

The unemployment rate among Basque youths aged 16 to 29 has gone down a bit in the third quarter of 2019

In the third quarter of 2019 the unemployment rate among Basque youths aged 16 to 29 was 17.1 %.

This percentage is higher than the rate of the general population aged 16 and over (9.2 %).

On occasion of the recent publication of working population data (PRA - Survey of Population in Relation to Activity) for the third quarter of 2019, the [Basque Youth Observatory](#) has conducted a brief study of the youth unemployment situation in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country.

The PRA is prepared on a quarterly basis by the Basque Statistics Institute (EUSTAT) and provides the Basque Youth Observatory with data relating to the population aged 16 to 29.

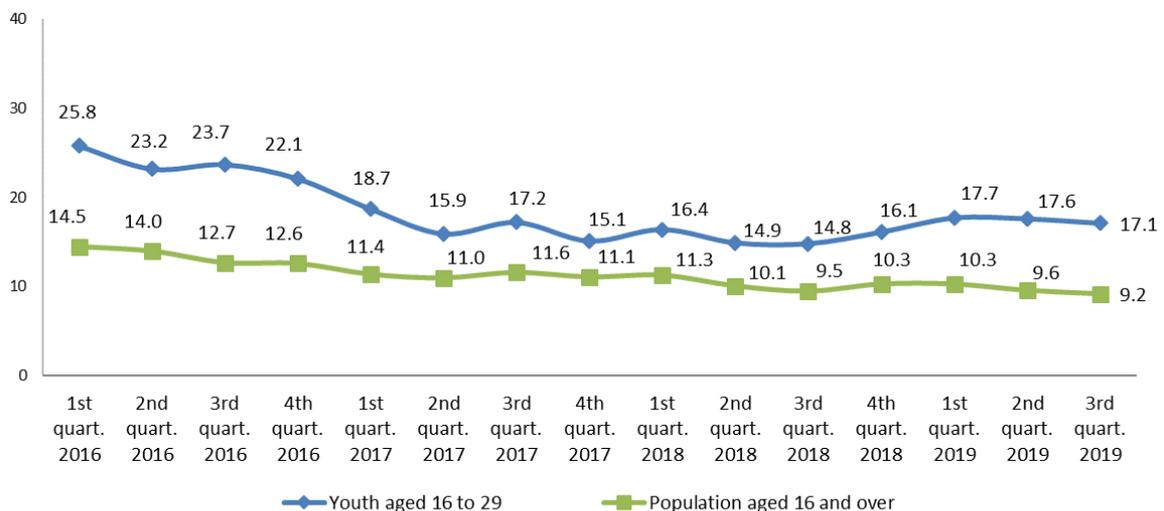
What does the unemployment rate indicate?

The unemployment rate indicates the percentage of the working population (i.e. looking for employment) 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 in the first three quarters of 2019?

The unemployment rate of people aged 16 to 29 in the Basque Country experienced a continuous growth from the second quarter of 2018 (14.9 %) to the first quarter of 2019 (17.7 %). However, in the following two quarters, the unemployment rate has fallen to the current 17.1%.

Evolution of the quarterly youth and general population unemployment rates in the Basque Country over the last three years (%)



Are there differences in regard to sex or province?

The highest unemployment rate was among young people in Álava, 22.5% in the third quarter of 2019, compared with 17.1% in Bizkaia and 14.7% in Gipuzkoa.

If we look at the evolution of the quarterly unemployment rates in the three historical territories, we see that the decrease in the unemployment rate in the Basque Country is due to the decrease in Bizkaia.

Evolution of the unemployment rate among young people aged 16 to 29 in 2019, based on province (%)

