

## **Births were down 2.2% in the second quarter of 2024 in the Basque Country**

### ***In 11% of births the mothers were over 40 years of age***

In the second quarter of 2024 the number of births in the Basque Country stood at 3,197, 2.2% down on the same period of the previous year (72 fewer births), according to Eustat data, the cumulative annual decrease being 0.8%. By province, the biggest decrease occurred in Álava, down 7%. There was a 4.6% drop in Bizkaia and Gipuzkoa recorded a 3.7% increase. Specifically, 1,530 boys and girls were born in Bizkaia, 1,147 in Gipuzkoa and 520 in Álava.

By months, the highest number of births was recorded in May, with 1,113 (34.8%), followed by June, with 1,064 (33.3%); 1,020 (31.9%) children were born in April. Comparing the monthly data with the previous year, the decrease recorded in June (-6.5%) is particularly noteworthy.

According to the age of the mother, the group of mothers aged 30-34 moved into first position, producing 34.6% of births. This was followed by mothers aged 35-39, at 33.5%. It is worth mentioning that the number of women who became mothers aged between 25 and 29 was 13.8%, a higher value than the 10.7% of women over 40.

### ***Unmarried mothers accounted for 50% of births***

Births outside marriage accounted for 50% of the total, higher than the 49.8% registered in the same quarter of 2023. Álava and Bizkaia posted higher figures than the Basque Country as a whole, 52.9% and 51.8% respectively, whereas in Gipuzkoa this percentage was lower at 46.4%. It is significant that among single mothers, there is a higher percentage of mothers under 25 years old (11.4%), a percentage representing 7.5% of the total number of mothers.

According to the order of birth, in the second quarter of 2024, almost half, 1,584, were first children, 2.5% more than the same quarter of 2023; 1,184 children (37%) arrived in families that already had another son or daughter. There were 429 third or subsequent births, 13.4% of the total number of births, 10.6% less than the same quarter of 2023.

### ***Babies born to foreign national mothers accounted for 32.5%***

In 32.5% of births in the Basque Country during the spring months of 2024, the mother was a foreign national. This percentage was 32.4% in the same period of 2023. By province, this figure reached 42.5% in Álava, 32.7% in Bizkaia and 27.7% 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/II

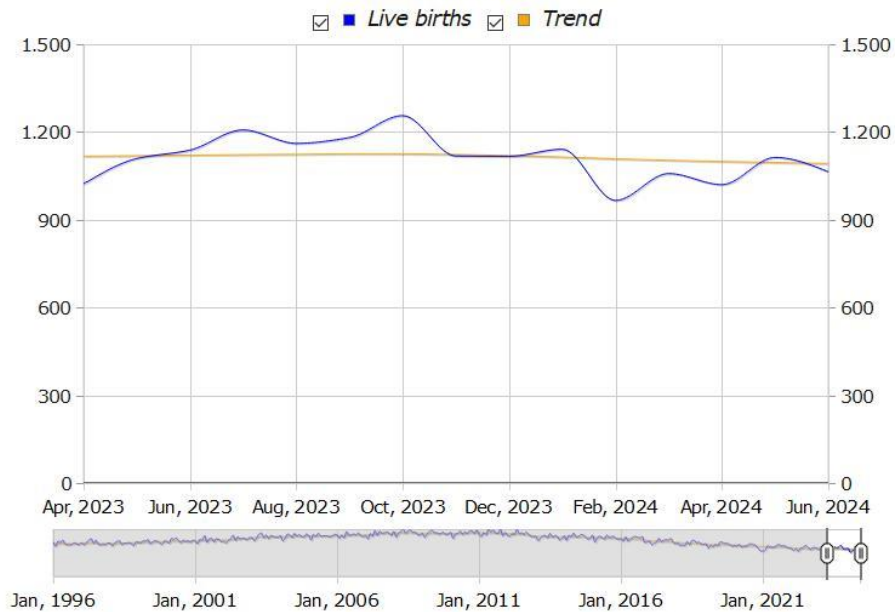
	Current quarter (II/2024)		Previous quarter (I/2024)			Same quarter of previous year (II/2023)		
	NO.	%	NO.	%	Increase	NO.	%	Increase
<b>Basque Country</b>	<b>3.197</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.165</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>3.269</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-2.2</b>
Araba / Álava	520	16.3	502	15.9	3.6	559	17.1	-7.0
Bizkaia	1.530	47.9	1.538	48.6	-0.5	1.604	49.1	-4.6
Gipuzkoa	1.147	35.9	1.125	35.5	2.0	1.106	33.8	3.7
<b>Sex</b>								
Boys	1.633	51.1	1.605	50.7	1.7	1.661	50.8	-1.7
Girls	1.564	48.9	1.560	49.3	0.3	1.608	49.2	-2.7
<b>AGE OF THE MOTHER</b>								
= 24 years	240	7.5	213	6.7	12.7	230	7.0	4.3
25 - 29 years	440	13.8	423	13.4	4.0	466	14.3	-5.6
30 - 34 years	1.106	34.6	1.088	34.4	1.7	1.155	35.3	-4.2
35 - 39 years	1.070	33.5	1.086	34.3	-1.5	1.067	32.6	0.3
= 40 years	341	10.7	355	11.2	-3.9	351	10.7	-2.8
<b>Marital status of the mother</b>								
Married	1.598	50.0	1.594	50.4	0.3	1.642	50.2	-2.7
Not married	1.599	50.0	1.571	49.6	1.8	1.627	49.8	-1.7
<b>Nationality of the mother</b>								
Spanish	2.158	67.5	2.110	66.7	2.3	2.211	67.6	-2.4
Foreign	1.039	32.5	1.055	33.3	-1.5	1.058	32.4	-1.8
<b>Order of birth</b>								
First	1.584	49.5	1.569	49.6	1.0	1.545	47.3	2.5
Second	1.184	37.0	1.167	36.9	1.5	1.244	38.1	-4.8
Third or more	429	13.4	429	13.6	0.0	480	14.7	-10.6
<b>Month of birth</b>								
April	1.020	31.9				1.022	31.3	-0.2
May	1.113	34.8				1.109	33.9	0.4
June	1.064	33.3				1.138	34.8	-6.5

(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 Monthly



Source: EUSTAT Birth statistics

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