

## The unemployment rate among Basque youths aged 16 to 29 increased slightly in the third quarter of 2020

The youth unemployment rate for young people aged 16 to 29 in the Basque Country was 23.9% in the third quarter of 2020.

The rate continues its upward trend; it reached 20.3% in the first quarter of 2020 and 22.5% in the second quarter, and it is 23.9% in the third quarter.

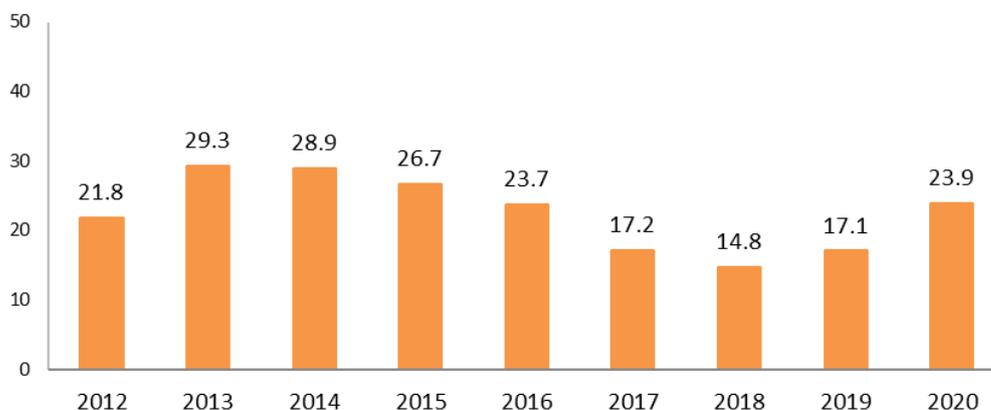
### What does the unemployment rate indicate?

The unemployment rate indicates the percentage of the working population (i.e., people willing to work) who are unemployed but are actively seeking employment and have tried to find a job in the last four weeks. It does not include students who are not job seekers or persons with disabilities who are unable to work.

### How has the youth unemployment rate developed in recent years?

Examining the quarterly unemployment rate in the third quarter of each year, we find that it reached its peak in 2013, at 29.3%. From then on, the rate gradually decreased until 2018 (14.8%) but, since then, it has increased and the rise from last year to this year amounts to more than 6 points.

**Evolution of the unemployment rate in the Basque Country among people aged 16 to 29 in the third quarter of each year (%)**



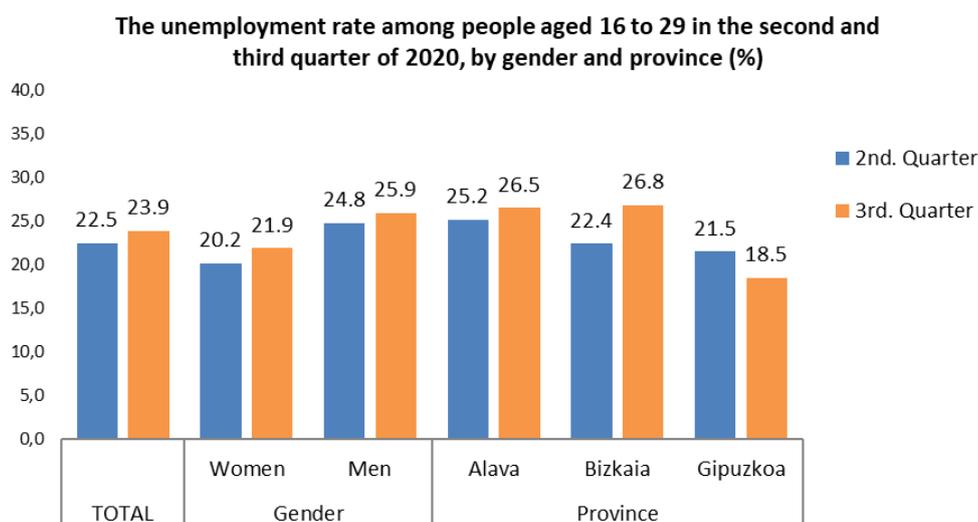
*Source: Basque Youth Observatory based on data from Eustat (Survey on the population in relation to activity)*

### Are there differences between young men and women in the third quarter of 2020? And among provinces?

The unemployment rate is higher among young men (25.9%) than among young women (21.9%). In both cases, there has been an increase compared to the second quarter of 2020.

In the third quarter of 2020, the unemployment rate is eight points higher in Alava and Bizkaia (26.5% and 26.8% respectively) than in Gipuzkoa (18.5%).

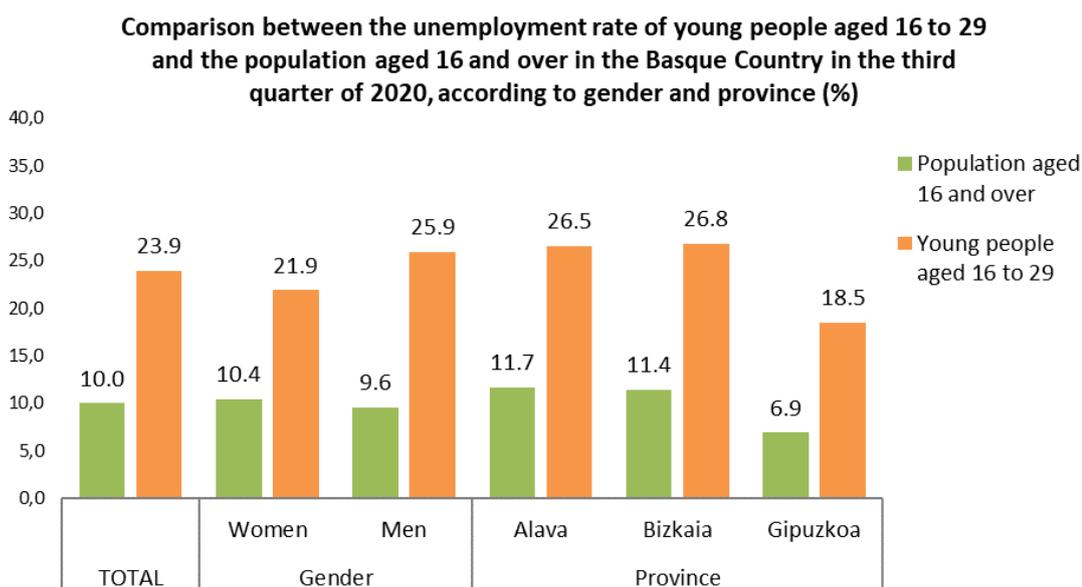
Compared to the previous quarter, the rates in Alava and Bizkaia have increased, while those in Gipuzkoa have fallen.



Source: Basque Youth Observatory based on data from Eustat (Survey on the population in relation to activity)

### And among the total population of the Basque Country?

If we compare these data with those corresponding to the whole of the Basque Country's working population aged 16 and over, we find that the rates affecting young people are much higher, both regarding the overall rate (23.9%, as opposed to 10.0%), and the rates of all the groups studied.



Source: Basque Youth Observatory based on data from Eustat (Survey on the population in relation to activity)

**Where do we get these data?**

These data come from the Population in Relation to Activity Survey (PRA) for the third quarter of 2020. The PRA is prepared every quarter by the Basque Statistics Institute (EUSTAT) and it provides the Basque Youth Observatory with data relating to the population aged 16 to 29.