

The unemployment rate of Basque youth aged 16 to 29 in the first quarter of 2023 is 14.5%

The unemployment rate remains at the level of the first quarter of 2022 (14.6 %) and below the figures recorded in 2019, 2020 and 2021. The unemployment rate of young people aged 16 to 29 is almost six points higher than that of the total population of the Basque Country (8.7%).

The unemployment rate of young people decreased with respect to the previous quarter by -1.4 points while, on the contrary, in the population as a whole it increased by +0.2 points.

These data are taken from the Population in Relation to Activity Survey (PRA) corresponding to the first quarter of 2023. The PRA is elaborated quarterly by the Basque Institute of Statistics (EUSTAT), which provides the Basque Youth Observatory with data relating to the population aged 16 to 29.

The unemployment rate indicates the percentage of active people (i.e., able to work) who do not have a job, but are actively looking for one and have carried out a job search in the last four weeks. It does not include students who are not looking for work or disabled persons who are unable to work.

The unemployment rate has not only recovered from the increase resulting from the situation generated by the Covid19 pandemic, but is also below the figures recorded in 2019.

In the first quarter of 2023 the unemployment rate of women is somewhat higher than that of young men (15.3 % and 13.8 %, respectively). With the exception of 2021 young women have had slightly higher unemployment rates than men, at least in the first quarters of the year.

You can consult more data on the activity, occupation and unemployment of young people in the [Basque Youth Observatory Statistics](#).