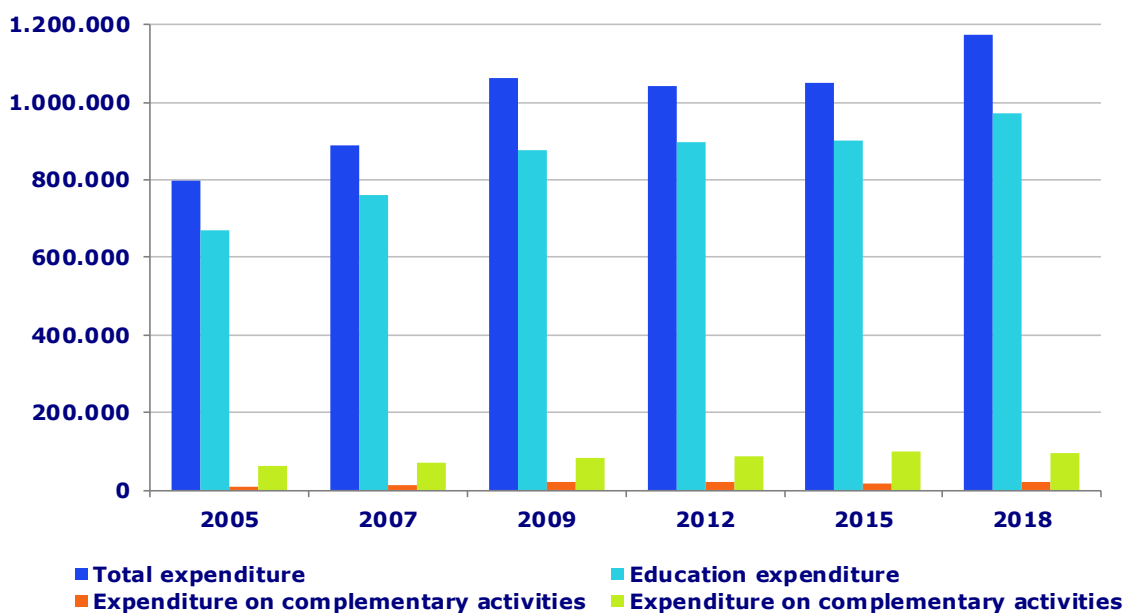
The network of private education centres in the Basque Country, comprising 472 centres offering services to just over 220,000 students, had a total expenditure of 1,175 million euros in 2018, which was a 1.5% of GDP and an increase of 11.7% compared to 2015, according to Eustat data. This growth represented an annual accumulative rate of 3.7%.

In the 2018 financial year, current expenditure rose to 1,086 million euros, with an increase of 7% between 2015 and 2018, to an annual accumulative rate of 2.3%; this expenditure accounted for 92.4% of the total and most of it went on personnel (73%). On the other hand, investment, which was 89 million euros, increased considerably (24%), reversing the downward trend produced in the previous period.

Within current expenditure by function, it is worth highlighting the education function, which with expenditure of 972 million euros increased by 8% in the last three-year period (2.6% annually); whereas, in contrast, expenditure on complementary services, with 94 million, dropped slightly (-0.05%).

As far as the type of centre was concerned, pre-university levels were the ones that concentrated the greatest part of the sector's total expenditure, 86%, while higher education centres accounted for 12% of expenditure and those of specialised education, 2%.

**Changes in expenditure in private education centres in the Basque Country
(thousands of euros)**



Source: Eustat. Private Education Expenditure and Financing Statistics

In the 2017-2018 academic year, expenditure on education per unit increased more than expenditure per student

Between 2015 and 2018, expenditure on education per student increased again, by 3%, reversing the downward trend observed between 2009 and 2015. On the other hand, expenditure per unit also rose again in the period in question, by 5.8%. Annually, expenditure per student increased to a cumulative annual rate of almost 1% and expenditure per unit to 1.9%.

Education expenditure (1) per school unit or group, according to education level, rose to €74,108 for Infant Education and €90,019 for Primary. In Compulsory Secondary Education (ESO) it was € 115,898, € 98,281 in Vocational Training (FP) and € 137,609 in Upper Secondary. Unit costs in Adult Education (EPA) amounted to € 29,673.

Education expenditure per student came to € 4,034 for Infant Education, € 4,124 for Primary, €5,268 for Compulsory Secondary Education, € 5,163 for Upper Secondary Education, €5,013 for Vocational Training and €1,286 for Adult Education. Furthermore, expenditure per student at university level came to €5,429, whilst for Specialised Education it was € 1,506.

Regarding income, the **total income** for private centres amounted to 1,149 million euros, with 99.6% corresponding to current income and the remaining 0.4% to capital income. Public subsidies were the main source of current income, accounting for 62%, maintaining the proportion of previous years; followed by fees (34%), tuition fees within those (22%), and complementary services (9.3%).

As a whole, **income from fees** stood at 389 million euros, of which tuition fees comprised 65.6% of the total, transport fees accounted for 19%, school meals provided 5.6% and fees corresponding to additional activities came to 7% of family expenditure; remaining income came from fees for other services.

Total expenditure and expenditure per student and per unit (*). 2003-2018

	2003	2005	2007	2009	2012	2015	2018	Variation rate (%)	
								2018/2015	Average annual cumulative
									2018/2015
Total expenditure (thousand €)	706.695	798.624	889.011	1.062.383	1.043.941	1.052.497	1.175.342	11,67	3,75
Expenditure on education per pupil (€)	3.143	3.539	3.933	4.443	4.345	4.277	4.404	2,97	0,98
Expenditure on education per unit (€)	66.708	71.097	79.425	89.479	86.866	89.966	95.182	5,80	1,90

(*) Education expenditure includes the estimated expenditure on teaching and non-teaching staff who do not have a contractual relationship with the centre and do not receive remuneration.

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