

The birth rate in the Basque Country is far lower than the average of the EU-28

8.8 births per 1,000 inhabitants were recorded, compared to the 10.0 births in the countries of this area

One of the most relevant demographic indicators is that which refers to the birth rate. According to the most recent Eustat and Eurostat data, the birth rate in the Basque Country in 2013 was among the lowest of the EU-28 countries. With 8.8 births per 1,000 inhabitants, it was far below the EU-28 average for that same year, which was 10.0.

Birth rate in the countries of the EU-28

	2004	2009	2013
Basque Country	9,3	9,7	8,8
EU 28	10,4	10,8	10,0
EU 27	10,5	10,8	10,0
Ireland	15,2	16,7	15,0
France	12,8	12,8	12,4
United Kingdom	11,9	12,7	12,1
Sweden	11,2	12,0	11,8
Luxenburg	11,9	11,3	11,3
Belgium	11,3	11,8	11,2
Cyprus	11,4	11,9	10,8
Finland	11,0	11,3	10,7
Estonia	10,3	11,8	10,3
Eslovenia	9,0	10,7	10,2
Latvia	9,1	10,3	10,2
Netherlands	11,9	11,2	10,2
Czech Republic	9,6	11,3	10,2
Slovakia	10,0	11,4	10,1
Lithuania	8,8	10,2	10,1
Denmark	12,0	11,4	10,0
Poland	9,3	10,9	9,7
Malta	9,7	9,8	9,5
Austria	9,7	9,2	9,4
Croatia	9,4	10,4	9,4
Bulgary	9,1	10,9	9,2
Spain	10,6	10,6	9,1
Romania	10,1	10,9	9,1
Hungary	9,4	9,6	9,0
Grece	9,6	10,5	8,6
Germany	8,6	8,1	8,5
Italy	9,8	9,6	8,5
Portugal	10,4	9,4	7,9

Source: Eurostat and Eustat. Birth statistics

It was noteworthy that this rate in the Basque Country was 9.7 in 2009 and 9.3 in 2004, meaning that in 2013 it had fallen below the rate from ten years earlier.

In these same years, 2004 to 2009, the rates averaged 10.4 and 10.8 births per 1,000 inhabitants in the countries of the EU-28.

In the ranking of EU-28 countries, the birth rate of the Basque Country in 2013 exceeded only that of Portugal (7.9 births per 1,000 inhabitants), Germany and Italy (8.5 in both countries) and Greece (8.6). On the other hand, the highest rates corresponded to Ireland (15.0), France (12.4), United Kingdom (12.1) and Sweden (11.8), among others.

The rate for Spain was also very low in 2013 - 9.1 births per 1,000 inhabitants - although it was slightly higher than that registered in the Basque Country. In 2004 and 2009 it was 10.6 births.

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