

Olaberria, Zamudio and Zierbena are the municipalities with the highest GDP per capita in the A.C. of the Basque Country.

However, three regions of Alava- the Rioja Alavesa, Estripaciones del Gorbea and Valles Alaveses- are the ones with the highest GDP per inhabitant

Olaberria, in the province of Gipuzkoa, is the municipality with the highest Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita in the A.C. of the Basque Country, according to data published by EUSTAT. The municipalities of Zamudio and Zierbena, both in the province of Bizkaia, were in second and third place respectively. Legutiano was the municipality in Álava with the highest GDP per capita and was fourth in terms of the Autonomous Community overall.

The municipal GDP per capita indicator measures the wealth generated in a municipality by the production factors (factories, commercial establishments, service companies,...) installed in its territorial area per resident.

In terms of the sectorial distribution of GDP in these four municipalities, the significant weight of the high-added value industrial branches was common to all four, together with, in the case of Zamudio, the strength of the service sector associated with the Technological Park.

Table 1. Municipalities with higher GDP per capita (euros) and their sectorial distribution (%). 2005

PROVINCE	GDP per capita		SECTORS (%)			
	GDP per capita	INDEX	PRIMARY	INDUSTRY	CONSTRUCTION	SERVICES
Basque Country	27.153	100	1,0	29,8	8,9	60,3
Alava	32.236	119	1,9	37,3	7,7	53,2
Bizkaia	25.738	95	0,7	24,9	10,5	63,9
Gipuzkoa	27.250	100	0,8	33,6	7,1	58,5
1 Olaberria	276.451	1.018	0,2	85,6	0,8	13,4
2 Zamudio	239.124	881	0,1	50,1	5,8	44,0
3 Zierbena	190.428	701	0,4	90,9	2,1	6,7
4 Legutiano	180.216	664	0,8	79,6	1,9	17,7
5 Loiu	159.373	587	0,2	25,3	13,9	60,5
6 Aduna	152.775	563	0,7	57,4	7,2	34,6
7 Izurtza	146.616	540	0,4	68,4	1,8	29,4
8 Ajangiz	122.148	450	1,2	81,5	1,5	15,9
9 Berantevilla	103.232	380	5,5	77,1	6,6	10,7
10 Gizaburuaga	103.175	380	1,7	73,6	4,9	19,7

Source: EUSTAT

By regions, the three regions with the highest GDP per capita were in the province of Álava, with first place going to the Rioja Alavesa, whose high value was based on the strength of the wine industry and its low population density. The municipalities of Laguardia and Villabuena de Álava/Eskuernaga headed the leader board in this region.

The regions of Esteraciones del Gorbea and Valles Alaveses were in second and third place. The Alto Deba region in Gipuzkoa and the Duranguesado, in Bizkaia, were in fourth and fifth place respectively.

Yet again, special mention should be made of the important role of industry that played in the total added value of all these regions, compared to the structure of the economy of the A.C. of the Basque Country overall, where the service sector accounted for the highest percentage.

With regard to the evolution of the GDP per capita over the last ten years, the municipalities of Zierbena in Bizkaia and Arama in Gipuzkoa are the ones that have registered the greatest growth, with accumulative annual average increases of 39.1% and 32.8% respectively. The average for the A.C. of the Basque Country is 7.2%.

Other significant increases were recorded by Olaberria (18.9%) in Gipuzkoa, Bernedo (16.6%) and Berantevilla (16.5%) in Álava, and Mañaria (16.3%) and Larrabetzu (15.2%) in Bizkaia.

Table 2. Municipalities with highest growth in GDP per capita (euros). 1996-2005

PROVINCE	GDP per capita		Average growth cumulative in a year (%)
	1996	2005	
Basque Country	14.573	27.153	7,2
Alava	17.592	32.236	7,0
Bizkaia	13.456	25.738	7,5
Gipuzkoa	15.195	27.250	6,7
1 Zierbena	9.766	190.428	39,1
2 Arama	6.067	77.944	32,8
3 Olaberria	58.030	276.451	18,9
4 Bernedo	15.432	61.708	16,6
5 Berantevilla	26.120	103.232	16,5
6 Mañaria	21.805	84.842	16,3
7 Larrabetzu	9.617	34.485	15,2
8 Villabuena de Álava/Eskuernaga	24.829	87.206	15,0
9 Muskiz	28.896	101.404	15,0
10 Derio	18.953	65.311	14,7

Source: EUSTAT

From the perspective of productivity, based on the GDP per employed person ratio, in other words, the number of people employed in the companies located in each municipality instead of its population, the municipalities in first place were Zierbena and Muskiz, both in Bizkaia, followed in third and fourth place by the municipalities of Zambrana in Álava and Olaberria in Gipuzkoa, respectively.

Table 3. Municipalities with highest GDP per employed person (euros). 2005

	PROVINCE	GDP per employed	INDEX
	Basque Country	59.345	100
	Alava	62.189	105
	Bizkaia	58.730	99
	Gipuzkoa	58.906	99
1	Zierbena	398.680	672
2	Muskiz	240.971	406
3	Zambrana	162.642	274
4	Olaberria	153.358	258
5	Elciego	111.250	187
6	Mañaria	110.319	186
7	Asparrena	103.605	175
8	Navaridas	102.779	173
9	Altzo	99.199	167
10	Ziortza-Bolibar	98.245	166

Source: EUSTAT

In terms of provincial regions, the Rioja Alavesa was yet again the region with the highest GDP per employed person, followed in this case by the Valles Alaveses and the Goierri region in Gipuzkoa. The region with the highest GDP per employed person in Bizkaia was the Duranguesado.

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