

Average household expenditure in the Basque Country rose to 36,331 euros in 2023, 4% more than in 2022

The greatest increase in respect of the previous year was seen in expenditure on Leisure and culture, at 21.6%

In current terms, the **average expenditure per household** stood at 36,331 euros in 2023, 4.0% more than the previous year, with a notable increase in expenditure on *Leisure and culture*, according to Eustat data. The **average expenditure per person** rose by 4.5% to 15,570 euros in 2023.

By expenditure group, 8 of the 12 groups saw an upward trend in average household expenditures. In 2023, the greatest increase in average expenditure per household was recorded in *Leisure and culture*, with a rise of 21.6% compared to 2022, which translates into an average expenditure per household of 1,745 euros per year. This growth was based primarily on spending on *Recreational, sport and cultural goods and services*, which accounted for 62% of expenditure on this group, compared to 19% of expenditure on *Tour packages* and the remaining 19% on *Audiovisual, photographic and information processing equipment, Press and books*.

Average expenditure per home and expenditure structure by expenditure group of households in the Basque Country (ECOICOP/EGF to 2 digits) . 2022-2023

	Level of training of the main holder			Expenditure structure (%)	
	2022	2023	Increase (%) 2023/2022	2022	2023
TOTAL	34.928	36.331	4,0	100,0	100,0
01 T Food and non-alcoholic beverages	5.444	5.714	5,0	15,6	15,7
02 T Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	399	405	1,6	1,1	1,1
03 T Clothes and shoes	1.397	1.402	0,3	4,0	3,9
04 T Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	12.297	12.849	4,5	35,2	35,4
05 T Furniture, household articles and articles for day-to-day household maintenance	1.528	1.448	-5,3	4,4	4,0
06 T Health	1.203	1.272	5,8	3,4	3,5
07 T Transportation	3.329	3.307	-0,7	9,5	9,1
08 T Communications	930	900	-3,2	2,7	2,5
09 T Leisure and culture	1.434	1.745	21,6	4,1	4,8
10 T Education	731	617	-15,6	2,1	1,7
11 T Restaurants and hotels	3.850	4.088	6,2	11,0	11,3
12 T Other goods and services	2.385	2.584	8,4	6,8	7,1

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Source: Eustat. Family expenditure statistics

Spending on Leisure and culture and Restaurants and hotels represented a larger proportion of the Basque household budget

The group with the second highest growth in average household expenditure was *Other goods and services* (8.4%), followed by *Restaurants and hotels* (6.2%), with an average expenditure per household of 4,088 euros throughout the year, *Healthcare* (5.8%), an item on which Basque households spent an average of 1,272 euros per year, *Food and non-alcoholic beverages* (5.0%) and *Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels* (4.5%).

In contrast, the average household expenditures that decreased in relation to the year before were *Education* (-15.6%), *Furniture, household items and routine household maintenance items* (-5.3%) and *Communications* (-3.2%), following the same trend as previous years.

As regards pattern of consumption, *Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels* continued to account for the highest spending by households in the Basque Country, given that more than a third (35.4%) of expenditure went on this item, equivalent to 12,849 euros per year per household in 2023. Furthermore, the weight of this expenditure group in the total household expenditure budget increased by 0.2 percentage points in respect of 2022. Despite this, in 2023 there was a notable drop of 8.8% in the average expenditure per household on energy bills, owing to the 11.9% decrease in spending on *electricity* and the 4.1% decrease in spending on *gas* compared to 2022, expenditures that had increased by 9.6% and 21.5% respectively in 2022.

The average expenditure per household on *Food and non-alcoholic beverages* was up one tenth of a percentage point compared to the weight it had in 2022, reaching 15.7% of expenditure in 2023, 5,714 euros per household. Between them, these groups (housing with its associated costs and food) accounted for half of the average household budget (51.1%) in 2023, up from 50.8% in 2022.

The weight of expenditure on *Restaurants and hotels* (4,088 euros per year per household in 2023) also continued to rise, reaching 11.3%, 0.3 percentage points more than in 2022.

Total expenditure on consumption by Basque households grew by 5.0% in 2023

In absolute terms, **total expenditure** on consumption by Basque households reached 34,272 million euros in 2023, up 5.0% on 2022, with different trends in the various expenditure groups.

Total expenditure by household expenditure group in the Basque Country (2 digits ECOICOP/EGF). 2022-2023

	Total expenditure (thousand euros)		
	2022	2023	Increase (%) 2023/2022
TOTAL	32.650.445	34.272.927	5,0
01 T Food and non-alcoholic beverages	5.089.429	5.390.301	5,9
02 T Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	372.545	382.024	2,5
03 T Clothes and shoes	1.306.254	1.322.730	1,3
04 T Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	11.495.230	12.121.196	5,4
05 T Furniture, household articles and articles for day-to-day household maintenance	1.428.628	1.365.779	-4,4
06 T Health	1.124.163	1.200.037	6,7
07 T Transportation	3.111.905	3.119.341	0,2
08 T Communications	869.645	849.358	-2,3
09 T Leisure and culture	1.340.865	1.645.967	22,8
10 T Education	683.593	581.965	-14,9
11 T Restaurants and hotels	3.598.740	3.856.471	7,2
12 T Other goods and services	2.229.447	2.437.758	9,3

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Source: Eustat. Family expenditure statistics

Looking at the two most significant groups in terms of volume of expenditure, spending on *Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels* and *Food and non-alcoholic beverages* increased by 5.4% and 5.9% respectively compared to 2022.

Next, total expenditure by Basque households on *Restaurants and hotels* stood at over 3,856 million euros, with growth of 7.2% in respect of 2022.

In percentage terms, of particular note was the year-on-year increase of 22.8% in total household spending on *Leisure and culture*, which rose to 1,646 million euros.

In contrast, there was a decline in total expenditure on *Education* (-14.9%), *Furniture, household items and routine household maintenance items* (-4.4%) and *Communications* (-2.3%).

By **province**, families in Álava accounted for 15.5% of total consumption expenditure in the Basque Country in 2023, Bizkaia represented 52.9% of spending and Gipuzkoa 31.6%.

Total expenditure (thousands of euros) of households in the Basque Country by expenditure group (2 digits ECOICOP/EGF) according to province. 2023

	Basque Country	Araba/Álava	Bizkaia	Gipuzkoa
TOTAL	34.272.927	5.313.103	18.134.882	10.824.943
01 T Food and non-alcoholic beverages	5.390.301	844.237	2.795.019	1.751.045
02 T Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	382.024	52.251	211.501	118.272
03 T Clothes and shoes	1.322.730	202.248	671.825	448.657
04 T Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	12.121.196	1.855.192	6.487.274	3.778.729
05 T Furniture, household articles and articles for day-to-day household maintenance	1.365.779	193.318	798.605	373.856
06 T Health	1.200.037	177.495	625.045	397.498
07 T Transportation	3.119.341	560.500	1.588.787	970.054
08 T Communications	849.358	123.961	438.758	286.639
09 T Leisure and culture	1.645.967	252.744	924.548	468.675
10 T Education	581.965	64.668	326.645	190.652
11 T Restaurants and hotels	3.856.471	600.576	1.950.663	1.305.233
12 T Other goods and services	2.437.758	385.914	1.316.211	735.632

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Source: Eustat. Family expenditure statistics

Households in Bizkaia saw the greatest increase in average household expenditure

In 2023, households in **Bizkaia** came in first place out of the three provinces with regard to average expenditure per household with 36,491 euros, 2,602 euros more per household than in 2022 (7.7%), the highest increase of the three provinces. This growth was primarily due to the rise in expenditure on *Healthcare* (23.0%), *Leisure and culture* (26.1%), *Food and non-alcoholic beverages* (12.0%) and *Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels* (7.4%), among others. The expenditures that decreased compared to 2022 were *Furniture and household items* (-9.3%), *Education* (-9.0%) and *Communications* (-1.5%), which was down in all three provinces.

Average expenditure per home (euros) by expenditure group in the Basque Country according to province (ECOICOP/EGF to 2 digits). 2022-2023




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	Araba/Álava			Bizkaia			Gipuzkoa		
	2022	2023	Increase (%) 2023/2022	2022	2023	Increase (%) 2023/2022	2022	2023	Increase (%) 2023/2022
TOTAL	35.181	36.330	3,3	33.889	36.491	7,7	36.577	36.066	-1,4
01 T Food and non-alcoholic beverages	5.767	5.773	0,1	5.024	5.624	12,0	6.008	5.834	-2,9
02 T Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	361	357	-1,1	409	426	3,9	398	394	-0,9
03 T Clothes and shoes	1.418	1.383	-2,5	1.346	1.352	0,4	1.475	1.495	1,4
04 T Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	12.507	12.686	1,4	12.159	13.054	7,4	12.433	12.590	1,3
05 T Furniture, household articles and articles for day-to-day household maintenance	1.186	1.322	11,4	1.772	1.607	-9,3	1.274	1.246	-2,2
06 T Health	1.342	1.214	-9,6	1.023	1.258	23,0	1.443	1.324	-8,2
07 T Transportation	4.138	3.833	-7,4	2.847	3.197	12,3	3.768	3.232	-14,2
08 T Communications	920	848	-7,9	896	883	-1,5	993	955	-3,8
09 T Leisure and culture	1.506	1.728	14,7	1.475	1.860	26,1	1.331	1.562	17,3
10 T Education	628	442	-29,6	722	657	-9,0	796	635	-20,2
11 T Restaurants and hotels	3.161	4.107	29,9	3.805	3.925	3,2	4.251	4.349	2,3
12 T Other goods and services	2.246	2.639	17,5	2.410	2.648	9,9	2.408	2.451	1,8

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Source: Eustat. Family expenditure statistics

In **Álava**, the average expenditure per household stood at 36,330 euros, 3.3% higher than in 2022, an increase in average expenditure per household of 1,150 euros per year. The greatest increase in expenditure was seen in the *Restaurants and hotels* group, with growth of 29.9% in respect of the previous year, which translates into a rise in average expenditure per household in this group of 946 euros per year. The average household expenditure on *Leisure and culture* in Álava also improved significantly compared to 2022 (14.7%), as did spending on *Furniture and household items*, with an increase of 11.4%. On the other hand, the expenditure groups that decreased with regard to 2022 were *Education* (-29.6%), *Healthcare* (-9.6%), *Communications* (-7.9%) and *Transport* (-7.4%).

Households in **Gipuzkoa** registered a decline in average spending per household of 1.4% compared to the previous year, with an average expenditure of 36,066 euros per year per household. The province saw a rise in average household expenditures on *Leisure and culture* (17.3%), *Restaurants and hotels* (2.3%), *Clothing and footwear* (1.4%) and *Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels* (1.3%). In contrast, there were considerable decreases in *Education* (-20.2%), *Transport* (-14.2%) and *Healthcare* (-8.2%).

Consumption expenditure according to household characteristics

An analysis of household expenditure in the Basque Country, according to various classification variables for the household and its members, reveals a socio-economic interpretation of the data.

With regard to **household size**, *1 member* households had an **average expenditure per person** of 24,409 euros in 2023, 56.8% above the average expenditure for the Basque Country (15,570 euros). Compared to the previous year, *1 member* households saw their expenditure per person increase by 1,485 euros per year on average. *2 member* households stood 18.6% above the average, with an average expenditure per person of 18,462 euros. In contrast, households with *3 members* (14,024 euros) and *4 or more members* (11,223 euros) were below average, with 9.9% and 27.9%, respectively.

Total expenditure and average expenditure in the Basque Country by the size of the home. 2023

	Total expenditure (thousand euros)	Average expenditure per home (euros)	Average expenditure per person (euros)
TOTAL	34.272.927	36.331	15.570
1 member	7.138.818	24.409	24.409
2 members	10.814.767	36.923	18.462
3 members	7.371.543	42.069	14.023
4 and more	8.947.799	48.961	11.223

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Source: Eustat. Family expenditure statistics

According to **main household income source**, households whose main source of income was *self-employment and income from property and capital* registered the greatest average expenditure per household in 2023, with 45,245 euros per year, 24.4% higher than the Basque Country average, with a 11.4% rise in average expenditure compared to 2022, resulting in an increase in average expenditure per household of 4,639 euros per year. This was followed by households whose main source of income was *employed work*, with an average expenditure of 38,555 euros per household, up 0.5% on 2022. Lastly, households whose main source of income was *pensions, benefits and other payments and regular income* registered an average expenditure per household of 32,441 euros, 0.5% more the previous year and 10.8% below the Basque Country average.

Total expenditure and average expenditure in the Basque Country by the household's main source of income. 2023

	Total expenditure (thousand euros)	Average expenditure per home (euros)	Average expenditure per person (euros)
TOTAL	33.851.024	36.369	15.601
Self-employment and income from property and capital	3.335.397	45.245	15.649
Paid employment	17.102.203	38.555	14.459
Pensions, allowances and other benefits and regular income	13.413.425	32.441	17.332

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Source: Eustat. Family expenditure statistics

With regard to household expenditure according to the **situation arising from the activity of the primary breadwinner**, in households where the primary breadwinner was active in 2023, the average household expenditure stood at 37,516 euros, 3.3% above the average for the Basque Country and 2.2% higher than in 2022. By contrast, in households where the primary breadwinner was inactive, the average expenditure was 34,515 euros, 5% below the average, but with an increase of 7.4% in respect of the previous year.

Total expenditure and average expenditure in the Basque Country by situation in the activity of the main sustainer. 2023




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	Total expenditure (thousand euros)	Average expenditure per home (euros)	Average expenditure per person (euros)
TOTAL	34.272.927	36.331	15.570
Active	21.416.815	37.516	14.167
Inactive	12.856.112	34.515	18.648

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Source: Eustat. Family expenditure statistics

Note:

The survey on family expenditure is carried out in collaboration with the Spanish National Statistics Institute (INE) in the Autonomous Region of the Basque Country.

The data published today for 2022 and 2023 have been reviewed and updated with the population figures derived from the 2021 Census, including updated information on the population, its age structure and the composition of households.

As a first step, only the population figures for 2022 and 2023 have been updated, causing a break in the data series published thus far, which prevents us from making homogeneous comparisons.

For this reason, it is necessary to review the data published prior to 2022 and recalculate them taking into account the new population estimates derived from the 2021 Census. This review will be carried out in the second stage, in which the homogeneous data series will be made available to users.

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