

## Births were down 1.6% in the third quarter of 2023 in the Basque Country

***Babies born to unmarried mothers accounted for 50% and 31.3% of mothers were foreign nationals***

In the third quarter of 2023 the number of births in the Basque Country stood at 3,478, 1.6% down on that registered in the same period of the previous year, according to Eustat data. The cumulative annual decrease stood at 3.2%. By province, the sharpest drop was in Gipuzkoa, down 3%; there was also a decrease in Bizkaia, with a fall of 1.2%; while in Álava there was an increase of 0.2%. In absolute figures, 1,763 girls and boys were born in Bizkaia, 1,150 in Gipuzkoa and 565 in Álava.

During the summer months of 2023, births outside marriage accounted for 50% of the total, higher than the 49.5% recorded in the same quarter of 2022. This percentage was 53.3% in Bizkaia, 49.7% in Álava and 45% in Gipuzkoa.

According to the order of birth, in the third quarter of 2023 more than half (1,788) were first children; 1,195 girls and boys (34.4%) arrived in families that already had another child, and the percentage of third or subsequent children reached 14.2%.

### ***The percentage of mothers over 40 was 10.9%***

Regarding the distribution of births according to age, the group of mothers between the ages of 30-39 continued to be the majority, producing 68.8% of births. With percentages significantly lower than the previous group was the 25-29 age group (13.3%) and the under-25s (7%), while the group of mothers over 40 reached 10.9%.

The age of maternity for single mothers was lower than that for mothers as a whole, with 9.5% of them under the age of 25 and 15.8% between the ages of 25 and 29. The percentage of single mothers over 40 was 11%.

### ***There were more mothers with foreign nationality***

During July, August and September 2023, the mother was a foreign national in 31.3% of births in the Basque Country. This percentage was 31.1% in the same period of 2022. By province, this figure reached 38.4% in Álava, 32.6% in Gipuzkoa and 28.2% 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/III

	Current quarter (III/2023)		Previous quarter (II/2023)			Same quarter of previous year (III/2022)		
	NO.	%	NO.	%	Increase	NO.	%	Increase
<b>Basque Country</b>	<b>3.478</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>3.238</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>7,4</b>	<b>3.534</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>-1,6</b>
Araba / Álava	565	16,2	555	17,1	1,8	564	16,0	0,2
Bizkaia	1.763	50,7	1.581	48,8	11,5	1.785	50,5	-1,2
Gipuzkoa	1.150	33,1	1.102	34,0	4,4	1.185	33,5	-3,0
<b>Sex</b>								
Boys	1.769	50,9	1.643	50,7	7,7	1.831	51,8	-3,4
Girls	1.709	49,1	1.595	49,3	7,1	1.703	48,2	0,4
<b>AGE OF THE MOTHER</b>								
=24 years	244	7,0	220	6,8	10,9	246	7,0	-0,8
25 - 29 years	465	13,3	461	14,2	0,9	457	12,9	1,8
30 - 34 years	1.251	36,0	1.148	35,5	9,0	1.231	34,8	1,6
35 - 39 years	1.140	32,8	1.062	32,8	7,3	1.233	34,9	-7,5
=40 years	378	10,9	347	10,7	8,9	367	10,4	3,0
<b>Marital status of the mother</b>								
Married	1.739	50,0	1.631	50,4	6,6	1.783	50,5	-2,5
Not married	1.739	50,0	1.607	49,6	8,2	1.751	49,5	-0,7
<b>Nationality of the mother</b>								
Spanish	2.388	68,7	2.195	67,8	8,8	2.435	68,9	-1,9
Foreign	1.090	31,3	1.043	32,2	4,5	1.099	31,1	-0,8
<b>Order of birth</b>								
First	1.788	51,4	1.525	47,1	17,2	1.732	49,0	3,2
Second	1.195	34,4	1.234	38,1	-3,2	1.315	37,2	-9,1
Third or more	495	14,2	479	14,8	3,3	487	13,8	1,6
<b>Month of birth</b>								
July	1.183	34,0				1.256	35,5	-5,8
August	1.147	33,0				1.189	33,6	-3,5
September	1.148	33,0				1.089	30,8	5,4

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

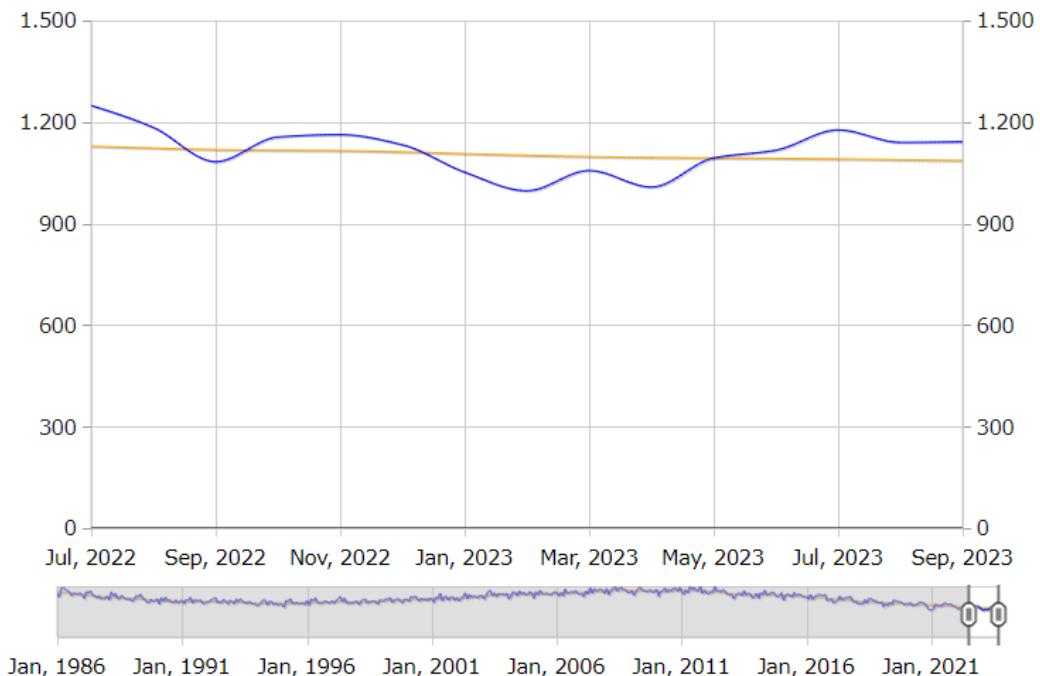
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Source: Eustat Birth statistics

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

Monthly

*Live births*   *Trend*



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