

The number of births rises slightly in the second quarter of 2007

Of the 5063 children born in the second quarter 2007, over half are first children

The number of children born in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country in the second quarter of 2007 amounted to 5.063, according to data from Eustat, the Basque Statistics Office. This was a slightly higher amount than that registered during the same period in the previous year. By territories, 751 children were born in Alava, 2562 in Bizkaia and 1750 in Gipuzkoa.

Children born out of wedlock amount to 27.1% of the total, which means an increase of almost five points with respect to the second quarter of 2006. Bizkaia, with 29.4%, was the only territory with results above those of the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country as a whole. In Alava and Gipuzkoa the percentages were slightly inferior, 26.6% and 24%, respectively.

As refers to birth sequence, over half of the children, 2862, were first children in the second quarter of 2007; 1818 children (35.9%) came to families where there already was another child and the percentage of third or later children reached 7.6%. Bizkaia (40.2 %) was the only Historical Territory in which the proportion of second or later children was below that of the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country as a whole, which amounted to 43.5%. On the other hand, Alava and Gipuzkoa were above that percentage, reaching 44.6% and 47.8%, respectively.

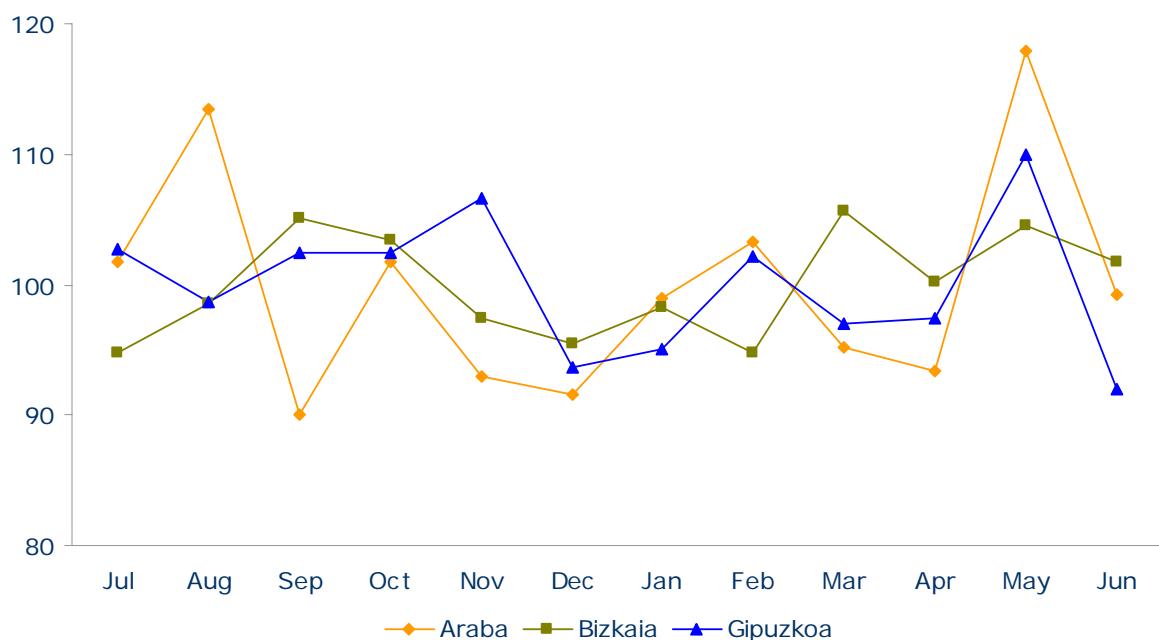
In three out of every four births mothers were above 30 years of age

As refers to the distribution of births reference to the age of the mother, there continued 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, amounting to 26.1%. The 25-29 year-old group takes the third place with 17.5%, whereas the group of mothers below 25 accounts for 6% of births, and mothers above 40 years old only contributes with 4.5% of the total of births.

Single mothers give birth when younger than the rest of women with children as a whole. 15.7% of unmarried mothers were aged below 25 and 22.7% were aged between 25 and 29 years old.

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

	2nd quarter 2007		Previous quarter (1st quarter 2007)		Same quarter the previous year (2nd quarter 2006)	
	Nº	%	Nº	%	Nº	%
A.C. of Euskadi	5.063	100,0	4.878	100,0	5.009	100,0
Alava	751	14,8	709	14,5	737	14,7
Bizkaia	2.562	50,6	2.472	50,7	2.542	50,7
Gipuzkoa	1.750	34,6	1.697	34,8	1.730	34,5
According to age of mother						
< 25 years	304	6,0	303	6,2	292	5,8
25 - 29 years	884	17,5	823	16,9	893	17,8
30 - 34 years	2.329	46,0	2.182	44,7	2.335	46,6
35 - 39 years	1.319	26,1	1.326	27,2	1.293	25,8
>= 40	227	4,5	244	5,0	196	3,9
According to the marital status of the mother						
Married	3.690	72,9	3.579	73,4	3.885	77,6
Not married	1.373	27,1	1.299	26,6	1.124	22,4
Order of birth						
First	2.862	56,5	2.786	57,1	2.783	55,6
Second	1.818	35,9	1.749	35,9	1.875	37,4
Third or posterior	383	7,6	343	7,0	351	7,0

Graph 1: Monthly movement of births


Base 100 = average. Source: EUSTAT

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