

In 2022, the unemployment rate for youth aged 16 to 29 years falls to 15.0%

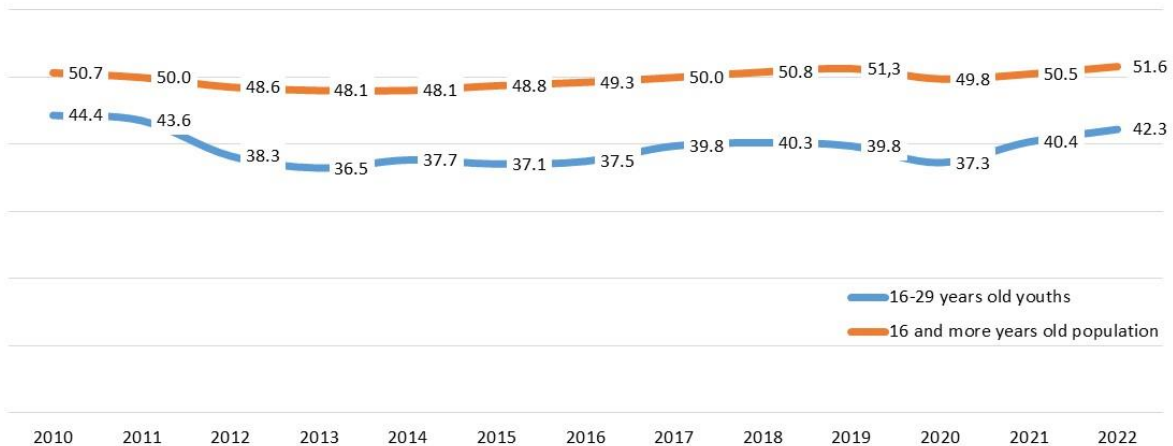
The employment rate reaches 42.3%, the highest value since 2011

On the occasion of the celebration of May 1st, the Basque Youth Observatory provides some data on the existing differences between the employment and unemployment rates of young people between 16 and 29 years old and those of the total population. For this purpose, this analysis is based on data provided by the Basque Institute of Statistics, EUSTAT, from the Survey of Population in Relation to Activity (PRA).

The **employment rate** expresses the percentage of people who are employed, that is, working, with respect to the total number of people in the same age group. The employment rate of young people in the Basque Country in 2022 is 42.3% and has grown by 1.9 points compared to the previous year.

If we compare the employment rate of young people with the figures for the population aged 16 and over, we observe that the gap in 2022 has narrowed due to the greater increase in the employment rate of young people.

Evolution of employment rates of people aged 16 to 29 years and those of the population aged 16 years and over (%)



Source: prepared by the Basque Youth Observatory based on EUSTAT data (PRA)

Employment is higher among young men (45.3%) than among women (39.1%).

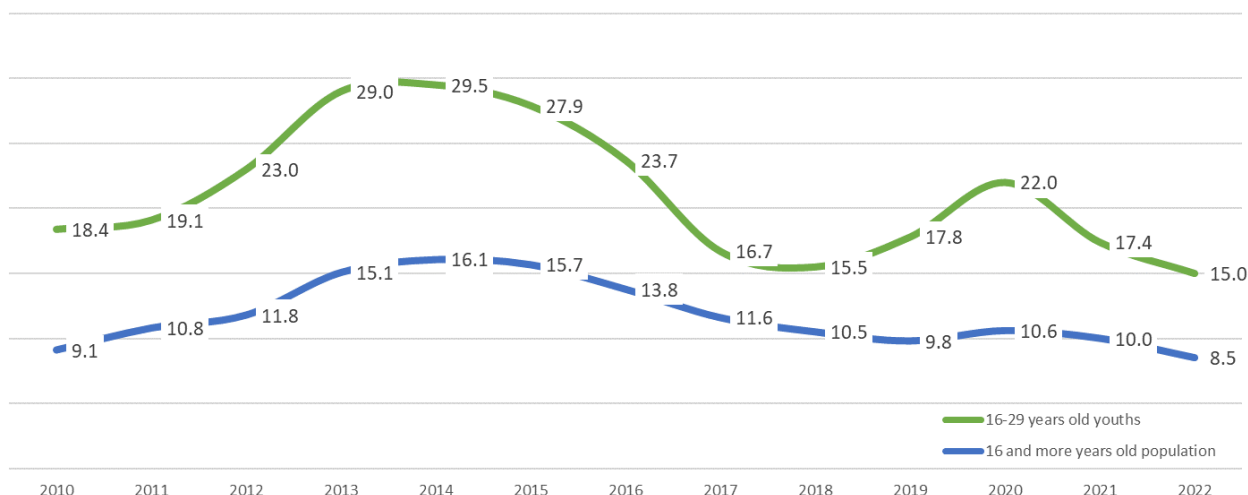
The **unemployment rate** indicates the percentage of active (i.e., able to work) people who are not employed, but are available for work and actively looking for work.

In 2022, the unemployment rate for people aged 16 to 29 has fallen to the lowest value since 2010.

Comparison with the unemployment rate of the population aged 16 and over shows us that the unemployment rate of youth is always higher than that of the general population. The largest difference was recorded in 2013 and, after the spike in 2020, it has fallen to 6.5 points in 2022.

In economic crises, this gap widens and it is young people who lose their jobs to a greater extent. Thus, in 2013 and 2020, unemployment among young people between 16 and 29 years of age doubled that of the Basque Country's population as a whole.

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Data on youth employment in the Basque Country can be consulted in the [statistics](#) of the Basque Youth Observatory, specifically in the ***Employment and Economic Situation section***.