In 2015, 1045 young women aged 15 to 29 were victims of gender violence in the Basque Country

Young women represent a quarter of all women victims of violence

On the occasion of the celebration of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, the Basque Youth Observatory presents some data about gender-based violence. These data have been provided by the Department of Security of the Basque Government.

According to these data, 3999 women were victims of gender-based violence in the Basque Country in 2015. Of those, 26 % (1045) were women between 15 and 29 years of age. The number of women victims of gender-based violence is slightly fewer in 2015 than the year before. In 2015 there are 46 less victims among women aged 15 to 29 years and the same number for women over 30 years old.

If we attend to the distribution among age groups, 267 (7 % of total) were women aged between 15 and 19; 358 (9 % of total) were women aged 20 to 24 and 420 (11 %) between 25 and 29.

The rates of women victims of gender-based violence, calculated per 1,000 women in each age group, show profound differences between the 15 to 29 age group and the group of women over 30 years of age (7.3 ‰ and 3.5 ‰ respectively). Rated by province, we can find the most notorious gap in Álava. This is also the province with the highest rate among young women.
The evolution of the rate among women aged 15 to 29, as opposed to whom are over 30 years old, has fallen between 2014 and 2015. But still, the rate among young women duplicates the one of the women aged 30 or over.

These data, including additional breakdowns, can be found in the statistics of the Basque Youth Observatory, in the indicators section called *Values and Attitudes*, particularly in the subsection on *Violence towards women*. 
The Basque Youth Observatory would like to support the dissemination of the **Beldur Barik!** program, promoted by Emakunde and Eudel, within the framework of the Berdinsarea.

The purpose of this program is to prevent gender-based violence among young people. One of the major program actions is aimed at young people aged 12 to 26 and rewards artistic works, in audiovisual format, with which young boys and girls can express how they face inequalities based on Beldur Barik, i.e. respect, equality, liberty and autonomy, co-responsibility and the firm rejection of gender-based violence.

For more information, the program has its own website [www.beldurbarik.org](http://www.beldurbarik.org) and its own profile on Facebook and [Twitter](https://twitter.com).