

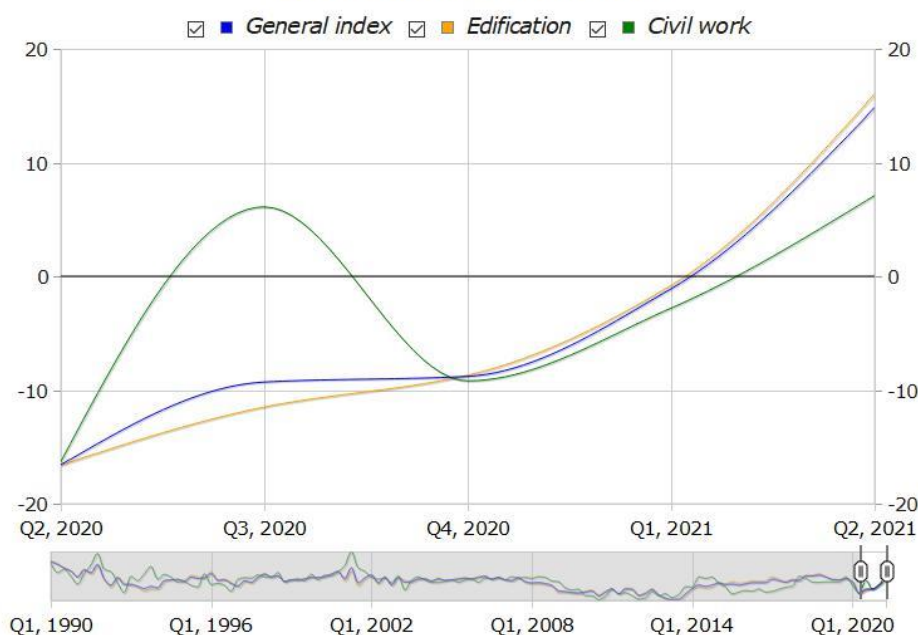
## Activity in the Construction sector in the Basque Country grew by 14.8% in the second quarter of 2021

**The Building sub-sector increased by 16.0% and the Civil Works sub-sector was up 7.1%**

Construction activity in the Basque Country registered, in nominal terms, a year-on-year upturn of 14.8% in the second quarter of 2021, once corrected for calendar effects, according to EUSTAT data.

The year-on-year increase in the Construction sector this quarter was primarily due to the performance of *Building*, which was up 16.0%, given that *Civil Works* experienced a more moderate year-on-year rise of 7.1%.

**Year-on-year variation rate. Construction index in the Basque Country (%)**  
Corrected for calendar effects



Source: Eustat. Construction Index

In the year-to-date, the first quarter of 2021, the sector posted a 6.3% increase in its activity in relation to the same period of 2020. The cumulative year-on-year variation rate for the year-to-date was 6.9% in the *Building* sub-sector and 2.1% in that of *Civil Works*.

Comparing the activity of the sector in this second quarter of 2021 with that of the previous quarter, once corrected for seasonal effects, revealed a decrease of 1.0%. *Building* showed a negative quarter-on-quarter evolution of 0.9% and *Civil Works* fell in relation to the previous quarter by 1.8%.

Finally, and in deseasonalised terms, the number of people employed in the Construction sector in the second quarter of 2021 rose by 1.1% in respect of the first quarter of 2021.

### Construction Index, Basque Country. Variation Rates (%). Provisional data. II/2021

	Corrected		Deseasonalised	
	II 2021/II 2020	At/At-1	II 2021/I 2021	I 2021/IV 2020
<b>Production Index</b>	14,8	6,3	-1,0	2,7
Building	16,0	6,9	-0,9	2,9
Public works	7,1	2,1	-1,8	1,2
<b>Index of employed personnel</b>	-	-	1,1	0,4

At/At-1 : Year on year variation rate of the accumulated period from the first quarter to the last quarter of year t compared to the same period of the year t-1

Source: Eustat. Construction Index

### NOTE:

Included as persons employed considered in this and other short-term indices, are those covered by an ERTE (Temporary Labour Force Adjustment Plan), following the definition of persons employed indicated by the Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat) in its manual [Methodology of Short Term Business Statistics](#).

The models used in the correction of calendar effects and deseasonalisation of the series include the effect of COVID-19 on the variables studied, following the recommendations of the Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat) in its methodological note [Guidance on Time Series Treatment in the context of the COVID-19 crisis](#).

Coverage of the Construction Index for the second quarter of 2021 was **84.9%**. Eustat would like to thank all establishments that participated in this survey for their effort.

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