

More than half of Basque youths aged 16 to 29 would be willing to leave the Basque Country if they were offered a good job (57.1%)

38.0% of young Basques aged 16 to 29 claims that they would move to any part of the world if they were offered a good job; 8.9% would move to another European country but not outside of Europe, and 10.2% would move to another part of Spain but not abroad. Therefore, more than half of the young people are willing to leave the Basque Country for a good job (57.1%).

The willingness to work outside of the Basque Country increased markedly during the years of the economic crisis and has barely dropped a couple of points when compared to 2015. The highest rate corresponded, in fact, to 2015, when 59.0% of young people expressed their willingness to work outside of the Basque Country, while the lowest rate corresponded to 2008 (40.7%), just before the crisis.

This greater willingness today to work outside of the Basque Country is mainly due to the increase, since 2011, of the percentage of young people willing to move anywhere in the world, which has gone from between 22% and 23% in the 2000 - 2008 period to between 37% and 40% from 2011 to 2017.

Evolution of the willingness of people aged 16 to 29 to move for a good job							
(%)	2000	2004	2008	2011	2013	2015	2017
Anywhere in the world	22.7	22.0	22.1	37.0	39.0	40.0	38.0
Anywhere in the European Union	6.7	5.4	7.0	8.1	11.2	10.5	8.9
As long as it is within Spain	17.2	15.0	11.6	7.8	8.1	8.5	10.2
WILLINGNESS TO LEAVE THE BASQUE COUNTRY	46.6	42.4	40.7	53.0	58.4	59.0	57.1
As long as it is within the Basque Country	20.0	19.6	17.7	13.6	11.3	9.8	13.3
To a nearby municipality	8.5	6.7	13.1	6.0	6.0	6.2	6.1
Depends, not sure	12.6	17.5	12.6	12.3	8.6	9.5	16.1
Not at all	10.9	12.4	14.0	13.8	13.3	13.2	5.9
Dk/Na	1.4	1.4	1.8	1.3	2.3	2.2	1.6
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Source: Basque Youth Observatory (Youth and Employment in the Basque Country 2017)

Students display a greater willingness to leave the Basque Country than people who are unemployed (65.9% vs. 50.7%) and both groups are more willing than people who have jobs (45.5%).

The willingness to leave the Basque Country is quite lower among people aged 30 to 34 (39.7%). This is logical considering that the percentage of people aged 30 to 34 who are working is greater than that among people in the 16 to 29 age group (73.3% vs. 35.4%) and, in addition, they have better working conditions than people under the age of 30. Furthermore, one-third of the people aged 30 to 34 own their homes (34.7%) and one-third of them also have children (34.4%), situations that make them less willing to change residence. These situations, however, affect a minority of people under the age of 30.

These data are taken from the "[Youth and Employment in the Basque Country 2017](#)" report recently published by the Basque Youth Observatory. The complete report is available on the [Basque Youth Observatory's website](#).