May 18, International Museum Day

One in five young people in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country have gone to museums in the last months

On occasion of the International Museum Day, held on 18th May, the Basque Youth Observatory is publishing some data on the number of Basque youths who go to museums. These data come from a survey conducted by the Basque Youth Observatory in 2016 on a sample of 1500 Basque youths aged 15 to 29. In this survey young people have been questioned about a lot of themes, included their attendance to museums.

According to the answers given by the young people interviewed, 19 % of them have visited a museum in the three months prior to the survey.

The number of Basque youths visiting museums hasn’t change substantially in the last years: 18 % in 2007, 20 % in 2012 and 19 % in 2016.

There are no significant differences between the percentage of young women and young men who go to museums (19 % and 18 % respectively).

There are fewer people going to museums among Basque youths aged 15 to 19 (16 %) than among those aged 20 to 24 (21 %). Over 24 years the percentage decreases slightly again (19 %).

Young people living in Bizkaia go to museums the most (22 %). The percentage in Álava is fewer (19 %) and even fewer among Basque youths of Gipuzkoa (14 %).

According to the social class there are some significant differences: 27 % of those who say they belong to upper class or middle-upper class have gone to a museum in the three months prior to be questioned; this percentage cuts down to 18 % among young people who say they belong to lower or middle-lower class.
On the other hand, the percentage of the general population in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country that go to museums is the same (19 %) than the figure for youths, according to data from the Spanish Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports on the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country, for the 2014-2015 period (Encuesta de Hábitos y Prácticas Culturales en España 2014-2015).

![Evolution of the percentage of young people and general population in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country that visit museums](image)

**Source:** Basque Youth Observatory based on its own data, data provided by the Basque Culture Observatory and data published by the Spanish Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports