

Births remained stable in the first quarter of 2020 in the Basque Country as a whole

By province, the trend was uneven: births increased by 2.2% in Bizkaia, remained stable in Gipuzkoa and decreased by 6.3% in Álava

In the first quarter of 2020 the number of births in the Basque Country stood at 3,723, which was a drop of 0.1% compared to the same quarter of the previous year, according to Eustat data. The number of births increased by 2.2% in Bizkaia, whereas births in Álava were down 6.3% and in Gipuzkoa the number of births remained stable. Specifically, in Bizkaia 1,862 girls and boys were born, 1,265 were born in Gipuzkoa and 596 in Álava.

According to the age of the mother, the group of mothers aged 35-39 moved into first position, producing 34.6% of births. Next, was the group aged 30-34, producing 34.3% of births, and then the group aged 25-29, although the latter only produced 14.2% of births.

With regards to the same quarter of 2019, the number of women who became mothers aged 40 or over decreased, going from 421 in 2019 to 404 in 2020. The births from these women made up 10.9% of the total (11.3% in 2019), exceeding the 6.1% of births by mothers younger than 25.

Births outside marriage accounted for 44.6% of the total, a figure similar to that for the first quarter of 2019 (44.8%). Bizkaia and Álava posted higher figures than the Basque Country as a whole, a little over 46%, whereas in Gipuzkoa this percentage was lower, 41.2%. The age of maternity for single mothers was lower than that for women who had children as a whole, with a notable 9.1% of single mothers being under 25.

According to the order of birth, in the first quarter of 2020 49.1% of births, 1,827 children, were first-born; 1,410 (37.9%) arrived in families that already had another son or daughter, and the percentage of third or subsequent children stood at 13.1%, 0.5 points above the first quarter of 2019..

The percentage of mothers with foreign nationality increased to 28.4%

In 28.4% of births in the Basque Country during the first three months of 2020, the mother was a foreign national, one percentage point higher than in the first quarter of 2019. This figure was higher in Álava where it stood at 35.7%, against 26.7% in Bizkaia and 27.6% in Gipuzkoa.

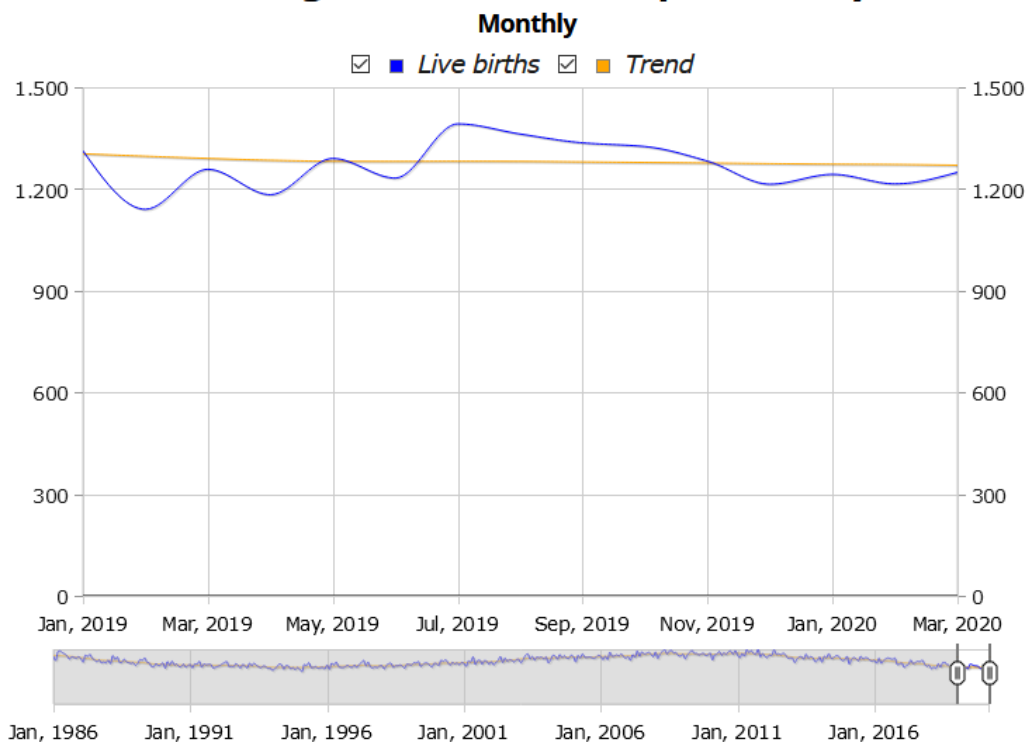
Live births to province, age of the mother, marital status of the mother, nationality of the mother and order of birth (1).

	Trimestre Actual		Previous quarter		Same quarter the previous year	
	I/ 2020		(IV/2019)		(I/2019)	
	Nº	%	Nº	%	Nº	%
Basque Country	3.723	100,0	3.846	100,0	3.725	100,0
Araba / Álava	596	16,0	620	16,1	636	17,1
Bizkaia	1.862	50,0	2.008	52,2	1.822	48,9
Gipuzkoa	1.265	34,0	1.218	31,7	1.267	34,0
Age of mother	3.723	100,0	3.846	100,0	3.725	100,0
≤ 24 years	226	6,1	256	6,7	260	7,0
25 - 29 years	527	14,2	489	12,7	504	13,5
30 - 34 years	1.278	34,3	1.325	34,5	1.281	34,4
35 - 39 years	1.288	34,6	1.353	35,2	1.259	33,8
≥ 40	404	10,9	423	11,0	421	11,3
The marital status of the mother	3.723	100,0	3.846	100,0	3.725	100,0
Married	2.061	55,4	2.114	55,0	2.055	55,2
Not married	1.662	44,6	1.732	45,0	1.670	44,8
Nationality of the mother	3.723	100,0	3.846	100,0	3.725	100,0
Spanish	2.664	71,6	2.754	71,6	2.703	72,6
Foreign	1.059	28,4	1.092	28,4	1.022	27,4
Order of birth	3.723	100,0	3.846	100,0	3.725	100,0
First	1.827	49,1	1.906	49,6	1.831	49,2
Second	1.410	37,9	1.433	37,3	1.423	38,2
Third or posterior	486	13,1	507	13,2	471	12,6

(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



Source: EUSTAT Birth statistics

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