

Half the industry was concentrated in three regions of the A.C. of the Basque Country in 2005

Gran Bilbao, the Llanada Alavesa and Donostialdea accounted for 51.8% of the added value and 47.5% of employment in Basque industry.

Three regions, which include the three territorial capitals and their catchment areas, accounted for slightly over half (81.9%) of the industrial wealth created in the A.C. of the Basque country, according to Eustat data. Twenty-seven per cent of the industrial added value was generated in the Gran Bilbao region, followed by the Llanada Alavesa (Vitoria-Gasteiz) with 13.2% and Donostialdea, with 11.6%. Overall, the industrial employment rate stood at 118,542 people, i.e., 47.5% of the workforce employed in the industrial sector of the three historical provinces.

In terms of industrial added value, they are followed by the regions of Duranguesado (7.8%) and Alta Deba (7.0%), which were in fourth and fifth places respectively in the A.C. of the Basque Country overall, and a total of 41,784 people in the two regions were employed in the industrial sector.

In terms of provinces, Álava accounted for 21.1% of the wealth generated by the industry of the A.C. of the Basque Country in 2005, a percentage higher than their contribution to the economy as a whole, which stands at 16.9%. This means that its industrial clout is greater than that of the other economic sectors. The Llanada Alavesa (Vitoria-Gasteiz) accounted for 62.4% of the industrial added value of Álava and, together with the Rioja Alavesa (11.3%) and Cantábrica Alavesa (14.1%), made up 87.8% of the total Alava industrial sector.

Gipuzkoa's industrial contribution stood at 36.8% of the industrial added value of the three historical provinces of the A.C. of the Basque Country, where its economic contribution was 32.3%. Within Gipuzkoa, Donostialdea covered 31.6% of the industrial added value of that province. Together with the Goierri (15.6%), Alta Deba (19.1%) and Urola Costa (12.0%) regions, the four areas represent 78.3% of the province's industrial added value.

Bizkaia generated 42.1% of the industrial added value of the A.C. of the Basque Country and the sector contributed 50.8% to the economy of Bizkaia as a whole. The relative industrial importance was 8.7 per cent less than the total for the four economic sectors. Gran Bilbao generated 64.1% of Bizkaia's Industrial Added Value and, together with the Duranguesado, the two regions are responsible for 82.7% of the value of Bizkaia.

In the two-year period between 2003 and 2005, Goierri, Rioja Alavesa and Gran Bilbao were the regions with greatest industrial growth

Normal growth of the industrial added value was 17.5% between 2003-2005. Nine regions exceeded that rate of growth. All the regions of Alava, except for Montaña Alavesas: Valles Alaveses, la Llanada Alavesas, Rioja Alavesas, Etribaciones del Gorbea and Cantábrica Alavesas; two regions in Bizkaia (Gran Bilbao and Duranguesado) and two regions of Gipuzkoa (Donostia-San Sebastián and Bajo Bidasoa).

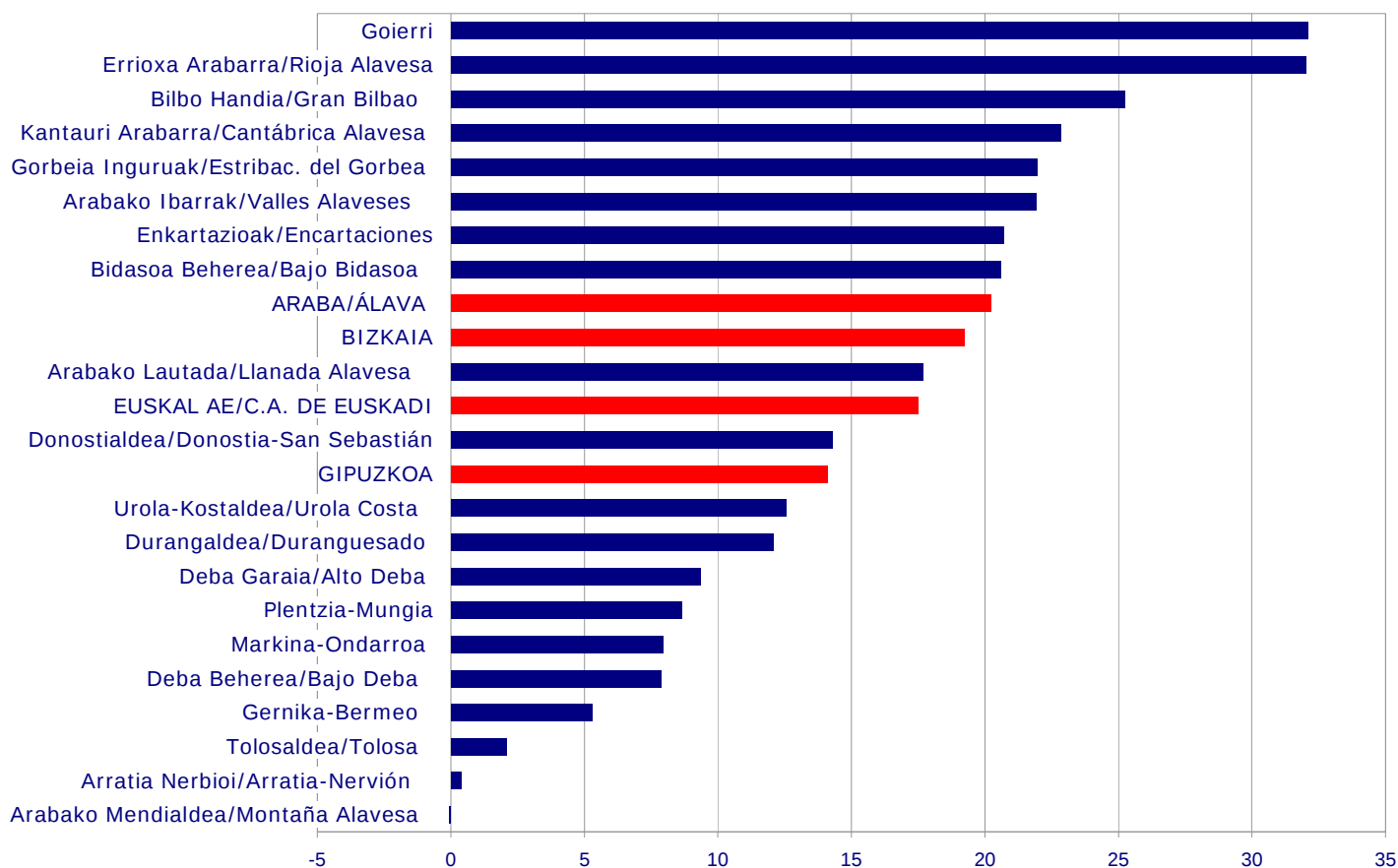
During the two-year period in question (2003-2005), the greatest industrial growth was in Álava, where industry grew by 20.2%, followed closely by Bizkaia, with a rate of growth of 19.2%, ahead of Gipuzkoa that recorded growth of 14.1%, 3.4 points ahead of the average industrial growth for the A.C. of the Basque Country.

Personnel employed and Added Value at industrial factor cost by regions. 2003-2005. Thousands of euros.

	Personnel employed (Number)		Gross added value at factor cost	
	2005	Δ 05 / 03	2005	Δ 05 / 03
Euskal AE / C.A. de Euskadi	249.696	0,2	15.701.676	17,5
Araba / Álava	49.673	1,2	3.320.782	20,2
Arabako Ibarrek/Valles Alaveses	1.924	-1,0	128.980	21,9
Arabako Lautada/Llanada Alavesa	31.793	-0,7	2.073.654	17,7
Arabako Mendialdea/Montaña Alavesa	356	12,9	15.247	-0,1
Errioxa Arabarra/Rioja Alavesa	4.323	8,2	375.342	32,0
Gorbeia Inguruak/Estribac. del Gorbea	4.058	3,7	255.874	22,0
Kantauri Arabarra/Cantábrica Alavesa	7.219	4,7	469.616	22,9
Bizkaia	103.107	-1,6	6.609.114	19,2
Arratia Nerbioi/Arratia-Nervión	4.895	-4,4	266.380	0,4
Bilbo Handia/Gran Bilbao	60.291	-1,8	4.233.172	25,2
Durangaldea/Duranguesado	21.683	0,1	1.229.818	12,1
Enkartzazioak/Encartaciones	2.211	2,5	188.058	20,7
Gernika-Bermeo	4.462	-3,4	209.127	5,3
Markina-Ondarroa	3.868	-4,2	183.497	7,9
Plentzia-Mungia	5.697	-1,2	293.315	8,7
Gipuzkoa	96.916	1,7	5.771.780	14,1
Bidasoa Beherea/Bajo Bidasoa	6.026	5,3	283.328	20,6
Deba Beherea/Bajo Deba	10.694	0,7	518.765	7,9
Deba Garaia/Alto Deba	20.101	0,2	1.103.086	9,3
Donostialdea/Donostia-San Sebastián	26.458	3,3	1.824.353	14,3
Goierri	13.626	2,9	898.046	32,1
Tolosaldea/Tolosa	7.911	-3,2	449.118	2,1
Urola-Kostaldea/Urola Costa	12.100	1,6	692.791	12,6

Source: Eustat

Gross Added Value Growth a factor cost by regions. Two-year period 2003-2005 (%)



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