

HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTION SATELLITE ACCOUNT OF THE BASQUE COUNTRY 2008

Unpaid household work of the Basque Country accounted for 28.7% of the GDP in 2008

This percentage fell by 20 points in the last five years

EUSTAT has released the fourth Household Production Satellite Account, with data relating to 1993, 1998, 2003 and 2008. The fundamental objective of this account is to provide a global image of household production and estimate the economic value of said activities, which are not, in general, included in the estimates of the Gross Domestic Product. The main activities are: providing accommodation, care and education, providing food and tasks related to clothes.

The value of the household production of the Basque Country came to 19,642 million euros in 2008, accounting for 28.7% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of this year. Special mention should be made of the downward trend of the role of household production in the GDP, from 47.5% in 1993 to 28.7% in 2008.

Table 1. Relationship between household production and GDP

	1993	1998	2003	2008
1.- Household Production	11.741.137	13.392.118	15.637.783	19.642.231
2.- GDP p/m	24.724.554	35.686.084	49.241.753	68.428.685
3.-Household Production/GDP (%)	47,5	37,5	31,8	28,7

Source: EUSTAT. Household Production Satellite Account of the Basque Country

This reason for this transfer of resources from the unpaid household economy to the market economy is explained by the years of economic of wealth and women joining the labour market. This has meant that the production that was previously generated in the household economy, now and due to that relative better economic situations, is sought in the market.

Identical situations to those observed in the Basque Situation are repeated in the economies where it has been possible to perform the comparison. On the one hand, there is the aforementioned progressive loss of the importance of unpaid household work. On the other hand, there is the fact that it is mainly women that perform that work, even though there is a progressive greater participation of men in the Basque Country.

Table 2. Household production by country (%)

	Reference year	% on the GDP	% carried out by women
Canada	1992	41	63
	1997	34	-
Finland	1990	45	-
	2001	40	-
Australia	1992	51	66
	1997	43	65
New Zealand	1991	42	65
	1999	39	64
Norway	1990	38	66
USA	1976	32	-
France	1975	31	-
Germany	1992	68	-
Japan	1996	15	85
Switzerland	1997	45	67
Gran Bretaña	1999	44	-
Spain	2003	27	73
Galicia	2003	37	74
Catalonia	2001	40	-
C. Madrid	2003	55	73
Basque Country	1993	48	79
	1998	38	74
	2003	32	75
	2008	29	72

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Distribution by function shows few changes with respect to 2003. In 2008, the functions to concentrate a higher proportion of the total were Providing Food (44.7%) and Accommodation (30.4%), followed, and to a lesser extent, by the functions of Providing of Care and Education (15.5%) and Clothing and others (9.4%).

Graph 1. Distribution of Unpaid Household Work by functions 2008



Source: EUSTAT. Household Production Satellite Account of the Basque Country

Between 2003 and 2008, male participation rose by over three percentage points, rising from 24.8% to 28.1% in 2008. By functions, the highest male participation was Providing Care and Education (31.5%) in 2008, followed closely by Providing Accommodation (31.1%), while the lowest participation was Providing Clothes and Others (13.7%).

Table 3. Distribution of Household Production by Gender. 2008 (%)

	Males	Females
Providing accommodation	31,1	68,9
Providing clothing	27,9	72,1
Providing care and education	31,5	68,5
Providing clothing and others	13,7	86,3
Total household production	28,1	71,9

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Distribution by province of the Household Production continued to follow the trend relating to the population of each of them, with Álava generating 12.4% of the household work, Bizkaia 56.8% and Gipuzkoa the remaining 30.8%.

The distribution of household work between genders is similar in the three provinces, but male participation in Bizkaia was over one percentage point higher than the average for the Basque Country.

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