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Industrial activity posted widespread downturns in all Basque districts in 2009

Rioja Alavesa, Arratia- Nervión and Tolosaldea were the districts that registered more moderate downturns

The fall in the value added level of the extraction and manufacturing industry in 2009 was widespread in all Basque districts, according to Eustat data, even though the industrial activity of the Basque Country slowed down at different rates in each province.

In Álava, with an average downturn of 28.3%, the most intense slow down was in the Etribaciones del Gorbea district (-34.5%), followed closely by Cantábrica Alavesa (-32.4%). On the other hand, the most moderate downturns were in La Rioja Alavesa (-11.5%) followed by the Montaña Alavesa (-11.6%).

In the province of Bizkaia, if the average fall was 21.6%, there were two districts that posted even more negative rates: Gran Bilbao (-21.9%) and Duranguesado (-28.3%). There were four districts of Bizkaia where the downturn was around 15%: Encartaciones, Gernika-Bermeo, Markina-Ondarroa and Plentzia-Mungia. The district that registered more moderate falls in its value added was Arratia-Nervión, with a downturn of 6.4%.

In Gipuzkoa, the average fall was 22.5%, but three districts exceeded this rate: Goierri with a downturn of 26.2%, Urola Costa with -28.5% and Alto Deba which posted a fall of -24.0%. Two districts slowed down by around 22% (Bajo Deba and Donostia-San Sebastián) and the remaining two, Bajo Bidasoa (-16.9%) and Tolosa (-8.7%), posted more moderate downturns.

In terms of the number of people employed, the smallest average fall was in Álava (-8.4%), which fell by the same proportion both in Bizkaia and Gipuzkoa (-10.2%).

In Álava, the smallest relative loss of jobs occurred in Montaña Alavesa (-6.0%), although its impact is very limited in terms of the industry in the province overall. It was followed by Valles Alaveses and Cantábrica Alavesa, with decreases of 6.9% and 7.4%. The greatest percentage decrease occurred in Etribaciones del Gorbea with a negative rate of 10.9%.

In Bizkaia, the most moderate decrease was in the Encartaciones (-5.8%), even though its industrial importance is very limited as it represents 2% of the industrial employment of Bizkaia. The loss of jobs was under the average in the province in the districts of Plentzia-Mungia (-6.0%), Arratia-Nervión (-8.4%) and Gernika-Bermeo (-9.5%). Gran Bilbao was within the average decrease (-10.2%) and Markina-Ondarroa (-11.2%) and Duranguesado (-12.1%) were over the average.

Five districts of Gipuzkoa posted lower job losses than the average for the province: Goierri and Tolosaldea, both posting losses of -7.5%, and Bajo Bidasoa, Bajo Deba and Urola Costa, with -8.7%, -9.5% and -10.0%, respectively. Both Donostia-San Sebastián and Alto Deba posted higher downturns, of 11.2% and 13.4% respectively.

The industrial investment of the Basque Country also posted negative growth in nearly all districts in 2009, with exceptions that are not significant.

The average downturn of Álava was 20.0%, with noted decreases in two districts (Rioja Alavesa and Etribaciones del Gorbea) that posted falls of 50%. In Bizkaia, the average fall was 25.4% with sharp decreases over 50% in Duranguesado and Encartaciones, even though the relative importance with different in each case.

The poorest performance was posted by Gipuzkoa, with an average fall of 41.7%. Two districts, Donostia-San Sebastián and Urola Costa, with falls of over 50%, three districts with downturns of around 45% (Alto Deba, Bajo Bidasoa and Bajo Deba) and two districts, Goierri and Tolosa, down 22.5% and 17.6%, respectively.

People in employment and Value added at factor cost of manufacturing and extraction industry by districts. 2009. Thousands of euros

	Personnel employed (Number)			Gross added value at factor cost		
	2008	2009	Δ 09/08	2008	2009	Δ 09/08
Basque Country	241.056	217.277	-9,9	15.375.866	11.928.556	-22,4
Araba / Álava	48.337	44.258	-8,4	3.337.377	2.541.425	-23,8
Arabako Ibarrek/Valles Alaveses	2.101	1.956	-6,9	145.292	118.327	-18,6
Arabako Lautada/Llanada Alavesa	30.933	28.265	-8,6	1.950.492	1.505.244	-22,8
Arabako Mendialdea/Montaña Alavesa	416	391	-6,0	24.996	22.085	-11,6
Errioxa Arabarra/Rioja Alavesa	4.161	3.834	-7,9	374.239	331.336	-11,5
Gorbeia Inguruak/Etribac. del Gorbea	3.363	2.995	-10,9	233.874	153.292	-34,5
Kantauri Arabarra/Cantábrica Alavesa	7.363	6.817	-7,4	608.483	411.140	-32,4
Bizkaia	98.601	88.530	-10,2	6.045.312	4.740.470	-21,6
Arratia Nerbioi/Arratia-Nervión	4.800	4.396	-8,4	294.208	275.480	-6,4
Bilbo Handia/Gran Bilbao	55.548	49.875	-10,2	3.514.916	2.744.788	-21,9
Durangaldea/Duranguesado	22.366	19.667	-12,1	1.333.712	956.389	-28,3
Enkartzioak/Encartaciones	1.957	1.844	-5,8	117.467	97.944	-16,6
Gernika-Bermeo	4.152	3.758	-9,5	226.896	191.436	-15,6
Markina-Ondarroa	3.880	3.446	-11,2	195.642	165.338	-15,5
Plentzia-Mungia	5.898	5.544	-6,0	362.470	309.096	-14,7
Gipuzkoa	94.118	84.489	-10,2	5.993.177	4.646.661	-22,5
Bidasoa Beherea/Bajo Bidasoa	5.486	5.007	-8,7	302.396	251.283	-16,9
Deba Beherea/Bajo Deba	10.344	9.360	-9,5	583.465	455.701	-21,9
Deba Garaia/Alto Deba	18.502	16.024	-13,4	1.137.799	864.729	-24,0
Donostialdea/Donostia-San Sebastián	24.217	21.508	-11,2	1.451.797	1.139.975	-21,5
Goierri	14.487	13.405	-7,5	1.171.461	865.071	-26,2
Tolosaldea/Tolosa	8.558	7.918	-7,5	543.637	496.191	-8,7
Urola-Kostaldea/Urola Costa	12.524	11.267	-10,0	802.621	573.711	-28,5

Source: Eustat – Industrial Statistics of the Basque Country

Methodology note:

Industry is divided into sectors using the National Classification of Economic Activities (CNAE-2009). Only sections B (extraction industries) and C (manufacturing industry) are the only ones included in this desegregation by districts.

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