

## The number of young people graduating in Science and Technology in the Basque Country is on the rise

### Only one third of them are women

From 2015 to 2021 the number of people under 35 years of age who have completed undergraduate studies in Science, Engineering and/or Architecture at the Universities of the Basque Country has increased. This number has increased from 2,153 people in 2015 to 2,580 in 2021.

The number of men and women graduates in Science, Engineering and/or Architecture has increased in the same proportion, so that, throughout the series, women have accounted for about a third of the total number of people graduating in this type of university degrees.

This lower proportion of women, in any case, is due to their lower presence in engineering, given that if only science degrees are taken into account, the figures are slightly in favor of women (in science degrees, women graduates will account for 57.6% of all graduates under 35 years of age in 2021).

These science degrees include Biology, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Biotechnology, Food Science and Technology, Environmental Sciences, Physics, Chemistry, Geology and Mathematics. They do not include degrees corresponding to health sciences.

Nor do the data presented mean that, in absolute terms, women are more likely to opt for the sciences than for engineering or architecture, given that, in 2021, of the 858 women graduates in science and technology, 557 (i.e. 64.9%) graduated in engineering or architecture. Among men, however, the percentage rises to 87.1%. It should be noted that the number of places offered in Engineering and Architecture in the universities of the Basque Country is much higher than those offered in science degrees.

In any case, it is necessary to overcome gender roles and incorporate more women into engineering studies, as well as more men in the humanities and health sciences. This is why the United Nations established the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, to demand their greater participation and recognition in scientific and technological activity and research.

The data presented are from the University Statistics of Eustat and can be consulted in the [online Statistics](#) of the Basque Youth Observatory website, in the **Education** section.