

## 10 September: World Suicide Prevention Day

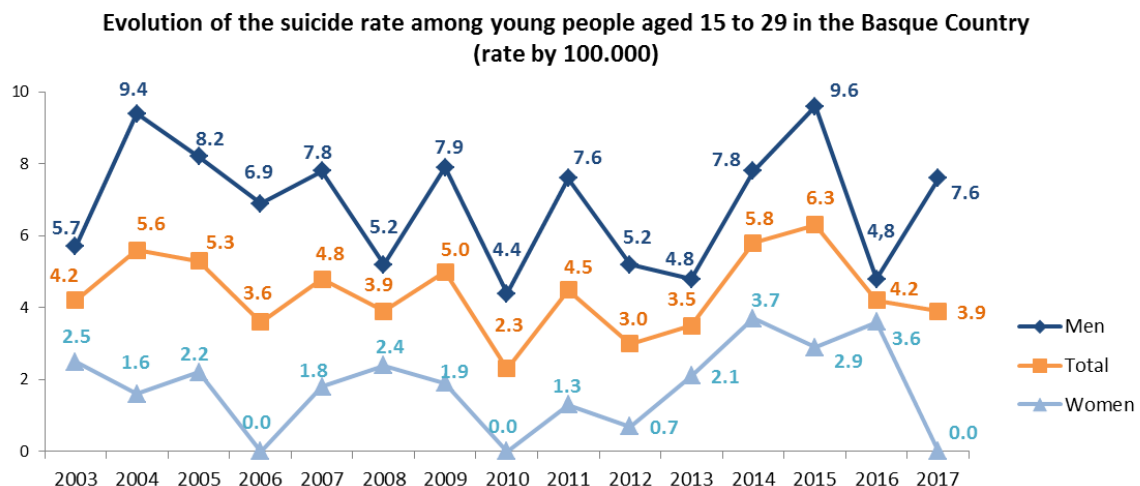
**The suicide rate among young people aged 15 to 29 in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country was 3.9 per 100,000 in 2017**

**World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD)** is an awareness day observed on 10 September every year since 2003, in order to provide worldwide commitment and action to prevent suicides. In celebration of that day, the Basque Youth Observatory is providing data relating to the incidence of suicides among people aged 15 to 29.

According to some data provided by the Health Records and Information Service of the Department of Health of the Basque Government, the rate of young people aged 15 to 29 who committed suicide in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country in 2017 was 3.9 for every 100,000 young people in that age group.

All those youths who committed suicide in 2017 were men, so their rate was 7.6 per 100,000 young men in that age group, while the rate among young women was 0.0. Men's rate has been higher than women's rate in all the years that we had analysed.

The suicide general rate decreased in 2017 in comparison with 2014, 2015 and 2016 but the rate among young men was higher in 2017 than in 2016. It is necessary to explain that any individual case can change the rate substantially so the evolution shows so many peaks.



Source: Basque Youth Observatory based on data provided by the Department of Health of the Basque Government

The suicide rate among young people aged 15 to 29 is higher in Bizkaia and in Gipuzkoa (4.1 and 4.2 per 100,000, respectively) than in Álava (2.4).

These data (and much more) can be consulted in the [Statistics](#) of the website of the Basque Youth Observatory. The Statistics are an interactive database with many indicators about different themes: health, education, employment, emancipation, values... Most of them are broken down by sex, age or province (or another variable). It is also possible to check their evolution and to draw scales and charts.