

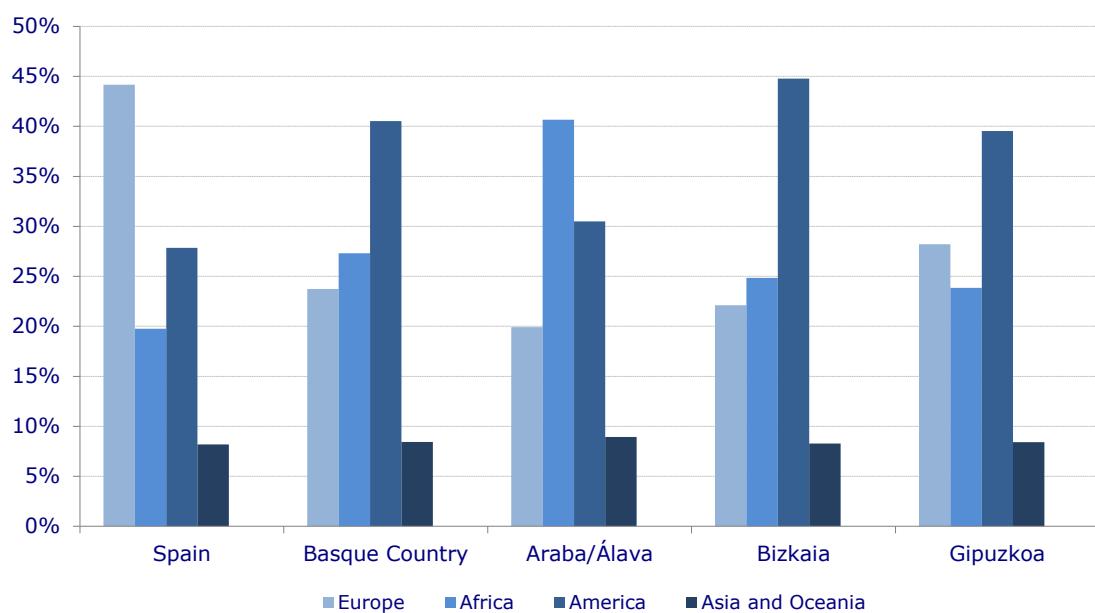
The foreign population residing in the Basque Country reached 185,000 inhabitants, 8.4% of the total

The Basque Country is one of the Autonomous Regions with the lowest proportion of foreign residents

Foreign nationals in the Basque Country amounted to 184,916 people, 8.4% of the population on 1 January 2020, according to data prepared by EUSTAT. This percentage is 0.8 percentage points higher than on 1 January 2019. The percentage varied slightly between provinces: Álava had the highest proportion with 9.9% (0.6 points more than in 2019), followed by Gipuzkoa with 8.5% (0.7 points more) and finally, Bizkaia, with 7.9% (0.9 points more).

Regarding nationality, Latin Americans made up 40.5% of foreign nationals, whilst in Spain they accounted for just over 27%. The countries with the greatest representation in this group were Nicaragua, Colombia, Honduras, Paraguay and Bolivia, making up 25.5% of the total number of foreign nationals, and 63% of the Latin American nationals. Women accounted for 61.3% of residents of Latin American nationality.

Foreigners by the continent of their nationality (%)



Source: Eustat. Municipal statistics on inhabitants. 1 January 2020

In contrast, European residents in the Basque Country made up 23.7% compared to 44.2% in Spain. Romania stood out in this group, accounting for 10.5% of foreign nationals and 44.2% of Europeans, 15 percentage points higher than in Spain. In second place, albeit at some distance from Romania, was Portugal, making up 14.7%

of Europeans in the Basque Country. In this group, both sexes had a similar presence, the percentage of men being slightly higher.

African countries accounted for 27.3% of foreign nationals in the Basque Country compared to 19.8% in Spain, with half coming from Morocco (52.6%); this was followed by Algeria, with 13%, and Senegal and Nigeria, with 10%. These four nationalities accounted for 85% of those with African nationality. Regarding sex, there was a predominance of men, with 61.5% of the total.

In last place were nationals from Asia and Oceania, accounting for 8.4% of foreign residents. Notably, almost the only countries of origin from this region were China and Pakistan, which accounted for 75.1% of the group.

In Álava, African nationals were the majority, whilst in Bizkaia and Gipuzkoa Latin American nationals accounted for the largest proportion

In Álava, Africans accounted for the greatest proportion among foreign residents (40.7%), Latin American residents being the second largest group, with 30.5% of the total.

In Bizkaia, Latin American nationals were the majority group (44.8%), followed, with a similar percentage, by Africans (24.8%) and Europeans (22.1%).

In Gipuzkoa, the distribution of nationalities was more similar to Bizkaia than to Álava, with a higher percentage of Latin American nationals (39.5%), followed by Europeans (28.2%) and Africans (23.8%).

77,000 foreign-born residents had Spanish nationality

On 1 January 2020, 77,035 residents in the Basque Country had acquired Spanish nationality or had it already due to family or other reasons. Of this number, 66.7% came from the Americas and, of these, three countries accounted for 50%: Colombia with 25%; Ecuador with 13% and Bolivia with 12%.

Next were those born in other European countries, which accounted for 16.4%, of which a third were born in France, 15% in Portugal and 11.5% in the United Kingdom.

13% of the people who acquired Spanish nationality came from African countries and, of these, more than half were born in Morocco (54%), followed by those born in Algeria, with 15.6%.

There were approximately 2,317,000 foreign-born individuals in Spain who have Spanish nationality, 32% of all of those born outside of Spain. Both this percentage and the distribution by continents of birth were similar to that of the Basque Country. The difference was in the weight of the different Latin American countries, as those born in Ecuador accounted for the highest percentage (19%), followed by Colombia (15.5%) and Venezuela (11.2%).

The foreign population living in the Basque Country was younger than the Spanish population

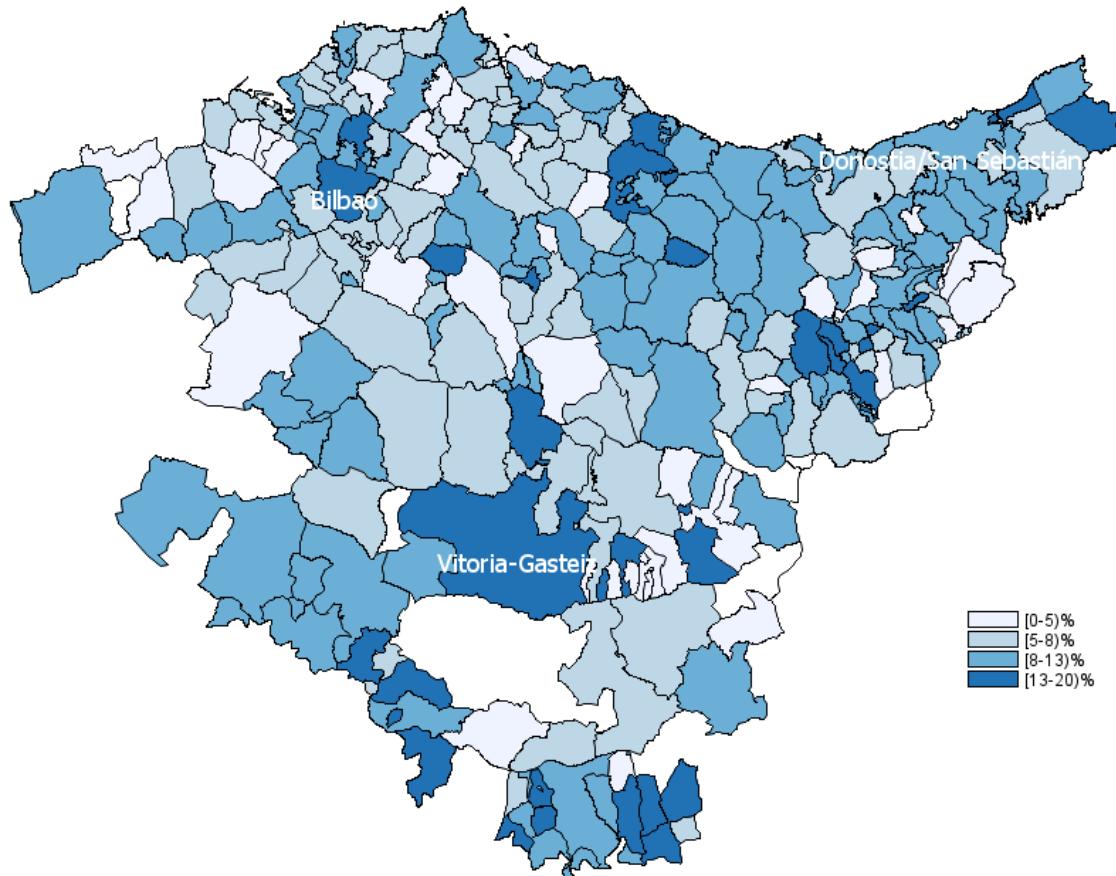
The average age of foreign nationals was 33 in the Basque Country, significantly lower than the 46 years of the residents with Spanish nationality, the average age of the Basque population being 45.

Meanwhile, if rather than looking at nationality we take into account the place of birth, we also find significant differences in the average age, depending on whether this place was the Basque Country, the other Autonomous Regions or abroad. The oldest population, by far, were those living in the Region and which were born elsewhere in Spain, whose average age was 64; they were followed by the population born in the Basque Country, with an average age of 41.5 and, finally, people born abroad, with an average of 37.2.

The number of people born abroad exceeded 240,000

On 1 January 2020, the number of people born abroad was 242,840 and accounted for 11% of the total population. The proportion for Spain was 14.8%. Therefore, in this respect, the Basque Country stood between Castilla-La Mancha and Andalusia, with 11% and 10%, respectively, of the population born abroad.

People born abroad by municipality (%)



Source: Eustat. Municipal statistics on inhabitants. January 1, 2020

The three provincial capitals had percentages of the population born abroad higher than that of the Basque Country as a whole, with the highest proportion being in Vitoria-Gasteiz, where it stood at 14.2%; in Bilbao it stood at 13.5% and in San Sebastián it reached 11% of the total population.

Of the 62 municipalities that had a proportion of people born abroad greater than that of the Basque Country as a whole, only 17 had more than 10,000 inhabitants. Ordizia offered the highest percentage, with 18.6%; it was followed by three municipalities in Rioja Alavesa: Lanciego/Lantziego (17.4%), Navaridas (18%) and Baños de Ebro/Maňueta (18.4%), and Berriatua, with 17.8%. On the other hand, there were three municipalities with barely any resident population born abroad, all of them in Gipuzkoa: Orexa, Aduna and Mutiloa; these are municipalities with small populations, as Aduna, the largest, only has 483 inhabitants and the proportion of the resident population born abroad is less than 2%.

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