

Births in the Basque Country. Third quarter of 2025

Highlights:

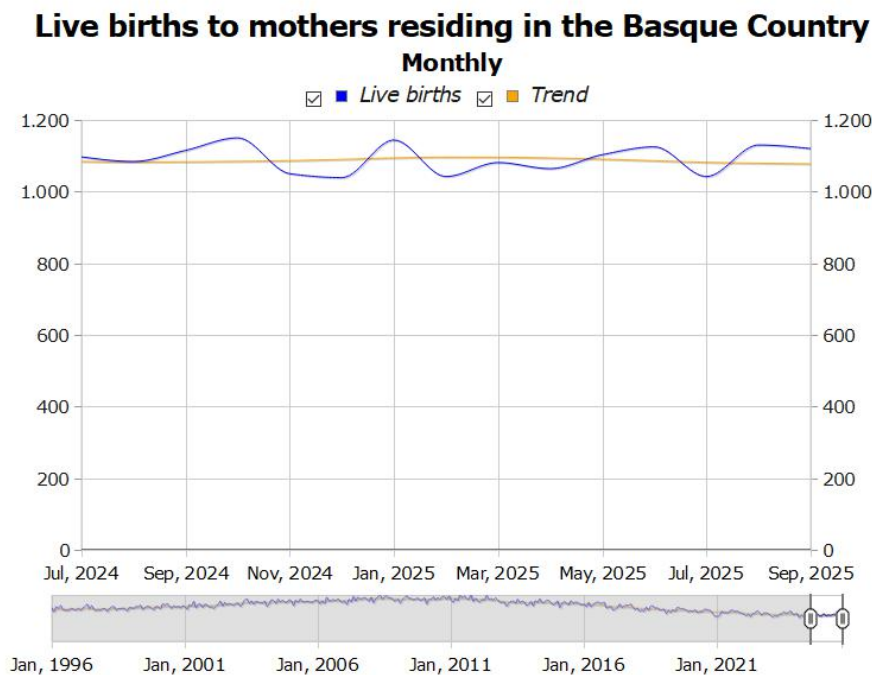
- **Year-on-year comparison:** There were 3,292 births, which represented a decrease of 0.1% (4 fewer births) compared to the same quarter of the previous year.
- **Provinces:** In Álava, with 547 births, there was an increase of 3.2% compared to the same quarter of 2024. In Bizkaia, with 1,616, the number of births fell by 4.7% and in Gipuzkoa, with 1,129, they rose by 5.5%.
- **Age of the mothers:** The group with most births was women aged between 30 and 34 (35%), followed by those aged between 35 and 39 (33%). The 25 to 29 age group accounted for 14.4% of births, and the under-25s for 7.4%. Finally, the group of mothers aged 40 and over reached 10.2%.
- **Birth range:** 1,711 were first children (52%); 1,135 girls and boys (34.5%) arrived in families that already had another child and 446 births corresponded to third or subsequent children (13.5%).
- **Other notable data:** 50.2% of babies were born to unmarried mothers and 27.9% of mothers were foreign nationals.

Statistical analysis

In the third quarter of 2025 the number of births in the Basque Country stood at 3,292, 0.1% down on that registered in the same period of the previous year, according to Eustat data. However, in the annual cumulative total, there was an increase of 1.6%. By province, in the third quarter in Bizkaia there was a decrease of 4.7%, while in Gipuzkoa and Álava there were increases of 5.5% and 3.2%, respectively. In absolute figures, 1,616 girls and boys were born in Bizkaia, 1,129 in Gipuzkoa and 547 in Álava.

During the summer months of 2025, births outside marriage accounted for 50.2% of the total, lower than the 52% recorded in the same quarter of 2024. This percentage of unmarried mothers was 52.6% in Bizkaia, 52.3% in Álava and 45.7% in Gipuzkoa.

According to the order of birth, in the third quarter of 2025, more than half (1,711) were first children; 1,135 girls and boys (34.5%) arrived in families that already had another child, and the percentage of third or subsequent children stood at 13.7%. In the same period of 2024 this last percentage was 12.4%.



The percentage of mothers over 40 was 10.2%

In the distribution of births according to the age of the mother, the group with most births was women aged between 30 and 34 (35%), together with those aged between 35 and 39 (33%), meaning 68% of births corresponded to women in their thirties. Presenting lower percentages were the 25-29 age group (14.4%) and the under-25s (7.4%), while the group of mothers aged 40 and over reached 10.2%. It is significant that among single mothers, there is a higher percentage of mothers under 25 years old (11.3%).

There were more mothers with foreign nationality

During July, August and September 2025, the mother was a foreign national in 27.9% of births in the Basque Country. In the same period of 2024 this percentage was 25.7%. By province, this figure reached 34.4% in Álava, 26.9% in Bizkaia and 26.1% 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/III

	Current quarter (III/2025)		Previous quarter (II/2025)			Same quarter as the previous year (III/2024)		
	NO.	%	NO.	%	Increase	NO.	%	Increase
Basque Country	3,292	100.0	3,292	100.0	0.0	3,296	100.0	-0.1
Araba / Álava	547	16.6	514	15.6	6.4	530	16.1	3.2
Bizkaia	1,616	49.1	1,639	49.8	-1.4	1,696	51.5	-4.7
Gipuzkoa	1,129	34.3	1,139	34.6	-0.9	1,070	32.5	5.5
Sex								
Boys	1,696	51.5	1,654	50.2	2.5	1,696	51.5	0.0
Girls	1,596	48.5	1,638	49.8	-2.6	1,600	48.5	-0.3
AGE OF THE MOTHER								
≤ 24 years	245	7.4	212	6.4	15.6	235	7.1	4.3
25 - 29 years	474	14.4	483	14.7	-1.9	445	13.5	6.5
30 - 34 years	1,152	35.0	1,108	33.7	4.0	1,163	35.3	-0.9
35 - 39 years	1,085	33.0	1,114	33.8	-2.6	1,101	33.4	-1.5
≥ 40 years	336	10.2	375	11.4	-10.4	352	10.7	-4.5
Marital status of the mother								
Married	1,640	49.8	1,646	50.0	-0.4	1,581	48.0	3.7
Not married	1,652	50.2	1,646	50.0	0.4	1,715	52.0	-3.7
Nationality of the mother								
Spanish	2,375	72.1	2,457	74.6	-3.3	2,449	74.3	-3.0
Foreign	917	27.9	835	25.4	9.8	847	25.7	8.3
The country where the mother was born								
Spain	2,098	63.7	2,168	65.9	-3.2	2,140	64.9	-2.0
Other	1,194	36.3	1,124	34.1	6.2	1,156	35.1	3.3
Order of birth								
First	1,711	52.0	1,669	50.7	2.5	1,709	51.9	0.1
Second	1,135	34.5	1,179	35.8	-3.7	1,177	35.7	-3.6
Third or more	446	13.5	444	13.5	0.5	410	12.4	8.8
Month of birth								
July	1,042	31.7				1,097	33.3	-5.0
August	1,130	34.3				1,084	32.9	4.2
September	1,120	34.0				1,115	33.8	0.4

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

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Source: Eustat Birth statistics

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