

FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS (ECOMEX). April 2025

Exports from the Basque Country increased by 4.5% in April 2025

Overall growth in the first four months of 2025 was 2.3%, with a positive trade balance of 1,132 million euros

In April 2025, **exports** of goods from the Basque Country amounted to 2,652 million euros, 4.5% higher than the same month of the previous year, according to Eustat data. Non-energy exports rose by 1.7%, and energy exports increased by 57.3%.

Imports fell by 14.0%, which meant an increase of 7.8% for non-energy products and a decrease of 27.8% for energy products.

In April 2025 there was a positive trade balance of 378 million euros and a coverage rate of 116.6%.

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	ESPORTAZIOAK			IMPORTAZIOAK		
	Apirila			Apirila		
	2024	2025	Gehikuntza (%)	2024	2025	Gehikuntza (%)
EUSKAL AE						
HILABETA, GUZTIRA	2.537.380	2.651.802	4.5	2.644.150	2.273.568	-14,0
ENERGIAZKO GAIAK	128.253	201.779	57,3	820.039	592.334	-27,8
ENERGIAZKOAK EZ DIREN GAIAK	2.409.127	2.450.024	1,7	1.824.111	1.681.235	-7,8
URTEKO METATUA	10.066.365	10.297.847	2,3	9.151.424	9.166.174	0,2
ENERGIAZKO GAIAK	633.626	466.187	-26,4	2.621.900	2.177.706	-16,9
ENERGIAZKOAK EZ DIREN GAIAK	9.432.739	9.831.660	4,2	6.529.524	6.988.469	7,0
ARABA / ÁLAVA						
HILABETA, GUZTIRA	695.514	751.650	8,1	515.529	542.014	5,1
URTEKO METATUA	2.995.498	3.247.466	8,4	1.903.815	2.251.468	18,3
BIZKAIA						
HILABETA, GUZTIRA	1.026.134	993.691	-3,2	1.623.507	1.287.785	-20,7
URTEKO METATUA	3.896.929	3.674.154	-5,7	5.490.840	5.009.094	-8,8
GIPUZKOA						
HILABETA, GUZTIRA	815.732	906.461	11,1	505.114	443.770	-12,1
URTEKO METATUA	3.173.938	3.376.226	6,4	1.756.769	1.905.612	8,5

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This month, exports from Bizkaia saw a drop of 3.2%, in Gipuzkoa they rose by 11.1% and in Álava by 8.1%. In the case of Bizkaia, energy exports grew by 58.3% compared to the same month of the previous year.

Products traded in April 2025

A more detailed look at the products reveals that the ten main customs duty groups accounted for 41.2% of **exports**, with a combined value of 1,093 million euros.

Four of the top 25 customs duty groups posted noteworthy increases: “*Refined petroleum oils*” (83.8% with 192.6 million in exports), “*Passenger cars with fewer than 10 seats*” (59.2% and 268.5 million, representing 10.1% of the total and first place in the export ranking), “*Parts of railway or tramway locomotives or rolling stock or similar*” (433.1% and 104.1 million) and “*Passenger coaches, luggage vans, post office coaches, etc. for railway tracks and similar*” with 57.8 million in exports, compared to 257 thousand euros for the same month of the previous year.

Conversely, “*New rubber tyres*” fell by 28.5%, “*Goods transport vehicles*” by 12.5% and “*Vehicle parts and accessories*” by 12.0%.

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

	2024	2025	2025 (%)	2025/2024 (%)
TOTAL EXPORTS	2,537,380	2,651,802	100.0	4.5
Tourisms of less than 10 people	168,627	268,494	10.1	59.2
Refined petroleum oils	104,764	192,586	7.3	83.8
Parts and accessories of motor vehicles	191,910	168,842	6.4	-12.0
Vehicle parts for rail road tracks or similar	19,530	104,117	3.9	433.1
Motor vehicles for goods transport	110,369	96,569	3.6	-12.5
New rubber tyres	90,252	64,526	2.4	-28.5
Passenger cars, baggage cars, mail cars and others for railways and the like	257	57,842	2.2	22,390.0
Tubes and hollow profiles, without welding, of iron or steel without welding	36,142	47,128	1.8	30.4
Faucet articles, valves and similar organs for pipes	38,355	46,921	1.8	22.3
Iron or non-alloyed profiles	58,248	46,455	1.8	-20.2
Turbojet engines, propeller turbines and other combustion turbines, including their parts and components	34,057	39,248	1.5	15.2
Electrical transformers, static converters and reactance coils	32,551	36,650	1.4	12.6
Soybean oil	14,693	34,530	1.3	135.0
Sheets and bands, of aluminum, of a thickness exceeding 0.2 mm	29,007	33,772	1.3	16.4
Other iron and steel manufacturers	35,619	33,248	1.3	-6.7
Electric motors and generators (except generator sets)	19,557	28,018	1.1	43.3
Other cast articles of iron or steel	21,821	24,543	0.9	12.5
Motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons, including the driver	19,426	22,594	0.9	16.3
Pictures, panels and support for control or distribution of electricity	21,351	22,499	0.8	5.4
Elevators, escalators, conveyors, etc	24,746	21,801	0.8	-11.9
Transmission shafts, bearings, gear units, clutches, etc.	44,960	20,387	0.8	-54.7
Goods not specifically covered by the customs tariff	48,605	20,343	0.8	-58.1
Frozen without filleting fish	28,343	20,246	0.8	-28.6
Wine made with fresh grapes	16,273	20,071	0.8	23.3
Wires, electrically conductive insulated cables and fiber optic cables	24,367	19,923	0.8	-18.2

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In the case of **imports**, the most significant increases in the main 25 customs duty groups were registered in “*Goods transport vehicles*” (782.5% with 21.5 million in imports, primarily from Germany, with 18.2 million), “*Passenger cars with fewer than 10 seats*” (298.2% and 45.9 million in imports, also primarily from Germany, 32.7 million) and “*Refined petroleum oils*” (26.2% with 188.7 million, from: Kuwait 60.5 million, United States 54.9 million, Saudi Arabia 49.2 million and India 18.1 million, among others).

By contrast, there was a drop in imports of “*Petroleum oils or oils obtained from bituminous minerals*” (-39.0% but taking first place in the import ranking with 359.4 million, representing 15.8% of the total), “*Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons*” (-44.8% and 43.6 million in imports, almost all from Russia), “*Vehicle parts and accessories*” (-25.3% and 63.2 million, half from Germany 33.8 million) and “*Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600 mm or more, hot-rolled, not clad, plated or coated*” (-42.9% and 45.4 million).

ÁLAVA. Exports during April 2025

In Álava, exports grew by 8.1% compared to the same month of the previous year. This is largely attributable to the positive performance of sales of “*Passenger cars with fewer than 10 seats*” (253.5 million and an increase of 53.0% compared to the same month of the previous year), “*Seamless tubes and hollow profiles made of iron or steel*” (41.2 million and 30.7%), “*Parts of railway or tramway locomotives or rolling stock or similar*” (7.8 million and 227.2%) and “*Parts of powered or non-powered aircraft, manned or unmanned, and parts of satellites and spacecraft*” (15.4 million and a rise of 63.7%).

However, “*Goods transport vehicles*” fell by 12.6% despite sales worth 95.8 million euros. There was also a drop in “*New rubber tyres*” (-28.1%).

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

	2024	2025	2025 (%)	2025/2024 (%)
TOTAL EXPORTS	695.514	751.650	100,0	8,1
Tourisms of less than 10 people	165.663	253.505	33,7	53,0
Motor vehicles for goods transport	109.670	95.830	12,7	-12,6
Tubes and hollow profiles, without welding, of iron or steel without welding	31.545	41.233	5,5	30,7
New rubber tyres	57.184	41.134	5,5	-28,1
Parts and accessories of motor vehicles	40.389	32.991	4,4	-18,3
Parts of aircraft with or without engines, manned or not and parts of satellites and space vehicles	9.381	15.362	2,0	63,7
Wine made with fresh grapes	14.159	14.479	1,9	2,3
Other tubes and hollow profiles of iron or steel	12.884	11.970	1,6	-7,1
Vehicle parts for rail road tracks or similar	2.392	7.827	1,0	227,2
Pictures, panels and support for control or distribution of electricity	6.027	7.426	1,0	23,2

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BIZKAIA. Exports during April 2025

Exports from the province of Bizkaia were down 3.2%, due to decreases in products such as “*Vehicle parts and accessories*” (-13.4% and down 9.1 million) and “*New rubber tyres*” (-29.3% and down 9.4 million), among others.

Conversely, there was a significant rise in sales of “*Refined petroleum oils*” (85.4% and up 87.6 million on the same month of the previous year) and “*Soy bean oil*” (135.0% and up 19.8 million) and “*Plant or animal fats and oils for industrial technical use*” (612.7% and up 15.2 million).

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

	2024	2025	2025 (%)	2025/2024 (%)
TOTAL EXPORTS	1.026.134	993.691	100,0	-3,2
Refined petroleum oils	102.613	190.216	19,1	85,4
Parts and accessories of motor vehicles	68.167	59.029	5,9	-13,4
Turbojet engines, propeller turbines and other combustion turbines, including their parts and components	33.814	38.493	3,9	13,8
Soybean oil	14.693	34.530	3,5	135,0
Sheets and bands, of aluminum, of a thickness exceeding 0,2 mm	21.719	24.418	2,5	12,4
New rubber tyres	32.228	22.787	2,3	-29,3
Electrical transformers, static converters and reactance coils	28.065	22.375	2,3	-20,3
Frozen without filleting fish	27.359	19.584	2,0	-28,4
Fats and oils, animals or vegetables, intended for industrial technical uses	2.479	17.668	1,8	612,7
Copper without refining; anodes for electrolytic refined copper	16.351	17.212	1,7	5,3

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GIPUZKOA. Exports during April 2025

Exports from Gipuzkoa rose by 11.1% this month, thanks to the positive performance of most of the principal products, such as: *“Parts of railway or tramway locomotives or rolling stock or similar”* (451.6% and up 74.2 million on the same month of the previous year), *“Electric motors and generators (except electrical generating sets)”* (231.2% and up 16.4 million) and *“Passenger coaches, luggage vans, post office coaches, etc. for railway tracks and similar”* (57.8 million in exports).

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

	2024	2025	2025 (%)	2025/2024 (%)
TOTAL EXPORTS	815.732	906.461	100,0	11,1
Vehicle parts for rail road tracks or similar	16.433	90.653	10,0	451,6
Parts and accessories of motor vehicles	83.354	76.821	8,5	-7,8
Passenger cars, baggage cars, mail cars and others for railways and the like	0	57.782	6,4	-
Iron or non-alloyed profiles	55.401	44.629	4,9	-19,4
Faucet articles, valves and similar organs for pipes	26.137	34.264	3,8	31,1
Electric motors and generators (except generator sets)	7.080	23.447	2,6	231,2
Motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons, including the driver	19.271	22.576	2,5	17,1
Elevators, escalators, conveyors, etc	20.319	18.542	2,0	-8,7
Padlocks, locks, bolts and keys made of base metals	17.618	18.184	2,0	3,2
Other iron and steel manufacturers	21.311	17.923	2,0	-15,9

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Destination countries, April 2025

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

- **France**: 409.1 million euros' worth of goods were exported to this country, with a coverage rate of 215.5%.
- **Germany**: received products from the Basque Country worth 359.2 million euros, with a coverage rate of 101.5%.
- **Italy**: sales to this country reached 160.9 million euros, with a coverage rate of 164.5%.
- **United States**: exports to this country amounted to 151.3 million euros, with a coverage rate of 78.7%.
- **United Kingdom**: where 147.9 million euros' worth of exports were sent, achieving a coverage rate of 285.0%.

These countries received 46.3% of total exports and three of them form part of the EU27, which accounted for 59.7% of the Basque Country's exports.

ACCUMULATED TOTAL JANUARY-APRIL 2025: Over the first four months of 2025 as a whole, foreign trade in goods in the Basque Country had a positive balance of 1,132 million euros, with a coverage rate of 112.3%

A rise of 2.3% was registered in **exports** from the Basque Country in respect of the same period for the previous year, equivalent to an increase of 231.5 million euros. Total exports during this period amounted to 10,298 million euros.

Bizkaia exports were the largest in the Basque Country, with a total of 3,674 million euros, Gipuzkoa accounted for 3,376 million and Álava 3,247 million.

In terms of product type, “*Non-energy products*” were the most numerous, with 9,831.7 million euros in exports.

A more detailed look at the products reveals an increase (46.1%) in exports of “*Passenger cars with fewer than 10 seats*” (1,143.2 million in exports), “*Parts of railway or tramway locomotives or rolling stock or similar*” (244.0% and 213.9 million), “*Passenger coaches, luggage vans, post office coaches, etc. for railway tracks and similar*” (303.7% with 120.5 million in exports) and “*Soy bean oil*” (171.9% and 101 million).

The most dramatic drops were in “*Vehicle parts and accessories*” (down 68.8 million on the previous year, -8.7%), “*Goods transport vehicles*” (down 113.5 million, -20.4%) and “*Refined petroleum oils*” (down 122.7 million, -23.8%).

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

	Code	Denomination	Thousands euros
		TOTAL EXPORTS	10.297.847
1	8703	Tourisms of less than 10 people	1.143.219
2	8708	Parts and accessories of motor vehicles	719.516
3	8704	Motor vehicles for goods transport	443.811
4	2710	Refined petroleum oils	392.057
5	4011	New rubber tyres	330.618
6	8607	Vehicle parts for rail road tracks or similar	213.920
7	7216	Iron or non-alloyed profiles	209.271
8	8481	Faucet articles, valves and similar organs for pipes	204.802
9	7304	Tubes and hollow profiles, without welding, of iron or steel without welding	195.808
10	8411	Turbojet engines, propeller turbines and other combustion turbines, including their parts and components	158.440
11	7606	Sheets and bands, of aluminum, of a thickness exceeding 0.2 mm	136.537
12	9990	Goods not specifically covered by the customs tariff	127.529
13	7326	Other iron and steel manufacturers	127.068
14	8504	Electrical transformers, static converters and reactance coils	122.739
15	8605	Passenger cars, baggage cars, mail cars and others for railways and the like	120.502
16	8537	Pictures, panels and support for control or distribution of electricity	104.754
17	8428	Elevators, escalators, conveyors, etc	101.244
18	1507	Soybean oil	100.984
19	7222	Bars and sections, in stainless steel	90.368
20	7325	Other cast articles of iron or steel	90.015
21	7306	Other tubes and hollow profiles of iron or steel	79.996
22	8501	Electric motors and generators (except generator sets)	79.061
23	8301	Padlocks, locks, bolts and keys made of base metals	78.731
24	8483	Transmission shafts, bearings, gear units, clutches, etc.	78.430
25	8702	Motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons, including the driver	76.797

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Source: Eustat. Foreign trade statistics

The export ranking for the first four months of 2025 placed France as the leading recipient of Basque exports, with 15.6% of the total exported (1,605.6 million euros). France was followed by Germany (14.5%, 1,493.3 million euros) and the United Kingdom (6.2%, 641.1 million euros). Between them, these three countries accounted for 36.3% of Basque exports.

Cumulative **imports** for the Basque Country as a whole amounted to 9,166 million euros. According to the year-on-year comparison, this figure is 14.8 million euros higher than that registered in the same period of the previous year. This slight increase of 0.2% is partly due to the fact that during this period, the province of Álava (with cumulative imports of 2,251.5 million euros) recorded growth of 18.3%, i.e. 347.7 million euros more than during the same period in 2024. Imports also rose in Gipuzkoa by 148.8 million euros (8.5%), reaching a total of 1,905.6 million euros. However, Bizkaia reported a decrease of 8.8% (equivalent to 481.7 million euros), with a total of 5,009.1 million euros. Imports of "*Energy products*" fell by 16.9%, although those of "*Non-energy products*" rose by 7.0%.

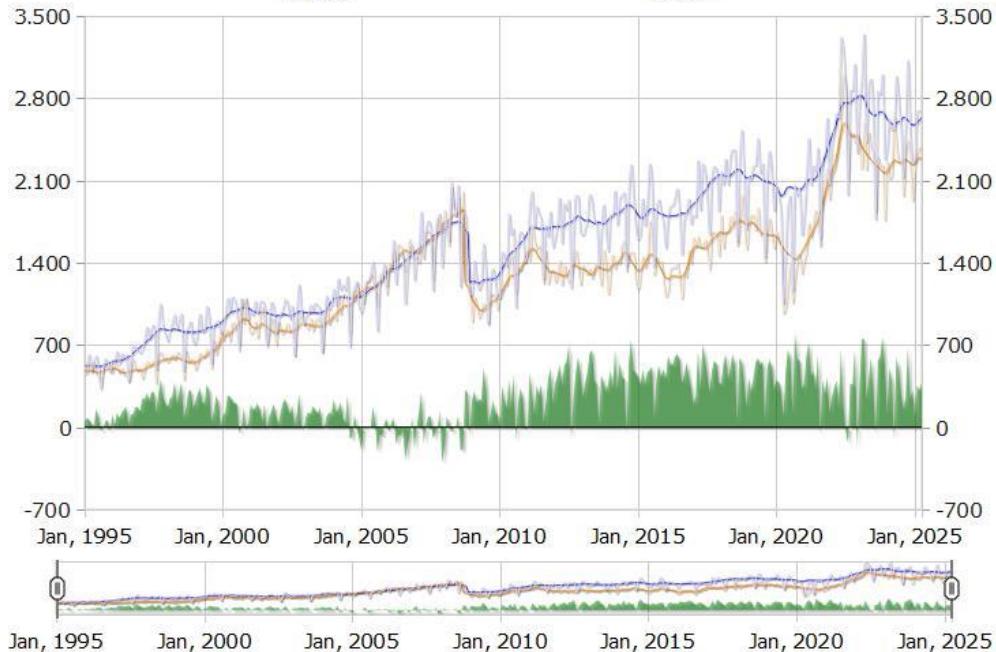
An analysis of the products/groups imported in this period reveals that the ranking was topped by "*Petroleum oils or oils obtained from bituminous minerals*" (1,362.6 million euros, 424.2 million less than in the previous year, representing a 23.7% decrease); there was also a fall in the volume imported, dropping 18.1% in this case from 3,400,007 to 2,783,621 tonnes. Second place was taken by "*Refined petroleum oils*" (606.1 million in imports with a drop of 45.1 million and 6.9%). These groups were followed by "*Vehicle parts and accessories*" (-15.4% and 283.5 million in imports) and "*Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons*", with 204.4 million imported, equivalent to an increase of 20.3%.

Foreign trade of goods in the Basque Country during this period recorded a positive balance of 1,131.7 million euros, while the coverage rate stood at 112.3%.

Evolution of the foreign trade of the Basque Country

Millions Euros

Exports Exports trend
 Imports Imports trend
 Balance



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