

Total exports of goods from the Basque Country grew by 5.3% in August 2017, and imports grew by 20.4%

In the accumulated rate for the first eight months of 2017, exports saw a year-on-year growth of 9.3% and imports of 22.3%

There was a rise in **exports of goods** from the Basque Country of 5.3% in August 2017, according to EUSTAT data. They totalled 1,753 million euros compared to 1,665 million in the same month of the previous year. Exports of energy goods, which saw an increase of 56.9% compared to the previous year, were responsible for the growth. There was also a rise in exports of non-energy products, although at a more moderate rate of 1.0%. By province, in **Bizkaia** exports grew by 15.4% and in **Gipuzkoa** by 8.8%, but in **Álava** they fell by 13.1%.

In the accumulated rate for the **first eight months** of 2017, exports from the Basque Country stood at 15,599 million euros, 9.3% up on the same period of 2016.

Imports of goods from the Basque Country, for their part, experienced a rise of 20.4%, reaching the figure of 1,392 million euros. As in the case of exports, energy imports saw the highest increase of 41.5%, but non-energy imports also experienced a significant growth of 14.2%. Imports in the three provinces increased in August: in **Bizkaia** they increased by 23.5%, in **Gipuzkoa** by 22.4% and in **Álava** by 11.0%.

For the **first eight months** as a whole, imports grew by 22.3% compared to the same period of 2016, standing at 12,259 million euros.

Evolution of the foreign trade of the Basque Country. Thousands of euros. August 2017

	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	August			August		
	2016	2017	Δ %	2016	2017	Δ %
BASQUE COUNTRY	1.665.367	1.753.103	5,3	1.155.519	1.391.646	20,4
ENERGY PRODUCTS	127.395	199.822	56,9	264.500	374.167	41,5
NON-ENERGY PRODUCTS	1.537.972	1.553.281	1,0	891.019	1.017.479	14,2
ARABA / ÁLAVA	475.687	413.503	-13,1	262.925	291.839	11,0
BIZKAIA	679.000	783.847	15,4	661.414	816.896	23,5
GIPUZKOA	510.679	555.752	8,8	231.179	282.911	22,4

Source: Eustat. Foreign trade statistics (ECOMEX)

Note: Based on the August 2017 data, Eustat will publish monthly data on the foreign trade of goods

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