

Births in the Basque Country were down 3.3% in the third quarter of 2021

Babies born to unmarried mothers accounted for 48.4% of the total

In the third quarter of 2021 the number of births in the Basque Country stood at 3,783, which was a drop of 3.3% compared to the same quarter of the previous year, according to Eustat data. The province to experience the biggest decrease was Álava, where 606 boys and girls were born, down 5.8% on the same quarter of the previous year; in Gipuzkoa, with 1,319 births, there was a decrease of 3.1%, and finally, in Bizkaia, with 1,858 births, there was a drop of 2.7%.

Births outside marriage accounted for 48.4% of the total, higher than the 47.2% registered in the same quarter of 2020.

According to order of birth, 1,860 boys and girls (49.2%) were first children in the summer months of 2021; 1,411 (37.3%) arrived in families that already had another son or daughter and 13.5% were third or subsequent children.

8 out of every 10 mothers were over the age of 30

According to the age of the mother, the 30-34 year-old age group continued to be in the majority, producing 34.9% of births. They were immediately followed by the 35-39 age group, with 34.3%. The 25-29 age group accounted for 13.4% of births, and the under-25s for 6.1%. It is worth noting that mothers aged 40 or over accounted for 11.3% of births.

The average age of mothers stood at 33.5: for married mothers it stood at 34.1; for single mothers it was 32.7, and for divorcees it was 37.6.

The percentage of mothers with foreign nationality decreased

27.2% of births in the Basque Country in July, August and September 2021 were to mothers of foreign nationality, a slightly lower percentage than the 27.8% for the same period of the previous year. This percentage was higher in Álava, where it stood at 32.9%; in Bizkaia and Gipuzkoa the proportion of mothers with foreign nationality stood at 27.2% and 26.7%, respectively.

The age of maternity also varied according to nationality. In fact, the average age of foreign mothers was 31.1, compared to 34.5 for mothers with Spanish nationality.

Live births in the Basque Country by province, age, marital status and nationality of the mother and birth order (1). 2021/III

	Current quarter III/2021		Previous quarter III/2021		Same quarter of the previous year	
	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
Basque Country	3.783	100,0	3.539	100,0	3.914	100,0
Araba / Álava	606	16,0	577	16,3	643	16,4
Bizkaia	1.858	49,1	1.740	49,2	1.910	48,8
Gipuzkoa	1.319	34,9	1.222	34,5	1.361	34,8
AGE OF THE MOTHER						
24 years or less	231	6,1	222	6,3	263	6,7
25 - 29 years	507	13,4	435	12,3	526	13,4
30 - 34 years	1.322	34,9	1.249	35,3	1.362	34,8
35 - 39 years	1.297	34,3	1.245	35,2	1.318	33,7
40 or older	426	11,3	388	11,0	445	11,4
Marital status of the mother						
Married	1.952	51,6	1.841	52,0	2.067	52,8
Not married	1.831	48,4	1.698	48,0	1.847	47,2
Nationality of the mother						
Spanish	2.754	72,8	2.616	73,9	2.824	72,2
Foreign	1.029	27,2	923	26,1	1.090	27,8
Order of birth						
First	1.860	49,2	1.716	48,5	1.987	50,8
Second	1.411	37,3	1.354	38,3	1.410	36,0
Third or more	512	13,5	469	13,3	517	13,2

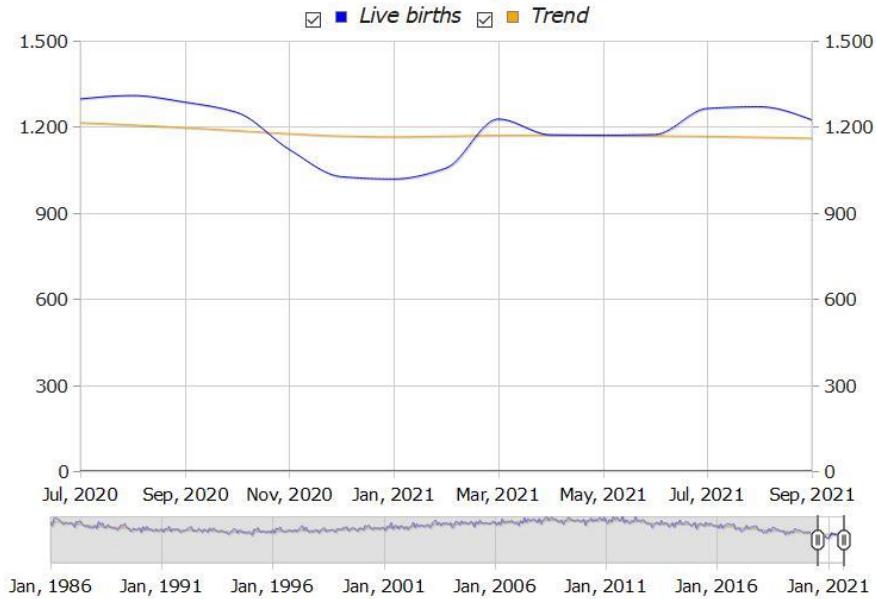
(1)The data for the current and previous quarters are provisional

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

Monthly



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