

## **Births were down 5.6% in the first quarter of 2023 in the Basque Country**

### ***In 12% of births the mothers were aged 40 years or over***

In the first quarter of 2023 the number of births in the Basque Country stood at 3,113, which was a drop of 5.6% compared to the same quarter of the previous year, according to Eustat data. The number of births fell by 9.7% in Álava, 6.9% in Bizkaia and 1.3% in Gipuzkoa. Specifically, 1,580 children were born in Bizkaia, 1,042 were born in Gipuzkoa and 491 in Álava.

By months, the highest number of births was recorded in January, with 1,057 (34%), followed by March, with 1,055 (33.9%); in February, 1,001 (32.2%) children were born.

According to the age of the mother, the group of mothers aged 35-39 moved into first position, producing 34.9% of births. This was followed by mothers aged 30-34, at 33.1%. It was notable that in this quarter, the number of women who became mothers aged between 25 and 29 was 13.1%, a value higher than the 12% of mothers aged 40 and over. In the same quarter of the previous year, there was a greater number of women who became mothers aged 40 and over than those between 25 and 29 years old.

The age of maternity for single mothers was lower than that for women who had children as a whole, with a notable 10.1% of single mothers being under 25 (this percentage is 3.3 points higher among all mothers).

Births outside marriage accounted for 50.7% of the total, a figure lower than that for the first quarter of 2022 (52.6%). Bizkaia had higher values than the Basque Country as a whole, 55.4%, while in Álava and Gipuzkoa this percentage was lower, at 49.1% and 44.3% respectively.

According to the order of birth, in the first quarter of 2023 49% of births, 1,525 children, were first-born. 1,177 (37.8%) arrived in families that already had another child, and the percentage of third or subsequent children stood at 13.2%, 0.4 points more than in the same quarter of 2022.

### ***The percentage of mothers with foreign nationality exceeded 30%***

In 31.1% of births in the Basque Country during the first three months of 2023, the mother was a foreign national, 2.6 percentage points higher than in the same quarter of 2022. In Álava the proportion of mothers with foreign nationality stood at 40.3%, compared to 29.9% in Gipuzkoa and 28.9% 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). 2023/I

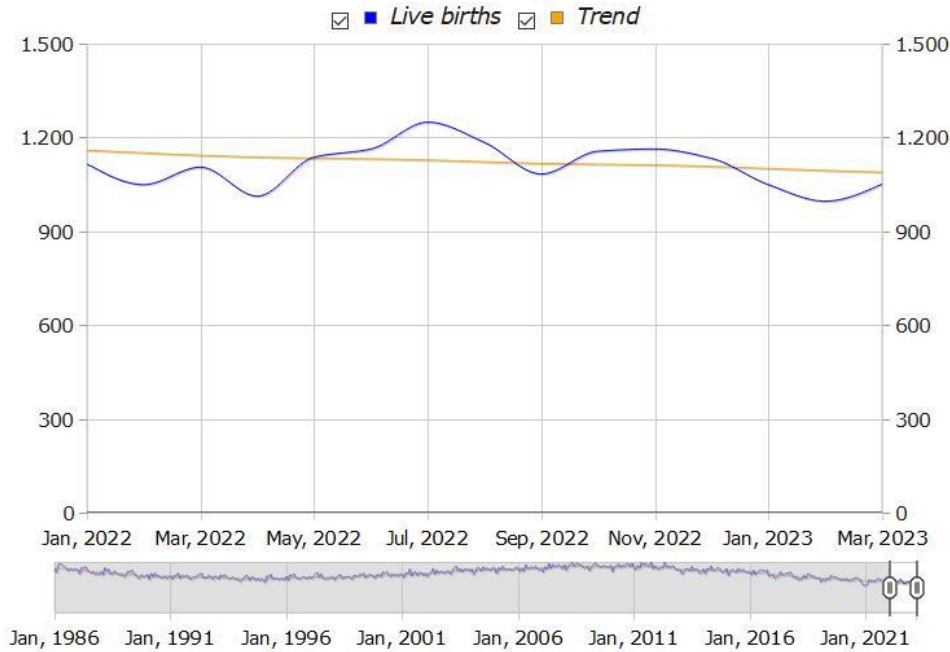
	Current quarter (I/2023)		Previous quarter (IV/2022)			Mismo trimestre año anterior (I/2022) ##		
	NO.	%	NO.	%	Increase	NO.	%	Increase
<b>Basque Country</b>	<b>3.113</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>3.470</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>-10,3</b>	<b>3.298</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>-5,6</b>
Araba / Álava	491	15,8	554	16,0	-11,4	544	16,5	-9,7
Bizkaia	1.580	50,8	1.742	50,2	-9,3	1.698	51,5	-6,9
Gipuzkoa	1.042	33,5	1.174	33,8	-11,2	1.056	32,0	-1,3
<b>Sex</b>								
Boys	1.587	51,0	1.781	51,3	-10,9	1.681	51,0	-5,6
Girls	1.526	49,0	1.689	48,7	-9,7	1.617	49,0	-5,6
<b>AGE OF THE MOTHER</b>								
= 24 years	213	6,8	257	7,4	-17,1	241	7,3	-11,6
25 - 29 years	409	13,1	460	13,3	-11,1	390	11,8	4,9
30 - 34 years	1.029	33,1	1.136	32,7	-9,4	1.083	32,8	-5,0
35 - 39 years	1.087	34,9	1.175	33,9	-7,5	1.168	35,4	-6,9
= 40 years	375	12,0	442	12,7	-15,2	416	12,6	-9,9
<b>Marital status of the mother</b>								
Married	1.534	49,3	1.683	48,5	-8,9	1.562	47,4	-1,8
Not married	1.579	50,7	1.787	51,5	-11,6	1.736	52,6	-9,0
<b>Nationality of the mother</b>								
Spanish	2.146	68,9	2.402	69,2	-10,7	2.357	71,5	-9,0
Foreign	967	31,1	1.068	30,8	-9,5	941	28,5	2,8
<b>Order of birth</b>								
First	1.525	49,0	1.750	50,4	-12,9	1.632	49,5	-6,6
Second	1.177	37,8	1.238	35,7	-4,9	1.243	37,7	-5,3
Third or more	411	13,2	482	13,9	-14,7	423	12,8	-2,8
<b>Month of birth</b>								
January	1.057	34,0				1.128	34,2	-6,3
February	1.001	32,2				1.056	32,0	-5,2
March	1.055	33,9				1.114	33,8	-5,3

(1)The data for the current quarter is 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



Source: EUSTAT Birth statistics

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