

Births rose by 2.4% in the first quarter of 2025 in the Basque Country

The mothers were over 40 years of age in 11.6% of births

In the first quarter of 2025 the number of births in the Basque Country stood at 3,261, which was a 2.4% increase (77 more births) compared to the same period of the previous year, according to Eustat data. The number of births rose by 6% in Álava and 4.6% in Bizkaia, however in Gipuzkoa there was a drop of 2.2%. Specifically, 1,626 children were born in Bizkaia, 1,101 were born in Gipuzkoa and 534 in Álava.

By months, the highest number of births was recorded in January, with 1,144 (35.1%), followed by March, with 1,077 (33%); in February, 1,040 (31.9%) children were born.

According to the age of the mother, the group of mothers aged 30-34 moved into first position, producing 34.1% of births. In the 35-39 age group this percentage was 33.9%. It is of particular note that the number of women who became mothers aged between 25 and 29 was 13.6%, a higher value than the 11.6% of women over 40. Lastly, in 6.7% of births the mothers were under 25 years of age

Births outside marriage accounted for 51.3% of the total, a figure higher than that for the first quarter of 2024 (49.7%). Bizkaia had higher values than the Basque Country as a whole, 55.2%, while in Álava and Gipuzkoa this percentage was lower, at 46.6% and 47.9% respectively.

According to the order of birth, in the first quarter of 2025 50.4% of births, 1,643 children, were first-born. 1,151 (35.3%) arrived in families that already had another child, and the percentage of third or subsequent children stood at 14.3%, 0.8 points more than in the same quarter of 2024.

26.6% of mothers were foreign nationals

In 26.6% of births in the Basque Country during the first three months of 2025, the mother was a foreign national, 0.6 percentage points higher than in the first quarter of 2024. In Álava the proportion of mothers with foreign nationality was 32.2%, compared to 26.1% in Bizkaia and 24.5% 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). 2025/I

	Current quarter (I/2025)		Previous quarter (IV/2024)			Same quarter as the previous year (I/2024)		
	NO.	%	NO.	%	Increase	NO.	%	Increase
Basque Country	3,261	100.0	3,239	100.0	0.7	3,184	100.0	2.4
Araba / Álava	534	16.4	539	16.6	-0.9	504	15.8	6.0
Bizkaia	1,626	49.8	1,629	50.3	-0.2	1,554	48.8	4.6
Gipuzkoa	1,101	33.8	1,071	33.1	2.8	1,126	35.4	-2.2
Sex								
Boys	1,649	50.6	1,634	50.4	0.9	1,613	50.7	2.2
Girls	1,612	49.4	1,605	49.6	0.4	1,571	49.3	2.6
AGE OF THE MOTHER								
≤ 24 years	220	6.7	245	7.6	-10.2	217	6.8	1.4
25 - 29 years	445	13.6	470	14.5	-5.3	427	13.4	4.2
30 - 34 years	1,113	34.1	1,067	32.9	4.3	1,094	34.4	1.7
35 - 39 years	1,106	33.9	1,057	32.6	4.6	1,088	34.2	1.7
≥ 40 years	377	11.6	400	12.3	-5.8	358	11.2	5.3
Marital status of the mother								
Married	1,588	48.7	1,608	49.6	-1.2	1,601	50.3	-0.8
Not married	1,673	51.3	1,631	50.4	2.6	1,583	49.7	5.7
Nationality of the mother								
Spanish	2,394	73.4	2,286	70.6	4.7	2,355	74.0	1.7
Foreign	867	26.6	953	29.4	-9.0	829	26.0	4.6
The country where the mother was born								
Spain	2,115	64.9	2,022	62.4	4.6	2,120	66.6	-0.2
Other	1,146	35.1	1,217	37.6	-5.8	1,064	33.4	7.7
Order of birth								
First	1,643	50.4	1,648	50.9	-0.3	1,580	49.6	4.0
Second	1,151	35.3	1,143	35.3	0.7	1,175	36.9	-2.0
Third or more	467	14.3	448	13.8	4.2	429	13.5	8.9
Month of birth								
January	1,144	35.1				1,142	35.9	0.2
February	1,040	31.9				975	30.6	6.7
March	1,077	33.0				1,067	33.5	0.9

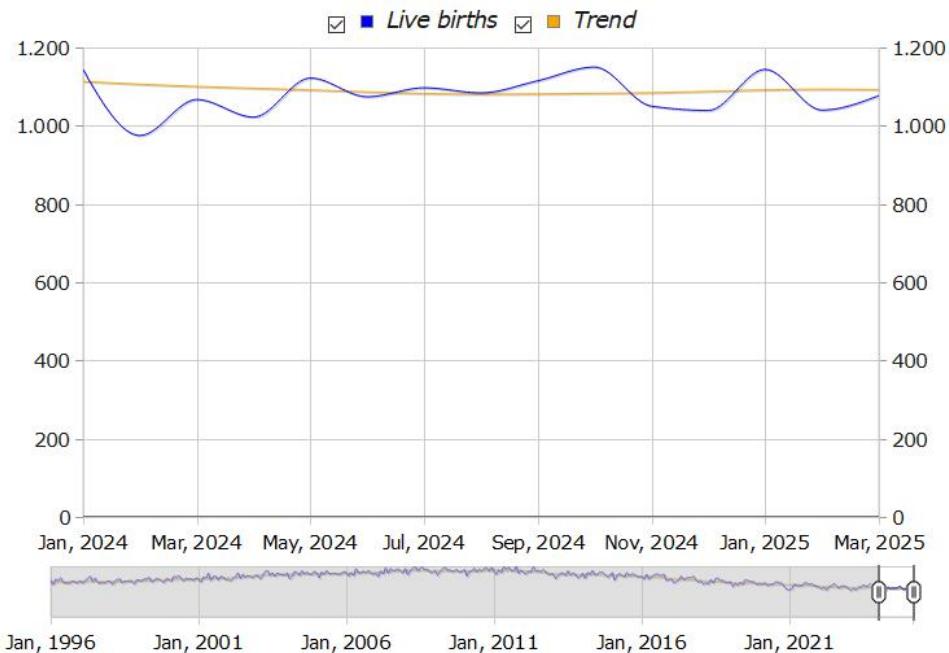
(1)The data for the current quarter is provisional. The variations are over the current quarter

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Live births to mothers residing in the Basque Country

Monthly



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