

Births were down 3.9% in the second quarter of 2023 in the Basque Country

Babies born to unmarried mothers accounted for almost 50%

In the second quarter of 2023 the number of births in the Basque Country stood at 3,205, 3.9% down on the same period of the previous year according to Eustat data, with the cumulative annual decrease being 4.6%. By province, the biggest decrease occurred in Álava, down 8.9%. There was a 3.6% drop in Bizkaia and a fall of 1.5% in Gipuzkoa. In absolute figures, 1,577 girls and boys were born in Bizkaia, 1,077 in Gipuzkoa and 551 in Álava.

During April, May and June 2023 births outside marriage accounted for 49.6% of the total, a lower percentage than the 50.4% recorded in the same quarter of 2022. In Bizkaia this percentage was 52.9%, higher than the Basque Country average. It stood at 47% in Álava and 46.2% in Gipuzkoa.

According to the order of birth, in the second quarter of 2023, almost half, 1,509, were first children, but this was a drop of 5.8% compared to the same quarter of 2022; 1,230 girls and boys (38.4%) arrived in families that already had another son or daughter, and the percentage of third or subsequent children stood at 14.5%.

The percentage of mothers over 40 exceeded 10%

Regarding the distribution of births according to age, the group of mothers between the ages of 30-39 continued to be the majority, producing 68.2% of births. With percentages significantly lower than the previous group was the 25-29 age group (14.2%) and the under-25s (6.8%), while the group of mothers over 40 reached 10.8%.

The age of maternity for single mothers was lower than that for mothers as a whole, with 9.8% of single mothers being under the age of 25 and 17.3% between the ages of 25 and 29. However, the percentage of single mothers over 40 was 11.2%.

There were more mothers with foreign nationality

In 32.1% of births in the Basque Country during the spring months of 2023, the mother was a foreign national. This percentage was 29.1% in the same period of 2022. By province, this figure reached 41.9% in Álava, 31.3% in Bizkaia and 28.4% in Gipuzkoa.

Live births in the Basque Country by historical territory of residence, sex, age, marital status and nationality of the mother, order and month of birth (1). 2023/II

	Current quarter (II/2023)		Previous quarter (I/2023)			Same quarter last year (2022/II)		
	NO.	%	NO.	%	Increase	NO.	%	Increase
Basque Country	3.205	100,0	3.122	100,0	2,7	3.334	100,0	-3,9
Araba / Álava	551	17,2	491	15,7	12,2	605	18,1	-8,9
Bizkaia	1.577	49,2	1.581	50,6	-0,3	1.636	49,1	-3,6
Gipuzkoa	1.077	33,6	1.050	33,6	2,6	1.093	32,8	-1,5
Sex								
Boys	1.627	50,8	1.590	50,9	2,3	1.734	52,0	-6,2
Girls	1.578	49,2	1.532	49,1	3,0	1.600	48,0	-1,4
AGE OF THE MOTHER								
= 24 years	217	6,8	214	6,9	1,4	208	6,2	4,3
25 - 29 years	456	14,2	410	13,1	11,2	448	13,4	1,8
30 - 34 years	1.139	35,5	1.033	33,1	10,3	1.179	35,4	-3,4
35 - 39 years	1.048	32,7	1.090	34,9	-3,9	1.122	33,7	-6,6
= 40 years	345	10,8	375	12,0	-8,0	377	11,3	-8,5
Marital status of the mother								
Married	1.614	50,4	1.536	49,2	5,1	1.655	49,6	-2,5
Not married	1.591	49,6	1.586	50,8	0,3	1.679	50,4	-5,2
Nationality of the mother								
Spanish	2.175	67,9	2.154	69,0	1,0	2.363	70,9	-8,0
Foreign	1.030	32,1	968	31,0	6,4	971	29,1	6,1
Order of birth								
First	1.509	47,1	1.528	48,9	-1,2	1.602	48,1	-5,8
Second	1.230	38,4	1.182	37,9	4,1	1.265	37,9	-2,8
Third or more	466	14,5	412	13,2	13,1	467	14,0	-0,2
Month of birth								
April	1.009	31,5				1.017	30,5	-0,8
May	1.091	34,0				1.148	34,4	-5,0
June	1.105	34,5				1.169	35,1	-5,5

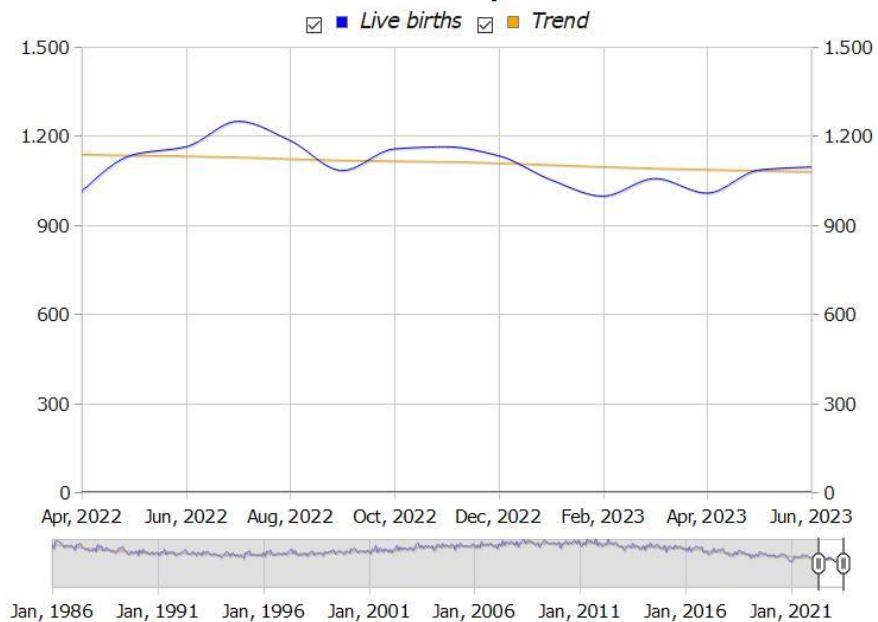
(1)The data for the current quarter is provisional. The variations are over the current quarter

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

Monthly



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