

FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS (ECOMEX). March 2025

Exports from the Basque Country increased by 6.6% in March 2025

Overall growth in the first quarter was 1.6%, with a positive trade balance of 753 million euros

In March 2025, **exports** of goods from the Basque Country amounted to 2,696 million euros, 6.6% higher than the same month of the previous year, according to Eustat data. Non-energy exports rose by 10.2%, and energy exports fell by 38.3%.

Imports registered an upturn of 11.7%, which meant an increase of 24.3% for non-energy products and a decrease of 20.1% for energy products.

In March 2025 there was a positive trade balance of 316 million euros and a coverage rate of 113.3%.

Evolution of Foreign Trade of goods of the Basque Country. Thousands of euros. March 2025

	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	March			March		
	2024	2025	Increase (%)	2024	2025	Increase (%)
BASQUE COUNTRY						
TOTAL FOR THE MONTH	2.528.851	2.696.049	6,6	2.130.534	2.379.893	11,7
ENERGETIC PRODUCTS	187.997	115.977	-38,3	603.398	481.992	-20,1
NON ENERGETIC PRODUCTS	2.340.854	2.580.072	10,2	1.527.136	1.897.901	24,3
ANNUAL ACCUMULATED	7.528.986	7.646.044	1,6	6.507.274	6.892.606	5,9
ENERGETIC PRODUCTS	505.373	264.408	-47,7	1.801.860	1.585.372	-12,0
NON ENERGETIC PRODUCTS	7.023.612	7.381.636	5,1	4.705.414	5.307.234	12,8
ARABA / ÁLAVA						
TOTAL FOR THE MONTH	746.489	850.870	14,0	477.555	647.503	35,6
ANNUAL ACCUMULATED	2.299.984	2.495.816	8,5	1.388.286	1.709.454	23,1
BIZKAIA						
TOTAL FOR THE MONTH	969.049	949.734	-2,0	1.247.225	1.201.177	-3,7
ANNUAL ACCUMULATED	2.870.795	2.680.463	-6,6	3.867.333	3.721.310	-3,8
GIPUZKOA						
TOTAL FOR THE MONTH	813.313	895.445	10,1	405.754	531.214	30,9
ANNUAL ACCUMULATED	2.358.206	2.469.765	4,7	1.251.655	1.461.842	16,8

Source: Eustat. Foreign trade statistics

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This month, exports from Bizkaia saw a drop of 2.0%, in Gipuzkoa these rose by 10.1% and in Álava they were up 14.0%. In the case of Bizkaia, energy exports fell by 38.8% compared to the same month of the previous year.

Products traded in March 2025

A more detailed look at the products reveals that the ten main customs duty groups accounted for 39.7% of **exports**, with a combined value of 1,070.6 million euros.

In the top 25 customs duty groups, noteworthy increases were recorded in four of them: “*Machines for deburring, sharpening, grinding, rectifying, polishing or other finishing operations, for metal or cermet*” (525.4% and 26 million), “*Parts of railway or tramway locomotives or rolling stock*” (252.2% and 64 million) and “*Apparatus for the heat treatment of materials*” (231.5% and 25.3 million), with the group “*Passenger cars with fewer than 10 seats*” (61.5% and 286.8 million exports) lending its weight to the significant total growth.

“*Refined petroleum oils*” fell by 33.4% and “*Goods transport vehicles*” by 40.4%, the former posting 55.7 million less than the same month of the previous year, and the latter posting 68.4 million less.

Ranking of monthly Exports of the Basque Country by tariff headings. Thousands of euros (p). March 2025

	2024	2025	2025 (%)	2025/2024 (%)
TOTAL EXPORTS	2.528.851	2.696.049	100,0	6,6
Tourisms of less than 10 people	177.570	286.849	10,6	61,5
Parts and accessories of motor vehicles	189.415	194.288	7,2	2,6
Refined petroleum oils	166.400	110.747	4,1	-33,4
Motor vehicles for goods transport	169.366	100.946	3,7	-40,4
New rubber tyres	84.934	87.811	3,3	3,4
Faucet articles, valves and similar organs for pipes	48.304	66.101	2,5	36,8
Iron or non-alloyed profiles	47.651	64.419	2,4	35,2
Vehicle parts for rail road tracks or similar	18.178	64.025	2,4	252,2
Tubes and hollow profiles, without welding, of iron or steel without welding	40.512	53.519	2,0	32,1
Turbojet engines, propeller turbines and other combustion turbines, including their parts and components	28.715	41.880	1,6	45,8
Electrical transformers, static converters and reactance coils	32.655	40.027	1,5	22,6
Sheets and bands, of aluminum, of a thickness exceeding 0,2 mm	25.406	39.090	1,4	53,9
Other iron and steel manufacturers	32.801	32.476	1,2	-1,0
Pictures, panels and support for control or distribution of electricity	22.926	31.151	1,2	35,9
Elevators, escalators, conveyors, etc	26.981	27.611	1,0	2,3
Machine tools for deburring, sharpening, grinding, polishing or other finishing operations for metal or cermet	4.152	25.969	1,0	525,4
Heat treatment devices	7.630	25.290	0,9	231,5
Bars and sections, in stainless steel	23.511	25.286	0,9	7,6
Goods not specifically covered by the customs tariff	7.838	25.099	0,9	220,2
Machines for washing, filling, closing, labeling containers and packaging devices	13.621	23.342	0,9	71,4
Motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons, including the driver	20.738	23.032	0,9	11,1
Transmission shafts, bearings, gear units, clutches, etc.	21.394	22.700	0,8	6,1
Other cast articles of iron or steel	20.087	22.613	0,8	12,6
Padlocks, locks, bolts and keys made of base metals	18.241	22.496	0,8	23,3
Soybean oil	13.225	22.345	0,8	69,0

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As for **imports**, and for the 25 most significant customs duty groups, the greatest growth was seen in “*Petroleum gas and other gaseous hydrocarbons*” (3,224.3% and 56.4 million imported, almost all of which from Russia), “*Passenger cars with fewer than 10 seats*” (1,560.0% and 47.3 million imported, primarily from Germany (31.3 million), Hungary (4.6 million) and the United States (3.5 million)), “*Goods transport vehicles*” (673.5% with 30.6 million imported, mainly from Germany (25.8 million), the United Kingdom (3.1 million) and Portugal (1.2 million)) and “*Remelting scrap ingots of iron or steel*” (79.4% and 54.3 million, essentially from France (32.5 million) and the United Kingdom (11 million), among other countries).

ÁLAVA. Exports during March 2025

In Álava, exports grew by 14.0% compared to the same month of the previous year. This fact can basically be explained by the good performance of sales of "Passenger cars with fewer than 10 seats" (an increase of 271.3 million and 54.8%), "Parts of railway or tramway locomotives or rolling stock or similar" (25.3 million and 768.7%) and "Seamless tubes and hollow profiles made of iron or steel" (46.4 million and 46.2%).

However, "Goods transport vehicles" fell by 40.9% despite sales worth 99.9 million euros.

Ranking of monthly Exports of Álava by tariff headings. Thousands of euros (p). March 2025

	2024	2025	2025 (%)	2025/2024 (%)
TOTAL EXPORTS	746.489	850.870	100,0	14,0
Tourisms of less than 10 people	175.280	271.288	31,9	54,8
Motor vehicles for goods transport	168.859	99.856	11,7	-40,9
New rubber tyres	62.072	61.208	7,2	-1,4
Tubes and hollow profiles, without welding, of iron or steel without welding	31.774	46.442	5,5	46,2
Parts and accessories of motor vehicles	36.085	42.166	5,0	16,9
Vehicle parts for rail road tracks or similar	2.918	25.346	3,0	768,7
Parts of aircraft with or without engines, manned or not and parts of satellites and space vehicles	11.658	17.151	2,0	47,1
Wine made with fresh grapes	18.433	16.316	1,9	-11,5
Other tubes and hollow profiles of iron or steel	13.382	14.758	1,7	10,3
Pictures, panels and support for control or distribution of electricity	8.213	13.876	1,6	69,0

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BIZKAIA. Exports during March 2025

Exports from the province of Bizkaia shrank by 2.0% as a result of significant downturns in products such as "Refined petroleum oils" (-33.9% with 55.8 million less than the same month of the previous year) and "Vehicle parts and accessories" (-13.3% and 10.3 million less).

Conversely, significant growth was recorded in sales of "Heat treatment induction equipment" (1,116.5% and 19.4 million), "Soybean oil" (69.0% and 22 million) and "Turbo-reactors, turbo-propellers and other gas turbines, and their parts and components" (47.2% and 41.8 million).

Ranking of monthly Exports of Bizkaia by tariff headings. Thousands of euros (p). March 2025

	2024	2025	2025 (%)	2025/2024 (%)
TOTAL EXPORTS	969.049	949.734	100,0	-2,0
Refined petroleum oils	164.803	108.960	11,5	-33,9
Parts and accessories of motor vehicles	77.560	67.274	7,1	-13,3
Turbojet engines, propeller turbines and other combustion turbines, including their parts and components	28.404	41.822	4,4	47,2
Electrical transformers, static converters and reactance coils	27.766	29.612	3,1	6,6
New rubber tyres	22.269	26.074	2,7	17,1
Sheets and bands, of aluminum, of a thickness exceeding 0,2 mm	18.794	24.919	2,6	32,6
Soybean oil	13.225	22.345	2,4	69,0
Bars and sections, in stainless steel	17.878	21.171	2,2	18,4
Heat treatment devices	1.598	19.436	2,0	1.116,5
Hot rolled flat products, unalloyed, plated or covered iron or steel > 599 mm	12.445	16.268	1,7	30,7

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GIPUZKOA. Exports during March 2025

Exports from Gipuzkoa in March grew by 10.1%, due to the good performance of most of its main products such as “*Iron or non-alloy steel sections*” (48.5% with 61.7 million exported), “*Taps, valves and similar appliances for pipes*” (48.9% and 53.4 million), “*Machines for washing, filling, sealing and labelling containers and packing machinery*” (70.8% and 21.2 million), but above all, “*Parts of railway or tramway locomotives or rolling stock or similar*” (156.7 and 37.7 million), and “*Machines for deburring, sharpening, grinding, rectifying, polishing or other finishing operations, for metal or cermet*” (544.0% and 26 million).

Ranking of monthly Exports of Gipuzkoa by tariff headings. Thousands of euros (p). March 2025

	2024	2025	2025 (%)	2025/2024 (%)
TOTAL EXPORTS	813.313	895.445	100,0	10,1
Parts and accessories of motor vehicles	75.770	84.848	9,5	12,0
Iron or non-alloyed profiles	41.580	61.752	6,9	48,5
Faucet articles, valves and similar organs for pipes	35.871	53.412	6,0	48,9
Vehicle parts for rail road tracks or similar	14.679	37.683	4,2	156,7
Machine tools for deburring, sharpening, grinding, polishing or other finishing operations for metal or cermet	4.031	25.964	2,9	544,0
Motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons, including the driver	20.703	22.950	2,6	10,9
Elevators, escalators, conveyors, etc	24.187	22.854	2,6	-5,5
Machines for washing, filling, closing, labeling containers and packaging devices	12.399	21.181	2,4	70,8
Padlocks, locks, bolts and keys made of base metals	16.442	20.510	2,3	24,7
Other iron and steel manufacturers	16.999	16.876	1,9	-0,7

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Destination countries March 2025

This month, the top positions in the export ranking were occupied by:

- **France**: 429.0 million euros' worth of goods were exported to this country, with a coverage rate of 198.9%.
- **Germany**: received products from the Basque Country worth 392.1 million euros, with a coverage rate of 94.9 %.
- **Italy**: sales to this country reached 170.2 million euros, with a coverage rate of 144.4 %.
- **United Kingdom**: exports to this country amounted to 164.9 million euros, with a coverage rate of 310.6 %.
- **United States**: where 160.6 million euros' worth of Basque exports were sent, achieving a coverage rate of 178.2 %.

These countries received 48.8% of total exports and three of them form part of the EU27, which accounted for 62.9% of the Basque Country's exports.

FIRST QUARTER 2025: Over the first three months of 2025 as a whole, foreign trade in goods in the Basque Country had a positive balance of 753 million euros, with a coverage rate of 110.9%

A rise of 1.6% was registered in exports from the Basque Country in respect of the same period for the previous year, equivalent to an increase of 117 million euros. Total exports during this period amounted to 7,646 million euros.

Bizkaia exports were the largest in the Basque Country, with a total of 2,680 million euros, Gipuzkoa accounted for 2,470 million and Álava 2,496 million.

In terms of product type, “*Non-energy products*” were the most numerous, with 7,381.6 million euros in exports.

A more detailed look at the products reveals an increase (42.5%) in exports of “*Passenger cars with fewer than 10 seats*” (874.7 million in exports), “*Parts of railway or tramway locomotives or rolling stock or similar*” (157.4% and 109.8 million) and “*Soybean oil*” (196.11% and 66.5 million).

The most drastic drops were in “*Vehicle parts and accessories*” (45.7 million less than the previous year, -7.7%), “*Goods transport vehicles*” (99.7 million less, -22.3%) and, above all, “*Refined petroleum oils*” (210.5 million less, -51.3%).

Ranking of the Basque Country exports by tariff heading, annual cumulative (p). March 2025

	Code	Denomination	Thousands euros
	TOTAL EXPORTS		7,646,044
1	8703	Tourisms of less than 10 people	874.725
2	8708	Parts and accessories of motor vehicles	550.674
3	8704	Motor vehicles for goods transport	347.242
4	4011	New rubber tyres	266.092
5	2710	Refined petroleum oils	199.471
6	7216	Iron or non-alloyed profiles	162.815
7	8481	Faucet articles, valves and similar organs for pipes	157.882
8	7304	Tubes and hollow profiles, without welding, of iron or steel without welding	148.680
9	8411	Turbojet engines, propeller turbines and other combustion turbines, including their parts and components	119.192
10	8607	Vehicle parts for rail road tracks or similar	109.802
11	9990	Goods not specifically covered by the customs tariff	107.187
12	7606	Sheets and bands, of aluminum, of a thickness exceeding 0.2 mm	102.765
13	7326	Other iron and steel manufacturers	93.820
14	8504	Electrical transformers, static converters and reactance coils	86.088
15	8537	Pictures, panels and support for control or distribution of electricity	82.255
16	8428	Elevators, escalators, conveyors, etc	79.443
17	7222	Bars and sections, in stainless steel	71.150
18	1507	Soybean oil	66.453
19	7325	Other cast articles of iron or steel	65.472
20	8605	Passenger cars, baggage cars, mail cars and others for railways and the like	62.660
21	7306	Other tubes and hollow profiles of iron or steel	62.110
22	8301	Padlocks, locks, bolts and keys made of base metals	58.862
23	8422	Machines for washing, filling, closing, labeling containers and packaging devices	58.740
24	7308	Construction-based sheets, rods, profiles, tubes and similars, of cast iron, iron or steel	58.105
25	8483	Transmission shafts, bearings, gear units, clutches, etc.	58.043

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The export ranking for the first three months of 2025 placed France as the leading recipient of Basque exports, with 15.6% of the total exported (1,196.6 million euros). France was followed by Germany (14.8%, 1,134.0 million euros) and the United Kingdom (6.5%, 493.2 million euros). Between them, these three countries accounted for nearly 36.9% of Basque exports.

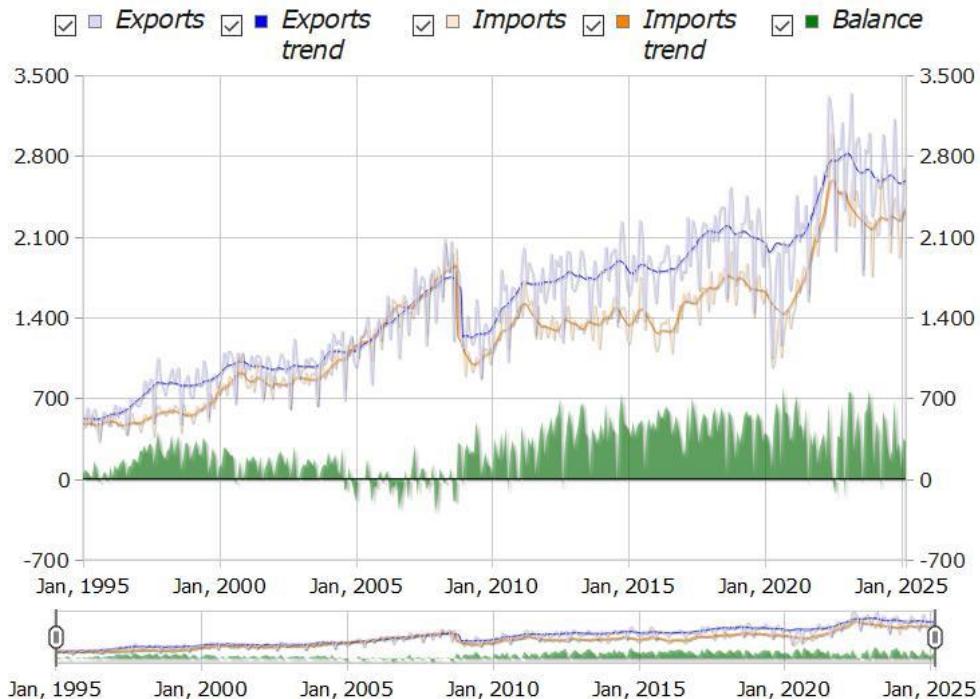
Cumulative imports for the Basque Country as a whole amounted to 6,893 million euros. According to the year-on-year comparison, this figure is 385 million euros higher than that registered in the same period of the previous year (5.9%). This increase is partly due to the fact that during this period, the province of Álava (with cumulative imports of 1,709 million euros) recorded growth of 23.1%, i.e. 321 million euros more than during the same period in 2024. Imports also rose in Gipuzkoa by 210 million euros (16.8%), reaching a total of 1,462 million euros. However, Bizkaia reported a decrease of 3.8% (equivalent to 146 million euros), with a total of 3,721 million euros. Imports of "Energy products" fell by 12%, although those of "Non-energy products" rose by 12.8%.

An analysis of the products/groups imported in this period reveals that the ranking was topped by "Petroleum oils or oils obtained from bituminous minerals" (1,003.2 million euros, 194.7 million less than in the previous year, representing a 16.3% decrease), with "Refined petroleum oils" in second place (417.4 million euros of imports, down 84.3 million with a decrease of 16.8%). These groups were followed by "Vehicle parts and accessories" (-12.1% and 220.3 million) and "Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons", with 160.8 million imported, equivalent to an increase of 76.7%.

Foreign trade of goods in the Basque Country for the first quarter of the year recorded a positive balance of 753.4 million euros, while the coverage rate reached 110.9%.

Evolution of the foreign trade of the Basque Country

Millions Euros



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