

## The downward trend continued for births in the Basque Country with a drop of 3.9% in the second quarter of 2020

***The decrease was more pronounced in Bizkaia, where it reached 6.6%, compared to -1.7% in Gipuzkoa and -0.2% in Álava***

In the second quarter of 2020 the number of births in the Basque Country stood at 3,584, 3.9% down on the same period of the previous year, according to Eustat data. Births fell in all three provinces, although the drop was more pronounced in Bizkaia (-6.6%) than in Gipuzkoa (-1.7%) and in Álava (-0.2%). In absolute figures, 1,751 girls and boys were born in Bizkaia, 1,225 in Gipuzkoa, and 608 in Álava.

During April, May and June 2020 births outside marriage accounted for 46.7% of the total, a greater percentage than the 45.2% recorded in the same quarter of 2019. Bizkaia, with 50.3%, was the only province with values higher than the Basque Country average; in Gipuzkoa and in Álava the percentages were lower, 42.9% and 44.1%, respectively.

According to the order of birth in the second quarter of 2020, almost half, 1,733, were first children; 1,393 girls and boys (38.9%) arrived in families that already had another son or daughter, and the percentage of third or subsequent children stood at 12.8%.

### ***The percentage of mothers over 40 remained at 10%***

Regarding the distribution of births according to age, the group of mothers between the ages of 30-39 continued to be in the majority, producing 69.3% of births. With percentages significantly lower than the previous group, was the 25-29 age group (13.9%) and the under-25s (6.8%), while the group of mothers over 40 reached 10%.

The age of maternity for single mothers was lower than that for mothers as a whole, with 9.6% of single mothers being under the age of 25 and 17.1% between the ages of 25 and 29. The percentage of single mothers over 40 was 10.3%

### ***Mothers with foreign nationality represented 27.3%***

In 27.3% of births in the Basque Country during the spring months of 2020, the mother was a foreign national. In the same period of 2019 this percentage was 26.4%. By province, in Álava this figure reached 35.4%, in Gipuzkoa 27.2% and in Bizkaia 24.7%.

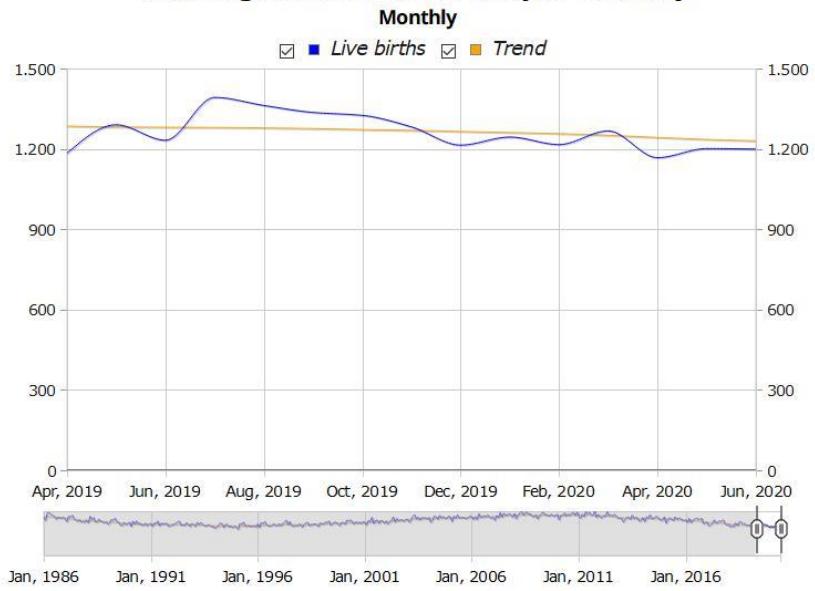
## Live births to province, age of the mother, marital status of the mother, nationality of the mother and order of birth (1).

	Trimestre actual		Previous quarter		Same quarter the previous year (II/2019)	
	II/2020		(I/2020)			
	Nº	%	Nº	%	Nº	%
<b>Basque Country</b>	<b>3.584</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>3.745</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>3.730</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Araba / Álava	608	17,0	598	16,0	609	16,3
Bizkaia	1.751	48,9	1.877	50,1	1.875	50,3
Gipuzkoa	1.225	34,2	1.270	33,9	1.246	33,4
<b>Age of mother</b>	<b>3.584</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>3.745</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>3.730</b>	<b>100,0</b>
≤ 24 years	244	6,8	229	6,1	274	7,3
25 - 29 years	498	13,9	531	14,2	470	12,6
30 - 34 years	1.287	35,9	1.284	34,3	1.331	35,7
35 - 39 years	1.196	33,4	1.296	34,6	1.301	34,9
≥ 40	359	10,0	405	10,8	354	9,5
<b>The marital status of the mother</b>	<b>3.584</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>3.745</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>3.730</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Married	1.910	53,3	2.065	55,1	2.043	54,8
Not married	1.674	46,7	1.680	44,9	1.687	45,2
<b>Nationality of the mother</b>	<b>3.584</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>3.745</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>3.730</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Spanish	2.604	72,7	2.672	71,3	2.747	73,6
Foreign	980	27,3	1.073	28,7	983	26,4
<b>Order of birth</b>	<b>3.584</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>3.745</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>3.730</b>	<b>100,0</b>
First	1.733	48,4	1.834	49,0	1.762	47,2
Second	1.393	38,9	1.418	37,9	1.504	40,3
Third or posterior	458	12,8	493	13,2	464	12,4

(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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