

## In one out of every three births, mothers are over 30 years old

### ***Over half of the births correspond to first children***

The data on the first quarter of 2007 from the Birth Statistics, elaborated by EUSTAT, the Basque Statistics Office, set the amount of children born in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country at 4,858, a similar amount to that obtained during the same period of the previous year. By territories, in Alava 707 children were born, 2,462 were born in Bizkaia and 1,689 were born in Gipuzkoa.

During the first quarter of 2007, in terms of birth sequence, over half of the births, 2,778 children, were first children; 1,740 children (35,8%) came to families where there already was another child. The percentage of children who were third or later children reached 7%.

As refers to the distribution of births reference to the age of the mother, there continues to be a clear preponderance of the 30-34 year-old age group, in which almost half of the births take place. This group is followed by the next oldest group aged between 35-39 years with 27.3%. The 25-29 year-old group takes the third place with 16.8%, whereas the group of mothers below 25 accounts for 6.2 % of births, whereas mothers above 40 years old only contributes with 5% of the total of births.

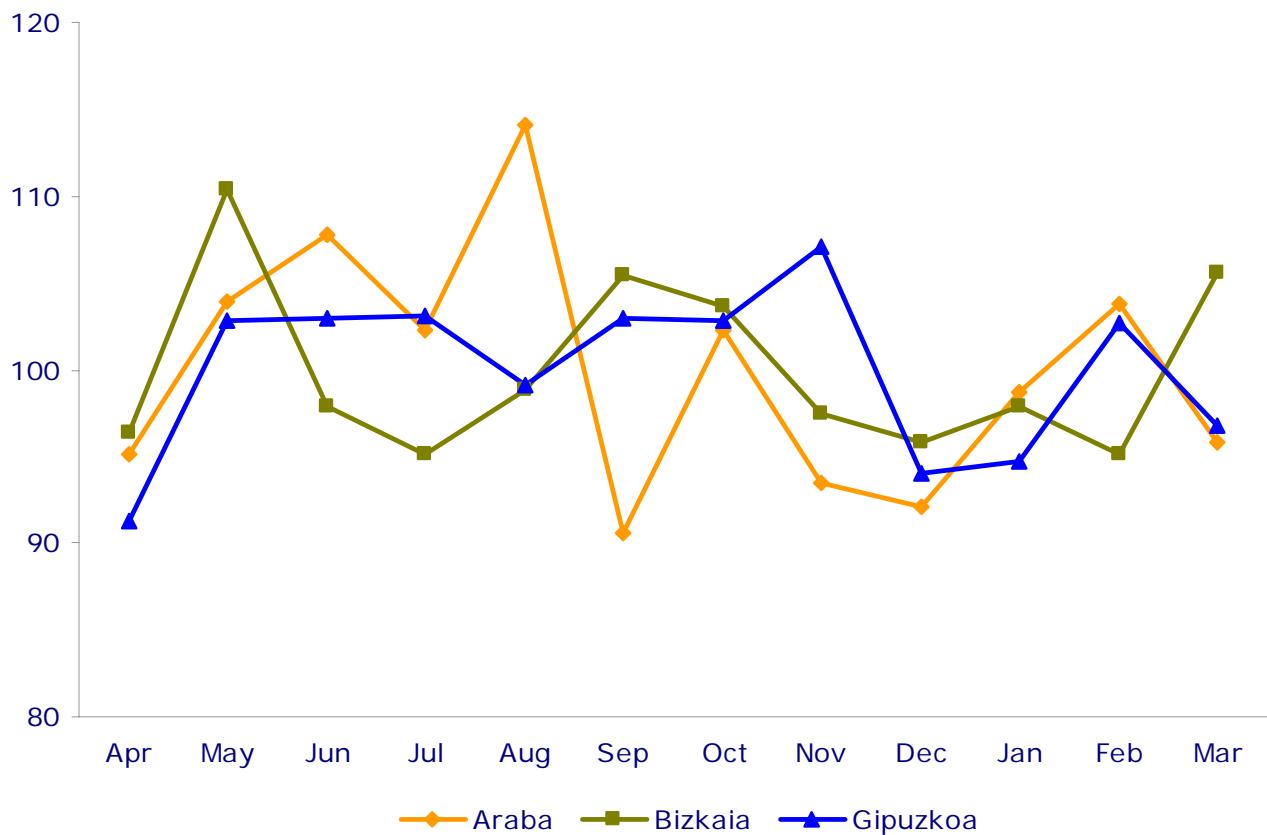
### ***The number of single mothers increases***

Births out of wedlock account for 26.7% of the total, 2 points above the index registered over the first quarter of 2006. Gipuzkoa, with 25.4%, was the only territory with results below the whole of the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country. The age of maternity in this group is below that of the whole of the mothers who have had children, as 16.5% of unmarried mothers were below 25 years of age.

**Table 1. Live born in the A.C. of Euskadi. Comparative table**

	1st quarter 2007		Previous quarter (4th quarter 2006)		Same quarter the previous year (1st quarter 2006)	
	Nº	%	Nº	%	Nº	%
<b>A.C. of Euskadi</b>	<b>4.858</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>4.985</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>4.873</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Alava	707	14,6	699	14,0	702	14,4
Bizkaia	2.462	50,7	2.500	50,2	2.475	50,8
Gipuzkoa	1.689	34,8	1.786	35,8	1.696	34,8
<b>According to age of mother</b>						
< 25 years	300	6,2	281	5,6	293	6,0
25 - 29 years	816	16,8	826	16,6	892	18,3
30 - 34 years	2.174	44,8	2.219	44,5	2.174	44,6
35 - 39 years	1.325	27,3	1.392	27,9	1.300	26,7
>= 40	243	5,0	267	5,4	214	4,4
<b>According to the marital status of the mother</b>						
Married	3.562	73,3	3.646	73,1	3.676	75,4
Not married	1.296	26,7	1.339	26,9	1.197	24,6
<b>Order of birth</b>						
First	2.778	57,2	2.888	57,9	2.808	57,6
Second	1.740	35,8	1.756	35,2	1.745	35,8
Third or posterior	340	7,0	341	6,8	320	6,6

**Graph 1: Monthly movement of births**



Source: EUSTAT

base 100 = average

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