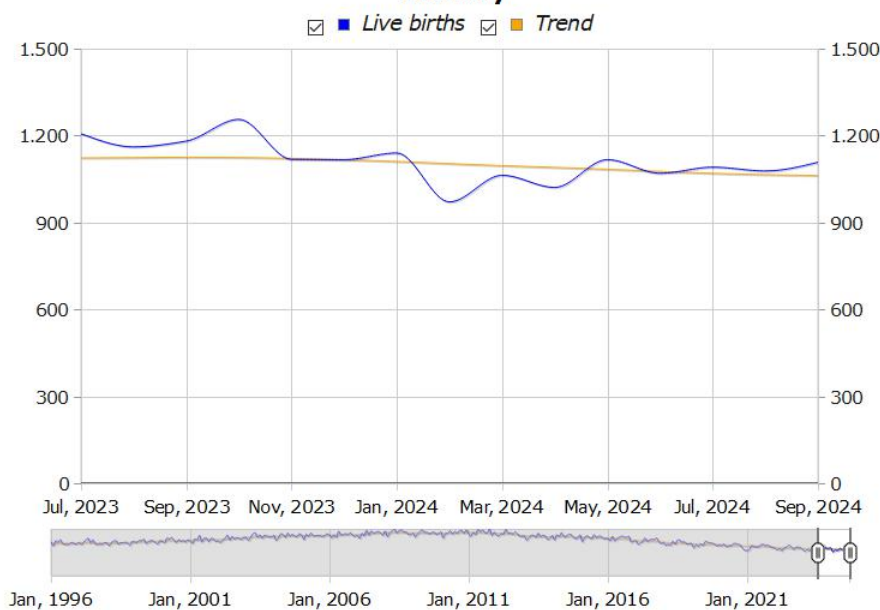


Births were down 7.7% in the third quarter of 2024 in the Basque Country

Babies born to unmarried mothers accounted for 51.9%

In the third quarter of 2024 the number of births in the Basque Country stood at 3,277, 7.7% down on the same period of the previous year (3,549 fewer births), according to Eustat data, the cumulative annual decrease being 3%. There were decreases in all three provinces, with the most pronounced in Gipuzkoa (-9.4%), followed by Álava (-7.2%) and Bizkaia (-6.7%). In absolute figures, 1,683 girls and boys were born in Bizkaia, 1,064 in Gipuzkoa and 530 in Álava.

Live births to mothers residing in the Basque Country Monthly



Source: EUSTAT Birth statistics

During the summer months of 2024, births outside marriage accounted for 51.9% of the total, higher than the 50.1% recorded in the same quarter of 2023. This percentage was 54.4% in Bizkaia, 51.5% in Álava and 48.2% in Gipuzkoa.

According to birth order, in the third quarter of 2024 more than half (1,694) were first children; 1,175 girls and boys (35.9%) arrived in families that already had another child, and the percentage of third or subsequent children reached 12.4%; in the same period of 2023 this percentage was 14.2%.

The percentage of mothers over 40 was 10.7%

Regarding the distribution of births according to age, the group of mothers between the ages of 30-39 continued to be the majority, producing 68.9% of births. With percentages significantly lower than the previous group was the 25-29 age group (13.5%) and the under-25s (6.9%), while the group of mothers over 40 reached 10.7%. It is significant that among single mothers, there is a higher percentage of mothers under 25 years old (10.2%).

There were more mothers with foreign nationality

During July, August and September 2024, the mother was a foreign national in 34.8% of births in the Basque Country. This percentage was 31.6% in the same period of 2023. By province, this figure reached 45.6% in Álava, 33.6% in Bizkaia and 31.2% 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). 2024/III

	Current quarter (III/2024)		Previous quarter (II/2024)			Same quarter of previous year (III/2023)		
	NO.	%	NO.	%	Increase	NO.	%	Increase
Basque Country	3.277	100,0	3.208	100,0	2,2	3.549	100,0	-7,7
Araba / Álava	530	16,2	521	16,2	1,7	571	16,1	-7,2
Bizkaia	1.683	51,3	1.536	47,9	9,6	1.803	50,8	-6,7
Gipuzkoa	1.064	32,5	1.151	35,9	-7,6	1.175	33,1	-9,4
Sex								
Boys	1.686	51,4	1.638	51,1	2,9	1.807	50,9	-6,7
Girls	1.591	48,6	1.570	48,9	1,3	1.742	49,1	-8,7
AGE OF THE MOTHER								
= 24 years	228	6,9	243	7,6	-6,2	250	7,0	-8,8
25 - 29 years	442	13,5	444	13,8	-0,5	476	13,4	-7,1
30 - 34 years	1.160	35,4	1.107	34,5	4,8	1.278	36,0	-9,2
35 - 39 years	1.097	33,5	1.072	33,4	2,3	1.161	32,7	-5,5
= 40 years	350	10,7	342	10,7	2,3	384	10,8	-8,9
Marital status of the mother								
Married	1.575	48,1	1.601	49,9	-1,6	1.770	49,9	-11,0
Not married	1.702	51,9	1.607	50,1	5,9	1.779	50,1	-4,3
Nationality of the mother								
Spanish	2.138	65,2	2.164	67,5	-1,2	2.426	68,4	-11,9
Foreign	1.139	34,8	1.044	32,5	9,1	1.123	31,6	1,4
Order of birth								
First	1.694	51,7	1.585	49,4	6,9	1.831	51,6	-7,5
Second	1.175	35,9	1.189	37,1	-1,2	1.214	34,2	-3,2
Third or more	408	12,4	434	13,5	-6,0	504	14,2	-19,0
Month of birth								
July	1.091	33,3				1.207	34,0	-9,6
August	1.078	32,9				1.161	32,7	-7,1
September	1.108	33,8				1.181	33,3	-6,2

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

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