

Births were up 0.5% in the first quarter of 2024 in the Basque Country

In 11.2% of births the mothers were over 40 years of age

In the first quarter of 2024 the number of births in the Basque Country stood at 3,159, which was a 0.5% increase compared to the same quarter of the previous year, according to Eustat data. The number of births was up 6.6% in Gipuzkoa and 2.2% in Álava, but decreased by 4.1% in Bizkaia. Specifically, 1,536 children were born in Bizkaia, 1,121 in Gipuzkoa and 502 in Álava.

By month, the highest number of births was recorded in January with 1,140 (36.1%), followed by March with 1,056 (33.4%). In February, 963 (30.5%) children were born.

According to the age of the mother, the group of mothers aged 30-34 moved into first position, producing 34.4% of births. The 35-39 group also had a similar percentage at 34.3%. The number of women who became mothers aged between 25 and 29 was 13.4%, a higher value than the 11.2% of women over 40. Lastly, in 6.7% of births the mothers were under 25 years of age

Unmarried mothers accounted for 49.6% of births

Births outside marriage accounted for 49.6% of the total, a lower figure than for the first quarter of 2023 (50.8%). Bizkaia had higher values than the Basque Country as a whole, 53.5%, while in Álava and Gipuzkoa this percentage was lower, at 50.6% and 43.8% respectively. It is worth highlighting that among single mothers, there is a higher percentage of mothers under 25 years old (9.4%), a percentage representing 6.7% of the total number of mothers.

According to the order of birth, 49.6% of births (1,566) in the first quarter of 2024 were first-born children; 36.9% (1,167) arrived in families that already had another child, and the percentage of third or subsequent children stood at 13.5%, 0.3 points more than in the same quarter of 2023.

A third of mothers were foreign nationals

In 33.3% of births in the Basque Country during the first three months of 2024, the mother was a foreign national, 2.3 percentage points higher than in the first quarter of 2023. In Álava the proportion of mothers with foreign nationality was 44.2%, compared to 31.3% in Bizkaia and 31.2% in Gipuzkoa.

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). 2024/I

	Current quarter (I/2024)		Previous quarter (IV/2023)			Same quarter of previous year (I/2023)		
	NO.	%	NO.	%	Increase	NO.	%	Increase
Basque Country	3.159	100,0	3.491	100,0	-9,5	3.144	100,0	0,5
Araba / Álava	502	15,9	595	17,0	-15,6	491	15,6	2,2
Bizkaia	1.536	48,6	1.663	47,6	-7,6	1.601	50,9	-4,1
Gipuzkoa	1.121	35,5	1.233	35,3	-9,1	1.052	33,5	6,6
Sex								
Boys	1.604	50,8	1.824	52,2	-12,1	1.602	51,0	0,1
Girls	1.555	49,2	1.667	47,8	-6,7	1.542	49,0	0,8
AGE OF THE MOTHER								
= 24 years	212	6,7	253	7,2	-16,2	218	6,9	-2,8
25 - 29 years	422	13,4	511	14,6	-17,4	411	13,1	2,7
30 - 34 years	1.086	34,4	1.165	33,4	-6,8	1.039	33,0	4,5
35 - 39 years	1.085	34,3	1.166	33,4	-6,9	1.097	34,9	-1,1
= 40 years	354	11,2	396	11,3	-10,6	379	12,1	-6,6
Marital status of the mother								
Married	1.592	50,4	1.698	48,6	-6,2	1.546	49,2	3,0
Not married	1.567	49,6	1.793	51,4	-12,6	1.598	50,8	-1,9
Nationality of the mother								
Spanish	2.107	66,7	2.318	66,4	-9,1	2.170	69,0	-2,9
Foreign	1.052	33,3	1.173	33,6	-10,3	974	31,0	8,0
Order of birth								
First	1.566	49,6	1.793	51,4	-12,7	1.541	49,0	1,6
Second	1.167	36,9	1.235	35,4	-5,5	1.188	37,8	-1,8
Third or more	426	13,5	463	13,3	-8,0	415	13,2	2,7
Month of birth								
January	1.140	36,1				1.073	34,1	6,2
February	963	30,5				1.002	31,9	-3,9
March	1.056	33,4				1.069	34,0	-1,2

(1)The data for the current quarter is provisional. The variations are over the current quarter

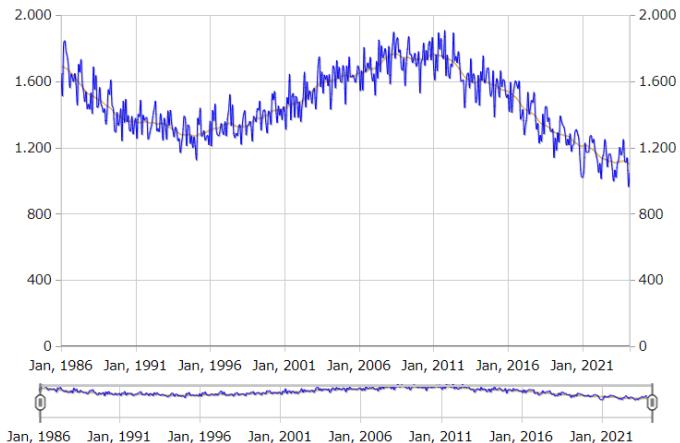
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Source: Eustat Birth statistics

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

Monthly

Live births **Trend**



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