

BIRTH STATISTICS (ENAC)**Fourth quarter 2001**

2.4% MORE BIRTHS WERE REGISTERED IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2001 THAN IN THE SAME PERIOD THE PREVIOUS YEAR

4,383 babies were born in the A.C. of the Basque Country in the fourth quarter of 2001, bringing the annual total to 17,505.

Provisional data on Birth Statistics 2001 set the number of births at 17,505, which without information referring to births occurring outside the A.C. of the Basque Country by residents, represents a 1.9% increase with regard to the year 2000, according to Eustat data.

Of the 4,383 babies born in the A.C. of the Basque Country in the fourth quarter of 2001, 1,509 were born in October, 1,493 in November and 1,381 in December. By provinces, 572 were born in Álava, 2,261 in Bizkaia and 1,550 in Gipuzkoa.

According to the order of birth, over half (58.8%), 2,579 were first children; 1,543 (35.2%) were born to families that already had another child; the number of third and subsequent children came to 261 (6%).

Three out of four births correspond to mothers aged over 30

The distribution of births according to the age of the mother shows a clear predominance of births among the 30-34 years age group, who account for 45.7% of births. This group is followed by the immediately superior group of 35-39 year-olds with 25%, ahead of the 25-29 years age group with 20.5%; while the 20-24 years age group only represent 4.6%.

Maternity among the over 40s (3.4%) is higher than among young women aged under 20 (0.8%).

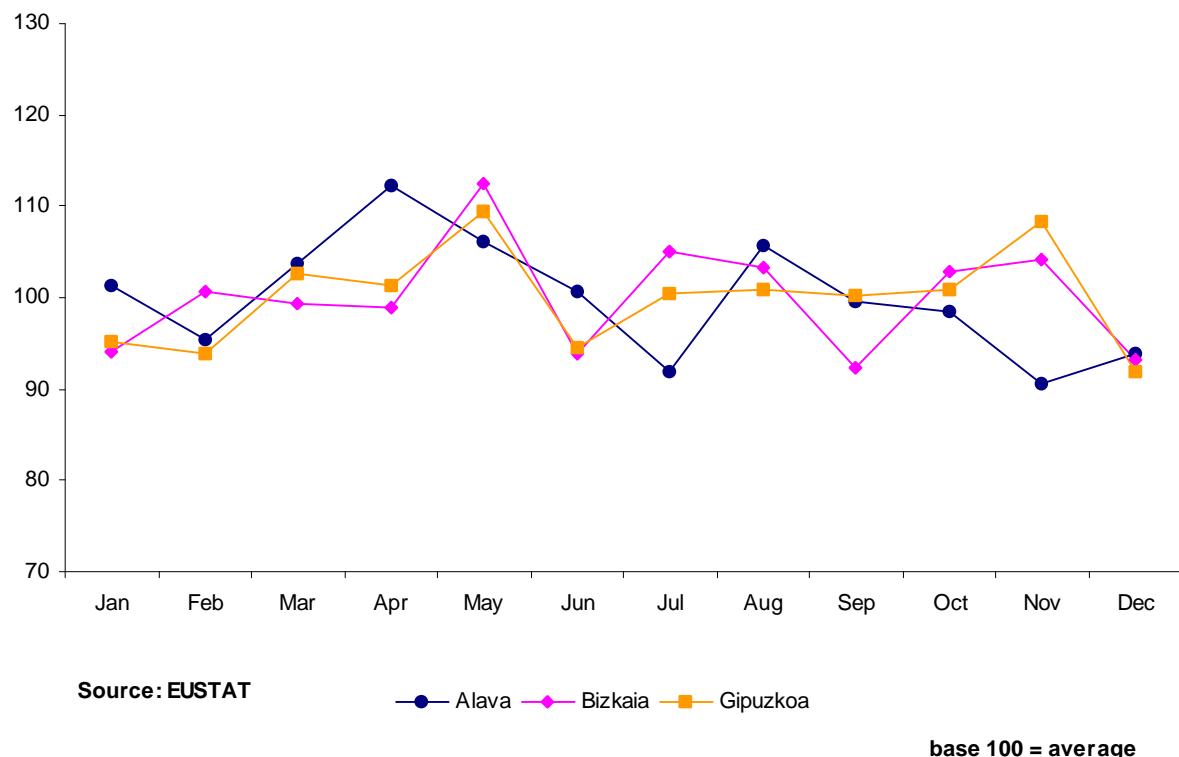
Births outside marriage represented 17.4% of the total, higher than the rate registered in the same period in 2000. By provinces, the highest percentage was in Bizkaia (18%), followed by Alava with 17.8% and Gipuzkoa with 16.3%.

Live born in the A.C. of Euskadi. Comparative table.

	4th quarter 2001		Previous quarter (3rd quarter 2001)		Same quarter previous year (4th quarter 2000)	
	Nº	%	Nº	%	Nº	%
A.C. of Euskadi	4.383	100,0	4.420	100,0	4.281	100,0
Alava	572	13,1	601	13,6	608	14,2
Bizkaia	2.261	51,6	2.266	51,3	2.200	51,4
Gipuzkoa	1.550	35,4	1.553	35,1	1.473	34,4
According to age of mother	4.383		4.420		4.281	
< 25 years	237	5,4	234	5,3	264	6,2
25 - 29 years	898	20,5	918	20,8	873	20,4
30 - 34 years	2.005	45,7	2.001	45,3	2.025	47,3
35 - 39 years	1.095	25,0	1.146	25,9	1.000	23,4
>= 40	148	3,4	121	2,7	119	2,8
Order of birth	4.383		4.420		4.281	
First	2.579	58,8	2.587	58,5	2.493	58,2
Second	1.543	35,2	1.591	36,0	1.506	35,2
Third or posterior	261	6,0	242	5,5	282	6,6

Source: EUSTAT

Monthly movement in births in the A.C. of the Basque Country. Year 2000



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