

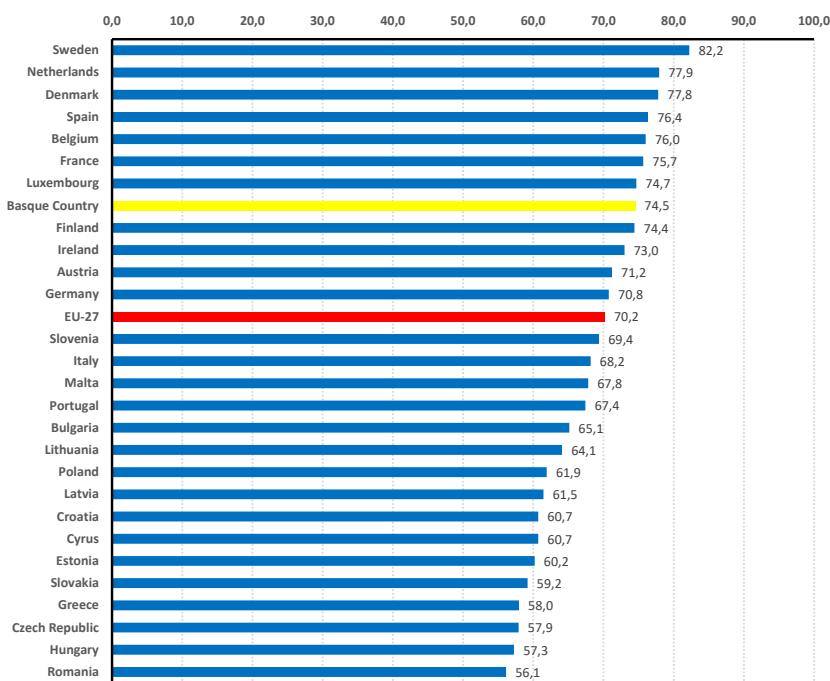
# The Gender Equality Index of the Basque Country improved by 1.4 points, standing at 74.5 points in 2021

***The highest levels of equality were recorded in aspects relating to health, money and time; and the lowest in knowledge and power***

The Basque Country scored 74.5 points out of 100 in the 2021 *Gender equality index*, an improvement of 1.4 points compared to 2019, applying the methodology of the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE), according to Eustat data.

This figure places the Basque Country between Luxembourg and Finland in the European league table, countries ranking seventh and eighth, respectively.

Gender equality index by country. 2021



Source: Eustat. Gender equality index and EIGE

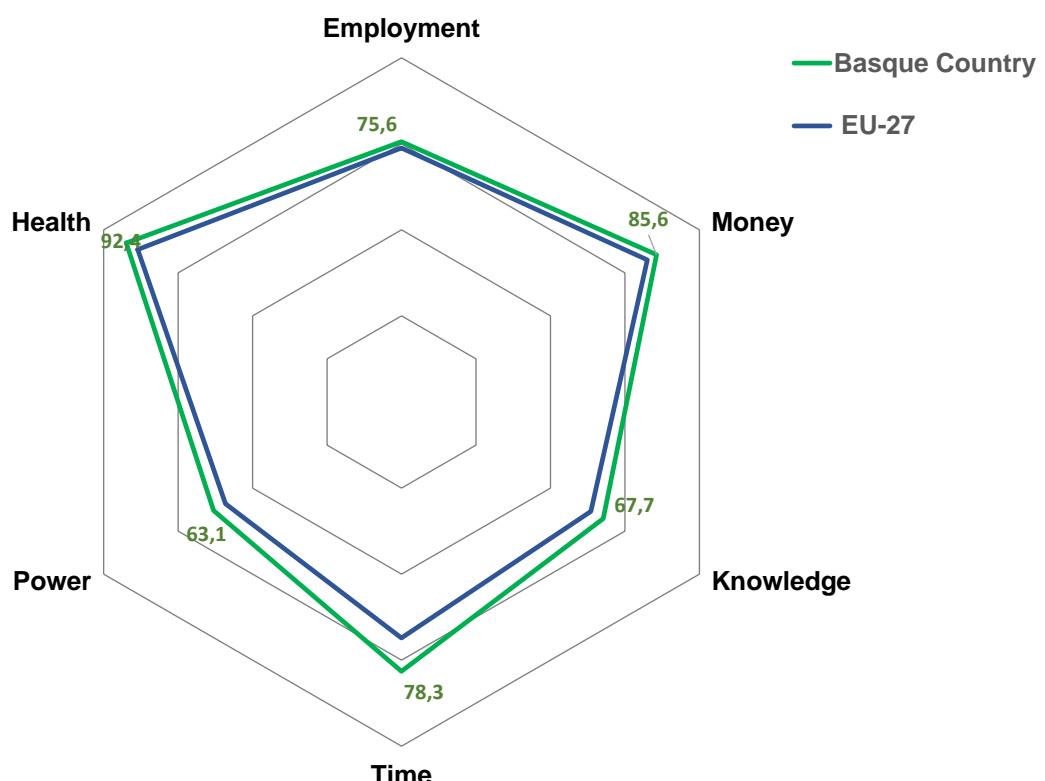
The *Gender equality index* (GEI) is a summary indicator of social advances in gender equality in six different areas or domains: *Employment, Money, Knowledge, Time, Power and Health*. The results are reported on a scale with 100 representing full equality.

***The Basque Country exceeded the EU-27 average in every domain***

The Basque Country topped the EU-27 average in all the domains measuring gender equality. The greatest margin was in the *Time* domain, where the Basque Country ranked significantly higher than all European Union countries. It also scored higher in the *Health* domain, equaling the fourth-ranked country, particularly in the *Health status* sub-domain, where it would have been first. However, it ranked lower than Spain, which had an Index score of 76.4.

In the Basque Country, the domain that came closest to full gender equality was *Health*, with 92.4 points out of 100. At the other end of the equality scale, the *Power* domain scored 63.1 points. Within this last dimension, equality was higher in *Political power*, with an equality score of 90.2 points, but much lower in *Economic power* (52.2 points) and *Social power* (53.3 points).

**Indicators of the Gender equality index by dimension. Basque Country and EU-27. 2021**



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***All the GEI domains improved between 2010 and 2021***

Between 2010 and 2021, the Basque Country increased its score from 68.9 points to 74.5 points. Progress towards gender equality can be discerned in all the index domains and also in the sub-domains, with the exception of *Economic situation*. Among all the domains, the one with the most positive trend during this period, although it was still the furthest from reaching full equality, was *Power*, with an 8.8 point increase in the equality

score, driven by the improvement in both *Economic power* — up 13.6 points — and *Political power* — which rose by 8.5 points.

## Gender equality index by dimensions and sub-dimensions. Basque Country and Provinces . 2010-2021

	BASQUE COUNTRY					Araba/Álava			Bizkaia			Gipuzkoa		
	2010	2015	2017	2019	2021	2017	2019	2021	2017	2019	2021	2017	2019	2021
<b>Gender equality index</b>	68,9	69,3	71,1	73,1	74,5	71,0	72,2	74,1	69,5	71,9	73,9	72,5	73,5	74,5
<b>Employment</b>	70,6	72,3	72,6	74,7	75,6	72,6	75,2	76,3	71,7	73,8	74,8	74,2	75,4	76,0
participation	76,7	80,9	82,2	83,1	83,3	83,5	84,3	83,8	81,2	82,4	82,5	83,4	83,8	83,9
Segregation and quality of work	65,0	64,7	64,2	67,1	68,7	63,1	67,1	69,4	63,2	66,0	67,8	65,9	67,8	68,7
<b>Money</b>	83,1	84,5	83,7	85,4	85,6	83,5	84,9	86,7	82,3	84,5	86,3	86,9	86,4	86,5
Financial resources	73,6	76,1	76,5	80,7	79,8	74,7	80,5	79,6	76,3	80,3	79,2	77,8	81,5	80,9
Economic situation	93,8	93,9	91,5	90,3	91,8	93,4	89,5	94,4	88,8	88,9	94,1	97,2	91,7	92,5
<b>Knowledge</b>	61,2	63,9	65,2	65,6	67,7	64,0	63,9	67,4	64,8	66,6	68,7	65,5	64,8	66,1
Achivement and participation	70,6	70,8	73,1	74,8	78,7	70,9	70,9	77,7	72,3	75,8	80,4	73,3	74,5	76,2
Segregation	53,0	57,7	58,2	57,6	58,2	57,8	57,6	58,5	58,1	58,4	58,7	58,6	56,4	57,3
<b>Time</b>	73,4	70,7	72,4	74,1	78,3	71,9	71,5	75,5	71,4	72,6	76,2	73,3	75,1	77,9
Care-related activities	88,7	89,3	88,4	93,7	93,0	87,8	94,6	93,1	88,5	93,0	93,1	88,3	94,3	92,5
Social activities	60,8	56,0	59,3	58,5	65,9	59,0	54,1	61,2	57,6	56,8	62,4	60,7	59,9	65,5
<b>Power</b>	54,3	52,9	58,0	62,7	63,1	58,6	61,5	61,9	53,8	58,6	60,7	60,3	63,3	64,2
Political Power	81,7	80,4	87,7	96,7	90,2	87,7	93,5	90,3	72,9	83,6	85,2	91,7	92,1	91,4
Economic Power	38,6	36,3	41,3	45,1	52,2	39,2	40,8	49,4	41,4	44,4	51,5	41,9	46,3	50,0
Social power	50,7	50,7	53,9	56,5	53,3	58,4	61,1	53,0	51,5	54,1	50,9	57,0	59,6	57,8
<b>Health</b>	91,3	90,9	92,4	92,4	92,4	93,7	93,4	93,5	92,5	92,5	92,4	91,7	91,9	91,9
State of health	97,0	96,2	97,3	97,2	97,2	98,0	96,9	97,2	96,8	96,6	96,5	97,7	98,3	98,2
Healthy Behaviour	80,6	80,6	81,3	81,3	81,3	84,3	84,3	84,3	82,1	82,1	79,0	79,0	79,0	79,0
Healthcare	97,4	96,8	99,8	99,8	99,8	99,7	99,7	99,7	99,7	99,7	99,9	99,9	99,9	99,9

The scores vary between 1 (total inequality) and 100 (total equality)

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Source: Eustat. Gender equality index

The Basque provinces improved their scores on the *Gender equality index* in the period between 2017 and 2021. The equality index for Gipuzkoa was just 3 tenths of a point higher than Álava and six above Bizkaia. Moreover, Bizkaia was the province that registered the greatest increase on the index in the 2017-2021 period while Gipuzkoa improved the least, indicating that the slight differences that existed between territories are disappearing.

### Gender Equality Index. Structural Indicators

#### Methodological information:

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