

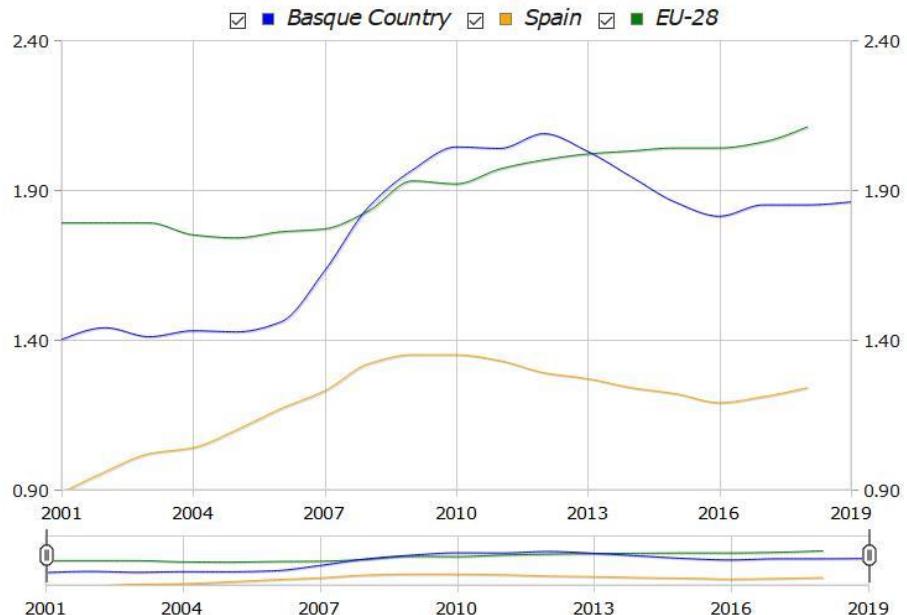
Expenditure on R&D increased by 4.1% and reached 1,481.4 million euros in the Basque Country, or 1.86% of GDP, in 2019

Almost 20,000 people were in full-time employment in R&D in 2019, up 1.8% on the previous year

Expenditure on internal R&D (Technological Research and Development) in 2019 reached a total of 1,481.4 million euros in the Basque Country, according to EUSTAT data. This figure is up by 58 million euros on the previous year, a 4.1% increase, securing for the fourth consecutive year a phase of growth that started in 2016 and paving the way towards a historic new high in terms of expenditure in 2019.

19,619 people held full-time equivalent positions in internal R&D in 2019, following growth of 1.8% compared to the previous year. The number of research staff, 13,520 people in full-time equivalent positions, increased by 2.7%. As with expenditure, both total employed personnel and research staff in R&D reached historic highs in 2019.

Evolution of the expenditure on internal R&D in relation to GDP Percentage



Source: Eurostat and Eustat. Statistics on scientific research and technological development activities-R&D

In relation to GDP, expenditure on internal R&D in the Basque Country reached 1.86% in 2019, one hundredth of a percentage point more than 1.85% in the previous year. The most recent comparative data with the European Union 28 (EU-28) are for 2018, when it accounted for 2.11% of its GDP, compared to 1.24% for Spain.

On a provincial level, 46.2% of total expenditure on internal R&D in the Basque Country in 2019 was carried out in Bizkaia, 43.3% in Gipuzkoa and 10.5% in Álava. It should be pointed out that this expenditure represented 2.40% of GDP in Gipuzkoa, 1.71% in the case of Bizkaia and 1.23% in that of Álava.

76.3% of expenditure on internal R&D in the Basque Country was implemented by the business sector

In terms of **the sector that carried out internal R&D expenditure**, the majority, 76.3% (1,129.6 million euros) was implemented by businesses, whereas 17.1% (253.8 million) corresponded to Higher Education and the remaining 6.6% (98.0 million) was carried out by various bodies dependent on the Administration. This sectorial distribution of implementation of R&D expenditure has remained relatively stable in recent years.

Compared to the previous year, all three sectors, Businesses, Public Administration and Higher Education, increased their expenditure on internal R&D by 4.6%, 1.6% and 2.7%, respectively.

Expenditure on internal R+D of the Basque Country by sector according to origin of funds (thousands of euros). 2019

	Total	Public Administration	Higher education teaching	Companies	Private non profit making institutions	Coming from abroad
Total	1.481.404	500.810	45.626	798.725	7.817	128.427
Companies	1.129.601	236.440	2592	780.864	2600	107.104
Public Administration	98.002	87.888	120	4.946	2.390	2.657
Higher education teaching	253.801	176.482	42.913	12.914	2.826	18.665

(*) I.P.S.F.L.= Private Institutions without Lucrative Ends

Source: Eustat. Statistics on scientific research and technological development activities - R&D

From the point of view of **funding internal R&D expenditure**, public funding saw the largest increase, 6.3% more than the previous year, and the 500.8 million allocated now accounts for 33.8% of total R&D expenditure. The contribution of the Autonomous Administration (408.0 million) is the largest in this sector, which increased by 8.2% on the previous year and accounts for 81.5% of the total funding from the public administration in 2019. In 2010, it was 62.9%. For its part, the central administration (69.1 million) cut its funding by 0.3% in 2019 and limited its share to 13.8% of total funding. Lastly, the share of local administrations and provincial councils (23.7 million) was 4.7%, and their contribution also fell, by 3.4% compared to the previous year.

Businesses, which spent 799 million euros on research, 3.5% more than in 2018 and 53.9% of total funding, remained the primary source of funding.

The rest of the funding came from abroad, with 128.4 million – a similar figure to the previous year (+0.5%), from higher education – 45.6 million (-0.3%), and from private non-profit institutions – 7.8 million, an increase of 15.1%.

There were 19,619 **people in full-time employment** in the following implementation sectors: 13,916 people corresponded to the Business Sector (70.9% of the total), 4,400 to Higher Education (22.4%) and 1,303 to Public Administration (6.7%). Of particular note is the increase in research staff, 13,520 people, up 2.7% compared to 1.8% for total staff.

36.6% of R&D personnel were women in 2019, 3.2 percentage points more than in 2010

36.6% of R&D personnel in full-time employment were women; the variation compared to the previous year was up by 0.7 percentage points on total personnel, however the increase in relation to 2010 was 3.2 percentage points and up to 4.9 points on 2005.

Considering the sector that carried out R&D, it can be observed that there are higher numbers of women in the Business and Higher Education sectors, 4,316 and 2,152 women, respectively, compared to 715 women in the Public Administration. However, in relative terms, woman accounted for 54.9% of the Public Administration, compared to 48.9% in Higher Education and 31.0% in the Business sector.

Change in expenditure and personnel (EDP) in the Basque Country. 2009-2019

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Expenditure R&D											
Total (Millions of euros)	1.281	1.360	1.366	1.373	1.317	1.290	1.273	1.291	1.363	1.423	1.481
Annual increase (%)	1,3	6,2	0,4	0,5	-4,1	-2,1	-1,3	1,4	5,6	4,4	4,1
% on GDP	1,97	2,04	2,04	2,09	2,03	1,94	1,86	1,81	1,85	1,85	1,86(p)
Personnel (E.D.P.)*											
Total	16.690	17.532	17.879	18.682	18.280	18.535	18.217	17.898	18.577	19.274	19.619
Annual increase (%)	8,6	5,0	2,0	4,5	-2,2	1,4	-1,7	-1,8	3,8	3,8	1,8
On equivalent jobs (%)	17,7	18,8	19,3	20,9	21,1	21,3	20,3	19,5	19,8	20,1	20,1
Research personnel (E.D.P.)*											
Total (Millions of euros)	10.386	11.071	11.283	11.772	11.959	12.030	12.089	11.916	12.608	13.165	13.520
Annual increase (%)	7,7	6,6	1,9	4,3	1,6	0,6	0,5	-1,4	5,8	4,4	2,7
On equivalent jobs (%)	11,0	11,9	12,2	13,2	13,8	13,8	13,4	13,0	13,4	13,7	13,9

*E.D.P.: Full-time Equivalent

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