

**The unemployment rate among Basque youths aged 16 to 29 was 16.1% in the last quarter of 2018**

***Compared to the last quarter of the previous year there has been an increase of one percentage point***

On occasion of the recent publication of the working population survey (PRA - Survey of Population in Relation to Activity) for the fourth quarter of 2018, the [Basque Youth Observatory](#) is publishing the data regarding youth unemployment affecting young people aged 16 to 29 in the Basque Country.

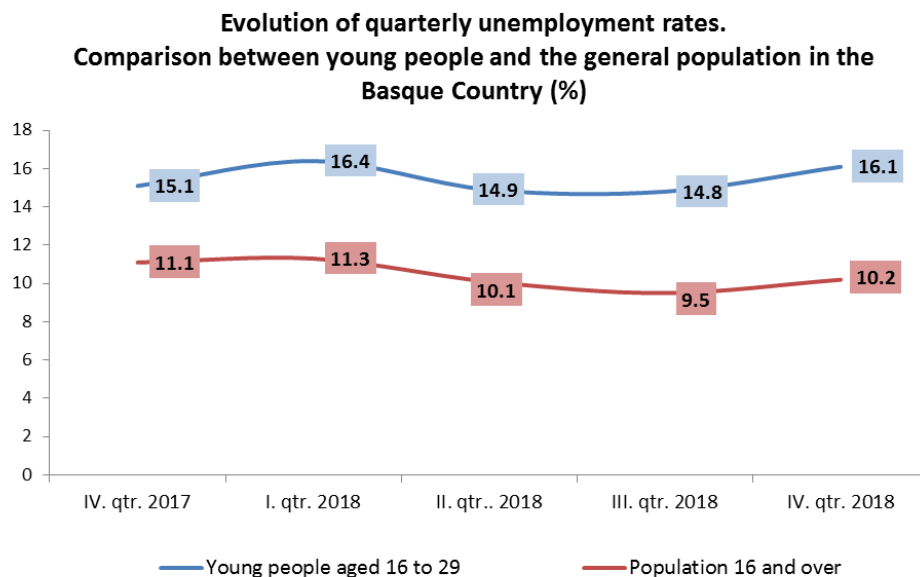
*What is the unemployment rate?*

The unemployment rate indicates the percentage of the active population who are unemployed but who are available for work and actively seeking employment (they have tried to find a job in the last four weeks). It does not include students who are not seeking employment or disabled people who are unable to work.

*How has this rate evolved over the last year?*

The youth unemployment rate for people aged 16 to 29 in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country in the fourth quarter of 2018 stood at 16.1%, i.e. 1.3 percentage points lower than in the previous quarter (14.8%) and one point higher than the figure for the same quarter in 2017 (15.1%).

The youth unemployment rate is still higher than the unemployment rate of the general population of the Basque Country; therefore, while the difference was almost four percentage points in 2017, today, one year later, it is 5.9 points.



Source: Prepared by the Basque Youth Observatory based on data provided by Eustat (PRA)

All these data are drawn from the Survey of Population in Relation to Activity (PRA). This survey is conducted by the Basque Statistics Institute (Eustat) on a quarterly basis to collect information regarding the activity, occupation and unemployment of the Basque population aged 16 and over. Eustat, with the same quarterly frequency, provides the Basque Youth Observatory with data that refers to people in the 16 to 29 age group.

These data can also be viewed in the [statistics of the Basque Youth Observatory](#), in the indicator section under Work, more specifically in the sub-section titled Activity, Employment and Unemployment.