

Births were down 1.1% in the first quarter of 2022 in the Basque Country

In 12.6% of births the mothers were over 40 years of age

In the first quarter of 2022 the number of births in the Basque Country stood at 3,287, which was a drop of 1.1% compared to the same quarter of the previous year, according to Eustat data. The number of births fell by 8.8% in Gipuzkoa and 2% in Álava. On the other hand, they rose by 4.6% in Bizkaia. Specifically, 1,691 children were born in Bizkaia, 1,053 were born in Gipuzkoa and 543 in Álava.

By months, the highest number of births was recorded in January, with 1,123 (34.2%), followed by March, with 1,110 (33.8%) and February, with 1,054 (32.1%).

According to the age of the mother, the group of mothers aged 35-39 moved into first position, producing 35.5% of births. This was followed by mothers aged 30-34, at 32.9%. It was notable that the number of women who became mothers aged 40 or over accounted for 12.6% of the total, a value higher than the 11.8% of births among mothers aged 25-29. The age of maternity for single mothers was lower than that for women who had children as a whole, with a notable 10.5% of single mothers being under 25 (this percentage is 7.3% among all mothers).

Births outside marriage accounted for 52.7% of the total, a figure higher than that for the first quarter of 2021 (49%). Bizkaia and Álava posted higher figures than the Basque Country as a whole, at 53.6% and 53.2%, respectively, whereas in Gipuzkoa this percentage was lower, at 51%.

According to the order of birth, in the first quarter of 2022 49.5% of births, 1,627 children were first-born, 1,239 (37.7%) arrived in families that already had another child, and the percentage of third or subsequent children stood at 12.8%, 0.3 points up on the same quarter of 2021.

The percentage of mothers with foreign nationality increased

In 28.4% of births in the Basque Country during the first three months of 2022, the mother was a foreign national, a rise of 2.6 percentage points compared to the first quarter of 2021. In Álava the proportion of mothers with foreign nationality stood at 36.6%, compared to 28.5% in Gipuzkoa and 25.8% in Bizkaia.

Live births in the Basque Country by historical territory of residence, sex, age, marital status and nationality of the mother, order and month of birth (1). 2022/I

	Current quarter (I/2022)		Previous quarter (IV/2021)			Same quarter of the previous year (I/2021)		
	No.	%	No.	%	Increase	No.	%	Increase
Basque Country	3.287	100	3.599	100	-8,7	3.324	100	-1,1
Araba / Álava	543	16,5	632	17,6	-14,1	554	16,7	-2,0
Bizkaia	1.691	51,4	1.733	48,2	-2,4	1.616	48,6	4,6
Gipuzkoa	1.053	32,0	1.234	34,3	-14,7	1.154	34,7	-8,8
Sex								
Boys	1.675	51,0	1.886	52,4	-11,2	1.775	53,4	-5,6
Girls	1.612	49,0	1.713	47,6	-5,9	1.549	46,6	4,1
AGE OF THE MOTHER								
24 years or less	239	7,3	212	5,9	12,7	195	5,9	22,6
25 - 29 years	387	11,8	503	14,0	-23,1	446	13,4	-13,2
30 - 34 years	1.080	32,9	1.233	34,3	-12,4	1.206	36,3	-10,4
35 - 39 years	1.166	35,5	1.226	34,1	-4,9	1.151	34,6	1,3
40 or older	415	12,6	425	11,8	-2,4	326	9,8	27,3
Marital status of the mother								
Married	1.554	47,3	1.791	49,8	-13,2	1.695	51,0	-8,3
Not married	1.733	52,7	1.808	50,2	-4,1	1.629	49,0	6,4
Nationality of the mother								
Spanish	2.352	71,6	2.530	70,3	-7,0	2.466	74,2	-4,6
Foreign	935	28,4	1.069	29,7	-12,5	858	25,8	9,0
Order of birth								
First	1.627	49,5	1.785	49,6	-8,9	1.612	48,5	0,9
Second	1.239	37,7	1.298	36,1	-4,5	1.297	39,0	-4,5
Third or more	421	12,8	516	14,3	-18,4	415	12,5	1,4
Month of birth								
January	1.131	34,4				1.033	31,1	9,5
February	1.056	32,1				1.067	32,1	-1,0
March	1.114	33,9				1.237	37,2	-9,9

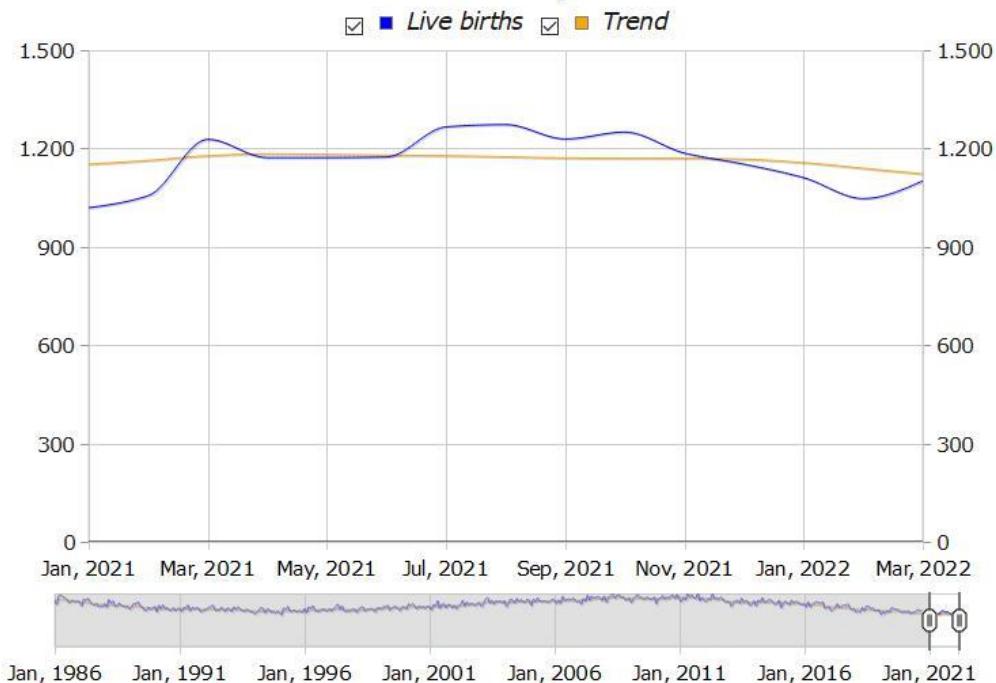
(1)The data for the current quarter is provisional. The variations are over the current quarter

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Live births to mothers residing in the Basque Country and registered in the Basque Country

Monthly



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