

Births were down 6.3% in the second quarter of 2022 in the Basque Country

Babies born to unmarried mothers accounted for 50.1%

In the second quarter of 2022 the number of births in the Basque Country stood at 3,319, 6.3% down on the same period of the previous year, according to Eustat data, the cumulative annual decrease being 3.7%. By province, the sharpest drop was in Gipuzkoa, down 11.4%, in Bizkaia the decrease was 6.3% and, in contrast, in Álava births increased by 4.9%. In absolute figures, 1,631 boys and girls were born in Bizkaia, 1,083 in Gipuzkoa and 605 in Álava.

During April, May and June 2022 births outside marriage accounted for 50.1% of the total, a greater percentage than the 48% recorded in the same quarter of 2021. This percentage was 51.6% in Bizkaia and 50.7% in Gipuzkoa; Álava, with 45.1%, was the only province with values below the Basque Country average.

According to the order of birth in the second quarter of 2022, almost half, 1,597, were first children; 1,260 girls and boys (38%) arrived in families that already had another son or daughter, and the percentage of third or subsequent children stood at 13.9%.

The percentage of mothers over 40 exceeded 11%

Regarding the distribution of births according to age, the group of mothers between the ages of 30-39 continued to be in the majority, producing 69.2% of births. With percentages significantly lower than the previous group, was the 25-29 age group (13.4%) and the under-25s (6.1%), while the group of mothers over 40 reached 11.4%.

The age of maternity for single mothers was lower than that for mothers as a whole, with 8.8% of single mothers being under the age of 25 and 14.2% between the ages of 25 and 29. The percentage of single mothers over 40 was 11.3%

There were more mothers with foreign nationality

In 29% of births in the Basque Country during the spring months of 2022, the mother was a foreign national. In the same period of 2021 this percentage was 26.1%. By province, in Álava this figure reached 36.9%, in Gipuzkoa 29.8% and in Bizkaia 25.6%.

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/II

	Oraingo hiruhilekoa (2022/II)		Previous quarter (I/2022)			Same quarter of the previous year (II/2021)		
	NO.	%	NO.	%	Increase	NO.	%	Increase
Basque Country	3.319	100,0	3.295	100,0	0,7	3.541	100,0	-6,3
Araba / Álava	605	18,2	544	16,5	11,2	577	16,3	4,9
Bizkaia	1.631	49,1	1.695	51,4	-3,8	1.741	49,2	-6,3
Gipuzkoa	1.083	32,6	1.056	32,0	2,6	1.223	34,5	-11,4
Sex								
Boys	1.725	52,0	1.679	51,0	2,7	1.806	51,0	-4,5
Girls	1.594	48,0	1.616	49,0	-1,4	1.735	49,0	-8,1
AGE OF THE MOTHER								
= 24 years	203	6,1	240	7,3	-15,4	223	6,3	-9,0
25 - 29 years	444	13,4	389	11,8	14,1	435	12,3	2,1
30 - 34 years	1.177	35,5	1.083	32,9	8,7	1.250	35,3	-5,8
35 - 39 years	1.118	33,7	1.167	35,4	-4,2	1.245	35,2	-10,2
= 40 years	377	11,4	416	12,6	-9,4	388	11,0	-2,8
Marital status of the mother								
Married	1.655	49,9	1.559	47,3	6,2	1.843	52,0	-10,2
Not married	1.664	50,1	1.736	52,7	-4,1	1.698	48,0	-2,0
Nationality of the mother								
Spanish	2.355	71,0	2.356	71,5	0,0	2.617	73,9	-10,0
Foreign	964	29,0	939	28,5	2,7	924	26,1	4,3
Order of birth								
First	1.597	48,1	1.631	49,5	-2,1	1.717	48,5	-7,0
Second	1.260	38,0	1.241	37,7	1,5	1.354	38,2	-6,9
Third or more	462	13,9	423	12,8	9,2	470	13,3	-1,7
Month of birth								
April	1.015	30,6				1.183	33,4	-14,2
May	1.146	34,5				1.176	33,2	-2,6
June	1.158	34,9				1.182	33,4	-2,0

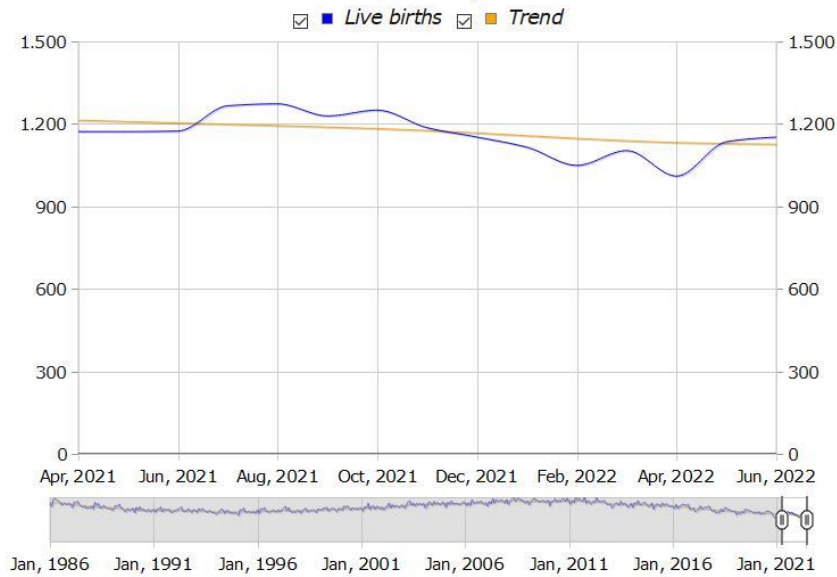
(1)The data for the current and previous quarters are provisional. The variations are over the current quarter

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Source: Eustat Birth statistics

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

Monthly



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