

Expenditure on housing and provisions amounted to 35% of total household consumption in 2014

Between 2009 and 2014, housing and provisions, education and sustenance increased their proportion of total expenditure

Household consumption expenditure in the Basque Country reached 28,457 million euros in 2014, with the increase in expenditure on *Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels* standing out. At 35%, this was the greatest proportion of household consumption expenditure in 2014, and it saw its proportion of total expenditure increase by 1.8 percentage points compared with 2009 according to data prepared by Eustat.

Another expenditure group that has seen its proportion of total expenditure increase over the past five-year period was expenditure on *Education*. Despite the fact it is one of the least significant groups in the field of consumption by Basque families (1.6%), it increased at a rate of 6.8% a year. The second most significant group was expenditure on *Sustenance and non-alcoholic beverages*, which also increased by 0.3% on an annual basis. As a result, it ended up making up three tenths more of total household consumption expenditure.

However, with regards to other expenditure groups, Basque families spent less in 2014 than five years before. This is in particular the case for *Furniture, household equipment and general expenditure on household upkeep*, which decreased by 3.8% a year, and *Leisure, entertainment and culture*, which decreased by 2.2% a year, and *Health* (-2% each year) and *Clothing and footwear* (-1.4%).

Table 1. Total expenditure by expenditure group in the Basque Country (Thousands €). 2013

Expenditure groups	2009		2014		2014/2009	
	Value	%	Value	%	Annual accumulative rate	Percentage point variation
TOTAL	28.619.666	100,0	28.456.647	100,0	-0,1	0,0
Group 1. Food and non-alcoholic beverages	3.919.741	13,7	3.980.691	14,0	0,3	0,3
Group 2. Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotic drugs	466.174	1,6	444.631	1,6	-0,9	0,0
Group 3. Garments and footwear	1.585.728	5,5	1.476.981	5,2	-1,4	-0,3
Group 4. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	9.491.483	33,2	9.966.316	35,0	1,0	1,8
Group 5. Furniture, household amenities and current maintenance expenditure	1.416.608	4,9	1.165.922	4,1	-3,8	-0,8
Group 6. Health	902.802	3,2	833.477	2,9	-1,6	-0,3
Group 7. Transports	2.853.773	10,0	2.794.477	9,8	-0,4	-0,2
Group 8. Communications	776.492	2,7	750.265	2,6	-0,7	-0,1
Group 9. Leisure, entertainment and culture	1.809.450	6,3	1.622.865	5,7	-2,2	-0,6
Group 10. Education	333.649	1,2	463.079	1,6	6,8	0,4
Group 11. Hotels, cafés and restaurants	2.955.117	10,3	2.907.327	10,2	-0,3	-0,1
Group 12. Other goods and services	2.108.650	7,4	2.050.615	7,2	-0,6	-0,2

Source: Eustat. Family expenditure statistics

Average expenditure by household decreased between 2009 and 2014, going from 33,504 euros to 31,890 euros - 1,614 euros less per household. If we look at expenditure **according to the level of net monthly household income**, differences can be seen between households with the lowest and the highest incomes.

Households with net monthly income totalling 3,000 euros or more increased their annual average expenditure by 0.1% each year over the last five-year period, and their expenditure reached 48,943 euros in 2014. The other income groups analysed saw reductions in average expenditure by household: those with incomes between 2,000 and 2,999 euros per month decreased their annual expenses between 2009 and 2014 by 0.9% each year, followed by households with monthly incomes between 1,000 and 1,999 euros that decreased their expenditure by 0.3% each year and finally, those households with monthly incomes totalling less than 1,000 euros per month decreased their annual expenses by 0.1%.

Table 2. Average household expenditure in the Basque Country by net monthly income. (€)

	2009	2014	2014/2009 (*)
Total	33.504	31.890	-1,0
Up to 999 euros	17.475	17.399	-0,1
Between 1,000 and 1,999 euro	26.287	25.842	-0,3
Between 2,000 and 2,999 euro	36.823	35.200	-0,9
3000 euros or more	48.626	48.943	0,1

(1) Households with income

(*) Annual accumulative rate

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If we observe expenditure **according to the geographical location of the family**, the largest average household expenditure was in municipalities of fewer than 10,000 inhabitants, with an expenditure of 34,157 euros per household, 7.3% above the average for the Autonomous Region. The lowest average expenditure per household (€30,747) was in households situated in municipalities of more than 100,000 inhabitants.

By **province**, families in Álava accounted for 13.9% of the total expenditure in the Basque Country in 2014, Bizkaia accounted for 53.9% of the total and Gipuzkoa 32.2%.

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