

Average employment in Basque Administrations in 2017 stood at 131,885 people, 1.7% more than the previous year

The prevalence of women in the Basque Administrations has become increasingly noticeable, with this group now accounting for 62.6% of the total

Basque Public Administrations (not taking into account people working for the State Administration and the Social Security System) had an average of 131,885 workers in 2017, 1.7% more than the previous year, according to data prepared by EUSTAT.

Of these 131,885 Basque Administration employees, 65.2% worked for the Administration of the Autonomous Community, 19.4% worked for Local Entities, 8.1% worked for Provincial Councils, and the remaining 7.2% were employed by the University, foundations and other public entities. This employment distribution amongst the different Basque entities has remained virtually unchanged over the years.

Employees in Basque Public Administrations by type of entity

	2011		2015		2016		2017		2017/2016 (%)	2017/2011 (%)
	Quantity	%	Quantity	%	Quantity	%	Quantity	%		
Total	127.291	100	128.047	100	129.737	100	131.885	100	1,7	3,6
1.- Basque Government	83.009	65,2	83.447	65,2	84.752	65,3	86.046	65,2	1,5	3,7
2.- Provincial Councils	10.201	8,0	10.186	8,0	10.404	8,0	10.727	8,1	3,1	5,2
3.- Local bodies	25.532	20,1	25.184	19,7	25.400	19,6	25.565	19,4	0,6	0,1
4.- Other local bodies	8.549	6,7	9.230	7,2	9.181	7,1	9.547	7,2	4,0	11,7

Source: Eustat. Directory of public administrations

Compared to 2016, average annual employment in the Basque Administrations grew by 2,148 people; particularly noteworthy in percentage terms was the evolution of the Provincial Councils, with an increase of 3.1%, followed by the Basque Government, with 1.5%. Local bodies and their corresponding dependent bodies registered an increase of 0.6%, whilst the other Public Bodies; which include, among others, the University of the Basque Country, foundations and associations; saw a change of 4%.

Furthermore, at 31 December 2017, civil servants made up 62.1% of the total, 37% being staff, in both cases including statutory personnel of the Osakidetza (the Basque Health Service), and 0.9% corresponded to senior posts.

Full-time employees in the service of the Basque Public Administrations, civil servants and full-time civil servants, staff and statutory workers, accounted for 59.4% of total employees in 2017, whilst 39.7% were interim civil servants (15.9%) and temporary staff (23.8%).

Employees in Basque Public Administrations on 31 December 2017 by the regulatory framework

	TOTAL	Basque Government and dependent bodies	Provincial Councils and dependent bodies	Local bodies and dependent bodies	Other local bodies
Total	134.440	88.137	10.560	26.106	9.637
High positions	1.206	315	128	605	158
Total civil servants	83.462	58.442	6.855	14.659	3.506
Permanent Civil Servants	62.077	45.024	4.711	9.557	2.785
Substitute Public Servants	21.385	13.418	2.144	5.102	721
Total workers	49.772	29.380	3.577	10.842	5.973
Permanent Workers	17.718	7.724	2.135	5.531	2.328
Temporary Workers	32.054	21.656	1.442	5.311	3.645

Source: Eustat. Directory of public administrations

At 31 December 2017, men accounted for 37.4% of all Basque Public Administration employees, whilst women accounted for 62.6% of these, an increase of 2.7% for women compared to 0.4% for men, compared to the previous year. This prevalence of women employed in the Basque Public Administrations has progressively increased. For example, compared to 2011, women have gained almost two percentages points on the total.

Employees in Basque Public Administrations by sex to 31 December

	2011		2015		2016		2017	
	Quantity	%	Quantity	%	Quantity	%	Quantity	%
Total	128.540	100	130.447	100	131.973	100	134.440	100
Males	50.408	39,2	50.085	38,4	50.100	38,0	50.316	37,4
Females	78.132	60,8	80.362	61,6	81.873	62,0	84.124	62,6

Source: Eustat. Directory of public administrations

By province, Bizkaia accounted for 48.9% of the total of employed people, followed by Gipuzkoa, with 30%, and finally Álava, with for the remaining 21.1%.

Territorial distribution of personnel at the service of the Basque Public Administrations. 2017

	TOTAL	Araba/Álava	Bizkaia	Gipuzkoa
Basque Public Administrations	131.885	27.939	64.448	39.498
Basque Government	86.046	18.021	42.427	25.599
Provincial Councils	10.727	3.382	4.835	2.510
Local bodies	25.565	4.802	12.045	8.718
Other public, foundations and nonprofit institutions of the Basque Country	3.058	631	1.243	1.184
University of the Basque Country	6.489	1.104	3.898	1.487

Source: Eustat. Directory of public administrations

Note: Job half on the year

Methodological note: The Directory of Public Administrations comprises the General Administration of the Basque Country, Provincial Councils and City Councils, together with the Autonomous Administrative Bodies, Public Entities and non-profit Foundations and Institutions that depend on these. All entities whose public stake is equal to or greater than 50% are included, whether it be held by a single administration or is a joint stake of various public administrations.

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