

Social expenditure per capita in the Basque Country surpassed the average for the countries of the EU-28

It rose to 8,128 in terms of PPP, which is almost 35% greater than the PPP for Spain

Expenditure on social protection per capita in the Basque Country rose to 8,128 in terms of Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) in 2013, which is 34.9% more than the figure for Spain (6,024) for the same year. The most recent data available from Eustat and Eurostat for 2012 indicates that Basque social expenditure (7,883) also surpassed the average for countries in the EU-28 (7,618).

Expenditure on social protection per capita rose by 11.1% in the 2009-2013 period, whereas in Spain, it rose by 2.9%.

Expenditure on social protection per capita in the EU 28. PPP

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
EU 28	7.010	7.255	7.370	7.618	:
Basque Country	7.314	7.592	7.660	7.883	8.128
Luxenburg	13.081	13.159	13.478	14.002	14.662
Denmark	9.354	9.871	9.994	10.356	10.730
Netherlands	10.017	10.096	10.414	10.636	10.716
Austria	9.125	9.591	9.649	10.067	10.332
France	8.668	9.078	9.288	9.695	10.078
Germany	8.611	9.168	9.292	9.748	9.821
Sweden	8.956	8.951	9.144	9.616	9.571
Belgium	8.298	8.681	8.972	9.229	9.445
Finland	7.940	8.317	8.552	9.059	9.339
United Kingdom	7.940	7.658	7.708	7.930	7.756
Italy	7.227	7.652	7.629	7.767	7.696
Ireland	6.865	7.329	7.168	7.223	6.919
Spain	5.853	5.907	6.007	5.984	6.024
Portugal	4.899	5.086	5.116	5.317	5.601
Slovenia	4.859	5.066	5.209	5.249	5.232
Cyprus	4.847	5.134	5.071	4.964	4.953
Czech Republic	4.222	4.321	4.523	4.642	4.727
Malta	3.853	4.016	3.895	4.067	4.105
Slovakia	3.265	3.547	3.575	3.741	3.917
Hungary	3.690	3.896	3.899	3.850	3.908
Croatia	3.028	3.056	3.121	3.268	3.421
Lithuania	2.930	2.939	2.943	3.109	3.118
Estonia	2.834	2.841	2.821	2.984	3.020
Latvia	2.134	2.410	2.219	2.319	2.483
Bulgary	1.790	1.998	2.069	2.125	2.318
Romania	1.963	2.163	2.202	2.215	2.205
Grece	6.242	6.302	6.146	6.180	:
Poland	3.132	3.335	3.405	3.441	:

Source: EUROSTAT and Eustat

Social expenditure in the Basque Country increased each year during the 2009-2013 period. Hence PPP went from 7,314 in 2009 to 7,592 in 2010, to 7,660 in 2011, 7,883 in 2012, ultimately reaching 8,128 in 2013. It is also worth mentioning that, during the 2009-2012 period, PPP remained higher than the average for the countries of the EU-28: 7,010 in 2009, 7,255 in 2010, 7,370 in 2011 and 7,618 in 2012.

In the ranking of EU-28 countries, social expenditure per capita in the Basque Country in 2013 exceeded that of countries such as the United Kingdom (7,756 PPP), Italy (7,696) and Ireland (6,919). Its PPP was, however, lower than that of countries such as Luxembourg (14,662), Denmark (10,730), the Netherlands (10,716), Austria (10,332) and France (10,078), amongst others.

The countries at the bottom of the ranking for social expenditure included Romania (2,205), Bulgaria (2,318), Latvia (2,483), Estonia (3,020) and Lithuania (3,118).

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